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## 1890 SPECIAL CENSUS SCHEDULES -- TEXAS

Union Veterans in Travis County in 1890

Although we tend to think of Travis County residents as ardent wavers of the Bonnie Blue Flag, soon after the Civil War ended a sizeable number of them proudly claimed their prerogatives as supporters of the Union. In AGS Quarterly, Vol. XIII Nos. 1 and 2, was printed a list of white voters in Travis County as of 1867-68 (copied by Mrs. Clarence W. Balch). Those 706 men obviously had not aided the Confederacy in any way (or they would not have been allowed to vote) and were either local Unionists or among those who had swarmed into Texas after Appomattox, seeking political and financial opportunities. Many became leaders of the community and founded prominent families.

The same section of the 1867 register listed 884 "Colored" who were entitled to vote. The names of these newly enfranchised slaves may be seen at the Texas State Archives on a list prepared by the Office of Civilian Affairs, Headquarters Fifth Military District, in 1870.

A considerable number of the men on the 1890 Special Census were in Austin 1871-72, as can be seen in the abstract of the Austin City Directory printed in AGS Quarterly, Vol. XIV No. 4, pp. 71-110.

To show how the Union population of the county had grown by 1890, Mrs. P. B. Price and Mrs. H. R. Gentry copied the Travis County section of the 1890 Special Census Schedules for Texas from Roll #101, Bundles 173 and 174, on microfilm at Texas State Library. These schedules are a part of a body of records in the National Archives designated as Record Group #15, Records of the Veterans Administration.

We are grateful to these ladies for performing this tedious task and giving us such an interesting and valuable record to study. Learning the regiment a man served in enables a researcher to write for his military service record and pension application--see Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives by Colket and Bridgers, 1964 edition pp. 55-58, 77-78, 84-85.

Reason for the Special Census: An act of 1 Mch 1889 provided that, along with the Eleventh Census of the United States, a special form should be filled out to show veterans (or their widows) of the "Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the U.S. in the war of the rebellion." The original plan was to have the data printed, but no funds were provided for that purpose, so the records were kept in various places until 1930 when they were turned over to the Veterans Administration. In 1943 the originals were transferred to the National Archives, but some of them (from Alabama halfway through Kentucky, alphabetically) have been misplaced or destroyed (note on microfilm).

Fate of the 1890 Regular Schedules: On the evening of 10 Jan 1921, fire broke out in the basement of the Commerce Department Building in Washington DC. (For details, see page 23.) A General Services Administration form entitled "Census Data, 1790-1890" has a footnote stating that more than 99% of the 1890 census was destroyed by fire; but information from the "remaining fragments is available on request" (GSA Form #7029).

No doubt the bulk of the residue was so charred and water soaked as to be illegible, so it was destroyed in 1933 by authority of an act of Congress to "provide for the disposition of useless papers in the Executive Departments," approved 16 Feb 1889.

Procedure for Compiling Special Census: The work of the enumerators was begun on the first Monday in June 1890 and was completed by the first of July. Since one purpose of the tabulation was to determine who were eligible for pensions (and to prevent fraud?), great pains were taken to assure accuracy and thoroughness. From the existing pension records 458,677 names were taken in advance. Thousands of letters were written to veterans asking for information not obtained by the enumerators, and inquiries were printed in 500 newspapers. Membership rosters of the Grand Army of the Republic (patriotic society of Union veterans) were consulted and compared with the census data.

All of this research accounts for the notation "Add" written in a different hand before the last few names on some pages of the special form. It was discovered that many men had served under an assumed name and then resumed their real names after the war. In those cases, the "Alias" was written below the correct name.

But despite diligent efforts, there were some omissions and other errors. One resident of Burnet County was inadvertently included in the Travis County tabulation, and one or two names were later marked out and designated "Confederate" in the margin.

In Morrison & Fourmy's General Directory of the City of Austin, 1889-1890 (page 50) is found a listing of the officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Texas, Headquarters, Austin. Men denoted as "of Austin" included J.C. DeGress, J.M. Odell, T.M. Helen, C.B. Stoddard, and J.J. Anderson. Officers of the local post, Joseph A. Mower Post #10, were J.P. Richardson, R.B. Underhill, J.J. Anderson, J.M. Odell, J.J. Gasser, D. Friedman, J.N. Gilbert, R.H. Hanna, Wm. Smith, G.B. Jones, and V.C. Thomas. One would expect to find all of these men in the Travis County Special Census, but, as will be seen below, some do not appear. Probably they lived in adjoining counties.

Locating a Veteran on the Film: If you wish to examine a certain entry on the film (Roll #101 "1890 Special Census Schedules--Texas" at Texas State Library), run through the second alphabetical sequence of counties to Travis. The sheets are not numbered consecutively; each of the 21 enumerators numbered his 1, 2, etc. But as there are only 10 or 12 entries on a sheet, and only two to four sheets per enumerator, it is not hard to find a given man when you find the enumerator's name at the top of the page. (I alphabetized the men for your convenience.)

The enumerators appear in this order (reading down):

Alfred H. Schutze	Julia E. Turner	E. L. Whitehead
J. W. Howard	A. C. Jessen	Frederic E. Cushman
L. E. Rector	Ed A. Junck	A. S. /?/ Anderson
J. R. Allen	J. D. Rundell	Henry W. Walker
Thomas L. Purnell	Jas. M. Hornsby	B. J. Scheier
Albert Schutze	Jacob M. Harrell	Julia Turner (2nd time)
Richard Lamont	Joseph W. Gillson	W. H. Lacy
	Wm. A. Harrell	

The enumerator's surname only will be shown in parentheses following the veteran's name in our table--except Harrell and Schutze.

Column Headings. In the upper left of each form can be seen the Supervisor's District number and the Enumeration District number, but these have been omitted as non-essential. The first column head on the film is "From Schedule I" over "House No." and "Family No." Since these refer to entries on the regular 1890 Census which no longer ex-

ists, there was no point in including those numbers in this article. I have also omitted the column entitled "Length of Service" over "Yrs. Mos. Days" to save space, for the dates of enlistment and discharge seem more valuable--readers can figure out the time span.

The columns included herein read on the film: NAMES OF SURVIVING SOLDIERS, SAILORS, & MARINES, & WIDOWS -- RANK -- COMPANY -- NAME OF REGIMENT OR VESSEL -- DATE OF ENLISTMENT -- DATE OF DISCHARGE -- POST OFFICE ADDRESS -- DISABILITY INCURRED -- REMARKS.

The last two columns appear on the following pages in separate sets of quotation marks, unless the enumerator wrote across the two columns together.

Seldom were all the columns filled in completely, and frequently are the entries hard to decipher. Each of the enumerators had his own quirks of penmanship and abbreviation; many betrayed their mispronunciation of Cavalry by abbreviating it Cal instead of Cav or Cavy. Handwriting being what it is, three letters often seen in the Regiment column might be interpreted Col for Colorado or Colored as well as Cal for California or Calvary!

Arrangement of Data on the following pages is in this order:

1. Name, 2. Enumerator in parentheses, 3. Rank, 4. Company, 5. Regiment or Vessel, 6. Date of Enlistment - Date of Discharge (or Length of Service if nothing else is given); 7. Address of Veteran or Widow; 8. "Disability Incurred"; 9. "Remarks."

To complement the meager data on this special census I have consulted three sources: Morrison & Fourmy's General Directory of the City of Austin 1889-1890 (published in 1889 at Galveston; can be found in Texas State Archives); The Handbook of Texas (should be in every library in Texas); and Travis County, Texas Marriage Records 1840-1882 (privately published in 1973 by Lucie Clift Price; in Texas State Library and most other big ones). Anything I found in these books follows the Special Census data in our table.

There is, of course, no guarantee that these bits and pieces apply to the veterans on the census--there could be any number of John Browns in Austin by 1890. These additions are offered only as clues or tips for the interested researcher to follow up. Many men on the census are not shown in the Austin directory, probably because they lived outside the city limits and had no place of business in town.

In examining post-bellum records a researcher may encounter an invisible obstacle to accuracy in that some recorders zealously inserted (c) after the names of freedmen and others just as conscientiously omitted any such designation. Since a freedman and his children usually took the surname of their former master, it is hard to tell them apart in marriage records, etc. If I have confused the marriage of a John Brown who was black with that of a John Brown who was white, I apologize for leading you down a false trail. A thorough search of corroborating records (deed, probate, church, burial, newspaper, etc.) should reveal the true facts. The 1880 Census will be helpful in most cases.

"It Might Have Been" Department: The tragic loss of the 1890 regular schedules deprived us of such interesting data as the number of persons and of families in the house; relationships; mother of how many children; Civil War service; status of naturalization; home owned or rented; if mortgaged, post office address of owner . . . . .

1890 SPECIAL CENSUS SCHEDULES -- TEXAS -- UNION VETERANS IN TRAVIS CO.

Data on these pages is in this order: 1. Name, 2. (Enumerator), 3. Rank, 4. Company, 5. Regiment or Vessel, 6. Date of Enlistment - Date of Discharge (or Length of Service); 7. Address; 8. "Disability Incurred"; 9. "Remarks." Then additional data from sources other than the census.

\_\_\_\_\_, Julia C., (Walker), Widow of Leonard, rank & company unknown, 38 NY Volunteers, enlisted May 1861; no disability; her address State Lunatic Asylum, Austin; "Could not get any further information from this lady."  
AITON, Thomas, (Cushman), 1st Sgt, Co B, 3rd Mo Cav, 13 Apr 1862 - 13 Mch 1865; Creedmoor, Travis Co.  
ALEXANDER, West, (Junck), Musician, 9th US Cav; Austin; "Shot in back part of head"; "His papers burnt up at Ft. Davis Texas." Directory: (c) laborer, res 608 E 3rd.  
ALLEN, Jessie R., (Purnell), 2nd Lt, Co H, 13 Mo Cav, 12 May 1865 - 13 May 1866; Austin.  
ALTES, Henry, (Anderson), Pvt, Co D, 94 Ill \_\_\_, 3 years; Corwin, Burnett County.  
ARCHER, William Wallace, (Albert Schutze), Sgt, Co B, 115 Ill Inf, 1862-65; Austin. Directory: Wm. W., painter & decorator, res 404 E. 18; Marriages: Wm. W. Archer & Mary L. Reid, 1 Jan 1873.  
ATEN, Austin E., (W.A. Harrell), Pvt, Co I/J, 77 Ill Inf, 18 Aug 1862 - 10 Jly 1865; res North Half of Precinct # 2.  
BACON, Wm. P., (Howard), Pvt; Austin; "Absent; Roommate don't know."  
BARDOLL, Mary, (Cushman), Widow of Rheinhart, Pvt, Co A, 50th Wisc Inf, 10 Feb 1865 - 12 June 1866; Garfield, Travis Co.  
BARRETT, Eva H. C., (Lacy), Widow of US Sol.; Austin. "Added by Maj. T. Cleary Jr Clk Oct. 16, 1890." Directory: Mrs. E. H. E. Barrett, 1st Matron Texas Deaf & Dumb Asylum, res same.  
BASSETT, William, (Anderson), no data except address: Mud, Travis Co.  
BEREY, [?], John, (Whitehead), Pvt, Co G, 1 Tex Cav, 28 Dec 1863 - 31 Oct 1865; Manchaca, Travis Co; "Hurt by horse in his back while in servis."  
BEST, James W., (Cushman), Pvt, 1864-1864 (sic); Del Valle.  
BLEDSOE, Thomas M., (J.M. Harrell), Pvt, Co A, 110 Ill Inf, 21 Aug 1863 - 8 May 1865; Pct 2, Travis Co.  
BOYCE, Charles, (Rundell), U.S. Sol, Pvt, P.O. Clarksville, Austin.  
BRADFORD, Ceasar J., (Rundell), U.S. Sol, Pvt, P.O. Clarksville, Austin.  
BREARINGTON/BREWINGTON [?], John H., (Whitehead), Pvt, Co F, 50 Mo Inf, Sept 1864 - Apr 1865.  
BURCH, Thomas C., (Rector), Pvt, 42 Ind Inft, 1861-1865; 703 W. 13, Austin. Directory: carpenter for John McDonald, res 501 West Avenue.  
BURKE, Joseph W., (Howard), Pvt, Austin; "Papers burnt--no information." Directory: of Burke & Wheatley (drygoods, hats, etc. 701-703 Congress); res 1007 Rio Grande.

BURTON, Green, (Whitehead), colored, Corp, Co C, 12 Ky Hash [?], June [?] 1863 - Jan 1866. Directory: (c) farmer, res south side Colorado River between Congress & I&GN Railroad. Marriages: & Clara Taylor (c) 6 Jan 1878.

CALHOUN, Wm. W., (Lamont), Pvt, Co A, 2 W Va Cav, 8 Nov 1862 - 13 June 1865; 703 E 14, Austin; "Hemorrhage of bowels -- piles"; "Horse shot and fell on him in Maryland (?)". Directory: mechanic, res 703 E 14.

CAWFIELD, John G., (Anderson), nothing but address: Bee Cave, Travis Co.

CHANEY, Robert C., (Hornsby), Pvt, Co E, 6 Mo Cav, 1862 - 13 Mar 1865; Hornsby, Travis Co; "Shot in thigh". Directory: laborer, res west side Congress ave first road south of river.

COCHRAN, James C., (Jessen), Pvt, Co H, 135 Ill Infty, May 1864 - 18 June 1865; 207 E 7, Austin; Directory: foreman for Eugene Von Boeckmann; res 207 E-7.

COGGESHALL, Hulda M., (Junck), Widow of Cap. A. B., Capt, 14 R.I. Inf, Austin; "Graduate from West Point. Pension Papers at Washington." Directory: res 204 E. 2. Marriages: Coggeshall, Alexander B., & Huldah M. Ohmdorf, 4 Sep 1866.

COKER, Abram, (Whitehead), colored, Pvt, Co A, 38 U.S. Inf, 13 May 186\_ - 13 May 186\_ 3 years; "Dates unknown."

CONNORS, John, (Albert Schutze), Pvt, 77 Penn Vol Inf; enlisted 1863--3 yrs; Austin; "No disability." Directory: laborer, res 910 E. 15.

COSSETT, Roda (Mu), (Lamont), Widow of Benjamin (Mu), Pvt, Co K, U.S. \_\_\_\_; 1862 - Feb 1864; Olive St, Austin; "Died in hospital Feb 1864 at Memphis, Tenn." Directory: Cossett, Rhoda at home of C. J. Anderson, 1100 E. Olive.

CRANE, John A., (Cushman), Pvt, Co B, 9th Mo Cav, 18 Feb 1862 - 18 Aug 1864; Co G, 13th Mo Cav, 18 Aug 1864 - 18 Feb 1866; P.O. Bluff Springs.

CREARY [?], Edward, (Howard), U.S. Soldier, Austin. Directory: City street commissioner; res 309 Colorado.

CROOKER, Lou M., (Purnell), 1st Lt, Co C, 1 Iowa Inf, 13 Apr 1861 - 20 Aug 1861; Austin. Directory: Notary Public; of Christian & Crooker (lumber dealers cor Guadalupe & W 4); res cor Whitis & W 19.

CRUMP, William, (Lamont), (octoroon), Pvt, Co I [?], 24 US Inf; 1863-1865; 1006 Juniper, Austin; "Wounded in the side Hemorrhage Bowels at Manasas Gap." Directory: Wm. A. (c) Laborer; res 1006 Juniper.

CUNNINGHAM, William, (Alfred Schutze), Pvt, Co B, 12 Pa Cal, 1861-1866; 3rd St, Austin.

CUSHMAN, Frederic E. (Cushman), Pvt, Co E, 3 Mass Inf, 18 Sep 1862 - 26 June 1863; 58 Mass Inf, 9 Feb 1864 - 4 Jly 1865; Austin; "Tpho (sic) malarial fever & chronic rheumatism contracted in the swamps of N. Carolina, Virginia."

DARNELL, Charles H., (Cushman), Pvt, Co A, 45 Ky Inf, 6 Jly 1863 - 24 Dec 1864; Austin.

DAVIS, Edmond, (Walker), Pvt, Co B, 2nd Ill Cav, Apr 1860 - Oct 1865; in State Lunatic Asylum district, Travis Co.

DAWSON, Benjamin F., (Cushman), nothing but address: Travis County.

DECKER, Theodore, (Whitehead), nothing but address: Oak Hill; "This man was not at home & rec /record/ residence?/ unknown to wife; she said he was a U.S. Dis /discharged?/ soldier." Marriages: Decker, Theodore, & Lillie Wasson, 24 June 1877.

DeGRESS, Jacob C., (Turner), Pvt, 3 Mo Re/serve?/ Corps Inf, 10 May 1861 -- (3 yrs); Capt, Co K, 6 Mo Cav, 15 Feb 1862 - 21 May 1865; Major /something illegible/, 20th Army Corps, appt. 12 May 1865 - 1 Sep 1866; 800 E 8, Austin; "Shot in both legs & head." Handbook: Became Lt Col during Civil War; re-enlisted in 1867 but took medical discharge in 1870; held many prominent positions in Austin until death in 1894. Marriages: Col. J.C. DeGress & Willie May Johnston, 2 Aug 1882.

DOLAN, John, (Cushman), Pvt, 2nd Mich Cav, 1861-1865; Del Valle. Marriages: John Dolan & Mary Storey, 24 Feb 1878.

DOYLE, Franklin P., (Hornsby), 1st Lt, Co A, 3 N.Y. Inf, 16 June 1861 - 24 Mch 1865; P.O. Dunlap, Travis Co.

DYER, Michael, (Junck), Pvt, Co C, 2 U.S. Cav, 13 Feb 1861 - 13 Feb 1864; Austin; "Injured while in line of duty." Directory: Johanna (Mrs. Michael Dyer) res Manor Road ¼ mile east of East Ave. She was formerly widow of John Ford (q.v.).

EDWARDS, Kate J., (Howard), Widow of Lewis E., Pvt, Co A, 11 Maine Inf, 26 Nov 1864 - 25 Nov 1865; Austin. Marriages: Edwards, L. E., & Kate T. Burlage, 2 Aug 1868.

EVANS, Hobart Ira, (Alfred H. Schutze), Pvt, Co B, 10th Vt Vol Inf, 28 Jly 1862 - 17 Jan 1867; Congress Avenue, Austin. Directory: Ira H. Evans was president of New York & Texas Land Co in Evans Bldg at 404 Congress; boarded at Driskill Hotel. Handbook: Ira Hobart Evans rose to rank of major; held many important positions in Austin.

FIELD, Edward F., (Lamont), (Black), Pvt, nothing but address: Juniper St, Austin.

FIELDS, Henry, (Allen), "Investigation proved Fields to have been only an officer's servant." Directory: Fields, Henry, (c) res 903 W. 25.

FISCHER, Christian, (Junck), Pvt, Co A, 2 Mo Inf, 4 June 1861 - 4 Sep 1861; Austin; "Shot in left arm."

FLACK, Laura Annie, (A.H. Schutze), Widow of U.S. Sol; 301 W. 5, Austin. Directory: Flack, Laura A., wid of James A., res 301 W. 5 cor Lavaca. Marriages: Flack, James A. & Mrs. Laura A. E. Marshall, 4 Nov 1858.

FLATT, William, (Walker), Pvt, Co G, 13 U.S. Inf, 22 Nov 1861 - 22 Nov 1864; Austin (State Lunatic Asylum District); "Wounded in shoulder at Arkansas Post."

FORD, John, (Junck), Pvt, Co D, 1 U.S. Inf, Feb 1852 - Feb 1862; Austin; "Party enlisted before war & served beginning of war." Former widow now Johanna Dyer.

FOSTER, Amos P., (Purnell), Capt, Co G, 30 Mo Vol Inf, 6 Feb 1863 - 20 Nov 1864; Q. M. x 30 Mo Vol Inf, 24 Jly 1862 - 6 Feb 1863; Regt. Q. M. x Polk Co Home Guard, 21 Apr 1861 - 21 Jly 1861; Austin. Directory: Land agent & U.S. Commissioner; res 1908 University Avenue cor W 20.

FOX, Charles, (Whitehead), Ship Hartford, U.S. Navy, May 1862 - Sept 1865; Manchaca, Travis Co; "Aboard the Ship Hartford." Marriages: Fox, C. H., & Mrs. Amelia Wilson, 3 June 1866.

FRASIER, Nathaniel, (Cushman), Pvt, Co C, 95 NY Inf, 11 Aug 1863 - 10 Sep 1864; Austin, Box 1404 - East Willow Street.

FRIZELL, Joseph, (Jessen), Pvt, Co A, 43 Mass Inf, 24 Sep 1862 - July 1863; Austin, 203 E 6th St.

GALUSHA, Thomas P., (Gillson), Pvt, Co B, 3 Minn [Maine?] Inf, 26 Sep 1862 - 2 Sep 1863; Austin.

GASSER, Joseph J., (Rector), Hospital Stuart [Steward]. 1862-1865; W 14th St, Austin; "Contracted sickness"; "Drawing Pension." Directory: physician, surgeon, druggist 1401 Lavaca cor W 14; res same.

GEGIE, John F., (Howard), Pvt, Co A, 19 Ill Inf, Enl. 2 years; Austin; "Unable to give dates".

GERARD, Alonzo, (Junck), no data except P.O. Austin. Directory: clockmaker, res 1112 San Antonio Street.

GEVERS, Mina, (Jessen), Widow of August, Pvt, Co H, 1 Mo L. A. [Light Artillery?], 23 Apr 1861 - 25 Aug 1862; 106 E 5th Street, Austin; "Rupture and Disease of lungs"; "Discharged on acct of disability." Directory: Minnie (widow of August) res 106 E 5.

GILBERT, Benjamin F., (Lamont), Pvt, Co A, 82 Ind Inf, 1861 - 1863; 300 Sabine Street, Austin; "Spinal disease -- Deaf in one ear -- Mind affected."

GILSON, Joseph W., (Jessen), Sgt, Co A, 1st Ohio L. A., 19 Sep 1861 - 31 Jly 1865; 606 San Jacinto, Austin. Directory: Gilson, Joseph boards at San Jacinto House. Marriages: Gillson, Joseph W. & Mrs. R. A. Moore, 27 Sep 1881.

GORDON, William, (Lamont), Black, Pvt, Co K, 96 U.S. Col Inf, Enl. Apr 1863 - 1865; 1805 Neches, Austin. Directory: Wm (c) laborer for John McDonald, res 503 West Ave; Wm (c) cook at Capitol Hotel, res 1305 Neches. Marriages: Gordon, Wm (c) and Lucinda Barrett (c), 17 Aug 1872.

GOSSARD, Alvin R., (Rector), Pvt, Co G, 8 Ohio, 5 years; W 15th St, Austin. Directory: Gossard, A. Rufus, trav salesman, res 308 W 14 cor Guadalupe.

GREEN, Francis X., (Rector), Pvt, 1861 - 1864; 19th St, Austin. Directory: Francis X [avier?], farmer, res 704 W 13.

GRIFFIN, Westley, (Albert Schutze), Pvt, Co H, 44 Tenn Inf, June 1864 - May 1866; Austin; "hemorrhage of Lungs 24 yrs." Marriages: Green, Westley (c) & Rose Boulder (c), license issued 11 Aug 1881 (not returned).

GRIGGSBY, Margaret, (Anderson), Widow of U.S. sold; P.O. Pct #7.

GUERERERE [?], Alfred, (Gillson), Pvt, Co A, 57 Ill Inf, 13 Nov 1864 - 7 Jly 1865; Austin.

HACKENBURG, George P., (Whitehead), Surgeon, 28 Ohio Inf, 1862 - 1863; Surgeon, Hospital # 1, Nashville, Tenn., 1863 - 1865; Austin.

HAFFNER, Robt., (Turner), Pvt, Co A, 34 IA. Inf, 9 Aug 1862 - 15 Aug 1865; 702 East Ave, Austin; "Lost eye - right - draws pension." Directory: Haffner, Robert C. works for Andrew Achilles, res north side E 19 between Trinity & Neches.

HAMMETT, Isaac M., (Rundell), U.S. Sol., Pvt; P.O. Clarksville, Austin. Directory: Hammett, Isaac E. prop. Hocker & Hammett (meat market 605 W 9, corner of Nueces), res 204 W 6.

HANCOCK, Will L., (Rundell), Sgt, Ajt?, 1st Texas; Austin. Marriages: Hancock, Wm L., & Mrs. Sue A. Carpenter, 17 Apr 1877.

HANNA, Robert H., (Gillson), Bugler, Co K, 1 N.Y. Det. [?/] Cav, 4 Sep 1863 - 20 Jly 1865; Austin. Directory: attorney & notary, ofc over 925 Congress; res north side of Manor Road, 3rd house east of East Avenue.

HAUR, Frederick, (Lamont), Pvt, Co B, 20 Mass Inf, Jly 1862 - 1865; 909 E 12th St, Austin "Wounded in right foot on 25 Dec 1864 while building breastworks on Wellington R.R."

HAYNES, Antony, (Hornsby), Corp, Co D, 107 Ky. Inf., 15 Jly 1863 - 1 Dec 1866; Hornsby; "(colored)". Marriages: Haynes, Antony (c) & Ella McLaren (c) 27 Aug 1881.

HAYNES, John F., (Hornsby), Sgt, Co D, 107 Ky. Inf., 15 Jly 1863 - 1 Dec 1866; "colored".

HAYS, Wilson S., (Hornsby), Pvt, Co K, 4 U.S. Cav, 1861-1865; P.O. Webberville.

HEINE, Herman, alias HANENSTEIN, Cornelius, (Whitehead), Pvt, Co D, 16 Ill Cav, Jan 1862-Jly 1865; "taken prisoner Jan 28, 1864 until Apr 14, 1865--disability incurred occurred in prison. Draws a Pension of \$30 a month."

HENRICKS, Wm. J. F., alias WILLIAMS, Henry, (Albert Schutze), Pvt, Co I, 1st La. Cav., Sep 1863 - Nov 1865; "Chronic catarrh & deafness" "Enlisted in Comp. D, 2 La Cav, transferred to Co I, 1st La Cav." Directory: Henricks, Wm. J. F., letter carrier 1st district Austin P.O.; res 1705 East ave.

HICKS, Bettie, (Junck), Widow of C. P., Musician, 25 U.S. A-~~Army?~~; Austin. Directory: Hicks, Bettie (c) at 709 E 3rd, had a Claud /son?/ residing with her.

HIESKELL/HICKSKELL/HEISKELL?, Horace M., (Turner), U.S. Flagship Malvern; 203 E 9, Austin; "can not give dates." /A big X after name/

HOLLAND, Thomas, (Allen), Austin, "Away from home"; "he was a soldier & honorably discharged. Nothing more." Directory: laborer; res 2409 San Gabriel.

HOLLAND, William, (Turner 2nd), Austin, Tex. Deaf, Dumb, & Blind Inst'n for Colored Youths. Directory: Wm. H. (c), supt Texas Colored Deaf & Dumb & Blind Institute, 2½ miles northwest of city, res same. Handbook: Wm. H. Holland born a slave in Marshall, Texas; instrumental in establishing the institute, he served as president 13 years. No mention of military service.

HOLMES, Henry M., (Lamont), Lt, 2nd N. M. Cav, 28 Oct 1861 - 1865; corner San Bernard & Cotton, Austin; "Prisoner Bat/tle of the Wilderness. Enlisted 1851 discharged Sept. 1, 1871." Directory: private secretary to Gov. L.S. Ross; res 1506 Congress.

HOLMES, John L., (Purnell), Col, Cav. 1 Tex Cavy, 1862 - Oct 1865; Austin

HOOTEN, Mary Ann, (Junck), Widow of John, Ord. Sgt, U.S.A., 10 U.S. Inf, 1 Jan 1863; Austin. "In service 30 years. Disch. March 18, 1888." Directory: Hootan, Mary A. (widow of John F.), groceries 510 E 3 cor Red River, res 508 E 3.

HORNE, Andrew O., (Whitehead), Pvt, Co A, 2 Tex Cav, 13 Feb 1865 - 15 Nov 1865; Manchaca; "Gun shot wound in lef Legg." Marriages: A.A. & Katie L. Lackey, 14 Nov 1882.

HOUSER, Christian, (Junck), Pvt, Co A, Ill Peora [?/?] Battery, 1864-65; Manor Texas

HUBBARD, Sheppard, (Allen), Unknown; Austin; "Away from home--no further information can be had--The wife knows he was a soldier & honorably discharged." Directory: Hubbard, Shepherd (c) laborer, res cor W 28th at San Pedro. Marriages: Sheppard (c) & Emma Thomas (c), 20 Jan 1867; Shepperd (c) & Belle Jones (c), 31 Oct 1877.

HUFFORD, Jos., (Anderson), Sol. U.S.; res Precinct #7.

HUTCHISON, Joseph B., (Junck), Pvt, Co I, 57 Ill. Inf., 1864-1865; Austin; "Chronic pyles resulted from Chronic Dhiara"; "Papers Lost."

JESSEN, Adelbert, (Lamont), Sgt, Co H, 45 Wis. Inf., 18 Jan 1865 - 18 Jly 1865; 1302 Sabine St., Austin. Directory: Adalbert C., instructor in German, University of Texas & Austin High; res 1302 Sabine. Marriages: Adalbert C. Jessen & Ottilie Wilhelmina Adolphine Potthoff, 19 June 1872.

JOHNSON, Louis, (Hornsby), U.S. Soldier, Pct #1. Directory: Louis Johnson (c) works for James R. Johnson (a partner in J.H. Raymond & Co., Bankers, 716 Congress); res W 6 Street, 4th house west of Blanco.

JOHNSON, William, (Cushman), Corp, Co G, 1st Mo. Cav, Oct 1863 - Aug 1865; Garfield, Tex.

JONES, Angeline, (Hornsby), Widow of U.S. soldier; Pct. #1. Marriages: Jones, Albert (c) and Angeline Bell (c), 9 Jan 1869 (not returned).

JONES, George B., (Whitehead), Pvt, Co F, 80 Ohio Inf, 1 Nov 1861 - 23 Sep 1862; Pvt, Co G, 122 Ohio Inf, 1 Oct 1862 - 26 June 1865; Pct # 2, Austin. Directory: printer Texas State printing ofc; res west side of Congress between Annie & Mary in South Austin.

KAIN, Frank, alias KELLEY, Frank, (Albert Schutze), Pvt, Co D, 3 Maryld. Inf., 1862-64; Austin. Directory: Kain, Francis M., Soda & Mineral Water Mfr at 403 E 18; res same. Marriages: Kane, Francis M. & Louisa Berry, 10 Oct 1870.

KETCHUM, Henry J. [?/?], (Whitehead), Pvt, Co K, 79 N.Y. Inf., May 1861 - Sep 1861; Pct #5.

KIPPENBROCK, Henry A., (Purnell), Pvt, Co G, 108 Ill. Inf., Enl. 11 Aug 1862 - \_\_\_\_\_  
"No Discharge"; Austin.

KNIGHT, James, (Junck), Pvt, Ill. Inf.; Austin. "Cook in Whittemores Command. Party lost his papers."

KOEHLER, Mollie, (Junck), Widow of Conrad, Pvt, Co B, 149 Ill. Inf., 28 Jan 1865 - 27 Jan 1866; Austin. Marriages: Koehler, Conrad (c) & Mollie Harrison (c) 7 Dec 1873.

KRAUSE, Herman, (Jessen), Pvt, Co C, 21 Pa. Inf., 1 Nov 1862 - 1 Nov 1865; 504 Brazos St, Austin; "Shot through left kidney. Consumption."

KRAUSE, Rudolph, (Junck), 1 Lt, Co E, 1st La. Vol., Jly 1862 - Sep 1863; Austin; "Loss of Eye Sight in right Eye"; "Honorably Discharged on a/c of disability." Directory: attorney, res west of I&GN between West 6 & 12.

KRAUSE, Rudolph, (Rundell), U.S. Sol--Pvt, P.O. Clarksville, Austin. "Dup"

KUHN, Joseph, (Anderson), Sgt, Co K, 6 U.S. Cav, 10 Feb 1861 - 10 Feb 1866; Bee Cave. Directory: gardener, res 59 Waller. Marriages: Kuhn & Mary Bagage/Bayage 8 May 1866.

LaFRANCE, Paul C., (Cushman), Pvt, Co D, 1 La. Cav., 2 Dec 1862 - 15 Nov 1865; Austin. Marriages: Lafrance, Paul C. & Josephine Wilcox, 1 Apr 1869.

LAMME, William W., (Lamont), Capt, State Milit, 1862 - 186; East 14th, Austin. Directory:  
 Lamme, Wirt W., res one block west of Lampasas north of city limits.

LANCASTER, George A., (Turner 2), P.O. Austin, Tex. Deaf, Dumb & Blind Inst'n.

LEADER, Nathan, (Rector), Pvt, Co A, 12 Mich-, 1861-1865; 103 W 17, Austin. Directory:  
 Leader, Nathan H., painter, res 1902 University ave.

LEARY [?], Jeremiah W., (Howard), U.S. Soldier; 308 Wst. 8 [?], Austin. [This name next  
 to Edw. CREARY--may be the same.]

LEVI, Leopold, (Whitehead), Corp, Engineers Corps, Oct 1864 - Mch 1865; Cedar Valley; "En-  
 listed at New Orleans Engineers Corps."

LEWIS, David, (Turner), Pvt, Co F, 62 Ill. Vol., 1 Oct 1864 - 9 Nov 1865; 809 Red River,  
 Austin. Directory: hearse driver for Monroe Miller, res 606 E 9. Marriages: Lewis,  
 David, & Rebecca Jane Lewis, 16 Sep 1870.

LOCK, James, (Allen), Pvt, Co K, 65 Mo. Inf., 28 Dec 1863 - 1 Oct 1866; Austin.

LONEY, George W., (J.M. Harrell), no data but Precinct #2. Marriages: Loney, G.W., and  
 Emma Colsten, 9 Dec 1873.

LONG, Michael, (Howard), Pvt; Austin; "Sight injured--cannon ball"; "Absent--wife don't  
 know." Marriages: Long, Michael, & Frances M. Hart, 18 Oct 1871.

LONGLEY, Louise R., (Junck), Widow of Alfred H., no data but "Austin. No. of Pension Cer-  
 tif. 187443." Directory: Louisa (wid Alfred) res 1205 E 3.

LOVE, Hamilton S., (Allen), Pvt, Co C, 93 Ohio Inf, 9 Aug 1862 - 16 May 1865; Austin;  
 "Wounded left shoulder." Directory: carpenter, res 606 W 16 cor Rio Grande.  
 Marriages: Love, Hamilton L./S., & Fannie Budington, 4 May 1880.

LOWRY, William D., (Allen), Pvt, 16 Mo. Inf., 5 months in 1866; "Malitia disbanded with-  
 out discharge."

MALVEN, Daniel S., (Howard), Lt, Co K, Iowa Inf, 15 Jly 1861 - 16 Jly 1863; Capt, Co H,  
 Iowa Cav; Austin; "Promoted Capt. March 1/62." Directory: traveling salesman, res  
 511 W 6.

MAXWELL, Louis D., (Lamont), Corp, Co B, 136 Ill. Inf., 16 May 1864 - 22 Oct 1864; Austin,  
 1314 E 12; "Hernia incurred in the service." Directory: assistant foreman at  
 A. Van Patten's lumber yard; res 1314 E 12.

MAYNARD, George W., (Anderson), Corp, Co E, 45 Ky. Cav, 8 Aug 1863 - 24 Dec 1864; Travis  
 Peak; "Prisoner -- Andersonville."

MAYNARD, Martin V., (Anderson), Lt, 167 Va. M.; P.O. Travis Peak.

McANALLY, Chas., (Turner), Pvt, Co H, 2 Pa. Vol, 1 May 1861 - Aug 1861; 1st Sgt, Co D,  
 69 Pa., 1 Aug 1861 - 17 Sep 1862; 2nd Lt, Co D, 69 Pa. Vol; 1st Lt, Co D, 69 Pa.  
 Vol, 3 Oct 1863; Capt, Co G, 69 Pa. Vol, 29 Oct 1864 - 1 Jly 1865; 609 E 11 Street,  
 Austin; "Cut in head, shot left shoulder; also through right leg, knee and head."  
 Directory: stonemason; res 609 E 11; Marriages: & Julia Hofheintz, 18 Dec 1882.

~~"McBRYDE, Archer B., (Rector), Sailer, Steamer Pr. Dr., 1861-64--Confederate."~~ Directory:  
 McBryde, Archibald A., telegraph editor Austin Statesman, res 806 San Antonio.

MCCASHIN, Neill, (Albert Schutze), Sgt, 6 U.S. Cav, Reg Com [Regimental Commissary?],  
 28 Aug 1865-28 Aug 1868. Directory: day clk city recorder's court; r 1701 Brazos.  
 Marriages: McCaskin, Neill, & Ione Raven, 16 Dec 1868 (license not returned).

- (Turner),
- MCCRACKEN, Mathew S., /Pvt, Co D, 5 Ohio Inf, 20 Apr 1861 - 27 Jan 1864; 505 E 10, Austin; "Shot in right leg." Directory: Matthew S., upholsterer, res 505 E 10.
- McFARLANE, Sevier E., (Gillson), Pvt [?], Co A, 1 Tex. Cav, 28 Aug 1863 - 20 Sep 1864; P.O. Austin; "Gun shot in lungs; total deafness in left ear." Directory: McFarland, Sevier E., carpenter, cor Comal at E 18th. Marriages: McFarland, S. E., & Celestial Ezell, 27 Sep 1866.
- MCGUIRE, Annie, (Rector), Widow U.S. Sol., "Lives W. 13th St, Austin." Directory: Widow of James F.; res 506 W 13. Marriages: James McGuire & Annie V. Smith 1 Jan 1871.
- MCNALLON, William, alias McCARTY, John, (Whitehead), Pvt, 1st Div., 69 Y (sic) Inf, Sep 1862 - Sep 1865; "wounded 3 times -- flesh wounds." Directory: McNalon, William, teamster, res 908 Attoyac or Lydia, Austin.
- MCNAMARA, Patrick, (Turner), Corp, Co D, 10 N.Y. Inf, 24 Mch 1865 - close of war; 1001 E 11th St, Austin; "no disability"; "In reg army until 24 Mch 1881." Directory: groceries, notions, 1000 E 11, res 1001 E 11.
- MCNEAL, Bartlett, (Junck), Pvt, Co B, 17th Col Inf; Austin; "Papers Lost." Directory: McNeill, Bartlett (c), driver Waters Pierce Oil Co, res W 11th near I&GN RR. Marriages: McNeall, B. (c) & Fannie Love (c) 15 Mch 1872; McNeil, B. (c) & Charlotte Washington (c) 23 Dec 1880.
- McVEY, Edward, (Jessen or A.H. Schutze), Pvt, Co A, Sach [?] N.Y., Apr 1861 - Aug 1866; Section 30 [?], Austin
- MERCK, Andrew, (Jessen), Pvt, CoA, 4th Ohio Cav, May 1862 - May 1865; 502 E 6, Austin. Directory: shoemaker shop 512 E 6, res same.
- MOFFATT, John S., (Allen), Lt, Co G, 120 N.Y. Inf, 186\_ - 3 June 1865; Austin; "Chronic Diarrhoea." Directory: painter, res 607 W 26. Marriages: & Christina Munson 1 Jly 1879.
- MONTGOMERY, Harry R., (Jessen), Pvt, Co B, 96 Ill. Infy, 9 Aug 1862 - 10 June 1865. 305 E 7, Austin. Directory: mounted policeman, res 305 E 17 between San Jacinto & Trinity. Marriages: Montgomery, H. R., & C. Platt, 15 Jan 1879.
- MOORE, William, (Cushman), able seaman, Benton, July 1861 - 1864; Austin, care of A. Hergotz; "Lost his papers." Directory: No Hergotz, but Alfred Herzog, laborer, res 1 block east of Lampasas [Highway?] north of city limits.
- MORGAN, Edward C., (Whitehead), Pvt, Co E, 2 Tex. Cav, 11 Sep 1863 - 11 Sep 1865; Oak Hill; "Contracted rheumatism in 64 causing Valvular disease of heart."
- MORRILL, Will C., (Rector), Lt, 37 Ill., 1861-1865; Austin; "Lost his hearing." Directory: Morrill, Wells C., clerk General Land Ofc; res 509 W 12.
- NELSON, Joseph C. P., (Whitehead), Pvt, Co E, 32 Ohio Inf, 16 Sep 1862 - 15 Aug 1865; "gun shot wound of right fore arm; gun shot wound of privates"; "Taken prisoner on Cheal [?] Mountain 1862." [Cheat Mountain, now in W VA, was scene of minor battles during summer of 1861 that shaped the course of the war (p. 59, The Civil War by R. P. Jordan).]
- NELSON, Samuel, (Junck), Pvt, Co E, 4 U.S. Vol, 25 June 1863 - 28 June 1866; "Crippled up w Rheumatism." Directory: "boards with Frank Smidt, 1609 Red River." [Schmidt]

NEWMAN, Benj. F., (Turner), 2nd Lt, Co B, 36 N.Y. Inf, 3 May 1861 - 1861; Capt, Co E, 36 N.Y. Inf, May 1863; 401 Pecan now 6th St, Austin; "Cannot give date of discharge"  
 NOLEN, Thomas W., (Whitehead), Pvt, Co E, 1st Tex Cav, 26 Mch 1864 - 26 Mch 1865; "old & Feeble & should have a Pension for servis rendered."  
 ODELL, James M., (Howard), Pvt, Co B, 7 Ind. Inf., 30 Aug 1861 - 30 Sep 1864; Lt, Co K, 148 Ind. Inf., 25 Feb 1865 - 5 Sep 1865; Austin; "Shot in left ankle & right side of face and suffers with necrosis of wounded jaw bone." Directory: res 707 W. 11. Handbook: See Odell, Willmot Mitchell, whose parents were James Mitchell and Arabella (Murchison) Odell. See also Culberson, David Browning, Union connections.  
 OTTO, Caroline, (Rector), Widow U.S. Soldier; res 1812 Guadalupe St, Austin. Directory: (widow of August F.) res cor Guadalupe & W 19. Marriages: Otto, August, and Caroline Fechner, 25 Apr 1863.  
 PATTON, Thomas W., (Cushman), Pvt, Co H, 145th Ill. Inf., Apr 1864 - Sep 1864; Austin. Directory: traveling salesman, res 302 W 14.  
 PAYNE, Decatur L., (Jessen), Pvt, Co B, 3d Tenn. Mount. Infty., Nov 1863 - Jan 1865; Austin, E 6th. Directory: has restaurant 502 E 6; res same.  
 PERRY, Anderson, (Gillson), Pvt, Co C, 2 Tex Cav, 21 Mch 1865 - 21 Oct 1865; Austin.  
 PFANNKUCHE, Helena, (Rector), Widow U.S. Sol; "Lives 1508 San Antonio St. Austin." Directory: Pfannkuche, Helena (wid Henry), res 1508 San Antonio.  
 PIERCE, Margaret C., (Walker), Widow of Alfred F., no data except "Could not tell anything except that he belonged to U.S. Army." (She in State Lunatic Asylum District)  
 PITMAN, Samuel W., (Lamont), Black, Pvt, Co M, 9 U.S. Cav.; 1206 Trinity St., Austin; "Loss of Sight left Eye." Marriage: Pittman, Saml & Margaret Smith, 4 May 1872.  
 PRIOR, John F., (A.H. Schutze), Sol. U.S., res 605 W. 5th, Austin.  
 PURNELL, Thos. F., (Albert Schutze), Lt, 54 Ind. Vol. Inf., 27 Oct 1862 - 20 Mch 1866; Austin. Directory: notary public, res 2304 San Gabriel. Received pension.  
 PURYEAR, James M., (Anderson), Sol. U.S.; P.O. Pct. # 7.  
 REED, Benjamin A., (Allen), Corp, Co E, 7 Mo. Cav, 14 Feb 1862 - Apr 1865; Austin; "Rheumatism, Catarrh." Directory: hostler Austin City R.R. Co; res 2513 Nueces.  
 REEVES, Darrrel H., (Harrell), 2nd Lt, Co A, 110 Ill. Inf., 21 Aug 1863 - 8 May 1865; P.O. Maner/? Travis Co.  
 REINHARD, Julia, (Lamont), Widow of Frederick W., 1st Lt, Battery \$ Mass., 7 Nov 1861 - 1862; 1301 Sabine St, Austin. Directory: Her res 2007 Sabine corner Loomis.  
 RICHARDSON, James P., (Lamont), Col, 38 Mass. Inf, 10 Apr 1861 - 21 Jly 1865; Corner E 13th & San Jacinto, Austin; "Gunshot wound in shoulder"; "Wounded at Winchester." Directory: res 1207 San Jacinto.  
 RICKER, Charles W., (Lamont), Pvt, Co H, 6 Mass Inft, 15 Apr 1861 - 20 Aug 1861; Re-enlisted; appointed Lt Co D, 26 Mass. Inf., 6 Sep 1861 - 13 Dec 1862; Commissioned 2 Lt, 2nd La. Inft, 12 Nov 1862; com 1st Lt, 2nd La. Inft, 18 Aug 1863 - 27 May 1864; 902 E 12th, Austin; "Disease of Brain producing attacks resembling Epilepsy, caused by sunstroke in front of Port Hudson, La." Directory: dry goods, groceries, 902 E. 12; res same.

RILEY, Mike, (Allen), Pvt, Co A, 1 U.S. Art., 7 Jan 1861 - 7 Jan 1864; Austin; "One Testicle Injured." Directory: Reilly, Michael, marblecutter A.J. Adkisson & Son (Capital marble works, Colorado bet 12 & 13); res 2507 Guadalupe. Marriages: Riley, Michael, & Margaret Joseph Berry, 11 May 1876.

RILEY, Fannie R. (Rector), Widow of Ratliff, "with Artillery," 1861-1864; Austin, 1700 Guadalupe St. Directory: Riley, Fannie (wid Rattleff) res cor Guadalupe & W 17.

ROBINSON, Ambrose G., (Cushman), Pvt, Co A, 9th Mo. Mtd. Inf., 4 Jly 1862 - 8 Jan 1864; Del Valle, Travis Co.

SCOTT, David G., (Lamont), Mu[latto], Pvt, Co C, 116 U.S. Col. Inf., 28 June 1864-1866; E 13th St, Austin; Directory: (c) Pullman car porter; res 305 E 13.

SCOTT, Patrick, (A.H. Schutze), 2 Lt, Tenn. Cal. Vol. [Cavalry Volunteers?], Co 8, 13 Mch 1864 - 21 Oct 1864; Austin; "Almost total loss of hearing in line of duty"; "Re-enlisted Veteran." Directory: bartender for W.F. Goings (Bridge Saloon, 200 Congress); res 206 W 2nd.

SCOTT, William M, (Whitehead), Pvt, Co B, 10 Ill. Calv., 20 Jly 1863 - Sep 1865; disability: "in the arnrd [?] Jan. 18, 1863 at Meidros [?] Hill, Ky. Was transferred to 126 Co, 2 Bat. R. Corps, Dec. 28, 1863." [Extremely difficult to read]

SEVERNS [Swem?], John, (W.A. Harrell), North Half Precinct 2 [nothing more]

SHELDON, Carlos V., (Cushman), Pvt, Co D, 11 Mo. Inf, 1 Jan 1864 - 15 Jan 1866; Co D, 11 Mo. Inf, 8 Jly 1861 - 2 Jan 1864; Carl, Travis Co; "Burnt in mouth from powder from an exploding shell."

SIMS, Ann, (Lamont), Widow of Aron (Black), Pvt, U.S. Directory: Simms, Ann (c), res 603 E 13, Austin.

SINNATT, Ann S., (Walker), Widow of John; P.O. Milam Co; "Transcript showed that he was a soldier--she could not tell anything about him." She in Lunatic Asylum District.

SIPE, Andrew, (Cushman), Pvt, Co K, 6th U.S. Cav., 15 Aug 1861 - 1864; Del Valle, Texas.

SLONE, Andrew, (Whitehead), Pvt, Co A, 1 Tex. Cav., Feb 1864 - 15 Oct 1866; Austin.

SMITH, Charles G., (J.M. Harrell), Pvt, Co C, 1 La. Cav., 21 Sep 1863 - 13 Nov 1865; Precinct #2, Travis Co. Marriages: Smith, Charles G. & Nannie Guinn, 11 Nov 1866.

SMITH, Gibson, (Lamont), Black, Pvt, 9th Cal., 1863 - 1865; 1004 E 11th, Austin; "Wounded in right leg by exploding shell near Petersburg, Va." Directory: (c) works at Driskill Hotel. Marriages: Smith, Gibson (c) & Maria Bradley (c) 21 Dec 1871; Smith, Gibson (c) & Emma Jones (c) 23 May 1879.

SMITH, William, (Lamont), Pvt, Co K, 2 N.Y. \_\_\_, May 1861 - 1864; 1203 San Jacinto, Austin; "Deafness caused by exploding shell at South Mountain" [Md., battle 14 Sep 1862]. Directory: shoemaker DeLashmutt Bros (boots, shoes & hats, 805 Congress); res 1208 San Jacinto. Marriages shows five William Smiths.

SPIZZERGER, Frank, (Cushman), Pvt, Co F, 12 Mo. Inf., 25 Aug 1861 - 1864; Del Valle.

STALEY, Joseph, (Scheier), Pvt, Co G, 8th Indiana, 1 Sep 1861 - Aug 1865; St. Edward's College, Austin. "knee smashed (afterwards) left South Army & joined 8th Ind. G."

STEGMANN, Henry H., (Turner), Pvt, Co G, 25 Mich. Inf., 14 Sep 1862 - 14 Oct 1865; 400 E 10th, Austin; "Chronic bronchitis." Directory: merchant tailor, 820 Congress.

STEVENSON, Dewitt C., (Junck), Pvt, Co I, 22 Wis. Inf, 2 Jly 1862 - 22 June 1865; Austin. Directory: DeWitt C., fruits, candies, cigars, 1008 Congress; res same.

STOCKER, Maggie E., (Turner), Widow Chas. W.; 406 E 11, Austin; "Shot through both legs" "Enlisted under assumed name of Henry Young; lost record." Directory: Margaret E. (wid Charles W), res 208 E 10. Marriages: Stocker, Charles William & Maggie Elizabeth Cassidy, 15 June 1867.

STODDARD, Chas. B., (Howard), Pvt, Co L, 3 Ohio Inf, Jly 1861 - Jly 1862; Austin. Directory: C. B., Dentist, ofc 800 Congress, rooms same, boards Driskill Hotel.

STUMPF, Joseph, (Allen), Pvt, Co L, 1 Ind. Heavy Artillery, 7 Oct 1864 - Oct 1865; Austin. Directory: of Brower & Stumpf (blacksmiths, carriage & wagon mfrs, 511 Colorado); res 2404 Guadalupe.

TARRANCE, James, (Junck), Pvt, Co B, 11 Ind. Vol., 30 Aug 1861 - 8 Jly 1862; Austin; "Shot through right breast"; "Wounded Battle of Shiloh 1862." Directory: auditor & agt for Austin & North Western RR, E 4 bet San Marcos/Medina; res 201 E 2nd.

TAYLOR, Mary V., (Purnell), Widow of U.S. Soldier; Austin.

THOMAS, Valison C., (Rector), Pvt, Co B, 7 Ind., 1861-1864; 1704 Guadalupe, Austin. Directory: prop. Thomas & Son (Morris D. Thomas) barbershop 1002 Congress Avenue; res 1704 Guadalupe.

THURMAN, Henry G., (Anderson), Corp, Co A, \_\_ Tex. \_\_, 1 Nov 1862 - Oct 1865; Pct # 7.

TOLMAN, Corinne B., (Junck), Widow of Thomas M., Capt, Co H, 1 U.S. Infy, Enlisted June 1861; Austin; "Died at Ft. Leavenworth Kans. 1883." Directory: Corinne B. (wid T.M.) res 211 E 5; W. Murry Tolman in household. Marriages: Tolman, Lt. Thomas M. & Corinne Barrett, 16 Oct 1867.

TRACY, Charles, (Whitehead), Corp, Co H, 5 Mo. Cav., Jan 1862 - Apr 1865. Marriages: Tracy, Charles & Martha S. Tucker, 23 Dec 1880.

TURNER, Wm. H., (Turner), Corp, Co F, 47 IA [Iowa?] Vol, 12 May 1864 - 28 Sep 1864; 701/801 East Avenue, Austin.

TUTTLE, John, (Gillson), Pvt, Co E, 29 Ind. Inf., 6 Sep 1861 - 26 Mch 1863; Austin; "Wounded in 5 places." Marriages: Tuttle, John & Mrs. Martha Bunch, 14 Mch 1866; Tuttle, John & Harriet Jane Baldwin, 27 Mch 1878.

VOGTSBERGER, Emil, (Junck), Corp, Co B, 43 Ill. Inf, 7 July 1865; Austin; "Consumptive." Directory: harnessmaker Kluge Bros. 309 E. 6; res 1402 E 2.

VOEGLTY/VOLZ?, Alois, (Whitehead), Pvt, Co I, 14 Penn. Inf., 6 Aug 1861 - 6 Aug 1864; Pvt, Co K, 4 Hancocs (?) Vet (Vt for Vermont?) Inf, Oct 1864 - Oct 1865; P.O. Cedar Valley; "Wounded in foot at Cross Key"; "Has served 3 terms in Regular Army." Directory shows only V with Alois first name was Volz, Groceries, country produce & saloon, at 2520 Guadalupe, Austin.

VREDENBURGH, John L., Pvt, Co F, 17 N.Y. Inf., 22 May 1861 - 2 June 1863. Directory: prop Vredenburgh & Southgate (mfg jewelers, watchmakers, engravers, jewelry, spectacles, 812 Congress); res Fredericksburg Road, South Austin.

WALKER, Peter, (Jessen), Pvt, Co I, 22 Ind. Infy., 27 June 1861 - 28 Aug 1865; Austin, 806 E 6; "Shot through knuckles of left hand, crippling 3 fingers." Directory: Peter L. Walker, master mechanic at Austin & North Western RR (shops on E 4 between Waller & Navasota); res 806 E. 6.

WALSH, Richard W. (decd), (Gillson), Pvt, Co D/B, 1 Ind. Cav; Widow now Louisa A. Typher [?], res Austin. Marriages: On 27 Apr 1875 Louisa A. Fruth was married to Richard W. Walsh by John Lauth, Roman Catholic priest. Her second marriage not in 1840-82 book--might be Syphert.

WARMOTH, James H. (Turner), Capt, Co A, 32 Mo. Inf., 18 Oct 1862 - 12 Sep 1894. Directory: prop Padgett & Warmoth (harness, saddlery hardware, shoe findings, 208-210 E 6); res 205 E 9. Marriages: Warmoth, Jas. H. & Annie E. Fletcher, 7 Dec 1879.

WARMUTH, Louis M., (Jessen), Pvt, Co C, 65 Ill. Infy Vet, 3 Apr 1863 - 20 Aug 1866; 318 E 6th, Austin; "Discharged as Hospital St'd/Steward??"

WEBB, James K.P., (Cushman), Pvt, Co K, 52 Ind. Inf., 27 Apr 1864 - 10 Sep 1865; DelValle.

WELLMER, Wm. E., (Albert Schutze), 1604 Sabine St, Austin. Directory: William, drygoods, groceries 1600 Sabine. Marriages: Wellmer, Edwd. Wm. & Lena Johnson, 20 Dec 1871.

WERNER, Barbara, (Junck), Widow of John, Pvt, Co I, 67 Pa. Inf., 25 Jan 1862 - 3 Sep 1862; Austin; "Subacute inflammation - was discharged on a/c of disability." Directory: Werner, Barbara (wid John) res 904 E 5.

WEST, Thos. C., (Lamont), Pvt, Co B, U.S. Teleg[raper?] Eng. Corps, 4 Sep 1861--1865; cor. Brazos & 13th, Austin; "Rheumatism from exposure in the war. Deaf in right ear."

WHITE, Richard, (Jessen), Pvt, Co A, 6 Minn. Infy., 1862-1865; 813 E 7th, Austin. Directory: butcher for Shelton & Redd (Congress between Monroe & Annie, South Austin; res 813 E 7.

WHITE, Washington, (Lamont), Black, Pvt, Co M, 6 Ky. Cav., 15 Jly 1863 - 1865; 502 E 13, Austin. Marriages: White, Washington (c) & Maria Davis (c), 15 Dec 1872.

WHITEHEAD, Ezra L., (Whitehead), Pvt, Co F, 113 Ohio Inf., 22 Aug 1862 - 18 Jly 1865; Pct #5, Austin. Directory: shoemaker, res Barton Spring Road, South Austin.

WHITEHEAD, \_\_\_\_\_, (Gillson), Widow of William, 1st Sgt, Co D, 1 Det. Cal. Inf. [or Vt. Col. Inf.?], 15 Nov 1862 - 15 Nov 1865; Austin; Govalle District.

WILLIAMS, Henry, (Allen), U.S. Sol.; Austin. [Many marriages for Henry Williamses]

WILLIAMS, John, (Alfred H. Schutze), Pvt, Water Witch, 27 May 1863 - 3 Nov 1864; 204 W 2nd, Austin. "Shot in left leg"; "Prisoner at Andersonville 4 m 16 days--Disabled to work." [Many marriages for John Williamses]

WILLIAMS, Lewis L., (Hornsby), Pvt, Co A, 123 Ind. Inf., 5 Sep 1864 - 25 Oct 1865; P.O. Hornsby, Travis Co.

WRIGHT, Edward B., (Rector), Capt, Bat. B, Mich. Art., served 3 years; Austin; "Anch-glosis [?] of right Shoulder joint." Marriages: Wright, Edward B. & Evelyn H. Bell, 5 Mch 1878. [Anchylolosis, ankylosis]

WYSCHETZKI, Alfred, (Purnell), Sgt, C. Ind[ependent?], Regt. 8, N.Y. Inf., 8 Jan 1863 - 1864; 1st Sgt Co K, 68 N.Y. Inf., discharged 30 Nov 1866; "Consolidated with 68 N.Y.

Don't know date." Directory: prop A. Wychetzki & Co. (Land & General Agents, 800 Congress); res 2106 Guadalupe. Marriages: von Wyschetzki, A. A. F., and Sophia Schenck, 2 Oct 1882.  
YOUNGER, Wm. E., (Rundell), C/olor?/ Sgt, Co E, 2nd Maryland /?/ Cav, 6 mos; res. Fiskville; "Don't Know date of Elistment or discharge." Marriages: Younger, William, & Mary E. Sherman, 9 Feb 1876.

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People who are just starting out in the genealogical practice of letter writing may not appreciate the importance of the request, "SASE, please!" A Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope should be enclosed in every genealogical letter you write, especially if you are asking for more than you are giving.

Sad to say, some old hands are lax about this, also.

Just stop and think how the postage alone mounts up for a big-hearted person who answers every request for assistance. And that's not counting the time spent looking up and copying down the desired data.

Austin Genealogical Society (like others) receives so many requests for genealogical help that we have had to institute the policy of requiring at least reimbursement for postage, for we are on a limited budget.

SO -- all you people who have been writing for free research -- no SASE, no reply!

#### EARLY BIRD ANNOUNCEMENT OF WORKSHOP

The chairman of the 1977 Austin Genealogical Society Workshop, Mrs. Murray C. Moffatt (Loudie) announces that plans are well in hand for this popular event.

Town Hall at Hancock Center has been reserved for Saturday 27 August, and arrangements are being made for an outstanding speaker.

So mark your calendars and plan to do your share in making this the best workshop we have ever had!

## BOOK REVIEWS

THOMAS HINDS DUGGAN, DESCENDANT AND ANCESTOR by Alice Duggan Gracy. Maps and Illustrations by Watt Harris Jr. Privately published at Austin, Texas; copyright 1976. Hard cover; pp. x + 225. Index 11 pp.; photographs. \$12.50 from Mrs. David C. Gracy, 1212 Guadalupe #901, Austin TX 78701.

Thomas Hinds Duggan, Descendant and Ancestor was written by the subject's great-granddaughter, a sincerely respected founder of Austin Genealogical Society. The Society is pleased and proud that one of its members has compressed many years of study and research into such an excellent book.

This work is defined as a family history rather than a genealogy, being the chronicle of Thomas Hinds Duggan as both a descendant and an ancestor. Of the five W's of journalism, Mrs. Gracy has concentrated on the Why and the Who, with secondary emphasis on the attendant When, Where, and What.

Never has this reviewer seen as masterful an exposition of the effects of current events on a family. The author sets forth a concise history of America, as a colony and as a nation, and the influences of each era on the migrations and occupations of her ancestors.

Where specific facts pertaining to the Duggans and allied families are scanty, Mrs. Gracy traces the general pattern of pioneers of the "second class," as Frederick Jackson Turner designated those who "purchase the lands, add field to field, clear out the roads, throw rough bridges over the streams, put up hewn log houses with glass windows and brick or stone chimneys, . . . school-houses, court-houses, etc."

Later members of the Duggan family and collateral families were highly educated, held important public offices, promptly volunteered for military service when their homeland was threatened, and sacrificed their property to the Confederate Cause.

In the Foreword Mrs. Gracy states: "I hope to tell the factual story of our Duggan family, as reflected by records . . . trying always to keep each generation in focus amidst the events of its time." She has succeeded admirably.

For the later generations, no attempt was made to expose the genealogical skeletons (date and place of birth, marriage and death) of those outside the author's own direct lineage, which exclusion makes for more interesting (because uninterrupted) reading but may be disappointing to collateral descendants in the future.

Thomas Hinds Duggan reveals a tremendous amount of research and careful documentation. An excellent bibliography is incorporated in the Notes which follow each generation. The Notes also include helpful explanations and the archival location of records referred to, as well as identification of personal contacts with relatives.

In the section "Distaff Families" the author has placed extensive records pertaining to her lines of SMITHWICK, HYMAN, ALSTON, and BERRY, records ranging from legal instruments to quaint family traditions, such as "the Devil's Handprint."

In order to prove my objectivity, I feel that I must criticize some point in each book I review. The only flaw that I have found in this one is on page 157, where the text seems to claim that Edward Smithwick

gave the land for St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Edenton, North Carolina which is pictured above the text. When Mrs. Gracy conversed with the rector of that church in January 1963, he did not inform her that his research disproved that assumption--perhaps he had not yet reached the conclusion that he set forth in the book he published the following year, History of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Edenton, North Carolina (pp. 11-30).

True enough, in 1702 Edward Smithwick gave the land whereon was built the first church in Chowan Precinct, but, to quote the Reverend George Blake Holmes, that was "at or near the water," not within the boundaries of the present city of Edenton. Smithwick died 1715-16, and the present site of the church was selected after 1729 when Col. William Byrd reported that there was no place of worship of any kind in Edenton, according to Mr. Holmes.

But this minor ambiguity is utterly dwarfed by the stature of the book as a whole. Fascinating even to an outsider, it must be a source of delight and pride to all who are in any way related to the families treated therein.

No less edifying than the text are the splendid two-color maps and excellent drawings done by Watt Harris Jr. Not even included in the list of illustrations is one on page 117 which so poignantly epitomizes the aftermath of the Civil War that it brought tears to the eyes of this hard-boiled editor! Among other examples of good taste evidenced throughout the book is the winsome device of placing the dedication (to the author's grandchildren) within the embracing arms of a graceful tree.

This handsome volume was beautifully typed with wide margins, well bound, and fully indexed. The last section consists of obituaries, from one of which a quotation makes a fitting conclusion:

We are too sad to write more. We are too poor to erect costly monuments to the memory of dear father and mother. But we can and do pray God in his mercy to qualify us to lead lives that may serve as monuments to them, for . . . the lives they lived were all that any earthly parents could bestow.

(Reviewed by Helen Hoskins Rugeley)

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS

Two charter members of Austin Genealogical Society have within the past year done what many of us should do, namely, put into print what we have accumulated in the pursuit of our hobby. Both of these ladies have compiled books for a limited group of people, and neither one is "pushing" the sale of her book. Hence these reviews are not intended to tempt you into reaching for your checkbook, but rather to inspire you to "go and do likewise."

Mrs. Lucie Clift Price, currently a member of our Society, has compiled a book composed of letters that her parents, Maggie Ellen Dunn and William H. Clift, wrote to each other in 1896 and 1897, before they were married on 30 November 1897. In 1895 they had met in

the little town of Pottsboro (Grayson County, Texas) where W. H. Clift was principal of the school and Maggie had an elocution class. She was nineteen and he was twenty-four.

These are primarily love letters but other memorabilia are included, such as W. H. Clift's teacher's certificate in Grayson and Collin counties, his diploma from Grayson College at Whitewright in 1892, a transcript of his grades from the University of Texas in 1893-4, newspaper clippings from the Pottsboro Picayune, and a flyer advertising the Tioga (Grayson Co.) school in the fall of 1897. Also, there are reproductions of warrants paid by the Chickasaw Nation to W. H. Clift, Principal of Pottsboro High School, for the tuition and board of the Chickasaw Indian students. (These copies were obtained from the Oklahoma Historical Society which found 24 of these cancelled warrants.) A few pictures are included, and the wedding invitation and marriage license are reproduced also.

The letters reveal not only the customs of the times, but also some historical episodes - such as a great tornado in Sherman on 16 May 1896; the unveiling of a monument in Sherman 21 April 1897; the "Crash at Crush," which Maggie attended on 15 September 1896. (That was a publicity stunt put on by the M.K. & T. Railroad near Waco, when two trains deliberately collided head on.)

Mrs. Price presented the books to her three children and ten grandchildren as Christmas gifts in 1976. She thoughtfully had enough printed for another generation of the descendants of Maggie and Will Clift.

Lucie titled her 255-page book Monuments of the Past, a quote from one of her mother's letters. It has a six-page index and is a most attractive hard-bound book for family distribution.

Isaac Thornton (1817-1906) - His Descendants and Some of His Forebears was compiled by Beatrice Thornton Keeling and Wanda Willard Smith. This book, bound in blue card stock, consists of 221 pages, including two pages of addenda and corrections and a 21-page full-name index.

The four-page Foreword, by former AGS member Wanda Smith, describes the efforts of the compilers to trace their Thornton ancestry. With the help of various other researchers, they have been working at this task since the 1940s. Traditionally, this Thornton family can be traced back to one Hosea Thornton the immigrant, who came from England about 1700 and settled in Virginia. He had two sons, Thomas and Josiah. Josiah emigrated to South Carolina and fathered 12 children, one of whom was named Thomas. This Thomas Thornton and Rebecca House were the parents of Isaac Thornton, born 1817.

Much effort has been spent in trying to find a link between this Thornton family and that of a noted Baptist preacher in Georgia, the Rev. Dozier Thornton (1755-1843). Many think that there is a connection, but it has not yet been proven. There were other Thorntons living in the same areas of Spartanburg County, South Carolina and Forsyth County, Georgia, but it has not yet been determined if they were related to the Isaac Thornton branch.

Many collateral families are discussed, including HOUSE, NUCKOLLS, and SPAKES. This book is as fully documented as was possible, and traditions are clearly labeled as such. The compilers made 200 copies of their book, all of which were "spoken for" beforehand. They placed about a dozen copies in strategically located libraries around the country, including Texas State Library, Genealogy Department.

--Emma Gene Seale Gentry

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## HAPPY HUNTING GROUND

Send queries to Mrs. H.H. Rugeley, 2202 W. 10, Austin TX 78703. Include at least one date, place & first name with each one. Use names or abbreviations of months; proofread your copy. Queries are free.

CAVENDER\_DUKE\_JACKSON\_STOKES\_WEEMS. Need info on James Jackson b. ca 1825 in GA; m. Emeline Cavender in GA; was in Walker Co, GA in 1850; Travis Co, TX in 1870 & 1880. Children: Martha (m. ---Stokes); Rachel; Dona (m. --- Duke); and James.

James Jackson Sr. had 3 known bros & a sis: Isaas (m. Harriet Cavender, sis of Emeline); Edward (m. Lucy Cavender, niece of above); John (came to TX with James--whom did he marry?); Elizabeth (m. Clark Weems). Did all these people come to Texas?--Mrs. A. A. McDougale, 214 E. Edmonds, San Antonio TX 78214.

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BISHOP\_NASH\_ROBERTS\_TUMLINSON. "Need info on Sarah Ann Nash daughter of Ira Nash of Gonzales County Texas. She was born ca 1822 Missouri; died ca 1874 Caldwell County Texas. Married 1st ? Tumlinson, 2nd on Feb 5, 1837 Washington County Texas, and 3rd on May 11, 1845 Gonzales County Texas to Jeremiah Roberts born Jan 9, 1801 Tenn., died 5 Feb 1866 Caldwell County, Texas. He is the son of Nathan Roberts and Abigail Bishop." --Robert Carl Tumey Sr., 811 East 31st St, Austin TX 78705.

ED. NOTE: In 1971 Fort Worth Genealogical Society published Marriage Bonds of Early Texas 1824-1846. I examined all Nash, Tumlinson/Tomlinson etc., Roberts and Brown entries listed in the indexes (surnames only, separate index for each of 25 counties). On p. 83, Washington Co., is: June 30, 1836. Littleton T. Tumblington - Sarah Nash.

On page 31A, Gonzales Co, appears:  
May 11, 1845. Jeremiah Roberts & Mrs. Sarah Brown.

I could not find a record of Sarah Tum-whatever marrying a Brown between 1836 and 1845, so I looked for a Brown-Nash marriage, in case she had divorced Littleton and taken back her maiden name. No luck. There was no Washington Co entry at all for Feb 5, 1837, as stated in above query, so I scrutinized each entry until I found on page 84: Feb. 3, 1838. G. C. Bruner - Sarah Ann Funilison.

I think all who have examined old handwritten records will agree that Bruner and Brown could be confused, and Tumlinson could easily be misread as Funilison. As for the difference in dates, I suggest that Mr. Tumey go to Brenham and compare the marriage record with the source of his statement.

MORAL: If you can't find it under any possible spelling, try the impossible!

MOORE\_TUMEY. Request data on Isaac Tumey who died 31 Jan 1680 and was buried at Charmouth, co. Dorset, England. He married Elizabeth Moore who died 10 Apr 1698 at Bridgewater in co. Somerset (daughter of Daniel Moore). Tumey son William was born 15 Aug 1638, Partsea Parish, Hants /abbreviation of Hampshire/, England. Will exchange data on all above surnames.--Robert Carl Tumey, address above.

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Mr. Tumey has such a wonderful device printed on his letter paper: a three-generation lineage chart, starting with himself. It not only looks attractive but is a great time and space saver.

DID THE BURNING OF THE 1890 CENSUS  
HASTEN ERECTION OF ARCHIVES BUILDING?

"The regular 1890 [census] schedules were destroyed or badly damaged by a fire in Washington on January 10, 1921. Practically all the schedules not then destroyed were destroyed by congressional authorization in 1933." My curiosity was piqued by this laconic statement in the indispensable Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives (National Archives Publication #64-8, for sale by Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington DC 20402). So I wrote to GSA to ask for more details, to include in the article on page 2 of this issue.

Believing that many census searchers would be interested in knowing how such a disastrous fire happened, and why the remnants of the census schedules were later destroyed, I left space for one enlightening paragraph and proceeded to type the pages of data on the Travis County Special Census.

To my happy surprise, the Legislative, Judicial and Fiscal Branch of the Civil Archives Division sent me quite a packet of interesting (but inconclusive) material on the subject, and the Industrial and Social Branch of that division advised me that they would reply by a date now long past. Regrettably, we can wait no longer for that, but there is enough material at hand to make a whole article about the fire and the stimulus it provided toward reawakening Congress to the need for housing our national archives in a fireproof building.

In the Congressional Record -- House, Vol. 60, Pt. 2 (66th Congress, 3d Session), pp. 1238-39, appears the heading "Fire in Commerce Department Building." On 11 Jan 1921, Senator Reed Smoot of Utah announced that there had been a disastrous fire in the basement of that building, destroying valuable census data. He referred to four previous fires in government buildings, reported to have been "started by employees carelessly throwing down a lighted cigarette stub," and advocated an order prohibiting employees from smoking while at work.

Senator Smoot asked for an investigation of the Commerce Building fire because it "occurred in what was supposed to be a fireproof vault; in fact, just about as good a vault as we have for any of our records."

Senator Poindexter of Washington reported that the Washington Herald headlines added: "Census Data of 120 Years Ruined by Fire and Water. Irreplaceable Records Stored in Basement of Commerce Building Destroyed." He suggested that the lesson to be drawn from the occurrence was "the advisability of the Government constructing an archives building for storing its irreplaceable records . . . ."

In 1914, Senator Poindexter went on, Congress passed an act authorizing the construction of a fireproof archives building where valuable governmental records could not only be preserved but also "scientifically arranged and made available for the use of those to whom their use is valuable."

The senator pointed out that Congress had continually failed to make the appropriation for the building, despite the fact that the Government had been empowered to acquire the property and construct the building, and an appropriation for the drawing of the plans had been made. He presumed that "records of several times the value of such a

building, if it had been constructed within a reasonable time after Congress had authorized it . . . have been destroyed since the authorization went into effect."

Senator Poindexter urged the Committee on Appropriations (mentioning that Senator Smoot was on that committee!) to make at least a preliminary appropriation for an archives building.

Senator Smoot's rejoinder was that he had brought up the subject in the Senate "not three weeks ago." To the importance of preserving public records in an archives building he added the point that transferring such records to a central storage place would release the space they then occupied in various public buildings, thus eliminating the need to rent some private buildings as was currently done.

On the same day, in the House of Representatives, as reported in the Congressional Record (*supra*, p. 1268) Mr. Fess of Ohio discussed the disastrous fire, emphasizing the "importance of the Government taking expeditious action in the erection of an archives building, fireproof." He reported that he had obtained from the fire department a record of fires that had occurred in public buildings in Washington: over 200 between 1873 and 1916.

Congressman Fess mentioned also the 1825 fire in the library, which nearly destroyed the collection of Jefferson's books. Of 55,000 volumes in the library, only 20,000 were saved.

The Representative from Ohio displayed photographs of various repositories of documents in the city: wooden shelves in the attic of the Treasury Building piled high with valuable documents, and circular wooden shelving underneath its sunken yard similarly laden.

He stated that the vast collection of documents pertaining to the Expeditionary Forces [World War I] were in a temporary building at 6th and B streets. Civil War records were removed from the War and Navy Building to make room for clerks when World War I started, and had been stored in a garage at 24th and M streets [editorial shudder!].

Mr. Fess stated that ours was the only nation "of any significance" that had no national archives building, and in fact the Federal Government lagged behind many states in records preservation. He named the eleven states then using old-fashioned buildings (fires had occurred in West Virginia, Missouri and Louisiana); the eight having new buildings (i.e., capitols with fireproof protection, including Texas), and the eight with separate, fireproof archives buildings. Two states had the last under construction.

Representative Fess concluded with the information that since the first steps toward building the archives in 1916, a commission had selected a site between 12th and 13th streets and B and C streets N.W.

Mr. Reed of New York announced that the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and the treaties were in a non-fireproof safe in the non-fireproof State, War, and Navy Building.

Next, Mr. Fess brought up the economic factors of renting storage space and of rising construction costs, concluding: "I appeal to the Appropriations Committee of the House to take action without delay toward the erection of this building. The fire last night is an emphasis of its necessity. [Applause.]"

Two days later, 13 Jan 1921 (Congressional Record p. 1340), Senator Jones of Washington, in relation to the fire in the Commerce Department Building, read a letter from a government employee of his acquaintance. The writer stated: "...the fire in the Census Bureau. I am

informed by a party employed there that it was fired by a party going through the carpenter shop, where there were some shavings, and threw down a stub of a cigarette, and that the estimated damage is \$50,000; but it will cost three times that to replace the damage done."

This cannot be considered unbiased evidence of the cause of the fire, for the letter was "in the nature of a petition" to ban smoking. The writer concluded: "It /smoking/ has cost not less than \$250,000 in loss of time taken by the employees alone, not saying anything of the very great discomfort it has been to the other employees who do not smoke."

So, as tragic as it was (to genealogists and other researchers), the fire that destroyed the 1890 Census did have one good aftereffect: It re-opened Congressional discussion of constructing a fireproof building to preserve the nation's archival treasurer. But it was not until June 1934 that an act of Congress provided for the National Archives Building that was erected at Eighth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.

Very near the Capitol, the building has entrances on both Pennsylvania and Constitution avenues. It is a handsome rectangular edifice with stately Corinthian colonnades on all four façades.

In it, the priceless records of our country are preserved in fire-proof, air-conditioned, temperature-regulated massive concrete vaults, in specially designed steel equipment, according to The World Book Encyclopedia (1938 ed., Vol. A, p. 369).

So much for the fire, but why destroy the remnants of the 1890 Census? I believe the clue is in the Herald headline "Census Data . . . Ruined by Fire and Water." Most of the schedules not actually consumed by fire were so charred or stuck together and streaked by water that they were useless, presumably.

Remaining Fragments of 1890 Census. In the National Archives is a card index to the 6,160 names on the surviving 1890 schedules. Included are parts of five Texas counties: Ellis, Hood, Kaufman, Rusk, and Trinity (National Archives General Information Leaflet No. 5).

After giving storage space to this largely unusable mass of paper for over ten years, the chief clerk of the Department of Commerce must have decided to get rid of it along with other records that are routinely destroyed under an act entitled "An act to authorize and provide for the disposition of useless papers in the Executive Departments," approved 16 Feb 1889. A list of papers earmarked for destruction was sent (on 14 Dec 1932) to the Librarian of Congress, who replied that none seemed to "need to be reserved on account of any historical interest."

Next, on 19 Dec 1932, letters were sent to Texas's own John Nance Garner as Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the Senate, recommending "that authority be granted for the disposition of the documents and files of papers mentioned, so that they may be sold as waste paper or otherwise disposed of in accordance with law."

The Christmas holidays being near, apparently the actual destruction of the doomed census schedules was postponed until 1933.

It would be interesting to learn how far astray I have wandered in my assumptions from the partial data available!

--H.H.R.

