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REPORT OF RECORD-BREAKING WORKSHOP

The 1978 edition of the annual genealogical workshop presented to the public by Austin Genealogical Society was pronounced outstandingly successful, thanks to the efforts of the efficient chairman, Ms. Evangeline Lane, the fine speakers, and the hard-working members.

The principal speaker, Mrs. Mary N. Speakman, Certified Genealogist, offered a great deal of valuable and interesting information in her morning address entitled "Bibliography and Secondary Sources." In the afternoon, her presentation, "Migration Routes," was based on slides of appropriate maps. This was very helpful to those who could see the maps, but for many, unfortunately, the maps were out of focus (Perhaps the screen was too small or the projector too close?) and the captions illegible, so that the monologue was rather bewildering. We regret that some of the audience missed such apparently deeply researched information.

Mrs. Carolyn Croft briefed the audience on procedures for tapping the wealth of resources banked in the LDS Library, while Mrs. E. G. Jordan described the thousands of books available in the Genealogy Section of the Public Services Department of Texas State Library.

Mrs. Lannell Aston gave a masterful review of the nature and sources of records in the General Land Office, and Mrs. Sam G. Cook ably conducted the ever-popular "mini workshop for beginners" during the lunch hour, with the assistance of several AGS members.

Heartfelt thanks are offered to all these people, as well as to each of the committee chairmen, members who participated, and their roped-in relatives who went to the Community Hall in Highland Mall in the pre-dawn hours to prepare for the workshop.

We also wish to express the gratitude of the Society to all who contributed books and other things for door prizes or for sale. It is hoped that the membership will make an effort to reciprocate by patronizing the donors--for example, the Southern Historical Press--see the Book Review page.

As for statistics, this workshop broke all our past records, financially and numerically, the treasurer reports. There were 153 registrations for the day, and 22 of them became new members of our Society. (See roster on page 112.)

So, a big bouquet to everyone!



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(East Anderson Lane on some maps) on Interregional Highway 35
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Tuesday and Thursday 10 to 1 and 6 to 9

Wednesday 12 to 3 -- Saturday 10 to 4

BRAND REGISTRATIONS IN TRAVIS COUNTY

1846-1851, and 1850

CENSUS DATA ON HOLDERS THEREOF

Part II

(Continued from page 32)

In the June 1978 AGS Quarterly (q.v.) it was explained that these brands were found in what must have been the second or third brand registration book for Travis County, Texas. They were in chronological, not alphabetical order. Ear marks were not copied herein.

The 1850 census data below the brand holders' names are taken from The State of Texas, Federal Population Schedules, 7th Census of U.S., 1850 transcribed by Mrs. V. K. Carpenter in 1969 (4 vols plus index).

The format used herein is: Family Number (on the census itself), Occupation, Value of Real Estate, Name of Head of Family, Age, Place of Birth, followed by Name, Age, Birthplace (plus occasionally Occupation) for members of his/her household. Sex is shown by m or f only if the name does not clearly indicate it.

When a new surname is introduced, it applies to the names that follow. When the column gets long, a new column is set up on the left, to save space. An asterisk means the couple married within the year; a plus sign designates a student. Alphabetical order is determined by spelling in the brand book, not Mrs. Carpenter's interpretation of the census (e.g., Horne vs. Home).

BRAND:

BRAND HOLDER

DATE REGISTERED

H

HALL, James M.W.

13 Apr 1850

#367 Tavernkeeper \$3,000

Owen O'BRIAN

41 IRE

\$500

James W.W. HALL

42 NY

Wm. SUNDERLAND 22 NY

Honor

36 MS

13 other tenants

William

5 TX

1h

HARRIS, Isaac

1 Aug 1848

#158 Farmer \$2,000

Edwin 8 TX
 Jane 5 TX
 Antonio 3 TX
 Joshua 20 TX

Isac HARRIS 44 LA
 Martha 42 LA
 Jefferson 16 TX
 James 12 TX
 Mary 18 TX
 Napoleon 11 TX

Ⓜ

HENRY, John D.
(Cancelled later)

11 Jan 1850

#127 Farmer \$1,404

Mary 12 TN
 Amanda 10
 Thomas 8
 James 6
 Franklin 3

John D. HENRY 44 TN
 Elizabeth 39 (All
 Merideth (m) 19 TN)
 Elizabeth 17
 Ruigh (m) 16
 David 15
 John 14

S H

HIGHSMITH, Samuel

7 Dec 1846

Not on Travis Co census; see Benj. & Deborah in Bastrop Co.

7

HOPKINS, A. N.

5 May 1848

#378 Mechanic \$500
 Mecanic
 Derman+ (m) 11 TN
 Albina 8 TX

Andrew HOPKINS 40 TN
 Jane 50 TN
 Constantine 19 TN
 Juran (m) 17 TN
 Preston+ 13 TN

A H

HORNE, Andrew O.

29 Aug 1847

#287 Schl. Teacher \$200
 Jeremiah SKIN- 25 GA
 NER
 Jno. CARROLL 22 MD
 Geo. TAYLOR 26 GA

Andrew O. HOME 56 TN
 Elizabeth 52 NC
 Archibald 23 AL
 Mary 16 AL
 Andrew (clerk) 18 AL
 Geo. F. LAMPKINS 21 VA

W H

HORNE, William T.

9 Sep 1850

#417 Physician
 Elizabeth BROOKS 24 AL

Wm. T. HORNE 32 AL
 Elenor 26 AL
 William 3 MO
 Marion (m) 4 MO
 Elenor 1 TX

H

HOUSTON, A. D.

25 Dec 1849

#72 Farmer \$1,200
 William+ 10 TX
 Rosa+ 8 TX
 Cynthia BARNHILL 64 PA

A.D. HOUSTON 43 TN
 Emily 35 GA
 Thos.+ 15 TX
 Cynthia+ 13 TX

H6.

HULING, Marcus

14 Oct 1850

Figure Ninety Six forming an H.

#59	Farmer	\$1,476	Marcus HULING	50	VA
			Sharlott	36	MA
	John	5 TX	Orlena	10	TX
	Marcella	2 TX	Amanda	7	TX

H

HURST, Charlotte

12 Feb 1851

#213	Farmer	\$200	Edward M. HURST	36	TN
			Charlotte	40	IL
	Rody+	8 AR	James+	18	AR
	John+	6 AR	Joab+	13	AR
	Zorada (f)	3 TX	Margaret+	12	AR



HUTCHINS, James H.

20 Jly 1850

#128	Schl. Teacher	\$1,300	James H. HUTCHINS	30	NC
			Francis (f)	26	TN
			James+	6	MS
			Amelia	4	MS
			Albert	1	MS

S.K.J.

JENNINGS, Samuel K., Mr?Jnr?Inc? 1 Jan 1851

#81			Cyntha JENNINGS	70	NC
		\$800	Samuel	21	MO

(Somebody refused to put an i in Cynthia!)



JOHNSON, Emma Virginia & Sam Houston 27 Mch 1849

Nearest I could find was Samuel H. in Milam Co census.

22

JOHNSON, William

19 Aug 1848

#43	Farmer	\$1,500	William JOHNSON	38	VA
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J

JONES, Thomas H.

8 Mch 1847

#136	Farmer	\$5,000	Thomas H. JONES	37	NC
			Mariah	28	TN
	Elber? (m)	1 TX	Rufus+	9	TN
	Levi BARNARD	28 TN	Emily+	11	TN
	Margaret VINCENT	5 TN	Isac+	8	TN
			Lucy	3	TX

FK

KELLY, Francis

2 Oct 1846

#197		\$500	Francis KELY	29	IRE
			Mary	19	GER
			William	1	TX
			Wm Thomas	1/12	TX

K

KIMBLE, Albert G.

27 Jly 1848

Possibly husband of:

#300

William (clk)	28	TN
Rebeca	17	TN
Temperance	1	TX

Sarah C. KIMBELL	24	TN
John+	7	TX
Mary+	6	TX
William	3	TX
Albert	1	TX

TK

KLIEN, Charles

8 Nov 1847

#215 Farmer \$300

Charles CLINE	57	SWITZ
Mary	42	"
Albertine	15	"
Arnold+	10	"

L

LEE, Joseph

27 Nov 1848

#212 Lawyer \$4,000

Joseph LEE	34	OH
Sarah	26	KY
Horatio	2	TX

VL

LABENSKI, Victor L.

21 Dec 1849

Nearest found was J.L. LOBENSKI, Hays Co p. 119.

HL

LOHMANN, Henry

29 Apr 1850

#216 Farmer \$330

Charles	4	GER
Malinda	1	TX

Henry LOMAN	51	GER
Caroline	25	GER
Christian (f)	15	"
Henry	10	"

AL

LUCKETT, N.M.

11 Jan 1847

#411 Farmer \$1,500

Nolen LUCKETT	45	KY
Ann	35	MS
Mary+	13	MS
Alferd	8	TX
J.S. SUTTON	37	NY

IP

MCARTHUR, James P.

26 May 1848

Nearest found:

#130 Farmer \$11,640

John	5	TX
Mary	2	TX

Nicholes MCARTHA/	38	KY
Nichcles MCARTHER		
Lodoesky/Lodovsky	27	GA
James+	8	TX

JM

MCQUISTIAN, John J.

5 June 1848

#105 Farmer \$225

John McCHRISTIN	26	TN
Rebeca	25	VA
Susan	4	TX
Martha	2	TX
John	2/12	TX

McGILL, A. B., Recorder

1846-51

#372 Clk. Co. Court \$6,000

Ashford B. McGILL 33 NC

McKINNEY, James P.

26 Sep 1847

#89 Farmer \$6,000

James P. McKINNEY	31	MO
Elvira	31	LA
Eleanor+	11	TX
Mary Ann	9	TX
Lochill	7	TX

AL McLAREN, Angus

20 Jly 1850

#233	Farmer		
	Teacher	\$500	
	Clock Pedler		
	Duncan	17	NC
	Margarett	56	NC

Lauchler McLAURNS	62	SCOT
Angus	40	SC
John	24	NC
Christian (f)	21	NC
Merdoc+	19	NC

JJ McLaurin, J.J.

21 Nov 1850

Not found; name also spelled McLaums in one index.

M^oLAURIN, J.T. Clk. Co. Court 15 Aug 1859

M.Y. MULLOWNY, S.D.

8 Apr 1850

Nearest found was Stephen Maloney in Milam Co. census index.

JJM MANOR, Joseph J.

16 Dec 1848

#4 Farmer \$3,500

J. J. MANOR	32	TN
Caroline	20	IN
Texana	2	TX
Josaphine	1	TX
Eli SHEPHERD	41	NC

21 MATTHEWS, John G.

8 Apr 1850

#402	Farmer	\$1,320
		\$3,400
		\$250

Wagoner

Abner MATHEWS	57	NC
Asenith (f)	57	NC
James H.	29	TN
John	26	TN
Easter	24	TN
Stephen	21	TN
Amanda	16	TN
Franklin+	14	TN

HL MEDLIN, Hall

5 Jan 1850

#181 Farmer \$200

Isac+	8	MO
Lewis	4	TX
Nepoleon HELMS	5	MO

*Hall MODLIN	43	AL
*Catharine	22	MO
Marian+ (m)	15	MO
Jaret+ (m)	13	MO
Sarah+	10	MO

F MEEKS, John

14 Jan 1851

I J Webber old brand - and adopted by J Meeks by her mission of said J. J. Webber. See Webber in W's hereafter.

#9	Farmer	\$1,500	John MEEKS	44	KY
			Mary	43	AL
	Eudora+	9 MO	Sudcenth+ (m)	18	MO
	Amanda	7 "	Francis+	16	"
	Charles	6 "	Ambroze	15	"
	Martha	3 "	Randolph	13	"
	Mary	3 "	William	11	"
	John	1 "	Richard+	10	"
	Blacksmith		Jonathin VAN CLEAVE	35	PA
	"		John C. " "	23	PA
			Jonathin DRISKALL	23	TN

M MERRILL, Nelson

20 Aug 1847

#164	Farmer	\$5,000	Nelson MERRILL	39	CT
			Rachael	39	OH
			Julia	3/12	TX
	James ROGERS	30 AL	Alferd COLIER	19	AR

M MINER, Joel

20 Feb 1847

#263	Printer	\$1,000	Joel MINOR	45	VT
			Cyntha	23	TN
			Auther	4	TX

(M) MONTGOMERY, Robert W.

27 Jly 1848

#69	Farmer	\$1,100	R.C. Montgomery	50	TN
			Lewis+	8	TX
			Henry+	6	TX
		\$500	James CASNER	26	AL
			Sarah	20	GA

MOORE, Martin

16 May 1848

#191	Merchant	\$8,000	Master MOORE	34	IRE
			Elizabeth	28	AL
			Catharine	4	TX
			James	2	TX

On 24 Nov 1863, the notorious Benj. Thompson (b. 1843) married Kate L. Moore (Catharine b. 1846).

T MOORE, Thomas J.

30 May 1849

#20	Carpenter	\$400	Thomas J. MOORE	37	NC
			Elizabeth	29	NC
			Nancy+	11	NC
	James MUSSETT	53 KY	Mary+	8	NC

JN

NEEDHAM, John

3 June 1850

#110 Farmer

Massa NEEDHAM (f)	45	Unknown
John	24	AR
Madison	21	"
Lawson	18	"
Jane	15	"

Margaret	12	AR
James	6	TX

N

NICHOLLES?, W.B.

3 June 1850

#112 Farmer \$200

Wily NICHOLS	50	TN
Sarah	40	TN
Sarah	15	AL
Hanibal	13	AL

John	9	AL
George	7	AL

PN

NOWLIN, Peyton W.

5 Aug 1850

#397 Farmer \$2,500

Peyton W. NEWTON	47	KY
Martha	43	TN
Susan	20	MO
Ann	16	MO
Martha	15	MO

Mary	12	MO
Peyton	11	MO
Adeline	7	MO

C.O.

OLIVER, E.R.

3 Aug 1849

#423 Farmer \$3,000

Edward OLIVER	31	PA
James COX	64	SC
Eliza (m) / Eliza?	20	MO
Fredrick BRUSHEY	7	GER

C.O.

OSBORNE, Claiborne

23 Feb 1847

#33 Farmer \$1,200
\$1,200

John L. OSBORN	42	TN
Claiborn	24	TX

T

OSBORNE, Thomas

22 Sep 1848

See Supplement to Handbook of Texas for sketches of these three brothers of Bastrop Co. Claiborn m. Almira Jane Leverett; John, Hannah Hadden; Thomas, Mary A. McCulloch.

PP

PARKER, Peter

14 June 1850

#156 Lawyer \$500

Peter PARKER	23	VA
Mary	20	MO

JP

PAYNE, Banyan

9 Apr 1850

#403 Farmer

Banlian PAINE	23	AL
Elizabeth	19	TN
Darling (m)	26	AL

Banyan Paine m. Eliza Jane Matthews 4 Jan 1850 (by J. Miner)

JR

RAYMOND, James H.

24 Feb 1849

#294	State Treasurer	\$4,000	James H. RAYMOND	33	NY
			Margaret	26	OH
	Clerk		John C.	27	NY

R

REOSSELL, Christopher M.

1 Oct 1849

This name stumped me so completely that I reproduce it here and solicit suggestions.

Christopher M Reossell

R

RINARD, Ellenor

18 Oct 1850

#97			Jacob RINARD	32	PA
			Elenor	22	IN
	Jacob Renard m. Ellen		Mary	2	TX
	Souls 22 Feb 1846.		John	1/12	TX

A.R.

ROBEY, Francis A.

30 Mch 1850

#162	Farmer	\$500	William ROBY	70	MD
			Mary	60	VA
			Francis	27	OH

R

ROUNDTREE, Meusadon

18 Mch 1847

Son who left home when father remarried?

#142	Farmer		*James ROUNDTREE	44	TN
			*Martha	147	MS
	Alvira	5 TX	Martha+	14	TN
	Robert	4 TX	Louiza+	11	TN
	Josephine	2 TX	Amanda+	8	TX

J 22.

SCOTT, Johnathan

9 Dec 1850

Jonathan T. Scott m. Mary Standifer 29 Jan 1848 in Travis Co; on 1850 census in Bastrop Co.

P

SCOTT, Josephus

26 Aug 1846

#141	Farmer		Joseph SCOTT	29	IN
			Rachael /Souls/	21	IN
	Mary HAGLET	4 TX	Emeline	2	TX
	George	3 TX	Martha J. STINCON	17	MO

P

SCOTT, Racheal B.

24 Jly 1848

Two years later the wife gets her own brand, and Josephus's is marked cancelled--suggests tragedy. B. must stand for Rachel's middle name, as her maiden name was Souls, according to marriage records.

E.

SEATON, C.

13 June 1850

His mark was changed in 1857. There was a Charles Seaton on 1850 census of Comal Co. Possibly brother of:

#224 Farmer

*Elija SEATON 26 AL
*Elizabeth /nee Matt/ 14 AL

S

SMITH, Samuel

3 June 1850

#100

Anna 3 TX
Elizabeth 6/12 TX

Samuel SMYTH 27 MO
Aratine (f) 25 TN
Louiza 10 TX
Manerva+ 8 TX
Henry 6 MS

W.S.

SOUR, William

1 Nov 1846

A man of this name in Gillespie Co. in 1850.

S

STANDIFER, James W.

9 Dec 1850

Not found on Travis Co census, but indexes show Jacob in Bastrop, James S. in Williamson & J.M. in Tarrant Co.

S

STANDLY, Thomas E.

25 Mch 1850

#117 Farmer

\$700

Jefferson+ 12 MS
George+ 10 MS
Henry 8 MS
Elias 6 MS

Thos E. STANLY 47 SC
Holland (f) 50 TN
John 20 TN
Thomas+ 18 TN
Booker 17 TN
William 16 MS
Joseph+ 13 MS

S

STONE, Mary A.

4 June 1850

#363

\$3,000

Lawyer

Deputy Sheriff
Blacksmith

Mary STONE 49 MD
Charles+ 8 TX
Mary 5 TX
Sam+ 13 MO
R.E. GODDLET 50 VA
John 19 IN
John PRICE 24 IN
John W. HAYNE 25 MO
Martha 24 AL

d. maid
*S**S*

SUTTLE, Charles G.

21 May 1850

If his middle name was George:

#96

(C.G. Settle m. Mrs.
Malinda Wilson in 1874.)

Georg 25 MO

John SUTTLE 40 VA
Mary 39 MO
Elija HAMMET 66 SC
Mary CRAIG 5 MO
William SMELTER 30 MO

S

SWISHER, James G.

20 Mch 1849

#366 Tavernkeeper \$10,000

9 other tenants

James G. SWISHER	55	TN
Elizabeth	53	TN
James M.	27	TN
Ann+	14	TX
Edward+	10	TX

JT

TALK, John

2 Dec 1847

#139 Farmer \$463

John TALK	29	NY
Abigil	24	MO
Cyntha	6	TX
Alfred	4	TX
Gordon	2	TX

No. 6.

TANNER, Jonathan

10 Apr 1849

large.

Index shows a Jonathan Tanner in Caldwell Co.

H

THOMAS, William D.

29 Apr 1847

for Horses.

A Wm. D. Thomas in Cameron Co.

TH

THURMAN, Henry

28 Oct 1850

changed 15 Aug 1859

TH

#123

Henry THURMAN	25	IL
Judia	25	AL
Jackson	3	AR
Alexander	1	AR
John NEIL	40	VA

Mecanic

JW.

WAHRENBERGER, John

8 Nov 1847

#305 Baker \$3,000

John WAHRENBERGER	36	SWITZ
Caroline	16	"

+

WALLACE, William S./L.

13 Sep 1847

#86 \$12,000

Mary A. WALLACE	28	IRE
John+	10	TX
William	6	TX
Elizabeth	2	TX

James SIMPSON 25 TN

D

WALSH, D.

24 Nov 1848

Not found in Travis Co, but index shows a Daniel in San Antonio (Bexar Co 1850 census).

12

WARD, Thomas Woods

10 Apr 1849

#314 Clerk \$1,800
Laura E. 2/12 TX

Thomas W. WARD	25	TN
Laura E.	20	AL

NOTE: There are three Thomas Wards in 1850 Census of Travis Co, with wives Laura E., Susan, and Priscilla (ae 63). Lucie Price's marriage book shows Thos. Wm. M. Susan Marston in 1844, Thomas Wood m. Adeline Keithley in 1853, and Thomas Woods m. Laura Elizabeth Thompson in 1848.

WARREN, John P.

23 Oct 1849

#262 Mecanic \$600

John P. WARREN	28	NY
Mary	22	AL
George	2/12	TX

WEAR?, Fines E. [Finis Ewing]

25 Mch 1849

Possibly brother of:

#149 Cum. Pres. Preacher

William B. WEAR	33	KY
Mary E.	23	VA
Lucy J.	1	TX
John	70	SC

#42 Farmer \$5,000

John F. WEBBER	64	VT
Silvia (black)	43	FL

8 mulatto children, born in TX, all but one in school

WILCOX, Ozwin

1 May 1850

#281 Mecanic \$2,000

Oslon WILLCOX	37	CT
Phlopera (f)	22	GER
Joann	1	TX
Wm. BINGNER	9	GER

Ozwin Willcox m. Felly-cinia Bothmir in 1848.

YOUNG, James

20 Apr 1847

"being a representation of a heart. His mark originally used by Matthew Anderson."

Not found on Travis Co census, but a James Young married Elizabeth McDurmitt 12 Mch 1843.

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NOTE: I had a genealogist's field day looking up these brand holders in Lucie Price's marriage book. Fully a third of them are listed, and by noting names of brides one can see who was kin to whom-all! (See Mrs. P. B. Price's address in AGS Roster if you want to order a copy of her book.)

- AGS -

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS TRAVIS COUNTY DEED BOOK A

Continued from Vol. XIII #1 p. 11. All Travis Co. unless specified

(These pages got lost in the editor's files--sorry! But since so many of the names have recently appeared in our newspaper excerpts and/or brand records, it seems timely to publish them now.)

pp. 83-84--James P. Wallace to Reding & Jones. Filed for record 30 July 1840. Bastrop Co., Republic of Texas--James P. Wallace of Bastrop Co. unto Robt. L. Reding & Calvin Jones of same--for \$1111.00, $\frac{1}{4}$ league of land from league granted by Congress of the Republic of Texas in consideration of wounds received in service--located on east side Colorado River about 35 miles from City of Austin--Wallace to execute good & legal title to land as soon as he received title from the Government of Texas--\$2,000 bond by Wallace to make contract. Wits: E.T. Merriman & W. Pinckney Hill. Signed James P. Wallace. Greenlief Fisk, C.J.B.C. (Written across page: "Cancelled Aug 9, 1846, Reding & Jones")

pp. 84-85--Joseph Moreland to Morgan C. Hamilton. Moreland sold south half of Lot #7 in Division Z in Government Tract adjoining City of Austin for \$100. When Government makes patent for lot will make deed to Hamilton--Hamilton to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ purchase money due Government. Dated 22 Jly 1840. Wits: Thomas Gates Forster and J.F. Johnson. Signed Joseph Moreland. Recorded 31 Jly 1840. M.H. Beaty, Co. Clerk T.C.

pp. 85-86--P.J. Hunter to Joseph Harrell. Hunter sells to Harrell a Negro woman Lucy about 20 years old for \$568. But if Hunter before 22 Aug 1840 pays back the \$568 then woman to be returned to Hunter. 5 Aug 1840. Wits: H.J. Jewett & L. Moore. Signed P.J. Hunter. Recorded 5 Aug 1840, M.H. Beaty, Co. Clerk

pp. 86-87--A.G. Kimbell to Wm Reuney. Albert G. Kimbell to Wm Reuney for \$1200 in promissory notes of the Republic sells a certain lot of ground in City of Austin: 22 ft. fronting on Congress Ave--35 ft. back off south part Lot #2 in Block 69, on east side of Congress Ave. 8 Aug 1840. Wits: H. Ward & N. McArthur. Signed A.G. Kimbell. Recorded 8 Aug 1840. M.H. Beaty, Co. Clerk

pp. 87-88--M.H. Beaty to Rawson & Eden. M.H. Beaty of the City of Austin and County of Bastrop to Philo. S. Rawson & James Eden of city and county aforesaid-- $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot #5 in Block # 55 in City of Austin, according to map of survey made by Schoolfield and Pillie (?) by which sale of lots was made by E. Waller--for \$1300 Texas money or whatever may be the circulating medium issued by the Government at time of payment. Terms of installment payments--Wits: George D. Biggar & A.L. Richart. Signed M.H. Beaty--8 Aug 1840--J.W. Smith, C.J.T.Co

p. 88--Thos. G. Gordon to Dickerson & Macfarlane. Indenture 11 Aug 1840. Gordon to pay Dickerson & Macfarlane \$1791.54 Texas money for $\frac{1}{3}$ interest in $\frac{1}{4}$ league on Colorado River adjoining town tract of City of Austin on northwest side, part of George W. Spier's headright. If Gordon pays promissory note when due then mortgage will be null and void; otherwise mortgage to be foreclosed. Wits: James M. Long & D.H. Gattis. Signed Thos. G. Gordon. Re-

corded 11 Aug 1840--J.W. Smith, C.J.T.C.

pp. 88-89--H. Ward to Isiah Call--Herman Ward of City of Austin indebted to Isiah Call in the sum of \$780 in promissory notes of this government or its equivalent in par funds as it now ranges five for one--Ward mortgaged to Call a certain office building fronting on Pecan St., occupied by M.H. Beaty and Judge Smith as a county office in City of Austin; also one cart and 4 oxen in the care of James D. Clark of this city. If debt is paid before 1 Nov next, mortgage to be null and void; if unpaid, Isiah Call can sell at auction to highest bidder for cash the aforesaid property, and proceeds to be applied to debt. 22 Jly 1840. Wits: James S. Shoemaker & D.H. Gattis. Signed H. Ward. Recorded 12 Aug 1840--M.H. Beaty, Co. Clerk (Written across page: "Cancelled by consent of parties 12 March 1841--Isiah Call & H. Ward by Farley & Jewitt, his attorneys")

pp. 89-90--John Steadman to Isaac Pearson. At sale of lots 24 Feb 1840 John Steadman was purchaser of Lot #45 in Division 0 for \$365 and has paid first installment of \$91-25. If remaining installments paid, John Steadman will receive patent for lot; otherwise the same and all previous payments will be forfeited. Jas. H. Starr, Secretary of the Treasury.

John Steadman sells above lot to Isaac Pearson for \$365. 1 Aug 1840. Wits: Jas. Moreland & D.H. Gattis. Signed John Steadman. Recorded 1 Aug 1840--J.W. Smith, C.J.T.Co.

pp. 90-91--Wm. Reuney to Dolson & King-- Geo. L. Dolson and Charles F. King paid \$900 in promissory notes of the government; also \$955 in promissory notes when Reuney shall be able to make deed to lot of ground in City of Austin: 22 feet fronting on Congress Ave, running back 35 feet off south half of Lot #2 in Blk. #69. When sum of \$955 paid, will make good and valid title. 8 Aug 1840. Wits: N. McArthur & Herman Ward. Signed William Reuney. James W. Smith, C.J.T.C.

pp. 91-94--Jessee C. Tannehill to Nathaniel Townsend. In town of Mina on 25 April 1835 before Thomas J. Gazley, Judge of the first Instance of the Jurisdiction of Mina ... appeared Jesse C. Tannehill who declared he gives in perpetual alienation and public sale by way of succession, eight XXX forever to Nathaniel Townsend, a resident citizen of the Jurisdiction of Austin, a certain tract or $\frac{1}{2}$ league of land on left bank on east side of Colorado River, being lower part of league granted to said Tannehill as Colonist in what is known as "Austin's Little Colony" as will appear by the title issued 29 Oct 1832 by the Commissioner Arceniga and Empresario S.F. Austin, which is comprised within the following limits, to-wit: /metes and bounds/--upper corner of league number nineteen surveyed for Burleson...Colorado River...2,000 acres English measurement---eleven million two hundred fifty one thousand one hundred & twenty-five square varas. Tannehill sells said tract to said Nathan. Townsend for \$200--a just price and full value for the land--not worth more /!/. Signed J.C. Tannehill. Wits: B. Manlove & Robert Mitchell. Assisting Wits: Jesse Bartlett & E.M. Pease. 25 Apl 1835. Thos. J. Gazely, Judge. Asst. Wits: J.W. Bunton & D.C. Barrett. 4 July 1840--Greenlief Fisk, Chf. Justice (The foregoing was a copy of the original of 25 Apl 1835). John Rice Jones certifies the handwriting of Gazley.

p. 94--Joseph Harrell to P.J. Hunter--Joseph Harrell certifies that P.J. Hunter has satisfied and discharged the mortgage recorded in Book A, page 85, 19 Aug 1840. Wits: Ben S. Grayson & Aaron Burleson. Signed Joseph Harrell. M.H. Beaty, CC

p. 94--J.A. Caldwell to P.J. Hunter. Caldwell certifies a mortgage by Hunter, dated 20 June 1840, recorded in Book A, pages 81 & 82, is paid, satisfied and discharged. Signed J.A. Caldwell. Attest: D.H. Gattis & James Huckabee. 20 Aug 1840. M.H. Beaty

pp. 95-96--P.J. Hunter to Benj. S. Grayson. Hunter mortgages 3 Negro slaves to Grayson for \$4625--to be redeemed 60 days from date; otherwise Grayson can keep or sell slaves and apply on debt. Wits: Joseph Harrell & Aaron Burleson. Signed P.J. Hunter and Ben S. Grayson. 19 Aug 1840. M.H. Beaty, Clerk C.C., by D.H. Gattis, deputy clerk.

pp. 96-97--D. Laughlin and Moses Wells--Agreement between David Laughlin and Moses Wells. Laughlin & Wells have traded for 640 acres land of Neri Chamberlain, that lies about 8 miles above City of Austin, in said county, on west side Colorado River, known as Survey #4, where John Renger & Co. now live--Laughlin & Wells equally interested until an equal division can be made--said Wells agrees to let Laughlin have half a league and labor for and in consideration of getting half of above named section. The land is not yet located. Laughlin to be at half the expense of surveying and government fees to be paid, and Wells to locate it as soon as possible. The certificate is the headright of Allen T. Longley, and #585 taken out in Shelby Co. 20 Apr 1839. Wits: D.H. Gattis and R. Bratton. 13 Mch 1840. Signed D. Laughlin & Moses Wells. M.H. Beaty, Clerk C.C. by D.H. Gattis, Deputy

pp. 97-98--H. Ward and D. Walch--Agreement 20 Aug 1840--Ward agrees to furnish all lumber and nails necessary and build a house for said Walsh in City of Austin, viz.: To be 15 x 17 feet and 8 foot posts; to be built after the form and finish of a house now belonging to Cockburn on Congress Ave, which Ward built for Cockburn. Ward also agrees to make doors and sash for said house and have whole completed by 15 Oct 1840. Walch to pay Ward \$800 Texas Treasury notes as follows: Four or five hundred to be paid down and balance on delivery of said building. If either fails to comply with agreement, the party failing shall pay \$200 as lineal damages (provided that invasions, insurrections or providential accidents be excepted). Wits: D.H. Gattis & H.P. Hill. Signed H. Ward & D. Walch. 20 Aug 1840. H.M. Beaty by D.H. Gattis

p. 98--Chas. Schoolfield to Dickerson & Macfarlane. Charles Schoolfield indebted to Daniel S. Dickerson & A.C. McFarlane in the sum of \$560 promissory notes of the Republic--now due and owing--pledges to Dickerson & McFarlane a certain acre lot #32 in Division O--purchased by Schoolfield as agent for A.T. Schoolfield at sale of outlots Feb 1840. If debt is paid on or before 23 Oct next, mortgage to be null and void; if unpaid, Dickerson & McFarlane can sell lot to highest bidder and apply proceeds on debt. 24 Aug 1840. Wits: Jos. Holden & D.H. Gattis. Signed Charles Schoolfield. M.H. Beaty, C.C.C.

pp. 99-100--Chas. Schoolfield to Dickenson & Macfarlane.

Schoolfield indebted to Daniel S. Dickerson & A.C. Macfarlane for \$560 promissory notes of Republic of Texas, now due and owing. He pladges and mortgages 300 acres in Gonzales Co. on Plum Creek, part of W.H. Cameron's headright. If debt paid on or before 23 October next, mortgage to be null and void; otherwise land to be sold at public auction in City of Austin and applied on debt. 24 Aug 1840. Wits: N. McArthur & J.P. Black. Signed Charles Schoolfield. M.H. Beaty by D.H. Gattis, Deputy

p. 100--P.J. Hunter to Dickinson & Macfarlane. Hunter indebted to Daniel S. Dickinson & Alexander C. Mcfarlane \$947 in promissory notes of the Republic; mortgages 4 Negro slaves. If debt not paid by 19 Oct next, slaves to be sold to highest bidder in City of Austin and proceeds applied on debt. If debt paid, mortgage to be null and void. 24 Aug 1840. Wits: Nathan Mitchell & D.H. Gattis. Signed P.J. Hunter. Beaty by Gattis

p. 101--H.P. Savery to Dickinson & Macfarlane. Savery indebted to Dickinson & Macfarlane for \$4500 promissory notes of Republic of Texas, now due. He mortgages Lot #6 in Block 43 fronting on Congress Ave and Pine St, there being one house on said lot, known as the Austin Exchange or Savery's Coffeehouse. Also 2 other apartments adjoining said coffeehouse and known as the provision store and Bakery. If debt paid by 24 Dec next, mortgage to be null and void; otherwise Dickinson & MacFarlane to sell to highest bidder and apply proceeds on debt. Wits: James M. Long & D.H. Gattis. 24 Aug 1840. Signed H.P. Savery. M.H. Beaty, Co. Clerk, by D.H. Gattis, Deputy.

pp. 101-02--H.W. Hamner to James A. Caldwell. Hanton W. Hamner sold to James A. Caldwell Lot #62 in Division O, Lots # 50, 60 & 61 for \$1670. Lots unencumbered except for 3 payments on each lot to be paid to the government. Signed H.W. Hamner. Wits: S.R. Miller & Joseph Harrell 14 Jly 1840. Recorded 27 Aug 1840, M.H. Beaty by D.H. Gattis, Deputy

pp. 102-03--Francis Kelly to J. Snively. Francis Kelly appoints Jacob Snively of said county to be his lawful attorney to call upon the County Recorder of Harris Co. and obtain three deeds to certain lots in City of Houston, "which deeds were executed to me by the proprietors of said city"--Snively to execute unto Moses Wells of Travis Co. a lawful title in fee simple to said lots. 26 Aug 1840. Wits: D.H. Gattis & John C. Hyde. Signed Francis Kelly. Recorded 27 Aug by J.W. Smith, C.J.T.C.

pp. 103-04--Moses Wells to Francis Kelly. Wells sold to Kelly 120 acres, part of Survey #4, headright of Neri Chamberlain, for \$1,000--southeast corner on Colorado River /metes and bounds/ Wits: D. Laughlin & Southman /Loathman?/ Cody. Signed Moses Wells. 27 Aug 1840. J.W. Smith, C.J.T.C.

pp. 104-05--S. Highsmith to N. McArthur. Indenture made 5 Dec 1839 between Samuel Highsmith of Bastrop Co and Nicholas McArthur of same. Highsmith sold McArthur 300 acres of land on west side of Colorado River, part of a tract sold and conveyed by Elijah Curtis and James Curtis to Saml. Highsmith 3 Jly 1839, for 1200 acres which Elijah, James and Washington Curtis had purchased from Bartlett Sims--which said 300 acres was bought by Nicholas McArthur, to be laid off from said tract in following

manner--Colorado River (metes and bounds). 5 Dec 1839.
Signed S. Highsmith. Wits: James Webb & Wm. A. Lane. 27 Aug:
"A true copy of the original"--M.H. Beaty, Clerk CCTC; by
D.H. Gattie, Deputy

p. 106--David B. Scarborough to James M. Long, P.D. Alexander & C.K. Gleason. Bastrop Co--D.B. Scarborough for consideration of \$2500 sold parcel of land--2500 acres--to be taken out of headright league of Mariah Assoose // Jesus?/--league # 27 located on Colorado R.--east bank. Patent not yet issued as Scarborough cannot execute title therefor. If he can execute a good title to Long, Alexander & Gleason for the 2500 acres or an equal amount...etc. 22 May 1840. Signed D.B. Scarborough. Wits: R.G. Green & Robert Lane. 10 Jly 1840. Green-lief Fisk, C.J.B.Co.

pp. 107-08--H.W. Hamner to J. Harrell. Travis Co. Joseph Harrell paid H.W. Hamner \$800 in promissory notes of the Republic for a bay or dark sorrel horse and one cart; if he repays the \$800 to Joseph Harrell by 6 Oct next, this instrument void; otherwise Harrell can sell horse and cart for debt. Signed H.W. Hamner. Wits: H.W. Raglin & Wm. H. Sandusky. 1 Aug 1840--M.H. Beaty by D.H. Gattis, Deputy

p. 108--A.G. Johnson to Mary P. Bullock, wife of Richard Bullock--Travis Co--Johnson transfers to Mary Bullock for \$500 (deducting balance payments due the Republic) Lot # 10, Block 70 in City of Austin. Signed A.G. Johnson. Wits: Alexr. Russell & E.L. Stickney. 1 Sep 1840

pp. 108-09--A.C. Macfarlane to Thos. G. Gordon. Travis Co. Macfarlane certifies a mortgage dated 11 Aug 1840 by Thomas G. Gordon, recorded Book A, p. 88, is paid, satisfied & discharged. 1 Sep 1840. Signed A.C. Macfarlane. Wits: P.W. Humphreys and Wayne Barton

p. 109--Thomas H. Hord to Augustus Seeger. Travis Co. Mortgage made by A. Seeger, dated 16 Jly 1840, recorded Book A p. 78, to Thomas H. Hord is paid, satisfied & discharged. Signed Thos. H. Hord. 3 Sep 1840. Wits: Wm. Serey & D.P. Barbyat /or Barbydt/

pp. 109-10--Cranwill & Wells to J.A. Caldwell. Travis Co. James Cranwill & Wm. Wells of City of Austin, for \$440 Texas Treasury notes, paid by James A. Caldwell, certain land; Lot #1 Blk 55. 4 Aug 1840. Signed Jas. Cranwill and W. Wells by Jas. Cranwill. Wits: S.R. Miller & J.F. Edrington

p. 110--John Jarmon to Jas. O'Clark. Travis Co. Jarmon of Travis Co sold to O'Clark 640 acres land off northeast end of headright (survey No. 13)--1/3 of a league lying on Colorado R. near mouth of San Saba R--east bank of Colorado--for \$640 in Treasury notes. Jarmon to make good and lawful title within 12 months or \$5,000 bond to be forfeited. 1 Sep 1840. Sgnd. John Jarmon. Wits: Heman Ward & John Stedman. Jas. W. Smith, Chief Justice and Ex Officio Notary Public



GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY

This spring, Austin Genealogical Society was privileged to have as a speaker Mrs. Ann Graves, Director of the Public Services Department of Texas State Library, who prefaced her exposition of the genealogical resources in the library with an electrifying announcement: The Library had ordered the entire 1900 Census on microfilm plus the Soundex for Texas and four microfilm readers.

Mrs. Graves outlined the difference of opinion that has existed between the Bureau of the Census (constrained by law to maintain confidentiality) and the National Archives, which wanted to make the 1900 Census available to the public. Among the groups which brought pressure to bear on the Bureau was the National Archives Advisory Council, of which Dr. Dorman Winfrey, Texas State Librarian, is an influential member.

After several years of discussion, the restrictions were removed, and the Texas State Library administration devoted two months to securing the necessary funding, with the result that the Texas Library and Historical Commission authorized the purchase of the 1900 national census and Texas Soundex, which indexes all households, not just those with children under 10 as in the 1880 one.

Our speaker invited the audience to visit the Public Services Department of Texas State Library in room 300, which houses reference books, circulating books, and Texas and U.S. government publications. All Travis County residents are eligible to check out those books that can be circulated.

The card catalog there is more nearly complete than the one on the first floor, and shows the book holdings of not only the Public Services Department but the Genealogy Section and the Archives Division, by author, title and subject. Inter-library loans are handled by Mrs. Jeanette Griffin in the Genealogy Section (NOTE: not Division, Department, or Collection).

Kinds of resources that may prove helpful to genealogists:
Texas county histories, biographies, biographical dictionaries and encyclopedias--

On open shelves, the latter include DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY (listing 15,000 deceased Americans); DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY (re Britishers and some American settlers); NATIONAL CYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY (most comprehensive; covers living and dead notables--some not-so-famous)

Also, NEW YORK TIMES OBITUARIES INDEX: 1858-1968; WHO WAS WHO IN AMERICA (has volumes covering dates 1607-1896, 1897-1942, 1943-1950, 1951-1960, 1961-1968, 1974-1976), etc.

Atlases and gazetteers especially helpful for locating place names are ATLAS OF AMERICAN HISTORY, ATLAS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and AMERICAN HERITAGE PICTORIAL ATLAS OF U.S. HISTORY.

For looking up historical facts, events, and such, the speaker recommended DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN HISTORY. For specific Texas facts, see SOUTHWESTERN HISTORICAL QUARTERLY (well indexed) and WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION YEARBOOK.

Housed in room 300 are many governmental publications not indexed in the card catalog--ask for assistance from the staff. Outstanding among the federal publications are the guides to records in the National Archives, such as GUIDE TO GENEALOGICAL RECORDS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, GUIDE TO FEDERAL ARCHIVES RELATING TO THE CIVIL WAR, GUIDE TO ARCHIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, and MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES. Some records listed have been published, and we may have them, added Mrs. Graves.

The U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare supplies publications about where to write for birth, death, marriage, and divorce records in various states and foreign localities.

It was reported that the library possesses 127 volumes of the WAR OF REBELLION RECORDS (Civil War, both Union and Confederate). Since this is rather difficult to use, Mrs. Graves recommends that you consult the GUIDE-INDEX TO THE OFFICIAL RECORDS published by the National Archives.

For the organization of the Union Army in the Civil War, plus regimental histories, a chronological record of campaigns, battles, etc., see the COMPENDIUM OF THE WAR OF THE REBELLION. It contains much information on the Confederacy as well as the Union.

Other good Civil War references are BATTLES AND LEADERS OF THE CIVIL WAR, GENERALS IN GREY, GENERALS IN BLUE, and CIVIL WAR DICTIONARY.

Genealogists seeking information on settlers who were first on the scene will find TERRITORIAL PAPERS OF THE UNITED STATES of interest. These 27 volumes contain petitions, land claims, tax rolls and an occasional census pertaining to the territories of the Northwest, MS, IL, IN, Orleans, MI, AL, AR, FL, WI, and LA-MO. Indexed.

But even more helpful are the AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, 38 volumes published by Congress 1789-1838, relating to public lands, claims, and disabled Revolutionary soldiers. Some records pertain to settlers who claimed land in the territories granted by British, French or Spanish authorities in the present states of AL, AR, FL, IL, IA, LA, GA, WI, MI, IN, MN, MO and MS. Volumes in American State Papers on public lands and claims are indexed in GRASSROOTS which is available in the Genealogy Section. Other government publications list pensions for War of 1812, muster rolls, etc.

Private land claims brought before the Senate and House are printed as congressional documents. The documents of both Senate and House must be searched separately.

The FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES IN INDIAN TERRITORY, published in 1907, contains the final rolls of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Chickasaw, Seminole tribes. In 1832 the federal government moved them from Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida to Oklahoma.

Other federal records pertaining to American Indians are listed in PRELIMINARY INVENTORIES OF THE RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. Most of these records can be seen at the National Archives and Records Center branch in Fort Worth.

Because Congress published the D.A.R. ANNUAL REPORTS, they are in our government documents collection. They contain such data as pension records of Revolutionary War veterans and graves that have been located by the D.A.R.

You are invited to visit Room 300 8 to 5 Monday thru Friday.

ALEXANDER vs. ALEXANDER J. RUSSELL

Correcting printed errors being the self-imposed life mission of your editor, it goes without saying that a recent letter delighted me. I am grateful to Miss Shirley Shumate (2909 Mercedes, Odessa TX 79763) who wrote to inform me that I confused two men in our December 1977 quarterly (Vol. XVIII, No. 4, p. 109).

Miss Shumate states that her great-great-great-grandfather was Alexander Russell, but her extensive research has revealed that Alexander J. Russell was a different man in Texas at the same time. Her ancestor Alex Russell, born 1805 in SC, came to Texas via Illinois and Missouri, arriving between 1834 and 2 May 1835, as attested by his headright grant. He served in the Army of the Republic Sep-Nov 1835, being discharged because of wounds and subsequent illness. He eventually settled in the Burnet-Belton area of Texas. The 320 acres patented to him in Victoria Co were deeded in 1884 to Miss Shumate's 2-great-grandfather Barnabas Russell, living in Bell Co. Alex Russell is believed to have died around 1874, and his grave in Bell Co is being searched for.

The Alexander J. Russell who died ca 1850 also came to Texas from Tennessee about the same time and owned the store in Austin in 1839--but Alex was here then also. While the latter was in the army, a Brazoria newspaper editorial asked Alexander /J./ Russell to run for sheriff of that county.

So . . . the Masonic Lodge petitioner at Brazoria and Austin, the school teacher at Clarksville, the deceased in Red River Co in 1850, the merchant and probably the auctioneer in Austin, the veteran of the Mexican War, the representative of Bowie Co were all Alexander J. Russell.

The man assessed for a gold watch in Travis Co in 1840 and the man on the venire there the same year could have been either one.

But the Alexander Russell who received the Bounty Warrant for service in the Army of the Republic was definitely the ancestor of Shirley Shumate. She would be glad to correspond with anyone who is researching either of these men, and has copies of documents which she generously offers to share with descendants of her non-ancestor, Alexander J. Russell, even!

What Does "Behind" Mean?

Recently I was puzzled by a sentence printed this way:
"The names with a star behind them were wounded, as follows:
John Jones,*Jeremiah Jedediah Smith,Allen Brooks,* Jim Cox."

Now,I know that "star" is a cop-out for the high-risk word "asterisk" which sometimes comes out "astericks" in speech and "asterix" in non-professional writing. My question is, what does "behind" mean to the above writer?

Does the first asterisk apply to John Jones, despite the comma, or are we to consider it behind Jeremiah Jedediah Smith when we reach the end of his long name?

Better to avoid ambiguity and use "before" and "after."

BOOK REVIEW

BACK TRACKING ON ANCESTRAL TRAILS (Descendants of Mercer SPEARS and Elizabeth DODD) 1785-1978. By Lewis and Mary (Daniel) Spears, 2205 Hopi Trail, Austin TX 78703. Privately published, 1978. iv + 38 pp., 8½ x 11", offset; full-name index.

Back Tracking on Ancestral Trails was written primarily for the descendants of Mercer Spears and his wife Elizabeth Dodd who were born 1790 and 1785 respectively in South Carolina, and died in Alabama. It makes no claim to be a definitive genealogy of either surname, but successfully achieves its goal of making all known data available to other members of the family.

Beautifully typed and encased in a simulated leather binder, the booklet can be expanded by the addition of pages. There are ancestral charts, a demonstration of the numbering system used, an excellent family group picture, and several interesting anecdotes. Census, marriage, and land lottery records of Georgia are used to locate Mercer/Messer Spears and his wives while they resided in that state. Verbatim copies of pension records add greatly to the interest and authenticity of this carefully researched work.

The compilers not only back-tracked but also moved forward through the generation of their grandchildren, thus covering seven generations including Mercer Spears. In stalking their ancestors they made use of every available "sign" including tax, deed, probate, military, church, cemetery, and Bible records; newspapers, old letters, personal interviews, and visits to the ancestral homesites.

One point which deserves special commendation is that every surname is typed in capital letters--a great boon to the reader.

We wish to compliment long-time AGS member Mary Spears on "a good job well done." A copy has been donated to the Genealogy Section of Texas State Library in Austin.



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One of the most generous donors to our workshops, Southern Historical Press (Box 738, Easley SC 29640) has some reprints of classic Texana for sale. Although we do not accept ordinary advertising, the Rev. Emmett Lucas has been such a benefactor of AGS that we urge you to patronize his firm if you are in the market for The Goodspeed Memorial and Genealogical Record of Southwest Texas, The Biographical Souvenir of the State of Texas, Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas, A History of Texas and Texans, Encyclopedia of The New West, or Early Settlers and Indian Fighters of Southwest Texas.

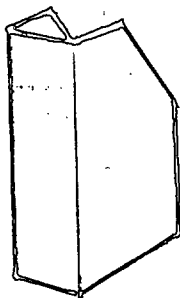
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The editor offers humble apologies to Mrs. H.L. Lemburg and any temporarily confused readers for transposing pages 78 and 79 in our last issue.

Q U E R Y

CLEMENTS_GEORGE_WATSON. Desire to exchange info on Patrick Samuel Gideon Watson b. ca 1816 in KY; d. ca 1889 McLennan Co, TX. Sometime resident of Travis Co, where son Gideon Porter Watson (b. 1859) preached in churches. . . . Need names of children of John Blunt Clements and Charlotte George who m. at Austin, Travis Co, in 1851.--James B. Jolley, Box 274, Daleville AL 36322.

NOTE: There are six Clements marriages (including three to George girls) in Travis County, Texas, Marriage Records 1840-1882 by Lucie Clift Price (2527 Harris Blvd, Austin 78703). Also that of Gideon P. Watson to Drucilla C. Clements. But unfortunately there are no Clements children who seem likely to belong to John Blunt in either volume of Early Texas Birth Records 1838-1878 by AGS members Gracy, Sumner and Gentry.