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Series to Seek Historical Data For Genealogies

By DAMON VEACH

This is the first of a continuing series of articles on genealogical and historical materials.

Preservation of this type of material is most important. Bible, church, cemetery, county, birth, death, marriage and organization records offer any genealogist a wealth of date for research. These records cannot be replaced, so research assures future generations of a permanent record of our great American inheritance.



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Inquiries on family lines may be any length, and they must have a direct connection with Texas unless correspondence is desired on a surname in general. Books and other publications will be reviewed if sample copies are submitted with each request for a review.

If samples are not available, complete details in the form of a brochure or other type of advertisement will be accepted. These items do not have to be directly connected with Texas but it is advisable since readers will be primarily interested in Texas ancestors.

HOWARD M. LEMASTER, 412 College Avenue, Carlinville, Ill., 62626, has announced plans for a publication on the Gano family. In 1661 this surname was spelled Gayneau and now can be found in three forms — Gano, Gano, and Ganow. All Gano families are related because there was only one Gano immigrant to America about 300 years ago.

The book will begin with the immigrant Gano, giving the name of the ship upon which he came, points of embarkation and debarkation and names of his descendants including some of his great-grandchildren. It will show some confusion in the ancestry of Rev. John Gano, 1727-1804. His son, Stephen, who married four times will also be listed.

The first and last book published on Ganos in America was in 1807. Now this volume is being compiled into book format. Even this proposed book will not answer all questions on the family ancestry, but with it, all Ganos entered will have a number, and the research can continue from there.

The Gano heritage is of good, old American stock — always pioneering, always hard workers. It is estimated that there are now 80,000 descendants of the original Gano immigrant.

Anyone interested in this family should contact Lemaster at the Illinois address. Reservations for this publication and additions to the present Gano data are now being accepted.

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GRAYBILL
CRABLE
WELCH
BERRY
GILMORE

MRS. BEATRICE Schwammel, 1201 Ada Street, San Antonio, 78223, is searching for Lee and Ollie Cook, born in Hays County and at one time residents of Eastland. They would be about 80 years old. Lee and Ollie were brothers of Mrs. Schwammel's deceased father, Wesley Cook.

Dr. D. B. Kraybill, 433-11th Ave., Huntington, W. Va., would like information on these family lines: Kraybill, Graybill or Crabbe.

Grady Parrish, 511 East Lake Drive, Gladewater, 75647 writes: "My great grandfather, Henry J. Welch and his wife, Elizabeth Berry, settled near Dripping Springs, with their six children. It is quite possible that some of the younger children were born in Texas.

The oldest son, Albert Welch, married Marie Lena Gilmore at Dripping Springs and later moved west of Gainesville and in Wise County where all their children were born. These children were Walter, Mattie, Henry, Ernest, Will, Widdie, Cassie Mae.

"Later my grandfather and the rest of his children moved to North Texas and then on to what was Indian Territory, Oklahoma, where most of the descendants are now living.

"In addition to Albert, Henry J. and Elizabeth Welch also had these children: William, Frank, Newell, Sarah and Fannie. Frank is my grandfather and he married Mary (?), and their children were Jonn (1879), Roxie (1882) and Velma Ladonia (1887), my mother. The dates are only approximated.

"My mother was a small child when her parents died and she was kept by her grandfather, Henry J., until his death a short time later.

"Then one of her aunts took her for a time until they found a home for her with foster parents, J. W. Bell and wife of Savoy, Texas, where she remained until she married my father, Robert William Parrish of Bonham, Texas."

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Armstrong Family Topic of Research

By DAMON VEACH

Billy R. Armstrong Sr., 6115 North Hill Lane, Fort Worth, Tex. 76135, has been research-



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ing the Armstrong family for several years. W. B. Armstrong and his family evidently moved to Texas in the early 1850s from Lincoln County, Mo. He had 10 children — Theodore, Ida, Mathias, William, Noah, Cornelius, Barney, Fannie and two whose names are unknown.

There are references to W. B. Armstrong in Tyler's "History of Bell County" describing a fight with Indians, as the surveyor of Milam County, and in the list of pioneer families in Salado. In "Salado, Texas, Its History and Its People" by Felda Davis Shanklin, a page is devoted to Armstrong as the builder and founder of the Old Stage Coach Inn at Salado.

Also described is a visit in 1950 to Salado made by Noah, one of the sons mentioned above. Noah lived to be 104 years old and died in 1956 at Coleman, Tex. A newspaper clipping from that year describes Noah Armstrong as the oldest ex-Ranger. Mathias and William B. served in the Civil War from Holland, Tex., Company H, 6th Regiment, under W. B. Whittington, captain, CSA.

Mathias Armstrong married Sarah Atlas Reed, a daughter of the first sheriff of Bell County, William Reed. The Reed lineage has been traced back to 1710 in Ireland, much data being found in "A Reed Family in Central Texas" compiled by Lina Rogers Kemp, Stella McKay Mewhinney and Malcolm D. McLean.

W. B. Armstrong and the younger children moved to

Baxter Springs, Kan., in the late 1800s. Definite confirmation is needed on this. Also, who was his wife? Correspondence on the Armstrong and related families is welcomed.

TONI R. TURK, 4318 McNiel Ave., Wichita Falls, Tex. 76308, would like to know if the Emory Hughes listed on the 1880 census for Brown County, Tex., is the same Emory Hughes who died December 13, 1915, at Dodson Prairie in Palo Pinto County. This Emory Hughes (middle name Marvin) was married twice. His second wife was Harriet Carson.

The Emory Hughes listed on the 1880 census is recorded as being married to Victoire, born circa 1854 in Texas. The names of the children enumerated correspond to those known children of Emory Marvin Hughes' first marriage. Turk welcomes correspondence on the Hughes family and related lines.

MRS. JESSE D. NUNLEY, Box 636, Jacksboro, Tex. 76056, would like information on the Nathaniel Glover family who lived in Fort Worth during the Civil War. He married Margaret G. Buck in Christian County, Ky.

MRS. T. E. HENRY, 211 W. Main, Whitesboro, Tex. 76273, needs data on Elder V. J. Hutton, born 1811, Harrison County, Ind., married Sarah Barnett, daughter of Abram Barnett, in Conway County, Ark.

ARMSTRONG
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HUNTON

They came to Tarrant County about 1842, and he was the first county tax assessor and also one of the first commissioners. His 640 acres, which he acquired from the Peters Colony, is the survey on which the International Airport now is located. After serving in the Baptist ministry several years, he became affiliated with the Advent church. Was this the church south of Grapevine called White's Chapel? Is there a recorded history of this church?

One of V. J. Hutton's sons, George, married Ann Hunton, daughter of Dr. J. C. Hunton who came from Missouri to Tarrant County in 1854 and who later moved to Grayson County. Ann Hunton Hutton had two (?) children and went to Dallas or Collin County about 1880. Can anyone help to locate her descendants?

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Genealogy Gives Varied Interests

By DAMON VEACH

Genealogical research is a time-consuming hobby, but it is also one of the most rewarding and fascinating pastimes. American history can be relived through ancestors, and a broader knowledge of our nation's heritage can be realized by studying the various histories of states and trails that determined the westward movements.



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Knowledge of geographical formations such as mountain ranges, rivers, lakes, deserts, swamps, etc., had a lot to do with the settling of each area of this country. This study is even more rewarding when the work is done by each individual interested in a given family line. Professional help should be obtained only when there seems to be no other alternative available.

BEFORE OBTAINING this professional advice, make certain the researcher is qualified and trustworthy. There are many advertisements sent through the mail soliciting money for assistance, and then the researcher fails to furnish the interested genealogist with the material described. A study of some of the major genealogical publications will aid family researchers in this matter.

Beware of the letter stating that complete family records are available for a certain fee. Do the research yourself or check with a local society or librarian before investing your money. All editors of genealogical society publications and writers of genealogy columns can usually offer helpful advice.

Any knowledge of researchers using unethical techniques should be reported to responsible societies so that the proper authorities can be notified.

Membership in the society is \$5 per year or \$1.50 for a single copy of the publication. This one is indexed and highly recommended to those persons with ancestors in this part of Texas.

Address: Box 1387, San Marcos, Tex. 78666.

Another column of major importance and offering free query service if there is a Virginia connection is "Genealogy." Compiled by Mrs. Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, 51 Park Ave., Naugatuck, Conn. 06770. It appears in the Virginia Gazette, Williamsburg, Va.

J. PORTER DONNELL, St. Francis Village, Crowley, Tex. 76036 would like to learn more about Jesse Donnell, born 1789, North Carolina, married Sally Cropper, Wilson County, Tenn. April 12, 1817, moved to Red River County, Texas, between 1830-40. This later became Bowie County. Issue: James, William, Sarah, Jesse Jr., Henry. Did Sarah Donnell marry Pernell Andrews about 1841 and become the parents of Robert Donnell Andrews (1844-1922) and other children?

There was a Thomas Davis (his wife was Jane Donnell) in Collin County prior to the Civil War who had two sons, Samuel R. and Eli P. Samuel R. was a banker and rancher in Denton County, and married Ora McKinney. Eli was a rancher in Throckmorton County. The Davis family was related in some way to the Andrews family.

Another branch of the Donnell family — Archibald H. Donnell, born 1827, and his nephew, James Monroe Donnell, born 1844, were in Dallas Co. between 1850 and 1861. They came from around Springfield, Mo. Any assistance on these family lines would be appreciated.

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Columnists Often Source for Names

By DAMON VEACH

According to an article which appeared recently in a leading genealogical publication, the



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states of Texas and California have more family history researchers than any of the other states. Many of these Texas residents (as well as those in California) are searching for ancestors outside the state. There are several columns offering free query service. The ones that receive the best results are:

"Our Keystone Families" — written by Schuyler C. Brossman, Box 43, Rehrersburg, Penn. 19550; welcomes inquiries and genealogical data with Pennsylvania connections; appears in the Lebanon Daily News, Lebanon, Penn.

"Hoosier Ancestors" — by Mrs. Pearl Brenton, Indianapolis Star, 307 North Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind., 46206; published in the Sunday edition; queries must have an Indiana connection.

"Titles and Tales" — by Mrs. Ruth Warren, Mobile Public Library, 701 Government St., Mobile, Ala. 36602; appears in the Mobile Press-Register.

"Family Trees" — by Mrs. Nancy Parkes, Box 387, Louisville, Miss. 39339; appears in the Jackson Daily News.

"ANCESTRAL TRAILS" — written by Mrs. Mary Estes Swaney, 3342 Behrman Highway, New Orleans, La. 70114; appears in four Mississippi newspapers.

"Ancestor Hunting" — by Mrs. Mildred S. Watkins, Tuesday edition, Shreveport Journal, P.O. Box 1110, Shreveport, La. 71102; queries from all states used.

"Cajuns, Creoles, Pirates and Planters" — exclusively Louisiana; and "Saints or Horse Thieves? A Family History Study and Report" — contains much Appalachian (West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania) data; queries

from all states used; appears weekly. Address: Genealogical Bi-Ways, 1420 Roma Lane, Fort Worth, Tex. 76134. The first 56 formats of "Saints or Horse Thieves?" are available in book form, soft cover, \$3.75 plus 2 per cent state sales tax.

This is not a complete listing of genealogical columns in the United States, but these seem to have the widest reader appeal. When writing to these columnists, state where you read the listing, giving the title of this column, author and newspaper.

MRS. A. C. DODSON, Route 1, Box 52, Poolville, Tex. 76076, needs help on the following surnames: Broom, Dover, Dooley, Dodson, Burson, Hightower, Green(e), Bennett, Hodges, Pearce, Morgan, Childers, Starr, Parker, Plumlee, Willhite, Rose, Curlin, Bell, Maase and Posey.

Henry David Broom, born 1831, South Carolina, Confederate States of America veteran, died 1885, Parker County, Tex., parents unknown, married in 1851 in Georgia; Julia Ann Dover, born in Georgia, died 1899, Cherokee County, Tex., daughter of Simpson Dover and Lucy Dooley.

Charles Dodson Jr., son of Charles Dodson Sr., born about 1818, Alabama, died about 1857, Texas (Parker or Tarrant Counties), married 1841 in Harrison County, Tex.; Sarah Ann Curlin, born in Tennessee about 1820. Issac C. Burson, born about 1811, Georgia, died in Texas. Jonathan Hightower, son of Henry and Lucy (Greene) Hightower, married first in Georgia, Francis Bennett, second Sarah Smith.

Thomas W. Hodges, born about 1822, South Carolina, married in Alabama or Mississippi; Eliza Jane Pearce of Georgia; both died in Texas. Daniel Morgan, born in Kentucky, 1818-1819, son of (?) Morgan and (?) Starr, married Caroline Childers of Tennessee; both died in Texas. Her mother's maiden name was believed to be Parker.

Woman Requests Information On Honeycutts of Rusk County

By DAMON VEACH

Joseph and Delila Honeycutt came to Henderson, Rusk County, about 1853 from North Carolina. There were at least four daughters, two of whom married sons of Headley Coburn (Cockburn), who settled in Rusk County before 1850.



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Emily Jane Honeycutt, born 12 July 1844, North Carolina, first married L. R. Johnson who died in Louisiana during the Civil War. She later married William Coburn, son of Headley. Emily Jane's sister, Sarah Amanda who was born about 1853 in Texas, married Thomas Headley Coburn (Cockburn). They eventually settled in Hill County.

After the death of Delila Honeycutt, Joseph married Martha, who had been previously married to a Jones. The 1880 Rusk County census shows step-children of Joseph Honeycutt to be Sarah E., John C., and Jesse R. Jones who were all born in Texas. A Jo-

seph S. Honeycutt, born 1879, was a son of Joseph's second marriage to Martha Jones, maiden name unknown.

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CORRESPONDENCE is invited on this query from Mrs. John D. Winchester, 5020 Wyoming Trail, Fort Worth, Texas, 76118. She would also like to know the exact location of Chaleybeat Springs which was located in the northeastern portion of Tarrant County.

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MRS. NELDA MERRETT, 529 June Drive, Fort Worth, Texas, 76108 is seeking the descendants of (or information about) Rev. Josiar Hill, born 1805. South Carolina

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lived Cass County and Lampasas, and his wife, Nancy S., died 1899, buried Crowell, Texas. Issue (all born in Alabama, Mississippi, Texas): Harry S., 1833; E. S., 1836; Richard W., 1840; William S., 1841; E. W., 1844; and Mary J., 1847. Richard W. Hill lived in Lampasas and had three children — Harry, Dick, and Maggie E. Any help on this family would be appreciated.

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MRS. LEWIS SARLE Brown, 1315 Edgecliff Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76134 is interested in the ancestry of

William Bryson Adams. He was principal of the school in Hempstead, Texas, in 1895; in November, 1895, he was in Cameron; by 1923, he was in Sulphur Springs. Other records indicate that he was in Arkansas in 1884, Arizona in 1900 and at other periods of time in Oregon and California. He died in California in the 1940s. Any descendants of W. B. Adams are invited to write, and Mrs. Brown will exchange data with them.

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J. E. WILLIAMS, Box 1045, Brady, Texas, 76825, wants

names of parents, brothers, and sisters of Kennel Petty Lofton, who was born in Illinois, 1828-9, came to Texas about 1848-9, married Annie Herring in Collin County, 1851, settled in Wise County, where he was killed by Indians in 1868.

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CLIFFORD R. CARRUTH, 805 Aleta St., Arlington, Texas, 76010 is seeking information on descendants of Thomas C. and Mary Trout Carruth. They were married in Fannin County, 2 May 1865. It is believed that they later moved to Coryell County, where they were living when the marriage broke up.

Thomas C. died in Brown

County a few years later. His wife is supposed to have returned to Fannin County where the children, Lon, Ed, and Bell, grew up and married. Lon and wife were reported to have moved to Bryan County, Oklahoma, about 1900.

Bell married a man by the name of Gordon, and they moved to Pasadena, Calif., several years ago. No information is available on Ed. The full names of these children are not known, and all are now deceased.

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Know Genealogical Market Before Buying Publications

By DAMON VEACH

There is evidence now that several companies are taking genealogical publications and selling them at ridiculous prices. If the publication has been done recently, no doubt the author can be located and the purchase made directly from this source.

Mary Freese Warrell, editor and publisher of "The Echoer" (a monthly dealing with early West Virginia records), made the following statement in her May issue: "To most of us funds for research are limited. Therefore, be sure, before you buy. When a compiler has books on family genealogies to sell, he often has them listed with companies who specialize in this field. Recently a catalogue has come out listing numerous works at a tremendous mark-up.

"This company asked the authors the wholesale and retail price and promised a reasonable mark-up. If the retail price is \$4 and they pay the author \$3.25, I certainly do not call \$10 a very reasonable mark-up."

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MRS. WARRELL is correct in this conclusion. There is another point that needs to be made. The federal government furnishes periodic lists of its publications. Recently, a firm offered a number of genealogical-historical publications to readers on a "while-they-last basis." Some of these listings were brochures and advertised at the reduced price of \$2 each. The same listings when acquired from the Superintendent of Documents, Government printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402 are 20 cents to 70 cents.

Know your markets before you buy!

Mrs. E. T. Wetzel, 3618 4th St., Brownwood, Tex. 76801, is researching the Ellis, McDowell, Gregg and Avery family names. Avery Ellis was born about 1801, Tennessee or Alabama, parents and wife unknown. He lived in the Tombigbee River area from 1830 to 1850, probably near the Mississippi line, and was in Aberdeen, Miss., in 1847. He was related (or a close friend) to an Avery family who came to Texas about 1845. He and his three children moved to Burleson County about 1850. Their names were: Edward McMillian Ellis, born 1831, Alabama, married first, Mary Jane Watson in 1852, second, Sarah Ann McDowell (Mixon) in 1866; Mary Virginia, born 1836, Mississippi, married Wil-

liam E. Costley in 1854; Betty Jane, married C. C. Harvey in 1860. Avery Ellis was a farmer, member of the Church of Christ, and married second, Mary Harvey in 1852. They had a son, John, born in 1854. When they moved from Burleson County, where did they go?

Did Avery Ellis' sister, Sallie, marry Judge John Gregg and come to Burleson County in 1841? The John Gregg family encountered Indians near the Navasota River on their way to Texas, and Mrs. Gregg and a son were scalped. Any help on these family lines would be appreciated.

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MRS. DEAN COOK, 5832 Yearly, Fort Worth, Tex. 76114, would like information on John Watson, a resident of Lamar County, Tex., 1841. He offered some land (due him

from the government) for a county seat of Lamar County to be called "Lafayette." Later, George Wright gave the land and it is now Paris, Tex., Lamar County. What happened to John Watson and "Lafayette?"

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Mrs. Berniece (Barrett) Carroll, D.S.R. Box 105, Weatherford, Texas 76086, would like to know if there is a Barrett family history available. Timothy Barrett was 10

years old when he and his brothers, James and Ishma, came to South Carolina. When Timothy was 16, the family moved to Alabama, and all three brothers signed the Indian Revolution papers at Greenville, Ala. When did they move to Texas? Timothy's four sons were Willis Taylor Barrett (Mrs. Carroll's grandfather), Daniel, Joshua and James. Willis Taylor Barrett is buried at Cottonwood, near Dublin, Tex.

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Benbrook Pioneers Recalled in Letter on Willburn Family

By DAMON VEACH

Many letters have been received from readers who want to help others in their family research problems. One of the most interesting came from J. L. Williams, 462 St. Louis Ave., Fort Worth, Tex. 76104, in regard to the Willburn family, pioneers in the Benbrook area. The California reader requesting the Willburn data will be happy to learn of the various residents still living in Tarrant County who are descendants of the original settlers.

Williams states that his people were in this area prior to the time of the Willburn arrival, and they later moved to Carter, near Springtown. He also says that the Willburn, Overton, Edwards, Burford, Hurst, Porter, Snyder, Wells and Magers families are all related. (Note: This letter has been forwarded to Mrs. Charles Willburn Jr., 2305 Langford Ave., Modesto, Calif. 95350.)

MRS. WALTER SMITH, 1150 W. Park St., Stephenville, Tex. 76401, is interested in learning more about her great-grandfather, Zachariah Brooks. A record in the Eastland County Courthouse gave the details of his purchase of land bought there on Feb. 17, 1897. This was actually the date of recording, not the date of purchase for other family records show that he owned the land much earlier. It had been purchased from L. Cooper.

A friend of the family says that Zachariah Brooks died June 21, 1888, Eastland Coun-

ty, and was buried there, but this has not been confirmed. Can anyone verify this? Zachariah Brooks had seven boys and one girl, named Geneva, and his second wife was a widow named Jane C. Smith whom he married in Erath County around 1875. She had one son, W. J. Smith. Any information on this fact would be appreciated.

MRS. DONALD OWENS, 1307 Davis Drive, Arlington, Tex. 76010, is seeking information on William Jordan, a Methodist minister, born

about 1802, Georgia, married Susie ????, also born in Georgia, had 16 children. One, Martha Ann Jordan, a twin, was born Perry County, Ala., married Sam Owens in Monroe County, Ala., who died from wounds received in Civil War.

Among the 16 children of William Jordan, it is believed Jesse, Jane, William, Frances (thought to be married a Slade or Ames, Autiney (?), (thought to have Williams). The remaining names are not

known. Some of the family moved to Limestone County, Tex. between 1860-70. Martha Jordan Owens had 10 children, nine reaching adulthood with descendants living in Dallas and Tarrant Counties. Where are the descendants of the other 15 children of William Jordan?

MISS CARLA STACY, 416 E. Road, Stephenville, Tex. 76401, would like to learn more about Newman McGee. He was born around 1791, married Ada Bebe, and died at Chalk Mountain, Tex. They

had a daughter, Ada, born Oct. 12, 1861, in Navarro County. Who were Newman McGee's parents? Where was he born? Correspondence is welcomed on the McGee and Bebe lines.

ANOTHER NEWSLETTER that looks promising for family researchers is "The Strange Family Tree." Published by Mrs. Clover Strange Hankins, 5373 Sunset Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. 46208, it is issued in March, June, September and December. The price is \$2.50 per year. Other spell-

ing variations of this name are Les Strange, La Strange, DeStrange, L'Strange and the Scotch form, Strang. The first two issues contain letters, marriage bonds, wills, births, tax lists and other data of interest to all Strange descendants in the United States.

The descendants of the Baillio family will want to contact Mrs. Gladys Baillio Wilson, editor of the family newsletter for the Baillio Family Association. Subscription to this publication is \$2 a year. Write to her at P.O. Box 281, Hillsboro, Tex. 76645.

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Midland Woman's Old Book May Aid Research

By DAMON VEACH

Mrs. J. C. Carlson, 2001 W. Michigan, Midland, 79701, recently acquired an old book



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which lists the names and short biographies of some 600 families living in McLennan, Falls, Bell and Coryell Counties during and immediately after the Civil War.

She will be glad to check this volume if readers will send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with each request. Some of the short biographies have pictures and contain quite a bit of data on families in this part of Texas.

WELDON HUDSON, 2807 Cedar Park, Fort Worth

76118, needs any information related to (Ewell?) Spencer Hudson, born Panola County, Miss., about 1860. He was in the Dallas-Fort Worth area about 1910 and had two daughters, Fannie Mae and Gussie. Persons willing to help in locating information on ancestors or descendants should contact Hudson at his home address.

MRS. J. D. FLOWERS, Route 1, Box 267, Mineral Wells 76067, is researching the Smith family. Sterling Smith came to Texas from Mississippi in 1836; James Carroll Smith was born in Pulaski, Giles County, Tenn.; Sam R. had a son named Samuel Y.; Pleasant was a surveyor at Huntsville, Tex.

Henderson was a doctor at San Antonio; Reid lived at Kaufman; Mary married a Rainbolt; Nancy married an Edmonson; Pherabee married Capt. H. M. Roberts in

1848 in Alabama; Amanda married Anthony Martin Branch; no data is available on Clinton Smith. Readers interested in these Smith lines are invited to correspond with Mrs. Flowers.

MRS. MILBY B. HUDSON, 1508 Stafford Drive, Fort Worth 76134, would like to learn more about Robert (or Thomas) Cochran who married Sarah Henegen (probably from South Carolina) about 1798, Mecklenburg County, N.C. Issue: Thomas Levi Cochran, born Oct. 3, 1799; Robert Andrew; Silas Maxwell; Thomas; Milly (married a Duncan); Jane; Polly; Margaret (married a Green). Five of the grandsons and one daughter came to Texas in 1876.

DR. PERCY L. COOK, Cook and Gardner Clinic, Mansfield, Tex. 76063, is restoring an old log cabin be-

lieved to have been built by a "Judge John Ray" of Fort Worth. Can any readers supply him with a history of this family, and the construction and-or history of the cabin (located near the junction of Highway 287 and Loop 820)?

MISS ELECTRA PEARSON, Box 542, Ranger 76470 needs more information on Houston Standley Pearson, born April 7, 1846, in Starkville, Miss., died Dec. 9, 1925, Plainview, Tex. His parents were James Aaron Pearson, born March 30, 1817, Wilson County, N.C., died April 9, 1864, near Rosebud, Tex., married Jincy Williams, born

Feb. 16, 1817, Wilson County, N.C., died March 23, 1864, also near Rosebud.

Who were Jincy's parents? This data is needed for the Pearson family history now being compiled.

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NEILL ENTERED the Texas army as a captain in 1835. He was in charge of the Alamo in 1836 and was ordered by Houston to destroy the fortification and retreat to Gonzales, but as Neill had no teams to remove the artillery, the order was not obeyed. Because of illness in his family, he obtained a furlough on Feb. 14, 1836 and left William B. Travis in charge of the Alamo. Col. Neill later was wounded at the battle of San Jacinto. In 1845, he died in Navarro County.

Mrs. Chambers would like to know the names of his parents, his wife's maiden name, and the names of his children.

MRS. W. F. COON, 4428 Jane Anne, Fort Worth 76117, is seeking data on Rev. Giles Pulaski Reynolds Van Zandt, born Jan. 22, 1832, Giles Company, Tenn. His older brother was Rev. T. T. (Thomas) Van Zandt, born about 1820 in Tennessee. His two sons were Senomile (?) and Flahele (?). There was a Mary Ann Van Zandt living with them. She was 24 years old, born Tennessee, with one son Ellonza, 2 months old, in the 1850 census record of Ozard County, Mo.

There was one known sister (Martha) who married a man named Criffon or Griffon. Any help on this research problem will be appreciated.

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IRA E. WOOD was in Company F, 15 Regiment, Texas Cavalry, and participated in the battles of Black Bayou, Shiloh, Corinth, Murfreesborough, Bell Buckle, Chickamauga and other engagements of the Georgia campaign down to Atlanta. He was wounded there, losing an arm. He was placed in a Union hospital at Thomaston, Ga., but escaped from there and rejoined his old company.

On Jan. 11, 1863, he was captured at Arkansas Post, Ark., and taken to Chicago (Camp Douglas). He was delivered to City Point, Va., May 21, 1863, and exchanged. When Ira E. Wood was mustered out of the service in Tennessee, he walked back to Texas leading a mule. In August, 1866, he married Sarah Elizabeth Neil (sometimes spelled Neill).

Sarah Elizabeth Neil was born May 9, 1844 in Tennessee. Her parents were John and Bartheima Neil. John's brother, Col. James Clinton Neill, was born in 1790 and moved to Texas with his wife and three children, settling in Milam County which he represented in the Convention of

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History Subject Of Hunt

By DAMON VEACH

Mrs. D. R. Chambers, 3413 Ruth Road, Fort Worth 76118, is interested in William Wood, born in North Carolina, wife's name unknown, and John Kelley Wood, born in Pasquotank County, N.C. in 1818.



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The family moved to Weakley County, Tenn., in 1834, and William Wood died there. John Kelley Wood married Ann Elizabeth Sawyers (born 1819, North Carolina) and moved to Limestone County, Tex. in 1850.

Issue: Ira E., Thomas, William, Wilson, James, Joseph, Brooks, Emily, Sarah, Mary, Frances, and twins who died young. Ira E., Thomas and William were in the Civil War. Thomas was killed at Atlanta, Ga., on July 21, 1862. William died Sept. 2, 1862 near Austin, Ark., of a disease while a private in Company B, Nelson's Regiment, Texas Infantry.

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'Knight Letter' Gives Spellings Of Family Name

By DAMON VEACH

"The Knight Letter" is a new quarterly publication on all the various spellings of the surname Knight.

Published by Genealogical Indexes, 2108 Grace St., Fort Worth 76111, this will be a valuable asset to researchers of this family line. Offset printing, good quality bond paper and excellent layout make this quarterly easy to read and worth the nominal fee required for publication expenses.

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Anyone interested in this quarterly may obtain it for \$3 a year. It is issued in February, May, August and November. All orders from Texas residents should include the 2 per cent sales tax.

Mildred D. Rivers, P.O. Box 10074, Prichard, Ala. 36610, is interested in corresponding with people interested in the following surnames — Winn, Pickens,

Vail, Price and Dismukes.

Mrs. William E. Fling, Route 8, Box 51-A, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133, would like to correspond with anyone interested in Fling research.

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THE REV. RONALD GROSCHEN, M. S., St. Joseph's Church, P.O. Box 365, Loreauville, La. 70552, is interested in Grosshans, Groschen, Keck, Salden, Shafer, Rapp, Ryder, Trost. Father Groschen has done extensive research in Minnesota and is now trying to locate ship records on these families.

The Grosshans, Kecks, Rapps and Ryder lines are German in origin; Trost and Schafer are Bavarian lines. It is believed that some of these families may have come to America through the Port of New Orleans before going to Minnesota. Some descendants may be in Texas. Can anyone verify this?

Mrs. D. L. Moore, Route 1, Box 250, Wilsonburg, W.Va. 26461, would like to exchange data on Ansel, Clatterbough, Bice, Bishop, Boothe, Mutter, Martin, Jacquet, Watkins and Ray (or McRay).

Anthony P. Vogelpoel, Norwood Gardens, Apt. 3, 605 E. Front St., Plainfield, N.J. 07060, will exchange data on all spellings of his surname. He has at least 2,000 references on file. Some of the spellings are Vogelwohl, Vogelpoel, and Vogelpo(o)l.

Ancestral Records Co., Box 655, Wheeling, W.Va. 26003, has a new ancestral chart available for those persons interested in a 10-generation, 1,023-name form.

Printed on Parson's Linen Ledger, this chart has been adopted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for recording the Hite family history.

Washington society columnist Betty Beale made the following comment: "They are so extraordinarily complete and so much better than the usual kind that the National Trust for Historic Preservation is going to use this new form to complete the genealogy of the Hite family which owned one of their properties, Belle Grove of Middletown, Va. Belle Grove is the National Trust's latest acquisition." Write directly to Ancestral Records Co. when inquiring about price, availability, etc.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES of Christ in Texas, 1824-1950 "by Stephen Daniel Eckstein Jr., Ph.D., is an excellent volume of data and contains many listings of interest to genealogists. Published in 1963 by the Firm Foundation Publishing House of Austin," it sells for \$3.95.

Dr. Eckstein has granted permission for use of the index for all preachers of the Churches of Christ in Texas prior to 1860 and for the year 1860, but the list is long and cannot be included in this column. However, many readers may want to inquire of its contents. Try the local library first. Perhaps they will have a copy of the book. (This date has been donated to the Fort Worth Genealogical Society and appears in the May issue of their publication).

Mrs. W. W. Leatherwood, 502 Le Fevre, Salisbury, Mo. 65281, is interested in the following Texas lines: Leatherwood (Jack, Concho, Comanche Counties); Arrowood (Milam and Coryell Counties); Hogue (Grayson, Fannin, Cass Counties); Blackwell (Coleman and McCulloch Counties); Jameson (Hill County); New (Goliad and Jackson Counties); Farmer (Coryell County).

"Genealogical Reference Builders" is a unique genealogical publication. It is the only monthly of its kind and features data from all areas of the United States. Nominally priced at \$3 a year (or 50 cents per sample copy), each issue contains important data of interest to researchers. Published by Robert Lee Lent (Box 1067, Pinehurst, Idaho 83350) and June E. Barkeman (3302 E. Diversey, Chicago, Ill. 60647), it is a good source of data, maps, etc.

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ALL QUERIES, REVIEWS, reunion notices, and items of genealogical interest appear in this column free of charge. No listings for professional genealogists will be given, and extreme discretion will be taken before genealogical magazines will be recommended to readers. Many of these publications are useless, whereas others are well worth the price of subscriptions.

Usually society-sponsored items are good, but some of the privately printed quarterlies are worthless. Consider this before buying these items. Perhaps it would be wise to buy a sample copy first. Questions on this and items for publication in this column should be directed to this newspaper. Allow four to eight weeks for the listings to appear.

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Hankinses Enjoy Reunion

By DAMON VEACH

Descendants of Felix G. Hankins (1844-1924) and Massie Ann Hankins (1849-1937)



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enjoy a reunion annually on the fourth Sunday in June at the homesite of the late John Daniel Hankins south of Bowie. The 1968 reunion was rewarding for all who attended, and it seems

that family meetings of this type always rekindle old interests in the preservation of family history.

Felix G. Hankins lived near Arkadelphia, Ark., prior to his enlistment in the Confederate Army (Arkansas Cavalry). Soon after 1865, he came to Bosque County, Tex., where in July 1870 he married Massie Ann Herndon, daughter of Joseph Herndon. Their first child, Minerva Ann (Annie) was born at Hazel Dell on Oct. 25, 1871.

A SECOND daughter, Catherine Jane, was born Nov. 1, 1873, but died.

Dec. 8, 1874. The third child, a son, Richard Jasper, was born Sept. 25, 1875 in Cooke County. In 1876 the family moved to Bowie in Montague County, purchased land and remained for the rest of their lives.

Seven of their nine children reached adulthood, married, and raised their families in this area. These children were:

(1) Minerva Ann—married Benson Landrum; (2) Richard Jasper — married Cora E. Herse; (3) James Henry, born Jan. 27, 1878, married Bessie Richardson (4) John Daniel, born May 27, 1880, married Nola Ann O'Brien; Stella May, born May 10, 1882, married James M. Stambaugh; (5) Nettie Myrtle, born Feb. 8, 1884, married Edgar H. Edminston, a newspaperman; (6) Mary Jessie, born June 19, 1886, married Samuel Dawson Mitchell; (7) Ella Mae Hope (an orphan raised by the Hankins family), born Aug. 11, 1909, married J. C. Barnwell. Catherine Jane died young as did Roy Elvy. The first-born, "Annie," outlived her eight brothers and sisters. She died Jan. 4, 1965. Ella Mae (Hope) Barnwell lives in Amarillo.

Mrs. Frank G. Hankins, P.O. Box 795, Bowie, Tex., 76230, is researching early records for the above listed Hankins families. Allied lines are Pate, Arkansas and Alabama Herndon and De Grafenreid, Texas (Bosque, Falls, Hill, Comanche, Cook Counties). In what county was (or is) Hazel Dell located? All correspondence will be appreciated.

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MRS. L. GRANTHAM, 58 W. 34th St., San Angelo, 76901, is interested in the Burleson lineage. John Burleson born 1850 (Bastrop or San Saba Counties), married Penelope Jane Williams, San Saba, Feb. 24, 1869. Who were their parents? Issue: Rebecca born 1869; Troy Oliver; Annie and Jack (twins); Tommy Andrew and Amanda (twins); Jack and Virginia (twins); Beverly Allie Annette; Jim Ruby; Elizabeth, and George. (Mrs. Grantham will gladly exchange data on the Burleson family.)

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MISS JOSIE BAIRD, Box 567, Rotan, Tex., 79546 would like more information on the Rev. Alvan Baird, who married Maria Barbara Sprigg in the 1830s and moved to Texas in 1846. He was missionary to the Indians of the Missouri Conference from 1835 until when?

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MRS. BARBARA RAMBO, 824 Milam Drive, Euless, Tex., 76039, would like to learn more about B. F. Murphree born July 28, 1885, somewhere in Texas. He had a sister, Mrs. H. A. Garvee, living in Houston in 1948. Other relatives are believed to have been in Wichita Falls.

B. F. Murphree lived in Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and married in 1920 in Searcy, Ark., under the alias of W. M. Brown. He worked in Monroe, La., with a jeweler, P. G. Marine and died there April 28, 1935. Any relatives or descendants are invited to correspond with Mrs. Rambo.

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Early Tarrant History Found In 'Lonesome Dove Church'

By **DAMON VEACH**

Because the 1860 census of Tarrant County is missing and the records from the Tarrant courts were destroyed in the March 1876 fire, "Lonesome Dove Baptist Church" is a genealogical book of major importance. Compiled by Mrs. Pearl Foster O'Donnell, 122 St. Clare, St. Francis Village, Crowley, Tex. 76036, it will be a publication that all Fort Worth historians and genealogists can use as a guide to a better understanding of early Tarrant County history. It is highly recommended to all those persons with family history interests in this area.



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The Lonesome Dove Baptist Church, after fireside meetings dating back to 1845, was organized the same day the Lone Star Flag was lowered over the Capitol at Austin and the Stars and Stripes raised, on the third Saturday in February, 1846. The church is active in the same locality today after more than 122 years.

This soft-cover, attractive book contains photographs, maps, original minute-book records, signatures of the first clerks, land deeds, cemetery records and comments by Mrs. O'Donnell, an authority on Tarrant County history.

She is to be congratulated for this fine book. It is more meaningful when her first publication, "Trek to Texas, 1770-1870," is read. Information on both publications can be obtained from Mrs. O'Donnell at the above listed address.

MANY OF THE ancestors of Mrs. T. E. Henry, 211 W. Main, Whitesboro, Tex. 76273, were members of the Lonesome Dove church. V. J. Hutton preached there many times and Abram Barnard (the spelling had been changed) and his wife were members.

Did the Barnard family move to Cooke or Grayson County about 1863 with the Hutton family? John Barnard served with CSA forces in Louisiana, and his wife, Charlotte, lived at Estil's Station where her child died. Barnett, Barnard, Aplin and Appling data is welcomed by Mrs. Henry. (Note related inquiry in last week's column.)

ACCORDING TO HOWARD M. Lemaster, 412 College Ave., Carlinville, Ill. 62626, "Your Texas Ancestors" is a widely read column. When his proposed Gano publication was mentioned in the first column, which appeared May 12, 1968, he received a long-distance call about midnight from a student in a Texas college who was on his way home to Detroit.

He was a Gano descendant and was writing a thesis on the family. Lemaster also received letters from Fort Worth, Kentucky and other parts of the United States in response to this listing.

Inquiries used in this column can be any length but should have a Texas connection unless correspondence is desired on a surname in gen-

eral. They are filed by postmark and used as space permits.

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Magazine Termed Superior

By **DAMON VEACH**

Of all the genealogical publications, "The Genealogical Helper," published by the Everton Publishers, Inc., P.O. Box 368, Logan, Utah 84321, is superior in quality and is the foremost authority on the latest methods, publications and problems of the genealogist.



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The "Helper" is issued in March, June, September and December. Thousands of researchers have found its features invaluable. There is no substitute, but several individuals have tried to produce similar publications without measurable success.

The Everton Publishers are to be congratulated for their

fine work. Their "September Exchange Issue" is well worth the \$4 subscription. It contains all the latest items of interest to researchers, and lists thousands of inquiries.

THIS QUARTERLY is also noted for its family association listings, director of professional genealogists, reasonable advertising rates, and professional book reviews.

Do not confuse "The Genealogical Helper" with any other genealogical publication. For general information and helpful hints on research, it is the best of its kind.

MRS. JIMMIE Pettie, Box 306, Bogata, Tex. 75417, would like information on Daniel Mathews (or Mathis) born 1807 in Kentucky, and his wife, Hulda (or Huldane) Mathews, born 1808 in Tennessee. Was Hulda the daughter of Martin Trantham?

Who were Daniel's parents, and where were they born?

Daniel and Hulda Mathews had William Newton, Charles, Mary Jane and James (all born in Tennessee) before the family moved to Texas, via Jonesboro on the Red River in 1839.

Other children were Joseph, Daniel, Leo and Elizabeth, all born in Texas. Elizabeth married Andrew B. Kendall, a minister, and lived and died at Woodland, Red River County. James married Sarah Jane Totty, died Jan. 7, 1884. Charles died at 26 at Woodland. Any information on this family would be appreciated.

MIKE PATTERSON, Rt. 2, Box 247, Grapevine 76051, is interested in any details of the family, either ancestors or descendants, of Samuel Sparger. He was born about 1810 in Virginia. About 1832, he was married in Marion County to Susan (maiden name unknown). He was the father of 12 children, all of whom were born between 1833 and 1855 in Marion County.

Patterson is particularly interested in the eldest child, Harvey Richard Sparger, who was born Oct. 16, 1833. He was married Dec. 21, 1854, in Marion County to Mary Ann Hamilton, daughter of William and Sarah (White) Hamilton, residents of Marion County also.

About 1859, the Spargers moved to Walker County, Ga., where Harvey and his family lived until 1880, when they came to Tarrant County and settled near Bedford. His father, Samuel, later came here and died near Bedford, Jan. 12, 1893, and was buried in Smithfield Cemetery. Harvey Sparger died Feb. 15, 1914 and was also buried at Smithfield.

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Tree of Historic West Family Has Three Missing Branches

By DAMON VEACH

Richard West, born 7-31-1801, died 12-27-1867, married first, Ann Foreman, and they had one daughter, Ezemily West, born about 1820 in Louisiana. His second wife was Sarah "Sally" Lyons.

Issue: Abel, born 4-8-1825; Ralph, born 5-17-1827; Amelia, born late in 1830 or early 1831; Michael, born 9-24-1829, married Amanda ??? in 1850, lived in Jefferson County, Tex., moved to West Texas near Alpine and has descendants there; John Jefferson, born 7-15-1831; Thomas Howard, born 7-15-1831, married Miss ??? Hughes; Richard Lyons, born 10-26-1832, died 12-26-1926; Mary Annie, born 7-17-1833, died 11-18-1916; Andrew Jackson, born 7-14-1836; Elizabeth,



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born about 1839; Martha, born 4-21-1838; Benjamin Franklin, born 4-20-1841; Nancy, born 5-20-1843; Solomon, born 12-4-1844.

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RICHARD WEST married a third time to Mrs. Mary Guidry, who survived him and married Mr. Fant.

Richard D. Culbertson, 3624 Wosley Drive, Fort Worth 76133, is researching the West family of early pioneer-day Texas and is trying to contact the descendants of Michael, Thomas Howard, and Benjamin Franklin West who are supposedly living somewhere in Texas.

The other brothers and sisters lived at Westbury (named after the West family) in Jefferson County where one brother, Richard Lyons West was sheriff in the 1850s. The Wests maintained cattle ranches in Hardin and Liberty Counties plus ranches in western Louisiana at the same time. Another brother and sister lived in the Bee-

ville-Refugio area.

Any help on the three missing branches of the West family would be appreciated.

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MRS. SHEILA NASH CAMP, 5809 Holloway St., Fort Worth 76114, would like to locate Lou Kathern Hevy who attended school at St. Ignatius adjacent to St. Patrick Co-Cathedral in 1918 or 1919. She was originally from St. Joseph, Mo.

Mrs. Nash is also interested in the ancestry of President W. G. Harding. He was supposed to have married Florence (Kling) De Wolfe, daughter of Amos Kling. What is the relationship of Mary Ellen Harding to President Harding? Allied lines are Camp, Klobucar, Baldwin, George, Nash. Of special interest is the Nash family of Illinois.

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Colonial Family To Have Reunion

By DAMON VEACH

The Sparkman reunion will be held this year Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Future Farmer Camp in Sparkman Town, located near Doyle off Highway 70 South, between McMinnville and Sparta, Tenn.



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The Sparkman family lived in Surry County, Virginia, as early as 1616. The county was not formed until 1652, but the area was settled much earlier. The actual colonization of the American continent began with the arrival of three boatloads of English immigrants in May 1607 on the northeast shore of James River in the present state of Virginia.

From Virginia, The Sparkman family branched off to several parts of northern North Carolina, mostly in the Gates County area. About 1790, they began moving into east Tennessee (Grainger County), then to White, Franklin, and Williamson Counties. In later years, the family members moved on into Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, Alabama, and Texas. The earliest date of entry into Texas is not known, but records indicate it was prior to statehood.

Sparkman descendants now live in San Antonio, Coleman, Houston, Dallas, Kilgore, Longview, Temple and other cities in Texas. Complete information on the reunion can be obtained from Thomas D. Sparkman, 206 Ben Lomond Dr., McMinnville, Tenn., 37110.

near present day Aurora in Wise County, and later moved to Cottdale, also in Wise County. Any information on the following five children of James and Margaret Mann would be appreciated: George W., married Molly Pearson; Nanny, married Dave Simpson; Mary, married Will Ferguson; Fannie, married Fred Swift; Allie, married John Eddins.

LETTERS TO THIS column are filed by postmark and used as space permits. Family reunion notices should be sent about 6 weeks prior to the actual date of the reunion. Books and other publications are reviewed if sample copies are submitted with each request.

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MRS. H. P. CONWAY, 3117 Conejos Drive, Fort Worth 76116 is seeking information on Thomas Scott, first school teacher of Leon County, Texas. He taught a private school for the children of the Durst and Pruitt families, near Leona. He was living in Leon County by 1847, died before 1860.

Census records show his place of birth as England, about 1810. His wife, Sarah Ann, was born in South Carolina about 1811. Who were her parents? The children (all born in Texas) were: Sarah Ann, born 1841; George M., born 1842; Davis W., born 1843; Mary J., born 1845; Samuel J., born 1847; Oscar, born 1851.

J. E. WILLIAMS, Box 1045, Brady 76825 would like to correspond with descendants of Benjamin Herring who married Mary Shotwell in North Carolina in 1780.

MRS. R. R. MANN, 1822 Doss Circle, Arlington 76010 is working on the Mann family history. James and Margaret Mann came to Texas from Tennessee along with his parents, John and Delilah Mann, in 1850. In 1854, they settled

Learned Family History Lists More Than 4,000 Descendants

By DAMON VEACH

Twelve years were spent gathering new and revising older data for "The Learned Family in America (1630 - 1967." Compiled by Eugenia Learned James, it is a record of the known lineal descendants of William Learned, who came from Bermondsey, County Surrey, England, to the Massachusetts Bay Colony with Winthrop's fleet in 1630. From this forebear have come more than 4,000 direct descendants, among them farmers, scholars, legislators, engineers, poets, bank robbers and war heroes, running the gamut from the highest to the lowest levels of society.



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This book lists 14 generations of Learneds (spelled also Larnard, Larnerd, Leanard, Leonard, Lernerd), and their spouses for the past three centuries and more. Covering the North American continent, it is a cross-section of the Western Hemisphere as lived by one family, from Colonial times to the present.

THE LATE JUDGE William Law Learned, of the New York State Supreme Court, compiled two editions of "The Learned Family," the first in 1882, the second in 1898; his late grandson and his great-grandson generously loaned material collected and noted by the judge.

Recent research found that Frederick Sylvester Learned had migrated to Texas. This new book on the Learned family lists the names and dates of his wife, their four children, 11 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, 36 great-great-grandchildren, and 28 great-great-great-grandchildren, bringing the 70-year-old record up-to-date, adding six more generations.

A special Family Record Chart has been placed at the front of the book so that new members, grandchildren and great-grandchildren may be added, thus keeping personal copies up-to-date, and preserving the record for posterity.

added, thus keeping personal copies up-to-date, and preserving the record for posterity.

AMONG THE THOUSANDS of names of persons who married into the Learned family (indexed with cross references) are Alden, Austin, Ballard, Bigelow, Churchill, Cleveland, Colt, Conant, Davis, Farwell, French, Hand, Kellogg, Lathrop, Lovejoy, Marcy, Mayo, McMillan, Olds, Pockard, Raleigh, Stetson, Shumway, Townsend, Upham, Van Nostrand, Whipple, Youngblood.

Copies of this limited edition are available at \$22.50 from Eugenia Learned James, 3935 Parker Ave., St. Louis, Mo., 63116.

"MEDLAN MEDLEY," A History of the A. B. Medlan Home, Young County, Texas, by Nancy Timmons Samuels is an excellent genealogical publication. It contains pictures, maps, and a bibliography. Family historians should study this soft-cover book and perhaps undertake a similar project. In its simplicity, it still stands out as a very important contribution to any library. Available at only \$2.50 plus state sales tax, only a few copies are available. Order from Mrs. Samuels, 4783 Lubbock Ave., Fort Worth, Tex., 76115.

MRS. VERLEY ARCHER of the office of the vice-chancellor for alumni and development affairs at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., 37203, is seeking information on James Oscar Wynn, born 1850, died 1928. He was born in Alabama or Georgia and moved to Dallas prior to 1897. James Oscar Wynn Jr. was born in Dallas July 30, 1897. Who were the other children?

MRS. MARYANNE G. Brummett, Box 211, Clovis, N.M., 88101, is interested in the Gurley, Brummett, and Combs families. A Professor Josiah Henry Combs of Fort Worth did a thesis on the Combs family. Another Fort Worth resident, Everett Combs, did extensive research on this family. Mrs.

Brummett would like to correspond with either or both of these gentlemen.

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Downeys Came During 1880s

By DAMON VEACH

The John Downey family came to Texas in the mid-1880s from White County, Tennessee.



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John Downey was married to Julia Ann Lowrey, and their known children were Salina, Mark, Hugh, Ida May, James C. and Susan. According to the 1880 census of White County, Tennessee, they were living with his mother and step-father, Margaret and John M. Whitley.

After John Whitley died in 1883, the family, including Margaret Anderson Downey Whitley, moved to Texas. The exact locality in Texas is unknown, but Sharp R. Whitley, son of John M. Whitley, published a newspaper, The Overton (Rusk County) Sharp Shooter.

In one issue, he mentions cousin W. T. Anderson and wife, Cora, visiting with his family. A year later, Cora died and was buried in Doyle, White County, Tennessee (also taken from the Sharp Shooter file.)

yell County; Cindy married Quinn Rodgers; Elizabeth married Daniel Haney; and Prudence Ann married Sharp R. Whitley.

Mrs. Benbow will gladly exchange data on these families.

MRS. HELEN E. Weidner, Maple Hill Farmhouse, 4712

Gibraltar Road, Maple Hill, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19606 welcomes correspondence on the surnames Weidner, Halde-man-Halderman, Griffin and Anthony.

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WAS EDWARD Anderson of Hill County, Texas, related to this Anderson family? All correspondence on the Downey, Anderson, or Whitley families of Texas, Tennessee, or elsewhere is welcomed by Mrs. Routh (Whitley) Benbow, 2616 N.W. 24th St., Fort Worth, 76106.

She is also interested in James H. Graham, born 1811, and his wife, Mary Jane, both born in South Carolina. Who were their parents? James and Mary Graham were in Alabama by 1835 when William Lafayette Graham was born. Prudence Ann was born in 1842, and Matilda in 1845. What county in Alabama were they born? By 1847, they were in Texas. Lucinda, Elizabeth, and James Jr. were born in New Salem, Rusk County.

James Graham had a grist-mill and tannery in New Salem, and William, an expert tanner, was in business with him. James H. fell from the mill wheel in early 1869 and died as a result of his injuries. Where is he buried? William married Sarah Simmons and lived in Collin County; Matilda married Joe Galloway and moved to Cor-

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New Bi-Monthly Newspaper Helps in Tracing Family Ties

By DAMON VEACH

Genealogists with family ties to Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky will be interested in the new bi-monthly newspaper "Tri-State Trader," published at Knightstown, Ind., and containing at least two full pages each issue on queries, tips for beginners, and a column by Willard Heiss, an authority on Indiana research problems.



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Each issue has a query surname index, an index by counties, and a section of names for other areas of the U.S. Heiss is always a good source for family data and has several books available on column reprints. He has also compiled and authored a number of books on Quaker records.

Subscription rates for this newspaper are four months, \$1; one year, \$2; two years, \$3.50; three years, \$5. Address: Box 90, Knightstown, Ind., 46148.

MRS. JERRY ROBBINS, 3016 N.W. 25th, Fort Worth 76106 is interested in Robert Morley Robbins who came from Tennessee to the Tolar-Granbury area (date unknown) and married Emma Reed Kerr in 1886. Who were their parents? Where did the Robbins family live in Tennessee?

Mrs. Robbins would also like to learn more about Robert Terry who married Roxie Ann Silvey in Cameron, Tex. in 1896. A sister, Belle, and a brother, John, lived at one time in Rush Springs, Okla. Any help on these families would be appreciated.

MRS. RUTH Conaway Kendrick, 1410 E. Elm St., Hillsboro, Tex. 76645, would like to correspond with anyone interested in the Barber (Barbour) family. They lived in the vicinity of Comanche, Tex., after 1850.

One member of the family, Margaret Joanna Barber, was born in 1836, Georgia, and married Robert Word Roebuck, born 1829, Georgia. Other family interests are Goggans (Goggans, Goggin, Goggins) and Conway-Conaway.

MRS. THESLIE Adamas, Route 3, Weatherford, Tex. 76086, would like to hear from anyone interested in these surnames: Gipson, Morris, Lain, Studdard, Ray and Beall. Most of these families came from Kentucky an Tennessee to Louisiana and Texas around 1838. They first settled around Shreveport; then they moved to Gilmer and Pittsburg and around what is now Lake 'o the Pines.

MISS ELECTRA Pearson, Box 542, Ranger, Tex. 76470, is trying to locate the James Aaron Pearson family Bible. The last person to have this Bible was Mrs. Charles Williams (Georgia F. Campbell), born Sept. 10, 1876, Paris, Tex. Mrs. Williams died on Aug. 12, 1959 in Boston, Mass. She was in the Christian Science Rest Home at the time of her death, and she had the Bible. How can this Bible be located? Information is needed from the Bible to add to the Pearson family history now being compiled.

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Woman Seeking Information on Bruton

By DAMON VEACH

David Darius Bruton served three months in the army of the Republic of Texas and again served in the Civil War, Feb. 1, 1864, Co. B Parker County 1st Regiment Frontier District, Texas State Troops under Maj. William Quayle. Descendants remember that a pension was



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received because of this military service. If no record of this service can be found in the Texas State Archives, where and how can copies of the record be obtained?

This family problem has been submitted by Mrs. Jean Hazlewood, 3624 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth 76116. She also has a similar problem with James Elias Bruton (son of above) who was a Texas Ranger. Margaret Catherine (Pate) Bruton received a pension, but there is no record of this in the Archives. Mrs. Hazlewood would appreciate any help on these research problems.

MRS. RITA BRYAN.

5012 Devonian, Odessa 79760, would like to learn more about her grandfather, Mager Jackson Davis, born about 1865, died Oct. 31, 1921, Crowell, Foard County. It is believed he first married a woman named Burrows and after her death married Johnnie Anne Gallup in Foard County. He had one child, Etta Louise.

Other known family members were two brothers, F. M. Davis and Mace Davis, and three sisters, Etta, Louise, and Jennie. All three brothers were associated with the Wichita County sheriff department in the early 1830s. F. M. Davis was the first sheriff of the county, and his brothers were his deputies. Later, Mace served as sheriff.

Jennie Davis married a man named Page, Louise married Will Howard and Etta is believed to have married a man named Gerdis. Jennie and Etta lived at one time in Ranger, Eastland County. Correspondence is invited on these families and also on the surnames Burleson, Eskridge, Orr, Dupree and Gallup.

MRS. HAMILTON Moore Bonnet, 622 Castano Avenue, San Antonio 78209, is especially interested in Jolen

Heard Burns (July 31, 1815-Jan. 26, 1867) and his father, Jolen Burns (died June 19, 1816, Edgefield, S.C. Since his father's death occurred when Jolen Heard Burns was an infant, very little is known of his wife, Nancy, and his daughter, Elizabeth Catharine. Can any reader assist Mrs. Bonnet with this family research? She will add the data to her family book, "Kin-folks," published in 1966, supplement, 1967.

Mrs. Nora Lee McCommas, 4708 Catalina, Fort Worth 76118, is researching the Steve B. McCommas-Elizabeth White family. They moved to Dallas County from Tennessee. Issue: Walt, Elisha, and three daughters. From Dallas County they moved to Coryell County and finally settled in Hill County. Correspondence on this family is welcomed.

MRS. LUDIE Jones Camp, 524 W. Hopkins St., San Marcos 78666, will share data on the following families: James Randle Jones, born 1832-6 near Macon, Ga., died 1891, Travis County, Tex., married Mary Elizabeth Smith in 1857, Travis County. She was the daughter of the Rev. William Stark Smith, born 1797, Caswell Company, N.C., died 1876, Travis County, having

moved here about 1850 from Lynchburg, Lincoln County, Tenn., married 1827, Nancy Roundtree, born 1813, Lincoln County, Tenn., died 1876, Travis County. She was the daughter of Thomas Roundtree (1778, S.C.-1828, Tenn.).

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New Facts Asked For Thomsons

By DAMON VEACH

Elizabeth Ann Thomson's husband (given name unknown) was a Civil War prisoner of the Union for seven years. He died of malnutrition and exposure shortly after escaping. He had a sister, Sarah Beauchamp, who lived at Knoxville, Tenn., or Louisville, Ky. His initials may have been J. H., but there is no proof of this.

Elizabeth Ann Thomson had six children. Sarah married G. W. Johnson; Leena died in her teens; Ada married George Brown; Julius was married, but his wife's name has not been determined. Emmitt married Una Moore, and "Uncle Bud" (real name unknown) never married, but he was a rancher in New Mexico or Arizona. All the children were raised in Williamson and Milam Counties, believed to be in the vicinity of Thrall.

Any information on this Thomson family would be appreciated and correspondence will be welcomed by Mrs. Leyton Hill, 511 West Dickinson, Fort Stockton, Tex., 79735.

Mrs. Mattie Mauldin, 3614 41st St., Lubbock, Tex., 79413, would like data on the Smith family of Newton County, Ga., who married into the Newman family of Washington County, Tex., after the Civil War. Elisha N. Smith married in 1866 Nancy Newman, born 1832, Washington County; Ida Richardson Smith married in 1884 William McElwee Newman, brother of Nancy Newman; Melissa Smith married after 1873 Joel Newman, and was his second wife; Lucy Harris Smith married John Thomas Newman, son of Joel and his first wife, Mary Overton; another son of Joel and Mary (Overton) Newman, Joel Lee Newman, married the daughter of Mary Elizabeth (Smith) Day; Ida Richardson Smith and Lucy Harris Smith were daughters of Noah Richardson Smith of Newton County, Ga. Mary Elizabeth Smith was also from Newton County. What is her relationship to

1858, Dale County, Ala., and came to Texas as a young single man. He was in Lampasas at one time, but no definite time is known. He was the son of Alsa B. McCarty and his second wife, Ann Reddick. A brother, John Frank McCarty came to Texas in 1877, and later on, more of the McCarty family moved into Texas. One brother, Robert Bruce McCarty, settled at Milburn, near Mercury, Tex., and his mother and two sisters joined him. Some of them are buried in the McCarty Cemetery there.

What happened to Wilson McCarty? Did he marry? When and where? Descendants?

Inquiries are printed free of charge in this format. There is no limit to the number of words in each, but there should be a Texas connection. Books and society publications are reviewed if sample copies are submitted with each request.

born in September of 1909. The last known place of residence of this family was St. Louis, Missouri 1910. Can anyone help to locate this family?

ERA B. HARDY, 5223 G. Street, Little Rock, 72205 desires more data on the Coker family of Texas. Elizabeth Ann (Coker) Hardy had a brother, John R. (Dick) Coker, born 1831, Georgia or Alabama, and he served in the Confederate Army from Randolph County, Ala.

He married Jane Corley, and they moved to Pike County, Ark., then to Texas prior to 1880. Issue: Bud Coker, probably lived at Mart, had one daughter named Buena Vista; Dr. Sydney Coker, studied medicine in New York, lived and died at Hubbard or Prairie Hill, Tex., about 1900; Dickie Coker, named for his father.

John R. Coker was a large land owner and his children all lived near him. He was still living in that area about 1910 when he and his brother, James Francis Coker, returned

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Houston Man Looks For Missing Link

By DAMON VEACH

Family tradition states that Jonathan Nail came to America from England prior to the Revolutionary War and married Rhoda Folsom, a Choctaw Indian. They are said to have had seven sons, all of whom served either with the Continental Army or in the Colonial Militia forces during the Revolution. One of those sons was the father of William Nail, and thus becomes the "missing link" in the ancestry of W. S. Nail, 2239½ West Alabama St., Houston, Tex. 77006.

William Nail was born somewhere in Georgia in 1786 and went to Tennessee in the early 1800s. He married Delilah Hamilton and they settled in Bledsoe County, Tenn., where he was a minister of the gospel and a farmer. Their children were Elvira, Abraham Hamilton, John B., Sophia, Benjamin A., Aquilla F., and James B.

Abraham Hamilton Nail was born in Bledsoe County, Tenn. in 1818, the son of William and Delilah Nail. Abraham married Matilda Roberson in Bledsoe County in 1844. Matilda was born there in 1827, the daughter of Isaac and Elvira (Coles) Roberson. Abraham and Matilda Nail had eight children: Elvira M., Isaac Roberson, Alexander, Benjamin, John, William, James P., and Aaron L. In the 1870s they came to Texas. The entire family, except Elvira, was living in Dallas County in 1880. Elvira had married and remained in Tennessee. Isaac Roberson Nail, with his wife and children, later returned to Tennessee. Benjamin and his family settled in Cleburne, Johnson County, and William settled in Crawford, Tex., later moving to Waco.

Abraham and Matilda, with their sons, John, James P., and Aaron L., went to Indian Territory, where they settled. Abraham died in February

79602 is interested in James McDonald, who came to Paris, Lamar County, Tex. in 1837 and was a member of the Dragoons.

Miscellaneous Notes: "The Knight Letter" continues to be an excellent quarterly on this surname. Published by Genealogical Indexes, 2108 Grace Street, Fort Worth, Tex., 76111, Volume 1, Number 3 contains 10 pages of valuable data — queries, sketches, excerpts from various reference works, marriages, etc. All spellings of this surname are featured.

"Bulletin of the Seattle Genealogical Society" contains data from all states. Scandinavian colonization of America in the 17th century, court records of Fulton County, Illinois, cemetery at Erving Center, Mass., and lawyers of Washington Territory and Washington State are featured in the June 1968 review issue.

Books and society publications will be reviewed if sample copies are submitted with each request. Queries are free and may be any length, but they should have a Texas connection or be submitted by a Texas resident.

Information Sought On Collins Family

BY DAMON VEACH

Mrs. G. T. Watkins, 1707 Buccaneer Drive, Longview Tex. 75601, would like to learn the parents of William C. and Minerva Collins. William C. was born in 1914, South Carolina, and Minerva (maiden name unknown) was born in 1822, Tennessee. They came to Texas between 1853 and 1856.

Mrs. Watkins would like to contact the descendants of: Willie V. Elizabeth, born 1845, Alabama; Robert A., born 1849, Alabama; Thomas R., born 1853, Alabama; William J., born 1858, Texas; and Frank, whose sons live in Oklahoma.

Did William C. and Minerva Collins die in Texas? Where? In 1924 a Collins Family Bible was left in a house at Plano. It belonged to Sarah Jane and Lee Onidas Collins, Mrs. Watkins' grandparents. Where is this Bible now?

Mrs. Mary D. Atkinson, Box 284, Cairo, W. Va. 26337, would like to hear from descendants of Sarah Elizabeth (McGowan) Boatman, who lived in Collin County, Tex., in 1886. Sarah was the daughter of James and Sarah (Carter) McGowan and the granddaughter of Sanford and Nancy (Hoffman) Carder.

Mrs. Carrie Bond Goepfert, Rt. 1, Box 264, Natchitoches, La. 71457, would like to correspond with anyone having knowledge of descendants of Melisa Jane Bond, born 1851, Pike County, Miss., and grew to adulthood in Washington Parish (now Tangipahoa), La. She was the daughter of Preston Bond and Anna Muse. After Preston's death in 1865, Anna Muse Bond, his widow, moved to Newton County, Tex., with her two youngest children, Eli and Melisa Jane, and died there in 1872. By tradition, it is said that Melisa Jane married a Daniel "Dan" Strickland and lived in East Texas. Other than her name and date of birth, nothing else is known about her.

Mrs. Goepfert will gladly exchange data on this ancestor.

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Arlington Woman Seeking Weir Family Descendants

By DAMON VEACH

Mrs. Felix C. Tanco, 602 Fuller St., Arlington, 76010 is interesting in contacting descendants of the Weir family, early settlers of Tarrant County, and a special reunion will be held June 23 at the Watauga Presbyterian Church. These descendants now number over



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1,000.

This family was featured in an article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram April 3, 1927, by Mary Daggett Lake. Called "Tarrant County's First 100 Families," the following data was given:

"THE WIDOW OF John Weir, the father of Cyrena (Weir) Henderson, was also a pioneer settler of Tarrant County. She came here in 1851 with her family and the Hendersons. She died in 1863, leaving a son and four daughters, as follows: Margaret, Samuel, Mary, Nancy and Cyrena. Descendants of these are living in various parts of the United States, some in Tarrant County. Margaret, "Peggy," married William Walker; Wylie Potts, prominent Tarrant County farmer, is her grandson, through his mother, Margaret Walker.

"Samuel Weir had a daughter, Malita, who married

Chris Knox. There were several Knox children, one of whom, James Knox, is president of a Jacksboro bank. Mary "Polly" Weir married Joe Hood and there were children by this union. Nancy Weir married John Armstrong and moved north to educate their children. Mrs. John Weir, the pioneer ancestor, is buried in the Birdville cemetery, that sanctuary of Tarrant County's pioneer dead."

MRS. TANCO IS especially anxious to locate descendants of Nancy (Weir) Armstrong, "Parson" (Rev.) David Weir (brother of John Weir) who married Elizabeth (Betsy) Henderson in Tennessee. "Judge" John Waldon Beard who lived for a while in Palestine, Newton Taylor, Daniel Quisinberry and my Hardy families in Texas.

ANOTHER FAMILY reunion of interest to many is the Wyatt Family Association. This event will be held June 22-23, Harrell Park, Wichita Falls, and people from Indiana to California will be present. A special invitation is extended to anyone interested in the Wyatt family or related lines. For further information, contact Mrs. Edith Wyatt Brown, Editor, "Wyatt's Newsletter," 1717 S. Willis St., Abilene 79605.

MR. WILLIAM MANNING, Box 5396, White Settlement, 76108 would like any information on Michael V. Manning and his wife, Elizabeth. Both died in Nacogdoches

County between 1850-70. Michael was born about 1803, Nash County, North Carolina, married Elizabeth Watson in 1824, Greene County, Georgia, later lived at Troup County, Georgia and Randolph County, Alabama. He and his family moved to Nacogdoches County in 1838. Issue: James D., John, George W., William J., Mary (Weathers), Michael N., and Robert S.

MRS. H. E. MCKINNEY, 2952 Fir Park, Fort Worth, 76118 has been searching for several years for the given name of her great-grandfather, ??? Jones. Although the name of his wife, and the names of his children are known, no record of his given name has been found to date.

Jones lived in Grayson County by the year 1853. He and his wife, Emerline Powell Jones, were born in Virginia according to information given by two daughters in the 1880 census for Comanche County. Their children were: Eliza Virginia, born Illinois, 1839, married Henry F. Oberthier, 1861, Grayson County; Mildred K., born Missouri, 1843, married William T. Adams, lived Comanche County; "Bud" Jones; B. Bedford Brown Jones, born Grayson County, 1853, married (1) Sallie Ray, Comanche County, (2) Lovuernia (Vernia) Garrett, Comanche County; John Powell Jones, born 1857, Grayson County, married Nancy Van Cleave, San Saba County. All correspondence is welcomed.

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Tarrant Family Subject of Query From California

By DAMON VEACH

Mrs. Charles Willburn, Jr., 2305 Langford Ave., Modesto, Calif., 95350 is seeking genealogical information about Edward Willburn and his wife, Nancy (Overton) Willburn who moved to Tarrant County around 1854. Willburn is sometimes spelled Wilburn, Welburn, Welborn, and Wellborn.

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Edward and Nancy Willburn seem to have gone first to Dallas County as a part of the Peters Colony (about 1845). They are listed in the 1850 U.S. Census as residents of Dallas County (family No. 107). He received 640 acres in Dallas County and in 1850 is shown to be a 45-year-old farmer, born in Kentucky. Nancy is shown to be age 39 and born in Tennessee.

Mrs. Willburn's main problem concerns the identity of the parents of Nancy (Overton) Willburn. In an article entitled "Edward Willburn Family Pioneers of Benbrook Community: Tarrant's First Hundred Families" (dating to the early 1930s), Nancy is listed as the daughter of Perry Overton, a native of Kentucky who went from there to Missouri, and eventually to Texas. He was a man of more than ordinary ability and enterprise. He built the first mill in Jackson County, Mo. and while there determined to come to Texas and engage in the same industry. Accordingly he made a prospecting trip to this state and chose his future location in what is now Dallas County.

He returned to Missouri and completed a mill which he brought back with ox teams.

This was said to be the first mill, with the exception of those drawn by horses, in Dallas County. Inside of a year the mill was in operation and well established. Overton then brought his family, including his son-in-law and their families to Dallas County.

All the research done by Mrs. Willburn thus far indicates that Nancy (Overton) Willburn was the daughter of Aaron Overton and Rachael (Cameron) Overton with the exception of this one article.

Aaron's family also came to Dallas County from Missouri. Does anyone have proof of the parentage of Nancy (Overton) Willburn? Mrs. Willburn will welcome any correspondence on this family.

MRS. DONNELL DOSS, 1351 Mimosa, Abilene, Tex., 79603 would like to correspond with anyone working on the following families: Doss (Ga.); Morgan (Ga.); Cobb (Ga.); Tanner (Ga.); Butler (Miss., La.); Walter (Tenn.); Clowers (Tenn.); Robinson (Ga., Ala.); Spruill (Ga., Ala., S.C.); Peoples (Ga.); Milburn (Ky.); Evans (Ga., Tex.); Lanham (Tex.); Huffines (Tenn.).

Mrs. Doss would like to know the parents of William George Evans of Georgia. He came to Texas from Georgia in 1845 and built the first courthouse for Palo Pinto County, a log and clapboard structure that served until the present courthouse was built in 1892.

BERTHA LEE, 41054 Stetson Ave., Hemet, Calif., 92343 is trying to obtain information concerning a great-grandmother buried in a Fort Worth cemetery about 1918 or 1919. The exact given name is not known. It was either Martha Melvina (Greer) Cornett or Matilda (Greer) Cornett. Any suggestions for locating this ancestor would be appreciated.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE to this column should be directed to the Star-Telegram. There is no limit to the number of words used in each query, but there should be a Texas connection. All genealogical source materials are welcomed, and will be evaluated for possible inclusion in the future formats. However, it is not the intent of this column to burden readers with extensive lists of names. The primary purpose is to record family histories, and if it is necessary to list a complete cemetery or similar item in order to illustrate the family connection in a given area, then the complete listing will be given. Otherwise, it will be donated to various Texas genealogical societies for use in their publications. All contributors of such genealogical material will be recognized when the data is used.

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Early Tarrant History Found In 'Lonesome Dove Church'

By **DAMON VEACH**

Because the 1860 census of Tarrant County is missing and the records from the Tarrant courts were destroyed in the March 1876 fire, "Lonesome Dove Baptist Church" is a genealogical book of major importance. Compiled by Mrs. Pearl Foster O'Donnell, 129 St. Clare, St. Francis Village, Crowley, Tex. 76036, it will be a publication that all Fort Worth historians and genealogists can use as a guide to a better understanding of early Tarrant County history. It is highly recommended to all those persons with family history interests in this area.

The Lonesome Dove Baptist Church, after fireside meetings dating back to 1845, was organized the same day the Lone Star Flag was lowered over the Capitol at Austin and the Stars and Stripes raised, on the third Saturday in February, 1846. The church is active in the same locality today after more than 122 years.

This soft-cover, attractive book contains photographs, maps, original minute-book records, signatures of the first clerks, land deeds, cemetery records and comments by Mrs. O'Donnell, an authority on Tarrant County history.

She is to be congratulated for this fine book. It is more meaningful when her first publication, "Trek to Texas, 1770-1870," is read. Information on both publications can be obtained from Mrs. O'Donnell at the above listed address.



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MANY OF THE ancestors of Mrs. T. E. Henry, 211 W. Main, Whitesboro, Tex. 76273, were members of the Lonesome Dove church. V. J. Hutton preached there many times and Abram Barnard (the spelling had been changed) and his wife were members.

Did the Barnard family move to Cooke or Grayson County about 1863 with the Hutton family? John Barnard served with CSA forces in Louisiana, and his wife, Charlotte, lived at Estil's Station where her child died. Barnett, Barnard, Aplin and Appling data is welcomed by Mrs. Henry. (Note related inquiry in last week's column.)

ACCORDING TO HOWARD M. Lemaster, 412 College Ave., Carlinville, Ill. 62626, "Your Texas Ancestors" is a widely read column. When his proposed Gano publication was mentioned in the first column, which appeared May 12, 1968, he received a long-distance call about midnight from a student in a Texas college who was on his way home to Detroit.

He was a Gano descendant and was writing a thesis on the family. Lemaster also received letters from Fort Worth, Kentucky and other parts of the United States in response to this listing.

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eral. They are filed by postmark and used as space permits.

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Data Requested On Elkins Family

By DAMON VEACH

James Madison Elkins was born Oct. 23, 1813, probably in Virginia. His family left Virginia and settled in Bedford County, Tenn., before December 1837. He is listed there in 1840 and 1850 census records. In 1860 and 1870 the family lived in Franklin County, Tenn. In the spring of 1876 they moved to Dresden, Navarro County, Tex. and the census of 1880 shows his birthplace to be Virginia and his parents are also shown as having been born there. Elkins died at Buckner, Parker County, Tex., Feb. 20, 1888.



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In the 1830 census record of Bedford County, Tenn., there is a Richard Elkins, born 1759. He bought land in 1815 and sold it to Eli Elkins in 1823. In 1824 he sold land to Sholon Elkins. Another member of the Elkins clan listed in the same census of 1830 was Shadrack Elkins. Although Asa A. Elkins was not in the 1840 census, it is known that the family lived in the area. He came to Rusk and Cherokee Counties, Tex., prior to 1850.

The 1840 Bedford County census shows several Elkins families—William P., Harrison H., James Madison, William D. and Benjamin F. Bowers (wife was of the Elkins line). In James Madison Elkins' Bible there is a letter from Harrison H. Elkins' wife calling James Matterson and his wife sister and brother. According to court proceedings, William P. Elkins' will was contested. WPA workers copied some records but didn't copy the will before the courthouse burned. Papers state there were five heirs of William P. Elkins, but only one, David S., is named. The others were grandchildren of Benjamin Bowers and his wife.

Mrs. Mayme Corley, 829 N.

Bailey, Fort Worth, Tex. 76107, would like to know if William P. and wife, Mary S., are the parents of Harrison H., James M., David S., Benjamin Bowers' wife, and William D., or if Mary S. is the stepmother. This is one theory for the confusion due to the will being contested. What is the connection for all the Elkins families listed in these early census reports? Who were James Madison Elkins' parents?

Mrs. Corley will gladly exchange data with all persons interested in these Elkins families of Virginia, Tennessee and Texas.

Marion W. Machin, Mariana Farm, Keene, Ky. 40339, is compiling data on the Littlepage family and would especially like to hear from persons having information on Mary Ann Woods who married William W. Littlepage. They lived at San Marcos (Hays County), Tex., in 1862.

Mrs. Addie Lou Montgomery, 2904 Olive Place, Fort Worth, Texas, 76116, would like to learn more about the Robert William Sadler family. They lived on College Avenue in Fort Worth in the early 1900s. His mother's name was Abigail, and he had a brother named Frank. His daughter, Willie Gertrude, attended Our Lady of Victory and St. Patrick Co-Cathedral. The family burial plot is at Oakwood Cemetery. Robert Sadler had two daughters by a second marriage, but they no longer live in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Montgomery would like to hear from descendants or persons knowing this family at the turn of the century.

Arlington Man Tries to Find Brothers for Family

By DAMON VEACH

James C. Wood, 944 Peach, Apt. 115B, Arlington, Tex. 76101, is trying to locate three brothers —

Thomas O., William J. and Anthony Walker. A Joel and his son, Hubbard P. Walker, settled in Tarrant and Dallas Counties during the period 1845-1860. Hubbard P.



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married Elizabeth Leake in the 1840s and to this union were born James Monroe and Joel Marion Walker.

Hubbard P. later married Marthana A. L. in the mid-1850s. To this union were born the three sons. It is believed that Anthony had a daughter named Rhoda who married a man named Bradford. All assistance on this family is welcome.

Mrs. Jack Staton, 3215 30th St., Lubbock, Tex., is a descendant of Joel M. Walker, and Wood is descended from James M. Walker. They are preparing a study of the Joel Walker family.

MRS. C. L. DICKEY, 3512 Wicklow Court, Fort Worth, Tex. 76116, is researching James Brown Roberts. He was a Ranger, but it is not known if this is a reference to the Texas Rangers.

A report on James Roberts was obtained from the director of the Texas State Archives, but no statistics were given to indicate this was the correct Roberts. No dates are known on this ancestor, but he did have a 5-year-old daughter named Matilda

when he married Celia Jane Blocker.

They had six daughters: Melissa, Artimeciann, Elizabeth, Celia Jane, Charlotte Temple and Lucinda S. According to family tradition, James Brown Roberts is buried at Peaster, but the grave has not been located. He died prior to 1880 because the Parker County census of 1880 lists Celia Jane Roberts as a widow.

James Roberts had two sisters — Martha Cherry (called Patsy) who married David Darius Bruton and Amanda

who married a Lumas.

Mrs. Dickey also included a note on an old cemetery, apparently abandoned near Peaster. One inscription read Jacob Stover Lionberger, born August 11, 1821, Page County, Va., died Feb. 13, 1868. There are others dating from 1805 to 1882.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES: "Genealogy," a column by Mrs. Lonnie Webb, has appeared in the Empire Builder, Box 3457, Coos Bay, Ore. 97420, for the past three years. It features partial ge-

nealogies, helpful research tips, book reviews, progress of the local Coos Genealogical Forum, and has a free query section covering all states. The sample submitted to this column for review was quite good.

"Literary Sketches" is a monthly magazine of inter-

views, reviews and memorabilia. It contains little genealogy, but is interesting. Subscription: \$1 a year. Address: P.O. Box 711, Williamsburg, Va. 23185.

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Information Requested On Andrews Family

By DAMON VEACH

Cullen Andrews of Edgecombe County, N.C., and Martha Fort of Wake County, N.C., were married in 1814. Their first four sons (James, John, William, name of the fourth unknown) were born in North Carolina.

Elizabeth, Franklin, Lafayette, and Cullen Jr. were born in Tennessee, and Martha was born in Mississippi. The Andrews family was in Panola County, Miss., as early as 1839, and Cullen Sr. was called "Major" Cullen in records from 1847.

This name is believed to be connected with service in the Mexican War, but it has not been verified.

By 1850, he had sold his



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land in Mississippi and moved "west."

Although no proof has been found, it is believed that the family moved to Texas. The 1880 census of Live Oak County, Tex., lists a Cullen Andrews, age 45, not married, a ferryman, born Tennessee, and showing his parents as having been born in Alabama.

If the census taker recorded the Alabama birthplace incorrectly, this is probably Cullen Jr., son of Cullen and Martha Andrews of North Carolina.

Mrs. C. Y. Andrews, P. O. Box 404, Abbeville, Ala. 36310, would like to hear from any readers interested in the Andrews family of North Carolina. Can anyone verify the Texas records on Cullen Andrews as being the son of Cullen Sr.?

Mrs. Andrews is not able to travel to the various courthouses in search of her family history, so she relies on correspondence and will appreciate any help on this research problem.

Mrs. Mayo D. Dancer, 225

Chateau Drive, Fort Worth 76134, would like information about Mary Elmina Satterwhite, who was born about 1840 and according to family tradition is from England. She was married three times: (1) to ? Wolfe (who is said to have died in the Civil War) and had one known son; (2) to ? Roberson and had three children—Josephine, who married a South, and Bee and Jess; (3) to Terry Edward Clifton and had one son, Edward Cicero Clifton, born April 14, 1887, in Little Rock, Ark.

Family tradition places Terry E. Clifton on the Roberson farm in Arkansas as a farm hand. After the death of Roberson, he married Elmina Satterwhite Wolfe Roberson, and the Roberson children became as his own.

The Clifton family moved to Texas about 1895. They traveled first to Blue Ridge in Collin County and farmed a short time. From there, they went to Mitchell County where they purchased a farm. The farm was on the border of Mitchell and Nolan Counties and possibly could have been in Nolan County.

However, the family shopped at Loraine in Mitchell County when supplies were needed. Elmina Clifton is said to be buried in the Loraine Cemetery. Who were the parents of Terry Edward Clifton? When and where was he born? He is said to have lived with and cared for a doctor who was ill. Where was this? Alabama? Tennessee? What happened to the son of Wolfe? Tradition states that he left home while the family lived in Arkansas and was not heard from again. Any help on these families will be appreciated.

Jay Garrett Jr., 120 Cedar Lane, Arlington 76010, is interested in the following: Andrew Jackson Burleson Garrett, Mollie O'Phelia Umberston, William Thomas Dunken, Amanda Evelyln Gillespie, and R. G. McFarland. All are Texas families.

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New Methods Taken For Family History

By DAMON VEACH

"The Genealogical Acorn" is a new publication and is distinctly different from all the other genealogical magazines. The format does not contain the regular query section, the standard wills and deeds, or marriage and death records.



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The editor, Robert Ausbourne, has attempted to come up with a new approach to publishing family history data. It appears to be quite successful. The major feature of "The Genealogical Acorn" is the Pedigree Chart Section. A complete explanation of this portion of the publication is explained in the editorial of Vol. 1, No. 3, August 1968.

Although beset by printer difficulties, Ausbourne has made a definite mark on the research field by creating such a fine magazine. The how-to articles are always exceptional, and numerous columnists and certified genealogists are helping to make the publication meet the standards that genealogists expect in a bi-monthly of this type.

Joyce Dice Owen, Roberta Lee Lent, Charles Hughes Hamlin and Walter Angst are among the writers engaged by Ausbourne to assist in compiling important genealogical data.

The address for this publication is P.O. Box 11705, Tampa, Fla. 33610. Several Texas genealogists are contributing to the "Acorn" formats, including Stephanie H. Tally-Frost of Corpus Christi. Subscription rate: \$6 a year, \$1.50 for a single issue.

THE TEXAS State Genealogical Society will have its annual meeting at the Hotel Driskill in Austin, Nov. 8th, and 9th. Their distinguished speaker will be Walter Muir Whitehill, president of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. For additional information and reservations, contact Mrs. Edna Perry Deckler, 2528 S. University Drive, Fort Worth, Tex. 76109.

"Stripes" is the official publication of the Texas State Genealogical Society, with Mrs. Deckler serving as editor. It is always a good source for genealogical data and is not limited to Texas materials, although much of the information is Texas in origin. Subscription rates can be obtained from Mrs. Deckler at the address above.

MANY READERS have requested the name of the West Virginia monthly mentioned in an earlier column. Called "The Echoer," the editor and publisher is Mary Freese Warrell, 398 National Road, Wheeling, W. Va., 26003. Subscription is \$4 a year. This is one of the few genealogical aids coming out of West Virginia, and all the review copies have been good, containing about seven pages of material every month.

TRAVIS NASH, Box 820, Duncan, Okla. 73533, would like to know if any authentic records exist to prove that Chisum is a variation of Chisholm.

MRS. ROY Merrill, 2487 Flannery Rd., Baton Rouge, La., 70815, would like to correspond with anyone interested in the ancestry of Rev. James Henry Merrill, a Methodist minister in Waco, Tex., in 1855.

ALL BOOKS, magazines, and column formats for review in this column should be mailed directly to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Queries are free, but they should have a Texas connection. They are filed by postmark and used as space permits.

Allmonds Vanish After WWI

By DAMON VEACH

William F. Allmond (sometimes spelled Allmon, Allmond) was born about 1854 in Henry County, Tenn., and had a sister, Martha E. Allmond, who married Robert Black and lived in Fort Worth.



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Her children were Willie J. and Ethel Pearl who married a Taylor. William F. Allmond married first, Minnie Lee Addison in 1892 in Searcy, Ark., and they had one child, Mary Lou. After they were divorced, he married a second time and had two children. The boy's name was Burrell (Burl), and the name of the girl is believed to be Ethel.

After his second divorce, he and these two children lived near Sulphur Springs with a family named Sheppard. He died in this vicinity and is reported to be buried near Sulphur Springs. Burrell is known to have served in World War I, but that is the last trace of him. Ethel was last known to be in the Clyde, Tex., area.

Correspondence is welcomed on these family lines by Ray Steelhammer, Route 1, Cleburne, Tex. 76031. Burrell and Ethel are half-broth-

er and sister of his mother.

IN REPLY TO the Hankins query that appeared in an earlier column, Mrs. Sam W. Alford, 6400 Yorkshire Drive, Fort Worth, Tex. 76119, states that Hazel Dell is located in Comanche County, approximately 18 miles south of Dublin, Tex. It is on Road 1702, known locally as the Dublin-Gustine Road.

In the late 1800s, the settlement was located on the Proctor Road, adjacent to the community cemetery. The school was south about two miles on the Gustine Road. Church was held in a brush arbor beside the school.

Nothing remains of the settlement now but the cemetery. (Mrs. Alford will be happy to assist others who may have family lines in this area. Please show her the standard genealogical courtesy of enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope with each request.)

MRS. J. F. OHM, 3665 Ger-

ry St., Gary, Ind. 46408, would like to contact persons interested in Ft. Parker. She is interested in Cynthia Ann Parker, mother of the last Comanche chief, Quanah Parker, and would like to know how to obtain pictures or literature on the old fort. She would also like to learn more about Quanah and Nocona, Tex., named for Quanah Parker and his father.

MRS. TREACLE EBERSOLE, 10021 Tujunga Canyon Road, Tujunga, Calif. 91042, wants information about Isaac R. Vannoy, early Methodist preacher in Texas. His first wife was recorded as "P. I." but her given name and surname are not known. His second wife was Mary E. Stewart. Isaac and Mary were in Young County in 1860. Where were they in 1870? Where and when did they die?

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Researchers Will Welcome Quarterly Including 4 States

By DAMON VEACH

Researchers with family lines in Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma will welcome the latest publication covering these areas. "Four States Genealogist" is a quarterly with one of the most attractive covers among the many genealogical magazines.



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The data is exceptionally good.

Mrs. Charlene Hook, Editor, 812 Mayo Building, Tulsa, Okla., 74103 is offering this new medium of material for \$6 year or \$2 per copy. Volume 1, Number 1 contained quite a bit of valuable information.

Containing 55 pages, it is printed on quality bond, and at the present time, there is no limitation on the number of words in a query or the number of queries per subscriber.

"CENOTAPH" is the quarterly publication of the Hutchinson County Genealogical Society. This society meets on the third Thursday of each month in the Conference Room of the Hutchinson County Library, 625 Weatherly, Borger, Texas.

The summer issue contained many items of interest to Texans. 'Wilders, Wares and Other Related Lines' provides much data on these families, and 'Hoopes Ancestors in Fulton County, Illinois, 1850' will be of interest to persons of this lineage.

Further information on this quarterly (now in its fourth year of publication) can be obtained from the editor, Mrs. Cliff Drake, 7 N. Koopman, Phillips, Tex., 79071 or from Mrs. Max Page, Box 268, Fritch, Tex., 79036.

E. NORWOOD JONES, 4420 Cole Ave., Apt. II, Dallas, Texas is interested in James Hardin, born in Tennessee in 1800, married in Missouri to Louisa (maiden name unknown), born in Illinois, parents born in Alabama. Their children were born in Missouri and Arkansas except one son, Joseph, who was born in Texas in 1846 (probably in McLennan County).

Joseph was married in 1870 to Elizabeth Tanner in Hill County. He died in Callahan County in 1883. The other children of James and Louisa Hardin were Mark, Martin, Benjamin and Eliza.

Jones would like to contact descendants of any of the above persons. He would appreciate all correspondence.

MRS. H. G. BUCHANAN, 6209 Windermere Place, Fort Worth, Tex., 76112 desires data on William Lafayette Massey, born 1832 in Simpson County, Mississippi. His wife, Albany, and a son, Quitman, came in 1867 to Lampasas County, Texas. About 1875, Quitman married May Brooks.

Their daughter, Nora, married Samuel Bright in 1895. They may have moved to Brown County, Texas, but other members of the family were still in Lampasas County as late as 1900.

Any information on these families would be appreciated.

CORRECTION: "Tri-State Trader" (see review from format of Sept. 29) was listed as a bi-monthly. It should have been twice monthly. The latest issue contained nearly 4 pages of genealogical data.

The column, "Genealogy," by Willard Heiss is outstanding as usual. A four-month

subscription to this newspaper is only \$1; 1 year, \$2. Write R. Thomas Mayhill, P.O. Box 90, Knightstown, Indiana, 46148 concerning subscriptions. Willard Heiss' address is P.O. Box 18301, Indianapolis, Ind., 46218.

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YOUR TEXAS ANCESTORS

Woman in Arlington Wants To Find Coe Family Graves

By DAMON VEACH

The Isaac W. Coe family came to Texas in 1876 from Indiana. Isaac was accompanied by his second wife (name unknown) and his two sons by his first marriage. He settled first in Denison and is believed to have died in Dallas in 1890.

His wife married again and moved to Waxahachie. The two sons were Ashford Parsons Willard Coe, born Feb. 8, 1858 (Ohio or Indiana), and William Henry Coe, born 1859, same state. A. P. W. Coe married first in 1885 to Tennie J. Woody.

She died in childbirth in 1886. Her grave is somewhere in the Mesquite area. A. P. W. Coe married again in 1892 in Wood County to Mary Caldonia Slayton.

Anyone knowing the location of the graves of Issac Coe and Tennie J. Woody Coe are asked to contact Charlene Guadagnole, 415 Harriett, Arlington, Tex. 76101. All information on these family lines would be appreciated as data on the surnames Walters, Cronn, Vaught, Slayton and Ferrell (Ferril).

JAMES J. BUCHER, 6128 Malvey, Fort Worth 76116, is trying to locate his mother's relatives. He has not heard from them since 1927. His mother's maiden name was Susan Howard, and she died when Bucher was 3 years old. His father married again, and all contact was lost with these maternal relatives. After service in the Army and several years in a veteran's hospital, Bucher was able to resume his work.

The family lived at Hillsboro, and his father, John N. Bucher, started a watch repair and jewelry business in 1897. His mother and sister are buried in Hillsboro, and her relatives were last known to be somewhere in the North Texas area. Any help in locating these relatives would be appreciated.

MRS. TRESSIE LOWE WATSON, 804 Lombardy Lane, Arlington 76010, needs information on Isaac Lowe, born 1811, Tennessee and Joshua Lowe, born 1827, Tennessee. They were brothers and came to Johnson County, Tex., in early 1880 or 1881. Joshua Lowe's children were Henry, Mary Alice and John Lowe. What were the names of Isaac Lowe's children? Whom did he marry?

MRS. LEONA K. DAVIS,

2212 Sixth Ave., Fort Worth 76110, would like to learn more about Dr. W. C. Kenny, who was born in South Carolina on April 9, 1809 and moved to Opelousas, La., at an early age. His father was killed in the War of 1812 and a sister, "Mag" Hayes operated the Opelousas Female Institute for a long time.

Kenny came to Texas as a major under Sam Houston and fought in only one battle before the state of Texas gained independence. He settled in Anderson County at a place called Tennessee Colony. He was granted a homestead by the Mexican government where the city of Dallas now stands, and it is also known that the family is related in some way to James R. Polk. Any assistance on this family is welcomed.

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YOUR TEXAS ANCESTORS

Geeslin Family Information Subject of Jayton Inquiry

11-24-68

By DAMON VEACH

Three Geeslin brothers came to the United States from England, dates unknown. John, Larkin and Franklin Geeslin settled in North Carolina. One of the brothers was the father of William Geeslin. William's father lived to be 104 years old.

William married a Miss Hughes in Georgia and

had five sons and three daughters. The sons were Eli, Elias, Lark, John and Benjamin Franklin (March 15, 1822-Oct. 22, 1908). William lived to be 94.

On Nov. 26, 1850, a William Geeslin (born 1794) and a Benjamin Geeslin (born 1789) made application for bounty land in Tuscaloosa County, Ala., as veterans of the War of 1812. William and Benjamin were believed to have been brothers; William was 56 years old, and Benjamin was 61 years old at that time.

THERE IS ALSO a record of a William Geeslin being

married to Sarah Thomas. She later married William's cousin, John William Geeslin (March 1, 1850-April 29, 1925). John William and Sarah Thomas Geeslin had seven sons and two daughters.

It is not known if these three records of William Geeslin were one and the same person or different people named William.

Benjamin Franklin Geeslin married Mary Frances Leavens (April 9, 1830-Dec. 7, 1913) on June 9, 1851, in Georgia. They moved to Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas (after the Civil War) and to Johnson County, Texas in 1869. In 1876,

they moved to Mills County, Tex.

Mary Frances Leavens' mother was a Miss Sugg from North Carolina. Her father died in Arkansas at the age of 66 years, dates unknown. Her parents or grandparents once owned the land where Raleigh, N.C., now stands. This was probably the Sugg family since little is known about the Leavens family.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN and Mary Frances Geeslin had eight children: Sarah, the

oldest, died 12 days after birth; Eli, lived seven years; Candy, died at 3 years; Margaret died young; Elias Monroe, born June 18, 1855, Alabama, died in 1934; Benjamin Franklin Jr., born Mississippi, lived to be 93; Mary Ann (Molly), born in 1864, lived to be about 90; Robert Warren, born Jan. 9, 1868, Arkansas, died Dec. 30, 1927.

All persons interested in these families are invited to write to Mark A. Geeslin,

County Agent, Kent County, Jayton, Tex. 79528. Any assistance will be appreciated.

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Address correspondence to "Your Texas Ancestors" in care of the Star-Telegram.



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Harris and Bradshaw Families Subject of Requests for Data

By DAMON VEACH

William M. Harris, son of David H. and Sarah Harris, was born in Georgia in 1823 but is listed in the first census of Texas (1829-1836) compiled by Marion Day Mullins as being in Sabine County, Tex., with his parents; a brother, John, and a sister, Mary.



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An old family Bible lists the name Mary Upchurch, so it is assumed that the sister, Mary, married a man named Upchurch. In 1856, William M. Harris married a second time, Margaret Jane Bradshaw in Union County, Ark. Her father was William H. Bradshaw, listed in the 1850 Drew County, Ark., census.

He probably came to Texas in the 1860s for there is a William Bradshaw listed at old Knoxville, Cherokee County, Tex., in March 1864 as a Mason in Dixie Lodge No. 272. The family is listed in the 1870 Cherokee County census, and the two children given are John Virgin, born 1862, Arkansas and Mary Catherine, born 1868-69, Texas.

SARAH ELIZABETH Harris was born about 1871, and Levi Henry Harris was born Sept. 18, 1873. The mother died when the next child, Parthenia, was born. The place of death is not known for the family is not found again until 1889 when some land was purchased in Rusk County. William M. Harris died in 1904, Ben Wheeler, Van Zandt County, Ark.

Any information on the Harris and Bradshaw families is needed by Mrs. Winnie Harris Denton, 918 S. Chilton, Tyler, Tex., 75701. She would also like to hear from researchers interested in George Washington Stone and wife, Phoebe Elizabeth Cadenhead, of Cherokee County, Tex., around 1850 and Thomas Jackson Shuttlesworth and wife, Martha Moore, who lived in Smith County, Tex., about 1855. Her father was S. R. Moore.

MRS. THELMA S. Pirrel, P.O. Box 87, Washington, La., 70589 is researching the McCrory family of Louisiana and Texas. The McCrory family lived in St. Landry Parish in 1865.

An old letter in Mrs. Pierrel's file written by E. C. Milburn to Thomas McCrory, both of Bayou Beouf, stated that he (Milburn) was moving his family to a safer location and asked that "Mr. Francis" look after his home and slaves in his absence.

Was "Mr. Francis" mentioned in this letter a McCro-

ry? The McCrory family remained at their home and were at the mercy of Banks' army. It was after this that they moved to Texas. The Thomas McCrory listed above is believed to be the same one that married Matilda McDaniel on March 17, 1853.

Contact Mrs. Pierrel if you have any data on this family line.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES:

Le Rameau Casse d'Arbe de la Famille Gillet by Miss Joan Gillette, 3013 Marigold, Fort Worth, 76111 is recommended reading for persons with Gillette lines in Texas and Louisiana. It contains lots of pictures and is well documented.

"The Rose Family Bulletin" continues to be a good

source of Rose material. Compiled by Seymour T. and Christine Rose, 1474 Montelegre Drive, San Jose, Calif., 95120, subscription is only \$3 per year and covers records on the Rose family for the entire United States.

Mrs. Mary Estes Swaney, Route 1, Box 495, Belle Chasse, La., 70037 is the editor of two publications—"Historic Trails of Our Ancestors" and "Estes Newsletter." Write her for further details.

"The Carolinas Genealogical Society Bulletin" remains an excellent research aid for North and South Carolina. Mrs. L. G. Marsh, 306 Thompson St., Monroe, N.C. 28110 is co-editor. Dues for the society which includes the publication and yearbook are only \$3 per year.

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Alabama High School Forms Genealogical Society

By DAMON VEACH

The Walter Wellborn High School Genealogical Society was established Nov. 27, 1967,



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with about 45 interested students and teachers attending. The organization was the outgrowth of a workshop conducted by the Calhoun County Historical Society at the Anniston Calhoun County (Alabama) Public Library.

The workshop emphasized local history and genealogy.

Five students from Wellborn High School attended. One of the five students, Jimmy Lloyd, became student director of the new society.

This is a new approach to genealogical research and is believed to be the first organization formed at the high school level. Most schools have historical societies, but Wellborn High School may very well be the first to have a genealogical society.

These students are to be congratulated for their efforts in preserving a portion of their American heritage, especially the five students who conceived the idea after attending the historical meeting. In addition to Jimmy Lloyd, the other four students

were David Bennett, Judi Simmons, Frankie Vandiver, and Elaine Boone.

Correspondence to the society should be directed to Lloyd in care of Walter Wellborn High School, Genealogical Society, Route 3, Anniston, Alabama, 36201.

MRS. W. W. Davis, 4604 Black Oak Lane, Fort Worth, 76114 is seeking information on her grandfather, Morgan Marshall, born Feb. 1, 1841, in Mississippi. He died Dec. 23, 1883, near Temple (Bell County), Texas. He married Eugenia Fleming in Mississippi and they moved to Bell County about 1870. They had two daughters—Callie, born in

1870; Virginia, born 1873—and a son, Francis (Frank), born in 1875.

Who were Morgan Marshall's parents? Where in Mississippi was he born? Records show that his parents were from South Carolina, but no further data is known about them. Morgan was a private in Co. E, 24th Regiment of Mississippi Infantry, Confederate States of America. The Flemings lived in Atala County, Mississippi. Any help on this research problem will be appreciated.

MISS NELL R. Webb, 506 W. Wright, Comanche, Texas, 76442 is researching the Webb family who came to Texas

from Mississippi. William C. and James M. Webb were living in Anderson County in 1850.

William had seven children: Belle, Lemuel, Guss, Steve, Charlie, Mary and Bob. Lemuel Webb married Carolyn Gee and they lived in Bosque County about 1881 and were living in Erath County by 1889.

In addition to the Webb family, information is also needed on the Reed, Dorn, Palmer and Newbery families of Lenn County.

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12-15-68

Longview Woman Seeks Descendants

By DAMON VEACH

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Johnson, Route 1, Box 193, Longview, Tex., 75601 is trying to contact descendants of John W. Johnson who lived in Kaufman County (four miles east of Porters Bluff on the Trinity River) in 1887. He was born in Cass County (now Marion County) in 1846.



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His children were Harris, Fanny, Willie, Sam, and Pearly. Fanny married a Mosby and Pearly married W. W. Jackson and lived at Stubbs in Kaufman County.

Mrs. Johnson is also collecting data on a Harris Johnson, born about 1777 and lived in Cass County in 1850. Any help on these Johnsons will be welcomed.

MRS. C. B. DEAVER, Box 491, Lone Star, Tex., 75668 needs information on John Gilbert Wilson, born 1848, and resided in Wise County or in Denton County. He was married first to Josephine Tutt, but the name of his second wife is not known. His father was Dr. Israel Callaway Wilson who practiced at Meridian, Tex. and wrote a medical book published by Peoples Tribune in 1896. Where can a copy of the book be found?

Mrs. Deaver will gladly exchange data on the Wilson-Tutt families and is also interested in the Deaver and Marlin families.

MRS. ELLA McMURRY, 616 SE 20th St., Mineral Wells, 76067 is researching the Dixon family of San Marcos. Family tradition tells of

an ancestor that had something to do with "the Mason-Dixon Line." How is this Dixon related to Henry Dixon of San Marcos?

WILLIAM MANNING, P. O. Box 5396, Fort Worth, 76108 needs information on Hiram Estes, born ca1797 in Virginia. He arrived in Missouri ca1820. In 1830, he had four sons and five daughters, and his wife's name was Lucy (born between 1800 and 1810). His second wife was Penina Farmer.

In 1850, the Estes family was in Navarro County. The children were Aaron B., Aurie G. (Lee), George H., Margaret H., Ellen W., Larena, Theresa, and Edward B. Hiram Estes died in November in 1854.

MISS ELECTRA PEARSON, Box 542, Ranger, Texas, 76470 is searching for additional data on Jefferson Henry Fowler, Sr., born February 20, 1861, Mississippi or Missouri. He came to Texas in 1877 and lived near Grapevine. His parents were Henry Patterson Fowler and Sarah Williams Pearson.

Jefferson Henry married Carrie Elizabeth Fry on January 1, 1888. She was born July 10, 1869 and died July 20, 1951. He died March 23, 1956 at Lockney, Texas. Correspondences on these families will be appreciated.

CORRESPONDENCE I filed by date of postmark and used as space permits. Because of the amount of mail received, many of the letters are used in other editions of the Star-Telegram. Queries are printed free of charge, but there should be a Texas connection or be submitted by a Texas resident.

More Information Requested On Tyner-Hancock-Hill Family

By DAMON VEACH

Mary Ann Tyler (Tiner) was born in South Carolina and married a Hancock in



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Georgia about 1844. They had two daughters, Rebecca Frances and Sallie Turner Hancock. Sallie died in Dalton, Ga., March 7, 1855. Her father was killed in a hunting accident about 1850.

The Hancocks owned a hotel in Atlanta in 1848-50. About 1858, Mary Ann Tyler Hancock married a Buice (Buise), and they had two daughters, Thurza and Maggie. Rebecca Frances married George Washington Hill (Oct. 20, 1868) and they lived in Cartersville, Ga., until 1881 when they moved to Adairsville, Ga.

IN 1885, they came to Texas and settled near Ross, McLennan County. Their children were Sallie Irene (who married James K. Cole), Ursula Florence (who married John Thomas Bennett), Virginia Rebecca (who married Laurin Vernon Cole), Frank Russell (died 1900), Aubrey Alice (married Thomas Womack), Martha Belle (married Loyde Aukerman), and Benjamin Hancock Hill

(married Gussie Rice).

Anyone related to these families is requested to write Anna Marie Marshall, 3529 Ave. M, Fort Worth, Tex., 76105.

ROLAND BOLES (Bowles, Bolls), was born about 1801 in North Carolina, and he married Oma E. (maiden name unknown) and lived in Jackson County, Tenn., in 1820. The family was later in Alabama and Mississippi. They came to Kaufman County, Texas, in 1849. Their children were F. M., John Wesley, Jane, Levi D., Elizabeth, and Linderilla. Where and when did Roland Boles die? Where is he buried?

Correspondence on this family should be directed to William Manning, P.O. Box 5396, Fort Worth, 76108. Information is also needed on Cornealius Crenshaw, born 1782 in South Carolina, lived in Marion County, Ala., from 1820 to 1835, and moved his family to Sabine District, Texas, in 1835. He died in Caldwell County in 1859. Issue: Cornealius, Samuel, Thomas, Mary, Nathaniel, Isaac H., and John D.

MRS. VIVIAN Owen, 1302 E. Tucker, Arlington, Texas, 76010 would like to locate Edna Perry Hill or her children, Irene and Charles Perry Hill. She was married to Charlie Hill who died in an accident in a cotton gin in

Humphry, Okla., about 1917. Mrs. Owen was told that Edna came to Fort Worth and later married a Morris or Morrison. Can anyone help to locate this family?

MRS. A. M. Horton, P.O. Box 465, Gand Prairie, Tex., 75050 would like to contact descendants of W. G. L. Scott who was granted one league of land on July 6, 1835, by the Mexican government in Nacogdoches County on the west bank of the Neches River.

O. B. KING, 2230 Warner Rd., Fort Worth, 76110, is seeking more data on Marshall King and his son, William McDuffy of North Carolina. William McDuffy King married Rachel Weathered in 1828, and three of their children were born in Pickens County, Alabama. They later moved to Mississippi on the Big Black River where he and his wife died.

Four of the King children moved to Texas, and some of the descendants live in Fort Worth.

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Boston Man Asks Information About Family of Lemuel Peters

By DAMON VEACH

Robert H. McClain Jr., 95 Mount Vernon St., Boston, Mass., 02108, is preparing a

genealogy of the Peters family — the ancestors and descendants of Lemuel and Sarah (Minott) Peters who moved from New Hampshire to Tennessee in 1806 and on to Alabama in 1819.



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Lemuel Peters later moved to Red River County, Texas (prior to statehood). Their children were Charles W., Samuel Minott, John S., Thomas Minott, Richard, Lemuel Jr., James Joseph, Mary Cass (Peters) Weaver, Martha Minott (Peters) Leigh, and Mahala (Peters) Lewis. All descendants of these children are asked to contact McClain at his Boston address.

McClain is also interested in corresponding with anyone who is descended from the following families living in Alabama (Lawrence County) prior to and during the Civil War: Clark, Hansell, Hart, McWhorter, Warren, and Wood. All of these families moved to Alabama from the Carolinas.

MISS VALERIA G. Hardy, 1752 N. St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20036, needs information on James Gilliam of Red River County, Texas, who was a member of the First Texas Legislature in 1846. He enlisted in the War of 1812 in Cumberland County, Va., and married Harriet Bagby in Buckingham County, Va., in 1822 before they moved to Texas.

In the 1850 census of Red

River County, James Gilliam was 54 years old, a ginwright, and born in Virginia; Harriet was 52 and born in Virginia. The children were: Charles, 21, a farmer; John, 9; Madison, 12, and Mary, 6.

The Madison listed in this census is believed to be Madison Carroll Gilliam (Miss Hardy's great-grandfather) who was married to Elizabeth Butler about 1860, probably in Red River County. They later moved to Arkansas.

MRS. PEARL PHIFER, P.O. Box 237, Peaster, Texas, 76074, has contributed some interesting data relating to previous query listings in this column format. The old cemetery mentioned in the column of October 27 is located about 1½ miles east of Peaster in a pasture now a part of the Archie Stevens property on Zion Hill Road.

Permission should be obtained from Stevens before examining any of the markers. There is another old cemetery on this same road (about 1 mile back west and about 100 feet from the road on the south side) where some of the Peaster family is buried. It is still being used for burials.

In the column of November

3 (concerning the Parker family), Mrs. Phifer noted that she has a book on the history of Parker County called Double Log Cabin. Parker is in Grimes County near the town of Groesbeck. A cousin of Cynthia A. Parker lived in Parker County at one time and married into the Rawlins family. The book gives quite a bit of data on Cynthia Ann, her capture by the Indians and her later life and death. This book is a treasure possession and gives much data on early Parker County.

J. B. WITHERSPOON, P.O. Box 257, Weatherford, Texas, 76086, is compiling data on the Witherspoon family for publication in book form. Anyone interested in this family should contact him.

Great-Niece Seeks OS Brand Owners

By DAMON VEACH

Mrs. John W. Wade Jr., Prairie Mountain Route, Llano 78643, is seeking information on her great-uncles, Andrew J. "Andy" and Francis Marion "Frank" Long, who in 1832 owned the O.S. cattle brand in Garza County. They owned several thousand head of cattle and had an interest in the Lexington Ranch at Snyder. They were owners of the O.S. cattle brand for 20 years.

Andy Long married Queenie I. Rejen on Aug. 11, 1881, and had four children. Frank Long married Flora Linn, and they also had four children. All persons working on the Long family, any state, are requested to contact Mrs. Wade for exchange of data.

Mary Lee Moore, 421 Walnut, Colorado City 79512, has a book on the Sevier family by Z. Armstrong and will mail it to anyone interested in this surname. She also has the 1929 edition of the Texas State History of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Can any readers assist her with information on membership requirements for the U. D. C.?

Wayne C. Keeney, Rt. 6, 2917 Floyd Ave., Modesto, Calif. 95350, is interested in Mary Elizabeth Johnson, born 1862 in Madison County, Ark., daughter of Pleasant M. and Mary Ann (Young) Johnson. She married John Conner (probably from Washington County, Ark.), and they settled in the Odessa or Breckenridge areas. Any information on this family line would be greatly appreciated.

Miscellaneous Notes: Nan-

cie Robinton (a resident of Stanfordville, N.Y.) has a genealogical column called "Ancestor Questor" in the Hyde Park Townsman, Duchess Suburban Newspapers, Hyde Park, N.Y. (Ref. Vol. 1, No. 4, "Genealogist's Digest, Jan. '68).

Another column of interest to readers is "Climbing the Family Tree," written by Hugh S. Watson Jr. and appearing in the Newport News, Va., Press. No further data is known on these two columns. Contact the newspapers before submitting queries. There may be limitations on number of words and localities.

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Tippit of Carolinas Object of Search

By DAMON VEACH

Mrs. Ruth Tippit Olive of P. O. Box 102, Liberty, 77575, needs the parentage and information on William B. Tippit, born 1803 in North or South Carolina. He married first Fatha Wilkinson, in 1825 in Green County, Georgia. Issue: Georgianna, born 1826, married Carter King, born 1834, old Campbell County, Georgia; Simeon R., born 1832, married Martha Jane Thompson in 1852, old Campbell County, Georgia; Sebourn T., born 1835; William J., born 1838; Clara SW., born 1840, married Burrell H. Ware, 1856, old Campbell County, Ga.

Census records indicate there were two other children, a son and daughter born

1828 and 1830. What were their names? William B. Tippit married second Elizabeth Beaird in old Campbell Co. in 1842. Issue: Mary S., born 1843; Edmond Jack, born 1844, married Nancy Allums 1866, Bienville Parish, La. Lewis B., born 1848, married Elizabeth Johnson, 1871, Bel County, Tex.; Samuel Winston, born 1850, married Susan Bull, 1869, Williamsor County, Texas; Sarah M. born 1855, married W. B. Goodgion, 1886, Hill County, Texas; Alonzo, born 1859.

William B. Tippit left Georgia about 1852 and moved to Bienville Parish, La. Some Williamson and Bell Counties, Tex., to the Circleville and Little River area. He was an ordained Baptist minister.

The Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth has him listed at Salado in 1877. He was pastor at the First Baptist Church in Moody, 1873-1875. William J. was in Louisiana with his father for he has a Civil War record in that state. What happened to William J. and Sebourn T.? Also, Mary and Alonzo are no longer located in census records after 1870. What happened to them?

All interested persons are asked to contact Mrs. Olive on these members of the Tippit family.

Mrs. G. Funston Bilbrey, Route 2, 824 N. 5th, Frederick, Okla. 73542, is interest in George Posey of Texas; Bell-Illinois; Taylor-Illinois and Kentucky; Christian-Texas and Louisiana; Funston-Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Virgial A. Barnes, 6205 Nasio Drive, Austin 78757, would like to locate descendants of Aaron "Dick" Williams, born about 1847, died about 1910, probably in Eastland County, married Mary Rozilla Bailey, born 1857, died Jan. 11, 1944.

Gray Descendants Sought by Woman

By DAMON VEACH

Mrs. V. Irvin Ritchie of 9232 32nd Ave. S. W. Seattle, Wash., 98126, would like to contact descendants of James A. Gray and his wife, Sophronia Bowman. Miss Bowman was born Feb. 6, 1855, in Andrew County, Mo.

He was a court reporter in Waxahachie, Tex. for many years. They were married in 1871 and had one known child, Irene Gray.

MRS. BETTIE FRANCIS of 4472 E. Shields Ave., Fresno, Calif. 93726, would like additional information on Susannah Savage Edge, born 1826, married ??? Poindexter in Grayson County, Tex.

Her daughters by Levi Edge were Margaret, who married James Baker; Nancy Ellen, who married Hugh Moore and F. M. Cherry; Sallie, who married Henry Francis; Harriet, who married Statis Webb; and Martha, who married Lewis Dethridge.

Her daughter, Mary Alice Poindexter, married Monroe Wheedbee and Mit Price. All the girls married in Grayson County. Levi Edge possibly died in Grayson County. When? Where?

Who were the parents of Fannie Morris, born 1862, Kentucky, was from Monroe married Henry Francis, died 1863, Grayson County. Her father was from Monroe County, Ky.

Mrs. Francis also needs more information on the parents of Nancy Jane Terrell, born 1861 in Mississippi, married Richard Long, 1874, Hill County, Tex., died 1923 in Oklahoma. Her father was killed in the Civil War and her mother, Mattie Bailey, died in childbirth. Nancy lived in Hill County with her Grandmother Bailey before marriage.

William Russell Long and his wife, Martha Hudson, owned property in Hill County, and their eight children were born there. Martha died in Vinson, Okla.

MRS. DOROTHY FORD Wulfeck of 51 Park Ave., Nautaguck, Conn. 06770, is the author of a genealogy column in the Virginia Gazette, Williamsburg, and has several books of interest to genealogists.

For complete information on these books and her "Library loan service," write and request her price list.

Library Compiling List of Periodicals

By DAMON VEACH

The Genealogical Society Library, Acquisitions Section, 107 South Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, is compiling a list of family organization periodicals. All family groups are urged to send sample copies of their magazines, bulletins, etc., to the society so they can be displayed in the library.

Texas is well represented by family organizations. Fort Worth alone has several interesting publications. The surnames covered by family groups in Texas include: Strickland, Taylor-Taylor, Veach, Hankins, Baker, Knight-Night, Clay, Fee-McFee, Ghorrmley and Carter. Ninety-four listings had been compiled at last report. There probably are many others who do not know of this free service.

"BAKERS' DOZENS" and "Tailors-Tailors — Lost & Found" are published by Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Neil of 4023 Bunting in Fort Worth, Tex. 76107. No samples were submitted for evaluation, but the data sheet states that subscriptions are \$3.60 per year each or \$5.60 per year for both if they are mailed to the same address. Further information can be obtained from the Neils.

Trek to Texas, 1770-1870 by Pearl Foster O'Donnell, is one of the finest genealogical compilations on Texas. Mrs. O'Donnell is an authority on Texas history, and her knowledge of Tarrant County history is amazing.

This book is indexed and contains items of interest for anyone who collects early Texas records. It is attractively bound with green covers (hardback) and is accurate in all details.

Contact Mrs. O'Donnell soon. She has only a few copies left and the book will then become a rare collector's item. Address: St. Francis Village, Crowley, Tex. 76036.

History of the Family of Pearson Money Park and Mary Elizabeth Teater Park is another highly recommended Texas volume. Bound with a green cover, it is ditto but of excellent quality.

It is not often that a non-off-set publication turns out to be so good, but Park-Teater descendants and allied lines should check this one. Published by Jean Park Hazlewood, 3624 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Tex. 76116, it is

indexed for quick reference. No price is given.

ALL GENEALOGICAL information is welcomed and will be used as space permits. Queries should have a Texas connection or be submitted by a Texas resident. Any material that cannot be added to this format will be turned over to the various genealogical societies in the state for use in their publications.

Check your old records for data and have it printed before something happens to it. Any genealogical columnist or society editor will welcome Bible records, cemetery listings, old letters, reunion notices and related data. You may hold the key to some ancestral problem, so please share it with all.

Descendant Seeks Location of Grave

By DAMON VEACH

Benjamin Franklin Williams and his wife, Annie (Perkins) Williams, were living in Grayson County as early as 1860. They had two daughters, Susan and Sarah.

Susan married William Popham, and Sarah married Joe Bruns in December of 1872. The Pophams had a daughter, Sarah, born 1871, and the Bruns had five children: Clara, Dale, Lottie, Charles, and Mary Etta.

Descendants are requested to contact J. E. Williams, Box 1045, Brady, Texas 76825. He will answer all correspondence and appreciates additional data for his files.

Ponder Salter, Route 1, Many, La. 71449, is looking for the grave of James Salter, who left Louisiana about 1853 with his wife, Martha, and a few slaves. They stopped somewhere in East Texas, possibly the Liberty-Woodville-Livingston area. James Salter died about 1860.

Can anyone help in the location of this grave? This is Salter's great-grandfather, and he would like to rededicate the grave for the family.

Mrs. Mabel Shelburne Finch, 1419 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell, Idaho 83605 is interested in Samuel Shelburne, who came to Texas from Alabama between 1848 and 1850.

His oldest son, Henry D. Shelburne, was in the Civil War and died in 1866. He lived at Hempstead, Texas and was married to Martha Hannah Houchin.

They had four children, two sons and two daughters. Henry D. was born Feb. 25, 1860, in Austin County; Virginia Ann married Marion Oliver; Nancy Sharp married Frank Liglet; and Samuel Pettis (or Pettus) died at one year.

Some of the Shelburnes

lived at Bryan and Dallas. Any help in obtaining data on these family lines would be appreciated by Mrs. Finch.

Mrs. Walter Reed, P. O. Box 678, El Dorado, Ark. 71730, is compiling data on the surname Usrey (Usserys, Usreys, Userys, etc.). All Usrey descendants should contact her.

REVIEW: "Valley Quarterly" — published by the San Bernardino Valley Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 2505, San Bernardino, Calif. 92406, is a good source for genealogical data from that part of California.

Volume V, Number 6, October, 1968 contained births and deaths from San Bernardino, old pioneer cemetery records, marriage listings, El Cajon Cemetery (San Diego County), Van Nostrand (Osstrand) Bible record, newspaper account of Meek's Mill and several queries.

This is a very good quarterly and is available for \$4 a year. Write to the society for further detail.

Reader Service Column's Main Function

By DAMON VEACH

No genealogical column can utilize all the data submitted for publication, but



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then the primary function of the column format is not to reprint this data but to afford readers a service or coordinating device for common family ties. How did "Your Texas Ancestors" fare in 1968? A few of the letters from dedicated researchers answers this question.

Wayne C. Keeney, Route 6, 2917 Floyd Avenue, Modesto, Calif., 95350: "As a result of my query which appeared in the Star-Telegram (1-star edition), I have located pictures of my great-grandparents who were born in 1827 and 1828."

Ray Steelhammer, Route 1, Cleburne, 76031: "I wish to thank you for running my request in your column of 11-3-68. I am happy to say that through this article, I have located the persons I was seeking. Thanks a million."

MRS. C. Y. ANDREWS, P.O. Box 644, Grenada, Miss., 38901: "Thank you so much for your card and photostat of my column query. I have already received replies from Crowley, Fort Worth, and Hereford and hope to hear from descendants living in the Live Oak County area."

Billy R. Armstrong, Sr., 6115 North Hill Lane, Fort Worth, 76135: "I'm returning the letters you forwarded to me for assistance. Thank you very much. I received several leads from the ladies in Coeman and Fort Worth, but could not make a connection with the Weatherford and Georgia letters."

There were others, and I trust that 1969 will bring even more.

SOME READERS have stated that their queries have not appeared in "Your Texas Ancestors." At this point, all mail prior to September has been used, and the remainder has been filed by postmark.

quire of the "round robin" system of sharing copies of the 1-star column formats.

This practice has proven successful for Schuyler Brossman, author of the popular Pennsylvania genealogy column, "Our Keystone Families." This "round robin" system should only apply to those readers not in the 1-star circulation area. This is primarily the Fort Worth area.

MRS. V. W. HAMNER, 2403 Evergreen Street, S.E.,

Huntsville, Ala., 35801 is compiling the ancestry of Oscar William Gillespie, born Quitman, Clarke County, Miss., June 20, 1858, son of Thomas Jefferson Gillespie and Mary Elizabeth McGowan.

He graduated from Mansfield College, Tarrant County, Texas, resided in Fort Worth, and is buried at Mansfield. He served in Congress representing the 12th District of Texas, 1903-1911. He is believed to have had an extensive file on the McGowan

family. Can anyone help to locate these family records?

INQUIRIES ARE printed free of charge in this column format and may be any length. Each should have a Texas connection or be submitted by a Texas resident working on lines in other states. Letters are used as soon as possible.

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Williams Family Subject of Inquiry

By DAMON VEACH

James T. Williams moved his family to Texas in 1876. His father was Ephraim Williams, the son of Garrett Williams who came to Henry County, Va., from Wales and served in the Revolutionary War. Garrett's wife was Sally Lanier; Ephraim's wife was Sally Hutchens.

James T. and Jane D. (Comer) Williams had the following children: Harrison Ritchie Williams, the oldest; Malina (called Lena); Martha (called Mattie); Robert N., who died at 22; Zachary T.,



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and Ableman D., the youngest.

Harrison was injured in the Civil War, was a member of the First Kentucky Cavalry, and died September 2, 1870. His parents moved to Texas from Cumberland County, Ky.

At one time the family lived in Denison, but eventually all trace of the family line was lost. Mrs. Helen W. Bishop, P.O. Box 69, Cleveland, Tenn. 37311, seeks information on the descendants. She has a complete history of the family but has been unable to locate any living descendants.

MRS. JOE ERICSON, 1614 Redbud Street, Nacogdoches,

Tex., 75961 desires correspondence on Ruth Smith Brown who came to Texas about 1845. Ruth was born in 1791 in South Carolina, husband unknown. Her children were Elizabeth, born 1812, married Samuel Loving; Melinda, born 1816, married William Loving; Sirena, born 1824, married L. B. Creswell; Artimisa, born about 1814, married Joshua N. Ellis.

Mrs. Ericson also needs to know the parents of Julia Ann Howard who married Edward Smith Ellis about 1856. A number of the Ellis descendants are living in the Fort Worth area.

MRS. H. E. MCKINNEY,

2952 Fir Park, Fort Worth, 76118, needs information on James Finley Lindsey who married Sarah Jane Claiborne, daughter of James E. Claiborne and Elizabeth Silvey, on July 4, 1861, Red River County, Tex. They had three sons, George, James, and John. Sarah died in 1868 and by June 1870, James F. had married her sister, Missouri Ann Claiborne Bankston, widow of John B. Bankston. John and Missouri Bankston had three children, Asa, James, and John W.

James F. Lindsey and his wife, Missouri Ann, were living in Milam County when the 1870 census was taken. The couple later had three children, Lucy Ann Elizabeth Bettie, who married Clinton Duty, 1888, in Red River County; William Thomas (died 1911); and Charles Martenson.

By 1880 the family had returned to Red River County. James F. died in 1885; Missouri Ann died in 1914 in Motley County, Texas. John Lindsey lived near Big Spring for many years. He married Phoebe (maiden name unknown) and had at least three children, Oda, Ira, and Bertha.

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Hamilton Data Aim Of Query

By DAMON VEACH

Dr. Seth J. Carpenter, 1620 La Corta Street, Lemon Grove, Calif., 92045 would like



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to contact any member of the Hamilton family that came to Texas in the mid - 1840s from Lincoln County Tenn. One of the brothers was Isaac Alexander Hamilton and it is believed that other members of the family made the trip with them. They settled in or near Teague and Thornton.

Dr. Carpenter would also like to contact members of the Levi Carpenter family who came to Texas soon after the end of the Civil War from Mississippi. Family tradition states that they settled near Waco. Levi's father was Joe Carpenter, born 1810, North Carolina; his mother was Sarah Hovis, born 1815, North Carolina.

Another group of early settlers (1850-1860), the Armistead L. Petti-Pool family are being researched by Dr. Carpenter. Some of the family members were born in Alabama, and they settled in or around Hill, Limestone, and Freestone Counties. All persons interested in the Petti-Pool and allied families are requested to aid Dr. Carpenter in his work.

EARNEST L. THAXTON 1717-8th Street, Lubbock, Tex 79401, is trying to locate the family of James M. Brown born in Kentucky, 1841, came to Texas soon after the Civil War, and settled near Fort Worth. He married and had one daughter (name unknown). He had two brothers — George M. and William M. — and one sister, Sarah M. Brown. Any correspondent is invited on this family.

NANCY M. YORK, 1955 Seminole, Amarillo, Tex. 79103, is tracing the lineage of Thomas Green Evans. He was born in Mississippi in 1852, and died in 1882-3 in Italy, Tex. of typhoid fever. He married Roxanne Rushing in March 1873, and they had five children. Her parents were Abram (Abraham) Rushing and Sarah Skekelford (Shackelford). Any help on this family would be appreciated.

MISS ELECTRA PEARSON, Box 452, Ranger, Tex., 76470, would like to learn the maiden name of her great-grandmother. Her grandmother, Mary Frances Donelson Pearson, was born Dec. 2, 1848 in Leon County, Texas and died May 23, 1911, Plainview.

MRS. ALICE FRANCES Herrel, 5534 Caenen, Shawnee, Kan., 66216 is trying to contact John Bryce Biggerstaff in regards to a family tree. He lived near Grapevine in 1938, and it was at this time that Mrs. Herrel lost contact with him. The Miller family is closely related to the Biggerstaff family.

Miscellaneous Notes: **GILBERT ANTOINE DE ST. MAXENT** by James Julian Coleman, Jr. is the latest release of the Pelican Publishing House, 433 Gravier Street, New Orleans, La., 70130. Priced at \$4.50, hard cover, it will be of interest to readers with Louisiana ancestry.

"Lifeline," published by the Generalogical Society of Riverside, Riverside, Calif., is a good source of California materials. Their December issue contained births, marriages, and deaths from the Riverside Press & Horticulturist, 1880-1881; Washburn-Hathaway Bible record; Foss Bible record; and an interesting article, "From Iowa to California in a Covered Wagon."

Subscription to the publication is only \$3 per year. Send correspondence to the society, in care of Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 2664, Riverside, Calif. 92506.

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GRAD STUDENTS

MEXICO CITY (Spl) — The autonomous National University of Mexico announced more than 300 Mexican college students will take post-graduate courses this year in United States and other foreign countries.

YOUR TEXAS ANCESTERS 1-26-69 1882 News Column Reveals Land Data

By DAMON VEACH

Homer Chamberlin, 615 E. First Street, Newberg, Ore. 97132, states that on May 27,



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1882, Ephraim N. Clark addressed a report to "Dear Unicorn" in a column printed that date (paper unknown) giving data on weather, crop conditions, etc. in western Texas and eastern New Mexico.

He wrote from Paris, Tex., and described the country from there to Fort Worth, and from Fort Worth to Colorado City. One statement mentions another railroad through his land, to cross the Red River into the Indian Nation.

Ephraim N. Clark struck it rich in the California gold country. His nephew, William A. Chamberlin, reported he lost \$150,000, his second fortune, to his second wife, and died broke in Paris, Tex. His gold rush partner managed to end up with the original fortune. (No mention is made of how he obtained the second fortune.)

Ephraim had a brother, Samuel H., a doctor, in Virden, Ill. Samuel left his estate to a niece, Olive Ann Howland, in 1901 and named Ephraim as a survivor but not an heir. There was also a sister, Sarah Esther, born in 1838. Their parents were William and Betsey (Norcott) Clark. Betsey was born during President George Washington's second term, in 1794, in Connecticut.

When did Ephraim Clark come to Texas? Any information on this colorful Texas family would be appreciated. Correspondence should be sent to Chamberlin at the above address.

Mrs. Karen Hett, 3010-B Raider Court, Euless, Tex. 76039, would like to exchange

data on James G. Dickey (sometimes referred to as Matthew James Dickey) and Sarah Beevers. The couple went to Leon County, Tex., from Tennessee about 1855. Their children were Matthew H. (who married Catharine Jane Manning), Jonathan Reeves, William A., Rebecca, Sarah, James Edward, Clairborne H., Minor, Nancy, Flora, Lula, and Mattie.

Information is also needed on James Matthew McCann and Amanda Barrett of Madison County, Tex. James Matthew was born about 1835 and died Jan. 12, 1915. He applied for a pension for Confederate military service in August 1899.

MRS. ROY E. Gibson, 4517 Coffee Road, Fort Worth 76117, is seeking data on William Richards Wornell, born about 1789 in Kentucky and married in 1818 to Judith Middleton in Maury County, Tenn. Issue: William R., Jr., killed in 1838, Rusk County by Indians; Amanda Adaline married John Hester in Rusk County; Elizabeth, married Giles Madison Pruitt in Rusk County; Rebecca, married A. J. Kellum in Rusk County; John M.; David Crockett; Isabella; and Emily.

The Wornell family left Maury County, Tenn., in 1836 spending about one year in Marshall County, Miss. They resided for a short time near San Augustine, Tex., then in 1838, they settled near New Salem, Rusk County.

All correspondence is invited on these families.

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Old Trunk Reveals Letters Dealing With English Colony

By DAMON VEACH

In 1850, a group from England attempted to settle in a colony in the then-new state of Texas, as the Germans and French had done before them.



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This colony was named "The City of Kent," and it was across the Brazos River from old Ft. Graham, on the west side of the river in present Bosque County, Tex.

Several years ago, Hollis R. Bricen 2509 Princeton, Midland, Tex., 79701, discovered some original letters and a power of attorney in some trunks owned by his father-in-law in Brackettville, Tex. As a family historian, he tried to learn all he could about this early group of Texans.

THE COLONY FAILED in a year, and those persons connected with it scattered all over Texas or returned to England. There were from 117 to 125 persons who came over on the ship "John Garrow." By family tradition, the Ballantyne tradition, that is, about half of them died in the first year or two.

Brice says he has practically run out of leads on this group, but he would like to share some of the data from the Ballantyne papers discovered in the trunk.

These persons were included: Sir Edward Belcher, leader of the group who returned to England to become a British admiral; John Belshes Home (Holmes?), attorney appointed by Belcher when he left for England; David Nisbett, W. S. Trotter, witnesses on power of attorney; Henry H. Holmes, who later moved to Mason, Tex., where he was a lawyer in firm of "Holmes and Todd."

Also, James Burn Ballantyne, whose papers were found in the trunk; Joseph Martin Sr., who died during the first year of the colony, and was buried somewhere in the original colony area; Margaret Martin, who married James Burn Ballantyne

the Civil War, and then to Brackettville in 1867.

Also Joseph Martin Jr., who moved to Huntsville, Ala., and went into the banking business; Thomas Martin, who moved to Calvert, Robertson County, Tex., and raised a family there; and Robert Martin, who moved to Bryan, Tex., (or near there) and fought in the Civil War.

Brice believes the following persons may have been among the original group of colonists: J. W. King, J. C. Smith, Andrew J. Smith, A. P. Thompson, Justin Costantie, John Breakley, John Gates, H. Waldrop, Pallas Love, M. P. Crittenden, John Brockner and William Mossley.

FROM "THE CITY OF Kent," by D. W. Renick, and published by Southwestern Historical Quarterly, Volume XXIX, 1925-26, The Texas Historical Association, Austin, these colonists are listed: The Rev. Richard B. Pidcocke, Harriet Millicent Bur-

ton Pidcocke, Woods family (settled in Hill County), Plowman or Ploughman (last original settler left in the area), Miss Isabella Pidcocke (married Lt. Charles Finch MacKenzie and later returned to England), Hartley B. Pidcocke, Reginald Pidcocke, John Pidcocke, Charles Pidcocke, Mr. Simcox, Lt. Charles Finch MacKenzie (leader of the group after Sir Edward Belcher departed for England).

From the Waco Tribune-Herald, Sunday, June 18, 1967, written by John Banta: William Hewitt, a physician.

A total of only thirty-four persons from a group of perhaps 125 have been uncovered. Both U.S. and English sources have been searched for the "John Garrow" passenger list, but it hasn't been found.

Who were the other members of the original colony?

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2-9-69
**Researcher Needs
Phillips Information**

by DAMON VEACH

John Clark Phillips and his wife, Martha Josephene Heflin, were married in Bosque



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County in 1877. He was living in Rusk County when the 1860 census was taken, and her residence was Cherokee County.

Clark Phillips was the youngest son of Johnathan A. and Elizabeth

Carolina "Nall" Phillips. The parents were married in 1844, Meriwether County, Georgia.

Other children in this family were: Reuben N., born 1845; Sally E., born 1847; Mary E., born 1848; William W., born 1850; and Clark, born 1852. Johnathan caught yellow fever in New Orleans, sickened as the riverboat pushed up the Ouachita River in Louisiana towards Vienna in Jackson (now Claiborne) Parish, and was put ashore to die at Columbia.

THE YOUNG widow and her children were brought to Rusk County by her father-in-law, Reuben Phillips. Two of the children later married cousins. Reuben married first, Theresa; then, her sister, Arabella Phillips. Mary married John H. Phillips. These were the children of Joel W. Phillips.

Joel W. Phillips was a delegate to the Georgia House of Representatives from Meriwether County in 1835, 1837, and 1851-2. Joel and Reuben Phillips were thought to be brothers or first cousins, but recently, it was discovered that Joel's wife, Barsherby (or Beersheba) was also a Phillips before they married in October of 1830, place unknown.

It may be that Beersheba and Reuben were brother and sister. Children of Joel W. and Beersheba Phillips (from census records) are: J. H., John C., Elizabeth, Albert, Walker, Mary, Theresa, Arabella, Joel and Irwin. Can any reader clarify this Phillips relationship?

RESEARCH ON this family is being conducted by Mrs. W. L. Nix 6301 Talgarth Court, Fort Worth, 76133. Mrs. Nix would also like to hear from persons interested in the Heflin family. Martha Josephene Heflin was the tenth child of David Green Heflin and his first wife, Mary Ann Hester, who married in 136, Pike County, Georgia.

The other children were: Robert A., Frances Ann, Safronia G., Major Richards, William W., James David, Mary Rebecca, Amanda Elizabeth, Richard Shelton, and Thomas R. The youngest was born in 1859.

The Heflins were in Cherokee County, Texas by 1850. Apparently David G.'s parents came with them. His mother, Mary Rebecca Richards died near Ponta in 1848 and his father, William Wyatt Heflin, went back to Georgia with a daughter, his sister, or his deceased wife's sister.

CAN ANYONE help to locate the Heflin graves near Ponta? Where in Georgia did W. W. Heflin return? David Green Heflin's daughter, Frances Ann, married William J. Autry. Safronia married Jim Mize who was killed by horse thieves near Walnut Springs, and "Aunt Frone" later reared Martha Josephene who married Clark Phillips.

James David married Hannah Hibbs; Mary R. married Henry Evans; Amanda married a man named Gordon; Thomas R. married a Greenway girl; and William W. married a Pency Williams. David G.'s second wife, Martha M., had children named Young, Lemuel, Nelson, Rowland, and Masella. Can any descendants add data to Mrs. Nix's files?

CORRECTIONS: Column No. 34 listed Fort Parker in Grimes County. It should have read Limestone County. (12-29-68).

Column No. 30 read "Ben Wheeler, Van Zandt County, Arkansas." It should have read Texas. (12-1-68)

Column No. 33 listed Mary Ann Tyler and should have read Tyner as shown in the heading. (12-22-68)

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**Top Stephenville Historian
Author of Valuable Listing**

By DAMON VEACH

"Fragments of History — Erath County" is the latest publication of Homer Stephen,



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Stephenville's foremost historian. Stephen, author of the column, "Things Rare and Unusual," in the Stephenville Daily Empire, has added a valuable source book to his credits

with this compilation. It includes the first tax rolls, marriage licenses and the first couple to be married in Erath County. The first county officials, postmasters, cemetery listings and similar items will be of interest to genealogists.

The name Stephen is one of the earliest names to take root in Erath County. Homer Stephen has long been an editorial contributor to newspapers throughout Texas, and

his works have been carried in other parts of the nation as well. He is known for his contributions to the book field, but his greatest memorials will not be found in his books.

HISTORIANS will credit him with the preservation of countless numbers of gravesites throughout Erath County.

With his own money, he has erected monuments to pioneers resting in unmarked graves. They were no kin to him, but he undertook this selfless duty because he cares for the forgotten.

Louise Cheney, in her article in The Southwesterner, October, 1966, made the following statement: "Homer, a true son of brave pioneers, has also set a pattern for all men—by his dignity, intelligence, integrity and perseverance, and will merit a place of honor in the spacious legend of Texas."

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of Stephen's latest book can purchase it directly from him. Address: 320 West

Sloan, Stephenville, Tex., 76401. Price: \$5.10.

MRS. S. D. Purcell, Box 115, Tioga, Tex. 76271, would like to correspond with descendants of John and Ruth Dougherty. Whorton Glasscock was born in North Carolina in 1770 and married a Clovey (born in North Carolina in 1780). Their daughter, Lucinda, married Richard Skinner, and their son, Richard II, married Christina Dougherty, daughter of John and Ruth Dougherty. The Dougherty and Skinner families lived around Pilot Point.

One of the Skinner daughters, Ellen R., married Robert Phelp Carruth of Celina about 1880. Any assistance on these families will be appreciated.

MRS. ARLENE WILCOX, 1307 25th Street, Alamogordo, N.M., 88310, is interested in the John R. Best family, residents of Merkle, 1890-1906. His four sons Roy, Doyle, Charlie, and Ernest were born there. His wife, Cornelia, died around 1899-1900. He remarried (Mary Fielder) and had three children—Arthur, Willie and Ruby, and they lived at Matador and Paducah.

Mrs. Wilcox also would like to know more about Henry Hand, possibly buried at Merkle Cemetery, and Betty Best Blanchard, a resident of Estelline in 1910.

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**Houston
Recapped in Book**

By DAMON VEACH
"Bold Legacy" is a history of the Houston (Huston) ancestors from the beginning of



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the clan in Scotland in the Middle Ages down through the American Colonial period—a span of six and a half centuries.

It deals with feudal barons, bold knights, brave warriors, rugged frontiersmen, devout ministers, wise statesmen and with courageous men and women of all stations in life who bore the Houston or Huston name. (The name is the same, only the spelling varies.) The family was prominent in Scotland long before Columbus landed in America.

The author has succeeded in making "Bold Legacy" intensely interesting as well as historically accurate. It contains a wealth of information never before published, shedding new light on the ancestry of such notables as William Churchill Houston, who helped write the U.S. Constitution, Gov. George Houston of Alabama, Gen. Sam Houston and others.

The Houstons were involved in the Battle of Flodden between Scots and English, the Siege of Derry in Ireland, the settling of Jamestown, the Carolina land development, Braddock's Defeat in the French and Indian War, among the Minute Men at Lexington, in the Continental Congress, in George Washington's army in many battles, and in the Constitutional Convention.

The family has supplied governors for four states, two senators, a cabinet member and many other prominent and able men.

This book also contains full color reproductions of the ancient Houston fortified castle and of the family coat-of-arms, and it is illustrated with artists' sketches, photographs and special maps. This excellent volume can be obtained from the author, Cleburne Huston, P.O. Box 951, Stamford, Tex. 79553. The price is \$6.95.

began living with a younger member of the family.

MRS. BOB SULLIVAN, Box 843, San Saba, Tex., 76877 would like to know more about Joab Harrell, born in Tennessee and married to Arritta (maiden name unknown). They came to Texas and settled in Williamson County. He was elected sheriff there in 1841. Michael Keeney, born St. Charles, Mo., 1817, married Cinia Ellen Bacus, who was born in Ocan County, Mo., and they moved to the Temple area.

Joseph Campbell (probably born in Tennessee) married P. L. Christian, and they lived in Rusk County, near Henderson. They moved to Round Rock, then to San Saba County and back to Round Rock.

Correspondence should be addressed to Damon Veach, care of the Star-Telegram. Please, no telephone calls to the writer or to the Star-Telegram.

YOUR TEXAS ANCESTORS

Publication on Reeves Family Asks Word on State Branch

By DAMON VEACH
William Reeves and his family moved to St. Louis about 1856 and lived there a few years before moving to Texas. He was the son of William (1802-1871) and Sarah Reeves, who with their six sons had come from Shropshire, England to Fall River, Mass., in 1844.



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They lived in Fall River, Boston, Providence, New York City, and finally settled in Trenton, N. J. in 1852.

The younger William Reeves is listed as a doctor in the Trenton directory for 1856, and it is assumed that his marriage and the births of his eight children probably took place in Trenton. All correspondence from Reeves researchers is requested by John F. Bolles III, 171 Main St., Newington, Conn. 06111.

A detailed genealogy of the Reeves family is ready for publication, but more data is needed on the Texas branch of the Reeves family.

MRS. R. E. O'DONNELL, 4601 Altamesa Blvd., Apt. 29, Fort Worth 76133, would like to contact anyone with information about Joseph T. Bell who married Jane Donell (Donnell) in Wilson County, Tenn., in 1826. They removed to Texas (Ft. Bend County) when Texas was a republic or before. Was he the son of the older Joseph T. Bell, JP of Wilson County, Tenn., in 1813?

Data for a Bell manuscript is now being compiled, and

Mrs. O'Donnell would like to identify and trace unproven relatives. Telephone: AX 2-6110.

MRS. DEWEY HELMS, Route 5, Box 152, Monroe, N. C. 28110, would like to correspond with anyone descended, interested in, or working on the family history of Jacob Secrest and his wife, Barbara Sims, who came to America from Germany. They were known to be in this country by 1758, and settled in a part of Mecklenburg County, N. C., that is now Union County.

Some of their descendants moved to Williamson County, Tenn., and branched out to all parts of the U.S. One of the Secrest sons went to Reno, Tex., near Azle, and settled in the 1880s. This Secrest descendant is believed to be named Isaac, and he had 10 daughters. Can anyone help locate any Texas descendants of this family?

LYLE K. WILLIAMS, 500 Rock River Drive, Ft. Worth 76103, has compiled a very interesting "Genealogy of Dan Batchelor and David Neal

Williams." This is a well-documented account of some 24 surnames including Jackson, Stovall, Randolph, Robertson, Hodges, Dawson, Lane, and McCandlass.

It is not indexed but contains only 55 pages of data that is organized for easy perusal. Contact Williams for further information on this publication.

RALPH F. MILES, P. O. Box 365, Carpinteria, Calif. 93013, has compiled several family records of miscellaneous data that should prove to be quite helpful for the beginning genealogist.

Each book contains a color reproduction of the family coat-of-arms, a list of all persons researching the name, census and tax listings, first members of the family coming to America, and marriage records. The three copies submitted for review were very good and covered the surnames Armstrong, Wilson, and Williams.

They are nominally priced at \$6.75, and a complete list of publications will be sent on request.

YOUR TEXAS ANCESTORS

Reader Seeks Information On Bill, Joe Clark Families

By DAMON VEACH

Joel Clark was born in South Carolina in 1810, and his wife, Marley, was born in Georgia about 1820. Their first child, Jim, was born in Alabama in 1837; the remainder of the children, in Arkansas.



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The Joel Clarks are on the 1850 and 1860 Pike County Arkansas census along with Elizabeth Harris, born 1795, Georgia, living in household, relationship unknown.

Joel and Marley Clark must have died in the 1860's, as their children were sent to East Texas to live with their oldest son, Jim. Joel's Army papers state that he was missing from camp in Arkansas, and he is presumed to have died or been sick at the time.

No information is needed on Jim and George Clark, who settled in Erath County (at Stephenville), but little is known about their sons, Joe and Bill. Joe lived at Crockett and later moved to Okla-

homa. He had the Joel Clark family Bible. Bill Clark is reported to have passed through Stephenville with his family enroute to West Texas for his health, and died on the way. Joel Clark had two daughters — Sallie Riley and Mary Robertson, and they lived in Texas (where?).

Correspondence from descendants of this Clark family is requested by Mrs. J. F. Clark, 601 N. Hazel St., Pampa, Tex. 79065. She would also like to hear from descendants of Isaac Smathers, who came to Red River County about 1835, and the Van Zandt family, Red River to Bosque County.

MRS. DANIEL HANDLEY, 118 Randa Road, Kelso, Wash., 98626 is interested in Benjamin Dawson Herring, born March 12, 1841, Griggs County, Ga.; married Mattie A. Phillips, born May 30, 1844, Montgomery County, Ala.

Issue: Arthur Hill, born May 15, 1865, Bossier Parish, La.; Mary Jane, born Jan. 17, 1867, Claiborne Parish, La.; Floyd Hollingsworth, born June 25, 1869, Bossier Parish; Benjamin Dawson Jr., born Nov. 13, 1871, Webster Parish, La.; Richard Sibley, born Aug. 28, 1874, Ark.; Carra

Barncastle Herring, born Sept. 17, 1876, Bosque County, Tex.; William Henry, born Nov. 7, 1878, Bosque County, married Florence Paralee Scarborough; Laura Phillips and Alice Richardson Herring, born March 18, 1881, Bosque County.

Florence Paralee Scarborough, born 1881, Jones County, Tex., was one of three children of Cicero Battle Scarborough and Mattie J. Smith and a granddaughter of George W. and Mattie E. (Rutland) Scarborough. All correspondence on these families would be appreciated.

MRS. TENNIE STOUT, Route 1, Poolville, Tex., 76076 is interested in the Holland family of Georgia. Mose Holland had three sons, Aron, Tom and Sid, and they moved to Peaster, Tex. in or around 1800. Aron Holland had two children, Lydia and John; Tom Holland had four children and lived in Dallas.

Forget Something?

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — This stark reminder is posted outside a drive-in restaurant: "Memory is what makes you wonder what it is you forgot."

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YOUR TEXAS ANCESTORS

Parker Lineage Subject of Reader Inquiry

By DAMON VEACH

Mrs. Dorothy M. Pearson, in care of Fleischman, 502 McMurray Rd., Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio 78218 needs information on her Parker lineage for membership into the DAR.

Her mother was a member, having proof of ancestry from Elder John

Parker through his son, Benjamin F. Parker. Additional data with documentary references is now needed on Benjamin F. Parker and his wife, Susannah Starr, and their son, Benjamin. What was the date of birth, marriage, and death of Benjamin F. Parker?

MRS. PEGGY BAXTER SMITH, 2825 Ave. K, Fort Worth 76105 is researching George Baxter, born about 1868, Maury County, Tenn., son of Arthur Jasper and Muriah Jane (Farmer) Baxter. He was a brother of James, Herman, William, Mary, Nora, and Armina Baxter. He came to Texas about 1900 to buy land for himself and James.

A letter to the Tennessee family shows that he bought the land and was about to have an operation. Afterwards, he wrote that he had sold the land and for James not to bother to come to Texas. He was not heard from again, but James Baxter came to Texas to find him in 1925 and remained to raise a family here.

Mrs. Smith would like to hear from anyone interested in the Baxter family — Tennessee to Texas.

MRS. ROBERT R. LOLLIER, 2217 Cameo Road, Carlsbad, Calif. 92008 wants the date of death and burial of Esther (Duncklee) Wheeler Arnold, born about 1786, Amherst, New Hampshire, married first, Obidiah Wheeler, second, Randall Arnold, removed to Texas about 1840, died possibly around 1850, resided with son, Jesse Wheel-

ation on this new group can be obtained from the society at Box 2225, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

TRACY KING, Box 204, Roby 79543 would like information on the descendants of

Robert Guild West who married Adelaide Celest Shirley, Nov. 8, 1870, Parker County. They raised their family there. Issue: Joseph Audrey; William Conde; Marvin; Olive; Lucy Adelaide; Josie; Carrie Laura. Any information will be appreciated, and

all letters will be answered.

All letters submitted to this column are filed by date of postmark and used as space permits. Queries are printed free of charge, and they may be any length as long as they have a Texas connection.



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MRS. SHIRLEY EDDY Yarbrough, 2724 Birch Park, Fort Worth 76118 needs information concerning Charles Eddy who died about 1937 or 1938. The Eddy family lived around Denison or Denton before moving to Oklahoma and Missouri. Charles Eddy was married in Oklahoma and had the following children: Lee, Howard, Floyd and Bernice.

MRS. STERLING GRAYDON, Jr., 12081 Woodbine Drive, Santa Ana, Calif., 92705 would like to hear from Pitchford and Gober descendants in Texas.

ANDREW M. BRISTOW, 615 Hickory Ave., Bel Air, Md. 21014 would like to correspond with any member of the Bristow family. He would especially like to connect the 1850 Navarro County, Texas branch of the Bristow family to a Delaware line.

MRS. JACK JENSEN, 2605 Haynie St., Fort Worth 76112 is researching the H. B. Clanton family of Weatherford in 1870. Clanton's wife had a son, Sam B. Vanarsdale, by a previous marriage, and he had a son, Robert. They had one son, Clayton J. Clanton. Any information on this line would be appreciated.

THE ILLINOIS State Genealogical Society has just been formed and charter membership (until June 1, 1969) is only \$4. Further infor-

FAMILY TREE

By DORIS D. POWELL

TIDEWATER, Va., consisted of the riparian lands of the Chesapeake Bay situated between the James, York, Plankatank, Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers, and extending as far west as the "falls" of these rivers near which are located the cities of Richmond on the James, Fredericksburg on the Rappahannock, and Washington on the Potomac.

Historians of this period often equate the life in early Virginia with that existing in England. In language, laws and customs Virginia reflected the ways of the Old Country. It is a fact, nevertheless, that the economy and the nature of the wilderness modified somewhat the industrial and social life of the colonies.

THE SETTLEMENT of Virginia offered a partial solution to severe economic crisis then facing England. Even during the reign of Henry VIII, the country had been bedeviled by serious unemployment which is described by Sir Thomas More in his "Utopia." Although a good 150 years before the Revolution, England was already beginning to suffer from the exhaustion of her natural resources, notably lumber. This shortage in turn affected the ship building industry, which threw many sailors out of employment. Europe was having an industrial crisis also and by 1600 unemployment was out of control. England had to settle in a new country for several reasons: 1. Lumber. 2. Employment. 3. New lands to conquer. So with this in mind, England offered transportation over to the new country and 50 acres of land for each "Headright" for transporting indentured servants over to the New World.

THIS SYSTEM of indenture allowed many to come over who could not pay their own passage. For the payment of the passage these people would indenture themselves for servitude for the period of seven years. After this time they were considered "free Men." Many deeds will read "so and so a free man" — meaning he either paid his own way over or had completed his seven years in servitude for his passage over.

Many people came over this way, and George Cabell Greer's book "Early Virginia Immigrants 1623-1666" is the book to check for persons without land or grants or headrights. Most of the time Greer will tell who brought them over and the county they settled in. This book may be purchased from the Genealogical Book Co., 521 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Write them for one of their catalogs. They have family histories, state and county books, etc. This is the best place I have found to buy genealogical books. Right now they are reprinting a large number of books that have been out of print for many years.

IF ANYONE is interested in getting data from Arkansas, Mrs. Leister E. Presley, 1708 West Center, Searcy, Arkansas 72143 has some census records out. They are, namely: Index to Rutherford County, Tenn. census 1810. Giles County Tenn. 1820 census. 1850 census of White County and Yell County, Arkansas. North Carolina Land Grants in Tennessee — 1778-1791. Also Index to the Biographies on the Centennial History of Arkansas and Missouri. I have these books and am quite pleased with the format and the data in each book.

FAMILY TREE

By DORIS D. POWELL

Both North and South Carolina were one colony at first and were governed by the Lords Proprietors and Planters.

Sabastian Cabot through his explorations gave the British government sovereignty of that portion of North America between the 31st and 36th degrees of North Latitude. On Oct. 30, 1629, Charles I granted the land to his attorney, Gen. Sir Robert Heath. Heath did nothing about colonizing this area and for 30 years after the grant was made to him very few explorations were made in that country and very little was written about it.

One contribution was a pamphlet published in London in 1651 containing an account by Edward Bland, Abraham Woode, Sackford Bewster and Elias Pennant in August and September, 1650, into that part of the domain of Carolina next to Virginia, to which they gave the name New Britain.

BLAND WAS a merchant of Virginia and realized that the Christianizing of the Indians and settling of the country would soon advance the interests of the province of Virginia and the merchants and traders there. Upon his return he and his companions petitioned the Assembly of Virginia to be allowed to make discoveries to the southward and to establish settlements and have trade with Indians there. The petition was granted provided they take at least 100 men supplied with arms and ammunition.

The first permanent settlement was established in 1653 when this group of settlers came south from Virginia to occupy the section north of Albemarle Sound. The influx of new settlers was so limited that in an 80-year period the population had increased only to about 14,000.

FOR SEVERAL years prior to the Revolution Highland Scotch immigrants were arriving frequently. Large groups of Scotch-Irish departed from Pennsylvania and went down the Shenandoah Valley to settle that part of Virginia and many continued on to North Carolina. Many Germans and Quakers came to North Carolina from Virginia, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts and settled in Rockingham, Guilford and Chatham Counties.

On March 20, 1662, King Charles by letters patent granted to eight proprietors, the Earl of Clarendon, the Duke of Albemarle, Sir George Carteret, Sir William Berklet and Sir John Colleton a province to be called Carolina extending from Latitude 31 degrees to 36 degrees North and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In this province the proprietors were to have the right to institute government, to appoint officers and with the assistance of the freeman, to make laws. By a new charter of June 30, 1665, the bounds of the province were extended from 29 to 36 degrees North.

FAMILY TREE

By DORIS D. POWELL

Last week Tidewater Virginia was explained, so this week let's continue with Tidewater Maryland.

John Cabot made a voyage to the New World five years after Columbus discovered America in 1497; but it wasn't until 1580 that an Englishman named Wyth (White) discovered Chesapeake Bay.

In 1608 John Smith with Walter Russell, "Doctor of Physicke," and six "gentlemen" and "several soldiers" "in an open barge neare three turns burthren" to "perform his discovery" of Chesapeake; and in his history of it he said: "Thus have I walkt a wayles way with uncouth pace, which yet no Christian man did ever trace." And as they picked up islands, capes, rivers, promontories; and other geographical points, they named them for individuals in their little company. These names have all disappeared and only a few Indian names remain.

Other pioneers that helped to settle and discover more of the Bay's features were Henry Speman, one Captain Crowshaw, Captain Nuse and Captain Madison; Capt. Samuel Argoll, Captain Hamer and Capt. Henry Fleet.

SIR GEORGE Calvert, the first Lord Baltimore, in whose favor King Charles I was to make the royal grant of Maryland at the time he was about 40 years of age, arrived in the new country Oct. 1, 1629. And on April 5, 1632, Sir George Calvert died before he could get the king to finalize the royal grant by his son, Ceciliss Calvert, who fell heir to Sir George's title and grant. The king named the grant for Henrietta Maria, daughter of Henry IV and sister of Louis XIII. So it was agreed to call the royal grant "Terra Marias" or, in English, Maryland.

It is also written in the charter that Lord Baltimore should "yield" to the crown "two Indian arrows of those Parts, to be delivered to the king on Tuesday of Easter week and also a fifth part of all gold and silver ore which happened to be found." None was found, so only the two arrows were "yielded." The boundary of this grant extended to the southern boundary of New England.

Two ships, the "Ark" and the "Dove," brought Lord Baltimore's colony over from England. This colony was different from the colonies in Virginia in that this was a royal grant of all the land in Lord Baltimore's name, whereas the colonies in Virginia were crown government appointed by the king but the assembly was elected by the people.

Lord Baltimore, in order to settle his colony, offered to every free man who came to the colony "to inhabit and plant" 100 acres of land for himself and a like quantity for his wife and each child under 16 years of age and for each servant. "Servant" in this sense means anyone brought over for hire as a servant. Such immigrants were indentured for such a period to Lord Baltimore and if they did not pay him each year, the land was taken away from them.

TO CONTINUE with the Virginia in the Revolution. MARCH, William. TALL, Iverson. PIERCE, John. ASHBY, jamin. ANDERSON, David. BROWN, iam. BOUSH, William. CURTIS, J. CHAMBERLAYNE, Edward. DAW Thomas. EPPERSON, Richard. FOS Peter. GRANT, Thomas. GREEN, J. GORDON, Churchill. HARCUM, Henry. CUM, Rhodham. HALL, Thomas. HUGHL William. LANE, John. MITCHELL, Rich MASSENBURG, Alexander. MARSH A James. PARKER, Thomas. POWELL, J. cis. POPE, William. PATTERSON, J READ, Francis. ROBINS, John. SUMM ON, Gavin. SHEARMAN, Martin. STUI John. TYLER, Henry. SAUNDERS, Rich TRIPLETT, Reuben. STOTT, William. TURPIN, John. STROTHER, Benjamin. V ON, John. TAYLOR, Benjamin. WILS Samuel. TUTT, James. WILLIS, Henry. W DY, Shepleigh. WEBB, Francis. TAYL John. WRAY, George, act'g Mid. BRO George. WILSON, Joseph. WASHINGTON

The Virginia Navy in the Revolution be continued next week.

TO RESUME the Officers in the Virginia Navy: CHESHIRE, John. CREW, John. CABELL, Absalom. ELAM, Robert. GRAY, Robert. GOFFOGAN, Laben. HARRIS, John. HEALY, Samuel. HERBERT, Argyle. JEFFERIES, Aaron. JONES, Charles. LATTIMORE, Edward. MESSEURES, Francis. MORTON, Edward. POLLARD, Thomas. RICHARDS, John. ROSS, John. RICHARDSON, William. SPEAKE, Joseph. TAYLOR, John. MASTERS.

BENNETT, William. BONNEWELL, Thomas. CORBIN, William. MOORE, John. BUCKNER, Isaac. BUCKNER, William. TRUMAN, John. PAYNE, John. SURGEONS.

CHAPLAIN, Benjamin. GREER, Charles. HUNTER, George. LIVINGSTONE, Justice. MCCLURG, Walter. PITT, John. SWOOPE, John. SHARPLESS, John. SNEAD, Robert. PEEL, Joseph. S. BROWN, David. BELL, William Smith. CHRISTIAN, William. CARTER, William. CHESSEMAN, Thomas. GRIFFIN, Corbin. HARRIS, Simon. JOHNSTON, William. M'NICHAL, John. REYNOLDS, John. RUSSELL, James. RIDDLE, George.

MIDSHIPMEN:

ASHLEY, Warren. BLUNDON, Seth. BLOXOM, Scarborough. BROADWATER, Covington. COTTRILL, William. CURRELL, James. COOK, Dawson. CAPES, Beverly. CANNON, Luke. ESKDRIGE, Samuel. ELLIOTT, Alexander. FLEET, Henry. HENDERSON, David. HOWARD, (or HAYWOOD), THOMAS. HALL, Robert. HUBBARD, John. HARCUM, Lott. HUGHETT, John. HOLT, Henry. KENNON, Hawson. KENT, Jesse. MOORE, Alexander. McWILLIAMS, Joshua. MUIR, John. MUSE, Jesse. The Officers of the Virginia Navy will be continued next week.

Data Sought on Descendants Of John Dunn, Delilah Barret

By DAMON VEACH

John Dunn and Delilah Barret were born in Edgefield District, S.C. about 1808. The date and place of their marriage is not known but records indicate their first child was born in Lawrence County, Miss., in 1831.



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The 1850 Census of Jackson Parish, La., shows the family living there and lists the following children: Christopher, age 10, born Mississippi; Josefine S., age 16, born Mississippi; Potina C. (or Fotina), age 12, born Mississippi; Flavila L., age 11, born Mississippi; Polinanaas (or Tolinanaas), age 5, born Louisiana; and Alanso S., age 3, born Louisiana.

It is believed that all the family, except Christopher, moved to Texas before 1860. John Dunn was a farmer and Baptist preacher, and a family letter says he preached the sermon at the first church service ever held at Lampasas, Tex.

He died (date unknown) at Dalton Mill's, McLennan County.

Where is Dalton Mill's? Delilah Barret Dunn, according to the family letter, died in Montague County. When? Where is she buried?

Any information on this

family will be appreciated and should be coordinated with Mrs. Arnetta Dunn Gravier, 1906 Texas Ave., Alexandria, La. 71301.

MRS. J. F. REEVES, 1620 Redbud St., Nacogdoches, Tex. 75961, wants to correspond with all Summerall (Sumrall) descendants, especially those with Mississippi connections. Thomas Sumrall Jr., born about 1765, married Elizabeth Newton in South Carolina. They moved to Mississippi and later to Louisiana (after 1821).

MRS. J. E. CLAUNCH, 5901 Clovis Ct., Watauga, Tex. 76248, is researching Christoph Ferdinand Greiner, a native of Germany, who lived around Paris and Clarksville, Tex.

He was mayor of Clarksville about 1885, and his wife's name was Dorothea (Bohlen) Greiner. Their children were Dorothea, Fredericka, O'tilda, Lina, Lenora, Herman Aaron, Otto Humboldt, and Ferdinand.

Information is also needed on the John B. Stinson family. He was born in Obion County, Tenn., in 1835 and had three sons by his first wife. They lived in Evansville, Ind.

Children by his second wife were all born in Lamar, Grayson, and Fannin counties. Their names were: Arthur Allen, John B. Jr., Willie Herman, Dora, Lee Roy, and Lillian.

Correspondence from descendants of the Stinson and Greiner families is welcomed.

MRS. JOHN PATTERSON, Box 62, Goldthwaite, Tex. 76844, would like information about the parents of Benjamin Franklin Virden, born 1835 in Georgia. Later he lived in Polk and Robertson counties, Tex. He died in 1903 in Mills County. His sons were John Josiah, Henry Hill, Ben. T., and William.

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FAMILY TREE

By DORIS D. POWELL

The early explorers of Oklahoma territory found scattered bands of Indians. These tribes were the Caddo, Wichita, Pawnee, Osage, Comanche, Kiowa, Cheyenne and Arapaho. Most of these tribes were nomadic tribes who set up camp wherever they were.

These Indians were on the Oklahoma region when it was first explored by the Spaniards in the 1500s. Francisco Coronado was the first white man to enter present day Oklahoma. He led an expedition from Tiguex, New Mexico, in 1541, and crossed the western part of the Oklahoma region after searching for the legendary Seven Cities of Cibola. Hernando de Soto, another Spanish explorer, entered the Oklahoma area in 1541. And in 1682 Robert Cavalier, Sieur de la Salle, traveled down the Mississippi River and claimed all the lands drained by the great river for France. Soon afterward other French explorers and traders entered this region by way of the Red and Arkansas Rivers.

FRANCE CLAIMED the Oklahoma Province as part of the Louisiana Province from the time of La Salle's exploration. In 1682 until the Treaty of Foutainbleau in 1762 Spain gained title of the Louisiana Province by terms of the treaty and owned the vast region for 38 years. Then in 1800 France regained the Louisiana Province and in 1803 France sold it to the United States under the Louisiana Purchase. In 1804 Louisiana included the present day Oklahoma and in 1805 it separated Louisiana from Indiana and organized it as a territory of Louisiana and 1812 Congress organized it as the Territory of Missouri which included both present day Oklahoma and Arkansas. Then in 1819 Arkansas was established as a separate territory.

THE ADAMS-ONIS Treaty in 1819 fixed the southern and western boundaries of Oklahoma except for the panhandle.

During the time there were a few bands of Osage, Caddo, Wichita, Comanche, Kiowa, and others but President Jackson wanted to move the eastern Indians into the vast territory of Oklahoma. A few Indians moved before 1820 but in 1824 the United States established two forts—Fort Gibson and Fort Towson. This was in preparation for the five civilized Indian tribes—the Cherokee, Creek, Chickasaw, Choctaw and Seminole. These five tribes had lived near settlers more than 100 years. During the years from 1820 to 1846 the Indians streamed into the territory. Five nations were formed and they had their own government.

During the Civil War most of the Indian tribes sided with the Confederates so were punished after the war. And most of the tribes were forced to take allotments for their land. Then on Sept. 16, 1893, 50,000 pioneers made the historic run for land. Soon the white settlers outnumbered the Indians five-to-one.

3-30-69

Reunion Plans Made for July By Gober Family Descendants

By DAMON VEACH

James Jackson Gober, son of Hiram White Gober and Elizabeth Burns Gober (second cousins), was born in Georgia. The family moved to Hester-ville, Miss., about 1845.



DAMON VEACH

James served in Company I, 13th Regiment of the Mississippi Confederate Army. He came to Texas in 1867 and married Martha E. Martin. After her death in 1873, he married Melinda Francis Crawford, daughter of John Francis Crawford and Almira Zachery.

John Crawford was born in Missouri in 1810, and his family was related to one of the early governors of that state. Almira Zachery was born Oct. 25, 1818, in Texas. Where are they buried, and where are the descendants of their family of about 11 children?

THE JAMES GOBER family moved to San Saba County in 1876. Issue: Walter Parks Gober, born July 18, 1875; Maggie Mae, Feb. 25, 1877; Lula, July 17, 1880; John Francis, Oct. 13, 1882. One of these children, Maggie Mae Gober McLerran, is still alive.

Walter Parks Gober married Mary Minerva Hardman on Jan. 17, 1897, in San Saba County. They were fourth cousins and both descendants

of William Gober, born in 1721 in England. Mary Hardman's parents were Leonard Ashberry Hardman and Mary Louzania Elizabeth Gober, daughter of William C. Gober and Nancy Lowery.

Correspondence on these family lines is requested by Mrs. Jack R. Cook, 1318 Alpine Drive, Andrews, Tex. 79714. A Gober family reunion is being planned for July, and all descendants are urged to contact Mrs. Cook as soon as possible.

JAMES JOEL HAMMANS was a member of the Pony Express mail system for the St. Joseph to Little Rock run. He was married to Eliza Jane Garland, daughter of (first name unknown) Garland and Rebecca Odom.

James Hammans' parents were Stokley Hamman(d)s and Mary Emily Swafford (daughter of Peter Swafford of England).

The Hammans family moved from Tennessee to Missouri, around Neosho and Purdy. Later, they moved to Spring Valley, Ark. More data is desired on these families. If anyone is interested in these lines, call Mrs. Nora Clementine Walker, MA 6-9593. (Any correspondence should be mailed to this column. Mrs. Walker is blind and has asked that written replies be coordinated through this correspondent.)

SEVERAL READERS have written that the Carolinas Genealogical Society of Monroe, N.C., can no longer take memberships. According to

Mrs. R. E. Heath, corresponding secretary:

"We appreciate Mr. Veach's recommendation of our bulletin in his column in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, but it has brought forth more requests for membership than we are able to handle." (Quote is from a letter received by Mrs. Colette Bird Thomas, Route 1, Box 180, Granbury, Tex. 76048)

A FEW COPIES of the 1952 edition of "The Frontier Postmasters" can still be obtained from Homer Stephen, 320 W. Sloan, Stephenville, 76401. There are 102 pages of outstanding data in this little book. Check with Stephen on price and number of copies available.

BELL COUNTY, Tex., was created on January 22, 1850 from Milam County, one of the original Texas counties. It comprised the western portion of Milam.

The boundaries of the attached territory in the new county are not clear in records, but they included a vast area lying between the upper Brazos and Colorado rivers, and now embraced wholly or partly in the counties of Coryell, Lampasas, Mills, Brown, Hamilton, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, and Burnet.

Volume I, Bell County, Texas Records, by Mrs. Louis C. Hill and Mrs. John T. Martin is an excellent compilation; priced at \$10; surname index, buckram binding, offset printing. Order from Mrs. Hill, Box 199, Gonzales, Tex. 78629. (Texans add 40 cents tax.)

Californian Seeks Gregg Family Data

By DAMON VEACH

John Henry Gregg was born Feb. 18, 1839, Red River County, Tex., and his father, Samuel Gregg, was born at Sulphur Bluff, Hopkins County, June 26, 1810. The family moved to California in 1869 or 1870. John Henry Gregg married Susanah Hargrave, daughter of Robert Hargrave, who came to Texas about 1842.

Data on this family is requested by Mrs. Henry L. Wintz, Box 1206, Cambria, Calif. 93428. There are many allied families still living in Texas, and she would like to correspond with these descendants.

Clyde H. Kimbrough, 449 Brookwood Drive, Auburn, Ala. 36830, would like to contact descendants of Bradley Kimbrough. He settled in Anderson County, Tex., in 1843, died in Henderson County in 1862, and had these children in Texas—John, William B., Elizabeth Roberson, Sarah Melissa Iley, and Sarah Emeling Haymon.

Kimbrough is editor and treasurer of the Kimbro-Kimbrough Genealogical Association. Information obtained

will be published in the Kimbro-Kimbrough Quarterly.

J. E. Williams, Box 1045, Brady, Tex. 76825, would like the names of parents, brothers, and sisters of Temple Perkins, who married Susanna Clement in Campbell County, Va., in 1799. All letters will be answered.

Mrs. E. F. Hampton, 1130 Nix Road, Lampasas, Tex. 76550, is interested in the ancestry of William Lamberth and Sarah Ann Duke(s) Lamberth. Their children were born in Alabama, the youngest in Henry County, May 3, 1877. Issue: Ann, Jeff, Molly, John, George, and Laura Ann.

After William Lamberth's death in 1877, Sarah Lamberth went to East Texas, probably Wood, Smith or Upshur County. She died in 1883. A family named Shamburger kept Laura Ann until she married Ollie Monroe Whitehurst on Feb. 26, 1893. All data on this family would be appreciated.

Ralph E. Pearson, 2218 Alta Vista Ave., Austin, Tex. 78704, has published a book called "A History of the Fee Family." No sample was submitted for evaluation, but the mimeographed notice states that all spellings of this surname are included.

Queries are printed in this format free of charge and may be any length. The only requirement is that they have a Texas connection.

Lore of Michiana Given in Column

By DAMON VEACH

Texans with Michiana ancestors will be glad to learn of a new column in the Elkhart, Ind., newspaper. The query service is free but should have a connection with Michigan or Indiana — called Michiana.

The compiler, Mrs. Bruce Fluke, 660 Strong Ave., Elkhart, Ind. 46514, asks that the queries be limited to 35 words, one query per letter, and be submitted in typed or printed form.

The column is provided by the Elkhart County Genealogical Society. The format gives helpful hints on genealogy and interesting facts about early Michiana as unearthed by society researchers.

Mrs. G. Funston Bilbrey, Route 2, 824 N. 5th, Frederick, Okla. 73542, is trying to find some record of where her ancestor, George Kiper Posey, was living after 1890. She would appreciate correspondence on the Posey families of Texas.

Mrs. Viva Sims Adkins, 605 Sunset Ter., Amarillo, 79106, is researching the ancestry of Elija and Olivia (Sims) Pipes, who lived in Dallas for years, moving there from Stephens County. Their children were Claud, Clark, Blanch, Larry, Grace and J. R. Pipes. Mrs. Adkins is very anxious to contact grandchildren or great-grandchildren.

Mrs. H. E. Chard, 102 East

Magnolia, Iowa Park, Tex. 76367, is interested in Berryman, Carlisle, or Lee families.

The latest issue of "The Echoer" contains more interesting data from the West Virginia area. It contains a sketch on Josiah Fox; more Ohio County, W. Va., marriage records; an article on the Greys of Wheeling; Beale Cemetery inscriptions (Mason County), and some acts of the General Assembly of Virginia — 1857-58.

The publication is mimeographed, 7½ pages of data, and available from Mary Freese Warrell, 398 Natl. Rd., Wheeling, W. Va. 26003. Subscription is \$4 a year and is issued monthly.

Mrs. Carl Dean Miller, Parkdale, Ark. 71661, would like to contact descendants of Henry Miller (1830-1926) and Lurilla Osborn, who are known to have had two sons: Lewis Bennett Miller, born 1861, Cooke County, Tex., taught Latin and Greek at Add-Ran College at Thorpe Springs 1881-83, unmarried at that time; Charles Herbert Miller (born 1866), married Ella Stockton.

Great-Niece Seeks OS Brand Owners

By DAMON VEACH

Mrs. John W. Wade Jr., Prairie Mountain Route, Llano 78643, is seeking information on her great-uncles, Andrew J. "Andy" and Francis Marion "Frank" Long, who in 1882 owned the O.S. cattle brand in Garza County. They owned several thousand head of cattle and had an interest in the Lexington Ranch at Snyder. They were owners of the O.S. cattle brand for 20 years.

Andy Long married Queenie I. Reien on Aug. 11, 1881, and had four children. Frank Long married Flora Linn, and they also had four children. All persons working on the Long family, any state, are requested to contact Mrs. Wade for exchange of data.

Mary Lee Moore, 421 Walnut, Colorado City 79512, has a book on the Sevier family by Z. Armstrong and will mail it to anyone interested in this surname. She also has the 1929 edition of the Texas State History of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Can any readers assist her with information on membership requirements for the U. D. C.?

Wayne C. Keeney, Rt. 6, 2917 Floyd Ave., Modesto, Calif. 95350, is interested in Mary Elizabeth Johnson, born 1862 in Madison County, Ark., daughter of Pleasant M. and Mary Ann (Young) Johnson. She married John Conner (probably from Washington County, Ark.), and they settled in the Odessa or Breckenridge areas. Any information on this family line would be greatly appreciated.

Miscellaneous Notes: Nan-

cie Robinton (a resident of Stanfordville, N.Y.) has a genealogical column called "Ancestor Questor" in the Hyde Park Townsman, Dutchess Suburban Newspapers, Hyde Park, N.Y. (Ref. Vol. 1, No. 4, "Genealogist's Digest, Jan. '68).

Another column of interest to readers is "Climbing the Family Tree," written by Hugh S. Watson Jr. and appearing in the Newport News, Va., Press. No further data is known on these two columns. Contact the newspapers before submitting queries. There may be limitations on number of words and localities.

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Information Asked On Indian Lineage

By DAMON VEACH

Mrs. Iva M. Roberts of 604 N. Alice Ave., Monahans, Tex. 79756, would like to correspond on the Jimmie White family of Tennessee and Texas.

He was married to an Indian girl named Moore. She had been given to the Moore family when the Cherokee tribe was driven into the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma).

They had seven boys and three girls. The only known names are Mattie, George, Dick, Jud, Charlie and Thomas Huse White (Mrs. Roberts' father).

They settled in or near Georgetown, Tex., about 1869. Thomas married Louanna Rice at Burkett, Tex., and Jud married Fannie Stroud in Indiana Territory. Charlie married a girl called Lena (no surname known), and Dick married a girl called Kate in or near Goldthwaite.

Mrs. Roberts would like to learn more of her maternal ancestry, her Indian lineage. Any correspondence on these family lines would be appreciated.

Mrs. Bette H. Leatherwood of 502 LeFevre, Salisbury, Mo., 65281, would like to learn more about her great-grandfather, William Newcum Blackwell, born June 13, 1853, at Wheel, Bedford Co., Tenn.;

died March 7, 1907, Coal Co., Okla.; married Oct. 24, 1872, Mary Elizabeth Edwards; born April 3, 1852, Winchester, Ark.; died Aug. 24, 1899, Coal Co., Okla.

Information Sought On Major's Family

By DAMON VEACH

Miss Patricia Chadwell, 2966A McCart, Fort Worth 76110, is looking for descendants of Maj. James Woosley, who was born around 1811 in Christian County, Ky.

He lived in Illinois, Jackson and Caldwell Counties, Mo.; Crawford County, Ark., and Cass and Hunt Counties, Tex. He had nine children, five of whom are known — Nathan, William, James B., Joseph and Thomas Keese Woosley.

Maj. Woosley married Patience Bailey, born in Tennessee around 1830 (where?). During the Civil War, he served as major in the 34th Arkansas Infantry and in Gunter's Arkansas Cavalry. Any information regarding the ancestry of either James Woosley or Patience Bailey will be appreciated.

(Note: Miss Chadwell is noted for her work in genealogy and history. She is head librarian of the Southwest and Genealogy Section of the Fort Worth Public Library and has helped many researchers with their family history problems. It would be so very nice if some reader could help her with this Woosley-Bailey inquiry.)

Mrs. G. W. Range, 1809 Melody Lane, Garland, Tex., 75040, would like to correspond with descendants of Sylvanua Olinger. He settled in Parker County in 1851, but by July 1860, his first wife, Eliza Campbell, had died and he had remarried to a widow, Mary (Polly) Wier Hood.

According to tax lists, he owned Town Lot No. 5 in Birdville, as well as 150 acres near West Fork in Tarrant County. In 1864, this property was rendered in the name of his widow.

Mrs. Joel Smith, Route 2, Box 288, Gladewater, Tex., 75647 has resumed the writing of her column, "Head Hunting," after a long absence due to illness. Appearing in the Gilmer Mirror, it should prove to be an excellent asset to persons in this section of Texas.

With the great number of Mormons in the Gilmer area, it is a popular topic with many readers. Ray H. Greene, editor of the Mirror, sent a clipping showing the

vast upgrading of records at the Upshur County Library.

Facilities in this area have been greatly improved and should be utilized by all. Contact Mrs. Smith at her home address or through the newspaper, but don't overlook this outlet for free query service. She can help you in your research, and is well qualified for genealogical advice in Upshur and surrounding counties.

Information Sought On Louisiana Pair

Mrs. Mabel Willbanks Hebert, 1343 Charlton Street, Alexandria, La. 71301, is searching for information on Wiley and Bartus Willbanks. The last record of them was in Rapides Parish, La., in 1840.

Wiley was probably the father of Bartus. Hearsay is that father and son left Louisiana and went to Texas after the 1840 census and before the 1850 census. The Texas 1850 Index to Census does not list either.

Mrs. Hebert would also like to locate a Miss Henrietta D. Wilbanks, who, in June 1959, was residing at 4919 Homer St., Dallas. Her query on Wilbanks appeared in the Genealogical Register, published in Baton Rouge, La., in June 1959.

Marion Francis Dillanunty was born in 1823 and died in Detroit, Tex. How was he related to Mildred Dillanunty, who was married to a Mr. Batte and died in Mount Pleasant, Tex., in 1859? This family lived in Henry and Davidson Counties, Tenn., after 1800 and prior to this time in Chatham and Jones Counties, N.C.

Any information on this family line should be directed to W. Henry Ogden Jr., 1801 Ardath St., Wichita Falls, Tex. 76301. Ogden's great-grandmother was Susan Elizabeth Carter, descendant of Thomas Carter of Barford, Va.

"Genealogical Acorn" is now a quarterly. It was formerly a bi-monthly. Address: G. A. B. Publications, Inc., P.O. Box 11705, Tampa, Fla. 33610.

Mrs. John L. Feeney, 8903 Belleview, Kansas City, Mo. 64114, needs to know the parents of William Alvin Terrell, who came from Tennessee to Fayette County, Tex., and married Mary Ann Hutchison, born 1825, died 1896, buried Elm Grove, Tex.

Issue: Margaret Frierson, Nancy Darling, Frances Darling, Sarah Hickman, Thomas, William, Walter, James Milton, James Lucian, born 1857 and married Mattie Westbrook, daughter of Robert Newton Westbrook and Ellen Kennon (Mississippi to Texas).

Who were the parents of Westbrook and Ellen Kennon? Also the parents of William E. Kelley, born Alabama, married Mary Malone, Pensacola, Fla., to Texas, Fayette County?

Mrs. Maurine R. Herod, 8 W. Main St., Artesia, N.J. 83210, is trying to locate descendants of Robert Washington Martin, known to have lived and died in Fort Worth, dates not known though he was living possibly as late as 1930.

He was the son of Robert Marion Martin, born Oct. 1826, and Martha Bush Oden, born 1828 in Autauga County, Ala.

His wife's name was nie, and he had two sons, ile and Bert, and daughter Emma, Annie and Z some of whom lived at time in Saginaw and-or-son, Tex. No replies have been received from towns. Can readers of column help Mrs. Herod?

Jones Descendants In Ft. Worth Sought

By DAMON VEACH

John Wesley Jones, born Aug. 29, 1844, at Ecu, Miss., was the son of James H. and Martha (Weatherall) Jones. James H. was born Feb. 7, 1823, and his wife was born Feb. 22, 1819. Both were born in South Carolina and were married July 13, 1843.

Adam Crane Jones was a second cousin of John Wesley Jones and lived in Fort Worth between 1884 and 1920. The 1918 City Directory for Fort Worth lists an Adam C. Jones as residing at 1818 May St., but no later references can be found.

D. B. Jones, 925 N.E. Front St., De Kalb, Tex. 75559, would like to find some member of the A. C. Jones family. Are there descendants still living in Fort Worth or vicinity?

Don Brown, 2053 Berdan Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43613, had ancestors in Nacogdoches County as early as 1833. William Whitaker, born about 1783 in North Carolina, and his wife, Elizabeth Hammond, born about 1787, probably in Kentucky, were married in Kentucky and were in Lincoln County, Tenn., by 1810.

In the early 1830s, they left Hardeman County, Tenn., where they had moved in the 1820s, for Nacogdoches, Tex. William died in Nacogdoches in 1836, and his widow was living somewhere in Texas as late as 1850.

Where and when did Elizabeth Whitaker die? Children of this couple were Benjamin, Nancy (who married John William Crain), Isaac, Narcissa (who married James McKenzie and then Starling Nuckolls), America (who married Sackville Easter), Amanda (who married John A. Bowers), and Emily (who married Stephen F. Sparks). Most of these children moved

to Nacogdoches with their parents.

Any descendant should contact Brown at the Toledo address.

Vadis Neely, Rt. 1, Box 119, Tolar, Tex. 76476, would like to find an adopted aunt, Lillie Smiley. She had a son called Kirby Smiley. They are related to the Jim Dodds, who lived in Ada, Okla. Lillie Smiley lived in Mineola and Tyler and last contacts with her date to 1938. She was believed to have gone to New Mexico or Arizona. Can anyone help to locate the Smiley family?

Mrs. Anna M. Graydon, 12081 Woodbine Drive, Santa Ana, Calif. 92705, is interested in the Pitchford and Gober families of Texas.

Several members of these families migrated from Georgia to Texas about 1850 and settled in Wood and Parker Counties. Family tradition states that they settled the town of Quitman, and many of the Pitchfords are buried in the cemetery in Brock, near Weatherford in Parker County.

Mrs. Graydon would like to have the listings for the Brock Cemetery if they have been copied. (Note: Check with the Fort Worth Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 864, Fort Worth 76101. This cemetery is included in one of the society's interesting projects.)

Wednesday Morning, March 5, 1969

YOUR TEXAS ANCESTORS

Irish Pioneer Came To Kansas in 1861

By DAMON VEACH

Ellias B. Criss came to the United States in 1846. He was born in Ireland in 1844, and his parents were originally from England. Crissy is believed to have lived in West Virginia and moved to Douglas County, Kan. in 1861.

His known children were: Ed Criss, Belle Parry and Annie Pearl Sumpter, all buried at Pawhuska, Okla.; Iva Tilliotharp, lived at Lindsay, Okla.; Frank Criss, lived in Fort Worth; Mae Cross, of California; Grace Bogart, of Decatur, Ill. Ellias B. Criss' wife was a Stump.

Correspondence on this family should be directed to Judy Hugg Grimes, 1957 Seminole, Amarillo, Tex. 79103. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Edna S. Miller, 2211 Post Road, Austin, Tex. 78704, is interested in the May family of Belfast, Ireland. They came to New Orleans in the early 1800s. Hannah May married a Bell, and they lived in New Orleans.

Rev. William Lane Wilhite, circuit rider, southern Methodist preacher, Santa Clara Valley (Ventura County, Calif.) in the late 1870s, was born in Tennessee in 1834, traveled by covered wagon from Texas to California in 1857.

His wife, Sarah Short, of Missouri, and a daughter, Eliza (married J. C. Hartman, Camarillo, Calif.), accompanied him. Another daughter, Lottie, married Charles Harthorn, Fillmore, Calif. The Rev. Mr. Wilhite died in 1931

at the age of 97. A grandson, Leon Harthorn, is the present city manager of Fillmore, Calif.

Any information on the Texas Wilhite connections will be appreciated. Contact Floyd K. Legan Jr., 1717 E. Telegraph Road, Fillmore, Calif., 93015.

Researchers with Indiana connections will be interested in the column "Up Your Family Tree," appearing in the Ekhardt Truth. Information on the column can be obtained from Mrs. Rosemary McDaniel, 912 Shady Lane, Elkhart, Ind. 46514.

Mrs. Nancy Parkes, author of "Family Trees," appearing in the Jackson, Miss., newspaper, is branching out to other states - Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and possibly Florida and Kentucky. It had been exclusively Mississippi for five years, and now, with interest in these other states, researchers will want to send queries for free publication. Her home address is P. O. Box 387, Louisville, Miss. 39339.

Mrs. Charles E. Bohnert, 1825 Loudon Heights Road, Charleston, W. Va. 25314, is interested in Jonathan Slaughter, who was supposed to have come from Virginia or North Carolina, spent his youth in Texas, and then returned to Hawkesville, Ga., and was later one of the first settlers in Florida. He is buried at Concord Church, Madison County, Fla., near the old Drew Plantation.

All correspondence on this Slaughter family would be appreciated.

Wednesday Morning, March 12, 1969

YOUR TEXAS ANCESTORS

Society Publication An Important Asset

By DAMON VEACH

Texas has many outstanding genealogical societies. One of the foremost of this group is the Permian Basin Genealogical Society of Odessa. Its publication, "The Treeshaker," is one of the best of its kind.

In a recent issue, such items as the 1880 census of Tom Green County, Bogue and Caldwell Bible records, burials at Mentone, Loving County, Civil War veterans' graves in Fairview Cemetery (Midland) and the Johnson family of Comanche County make the publication an important genealogical asset.

The quality of the printing and the excellent paper stock make this society publication one of the best in the nation. For further information on the group's activities, write Mrs. Dan B. Hemphill, 1007 West 15th, Odessa, Tex. 79760.

Mrs. Carrie Rankin Womack, 600 W. 9th St., Quanah, Tex. 79252, is doing research on the Rankin family. She is interested in tracing a Mr. Kidd (possibly W. W. Kidd), who was a contractor in the Fort Worth area, having built some of the business buildings between 1900 and 1916.

Was his mother's maiden

name Caroline Rankin? She was born in Milan, Gibson County, Tenn., and came with her parents to Pope County, Ark., in 1838 or 1839.

Mrs. Womack would also like data on Dr. Robert Johnson, whose mother was a Rankin. He is known to have lived and practiced medicine in Lubbock in 1912. He and his wife, Abby, had four married children at that time, two of whom were Dalton and Florence (Flossy).

Dalton and a brother and another sister lived in Fort Worth in 1912. Florence's husband was a newspaperman in Hereford at that time. Caroline Rankin was known to have been married more than once. Were Kidd and Dr. Johnson half-brothers?

Mrs. Gerald B. McLane, 112 Leach St., Hot Springs, Ark. 71901, has quite a few items of genealogical interest for sale. Census and tax records and some marriage records are nominally priced. A brochure will be furnished upon request.

Roy Arrington, 525 Carroll St., Spur, Tex. 79370, would like to contact descendants of the Edmiston family, who lived at King, Coryell County in 1895. Known family members are Albert, Lane, and Ida, probably the older ones, and Ora and Charlie, children of Albert. This family was originally from Arkansas, and they founded the Edmiston Cafe in Coryell County.

Arrington will gladly exchange data on this family.

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JEFFERSON'S EXCELSIOR HOUSE AND MUSEUM

Colorful City of Jefferson Beating Jay Gould's Curse

By **GEORGE W. HAWKES**
C-J Publisher

JAY GOULD, the great railroad magnate, wanted to build his railroad yards in Jefferson, Texas, in 1884, then a thriving city of 35,000 people.

Jefferson had been established on the banks of Big Cypress Bayou in 1836, the year of Texas Independence from Mexico. Steamboats made their way from Shreveport by way of Caddo Lake and the Big Cypress, and Jefferson became the gateway to Texas, ranking second only to Galveston in importance. The small villages and towns in the interior of Texas depended largely upon Jefferson for their goods, and palatial steamboats, all stern-wheelers, plied their way up and down the river, lakes and bayous, unloading goods at plantation landings and taking on cotton bales that had been brought overland from as far as Arkansas.

During the Civil War, Jefferson played an important role in behalf of the Confederacy. The Rebel government established slaughter and packing houses there; boots, shoes and uniforms were manufactured for the army; and the town served as an embarkation center for Southern troops. Stagecoaches met the steamers, and Jefferson played a significant role in the early pioneer

mahogany furniture, including marble-topped dressers and spool beds.

"Exselsior" means "onward," and this might well be the banner that is being carried by the Jessie Allen Wise Garden Club whose members take turns at operating the hostelry and serving as hostesses. You can spend the night in any of several famous rooms or suites at a reasonable price, enjoy breakfast the likes which have long been forgotten elsewhere, browse in the antique-laden drawing rooms that once resounded with the strains of famous orchestras and look at the aged register containing such names as President Rutherford B. Hayes, John Jacob Aster, W. H. Vanderbilt, General U. S. Grant and Oscar Wilde, to name but a few.

Across the street directly in front of the Excelsior House is the private railroad car, "The Atalanta," which at one time belonged to Jay Gould. It was presented to Jefferson people by the T&P Railroad, and it is rather ironic that the once proud private car of the man who predicted the end of Jefferson should end its career as a tourist attraction within several hundred feet of the spot where its owner once pronounced the community's ultimate demise.

Colonial architecture, the weatherboarding was shipped by boat from the East U. S. Coast to New Orleans and then to Jefferson by river steamer. Its walls on the lower floor are 14-inches thick, and each of the eight huge rooms is marked with its own great open fireplace.

"The Manse," now owned by the Garden Club, was our second stop. Built in 1839, it is the oldest structure in Jefferson, and has been recognized by Congress as having architecture worthy of preservation as a historical landmark. It was purchased by the Garden Club from the Presbyterian Church which had used it as a Manse for over 50 years, and it has been completely restored and furnished with appropriate antique furniture, some of which has been with the house for more than 130 years.

Across the street is the House of Seasons, built by Col. Ben Epperson, an associate of Sam Houston during the days of the Republic of Texas. By climbing winding stairs, the visitor reaches the four-colored lookout. To the north, the window panes are the blue glass from England, representing winter; to the east the spectator looks at the countryside through red glass from Belgium, representing spring; to the south the green glass from Germany into the pines and

Gould came to town, so the story goes, to seek to establish his rail terminal there, but the natives would have none of it. In disgust, he signed the register at the Excelsior Hotel with a jay-bird sketch to represent his first name, and with a flourish at the bottom of the page wrote "The End of Jefferson." Before he left, he predicted that "grass would grow in the streets" and that Jefferson would fade from sight.

At Marshall, some 16 miles to the south, Gould located his railroad terminal, and as predicted, Jefferson soon began to decline.

The "Red River raft," which served as a sort of navigational lock farther down the river, was destroyed (reason unknown), which allowed the water level in the Big Cypress to be lowered to the point that steamship was no longer possible. And Jefferson began to see the curse of Gould come true.

WE HAD long wanted to visit Jefferson, for whatever were the causes of the decline of the Jefferson of the late 19th century, the little community of "moss and mystery" had refused to fade into the pages of its illustrious history because its modern day citizens realized the great heritage that was theirs and are moving to once again make Jefferson come alive.

Attendance at the North and East Texas Press convention in Marshall gave us that opportunity two weeks ago, and it was one of the most delightful experiences from among our numerous Texas pilgrimages.

First stop after finding one's way along the banks of Big Cypress Bayou where the paddle-wheeler, "The Cypress Queen," still, in tourist season, will take you from the present into the colorful past, we stopped first at the now restored Excelsior House that has been in continuous operation since the late 1850's. Constructed of brick and timber, with its lacy iron-work gallery, it still possesses the faint lavender fragrance of gracious living now over a century old. The hotel is an antique dealer's delight with its tourist rooms containing maple, cherry and

A HALF BLOCK south of The Excelsior is the Jefferson Historical Museum. Step across its threshold and you enter into the days of your grandmother or great-grandmother. You relive, in the early Texana collection, a time of hard work and hospitality in East Texas, a time of agrarian eminence fostering the first Texas industry, a time of rivertown gaiety that once was Jefferson of the 1880's.

Descend to the lower floor and you appreciate anew the beauty of hand-crafted objects and the patience required to produce them. In authentically designed "rooms," the museum recreates the burgeoning Country Store with its central, pot-bellied stove; the Blacksmith Shop hung with tools slave-forged in Georgia; a Pioneer Kitchen, hub or activity iron cooking and eating to molding tallow candles; and a Leather Shop featuring boots and lasts and even a saddle-maker's bench dating back to the 1700's.

The main floor of what was once the postoffice and federal court house, boasts an original document signed by Thomas Jefferson, for whom the town was named. Successive display cases tell the story of its growth and of its first inhabitants, and of its numerous industries which included the nation's first artificially-made ice plant.

Sam Houston cut a memorable path through the area in the early years, but not before it was recorded on documents that bear his signature, and one case contains an item that belonged to the late Abe Rothschild, accused murderer in the famous "Diamond Bessie Trail" that is re-enacted each year during the Pilgrimage at the Jefferson Playhouse.

Up the four-part stairway reminiscent of the old court-houses of yesteryears, the former Federal Court room and outlying offices can offer many delightful hours if you can find the time to browse its paintings, objects de arte, gun collections, sculpture and furniture, many of which are beyond value.

THERE ARE 47 buildings and homes in Jefferson which bear the official historic Texas Medallion. Our touring newsmen were shown only two of them. One was the "Freeman Plantation," a Louisiana-raised cottage built in 1850 of slave-made bricks and cypress. Of French-

THE PAGES of history will turn back again this May 2-4 as the town stages its 22nd Annual Jefferson Historical Pilgrimage.

Jeffersonians have a central theme as the days draw nearer — work, work, work! There is much to be done to prepare for the ever-increasing number of visitors from throughout the nation who will wend their way to this quaint little town to be met by costumed characters roaming the streets and church ladies serving as hostesses at the century-old houses and churches. Jefferson will roll out its welcome mat for thousands of visitors who will have the clock rolled back for them in a delightful Pilgrimage that gains in stature and fame as the years go by.

"The Jefferson Jimplicute," the town's 103-year-old newspaper, will get out its annual historical edition, a copy of which is a prized souvenir of our all-to-brief visit. We truly enjoyed our initial Pilgrimage to "the land of moss and mystery." We'd like to go back again soon! Come join us!



"HOUSE OF SEASONS" AND "THE MANSE"

YOUR TEXAS ANCESTORS

Information Sought On State Pioneers

By DAMON VEACH

Mrs. Daisy M. Brown, Route 1, Eden Texas 76837, would like information on Phillip Charmlin McGlasson and Abraham Conn Loveless. McGlasson came from Virginia about 1850 and settled in Lamar County. He married Allie Bennett, daughter of Walter Minor Bennett and Adella Hunniwood Greene, who lived in Lamar County in 1860.

Loveless was born at London, Ky., 1848, and settled in Brown County, in 1870. In 1880, he married Frances A. Robinson, from Bedford County, Tenn. The family moved to Concho County in 1901. Any assistance on these families would be appreciated.

WILLIAM M. RILEY married Dec. 9, 1834, Perry County, Ala., Caroline Etheridge, born Oct. 8, 1816. He died in 1848; she died in July, 1876.

Issue: Cynthia Ellen Riley, born May 30, 1836, died 1875, married Lofton Reeves Boyd; Sarah Antoinette Riley, born Oct. 8, 1838, died prior to 1876, married Tom Herod; Benjamin Franklin Riley, born Oct. 29, 1840, died Sept. 1, 1897, married Sarah Gabriellen McGee (Magee); Emily Adaline Riley, born March 15, 1845, died in 1863, unmarried; Martha Armer Riler, born Oct. 13, 1858, died prior to 1876, married George Lynch.

After William M. Riley's death, Carline married Seaborn H. McCormick, and they had Parilee, born 1849, (married Ward S. Speight), Charley, born Sept. 22, 1853, and Laura, born Sept. 17, 1855, (married Joseph A. Kelly). On the 1880 census of Freestone County Benjamin Franklin Riley stated that his father was born in Georgia.

No record of William M. Riley has ever been found. Where is he buried? What part of Georgia did the Riley family come from and was

there a will probated after William's death? Correspondence is requested on this family by Mrs. Maurice R. Herod, 408 W. Main St., Artesia, N.M. 88210.

TOM UNDERWOOD, 2416 Post Oak Road, Rockdale, Texas 76567, is a descendant of Daniel Gilleland, who came to Texas in 1821 with one of the first groups of Austin's colonists. He lived until around 1840 in Columbus and La Grange area, then moved to San Andres Crossing on the San Gabriel River, where he lived until his death.

Nothing is known of his wife except her first name, Purcella. His sons have all been traced except James and Stephen, who seem to have completely vanished. His daughter, Mary Lester, reportedly married an Anders, but nothing else is known of this marriage. Daniel Gilleland had one brother, James, who had descendants in Travis County. James was active in early Methodism and founded the Methodist Church in Bastrop, Texas.

In addition to the Gilleland families, Underwood would also like to hear from researchers with Knight lines in Madison County and Jones lines in Alabama.

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YOUR TEXAS ANCESTORS

Genealogical Group Plans May Meeting

By DAMON VEACH

The Local History and Genealogical Society of Dallas in cooperation with the Dallas Public Library will sponsor their 15th Annual Genealogical Institute and Workshop May 9-10.

The May 9 meeting will be in the Lone Star Gas Co. Auditorium and the May 10 meeting in the Dallas Public Library. President H. W. Anderson will preside. Mrs. James Ross MacDonald is the general chairman, and Dr. and Mrs. Kenn Stryker-Rodda are the guest speakers.

The subject of the workshop is "Genealogical Sources for Colonial New York and New Jersey." On Friday afternoon both the Dutch and the English colonial period will be discussed, and Friday evening the Dutch naming system will be explained.

To conclude the evening program, Mrs. Stryker-Rodda will talk on "Preparing a Family Genealogy." Saturday morning Dr. and Mrs. Stryker-Rodda will give the final lecture of their series with "Long Island Sources," and "New Jersey Sources."

Persons interested in genealogical research are cordially invited to attend. There will be a registration fee of \$1.

Miss Jennie Chapman Stovall, Dallas Highway, Waxachie, Tex. 75165, is seeking the ancestry, possibly Cherokee, of James and Mary (Speaks) Rogers, whose son, Emory W. Rogers (born 1813, Lawrence County, Ala., died 1874, Ellis County, Texas) married Sept. 19, 1833, Nancy Clinton Minter, born 1811, Alabama, died 1875, Texas.

The first three children were born in Alabama; the remaining four were born in

Texas. Their names were: William Thomas, Mary Frances, James, Tandy Walker, America Beatrice, Hansford Speaks and Charles Paine.

All of these people, as well as James' daughter, Jane, migrated to Texas in 1839, soon after the break-up of the Cherokee nation. Presumably they were several years in their migration from Alabama, coming through Arkansas and Louisiana.

What does the W. in Emory's name stand for, and because of the spelling of Emory, is he descended from Emory (Elizabeth) and her third husband, Capt. John (Hell Fire) Rogers, an Indian trader?

Any information on Emory's line will be appreciated. He is the founder of Waxachie, which he named. From what language (Indian) does it come?

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Assistance Sought
In Locating Family

By DAMON VEACH

Mrs. Faye Boren Austin, P. O. Box 3015, Odessa, Tex. 79760, would like assistance in locating the Andrews family that settled in and around these Texas counties: Ellis, Ennis, Erath, Lamar, Fisher, Nolan.

Johanna M. Andrews (called Joan) was born about 1858-59 in Ellis or Burleson County. She was married in 1874 in Ellis County, Joseph Ridgeway Boren. According to family tradition, a John M. (or A.) Andrews was appointed guardian for Johanna M. Andrews at a very early age. In the 1860 Burleson County census, the W. S. Andrews family is listed. He was 42, a farmer, born in North Carolina. His wife was Eliza (?), age 42, born in Alabama, and Johanna is shown as being one year old. The same W. S. Andrews is in the 1880 Ellis County census and married to Nancy (?), age 38. He was 62.

Other lines of interest to Mrs. Austin are: Boren, Gillespie, Brewer, Murdock, Ridgeway, Hurst, Austin. She will gladly exchange data with interested researchers.

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Mrs. Peggy Frances Stout, 1321 Hurstview Drive, Hurst, Tex. 76053, is seeking information on Annie V. Hynson Howell. She married William Perry Howell on Aug. 30, 1903, in Tyler. Where is she buried? Mrs. Stout has searched several years and has not been able to learn anything about this ancestor.

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Mrs. J. A. Guadagnolo of 415 Harriett, Arlington, Tex.

76010, is trying to locate some of the family of Tennie J. Woody, who married A. P. W. Coe in Dallas County in 1885. She died in childbirth in 1886. She had a sister who married a Murphy and had two daughters. Where are their descendants?

Mrs. Guadagnolo is also interested in Henry Crig Walters, born 1851, Mississippi. Who were his parents? He had a sister, Sally, and two brothers, Oliver and Marion. His first wife was Iseta Stone. Their children were Ruth Sirda, born 1873, Trinity County, Tex.; Nannie Agnas, born 1875; Joe Marion, born 1883, married Savannah Walker around Waxahachie, Tex. They were divorced, but their descendants were: Charles Franklin, born 1888; Willie, born ??, married Albert Jinkins, died after 1954 at Donna, Tex. (Correspondence is desired from children of this marriage: daughter, Billy Summers of San Antonio; other children, unknown.) Mary Marie, another child of Henry and Iseta Stone Walters, was born in 1894, Mart, Tex.

Iseta (Stone) Walters' mother was a Smith, and she had two half-brothers named Houston and Emmerson Smith. Houston had a daughter named Lizzie. These boys lived around Mart in the early 1900s.

Henry Craig Walters' second wife was Hattie Smith, and they were married in 1895 in Falls County, Tex. This marriage also ended in divorce, and their only child, a girl, was put up for adoption. If she is still living, she would be 73 years old.

By DAMON VEACH
Mrs. E. J. Kearby, 2613 McKinley Ave., Fort Worth 76106, is trying to learn the



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first name of the wife of G. B. C. (Cephus) Patten. She was the daughter of E. N. Clement and was born some time between the years 1851-1861. She had a brother, Willie (W. G.) Clement, born July, 1856. One of the Patten daughters, Annie, married a Mr. Reynolds of Azle and they had one or two sons. Sy Patten is believed to be alive and in a rest home in Plainview. The old Patten home was on the Springtown Road, about 10 miles north of Weatherford. E. N. Clement's wife was Maryland Clifton, and they were married in 1851, Red River County.

MRS. ELVEDA STARKEY, Rt. 2, Rusk, Tex. 75785, would like to hear from descendants of Woodson D. and Levissa Henry. He was born about 1816 in Tennessee and came to Texas from Alabama in 1837.

Their children were: James C., born 1838 Nancy C., born 1840 Permelia F., born 1843, and Ezekiel L., born 1847. Nancy C. Henry married Thomas W. Summers on July 2, 1856 in Cherokee County, Tex.

MARY E. KENNON, 2502 Sixth Ave., Fort Worth 76110, has searched for more than 25 years for Ollie R. Kennon, born about 1880-90 in Ellis County, Tex.

He resided in Fort Worth at one time and served in World War I. Ellis County records show he married Birdia Florence Baker, and they had a daughter, born Dec. 2, 1930. Any information on Ollie R. Kennon, his descendants or

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his parentage would be appreciated.

MRS. T. L. HOSIER, 1305 W. Illinois, Midland, Tex. 79701, needs information on Jefferson Davis, born 1838, Illinois, came to Texas sometime after 1910 from Missouri, supposedly to the Sundown area. He died in Texas between 1921-26. He had been married several times and left descendants in Missouri and Oklahoma, but nothing is known of him after his move to Texas.

THOMAS RUSSEL Whiteside, Box 646, Center, Tex. 75935, is researching the Whiteside family — John (1730-1765) John W. (1758-1835) Moses (1788-1866); James Moses (1823-1865) James Monroe (1852-1920) Thomas Pierce (1883-1951) Thomas Russell (1912-).

The children of Moses Whiteside (of near Anniston, Ala.) were: Rachel A., born 1811; Eleanor K., born 1813 John W., born 1815, married July 22, 1835, Martha Blair, and moved to Bell County, Tex.; H. M. S., born 1817; Mary A., born 1818; James M., born 1823, married Nancy ???, moved to Shelby County, Tex. in early 1850s.

Also, Rebecca A., born 1822, married Russell Kelley, moved to Texas Martha M., born 1824, married Henry W. Wolfe (or Woolf), moved to Texas; Sarah Jane, born 1825, married Joel Nabors) Adeline (or Eileen), born 1826, died 1840; Nancy Clarissa, born 1828, married Thomas M. Roden; W. Elizabeth, born 1829,

married G. Franklin Cowden. (The Cowdens had one girl, E. T., on census of Calhoun County, Ala., 1850).

The Wolfe family had Marshall, Mary A., Moses, H. Washington, Sarah A., Clarissa and E. C. John William Whiteside, Jr.'s son married Julia A. Cobb, and he is buried at Celina, Tex. They married Feb. 9, 1862.

Moses Whiteside died in Alabama in 1866 without leaving a will. In the settlement of his estate, which was considerable, the mention of the following grandchildren living in Texas along with others are given as Sarah A., Thomas Calaway, Moses Hugh, James Monroe Stark, and Mary. These are early Shelby County, Tex. families.

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Genealogists in U.S. Mourn Death of Family Researcher

By DAMON VEACH

Verlie Katherine (Baillio) Smith was a noted genealogist. Her work was not limited to Texas but covered other areas of the United States. Verlie died April 22, 1969, in Glade water of a heart attack, and researchers throughout the country will mourn her passing.



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At the time of her death, she was writing a column, "Head Hunting," in the Gilmer Mirror. She was plagued with recurring heart attacks but always managed to bounce back to her great love, family research.

Family members are in the process of going through her genealogy papers now, and if any readers have requested information in recent months, they are asked to contact Gladys (Baillio) Wilson, P.O. Drawer 697, Hillsboro, 76645, who is trying to coordinate unfinished assignments.

VERLIE (BAILLIO) Smith will not be forgotten. Her contributions to genealogy will be remembered for years to come. She has left a lasting mark of devotion on the field of family research, and her tireless efforts toward the preservation of early Texas records will not go unnoticed. A fellow genealogist and friend, Verlie was an inspiration, a hard worker against insurmountable odds.

The 9th reunion of the Wynans (Winant, Wynant) family will be June 29, at McArthur Park, Pavilion No. 4, San Antonio, at 9 a.m. This pioneer Texas family immigrated from Amsterdam, Holland, and settled in New York in 1640. They moved to Elizabethtown, N.J. (now Elizabeth), and eventually scattered throughout America. They came to Bastrop, Tex., in 1835.

Genealogical data is being gathered on all branches of

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the family, all descending from John Winans (and variant spellings) and Susannah Melyn of Staten Island. No reservations will be necessary, but each family is asked to bring "an old-fashion" basket lunch which will be served buffet style. Iced tea and coffee will be furnished on the grounds. All descendants are invited.

MRS. CHARLES E. Hart, P.O. Box 20368, Dallas, 75220 is interested in Jerre Jackson and his wife, Susan Rice Jackson. He was born in 1804, probably North Carolina or Maryland; she was born 1805, possibly North Carolina. Their first child, Frances Jane, was born in Missouri, and they are shown in Ralls County, Mo. on the 1830 census with two children under age 5. The male child is Thomas Archibald Jackson.

These two children lived and died in Missouri. Other children were: James William, born 1833, married Elizabeth Dryden; Zalby Anne, born 1831, married a Winters; Susan Adoline, born 1835, married a Meek; Harriet P., born 1837, married a Kelley (?); Jerre Robert, born 1840, married Alzada Mauldin. Jerre Jackson came to Texas about 1861 or 1862.

Several members of the family are buried in the old Oak Cliff Cemetery on East Eighth Street, Dallas. Allied lines of the Jackson family are Denton, Hart, Ledbetter, Brown, Cross, Horton, Dryden, Hill, McHenry, Merrifield and Kelley.

All descendants are urged to contact Mrs. Hart as soon

as possible. She is compiling a family history and would like to include as many as possible in the family record.

MRS. ADELIA (Stewart) Sallee, 1020 McNamee, Norman, Okla., 73069 is researching the John W. Killeen-Elizabeth Choate family of Henderson County, 1851. She was the oldest daughter of Champion and Anne Choate. Mrs. Sallee offers a cash reward for proof on this lineage. She also invites correspondence on Henry and Elizabeth Goodnight of Tennessee, 1832.

Reader Seeking Data On J. C. McShan Clan

By DAMON VEACH

Mrs. Vivian McShan Gray, Rt. 1, Box 11, Harwood 78632, seeks information on the following:



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Parents of James Chambers McShan listed in the 1850 census of Ashley County, Ark., from North Carolina (issue: Carolina, age 20; Nancy, age 18; Robert, age 17; George W., age 26). James Chambers McShan was 63 at that time, and his wife, Susannah, was 53. All the children were born in Mississippi. George W. McShan was said to be a doctor and owned property in Jasper County.

Mrs. Gramation or (Chairs), (Arkansas) died June 19, 1877, in Tex. and (Laspy), living in (County), Albert Blo 1837, Mad was in Ar in 1858.



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living in Autauga County, Ala., in 1850. John and Kitty Davenport were living in Rusk County, Tex., in 1870. Kitty died there in 1871. In 1880, John was living in the Rusk County household of his son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Matilda Davenport.

He spent his last few years in Fannin County as a U.S. Star-Route mail carrier on

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M. Veatch, lived and died at Brookeland, having two daughters, Emma and Alice.)

A second son of Samuel Houston Veatch, Andrew Allen, was a poet, preacher, and editor and moved to Oklahoma.

A daughter of Samuel H.

Veatch, Ada, married J. C. Berryman. They lived in Yellow Pine, and had 11 children: Andrew, Helen, James H., Grover C., Samuel W., Minnie, Annie, Fred W., Charles V. Berryman (born 1900), Lillie A. (born 1902), and Adrian W. Berryman (born 1903).

A fourth child, Samuel W., lived near Brookeland, and his children were Merlin, Percy, Hattie, and Viola.

Early Carolina Davenports Moved Westward to Texas

By DAMON VEACH

John and Kitty (McCary) Davenport were both born in South Carolina. Their nine children —

James, William, Mary E. "Mag", Louisa, Harrison, Richard, Nancy "Nanny," Harvey and John F. Jr.

—were born in Alabama between 1835 and 1849. The family was

living in Autauga County, Ala., in 1850.

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the Paris and the Bonham-Ragsdale routes. He died Dec. 19, 1887, and his gravestone bears a Masonic emblem.

HEIRS NAMED in the settlement of the estate of John Davenport were: widow, Tracey (formerly T. E. Seitz); daughter, Mary E. Williams; sons, John Jr. and Richard; and grandchildren — Henry Davenport, Lulu J. Richardson (daughter of Louisa Davenport Jones); children of deceased son, Harvey-Laura (Mrs. F. M. Painter of Bloomfield, Texas, Bennie (Mrs. James V.) Hymer of Gainesville, Tex., Alma (Mrs. Eugene C.) Rogers of Gainesville.

Also, Daisy Devenport (15 years old in 1894 and also from Gainesville); children of deceased son, James, not named, but living in Alabama in 1894; minor children of deceased daughter, Nancy (Mrs. J. P. Wooley-Belton) Oscar and Ola Wooley of Sulphur Springs; and children of deceased son, William, not named but living in Prairie

Valley, Kaufman County, Tex.

Mrs. Lou E. Peck, 66, Colonial Road, Stamford, Conn., 06906 would like to contact all descendants of these families and would like to locate any family photographs, Bible records, old letters, or anything that could be loaned and copied photographically. She has quite a bite of Davenport data that she will share with interested individuals.

Mrs. Margaret Shoffner DeMoss, Friendship Acre, R.F.D. 1, Plaquemine, La., 70764 is compiling a history of the Shoffner family and would like to hear from all Texas descendants of this family line

MRS. BILLY M. Crawford, 8701 Quebec Dr., Fort Worth, 76108 is researching David Grundy Wilshire (Willshire). He was a native of Kentucky, born about 1831, and enlisted in the Civil War in 1862 at Liberty, Texas. He served with Wau's Legion and Timmons Regiment, Texas Infantry.

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The name of his first wife (who died during the Civil War) is unknown. His sister, Sarah (Wilshire) Baker kept his son, William Gardner Wilshire, after the death of his first wife. Sarah was living in LaPorte, Tex., in 1904. David lived in Ellis County in 1872, Johnson County in 1873 and Somerville County about 1875 where he owned a cotton gin.

He moved to Bonham, Fannin County, in the late 1800's and then on into Indian Territory. His second wife was Mary Reed (Garvin) Reeves, who had 2 sons, Floyd and Charley Reeves, when they married. She died in 1899, Indian Territory, now Durant, Bryan County, Okla.

David's three children were William Gardner, who married Nancy Wilshire, 1881, Johnson Co., Nancy Malinda, who married James Monroe Stuart, and Rachal Annie, born Dec. 27, 1872, married Richard Benjamin Franklin Craig, and she is still alive today in Oregon. Any data on these family lines would be appreciated.

Mississippi Preacher Seeking Information About Bonner Clan

By DAMON VEACH

Jordon Bonner was born in 1768 and died in Choctaw County, Ala., in 1841. He had at least two brothers, Josiah and Allen, and two sisters Mahalia and Mary. Josiah went to Louisiana, but it is not known where Allen located.



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Jordon married first a Miss Martin in Darlington County, S.C., and they had one daughter who died young. His second wife was a Miss Moon, and they had seven children: Hiram, Jordan, Ahab, Seaborn, Henry, Olive, and Matilda. They all were born in Georgia.

Jordon Bonner's third wife was Mary Adams, and they had 13 children. Their names were Elizabeth, Mahalia, Allen, Mary, Josiah, Thomas, Emily, George, Wilmoth, Almira, Rebecca Ann, James, Arena, and William. All of these children were born in Wilcox or Monroe Counties, Ala. They went to the Fort at St. Stephens, Ala., when Elizabeth was 18 months old, somewhere around 1812.

JORDON BONNER (son of the original Jordon) received permission in 1853 in Clarke County, Ala., to move Negroes belonging to James M. Bonner to Texas. Both resided in Austin County, Tex. Ahab Bonner is thought to have come to Texas and had a son, Tom, who was editor of a newspaper (town unknown).

Rebecca Ann Bonner is believed to have married a Coker or a Cohn and settled in Bell County, about 1853. Some of her children married into the Smith family there. There was a man named K-Lamity

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Bonner who was editor of a wild and woolly Austin publication called Harpoon, which he launched in 1903. Is he related to Jordon Bonner?

Rev. Malcolm A. Bonner, 301 White St., Carthage, Miss., 39051, is collecting data on the Bonner family and would like to hear from all Texas descendants.

MRS. LONA ARTHUR Vernon, 2805 Meadowbrook Drive, Fort Worth, Tex. 76112, is interested in Mark Arthur who came to Fort Worth in 1854 from Indiana with Edward Havenkamp and his wife, Belle Arthur.

Mark married Fanny Arnold, and they settled in the Bedford Community. Later, they moved to Matagorda Bay but returned to Fort Worth. This information was taken from the Star-Telegram of March 27, 1927. Who were the Arthur and Arnold parents?

H. F. McCULLAR, 2327 Carleen, Houston, Tex. 77018, would like data on Martha Culbertson, believed to have been born in Virginia, date and place unknown. She married John Marlow(e). One of their children, Julia Ann Marlow(e) lived and died in An-

derson County. What were the names of the other children?

MRS. E. L. (Brunson) Buckelew, Box 316, Bronte, Tex. 76933, is compiling data on her ancestors who settled in Peters Colony before 1850 and are listed in the 1850 Dallas County census.

John Chapman married Catherine Wampler in Dallas County and later lived in or near Weatherford. Did they have any other children besides Mary A. (Creswell), Lucinda and George?

Data Solicited on Descendants Of John McKinney and Spouse

By DAMON VEACH

J. J. (John) and Eliza Jane McKinney are believed to have lived for a while in Hill County.



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He was born June 13, 1843, in Lincoln County, Tenn., and moved with his family in the 1840s to Mississippi. He served in the Confederacy from that state. John McKinney and Eliza Pledger were married Dec. 5, 1871, (according to the family Bible). She was the daughter of Wesley and Eliza Pledger and was born in Chattooga County, Ga. Her father owned a plantation and was a Methodist preacher. The Pledger family came to Texas after the Civil War.

Wesley Pledger died in 1868. His wife and two daughters, Mary A. and Eliza J., appear on the 1870 census record for Hill County. Other children were John, Jim, Rose, Laura, Pomp, Ella, Ruby and Berlin. Two died in infancy and several died in a fire about 1893 when their home was destroyed in Palo Pinto County.

The known brother of John McKinney is William; sisters, Mary Josephene and Betty. Collin McKinney is said to be a brother, but no proof has been found yet. John McKinney died in 1912, and Eliza died in 1937 and are buried in the McKinney Cemetery near their home.

Mrs. Charles E. Greenlee, 1958 Vogel Ave., Abilene 79603, will appreciate hearing from anyone who has knowl-

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edge of this family. John and Eliza McKinney were her grandparents.

MRS. AGNES Anders Bis-singer, 207 S. 3rd St., Wil- mington, N.C. 28401, would like to correspond with des- cendants of Patrick Anders who lived in Bladen County, N.C., before moving to Texas. He had a daughter, Nell, and several sons who lived in Dal- las. (No dates were given.)

MRS. ROBERTA Blair Powell, 303 West Leon St., Gatesville 76528, wants infor- mation on George C. Sorell(e) who enlisted in Capt. John R. Woodward's G Company, 1st Texas Regiment at Palestine in 1861. He served as a scout in 1863-64.

His sister was Catharine M. Sorell, born June 21, 1829, Dallas County, Ala., who married Thomas Jefferson Green in White County, Tenn., Feb. 15, 1844. John M.

Sorell, born in 1808, was a son of John W. Sorell of Dallas County, Ala. Thomas Jeffers- on Green was born in White County, Tenn., on Oct. 7, 1823.

Mrs. Powell would also like to locate descendants of Albert R. Irby who married Eule "Evie" T. Green in Co- manche County, Tex., in 1887. Their children were A. Ray- mond, Mary Alice, Kate, An- nie, Jack, Johnnie, and He- bron.

William Patrick was born about 1871 and died at Ida, La. He was a son of James E. Patrick and Anna Jarves Green who married in Harri- son County, Tex., in 1870. She later married Christoprer Co- lumbus Bohler.

Descendants of Ranger T. J. Sansom

By DAMON VEACH

Thomas Jefferson Sansom, private in the Texas Rangers, was born Feb. 10, 1852, Texas, and died May 9, 1901, Alamogordo, N.M. He married Matilda Ann Hanks, born June 10, 1853, Greenville, Hopkins County, Ky., daughter of a Dr. Hanks. He was a cousin to Nancy Hanks, mother of President Lincoln. Matilda married Thomas Jefferson Sansom Oct. 31, 1877, in Texas, and she died Oct. 17, 1957, in Los Angeles, Calif., and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery. With his brother, Capt. John W. Sansom, they operated a stage stop for a while in New Mexico and family tradition states that Billy the Kid



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stopped there many times. Most of this data was taken from the family Bible, but little information has been found elsewhere. Mrs. A. S. Frost, Rt. 1, Box 131, Biggs, Calif., 95917, would like to correspond with any descendants having knowledge of this family. Matilda Ann (Hanks) Sansom received a widow's pension, but no record has been found of military service for Thomas Jefferson Sansom.

MRS. MARGIE Ellis Howell, 5608 Charlotte, Kansas City, Mo. 64110, is trying to locate Mrs. Martha (Mattie) Wilson Morris or her descendants. She was supposedly an art teacher at Daniel Baker College in Brownwood about 1900. Her father was Wesley W. Wilson, who lived in Brownwood. He had at least two daughters, one of whom was Mrs. Morris. Husbands of both daughters were doctors. Wesley W. Wilson was a brother of Martha Wilson

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Leverette Knowles of Corsicana. Their father was Josiah Wilson. Anyone with knowledge of this Wilson family or the related Hammonds family should contact Mrs. Howell.

HOYT D. DUNCAN, Box 123, Wilburton, Okla. 74578, needs data on Daniel Rowlett, a member of the 4th and 8th Congress, 1839-40, 1843-44; Samuel F. Darnall, born Oct.

1844, died 1880, lived in Fannin County, father may have been N. H. Darnall, San Augustine County.

A UNIQUE bargain for genealogists comes from the State of Pennsylvania. A map, measuring 34x56, can be obtained from the Bureau of Publications, P.O. Box 1763, Harrisburg, Pa. 17125, for only 25 cents. It is useful because it shows the boundaries of each county, most of the larger streams and names every township.

ANOTHER university added genealogy to its curriculum. Purdue is offering "Your Family Tree" as a course, Sept. 22-Nov. 10. Further details can be obtained from Irene M. Shreve, 7 Northridge Drive, West Lafayette, Ind. 47906. She has requested samples of genealogical materials for display in the class.

CORRESPONDENCE for this column should be sent to Damon Veach, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 400 W. 7th St., Fort Worth, Tex. 76102.

California Workers Seeking Information on Sutphen Clan

By DAMON VEACH

John S. Sutphen and his wife, Matilda W. Chrisman, were married in Williamson County Tenn. in 1833. They were living in Franklin County, Tenn., from 1835 to 1850, coming to Nacogdoches County, Tex., after the 1850 census was taken.



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John died in Nacogdoches County in 1858. Children born to this union were: William C., born 1835, married Sarah W. Oxsheer in 1857; Davis S., born 1838, married Sarah E. Phillips in 1868; George W., born 1840, died in battle of Franklin, Louisiana, 1863; Samuel C., born 1842, married Saphronia Oxsheer in 1871; Also Andrew J., born 1845, died in Dallas in 1920; Miria Ann, born 1845, married John P. Davidson in 1866; James K. Polk, born 1851, married Mattie Muckleroy in 1885; Martha Jane, born 1854, married Wright L. Christopher in 1872; Mary Ellen, born 1854, married James McClammy in 1870.

Matilda died in 1860 and William C., the eldest son, filed petition in county court of Nacogdoches for the guardianship of the eight minor children. He died of measles

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while serving in the Civil War at Little Rock, Ark., 1863. Sarah W., William's wife, and Uncle Abe, the Negro slave brought from Tennessee to Texas by John S. Sutphen, raised these minor Sutphen children.

All of the Sutphen brothers, except James K. P., fought for the South during the Civil War. Mrs. C. F. Vanecek, 1115 N. Lima St., Burbank Calif., 91505, is interested in hearing from anyone with a Sutphen connection.

MRS. J. M. BRITAIN, 4429 Eileen, Fort Worth, Texas, 76117, is seeking data on Dora Myrtle (Harral) Smith. She was born July 5, 1889, near Cave City, Ark., and came to Denton County as a young girl. She married W. R. Smith, and their daughter, Julia Amanda Smith, was

About 1871, members of the Coker family lived at Athens, Tex. Others were at Hermitage (Scurry), Hillsboro, Mount Calm, Weatherford and Snyder.

All information on the Coker family would be appreciated.

CORRESPONDENCE is filed by date of postmark and used as space permits. Queries may be any length but should have a Texas connection or be submitted by a Texas resident. Other data is now being collected for future column formats such as cemetery records, Bible records, wills, letters, etc. Direct correspondence to "Your Texas Ancestors", in care of the Star Telegram.

Family tree

By DORIS D. POWELL

The state of Georgia has a most interesting origin, although she was the last of the thirteen states to be colonized. She gave many of her men in the Revolutionary War.

In 1732 a charter was granted to 21 "noblemen and gentlemen of England" to establish a "colony of Georgia" as a place of refuge for the insolvent debtors of Great Britain and distressed Protestants on the Continent. The debtors were not criminals, but people who owed debts and the English law was that a person had to stay in jail until the debt was paid.

General Oglethorpe was the leader and he chose the "better class" of debtors. They landed at Charleston first, then were piloted to the Savannah River. There General Oglethorpe and Col. William Bull selected a site for Savannah.

On his second trip to Georgia, Oglethorpe brought over about 150 Scotch Highlanders who were well drilled soldiers and were used to defend the colonists from the Spaniards.

THE GEORGIA settlers who came from Europe were Protestants who had embraced the doctrine of the Reformation as taught by Martin Luther. Of these, the Salzburgers were the earliest permanent settlers who retained their individuality longer than any, except the Jews.

The Moravians moved almost to the man to Pennsylvania when the Spanish War broke out in 1742, as it was against their religion to take up arms in any cause. They were converts of John Wesley, who came over on the same boat.

In 1733 the Jews made their appearance in the new colony. About 40 families applied for permission to settle in Georgia.

By the time these pioneer debtors, Highlanders, Germans, and Jews had secured a foothold on Georgia's fertile soil, the Puritans, Quakers, Cavaliers and Huguenots of the other colonies began to pour into Georgia.

THERE ARE two types of land in Georgia: 1) Headrights Land—All that territory of the state lying west of the Savannah River and extending to the Apalachie and Oconee Rivers, and also all land east of original Wayne County, extending to the Atlantic Ocean. Grants were first issued by the trustees of the colony of Georgia under the authority of King George III of England. Also by John Reynolds, Henry Ellis, and James Wright, governors of the colony, under and by the same authority. The bounties of the Revolutionary soldiers were paid for their services in this head-right territory; most of them in the counties of Washington and Franklin. All soldiers were entitled to 250 acres of good land, free of taxes for ten years.

2) Lottery Lands—there were five different lotteries of land authorized by the General Assembly of the state; 1805, 1820, 1821, 1827, and 1831. Revolutionary soldiers and others were allowed to draw lots for these lotteries.

In 1797 a huge fraud was discovered where land in large amounts were sold for practically nothing. This was called the "Yazoo" fraud.

Georgia in 1785 included the present states of Alabama and Mississippi and extended from the Savannah River to the Mississippi River.

Information Sought on Clegg Descendants

By DAMON VEACH

Joseph Clegg was born in Georgia in 1821 and died at Rotan in 1889. He came originally to Bell County and later settled in Fisher County.

He married his third wife, Lucy Forrest Harris, in Stephenville, and they had 10 children:

Lucy Lee, Molinda Jane, Rebecca, Joe, Frank, Mollie Josephine, Joseph Frank, Andrew Baxter, Lydia Pearl and another daughter, name unknown.

JOSEPH'S FIRST wife was Martha McGill, and they were married in Georgia or Alabama in 1844. She died between 1853 and 1859. Their children were Mary, John H. (born 1847, married Melissa Sawyer, died at Dexter, Tex., 1925), Martha F. (married James Harris, brother to



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Lucy F.), Melissa Ann (married Billy Sawyer).

His second wife was Gracie Mefford, who died in 1863, probably in Texas. They were married about 1859 and had Nancy Miranda Lucia Katherine (born 1860, died 1929, married first, John W. Harrison, second, Will Tucker) and James Thomas (born 1863, died 1954, California, married Mollie Doretha Byrum).

Mrs. F. W. Clegg, 4004 West Side Highway, Castle Rock, Washington, 98611 would like to contact all descendants of the above mentioned families in order to complete the genealogy of the Clegg family which was begun in 1962.

SHE WOULD also like to hear from descendants of Israel Harris, born 1820, England, and married Cornelia Ann Childs. They came to Mississippi and then to Erath County, around Stephenville. Their children were Lucy Forrest Harris, born 1845, Miss., died at Moran, Tex., 1920, third wife of Joseph Clegg; James, married Martha H. Clegg (sister to Joseph) and had several chil-

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dren: Rosanna, married Jacob G. Gray; Frances, married first, Jasper Fitzgerald, second, a Cox; Margaret, married Tom Farris; Bob, married Mary Parker (a relative of Quanah Parker), lived near the Praker family; Battle, may have moved to Oklahoma; Israel, married Fannie Jones(?) and lived near Quanah, Tex.; Porter; Morgan.

Albert Harris, who was a carpenter at Denison, was a son of James and Martha H. Clegg Harris and, according to family records, traced the history of the Harris family. What happened to this document?

THE FORT Worth Log Cabin Village is in need of a complete or incomplete grist mill. Any information regarding the obtaining of a mill should be conveyed to Charles Campbell of the park and recreation department or John L. Lewis of the Fort Worth

Savings and Loan Association.

MRS. CAROL H. Westall, 604 North School Street, Normal, Ill. 61761 is interested in William John Henderson, born March 13, 1879, Birdville, Tex. His mother was Alice (Crabtree) Henderson of Illinois, and his father was John Greene Henderson.

John Greene Henderson was killed accidentally while hauling logs. His death would have been in 1877, probably after July. His wife, Alice, and the infant, William, returned to Illinois.

Mrs. Westall would like to obtain proof of birth and death on John Greene Henderson.

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