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NEWSWORTHY MEN IN AUSTIN IN 1839

Part II

In our last issue (XVIII:3) we started publishing interesting items that Mrs. H. R. Gentry had abstracted from Austin's first newspaper, Austin City Gazette (issues of 30 Oct - 25 Dec 1839). After each paragraph containing a bit of genealogical data, we attempt to identify the men and women mentioned, by reference to the selective bibliography below. (Since your editor was almost house-bound by a broken wrist during the preparation of this article, source material was limited to books I had at home. Many important works are not included, so the reader can have the pleasure of completing the research on the historical personages that interest him.)

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 - c. Travis Co. Tax Delinquents, June 1841 (XV: 101-03).
 - d. Masonic Lodge Formed at Austin 1839-40 (XV: 89, 92).
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14. Index to Spanish and Mexican Land Grants in Texas (Reprint from The Spanish Archives of the General Land Office of Texas), Virginia H. Taylor; Austin: Lone Star Press, copyright 1955, 1974. Permission to quote graciously granted by the author.

Following the grantee's name is the date of title, the amount of land, the colony to which the grantee belonged (the empresario) or the special commissioner who gave him possession of the land, and finally the present name of the county in which the land is located. Abbreviations: lea=league (4,428.4 acres); lab=labor (177.1 acres).

It must be borne in mind that colonists often bought land from others who had already received their grants from the government; therefore, when they received their own grants they may have sold the land and not lived on it. For boundaries of the various empresarial grants, see Mrs. Taylor's original book (above) and "Genl. Austin's Map of Texas, 1840" in Francis Moore's Map and Description of Texas (reprinted 1965 by Texian Press of Waco; original 1840), and similar sources.

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NOTE: At the end of the first interpolated entry concerning a man who is mentioned in later issues of the Gazette, the dates of those issues will be shown in parentheses, thus: (v. 6 Nov, 25 Dec). [In case your Latin is rusty, v. is the abbreviation of vide, imperative singular of the verb videre, to see.]

(Continued from Page 86)

(vol. 1, #3 - Weds., Nov. 13, 1839 - p. 3, col. 4, cont'd)

FOR SALE - Clocks, watches, and jewelry; Fish hooks & lines, all sizes; Needles, thimbles, Pins, sewing silk, Combs, Percussion caps, Flints, files, Segars, etc. Turning in wood, iron, and ivory @one in the neatest manner, by,

J. Bishop

See page 79 of September AGS Quarterly for our findings on Josiah Bishop. (Sorry about the high-riding h's--typewriter had a \$20 case of the hiccups.)

p. 4, col. 3 - Proposals will be received at the Postmaster General's Dept., for a Mail Route between this city and the city of Houston, twice a week. ... To leave Houston Tuesday & Friday at 7 o'clock A.M. - Arrive at Austin Monday & Friday at 7 o'clock A.M.; leave Austin on Tuesday

& Friday at 7 o'clock A.M. - Arrive at Houston, Monday & Friday, at 7 o'clock A.M.

E.S.C. Robertson

Act. P.M. Gen'l.

Elijah Sterling Clack ROBERTSON was born 2 Aug 1820 in Tennessee, and was brought to Texas at the age of 12. In June 1839, having returned from two years of higher education in his native state, he was made chief clerk of the Post Office Department of Texas; in October he was acting postmaster general. A widower, he married Mary Elizabeth Dickey on 8 Nov 1852 in Travis Co, then moved to Bell Co. Robertson died 8 Oct 1879 at Salado and was buried there in the family cemetery. (1), (2)On 1840 tax roll for Travis Co appears "Robertson, B.C." [If E and S hand written close together, could look like B--nothing nearer in the index.] with 1 poll, T 326 [Title to 326 acres], 1 townlot in Comanche, 10 slaves, 1 saddle horse, 1 silver watch. (8)E.S.C. Robertson was elected Assistant Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives for 1847-48. (9, p. 8) Robertson, Elijah S.C., on 29 Jly 1835 had title to $\frac{1}{2}$ league in Robertson's Colony (now Milam Co). (14) [Empresario Sterling Clack Robertson was his father.]E. Sterling C. Robertson was a Masonic Lodge Master 1852-53. (12d)For definitive data, see Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony in Texas by Malcolm D. McLean (Fort Worth: TCU Press, 1974 --). (v. 4 Dec).

FOR SALE - Just received per the last boat, Tanterbogus, from the head of the raft, Westphalia Hams, Wine Biscuits, Crackers, Coffee, Pepper, Salt, Hard and Hollow Ware, Bridles & Saddles, Sythes, Augers, Drawing-knives, and a general assortment of Liquors Thos. W. Grayson
P.S. The subscriber being perfectly convinced of the safe navigation of the Colorado, has now on the river 2 keel-boats, to wit: the David Crockett and Tanterbogus.
Mr. Editor - I came up in the last boat & found no obstacle greater than I found from Richmond to Groce's, on the Brazos River.
T.W. Grayson

For explanation of the RAFT, see last issue, page 76.

Thomas Wigg GRAYSON, b. 8 Aug 1808, Beaufort SC, was in Brazoria TX by 1835. He was master of the Yellow Stone which in December 1835 brought a load of Alabama volunteers and ammunition for the Texas Revolution. In August 1839 in Austin he applied for appointment as a notary public. In 1844 he married Mrs. Tabitha Edwards; they had five children. Grayson died in San Antonio 20 Aug 1873. (1)In 1840 the tax roll of Austin Co shows a Thomas Grayson with title to 360 acres, but no poll. (8)

"GROCE's" would be one of the plantations on the Brazos held by the heirs of Jared E. Groce--probably near Hempstead.

Notice - Henry J. Jewett, Attorney & Councillor at Law

A town on the Missouri Pacific Railroad was named for "Henry J. JEWETT, lawyer and early settler" in Leon Co. (1)Henry J. Jewett was District Attorney of District 3 (including Travis Co) during the Republic (1836-45), and was Secretary of the Senate in the 9th Congress. (7, p 59)In 1840 in Travis Co H.J. Jewett paid \$2 tax for 1 poll and 1 silver watch. (8)H.J. Jewett was listed as a delinquent money lender in Austin in June 1841. (12c, p 103)In the First State Legislature, Henry J. Jewett was Senator for District 8 (Brazos & Robertson counties) 16 Feb - 13 Mch 1846; also in Second Legislature, 13 Dec 1847 - 20 Mch 1848. (9, pp 3 & 6)Henry J. Jewett witnessed a sale of land from M.H. Beatty to John Hall in Feb 1840 (p 3); was county clerk? (pp 20-21 Deed Book A) (p 4); witnessed "articles of agreement" wherein John R. Slocumb contracted to build a house in Austin for Pres. Mirabeau B. Lamar on 21 May 1840 (p 8). (12a)

A splendid Barouch, Horse, & Harness for sale by

Burke & Co.

Although the word BAROUCHE was derived from the Latin birotus meaning two-wheeled, it was a four-wheeled carriage with a driver's seat in front, two facing double seats inside, and a folding top over the back seat--a vehicle of some elegance. See p 67 for BURKE.

p. 4, col. 4 - HOUSE, SIGN, ORNAMENTAL PAINTING,
GLAZING, etc.

Fraser & Allen

No FRASER of any spelling appears on the 1840 Tax Roll for Travis Co, but in Bastrop Co a B.E. FREASIER was assessed for poll tax only. On page 4 of the December 4th issue of Austin City Gazette (below), L.F. Marguerat announced the dissolution of his partnership with --- FRAZER, which may be the same as this Fraser, since Marguerat was a painter also (see p 85 above). (8)

References have been found to five men named ALLEN who were in the vicinity of Austin at that time.

(a) Isaac ALLEN was assessed for poll tax on 1840 Travis Co Tax Roll. (8)He was on the delinquent list in June 1841. (12c, p 104)He was a prisoner in Mexico 1842-44 and died in Galveston immediately after his return to Texas. (12e, p 106)Three Bounty Warrants were issued to Isaac Allen(s); the last, in 1855, certainly was to a different man, if this one died ca 1844. (13*)

(b) Philip J. ALLEN in 1840 was assessed for 1 poll, 1 clock, and 1 horse in Bastrop Co. In Travis Co /non-res or minor?/ he was shown as having 2222 acres under survey. (8)On 23 May 1835 he received title to one league in Milam's Colony (now in Hays Co. Benjamin Rush Milam was granted land between the Colorado and Guadalupe rivers, north and west of Austin's and DeWitt's colonies, but he did not

settle many families.) (14)Philip J. ALLEYN appears on the list of taxpayers who were delinquent for 1840 in Travis Co. (12c, p 101)

(c) On the 1840 Tax Roll for Travis Co, one poll was assessed against S. J. A/LL?/YN. (8)

(d) The 1840 Bastrop Co Tax Roll lists H. V. ALLEN with 1 poll, 1 townlot in Bastrop, & 1 saddle horse. (8)

(e) In 1840 George ALLEN had 1 poll, 320 acres under survey, & 1 townlot in Bastrop. (8)A George Allen received a Bounty War-rant in 1850 for military service in 1835. At the same time he was awarded a Donation Certificate for participation in the Siege of Bexar, a total of 960 acres. (13*, **)

vol. 1, #4, Weds, Nov. 20, 1839 p. 3, col. 4
It is stated by some travellers from the East, that there are three hundred waggons on the road from the U.S. to Texas. The emigration is rapidly increasing.

On Friday evening last, the store of Mr. James Burke, on the corner of Bois d'Arc Street & Congress Ave., caught on fire and was burned to the ground, together with the building attached thereto, in which had been opened, by the enterprising proprietor, a reading room for the public benefit; his goods were saved. We regret the loss - both on account of the owner, and the great want of buildings at this moment. The fire was accidental.

See page 67 for James BURKE.

BOIS D'ARC Street is now 7th Street in Austin. The name is French, meaning wood from which bows were made. Bois (in this name) is generally pronounced BO in Texas, which makes for confusion when a child is told that it's the arc part that means bow!

The dinner to General Sam Houston, given on Thursday at Mr. Hall's, passed off with a great deal of harmony. It was well attended for the day which was unusually raw and chilly, being provided in the open air, left the company entirely exposed. General Houston responded to the sentiment given him in a very eloquent strain, and sat down amidst the cheers of the audience. He carefully abstained from any reference to the passing political events of the day. Mr. Hall provided an excellent dinner. The proceedings, if handed to us, will appear in our next paper.

See page 81 for notes on Sam Houston.

John HALL was a hotel keeper in Austin who was succeeded by

Thomas Smith, according to John Henry Brown. (3, p 167)John Hall bought Lot 6 Block 71 in Austin from M. H. Beaty in February 1840. (12a, p 3)on 10 Jly 1824 a John Hall received title to 2 leagues and 2 labors in Austin's First Colony (one league in Brazoria Co and one in Waller Co as presently defined). (14)On 25 Apr 1831 a John Hall took title to $\frac{1}{4}$ league in Austin's Second Colony (now in Waller Co). Austin's second colony was settled on lands left vacant by his first 300 colonists. (14)A John Hall received a Bounty Warrant; a John L. Hall received a Donation Certificate for being at the Siege of Bexar. (13*,**)

p. 4, col. 3 - AUSTIN CITY EXCHANGE - The subscriber has recently opened his new establishment, on Congress Ave., nearly opposite Cedars new building, where he will always be found ready to serve his friends with any new luxury they may desire. H.P. Savary

E. CEDARS was assessed only for 1 poll on the 1840 Travis Co Tax Roll. (8)In June 1841 he was on a delinquent taxpayers' list. (12c, p 101)

H.P. SAVERY (with A. Savary, q.v. 25 Dec) was the owner of one townlot in Port Lavaca, according to the 1849 Calhoun Co Tax Roll, seen on microfilm at Texas State Library. See p 77 above.

Military Scrip [sic] wanted by Burke & Co.

James Burke was a man of many enterprises! See also page 67. This reference to military scrip is puzzling, for Thomas Lloyd Miller, our authority on the benefits Texas gave to her veterans, states: "The issuance of scrip was used for many purposes, but in only one instance was scrip issued as a reward for military service. ...by act of 1881, Confederate land-scrip certificates for 1,280 acres each were given to disabled Confederate veterans...." Perhaps the scrip that Burke & Co. offered to buy was in the nature of promissory notes for cash payable in the distant future, not land scrip.

p. 4, col. 4 - WANTED - One hundred head of beef cattle for which the highest market price in cash will be given. Apply to Billingsley & Nicholson.

Native annalist John Henry Brown recalled W. Buck BILLINGSLEY and M.H. NICHOLSON among the residents of Austin in 1839. (3, p 168)William B. Billingsley was on the venire for the first session of District Court held in Austin, 4 May 1840. (12e, IX:4 pp 15-16) He may have been a brother of Jesse Billingsley who was born 1810 in

TN and was in Mina (Bastrop) in 1834 (see The Handbook of Texas).
....W.B. Billingsley was assessed for poll only on 1840 Tax Roll of Travis Co. (8)He was on the Delinquent List of same in June 1841. (12c, p 101)

Partnership of Nicholson & Billingsley shown on 1840 Travis Co Tax Roll as owing taxes for 2 townlots in Austin, 100 cattle and one slave. (8)M.H. NICHOLSON was assessed for 1 poll & 1 gold watch on the same roll (8), but had not paid the tax by June 1841. (12c, p 102)M.H. Nicholson was on the venire list dated 4 May 1840 for the first session of District Court at Austin. (12e, IX:4, pp 15-16)M. Harris Nicholson was married to Harriet Elizabeth Savoy (possibly Savary?) by C. Richardson, M.G., on 9 Dec 1840 at Austin. (2)

HOUSE SERVANT - A good negro girl, about 17 years old, will be exchanged for a boy of the same age, or 2 or 3 years younger. S. Whiting

Our findings on Samuel WHITING begin on page 65.

Francis Prentiss - Has just received a full supply of Groceries & Dry Goods from Galveston & Houston, among which are:

40 bbls.	superfine flour	2 hhds.	hams
5 "	loaf sugar	2 "	bacon
5 "	brown sugar	15 bbls.	whiskey

An assortment of Clothing, Boots, Shoes, & Hats which will be sold low for cash.

See pages 82-83 for Francis PRENTISS. In case you're too young to remember, hhds is the abbreviation of hogsheads, about twice the size of a barrel, holding 63 U.S. gallons of liquid vs. 31.5 gallons.

Vol. 1, #5, Weds., 27 November 1839 p. 3, col. 1
The Hon. Alce Labranche, minister of the United States, and Mr. Keel (for Keer?), the Secretary of the Legation, arrived in this city on Monday last, in company with Gen. Hunt, late Secretary of the Navy, and took lodgings at Mrs. Bullock's Hotel.

Alcée Louis LaBRANCHE was born in 1806 in Louisiana; was U.S. charge d'affaires to the Republic of Texas 1837-40; died in 1861 in Virginia but buried in Metairie Cemetery in New Orleans. (1) In trying to identify the men in this paragraph I read Microcopy No. T - 728, "Despatches from U.S. Ministers to Texas 1836-45," Roll 1, Vol. 1, National Archives, 1962.

In a letter headed "the Office of Charge d'Affaires, near the government of the Republic of Texas" on 8 Feb 1837, Alcée LaBranche reported that he had just gotten installed at New Orleans, and did not move to Houston until 24 Oct 1837 as "the first minister to the new Republic."

On 13 May 1839, U.S. appointees to run the boundary line between the U.S. and Texas were reported as: John H. Overton, commissioner; John R. Conway, surveyor; John J./I. Clendennen, clerk. The Texas appointees were: Branch T. Archer, commissioner; C. R. Johns, surveyor; Hamilton Bee, clerk. On October 12th Gen. Memucan HUNT was named commissioner, but the project still had not started in February 1840.

On 7 June 1839, LaBranche wrote to John Forsyth, U.S. Secretary of State, that James Webb had been appointed Attorney General of Texas and David G. Burnet, Vice-President, was acting Secretary of State.

Alcée LaBranche to John Forsyth, Secretary of State, Washington.

Legation of the United States
Houston 25th Oct 1839

"In the present condition of Austin, which is 175 miles from Houston, on the Colorado River, it will be impossible for me to reside there permanently, as there are no convenient accommodations, a few log houses only having been built for the officers of the government and the members of Congress. Besides I do not consider it safe at all, at present, to transport the books and records of the Legation, the Indians being always hostile in the vicinity of Austin. The removal of the seat of government so far in the interior, in the wilderness and in the very midst of savage enemies is a very unwise measure, and it is supposed by many that Congress may by famine be compelled to adjourn to another place."

The Hon. Alcée LaBranche on 16 Jan 1840 wrote a letter of resignation (effective June 1st) rather than move to Austin. Subsequent letters to Secretary of State Forsyth reveal that he remained in Houston until he was relieved by George H. Flood, according to John Henry Brown in the second volume of his History of Texas (p 209).

No positive identification of Mr. KEEL or KEER has been found. On page 57 of Gifford White's book (8) James Kerr's name is spelled Keer, but the man referred to here was probably not a Texas. In Mary Austin Holley: The Texas Diary, 1835-1838, edited by J.P. Bryan (Austin: University of Texas Press, 1965) on page 36 we find a "Mr. Kerr - secretary of Legation" who accompanied "Mr. Labranche American Minister" when he made a call at the home of Augustus C. Allen in Houston at Christmas, 1837. Mrs. Holley had been a tutor in the home of the chargé d'affaires' cousin, Hermogene LaBranche (*ibid.*, p 95).A possible identification is Hugh KERR who published A Poetical Description of Texas in New York in 1838 (facsimile: Anson Jones Press, 1936).From The National Cyclopedic (V:536) and Biographical Directory of the American Congress 1774-1961, we glean the following significant details: John Bozman KERR, diplomat, b. Easton MD 5 Mch 1809, grandson of David & Rachel Leeds (Bozman) Kerr, John B. Kerr was elected to represent Talbot Co 1847-49 in the General Assembly of Maryland (or State House of Delegates), and in 1848 was elected Representative to the 31st Congress of the U.S. Two years later he was Charge d'Affaires to Nicaragua. He died 27 Jan 1878.

/Since he later became a charge d'affaires himself, young Kerr may have served as secretary to one before he started running for elective office./

Memucan HUNT, born 1807 in North Carolina, volunteered his services to Texas and was appointed brigadier general by President David G. Burnet in Aug 1836. Under President Mirabeau B. Lamar, Hunt was Secretary of the Texas Navy Dec 1838 - May 1839. In Nov 1839 he represented Texas on the U.S. - Texas Boundary Commission. He died in 1856 in Tennessee; Hunt Co, Texas was named for him. (1)In 1840 the Brazoria Co Tax Roll shows an M. Hunt who had 20 acres with completed title, 160 under survey. R.M. Forbes as agent for M. Hunt rendered 1 poll, 1,000 acres clear, and 8 slaves. At the same time, Robertson Co shows an M. Hunt with no poll, 13,284 acres under survey. (8)George W. Bonnell also mentioned that Memucan Hunt was a commissioner to run the boundary lines in 1840 (Texas, p 122).In 1853-54, Memucan Hunt represented District 35 in the lower House of the Texas Legislature, listing Galveston as his residence. (9, p 19)In 1858 the heirs of Memucan Hunt patented his Bounty Warrant lands (1,280 acres) granted for his service 10 June - 25 Dec 1836. (13*)

Comments on the Bullock Hotel are on page 83 above.

Gen. Hamilton arrived at Galveston Island, on the 23rd inst., in the Neptune. He is expected in this city in the course of the present week.

James HAMILTON was born 8 May 1786 at Charleston SC. In 1813 he married Elizabeth Hayward, and in 1830 he was governor of South Carolina. He was intensely interested in the struggles of Texas and rendered extensive financial aid to its army, later serving as a diplomatic agent from the Republic to the Netherlands, England, France, Belgium, and Mexico. Appointed by President Lamar to negotiate a "Five Million Dollar Loan" (sale of bonds to European governments), Hamilton had almost succeeded when Houston became president again in 1841 and repudiated his efforts. Texas owed him \$210,000 in gold when he died 15 Nov 1857 in a shipwreck in the Gulf of Mexico. Characteristically, Hamilton gave his life preserver to a woman and child. (1)

...."General" seems to have been a courtesy title, for Hamilton had declined when Houston offered him command of the Texas army in 1837. "Governor" or "Judge" would have been more appropriate, for James Hamilton was educated as a lawyer in New England and became Governor of his native state. He had also been president and director of the Bank of South Carolina. Prior to this triumphal arrival in Austin, Hamilton had exchanged \$400,000 in Texas bonds for bank notes through the co-operation of his friend, Nicholas Biddle, a prominent banker of Philadelphia. He also had concluded the Treaty of Amity, Navigation and Commerce Between France and Texas, thus making France the first European nation to recognize the Republic of Texas and send a minister. That official, the self-

styled "Count Alphonse de Saligny" (actually Jean Pierre Isidore Alphonse Dubois, not a member of the French nobility at all, according to Vol. III of the Handbook), in 1841 had a quarrel with Richard Bullock ("the Pig War") which grew into antipathy for the entire Lamar administration. Consequently he left his post in indignation and without instructions. He exerted influence on his brother-in-law, the French minister of finance, and others to bring about the cancellation of the \$5,000,000 Loan that French officials had agreed to. Hamilton was confident that he could sell the bonds in Belgium and England, but the Lamar administration was being discredited by that time, so Houston succeeded in having the bond law "repealed as another of Lamar's wild schemes" although in fact it had been passed during Houston's first administration. (Adventure in Glory, pp 103-07, 150-54. Seymour V. Connor; Austin: Steck-Vaughn Co., 1965)(v. 4 Dec).

Our mail from Houston is so irregular that we have not been able to procure a solitary exchange paper from the United States. We have been compelled to rely upon travellers for all the information we receive.

The execution of corporal Morris for stabbing capt. Kenneymore of the first regiment of infantry, took place at the camp on Walnut Creek on Monday, the 28th inst. The proceedings of the general court martial, by which he was tried, are published in our paper of today. ... He met his fate with Roman firmness, and Col. Fisher and every officer who witnessed the execution, almost wept that so brave a man should have been base enough to merit such a fate.

No identification of Corporal Morris was found in any of my reference books. The interested reader is referred to the court martial proceedings reported in this Vol. 1 #5 of Austin City Gazette.

As for "capt. Kenneymore," both his surname and his initials suffered many changes in the records of his day! In 1859 he signed "J.C.P. KENNYMORE, Late Capt. 1st Regt. Texas Inf. in the days of the Republic" to a letter he sent to the editors of Texas Almanac. They described him as "among the few survivors of the Massacre of the Georgia Battalion at Goliad, in 1836." (7, pp 359-60) Captain Kennymore enclosed a letter from Samuel T. Brown, a nephew of Col. William Ward, in whose company Brown came to Texas from Georgia. Brown wrote that shortly after 21 Apr 1836 he saw John C.P. Kinnymore and three others of the Macon company who had been detained at Victoria after Fannin's surrender because they were "mechanics," a word with many shades of meaning in that era. (7, p 365) In 1836 the Telegraph and Texas Register printed a reconstructed muster-roll of those who had served under Col. J.W. Fannin. In Captain Wadsworth's Company, First Regiment Texas Volunteers, the name of Pvt. John C.P. Kennymore is marked with two asterisks, indicating one of "those who were detained as surgeons and laborers." (7, p 369)

....J.P.C. Kenneymore was in the Texian army ca 1837-39, wrote

historian Brown. (3, p 135)J.C.P. Kennemore, M.M., attended a meeting to form a Masonic Lodge at Austin on 11 Oct 1839. (12d) John C.F. Kennymore received a Bounty Warrant for "Frontier Service 1838-40." John C.P. Kennymore was awarded a Donation Certificate for "Battle of Mission /Goliad/ under Fannin." (13*,**)

"Monday, the 28th inst." should have been "ult." (ultimo = in the preceding month; instant = in the present month). The writer obviously could not report the next day's happenings on Wednesday the 27th.

Of 25 Walnut Creeks in Texas, #21 in the Handbook rises in north-western Travis Co and flows south 14 miles to the Colorado. Col. Robert M. Coleman had built a log fort on the creek right after the Runaway Scrape; possibly this was the same campsite. (4, p 153 ff) In 1936 the State of Texas erected a historical marker at the site north of Highway 969 and west of Ed Bluestein Blvd.

William S. FISHER came to Texas from Virginia in 1834, settling at Gonzales. In 1836 he raised Co. I, First Regiment of Texas Volunteers, which he led at the Battle of San Jacinto. He served briefly as Secretary of War; in 1837 Lamar appointed him lieutenant colonel of a frontier cavalry regiment. In 1840 Fisher was in command of two companies of regulars. In 1842 he was elected commander of the Mier Expedition, on which he was wounded and imprisoned. Fisher died at his home in Jackson Co in 1845. (1)See Journal of Texian Expedition Against Mier by Thomas J. Green, p 70 ff.

William S. Fisher was elected by the Municipality of Gonzales to attend the General Consultation at San Felipe 3 Nov 1835. He was captain of Co. I at San Jacinto. (7, pp 55, 239)Wm. S. Fisher of Gonzales Co was a Representative at the First Congress of the Republic Oct 1836 - May 1837. (3, p 104)He was Secretary of War under President Houston. (3, p 118)John Henry Brown recorded that in the summer of 1840 Colonel Fisher fought under General Canales for the proposed "Republic of the Rio Grande" (p 173), and was at the Council House Fight (p 175).William S. Fisher's Bounty Warrant was issued 7 Feb 1838 for service 8 Mch - 13 Sep 1836, and his Donation Certificate for 640 acres was received 6 Jly 1838 for being in the Battle of San Jacinto. (13*,**)(v. 4 Dec).

Hann & Marguerat, who have just opened a restaurant opposite the Capitol, sent us, yesterday, an elegant beef-steak with some hot muffins, well buttered. ...This establishment will certainly be well patronized!

Refer to pages 84-85 for Hann & Marguerat.

vol. 1, #6, Weds., 4 December 1839 p. 3, col. 2
Our city is still improving; new buildings are daily going up as if by magic. Strangers crowd upon us from all parts

of the country and from the United States, and all appear delighted. The weather is fine, streets clean, provisions plenty, and nothing to mar or disturb our enjoyments.

...Gen. Hamilton & Col. Bee are now on the road between this place and Houston. They are expected here soon.

General HAMILTON is discussed on p 103 above.Bernard E. BEE (b. 1787 in Charleston SC) was a brother-in-law of James Hamilton. Bee served in the Texas army under Thomas Jefferson Rusk; was Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary of State under D.G. Burnet, and was commissioned to accompany Santa Anna to Washington after his surrender. On returning, Bee served as Secretary of War under Sam Houston and Secretary of State under M.B. Lamar. He was the Minister from the Republic to the U.S. 1838-41. He and his wife Anne (née Hamilton?) had son Hamilton Prioleau Bee born in 1822. B.E. Bee died in 1853 in South Carolina. Bee Co, TX was named for him. (1)See also J. De Cordova's Texas: Her Resources and Her Public Men (pp 130-38), in which Bee is once referred to by the unexplained title of Colonel (but usually "Mr.")--possibly bestowed on him when he was Texas' Secretary of War. "Colonel" Bee was so close to his brother-in-law that he resigned as head of the War Department when President Houston refused to appoint James Hamilton Land Commissioner (p 137).On 14 Feb 1846 Bernard E. Bee received a Bounty Warrant for 1,280 acres (which he patented in Brown Co), but no dates of service are given. (13*)

We have received a letter from the U.S. making enquiries respecting Dr. Bissell who was, for some time, engaged in purchasing lands with Col. E. Jones. His friends in Ohio have heard that he is dead and are very anxious to gain some information respecting him. Anyone knowing anything in reference to Dr. Bissell, since his residence in Texas, will confer a favor by making it known to us.

Theodore BISSELL was shown with no poll but title to 8,983 acres on Travis Co Tax Roll for 1840. (8)Theodore BRISSELL appears on the delinquent tax list of Travis Co in June 1841. (12c, p 101)Theodore Bissell on 19 Mch 1835 received title to 1 league in Milam's Colony, which land is now in Travis Co. (14)He had land west of Colorado River near Williamson's Creek in 1839. (12a, pp 4-5)He was not mentioned among early doctors in Travis Co in Dr. James M. Coleman's "Story of Medical Practice in Travis County to 1899" (10) or in the list that John Henry Brown remembered. (3).Theodore Bissell was in Captain Eastland's Company, among the camp guard on the Rio Grande who escaped the Mexicans on 25 Dec 1842 (T.J. Green: Journal of the Texian Expedition Against Mier, pp 113-14, 446).On 21 Mch 1850 Theodore Bissell received a Bounty Warrant for 320 acres for service 6 Jly - 6 Oct 1836. In Hill Co 304 acres were patented to his assignee, Thomas Edrington, on 6 June 1873. (13*)

Identification of Col. E. JONES has eluded me.

We notice that a course of lectures on phrenology will be delivered by Dr. S.G. Haynie, in this city. Persons desirous of correct information on this subject, have an opportunity of attending them.

Samuel G. HAYNIE was born 23 Apr 1806 in Knoxville TN. He moved to Independence (Washington Co) TX in 1837 and in 1839 to Austin, where he practiced medicine. He married Hannah Marie/Maria Evans on 7 Feb 1841. Dr. Haynie represented Travis Co in the Fifth Congress in 1840-42; was elected postmaster of Austin in 1849 and mayor in 1850 and 1851. He established a mercantile firm in 1852; also practiced medicine until his death on 20 May 1877. (1)Samuel G. Haynie, as a justice of the peace, performed marriages in Austin; his own was performed by Anderson Hutchinson, Judge of the 4th Judicial District. (2)Dr. Coleman's book corroborates that he moved to Austin from Washington Co and was elected a Representative to the Congress of Texas. In 1840 he defeated Dr. R.F. Brenham for congressman from Travis Co. (10, p 15) Anyone interested in Dr. Haynie should read the high praise accorded him in this book.On the 1840 Tax Roll for Travis Co, S.G. HANEY is shown with 1 poll, 4,464 acres under survey, and 1 saddle horse. As of 3 Dec 1840 he was reported to have paid \$24.72 in taxes (his name was interpreted as S.G. HARVEY in this instance). (8)In the 1852 City Directory of Austin, he is shown as "Haynie, S.G., physician, ofc and res NE cor Mulberry [10th] & San Jacinto." Boarding with him were Robert P. McKibbin, W.C. Morrill, and H.S. Stoddard, clerks at the Department of Education. (12e, XIV:86 ff)In 1848 as a J.P. Dr. Haynie performed marriages. (12e, XII:64, 195).He witnessed an agreement in Feb 1840. (12a, p 2)He was on the Committee of Vigilance 5 Mch 1842. (12e, IX:4, pp 16-17)Dr. Haynie represented Travis Co in the lower House of the State Legislature 1847-48. (9, p 7)

PHRENOLOGY is defined in Webster's New International Dictionary of the English Language, Second Edition, Unabridged (1952) as "the study of the conformation of the skull as indicative of mental faculties and traits of character."

Lectures on phrenology were very popular, although some of the audience came prepared to scoff. A humorous usage of the verb "to phrenologize" developed, meaning, "raise bumps on the head by blows."

The "science" divided the skull into numbered areas (see diagram in the dictionary) which, by their degree of development, were said to indicate how much the subject possessed of these traits or faculties:

"1 Amativeness; 2 Philoprogenitiveness; 3 Concentrativeness; 3a Inhabitativeness; 4 Adhesiveness; 5 Combaticiveness; 6 Destructiveness; 6a Alimentiveness; 7 Secretiveness; 8 Acquisitiveness; 9 Constructiveness; 10 Self-esteem; 11 Love of Approbation; 12 Cautiousness; 13 Benevolence; 14 Veneration; 15 Firmness; 16 Conscientiousness; 17 Hope; 18 Wonder; 19 Ideality; 19a (Not determined); 20 Wit; 21 Imitation; 22 Individuality; 23 Form; 24 Size; 25 Weight; 26 Coloring; 27 Locality; 28 Number; 29 Order; 30 Eventuality; 31 Time; 32 Tune; 33 Language; 34 Comparison; 35 Causality. [Some raise the number of organs to forty-three.]"

Phrenology seems to have absorbed the interest of some of our ancestors the way astrology does today--and to have possessed the same amount of scientific validity!

p. 3, col. 4 - NOTICE - A special meeting of "Austin Lodge, No. 12", will be held on Thursday evening 5th inst. at 7 P.M., for business of importance. Punctual attendance of the officers elect, and members, is particularly requested. By order of the W.M.

Augustus Seeger, Sec'y.

Augustus SEEGER was assessed for 1 poll and 1 townlot in Austin on the 1840 Travis Co Tax Roll. (8)He witnessed a sale of land from Samuel Highsmith to Edward Burleson, both of Bastrop Co, in May 1840. (12a, p 6)Augustus Seeger, M.M., signed the petition for establishing a Masonic Lodge at Austin 1839-40; later he was its secretary. (12d)Aug. Seeger sold a house and lot in Austin in July 1840. (12a, p 11)

MASONIC NOTICE

A Special Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas will be held in this city, to commence on Sunday, the 8th Dec., next, at 10 o'clock A.M. Punctual attendance of officers and members and representatives of subordinate Lodges is requested. Transient brethren are invited to attend. By order of the M.W.G.M.

Geo. Fisher, Sec'y. G.L.R.T.

Born in Hungary in 1795, the man known in Texas as George FISHER is believed to have borne the Slavonic surname of RIBAR, translated Fischer in German and anglicized to Fisher. After participating in the Servian Revolution, in 1814 he sailed for America as a redemptioner. Fisher lived in Mississippi ca 1818-25, then went to Mexico where he was active in establishing that country's first York Rite Masonic Lodge. By virtue of holding Mexican citizenship, in 1829 he secured a contract to settle 500 families on lands formerly held by Empresario Haden Edwards; in 1830 Fisher was administrador of the port of Galveston. After varied ventures in Anahuac, Matamoros, and New Orleans, Fisher went to Houston and became a commission agent in 1837. By 1840 he had become a justice of the peace, had been admitted to the bar, and was a member of the city council. In 1870, Fisher sent a record of his activities in Texas to Harris County Historical Society; in 1856 he had presented his library and papers to the State of Texas. Fisher died 11 June 1873 in San Francisco. (1)George Fisher, M.M., Grand Secretary, installed the Masonic Lodge at Austin in 1840. (12d)In 1840 there were men named George Fisher on three tax rolls: Colorado Co - 13,489 acres under survey; Galveston Co - title to 22 acres; Harris Co - 1 poll, 1,476 acres under survey, 1 townlot in Houston, and 1 gold watch. As agent of F.G. Westien a George Fisher rendered 10 townlots in Houston. (8)

The initials used in the newspaper item stand for Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas.

NOTICE - Taken up by a detachment of the First Regiment of Infantry, 3 Negro men, viz:
Charles Bowling - a mulatto boy about 23 years of age, 5'6" high, who says he was born among the Cherokee Indians
Westly Fox - a black man, about 5'10" high, says he was born in Tenn
John - a very black Negro, 5'8" in height.

The owners (if any) of the above named property will call at the Head Quarters of the Regiment, within 90 days and prove property; otherwise they will be disposed of for the benefit of the captors.

Wm. S. Fisher, Lt. Col. Comm'g.

Nothing has been learned about Charles BOWLING, Westly [Wesley?] FOX [perhaps formerly a slave of a Methodist named Fox], or John. See pages 104-05 for references to Colonel Fisher.

FOR SALE - 41 bbls. fresh superfine flour, on consignment; also 31 baskets champagne wine, choice brands, for sale by

Alex. Russell, Congress Avenue

Alexander J. RUSSELL emigrated from Tennessee to Texas before 1834 when he signed a petition for a Masonic Lodge at Brazoria. By 1844 he had left Austin to teach at Clarksville (Gregg Co). In February 1850, the Red River County Court made his wife administrator of his estate. (1)John Henry Brown listed him among the merchants residing in Austin in 1839. (3, p 167)On the 1840 Travis Co Tax Roll Alex Russell was assessed for 1 poll, 20 acres under survey, 1 townlot in Austin, 1 saddle horse, and 1 gold watch. (8)Alxr. Russell was on the venire for the first session of District Court at Austin 4 May 1840. (12e, IX:4, pp 15-16)A. Russell was termed an auctioneer on the delinquent tax list of Travis Co in June 1841. (12c, p 103)Alex. Russell, M.M., petitioned for a Masonic Lodge at Austin and was elected Worshipful Master 1839-41. (12d)A.J. Russell represented Bowie Co in the lower House of the Texas Legislature Feb-Mch 1846. (9, p 4)On 3 Apr 1838 Alexander Russell received a Bounty Warrant for service 28 Sep - 24 Nov 1835. In 1846, 320 acres in Victoria Co were patented to him. (13*)(v. 25 Dec).

A LOT AND BUILDING FOR SALE - Lot No. 1 in Block 38, in the City of Austin, with a house 14 by 38 feet, and a kitchen 12 by 14 feet, can be had cheap, for cash. Enquire of the subscriber on the premises.

John W. Ladd

Among John Henry Brown's list of 1839 residents of Austin was one John W. LANN--either the book or the newspaper may have suffered a typographical error. (3, p 168) Nothing more has been found under either spelling that seems to apply to this man.

PHOENIX CORNER - The subscribers have re-opened their stock of goods at their old stand. They have just received a great variety of new goods. Purchasers are invited to call and examine their stock.

Burke & Co.

James BURKE's store had risen, phoenix-like, from the ashes of his establishment that burned on the 20th of November (p 99 above). "Subscriber" meant one who signed below, not one who bought the paper.

p.4, col. 1 - NOTICE - The subscriber, being appointed successor of William W. Loyd, deceased, will hire to the highest bidder, on the first day of January, 4 negroes (2 men & 2 women) belonging to the estate of the deceased; said negroes to be hired at the residence of the subscriber, 10 miles from the city of Austin on the road leading to Bastrop, for the term of 12 months from the date of hiring.

Richard S. Loyd, successor of Wm. W. Loyd

Richard S. LOYD was probably the man listed as Richard J. LLOYD, administrator of W.W. Lloyd, on page 76 above.William W. LOYD had Certificate # 53 for 640 acres issued at Bastrop 26 Apr 1838, as shown on District Surveyor H.L. Upshur's list in 1854. (12f, XV:6)On the 1840 Tax Roll of Travis Co, W.W. Lloyd's administrator rendered T2,222 acres and 9 slaves for him and had the cash to pay the \$72.55 tax, a rarity at that time! (8)On 12 Apr 1871 J.M. Whipple, Methodist minister of Austin, married Sarah F. Lockett to W.W. Lloyd--perhaps a grandson of this man? (2)

(To Be Continued Next Issue)

To make sure you don't miss the conclusion of this newspaper-scrapbook, turn to page 119. Those of you who regard it as wasted paper, cheer up: the end is in sight! So send to the editor what you'd like to see published, and we'll see what can be worked out.

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DID YOU KNOW that Froney, Franey, Freney and Fronica were German diminutives for Veronica? And that Maudlin was a corruption of [Mary] Magdalene?

BOOK REVIEWS

GENEALOGICAL PERIODICAL ANNUAL INDEX, Laird C. Towle, editor. Vol. 14, 1975. viii + 62 pp. 8½ x 11", offset, enameled stock cover. \$9.50 from Laird C. Towle, Ph.D., 3602 Maureen Lane, Bowie MD 20715.

GPAI defines itself as "the only comprehensive surname, locality, topical, and book review index to the genealogical periodical literature." This latest edition, copyright in 1977, covers 117 genealogical publications and makes reference to 39 surname periodicals. Three foreign periodicals (emanating from London, Toronto and Dublin) are indexed, and eight from Texas. Regrettably, AGS Quarterly was not included in the project for 1975, but will be in the future.

About 4400 index citations are made in Volume 14, under surname, locality, and topical categories. Entries are in all capitals with topics indented below in caps and lower case or all lower case: MASSACHUSETTS, Am Rev in / Andover / chronicles of settlers. Under surnames Dr. Towle alphabetizes given names but confusingly precedes them by titles: under LANE, Hon Johnson is before Col Joseph, instead of Johnson, Hon. Genealogical data in personal references include year and place of birth, marriages and names of wives, kind of record, name of periodical (key coded) and its volume, number, and page.

Queries are not indexed in GPAI, contrary to our previous understanding, claimed inside the front cover of our quarterly--sorry!

In the "Periodicals Indexed" table, following the 2- or 3-letter code, are printed the full names, addresses, and volumes and numbers of the quarterlies covered in this Index.

Under METHODOLOGY a diligent researcher might absorb a minicourse in genealogy, for a broad spectrum of topics is covered therein. It is obvious that the editor skimmed each article deeply enough to extract all the cream.

Included in the package with the Index was a five-page pamphlet, "Genealogical Periodicals: A Neglected Treasure," by Dr. Towle. This very interestingly points out the need for indexes to genealogical data printed in periodicals, and reviews the few that have been so printed in the past. It concludes with a list of about 15 such indexes that may be ordered from Dr. Towle's firm, The Yankee Bookmen. This may be examined with the Index at Texas State Library.

It is hard for most of us to realize what a tremendous task it is to index the vast quantity of material that Dr. Towle has done. We owe him an enormous debt of gratitude, and I'm sure I speak for many when I offer the highest compliments on his achievement.

THE OLD DOMINION IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY, edited by Warren M. Billings. Published for the Institute of Early American History and Culture at Williamsburg, Virginia by The University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, 1975. xxiv + 324 pp., \$12.95.

Subtitled "A Documentary History of Virginia, 1606-1689," The Old Dominion in the Seventeenth Century lives up to its name admirably.

Pertinent extracts from over two hundred historical documents have been organized topically into ten chapters, each group preceded by explanatory text and judiciously selected "Suggested Readings."

Although there is, regrettably, no index, the eleven-page Table of Contents does give a descriptive title for each of the documents quoted from, under these chapter headings: "The Beginnings," "The Evolution of Self-Government in Virginia: The Governor, Council, and House of Burgesses," "Local Government," "The Structure of Society," "Bound Labor: The Indentured Servant," "Slavery," "Tobacco and Trade," "Indians and Whites: The Conflict of Cultures," "Upheaval and Rebellion," and "Life in Seventeenth Century Virginia."

The source of each document included herein (thankfully, with minimal editing) is given; if it has been previously printed, the editor, title, and place and date of publication appear in addition to page numbers. The researcher will rejoice at finding material long out of print brought together with unpublished archival material on the same subject. Having the intricate handwriting deciphered for us, and the background and significance of the documents explained in interpretive essays will make child's play of research in these primary sources.

The author, an associate professor of history at the University of New Orleans, has given us a comprehensive yet succinct overview of the colonization of Virginia, illuminated by appropriate archival documents. This fascinating book may not be catalogued as strictly genealogical, but it should be examined by every genealogist who is interested in that era. (It was just recently given to the Genealogy Section of Texas State Library as a memorial to the late Mr. Nelson Puett Sr. whose family had roots in Virginia.)

Many of the documents include valuable lists of names (but, not being a genealogist, Professor Billings omitted signatures from some), of which the following appear in the Contents: Mary Allen, Isaac Allerton, Nathaniel Bacon, James Barton, Sir William Berkeley, Robert Beverley, Theoderick Bland, John Bowery, William Carver, Sir Henry Chicheley, George Colclough, Rebecca Corney, Governor Thomas Culpeper, Sir Thomas Dale, Charity Dallen, John and Isabell Daule, Hugh Davis, John Francisco, Richard Frethorne, Richard Garford, James Gilbert, Mihill Gowen, William Harris, Jane Hartey, Sir John Harvey, John Holmes, Leoline Jenkins, Anthony Johnson, Robert Jones, Roger Jones, Elizabeth Key, Lemuel Mason, Samuel Mathews, Philip Mongom, Andrew Moore, Jonathan Newell, Henry Norwood, Simon Overzee, Francis Paine, George Percy, John Pory, Samuel Purchas, James Revel, John Rolfe, Edmund Scarborough, William Scopes, William Sherwood, John Smith, Nicholas Spencer, John Talbert, Francis Taylor, John Towe, John Waroe, Katherine Watkins, William Watts, Abraham Wheelock, Edward Whittell, Thomas Wilke, Mary Williams, Richard Willis, Thomas Willoughby I, II, III, Sir John Wolstenholme, Thomas Workman, and Captain Francis Yeardley.

And besides being beautifully written, The Old Dominion is handsomely produced, including several valuable maps and only ONE typographical error (seige) that I noticed!

Seize vs. Siege:

If the word has a z / It's "eizy" to see / The leading letter is e.

M A I L B A G M I S C E L L A N Y

Since this index was compiled and edited by such valued friends of Austin Genealogical Society, and because it will be such a boon to Texas-oriented researchers, we bend our rules a little to give it a free plug!

(Come to think of it, there is quite a lot of free advertising in this issue. Chalk it up to Yuletide generosity.)

I N D E X

TO

THE LEWIS PUBLISHING COMPANY'S 1893
HISTORY OF TEXAS: Biographical History of
MILAM, WILLIAMSON, BASTROP, TRAVIS, LEE,
AND BURLESON COUNTIES

Index compiled by
Charles Alborn Walker Family

Edited by
Mrs. Mary Kay Holmes Snell & Eric Kunzé

*Off-the-press
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23 Sept '77*

Over 11,000 individuals listed in the historical and biographical sections of the book, with the page number(s) where each person is mentioned.

In editing this index an attempt was made to identify each person as fully as possible.

Index is 114 pages, bound in softback covers, and sells for \$5.00 each, plus tax and postage.

If your library does not have a copy of THE LEWIS PUBLISHING COMPANY'S 1893 HISTORY OF TEXAS, you may order xerox copies of individual pages from the book at 25¢ per page from Mrs. C. A. Walker.

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Clan in America," 1938, 1948; "Enroute to the Redoubt,"
1960; "A History of the Foo Family," ~~1988~~ pages +
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Head, of the History Dept.

Phone 444 2121 Not Col. Ralph J.

There has been a controversy, for more than 112 years, re: the marriage of President Lincoln's parents,, the paternity of Lincoln's mother, and the maiden name of Lincoln's maternal grandmother.

A court case, 10-6-1976 settled one point, but no English or American reference book, or book on Lincoln, or Nancy (Hanks) Lincoln has the complete story, correct, except one genealogy. There are other authorities, however, who agree with what we believe.

My article on Lincoln's maternal ancestry has been accepted by The Genealogy Digest (it was written at their request), of Salt Lake City. They have the same maternal grandparents on their chart, that I have on mine.

I recently sent The Reader's Digest three published versions of President Carter's ancestry.

The Genealogical Dept. (PR man) of The Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S., say they feel sure that the version presented to President Carter, by their representative, in the Oval office, is accurate, TIME, the New York Times (and the Wall Street Journal,) and DeBrett's notwithstanding.

I taught at St. Edward's for three years, have taught classes for the Austin Community College, UT Union, and several of the schools of the Austin Community School system. I am now in my eighteenth year as a substitute in Austin Jr. and Sr. H.S.

I have written more than 1,200 family histories (the Daily Texan had an article on this) have written a column for 38 years. (How to do)

I have my A.M. in J., from the U. of Missouri.

My book outside the field of ancestor hunting, is "Enroute to the Redoubt," a five volume book, 534 pages, 9x12" 1,1,34 footnotes, on WW II. a history of the 318th RCT, 80th Infantry Division.

A number of my books are listed by the Charles E. Tuttle Co., Inc., Rutland, Vt.

I would be pleased to be invited to discuss the history of President Lincoln, with a class. I am not a Mormon.

Sincerely

Ralph E. Pearson

KINSMANSHIP. Data Index Inc., 11300 N. Central Expressway, Dallas TX 75243. 80 pp., 5½ x 8½", spiral bound, \$6.95, postage & tax paid.

The Kinsmanship record book covers seven generations (63 families) on condensed forms, with space opposite for anecdotes and photographs. Inside good-looking enameled stock covers, the heavy white pages are conveniently organized and cross referenced.

This is a handy and attractive little book, if you don't mind such flaws as no hyphens in great-great-grandparents and a j for an i in the Old English type, or such spellings as geneology, decendent, preceeding, and complied (for compiled). Personally, it makes me sick to think that anyone clever enough to devise this good a format would be careless enough to let misspelled words appear throughout. Just think of what it cost to have these booklets made up!

Since there is not adequate space for recording the source of one's information, Kinsmanship is obviously designed for the "once-over-lightly" genealogical situation. When filled in, these books would make nice gifts for one's grandchildren or other relatives who are only slightly interested in family history.

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The Thorny Trail is a very appropriate title for a genealogical quarterly, as most who have "gone that route" will agree. It also fits its locale, suggesting cactus and all kinds of stickery shrubbery one might see in West Texas around Midland. In five years, Midland Genealogical Society has progressed from two to four publications annually, the last volume containing 156 pages. They emphasize original, unpublished material, and index each issue. Their membership year is from June through May, and includes newsletters as well as the quarterly for \$5. Address Miss Carolyn E. Sowell, Business Manager, 2910 W. Michigan, Apt. 104, Midland TX 79701.

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Genealogical Column by Mail. Col. Ralph E. Pearson, USA Rtd., has decided to offer his well-known column to individuals by mail for the modest sum of 17¢ per week. Queries from subscribers will be used locally and nationally; genealogical services available and the classes being offered will be described; frauds will be exposed; and addresses of newspapers currently carrying genealogical columns will be given. For details write the colonel at 2218 Alta Vista Avenue, Austin TX 78704.

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The man who has edited the Coryell Newsletter for seven years is now cashing in on his experience and offering to share his expertise in a booklet entitled Genealogy Via Newsletter. His literature says that 32 topics are covered in this "how to" manual, but in three pages he failed to state the number of pages in the booklet. Since he did not send a sample, I cannot offer an opinion about its \$5 cost, but one angle of his spiel struck me as very good: "Even if you don't want to edit a family newsletter, why don't you purchase this manual and send it as a gift to one of your relatives? It might be just the push needed to get a newsletter started in your family." Address N. Burr Coryell, Box 662, Santa Barbara CA 93102.

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.

AVANT_BARNETT_WALTERS. Need information on birthplace of John Ewen Barnett, b. 21 May 1860 in Texas; d. 4 Nov 1942, Runnels Co, TX; m. 7 Nov 1882, Runnels Co, Lu Cindy Walters, dau of William B. & Ann Walters of Coleman Co, TX. John's father was Nathaniel Barnett from KY or TN who m. --- Avant, said to be full-blood Indian. Barnetts are found on 1900 census of Bell Co, TX; where were they before that? ---Mrs. L. M. Igo, 8906 Covey Court, Austin TX 78758

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JANAVA_VESELY. Would like to contact cousins or descendants of the cousins of my great-grandfather Frank Vesely. He immigrated into USA in 1880 from Moravia, Czechoslovakia and, with wife Josephine Janava and daughter Josephine, settled in Prague, Nebraska.---Ms. Dorothy N. May, Rt. 1, Box 255, New Prague MN 56071

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CARR_DONOVAN_FARRELL_JOHNSON_POWELL_RAY_TEAGUE. (A) Asenath Jane Johnson (b. 1847) left Greenwood Co, KS in wagon train for Washington Territory with husband John W. Ray and family. Her brother Daniel H. Johnson and family in same train. Need information on the Johnson parents.

(B) Moses Ray b. ca 1745, Amherst Co? VA; d. 1766 Cumberland Co, NC. Who were his parents and wife?

(C) William Teague b. ca 1693 in MD; d. ca 1765 in NC. Need info on parents and wife (had son Moses b. ca 1718, Cecil Co, MD).

(D) Mary Ann Powell b. 1866 Ottawa, Ont. Canada to William & Ann (Carr) Powell. Seeking information on parents.

(E) John Donovan b. 4 June 1863 at Finch, Ont. Canada to Michael and Mary (Farrell) Donovan. Need data on parents. Will exchange on all these lines.--John Donovan, 928 23rd Ave., Longview WA 98632

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CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. David C. Gracy (née Alice Duggan) on winning first prize in the Annual Book Award made by Texas State Genealogical Society! That her outstanding book, entitled Thomas Hinds Duggan, Descendant and Ancestor, most assuredly deserves this honor was obvious to me when I reviewed it in March (pp. 18-19 of AGS Quarterly).

CLIPS & QUIPS

Austin Genealogical Society's Bicentennial Gift Books were formally presented to Texas State Library on 3 Nov 1977 at a ceremonial observance of the anniversary of the birthday of Stephen F. Austin, in the lobby of the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building. Our president, Mrs. J. B. Golden, introduced the committee which had selected and ordered the dozen books (for list, see page 93 above) that were given as a memorial to the late lamented Seth Darnaby Breeding. Then, with a gracious speech, Mrs. Golden turned the books over to Dr. Dorman Winfrey, State Librarian, for placement in the Genealogy Section.

Next, Dr. David B. Gracy II, Director, State Archives Division, introduced Mr. Roy A. Swayze of Alabama, who had found a letter written by Stephen F. Austin. In an interesting address, Mr. Swayze described his discovery of the letter in a trunk in an old house he bought, then read the letter and gave his detailed explanation of the circumstances that prompted it.

Mr. Bob Davis, Chairman, Texas Library and Historical Commission, then presented the first poster reproduction of a portrait of "the father of Texas," Stephen F. Austin, to some of his descendants.

Many AGS members and Texas history buffs were present for the event, and were given handsome souvenirs of the occasion.

Charter Member Passes. Austin Genealogical Society mourns the loss of Mr. William T. Barron, who died 15 July 1977 in his 79th year. It was at his home that the Society was first organized, and he had served it as director and corresponding secretary.

Since retirement from his career as an accountant, Mr. and Mrs. Barron had lived at Wimberley, a rural resort near Austin. Long an active member of the Sons of the American Revolution, he had just completed a term as State President of that organization.

We offer our sympathy to his widow and other relatives.

In Yellowed Pages [Beaumont TX] Vol. VII No. 4, Nov 1977, is a record of burials in Beauvoir Confederate Cemetery near Biloxi MS. Those showing Texas connections are copied here:

- p. 219 #19 - Capt. E. Richardson, Co. A, Col. Terry's [Terry's Texas Rangers, the 8th Texas Cavalry?]
225 #14 - Hugh Cheny, 10 Texas Regt.
#27 - William J. Tucker, Co. B, 19 Texas Cavalry
227 #25 - T. S. Haynie, Co. H, 5 Texas Regt.
229 #28 - J. C. Ainsworth, Co. D, 4 Texas Infantry
#29 - Mrs. T. A. Ainsworth, age 88, May 12, 1925 [Could she be the widow of above, using the initials of her given names?]

FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

One of the most valuable things I learned on my genealogical visit to London is that there is a federation of some 70 societies in the United Kingdom which are devoted to the field of family history, embracing genealogy, heraldry, county or area history, religious denominations, ethnics (Irish & Scottish), philology, and surname tracing.

I was fortunate enough to obtain a copy of the first issue of the Federation's publication, Family History News and Digest, and will be glad to furnish our readers with the address of the Society dedicated to the name or area you are interested in, if you enclose an SASE and address your letter to the editor at 2202 W. 10, Austin TX 78703.

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Abr--Abraham	Ferd--Ferdinand	MO--Missouri
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Alxr--Alexander	Fdk--Frederick	Natl--Nathaniel
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