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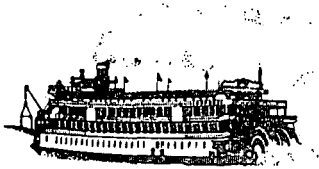
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## IMMIGRATION EXPERIENCES

England to Texas, 1850

## Part 2



This is the second installment of abstracts from the diary kept by 17-year-old Walter Passano who emigrated with his family from England to East Texas. The frequency of his nostalgic references to "the Governor and the Missus" suggest that he may have been the special protégé of the lord and lady of the manor (Haden Hall) at Rowley Regis "on the borders of Staffordshire and Worcestershire." He returned to England to live in a few years.

The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bassano, Frank, Charles, Mary Emma, Walter, Loddie Eliza, Arthur, Alfred and Sarah A., in order of birth.

Since almost all of us have ancestors who immigrated to America at some time or other, it is thought that this detailed first view of it will be of interest to our readers. The main body of the text consists of abstracts of diary entries; verbatim excerpts are in quotation marks; editorial interpolations are in square brackets.

We pick up the story in New Orleans, which the ship reached 17 April 1850.

- 18 Walter went to the market at 5 a.m. and saw quantities of fish, vegetables, fruits, bananas, plantains, tomatoes, sugar cane, lots of Negroes, some Indians. He marveled at the size and quantity of holes in the streets between large boulders. Had a jolting ride on the "Blunderbus" pulled by mules as large as horses.

At 11 a.m. they went to St. Charles Hotel "which resembles a palace in splendour of architecture. It has a dome like St. Pauls." The menu offered sherbet, ice cream, soda water, sherry cobbler, Brandy cocktail, and many other iced beverages for a dime! He also mentioned oxtail soup, meat, pies, bread, cheese, and "iced water as much as you like."

Walter and Charles took a seven-mile walk through the upper part of the city which he described thus: "...and a most beautiful place it is. The houses are mostly built of wood in a very ( ) style. [Transcriber could not decipher] The front door practically opens into the room where there is usually a bed. There you see the ladies sitting in state with negresses fanning them some screwed in [with a corset?] like boarding schoolgirls but most wear a loose basque which looks somewhat like a nightgown and then they wear their hair brushed back like Missus does hers on a Saturday."

- 20 Walter was overjoyed to receive a long-awaited letter, though sorry to learn that the Missus had been ill with the toothache.
- 21 (Sunday) Took a long walk along Pontchartrain Railroad to the lake [of same name] north of the city. Killed dozens of snakes with a stick - "It does not take much of a lick to kill a snake."
- 22 They bought provisions [Walter wanted palmetto fans but it was too early in the season] and he and Frank found a boat (the Medora) "going up to Port Caddo 12 miles from Jefferson." [Being on Caddo Lake and Big Cypress Creek (sometimes referred to as the bayou), "the last link in a chain of navigable waters," according to The Handbook of Texas, Jefferson became the principal river port of Texas, shipping goods by sidewheelers to New Orleans and St. Louis.] Walter added that the water was too low to go all the way to Jefferson, which seems odd since it was springtime. Passage on the boat was \$10 "per head" and 50 ds [d was the English symbol for pence, derived from the Latin denarius, denarii] per cubic foot freight.
- 23 Had their cases of things brought up on deck and the captain of the Medora inspected them.

- 24 Transferred their "plunder" in soaking rain. By some mistake, their stores had been left out of the permit so the officer would not let them go. Got good [gun] powder in the City at 24ds per pound - a 12-pound keg plus one pound of Duponts extra.
- 25 Left New Orleans at noon. [Their route was up the Mississippi to the mouth of Red River, about 45 miles northwest of Baton Rouge. Thence they proceeded up the Red (past Shreveport) to its utmost navigable point, Port Caddo, the water being too low to go up to Jefferson. Navigation on Red River was often hampered by a great "raft" (a mass of driftwood) which Captain Henry M. Shreve removed in 1834-35, but by 1856 the log jam had re-formed, backing up the waters of Big Cypress to create Caddo Lake, making Jefferson the principal river port of Texas until 1874.]

The Medora furnished good food: fresh meats, chicken, vegetables, pickles, pies, pudding and wine. Beautiful scenery - trees, especially blooming magnolias; houses "tastefully surrounded by Plantations," and even the negro houses were "very pretty. They generally stand in two rows forming a long street and are very good well-built houses, painted white and planted round about with trees...."

- 26 "The boat stopped to wood..." [That is, to purchase wood for fuel from men who lived in huts and made their living by cutting wood and stacking it along the banks].

- 27 They had sport shooting alligators and turtles. Two men died of cholera today. Walter had "Diorrhoea, but I trust it won't turn to cholera."

- 28 Stormy all day and night.

- 29 Mosquitoes mostly gone [blown away by storm?], but sand flies have made some of the party "raw all over. ... A glass of water out of the river will settle a table-spoonful of red earth in a few moments yet it is all we have to drink." [Had they already consumed their stock of wine?] Still squally.

- 30 Beautiful weather. Stopped to bury three more cholera victims; encountered two snakes in the forest "which nearly raised our hair" but succumbed to their blows. When they stopped to wood again, the men disturbed a nest of wasps and dropped their loads to fight them off. "The wasp here is quite different to the English one. It is an inch and a half long, coloured orange and black and it has a terrible sting which raises a lump as big as an egg." Next the wood gatherers found a poisonous snake. Walter came to the rescue with a big stick and saw that he was three feet long, black and yellow. "I caught him a whack across the back and put an end to his running but not to his life for he kept leaping and hoisting about in all directions. All the while sticking [his fangs?] at everybody near him so I thought it best to walk into him and settle his business which I effected much to the satisfaction of the woodgetters."

MAY

- 1 Arrived Shreveport at noon. Walter walked up to the town, composed of white-washed wood cottages. He wanted to buy some "curiosity" for ~~the~~ Missus but was too short of money.

- 2 Left Shreveport at 7 a.m. and arrived at Port Caddo at 2 p.m. after a tortuous passage through the lake full of dead trees. Port consisted of two or three stores and warehouses on a steep, slippery red clay hill. "We are here without provisions, without shelter and without cattle to draw our waggons while the sky looks as tho' about to rain pitchforks, points down." They persuaded the captain to let them stay on board overnight.

- 3 The Medora left them with their goods (clothing and furniture) at the water's edge, with no shelter, in a driving rain. [Frank, the oldest son, is known to have had a fine pipe organ brought from England, but Walter does not mention the distress the family must have felt if it was exposed to this storm. Possibly it was imported later.]

When the rain slackened they went into the woods to cut tent pegs; they found their tent poles three feet too short so had to find eight [or light?] pine poles.

They struggled to raise the tent (new to all of them). With great difficulty they brought boxes and trunks up the slick hill, stopped to eat oatmeal fried in bacon grease, then carried up more boxes until dark. After a supper of oatmeal stirred into water, they spread bedding on boxes and "laid 5 on one bed, 4 on the other" to try to sleep. Soon a "grunting, snuffling noise greeted our ears and the tent wall was uplifted by the snout of a grizzly boar who at the head of a gang of his piggish brethren was come to examine our notions." Walter sat up all night with a stick to drive away the hogs.

- 4 Walter [who seems to have done more than his older brothers to master the situation] felled a tree for firewood and Charles cooked some stirabout [oatmeal or cornmeal porridge] with sugar - "What a luxury!" They caught small fish for dinner [noontime] and larger ones "called Buffalo, which made us an excellent tea, together with some woodpeckers and a parrot which I shot in the forest." [The Carolina parakeet, the only kind of parrot whose range extended far into the US, is now extinct "owing to constant persecution by man," says Webster's Dictionary.]

A hound dog adopted Walter; he called her Daphne "after Governor's favorite" and she later rescued them when Walter and Frank got lost in the woods. That night she kept the pigs away so the family got a good night's sleep in spite of the cold rain.

- 5 (Sunday) The boys cut firelogs in the rain, then boiled a piece of corn beef in their solitary tin pot and ate it with bread made in the frying pan. A venomous snake struck at Walter's leg but he jumped to safety and "made short work of him."

- 6 Daphne treed a horned owl but the boys could not get at him. A flock of green and yellow parrots settled on nearby tree; Walter got two and remarked, "Parrots eat very well." Next he bagged a woodpecker - no comment on how tasty he was.

- 7 Weather squally.

- 8 Weather fine. Steamboat Duck River arrived from New Orleans but did not bring the Bassanos' stores. Charles shot a heron and a kite [of the hawk family] and caught plenty of fish.

- 9 Walter rowed a small skiff over the lake to a small lake; saw lots of ducks, turtles and opossum, but came back empty-handed.

- 10 Dreadful storm in the night. Ridge pole of tent fell down so they had to get out in the storm and prop it up again. Next day fine. Tried to shoot ducks but gun misfired "which produced a heap of maledictions."

Taylor's and Willey's families left for Marshall [Harrison County] but broke down a mile off; one wagon pole was smashed, then another wagon stuck in mud so it took 16 oxen to move it. Then a king bolt broke and had to be replaced by one of hickory [probably whittled on the spot]. Mr. Fitzpatrick, living 6 miles from here, took them in and made them comfortable.

- 11 Walter and Frank crossed the lake to shoot ducks but their shot was too small. Walter killed a land rail larger than a corn crake [European short-billed rail]. In the forest Daphne raised plenty of partridges but they flew so fast that Walter missed them. "As I returned home I fell in with two catamounts, big yellow critturs which looked like getting into my clothes. I set my gun up to defend myself if they made any attack, but after a little they walked off. I thought it my wisest plan to do the same as a shot gun is worse than nothing with them."

- 12 Walter walked to Fitzpatrick's to see the two families [fellow immigrants] staying out there and "came back pretty well used up."

- 13 Did his usual share of wood cutting and water carrying. Went out in skiff to shoot squirrels, but found trees too thick to take the skiff amongst them. Got caught in a hard rain.

- 14 Rain, then fine sunset. Caught fish.
- 15 Back to Fitzpatrick's; "on the road I smote three (illegible) and wood pigeons, two blue birds and a woodpecker."
- 16 Walter, Frank and Charles went hunting, bagging 2 squirrels, 2 pigeons, 2 jays, 2 woodpeckers, a tortoise, a parrot, and a hare. Walter planned to make a little box for the Missus out of tortoise shell.
- 17 Set out for Fitzpatricks' but met Taylor and Willey coming to Caddo for "stores." Frank and Papa have gone to look at six acres "and a house which we can have for a little till we move to our location."
- 18 Charles and Walter left early for Fitzpatricks' but found that Papa and Frank had gone to Colonel Haggerty's for dinner. [Haggerty Creek rises in east central Harrison County and flows north 12 miles to empty into Little Cypress Bayou.] By the time the boys got there, dinner was over, "so we came away empty bellied." They saw the bit of land they were considering - it had a peach orchard.
- 19 At night Walter walked with a young man named Taylor to Todd's Plantation for an early morning turkey hunt. Rats and flying squirrels kept him awake. [Typescript reads Tood's Plantation, but I believe it should be Todd. In 1840 William Smith Todd moved to Texas, settling first at Boston in Bowie County, moving first to Clarksville in Red River and then to Jefferson, now in Marion. In 1850 he was a judge of the 8th Judicial District. On 1850 census of Cass County (where Jefferson was at that time, and which came out of Bowie County) there was a James D. Todd, 38, merchant..]
- 20 At 3 a.m. they started to look for turkeys but never got a shot. Taylor returned to the house but Walter got lost chasing coons and found himself in a bayou alive with snakes. "After having killed a founr [four-foot?] Rattlesnake in the act of striking my foot and having Mocassins, Rattle, Pilot snakes twisting about in all directions, I was quite done over and sat down on a log quite exhausted....I screwed up my courage and set off....till I came to Caddo Plantation [named for Caddo Indians, not surname of owner] where I had dinner and then set off home with a dog named King which he gave me. I killed three squirrels and some partridges and doves on the road."
- 21 Went hunting with King but found only partridges which are smaller than the English variety and "fly like shot."
- 22 "Our party has I think finally split." Willy bought 200 acres for \$600 and expects to be able to sell it for \$1,000 by Christmas. Taylor went to Marshall to look at a farm. The Burtons went to Jefferson "to try to barter their crocks for some land." [I wonder about the word typed "crocks." Even if land was only \$3 an acre, would anyone but a "moonshiner" trade it for earthenware crocks? Another meaning is "broken-down horses," but who would want them?]
- Walter remarked that his family had only \$500 "till we have another remittance" which might mean notes that were payable in England and would be forwarded to them.
- 23 He sent a letter to the Missus, enclosing bits of garter snake skin, and expected a reply about the second week in July.
- 24 Frank and I walked to Fitzpatricks' for tea and stayed overnight - "for the first time in 3 or 4 weeks I undressed myself." They wanted Taylor to return with them "to divide our stores."
- 25 Walter "ploughed awhile with one of the niggers' plough." [Slavery was abolished in England in 1833; "nigger" is still not considered a pejorative word to describe a dark-skinned person there.] He had the usual breakfast of ham, bacon, cornmeal [cornbread?], buttermilk and coffee. He killed 3 hares, 2 partridges and 3 geese, then dined on ham, bacon, soup, peas, cabbage, buttermilk, and whisky and water. So fortified, he walked home to Caddo in the afternoon.
- 26 "I was pretty poorly [He had picked up the vernacular!] till I took a dose of Quinine." Later, he and Charles went up into town, buying two hams @ 10¢ per lb., bacon @ 7¢, and molasses @ 40¢ per ...?

- 27 (Sunday) [Actually, Sunday was the 26th.] The Burtons returned from Jefferson, unable to get any land.
- 28 They rode 7 miles west to look at Mr. Walton's land - took turns riding two hired ponies. He let them have 5 acres of cotton and 2 for potatoes with a house and 2 or 3 huts for \$20. Walter's horse stumbled and threw him.
- 29 "We all met and divided the stores" brought up from New Orleans on the Me-dora. Frank had a severe chill; they gave him sweet nitre [spirit of nitrous ether--Webster] and he was soon better. [nitre=potassium nitrate=saltpeter]
- 30 Finished loading a "waggon" early; Eliza, Sarah, Alfred and Walter went with it, taking eggs and ham; shot 2 squirrels and a hare on the road. Driver said he could not bring other wagon today so they had nothing to cook in. Slept on floor all in a row--no doors, so rather cold. Rained incessantly.
- 31 Mr. Walton came by; tried 1½ hour to light fire, then called in his Negro woman and she had a fire in 6 minutes. Stewed hare and squirrel for breakfast. Alfred and Walter went to Mr. Walton's later and had venison, partridge, bacon, peas, butter and beets. They took home some cornmeal, then had to ask the woman how to make bread: "The meal is simply mixed with water to a dough and then is baked till light brown ... very nice." Later the other wagon [arrived? a line or two seem to be missing from the typescript]. "We got the bedding out and after a good hard bit of work we undressed and went to bed." [Quite a luxury for them]

## JUNE

- 1 Walter very sick. "Here is a pretty case. I am down sick and no one to take care of me and nothing to give me." [Where was his mother? Where did they get the calomel?]
- 2 Better, but feeble, after a dose of calomel [a purgative]. They sank a tub in a spring for a well "and when the water settles we shall have it pretty good." Walter was aghast to find corroded patches on his gun although he had always oiled it well. He hoped to hear from H.H. [Haden Hall in England] in a few weeks.
- 3 [Actually, the 2nd was Sunday.] Several went to a chapel [interdenominational, no doubt] 1½ miles off "and came back vastly edified." Old Willey performed "and as no one besides his own folks [Anglicans] could join in his tune he was all alone in his glory". The ladies sat by themselves - "I think it would be a good thing at Joe's and then the Governor could pull his gloves on and off and make as many faces as he pleased." [Perhaps the church attended by the Hadens was St. Joseph's, and the wife scolded the Governor for his restless habits during the service.]
- 4 Bought eggs @ 10¢ per dozen; 10 hens, a cock and 4 chickens for \$2. They spent all day making a chicken house.
- 5 Frank walked to Caddo to buy hoes which they used to plant onions, shallots, potatoes, peas, beans, melons, cucumbers and gourds.
- 6 They shafted their cotton hoes [put handles on them]. They found that £20 worth of tools had rusted in the shipping cask; spent all morning oiling them. Heavy thunder showers "just like that in Panama." [Bahama?]
- 7 "We had our first spell of cotton this morning and find it pretty hard work." [Must mean "chopping cotton", i.e., chopping the crabgrass from between the cotton plants]. A heavy rain squall prevented work in the afternoon, to their relief! "Papa is very bad with fever. I wonder how they all are at H.H. I hope they sometimes think of me for I love them all dearly."
- 8 Worked in cotton between thunderstorms. Hogweeds hip deep, and cut them badly. The Waltons gave them buttermilk as they don't use it. "We have black-berry pudding, and wild cherries are ripe."

(to be continued)

NEW SOURCE FOR LOCATING  
OLD FAMILIES IN TEXAS

## Part 7



Since the Texas Department of Agriculture inaugurated the Family Land Heritage Program in 1974, their publications cannot logically be called a new source. It is to be hoped that readers of AGS Quarterly are now aware of this good source for finding Texas pioneers. If we continue to make and print this index, we'll identify it with their logo and title, "Family Land Heritage Program" Index.

With this installment we conclude the index to Volume 3, continuing from our Quarterly Vol. XXVI No. 1. A complete explanation may be found in Vol. XXIV No. 4. Maiden names are in parentheses when determinable (or three dots are used if not); nicknames are in quotation marks, and editorial suggestions are in brackets. "Pic" means that there is a picture of persons or buildings that once were on the property of the family of that name.

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Appelt, William  
Baros, Estelle (Rother)  
Bennett, M.B.  
Brown, Annie  
Buss, Martha (Rother)  
Chovantez, Viola (Rother)  
Clark, Benjamin - C.A. - George Wilson - Henry Clay - John Alexander -  
Leo - Lydia (...) - Maggie Mae - Mary Jane - Richard - Sarah -  
Stephen A. - Thomas - William  
Davis, John  
Grafe, Helen (Rother)  
Hinch, Emeline (Clark)  
Hoelscher, Emilie (Rother)  
Hunt, Sarah Ann (...)  
Latscho, John  
Meyer, Emilie  
Nicholson, Claris Ione (Roddy) - Marvin - Robert  
Pohl, Antonie (Rother)  
Polk, Mildren (Rother)  
Prilop, Barbara (Rother)  
Roddy, Maggie (Hunt) - Robert  
Rother, Alfred - Charles E. - Charles J. - Daniel - Emil - Louis A. -  
Weldon  
Scholegeter, Julia (Rother)



Spikes, Jessie [male]  
Stanzel, Mary  
Stone, Mary Ellen (Clark)  
Tate, Birdie - Caroline (...) - Dan Bradley - David Crocket - E.R. -  
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Wagner, Joyce (Rother)  
Wilson, El Dora

LEE COUNTY

Eastland, William M.  
Lewis, Linoel - Mary Rebecca (Parker)  
Parker, C.C. - Caroline - Celia (...) - Curtis E. - J.W. - Sallie -  
Victoria  
Prellop, Albert - Alfred - August - Delbert - Dorothea (...) - Er-  
win - Hermenia - Johann - Martin - Mattheus [pic p. 60] - Ot-  
tillie (...) - Selma (...) - Traugott  
Sikes, Margaret - Nancy Elizabeth - Robert - S.J. - Susan - W.A.

LIBERTY COUNTY

Spinks, B.M. - Lola  
Sutherlin, Jimmie Jo (...) - Worthy  
Worthy, Dave - Frank - James Earl - James H. - Jane E. (...) - John  
D. - Mary Jane - Miles - Pat - Willie  
Yocum, Thomas D.

LIMESTONE COUNTY

Beaver, Emma (Steele) - Walter  
Powell, Mary Ann  
Steele, Alphonso [pic p. 60] - Alvarado - Virginia (...)

MCCULLOCH COUNTY

Deans, Annie - Charley - Charley May - Emma - Estelle - Leona - Lew-  
is - Marie - Pearl - Will - Willie  
Jordan, Bill - Lucy B. (Spiller)  
Miller, Ed - F.M. - Fannie - Martha - Thursday (...)  
Smith, Willie Mae (Spiller)  
Spiller, Birdie E. (...) - Charles M. - George A. - Lula  
Walker, Guy - Vivian (Spiller)

MADISON COUNTY

Allphin, Ransom  
Connor, Julia V.  
Westmoreland, Ercel Scott - Frank Bookman - Fred Connor - Helen Au-  
gusta - James Paschal - Julia - Lee Kelton - Mary Connor -  
Nola - Percy Louis - Rachel (...) - Reuben - Robbie Morris -  
Sarah Lillie - William Merriwether

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Edward - Elizabeth - Emma - Eva Christina (...) - George Phil-  
lip - Heinrich - Ida - Johann - John - Karl Friedrich - Karo-  
lina - Katharine - Lee - Lina - Louis George - Margareda Kar-

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olina (...) - William Phillip  
Ellebracht, August - Carl - Emil - Ernst - Frederick [pic p. 80] -  
Fritz - Henry - Louise (...) - Sophie - Wilhelm  
Gehlhauser, Christiana  
Hoerster, Caleb - Carrie - Catherine - Daniel - Dissie - Eddie - Edna -  
Elizabeth (...) - Emilia (...) - Fritz - Heinrich [pic p. 60] -  
Henry - J. Anton - John - Louise - Martha - Meda - Mina - Sam -  
Tilla - William  
Kothmann, Mathilda  
Kott, Meta  
Kreye, Anna Sophie Doretthee Christiana [one person]  
Lehmberg, Christina - Dan Gordon - Daniel Fritz - Ella Martha (...) -  
Ethyl - Frieda - Friedrich Julius "Fritz" - Helen - Ida - Johann  
Julius - Konradine - Walter Carl  
Loeffler, Adolph Gustav - Arthur - Lucille - Otto - Ruth  
Lueffler, Alma (Eckert)  
Meyer, Wilbert F.  
Peters, Herman L.  
Schmidt, Clinton - Frederick Johann George - Karl - Lee Roy - Verena -  
William  
Schulze, Hugo O. - Hulda (Eckert)  
Simon, Anne - Conrad - Henry L. - Katherine - Peter - Philip Jacob  
Smith, Dennis - Jeanie  
Spaeth, Alfred - Lillie (Ellebracht?)  
Weiss, Susanna  
Zesch, Arlis - Bonnie  
Ziriaux, Mamie Thekla

#### MILAM COUNTY

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Luckey, Mattie Lorina  
Stiles, Ceaborn [Seaborn?] - Emma - Etta - Erwin - Eula Virginia -  
Francis Ceaborn - Francis Dean - Jessie Larkin [male] - Lulah -  
Rebecca (...) - Rebecca Clementine - Thomas - Virgie - Wilburn -  
William  
Taylor, Ervin  
Whittington, Alfred - Alzada Gertrude - Artie Miranda - Benjamin Elbert -  
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Theodore Philip

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Smith, Ollie (Dawson)  
Solice [Solis/Soliz?], Annie  
Strahan, Gladys (Lowery)  
Todd, Lela (Dawson)  
Wickware, Carrie Virginia (Sharp)  
Williamson, Laura Elizabeth  
Wilson, H. Paul

NAVARRO COUNTY

\*Ballew, Carl [not clear--may be Carl Franks] - Dora (Franks) -  
Horace E.  
Beeman [pic p. 74], Elijah - G.O. - James Albert - James Walter -  
Melissa - Rachael Emma - Ralph - Sadie - W. Harvey - Wesley -  
William H.  
Brown, Bobbie (Owen)  
Carter, Tabitha (née Franks or Ballew?) - W.T.  
Choate, John  
Douglas, Brett Owen - Dorothy (Owen) - Kenneth A.  
Farmer, Don - Mary (Owen)  
\*Anderson, Clyde

Franks, Carl [or Ballew?] - Mary J. (Wensel) - W.H.  
Goodloe, R.R.  
Harris, Mattie  
Kirksey, Isaac - John G. - Sarah Y. (...)  
Owen, Ameranth - Augustin - Colleen (...) - Dick - Ethan Stroud - G.  
Beden - Georgia Augustin - Meigh - Walter Beden  
Rakestraw, Mrs. D.V. [née Kirksey]  
Rather, Mrs. E.J. [née Kirksey]  
Stokes, Martha Elizabeth  
Stroder, Virginia Viola  
Stroud, Mary Michael  
Walker, Paul  
Wantland, Sarah  
Waters, Georgia  
Wensel, Emma C. (Kirksey) - T.V.

PANOLA COUNTY

Bowen, Ivie (...) - James W. - Sudie (...) - Thomas Sterrett - Win-  
nie Vale  
Coats, Vinnie  
Metcalf, W.R.

PARKER COUNTY

Barton, Vandine (Gibson)  
Bell, Cecil Adolphus - Emma Jean (Maddux) - Joe Edwin - John Andrew -  
M.W. - Milton Wells [pic p. 84] - W.T.  
Bennett, Hettie Georgian (Bell)  
Cook, Doke - Kitty - Mollie - Obid - Otis - Rhoten - Ruth - Terrell -  
William Royle  
Gibson, Arnold - Clyde N. - Faye - Inez - John W. - Matthew - Nor-  
man G. - Raymond L. - S.L. - Wendell Clayton - Wm. Madison  
Gray, Doris (Gibson)  
Guiles, Laura (Gibson)  
Hardin, Ella (Gibson)  
Harris, Sarah Naomi  
Hill, Hannah  
Maddux, Benjamin Clinton - Cicero Summerfield - Eliza Jane - James  
Andrew - James Monroe - John Powell - Joseph McTier - Martha  
Katherine - Samuel Fletcher - William Porter  
Massey, Charles - Cloyce (Gibson)  
Mathis, Nora (Gibson)  
Morrison, Agnes Barnett  
Musgrove, Naomi Harriet (Bell)  
Nash, Marshall Cook - Samuel Doyce - Samuel Walker - Walker Rhoten  
Prior, Amanda Elizabeth (Maddux)  
Ribble, Mary Elizabeth (Gibson)  
Sikes, Jane (Gibson)  
Thomas, Mary Springs (Maddux)

POLK COUNTY

Baker, Bobby (Herndon)  
Bond, Nancy  
Burroughs, Davis - Lucinda - Mary - Sarah - Taylor - Thomas - William

Chatman, Taullah [sic] (Herndon)  
Clarke, Maggie  
Cochran, Mary A. (Kennedy)  
Criswell, Ann D.  
Farr, Mamie (Kennedy)  
Griffin, Lee (Kennedy)  
Herndon, Emmer (...) - Robert [pic p. 22]  
Hinson, Verna (Jones)  
Hodges, Dorothy (Jones)  
Jones, Bethel - Brodie H. - Corry H. - Hattie (Kennedy) - Hollis -  
J.H. - Lytell - Thurman  
Keen, Lucy (Herndon)  
Kennedy, Elizabeth (...) - J.M. - Lydia (...) - P.H. - W.H. - Wil-  
liam M.  
Matthews, Harriet E. (Kennedy)  
McDonald, Eva (Herndon)  
O'Neal, Martha S. (Kennedy) - Sarah A. (Kennedy)  
Oram, Jane Y. (Kennedy)  
Sapp, Salma (Herndon)  
Thomas [or Jones?], Corry  
Thompson, Robin  
Wilson, Tessie (Kennedy)

#### RED RIVER COUNTY

Ballard, Elizabeth  
Hamilton, Alma T. (Almira) - Augusta Vaughn [possibly married name  
rather than middle name--style inconsistent in book] - Eliz-  
abeth "Bethy" (...) - George Ann - James M. - Jane - John -  
Lelia - Lucy P. - M.J. Flowers [married name?] - Marcus Wil-  
liam - Mary Cherry [married name?] - R.B. - Robert S. - Rob-  
ert W. - Rufus - Thomas S.  
Newland, Martha  
Pace, Byron Livingston - Byron Thomas - Ella Ruth - Temple  
Williamson, Ima Lee

#### REFUGIO COUNTY

McGuill, Annie - Elizabeth - J.W. - James - Joe - Kate - Louise (...) -  
Martin - Mary (...) - Michael - Molly - Nellie - Thomas -  
William

#### ROBERTSON COUNTY

Dunn, George Ripley - Isabella (...) - James - Lillie (...)  
Killough, Nancy

#### RUSK COUNTY

Fultshire, Sarah E.  
March, Carrie - D.W. - Daniel Webster - George - James Welborne -  
John Abe - Lycurgus Dudley - Mariah - Martha E. (...) - Mar-  
tha Elizabeth - Mary Doris - Maude - N. Murphy - Squire Wel-  
borne - Thelma Josephine - Warren Taylor  
Robertson, Maude  
Vinzent, Charles  
Williams, Thomas

SHELBY COUNTY

Adams, Sarah Emma  
Bussey, Lizzie  
Candelier, Era Mae (Kimbrow)  
Clingman, Faye (Smith)  
Cox, Daisy (Smith) - Jess  
Foley, Ida Mae (Smith)  
Hendricks, Nannie  
Holder, Ella (Kimbrow)  
Kimbrow, Arch - Eddie - G.T. - George - H.B. - I.H. - John Andrew -  
John W. - Maudie La Vern - N.H. - N.J. - Neely [pic p. 22] -  
Neely Hezzie - Ray - Tom - William - Willie  
McDonald, Vera (Kimbrow)  
Miles, Meda (Kimbrow)  
Parker, Pauline (Kimbrow)  
Petty, John - Mary (Kimbrow)  
Sherfield, ...  
Simon, Emma  
Smith, Bob - Dorothy - Elbert - Elizabeth - Henry B. - Johnny - Lee-  
man - Marcus Morman - Mary Ann - Roberta - Sally Jo - Thomas -  
Tom - Wesley Luther - Woodrow  
Taylor, Mattie (Kimbrow)  
Tyson, Arpie - Austin - Cicero - Elsie - Eugenia (...) - Flossie -  
Gilmer - Juliet - Kerin - Marion - Mary (...) - Randolph  
Waller, Dora

SMITH COUNTY

Baird, Frank T. - Sally (Barron)  
Barron, Caleb - Elizabeth (...)  
Reese, Lola (Verner)  
Verner, Anna (...) - George - Lemuel E.  
Wilson, Mittie (Baird)

TARRANT COUNTY

Baudoux, Charles  
Bell, Virginia  
Corn, Charlie - Frank - James William - Opal - Ora Lee - Pearl -  
Ruby - Virginia - Willie  
Littleton, Charles C. - Hester Matthews  
Matthews, Atlantia Matilda - Hester Ann - Jacob [pic p. 80] - John  
Wesley - Julia Olivia - Louise Adaline - Mary Jane - Sarah  
Elizabeth

TITUS COUNTY

Baker, Cullen  
Blevins, Alice (Lassater)  
Craft, Ann (Traylor)  
Harkrider, Lou (Lassater)  
Henderson, Dora (Traylor)  
Justiss, Sallie (Lassater)  
Lassater, Edna (Traylor) - J.D. - James M. - P.C.  
Perkins, Frances F.

Piland, Annie (Lassater) - Clifton - Henry - Nora Belle  
Roach, Fannie (Lassater)  
Ryan, A.M. - Annie (Lassater) - Annie Artrue - Bennie Mae - Edna Lou -  
Heywerd R. - Ruby - Winnie  
Shirley, Imogene Fay  
Traylor, Dunston - George Hamilton - Henry - James - Jim [or John?] -  
John - Will

TRAVIS COUNTY

Anderson, Anders John [pic p. 84] - Carl - Ellen - Esther - Martin -  
Oscar  
Batla, Frances (Bones) - Walter  
Bones, Jane Almira (Edwards)  
Edwards, John Vincent  
Fletcher, Sarah Jane  
Hartmann, Mrs. [née Magnuson] - Stan  
Magnuson, Margaret (Anderson)  
Monson, Matilda  
Stromquist, Esther  
Young, Ann - John Sidney - Katherine Orlena - Mary Ellen - Myra Ethel -  
Nora Hettie - Robert Lee - Robert Sidney - Sarah Joana - Thom-  
as Jefferson - William Richard

UPSHUR COUNTY

Johnson, F.M. - William  
Parish, F.L. - May (Johnson)

VAN ZANDT COUNTY

Large, David  
McPhil, Lizzie - Maggie - Margaret (...) - Mary Ellen - Tom Robert -  
Vinette

VICTORIA COUNTY

Cooper, John  
Maurer, Amalia - Athalia - Elisa - Helena - Johannes Jost [pic p. 80]  
Octavia - Richard  
Sievers, Henry Jr.  
Willemin, Bertha (Cooper) - Louis Fred - Lucille Athalia

WALKER COUNTY

Beall, Rhoda Crell  
Hardy, D.R. - Myrtie - Ola - Robert D. - Roby D.  
Houston, Sam  
Winters, James - John Freland - Willie Ellen

WALLER COUNTY

Muske, Alex - Billy - Dock - Emma - Frank - Hubert - Ida (...) - J.F. -  
John - Louisa - Rufus

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Baletka, Anna (...) - John  
Eichholt, Henry - Louis - Louise - Meta - William  
Harker, John  
Hodde, August - Martha (Eichholt)

Hill, Colly D. - Ella J. - Grover C. - James J. - John C. - Juanita W. -  
Matilda (Harker) - Walter L.  
Huseman, Caroline  
Kamas, Anna (Baletka) - Frances - Joe - John - Martin - Mary - Steve  
McGregor, Lois Fay  
Niebuhr, Edwin - Minnie (Eichholt)  
Roehling, Louise  
Roesler, John - Pauline  
Williams, Samuel B.

WHARTON COUNTY

Davis, Mary Jane  
French, Virginia  
Gordon, Camilla - Emily - Emily (...) - John W. - Martha E.  
Harrison, Sallie  
Hudgins, Alexander Richie - Allene L. (...) - Ethel - Francis [Frances?]  
Green Clay - J.D. - Joel - Joel Foster - Josiah - Josiah Dawson -  
Lilian L. - Mary Virginia - Milton Northington - Mollie Eola -  
Water [Walter?] - William Andrew  
Lack, Martha Sorrel  
Sorrel, Frank D. - Gordon - Marcial - Moxley - Richard Henry Douglas

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Arend, Alma (Timmerman)  
Bohls, Bertha (Timmerman) - Lena  
Hagn, Leah (Timmerman) - Monroe  
Timmerman, Elmer - Emma - Heinrich - Herman - Theo - Theodor

WILSON COUNTY

Delgado, Margarita  
Smith, Erastus "Deaf"  
Tarin, Gertrude  
Thomae, Adalberto Carlos - Adolf - Gertrude (Yndo)  
Yndo, Agustin - Juan - Manuel - Miguel

ZAPATA COUNTY

Garcia, Adela - Alejandro - Anastacio - Angelina - Antonia - Francisca -  
Francisco - Guadalupe - Jesus Maria - Jose Angel - Jose Maria -  
Juan Martin - Manuel - Patricia - Rosa  
Rodriguez, Zaragoza  
Trevino, Emilia  
Vela, Rafaela



A u g u s t

AUGUST is AGS Month! It is the month in which, on the last (ultimate) Saturday - or the penultimate one - Austin Genealogical Society produces its annual BIG Workshop or Seminar. We hope that many of you will have enjoyed and profited by it before you read this.

August is also your editor's deadline for preparing the September issue of AGS Quarterly, after dutifully indexing the June issue. This year, thanks to the cooperation of our members in response to the call for Virginia ancestors, we had the largest Ancestor Listing Section in recent history. We are delighted about that, and about the comments we have received about our quarterly lately. We appreciate your taking time to write or call the editor on the subject.

The indexing required more than 40 hours, and enabled me to read all 50 pages of that section more carefully than I had done. In the first copy I examined I discovered to my distress that pages 97 and 98 had been reversed by the printer, but the other copy I get (the Editor's Set to be passed to my successor) was OK. I apologize to the members whose listings are involved, and hope the printers caught the error before stapling many copies.

**DATES** .... I noticed that a few of you are still using figures for dates. This is a very dangerous practice, for there is no universally accepted, standard style. If you use 12-1-75, some people will interpret it as the 12th of January and others will take it for December the first - and the century is anybody's guess. PLEASE, for the sake of posterity, who won't be able to call you and ask which you meant, use a three-letter abbreviation of the month. It's a long wait from the 12th of January to the 1st of December, as any mother-to-be would agree. Most printed charts use the order of Day, Month, Year.

**MAIDEN NAMES** ..... In filling out charts, if you don't know the wife's maiden name, LEAVE IT BLANK. Don't insert the husband's surname for hers unless they really did have the same last name before they were married. Inserting the wrong surname for the wife could start many a fruitless search for a girl listed as Mary Smith, whereas she might be easily found as Mary Colliwog, which was her second son's middle name. Be kind to other genealogists and record only exact data. If it's just a hunch, make a note to that effect - might be a good clue.

**UNDERLINING** .... I'd like to request that you refrain from underlining names on the pages you submit for our Ancestor Listing Section. When I index, I underline each name as I write it on a card. When I turn back to the page, I may mistake your underlining for mine and thus fail to index a name or names. Please don't add to the strain.

**NUMBERING** ..... When ancestors are numbered as in the ahnentafel or lineage chart (fathers twice the number of their son or daughter, wives the number of their husbands plus 1), it lightens the task of the indexer more than you may imagine. When a surname appears as #5, I put her on a card and look ahead to 10, 20, 40 etc. to the end of that member's pages so I can card all the Hofmans at the same time. Thus I eliminate the risk of getting some of them on the Hoffman card

and save the time it would take to find the Hofman card whenever the name shows up later in that member's pages. If no #80 appears, then I know that I need not look for more Hofmans on your pages (unless someone else in your line later married a Hofman, as not infrequently happens, in which case I return to that card).

If AGS members will cooperate in these matters, especially in the Ancestor Listing Section, our journal will continue to improve in its quality and consistency of style.

## BOOK REVIEWS

CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS/GARLAND/DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS by Betty Davis Wright, 3625 Dumas, Garland TX 75043. (c) 1983. \$20. 6" x 9"; hard-bound; 149 pp. + 10 pp. index.

This book contains gravestone inscriptions from seven cemeteries in and near Garland in Dallas County, Texas. The arrangement of graves in the cemeteries is not indicated; presumably they are contiguous, when you find the starting point. The index gives surnames only, so it would be hard to find a certain grave. But apparently Mrs. Wright copied everything on the stones, and even indicates when the funeral home marker gives a different version of the name.

Typing and spelling are only fair--the typewriter type should have been cleaned better, if the old-style ribbon just had to be used. The "Explanation of Abbreviations" in the preface lacks consistency: "Ssw--same stone with" is usually ssw in the text. "NND--no death date" obviously should have been NDD, but why capital letters? "O.D.O.--one date only" raises the question: Why capitals and periods? The very first abbreviation that appears in the text was not explained in the preface, to wit "(WFH)". By going back to the preface I was able to deduce that it meant "Williams Funeral Home." That may be obvious to local residents, but it is not to others who may read the book.

It would have been helpful if Mrs. Wright had consulted a veteran to help decipher the military abbreviations. I suspect that "Btry A332 Field Arty" means Battery A, 332nd Field Artillery. It is especially distressing that she refers to World War Eleven (11) instead of II.

Assuming that the dates and names have been copied correctly (an impossible task sometimes because of deterioration of the stones), no doubt this book will be very helpful for those who have people buried near Garland. It just seems a shame to go to the expense of having a book hardbound without employing more professional techniques and a full-name index.

An intriguing prospect is raised by a statement in the preface: "There will soon be a second book containing Garland obituaries, that in many cases, reveals the deceased's family history and personality"--a neat trick indeed.



THE TENNESSEE CIVIL WAR VETERANS QUESTIONNAIRES edited by Colleen Morse Elliott and Louise Armstrong Moxley. (c) 1985 by Southern Historical Press, Inc., Box 738, Easley SC 29641-0738. Hardbound in buckram, typewriter type, ca 6 x 9"; 5 volumes totaling 2264 numbered pages plus the same XXI pages of front matter in each volume; full-name indexes averaging 43 unnumbered pages per volume.

As we learn from two Prefaces, a Foreword and an Introduction, these Civil War veterans' questionnaires were formulated and sent to Tennessee veterans by Dr. Gustavus W. Dyer, Archivist of Tennessee, in 1914-15 (Form 1) and by Mr. John Trotwood Moore, Director of the Tennessee Historical Commission, in 1920-22 (Form 2).

Dyer had interviewed 25 ex-Confederates in Virginia in 1902, soliciting responses to questions dealing with the subject's occupation, land and slave ownership, and perceptions of social class relations. His inquiry was related to his doctoral dissertation in sociology; later he expanded the questionnaire and sent it to a number of Tennessee veterans with the same perspective in mind.

When Mr. Moore became the archivist at Tennessee State Library and discovered the questionnaires in the archives, his interest in the history of Tennessee led him to make minor revisions in the format and actively seek out every former soldier in the state, both Federal and Confederate veterans. There were 1,650 respondents.

The microfilm of the questionnaires is now housed in the Manuscripts Section of the Tennessee State Library and Archives, and includes some photographs sent in by soldiers. It is hoped that this publication will instigate a search for similar reports or surveys that may have been made in other states.

For the returned forms reveal not only economic and social conditions that prevailed in different "classes" before and after "The War", but also the battles and skirmishes the men participated in, as well as the military prisons and hospitals where they were lodged. And--the icing on the cake for genealogists--each man was asked to write about his life and family history. Some covered several generations; some barely knew their mothers' maiden names. Some replies are polished enough to be used as newspaper stories, while others bear out their writers' replies to the question "About how long did you go to school altogether?"

Replies from the Federal veterans are placed at the front of Volume One and indexed separately. A goodly number of them were able to name a great many men who had been in their companies, their officers, etc. After that, the Confederate replies are placed in alphabetical order, followed by the respective pension number, when it was known. Each volume has a two-page alphabetical list of "Names of Veterans Found in This Volume," an index being unnecessary.

For anyone who expects to read a number of the men's answers (and if you read one you'll probably be "hooked"), my advice is to Xerox the questions themselves before you start. Thus you can avoid the annoyance of having to turn back frequently to see what "16. Yes Sir" is the answer to. Some of the statements are so unconsciously sad that they bring tears to the eyes; some are so (unintentionally) hilarious that you'll laugh out loud!

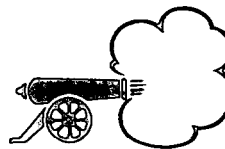
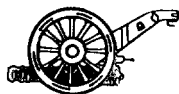
One attribute all the old soldiers, Federal or Confederate, seem to have shared: pride in their units and in their states. That their fathers had the same kind of pride is attested by the fact that the Andrew Jacksons and James K. Polks among the veterans outnumbered the George Washingtons about two to one. The Francis Marions ran George a close second, showing how many came from South Carolina.

It boggles the mind to speculate on the number of hours the two editors (from Fort Worth, Texas) must have spent transcribing the answers from microfilm and then typing the pages, "camera-ready."

And they did a magnificent job of what must have been tedious indeed--faded, semi-literate handwriting, sometimes unguessable spelling, the omnipresent scratches on the film at a very obscure point. Oh, occasionally one may notice a transposition typo that is obviously not a misspelling on the original, such as "adn" and "hte." And I suspect that "Ephriam" was a typist's hang-up. Since Ephraim was such an important character in the Old Testament, and since the Bible was an integral part of the culture in ante-bellum Tennessee, it is hard to believe that the name was misspelled as often as "Ephriam" appears in these volumes. The typist seems to have had trouble with "Isaac" also, especially in the "Names of Veterans Found in This Volume" sections.

The indexes were made by different people and are, on the whole, excellent. Each spelling of a name is indexed separately, without cross references, which puts the burden on the reader to find all the variants in such a case as Galaspie, Gellespy, Gillespie, Glaspy, Glespy, Gollospie, etc. But when you find a questionnaire from a man you're interested in (take Lindamood, for example), be sure to look for him in each volume's index because members of his company may have mentioned him in a much fuller account of their mutual experiences than Lindamood gave.

This is the kind of book (quintuply so) that makes me wish for a broken leg so I could read it straight through without a twinge of conscience about other things I should be doing. My sincere compliments to Mesdames Elliott and Moxley!



NEWSPAPER VITAL RECORDS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE by Helen C. and Timothy R. Marsh. (c) 1984 by Marsh Historical Publications, 912 Shelbyview Drive, Shelbyville TN 37160. 245 pp.; 8½ x 11"; typewriter type; cardboard cover.

This is a very interesting and informative publication revealing data about residents and former residents of Bedford County, Tennessee. Culled from several Tennessee newspapers in the period 1818-1910, many items refer to former Bedford Countians who had moved to

other states. There are frequent references to other Tennessee counties; e.g., Coffee, Davidson, Franklin, Giles, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Robertson, Shelby, White and Williamson.

There is very little front matter or explanation; in fact, there is no key to the letters used on pages 211-219--presumably the names of newspapers. And as the user will soon find, on the Contents page the page numbers for "Bedford County Marriages and Deaths from Lincoln County Newspapers" should have been 221-225.

The index is of surnames only, which makes it a tedious task to run down all references to a common name. But the extra reading will be worth your time, for this book is interesting enough for one to read straight through. In fact, I feel almost as if I could write a history of Bedford County based on it, and I don't even have any ancestors there!

Named herein are many small communities which are no longer in the US Postal Guide, and valuable details such as "Greer graveyard is some 4 miles from town" are given. Included in the abstracts of newspaper articles are such things as causes of death, the year he joined what church, occasional divorces, relationships down to "first cousin," "step-brother," etc. Newspaper Vital Records... will be a godsend to the Black researcher, for there are many references to deaths of "colored people," especially the very old, and probably those referred to as "Old Aunt Betsy" and "Uncle Jim" were black even if not so identified. An interesting biography of a former slave was written by his one-time owner. The editor of The Shelbyville Gazette seems to have been obsessed with longevity, and constantly referred to the currently oldest person in the county.

Some annoying solecisms appear in this book, but whether they originated with the newspaper or the compilers is difficult to say. Among these are "aged 65 years old," "accidently," "He/she was a long resident/citizen of Bedford County," and a disconcerting and purposeless comma between the subject and the verb.

Several items reveal a poignant story, such as the one about an 80-year-old man who committed suicide by hanging himself - "He dreaded going to the poor house was the cause." Another is about a 76-year-old man who died on a Thursday. "On Friday while his remains were waiting for the hearse, his little granddaughter ... died in the same house. She was 3 years and some months old. The Undertaker returned to Wartrace and on Saturday morning returned with 2nd casket. They were buried at Shofner Church."

To anyone familiar with small-town newspapers of the past, these abstracts will give a nostalgic twinge. Whether these are verbatim transcriptions or the result of attempts to compress information into as few words as possible, the phrasing is sometimes hilarious. The reader may feel an urge to read it aloud. Some examples:

"She was before her marriage Addie Anderson and the mother of 3 small children." "His father died when he was 10 years old" [Read: "When John Jones was 10 years old, his father died."] One item reads: "Sunny Side. Tom Green committed suicide by shooting himself." [Sunny Side is not an editorial comment but the name of a community.] "Young Wilhoite died, aged 82 years." [How long is a man considered young there?] "Martha P... drowned, after missing about 10 days."

That might mean her reason for committing suicide, or that she kept leaping off the cliff but landing on the riverbank instead of in the river for 10 days, but I suppose it was meant to say that her body was found after she had been missing that long.

Surely the writer did not mean to accuse the father of anything by his remark, "This makes 2 children that has died of Mr. Kingree's since he went to Winchester." And he probably meant "beside" when he wrote "... she was buried at Bethsalem by her departed friend." Perhaps it was a catty female who wrote: "He was born in 1815, his wife being a little older than he." About the marriage of a 15-year-old boy to a girl who was barely 13: "[the groom's] father got the license. This not only beats the Dutch but the Chinese as well."

Was there any insinuation intended in the item "She died in Nashville where she was treated by her brother"? ... "Mr. London of North Carolina drowned here. His remains returned to North Carolina" -- lively remains, I'd say! ... "She became the wife of Thomas G. Holland long deceased." ... "a large family of children, sons and daughters." ... You was expectin' monkeys, maybe?

All this unconscious humor in addition to the valuable information contained in Newspaper Vital Records of Bedford County, Tennessee makes it a book to be enjoyed as well as studied.



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MINUTE BOOK 1778-1792 (Part I, 1778-1786 (c) 1985). Abstracted and Compiled by Constance A. Levinson and Louise C. Levinson. Greystone Publishers, 46 Monument Avenue, Harrisonburg VA 22801. Hardbound, 6½ x 9½", typewriter type, 374 pp. including 44-page index, acknowledgements, preface.

This is an excellent sourcebook, dating back to the inception of the county when it was taken from Augusta in 1778. The first officials of the county court are named, and all matters brought before the court are described in sufficient detail. Apparently the minutes are abstracted in full, though not verbatim except for proper names. This researcher has never seen such perfect spelling, grammar and punctuation in an original record--extensive editing is indicated!

I find the editing quite acceptable, since the abstracters obviously understood what they were doing. However, for the sake of consistency (in my opinion) they should have modernized "ye" to "the" (e.g., page 263). And it would have been very helpful if they had explained the legal abbreviations (such as on pages 21 and 169), since they had access to expert advice, which few of us do.

The format of this volume is very pleasing: clear, error-free typing, and sufficient space between items. The compilers have centered on the page the number of the page in the original, followed by

the date in brackets, repeated each time a new page started in the ancient Minute Book.

In addition to the many kinds of interesting matters that were brought before the Court (deeds, wills, law suits, roadwork assignments, jury lists), there is an additional bonus for those seeking confirmation of service in or for the American Revolution. Many pages are devoted to services rendered in and commodities furnished to the military. These page numbers appear under "Revolutionary War Claims" in the index.

While the novice might be disappointed to find details of wills lacking, the date of their recording is given ~~so that copies can be obtained from the probate repository~~ CORRECTION: The Handy Book for Genealogists (Everton Publishers) says this county has probate records only from 1803. For earlier years it might be best to inquire in person or by an experienced researcher. The Clerk of the Circuit Court at Harrisonburg (ZIP 22801) does have marriage, divorce, civil court and land records from 1778, though (*ibid.*, 6th Edition). The sale of land was documented by deeds of lease and release.

The index of Rockingham County ... is truly exemplary. All variants of a surname are shown in capital letters, the first being (I presume) the one most generally accepted in that county today: RHYM, REIM, RHEM, RHEIMS, RHIM, RIM... . This arrangement is preferable to having them scattered throughout the index alphabetically, where you might miss some. Indented beneath are the given names, each on a separate line--a little wasteful of space, but beneficial to the reader. Interspersed among the surnames are some place names (DRY FORK, DRY RIVER, etc.) and some categories (ESCHEATORS, MILITIA, MILLS, MINISTERS). If these had been in cap and lower case it would have been easier to distinguish Mills, Saw from MILLS, Samuel, but that is only a minor flaw.

Fortunate indeed are the persons whose first experience in reading early court minutes is the Levinsons' abstract of Rockingham County. It will give them a good foundation for deciphering others that have not had the same intelligent and painstaking treatment. Of course, for compilers with less experience, the advantage of copying old records verbatim is that the reader can't tell the typist's errors from the original clerk's!

We are looking forward to the Levinsons' Part II very soon.



KENTUCKY COURT OF APPEALS DEED BOOKS A-G, Volume I; H-N, Vol. II by Michael L. Cook, C.G. and Bettie A. Cook, C.G. (c) 1985. Published by Cook Publications, 3318 Wimberg Ave, Evansville IN 47712. ca 9 x 12"; hardbound; typewriter type. Vol. I 410 pp.; Vol. II 407 pp.; indexed separately; occasional plat diagrams.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals Deed Books are part of a continuing project entitled the Kentucky Records Series, "a comprehensive

collection of extensive and complete abstracts of original state and county records." Five volumes pertaining to Breckinridge County have already been published, and similar books (re County Court Records, Slave Importations, Deeds, Marriages, Wills, Guardianships, Federal Pension Rolls, Graves of Soldiers, and 1880 Census) are forthcoming for many other counties.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals was the Supreme Court from the formation of the District of Kentucky, Commonwealth of Virginia, in March 1783. Kentucky became a state in 1792. Although many earlier dates are referred to (such as original grant or patent), deeds in Books A-G were recorded 1796-1803, and those in Books H-N were recorded 1803-1811. Many of the early grantors and grantees were residents of another state, and some are now historical celebrities.

In addition to deeds (indentures), many wills and powers of attorney were recorded in this state supreme court. Wills and inventories recorded in Book J have been abstracted herein, but only the recording date may be found in some other books.

For statewide coverage of early landowners, this series can be highly recommended. One might wish that the compilers had stated exactly where these records are and how one might obtain copies, though.

One fine feature is found in Volume II--the whole name is in all caps (not "capitalized") the first time a man is mentioned in a document. If he appears on subsequent pages of that document, or in other items on the same page that the document started on, there is no corresponding index entry, so one needs to read the whole document and/or the whole page. "This index was prepared automatically with the computer program GENDEX, designed by Michael L. Cook and formulated by Taylor Johnson."

As a result, on page 1 of Volume I a most distressing error occurred. Sympathy for the compilers urged me not to embarrass them by calling attention to it, but because I think I can help readers cope with such a situation, I reluctantly decided to mention it.

The eleventh line ends with "adjacent to Jacob" and the twelfth line begins with "acres"--obviously, something is missing. Possibly the computer operator hit the delete key by accident and flushed the whole line that gave Jacob's last name, possibly co-owners, and the number of acres. [Yes, I know my hypothesis will give computer operators a hearty laugh--I'm not on to their lingo or esoteric jargon.]

Thinking that the tract might be described elsewhere in the records (with Jacob's surname included), I went back to the last-named owner, George M. Cully, and looked for him in the index. There was no listing for him or George M. Culley, as he appeared farther down the page. So I passed on to the next name, George James, who has 13 page references. Reading each of them, I found five Jacobs: Cohen, Sump-tion, Funk, Vanmeter, and Rardin. I believe that Funk is the one who fell between the cracks on page 1.

Incidentally, I belatedly thought of the old-style M'Cully; the index revealed seven page references for George McCulley/McCully. Surely it would not have cost much to insert a cross reference in the C's, since he appeared on the page as George M. Cully. Are we to consider computers omniscient and simply do without anything that they refuse to do? Or is human input occasionally permissible?

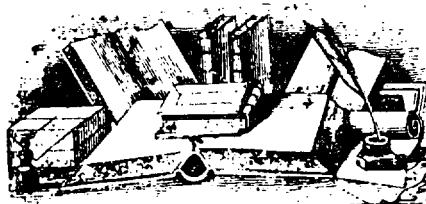
In the very first line, the name Vanuxem is spelled Vauxem (thus changing Dutch to French). The computer made a listing for this error.



If a human had been doing the indexing by re-reading the text, surely he/she would have caught the error in spelling. Claudius Paul Raguet has seven index listings, but on page 1 his surname turns to Raguel and his middle name to George. In indexing with eyes, hand and head, a person would have caught those errors. It may be faster and easier to let a computer make the index, but in my opinion there is no substitute for human horse sense, paradoxical as that may sound. Is all literature to be sacrificed to the popular gods Speed and Ease?

On page 2 of this book, the tenth line from the bottom should start with "1786" as I discovered on page 5. One needs to be a detective to figure out all these glitches. Very likely I just happened to read through the most error-ridden page in the whole set of nine volumes; there may not be another mixup in the whole set. I do not intend to discourage other readers, but I would offer this bit of advice: Check every pertinent item (using the index) against another item referring to that same grant or deed or indenture. Most tracts changed hands more than once, so you are likely to find a later deed which verifies prior owners' names and dates.

Even if you encounter some puzzles, you are likely to find much valuable information.



KENTUCKY GENEALOGICAL INDEX, Volume I by Glenda K. Trapp and Michael L. Cook, C.G. Cook Publications, 3318 Wimberg Ave, Evansville IN 47712. (c) 1985; hardbound; 9 x 11"; 847 pp.

This is a valuable index to four journals: Kentucky Ancestors, The East Kentuckian, Kentucky Genealogist, and Kentucky Pioneer Genealogy and Records. The index goes through 1980, with future supplements planned.

There are adequate instructions on how to use the index and to obtain photocopies if you don't have access to a particular journal. There is a sketch of each journal, including current address, price, and dates of each issue.

The Topic Index covers 50 pages; the rest is a full-name index except for a few pages of explanation. There is an entry for each county of Kentucky: Bible records, cemeteries, death records, deed records, newspapers, pension applications (War of 1812, Revolution, Civil War), tax records, will records, etc.

Scattered through the alphabet are variant spellings. An example of how thoroughly the compilers sought out each spelling may be shown in their coverage of "Kennedy": Kandie, Kandy, Kanedy, Kanaday, Kannady, Kenada, Lenaday, Kenady, Kenardy, Keneday, Kenedy, Kennaday, Kennadey, Kennady, Kennday, Kennada, Kennaday, Kennedy!

Although the type is necessarily small, it is legible enough for the most part. On the whole, Kentucky Genealogical Index is a huge, handsome volume intelligently presented, a tremendous boon to Kentucky researchers.



A copy of THE GILMORE GENEALOGICAL NEWSLETTER was sent to your editor, who is glad to recommend it to those who are doing research on that name (if typographical, orthographical and grammatical errors do not bother you too much).

This newsletter covers the variant spellings (Gilmore, Gilmer, Gilmour, etc.) and a wide time range, from present-day prominent persons in the news to 16th-Century ancestors, in this particular issue. Especially helpful are some excellent charts with an invitation for readers to contribute additions and corrections.

There is the all-too-frequent mishmash of unidentified coats of arms and speculations about the origin and meaning of the name but nothing really authoritative on the subject. One full-page article contains the phrase "is said" 16 times (but it never states who said), not to mention numerous uses of "probably," "it is believed," and "may possibly have." One sentence employs the pronoun "who" four times, and covers four generations.

The format (two columns, small type) allows a great deal of information on the "Questions from Our Readers" page, but it is such a solid mass of type that it is not very inviting, and would be extremely time consuming to find one's way through.

This issue (2nd Quarter 1985) consists of 12 loose, unnumbered pages, 8½ x 11" in size. The subscription is \$7.50 per year; address: The Gilmore Genealogical Newsletter, c/o Kwik Kopy, 4820 Twin City Highway, Groves TX 77619. For the same price, a Wyatt newsletter will soon be available.

## A SCOTT-DUTY INDEX

AGS members Gordon and Nelda V. Griffin have been working on the Abner and Martha (Duty) Scott lineage, and she has worked up an index sheet of the related names. In the hope that it might prove helpful to others, she sent it to the Quarterly, and invites interested persons to write or call her at Route 1, P. O. Box 716 A, Cedar Creek TX 78612; (512) 247-7087.

The Scotts came to Texas from Terre Haute IN (Abner died before arriving). In 1835 Martha made her home near Webberville, Travis County, Texas, with their ten children: Dicey, Lavinia, George Whitmuir, Josephus, Cyrus, Abner, Martha, Levica, Eliza Jane and Caroline. Records pertaining to them and some allied families can be found in the courthouses of Travis and Bastrop counties.

Scott and Duty Family Index  
(Maiden names in parentheses)

ABBOT	Gertrude
ALLEN	Canzadie Washington (Payton) Robertson, J.B.
AUTREY	Celia
BAKER	Jirah, Julia E., Louisa (Shelp)
BARNARD	Levi M., Mary (Hopkins)
BATES	Tammy
BENNETT	James, Margaret (Hamilton)
BENSON	Afton Wesley, Bernie (Payton), Carl Wesley, Cullen Andrew, Helen, Joseph Manor, Mary Elizabeth Texana (Payton), Thomas
BIERBAUM	Ottoline
BONNER	Sarah Annie
BORNEN	Mary
BOSTIC	Janice
BOWEN	Ivy Lee
BRIDGES	Betty Eileen, Catas Adell, Della Lavinia (Duty), George David, Larry Wayne
BRITE	Charles Richard, Elizabeth Louise, James Moore, John Breckenridge, Joseph Henry, Lucas Franklin, Mary Elizabeth, Martha Ann, Wil- liam Longstreet
BROOKSHIRE	James
BROWN	Alan E., Melissa (Hopkins), Phoebe Caroline (Payton), Sutton L.
BRUMMET	Fannie
BUHN	Ella
BURLESON	Elizabeth
BURNETT	Eliz.
BURT	James Macken, Marguerite Lavine (Scott), Susan Elizabeth
CALDWELL	Alfred J., Sallie (Winfrey)
CAMBELL	John
CARNES	James L., Manie Howell (Winfrey)
COLE	Floyd D., Katie Willie (Winfrey)
CRYER	Morgan C.
DAVIS	Darlene, Terry.
DINGES	Connie
DODD	James S., Martha (Hopkins)
DUNAWAY	Robert Earl, Temple Sue (Benson)
DUTY	Annie Louisa, Beaulah Elen, Bonnybell Vane, Daniel Dwight, Henry Grady, Hildrey Milton, Ethel M., Forrest Wayne, James Robert, Jesse Milam, Lalen Milton, Ruth, Tonia Lynnette, Vivian, William Marion

DYER	Charles David, Mary Elizabeth
ECHOLS	Mary Louisa (Nash)
FIELDS	Bettie, Delia, Frank F., George W., Lewis, Thomas J., William Jackson, William L.
FITZGERALD	Anna Murel, Barbara
FERGUSON	Francis Marton, James Decator, Jewel, Louisa Elizabeth, Oliver, Ruby, William Hardee
FRENCH	Alma
GAY	Lola
GRILLO	C.M.
HARDING	Emma
HARRISON	Mary, Mary Ann
HAZLETT	Samuel
HAMILTON	Andrew, Birdie Abbie (Winfrey), Charles, Frances, George, James, John, John J., Lavinia (Scott), Robert, Thomas, Tom, Wayne
HEMPHILL	Joseph, Lillie Evans, Vernet, Zero Emry
HILL	Dr. Frank, Joe, Dr. Lafayette
HODNICK	Laura
HOPKINS	Abjan H.
HOWELL	Maggie (Rominia)
INGRAM	Marion, Rebecca (Scott)
ISOM	Elizabeth Burleson
JAYNES	Ruby
JONES	Lillie B.
JORDON	Brannon E.
KELLY	Linnie B., John W.
KENEASTER	Baby, Henry Vance, Dr. W.H.
KING	Donny, George
LARVIN	Viola
LEIB	Jaybelle
LEWIS	Nellie Ursala (Payton)
LOCK	Gay Zula (Scott), Joy Kay, Linda Gayle, T.P., Tony, Will
LOVE	Nancy Katheryn
MACBETH	Edna Lee (Ferguson)
MADDEN	Pearle Inez, William Wilson
MANOR	Ann (Hamilton), Caroline (Scott), James Scott, Joseph John
MARINAR	Alice Bethea (Payton), Dellie
MARTIN	Oscar Lewis
MASTERSON	E.J., Martha
McCLOUD	Gladys
McCORMICK	Karin Suzanne
McDANIEL	Houston Carl, Jonathan Sherman, Marietta Laverne (Duty), Michael Lee, Nelson David, Robert Edward, Robert Elmer, Sharon Inez, Stephen Paul
McINTOSH	Eliza Ann
McKAIG	Lydia A.
MEADE	David
MORRIS	Fannie, Jane, John, Mary (Hamilton)
NASH	Francis L., John C., Joseph Henry, Margaret Ann, Martha Ellen, Minnie Lee, William Edgar
NOLEN	Alex, Mary M. (Shelp)
NORWOOD	Ora Lee
ONEAL	Clara Ellen (Brite), Henry Van
PARKER	Margaret, Margaret J.

PARKERSON	Haneth, John, Lavinia, Martha (Scott), Martha Jane, Millard M.
PAYTON	Creath, Bernie, George Louis, Joseph John Manor, Josephine C., Le- ona B., William Wesley
PERKINS	Harriet (Hopkins), Joseph C.
PHARR	Mary
POTTS	Bonny Gayloe (Scott), Tommy Lee
POWELL	Adelia (Kelly), Elmer N.
PRATT	Charles Delbert III
REED	Leonard (Winfield) [a female?], Glendon, Glendon Oneal jr., Helen Grace (Scott)
RHOADS	Emeline (Scott), William H.
ROBERTS	Berl, Ima Jean (Scott)
ROBISON	Cassy, Catherine, Crystal, David, Edna May, Edwin Mardon, Henry George, John Ewin, John Milton, Marie Fern, Mattie Ellen, Mona Irene, Myrtle Ann, Robert, Sandra, Summer, Walter N., Wilma M.
RODGERS	Thomas
ROMINIS	Margaret Ann (Shelp), Samuel J. [Compare with HOWELL, Maggie (Ro- minia)]
SANDERS	Mary, Pennie Mae
SCOGGINS	Claiborne, Dicey (Scott) Hopkins
SCOTT	Abner, Annie Lee, Beaula, C. Breckenridge, Catherine F., Charles Quincy, Charley, Charlotte Genetha, Clayton, Cyrus, Gladys, Henry Bowen, Folsom, Francis Harrison, J. Childress, James, Joe, John, Joseph, Josephus, Judy Belle, Julia E., George, George W., George Winfield, George Winston, George Whitmuir, Mae, Martha (Duty), Mary W., Millard M., Millard Quinon, R.H. Vernona, Reuben Odell, Roxanna, Vernona, Watler A. [Wal- ter?], William Winfield, Willie, Winfield, Yvonna Lohoma
SHELP	Cyrus, George W., Levica (Scott)
SHEPARD	Adrian Gayle
SIMMONS	Charles, Edna Earle (Scott)
SMITH	Belle, Laura
STAE	Carolyn Jean, Janice Cherie, William Chester, William Curtis, Zula Pearl (Duty)
STANDLEY	Angeline
STOWELL	Chloe Mildred (Brite), Elijah Augustus
STOWERS	Evelyn
SWOPE	Roy
TAYLOR	Eula Eugenia (Ferguson)
TINER	Lilly
TURNER	Louisa
WATSON	A.W., Eliza Jane (Scott) Brookshire
WHITE	Lee, Lucy Fields (Payton), Worchester
WIGGINS	Eliza Lee (Brite), Lucinda, William T.
WILKE	Norine Yvonne
WILLIAMS	Adams, Cora May (Brite), Wanda Jean
WILSON	B.F.
WINFREY	Edgar, Elisha Embree jr. and sr., Frank Oliver, Joe H., John Phillip, Mary (Hill) Keneaster, Russell
WOODRUFF	Joseph S., Texanna (Manor)
WORCHESTER	Bert
YALE	Bessie
YATES	Yula

1844  
  
LETTERS



DEARING  
  
TO  
  
WATERS

These letters were found in the Chancery Court of Wilson County, Tennessee files, entitled "John Lawrence Heirs Petition\* cases," Case No. 5558, dated 22 July 1845. They were copied by Clarice Neal in June 1980.

The address, written on one side of the letter, reads:

Clarksville  
Nov. 24

Paid 12½ [marked through]  
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Mr W. T. Waters    Wilson  
County three Forks    By Way fort  
Towson to Tennessee

Across the end is a notation in another hand:

Genl. Carruthers you will find the names of minors in this letter. William Lawrence and wife Falhann [may be Fatha Ann] and Mr. Wagley and wife Levina may be citizens of Arkansas or Louisiana, as Mr. Dearing lives near both of those states.

Letter #1:

Mr. W. T. Waters.

Clarksville, Nov. 22nd, 1844  
[Red River Co, TX]

Your letter under date of August 9th 1844 I Received yesterday your note dated winter has never came to hand, yesterday being the first intelligence I have had Relative to the death of Mr. Lawrence, the contents of your letter I have [or however--scratched out] will arrange the Business as fast as possible our county court will be in session 26 instant [this month] guardianship will be got out and sent on to the seat of our [Texas'] government for the signature of the president [Sam Houston] and the ~~amer~~ united states consul as they will be their in the inauguration of our new president [Dr. Anson Jones], the atorney general of the republic [Ebenezer Allen] is a citizen of Clarksville [an?] intimate freind of mine he will take the documents on with him and have them attended to and sent back to me

I think I can have them back redly to set out a bout Christmast as I expect to come in person if there is no change in my health. I am just getting [rid?] of a hard attackt of the fever. My health has been very good till the two last falls I have had too severe attackts of fever owing to my own imprudence I have worked hard the two last sumers in ploughing and hoing.

You can go on in the partition \*[petition?] for the sale of the land employing a council [counsel] in my name and in the name of the minor heirs for a distribution [of the land?] Levinia Dearing now Levinia Wagley lives some 110 [?] miles from me my wagon will start [?] there in a short time giving her time to appear at the next court to fix the attorney Business I will come by water if the ice don't hinder me I can make the trip [in] 12 or 15 days as I shall take water [at? i.e., embark on a boat] Shreavesport no difficulty from there at no time. My children are very healthy here and fat. Elias will come with me to Tennessee.

I had contemplated a visit to your Section in the Spring and then on the way by Missouri for home the latter part of our summer and fall has been onusually dry [so] that corn cut very short [and] a great deal of the cotton squares [bolls?] fell off in consequence, nevertheless we make [made?] more than average crop Corn will be very high through the next summer I can sell my corn now @ one Dollar per Bus [bushel] consequently pork will be very high Mast very scarce, first failure since my being here Elias has some 50 head of my hogs in the mast\*\* a bout 30 miles off we have some over 100 head all together I have 540 acres of land at my residence and 471 off my home farm will some day bring five or six thousand dollars I am in [within] six miles of Clarksville, only half a mile [of] timber to pass through to town. I have a bout 275 acres timber, the ballance pasture Mrs. Dearing has two fine looking children son and daughter, John Harris Dearing and Margaretta Elisa Dearing tell Mrs. Waters Mrs Dearing looked thin and scrawney like she did the last interview. Since she came to Texas she weighs 163 lbs [with]in one pound as much as ever my first wife did weigh My best complements to all our old friends and receive for yourselves my highest wishes; if mother in law are living my sincere wishes to her

Yours in respect Albin I. Dearing [signed]

P. S. The minor heirs names are as follows: Elias H.C. Dearing Albin W. Dearing Willis B. Dearing Robert I. Dearing and Permelia W. Dearing

A. I. Dearing

\*\*Note by Clarice Neal: Pioneers did not feed their hogs, but let them eat acorns, nuts, etc. out in the woods. This was called "mast". ... Three Forks in Wilson Co, TN was the early name for what is now called Watertown, named for Wilson T. Waters, recipient of the above letter. He was the postmaster as well as a local merchant.

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A second letter to Mr. W.T. Waters was attached:

Sir I will take it as a singular favor if you will let my sisters see this part of my letter if you have any conveniences so to do in given [giving] them some items I am yet among the society of the human race and my family are in good health and my self fast improving in health, and if it is the pleasure of kind providence still to increase my health I will see them this spring where we can have, personally, interviews with each other if they are living.

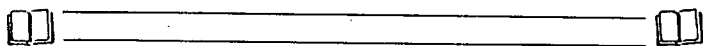
Tell Sister Barbee I have preaching twice a month at my house every second and fourth Sunday and Saturday before the second by the old regular Baptis[ts] Baptizing nearly every second Sunday Falhann [Fathoann?] Lawrence and William Lawrence has joined Camelism [meaning Campbellism, or Church of Christ; members called Campbellites]. Elias ... [hole in paper through which words from next sheet show through on Xerox]

Dear Sisters I am in hopes when [torn] I will then be able to unfurl the ... of our bosom May the God of Heaven shine on [?] you in the evenings of your age and prepare you for a better inheritance beyond the grave is the prayer of your unworthy but affectionate Brother My wife joins me in full compliments to all of you and families.

[To]

Mrs. Elizabeth Donnell  
Mrs. Mary Barbee  
and families

Albin I Dearing  
Mary M Dearing



#### CONN FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS

The very words "Bible Records" predispose the genealogist to believe in their accuracy implicitly. If the entries were written in chronological order in at least slightly different handwriting (usually the last few entries were made by another member of the family), there is good reason to believe that they are genuine. They were almost certainly penned by God-fearing members of the family who would not even think of falsifying such a record and who had personal knowledge of the dates on which the events occurred. The main probable cause of error is the inability of a copyist to decipher the handwriting.

When the children married and left home, oftentimes they would copy the family records into Bibles of their own, and occasionally would make an error in transcribing. So when we see a number of entries apparently written at the same time, far antedating the Bible's publication date, we should realize that they are not quite as trustworthy as the entries in the original Bible where they were chronicled.

And when those "second-hand" entries have been copied onto plain paper, we should be aware of still another possibility for error in transcribing. Just being in old-style handwriting on yellowed paper does not guarantee that the record is unquestionably accurate. Each person who copies a Bible record should attach a written statement detailing all the circumstances and derivation from the original.

Furthermore, when a copy is sent to a printer, two possible hazards are added: His incorrect interpretation, and his errors by hitting the wrong keys. The same thing applies, of course, to copies made on a typewriter or a computer.

In the case of the Conn family Bible records shown below, different branches of the family have interpreted bits of them differently. One version (A) was published in Yesterdays, Vol. XIX No. 2 (South Texas Genealogical and Historical Society, P.O. Box 40, Gonzales TX 78629) in March 1985.

A printed sheet (B), headed "Conn Family Record from 1765 to 1903" in Old English typeface, was sent to me, but the source was not given. A computerized version (C) of the family data was sent in by AGS member Mary Beth Lozo, along with a Xeroxed copy of the handwritten "Family Record" (D) from an 1858 Bible (14 entries of birth,



two of death, one marriage). Also handwritten is source (E), consisting of such statistics through 1897, on loose paper found in the Bible that Thomas Conn took from Virginia to Missouri, according to Hugh Conn of Alice, Texas.

A major difference of interpretation involves a marriage date and a given name: Trammel(1) vs. Tramuel. Granted, the latter is not a common name, but perhaps in a preceding generation there were twins, Samuel and Tramuel. The latter version appears in Yesterdays (A), in the unidentified printed sheet (B), and in the handwritten page (E). The name does not occur in the Bible (D), but in (C) it is interpreted Trammel(1).

The printer of (B) in 1903 may have erred in reading Trammel as Tramuel, but the two handwritten examples of the name in undated (E) are, in my opinion (although I hate to disagree with our own member who has graciously assisted me in the past), definitely Tramuel. If you cover the three humps that make the m, there's just not enough left to make "mell"!

In other instances where the handwritten versions seem to disagree with the computer printout, the handwritten interpretation has been put in brackets below.

We are grateful to Mary Beth (Mrs. R.D. Lozo, Star Route 2, Box 233-E, Canyon Lake TX 78130) for sharing these interesting records with us.

#### Information from Conn-Ellis Bible

The Conn-Ellis Bible was in the possession of William Conn on Lake LBJ in 1980. It was published in 1858 in New York by the American Bible Society, and was presented to Isaac T. Conn by J.L. Ellis on 11 May 1862.

#### Family Records:

J.L. Ellis b 15 July 1839

Isac T. Conn b 15 Oct 1826

E.C. Lamm b 15 Sept 1827

J. [I.] T. Conn and E.C. Lamm m 14 [24?] Sept 1847

James L. Conn b 30 July 1870

[The following 12 entries appear to have been made at the same time.]

Mary Elisabeth Conn b 15 [1 may have been marked out] Nov 1848

Martha Ann Conn b 25 Aug 1851

Sarah P. Conn b 18 July [Jany?] 1853

John N. Conn b 23 Mar 1855

Francis L. Conn b 2 Feb 1857

Hugh C. Conn b 27 Mar 1860

Rhoda Jane Conn b 1 Apr 1862

Samuel H. Conn b 25 Dec 1863

William P. Conn b 11 Dec 1865

Manerva L. Conn b 3 Sept 1867

Mary Elizabeth Conn departed this life 15 Oct 1849

Martha Ann Conn departed this life July [Jany] 1857

#### Source (E), paper found in Bible brought from Virginia to Missouri:

##### BIRTHS:

Hugh Lee Conn b 22 [29?] May 1814

Katharine Ann Boyd (1st wife of Hugh Lee Conn) b 3 Dec 1813

Lydia Margaret Wilson (2nd wife of H.L. Conn) b 6 July 1831

##### Children by 1st wife:

John W. Conn b 14 Mar 1839

Singleton Norman Conn b 17 Dec 1840

Thomas Middleton Conn b 6 Aug 1843

## Children of Hugh Lee Conn by 2nd wife:

Trammel [Tramuel] Conn b 3 Apr 1850  
Mary Drucill [a?] Conn b 15 Feb 1852  
Hugh Edward Conn b 9 Jan 1854  
Mildred Ann Conn b 10 Sept 1855  
Elizabeth Rebecca Conn b 26 Mar 1857  
Margaret Katharine Conn b 22 May 1858  
Jessee James Conn b 22 Feb 1860  
Josiah Francis Conn b 11 May 1862  
Nancy Jane Conn b 8 Apr 1864  
George Washington Conn b 3 Oct 1865  
Thomas Isaac Conn b 1 Sept 1868  
Samuel Knotty Conn b 2 Oct 1873

## MARRIAGES:

H.L. Conn m K.A. Boyd 11 Apr 1837 [Katharine Ann Boyd]  
H.L. Conn m L.M. Wilson 28 Dec 1848 [Lydia Margaret Wilson]  
J.W. [John W.] m Mary Ann Hill 8 Aug 1881  
M.A. [Mildred Ann] m Isaac R. Moore 22 Jan 1874  
M.K. [Margaret Katharine] m Jno. A. Pierce 31 Dec 1874  
M.D. [Mary Drucill(a)] m. Thos. W. [H.] Fogle 23 Dec 1875  
H.E. [Hugh Edward] m. Alice E. Stroman July 1877  
J.J. [Jessee James] m Ellen Pierce 31 Dec 1885  
J.J. " m Ellen Wycoff 1891  
J.F. [Josiah Francis] m Betty Campbell Nov 1891  
G.W. [George Washington] m Ada Henkle 27 Nov 1889  
T.I. [Thomas Isaac] m Lou Quick 1895  
S.K. [Samuel Knotty] m Emma Turner 1897

## DEATHS:

K.A. Boyd Conn died 1 May 1844  
T.M. [Thomas Middleton] Conn died Aug 1845  
Trammel [Tramuel] Conn died 6 Apr 1850  
E.R. [Elizabeth Rebecca] Conn died 2 Apr 1860  
S.N. [Singleton Norman] Conn slain at Ft. Donelson La.\* 28 June 1863  
N.J. [Nancy Jane] Conn died May 1864  
H.L. [Hugh Lee] Conn died 23 Mar 1884  
L.M. [Lydia Margaret Boyd] died 8 [6] Aug 1902  
J.W. [John W.] Conn died 12 Mar 1909  
Ellen Pierce Conn [wife of J.J.] died 1889

\* The attack on Fort Donelson, Tennessee, occurred 13 Feb 1862. Perhaps he died later of wounds received then. There is a Donaldsonville just west of the Mississippi River in Louisiana—possibly there was a fort there. 28 June 1863 marked the point farthest north that any part of General Lee's Confederate Army reached in the Gettysburg Campaign in Pennsylvania. This Bible entry needs more research for verification.



## H A P P Y   H U N T I N G   G R O U N D

Send queries to Mrs. H.H. Rugeley, 2202 W. 10, Austin TX 78703, NOT to AGS post-office box. Include at least one date, place & first name per query. Proofread your query carefully for accuracy & clarity; it may be edited to our format. Use name or abbreviation of months, NOT figures. Use 2 capital letters for states, as prescribed by Post Office Department--no periods. Queries are free to all.

(A) FARROW LOWDAY TOMLINSON. John Madison Farrow (b. 5 Jan 1811 in Culpeper Co, VA) received 3rd Class land certificate in Victoria Co, TX 30 Dec 1839. He was a merchant in Galveston on 1850 census; in 1842 advertised as teacher of Stenography & Shorthand; on 1860 Harris County census & 1866 Houston City Directory. Where in 1870? He died at Austin home of dau Augusta Ann (Farrow) Lowday 3 Oct 1877; was buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Would like to engage someone to find obituary.

John M. Farrow m. (When?) Tabitha --- who had 2 sons by previous marriage. [Editor: Was one William Tomlinson?] Their 3 children born in Galveston in 1840's were Leroy Rakin [Rankin?], Augusta Ann and John Stephen Farrow (who died in Austin 28 Nov 1917).

Augusta Ann m. Charles Lowday. [Ed. Note: 1872-73 Austin City Directory shows a C.L. Lowdy, clerk with Stuart & Mair, commission merchants near the Freight Depot. He lived near State Cemetery. Also a clerk with Stuart & Mair at northeast corner of Pine St [now 5th] & East Avenue was W.R. Tomlinson. Albert Tomlinson, a painter, resided on southeast corner of Linden St [now 17th] & East Avenue. Were they half-brothers of Augusta Ann (Farrow) Lowday?]

(B) GRIFFIN HOWARD. Seeking parents of Gordon & Isabella Griffin. She m. Henry Howard 19 Oct 1780 in Greenbrier Co, VA (became WV in 1863).

(C) BRYANT CASSITY GOU/GOV/GOW GRIFFIN JACKSON KESINGER/KISSINGER McALLISTER SHULTZ WILLIAMS WILLIAMSON. Gordon Griffin (b. 1755 VA; d. 30 May 1858, Bath Co, KY) m. 2 Jan 1781 Katherine/Catherine Kissinger/Kesinger (b. 1754; d. 1854/55 in Bath Co, KY--see below). Marriage certificate from Greenbrier Co, VA, shows that Gordon Griffin & Catherine Kesinger were married by John Alderson. But in Virginia Historical Index it appears that Gordon Griffin m. Catharian Kichener on 2 Jan 1781 in Linnville Creek Baptist Church in Rockingham Co, VA. Can anyone reconcile these statements?

Said to be their children (not certain): 1. Suzannah (m. John Shultz); 2. Mathias (b. ca 1791, KY; m/1 Phoebe Shultz; m/2 Suzannah Cassity); 3. Andrew (see below); 4. William (m. 1 Dec 1817, Bath Co, KY, Anna Jackson); 5. Sally (m. 22 May 1821, Bath Co, KY, David Williamson). Possibly others born 1781-90. Gordon & Catherine aged 95 and 96 on 1850 Bath Co census with son Mathias.

#3 above, Andrew Griffin (b. ca 1790 KY, per 1850 census of Greenup Co) m. 19 or 9 June 1822, Bath Co, KY, Lucinda Gou/Gov/Gow (b. ca 1802). Need both death dates. May have had one or two children before the six still at home on 1850 census, from which the birth years are estimated: (Griffin) 1. John G. (1826 KY); 2. Andrew Jackson (b. 1829 KY; d. 1903 Portsmouth OH; m. 8 Jly 1858 Kissiah Williams); 3. Elizabeth (b. 1833 KY; m. 5 Apr 1850, Greenup Co, KY, Harvey McAllister); 4. George (b. 1840 KY); 5. Howard W. (b. 1843 OH; m. 4 Feb 1864, Greenup Co, Emma Bryant); 6. James B. (b. 1845 OH--possibly Lawrence Co).

(D) KEESLIN/KESINGER/KICHENER/KISH/KISINGER/KISLING/KISSINGER etc. The immigrant ancestor arrived in America as KISH from Germany; they lived in Reading PA, McGaheysville (Rockingham Co, where the first Kish died) VA, then Augusta Co, VA.

Mathias/Matthew Kisinger b. ca 1730 (PA?) & d. prior to 12 Oct 1795 (appraisal of his estate) in Greenbrier Co, VA. He m. Judith --- (Where?) and fathered

Catherine who married Gordon Griffin [see above].

At the end of the Revolutionary War Matthew Kisinger owned 550 acres in Greenbrier Co, VA [now WV]; also on tax roll 1785-86. He had been a private in Capt. John Lewis's Company of Volunteers from Botetourt Co, VA and served in "Lord Dunmore's War" in 1774 [between Virginia militia and the royal governor who had seized the colony's powder and stores]. Any information on this or the lines in the preceding queries would be appreciated.--Dolly Farrow Nicol, 1700 Baywood Dr, #813, Bay City TX 77414

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SEEKING EVERY SCRUGGS! The Scruggs Family Association is "Searching for Scruggs" families to be included in its forthcoming book. The Area Coordinator for Texas promises to answer any letter, note or card from anyone. So if you have a Scruggs connection in USA or England, don't shrug off this opportunity. Contact Mrs. Estelle Brannon Duke, Box 426, Anna TX 75003

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BARSTOW SYMONDS. George Eames Barstow [see Handbook of Texas] from Providence RI m. Clara Drew Symonds 25 Oct 1870 and had these children: Caroline, George E. Jr., Herbert, Helen, Harold, Marguerite, John P., Putman & Donald. I have worked the line back for three generations but am unable to trace descendants of these children. Will appreciate any help.--Donald J.K. Beairsto, RR #1, Lakeshore Drive N., Summerland, B.C., Canada, VOH 120

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AGNEW GLADDEN GOODRUM PORTER. William Porter (b. 15 Oct 1766; d. 20 Oct 1841) m. Sebra Goodrum (b. 25 Dec 1775 in SC; d. 30 Jly 1851 in TN). They are buried near Porter's Chapel in Porter Family Cemetery, Maury Co, TN per They Passed This Way (A-60). Sebra's father was Thomas Goodrum (Maury Co Wills Book X-1-349); need information on her mother--possibly Agnes (Agnew) Gladden. Seeking parents of William Porter and other data on family.--Nancy R. Gilliam, 1709 Santa Maria, Kingsville TX 78363

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(A) BURT HEMPHILL INGRAM KELLY RHOADS SCOTT SOULS. Seeking above names in Bastrop Co, TX from 1860's to 1900's, who are descendants of Josephus and Rachel (Burt) Souls Scott, buried at the old Red Rock Cemetery.

(B) Also would like to hear from descendants of BACHMAYER DIEBEL QUIN/QUINN RIEGER WITTE. -- Mrs. Nelda V. Griffin, Rt 1, Box 716A, Cedar Creek TX 78612

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PERRY ROSE. Seeking ancestors/descendants of George W. Rose who had Indian War pension. He enrolled 31 Oct 1837 as a private in Captain Cherry's Company in a Tennessee Battalion, per affidavit made by Rose on 4 Aug 1888 in Travis Co, TX (his post office was Bluff Springs). Wife named Mary Perry.

Was he related to George Washington Rose, brother of the great-grandfather of Llewellyn Rose? Any information welcome.--Mrs. Llewellyn Rose, 2206 Parkway, Austin TX 78703

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On page 100 of our last issue appears the statement that Martha Field married Thomas Jefferson, father of the President.

AGS members Deloris (Baker) Larwill and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Holman advise us that it was Mary Field who married Thomas Jefferson, "the grandfather of the president." Mrs. Holman is a descendant of Henry Randolph and cites Some Farrar's Island Descendants by A. Holmes as the "most detailed reference concerning the descendants of Peter Field and Judith Soane Randolph."

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BAKER\_CLARK\_RAY. Can anyone shed light on a possible mixup? Our records show a Mahala/Mahalia Jennie Baker m. a Roy Clark. Kenneth R. Ray has a Baker Bible in which a Jennie Mae/May Baker m. Clark Jefferson Ray. Could someone have transposed Clark Ray into Roy Clark?\_Deloris Baker Larwill, 12311 Spring Grove, Houston, Texas 77099

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(A) GLOVER SIMMS WOOD. William A. Wood m. Louisa Glover in Madison Co, AL, and moved to Webberville [eastern Travis Co] TX ca 1848. Seeking information about his parents: William Granberry and Nancy (Simms) Wood.

(B) PUGH\_STEWART. Need data on T.J. Stewart family who moved to Travis Co, TX from Miss.(MS or MO?). Who were his parents? T.J. & sister M.A. appear in 1860 Travis Co census in household of James & Nancy Pugh. What relation?

(C) BROWN LATTI/LATTY. Seeking family information about James Latty/Latta who m. Katherine Brown in Travis Co, TX in 1849. Where is he buried?

(D) PIPER. Benjamin & Susan Piper settled in Travis Co, TX ca 1850. Their son Alex is my great-great-grandfather. Pipers from Smith Co, TN. It is said that a Piper descendant has the family history traced back to Holland. I am eager to make contact & will appreciate any help.--Mrs. Terry Burklow, 13747 Woodpoint, San Antonio TX 78231

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BRYANT COOPER FRENCH REID/RIED TIDWELL TURNER WOFFORD. Will Bryant married Nora Ried/Reid 1901, Kaufman Co, TX. Children: Ella, Pearl & W.L. (William or Willie Lee), all born in Texas.

Ella m/1 Thomas Cooper (d. 1938-39); m/2 E.E. Turner; no children. Ella/Eller/Ellen died 1946 in Dallas TX.

Pearl/Pirley/Perley May m. J.T. Tidwell 1923, Navarro Co, TX.

William Lee Bryant m. Lillian French in April 1933, Waco TX. Children (all living in CA): Joyce Ann, Augustus Lee, Linda Faye, Dorothy Estell, Wm. Burl.

1910 census of Henderson Co, TX shows the Bryant family thus: W.J. ae 26, Nora ae 27, Ella ae 8, Pearl ae 4, W.L. ae 6 months.

Need identification of people in a family group picture--supposed to be Reids or Bryants but possibly Woffords. Can anyone help?

Searching for Woffords in these cities: Dallas, Mesquite, Forney, Tyler, Corsicana, Athens. Counties: Dallas, Rockwall, Kaufman, Henderson, Smith, Navarro, Limestone, etc. --Mrs. Gus Bryant, 4217 Quarter Ave, Bakersfield CA 93309.

[Mrs. Bryant wrote that she would try to be of assistance to anyone in our group who needs genealogy material from California. What a generous offer!]

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PURPOSE: Austin Genealogical Society was organized in 1960 as a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Texas. Its purposes are to collect and preserve genealogical and historical information about the people of Texas, particularly pertaining to the City of Austin and to Travis and surrounding counties; to instruct and assist members in genealogical research; and to publish public and private records of genealogical interest. Gifts and Bequests to Austin Genealogical Society are tax-deductible.

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