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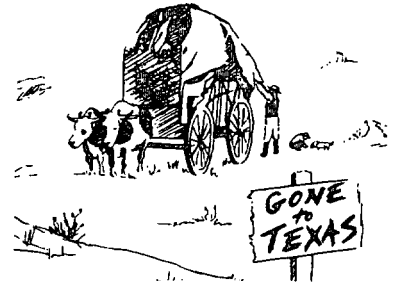
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NEW SOURCE FOR LOCATING
OLD FAMILIES IN TEXAS

Part 2



In Vol. XXIV No. 4 of AGS Quarterly is a full explanation of the source of these names. Briefly, "In 1974 the Texas Department of Agriculture inaugurated the Family Land Heritage Program to register farms and ranches in Texas that have been owned and operated by the same families for a century or more."

We now continue in Volume 1 of the Texas Family Land Heritage Registry, which in most cases reveals interesting data about the early generations of land owners, arranged by counties. But only the present-day owners are indexed in each Registry, so we have undertaken to remedy that deficiency (a shocking one for genealogists!) by listing the earlier ones herein. If you find a familiar name, it will almost certainly repay you to consult the book in our Genealogy Collection (Texas State Library in Austin).

Maiden names herein are in parentheses when determinable (or three dots if not); nicknames are in quotation marks, and editorial suggestions in brackets.

TEXAS FAMILY LAND HERITAGE REGISTRY
LAVACA COUNTY

Dickinson, S.B. Dr.
Klimitchek, Alois

LEE COUNTY

Arladt, John
Heck, Randal Davis
Kappler, Leonard
Kasper, Traugott
Mitschke, John
Patschke, C.A.
Symm/Simm, John
Teinert, John

LEON COUNTY

Nash, James N.
Weakley, W.S.
White, Sanders

LIBERTY COUNTY

Barrow, Levi - Martha
Canter, Nettie
Garrard, C.B.
Hardin, A.B.
Johnston, Hugh Blair
McMurtry, James Sr.

Pounds, Amanda - George W. - William Daniel
Strong, Samuel
Whittington, Malina [male]

LIMESTONE COUNTY

Barnett, Benjamin - Margaret
Bayne, Griffin Col.
Bower, J.J.
Ogilvie, J.R.
Parker, Quanah
Phillips, J.J.
Plummer, L.T.M.
Powell, Joseph H.
Varela, A.

LIVE OAK COUNTY

Dodson, Sarah
Hinnant, John
Hinton, Joshua
James, Will
McGloin, Agnes - James - Patrick
McWhorter, Sam S.
Pugh, Margaret (...) - Thomas [from 4,595.5 acres to 131.33]

LLANO COUNTY

Leifeste, August
Tate, Samuel W.

McLENNAN COUNTY

Barnett, A.M. Dr. - Prentice - Robert Hall - William Curtis
Breland, H.J.
Haley, Elisabeth (...) - John
Hatter, Louis Meriwether
Punchard, William Dr.
Sanchez, Jose David
Skiles, Nell (Barnett)
Smith, Sterling

MADISON COUNTY

Allphin, Ransom
Farris, A.J.
Hill, William J.C.
Mathis, Willis Wilburne
Pigford, Julia Ann (...)
Robinson, G.W. Dr. - Martha Ann
Steele, John R.
Westmoreland, Reuben Dr.
Zulch, Julius Sr.

MASON COUNTY

Brandenberger, Gottlieb
Eckert, Georg Philipp - Margareda (...)
Hasse, Henry Sr.

MEDINA COUNTY

de Montel, Charles Alexander
Mumme, Fritz
Saathoff, Mimke Minken

MENARD COUNTY

Bradford, Adam - G.W. - James Mabry
Chapman, Eda Jane
Ellis, Mary Jane
Placker, Laura Virginia
Roberts, Lucy Ann (...)
Robinson, Lucy P.D. Mrs.
Striegler, Olfert

MILAM COUNTY

Armstrong, Lovedy A.
Brewer, Ethel (Slocomb)
Cullins, Amanda (...)
Farmer, D.M.
Felton, Thomas W.
Friar, Daniel B.
Gause, Mary Ann (Moseley) - Robert B. - William J.
Hall, Adam James - James - Sarah
Massengale, Emma
McAlister, Olive
Moore, Oala
Pattillo, Oscar
Phillips, Nancy Still Smith
Robertson, Sterling C.
Scarborough, Mabel
Sherrill, Sarah Jane
Slocomb, Samuel James Jr.
Smith, Ruben
Sneed, Achsah (...) - Joseph P. Rev.
Sullivan, A.W.
Todd, John - John Edwin - Robert
Tyler, J.K.
Tyson, ... Mrs.
Walker, Prudence
Williams, Thomas Herbert - William Stanton

MONTAGUE COUNTY

Brown, C.
Caddel, Henry - Kate (Perryman)
Gray, James
Grayson, James M. - Sarah
Hinton, Ed
Perryman, Alex G. - Elbert W. - Levi - Lucy (...)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Landrum, William

MORRIS COUNTY

Bonner, Mary M.
Cargile, John
Connor, Orange
Henderson, Georgia (Scott)
Johnson, Samuel
King, O.H.
Ranes, H.F. - J.T. - James R. - T.M.
Scott, David M.
Wright, Clyde Nathaniel - Nathaniel Jr. & Sr.

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

Baker, Emma Adeline
Biggs, W.H. or Briggs, W.H.
Esparza, P.J.
Hogan, Addie - Edmund
Moore, Asa - Richard - S.P. - W.M.
Whitaker, Dick

NAVARRO COUNTY

Armstrong, Lige
Bell, J.T.
Chatfield, Champion
Finch, James Hayden - Matt Scruggs
Fluker, Harry E. - Joe H.
Hartzell, Daniel B. - Jacob
Hodge, Robert Capt.
Horn, H.H.
Putman, C.O.
Robinson, W.S. Dr.
Spurlin, ...
Stokes, A.J.
Tadlock, Wiley

NUECES COUNTY

Gallagher, John William - Richard William - Thomas Robinson
Kelly, John - Martin
Kinney, H.L. Col.
Villareal, Enrique Capt.

ORANGE COUNTY

Brewer, Caleb "Bud" - John D. Clarke

PALO PINTO COUNTY

Gilbert, A.R. "Taylor" - W.M.
Green, George
Hart, Jere Benjamin

PANOLA COUNTY

Allison, John - Thomas G.
Bowen, John W.
Buckner, John
Grace, James Salter
Williams, John W.

PARKER COUNTY

Shaw, Thomas J.
Walker, R.E.

POLK COUNTY

Freeman, James Robert
Oates, Adella - Caraway - Catherine (...) - Nathan
Richardson, Jim

RAINS COUNTY

Montgomery, W.F.
Rains, Emory

RED RIVER COUNTY

Becknell, William
Bryarly, R.T.
Davis, Iradell - Matthew
Fleming, Martha Ann
Grant, James
Hale, Eleanor R. (...) - Robert - S.D. - Samul
Hamilton, Robert S.
Kitchens, Patsey
Latimer, Albert Hamilton - Henry Russell - James - Wellington P.
Leech, Alford
Mabry, William L.
Rose, M.W. Mrs. (nee Mabry)
Shelton, Jesse - Lucinda A.
Shockley, David B.
Taylor, Mary Ida
Wilson, John - Lesbia A. (...)

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Barton, Conway O. - Frank
Briggs, Sanders
Calvert, George - Robert, Judge
Caufield, Isabella
Downing, Elizabeth
Dunn, George - George Hays - James Sr.
Fullerton, Mary
Gafford, Stephen - Susan (...)
Harvey, Ann - John
Henry, Elizabeth - Hugh Roderic - James Alexander - Jimmie Fountain - Robert - Sarah - William
Hill, H.J.A.

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Hilpold, Lillie Ann (Mauk)
Killough, Annette - George - Henry - Isaac De Lafayette - Nancy -
Sally - Samuel B., Judge
Kimbell, Annette (...) - Samuel
Lee, Annie
Mauk, Albert Bernard - Albert William - Granville - John Samuel -
Mary - Paul H.
McMordie, Abe
McNair, Effie L.
Melton, Helen - Sarah Anne
Moss, Prudence (...) - William L.
Peyton, John Randolph - William Henry
Powers, A.J.
Rice, Sam
Seale, Columbus C. - Frank H. - Robert H.
Talbot, James
Viesca, Jose Maria
Walker, Mary Jane

RUSK COUNTY

Black, William E.
Crews, George Henry - Jacob M. - Julia B.
Greenwood, Eddie [female]
Henson, Andrew B. - John - Ludia (...)
King, John
Landers, Levi - Paolina Francis
McCune, James Leonard
McWilliams, James - John - Martha C. (Roberson)
Meadows, Jenea Augusta
Strand, Pearl (Henson)

SABINE COUNTY

Beckcom, R.K. - Simon N. - William P.
Caddel, Josephine (Beckcom)
Dorsey, Sallie Roberta (Horne)
Fuller, Elvie R. - John B. - Mary (...)
Horne, William Whittington
Issac, William
Mason, Charles - James
Smith, Sion
Vick, Effie (Beckcom)
Vickers, Clifford M. - Harris - James A. - ... (Mason)

SAN AUGUSTINE COUNTY

Augustine, H.W.
Crawford, Tryphena
Garrett, Jacob
Horton, Alexander Col.
LeGrande, E.O.
Mathews, H.J. - I.L. - Inlow - J.L. - Nabel (Miller) - W.P.
Miller, J. Simp - Leroy
Morris, Ava Teel

(continued)

Moss, James
Schmidt, Adam Johann
Sublett, P.A. - Phillip A.
Teel, Ben - George - Jane (...) - Wyatt
Wade, Thomas Sebastian Cabot
Wilcox, Carry (Miller)

SAN PATRICIO COUNTY

McCown, George W. Sr.
McGloin, James
McMullen, John
Weir, James - Robert Jr. & Sr.

SAN SABA COUNTY

Estep, Elijah - R.L.
Fleming, J.W.
Froman, J. George
Lindsey, James Hiram - Owen Franklin
Parks, James Alonzo
Thaxton, William E.
Williams, Johnnie Capt.

SHELBY COUNTY

Binge, Elizabeth Ann
Booth, B.F. - Edwin - Elizabeth (...) - J.W.
Hamilton, Caldwell P. - Elizabeth G. (Wharton)
King, H.P.
McClelland, William
Morrison, James Sr. - [slaves Mary & Willis]
Wharton, C.L. - Sally

SOMERVELL COUNTY

Goodnight, Charles
Gordon, Jennie B. - Washington
White, Sam

TARRANT COUNTY

Loyd, James Cescro

TITUS COUNTY

Crawford, Margaret
Evans, John Sr.
Old, Bird - Hudson [son of a slave] - Lev - William Augusta

TRAVIS COUNTY

Bohls, Florenz - Thekla (Ganzert)
Gilliland, James
Hackett, Charles Sr. Dr. - Jean (...)
Hornsby, Reuben
Hunter, Bluford/Buford E. - William Dunlap
Pfluger, Conrad - George Stubbs, Mr.
Smith, Elliott [female] Toulson, Thomas

TRINITY COUNTY

Aranjo, Gavino
Bean, Peter Ellis
Byerly, Adam
Collier, James G. - Thomas J.
Enloe, Benjamin - David
Jordan, Daniel B.
Mahaffey, Amos
McQueen, Alma - Auden - Dagma - James P. - John - L.C. - Milton
Pemberton, J.J.
Weeks, Ed - John Alexander
Wheat, James

TYLER COUNTY

Dial, Lewis
Johnson, Polly (Dial)
Reese, Celia - George Jr. & Sr. - James F. - Robert - William

UPSHUR COUNTY [from Upshaw]

Fenlaw, Joseph H. - Surrie Robert
Fieldin, James M.
Kennedy, Ella Elizabeth
Osburne, W.H.
Rogers, Isadora

UVALDE COUNTY

Fenley, J. Munroe - Joel Daniel - John D. - John M.
Honeycutt, Laura Elizabeth

VAN ZANDT COUNTY

Ayres, Blanche (Gilbert)
Clapp, David
Droddy, William
Gibbs, E.W.
Howell, Celia (Little) - Elizabeth (...) - H.B. - John - Richard L. -
Robert Wade - W.R.
Hubbard, Freeman - Thomas Freeman
Martin, Neal
Nipp, Vivian (Gilbert)
Wade, Lela B.
Wingo, Bettie J. - W.H.

VICTORIA COUNTY

Buckert, H.C. - Louis
De Leon, Martin
Keeran, Claude A. - John Newbanks Capt. - Mary (...)
Klotz, Jacob
Koontz, Henry Clay
McCoy, John
Schubert, Emelie
Voight, Louisa
Weber, Emil - Gottfried -
Minna
Wieland, Leona

WALKER COUNTY

Eastham, Braxton Alston - Byrd
Gray, Pleasant
Murray, Walter
Thomason, J.A. - J.H. - Joshua A.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Clampett, Ezekial
Clay, Henry - Nestor - Tacitus - Thomas
Sommer, Fritz - Johann - Maria (...)

WHARTON COUNTY

Bryan, Guy M.
Davis, Mary Jane
Gordon, John W.
Horton, Albert Clinton
Jordan, Emily
Meriwether, Andrew Maj.
Northington, Andrew Maj. - George - Menton Meriwether
Sorrel, Marcial - Martha Elizabeth (Gordon) - R.H. Jr. - Richard
Henry Douglass

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Abrahamson, Israel
Anderson, Alta (Gilreath)
Barrington, Elizabeth Jane
Bratton, Amanda (Walker) - George - William - Williamette
Coffee, Eunice A. (...) - John Trousdale Col.
Dalrymple, W.C.
Eubank, James - James Jr. - William
Foy, Fred
Gilreath, E.J. - Nathan D.
Hail, John
Hayslip, Ann Lee (Eubank) - DeWitt Clinton
Huddleston, Thomas
Israelson, Gustof - John
Mayfield, Sarah Dillard
McCormick, Maggie (Smart)
McDaniel, Elisian - Nancy Lourenah
McNeese, Benjamin Franklin - John
Merrill, Nelson Capt.
Saul, Charles - James H. - John - Louisa (...)
Smart, Bryce M. - Herbert Isaac - John White - Mary (Miller) - William - William D.W. "Doc"
Snider, Ben
Starnes, John Lawrence
Stearns, Fannie (Eubank) - Harvey T.
Swenson, S.M.
White, Martha Ann (Huddleston) - Steward
Whitley, Eliza Olive - John McAninch

WILSON COUNTY

Bird, Daniel - John - Sylvanus R. "Pony"
Bisbee, Ira
Britton, Emma
Chapolard, Fr. Emilio
Deuvall, Aurelia (Flores) - William R.
Frohoc, Alexander
Matthews, Amos Jay
McDaniel, James
McKee, F.M. Capt.
Patton, S.R.
Robinson, Dock - Reuben
Rodriguez, Otilia
Scull, W.D.
Smith, Anderson Cole - Erastus "Deaf" - Gertrude - Mary McGill
Matthews
Tarin, Angela (...) - Juan Smith - Santiago
Wing, M.C.
Wiseman, Agnes (...) - Hugh - Walter Marcellus "Cell" - William R.
Ximenes, Manuel

WISE COUNTY

Bass, Sam
Fortenberry, Jane (...) - Kate (...) - Severe [Sevier?] - Sloan -
William
King, Joshua
Morrow, George - Isaac
Van Meter, C.J.

WOOD COUNTY

Anderson, H.
Black, Walter David
Blalock, John R[obert] - Milton R. - Susan M. (Mayo)
Carothers, Mary [m. John Ethridge?]
Cathey, Horace S. - Susan (Reinhardt)
Craddock, Emma Dale - Hinton J. - William Johnson
Emery, Mary Elizabeth
Ethridge, John
Greer, Gaines
Hendrix, Larkin - Michael - Susan
Hester, Henry W.
Ingram, John Henry - John Spires
Jarred, James J.
Lankford, James M.
Mayo, Mary Ann (...) - Richard Parks
McCullen, Elizabeth Ann
Paschall, John Seaburn Dr.
Reinhardt, Lawson A.

YOUNG COUNTY

Brooks, L.P. - Taylor
Williams, L.L. Lock

EXCERPT FROM 1880 CENSUS
OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

A sheet of paper was left in the AGS box in the Genealogy Collection [Note official name!] of the Texas State Library for so long that we despair of its being picked up. It bears no name of addressee or writer, so we cannot advertise it like an Unclaimed Letter in an old newspaper.

Therefore, we decided to print it herein, so the effort of copying the data may not be wasted, and with the optimistic hope that it may catch the intended eye and perhaps provide an interesting surprise for others. For example, it seems likely that the #2 couple were the parents of R.E. (Rudy) Eggeling who was presented a 45-Year Award by The Steck Company of Austin in 1963 (when your editor reached the 15-year mark there).

According to Lucie Price's Travis County, Texas Marriage Records 1840-1882 [for sale by AGS], Rudolph Eggeling and Mary Jager were married 3 Apr 1880 by R.K. Smoot, minister of First Southern Presbyterian Church, Austin.

Also, John Chenneville and Ellen Green were married 30 Aug 1882 by Jacob Lauth, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Austin and later first president of St. Edward's University there.

Only the two starred names appear in the 1872-73 Austin City Directory (AGS Quarterly Vol. XIV No. 4), although there are seven other Palms, etc. W. Lorenz was a baker at the southwest corner of Congress & Pine [5th St.]; Theo. Sublett was then an apprentice with A.W. Orr, painter, on Congress between Hickory [8th] and Ash [9th].

Abbreviations are printed as they appear on the paper. Doyle's nativity may be interpreted as Can (Canada) or Con (Connecticut); Alsac must be Alsace-Lorraine.

1880 Travis County, Texas

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	City of Austin	1st Ward			
Pine St.					
1. *Lorenz, William	64 MW Marr	grocer/baker	Prussia	Prussia	Pr.
Caroline	60 WF	" Keep House	"	"	"
2. Eggeling, Rud.	22 WM	" Baker	TX	Hanover	Han.
Maria	23 WF	" Wife	Prussia	Pr.	Pr.
3. Burrows, John	38 WM	Shoe Maker	Eng	Eng	Eng.
Elisabeth	40 WF	Keep house	"	"	"
Annie	12 "F		"	"	"
Bessie	8 "F		"	"	"
John Jr.	5 "M		TX	"	"
Mary	1 "F		TX	"	"
Simms, Ellen	23 "F	Servant	Tn.	Va	Tn.

4.	McDonald, Isabelle	40 WF	Keep house	Scot	Scot	Scot
	Fredric	16 WM		"	"	"
5.	Peterson, Christine	38 WF	Boarding house	Swed	Swed	Swed
	Lillie	14 WF		"	"	"
	Willie	5 WF		TX	"	"
Colorado St.						
	Chisom, B	32 WM	Carpenter	Mass	Mass	Mass
	Johnson, Chas	37 WM	Laborer	Swed	Swed	Swed
	Brobbri, N.M.	32 WM	"	"	"	"
	Josser, John	35 WM	"	Norway	Norway	Norw.
	Palm, E.U.	30 WM		[Sweden?	Ed.]	
6.	Cheneville, John	28 WM	City Pol. off.	La	Alsac	Alsac
	Bebchen, Duckie	23 WF		Miss	Miss	Miss
	Doyle, James	19 WM	Laborer	Can[Con?]	NY	NY
7.	Kelly, John	19 WM	"	Ala	Ire	Ire
	Kendal, Tonie	48 BM	Laborer	Ky	Ky	Ky
	Allen, Thomas	25 MuM	"	"	"	"
8.	*Sublett, Theodore	27 WM	City Pol. officer	TX	Tn.	Ky



COVER CHANGES

All the excitement about the Texas Sesquicentennial Celebration (see p. 21) makes us realize that before that Texas Independence Day (the Second of March 1986) rolls around, AGS will have completed its 25th year.

In the March 1986 issue of our Quarterly no doubt there will be a review of the history of our Society; meanwhile, as a precursor of that approaching milestone we have superimposed an addition to the logo on our cover.

Organized in the Spring of 1960, Austin "Genealogy" (later revised to Genealogical) Society issued its first publication in November of that year. Hence, Volume I had only one number, and the publication had no name. Fortunately, no cutesy title was imposed on it, and it still modestly but forthrightly styles itself merely the Quarterly of Austin Genealogical Society.

Since we have completely outgrown our first post office box, the new number and ZIP code have been inserted on the cover also.

A full account of our logo, adapted by Mrs. Maydell McDerment from symbolic ironwork in the south foyer of the Texas Capitol, was given in Vol. XVI No. 1 (March 1975) of AGS Quarterly.

TEXAS VOLUNTEER UNITS IN THE MEXICAN WAR 1846-48

Part 18

1st Regiment, Texas Foot Riflemen

(Microcopy #278, Roll # 6, made by National Archives, read at Texas State Library, Genealogy Section, by Podie Ligon, AGS member)

It is not clear why infantry units of the Texas volunteer companies in the Mexican War are inserted on the film between groups of cavalry. Enlistments were rather haphazard, as shown in Henry W. Barton's Texas Volunteers in the Mexican War, and six-month terms sometimes overlapped those for three months or for the duration of war.

Governor James Pinckney Henderson "chose to abandon his executive responsibility so that he could command the Texans in the field" (supra, p. 20). He hoped to recruit a whole division of Texans, which would call for "one major general--a requirement he was willing to fulfill" (ibid.), although he was too ill to mount his horse much of the time.

Albert Sidney Johnston was elected colonel of the First Regiment of Texas Foot Rifles at Fort Polk (Point Isabel, Texas) in mid-June 1846, and began training civilians to be soldiers. This was a wise choice, for Johnston "knew both his craft and the kind of men he had to deal with" (ibid.)

Company A of the 1st Regiment, Texas Foot Rifles, had been the first to join Gen. Zachary Taylor at his Point Isabel base after he requested reinforcements on the first of May. Two days later Charles A. Seefeld brought in 15 volunteers who, in their eagerness, had left Galveston before the quota of 50 privates had been filled. They were accepted for three months' service and awarded the coveted title, Company A. Captain Seefeld returned to Galveston to recruit the missing men, but was able to assemble only 20 by the 7th of July. "The original detachment served its entire term at Fort Polk...and was mustered out on August 4" (ibid., pp. 22-23).

Regimental officers elected to serve under Colonel Johnston were Ephraim W. McLean, lieutenant colonel; James M. Wells, major; William P. Ballinger, adjutant; Hanson Alsbury, quartermaster; William R. Smith, surgeon; Charles H. Wagner, assistant surgeon; William Jones, sergeant major.

At the end of July the regiment began its march from Fort Polk to Camargo, south of the Rio Grande in Tamaulipas, Mexico. They arrived on the 10th of August, the majority so disgruntled that they voted down a proposal to extend their term from three to the then required six months. According to Colonel Johnston's own records, 224 voted to stay and 318 to return home. The deciding influence is now thought to have been "Captain Buchel's Company H, which had suffered much illness and six deaths while detached from the regiment in the vicinity of Point Isabel." Thus the entire First Regiment of Texas Foot Riflemen were mustered out at Camargo late in August 1846. [But I can attest that that brief service entitled a veteran to 50 acres of bounty land--Editor.]

However, Captain Shivers organized a company composed of 35 from Company K (Mississippians?) and 26 from other companies who still

wanted to see some action. It was attached to the 3rd Brigade (regular infantry and artillery), in which it served during the Monterrey Campaign.

Captain Seefeld and 34 men from the former foot regiment plus 39 other men were accepted into Gen. John E. Wool's force then being assembled at San Antonio. The new company had to return to the mouth of the Rio Grande for transportation to Port Lavaca, whence they proceeded to march to San Antonio. The better part of the company (or "Those who survived illness and temptation to desert," as Barton expresses it) were with General Wool later at Buena Vista.

Unfortunately, this section of the microfilm has no interesting "Remarks," not even ages. Since most of the men were mustered out at Camargo, only exceptions in that column are shown on our transcript in the following pages and succeeding issues.

The companies of this regiment were recruited by their respective captains in the areas shown, mustered in on the dates given, and were assigned letters according to the following table:

CAPTAIN	CO.	MUSTERED	RECRUITED FROM
Arnold, James R.	F	15 June	Nacogdoches; Galveston
Bennett, Joseph L.	B	13 June	Cincinnati (Walker Co); Swartwout (Polk Co); Galveston
Buchel, Augustus C.	H	28 May	Indian Point (Matagorda Bay)
Chessher, James	G	14 June	Jasper; Beaumont; Galveston
Howard, Robert H.	D		See McLean whom he succeeded when McLean elected lt. col.
McClarty, John	I	1 July	Rusk Co; Galveston
McLean, Ephraim W.	D	28 May	Galveston
Ostronder, Volney	C	28 May	Houston; Galveston
Seefeld, Charles A.	A	3 May	Galveston
Shivors, William R.	K	4 July	Claiborne Co, MS--came to Texas at their own expense, disbanded and volunteered as Texans
"Claiborne Rifles"			
Snell, Martin K.	E	28 May	Houston; Galveston



UNITED STATES TROOPS ON THE BEACH.

NAME	RANK	COMPANY of Capt.	ENROLLED AT	MUSTERED OUT
Cahill, James	Pvt	Seefeld	? (May 1846)	Fort Polk (Aug 1846)
Campbell, David	Pvt	Snell	? (20 Jly '46)	Camargo MX (24 Aug)
Campbell, G.A.	Pvt	Ostronder	Houston TX	" "
Campbell, Josiah E.	1 Cpl	Shivor	Galveston	Camargo
Cansler, Marcus H.	1 Sgt	McClarty	Rusk Co	Camargo (Aug 1846)
Carroll, John	Pvt	Chessher	Jasper TX	" "
Carson, Samuel K.	Pvt	McLean	Galveston	" "
Cason, William L.	Pvt	Shivor	"	" "
Cates, Wm. T.	Pvt	Ostronder	Houston	Galveston
Chamberlain, James T.	Pvt	Arnold	Nacogdoches	Camargo 1846
Chamberlain, Wm. M.	Pvt	Arnold	"	" "
Chapman, William D.	Pvt	Arnold	"	" "
Cherry, William	Pvt	Bennett	Cincinnati [Walker Co]	" "
Chessher, James	Capt	Chessher	Beaumont	near Camargo
Christ, Arad	Pvt	Arnold	Nacogdoches	" "
Clark, James	Pvt	Snell	?	Camargo
Clark, John V.O.	Pvt	Snell	Galveston	" Aug 1846
Clarke, Samuel	Pvt	McClarty	Rusk Co	" "
Clingan, Napoleon B.	Pvt	Shivor	Galveston	" "
Collins, Joseph W.	Pvt	Shivor	"	" "
Colwell, Burnett	1 Cpl	McClarty	Rusk Co	" "
Comisky, John	Pvt	Snell	Ft. Polk	" "
Connely, Thos.	Pvt	Seefeld	?	Ft. Polk (May 1846)
Connor, P. Edward/ or Edward P.	Lt	"Detachment of Foot Riflemen"		near Ft. Polk
"O'Conner, Patrick E.--these two men could be identical--not certain they are not connected."				
Cooper, Soloman	Pvt	Chessher	Jasper TX	Pt. Isabel June '46
Cooper, Stephen	Pvt	McClarty	Rusk Co	Camargo Aug '46
Cooper, Thomas J.	Pvt	Shivor	Galveston	"
Corfleur, William	Pvt	Seefeld	?	Ft. Polk (Aug '46)
Corin, Christian	Pvt	Buchel	Pt. Isabel	Camargo
Corley, Andrew J.	2 Sgt	McLean/ Howard	Galveston	"
Cossfield, John F.	Pvt	Snell	Houston	"
Cotten, West F.	Pvt	Chessher	Beaumont	"
Cotton, James	Pvt	Ostronder	Houston	"
Cotton, James E.	Pvt	Ostronder	Houston 1846	"

NAME	RANK	COMPANY of Capt.	ENROLLED AT	MUSTERED OUT
Crane, John C.	Pvt	McLean/ Howard	Galveston	Camargo (Aug '46)
Cromwell, Hiram	Pvt	Snell	"	"
Crook, Robert	Pvt	Bennett	"	"
Crozier, Robert H.	Pvt	McLean	"	?
Crutcher, John	1 Lt	Ostronder	Houston	Camargo
Culp, John	Pvt	Bennett	Cincinnati	"
Cummings, James F.	Pvt	Chessher	Galveston	"
Daily, John--cards filed with Daly.				
Dalwick, George	Cpl	Buchel	Indian Point	"
Daly, John	Pvt	Chessher	Galveston	"
Daniels, John	Pvt	Ostronder	Pt. Isabel	"
Danly/Danley, Andrew	Pvt	McClarty	Rusk Co	"
Danly, Ira	Pvt	McClarty	"	"
Davidson, Edward C.	Pvt	McClarty	"	"
Davis/Davies, David	2 Sgt	Shivors	Galveston	"
Davis, George W. or N.	Pvt	Ostronder	Houston	"
Davis, James K.	1 Cpl	Bennett	Galveston	"
Davis, Jephtha I. or J.	Pvt	McClarty	Rusk Co	"
Davis, John H.	Pvt	Bennett	Galveston	"
Davis, Thomas	1 Sgt	Ostronder	Houston	"
Daylay/Dayley, John	Pvt	Bennett	Cincinnati TX	"
Delano, Norman	Pvt	Chessher	Beaumont	"
DeWitt, John B.	Pvt	Chessher	Jasper TX	"
Dietz, Philipp Jacob	Pvt	Buchel	Indian Point [Cal- houn Co, later Indianola]	"
Dittman, John	Pvt	Bennett	Galveston	?
Dodson, John	Pvt	McClarty	Rusk Co	Camargo MX
Dodson, William E.	Pvt	McClarty	Rusk Co	"
Doedeche/Doedecke,	Pvt	Buchel	Indian Point	"
John Henry [Buchel's company composed of fellow immigrants from Germany--Handbook]				
Dolph, Simeon	Pvt	Bennett	Cincinnati	Camargo MX
Dorsett, Ambrose W.	Pvt	McClarty	Rusk Co	" (Aug 1846)
Dorsett, Charles P.	Pvt	Bennett	Cincinnati	"
Dorsett, John	4 Sgt	McClarty	Rusk Co	"
Doubt, Daniel	Pvt	Snell	Houston	"
Dougherty, Alexander S.	Pvt	Howard	Galveston	"

Dove, Emil	Pvt	Seefeld	? (3 May 1846)	Fort Polk TX
Droddy, William A.	Pvt	Chessher	Jasper TX	near Camargo MX
Duhon, Louis	Pvt	Chessher	Beaumont TX	" " Aug 1846
Dulaney/Dulany, John	Pvt	Shivors	Galveston TX	" "
Dugan, Timothy	Pvt	Howard	? July 1846	"Substituted in

the place of Warren Adams, discharged by order General Henderson." [During the Civil War, a Warren Adams was a professional mail carrier between Texas and various Southern camps. Frank Batchelor (XXIV:143) mentioned him in letters home from Georgia and Alabama--may be same man. Ed.]

Dunahoe, Henry	Pvt	Bennett	Galveston	Camargo 1846
Durgan, James	Pvt	McLean	Galveston	"
Eastland, William	Pvt	Shivors	Galveston	"
Eberling, Frederick	Pvt	Snell	Houston	"
Edgerlien/Edgerlin, William A.	Pvt		Houston	"

Elbert, Louis	Pvt	Buchel	Indian Point	"
Elze, David	Pvt	Buchel	" "	"
Engelke, Conrad	Pvt	Buchel	" "	"
Eschelbach, Philippe	Pvt	Buchel	" "	"
Falkman, Philip	Pvt	Snell	Houston	"
Farrar, Joseph T.	Pvt	Shivors	Galveston	"
Fellows/Fellowes, Marion G.	Pvt	McClarty	Rusk Co	"

Fenley, William N.	Pvt-Cpl	Arnold	Nacogdoches	"
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Ferrill, Leroy	Pvt	Chessher	Jasper	"
Fiedler, Jacob	Pvt	Buchel	Indian Point	"
Fife, Blass	Pvt	Shivors	Galveston	"
Fink, Francis	Pvt	Buchel	Indian Point	"
Finkenstein, Henry	Pvt	Buchel	Point Isâbel	"
Fisher, John	Pvt	Snell	Houston	"
Fisher, Newton H.	Pvt	McLean	Galveston	"
Fitzhugh, D. Cameron	Pvt	Arnold	Nacogdoches	"
Flood, John	Pvt	Snell	Houston	"
Flood, Mathew	Pvt	Snell	Houston	"
Foight, Joseph	Pvt	Seefeld	? 26 May 1846	Fort Polk TX
Ford, William D.	1 Sgt	Seefeld	" "	" "
Foster, James	Pvt	Snell	Houston	Camargo
Fox, Thomas	Pvt	Arnold	Nacogdoches	"
Frances, William H.	Pvt-Sgt	Ostronder	Houston	"

NAME	RANK	COMPANY of Capt.	ENROLLED AT	MUSTERED OUT
Francesi -- [See Franke, E.T. Same notations as this man. Clerk seems to have been uncertain of spelling (Italian or German?). Nothing but surname on this card]				
Francios, Chaffiot--cards filed with Francois, Chaffiot or Chiaffot.				
Francis, James	Pvt	Chessher	Jasper	Near Camargo MX 24 Aug 1846
Francois, Chaffiot	Pvt	Snell	Houston	" " " " "
Franke, E.T. [first card; second card reads:]				
Francesi	Pvt	"Detachment of Foot Riflemen"	Galveston, 7 July 1846	
Frasier, George W.	Pvt	Chessher	Beaumont	Camargo 24 Aug.
Frazier, George M.	Cpl	Bennett	Galveston	" 26 Aug.
Freitag, Frederick	Pvt	Buchel	Indian Point	" 24 Aug.
Fritz, Philipp	Pvt	Buchel	" "	" "
Fry, Benjamin	1 Sgt	Bennett	Cincinnati TX	" "

NOTES:

(To Be Continued)

Augustus C. Buchel had come to Texas in 1845 after extensive military training and experience in Europe. He created a company of 86 men from German immigrants at Indian Point (Indianola) on Matagorda Bay. They traveled six days at their own expense to get government transportation to Point Isabel, whence they were sent 18 miles to Camp Triggs to train. Buchel served as aide-de-camp for Gen. Zachary Taylor (Handbook, Vol. I) and was a colonel in the Confederate Army. He was mortally wounded at the Battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, on 9 April 1864.

P. Edward Connor was one of 15 who volunteered to join Capt. Charles A. Seefeld in Galveston and rushed to Point Isabel. As first lieutenant, he was left in charge of the detachment while Seefeld returned to Galveston to recruit men to bring the company up to strength. The original "Detachment of Foot Riflemen" served its entire term at Ft. Polk (as the installation at Point Isabel was named) and was mustered out 4 Aug 1846.

No information on Patrick E. O'Connor, as the records have not been transcribed from the microfilm that far yet.

At Cincinnati, river port on the Trinity in what was then Montgomery County, on 17 May 1846 twenty-six volunteers gathered and chose as their captain Joseph L. Bennett, who had participated in the Battle of San Jacinto and the Somervell Expedition. They commenced service on the 30th at Fort Polk with an unchallenged claim: First Sergeant Benjamin Fry--with blue eyes, slim and straight body, and impressively large nose--was, at six feet nine inches, the tallest man in the regiment! (Henry W. Barton, Texas Volunteers in the Mexican War; last item quoted from S. Compton Smith, Chile con Carne: or The Camp and the Field, p. 31)

EXTRACTS FROM 19th-CENTURY MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES
OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

Former AGS Quarterly editor Jean (Halden) Walker graciously keeps our needs in mind and supplies us with interesting material turned up in her constant researching. This time she has reviewed the Minutes (1866 & 1867) and Journals of Conferences (1848-1856) of the Methodist Church in Texas and extracted names of men mentioned therein.

Found on the third floor of the University of Texas Library (the Perry-Castaneda), the Minutes are catalogued 287.07/M566m/1866-67. This Texas Conference was held at Galveston, Oct. 24-31, 1866. The minutes tell who were admitted on trial [probationary preaching period], who were superannuated [retired], etc., and include short memoirs of preachers who died in 1866: J.H.D. Moore (ae 59), Thomas F. Windsor (died 11 January ae 50), and George Little (died in a Confederate hospital).

Seven districts (Galveston, Columbus, Chappell Hill, German Mission, Huntsville, Caldwell, and Austin) were represented at this Conference. Bishop Enoch Mather Marvin [who had been elected bishop of the Trans-Mississippi Conference earlier that year at New Orleans--Handbook of Texas] presided, with William Pitt Petty as secretary. Among the personnel listed:

Austin District - Josiah W. Whipple, P.E. [Presiding Elder, a discontinued title. For his marriages see p. 203 of Lucie Price's Travis County Marriage Records].

Austin Station: J.W. Phillips [John W. Phillips was a Methodist minister until 1869 when he was confirmed by Bishop Alexander Gregg and became an Episcopal minister--ibid. p. 199.]

Bastrop: John M. Whipple

Austin Circuit: to be supplied

Cedar Creek: to be supplied

Winchester: F.L. Allen [Fred Lowery Allen b. 5 Feb 1836 in GA; d. 1 Aug 1903; buried Oakwood Cemetery, Austin--ibid. p. 191]

La Grange Station: Q. [Quinn] M. Meniffee

Data on East Texas, Northwest Texas and West Texas conferences were not copied.

The Minutes of the Conference held at Houston Dec. 11-17, 1867 reveal that Bishop McTyeire was president and H.V. Philpott [Horatio V. Philpot in Mrs. Price's book] was secretary.

Memoirs of four deceased ministers were published: (1) Rufus T. Heflin (b. 1819 NC); (2) William Rees (b. 1828 Wales; to Texas in 1853; in 1866 was at Houston Station, Galveston District); (3) Thomas Wooldridge (b. Edgefield Co, SC; superannuated in 1866; d. 27 June); (4) Quinn M. Meniffee (b. Texas--see Menefees in Handbook of Texas).

Representing the Austin District at this time was J.W. Whipple, P.E. For Austin Station: J.W. Phillips; Webberville Circuit: J.K. Tanzy; Bastrop: J.O. Church; Winchester: F.L. Allen; La Grange:

J.M. Whipple; Perryville [Wood Co]: to be supplied (by Jesse Baker).

Mrs. Walker notes that the library has such minutes for 1868/70?, 1871-76, 1877-83, 1884-89, 1890-95, 1896-1900, 1901-04, 1905-07, 1908-11, 1912-14, 1915-17, etc. to 1934-38.

A different publication, Journals of Conferences 1848-1856, is numbered 287.07/M565j - Methodist Episcopal Church Vol. III - North-ern published 1856. #287.07/M566j is Methodist Episcopal Church South - General Conference Journals for 1846, 1850, 1854, 1858, 1868 and 1870--no real index, Mrs. Walker comments.

In the 1846 West Texas Conference Robert Alexander and Chauncey Richardson [see Handbook of Texas for both] were prominent; boundaries of districts are referred to, appropriations and personnel are set forth.

Robert Crawford [see Handbook] and William C. Lewis figure in the journal of the 1850 East Texas Conference.

The later yearbooks have rolls of Methodist birthdays and of Methodist members 90 and 100 years old, plus death rolls of members for the year.

A few other notes that Jean Walker sent [I hope I have interpreted them right, but we all have our own peculiar abbreviations and telegraphic style in taking notes] indicate that at the East Texas Conference held Oct. 10 - ?, 1866 at Marshall, the death of Samuel A. Williams was announced, but no details given. The West Texas Conference convened at Seguin on Nov. 7, 1866. Only one death was reported: Nicholas H. Boring (no memoir).

If you are searching for a man who may have been a Methodist minister, or reached a great age while active in the church, these old church records may prove a valuable source for you.



Familiar Names of Standard Reference Works - Have you ever been stumped by a casual reference to a genealogical source book? Some people toss off names like Swem's, Hotten, Hening, Hathaway, Virkus or Tyler in tones that imply that you're abysmally ignorant if you are not as familiar with them as they are. And often one can't find them in the library's catalogue (card file or electronic contraption) from just hearing the word once -- Is it the book's title or author? How is it spelled? Try finding Henning's Statues, as a correspondent once wrote me!

The Hoosier Genealogist, Vol. 18 No. 4 p. 78, has an excellent clarification of Swem's Index and the Virginia publications which it covers. You might want to Xerox it for ready reference.

To add to your task of becoming familiar with the important source books for genealogists, let me list a few that I had to identify the hard way, when I first began researching: Lancour, Nugent, Colonial Clergy, Wulfeck's Marriages, the Helper, the Handbook And I must admit that I still confuse authors Sowell & Brown when I try to find Indian-fighting episodes in early-day Texas! --HHR

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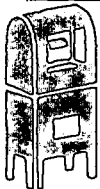
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? ?

(A) GRAVES_HOLLIS_RAY. Seeking death date and place (in Texas) of Maude (Hollis) Graves or Ray (surname uncertain). She was married to William Claude Graves or Ray and had dau Pearl Myrtle Graves (b. 1 Aug 1897 in KY). Other siblings unknown to me.

(B) BLAIR_REEDER_WEST. Would like any information on (1) Dorcas G. (Blair) Reeder (b. 1802 in NC; d. 1887 in Bosque Co, TX); (2) Noah Webster Reeder (b. 1827 in AR; d. 1869 in Amarillo, Potter Co, TX); (3) Mary Ann (West) Reeder (b. ca 1828 in AL; d. ca 1862 in TX?); (4) Ulysses Emanuel Reeder (b. 1879 in Mineral Wells [Palo Pinto Co] or Duffau [Erath Co] TX.--Shirley D. Wardell, 554 Sweetgum Lane, Eugene OR 97401.



POSTALWAIT

Noticing this surname recently first made me think of the all-too-frequent delay in the mails that we experience these days. Then an imp in my mind flashed a picture of a huge man trying to get on-to the post office scales, loudly demanding to be weighed and sent parcel post.

Examination of the Austin telephone directory reveals three spellings of the name, but none ending in -weight.

As a matter of fact, Postalwait is a corruption (variant spelling, if you like) of an ancient and dignified English surname -- Postlethwaite. It comes from the Englishman's habit (almost an obsession) of naming his property, be it manor house or cottage. Even today, the typical village postman knows each home by name better than by street and house number. (Next time you watch All Creatures Great and Small, notice how many farms bear names of their own, not of their present owners.)

To begin with the last syllable, thwaite is an Old Norse word meaning a field, ground cleared for tillage. In Anglo-Saxon days (and later in the settling of New England) men clustered their homes together for protection from invaders, and cultivated narrow fields radiating from the settlement. It became the custom to name each such field, often for a saint of whom the farmer invoked blessings on his crops. Perhaps on the theory that twelve are more powerful than one, some men dedicated their plots to the apostles.

The Middle English spelling apostle evolved from the Anglo-Saxon word apostol [Greek apo meaning "from" plus stellein meaning "to send"--the apostles were sent out from (by) Christ]. Several amazing steps in this evolution can be followed in an unabridged dictionary.

So when the Rogers, Hughs, Johns and Roberts became too numerous to function without some distinguishing appellation, it was only natural that the John who owned a field called Apostlesthwaite should take as his sur[added]name, Postlethwaite.

At least, that's the way I understand it, but I may be wrong--I wasn't there when it happened, I'll have to admit.

--HHR

DID YOU KNOW that
there is in England a
surname SINJON derived from
the words "Saint John"?



Book Reviews

INDEX TO PROBATE RECORDS OF COLONIAL GEORGIA 1733-1778, edited by Marilyn L. Adams; © 1983 by the R.J. Taylor, Jr., Foundation, Box 38176, Atlanta GA 30334. Softbound, 8½ x 11, typewriter type, 106 pages.

This complex volume, Number Four of the Colonial Records Series, should be of tremendous value to those who are researching in the eastern areas of Georgia in mid-18th Century. A map shows the 12 original parishes (Christ Church and Sts. Paul, George, Matthew, Philip, John, Andrew, David, James, Patrick, Thomas, and Mary), plus "Ceded Lands" to which these records pertain. Names of the present-day counties involved appear faintly on the map also.

Careful study of the Preface and Introduction is essential to appreciate the scope of this book: "a single index to all known relevant colonial materials" in the Georgia Department of Archives and History (at Atlanta) and in the Special Collections Department of the University of Georgia Libraries (at Athens).

Part 1 of this Index (after a page of Abbreviations and Symbols) is a register or inventory of all materials on which the index is based: page-by-page listings of bound volumes, providing names (of testator, decedent, intestate decedent, minors in guardianship papers) and dates of recording; and folder-by-folder listings of loose papers.

Part 2 consists of the main index, with variant spellings of the surnames and given names in order with their function (testator, heir, appraiser, witness, etc.) in the documents then located for the searcher. (Incidentally, I've never seen so many variant spellings--Georgia's clerks appear to have been very independent souls!)

Part 3 lists references to slaves, Indians and free blacks, with specific designations for those who were heirs or were manumitted.

As a priceless lagniappe, the editor concludes with two pages of Notes explaining problems she met and overcame in reading the microfilm and comparing it with the originals. How often we suspect that the transcriber may have misinterpreted something! But Ms Adams saves the reader many hours of frustrating puzzlement, and gives instructions for locating each bit of microfilm and for obtaining photocopies, if you just must see it for yourself.

Index to Probate Records of Colonial Georgia is not a book that would lure you into idle browsing by its format. Instead, it is a no-nonsense guide to a treasure house from which most of us have been locked out too long. We rejoice that at last we have the key.



THE KENTUCKY GAZETTE 1787-1800, Genealogical and Historical Abstracts by Karen Mauer Green. Baltimore: Gateway Press, Inc. © 1983. iii + 330 pp.; 6¼ x 9¼; hardbound; repro of small typewriter type. Index: 49 pp. Full Name; 9 pp. Placename and Subject. Order from author at Box 12933, Gainesville FL 32604-0933.

In the Preface to The Kentucky Gazette 1787-1800, Ms Green quotes the reasons given by Editors John and Fielding Bradford for establishing the newspaper in Lexington, Kentucky. She then traces the ownership and succession of editors until the paper's demise in 1848, and gives precise directions for gaining access to microfilmed copies of early issues.

The author wisely included abstracts of world and national news only if the article contained information on a Kentuckian, but she listed every local name, no matter how little information was given. Thus some men can be located in Kentucky during the years of the now missing 1790 and 1800 census records.

Ms Green gives the usual caveat about looking for every possible spelling of a name [Frontiersmen were seldom strong on orthography!] and offers a choice when the type was very faint or a typesetting error was suspected.

The abstracts are admirably clear: concise, yet not so abbreviated as to be ambiguous, as sometimes happens. The typing is good and margins ample, but whole pages of names (e.g., addressees of letters awaiting claimants) would have been easier to search if they had been broken into paragraphs. To counterbalance that small obstacle, an unusual bonus is provided by her including a geographical tip with the addressee's name, such as "James Overstreet near the mouth of Hickman," "Lawrence Smith in care of Alexander Ramsey," and "Benjamin Howard at Lydia's Mount."

Although "The Kentucke Gazette" was printed in Fayette County, many, many other counties are mentioned and can be found in the Place-name Index.

My main criticism of this book is to deplore the time wasted in typing surnames in the index (Johnson 44 times), but since she says she used a word processor, maybe that eliminated the risk of misspelling a name. I prefer to have the change more visible--from Johnson to Johnston, Kincade to Kincaid, Laferty to Lafferty, etc.

If your ancestors might possibly have been in central Kentucky in this period, by all means study this fine book carefully. You may find some precious data!



THE SCOTCH-IRISH OF COLONIAL PENNSYLVANIA by Wayland F. Dunaway. © 1944, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press; reprinted 1979, 1981 by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore. Hardbound; printer's type; 5½ x 8½; 273 pp. + Preface; bibliography; all-purpose index.

Probably over half the genealogists in Texas have at least one Scotch-Irish ancestor and therefore should find The Scotch-Irish of Colonial Pennsylvania extremely interesting, even if said ancestor did not disembark or tarry in that state. For, in addition to a thorough study of the subject named in the title, Mr. Dunaway treats the historical and political background of Ulster Scots, reasons for their emigration from Ireland (as well as from Pennsylvania toward the West and the South), their social life and customs, religious life, and educational contributions of the Scotch-Irish wherever they settled.

Graphic descriptions of our ancestors' clothing, food, home furnishings and daily occupations in town and country bring those by-gone days into focus for the reader. The author's explanation of the term "Scotch-Irish" is a convincing rebuttal to those (largely Irish-Americans, he says) who vociferously object to its use.

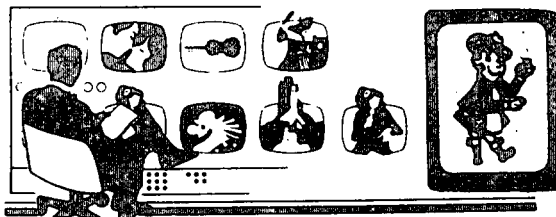
Chapter 2, "The Ulster Background of the Scotch-Irish," is the best 15-page condensation of the pertinent history that this reviewer has yet seen.

This is not light reading, but is interesting as well as informative, and can be skimmed judiciously. In fact, it is occasionally repetitious, as if the author had written several papers on the same subject and subsequently tried to combine the best parts for this book. Perhaps this effect was created by his having read so many books pertaining to the Scotch-Irish.

For the Bibliography is very impressive: of Primary Sources there a whole page of Manuscript Materials and over three of Published [contemporary] Sources. Secondary Works encompass 16 pages of Books and Pamphlets and five of Articles--25 pages in all.

The 12-page Index is only so-so, in this reviewer's opinion, being a combination of name, place and topic. Hundreds (?) of names of churches and settlements in the text are not indexed, nor are many personal and place names in the footnotes, though some of the former (the authors) may be identified via the Bibliography.

In short, reading this informative book is like reading a historical novel or seeing a "costume picture" in which your own ancestor does not appear, but he might have, for he was THERE then!



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book, 50¢ each additional book.

In the Introduction, Brent H. Holcomb states: "These court min-

utes are the basic record of the county from its formation. They include lists of deeds proved in open court ..., estates and wills probated, jury lists [and justices], small court cases, bastardy suits, appointments of guardians for minors, construction of new roads and persons required to work on roads already in existence, and many other useful items."

Abstracts format: Listing by Plaintiff vs. Defendant; cause; disposition of case, often including a few interesting details. Names of Justices and Jury Panels.

This reviewer feels that the author should have defined legal terms peculiar to South Carolina (especially those not to be found in an unabridged dictionary). Also, abbreviations should have been explained, such as Ded. po, T.A.B., etc. [Dedimus potestatem, meaning "We have given the power," is a writ to commission a private person to act in place of a judge, as to examine a witness, for example.]

Here's a hilarious item from page 29: "July Court 1787. State vs. Bishop Hicks. Riot. Defendant submitted to the Court who fined him £5 & Ordered that he enter into Bond with Security to be approved by the Court in the Sum of £250, the principal, and the Securities in £125 each for his good behaviour for one year."

That was not as scandalizing (or funny) an occurrence as it may seem--There were no bishops in America until 1784, and only about three by 1787, none of whom was named Hicks. Other references in the book confirm the fact that Bishop was Mr. Hicks's first name, not his title! Quash one allegation of a bishop rioting.

Many of the men mentioned herein had pre-Revolutionary roots in Anson, Mecklenburg and Rowan counties in North Carolina, as York County is near the long-disputed territory once called the New Acquisition.

The Index is neat and clear, and includes some topics such as tavern rates and licenses, ferries, creeks and rivers by their names, Wilks [should be Wilkes] County, Georgia; Chester County line.....

Like most of the books authored, edited or sponsored by Mr. Holcomb, this volume of the county court minutes of York County, South Carolina, is well done and apparently accurate. Certainly it is interesting, even if tantalizingly sketchy.





LOCATING "SENIOR CITIZENS" IN TEXAS

Here are a few suggestions for those who have been unable to find the last Texas residence of some of your elderly ancestors.

The first step is to determine the time of death, or an approximation thereof. Inquire of relatives, consult family Bibles, search the most likely cemeteries for gravestones, and visit churches they may have belonged to, in hopes that burial records were kept. No matter how far away they died, many older people wished to be buried beside loved ones "back home."

For records of deaths in 1903 and subsequently, you may write to or visit the Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Office of Birth and Death Certificates, 1100 West 49th St., Austin TX 78756. Be sure to send all known details, including the number of the death certificate if you can find it in bound indexes available in the Genealogy Collection of Texas State Library, Austin. Ask at the desk for directions, which they will graciously give.

If you know the county where your relative died, perhaps you can find an obituary in the newspaper of his/her home town or the nearest larger town. Good newspaper collections (on microfilm) may be consulted in the Reference Section on the third floor of the State Library and on the third floor of the Barker Texas History Center in Sid Richardson Hall in Austin.

Perhaps you had the experience of finding your great-grandparents on the 1870 census but not on the 1880 one. This does not always mean that both had died in the interim; possibly they just became too feeble to continue farming or living alone. They may have either gone to live with relatives or been institutionalized (that is, placed in an "old folks' home," as they were then called).

If the first alternative was the case, you will be rewarded for having recorded the marriage(s) of each member of the family when you had the chance, instead of only your direct line. (If you do the latter, you are merely a lineage runner, not a genealogist!) Your thoroughness enables you to run the 1880 and subsequent censuses for the names of all the old couple's sons-in-law as well as sons, grandchildren, and even nieces and nephews, to see who opened their homes to your venerable ancestors. Frequently they are found in the home of their youngest daughter; since she normally had remained in the parents' home the longest, when she married and they were no longer able to keep up their home, they moved into her home, maintaining the pattern of living together.

On the other hand, there is the sad possibility that one or both of the couple you are seeking may have ended up in a state mental institution. Tragically, many old people who were far from insane have been institutionalized because they had no relatives with enough money or love to care for them at home.

The oldest such state facility, Austin State Hospital, opened in 1861 under the harsh name of State Lunatic Asylum. In the library housed in its Central Administration Building can be found some possibly helpful records: certain annual reports published near the end of the 19th Century contain lists of names of patients and reasons

for their commitment, which are open to inspection. The grounds are entered from Guadalupe Street near Fortieth.

That seems to be the only institution where senior citizens may have been located that was operating before the 1880 census, and the 1890 census has been lost. Other state institutions were founded in the following years and places:

- 1885, Terrell State Hospital (Kaufman Co.)
- 1891, Confederate Home for Men, Austin (Travis Co.)
- 1892, San Antonio State Hospital (Bexar Co.)
- 1894, Rusk State Hospital (Cherokee Co.)
- 1908, Confederate Woman's Home, Austin (Travis Co.)

The Confederate Home for Men was initiated by the John B. Hood Camp of Confederate Veterans in 1887. The Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy assisted in raising money for the erection of buildings for the housing of disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers and sailors in Texas. Maintenance was soon turned over to the State of Texas, which by 1945 was housing there many senile patients who were not veterans of the Civil War. In 1969 the facility was closed and the property turned over to the University of Texas for student housing. (In 1963 about 300 men were transferred to Kerrville State Hospital, so some records may be there.)

The Confederate Woman's Home was opened in 1908 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to care for dependent wives and widows of Confederate veterans and for women who had aided in the Confederate cause. In 1911, title was transferred to the State, which in latter years has not required proof of Confederate connection for admission. In 1950 this facility was partially consolidated with the men's home; in 1966 the last three ladies at the Woman's Home were placed in a nursing home at State expense.

Many fraternal organizations established homes for their aging members and/or their widows. To determine which institution your senior citizens may have been domiciled in during their last years, take an inventory of their eligibilities: Was he a Confederate veteran? Check Confederate Pension Applications in Texas State Archives. See also AGS Quarterly Vol. XII No. 2, June 1971, wherein Jean (Halden) Walker listed on pages 29-39 the Confederate Mortuary Warrants issued in Travis County 1917-36.

Did they belong to a church that maintained residences for the elderly, or to the Order of the Eastern Star? Was he a Mason, an Elk, an Odd-fellow, a Woodman of the World, a Knight of Pythias? If so, write or visit the state headquarters of the order and ask if they have records of all who have resided in their homes.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks cares for its aged members at a facility in Virginia. In 1909 the Knights of Pythias established the Pythian Widows and Orphans Home near Weatherford in Parker County. There is a Home for Aged Masons at Arlington (Tarrant Co.), and the Order of the Eastern Star has a home for women near by.

The Order of the Sons of Hermann (originally composed of men of German extraction) since 1916 has maintained a home for aged members at Comfort, Texas.

Please send additional information to the Editor at 2202 W. 10, Austin TX 78703 for publication in a later issue.

HAPPY HUNTING GROUND

Send queries to Mrs. H.H. Rugeley, 2202 W. 10, Austin TX 78703, NOT to AGS box. Include at least one date, place & first name in each query. Use names/abbreviations of months, not figures. Proofread copy carefully; it may be edited to our format. Queries are free.

(A) AVANT/AVENT BROWN DANCEY NEWELL TREADAWAY/TREADWAY WILSON WRIGHT. Sarah Frances Brown (on 31 Jan 1851 in Oxford MS) m. Wm. Ferdinand AVANT (b. 28 Dec 1826 in VA). He had attended William and Mary College, Williamsburg VA. Tentative data on Avant children:

1. Tamlin [son] (b. 1851; d. 1852)
2. Birdie (1852-1864 on one record, 1862-1864 on another)
3. Elizabeth (1853-1895 on one record, "died 12 Nov 1875 in VA" on another). One says "Lizzie m. at home of her grandfather, Tamlin Avent"--where? He returned to Greensville Co, VA sometime after purchasing land near Oxford MS in 1844. The records of Lizzie's grandfather James Brown say she m. John Wilson 1 Oct 1872, but another account says she m. John Hinton Wright of Lynchburg, died early & left dau Elizabeth (Wilson or Wright?) who m. James S. Newell of Norfolk. Any clarification welcome.
4. Sarah Fredonia/Donie (1854-1928) m. Wm S. Dancey; 5 chil.
5. Walter (1857-1861)
6. Frances/Fannie Roscoe (b. 1860) m. Wm Treadway or Ed. C. Treadaway of VA; 4 children
7. William Newton (May-Sep 1864)

(B) AVENT/AVANT. Seeking birthplace of Peter Avent. Bible records show he had sons Benjamin C. and William; died at home of latter in Talbot Co, GA ca 1833-40. Benjamin C. Avent (my g-g-grf, b. in NC) m. in Oglethorpe Co, GA; came to MS bringing son William E. (my g-grf, b. in GA), who lived & died near Oxford. My grf & father both were born in Lafayette Co, MS; changed Avent to Avant in 1903.

What is connection between these Avents and Tamlin & Thomas of VA? All appeared in MS records about same time.--Lillian Avant Stone, 8315 N. Vandiver # 37, San Antonio TX 78209

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(A) CANTWELL FINCH. Seeking information on W.C. Cantwell (b. 1825 TN) who m. Nancy Finch (b. 1828 TN). Moved to Texas 1854-59; resided Bastrop Co in 1870s. Children: James, Josh, Been, Steve, Mary & Elizabeth.

(B) CANTWELL McDONALD. Would like to hear from desc of --- McDonald (b. 1816 SC) who m. Martha --- (b. 1824 AR). Children: Katha, John H., Andy, Else, Mariet, Narcissa F. (m. James Cantwell in 1873) M.E. (f), W.B. (m), L.M. or S.M. (m), Elz & Tom. Moved from AL to TX 1851-55; resided Bastrop Co. 1870.

(C) HOLDEN JONES LAMB SEDGWICK. Need information on Andrew Fred Sedgwick (b. ca 1857/1867 in NY; d. ca 1890 NYC) m. 1887 Emma An'ee Jones in NYC. Son Alvin Charles (b. 1888 NYC) was shipped to Grayson Co, TX on orphan train in 1900. There he m. Minnie Mae

Lamb in 1909. Emma An'ee (Jones) Sedgwick remarried & had dau Adel who m. --- Holden and lived in NJ.

(D) LAMASCUS MORRISON. Seeking descendants of Jiles Lamascus (b. 1826 AL; d. 1874 Hill Co, TX) m. Harriet Morrison 1850 in Waller Co, TX. 9 children: William, Emily, Latine, Molly, Mattie, Samatha [Samantha?], Laura, Thomas Alexander, & Jiles Jr. Also need parents of Jiles Lamascus & Harriet Morrison. [Ed. Note: Latine (there pronounced Lat-tiny) is a prominent name in King & Queen and Essex counties VA--may be a clue to Latine Lamascus's roots.]

(E) HOGAN SIMPSON. Seeking parents of Joseph Simpson (b. 1818 AL) & wife Susan Hogan (b. 1824 AL). Moved from AL to TX 1853-55; found in Fayette Co 1870, Gonzales Co 1880, then in Travis Co. Children: Henry, Charles Andrew, Jim, Frank, Sophia, Civillia, Levi Ware, Robert Hill & Nancy Elizabeth.--Mrs. Ann Billings, 2209 Autumn Oak, Orange TX 77630.

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(A) BRITE/BRIGHT GILLILAND LOCKHART McMAHAN MOORE RAMSEY ROBUCK SIMS. Henry Brite/Bright (b. 1787 in KY) m. Elizabeth Moore, dau of William Moore & Hannah Ramsey. The Brites moved to Callaway Co, Missouri Territory in 1813; later moved to Red River Co, TX; in 1850 Henry was residing in Bastrop Co, TX. Children: 1. William, 2. Charles, 3. Whar-ton, 4. John M., 5. Thomas, 6. Lucas Charles, 7. Hanna, 8. Anna, and 9. David Barton.

David Barton Brite m. Mary Sims, dau of Lewis Sims & Sarah Gilliland, and settled in Caldwell Co, TX. Children: 1. Lewis, 2. Sarah Louisa (m. Thomas Houston McMahan), 3. Ellen (m. Elias Robuck), 4. Hilliard C. (m. Georgia E. Lockhart), 5. Mary Magnolia (m. Jerry E. McMahan), and 6. Samuel Barton.

(B) BIRD McCOY McMAHAN. Archibald McMahan was born in Ireland ca 1746, immigrated to North Carolina in 1762. Four of his children (Stephen, James, William & Sallie) settled in NC. Eli settled in TN (Cocke Co). Archibald Jr. settler in Sevier Co, TN and m. Elizabeth Bird. Johnathon [Jonathan?] settled in west TN. Sanders settled in Jackson Co, AL.

John McMahan (son of Sanders) & his wife Minerva McCoy moved to Caldwell Co, TX in 1853. Children included: 1. William, 2. James B., 3. George, 4. Minerva, 5. Jacob Luna, 6. Daniel L., 7. Thomas Houston, 8. Jerry, 9. Edward, 10. Franklin, 11. Nancy, & 12. Perlina. Would like to correspond with anyone having an interest in these families.

(C) McCOY McMAHAN TALLY. John McMahan (b. 1809 TN) moved to Jackson Co, AL before 1830. After death of first wife, Rebecca Tally, he m. Minerva McCoy and moved to Caldwell Co, TX where he died in 1895. John was probably son of Sanders McMahan (b. 1784 NC) and grandson of Archibald McMahan (b. ca 1745 Ireland).

Seeking descendants of John and parents of Minerva McCoy.--
Dick D. Fox, Rt. 9 Box 355, Sour Lake TX 77659.

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[See query on page 21.]

FAMILY NAME PERIODICALS

BOGGS NEWSLETTER - 4 issues (ca 37 pages each) per volume. \$10 from Editor, Mrs. Alice C. Grady, 396 Taylor Road, Stow MA 01775. Surname Index to Volumes I-IV \$15 a set. Boggs-related queries appear to be free. Issue No. 4 is dated December.

Printed in dot matrix (sometimes so pale as to cause dizziness and headache from reading it), blurry script typewriter type, and some sharp typewriter type, this publication has a less-than-artistic patchwork quilt appearance. Of course, if it concerns your own ancestor, you are willing to risk eyestrain!

The review copy sent us (Vol. VI No. 4, December 1983) has a rough table of contents on the cover, but in neither numerical nor alphabetical order. Items: James Boggs, Yeoman Line; Boggs-Le-master Line; Virginia Marriages and Deaths; Other Virginia Records; Letters, Notes and Queries.

With an enthusiastic editor and opportunity for input by Boggs researchers everywhere, this publication must be highly valued by family members. Its potential no doubt offsets such flaws as run-on sentences ("comma blunders"), faulty state abbreviations, and the following misspellings: geneology, descendents, manuel, entirity, adherants, royalty, heretige, coppied, Presbeterianism, Affadavit, Ezekeil; the use of loose for lose, Rightin' for Ritin', add for ad, lead for led, and soley for solely. Other solecisms noticed were "to Florence and I," "leads most of we researchers," "are stated to having been born," and "Nancy then remarried to James Miller" [She had not married or been married to him previously.]

But Culpeper County, Virginia, did get spelled right!

I do not call attention to these errors just to be cruelly critical, but in the hope that all readers will be spurred to be more careful in their own writing. If information is worth passing on, it is worth taking pains to present it to the public in admirable style. One of the inherent functions of an editor is to correct obvious errors in manuscripts before they are printed.

This reviewer hopes Boggs Newsletter will long continue to offer welcome data to its readers, improving in style as it does.

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THE WARREN FAMILY HISTORIAN - quarterly - \$9 per year from Jim Warren, 1869 Laurel Avenue, St. Paul MN 55104.

The review copy sent to us (Vol. 2 No. 1, February 1984) contains 42 pages, has a few pictures, and a very attractive cover with clever lettering against the background of an old newspaper.

50-word queries are free to subscribers, \$1 to others. Excellent format is used (albeit a bit wasteful of space), with all surnames in caps and at the left side of the queries.

This quarterly is neat and attractive in appearance for the most part, but some fuzzy computer print-outs and cloth ribbons are used. Only a minimum of typos were noticed. [oops! WAS noticed!]

Harking back to Richard Warren, "The first Warren to this

county [country]...on the Mayflower," the publication is also in contact with Warren descendants in England, Ireland, Canada, Korea, etc.

Among the features offered by this superior quarterly: evaluation of Warren books (in or out of print); Research Hints & Notes; Ancestor Listing & Index (for subscribers); Wills; Bible Records; County Histories & Biographies; Civil War Pension Abstracts; Gleanings from Genealogical Publications; Queries; Index in each issue (Warren first names, other families by surname only).

The Warren Family Historian seems to be an ideal starting place for Warren descendants as well as a continuing path toward their genealogical goals.

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ANCESTOR LISTING INSTRUCTIONS

The June issue of AGS Quarterly provides an opportunity for paid-up members to have two pages about their ancestors published free--or four pages, if you have a Family Membership (\$10 this year).

Deadline for receipt of such material AT 2202 WEST TENTH STREET AUSTIN TX 78703 (NOT the Society's post-office box) is May 10th.

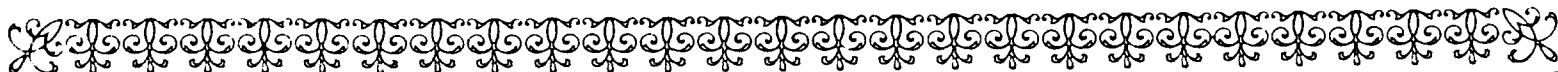
These 8½ x 11 pages will face each other, so you must leave a margin for binding and hole-punching at the gutter, which is formed by the right-hand margin of the left-hand page and vice versa for the second, or right-hand, page. Pages must be "camera-ready"--that is, legible, dark, and neat. It is a waste of your time and the Society's money to print illegible charts or sketches.

The contents of these pages? It's up to you--anything you like about your ancestors, just so it isn't lifted from a copyrighted book or article. You may have Lineage Charts, Family Group Sheets, narratives, queries, letters, a combination of forms, or (the best bargain, space-wise) an Ahnentafel. Note how a clever member got four pages in the space of two on pp. 52-53 of our June 1982 issue!

To quote her excellent explanation: "The word 'ahnentafel' comes from two German words, 'ahnen', meaning ancestors, and 'tafel', meaning table, hence 'table of ancestors.' The same rules of numbering apply to this type of chart as in other commonly used genealogical charts. To find the father of any person listed, simply double his number. To find the mother, double the number, plus one. Missing numbers indicate unknown ancestors." [And readers are encouraged to write to the submitter when they have clues to offer.]

In other words, #1 is you, #2 is your father, #3 is your mother, #4 is your father's father, #5 is his wife, #6 is your mother's father, #7 is his wife, and so on. Of course, you can start anywhere; if #1 is your grandchild, you can cover a tremendous range.

It is advisable to put your name and address on each sheet so that if Xeroxed copies of your pages should get separated, you could be located by people who see any of the pages.



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