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SAINT PATRICK'S BATTALION

As a rule, when a family historian discovers that an ancestor met death by hanging, she/he is not inclined to publicize the fact. But descendants of 52 members of Saint Patrick's Battalion who were hanged in 1847 need feel no shame, concludes Katherine Hatch in an article appearing on pages 32-35 of Vol. 26 No. 2 (March-April 1977) of Ireland. (Thanks to Mrs. J.B. Golden for this interesting article.)

In the spring of 1846 General Zachary Taylor was camped on the northern bank of the Rio Grande near its mouth--terrain encompassing humid sand dunes and mosquito-infested swamp. Of his 4,000 troops, nearly half were foreign-born, including about 500 who had recently come to the U.S. from Ireland and been unable to find work. These Irishmen had no faith in the "Manifest Destiny" of the United States to own all the land from the Atlantic to the Pacific. They felt no loyalty to the America that had fallen short of their dreams and had shown them only prejudice and unemployment.

Therefore they were easy marks for the propaganda showered on them by Mexican Roman Catholic priests, urging them to quit their military duties, pointing out that Mexico, like Ireland, was a Catholic country. Soon the government began to circulate pamphlets offering the Irishmen land, money, and free passage to Europe when the war ended. The result was that 260 U.S. recruits (not all Irish) swam the river to join the other side--some before and some after the declaration of war on 13 May 1846.

The battalion they formed ("San Patricio" in Spanish) fought under a banner bearing a likeness of St. Patrick, a harp, and a shamrock on a greenfield. Their leader was Captain John O'Reilly (or Reilly), formerly a sergeant in the British Army's 66th Regiment serving in Canada. Saint Patrick's Battalion of the Mexican Army was rated as fearless, skillful, and of great endurance; the aim of its artillerymen was deadly.

But at last, on 20 Aug 1847, the U.S. Army overwhelmed the Army of Mexico at Churubusco Convent near Mexico City. Of the 3,000 men taken prisoner, 71 were survivors of St. Patrick's Battalion. Convicted as deserters by U.S. courts martial, 20 of them were hanged on 10 Sep 1847; 19 received lighter sentences. Three days later, 32 more were forced to stand on wagon beds with nooses draped around their necks during the two hours that battle raged at nearby Chapultepec Castle. When the signal of U.S. victory came, "the mules were whipped and the ropes pulled taut." [That two-hour wait qualifies as "cruel and inhuman punishment" in my opinion, especially since most of the Irishmen were not really citizens of the U.S.]

Mexico has not forgotten them; every year on St. Patrick's Day and on 13th September the men of the "heroico battalion de San Patricio" are honored with floral tributes. A plaque was placed in Mexico City's Plaza de San Jacinto 112 years after their sacrifice, in memory of the ill-fated 71. The names engraved thereon (Note Spanish influence on spelling) are, rearranged alphabetically:

Hezekiah Akies, Patrick Antison, John Appleby, John Bartely, John Benedick, John Bowers, John Brooks, Patrick Casey, Thomas Cassidy, John Cavanaugh, Dennis Conahan, John Cuttle, George Daiwig,

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CACTUS ROOTS

The highlight of a gloomy Monday morning recently was a short feature on Radio Station KLBJ Austin, in which the inimitable "Cactus" Pryor reported the results of his roots tracing. Famed TV and radio personality Pryor is addressed as Richard S. by a few grim-faced IRS bureaucrats perhaps, but as Cactus (nicknamed for the movie theater that his father, "Skinny" Pryor, owned and operated in by-gone days) by the host of us who appreciate his bodacious originality, his never-abrasive or pronographic wit as a speaker, his skill in finding and interviewing interesting personalities, and his generosity in aiding worthy causes.

In short, no wake, wedding, barbecue or Bar Mitzvah in this neck of the woods is a success unless Cactus is the M.C.

We are very grateful that he graciously gave permission for us to share this hilarious spoof with our readers:

Inspired by Alex Haley's Roots ... the novel, then television special that traces his ancestry back to 19th Century Africa and follows his family to the post Civil War days ... I decided to research my ancestry. My mother's side of the family was no problem. My grandmother came from Denmark and we have a fairly accurate family tree record. But my father's family was not so easily traced. I was able to learn through an aunt that my grandmother moved to Texas with her father and mother during the Civil War days from South Carolina. They started a cotton plantation near the site now occupied by Texas A&M. (A close call for a Teasipper.) [alluding to rivalry between Texas A&M University and the University of Texas at Austin]

But when I tried to trace my ancestry back beyond my grandfather and grandmother it became a little more obscure. I got a line on a great-great-grandmother and learned that her family name was Nixon so I dropped that one like a hot potato. Ran down a great-uncle who fought during the Civil War. Fought with his wife, that is, and got two years in jail for wife-beating. I discovered a great-great-aunt who was linked with a famous actor who was in all the newspapers of that day and time. His name was John Wilkes Booth.

A great-great-cousin [!/?] of mine was also linked with the stage. As a matter of fact, his company was sought after by thousands of people because of his dealings with the stage. He held up at least 35 different stage coaches. A great-great-uncle is listed rather prominently in the annals of history. He was very closely involved with an experiment that used the first repeating rifle. The experiment was highly successful. That great-great-uncle was the first man ever shot by a firing squad utilizing repeating rifles.

One of my distant aunts made quite a ripple in Washington society and was a frequent visitor to the White House during the presidency of James Madison. She was having an affair with the Vice President. She was known as the Elizabeth Ray of the 19th Century.

One far distant uncle made quite a name for himself in stocks. He was placed in stocks for stealing horses and was stoned to death by irate citizens. Still another dim, distant ancestor, I discovered, was quite famous in Ireland. He was in all the newspapers and

I uncovered another ancestor in England who was a famous doctor. Dr. Jekyll was his name. Finally I got a line on yet another European forefather whose first name was Jack. I decided to drop the whole roots business right then and there lest Jack's last name turn out to be Ripper.

Cactus Pryor

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Placing one's published family history in the huge L.D.S. library "can be advantageous to those who desire a wider distribution of their histories because of the many patrons who constantly use the facilities of our library--over 1200 per day" says L. Richard Carson, Manager, Acquisitions Control, The Genealogical Society of Utah, 50 East North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150.

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James Mills, Auguste Morsrtaft, John Murphy, John A. Myers, Peter Neil, Andrew Nolan, William Oathouse, Francis O'Connor, William O'Connor, Henry Octker, Capt. John O'Reilly, Richard Parker, Lewis Preifer, John Price, Francis Rhode, Thomas Riley, John Rose, Herman Schmidt, John Sheehan, James Speers, Samuel H. Thomas, Henry Venator, William A. Wallace, Lemmuel Wheaton, Henry Whistier.

NEWSWORTHY MEN IN AUSTIN IN 1839

Part III

In our last two issues we have been 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 historical or genealogical data, we at-tempt to identify the men and women mentioned, by reference to the selective bibliography below. Many important Texana classics were not included in this list, so the reader still has abundant resources for further search. Especially recommended are the facilities of the Austin-Travis County Collection housed in the Central Library building of the Austin Public Library system.

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9. Members of the Texas Legislature 1846-1962, edited by Will L. Smith; Austin: 57th Legislature, 1962-63.
10. Aesculapius on the Colorado, Dr. James M. Coleman; Austin: Encino Press, 1971.
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12. AGS Quarterly
 - a. Republic of Texas, Travis Co. Deed Book A (XIII: 2-11).
 - b. Proofs of Heirship (XIV: 1-4, 21-25, 44-59).
 - c. Travis Co. Tax Delinquents, June 1841 (XV: 101-03).
 - d. Masonic Lodge Formed at Austin 1839-40 (XV: 89, 92).
 - e. Miscellaneous. (NOTE: The surname-only indexes were not searched, so there may be still other references in our quarterlies.)

13. Bounty and Donation Land Grants of Texas, 1835-1888, Thomas Lloyd Miller; Austin: University of Texas Press, 1967. / * = Warrants for Bounty Land Grants; ** = Certificates for Donation Land Grants. There are two alphabetical sequences in the book. /

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.

15. The Handbook of Texas, A Supplement, Vol. III, Eldon Branda, Editor; Austin: Texas State Historical Association, 1976 (actually 1977). Additions, corrections, and index to the first two volumes.

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 Vol. XVIII Page 110)

(vol. 1, #6 - Weds., 4 Dec. 1839 - p. 4, col. 1, cont'd)

\$50 REWARD - Stolen, from the lot of Wm. Barton, living 1 mile west of Austin, on the night of 9th November instant, 1 brown mare, 8 years old next Spring, ...Any person giving such information as may lead to recovery of said mare will be liberally rewarded, and if delivered to the subscriber, living 1 mile west of Bastrop, the above reward will be given, or \$100 for the mare and thief.

John H. Herren

See sketch of Wm. BARTON on XVIII:76.A John HERRON was a private in Co. C, 1st Regiment of Texian Volunteers (Jesse Billingsley of Bastrop, captain) at the Battle of San Jacinto on 21 Apr 1836. (7, p 239)A John HERRING received a Bounty Warrant for 320 acres for service 28 Feb - 1 June 1836, which amount was patented to his assignee, John HEARN (which could be a phonetic spelling of Herren), in Bastrop Co in 1854-55. John HERRING's 640-acre Donation Certificate for being in the Battle of San Jacinto was issued 22 May 1838; 640 acres in Blanco Co patented to him in 1841. (13*,**)On the 1840 Tax Roll of Bastrop Co, John HERRON was assessed for 1 poll & T 1107

acres. (8)In April 1883 John H. HERRON attended a reunion of Texas veterans at Belton. He registered as aged 68, native of Alabama, came to Texas 1835, had been in Battle of San Jacinto, and resided at Ledbetter in Lee Co. (Stirpes, XVII:13, Mch 1977) Considering the prevalence of phonetic spelling before the 20th Century, one may well speculate that these were all the same man.

TO RENT - A house and brick-oven, well calculated for
Grocery & Bakery, on Pecan St., opposite the market ...
E.B. Folsom or M.H. Beatty

Pecan Street is now Sixth Street, but just west of Lamar Boulevard a short section containing specialty shops and a restaurant is currently designated "Pecan Square."Ebenezer FOLSOM on the 1840 Tax List of Montgomery Co was assessed for 1 poll, 4 slaves, 8 horses and 100 cattle (The first four work horses and 25 cattle were tax-exempt). (8)Muhlenburg H. BEATY was a department clerk, said historian Brown. (3, p 167)He was assessed for 1 poll, 32 acres under survey, 1 outlot & ½ townlot in Austin, & 1 slave on 1840 Tax List of Travis Co. (8)M. H. Beatty was on the delinquent tax list published in Austin in June 1841. (12c, p 101)He sold Austin City Lot #6, Blk 71 to John Hall 14 Feb 1840. ...He was Clerk of Travis Co Court in April 1840. ...He agreed to sell Lot #6 Blk 56 to John H. & Lanander S. Wilkins. (12a, pp 3,4,8)Muhlenberg H. Beatty was elected county court clerk in 1840. (12e, AGS IX:4, p 3)M. H. Beatty, County Court Clerk, issued first marriage license in Travis Co. (12e, AGS I:4)He was 4th Sergeant in the Travis Guards in 1840. (12e, AGS IX:3, p 3)

p. 4, col. 2 - Disolution of Copartnership - The Copartnership, heretofore existing under the firm name of Marguerat & Frazer, is this day dissolved by mutual consent of parties.

L.F. Marguerat & ---- Frazer

See 13 & 27 Nov and 4 Dec for these men (XVIII:84-5, 98, 105).

REWARD FOR RUNAWAY NEGROES - \$100. reward will be given ...to any person who will apprehend & deliver to me, in Austin, 2 servants (Jim & his wife Peggy); they absconded from me on the 17th inst. Jim is 5'8" high, very black, thin visage, & red eyes - she is low & fleshy, and 1 shade lighter colored than him. If they should be found on the way to Houston or any distance from town, all necessary expenses will be paid, on delivery to the subscriber in Austin.

A. Brigham

Asa BRIGHAM was born ca 1790 in Massachusetts, moved from Louisiana to Texas in 1830, and immediately became active in public affairs. By 1836, as a merchant in Brazoria Co, he was junior warden of Holland Lodge, AF&AM, and signed the Texas Declaration of Inde-

pendence. He held many high offices, including auditor and treasurer of the Republic, alderman of Houston, and mayor of Austin. He and his first wife, Elizabeth S., had two sons prior to 1830. In 1839 he married Margaret Ann (Johnson) Mather. Brigham died 2 Jly 1844 in Washington TX. (1)Asa Brigham, M.M., was among the 14 who met at the home of Edwin Waller to form a Masonic Lodge at Austin on 11 Oct 1839. (12d)Asa Brigham was a member of the Convention of 1836 that framed a constitution; was auditor of the ad interim government; treasurer of Houston's second administration (from 13 Dec 1841); was 46 when he signed the Declaration. (7, pp 56-58, 595)On the 1840 Tax Roll of Travis Co he is shown as Asa BINGHAM with 1 poll, 2 out-lots and 2 townlots in Austin, 1 carriage, 3 slaves, 1 saddle horse, 1 gold watch. Asa BRIGHAM paid \$34 tax. (8)Mayor Asa Brigham appointed a Committee of Vigilance on 5 Mch 1842. (12e, IX:4 pp 16-17)George W. Bonnell's Texas, page 122, mentions that he was treasurer of Texas in 1840.Brigham, Asa, on 30 Nov 1830 received title to 1 league in Austin 3 $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ in Brazoria, $\frac{1}{2}$ in Galveston counties. (14) $\frac{1}{2}$ Austin's 3rd Colony was on the east side of Colorado River above Bastrop; his 4th was in the coastal leagues./

p. 4, col. 4 - A subscription for the erection of a School & Meetinghouse. The meeting house to be under the direction of the Presbyterian Church, but free for all other denominations when not occupied by them, may be found in the hands of Mr. James Burke at Austin, and Judge L. C. Cunningham of Bastrop. Near \$2,000. have already been subscribed, and the building will be commenced forthwith. All persons disposed to aid in such an enterprize, are invited to cast in their mite.

For James BURKE see Vol. XVIII pp 66-7, 76-7, 86, 98-100, 110.

Leander Calvin CUNNINGHAM was born in 1810 in Tennessee; came to Texas in 1833 with two brothers, settling in Bastrop. He served at the Battle of San Jacinto and in the House of Representatives of the Second Congress, then three terms as county judge in Bastrop. In 1838 Judge Cunningham married Mrs. Ann Sloan Slaughter; six children. He died on 24 Dec 1896 in Seguin and was buried at Waelder, Gonzales Co. (1)L. C. Cunningham was in Capt. Jesse Billingsley's company in the Texas Revolution; the captain unsuccessfully contested Cunningham's election as Representative of Mina (Bastrop Co). During that 2nd Congress, L. C. Cunningham presented a petition for the formation of Fayette Co. (11, p 53)In article entitled "Texas Veterans at Belton Reunion, 20-21 April 1883" (Stirpes XVII No. 1 p 6), Cunningham is cited as age 69, resident of Schulenburg (Fayette Co), veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto.In 1871 he was listed as age 60, resident of Columbus (Colorado Co). (7, pp 637, 662)L. C. Cunningham received a Bounty Warrant for service 1 Mch - 1 June 1836, and a Donation Certificate for participation at San Jacinto. (13*,**)On 1 Aug 1835 he was issued title to $\frac{1}{4}$ league in Benjamin Rush Milam's Colony (land in present Bastrop Co). (14)On the 1840 Tax Roll of Travis Co, S. C. Cunningham was assessed for T 1111 acres. (Capital S and L are easily confused in some scripts.) The 1840 Tax Roll of

Bastrop shows a J. C. Cunningham with 1 poll, title to 4428 acres, 45 cattle. In Colorado Co he had 1,000 acres under survey; in Fayette, title to 1,000 acres. The Travis Co list also shows 18,240 acres under survey rendered for Cunningham and Crocheron [a Bastrop family] by H.C. (8)S. C. Cunningham's name appears on the delinquent taxpayers list made in June 1841 in Travis Co. (12c, p 101)L. C. Cunningham & Sons, lumber dealers, were located near the Freight Depot, according to the 1872 City Directory of Austin; his residence was in Canterbury Square. (12e, XIV:79) [Canterbury Street today is a few blocks north of Festival Beach--possibly the same.]

Post Office Department
Austin City, Nov. 16, 1839

Persons wish^{ing} to write to their friends in the U.S., and also persons in the U.S. writing to their friends in Texas, must invariably pay the postage on their letters or they will not be forwarded to their respective places of destination.

E.S.C. Robertson, Acting P.M. General

For notes on E. S. C. ROBERTSON, refer to Vol. XVIII:97.

vol. 1, #7 - Weds., December 25, 1839 p. 3, col. 2

Some apology is due to our patrons for the non-appearance of the Gazette during the last 2 weeks. The delay was occasioned by our paper giving out previous to the arrival of a large supply which was forwarded from Houston. ... We have 5 wagons at present loaded with paper, materials, and another press, on their way up; a part of them have been already 27 days out from Houston. ...

Sometimes it seems as if our mail today is being transported by ox cart, and then again a letter may cross the country in 24 hours!

p. 3, col. 3 - We have received a letter from our correspondent at Galveston which mentions the arrival of 38 sail of vessels from the U.S., loaded with goods & emigrants - say, 1,500 to 2,000 souls; among the number is 450 families of Germans. We are pleased to see our country filling up with such emigrants. The well known moral and industrious habits of this nation of people is an acquisition to Texas which we are proud to see, and we give them a hearty welcome. ...

This was about five years before the big wave of German immigration into this part of Texas.

Six wagons and carts, loaded with valuable merchandise, have just arrived from Victoria, in the short space of 6 days. We are pleased to see such a spirit of enterprize

AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1978

MEETING & PROGRAM

The regular monthly meeting of the AGS will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 28, 1978 at the Howson Branch Library. The Board of Directors will meet at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. David B. Gracy II, Director of the Texas State Archives, will speak on the "Archives of Texas", his talk will be illustrated with slides.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plans are progressing for the AGS Annual Workshop to be held Saturday August 26, 1978. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend, you will be glad you did.

If you have any suggestions on areas of interest for quarterly exchanges, please contact our Exchange Librarian, Mrs. Barbara J. Goudreau, Phone: 345-6034.

Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, will hold a "Symposium on Texas Germans" on March 31 - April 1, 1978. Registration March 31 at 9:30 a.m. in the LBJ Student Center. A wide variety of papers will be presented including genealogy and biography, as well as a German Genealogy Workshop. No information about fees or time schedule of presentations. For more information contact Glen Lich, Department of English, SWT, Telephone (512) 245-2335.

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evinced from the West. As yet, no direct route has been established; but arrangements are now making , and a road will soon be cut out, that the trip from Victoria and Lynnville can be made in much less time, on a good solid road, at any season of the year.

We have received a bundle of papers from Judge Robinson, given to him by Castro, the Lipan Chief taken in Gonzales Co. about the 25th of October last, from the Comanches, in fight with them, in which one of the latter was killed, and one Mexican boy about 15 years old escaped, and came into Victoria:- he has been prisoner with the Comanches about 4 years. The papers are receipts for land taxes, a land certificate granted by the Board of Land Commissioners for Bastrop Co., & other papers, all of which can be had on application to this office. From the names, they would appear to be the property of the 13 persons killed by the Indians, 15 miles from this place, on this side of Brushy Creek.

The punctuation of this paragraph indicates that the Lipan Chief was taken in Gonzales Co, but actually it was the bundle of papers which was recovered from the Comanches.James W. ROBINSON was born in 1800 in present-day Hamilton Co, IN; married Mary Isdell in 1820; had five children. After a divorce about 1828, he married Sarah Snider in Arkansas; one son. Robinson came to Texas in 1833, & was a delegate from Nacogdoches to the Consultation of 1835. He was a private in a cavalry company under Wm. H. Smith at San Jacinto; held several public offices, becoming a member of the Supreme Court of Texas by virtue of being elected judge of 4th Judicial District while living in Gonzales Co late in 1836. He saw a great deal of military service before moving in 1850 to San Diego CA where he prospered until he died in October 1857. (1)James W. Robinson was issued title to 1 league in Vehlein's Colony (land now in San Jacinto Co) on 6 Oct 1835. (14)

Examination of several 1840 Tax Lists reveals: in Gonzales Co was a James Robinson with 1 poll, 2 slaves, 1 gold watch, 1 carriage, 100 cattle, 1 saddle horse. In Travis Co James W. ROBERTSON was assessed for 1 poll and 3 slaves. In Victoria Co: James Robinson, no poll, T 2625 acres, 3 townlots. In Montgomery Co: James W., no poll, T2214. In Fayette Co: James, 1 poll, T409 acres, S1400 acres. (8) May not all be the same man.

James W. Robinson resigned his position as judge of 4th Judicial District 22 Jan 1840. (12e, VIII:104)He received Bounty Warrant for service 12 Mch 1836 - 15 Sep 1837; Donation Certificate for being in the Battle of San Jacinto. (13*, **)

CASTRO was "a Lipan-Apache chief who served Texans as a scout against the Comanches." In 1842 he offered his services to Houston and was ordered to camp between Brushy Creek and Little River; made raids against Comanches; was alive in 1850s. (1)

The 13 persons killed "on this side of Brushy Creek" appear to be the victims of the Webster Massacre described in a booklet found in

Texas State Archives under the heading of Williamson County. Published by City National Bank of Taylor sometime after 1914, written by J.H. Griffith, the booklet has five titles on its cover! On pp 5-7 is "The Webster Massacre," which relates that John Webster of Virginia, with a party of 30 (including Hughes and Thompson families, John W. Darlington, and other young men), reached Matagorda 14 Jan 1838. There he bought from Albert C. Horton a certificate for a league and a labor, located in what is now Burnet Co. (J. H. Brown, II:144, said the party's destination was Williamson Co. See also (4) p 220; (5) pp 15-18; (15) p 1092.)

Slowly, by ox wagon, the party made its way to Gilliland Creek near the Colorado River in Travis Co. They rented land and planted corn. In the fall of 1838 the Webster party moved to Hornsby's Bend on the Colorado 10 miles below Austin, and planted corn there the following year.

In 1839 Mr. and Mrs. John Webster and two children, John Stillwell, --- Flescher, two Reese brothers, Milton Hicks, Albert Silsbee, four other white men, a Negro named Nelson and a Mexican named Antonio started for Webster's grant in Burnet Co. When they were within a few miles of "what is now known as Strickling, Burnet Co.," 200 Indians attacked them, then withdrew. The Webster party retreated to the south fork of the San Gabriel (between present Liberty Hill and Leander) where some wished to make a stand. But Webster urged them on through the night; at sunrise the Indians caught up with them two miles below Leander.

A rescue party from the Hornsby settlement, alerted by Webster's stock coming in with arrows sticking in their bodies, found all 13 men dead. They buried them in one place near the site of the tragedy.

Mrs. Webster and her two children had been taken to the Indian camp in the San Saba country. After some time, they escaped, living on berries and pecans as they made their way to Pilot Knob two miles south of Round Rock. After hailing some men on horseback who were dressed "in the garb of civilized man," Mrs. Webster was horrified to discover they were Kiowas.

On 8 Aug 1840 Abner S. Lipscomb wrote to B. E. Bee Esq. about Indian depredations. In referring to Mrs. Webster's ordeal, he said their original captors were Comanches; the second lot were Caddos, Kickapoos, Shawnees, Cherokees, and possibly Choctaws, accompanied by Negro slaves. Lipscomb related that Mrs. Webster was within 30 miles of Austin when she was recaptured "in the spring of this year." (Annual Report of the American Historical Association, 1907, Vol. II, p 464, "Diplomatic Correspondence of the Republic of Texas," Washington: Government Printing Office, 1903)/

Whatever their tribe, the Indians traded the Websters to the original Comanches for two ponies and a mule. When all the warriors left camp to attend a peace council in San Antonio (occasion of The Council House Fight on 19 Mch 1840), Mrs. Webster escaped again, following their trail to that city and freedom. After a short visit with friends on Gilliland Creek, Mrs. Webster took her children to her former home in Virginia. The son, Booker, died of yellow fever en route home from the Mexican War. The daughter, Patsy, in 1851 returned to Texas to live with an uncle near Manor, until her marriage to Marmaduke Strickling. In 1854-55 they "settled at Strickling, Bur-

net County, on the land which was the objective point of the ill-fated Webster expedition and owned by John Webster."

No such town shows on today's maps, but there is a Strickling Cemetery about 10 miles northeast of Burnet, near where Highway 1174 crosses 963.

In 1876 and 1889, the home town of Norton Moses was listed as Strickland, Burnet Co. (9)The Rev. Stricklen/Strickland is in the index to minutes of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church at Leander, in Williamson Co. (12e, XIV:5)In 1840 Charles Strickland paid his poll in Bastrop Co. (8)Rev. L. G. Strickland, after two years of preaching to Methodists in Texas, was buried at West Columbia in 1839. (12e, XVI:87)Rev. Joel Strickland (1843-73) and wife R. C. had a daughter Texanna buried in Round Rock Cemetery. (12e, XVI:106)

The following ticket will be supported for Mayor & Aldermen of this City, by a majority of votes.

CITIZEN'S TICKET

For Mayor - Edwin Waller

For Aldermen - Musgrove Evans

Samuel Whiting

Jno. P. Borden

Doct. Wynn

J. M. Harrell

A. Savary

Chas Schoolfield

A. McArthur

For Recorder - Jno. D. McLeod

Those elected, as shown in AGS Quarterly VIII:104, were Edwin Waller (see XVIII:63, 66); Samuel Whiting (see XVIII:64-66, 72-73, 77, 80-81, 101); A. Savary (see XVIII:100 and below); and A. McArthur.

Musgrove EVANS was born 17 Dec 1785 in Philadelphia, according to an entry on page 384 of Citizens of the Republic of Texas (data submitted primarily by descendants; copyright 1977 by Texas State Genealogical Society); no death date given. He resided in Fayette, Hays, and Austin Travis? counties, it is stated, and married (1) Abi Brown, (2) Catherine D. (Howe) Richardson in 1840. Seven children (all first marriage) included Samuel B. (born 1812 in NY, died at the Alamo) and Hannah Maria who married Dr. Samuel G. Haynie (see XVIII:106).Musgrove Evans and Catherine D. Richardson were married 1 Oct 1840 by J. W. Smith, Chief Justice of Travis Co. (2)Hon. Musgrove Evans of Austin was listed among "Members and Patrons" of Rutgersville College at La Grange ca 1840. His son William was attending. In 1852 Musgrove Evans donated toward building a fence around an early cemetery in La Grange. (11, pp 11, 80-81, 106)On 13 Feb 1836 he received title to 1 league in Austin 5, Bastrop (?) Co. (14) This may mean the Austin & Williams tract between Colorado and Brazos rivers north of "Little Colony."On 1840 Tax List for Travis Co, Musgrove Evans was assessed for 1 poll (8), for which he was delinquent in June 1841. (12c, p 101)On 30 Jan 1841 he was elected chief justice, but resigned 10 Feb 1841. (12e, IX:4, p 15)George W. Bonnell's Texas, page 122, states that he was second auditor in 1840.

Citizens of the Republic of Texas (p 390) shows that Elizabeth Everett (widow of Micaiah B. Munson) married Major Samuel WHITING in 1838, and gives her residence as Liberty Co, her death ca 1847. It is not known to your editor if this was the publisher.

John Pettit BORDEN, brother of Gail Jr., was born 30 Dec 1812, Norwich NY, and came to Texas in 1829. He was in the Texas Army 1835-1842; was first Commissioner of General Land Office, and moved the archives from Houston to Austin in 1839. John Borden married first in 1837 and second in 1843 to Mary Susan Hatch; nine children. He died 12 Nov 1890 at Borden, Colorado Co, and was buried beside his second wife in Weimar Cemetery. (1)On 20 Nov 1832 John P. Borden received title to $\frac{1}{4}$ league in Austin's 2nd Colony, now Wharton Co. Also, on 7 Aug 1835, 10 leagues, Williams, Johnson & Peebles Colony (?) (14) Samuel May Williams, Hugh Blair (?) Johnson, & Robert Peebles, empresarios; grant not indicated on county maps.J. P. Borden signed "Compact of Volunteers under Collinsworth, dated Victoria, October 9, 1835" pledging to protect the citizens and march against Goliad. (Captain Phillip Dimmitt's Commandancy of Goliad, Hobart Huson. Austin: Von Boeckmann-Jones, 1974)There were two Bounty Warrants issued to J.P. Borden: for service 1 Mch - 1 June 1836, and 27 June - 25 Sep 1836. John P. Borden received a Bounty Warrant for service 1 Apr - 21 Jly 1836 and a Donation Certificate for being in Battle of San Jacinto. John Borden received a Donation Certificate for being in the Siege of Bexar, but it was suspended. (13*, **)George W. Bonnell, on page 122 of his Texas, confirms that he was Commissioner of GLO.Hon. J.P. Borden donated 640 acres in Austin Co to Rutgersville College 1839-40. (12e, XVII:19)John P. Borden, age 58, P.O. Clinton, DeWitt Co, was on the 1871 list of Pension Claims. (7, pp 638, 662)On the register of the 1883 Reunion of Texas Veterans at Belton, he wrote: Age: 70; Nativity: NY; Date of Immigration: 1829; Service: In battle of San Jacinto; P. O.: Borden; County: Colorado. (Stirpes, XVIII:3)Page 239 of Texas Almanac (7) reveals that he was First Lieutenant of Co D, 1st Regiment Texian Volunteers, under Captain Moseley Baker at San Jacinto.

Doct. WYNN may have been the Robert H. Wynn who received a Bounty Warrant for service 25 June - 25 Sep 1836. (13*)On 1840 Tax List for Travis Co was R. H. Wynn: 1 poll and 2 townlots in Austin. (8)

Jacob M. HARRELL was born ca 1804; in 1836 he lived at the Reuben Hornsby settlement on the Colorado south of Austin and in 1838 moved to Waterloo near Capitol Hill (1) or near present Congress Avenue bridge (15). In 1839 J. M. Harrell established a butcher pen; in 1844 he was selling shares in Colorado Navigation Co. Having served as mayor of Austin in 1847, he died 23 Aug 1853 at his home on Brushy Creek near Round Rock. (1)Jacob Harrell lived at the mouth of Shoal Creek in 1837-38 when M. B. Lamar stopped by and was so impressed with the area. (10, p 13)"Capt. Jacob Harrell, at the lower end of Congress Avenue ... dispensed the hospitality of the city ..." (4, p 262)He was on the Committee of Vigilance 5 Mch 1842. (12e, IX: 4, pp16-17)Jacob HARRALD and Edward Burleson owned land near Waterloo. (12a, p 6)Jacob M. Harrell was assessed for 1 poll, 2 townlots in Austin and 1 slave in 1840. (8) Also in Travis Co, Harrell & Connyly, J.H., paid \$5 tax in 1840. The nearest I found to

that name was J. H. Conoley with 1 poll and 1 silver watch on 1840 Tax Roll for Sabine Co. (8)Jacob M. was on a delinquent tax list in June 1841. (12c, p 101)He was defeated by W. W.A. Harrell in the 1840 election for alderman. (12e, VIII:104)In 1890, J.M. and W.A. Harrell were enumerators of a special census (XVIII:3)-- perhaps sons of Jacob M. who was born in 1804? It was, of course, the younger Jacob Harrell who married Matilda Stiles 29 Oct 1868. (2)See also XVIII:3,5,11,13,14,68.

A. SAVARY received a Bounty Warrant for 320 acres by virtue of a special act of the Legislature passed 13 Aug 1856. Ashbel SAVERY received a Donation Certificate the same day "in consideration of having been on detached duty during battle of San Jacinto." (13*,**)Asahel SAVERY was assessed for 1 poll, T177 acres, 2 townlots in Austin, 1 saddle horse and 2 slaves on 1840 Travis Co Tax Roll. (8)Under same spelling he received title to 1 league in Zavala's Colony (Jefferson Co) on 13 Apr 1835. (14)On 1849 Tax Roll for Calhoun Co (microfilm at Texas State Library) A. and H. P. Savery were assessed for 1 townlot in Port Lavaca.

Charles SCHOOLFIELD notes on pp 78, 79 and 81 of Vol. XVIII.

In the name A. MCARTHUR, the initial seems to be an error for N. Nicholas McArthur of Bastrop in March 1839 bought a quarter league in Travis Co. (12a, p 3)On the 1840 Tax List for Travis, N. McArthur rendered 1 poll, T300 acres, S640 acres, and 4 townlots in Austin. (8)He had not paid his taxes by June 1841. (12c, p 102)

John D. McLEOD was remembered by John Henry Brown among Austin residents of 1839. (3, p 168)He was defeated in this 1840 race for Recorder of Austin by A. C. Hyde (12e, VIII:104) whom Brown identifies as Arch C. Hyde, first postmaster. (3, pp 167-68)J. D. McLeod rendered only 1 poll in Travis Co on 1840 Tax List (8), which he had not paid by June 1841. (12c, p 102)George W. Bonnell (in Texas, p 122) said he was adjutant and inspector general in 1840.Two Bounty Warrants were issued to John D. McLeod, one for service 22 Oct 1835 - 22 Feb 1836, and one covering 5 Mch - 8 Aug 1836. His Donation Certificate was for being at the Siege of Bexar. (13*,**)He was Secretary of the Senate during the 3rd, 4th and 5th Congresses 5 Nov 1838 - about Oct 1841. (7, p 59)A possible descendant, John D. McLeod, was in Texas House of Representatives during 1919-20-21. (9, pp 277, 288)

Lots for Sale - The subscriber will offer at Public Sale on Saturday, 28th Dec., inst., at 4 o'clock P.M. at Spicer's Hotel in the City of Austin, 22 twelve acre lots adjoining the town tract, and about 2 miles from Capitol Hill. ... information will be given on application to Col. Spicer or Mr. Murrah, auctioneer. ...

D. Denyse

Col. SPICER may have been Robert M. Spicer who bought Lot 7 Blk 56 in Austin from Edwin Waller, "Government Agent," on 1 Aug 1839. (12a, p 4)An "excellent hotel" kept by Messrs Spicer & Clark

in January 1840 is mentioned on page 27 of Waterloo Scrapbook 1968-1970 by Katherine Drake Hart (published by Friends of Austin Public Library). On 9 Apr 1838 J.A. Spicer received Bounty Warrant for service 30 June - 30 Sep 1836, and on 8 Jan 1840 Wm. Spicer got his for service 19 Sep 1836 - 19 Mch 1837. Both of these warrants were assigned to other men (in 1852 & 1845), but Joseph A. Spicer, who in 1852 received a Donation Certificate for fighting at San Jacinto, patented his land in 1887 himself.

Mr. MURRAH was probably William H. Murrah; see XVIII:67.

Denyse DENYSE [sic] paid \$3,000 to Henry Crocheron (an attorney from Bastrop) for several tracts of land in March 1840. (12a, p 3, two abstracts) On 1840 Tax List of Travis Co, H. Crocheron as agent of D. Denyse rendered 23,025 acres under survey. No other reference to D. Denyse or Dennis found in index of this "Census." (8) H. Crocheron, agent for D. Denyse, was on the delinquent tax list of Travis Co in June 1841. (12c, p 101)

p. 3, col. 4 - Auction & Commission House - Rawsin & Samuel, beg leave to inform their friends and the public generally that they have opened a house in the City of Austin, adjoining the building of Alexander Russell, for the transaction of the Auction Commission business in all its branches. As we do not intend to keep any stock of our own, the public may rely on their goods being sold (either at private or public sale) to the best advantage.....

Rawsin & Samuel

P. S. RAWSON and Morris M. SAMUEL sold Austin City Block 55 on 3 Mch 1840. (12a, p 3) On 1840 Travis Co Tax Roll, M.M. SAMUELS was assessed for 1 poll and 1 townlot in Austin; also 1 townlot for RANSEN & SAMUELS. (8) M. M. Samuels, agent for Rawsin & Samuels, appears on the Travis Co Delinquent Tax List of June 1841. (12c, p 102) For Alexander RUSSELL, see XVIII:109.

p. 4, col. 2 - NOTICE - The commercial and only partnership heretofore existing in this town, between the undersigned, has been dissolved this day, by mutual consent. Hereafter the name of Jas. H. Worland & Co. will only be used in liquidating the old business of James H. Worland and John D. Vertner

On the 1840 Tax List of Colorado Co, James WORLAND, no poll, was assessed for T555 acres. That same year, Gonzales Co charged James H. WARLAND as administrator (no name given) for T2214 acres, and for himself T4605 acres--still no poll, so his residence is unknown.

The nearest I could find to John D. VERTNER was a name interpreted as John VENTRAM in The 1840 Census of the Republic of Texas (which consists of tax rolls). He is shown assessed for 1 poll, 100 acres under survey, and 1 watch in Harris Co. (8)

BY-LAWS OF AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I

NAME AND OBJECT:

Section 1: The Society shall be called "AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY."

Section 2: The purposes for which corporation or society is organized are:

The corporation will investigate, collect, record, publish and deposit in libraries and archives the genealogical and historical materials of Texas, especially those items pertaining to the City of Austin, Travis County, and the adjoining counties, and will educate members in the use of these and other reference materials in preparing and publishing genealogical material and family lineages.

If at any time this organization shall be dissolved, no part of its funds or property shall be distributed to or among its members, directors or any individuals, but after payment of all indebtedness of the organization, its surplus funds and properties shall be used in such manner to further the specific purposes of the organization as set forth in ARTICLE FOUR of the CHARTER.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP, VOTING AND DUES:

Section 1: Eligibility for Membership:

Any person who is interested in the aims and purposes of this Society and is acceptable to the membership, upon the approval of the membership committee, may be admitted.

Section 2: Voting:

Each member in good standing is entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 3: Dues:

The amount of dues for the members of this Society shall be determined by the Board of Directors not later than December 31st each year for the following calendar year. Dues are payable in advance for the calendar year beginning January 1st. Members who fail to pay current year dues by March 1st may be dropped from the membership roll.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1: The governing body of this Society shall be a Board of Directors, composed of twenty (20) members. Their term of office shall be two (2) years, beginning the January 1st following election. The terms of ten (10) members of the Board of Directors shall expire each year, and such members will be replaced by the retiring President and members elected or re-elected to serve two years. The names of the nine (9) members selected by the nomi-

nating committee for the Board of Directors shall be submitted to the Society at the September meeting each year. Nominations may also be made from the floor before the names are voted on. The nominees will be voted on at the October meeting; and those elected will serve two (2) years beginning the following January 1.

Section 2: From their number the Board of Directors shall elect a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. The six (6) officers listed above in this Section shall form the Executive Committee. All officers of the Society shall be elected annually between the October meeting and the following December 31st, for a term of one year and installed at the meeting in January following the annual report of the officers for the preceding year, and will be eligible to succeed themselves if re-elected.

Section 3: The President shall appoint the Exchange Librarian, Director of Research, and Editor of the quarterly, and may appoint a Parliamentarian.

Section 4: The Board of Directors shall meet monthly. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President, and shall be responsible for the conduct of the Society's business between meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 5: The Society shall have the following standing committees appointed by the President: Membership, Budget and Finance, Acquisitions, Ancestor Records, Bible Records, Cemetery Records, Church Records, County Records, and State Records.

Section 6: The President shall appoint an Auditing Committee and may appoint special committees as needed.

Section 7: At the July meeting of each year, a Nominating Committee shall be selected in the following manner: Two members elected by the Board of Directors, one member appointed by the President, and two members elected by the membership. This committee shall recommend to the Society at the September meeting each year the nine (9) nominees for the Board of Directors to be elected at the October meeting.

Section 8: Any vacancies in any office or on the Board occurring between elections shall be filled by the Board of Directors at its next meeting following the creation of the vacancy. Said appointees shall serve out the unexpired term of the officer or director replaced.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular meetings of the Society shall be held on such dates and at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called by the President.

Section 3: The January meeting shall be the annual meeting.

Section 4: The members present at any meeting of the Society shall constitute a quorum, providing all members have been duly notified of said meeting.

Section 5: Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall control as to any matters not provided for in these by-laws.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers shall perform the duties prescribed in these by-laws.

Section 2: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Directors. He or she shall be the chief executive officer of the Society. He or she shall appoint all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 3: The First Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties pertaining to that office. If both are absent, then the Second Vice-President shall preside.

Section 4: The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Society and of the Board; shall notify officers of their election and the committees of their appointment; shall keep a roll of the members of the Society, and have custody of all papers of the Society not otherwise provided for, which papers and records shall be open for inspection at any time, in the presence of the Secretary, by any member of the Society. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, the Recording Secretary shall call the meeting to order and preside until a chairman pro tem. is elected. At the expiration of the Recording Secretary's term of office, the immediately prior year's records shall be turned over to his or her successor, and all other papers in his or her possession as Recording Secretary shall be placed in the Austin-Travis County Collection in the City Library.

Section 5: The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct such correspondence as may be requested by the President of the Society or the Executive Committee, and shall have custody of all letters. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to give notice of all meetings.

Section 6: The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society and shall deposit them in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall disburse these funds, as directed by the Society, provided that no bill for over ten dollars (\$10) shall be paid without the written authorization of the President. The Treasurer shall present a report at each regular meeting and an annual report at each annual meeting in January. Previous to such annual meeting the Treasurer's accounts shall be audited by the Auditing Committee.

Section 7: The Exchange Librarian shall be in charge of the quarterly exchanges with other genealogical and historical societies,

shall maintain the mailing list of such exchanges, insuring that the records are kept up to date and are in order.

Section 8: The Director of Research may help the general public with appropriate research whenever feasible, but is not expected to trace lines.

Section 9: The Editor of the Society's magazine shall issue such magazine at such times as may be approved by the Board from time to time.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the members present, provided the amendment has been presented in writing at the previous regular meeting and a statement of the proposed change or changes mailed to the members before the regular meeting at which the amendment is to be voted on.

APPROVED:

DeWitt Nogués

President

Helen H. Rugeley

Recording Secretary

November 10, 1967

The above by-laws are submitted by the Committee heretofore appointed to consider revision of the by-laws.

Louis O. Shudde

Chairman

Mrs. Herbert R. Gentry

Marcia Hoskins

Louise Kirk

Members of the Committee

(The by-laws of our Society are published at the direction of our president, Mrs. J. B. Golden, who felt that the members would like to have a copy for reference.)

A. G. S. WORKSHOP

Mark your calendars now for Austin Genealogical Society's big event of the year: 26 August 1978. On that last Saturday of the month we members will participate in and present to the interested public our ANNUAL GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP.

The chairman of the event, Miss Evangeline Lane, has many interesting plans in the works. Details will be given in the June Quarterly and Newsletters, as well as at our meetings.

To make suggestions and offer your cooperation, contact Miss Lane at 8100 Balcones, Northcastle Apt. 163, (78759), 345-4742.

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Generous Offer. Mrs. Virginia (Cate) Jahn, long-time member of AGS who now resides at 441 Donaldson, San Antonio TX 78201, is offering free assistance to members of our Society. If you send her an SASE, she will look for one or two of your names among the burial records of Mobile AL, and in 1840 & 1850 census of Bradley Co, TN.

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LAST CALL FOR ENTRIES IN ANCESTOR-LISTING ISSUE

May 15th is the deadline for receipt of data on your ancestors to be printed in the June issue of AGS Quarterly. These sheets must be sent to the editor at home because she is too busy writing a family history (and editing this mag) to go to the Library and pick up mail sent to the Society's postoffice box. Please address me: Mrs. H. H. Rugeley, 2202 W. 10, Austin TX 78703.

Paid-up members of Austin Genealogical Society may submit two 8½ x 11" pages each (four for a family membership) in any form you choose, just so it's LEGIBLE and dark enough to photograph as is. These may be pedigree charts, family group sheets, or in narrative form. In order to have two facing pages, leave three-fourths of an inch margin in the gutters--that is, left-hand pages need space for hole-punching in the right margin; right-hand pages the opposite.

Erratic Pagination of Vol. XVIII No. 4====You probably noticed that our printer got mixed up on our last issue and put even-numbered pages on the right! Apparently the copy for the inside front cover "lost itself," so they printed the first page on goldenrod cover stock. That would not have been so bad if they had printed the reverse as well, but the decision to jump to white paper threw all the rest of the pages out of order. You may imagine how it upset your fuss-budgety editor. We've had mishaps before--printing on one side only, using cover stock heavier than specification, both of which ran up our mailing costs--but our printers do the best job of this kind in town, I think, and they are NICE PEOPLE. I'm glad to report to our members that they graciously made a financial adjustment.

Greenbacks may be an effective poultice for wounded pride!

NATIONAL PEDIGREE INDEX

In May 1976, members of The Society of Genealogists met in London to lay plans for the establishment of a National Pedigree Index. Named to the advisory committee were Miss Stella Colwell and Messrs. J. P. Brooke-Little, Anthony J. Camp, F. L. Leeson and M. A. Pinhorn, all highly respected names in the field of English genealogy.

"The Index, which will be made up of information voluntarily supplied by compilers of pedigrees both amateur and professional, will be kept at the Society of Genealogists and enquiries should be made by correspondence only to the National Pedigree Index, c/o the Society. No reply to an enquiry will be sent unless a stamped self-addressed envelope or International Reply coupon is enclosed, and the Index will not be open to public research." /for confidentiality reasons/

REMINDER: A letter will not go from England to America on U.S. stamps. Considering inflation, the thoughtful thing to do is to enclose TWO International Reply coupons, and they can supply the most appropriate size envelope. You might get some well-gummed labels, type your name and address on them and enclose several if you expect multiple replies. But not the tiny return-address stickers!

"The scheme will be to form a central Index of pedigrees researched and being researched, of which three or more generations in the male line, and resident in the British Isles, have been established. It is hoped that it will help avoid duplication and put researchers in touch with others working on the same families. Details of surname, period covered, places of residence, publication if any, and special features such as continuity of occupation, religious denomination and unusual Christian names will be contained in the Index, plus the up-to-date name and address of the compiler and/or repository of the pedigree. A specimen card and a limited number of slips will be supplied, postage paid, on request, to those interested in helping to build up the Index, but postage must be paid by the compiler in returning the slips. It is important for its success that as many genealogists as possible support and use the scheme.

"For enquirers a fee of £1.00 per surname, per county, will be payable in advance (to cover expenses) and this will be refunded if result of the search is negative; 80p will be refunded if no stamped envelope or International Reply coupon is enclosed with the enquiry, and such enquiry will be ignored if no fee has been paid in advance. The enquirer will receive a copy of the details on the slip plus the name and address of the compiler or repository, stating if the pedigree has been professionally prepared. The Index does not intend to be an examining body or a register of 'authentic' pedigrees and it is up to the discretion of the enquirer and compiler as to what information is exchanged and if a fee is to be charged." /underlining added/

NOTE: There is a terrific fee for converting U.S. checks in dollars to pounds in England, which we should not expect a non-profit service to absorb. A good thing to do, if you're sending several pounds, is to go to a large bank which keeps up with the current exchange rate (I know that golden bank in Austin has this service) and buy a draft in pounds to enclose with your enquiry.

But bear in mind that this project was not intended to do individualized research for you. The Index "acts merely as a central clearing house to put researchers on particular families in contact with each other in order to avoid duplication and perhaps give some help to each other", says Miss Colwell--if you make private arrangements with a searcher in the British Isles.

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SOME HOUSTON RESIDENTS IN THE 1850S

The January 1978 issue of Southwestern Historical Quarterly opens with an informative article entitled "Movin' On: Mobility Through Houston in the 1850s" by Susan Jackson. She is an assistant professor of history at the University of Vermont, of all places! (for a person to be interested in Texas, I mean) For a "furriner," she seems to have devoted a lot of study to the population of Houston, Texas: her Ph.D. dissertation was on "The People of Houston in the 1850s" (Mary Susan Jackson, Indiana University, 1975). I'd surely like to read that.

The subject of this study is the proportion of transient to permanent population, with some reasons for mobility in that time and place. The enlightening article is recommended to genealogists who have an interest in Texas in the 1850s for two reasons: (1) insight into migration and settlement, and (2) references to specific persons, sometimes with pictures of their homes, or other valuable details.

A few of these men were mentioned in the 1839 newspapers of Austin, which we have just abstracted. Some were very prominent and others relatively obscure. But even if you don't find an ancestor named, this article is well worth reading for the explanations offered for the frequent moving of some of our foot-loose forefathers!

Rather than alphabetize these names, I have left them in the order in which they appear (pp 255-82) so they can be more readily located in the text, pictures, or captions:

C. E. Wood - J. P. Blessing - E. S. Perkins - Frederick Law Olmsted - J. R. Morris - John P. Dav[is? or Day? picture dim] - Miss Brown [young ladies' seminary] - William Marsh Rice - Paul Bremond - James B. Hogan - George Broderick - William B. Walker - L. J. Latham - Julius Diffenbach - Edward White - Ulrich Molse - Michael Mahoney - --- Morris (bldg) - Jacob W. Cruger - John Riordan - S. F. Nobles - James Burke - George W. Capron - William B. Walker - Philip Thompson - L. J. Latham - James T. D. Wilson - John D. Andrews - J. B. Dart - Peter W. Gray - William McConnell - --- Pillot (bldg) - J. T. D. Wilson - F. L. Viven - John A. Herring - William McMillan - John A. Boykin - George Fisher - H. H. Milby - Francis Moore Jr. - Augustus C. Allen - Gen. William Walker - Willis D. Copeland - M. L. Westheimer.

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And then there was the man who boasted about his granddaughter the weather forecaster, Norma Lee Knotwright.

THOSE HONORARY COLONELS

It has long been my practice to poke fun at those who doggedly insist on ascribing grandiose titles to their ancestors, without an iota of valid proof. In the 19th Century, especially in the South, almost every ex-soldier who lived past the age of 60 automatically acquired a promotion in military rank, it seems--some from Private to Colonel!

The explanation may be that in the courtlier days of the Post-bellum South, grateful and respectful fellow-citizens could offer the veterans no recompense for their tragic losses except a high-sounding title. There were no funds to support a veterans' land program, higher education, cheaper rates for buying homes, job preference for veterans, etc. Where we now offer hospitalization and rehabilitation to our returned heroes, speech makers and newspaper writers rewarded Revolutionary and Confederate veterans with flowery rhetoric and (sometimes) exaggerated praise.

This American tendency toward the lavish bestowal of titles is not a new one, according to a fascinating book by Parke Rouse Jr. (The Great Wagon Road from Philadelphia to the South, McGraw-Hill Book Co, 1973, p 193):

"Such sharpshooters made up the county militia who protected the frontier in the French and Indian Wars and the Revolution. 'Colonels' and 'captains' abounded. Wrote a frontier visitor who signed himself Porte Crayon, 'There is not a tavern-keeper or stage-owner in all western Virginia, or a great wood chopper, who has not some military title. And anyone who kills a rattlesnake is made a major on the spot'."

I do not mean to belittle those veterans' painful service and heroic sacrifice in the least, and I don't begrudge the encomiums that have been heaped upon our ancestors, even if occasionally undeserved. But I do think the time has come for us to stop putting "Col." before the name of a man we know never ~~ranked~~ actually ranked higher than a sergeant, when we fill out our charts today!

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Family History News and Digest . . . Editor Elizabeth Simpson writes that since (but probably not because of) the article "Federation of Family History Societies" appeared in our December 1977 issue, she has received many orders enclosing only \$2. She usually sends the publication on by airmail and asks the recipient to remit another dollar. We had not been apprised of the cost by airmail, only that it was \$2 seamount. So if you are willing to wait months for delivery, specify seamount; otherwise send \$3. Actually, the Digest is well worth waiting for; conversely, it's worth the extra dollar to get it sooner! Address Mrs. Simpson at Peapkin's End, 2 Stella Grove, Tollerton, Notts., NG12 4EY, England.