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CIVIL WAR LETTERS
OF G. K. PAINTER

The faithful Recording Secretary of Austin Genealogical Society, Mrs. Martha Askew, has kindly allowed us to print some of the letters written by her father's mother's father, G.K. Painter. He was in Company H, 8th (Virginia) Cavalry, Jones Brigade, in the Army of the Confederate States of America.

With the salutation "My dear wife [Bettie] and children," who lived in Grayson County, southwestern Virginia, the letters reveal a devoted family man, deeply religious, optimistic and brave despite increasingly poor health.

Probably all letters written home by soldiers could be described as poignant, but these are particularly so because of the mystery surrounding G.K. Painter's fate. Although an exhaustive search has been made over the years, no record of his death has been found; but the tradition sorrowfully handed down in his family is this: Someone (presumably a comrade in arms) brought home his watch, but if he gave details of Painter's death, they have been lost--which is extremely unlikely.

The shock was so great that his wife was utterly devastated--she never again spoke above a whisper, and was incapable of attending to business affairs.

It is hoped that the publication of these letters will turn up someone who shares this tradition and can add something to this sad story.

There are about twenty letters which were typed by Martha Askew's cousin, who was then a beginner in genealogical research and differed from most novices in that she interpreted the old-time descending s as y instead of the usual p or f (e.g., acroys, kys, Tennysee).

The symbol (n 1) refers to the notes at the end of this installment of the letters.

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Scott County, Va., (n 1) Pattonville
January the 5th, 1863

My dear wife and children we have at last got back to Va., but we had a hard fight at Jonesville (n 2) in Lee County Va. day before yesterday we attacked the enemy at sunup and after fighting all day we captured every man of them not one of them got away, a great many of them were killed and wounded, our boys cut them all to pieces with their sabers we had five men killed and 15 wounded but none in our Company was hurt. We captured four hundred Yankees and six hundred horses, thirty two wagons and all their arms. Yesterday all our sick men were sent back to Pattonville. I am very poorly at this time. I have a chronic disease of the bowels like

Wm. Dolyns, nothing but blood payased [passed] through me for nearly a week. I am at a good house and have a good doctor to wait on me he is feeding me on boiled milk. I am a good deal better today. There is a considerable change in my bowels since yesterday. I am very weak I can hardly carry a chair across the room, my back is very weak but I keep in heart. some of the boys lie like they are nearly dead and grunt all the time and ain't half as sick as I am. I sit up all day and talk all I can, I have a good appetite to eat but nothing but boiled milk agrees with me. The doctor comes to see me 3 times a day. He says I will be well in a few days. I hope you will not be uneasy a bout me. The good Lord will take care of me. I am not home sick or uneasy a bout you and the children for I have given you all up into the hands of the Lord and I know he will take care of us all if we put our trust in him.

I am at the home of Wm. Fugett he was in the last Virginia Convention and very clever folk. I am glad we are in Va. once more for I am tired of Tennessee. I am now 140 miles from home. I have no idea when I will get home. But I am satisfied if I can have my health. I would be so glad to get home once more and see you all. I hope I will get home before long, but if I don't I will be satisfied. Dear Bettie my horse gave entirely out he had the scratches (n 3) two months so he could hardly walk, he had the lung fever too. I swap[p]ed him off last Saturday for a [too dim to read] ----- mule. The mule is as large as my horse. I was offered a fine horse and 250 dollars for my mule this morning but I would not take it, I ask 300 to boot. The man said he gave 800 dollars for the horse. I have the finest mule in Jones Brigade (n 4). I Swapped my horse even for him. I think I made a good swap but I hated to part with him.

Dear Bettie be cheerful and contented put your trust in God, be of good faith and try to raise the children right, be saving with your corn and feed. Take care of your dear self and the children, tell little Jennie to kiss you for me, tell all the children to be good children and not to forget their poor Pa. If Mr. Cox (n 5) is at home get him to bring me a pair of pants for I need them. I received a letter from you dated the 18th of Dec. Give my love to all my friends, pray for me Darling and may God bless you all and preserve your lives and health. Good bye my sweet Darling, kiss all the children for me and I will pay you back when I see you.

I remain your affectionate husband
until Death

G.K. Painter

P.S. Direct your letters as usual

Rawley County Va., May 25th 1863 (n 6)

My dear wife and children, I seat myself this evening to write you another letter for fear the one I sent you yesterday will not reach you. I will try and tell you all that I have done since I left Bluestone (n 7). We left there 10 days ago and started for Fayette CH (n 8). We camped on Rick Creek in Mercer County (n 9) that night, started next morning at three o'clock and went four miles beyond Rawley C.H. (n 10). the next morning being Sunday we started at midnight 5 of us [line illegible] til midnight. We were then in (n 11) 5 miles of the Yankee pickets (12). We halted and rested our horses awhile then we charged at a gallop for three miles when we got in sight of them they rode off in a gallop and we after them. We fired at them. Capt. Bowen caught one and [line illegible] and more with their horses. The Yankees then formed and began to fire on us. We returned the fire and they run again. We then fell back to Rawley C.H. and waited for Col. McCausland (n 13) to come up as we only had 50 men. I had not changed clothes since I left home. I was washing myself to have clean clothes when our pickets were fired on by the Yanks who had followed us from Fayette. Our horses were in pasture. You never seen such running in your life.

We caught our horses. Capt. Bowen said follow me and charged at full speed. We all followed him and the Yankees run back to Fayette which is 25 miles. next day Col. McCausland came up and we advanced on towards Fayette, our Company in front. About half way we met them again, our Company whipped them back again. Next day we started again, about 6 miles this side of town as we were making a turn in the road I was before in the advanced guard and I seen them on top of a hill a half mile off. I fired my gun at them, they quick made the bullets whistle around my head. Our men quick dismounted and we kept up the fire till the Infantry came up then the Battle commenced in earnest. the bullets whistled fast and thick. The Yankees kept falling back until they got a good position, then Capt. Bowen took a Company and charged them a mile, his horse was shot from under him here. The Yankees got in an old barn and made a stand. We dismounted and got behind a fence and soon wateled (n 14) them. One Company of our men had got in the rear of the Yankees and tore up the bridge, the Yanks were flying before us at full speed, their Cavalry outrun their Infantry. when they got to the bridge they did not see it was torn up and all the foremost horses went under, the balance went around. The road was filled with hats, overcoats, guns, pistols, and swords. So here it ended.

I was in the thickest of the fight. I fired ten rounds-- don't know whether I hit any one or not, or hurt any one. I know I took good sight as if I was shooting dogs (n 15). We had three men wounded, none killed. We killed several Yankees, wounded a good many, took seven prisoners and 10 horses that were caught in the bridge. Col. McCausland then moved on the north section of Fayette C.H. and opened [line illegible]. They fire with spirit which counts. That evening our Company was sent round the ene-

my's left wing. We got in a dangerous place, but we took one prisoner. One of their pickets took a fair pop at me, this ball struck the ground just before [Another line illegible because on the fold].

Next day we were sent over mountains to cut the telegraph wires. We rode over the roughest mountains I ever seen where there was no sign of a road over rocks, logs, and bushes. We had to walk and lead our horses. We cut the wires for two miles and came back to Fayette. We took four prisoners close to town. When we got back our Army was falling back; if we would have been an hour later we would have been captured. We fell back twelve or fifteen miles. Next morning the Yankees over took us; we formed our line of battle. Our Company was formed in front, the Infantry 2 hundred yards behind, one group of Artillery in the center. When the Yankees came in reach our Company filed off to the right and formed behind the Infantry behind a small hill. our Artillery fired on them, then the Infantry, it was the grandest sight I ever seen, our cannon fired five shells at them when we fell back. We had no men hurt. I don't know what the loss of the Yankees was. Our Company was the rear guard when we got in five miles of Rawley C.H. We had the pickets firing in our rear. We kept falling back until we got to town. We halted here a while. The Yankees took their position on a [illegible] and shelled us out of [line illegible] midst of our Company, it did not explode if it had it might have killed half of us. We got out of there double quick and fell back to Pine Creek (n 16), the same place that General Floyd (n 17) said that he intended to stay till Hell froze over. Here we are left, the Yankees have gone back double quick to Fayette C.H.

Yesterday we were scouting in the mountains, today we are resting, and it is the first rest we have had since yesterday week. We have rode day and night for eight days and five of them we were fighting. Our horses have nothing to eat but grass, and not much of that; they are nearly brok down. I think we will rest here for a few days. We have had nothing to eat but crackers and raw bacon. Some times nothing at all but a few crumbs in our haver-sacks. Some times we sleep in the road by the side of our horses our saddles have been on our horses three days at a time. We have went without washing or combing our heads. Today I put on clean clothes the first time since I left home, which is 18 days. I am well and hearty. I went to a house today and got as much milk as I could drink, and I feel first rate, just tired.

Bettie my darling you must pray for me that the Lord may take care of me and preserve me from all harm for I know that it is through the mercies of God alone that I am alive. I feel that the Lord is with me daily, his Grace has been sufficient for me so far and all my trust is in him for he sustains me. O trust in the Lord and he will take care of us all and bring us together again.

Do all you can to raise some thing to live on. You don't know nothing about the horrors of this war. all the houses from Trinato (n 18) to Rawley were burned to the ground [line illegible] but the battle field is what chills ones blood, to see our fellow men torn to pieces, bleeding and dying, run over, and rode over,

all for mans wickedness. A Cavalry charged [line illegible] when we charged them last Tuesday Col. McCausland claped his hands and said the troopers are charging. He says we have the best Cavalry in Va.

I want you to write often. Tell Jake to write to me, maybe I will get one once in a while Mail your letter to Drallan (n 19... very dim). Va. Co. H 8th Cavalry, Col. McCausland Command.

Goodby my sweet Bettie and dear children, all of you pray for me. Yours affectionately

G.K. Painter

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Camp near Rawley Co H
May 30, 1863

My dear wife and children, since I wrote to you last I received a letter from Jake. I was glad to hear that you were all well. I am sorry to hear of Mrs. Clements misfortune. Poor woman she has had bad luck in this world. With the exception of [illegible] we have had nothing to do since I wrote you last. I have been on picket twice this week. When we go on picket there is six of us, two stand at a time while the other four rest. The last time I was on picket I done 28 hours without any thing to eat. I was so hungry and weak when I returned to the Camp I could hardly walk. There was nothing in Camp so I went to a house and got my dinner. I eat until I was in misery. Our rations come in a bout an hour after and we had a good supper and breakfast. I feel very comfortable this morning, my health is very good. I have fallen away (n 20) some, but no wonder for we have done what no one Company would have done but ours.

Our Captain is one of the hardest (n 21) men I have ever seen [two lines illegible] fight is there you will see Captian Brown [Bowen?] firing his pistol right in the faces of the Yanks. His horse was shot twice in one of our fights. Three more Companies of Cavalry have come to our Camp. I hope we will not have so hard a time now as we have had. My horse has stood up beyond my expectations, he looks nearly as well as when I left home (n 22). I can shoot off him and hit a Yank every pop. When we retreated from Fayette C.H. I thought I would lose him, he reeled as he walked, he had nothing to eat for 50 hours. We lost three horses, but a weeks rest and good pasture recreated (n 23) them might(i)ly. Our Company was all well we had no man hurt in our fights which was almost a miricale for 50 men to fight for five days in succession and not get one man scratched. We were foremost in every fight. We charged on them twice and drove them off when the Infantry could do nothing with them.

I want you to write me once a week. Tell Jake to pay the postage and I will pay him. I can't get a postage stamp in the Company or I would pay the postage on my letters myself. Write how

your corn is growing, your oats, garden, potatoes and every thing else. Write me a long letter telling me every little thing that happens in the home, in the County, and every thing else. I would be glad to see you all but if I can only hear from you it would do me a great deal of good. I don't expect to get home before Christmas. This will go hard [rest of line illegible].

I hope the good Lord will take care of you and that we will soon be through with this war. Tell Jake to write to me. Tell Wm. Smith to do all he can for you. Kiss all our sweet children for me. I must close as our mail is ready to leave. Goodby my sweet Bettie. Pray for your affectionate husband.

G.K. Painter

* CIVIL WAR *

NOTES

1. He was 140 miles west of his home. No town anything like Pattonville is shown for Virginia or West Virginia in Postal Guide now.
2. County seat of Lee County in western part of Virginia.
3. "An affection of the skin of the hollow oof the fetlock of horses, ... usually causes lameness."
4. Probably Brigadier General William Edmondson Jones.
5. May have been a fellow soldier home on furlough, or a courier.
6. Raleigh County is now in the southern part of West Virginia; county seat Beckley. The northwestern, mainly Unionist, counties of Virginia started separating from the mother state in 1861 and were admitted to the Union 23 June 1863 as West Virginia.
7. No Bluestone is seen in U.S. Postal Guide now.
8. Fayette Court House, county seat of Fayette County, is now Fayetteville, West Virginia.
9. Princeton is now county seat of Mercer County, West Virginia.
10. CH = Court House; Co H in a dateline may be same, or Company H.
11. "In" was used for "within" at that time.
12. Pickets were soldiers posted outside a camp to guard against surprise attacks.
13. Col. John McCausland served under General Floyd; later promoted to brigadier general.
14. Put them to flight? "Wateled" not found in dictionary.
15. Probably meant mad dogs.
16. Pine Creek is in Logan County, West Virginia.

17. Brig. Gen. John Buchanan Floyd died 26 August 1863.
18. Probably Tornado in Kanawha County, West Virginia.
19. Cannot find a West Virginia town that looks like this word.
20. Probably means lost weight.
21. Hardest or hardest meaning toughest, bravest, most daring.
22. Apparently G.K. Painter had been home, probably on sick leave, and secured another horse. In his letter of May 25th he said it was 18 days since he had left home to rejoin the company.
23. Many Confederate soldiers used the verb "to recruit" meaning to reinvigorate, to recover one's health.

(To Be Continued)



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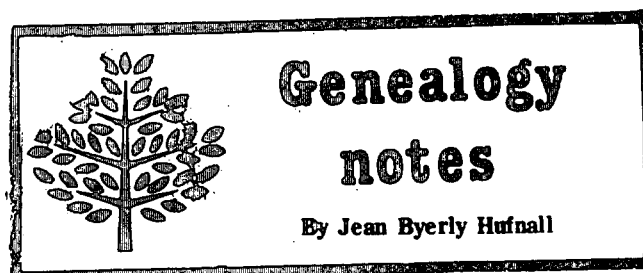
Long-time AGS member Jean Byerly Hufnall recently sent to your editor a clipping from her column in the La Grange Journal of 25 Jly 1984. Her attractive logo is over three columns of type which is commendably free of typographical errors.

The subject of this particular column was the 13th Annual Workshop of Austin Genealogical Society, which Ms. Hufnall covered thoroughly and favorably. She says she has written about our Society several times, for which we are grateful. Jean has been one of our most faithful contributors to the annual Ancestor Listing issue.

Now she invites our members to contribute material pertaining to our ancestors in Fayette and surrounding counties for publication in her "Genealogy Notes." She suggests "stories, queries, family trees or anything pertaining to genealogy."

Since Jean has been indoctrinating her readership with genealogy for four years, they must be ready to respond to your queries about old-time residents of that area. We urge you to take advantage of this offer; and, while you're about it, write up something for AGS Quarterly, too!

Ms. Hufnall's address is Route 1 Box 600, La Grange TX 78945. (Mine is 2202 W. 10, Austin TX 78703.)





NEW SOURCE FOR LOCATING OLD FAMILIES IN TEXAS

Part 4

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 are now in Volume 2 of the Texas Family Land Heritage Registry, which in most cases reveals interesting data about the early generations of land owners, arranged by counties. This volume includes a map showing the Texas counties in which Heritage properties had been proven to date. The "east to west movement followed by colonists in their settlement of Texas is clearly visible in their location." Another section lists by founding date all the "Texas Family Land Heritage Honorees" through the year of publication (1975).

But only the present-day owners are indexed in each Registry, so we have undertaken to remedy that deficiency by listing the earlier ones in our Quarterly, in their respective counties. There are only a couple of pages per county, so it might be well to Xerox all of the county that interests you in order to learn about your ancestor's neighbors. The Genealogy Collection of Texas State Library has a complete set of these books.

Maiden names herein are in parentheses when determinable (three dots are used if not); nicknames are in quotation marks, and editorial suggestions are in brackets. "Pic" means there is a picture.

T E X A S F A M I L Y L A N D H E R I T A G E R E G I S T R Y

KENEDY COUNTY

Garcia, J. Alex - Maria - Martin E. - Miguel Alxr. - Miguel F.
Thomas, Maria (Garcia)
Trevino, Felicitas
Yturria, Daniel - Francisco - Isabel

KERR COUNTY

Abberthern, Bettie Wilhelmina
Allerkamp, Friedrich - Heinrich - Henry - Richard - Willia
Bartel, A.D./Adolph [pic p. 51] - Fritz
Bohmert, Gertrude

Herbst, Emma
Holekamp, Elsa - George Friedrich - Julius - Kurt
Lindner, Leo - Michael
Nickel, Anna
Pfeiffer, Ida
Roggenbrucker, Fannie
Steigner, Margaretha
Voges, Minna
Voigt, Augusta
Weidenfeld, Lottie

LAMAR COUNTY

Biard, Andrew Jackson - James Monroe - John Willie
Braden, Edna
Davis, Mary E.
Finn, Delilah - Elizabeth
Hobbs, Enos - James S. - John - Nannie (...) - Sallie (...)
Holbrook, Mary
Nixon, Laura (...) - Thomas E. - Thomas Webber
Shipman, Lora Dale (Nixon)
Wheat, Robert H.

LAMPASAS COUNTY

Bain, Charles Perry - Hugh - Mary (...) - Sarah (...)
Fields, Audell (...) - Daniel Webster [pic p. 84] - Henry Childs [pic
p. 135]
Hardy, John Thomas - Josephine - Mary (...) - Thomas S.
Patterson, Nancy
Stanley, Emily Jane (...) - Thomas Edward
Walker, Cora (Stanley) - S.O. [pic p. 80] - Walter

LA SALLE COUNTY

Cotulla, Joseph

LAVACA COUNTY

Douglass, Augustine
Gremillon, Celanie
Holster, Anna
Porche, Albert - Aloysia - Arthur - Clement - Edith - Emanuel Francis - Helena Colanie - Joseph Stonewall - Josephine - Louisa - Pierre - Pierre E. - Pierre Severin - Severin - Vera - Virgil - Virginia - Zelma

LEE COUNTY

Rodgers, George [pic p. 44] - Isabel
Stow, Isabel (Rodgers) - Robert

LEON COUNTY

Grayson, Ambrose - Henry Ambrose - Mary - Sarah (...)
Marquez, M. Concepcion
Monroe, Mary E.
Petty, Mary E.

Winn, Nancy - Sarah

LIBERTY COUNTY

Barrow, Benjamin - Josephine
Brown, Catherine - Hale - Jane (Lee?) - John S. - Kate (Duncan) -
Maggie
DeBlanc, Celima
Dugat, Emma (Duncan)
Duncan, Chessie - Emory - Jane (Gillard) - Meredith - Sidney - Wil-
liam - William B. Jr.
Farrier, Harriet A. - Hugh M.
Gay, Mary (Welder) - William Duncan
Guidry, Zepheran
Holland, Martha
Holliman, Harmon
Key, Thomas W.
Ricks, Charlotte Anne
Smith, James - Thomas
Thompson, Cyrus
Welder, Julia (Duncan) - Mary - William Duncan
Wheat, Kaleta (Smith)
Whittington, Charles Hubbard - Elijah - Lloyd P. - Mary Elma (...) -
Melina

LIMESTONE COUNTY

Arnett, Bayne Kennedy - Belle (Kennedy) - Sandridge
Barrett, James Rubin - Reno Rubin - Suseann (...)
Bayne, Griffin, Col. - Laura - William
Bennett, Malinda
Boyd, Drayton E. - George Drayton
Daugherty, Elizabeth (...) - Nicholas - Sarah
Jackson, Caledonia E. - G.W. - Hezekiah
Jennings, Elva
Kennedy, Griffin W.
Pippin, A.L. - Joe - Sarah (Daugherty) - Viva (...)
Rees, Georgia (...) - Marjorie - William
Wilson, Normie A. - Ollie (Pippin)

LLANO COUNTY

Bauer, Bella
Boyce, Mary Ann
Hiechen, Wilhelmina
Homan, Marie
Inks, Myrtle (Moss) - Roy B.
Moore, Euel (...) - J.A. - L.A. - Martha Ellen (...) - Nannie (...)
Moss, A.F. - Aaron - Charles - Elizabeth - James - John - Julia Ann -
Luke - Mark - Matthew - Myrtle - Stephen - William
Oestreich, Albert - Frederick K.
Passmore, Etta
Ratliff, Kizzie

MASON COUNTY

Adams, Auguste
Bickenbach, Lizette
Brandenberger, Gottlieb - John
Buchmeier, Herman - Philipp - Willie
Eckert, Cora (Brandenberger)
Jordan, Ernest - Peter
Lehmann, Alma - Esther - Gerda - Guss - Gusta - Maurice - Moritz -
William F.
Light, Sophia
Rode, Rebecka
Von Biberstein, Herman

MATAGORDA COUNTY

Grimes, B.W.
Heffelfinger, Grace (Pierce)
Layton, Mary Crowell
Moore, Dolph Phineas - Layton - Robert Baxter
Pierce, Abel - Grace - J.E. [Jonathan Edwards] - James - John -
Jonathan - Lee M. - Pearl - "Shanghai" [Abel Head]
Smith, Pearl (Pierce)
Wendel, Louise

MEDINA COUNTY

Balzen, Trientje
Breiten, Anna - Johanes
Castro, Henri
Fritsch, Anna
Haby, Cecilia - Francis Joseph - John - Justina - M. Rosa - Mary
Kauffman, Alfred - Emil
Koenig, Catherine
Lebold, Rosa
Lindeburg, H.J. - Herman O. - Lillian L.
Martin, Clinton
Maverick, Mary
Odom, Frances - Lucinda (...) - Thomas Lawson
Saathoff, Jacob - Mimke Mimken - Minnie
Schuchart, Christopher - Lee - Oscar Wurzbach - Tommy
Winkler, Edna (Saathoff)
Wurzbach, Emmett O. - Hulda

MILAM COUNTY

Evans, David - Kate - Susan
Friar, D.B.
Graham, Dora Virginia - Edward Wesley - John Peter [?] - L. F. -
Rebecca [?] - Sarah Elizabeth (...)
Janke, Leonard
Jensen, Ray
Looney, Annie Faye (...) - Edward Graham [pic p. 136] - Jno Pryor
Mercer, Mattie (Smith)
Mosely, Julia

Nisbett, Jeff Davis - Susan N. (Sanford)
Sanford, Ruben Henry - Susan Norwood
Smith, A.J. - C. Roy - James A. - John A. - Julia - Reuben A. -
W.B. - W.G.
Vinson, Susie (Smith)
Wiese, Mary (Smith)
Willingham, Amanda (Smith)
Young, Permelia

MILLS COUNTY

Boatright, Willaba
Hanna, Elizabeth (...) - Jesse P.
Jones, A.J. - J. Alton - J.M. [pic pp. 83, 136] - Polly (Hanna) -
Sarah (...)

MONTAGUE COUNTY

Bailey, Martha
Littell, George - Horace - Minnie (...)
Poynor, David L. - Jessie [male] - Josephine (...) - Robert - Wade
Tucker, Lou

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Arnold, Clarissa H. (...) - E.L.
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Davis, Amelia Jane - Hart - John F. - Martha Bowe - Nat Hart - Peter Willis
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Wood, William Baker

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Manning, James Ezra - James William - Robert Samuel
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Parmley, Becky (...) - E.M. - I.B. - L.V. - Margaret (...) - Ruby
(...) - W.J.
Parrish, Ada Julia
Sheppard, Mary Jane
Stanaland, Carolyn (Muckleroy) - Lenvel
Stewart, Norman [pic p. 82]
Tubbe, August - Maggie (...) - Mary (...) - W.P.

NAVARRO COUNTY

Applewhite, Mary E.
Barnes, Ashly
Browning, William
Hodge, Elizabeth - Elizabeth (...) - Fred - George - Henry Pope -
James - Joe - Lewis - Louise - Margaret - Otey - Persons -
Robert - Robert Ford - Robert Lewis - William
Pannill, Mary Page
Persons, Martha
Talley, Andrew - Betty - Crystal - Iva (...) - W.D. - Will B.

NEWTON COUNTY

Davis, Jane (Stark)
Hughes, Mozie Bell
Inman, Monroe - Thomas Hawley
Jones, Ethel (...)
Stark, Martha (...) - Matilda (...) - Queen Victoria - Wm. Hawley

PANOLA COUNTY

Allison, George T. - John - Robert
Butter, Betty (...) - John K.
Chadwick, Daniel - Effie (...) - Linwood - Martha (...)
Ellis, Nancy
Fite, Abraham Monroe - Eliza - Frank - Georgia - Joseph - Mary (...)
Hancock, Stella (Johnson)
Harrison, Sarah
Johnson, Caroline (...) - George Peter - Peter Lazarus - Samuel
Overall, Elizabeth
Page, Kinchan - Mattie (...) - R.B. - Serena (...)
Rogers, A.L. - Beaulah (...)
Thomas, Fannie (Butler) - O.S. - Omar [pic p. 134]

POLK COUNTY

Bond, Nancy
Burroughs, David - Sarah
Carr, John F.
Cornell, John
Darby, Alice - Augustus

Goen, Leona
Herndon, Sarah
Holcomb, Margaret Jane - Robert Nelson
Lilley, A.O. - Stella [pix p. 134]
Pierce, Alice
Rogers, R.H. - W.P.
Scurlock, Mary T.
Wheeler, Bytha - Hannah (...) - J.L. [pic p. 136] - Lavada - Martin
B. - Mellie - Stella - Stena - Winford

RAINS COUNTY

Bailey, Ida Lee
Burns, Emley
Dougherty, Henry Harrison - James - James W. - Robert Newberry "Pap"
[pic p. 104]
Goosby, Marguerite
Smith, Isabella

RED RIVER COUNTY

Ballard, Elizabeth
Giddens, Bob - Jesse - John - John Richard - Lula (...) - Sarah (...)
Hamilton, Alma - Augusta - Elizabeth (...) - Georgia - James M. -
Jane - John - Lela - Lucy - Marcus - Martha Jane - Mary - Robert S. - Robert W. - Rufus - Thomas S. - William Marcus
Hulen, Robert
McCarver, Annie (...) - Archie - Callie - Fannie - Florence - J.E. -
Joe - Joshua - Martin - Nannie - Willie
Newland, Martha
Thomson, Addie - Allie Mae - Bobbie Gammill - Florence - Jeanie -
Jim - Lela - Louise - Martha (...) [pic p. 104] - Mary - Sally -
Will - William Richard - Winnie (...)
Whiteman, Amos - Dora (...) - Elsa Irene - Herbert Loman - James Bedford - Katie Frances - Levi - Martha (...) - Mary La Nell -
Sarah (...) - Squire Loman - Winifred June
Woods, Georgia (Hamilton) - Richard Lee

REFUGIO COUNTY

Balsch, Catherine Hanselman
Bickford, Charles Ross - Herbert - Pelitiah
Connolly, Kate
DuBois, Laura Angelique
Fagan, Adelaide - Annie - Catherine Louise - Elizabeth - Faye Elizabeth - Francis [female] - Frederick William - James - John - Joseph - Margaret - Mary - Nicholas William - Oscar Gerard - Peter Edmund - Peter Henry - Thomas
Gamblin, Amye
Holeman, Rose Catherine (Warburton)
Kalweit, Bertha
Sideck, Anthony - Catherine L. (Fagan) - John

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Arnett, Elizabeth (...) - W.R. - William R.
Ellington, B.O. - Verna (...)
Fullerton, William
Kenner, Fannie (Wilson - Jim
Morgan, Travis T.
Ross, Buna - J.S. - Jerusha (...) - Lillie - Samuel H.
Thompson, John Adam - John H. - Martha (...) - Natie (...)
Wilson, Margaret H. (...) - Marianna (...) - Mary (...) - W.H.

RUSK COUNTY

Brown, Mary
Garrison, Adelle - Elizabeth (...) - John - Persis - Thomas Smith
Irwin, Bonnie - Cassie (...) - Emma - Grover - Howard - Ina - Inez -
Ira - James ("Little Jim") - James Newton - John Howard - Lena -
Mabel - Maude - Sid - Vera Lee - William
Kelly, Ida Ophelia (Phillips) - Joseph Clifton
McAnnulty, Edna
Phillips, Haden - Louise (...) - Sarah Ann (...) - Walter T. Colquitt
Pincham, Ann (Sanford) - Sanford
Rainbolt, Elizabeth (Sanford)
Robertson, Lena (...) - Leo
Sanford, Adelle (Garrison) - Ann M. - Charles Eugene - Elizabeth -
Gary B.
Shumate, Henrietta
Walker, Lillie Irene
Whitley, Bob - Mittie (Kelly)

SABINE COUNTY

Davis, Macie E.
Halbert, Rebecca F.
Head, Mary
Scott, Emily
Speights, Bradley - Buford - Dora - John Henry - John William -
Johnathon M.H. - Mermand - Orin - Sally - Tom Greene
Wilson, Sally

SAN AUGUSTINE COUNTY

Balch, William Alfred
Davis, Elias Kinchels - Ludwell
Hall, Amy - Henry Hudson - Leona

SAN JACINTO COUNTY

Carter, Aggie Mae - Appie - Bessie E. - Ed L. - Elizabeth (...) -
George H. - Harrison - Jennie (...) - Maggie L. - Margaret Eu-
genia (...) - Mittie - Pete C. - Phillip B. - Robert L. -
W.B. - W. Claude - W. Tom - William M.M. - Willoughby M.
Elmore, Frank Hill - Henry M. - Inez B. (...)
Garret, Nancy
Hill, Annie - Frank Pickens - John Calvin - Julia - McDowell -
Sarah (...) - William Traylor

Jones, Arnett - Caroline (...) - Elizabeth (...) - Frances Napoleon - Isaac - Lucy (...)
Richards, Caroline (...) - Charlie - D.S. - Dale - Elizabeth - Emily Willis - Fred - Henry - Joe - John P. - John T. - Lavanda (...) - Lewis - Louis L. - Nancy Jane (...) - V.F. - Virginia - Wain - William

SAN PATRICIO COUNTY

Collins, N.C.
Mahony, Beatrice Elizabeth Ada - John [pic p. 58] - Mary Elizabeth (...)
McCown, Hugh
Murphy, J.B.

SAN SABA COUNTY

Capps, John S. - Joyce [pix pp. 83, 135] - Ruth
Hayes, Dollie - Laura - Margaret Ann (...) - [pic p. 90] - William Lawrence

SHELBY COUNTY

Armanco, Jamima
Beckham, Aubrey
Bowlin, George Washington - James - Jeremiah - Nancy (...)
Brady, Charles U. - Elizabeth - March (...)
Bussey, Alice
Carroll, Minor David
Cash, Sarah E. (Goodwyn)
Creech, Aaron C. - Andrew - Charity S. (...) - Dora - John H. - Julia - Katherine - Lee - Martha (...) - Minnie - Willie Mae
Dorman, Dollie - Elizabeth - Emily - John - Mattie - Melisia - Willie Duke, Jodie
Goodwyn, Ann (Maning) - Molly (...) - T.R. Jr. - Thomas Richard
Gray, Ann
Green, John Perry - Juanita (Bowlin)
Greer, David C. - Frances (Williams) - John Alexander - L.V. - Mary
Hairgrove, Aurora Council - Bernie - Ima - J.S. - Joel Marion - Josie - Mamie - Maurine - Wilburn - Wm. Neal - Willie
Hamilton, Murle Elizabeth - W.A. - Zelda V.
Hunnicutt, Helen (McNeill)
Ingram, Margaret (McNeill)
Loving, Texanna (Goodwyn)
McNeill, C.S. - David T. - Ernest - James E. - Margaret (...) - Martha (Stanley) - W.E.
Newsome, Nellie (Wilson)
Rhodes, Juanita - Lydia (Bowlin) - Preston Bowlin - William Thomas
Sholar, David - Lela - Maggie - Mattie E. (Dorman)
Smith, Catherine (Watkins) - E.C. - Fannie (Samford) - Hugh - M.K.
Sorrell, James - Martha Jane Walker
Walker, Addie Lee - Altonie - Jessie - Marion L. - Nora - Sampson - Samuel E. - Samuel O. - Sarah Ann - Vessie
Waller, John F.

Wharton, Sara Ann
Whiddon, A.O. - Abner - Allie - Edd - Johnny - Mable (Cox) - Melissia (Dorman) - Orren - Richard - Viola - W.A.
Wilson, Henry - Henry J.

SMITH COUNTY

Bradford, Mary (...) - Robert L. - W.L. - William G.
Browning, Isaiah N. [pic p. 84] - John G. - Mary
Coker, L.F.
Moore, Clementine Bloomfield
Thompson, Bettie (Browning) - James G. - Mary
Woods, Addie (...) - Henry - Laura (...) - Nicholas - Patrick

TRAVIS COUNTY

Bohls, Catherine (...) - Emil H. - Julia (...) - William
Burleson, Edward, General - Lucinda
Carrington, W.H.D.
Fuchs, Blanche - Emmitt L. - Mildred - Milton - Vivian
Hornsby, Joseph - Malcolm Morrison - Margaret Adelia - Reuben - Sarah (Morrison) - William Watts
Jourdan, Frederick
Kruger, Calvin - Clara - Emma - Ernest - Frances - Frederick - Fredericka (...) - Herman - Hugh - Ida - Julia (...) - Olga (...) - William
Lange, Louise
Lisso, Carl - Caroline - Gertrude (...) - Henry - Hermina (...)
Pfluger, Albert - Amanda - Annie - Catherine - Edith - Ella - George - Gottlieb - Henry - John - Julia - Lucinda - Mary - Mildred - Minnie - Nora - Pearl - Sophie (...) - Wilhelmine (...) - Willard [pic p. 82] - William
Smith, Warren
Spalding, C.
Stenberg, Dorothea
Wolf, Anna Catherine (...) - Charles Mitchell - John [pic p. 52] - Rena (...)

VAN ZANDT COUNTY

McNeill, D.S. - J.C. - Lula (McPhail) - O.A. - R.L. - Sabrah - Sam L. - Sarah Clota
McPhail, Daniel McNeill - Isabella (Geddie) - Jock - Lem - Lula - Sam - Shad - Sis

VICTORIA COUNTY

Smith, Bird E. - E.H., Dr. - Elliott Sutherland - Mary C. (...)

WALKER COUNTY

Akin, Nancy Ellen - Ruth (Leakey) - Thomas
Cabiness, R.H.
Coburn, Wesley George
Cook, John William Washington - Nancy (...) - William A.
Koehl, Augusta M. - Charles John - Ira - Mary - Thomas William - William

Laskie, Beulah - Fred
Linder, Charlotte Elizabeth
Orsett, Baltazar
Wells, Scisley Ann

WALLER COUNTY

Blumberg, Annie - August - August Charlie - Augusta - Charley - Char-
line - Clara - Emily - Eustace - Louise - Marie (Timm) - Min-
nie - Wilbur - Will
Boulet, Virginia

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Carrington, John
Gatewood, Jane (Whitener)
Hinze, Andreas - Charles - Cristiane (Lindemann) - Elfon C. - Emma -
Johanna (Wetzel)-- Karl - Ottilie (Schroeder) - Roger - Wil-
helm/William - Willie
Hudson, O.
Lehmann, Albert C. - Julius - Otto - Sharlotte (Klatt) - Wilhelmine
(Rosenburg)
Newman, Eliza Jane - George Washington - Joel - John - Jonathan -
Mary (Harbour) - Mary Ann - Nancy - Thomas Jefferson - William
McElvee
Outlaw, L.B.
Smith, Mary Ethel (Whitener)
Trusdel - Mattie C.
Ullrich - Curlie - Erna - Evelyn (Mertz) - George Adam - Harry -
Henry C.A. - Louise (Spies) - Minnie (Bergmann) - Nola
Vick, Ura Lee (Whitener)
Whitener, Aaron Sherrill - Edward - George R. - Harry Edward - Har-
ry L. - Martha Jane (Quinn) - Mary Ellen - Mattie E. - Richard
I. - Thomas Oliver - William A.

WHARTON COUNTY

Duncan, Georgia (Bryson) - Green Cameron - Mary Jane (Bowie) - May
(Shelmire)
Harrison, Burr Albert, Col. - Mary (...)
Stafford, Julia (Harrison) - William Maner

WILLACY COUNTY

Alexander, Marion
Campusano, Pedro Felix
Cavazos, Jorge - Jose Narciso - Maria Ygnacia
Dougherty, James R., Judge
Garcia, Isabel (Yturria) - J.A. - M.E. - M.F. - Maria de Rosario -
Miguel A.
Garza, Guadalupe - Juan
Hinojosa, Juan Jose - Juanita
King, Richard, Capt.
Martinez, Domingo
Simo, Arthur - Juana (Garza)

Smith, Marion (Yturria) - Ray
Trevino, Felicitas
Yturria, Daniel - Fauste - Francisco - Herminio - Isabel

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Atkin, S.T.
Frazier, Mary "Mollie" E.
Love, Elizabeth - James Monroe - Joseph Hutch - Martha Jane (...) -
Mary Rebecca - Nora E. - Robert Dixon - Robert Milton
Mason, Alf - C.C. - Eliza Elizabeth (Yett) - John D. - Sallie
Matthews, Emma (...) - John G. [pic p. 82] - Joseph Neely - Le-
anorah (...)
Ramsour, Ann (Corpening) - Anna - Charles - Daniel Forney - Jack -
Jessie - John Alexander - Lenora (Hamilton) - Mae - Mary -
Richard - William
Saul, Charles - Eugene - Henry - James - John - Louisa (Dawson) -
Louise (Menielle) - Mary Louisa - Melvina

WILSON COUNTY

Cotter, Hannah (Caler) - Stephen
May, Morris
Watkins, J.E.
White, K.B.
Wiley, Frank - Rhoda (Cotter)

WISE COUNTY

Brooks, Hustice
Guinn, Catherine (...) - George W. [pic p. 25] - Margaret - Polly
Mann, James
Smyer, Idella (Stevens)
Stevens, E.N. - J.W. - Polly (Guinn)
Thompson, Dave - David Baty - Nona (...)

WOOD COUNTY

Allen, Bessie (Jones) - M.W.
Cathey, Achsah (Johnson) - Benjamin Franklin - Bryan Howard - Camp-
bell - Gordon Russell - Horace - Lawson - Maud (Burchfield)
Hay, Elizabeth - James M. - Margaret (...)
Jones, Chester Judge - Garn - Jack - Jim - John Wesley - Manton
Wesley
McCoy, Edna (Jones)
Pynes, Maggie (Jones)
Reavis, Abbie (Jones)
Reinhardt, Alexander Sidney - Amelia Harriet - Lawson Alexander -
Mary Elizabeth (Emery) - Michael Allyn - Romulus Shuford -
Susan Maria
Steed, Lessie (Jones)
Watson, Sarah
Wilder, Zaline (Jones)

YOUNG COUNTY

Whiteley, Arrena (...) - Edwin - Emma (...) - Etheldred

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But many people have only limited time to spend in the library. When racing against the clock they don't want to be interrupted by overhearing the details of Cousin Emmy's baby's croup attack. They don't enjoy having their train of thought derailed by a full-voiced lengthy recital of the names and ages of Great-uncle Nathaniel's step-children, whom you have just brilliantly discovered on an 1850 census.

An occasional triumphal shout of "Eureka!" ["I have found it"] is not objectionable; in fact, it encourages the discouraged. But please, save the details for those who are researching the same family. If you discover something that might be of interest to genealogical researchers in general, write it up and submit it to the AGS Quarterly [2202 W. 10, Austin 78703] or to one published in the particular area of your find.

Meanwhile, as our English counterparts might advise us, we plead S.T.I.L.L.! -- "Softer Talking in Libraries, Luv!"

ELY HERITAGE

We have received notice of the Ely Heritage, a newsletter published quarterly for \$12. The editor, Theresa Ryan, writes that it contains a free query column, heraldry, abstracts of wills and deeds, ancestral charts, tombstone inscriptions, and family history with pictures. If interested in the Ely family, address her at 501 North Paradise Road, Aberdeen MD 21001.



THANKS to long-time AGS member DeWitt C. Nagues for donating a complete set of AGS Quarterly. To those of you who wish to bid on it: the line forms at 2504 Quarry Road, Austin 78703 (Betty McAnelly).



A VICTIM OF THE MIER EXPEDITION

Letters from and about Elijah R. Porter

General Introduction. Miss Sherry Porter, a librarian at U of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, has kindly contributed a typescript of some family letters and manuscripts. The second and longer portion consists of reminiscences which identify Elijah R. Porter. It is believed that his middle name was Reese, as his great-grandfather was Rees Porter.

Since the first set of letters required so much annotation, the family history will be reserved for publication in our next issue.

Historical Background [once over very lightly!]. In the fall of 1842, President Sam Houston placed Brigadier General Alexander Somervell in charge of the militia and volunteers who had assembled at San Antonio to go on a punitive expedition after Mexican armies had made three predatory raids upon Texas in that year:

(a) On 5 March Rafael Vasquez seized San Antonio de Bexar and held it for two days;

(b) On 7 July Antonio Canales attacked Fort Lipantitlan on the Nueces River (but was repulsed);

(c) On 11 September Adrian Woll invaded San Antonio and carried off the District Court officials and many other prominent citizens (53 or 67 in all--accounts vary).

Nicholas Dawson of La Grange immediately raised a company to pursue the Mexican troops and rescue the captives, but they were defeated on 18 Sep 1842. About a dozen of Dawson's volunteers were captured and taken to Mexico; nine finally returned home.

When the Somervell Expedition reached Guerrero, Mexico, the general decided they were not strong enough to invade Mexico and ordered the troops to return to Gonzales. The Texans were so fired up that only 189 men and officers obeyed; about "308 men under five captains and commanded by William S. Fisher continued into Mexico on the Mier Expedition" (The Handbook of Texas).

After the disastrous Battle of Mier, 25-26 December, the Texian prisoners were marched zigzag across Mexico to Matamoros, Monterrey, Saltillo, Salado, some to San Luis Potosi, some to the Castle (Prison) of Perote in the state of Vera Cruz, some to Mexico City. From time to time, Mier prisoners were intermingled with Bexar and Dawson captives, and the statistical analyses in the appendix of General T.J. Green's book sometimes include names that are not on the roster of those 261 he recorded as having fought in the Battle of Mier.

Recommended Reading: Thomas J. Green's Journal of the Texian Expedition Against Mier, especially appendices; John Henry Brown's History of Texas, II:222-253; Seymour V. Connor's Adventure in Glory, 173-74, 183-88; AGS Quarterly, XV:106-07; The Handbook of Texas, see Adrian Woll, Black Bean Episode, Dawson Massacre, Mier Expedition, Perote Prison and Prisoners, Somervell Expedition, etc.

Title of Article which possibly was printed in a newspaper or a publication devoted to the early history of Texas. We have been unable to find it; possibly it was prepared for publication but not accepted. We would gladly give credit if we could. The typescript reads:

HISTORICAL REMINISCENCES

A Review of Times That Are Past But Live in
History--Prepared by J.B. Polley, (n 1)
Floresville, Texas

Following are two letters from Mier prisoners that have never been published. The originals, sadly worn and defaced, were sent to us by Mrs. E.H. Hardy of Kerrville, whose brother Elijah R. Porter was (n 2). Many thanks to her for her kindness. If others would but be as thoughtful many of the happenings of the past would be brought to light which otherwise will remain unknown. We copy the letters verbatim.

"Prison San Tiago (n 3), Mexico,
May 4, 1843

Dear Fáther & Mother:

I was taken prisoner on the 26th of December at Mier along with 252 (n 4) of my country-men, after a hard fought battle of twenty hours--their numbers is all that caused us to surrender--their [there] being some 3700 (n 5) mexicans from the best a/c we could get--we were marched from Mier (n 6) to Mattamoras--from their to Monterey--from their to Saltillo & from their to a rancho (n 7) 40 leagues (n 8) from Saltillo--where we charge[d] the mexican guard 240 strong and took their guns from them amd made our escape to the mountains (n 9)--but being without water for 6 days our men nearly dead was compelled to surrender again to a large mexican force that had followed without the firing of a gun--several of our men died for want of water, the balance not able to raise a gun to shoot with, we were marched back after our surrender to the place where we broke [out of prison, i.e., Salado] and every Tenth man shot for said offence (n 10) which out of 176 men 17 fell victim to mexican barbarity. amongst the victims you know is Mack Thompson - Christopher M. Roberts -- the balance from our neighborhood (n 11) that is here are Wiley Jones, Boswell, Sullivan, Humphreys, Moore, Thomas A. Thompson, McFall, Cam Davis, Philips we are all in good health. the Foreign Ministers (n 12) can do nothing for us altho they are trying to do something--we expect to be chained in pairs and made work on the streets of this city (n 13)-- we arrived here on the 26th of April--their is 149 American prisoners here and about 65 at a place called Periota in the mountains--Col Fisher & Gen Green (n 14) are at Perota--we have been treated at this place Tolerably well--as respects living, some better than we fared on the road--the Foreigners in this place do all they can for us, such as giving us clothes &c--for we were nearly naked when we got here. This country is on the eave of a revolution--Federation is gaining ground--Nothing more

Your Affectionate Son
Elijah R. Porter"

"City of Mexico--Sept. [rest illegible; probably 1844]"

Mr. John T. Porter.

Dear Sir: It has become my Imperative duty to your son Elijah Porter to inform you of his melancholy death on the 24th August last past (n 15), he died at the hospital in this city after a long illness of 18 days duration. His disease was Feaver and paid in his limbs which the doctors blistered (n 16), which caused mortification [gangrene?] to take place. He died as a man and a soldier believing in future happiness & the immortality of the soul, much and painfully regretted by all his prison companions, regretted not only for his bravery but for his nobleness of mind and his generous heart. I will assure you my dear friend that no one has ever been more lamented than the deceased by his comrades as well as the foreigners in this city. He was burried in the English burrying ground amongst his other companions of which we have lost some 15 since our arrival here. May he who rules & governs the universe take him to him; he has gone to that boone [bourne] from whence the traveler returns no more, though not without the aid of clergy. A minister (n 17) attended him in his illness. I remain yours respectfully

P. M. Maxwell."

On the back of the foregoing letter is written the following:

"We are still in chains coupled together and badly treated, compelled to work on the public streets of this city and but poorly fed. There is some talk of our being liberated on the 16th (n 18) of the present month, but this nation is so much in the habit of lying on all occasions, that we scarcely believe the report, all [altho?] we wish that it may be soon. out of 261 of us that crossed the Rio Grande there is 139 of us left, the balance having been lost or died in the mountains, 18 (n 19) shot by order of Government [President Santa Anna], and some 16 died in the hospital--so our little band has got very much reduced and I am thinking that there will be but few of us left should we remain Prisoners much longer. The balance of the Milam county boys are all well. Jones, Moore, Sullivan, Davis, Boswell, Philips [Phelps?] send you their best regards. I have no more to write. I remain yours truly

P. M. Maxwell"

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NOTES

1. Joseph Benjamin Polley (1840-1918), born in Brazoria Co, TX, resided at Cibolo and Floresville, Wilson County. He served in Hood's Texas Brigade in Civil War; was an attorney and a representative in Texas Legislature. He wrote two books and was a frequent contributor to Confederate Veteran. He married Mattie LeGette.

2. Emily H. Porter was born about 1831 to John Thomas and Persia A. (Roberts) Porter of Maury Co, TN. Her brother Elijah R. Porter was born 1821/22 and died 24 Aug 1844 (or 1843?). In Gen-

eral Green's book he is shown as "Elisha"; in Brown, William and Margaret (Peggy Fleming), Descendants of he is #552.

3. Santiago (Saint James) was possibly a prison in Mexico City but could be a small town--there are several on the map, just as there are at least three named Matamoros. Nearest Mexico City is Villa de Santiago in the state of Guanajuato. The prisoners were first marched to Matamoros in Tamaulipas.

4. General Green's Journal names 261 who fought in the battle; 10 were killed in it. About 42 men were left in camp across the Rio Grande and escaped capture after the battle.

5. The Handbook of Texas says they were outnumbered "almost ten to one," which would be nearer 2500 Mexicans. But Porter's exaggeration was a modest one compared to the kind often circulated by defeated soldiers.

6. Mier in the state of Tamaulipas is south of the Rio Grande nearly opposite Roma in Starr County, Texas.

7. On the road to San Luis Potosi was a rancho called Hacienda Salado, containing a small village which serviced the large estate, what might be called the ranch headquarters.

8. The old Spanish land league was 2.63 miles.

9. The attack was made 11 Feb 1843; five Texians killed.

10. The infamous Black Bean Episode occurred on March 25th.

11. "Our neighborhood" was Milam and surrounding counties such as Montgomery, Robertson and Washington. Many present-day neighboring counties had not yet been cut out of Milam and Montgomery.

MEN FROM MILAM COUNTY who, according to General Green, fought in the Battle of Mier:

Alexander, W.A. - fate not recorded in Green's Journal.

Bideler, John - was left wounded at Mier and recovered enough to escape, so he was not imprisoned.

Boswell, Ransom - fate not recorded.

Chalk, Winfield [Whitfield in Handbook, q.v.] - escaped from Mier on the evening of the capitulation (surrender), 26 Dec 1842.

Davis, Campbell - from Washington County; fate unknown.

Hugh, Frank - no further data.

Humphries, J.J. - released by Mexican Government 16 Sep 1844; left Vera Cruz [now Veracruz] in the schooner Creole on the 22nd, arriving at New Orleans about the 5th of October.

Jones, Wiley - escaped from the Castle (Prison) of Perote 25 March 1844 and reached home safely.

Lyons, Patrick - fell at Salado (alongside Dr. Richard Fox Brenham) in the attack on the guards and Mexican cavalry 11 Feb 1843.

Maxwell, P.M. - from Liberty County; released 16 Sep 1844 and sailed from Veracruz to New Orleans on the Creole - see Humphries.

McFall/M'Fall, Samuel - released as above.

- Moore, William H. - either he or William Moore of Fort Bend County escaped from the Prison of Perote 25 March 1844 but was recaptured. [They dug a 40-foot shaft straight down, then tunneled under a wall to get out of the castle--a really heroic effort which took 40 nights, using spoons; nearly asphyxiated by gas.]
- Oldham, William - one of "Those who effected their Escape from the Mountains [Sierra Madre Oriental] after the Victory of Salado [11 Feb 1843], and arrived Safely in Texas."
- Phelps, Orlando - Since the book does not show a "Philips" or "Phillips" who fought at Mier, this man from Brazoria County might have been Elijah Porter's friend. Dr. James Aeneas E. Phelps had saved Santa Anna from suicide after his capture at the Battle of San Jacinto, so the Mexican president returned the favor by releasing his son in the spring of 1843.
- Phillips, James - not on list of those who fought at Mier--may have been a Bexar or Dawson prisoner. He is on list of "Mier Prisoners who were released [16 Sep 1844] by Mexican Government."
- Pierson, John Goodloe Warren [see Handbook] - came to Texas 1824; in 1835 represented Milam County at the Consultation; "in 1836 moved to Grimes County" [N.B.: Grimes was not taken from Montgomery County until 1846]; on release from Perote Prison returned to his home in Grimes County where he died in 1849. Green's Journal (pp. 88-90) says "Capt. I.G.W. Pearson's Milam company" were on the left wing in stone buildings at the storming of Mier. He was among those released 16 Sep 1844.
- Porter, Elijah R. - listed as Elisha in General Green's Journal, in the category "died from Suffering and Starvation." As evidenced in Maxwell's letter, he died in a Mexico City hospital 24 Aug 184(4?). "Last past" might mean a year ago, but it is unlikely that Maxwell would wait a year to write the parents, and his expectation of being released soon fits in with the actual date that it occurred, 16 September 1844.
- Roberts, Christopher M. [letter] or Charles or C. [book] - drew a black bean and was shot 25 March 1843 at Hacienda Salado (40 leagues from Saltillo on the road to San Luis Potosi).
- Scott, William Y. - fate not mentioned in Green's book, which does say there were several Texian prisoners in Mexico still.
- Sullivan, Daniel C. - released in the general release 16 Sep 1844.
- Thompson, Mack - J.M.N. in Green's Journal, but J.N.M. in the Handbook account of "Black Bean Episode." [I suspect his given names were James McNair or some such combination, since his nickname was Mack.] He was in the group that Green called the decimated 17: 10% of 170-odd who overcame the guards at Salado but were recaptured and shot as punishment for escaping.
- Thompson, Thomas A. - released by Mexican Government 16 Sep 1844; returned to New Orleans on the Creole.

12. Her Britannic Majesty's ministers Richard Pakenham and Capt. Charles Elliott; U.S. Minister to Mexico Gen. Waddy Thompson; General Andrew Jackson, John Q. Adams, Mahlon Dickerson of New Jersey, and "many members of the United States Congress" were instrumental in freeing some of the prisoners.

13. Brown's History of Texas (II:248) says: "The prisoners arrived in the city of Mexico on the 25th of April [...and were] made to transport sand to the grounds of Santa Anna's palace in Tacubaya... until March 12th, 1844, when they [some of them?] were taken to Perote, about 150 miles distant on the route to Vera Cruz...."

14. Col. William S. Fisher was elected commander of the expedition after General Somervell turned back. Thomas Jefferson Green, who had been commissioned brigadier general in the Texas Army, was appointed commander of the flotilla of boats which transported the troops down the Rio Grande from Guerrero towards Mier.

15. Presumably he meant "just past," but the addition of "last" raises the question: Did he mean last year? However, internal evidence indicates that it was 1844.

16. A then common medical procedure, as with a mustard plaster.

17. Very likely it was a Roman Catholic priest, which Maxwell was reluctant to tell the staunchly Presbyterian parents! However, since there were enough English there to have their own cemetery, perhaps they had Protestant ministers also.

18. The 16th of September (Diez y seis) is Mexico's Independence Day, which would be an appropriate time to free the prisoners. On the other hand, Brown's History (II:249) states that their liberation resulted from the dying request of Santa Anna's wife. The Mexican Government released 105 prisoners on 16 Sep 1844.

19. A month after the ill-fated 17 were shot, Captain Ewen Cameron faced a firing squad by personal order of Santa Anna on the 25th of April 1843.



PUTTING ON HEIRS -- Said of people who claim to be direct descendants of George Washington.

TAPS SOUNDED FOR "TEXAS VOLUNTEER
UNITS IN THE MEXICAN WAR 1846-48"

In the December 1978 issue of AGS Quarterly we started publishing service records of Texas Volunteer Units in the Mexican War. An AGS member, Podie Ligon, copied them from the microfilm and your editor looked for each soldier on the 1850 censuses of Texas, printing the data of the families of men who seemed likely to be the former soldiers.

There are 19 rolls of microfilm of the military records (which are in the National Archives), and we have printed 19 installments of varying lengths, only getting through the L's of First Regiment, Texas Foot Riflemen, on Roll #6.

The search of the filmed censuses became too much of a strain on my eyes, and Mrs. Ligon seems to have moved away, so it was with relief that I learned that Charles D. Spurlin of Victoria College (Victoria, Texas) has compiled these rolls into a 275-page book, produced by Ingmire Publications, 10166 Clairmont Drive, St. Louis MO 63136 (\$2 + \$20 for softbound, \$27 for hardbound).

The title, Texas Veterans in the Mexican War, irks me because most of the men were not veterans but soldiers when the muster rolls were made up. (Some were veterans of the Texas War for Independence, the Texas Rangers, possibly the War of 1812, of course.) But I heartily recommend the book as a fine research tool. The alphabetizing is by companies rather than by regiments as we were doing (since that's the way they appear on the film), which is a refinement made possible by the use of computers, no doubt.

So, with the ghostly notes of Taps echoing over the hills of Austin, we bid farewell to our project, glad that these long-dead volunteers are now at rest in one place, accessible to researchers!

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Mrs. Bonnie (Ramey) Stockebrand

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amassing real estate became a hobby and, in a few years, she had built up a creditable stake of such in Austin.

Bonnie's last years were spent in caring for her husband whose health necessitated constant attention. Here she showed her utmost devotion; here she gave a truly sacrificial service.

To know Bonnie was to love her, to admire her. We of Austin Genealogical Society are truly diminished by our loss.

--Lois Stoneham

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Book Reviews

SOME TENNESSEE HEROES OF THE REVOLUTION by Zella Armstrong. Chattanooga TN, 1933; reprinted 1975 by Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc at Baltimore. 162 + iv pp.; hardbound; facsimile of printer's type; index.

Some Tennessee Heroes of the Revolution, Compiled from Pension Statements, originally appeared as five pamphlets, the last four in smaller print than the first.

The Foreword explains the respective requirements of the 1806, 1818, 1832 and 1840 pension laws, as well as the types of information to be found in pension applications.

As Zella Armstrong, well-known researcher of Tennessee history and genealogy, points out, Tennessee was not a state during the Revolution, so veterans who later lived there are usually credited to the states from which they served. Some of these veterans resided in Tennessee more than half their lives, so the compiler felt they should be considered Tennessee heroes.

Starting with Pamphlet No. III, Ms. Armstrong concluded each with "Records of some Revolutionary pensioners who did not live in Tennessee but who have Tennessee descendents [sic] or some other Tennessee interest." These are indexed separately. Index references are to the Pamphlet, not the page number in this book.

Arranged alphabetically (almost) under the veterans' names in capital letters, the sketches show in what Tennessee county the man or his widow applied for a pension, and when. Names of his commanding officers, battles or campaigns he participated in, names of wives and children, birth and death dates, and changes of residence are usually given.

Ms. Armstrong did not hesitate to plug some of her own books as reference--an author's privilege! But the reader can be grateful to her for supplying interesting footnotes from her extensive knowledge of early Tennessee families, even if it is undocumented.

A decidedly worthwhile book to browse in, but a serious researcher should personally examine any pertinent applications. This reviewer noticed several typographical errors--wrong century, name spelled two different ways, and other errors typical of a newspaper printing plant.



A BEDWELL FAMILY (c) 1982 by Larry King, author & publisher. Clothbound; enamel paper; 7 x 10"; vi + 377 pp.; 49-page index; one-page bibliography; 143 portraits (some are groups). Price \$25 (+ 6% tax for Tennesseans) from author at "Longview Acres," 100 Longview Dr., Hendersonville TN 37075.

A Bedwell Family records fourteen generations from Robert Bedwell of St. Giles Parish, Cripplegate, London, who received a land grant in old Rappahannock County, Virginia, in 1662.

There is a separate chapter for each generation, comprising only two or three pages each for the 1st through 5th and the 13th and 14th generations. An interesting statistical survey precedes the biographies of each generation, a resume covering places of residence (hence migration patterns), range of birth years, education, occupations, and military service.

The concise biographies are in two columns and employ every conceivable abbreviation. This reviewer could wish that Mr. King had used the familiar b, d, and m, because his capital B, D, M, and L [lives or lived] often have the deceptive appearance of initials when they follow proper names. Another idiosyncrasy is his use of the slash: sometimes it means "or," sometimes "and," and sometimes--who knows what? (e.g., between "s" and "o" for "son of"). His writing style could use more attention to spelling (e.g., volumn, preceeding, and so on).

But his numbering system has several good points. It shows the generation, followed by a hyphen and the number of that biography in the chapter. The children of one father are not always numbered consecutively, which those who have experienced the frustrations of compiling a genealogy can understand...late arrival of data. Apparently he did not assign a number to a child for whom he had no statistical data, just a name. If such data was received later, that child was given the next vacant number in the chapter of his generation--a convenient solution to the problem. Since each sketch begins with the individual's number, his name in bold caps, and then "s/o 6-12 John Bedwell", the subject is easily oriented in the preceding generation.

It must have been quite a task to figure out that the book contains 3,760 biographies and 15,770 names in the index. That section is printed in smaller type, in four columns, but is quite legible because each individual is on a separate line. There are no page numbers, only the identifying number of the person: generation followed by sequence of sketch in that chapter. For a husband you are referred to his wife's name, if she is the descendant.

This is a really superior family record of the latter generations, though it is weak in early records and traditions. It includes nicknames, hobbies, occupations, political and religious affiliations, education, present residences, etc. The enamel paper makes the photographs uncommonly clear.

Larry King is the author of Blue Ridge Mountain Kinfolks and Keith Kinfolks, and is preparing a Rector Family History. See our "Happy Hunting Ground" for details.

AN 1800 CENSUS FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, GEORGIA, compiled by Frank P. Hudson. Paper; 6 x 9; 135 pp.; index; bibliography; maps, etc. Price \$6 + \$1 shipping for first book, 25¢ for additional. Address: R.J. Taylor Jr. Foundation, Box 38176, Capitol Hill Sta, Atlanta GA 30334.

This substitute for the 1800 Federal census was constructed from tax digests et cetera. Included are an essay on the early history and the militia districts of Lincoln County (cut from Wilkes in 1796); abstracts of data from 1801 and 1802 tax digests, index to residents, based on the tax digests, lists of defaulters published in contemporary newspapers, and so on.

Four maps show changing boundaries of militia districts 1796-1830, as well as a list of captains of said districts.

This book has been favorably reviewed in Georgia Historical Quarterly and in Branches and Twigs (Genealogical Society of Vermont).



CENSUSES FOR GEORGIA COUNTIES: TALIAFERRO 1827, LUMPKIN 1838, CHATHAM 1845, Taylor Foundation Publications, 1979. Paperbound; 8½ x 11"; 57 pp.; index; contemporary maps. Price & address as above.

The census of Taliaferro County taken in 1827 was a school census containing approximately 380 names of heads of households. The state census of Chatham County presents more than 2,600 names from eight districts.

The 1838 state census of Lumpkin County shows only 465 names but is "a promising place to search for 'missing persons' who may have participated in America's first gold rush near Dahlonega."

This fine resource book has been recommended by Genealogical Library Quarterly, North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, and the well-known Kenn Stryker-Rodda in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record.



MANY THANKS to all who contributed toward making our 1984 workshop the outstanding success that it was. Congratulations and compliments to those responsible!

ACADIAN DESCENDANTS, Volume V, by Janet B. Jehn. Privately published; c 1984. vii + 259 pp.; 8½ x 11"; soft cover, perfect binding; full-name index. Available at \$18.50 from Acadian Genealogy Exchange, 863 Wayman Branch Road, Covington KY 41015.

The subtitle, A TREE OF FORESTS, certainly piques one's curiosity, which is satisfied by the clarification: "A Genealogy of Two of the Children of Michel Forest and Marie Hebert." A very clever twist!

To one who has not seen the preceding volumes, page 1 looked as formidable as an example page from a computer manual does to a novice. But page iv explains the complicated numbering (c-1-a-2-c-1-d) of the descendants, and page v clarifies the arcane place-name abbreviations.

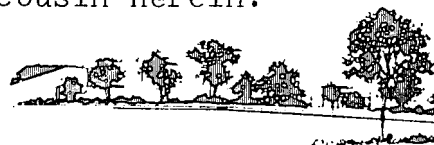
The two-page Foreword is a superficial summary of the ancestors of Marie Hebert, admitting that more research is still to be done. (That is always a wise plan, if you're young enough to publish more books, for in that way you may get distant cousins to help with the research.) As with most surnames, especially Continental ones, many variations of spelling make it difficult to trace a given family with assurance.

But in her book Mrs. Jehn has employed two exceedingly clever and helpful devices to guide the reader through the maze of letters, numerals, and staggering indentations. First, on the left margin of each page, in small type, she shows the progenitor couple of this branch (III. Etienne Hebert and Marie Ann Gaudet), followed by the pertinent descendants down through the parents of the first person (in normal typewriter type) on the page. Second, "To help place family groups geographically, I have placed the appropriate Acadian flag alongside that group" -- the true Acadian flag for those who stayed in the North, the Louisiana Acadian flag for those who went to that state, and the French flag for those who remained in France after 1755.

Although the flyer reads "fully indexed," only the persons are indexed, not places or topics. But the index is well done, except that more cross references are needed (such as GAUDIN - see GODIN), and that some odd-numbered pages were typed so close to the gutter that the surnames got caught in the binding. Most of us know how easy it is to forget to change the margin set when we start a new page!

Ten pages of Bibliography and Notes, a lineage chart, and two French songs (with music) embellish this book, which is defined as "an expansion of a section of Acadian Descendants II" and will be continued in Volume VII.

It should be of interest to all who have any Acadian/Cajun ancestors, as Mrs. Jehn says "All Acadians are related!" The compiler guarantees that you will find at least one cousin herein.



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) BACHELOR/BATCHELOR_EVANS_PRIDGEN. Seeking verification of Bachelor-Pridgen intermarriage data. David and Amey (Evans)Pridgen were parents of Abijah who m. Sarah Batchelor, dau of Stephen Barchelor (b. ca 1730) & Margaret ---. Abijah & Sarah (Batchelor) Pridgen had dau Zillia Ann (1810 NC - 1902 DeWitt Co, TX) who m. Reuben B. Batchelor (ca 1802 Nash Co, NC - 1853 Gonzales Co, TX).

Was Reuben's father Stephen Batchelor (b. ca 1752) the son of said Stephen & Margaret? Need data on Stephen Jr.'s wife, Sally/Sara.

(B) BACHELOR/BATCHELOR_HENDERSON_RUSSETT. Charles Sanphord Russett (1836 PA - 1918 OK) had father b. Germany, mother b. NJ. In 1868, Charles m. Emma Bachelor (1844 Nash Co, NC - 1913 Hess, Jackson Co, OK). Their son Sanphord [a family name?] Marion Russett (1871 Victoria TX - 1933 Hess OK) m. Sarah Pearl Henderson (1878 Brown Co, TX - 1902 Hess OK Territory). Would like to exchange data.--Mrs. Dixie (Hooper) Shaw, 3532 W. Louisiana State Dr., Kenner LA 70065.

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BROWN_STEVENS_WHITEHEAD. Sarah Anna Whitehead (b. 8 Feb 1837 KY) m. Thomas A. Stevens 23 Dec 1855, prob. on Indian Hill or Madisonville OH. Seeking information on her parents, Lot Whitehead & --- Brown.-- Myron Bush Stevens, 6124 Walnut St, Kansas City MO 64113.

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(A) BROWN_HUBBARD_MARET. Tracing parents of Alvah Maret (1803 KY - 1880 MO) who m. Permelia Hubbard. His father, Capt. Stephen Maret, b. 1751 (Where?) d. 26 Dec 1816 (Garrard Co, KY) m. ca 1781 (Randolph Co, NC) Margaret Brown (b in May 1766; d. 10 Jly 1840, Garrard Co, KY). Her parents: John Brown & Margaret ---; need details.

(B) GAY_HARROD_MOORE. James Moore m. Frances Gay; dau Sarah was 2nd wife of John Harrod who emigrated from England and died in 1754. John's father: James Harrod. Any information gratefully received.

(C) BROWN_COLE_DORSEY_KEARNEY_LINDSAY. Seeking possible connection between two Lindsay lines: (i) John Lindsay (will 1823) m. Sarah Kearney & had son John James Philip Lindsay (1808-1852), who m. Amelia Ann Brown in Maury Co, TN. (ii) Samuel & Elizabeth (---) Lindsay had son Anthony (b. 1705 London, England) who m. Alice ---. 3rd Generation: Anthony Lindsay Sr. (1736-1808 KY) m. Rachel "Nellie" Dorsey (1737 MD - 1805 KY). 4th Generation: Anthony Lindsay Jr. (1767-1831 KY) m. Alice Cole (1769-1848). 5th Generation: Sarah "Sallie" Lindsay (1802 KY - 1851 MO) m. James Cole (1801 KY - ante 1834 KY).--Tom Strader, Drawer X, Morgan City LA 70380.

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BARRENTINE_BROWN_MILLER_RAINY_SMITH_TIMMONS_WILSON. Seeking ancestry of William Handy Brown (b. 1825 GA; d. 1856) who m. 1st in GA 5 May 1847 Mary Ann Barrentine (b. 1824 GA). His parents said to be William Brown & Ruth Smith; hers: Jacob Barrentine (ca 1797-1845) & Elizabeth Miller (b. 1802 GA).

Son of Wm. Handy Brown was John R(ober?) Brown (1852-1898) who m. in Hamilton Co, FL Americus "Meck" Jane Rainey (1852-1941). Their dau Nebraska Brown (1882 FL - 1948 FL) m/1 Julius Edgar Timmons; m/2 Jim Wilson; m/3 ? Have other data to exchange. -- Mrs. Deloyce T. Conrad, Friedinger Strasse 6, 8031 Seefeld, West Germany.

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(A) BROWN_SIMS. Seeking parents of James Andrew Brown (b. ca 1838 SC) & wife Emma Sims (b. 1847 TX). Her mother Sarah b. ca 1810 TN; father b. MO; brother Avery Lince Sims b. 1834 TN. James Andrew Brown came to Texas 1857; was farmer & teamster; served in Co. B, 12th Texas Cavalry, CSA; m. 1867/68. Lived in Williamson Co, TX 1867-1890; in 1888 applied for pension from Rockdale, Milam Co, TX. Floods in 1900 drove them to Eastland Co, TX; buried in Pioneer Cemetery. [N.B.: Conflicting information sent in. Editor]

(B) BROWN_COATS_CROSSLAND_ROGERS. Children of above couple: (1) Iva (b. 1868/69 at Rice's Crossing, Williamson Co, TX) m. Lemuel Hiram Crossland in 1894; 5 children (whom I can name); resided in Milam & Collingsworth cos, TX. (2) Boy who was stabbed by unknown murderer in childhood. (3) James Bartlett (b. 1877) m. Fannie Coats in 1896 in Cameron; 8 children; resided Little River, Pioneer; d. at Rising Star, Eastland Co, TX. (4) Son Rossey. (5) Lula (b. 1881 at Rice's Crossing) m. George Thomas Rogers, 1896, Milam Co; 8 children; buried at Sweetwater, Nolan Co, TX. Will gladly exchange information. --Corine Thomas, 2501 Avenue B, Brownwood TX 76801.

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FISHBACK_RECTOR. John Jacob Rector & wife Elizabeth Fishback came from Trupbach, Germany to Germanna, Virginia in 1714. [Ed. note: There was no united Germany then; your family tradition may refer to some Germanic state.] Their sons were John, Henry, Harmon & Jacob, from whom most Rectors in America descend. A Rector Family History is being compiled, and all descendants are requested to send details of their ancestry for inclusion.--Larry King, 100 Longview Drive, Hendersonville TN 37075.

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(A) BISSETT_BONNEY_GILMORE_HARMON_JETER_KELLEY_WILSON_WOOD_YOUNG.-- DESPERATE: Need parentage, any info on Franklin Fraz(i)er Wood (b. 1810 GA or TN) m. 1833 Sarah Ann Wilson (b. 1816 GA). Issue: Sarah Ann Hasseltine m. Robert L. Young; Susan Abigail m/1 Dr. John T. Harmon, m/2 Wm. H. Kelley; Wm. Benjamin m. Eliza Jeter; Frazer Franklin m. Caroline Jane Gilmore; James Madison; Emma Eugenia m. A.G. Bonney; John m. Nellie M. Bissett. Gladly pay charges.

(B) CAMERON_LAWRENCE_McIVER_RUSSELL_WIL(L)SON_WOOD.-- HELP! Need

parentage of Benjamin H. Wil(l)son (b. ca 1780's, d. 1849, Coosa Co, AL) m. Susannah Cameron (b. 1791 SC). Issue: Benjamin F. m. Elva ---; Thomas H. m. Eluzia ---; John G. m. Caroline McIver; Sara Ann m. Franklin Frazer Wood; Susan Elizabeth m. Micajah N. Lawrence; Virginia Emeline m. James M. Russell. Will reimburse for copying & postage.-- B. JoAn Dreahn, 1005 Minnesota, South Houston TX 77587.

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KONECNY_VASEK.--Hermina Konecny, b. 1876 in Czechoslovakia, married Frank Vasek in 1899, Fayette Co, TX; d. October 1967 in Eastland Co, TX. Children included Frantiska (Frankie), Vaclaf (Wesley), Wilhelmina (Minnie), Bedrich (Fred), Raymond, Agneska (Inez), Vandelina (Vada), Andelina (Angie), Mariye (Marie), & Stefana (Steva). Need information about Hermina's parents. Contact: Kathryn Little, 8505 Lora Linda Drive, Austin TX 78753.

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BROWN_CRANE. David Brown b. ca 1757 SC; d. 1851/2 TX. Said to have fought in both American Revolution and Texas Revolution [Ed. note: at the age of 79?] He came to Texas in 1832. Son Taylor Brown Sr. (born in Georgia) came to Rusk Co, TX in 1838 to find land; moved the family here from Talladega AL in 1840. His son Taylor Brown Jr. was father of my mother, Lucy Brown, who m. Dr. J.B. Crane. Seeking any further details.--Mrs. Kenneth Wickham, 1217 East Houston Street, Kilgore TX 75662.

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[Editor's Note: If you're wondering why there are so many BROWN queries, the answer is that they come from people inquiring about my book, Brown, William & Margaret (Peggy Fleming), Descendants of. I hope there is no objection to this free plug, as the queries benefit our query page.]

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HARDY_HUMPHREYS_PETTUS_PORTER_ROBERTS_TAYLOR.-- Tracing offspring of John Thomas Porter (b. ca 1799 in Maury? Co, TN) and wife Persia A. Roberts (b. ca 1807, Maury Co, TN). Need dates and places of death of both, probably in Texas, as they settled here in 1836. Children: (1) Elijah Roberts? (b. 1821/22 TN; d. 24 Aug 1844 in Mexico); (2) Isaac or Alexander Newton (killed by a horse?); (3) William Jefferson (d. August 1907, Karnes Co, TX) m. Mary Pettus (12 children); (4) Emily H. (b. 28 Aug 1831, Madison Co, TN) m/1 Josiah Taylor (5 children); m/2 --- Hardy; lived in Kerr Co, TX in 1908; (5) Jane E. (b. TN) m. George Humphreys (6 children) resided near Medina, Bandera Co, TX; (6) John T.--murdered by Mexican bandits near the border in mid or late 1800s; (7) Daughter? Any help appreciated.--Mrs. H.H. Rugeley, 2202 W. 10, Austin 78703.

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The History of William STILES

14 November 1810 - 24 December 1883

William Stiles, the son of John and Margaret (Lynch) Stiles of Laurens County, South Carolina, was born on 14 November 1810. When he was nine years old, he moved with his parents to Lincoln County, Tennessee where his father purchased land on the Elk River near the vicinity of Robinson Creek and Tucker Creek. His father died in the fall of 1825, leaving a sizeable estate to be divided among his widow and children. William received one hundred thirty acres of land and monies as his share of his estate and his brother, Francis Seaborn, also sold him the one hundred forty-two acres of land that he had received from the estate.

By age twenty he had married Piety Ellis, who was born 18 November 1810, probably in the state of Tennessee, and in 1830 the couple were living adjacent to his mother on the land that he had inherited from his father. Over the next five years three of their children were born, John William, William Sanders, and Martha E.

William sold his land in Lincoln County, Tennessee and moved to Missouri as the family was living in Campbell Township, Greene County, Missouri in 1836 when their daughter Margaret was born. By the year 1850 there were six more children in the family, Seaborn, Jesse, Joseph W., and Mary Jane ("Jenny"-married Edward LaRue and J. W. Clark), and Samuel Taylor ("Nick"-married Frances Howard).

He and his family left the state of Missouri shortly after 1850. Although it is not known, perhaps they joined with a wagon train and followed portions of the old Southwest Trails that cut through Missouri and Arkansas connecting with other trails that ended up in Texas far to the south. In 1851 he purchased rich "black prairie" land on Gilleland Creek in Travis County about twelve miles north-east of Austin, Texas and settled here. He bought the land from John Williamson Wear, who later became his son-in-law when he married his daughter Margaret. Two more children were born to William and Piety, a daughter Matilda Louise (married Jacob M. Harrell) and a son Thomas Haines. In 1858 his daughter Margaret Stiles Wear died, leaving three small children and William brought the grandchildren home to live with him and Piety. They were Susan Jane Wear (born in Williamson Co. and married Felix Grundy Bolding); William Green Wear (born in San Saba and

married Sarah Jane Boyd); and Elizabeth Wear (also born in San Saba), who married George Malcolm Loveless of Manor, Texas in 1877 and had a family of five children including a daughter, Delta Loveless (married Rollen Lee Fraize, born in KY.)

Over the years William acquired more land. He was a cattleman and a farmer. Cotton was one of the crops grown. A son Thomas Haines, who married and moved his family north to farm in Kansas, often spoke of his childhood days in Texas and helping out in his father's cotton field. In later years, William sold off most of his cattle and rented out his land.

The Civil War began in 1861 and it brought both problems and tragedy to this family, as it did for so many others. In 1863, all five of the older sons were caught in the fight and were serving in the Confederate Forces or local State Guard and Militia Units formed to protect their homes and property, thus leaving just two very young sons and one grandson at home. Of the five sons who served, John William, Jesse, Seaborn and Joseph W. were either killed or died of disease during the conflict. William Sanders, the only son to return home safely from the war, died in 1900 and is buried in the Conoley Cemetery in Milam County, Texas near Thorndale. The death of four sons was a tragic blow to the entire family, but it is said their mother, Piety, especially had difficulty accepting the loss.

William and his wife were prominent citizens of Travis County and he was a member of Parsons Masonic Lodge #22 A.F. & F.M. in Manor, Texas. In 1870, he donated one acre of land for one of the first schools in the community to be built. The school building, located just northwest of Manor, was constructed of rock and called the Gilleland Creek Academy. It was known much later as the Gregg School. By the early 1900's, as Sunday Church Services were being held in the school house, it became known as the "Rock Church" and a small cemetery was located close by. In 1910 the old rock building was torn down and a wooden frame building was erected on the site. The cemetery is all that remains today.

William Stiles died on 24 December 1883, at the age of seventy-three, and his wife, Piety, died a few years later on 23 May 1885. They are both buried in the Gregg School Cemetery, their graves marked by well-preserved headstone enclosed within an iron fence.

Today the descendants of William and Piety Ellis Stiles are widely scattered throughout the United States.

Submitted by: Ila A. TOOMEY WATTS (a great-granddaughter), Box 52, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805 and Dora Dean FRAIZE RUDD (a gg-granddaughter), 112 Live Oak Dr., Georgetown, Texas 78626.



THOMAS HAINES STILES
August 16, 1856 - February 11, 1911

Thomas Haines Stiles was born on August 16, 1856 in Travis County, Texas. He was the youngest son of William Stiles of South Carolina and Piety Ellis of Tennessee, prominent early-day settlers who immigrated to the area around 1850.

As a youth, he helped out on his father's ranch, which often included working in the cotton fields. He attended school in a three-room schoolhouse which was located about one mile from his home. The school, called the Gilleland Creek Academy and one of the first in the community, was built on one acre of land donated by his father for this purpose. The building was constructed of rock, had long, hard, rough benches and there were no desks.

In 1877, when he was in his late teens, Thomas bought fifty acres of land located on the waters of Mustang Creek in nearby Williamson County. In October of 1883, his father William Stiles deeded him another fifty-acre tract of land lying adjacent to the land that he had purchased a few years earlier. This second fifty-acre tract, along with monies received later on from his mother, was to be his allotted share of his father's estate as William Stiles died in December of 1883.

He met Lydia Almyra Comstock, the daughter of Charles and Mary (Gwin) Comstock and they were married on February 07, 1878. Lydia and her family had come to Travis County by covered wagon from Iowa in 1875. The couple spent their early days of marriage on his father's ranch where William continued to help out with the ranch work and Lydia, as told by herself many years later, was taught almost everything she knew about cooking by her mother-in-law.

Between 1879 and 1890, Thomas and Lydia were living on their own land near Taylor in Williamson County. There four of their five children were born, Charles Fremont(Charley), William Haines(Willie), Nellie Blanche and Harry Thomas.

His mother died in May of 1885 and shortly thereafter Thomas sold his land, left Texas and moved his family north to Kansas. There he bought a farm and he and his family moved into the existing one-room house on the property. The farm, although located near the town of Thayer in Neosho County, was situated just over the line in Wilson County. Their fifth child, a daughter, was born on November 10, 1891 and was given the name Mary Ada, but was more familiarly called by just her middle name Ada. In 1915, (Mary) Ada married James Toomey, the son of James Watson Toomey of Tennessee. They have two children.

Thomas farmed the land, growing soy beans, corn and castor beans which were dried with the aid of a fanning mill and often sold for profit. Kaffir corn, which grew particularly well in the area, was grown especially for animal fodder and the seed heads were fed to the chickens. Cattle, hogs and chickens were raised for family need. The family had a team of horses, "Molly" and "Daisy", to harness for work around the farm or to a spring-board wagon or buggy for family transportation.

A new two-story, three-bedroom house was built to replace the smaller one-room house that the family had been living in. The new house, which was built by Lydia's father Charles Comstock, had large rooms and covered porches on both the front and back, providing cooling shade in the summer heat and protection against inclement weather in the wintertime. The picturesque old house is still in use as a home today.

Thomas and Lydia were both members of the Christian Church and Lydia was actively involved in teaching Sunday School classes for many years. Their family Bible, a gift from Lydia's father, contains the recorded births, marriages and deaths in the family; some entrys were written in with "blueing", a liquid washday product not uncommonly used as a substitute for store-bought ink in that era. The Bible, well over one hundred years old today, has been handed down within the family and is in the possession of a grandson.

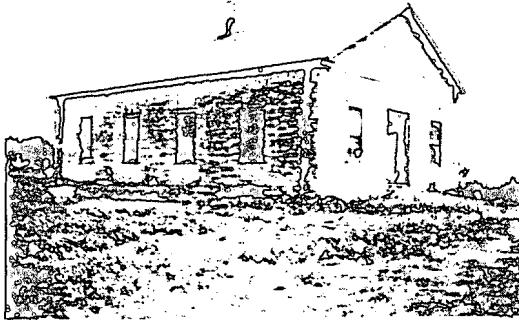
In 1910, because of poor health, Thomas leased out his farm and the family moved to Sulphur Springs, Arkansas. He purchased another home there hoping to gain healthful benefits from the hot mineral springwater. His health did not improve and, after only a short time, he sold the house in Arkansas and the family moved back to their farm home in Kansas.

His health continued to decline and, after contracting pnuemonia, he died at his farm home on February 08, 1911 at the age of fifty-four. His wife Lydia died on October 27, 1922 at the age of sixty-six. They are both buried in the Harrison Cemetery located just west of Thayer, Kansas.

Ila A. TOOMEY WATTS ,
a granddaughter

(1984)

History



OLD ROCK CHURCH



MR. & MRS. WILLIAM STILES



WILLIAM E. GREGG

HISTORY OF GREGG SCHOOL
GREGG SCHOOL IS LOCATED ABOUT TWELVE MILES NORTHEAST OF AUSTIN BETWEEN PFLUGERVILLE AND MANOR ON THE CAMERON ROAD. THE CAMPUS IS LARGE AND SLOPING, MAKING AN EXCELLENT SETTING FOR THE WHITE, BLUE-TRIMMED THREE-ROOM BUILDING, WHICH SITS PICTURESQUELY AGAINST THE SKY.

ONE ACRE OF LAND WAS DONATED BY THE LATE WILLIAM STILES IN 1870. THE FIRST SCHOOL WAS THE GILLAND CREEK ACADEMY. THE BUILDING WAS OF ROCK, BOTH ARCHITECT AND BUILDER.

THE SCHOOL WAS OPENED IN 1871, AND WAS TAUGHT BY A MR. DEW. IT WAS NOT A DISTRICT SCHOOL, BUT A COMMUNITY SCHOOL, AND THE PUPILS WERE CHARGED TUITION. THE FIRST SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS WERE WILLIAM BOYCE, WILLIAM HILL, CAMELL HILL, LEE GILES, WILLIAM STILES, AND AARON BOYCE.

MR. DEW BOARDED WITH MRS. KATE BOYCE, A PRESENT MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. MANY PUPILS FROM WILLIAMSON COUNTY CAME TO ATTEND THE ACADEMY. MR. DEW MARRIED IN 1872, AND THE SCHOOL BOARD BUILT A FOUR-ROOM COTTAGE JUST IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOLHOUSE FOR HIM AND HIS WIFE. HE REMAINED THERE FROM 1872 UNTIL 1882.

THE SECOND TEACHER WAS MISS HATTIE HARDY, WHO LATER MARRIED A MR. CAIN AND REMAINED THERE AS THE TEACHER FROM 1882 UNTIL 1896. AFTER THAT TIME MRS. CAIN MADE HER HOME IN MANOR.

ABOUT 1888, MR. WILLIAM GREGG OPENED A STORE AND POST OFFICE, CALLED GREGG, AND THE SCHOOL SOON ASSUMED THE TITLE OF GREGG SCHOOL. MR. SHIRLEY GREGG, MISS MARTHA GREGG, AND MISS BROWN GREGG STILL OPERATE THE STORE AND LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. THE WALLS OF THE OLD ROCK BUILDING WERE NEVER PLASTERED; THE BENCHES WERE LONG AND ROUGH; THERE WERE NO DESKS. IN 1910 THE OLD ROCK BUILDING WAS TORN DOWN, AND THE PRESENT FRAME BUILDING WAS ERECTED BY WESTLEY GUSTAFSON.

METHODISTS, CHRISTIANS, AND SWEDISH LUTHERANS HELD SUNDAY SERVICE IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE. IN 1900 THE GILLAND CREEK ACADEMY BECAME KNOWN AS THE ROCK CHURCH.



WILLIAM BOYCE

MISCELLANY

NAMES. In the past we have had articles about uncommon names and nicknames that were used in the past century which may not be familiar to present-day genealogical researchers. Not long ago the editor received some pertinent material from Jean (Halden) Walker, who painstakingly wrote in the marginal letters that had been cut off by the copying machine. We sincerely appreciate it, Jean!

Her contribution consists of excerpts from Names, Journal of the American Names Society, published in New York, issues dated June 1983 and March 1984. They may be found in the Periodicals Room of Perry-Castaneda Library, UT Austin, and I heartily recommend them for really interesting reading.

Among the subjects treated are ethnic derivation of names, masculine names for girls, double names (especially "good ol' boy" names) and commemorative names--making a child the namesake of a hero. [Customarily the namesake is the younger person, so named for the sake of honoring the older, but in the Moslem world a parent may be known as Abou Daud, "father of David," for example.]

Androgynous or ambiguous names are becoming more prevalent--names such as Jan, Lee and Lou do not reveal the sex of the bearer. Should one address Leslie Green as Mr. or Ms Green?

Many fascinating superstitions are discussed: one that is pertinent to genealogy is a practice of changing the name of a very sick person "to confuse and divert the Angel of Death." That might explain a discrepancy between a person's name in the Bible birth records and later census records.

PROPOSAL FOR ANCESTOR LISTING ISSUES. It has been suggested that we try something different for our June issues--namely, to concentrate on one state. Suppose we all submit our Virginia ancestors (or some of them) in 1985, our Tennessee ancestors in 1986, Pennsylvania in 1987 and so on. That way, we can compare notes with our fellow members better, and, I believe, outside readers will study our listings more carefully.

If your only Virginia connection is a spouse "from Virginia" but you know nothing further, make your known data that he/she fits into in the form of a query or sketch, then use the rest of your two pages as you please.

Please let your wishes in this matter be known to the editor. Which states do you want us to concentrate on?

TRIBUTES. Your editor regretfully realizes that some of our deceased members have not been memorialized in our Quarterly. It is our earnest desire that, whenever such a death occurs, the member's relatives or friends will send a short biography and/or tribute for publication. If you will tell me what you want said, I'll be glad to word it, if you so desire.

In case you wish to honor some members belatedly, please send your write-ups for the March issue of 1985 [deadline 10 February], as that will begin our 25th year, and we would like to honor all who have helped make our Society great.

MRS. BONNIE (RAMEY) STOCKEBRAND
(Mrs. Ira D.)

Austin Genealogical Society is grieved to report the passing on June 22, 1984, of its long-time member, Mrs. Bonnie (Ramey) Stockebrand, who had served a number of years on the Board.

Bonnie, descended from many lines of outstanding early American families, was always interested in genealogy. She became even more so upon her retirement. She then made several visits back to Virginia and to North Carolina to visit the sites of her forebears. She aroused the interest of many others in doing as she did. She wrote a history of her paternal line, Ramey, and had made quite a collection on that family and upon the Jarvis family, another line. This information she generously shared with others. In our Society, she worked hard to bring to our Workshops the most outstanding speakers.

Bonnie was a native of Kansas. During World War II, however, she became affiliated with the Special Services of the Armed Forces as a Food Director for the Hondo (and later the Lackland) Air Force Base, in both of which she was highly successful--so much so that she became the highest-paid officer in the Government's Special Services, a tribute to her very keen business acumen.

Retiring from federal service, Bonnie ventured into the commercial world, buying her own cafeteria in Austin, The Twin Oaks on South Congress, which soon became known as a choice eating place, catering as it did to the most demanding tastes, and bearing as it did the stamp of her gracious personality.

Bonnie had many hobbies. It was in her cafeteria that she and other interested flower-growers organized the Violet Crown African Violet Club. Television and the newspaper medium eagerly sought her as a speaker and writer on the subject of African violets, for their programs and columns.

In view of her wide interest in genealogy, it is only natural that Bonnie should be a leader in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a member of the Andrew Carruthers Chapter, and served as a Regent. Particularly, she encouraged the students who were chosen as D.A.R. Citizens, giving them scholarships to accompany their other honors.

Her membership in the University Presbyterian Church was particularly meaningful to Bonnie. She participated in the Women's Group there, and she also joined with the Christian Women's Group of South Austin in their monthly meetings.

Until other duties prevented her, Bonnie was an active member of Zonta International, a women's service organization.

In her earlier days, Bonnie was a teacher in Kansas and an inveterate traveler with her husband, the noted wildlife photographer and outdoor sports writer, Ira D. Stockebrand. They spent many summers at fishing camps in Canada, and she accompanied him to Munich when he was assigned to "cover" the Olympic games there.

After she became affiliated with the Air Force as Food Service Director and was no longer able to travel so broadly, her interest in

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MEMBERSHIP is open to all upon payment of annual dues: \$9, or Family Memberships \$10 for two in same household, entitling them to one copy of each Quarterly, and two pages apiece (total of four) in the annual Ancestor Listings issue (June). ... DUES FOR ENSUING YEAR ARE PAYABLE on or before the FIRST DAY OF JANUARY each year. The March Quarterly will not be mailed to those whose dues have not reached the Treasurer by FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH. (It costs a lot to make new mailing labels and mail separately, after the bulk mailing has been completed.) Send dues to AGS at Box 1507, Austin TX 78767-1507. (Subscription is same as dues.)

MEETINGS of the general membership are held at 7 p.m. on the 4th Tuesdays (except August and December), while the Board of Directors meets at 6:30. Subject to availability, they will be held in the Reception Room of Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe, just north of the new Central Library. Visitors are welcome. On meeting nights, members and guests may park free across the street east of the library in the parking lot of Hirshfeld House, after 5:30 p.m. We are grateful to the management for this courtesy.

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