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IMMIGRATION EXPERIENCES

England to Texas, 1850

Part 3



JUNE

- 9 The Bassano family hoed their field all morning and pulled hogweeds in the afternoon, getting ready to plough the next day. "A big Browning" [large member of the Browning family? See June 24th] came and offered to lend a horse to cultivate the cotton, but a tremendous storm left the ground too wet to plough. Normally, "with a good horse a man can plough 3 acres a day." Planters living 3 or 4 miles off often came to see how the English family did things. "English are much looked up to here when they do not come as Abolitionists, but speak against slavery and your life is no longer safe." The Burtons did so and their house was attacked by planters and townspeople with guns, pistols, fire and stones - the morning light revealed bullets sticking in the walls. "The people are so enraged with Dr. Smith for what he wrote about slavery that he would be in extremis half an hour after landing here so he had better stay in England." [Dr. Edwin Smith of England visited Lamar County, Texas in early 1849 in the interests of a British investment syndicate, reported The Paris [Texas] News on 23 Sep 1873.]
- 10 (Sunday) [Ed. Note: Sunday was the 9th.] Very stormy. Frank went to Chapel, then to the Fitzpatricks' for dinner. Brought Mr. Taylor home for tea.
- 11 Too wet for ploughing and everyone was too sickly, anyway. Walter stuffed a Pilot snake skin. Mr. Douglas Walton sent them a couple of fowls, milk & butter.
- 12 Frank and Walter visited Mr. Walton and played with two fawns he had caught. Walter wistfully confided in his diary: "If ever I go back to England I should like to take the Missus two or three."
- 13 Mr. B.[?] Walton invited Walter to dig as many potatoes as he wanted. "They dig in one side of the row at a time leaving the little ones and putting the earth back" with a grubbing hoe instead of a fork.
- 14 Started hoeing cotton but were driven in by the worst storm since they had arrived - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain fell in a continuous sheet. Walter worked on his package for Haden Hall: a Pilot rattlesnake skin, a terrapin shell which he was making into a box to be lined with snake or kid skin, and a [transparent?] snake skin found in a blackberry bush where the snake had shed it.
- 15 The sun came out about 5 p.m. so Walter set out to shoot squirrel but got rain soaked.
- 16 Visited D. Walton's corn mill and "were much edified therewith."
- 17 (Sunday) Went to Chapel. Old Willey again set tunes which he alone could sing. Mr. Fitzpatrick invited them to dinner; walking home in the evening they met John Hibbert "who settled at (...)" [Transcriber could not decipher] [Perhaps he had come on the same ship as the Bassanos.] Hibbert gets \$5 per day at wood turning [on a lathe?], has bought a house [word could be horse], and is doing very well.
- 18 Hoed cotton, killed a partridge; Frank and Charles failed to join Walter in doing chores that afternoon. J. Hibbert came to tea.
- 19 Worked in the field. Mama hired a Negro girl to help her wash. The owner said Mama "must get a good hickory stick and pay one stick." [This appears to be a transcribing error, but may represent the owner's advice to whip the girl to make her work better.]
- 20-21 Very hot; hoed in the field; killed lots of young rattlesnakes. Charles very ill.
- 22 Worked in the field though very hot. Walter set a coon snare in the swamp by

- bending a young sapling and putting a noose around the bait. [Did not specify bait]
- 23 A coon took the bait but did not set off the snare. "I had a snake amongst my legs today but fixed him off before he had time to bite me."
- 24 [actually the 23rd] (Sunday) At chapel there were "two parsons (farmers) in the pulpit. One sang a hymn to 'Should old acquaintance be forgot' with extreme unction; [Walter's jocularly here has a tinge of youthful naughtiness! Extreme unction is a rite administered to the dying.] ... the other then got up and bawled out a prayer as tho' we were all deaf or he wished to make us so, after which he gave out another hymn with his eyes uplifted and his hand on his heart. The other then says the hymn to the most regular [?] music I ever heard. I suppose it was extempore. Then came a deafening sermon, then another extempore hymn - altogether a very disgusting performance." They had dinner at the Brownings' and left M.E. [Mary Emma] and Eliza there. They got 60 pounds of hind quarter from a cow Mr. Walton killed - "the first fresh beef I have tasted since I left the Governor's good beef and ale."
- 25 Charles sick; Frank and Walter worked all morning in the field, then went to B. Walton's for a plough; had supper and "returned with the consoling knowledge that the required implement is in a field two miles off."
- 26 Frank went to Brownings' for the proffered horse while Charles and Walter went and toted the plough from the field. They ran around the cotton with a (...illegible) and then turned the weeds together in the middle. Between the heat and the effort of keeping up with the speedy horse, they were "very much done up at night. ... Mr. S. Burton died today in a fit." [Believe he was one of their party.]
- 27 Mr. Bassano, Frank and Charles went to assist in burying Mr. Burton, all his family being sick.
- 28 "S. Burton was buried yesterday in a deal [made of plain fir or pine boards] coffin in the wood near his house. He was extremely offensive before he was buried."
- Frank, Charles and Walter went to Haggerty's "to get a feed of plums." They were invited to eat their fill, and took home a big basket of plums, apples and cucumbers. [Ed. Note: It is not likely that apples were ripe there at that season. Perhaps the Haggertys had a barrel shipped in.] Walter confided to his diary that he was eagerly anticipating the ripening of melons, grapes, peaches and figs soon.
- 29 They had a huge plum pudding for dinner and a monstrous pie for supper. "Frank went and dug a strike of (...) before dinner" -- [What could that be?] Charles and Eliza went to help the Burtons for "they are complete noodles." All their tools and clothes are packed up and they cannot even cut firewood.
- 30 Sarah Anne Burton died and was buried immediately. ... "We finished plowing."
- JULY
- 1 After listening to "the ranter" at Chapel, the Bassano family returned home to find a Mr. Heath waiting to see them. He was the County Surveyor at Marshall.
- 2 "I suppose my old Governor is haymaking now. I expect he does not miss me much unless he finds the drinks hold out better." [And Walter only 17!]
- 3 Walter walked to Port Caddo* to pay Cobbs [?] bill and noted that he had a good Mexican saddle for \$9, bridle for \$1, and saddle bags for \$4. He "had an awful walk home in the dark with croaking frogs, (...) lizards, snakes and oxen which lie in the road just on purpose to be tumbled over."
- *[In 1838-39 Port Caddo was envisioned as a great inland port and divided into a thousand town lots - on paper. It was "in Shelby [later Harrison] County on the south of Ferry Lake embracing Taylor's Bluff." It was a boisterous frontier town until shortly before the Civil War, when Big Cypress Bayou was opened to Jefferson, which soon eclipsed Port Caddo. (The Handbook of Texas)]
- 4 Despite dysentery, Walter hoed cotton with the rest of the family until J. Burton came and took Papa and Frank to look at a house.
- 5 Mr. Walton took the boys squirrel shooting but found only two. Had good corn

for dinner at his house, then "lay down in the open space and slept all afternoon." [Probably means the "dog run" or "dog trot," an open passage or porch between the two halves of a cabin.]

6 Not; did nothing all day. [Those Englishmen were having a hard time getting acclimated!]

7 Went squirrel hunting, but no luck. Stayed at Waltons' during a shower and read "Twenty Years After," a continuation of "The Three Musketeers" which came out in Blackwood [Blackwood's Magazine (literary) was published by William Blackwood, a Scotsman].

8 (Sunday) [7] Mrs. Bassano was taken very ill at 4 a.m.; was delirious all day; fetched Dr. Baldwin. Mr. Bassano [Papa] sent Walter to Fitzpatricks' to see Taylor. Had roasting ears [corn on the cob roasted in the shuck] for supper.

9 Walter went hunting to find "something for Mama who is much better." He slew a rabbit and stewed her for dinner. Mr. Bassano and Burton went to Marshall. Frank went up to D. [This may be Dr. on the manuscript] Walton's and went out shooting with his son William.

10 Walter set his coon snare with wire in hopes of getting some good meat for the sick ones to eat.

11 "My snare was off but coon played Possum." However, Walter shot 4 squirrels before a young man named Wammock arrived on a beautiful brown pony. "About 2 p.m. J. Burton came leading Papa's horse - he had left Papa on the road some miles off in a fit of some sort. Frank got on the horse and I walked. We found him some 3½ miles down the road walking slowly. He [had] fainted and fallen off and that fool of a Burton came all the way home and left him. A gentleman took him some Brandy and water and he got well enough to get up and walk but he is very bad; so much for riding in a hot sun with an empty stomach."

12 Papa recovering from a bad chill. Dr. Walton came and prescribed.

13 Five of the family down, some delirious. "It's bad waiting on delirious patients." To compensate, that night Walter went over to Wammock's and rode the pony back to show him to Papa. He is five years old, sound all over, and can scramble over fallen trees like a cat, but the asking price is \$55 and Mr. Bassano thinks \$45 enough.

14 Walter set out to see some other horses, but when Browning told him they were seven miles farther off, he knew that meant 10 or 12, so he stayed at Mr. Browning's and shot some squirrels.

15 Everyone sick except Charles and Walter; the latter went to Chapel and returned with a bad headache caused "partly by the sun, partly by a bellowing bull of Bashan in the pulpit." He hoped there was a letter at Caddo for him, but dreaded walking there in the hot sun with no dinner. He didn't like going to someone's house for a meal so often, "tho' the people are all very glad to see us and make a great fuss for us to come."

16 "After a heap of talk," the Bassanos gave Wammock \$50 for the pony.

17 Walter ploughed the cotton field with Robin [the new pony] until 10 a.m. when James Burton arrived to say that his father was dying. Mr. Bassano rode Robin to the Burtons' and returned with the news that "Congestion of the Bowels has killed him - he drank too much brandy."

18 Frank canvassed the neighbors to get a coffin made and a vehicle to carry John Burton to the grave. "At 6 p.m. the coffin came but no wagon to carry it. We put him into the coffin and to our intense horror [it] was a foot too narrow. One of the men pushed the body down and as the pressure forced the air out of [his] chest it made a horrible gurgling in his throat, while his arms were upraised by the lid of the coffin till it looked as tho' he were lifting them up to be helped out"! Several neighbours arrived to attend the burial, but no wagon came. Mr. Bassano volunteered to remain all night and the boys returned home.

19 On the road to Burtons' early this morning Charles and Walter met their father who told them that John Burton had been buried the night before, Major Andrews having sent an oxcart to take the coffin to the burial site. Mr. Bassano, being too weak to walk the four miles, had to sit astride the coffin "and had hard work to keep it and himself on board" the jolting oxcart. Then he had to stay alone by the coffin while the others went to Fitzpatrick's to get lights and help - "altogether it was the most singular adventure he had ever been concerned in."

Charles and Walter went on to Port Caddo, riding the pony by turns. There they bought a saddle, bridle, etc. and "came home at night badly knocked up" [tired out].

20 Wild hogs having destroyed melons, vegetables and the Waltons' cotton, a hog hunt was organized. A bristly boar half killed most of the dogs that tried to hold him at bay; while Walter was provoking him with a stick the beast made a charge at him. "I contrived to elude the stroke of his tusks but he pitched me head over heels..." - sounds as if the boar escaped, but not stated.

21 Walter spent the day at the Brownings'.

22 He went to Fitzpatrick's to see Cobbs, and "had a feast in his peach orchard."

23 At Brownings' nearly all day shooting.

24 Walter went to Dr. Walton's to hunt with his boys, but killed only two squirrels because of the heat.

25 Heavy rain kept them in all day.

26 Walter walked over to Haggerty's and "had a bait of peaches" [Ed. Note: Think this means a sufficiency; all you want.] He also took home enough for two big pies.

27 Killed a lot of squirrels.

28 Robin [the pony] sick with sore mouth. Cucumbers are coming in and peas are doing nicely, though planted late.

29 Walter went to Chapel with Mary Emma and Eliza. Beef for dinner [rare treat].

30 Walter went to Fitzpatrick's and waited till supper for Cobbs to keep appointment. It was so dark that he stopped at Brownings' to spend the night.

31 Came home after breakfast; wrote to Mary and the Missus.

AUGUST

1 Walter went hunting with young Waltons but "the deer did not come to where I stood" [Do they in England? Maybe they use beaters to drive them closer.] In the afternoon he shot 9 squirrels and a kite. Wrote to Missus and Haden.

2 Walter walked to Haggertys' and got 150 peaches besides as many as he could eat; also a lot of figs and plums.

3 "Several of us are sick today" - no wonder after all that fruit!

4 Mr. Bassano and Walter went to Haggertys' to a sale of cornmeal. The verandahs were covered with Water Melons and Mush Melons. Walter "got a sack of peaches, as many as I could stand under."

5 (Sunday) Went to Chapel.

6 Walter rode to Port Caddo where he found letters for Papa and M.E., but "none for poor Walter." It was County Election Day, "so I got away as soon as I could." [Ed. Note: That's surprising, as he seems to have liked meeting people. However, crowds were often drunk and rowdy on election day.]

7 Walter rode to Haggertys' and filled his saddle bags with peaches and figs, plus a watermelon 2½ feet long "which battered most awful but was splendid when we came to eat it."

8-9 A Burton child died. Frank went to their house to help, Papa went to Caddo on Robin, and Walter spent the day at Dr. Grier's.

10 The child was buried at 7 a.m. in the wood beside his father. For the first time in his life, Walter "played the Sexton." More remarks about the state of the corpse in the absence of embalming facilities.

11 Frank, Charles and Walter walked to Haggertys' [What an orchard they must have had!] and got a bait of peaches, taking home about 200 for pies.

- 12 (Sunday) [See correction of dates in previous installments.] When Frank and Walter went to Chapel, Cobbs told the latter that there was a letter at Port Caddo for him, "so Hip Hip Hurrah." But, sadly, he had another matter [not stated] to attend to the next day, so he borrowed a mule from Dr. Walton for Monday.
- 13 Mr. Bassano, Frank and Walter rode over to Mrs. Swanson's - about 12 miles "but we rode 20 by losing the way. She is an awful case and gave us no dinner so Papa got to fainting as we came home. We called at a gent's house and asked for a bit of bread, as Papa was ill. He welcomed us" [as was the general rule of the day] and his wife served a "first rate meal." The Bassanos offered to pay but the host would not hear of it. Walter estimated that they rode 40 miles at least that day.
- 14 Walter walked to Caddo for his "nice long letter - oh, how jolly. I thought it would never come. Missus says that I must learn to be a man. I think I am like to, here."
- 15 Another unexpectedly long ride! Walter rode Robin to MacCartys [Ed. Note: There are no apostrophes with these possessives so I can't tell whether he meant the home of a single man or of a family. I have used the plural possessive in most cases.] for the purpose of getting Dr. Smith's horse [interpreted house!] which he had left there. The youth had a 15-mile ride "through people's misdirections, and then found that the horse is at his brother's, 10 miles further. He had two horses for sale, but I could not get to see either of them." MacCarty agreed to send for the horse by Saturday, when the Bassanos would return. The ride home should have been only 7 miles but Walter got lost in the dark and wandered about an hour or two. He decided to let Robin "gang his ain gait", and was nearly swept off in the thick underbrush. They encountered a feeding varmint (probably a wolf) whose snarl startled Robin. He "jumped about 20 feet and then laid down for it for bare life ... through the bush, every now and then coming up with a crash in a tree top [which had fallen on the ground?] till we came into a road which I thought I knew got home rather tired and very hungry."
- 16 Walter was "rather poorly from the effects of yesterday's ride. I would gladly have written to H.H. [Haden Hall in England] but had too much to do in the house."
- 17 Walter took Robin to Waltons' for a sack of corn, then went to Brownings' for a horse for Papa to ride to McCarty's [sic].
- 18 Walter and his father went to MacCarty's, arriving about noon. No horse, so Walter went to the brother's to fetch one. But he was gone from home, so Walter would have to catch the horse. Failing to do so in an hour, the youth returned to the first MacCarty's, where they slept on the verandah as the house was being painted.
- 19 (Sunday) After a pre-dawn breakfast, they set out for the home of the other MacCarty brother. He gave them dinner and helped them catch the horses. The one the Bassanos selected was "a perfect camel" and caused a great deal of trouble. When they reached home at 10 p.m. they found "some good peach pie and fowls ready for us so we went to bed comfortable."
- 20 Walter had to ride to Port Caddo for another saddle and bags. No letter, but "I must not grumble yet."
- 21 Walter was still too busy to answer his precious letter from England. He had to fetch corn again and then bacon from Willeys', so he did not get back until after dark.
- 22 Our diarist went down to the Cotton Patch [evidently quite a distance from where they were living] "to see how it was going on." After dinner he sat down to write to H.H. "when in came Willey & his tribe so it was no go again."
- 23 Papa went to Caddo. The new horse and Robin were shod at 3 p.m. Walter

"wrote home this evening" - still thinking of England as home, poor lad.

24 While out hunting by the creek, Walter was looking up at a huge buzzard and "was fortunate enough to tread on a Water Mocassin which was so astonished by the pressure that he cut his stick [fled] without further parley."

25 Once again Walter rode Robin to Haggertys' and "got a lot of peaches."

26 (Sunday) "The first day of Protracted Meeting - that is, they have continual preaching for a week or so. ... The Chapel was filled with ladies so the gents stood out-side. I reckon there were over 100 horses fastened round the Chapel." They left Mary Emma at the Brownings' for the afternoon. Frank had a chill.

27 Walter fetched their kettle from the Brownings' and they preserved peaches all day; did some in white sugar and some in brown.

28 Heavy rain all day.

29 Same but much cooler.

30 Weather fine in the morning. Frank and Walter went to Dr. Baldwin's to get his certificate of the death of Mrs. [should be Mr.] Burton and then to Squire Ramsey's. Rain all evening.

31 M.E. went over to Brownings'; Walter fetched her in the evening. Frank and Charles went to Ramsey's again.

SEPTEMBER

1 Walter to Port Caddo where he got two letters for Mrs. Burton "but none for me." He shot a squirrel on the road home.

3 [Sorry!] Walter stayed home and wrote to "Missus and all my correspondents." They all stayed up late getting ready for Papa's journey [to look for land]. "I actually let them have my flask [The transcriber interpolated (or flash), but I don't think the flashlight had been invented yet.] which the Missus gave me when I left. If they break it they need not look for a welcome from me."

2 (Sunday) Walter did not go to Chapel. Mr. Heath of Marshall spent the day, advising Mr. Bassano where to go when "up the country."

4 "Frank [age 23] and Papa started on their discovery trip this morning. I hope they will do well. ... I [age 17] must stay at home now as Charles [age 21] is very sick and much debilitated. It is fine for them to go and leave us all the work to do and they did not forget to leave all necessary directions."

5 Mr. Horton came and took Mary Emma [age 19] to stay a few days with his wife. "She had to ride behind him and hold on by him - was greatly fussed." Walter dined at D. Walton's, picked cotton with the boys all afternoon, and then had supper at B. Walton's. There he saw two ladies "who are thought transcendently beautiful - My stars, what 'Turnips on a pole.'"

6 Charles and Walter washed clothes all day; the latter carried water from the spring in 200 (or 280) jars, which must have necessitated many trips.

7 While Walter was walking to Port Caddo Dr. Walton overtook him and invited him to come borrow a horse whenever he wanted one. He posted his letter and three papers which cost 3¢ each to mail.

8 Walter had dinner at Dr. Walton's and that night Peter and Douglas [Walton] took their dogs "on a royal hunt in the cotton field after a wild Hog which is doing a heap of damage. We caught him after he had nearly killed the dogs, which retaliated by nearly eating him alive." They slung the hog on a rail and sent him to the Walton house.

9 (Sunday) "No Chapel today. The parsons have quarrelled. One told the other he was a Fool and a Jackass and 'had a devil in him as big as a Black Sheep' - like Rowley." [That was the town where, presumably, the people of Haden Hall attended church.]

10 Eliza [age 15] and Walter had gathered a basketful of pawpaw apples and plums in the swamp when he heard a hissing noise near his feet. He discovered than an 18-inch Adder had struck at his leg and was "striking again at my undefended ankle when

I contrived to evade him and then gave him the contents of my gun. If I had been bitten I could not have reached home." [Webster says the only poisonous reptile in Britain is an adder, but most adders in North America are not venomous.] Then Walter calmly commented: "Pawpaws are pretty good and resemble Bananas very much in flavour."

11 They preserved pawpaws and plums; took some to Mrs. Browning.

12 The Brownings offered Walter a new puppy, "so I reckon I shall get a good dog at last."

13 Charles still very ill; cannot walk at all.

14 Charles went to Waltons' for a few days in hopes "the change of air" would improve his health. That left all the washing for Walter "and it has wellnigh slayed me."

15 Walter spent the day at Brownings', returning by way of Waltons' to see his brother. Finding that a lot of girls had just come for a long visit, he advised Charles to return home. Charles's response is not recorded - perhaps he was not averse to a gaggle of girls.

16 (Sunday) M.E. and Walter went to Chapel where there was "a very merry service, everyone was laughing" [about the parsons' name-calling?]. Horton visited the Bassanos. Walter planned to visit the Brownings the next day to fix their clock.

17 Mr. Ritchie from Port Caddo went to look for Walter who was out chopping firewood. By chance he "took the path to the convenience where he found Mary Emma seated. He was taken aback so much that instead of retreating he held out his hand with 'How do you do, Miss Bassano, I hope you are enjoying good health.' I can imagine M.E.'s confusion. He came [to] me as red as a turkey gobbler."

18 Walter stayed home all day "writing and reading my letters over."

19 Walter walked all morning but managed to kill only one squirrel.

20 Browning took his "horsecarriage" to Shreveport to get supplies for the Bassanos. Eliza stayed with Mrs. Browning.

21 Walter went to Port Caddo with Dr. Walton and Parson Whitworth. He got a letter his father had written from Bingo's Ferry* where Frank was laid up sick. No letter from Haden Hall - "perhaps they are gone to the sea side."

*[There is no Bingo in The Handbook of Texas or the U.S. Postal Guide. In the former, under "Ferries," several are named, but not Bingo's.]

22 Walter went to Dr. Walton's gin house to see some cotton ginned out. "The seed cotton is put into a long trough through which a row of 60 circular saws revolve rapidly which cuts the lint from the seed. A drum covered with brushes revolves at the back of the saws and wipes the lint from the teeth, when the heat raised by its own rapid motion blows it through an opening into the lint room, where it falls like a heavy snow storm."

23 M.E. and Walter went to Chapel, where Mr. Whitworth announced that the county was going to be deprived of his valuable service. Browning brought their supplies from Shreveport that night.

24 Walter was ailing.

25 D. Walton went to Caddo, "but still no letter for poor me."

25-27 Walter still ailing - took Calomel.

28 Walter had fever and was delirious all night. Mr. Bassano & Frank returned.

29 Obsessed with desire for a letter, Walter rode to the post office at Port Caddo, where he lay insensible all afternoon [on the ground?] At sunset he came to enough to persuade a man to help him onto his horse, but could hardly stay on as the horse walked toward home. B. Walton overtook him, and, hearing him wander in his talk, took him to Dr. Baldwin's. The doctor opined that Walter would have a fit of apoplexy and die before morning. [Perhaps Walter exaggerated a bit - if the doctor thought that, he surely would not have let the boy continue on his journey!] "When I got home they thought I was drunk and started to scold me."

30 (Sunday) Walter was better - fever gone, but still very weak.

OCTOBER

- 1 Walter very weak; Charles went to Caddo.
- 2 No letter for Walter. "The Post Office has changed hands and for the worse."
- 3 Walter went to Mr. Fraser's and got a quarter of beef. "It made me feel quite stout again. [Eating it, I presume, not carrying it.] Fraser sent the Doctor's horse to old Willey [one of the preachers]. I wish him luck". [Willey or the horse?]
- 4 Walter was disappointed to kill only one squirrel, but "a nigger brought me a coon which we had for dinner. I have dressed his shirt [skin?] for a pouch [purse?]"
- 5 Walter went to the Brownings'.
- 6 He went to Port Caddo "and am come home disappointed. Why don't they write? My pulse is rattling again." [sign of approaching chill?]
- 7 (Sunday) "I was very bad last night with fever but got through with a dose of Lover's (?)" [a patent medicine?] But he was well enough Sunday to take Eliza to Brownings' to fetch his gun and the sidesaddle which he had bought at Caddo. As it turned out, he was too weak to carry the saddle.
- 8 Robin had not been home since Saturday so Walter went to Wammock's to see if the pony had returned to his former home, but in vain. Back home, he had his first chill-fever which lasted until night. Five of the family were down, two delirious.
- 9-10 Under the influence of quinine, Walter felt quite sharp but weak.
- 11 Robin came home, so Walter fed him and took him to pasture. "This laid me down for the rest of the day."
- 12 Rode to Caddo - no mail. Walter rode home in torrents of rain, not a prescribed treatment for a chills-and-fever patient!
- 13 Walter took materials for a rifle (breech) down to Brownings'; "he soldered it but it proved too small. I must make another."
- 14 (Sunday) Mr. Heath [County Surveyor at Marshall] came to call. Walter spent the day writing home.
- 15 Frank very ill with Bilious Fever.
- 16 Walter and Papa went to Marshall [Harrison County] - "... a very pretty place, situate in high rolling country and is healthy." Then they visited Taylor who has raised a house and put up his organ "which is a great curiosity to his neighbours."
- 17 The Bassanos slept at Ranson's Store last night. After hunting all over Marshall for teams, they found three "at high rates." They reached home at 9 p.m., both wet through as the result of a tremendous storm.
- 18 Papa went to Burtons', Walter to Frasers' and Eppersons' and got two more teams. [Ed. Note: Think he means they arranged to hire or borrow the teams to make the move to Paris in Lamar County.] Walter shot a lot of pratridges on the way home. Frank still very sick.
- 19 "Papa to Port Caddo. I had to fetch [Dr.] Baldwin to Frank who is terrible sick."
- 20 Mr. Bassano went to Caddo again on business. "We are out of meat and had just made up our minds to no dinner when D. Walton sent us a quarter of venison and some sweet potatoes. Everyone is out of meat and we cannot buy any."
- 21 (Sunday) No Chapel. Went to the Eppersons' at night.
- 22 Walter rode to Marshall, but "no one could give an answer about the hauling," so he had to stay overnight.
- 23 Bad chill in the morning; fever lasted until 3 p.m. He then got up and tried vainly to make a deal for teams. Slept at Ransons'.
- 24 Walter came home with Ranson and developed "an outrageous fever" from riding in the sun. He was delirious all afternoon, got better for a short while, then fever rose again.
- 25 After a dreadful night, Walter felt "powerful weak, as they say."
- 26 Mr. Bassano tried to get ox teams at Caddo; no luck. He told post office to forward their mail to Paris. Walter caught Browning's horse for Frank to ride to Mar-

shall with Mr. Bassano the next day.

27 Charles and Walter went around collecting things they had lent out; "actually some of the people were saucy and put out that we should want things back again!"

28 Mr. Bassano returned before dinner, having got all the teams he wanted.

Frank went to Taylor's to see him and play on his organ.

29 "We have had a hard day's packing and loading. Our teams are come; we shall start early tomorrow morning to the Burtons' and then all go on together."

30 Mrs. Burton sent word that one of the teams had been delayed so the starting time was set at 3 p.m. The Bassanos could hardly get the last odd things on the three wagons, but arranged space for the mother and three sisters to ride & sleep. After many goodbyes at the Brownings', one of the waggoners [double g throughout] discovered that the hub of his hind wheel was parted, so they decided to camp and send on to Mrs. Burton's for one of her spare wagon wheels. Walter commented: "It is slightly different from life at H.H."

31 The Burtons sent a message that another wagon must be found, as theirs were overloaded. Procuring one from the Frasers, the party set out at 11 a.m. Just as they crossed Hazels (?) Creek and waited for the Burtons to come up, they discovered that the fore hounds [side bars connecting the wagon tongue with the fore carriage] and bolster [e.g., traverse bar above the axle] of one wagon were broken. The parts had to be taken to a blacksmith a mile away; they were replaced by dim torchlight at their camp close to the creek - six wagons and a sleeping tent for the males. "Mama and Sarah [the youngest girl] sleep in one of our wagons and M.E. and Eliza in the other."

NOVEMBER

1 At daylight they struck the tent and set out for Jefferson, which they reached at 3 p.m. "It is a small town but there is plenty of stir in it and it will get on," Walter pronounced. There was a sawmill near it. Little and Big Cypress Creeks were "worthy of remark from the great number of Cypress trees which stand upon the banks and out of the water from 1-7 ft. high" [Ed. Note: Must be a mistake--surely they are taller than that!] The party proceeded on to Brewitts' (?) and camped by a pretty creek.

2 Loaded up at daylight and went on towards Daingerfield 36 miles off [in a northwesterly direct, in Morris County]. Country very high and rolling; timber principally pine - some truly gigantic. "It has a very fine, imposing appearance." Land is good except on the hills which seem to be composed of ironstone - said to yield 75% excellent iron. They camped in a very wild bottom where they killed a ground rattler and disturbed a Tarantula "which (the personification of venom and spite) went off to its filthy haunts."

3 "We were much annoyed last night by the effluvia from the swamp near which we camped and Frank was much alarmed by feeling something cold moving up his breeches leg. On examination it proved to be a big lizard which had crept up while he was sitting on a log, no doubt well pleased to find so snug a nest." About 4 p.m. they reached Daingerfield, "a small but pretty town on a hill with a pretty view for a woodland place." They camped about four miles away in a low, wet bottom, having been informed that it was the only water for several miles.

4 (Sunday) They paid the high price of 10¢ per pound for honey from a wagon headed for Jefferson. Travelling through high rolling country, they reached Mount Pleasant [in Titus County, west of Morris County] at night and camped on the south side of town. Walter had a very unflattering opinion of Mount Pleasant: "This is an insignificant place, exhibiting neither energy, health nor enterprise, so it is not likely to prosper." [100 years later its population was 6,348.] Dr. Beck came to see the Bassanos and gave Frank a bottle of Bitters "as he is rather sick."

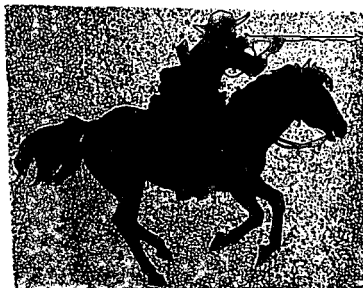
5 After an early start, at noon the party stopped near a creek for dinner. Walter had a bad chill which lasted till night. Going north across White Oak Prairie

at night they reached White Oak Creek "where we camped in the midst of bad bottoms & winding bayous. Here a man named Blackmill sent us a bucketful of buttermilk."

- 6 Walter was glad to be well enough to walk through the next prairie and enjoy the beautiful prospect - "the herds of cattle scattered over the surface; the woods, blue in the distance, and the clump of trees which relieve the sameness and give quite a park like appearance." They had a tough job getting past Sulphur River on account of the great steepness and muddiness of its banks. "I had to hold onto the waggon like a fly to a ceiling while all the waggoners, armed with whips and sticks, swore each team in succession up the bank." After passing through a little prairie between Sulphur and Old Ringo, they camped on Blossom Prairie* near an abandoned hoghouse which they used for firewood, being chilled through by a cold north wind.

*[Present-day Blossom in Lamar County was originally called Blossom Prairie Depot.]

- 7 Walter wondered if there were any friends at Haden Hall on the 5th [Guy Fawkes Day, a holiday celebrated with much of the hilarity of Mardi Gras in New Orleans]. After travelling through prairies all day, they made their last camp near Bois d'Arc Creek, whose name was derived from what Walter called "a singular thorny tree bearing a curious apple." [Hope he didn't try to eat it!]
- 8 They got to Paris at dinner time and had a very tiring job unloading. "This is a pretty place, well situated in the edge of the wood among clumps of trees which give it quite a picturesque look. It faces on the magnificent prairie called Grand Prairie which is said to extend next to the Rocky Mountains. [!] We have a house ready rented for us and shall stay here till we finally settle."
- 9-10 The Bassanos spent the time "putting our plunder to rights." [unpacking. Walter's phraseology is so quaint-sounding to American ears that it seems preferable to quote verbatim rather than to condense by paraphrasing.]
- 11 (Sunday) While the rest went to Chapel, Walter stayed to help his mother cook.
- 12 Frank and Walter went shooting and found a covey of grouse. "Frank missed and my gun snapped so we got none." But that afternoon he and Charles bagged a duck.
- 13 They got another duck which with a piece of fresh beef made a very fine dinner. "Honey is worth 40¢ per gallon here."
- 14 Walter took a long walk and killed a lot of blackbirds with a red patch on wing.
- 15 Walter had to draw all the water for a heavy wash, so he declared himself "well knocked up" at the end of the day.
- 16 He rode out on the prairie on Robin, but the pony "was so unruly that I could not stop him when the grouse got up in time to shoot, and once when a fine duck got up he began to dance and I missed."



- 17 Walter skipped Chapel to help cook again, but Frank came back with such a chill that he could not enjoy his brother's cooking.
- 17 "I find that I am a day wrong in my reckoning and have been for a long time back so I will start afresh tomorrow and put Saturday's [news?] with Sunday's." Charles rode on Robin while Frank and Walter walked in another direction, about 5 miles down the prairie. They killed 2 ducks, a grouse and a hare.

- 18 A wet day; duck dinner was excellent.
- 19 Charles and Walter worked on the grindstone [outdoors?]; the latter had a chill in consequence.
- 20 Walter took his letter to the post office and then had to take quinine to stop the chill that developed.
- 21 The three older boys went out shooting but killed nothing.
- 22 The boys spent the day sharpening tools on the grindstone.
- 23 They bought a fat shoat for \$1. Charles shot it with his rifle and stuck it, their first attempt at pigkilling. He dressed out at 40 pounds and "looks quite tempting."
- 24 (Sunday) They had some of the shoat with port for dinner. Several showers in the afternoon. "A Mail has just come in from New Orleans. I hope to find my long expected letter tomorrow," wrote Walter.
- 25 He went to the office "but came back as usual which did not at all tend to enliven a long wet day."
- 26 Rainy till noon, then Walter and Charles took out their guns and walked toward Colonel Holman's. They killed five out of "a gang of Prairie Chickens." On the way home, Frank overtook them on Robin.
- 27 During a very stormy night the wind almost overturned their house. For dinner they had four grouse roasted "and they were fine, but wanted some of the Missus' sauces to make them what they might have been," in the opinion of homesick Walter. About 4 p.m. the three brothers went toward Holman's and killed three grouse, but the ducks "get up at 200-300 yards" so they could not hit them.
- 28 Walter sent a note to the Missus.
- 29 James Burton, Frank, Cahrls and Walter Bassano went to look at a farm five miles out on the Bonham road. The land about the house seems to be poor, the cultivated land is 1½ miles from the house, and the water is bad.
- 30 Charles and Walter went to Holmans' early but found the grouse too wild to hit. "Mr. Tuckey [Tucker?] sent us a lot of pigeons which he shot at the pigeon roost last night. [Ed. Note: These were the famed Passenger Pigeons which are now extinct due to overkill.] The pigeons have been passing over by the thousands all day and roosted about 12 miles from here. Several from town went and shot by torchlight and killed hundreds." Walter still having chills.

DECEMBER

- 1 Mrs. Alexander sent a lot of pigeons, some of which the Bassanos made into a pie. They did not attend Chapel as Mrs. Bassano was unwell.
- 2 Charles and Walter took a long cold walk on the prairie but only "slew an individual grouse." They went to a neighbour's "and witnessed the operation of shooting and cutting up an ox. We got some fine beef at 2½¢ per pound and got the head, tongue, feet and tripe for nothing." [Their mother seems to have been an accomplished and thrifty cook.]
- 3 George and James Burton kept the Bassano boys busy fixing their rifles all morning. Later they went deer hunting but could get no nearer than 300 yards.
- 4 Weather very cold. "Our house has so many chinks that it is quite miserable."
- 5 Still no letter for Walter, who rationalized: "I am afraid they have written and someone has opened the letter expecting to find money and then destroyed it." Snow three inches deep and an excruciatingly cold "Norther" had come on. "Water freezes by the fire, meat is as hard as a rock, and we all sit round the fire as tho' our lives depended on it."
- 6 Walter seems to have picked up a Texan tendency to exaggerate: "The ink freezes as I write. My boots are wet and have frozen on my feet. A basket of eggs have all frozen and split the shells. We peel the shell off and they look like loaf sugar. Nothing escapes the intense cold."

- 7 "Weather getting warmer but is still cold enough to freeze the contents of the 'utensil' tho' recently deposited."
- 8 (Sunday) No Chapel. Much warmer today.
- 9 Charles and Walter worked all morning fixing rifle sights: When tried out in the afternoon, Charles's were still no good. No letter for Walter.
- 10 Charles and Walter hunted on the Grand Prairie but had no luck. Then Walter went to fetch his sisters Mary Emma and Eliza from Mrs. Alexander's. "She is very much like Mary [back in England] in the face and full of fun. I like her very much."
- 11-12 Walter suffering with chills and sweats.
- 13 "I have missed my chill this evening so can write without hurting my eyes. Yesterday was my Birthday - 18. I wonder if they thought of me at Haden Hall as they said they should. I had a weary, weary day of it."
- 14 Mrs. Bassano and the girls went to Mrs. Tucker's to show her how to make pork pies. She was "much pleased" with the large batch they made for her. A man at Shreveport wrote to say that he had "received a letter from Aunt for us." [Why didn't he forward it?] "He says that Cholera has been very bad in England. It is four months since I heard from H.H. - I hope and trust no one is ill."
- 15 "Wet. Some to Chapel, others at home."
- 16 Walter took Eliza for a long ride through the Prairie on Robin.
- 17 Carpenter work all morning. "Mama and M.E. at Mrs. Alexander's to teach her to make pork pies. Eliza and I have been there all afternoon." [Was Walter developing a "crush" on a pretty young widow?]
- 18 The Bassanos looked at a piece of land on the Bonham* road just a mile from town and hoped they could get it.
*[Highway 82 leads west from Paris in Lamar County to Bonham in Fannin County. I believe that "town" was Paris.]
- 19 Walter was ill so he read Byron all night.
- 20-21 He was "plaguey weak" so read Byron again all day. [Appropriate reading for a romantic young man!]
- 22 (Sunday) Walter went to the post office but found no letter. "Dr. Coles agreed to take a hunt on Pink [Pine] Creek a few miles north."
- 23 Walter went hunting in "a range of thickets a few miles south of Paris." He killed a deer but lost him in the brush, as often happens there. "I hit this one right in the chest and the bullet must have gone right up his hollow ... he reared straight up and then ran."
- 24 "Very wet all day."
- 25 "Christmas day. I wish my dear friends at H.H. many many happy returns of the day and I wish I could hear from them. Wet all day. The ladies of Paris have given a dinner to all Paris today. I went and fared pretty well."
- 26 Walter went out hunting but came back with a terrible chill.
- 27 Walter was at home today taking quinine all morning, then went to Mrs. Alexander's "and staid there till late."
- 28 He spent a wet day reading.
- 29 (Sunday) "We went to chapel this morning and had a great Dutch Carpenter in the pulpit who bellowed till the place quaked and spat tobacco juice all round like a jet from a garden engine. I saw a great gob go right on a lady's shawl."
- 30 They looked at various pieces of land but found none suitable.
- 31 "The last day of the Old Year. It has been a period of trial, trouble and danger to me. It began with separation from my dearest friends and my native land. Since then I have been exposed to many dangers, sickness and trouble. But we must expect trials in a new country and hope for better things."
- JANUARY
- 1 "New Year's Day. I killed 2 partridges and a lot of prairie larks which made a good pie for dinner." [Ed. Note: Cannot find "prairie lark" in Webster's Un-

bridged Dictionary. None of the kinds of lark listed is shown as edible or a game bird. "Prairie chicken" is, of course, the grouse that he often killed.]

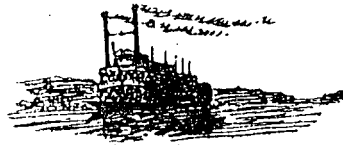
2 Walter went hunting with Parson Lewellyn and Dr. Coles to Pine Creek; he saw only two deer, and they were out of shot. He had "some terrible (rough?) riding through a cane break [brake] full of deep gullies [which were] full of water, and had to ride hard through thickets of a tough thorny vine called heather vine which almost pulls one off."

3 Charles and Walter went out but only got two squirrels. The Bassanos had bought a lot of hogs from a Mr. Williams, and Walter commented that they would have "a hard day's work" tomorrow when the animals arrived.

This is as much as the owner of Walter's diary has transcribed and sent to descendants of the Bassano family in America.

For the benefit of those who have not read our first installment (in the June 1985 issue of AGS Quarterly), we repeat the statement that Walter returned to his beloved England, married and raised a family. His widow, Emmeline (Best) Bassano, inherited Haden Hall. We are hoping to learn more details, especially when he re-migrated - emigrated from America to England - and when he married, as well as the identity of the Missus, the Governor, and Mary.

Walter's great-granddaughter, Gillian (Lane) Lazar, is transcribing the diary; when/if she graciously sends more of it and AGS member Mary (Paterson) Rose kindly grants permission, we will be happy to publish additional abstracts.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

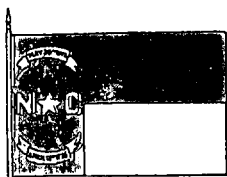
Dr. David B. Gracy II has resigned the office of State Archivist of Texas and has accepted a position at the University of Texas. He will be teaching courses in archival enterprise, records management, indexing and abstracting, and other related areas. His address is: Professor of Archives and Special Libraries, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, EDB 564, University of Texas at Austin, Austin TX 78712-1276. Phone (512) 471-3821.

While we will sorely miss Dr. Gracy's gracious co-operation with Austin Genealogical Society, we feel sure that he will find his new position even more stimulating than his previous one, and he will be able to pass on his expertise to more people. We wish him every success.

And we heartily welcome his successor as State Archivist, Mr. Chris LaPlante (M.A. in History) who has had several years of experience as Assistant Director of the Texas State Archives. We anticipate a long period of friendly relations with him, both as a Society and as individual researchers.

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THE CLOUD FAMILY ASSOCIATION invites all descendants to join and to attend the annual Cloud Family Gathering. Dues of \$20 per year include the 25-page Cloud Family Journal, published quarterly. They will furnish information from their files to members, and invite contributions of Cloud data. Send checks to the association secretary, DeAnne Lamb, 9503 Fairdale, Houston TX 77063.



NORTH CAROLINA

TARHEELS TO TEXANS

(Ancestor Listing Instructions)



TEXAS

As a part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration, Austin Genealogical Society will honor our Texas-resident ancestors this year at our Workshop and in the June Ancestor Listing Issue of our Quarterly.

Co-starring will be our North Carolina ancestors - all those who at some time lived in that state. (Of course, if you had none that were fortunate enough to reside in regions that became either of these fine states, any other ancestors will be welcome also.)

The reasons we are concentrating on North Carolina are, first, that so many of the leading families of Texas came from that state, and, second, that it is the subject of our annual Workshop to be conducted on Saturday the 9th of August - see page 31 herein for details.

Looking at the North Carolina state flag, one might think that the Texas flag was designed by a Tarheel. In the former, the red horizontal stripe is above the white one, and on the blue field at the left, the small lone star is flanked by the large letters N and C. Above and below this device are ribands bearing historic dates: May 20, 1775, when the legendary (unofficial) Mecklenburg "Declaration of Independence" traditionally was signed; and April 12, 1776, when the Provincial Congress of North Carolina passed "the Halifax Resolves." These instructed their delegates to concur with any action the Continental Congress might take towards independence from England (North Carolina in the American Revolution by Hugh F. Rankin, published by the State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh NC, 1959, 1965).

And why Tarheels? That was a nickname given to those who lived in the pine barrens of North Carolina. Wood tar was distilled out of pine rosin, and no doubt some spilled on the ground. In the days of sailing ships, the manufacture of pitch and tar from their stately trees was one of the principal industries of the region.

For our Ancestor Listing Issue, each member may send in two facing pages (or four for a \$10 membership) that are 8½ x 11 inches, LEGIBLE (typed or clearly printed), dark and "camera-ready." Leave space on the inner margins (as the pages face each other) for stapling and hole-punching, even if you have to trim off part of the outer margin and stick it on the inner one. Be sure your name and address are on each one.

DEADLINE: MAY TENTH at 2202 W. 10th, Austin TX 78703. If you send them to the Society's post-office box (1507), it is unlikely that they will reach me in time.

You may use Ancestor Charts, Lineage Charts, Pedigree Charts, Family Group Sheets, your own design (if a person with a normal IQ can figure it out), Ahnentafel (Ancestor Table), Biography (if not lifted from a copyrighted book), Anecdotes, a series of Queries - or a combination of forms. See past June issues of AGS Quarterly.

For the sake of accuracy, PLEASE use names or abbreviations of months. There is no universal agreement: 3-6 or 3/6 could mean the third of June or March sixth.

If you have a question, please call the editor at 477-7313 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. She might growl if you catch her in the middle of a whodunit!

FAMILY LAND HERITAGE PROGRAM



Each year since 1974 the Texas Department of Agriculture has recognized families who have operated a farm or a ranch on the same land continuously for a hundred years. Brief histories of the award-winning families, naming successive land owners and their children and grouped under the respective county name, are published annually.

Since the attractive volumes (which include many heirloom pictures) have the names of only current land owners in their indexes, AGS Quarterly is attempting to remedy that deficiency as space permits. Instead of page numbers, we group the names by their counties (which cover only a few pages), assuming that the researcher will want to read about all his ancestor's neighboring relatives and friends.

Apologies are offered if some surnames are wrong - sometimes the narratives are hard to interpret as to generations - whether Tom, Dick and Mary are children of the founder or his daughter.

Married names are in parentheses in the book, but the genealogical form (maiden names in parentheses) is used herein. If a name is unknown, we put three dots in parentheses; nicknames are in quotation marks; editorial suggestions in brackets; "pic" indicates that there is a picture of family members or buildings on the given page.

Volume 4 (1978) concludes herewith.

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Golden, Alma - Earnest Harry - Missouri Ann (Smith) - Orville R. - William
Burton
Ruddell, Henry L.

GRIMES COUNTY

Coleman, Julia Ann (Loftin)
Haynie, Attie - Dialthea (Cook) - Emmett A. - Eugene - Eunice - Ira Edwin - Jeff -
Maggie - Mary C. - T.J. - Thomas Jefferson - Uriah - Dr. William Herbert
Hurst, I.D. & wife
Kemp, Eunice (Haynie)
LeNorman, Ben & wife
Loftin, Anna L. - F. Abbie - Frances - George Gilbert - Ida L. - Joe DeWitt -
Julia Ann (Martha) - Laura Frances - Louis Bowen - Louis Bridges - Mary P. -
Richard - Sarah - Sarah (Brush) - W. Burrell - William Thomas
McCune, Annie
McCurry, Sarah (Loftin)
Olglesbee, Sarah Willie
Runnels, Cecilia Whiting - Hardin Richard
Stoneham, Maggie (Haynie)
Uzzell, Edna Jane
White, Attie (Haynie)

GUADALUPE COUNTY

Aubel, Margaret (Saegert)

Byler, Abe

Fritz, Elizabeth - Frederick - Helen - Julia - Julius - Justina - Louis - Margaret -
Mary - Paul - William

Heideke, H.A. - Ida

Navarro, Jose Antonio

Saegert, A.W. - Louis Fritz

Tschoepe, Anita - Augusta (...) [pic p. 86] - Darlene - Edward - Emil - Etelka -
Frieda - Fritz - Gary - Hugo - Louise - Marvin - Rudolph [pic p. 86] - Walter -
Willie

HARRIS COUNTY

Strack, Alma - Christian - Doris - Egenhardt - Elenora - Emile - Ernest - Grace -
Helen - Herman - Louise - Meta - Reinhardt - Virginia - William

HAYS COUNTY

Allen, P.J.

Brown, Jerry Cullen

Carpenter, Alpha - Charlotte (Clayton) [pic pp. 35, 55] - Cyrus M. [pic p. 55] -
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Clayton, Charlotte

Slaughter, Augustine B.

Todd, Jane

HOUSTON COUNTY

Calvert, Sarah

Conaway, Asa - Betty - C.P. - Chuck - Clifford - Doris - Elize (Hallmark) - Emory -
Knox - Marie - Paul - Steven

Hallmark, Alexander C. - Alphred - Avaline - Eliza - George Washington - George
William - James M. - John B. - Mathew D.T. - Minet - Nisa - Polly - Rufus -
Susanmarise - William Calvert

Mainer, Clyde - Ella - Ella (Nelms) - Hayne - Jay - Lucille - Myrtie - Nelms -
Nicholas Jackson - Roy

Neff, Myrtie (Mainer) - Gov. Pat

HOWARD COUNTY

Flanagan, Leora (Roberts)

Martin, Brookie (Wade) - Elmo - W.M.

Riggs, Rachel

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64] - "Uncle Bud" - William - William Travis [pic pp. 14, 55, 64]

Thompson, Mary

Wade, Lou Etta - Brookie

JACK COUNTY

Williams, Evan - Evelyn Maud - Hannah - John L. - John Reese - John Robert - LeeAnn -
Thomas Davis - Thomas J. - William

JACKSON COUNTY

Bennett, Eleanor - J.M. - John S. - Patty

Freeborn, Eleanor

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Lasater, Patty (Bennett)
Marlow, Eleanor (Bennett)
Noble, Elizabeth Bonneau
West, George W. - Ike - Sol

JASPER COUNTY

Bevil, John
Bishop, Rebecca
Dean, Sophia (Pridgeon) - William
Pridgeon, Sophia
Ralph, Henry - Howard - Mary (Grady) - Mary E. DuBose - Nancy May [surname?] -
Samuel - Sophia (Dean)
Snell, Adam Henry - Albert H. O Allen A. - Katie

JOHNSON COUNTY

Russell, Hattie - Martha (...) - Dr. Robert Morrow - William Thomas

KAUFMAN COUNTY

Burton, Beulah - Esther
Fox, Ben - Charles J. - Dr. Charles R. - Emma - Joe - John - Dr. Joseph - Julia
Anne - Margaret - Marion Lee - Mollie - S.G. [female] - Sarah K. - Sarah
Louise - Tech - Tom - William G.
Pearson, P.H.

KENDALL COUNTY

Doebbler, Anna
Edge, Josephine Catherine
Knuepper, Olga Annie
Lawhon, Grover - Josephine Catherine (Ludolf)
Ludolf, Alfred - Benjamin - Dosha - Edward - George William - Henrietta - Josephine Catherine - William
Marquart, Edmund - Ernst - Johann Christian

LAMPASAS COUNTY

Boyd, John
Carpenter, Charlotte A. (Clayton)
Clayton, C.T. - Charlotte A. - Cornelia - J.B. - Lucy J. - W.C.
Corbin, Lucy J. (Clayton)
Craft, Coyne - Dixie - L.I. - Nona (Clayton) - Teddie
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John [pic p. 82] - Nona - Stella
Flach, Francis - Henry - Lena (Obenwitler)
Gibson, Tabitha Sirilda
Griffin, Connie - David Duke - Dixie (Craft) - Ed - Tracy
Hancock, W.R.
Holloman, Alberta (Duke) - Emory - Glenn - J.W. - John - Orville - Randall -
Wynelle
Kirby, Gaylian - John Ringer - Mildred - Thomas H.
Kreid, Bryan Alexander - Cornelia (Bertrand) - G.J. - Herman Jackson [pic p. 93]
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Ringer, Caroline

LAVACA COUNTY

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Bamsch, Dorine - Earnestine (Zoch) - Elsie - Gustave - Henry - Hermine - Louise - Milton - Walter
Schneider, Marie
Zoch, Carl - Earnestine - Emil - Emma - Gerhard - Herman - Hulda - Machtalena - Marie - Marie (Schneider) - Matheas - Pauline - Trogott [all pic p. 77]

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Humberson, Lavina
Marshall, Claudia - J.J. - J.L. - Jack Allen - James L. - Lucy Adline - Rush
Ward, Elmer P.

LIMESTONE COUNTY

Fairbairn, Martha
Johnson, Raymond
Todd, Billy Brown - Dewitt Cater - Effie (Williams) - James Dewitt - James Thomas - John [family pic p. 70] - John Richard - Laura Bell - Lela Elizabeth - Mary Aline - Maude Emma - Robert H.

LIVE OAK COUNTY

Beall, Benjamin Oscar - Charles T. - Elizabeth Ellen - John Edward - Lurie Eston - Marcellus Ti - Mary (...) [pic p. 55] - Mary Orio - Nellie Louisa - Robert Augustus - Samuel [pic p. 55] - Samuel Francis (Frank) - William Henry
Byler, Frank - Orio (Beall) - Oscar
Knolle, Dorothy (Beall)
Lewis, C.C.
Newberry, Elizabeth (Beall) - Lt. Col. Henry B. - Jim Henry - Brig. Gen. Presnall
Pearce, M.S.
Porter, C.M. - Lena (Beall)

McLENNAN COUNTY

[This is the county name that confuses so many people. In our queries, I've seen it come in as McLellan, McClellan, McClendon, and even McLyndon--assuming it was named for LBJ, I suppose!...Editor]

Bostick, Mildred Lucille - Milford Nelson - Seth Pendleton - Veda (Welborn)
Brinegar, John M. - Mildred Lucille (Bostick)
Clements, Bird L.
Roberts, Annette (Stewart) - Elmer
Scott, Eleanora - Kathleen (Stewart) - Stewart J.
Stewart, Annette - Kathleen - Lenora - Maude (Wortham) - Morris - Virginia
Welborn, George Yancy - James Irby - Nettie (Moore) - Veda
Wharton, Theodicia Ernest
Woodward, Ellen Keene (Wortham) - Mary Cecilia (Wortham)
Wortham, Annie Briscoe - Ellen Keene - Eugene - Mary Cecilia - Mattie Rhodes - Maude - Robert

MASON COUNTY

Bierschwale, Henry
Dannheim, Elroy Henry - Henry - Hugo Otto - Reseda - Walter Alfred
Evers, Lena
Eversberg, Mary Miller
Hartwig, Sophie
Keyser, Albert - Bertha - Caroline - Donna - Emma - Henry C. - Henry F. - Henry L.
Herman - Lillie - Lyla - Mary - Meta - Ray Stanley
Kothmann, Alice - August - Ben - Carrie - Charles - Elgin O. - Eli - Elo - Emilie -
Ernest - Fritz - H. DAN [pic p. 93] - Heinrich Fritz - Helen - Herbert -
Ilse Katherine - Josie - Lansing Daniel - Lina (Loeffler) [pic p. 93] -
Louis - Mathilda - Minnie - Reuben - Robert - Seth
Lehmburg, Willamina
Leifeste, Lisette
Loeffler, Lina
Mehr, Johanna
Treibs, Estella

MEDINA COUNTY

Fuos, Anna - Carolina - Charles - Christian - Emil - Fritz - Jacob - Mary -
Mina - William
Graff, Charles - Emma Eve - Louis
Hanley, Maude Lucy
Keller, Justina
Oefinger, Andreas
Reuter, Maria Caroline
Riffe, Lydia
Rothe, Annette Marie - August - Bonnard Duncan - Ernestine - Fritz - Heinrich -
Henry - Louis - Walter Oscar - Walter Stephen
Weber, Bertha - Emil - Isabella - Joseph [house pic p. 96] - Laura - Lillie -
Mary - Richard - Roland - Roselyn - Ruby - Russel - William
Weiss, Carolina

MILAM COUNTY

Hensley, Bessie Mae - Charles Edward - Clyde Westbrook - Daisy - Debs B. [house
pic p. 86] - Edward - Johnnie - Lillie - Nell - Ruby
Westbrook, Sally

MILLS COUNTY

Conner, J.A. - Mary
Davis, Jane
Duncan, Jessie (Hunt) - Richard - T.E. - Troy
Duren, Ada (Green) - Bobby Zane - E.A. - Ernest Alexander - Houston - Mary (Con-
ner) - P.D. - R.C. - Ralph Eugene - Robert Conner
Hunt, Arthur - Jessie - Josie - Junior - L.G. - Levia - Mary Evelyn (Jenkins) -
Sophia - Vergie - Willie
Jenkins, Maggie Belle - Martha Jane (Payn) - Mary Evelyn - R.T. - V.L. (Bud) -
Walter - William - Z.L.
Payn(e), Barzilla - Cynthia Ann - Larkin - Martha Jane - Mary Evelyn - Matilda
Ann - Sarah Elizabeth

MORRIS COUNTY

Bailey, John W.

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MORRIS COUNTY - continued

Cason, Aubrey Add - Eunice - Griff Eugene - Jim - John - John W. - Lee - Lula - Molly - Sallie - W.M. - Washington - William Leon
Coffey, Bera - Dolly - Eddie - Edith - Frances - James Peek - James Woodson - James Wylie - Norene - Robert Mont - William Ben - William Montique
Copeland, Mae
Johnson, Willie Lowe
Justiss, Adron Munson - Elizabeth Catherine "Catty" - John Dunstan - John William - Rachel Edney - Sheila - Una Joe - William David
Kimbell, Beulah
Theobald, Bruce - Sheila (Justiss)
Yancy, Catherine "Kitty"

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

Green, Mae (Thruston) - Reba - Thomas Allen - W.T. Jr. - William Travis
Mills, Blanchard - Donald Hobson - Lloyd - M.J. - Oeina - Rethus - S.A. - Thresa
Thruston, Allen - Arthur - Emely (Wade) - Henry Allen - Mae - Myrtie - Verda - Vonnice - W.H.

NEWTON COUNTY

Chaddick, Dora - Margaret Brack
McMahon, Alwin Amzi - James Polk [pic p. 93] - Mary Jane - William B. - Wm. Friend
Stephenson, Mary
Westbrook, Ann Seale

POLK COUNTY

Batchelder, Mary Evelyn (Parker)
Bittick, Nora
Brazziel, Alton
Courville, Jean/John - Sarah Ann (Hudson)
Harrison, Edna
Hawkins, Otto - Willouise (Parker)
Holder, William - William Albert - William Price
Hudson, Adaline Susan - Edward Thomas - Martha Elizabeth J. - Martha J. Patience - Mary M. (...) - Mary Tennessee - Sarah Ann - William Archer - William Givings
Jones, C.T. - Sydney Evelina (Turner)
Maxey, Preston Brooks - William Preston
Nicholson, Elizabeth
Rice, Cicero N. - Mittie Ollie - Nelson Henry
Russell, Lydia Ann
Stewart, Mary Matilda
Taylor, Dolores Demetrious - Florence - Ida Flora - Jesse - John Bunyon - Lena Rachel - Lessie Valore - Martha E.J. (Hudson) - Mary Ann Patience - Samuel Grady - Sarah A. - Sibyl Geneva - Vera Elizabeth - William Demetrious - Wm. Rutledge
Townsley, Steve
Turner, Joseph A.S. - Sydney Evelina
Whitlock, Robert

RED RIVER COUNTY

Clatterbuck, Elizabeth (Humphreys) - Mary Frances - William Payne
Harvey, Rebecca (Howison) - William D.
Howison, John Neil - Martha Lynne - Mary Frances (Clatterbuck) - Neil M. - Rebecca - Stephen Carney
(continued)

RED RIVER COUNTY - continued

Humphreys, Elizabeth - William
McGill, Mary "Polly"
Robbins, Nathaniel

ROCKWALL COUNTY

Zollner, Elisabeth - Elisabeth (Schmitt) - Gottlieb - Henry - Karl/Charlie - Maria - Matthes/Matt - William

SAN PATRICIO COUNTY

Bustamente, Manuel Antonio Dordir y
Garza, de la, Maria Ignacia
Hewetson, James
Hughes, Eliza
Portilla, de la, Felipe Roque - Maria Dolores - Maria Tomasa
Power, Dolores - James
Welder, Adeline - Agnes - Bessie - Dolores - Elizabeth - Frank - James - John -
John James - Julia - Mary - Patrick Hughes - Patti - Philip R.

SHACKELFORD COUNTY

Alverson, M.E. [female]
Elliott, Bertram A. - R.A. - Ray - Robert Jr.
Ledbetter, Curtis Clifton - Johnny - Kirk - Judge William Henry
Montgomery, Ross Elliott
Parrish, David - Isenie - James A. - Sam - William Alvice - William Opie

SHELBY COUNTY

Anthony, Ezekiel W. "Zeke" - Lena
Haley, Laura
Hayden, Basil - Bess - C.A. - Carlton - Edith - Emily - George A. - Ivadelle - J.B.
Humphries, Emma

SMITH COUNTY

Goodman, Sarah
Robertson, Judge John C. - Jonnie [female]
Smith, Edward W. - Sledge

STEPHENS COUNTY

Davis, Lafon
Pettigrew, Nancy Ann
Sloan, Charles P. - Emery - Ezekial K. - Hubbard - Ira A. - J.M. - Jenny Lea -
John F. - Joshua L. - Lillie Belle - Parmelia A. - Prudence E. - Richard E. -
Robert M. - Sam Ross - Samuel A. - Sarah E. - William H.
Ward, Lillie Bett

TARRANT COUNTY

Cheek, Georgia Etta
Doss, Jesse
Goodman, Suzanne
Harrington, Bryan [pic p. 14] - Bryant - David - Ryan [pic p. 14]
Havens, J.H.
Hokett, J.W.
Sparger, Marvin

TITUS COUNTY

Rourke, Nannie
Stephens, Charles S. - Dr. J.S. - Jack - John B. - Margaret - William S.

TRAVIS COUNTY

Alexander, Bertha - Daniel - Eliza - Ellen - Emeline (...) - Marcellus - Milton -
Milton Everett - Moses - Sterling - William
Bloor, Alfred Sutton [house pic p. 89] - Alfred Wainwright - Anne Sutton - Bertram
Hathaway - Cecil Mark - David Sutton - Grant - Joseph Abbot
Buckman, Oliver
Jourdan, Amanda Bradford - Frederic
Lentz, Lura Selma
McKinney, James - Thomas Freeman
McNeil, Velma
Palmer, Lydia
Payton, B.R. - Beulah May - Billie Rufus - Howard - John W. - Minnie Lee - Myrtle
Freda - Pauline Dora - R.B. - Randy - Stella
Sanders, William
Wainwright, Martha

VICTORIA COUNTY

Coward, Margaret Virginia
Crain, Margaret James (McFaddin) - William Henry
Daugherty, Mary Ann
Lowery, Cathrine Lucinda (Warden) [pic p. 89] - Hugh Bourke - Julius Warden - Kathryn -
Louis James - Louis Nicholas
McDonough, Edward [pic p. 93] - Mary Ann - Mary Ann (Daugherty) [pic p. 93]
McFaddin, Al - Allen Minor [pic p. 35] - Emma Di - J.A. - James Alfred [pic p. 35] -
Margaret James
Warden, Cathrine Lucinda - James Julius - Julius Caesar - Mary Rose - William Edward

WHARTON COUNTY

Bennett, Nannie
Bolton, Col. Charles L. - John Rogers - John Thomas - Lily - Mabel
Coleman, Dr. Leonard Outlar - Lillian Ruth - Mabel Bolton (Outlar) - Dr. S.D.
Nolen, Mary
Outlar, Leonard Bela - Leonard Bolton - Lily (Bolton) - Mabel Bolton
Rogers, Mary - Gen. William P.
Sealy, Myrtis

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Barker, Ada - Dudley Snyder - E.B. - Emzy - Jack Lee - James Eufrates - John Thomas -
Robert Edgar - Rufus Lafayette - Sally
Crow, Roberta
Easley, Clare - Dorothy - Edythe - Florence - Lizzie - Mamie - Martha - Nannie - Col.
Samuel A. - South Carolina
Eubank, Frances "Fanny" Helen - James
Garry, Bernard - Mahon Barker - Vesta Grau
Haas, Louise
Harvey, Mary Elizabeth
Ilse, Edward - Ella - Gus - Kristy - Lillie - Louis - Raymond - William
Mashburn, Amanda - Clare (Easley) - Gordon - Julie - Peri
Prude, Aline

Sloan, Elizabeth

Stearns, Auburn Clare - Clara - Clyde Norman - Edward Vernon - Emma Bransford -
Glenn Francis - Hallie - Harvey T. - Iris - Luther - Myrtle Oril - Ralph Au-
burn - Ray - Zara

Tegge, Margaret May

Weishune, Anna

WILSON COUNTY

Damron, Susie

Lorenz, Adam - Adolph - Alvina - Emma - Hazel - Ida - John Peter [house pic p. 89]

Lena - Myrtle - Peter - William

Schell, Willamina K.

Taylor, Creed [house pic p. 89]

WISE COUNTY

Caraway, Bert [pic p. 96] - Bob - Frank - Jess - Kenneth [pic p. 96] - Marvin -
Monroe [pic p. 96] - Shirley - Simion - Wiley - Zeak [Ezekiel?]

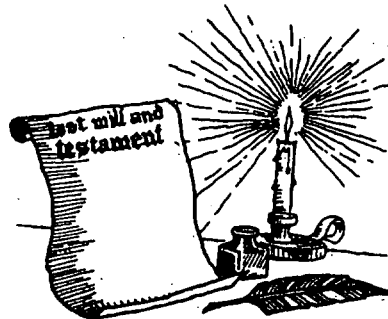
Smith, Odis [pic p. 96]

YOUNG COUNTY

Fore, Mary Catherine

Horner, Nola

Whittenburg, Jacob Benson - Richard - Richard Benson - Sam - Sarah Jane - W.F. -
Will - William Thomas



NUNCUPATIVE vs. NONCUPATIVE

When a person does not make a will but gasps out his last wishes on his deathbed, those who were present are supposed to rush to a judge or notary public and make sworn statements of what they heard. The written form of their depositions is known as a nuncupative will, to be administered by a person or persons appointed by the probate court.

The word nuncupative (NUNC-u-pa-tive) comes from the Latin nuncupare, "to proclaim orally." It is not the opposite of "cupative" -- there is no such word in Webster's dictionary.

"Non," "none," and "nun" do not mean the same thing, contrary to the belief of the naughty little boy in parochial school who defined "nun" as "a lady who took vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, so she ain't got none, never had none, and don't want none."

Unfortunately, this confusion of nun and non emerges in print from time to time. Genealogists of the world, arise! Help to stamp out the non-word "non-cupative!"



Book Reviews



SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE WILLS 1803-1896, compiled by F.C. Key, Sue W. Maggart & Jane C. Turner, Carthage TN, 1985. (McDowell Publications, Route 4, Box 314, Utica KY 42376) 8½ x 11"; hardbound; typewriter typeface; 180 pp.

The Preface of Smith County, Tennessee Wills 1803-1896 describes the formation and partition of Smith County, pointing out that its earliest records may be found in Sumner County, while some early wills of later residents of Jackson, Wilson, Cannon, De Kalb, Macon and Trousdale counties remain in Smith County.

The original Smith County will books are on microfilm in the Tennessee State Library and Archives at Nashville. These abstracts were taken from copies made a few years ago when the books became too fragile to handle, so the page numbers will not agree with those on the microfilm. To order from the Archives, the probate date of the desired will is essential.

There is no Table of Contents in this book: Will Book I (1803-1825) is abstracted on 32½ pages herein; Will Book 2 (1823-1834) starts on page 33 and consists of successive guardians' reports which, when followed through, show when the child came of age or married.

Will Book III [sic] begins on page 62 and covers 1826-1843. Next we have Will Book 7 starting on page 87; Will Book 8 (July 1859 through December 1896) begins on page 107. There is no explanation of why Books 4-6 or IV-VI are not included herein.

For some obscure reason, two indexes were made. The first, on pages 142-48, covers testators only. The General Index starts on page 148 and covers "legatees or all of those mentioned in the document" EXCEPT witnesses and executors. Inasmuch as they were usually relatives of the testator, it is hard to understand why they were omitted from the index.

Since the first index is only 6½ pages long, the reader is cautioned to be careful not to miss it in each search for surnames.

The format and the typing are admirably clear. The abstracts are somewhat scanty - nothing but names and relationships as a rule - and are arranged by date of probate, supposedly, although I noticed probate dates of 1795, 1814 and 1828 scattered among the 1806's.

The indexes are easy to read and sensibly arranged, with separate listings for each spelling; e.g., Fergerson, Ferguson, Forgason, Furgerson and Furguson. About the only spelling errors noted were "dec'd." and "rec'd." [either the period or the apostrophe is redundant inside a sentence] and "Noncupative," regrettably used throughout -- once even with a hyphen! See discussion on page 23 herein.

If a revised edition is published, we can hope that these errors will be corrected and that an explanation of the missing books will be made. Meanwhile, this book should be a welcome sourcebook for researchers in Smith Co, Tennessee.



HARDIN COUNTY TENNESSEE RECORDS 1820-1860, compiled by Thomas A. Hays. (c) 1985 by Southern Historical Press, Inc., Box 738, Easley SC 29641-0738. Hard-bound; ca 6 x 9"; 245 pp + ca 20 pp Index.

This fine book encompasses a wide range of records from this western Tennessee county. Among them are wills, inventories, administrator and guardian settlements; indentures and apprenticeships; inquests; tax roll releasements; registration of free blacks and bills of sale for slaves; registration of stock marks; and an excellent table of land surveys made 1820-37, showing name, acreage, location, date, book and page numbers.

Since these records came from county court minutes (on microfilm at Nashville) they lack the details to be found in abstracts of the actual wills, deeds, etc. For example, one can learn names, dates and places mentioned in a will, but not the legacies.

The tax rolls themselves are not shown herein, just the exceptions - men who did not pay a tax, and why. One amusing item in the list of abbreviations of the reasons for non-payment is "TI = Twice Interred." I suspect that the clerk meant that the man's name was entered twice on the roll, not that his body was buried twice.

The clerk (or the compiler) seems to have had trouble distinguishing between the words "dower" and "dowry." (The latter sometimes appears as "dowery" but that spelling is obsolete.) A dowry is the property the wife brings to the marriage. A widow's dower is the part of her husband's property that she is entitled to by law after his death or desertion.

The compiler obviously did not employ all the misspellings in the original, so that makes "Lott #12", "mullatto", and "noncupative will" painfully conspicuous when they occur throughout.

Mr. Hays included several helpful notes in addition to the Preface. The typing is excellent on the whole, and the format efficient and legible, except for the Index. This was done on a computer and then reduced to near illegibility. The operator should have left a word space before each page number - it almost takes a high-powered microscope to decipher a string of page numbers!

On the other hand, I can heartily commend him for the thorough treatment given to the names. Each variant or dubious spelling is entered separately in its alphabetical place; for example: Frailey, Fraley, Friley, Frly and Fruliy--all of which I would accept if I were looking for Fraly.

The Index concludes with over a column of slave first names, which should be a welcome feature for Black researchers. Those with surnames are treated in the Index thus: BARNETT, Delila (N - Free), 042.

One of the duties of the County Court was to take care of paupers and orphans who had no relatives. Sometimes the court record reads "was let out to William Arundell, the lowest bidder" and sometimes it was to the highest bidder. I have a theory - PLEASE correct me if I am wrong, as I don't want to mislead anyone - that if the pauper or orphan was able-bodied so they could expect to get some work out of him/her, the citizens were willing to bid high to keep him/her. But if the unfortunate person was old and ailing, the county turned him over to whoever offered to keep him for the lowest amount per year (which the county paid).

A word of warning to save the reader from copying the same records twice: Page 30 is almost a replica of page 29.

The book is recommended to all who are researching in Hardin Co, TN, and is especially rich in references to free people of "colour."

GENEALOGICAL PERIODICAL ANNUAL INDEX

AGS has just received Volume 4 (for 1965) of this valuable publication, in our attempt to complete the holdings of the Genealogy Collection at Texas State Library, which has most of the more recent ones. The latest, Volume 23, is for 1984, but for a while the publishers were several years behind. We are thankful that they have resolved the problems that beset them.

For the benefit of those who have not used this "key to the genealogical literature" or who may have been repelled at first glance by the maze of abbreviations, let me serve as a guide through the issue at hand. (The current number may be somewhat different.)

First there is a page of explanation, such as: Articles published in a genealogical periodical (commonly called "quarterlies") which cannot be classified by surname or location are put in categories such as Methods, Migration, Military records [wars in chronological order], and the indispensable Miscellaneous!

GPA Index intermingles surnames, places, subjects, and authors (including editors, compilers, and contributors of the material), and there is a system of cross references. For example, if a cemetery transcript has five or more listings of the same surname, that surname is also indexed with a cross reference.

Under Texas, first appear miscellaneous articles, then categories such as migrations, military, and sources, followed by "Texas, Austin County. 1870 Census [which is the subject of the article], (Balkans & Eastern Europeans) [what the article pertains to], BAL [key to the name of the periodical in which the census was printed] 2-3, p. 1-61 [volume, number, page numbers]."

Preceding the Index is an alphabetical list of the periodicals that are covered in this issue. Each has a two- or three-letter abbreviation [AGS Quarterly is AUS], then full name in all caps, address, editor, volume, year, price, description, and page numbers of regular features such as queries, accessions, membership rosters, and indexes. Thus it is not hard to decipher the abbreviation of the periodical in the main index and to subscribe or order a copy of a desired issue or number.

Finally, after 100 pages of Index (in Volume 4), there are 30 pages listing books reviewed in the past year. These are alphabetized by family name or state in all caps, followed by surname of author or publishing agency. The name of the book is underlined, followed by the year of publication and then the periodical(s) in which it was reviewed (including volume and page numbers).

I forgot to mention that in the main index, authors' names are in parentheses, as are, frequently, identifying locations and notes such as "(maps)".

For a not entirely disinterested assessment, read what Heritage Book News has to say about Volume 23:

Karen T. Ackermann & Laird C. Towle. The most comprehensive surname, locality and subject index to current English-language genealogical periodicals. The material indexed includes genealogies, lineages, Bible records, source records, and all other material of permanent value including articles on heraldry and research methods. In addition, all book reviews are indexed under the appropriate surname, locality, or subject heading, thereby giving the index very broad coverage of the genealogical literature.

Genealogies and related articles are indexed under the name of the male progenitor of the line. His date of birth, or other vital statistic, is given along with the names of his wives, and the localities where he and his descendants settled. Source records are indexed under the appropriate subject or locality heading with a brief description of the records. This latest edition to the series provides about 8,000 citations to 200 periodicals published in 1983. 200 pp., \$17.50

If, like me, you have shied away from GPAI in the past, My advice now is: Try it -- you'll like it!

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.

BURCH HALE JACKSON TAYLOR. Seek names of children & wives of Steven Jackson (b. 1810, Wilson Co, TN) who lived 1850 Bastrop Co, TX; 1853-78 Cameron in Milam Co, TX; 1880 Waco in McLennan Co, TX. Died where? Buried? Married 1st Ann Taylor; m/2 Nancy A. (...) b. KY; m/3 Widow Lucinda Burch Hale. Children from Texas censuses: William R. b. 1849 AR; Marzie b. 1854 TX; Emily b. 1856 TX. Others? Any help appreciated. -- Ms. LaVerne Good Parsons, 5421 Pebblebrook Drive, Dallas TX 75229.

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HILL TAYLOR. Searching for parents of John W. Hill b. ca 1808 Baltimore MD; d. 11 Apr 1896, Bay City, Matagorda Co, TX. He married Sarah Ann Taylor in Baltimore - when? Came to Matagorda Co in 1838. Any information welcome.-- Mrs. Marguerite G. Badgett, 109 Timberside Drive, Conroe TX 77304.

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BROWN BURRUM GROSS MILLS PITTS RENEGAR SHERWOOD SMITH STREET TUCKER WINSTEAD.
(A) Mary Elizabeth Brown (b. ca 1867; d. 3 Feb 1943) m. John H. Burrum; seven children: son Charlie (1881-1965) m. Annie Lou Sherwood. Six Burrum daughters: Willie m. Rufus Street; Myrtle m. Tommy Gross; Elzini m. Al Mills; Mary m. Garland Smith; Beatrice m. Clarence Tucker; Lucille m. Fate Winsted.

(B) Martha "Mattie" Jane Brown (b. 25 Oct 1847) m. William Alford Pitts (b. 2 May 1848) on 24 Dec 1868; 3 children: Marie Vain (b. 19 Feb 1877; d. 16 Jan 1961); Lawton; one other daughter.

(C) Maggie M. Brown (b. 8 Jly 1866) m. Frank M. Sherwood (1856-1926); 6 children: Minnie (1882-1944), Annie Lou (1883-1959), Gladice (1887- ?), Bill (1888- ?), Delma (1897-1968), & Roy (1897-1915).

(D) Anna Brown (b. 3 Oct 1788, NC; d. Aug 1859, Mulberry, Lincoln Co, TN) married George Renegar. I would be grateful for any additional information. -- Patrick Lee Renegar, 241 Concord Drive, Madison AL 35758.

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CONKEY. Seeking all Conkeys of Vermillion Co, IN and Champaign or Edgar Co, IL. -- Mrs. Kay Davenport, 216 S. Inglewood, Orem UT 84058.

Ed. Note: Ordinarily we do not print queries without a date or first name, but for such an uncommon name in only three counties, how many could there be? I presume she'd welcome any Conkey from any era.... IN THAT AREA.

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BRATTON CAPT GAULT GREGG HUNT LANE ROBEY ROGERS WALKER. As a Sesquicentennial project I plan to publish 30 years' research under title The Brattons of Travis County, Texas. Would welcome immediate data on three Bratton women who married there between 1840 and 1850: (1) Elizabeth Bratton (b. 1823) m. Louis Capt (b. 1815); (2) Margaret Bratton (b. 1824) m. Jeremiah Gregg (b. 1814); (3) Jane Bratton m. Wesley Hunt.

[Ed. Note: For dates, officiants, etc. see Travis County, Texas Marriage Records 1840-1882 by Lucie Clift Price. "Capt" appears as both Capt & Copt therein.]

I am seeking (1) names & addresses of Travis County Bratton descendants; (2) information on pictures of above-listed Brattons; and (3) family traditions and/or anecdotes about them.

At least six Bratton brothers & sisters migrated from Vigo County, Indiana to Travis County in late 1830s. These siblings were:

John Bratton (1812-1855) m. Jane Lane (1813-1906)

William " (1814-1853) m. Amanda (Walker) Bratton (1826-1896)

George " (1820-1851) m. Amanda Walker (1826-1896)

Robert C. " (1828-1869) m. Ellen M. Gault (1834-1877)

Nancy Eunice (1832-1898) m. James Rogers (1819-1864)

Anna Solemnia (1834-1864) m. Francis Asbury Robey* (1823-1899) [*Roby in Price book]

Part I of book will include all available data on Travis County Brattons; Part II, their pre-Texas ancestry; Part III, all known descendants. Your co-operation will be appreciated.--Mrs. William A. Kell Jr. (née Jane Laney), 100 West Stockbridge, Eagle Lake TX 77434.

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CHAPMAN MCKENZIE RATLIFF. Gilford Ratliff Chapman (b. 1841, Crawford Co, AR) m. Mrs. Nancy Jane Jackson Kemp in 1866, per Texas Rangers Indian War Pensions.

George W. McKenzie (b. 1849, Murray Co, GA) m. Malinda C. Ratliff in 1869 [same source]. What is connection between these and Gilford Ratliff who m. Mary Jane McKenzie in 1852? (Price's Travis County, Texas Marriage Records, 1840-1882).-- Mrs. Barbara Pelcher, 7102 Newbury, San Bernardino CA 92404.

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CONE RUNNEL(L)S STRICKLAND. Around 1867-70, Stephen Perry & Clarrisa (Cone) Runnells & children moved to Texas "near San Felipe (Del Rio)." [Ed. Note: Not the village San Felipe de Austin in Austin County, but San Felipe Creek, whose springs supply water for the town of Del Rio in Val Verde County.] Perry worked for Jerome Strickland, thought to be related (how?).

Son William remained in Texas but most of family moved to Arkansas in 1880s, then on to Guthrie OK and, after 1885, into Kansas. Clarrisa died 1 Mch 1896 in Great Bend KS, and Perry d. 14 Apr 1900 in Ness City KS. Their children (at least first six born in Iowa):

William M. (b. 1846); Sarah Eliza (b. 1848); Walter LeRoy (b. 1852; d. 1885 in Arkansas); Martin Cone (1854); Sedora Alpheus (1856); Joel Kinney (b. 1858 - became a deputy marshal in Oklahoma, working out of Guthrie; son Earl R. was my father); and Murray Erastus (b. 1867). Was Runnells County, Texas named for one of these? [Ed. Note: No, it was named for Hiram George Runnells (b. 1796 GA - d. 1857 TX). A former governor of Mississippi, he came to Texas in 1842 and became a prominent citizen of Brazoria County.] -- Mrs. Yvonne Davenport, 514 W. 2nd, Eureka KS 67045.

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RELATIONSHIPS AMONG AGS MEMBERS

Ever since our esteemed member Mary Pinckney went the extra mile last year and compiled the ancestral surnames and places sent in by registrants for the AGS Workshop, your editor has been considering ways to take advantage of her "labor of love." The best I can think of is to alphabetize the surnames that were registered by several attendees, and list under them all who indicated they had ancestors of that name. In that way, interested parties may contact each other.

We have long known that several AGS members residing in Austin have mutual ancestors. For example, Emma Gene Gentry, Sam Montgomery and the late Iris Zimmerman; Jim Carter and Tommy Miles; the lines of Barbara Goudreau, Martha Askew, Mary Katherine Lemburg and Tommy Miles are "intertwined"; Cousins Marcia Hoskins and Helen H. Rugeley share a Blount line with movie mogul Cecil Blount DeMille. Now many more such relationships may come to light.

Since there is not enough time or space to put them all in this issue, I have selected the more common - make that the more frequently seen! - names, and will show the others in our next Quarterly. In the meantime, a Membership Roll is to be printed so you may find others bearing the surnames of interest to you. It is hoped that this will be the little nudge you needed to carry out your good intentions of exchanging data with others!

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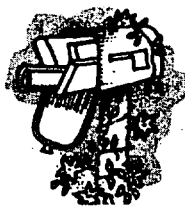
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ARE YOUR ADDRESS and DUES UP TO DATE?

It is the member's responsibility to notify Austin Genealogical Society (at 4705 Balcones Drive, Austin TX 78731) of any change of address. For a replacement copy of our Quarterly, a \$2 fee for our extra expense must be charged.

That applies to expired memberships as well; if your dues are not paid by February 1st, the by-laws of AGS require that your name be dropped from the membership roll. Having a new mailing label made and the mailing of individual copies are quite expensive procedures.

AN APPEAL TO LIBRARY PATRONS

At a recent meeting of Austin Genealogical Society, Miss Jan Carter, Supervisor of the Genealogy Collection at Texas State Library, announced that a serious problem exists. Under the mandatory 13% cut in operating expenses imposed on state agencies because of decrease in oil revenue, our library's book-purchasing fund will be drastically reduced. Therefore, it probably cannot be stretched to cover the cost of forthcoming indexes to censuses, which are on order.

Patrons of Texas State Library have been proud of its far-seeing policy of obtaining all Federal censuses on microfilm and all indexes thereto that have been published to date. Naturally, these indexes become more voluminous as the years progress, and the cost more formidable (e.g., 1860 for New York costs \$900). But by the same token, these huge indexes save correspondingly more intense labor for the searcher, who now has to examine hundreds of pages line by line just to cover one county in the 1860 and subsequent censuses.

As a State employee, Miss Carter is prohibited from making an appeal for funds, so Austin Genealogical Society is making the problem known to patrons of the State Library of Texas. We are considering various ways to serve as "Friends of the Library" and raise the requisite funds for this crucial project. One way, of course, is by individual donation, large or small. A shining example has been set for us already by a new AGS member, Mrs. Frank G. Bryant of Austin. She went to the Library the morning after the meeting and wrote a check for the index to the 1870 Census of Tennessee! Many thanks to Betty.

We call on all genealogical societies in the state to contribute and to co-operate by sharing their money-making ideas in their quarterlies. Unfortunately, this does not appear to be a short-term problem; we need a statewide, on-going program in order to keep our marvelous Library up to date with census indexes as they are published.

Details of AGS's fund-raising plans will be published when they are developed. Meanwhile, we continue to donate to the Genealogy Collection those books for which our members contribute half the price, matched by funds from the treasury of Austin Genealogical Society. These books are selected only after consultation with Librarian Carter, in order to avoid duplicates.

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ADD to AGS WORKSHOP NOTICE, page 35

Although this is going to be an extra-special workshop, with exceptionally fine features because of the Texas Sesquicentennial Celebration, the pre-registration price of admission has been set at a lower figure than last year! Pre-registration price is to be only \$20 per person - \$25 at the door. The largest attendance ever is expected, as a result of widespread publicity.

And because so many people are searching for early Texas ancestors in this unusually eventful year, AGS is planning a Mini-Workshop devoted to helping establish eligibility for membership in the Daughters/Sons of the Republic of Texas. This is free to the public, tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 12th, on the second floor of Texas State Library. Check the bulletin board in the Genealogy Collection at the Library, and other publicity about this and two other free workshops slated for May 10th and June 14th.

The latter two will be geared to the wishes of the majority of those attending: beginning genealogical research, intermediate procedures, certain phases such as research in courthouses, record keeping, corresponding, interpreting census data, or WHATEVER!

AGS WORKSHOP TO SPOTLIGHT

TEXAS & NORTH CAROLINA

On Saturday the 9th of August 1986 (the 177th birthday of Texas hero William Barret Travis), Austin Genealogical Society will present to the public a workshop honoring Texas and North Carolina ancestors. Under the capable chairmanship of Mrs. Billy J. Kaiser, this promises to be an especially memorable event, befitting the celebration of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of Texas.

Running from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the seminar will be held at the ever-popular La Mansion Hotel at 6505 IH-35 North (IH-35 and 290). Texas State Archivist Chris LaPlante will point out the importance of archives to genealogists, after which Michael Green, Reference Archivist at Texas State Archives, will present slides illustrating valuable Texas sources.

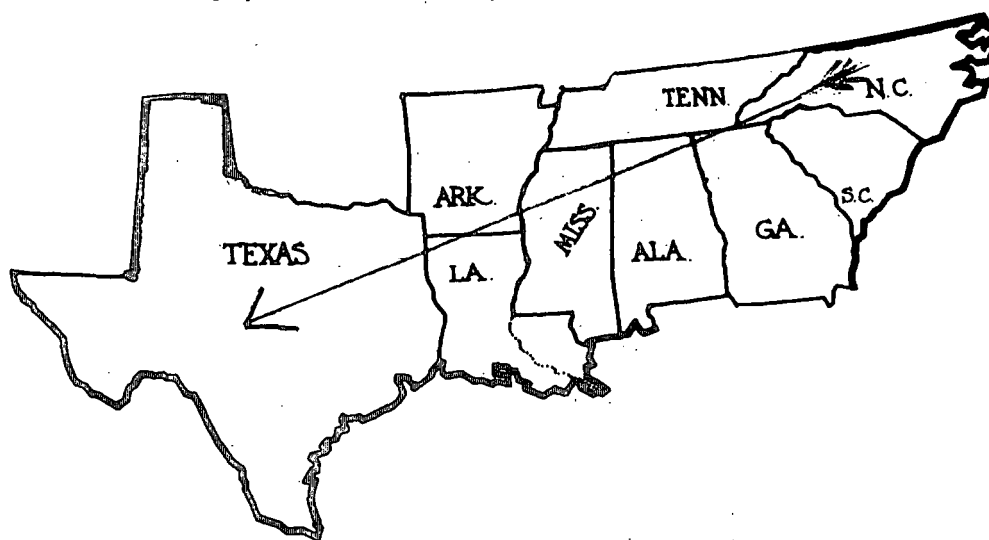
The subject of research in North Carolina will be authoritatively covered by the noted researcher, author and publisher Jo White Linn (Mrs. Stahl Linn), it was announced by Betty Kaiser. This is an event that has long been wished for by her many Texas admirers.

When details have been finalized, the admission charge will be announced in flyers, AGS Newsletters, and the June AGS Quarterly. Mrs. Julia M. Vinson will be in charge of registrations through the mail at 3106 Skylark Drive, Austin 78757.

Registration blanks will be made available in the near future. This is an excellent opportunity for those who have often meant to look up their family history to learn more about genealogical research and really get involved in this fascinating hobby.

Here in Austin we have some of the richest fields for research in the United States - the Genealogy Collection at Texas State Library, the Texas State Archives, and the Barker Center of Texas History at the University, to name only the three largest.

So hitch up your covered wagon and come on out!



TEXAS RANGERS INDIAN WAR PENSIONS

In our March 1985 issue we ran an alphabetical list of wives of the men profiled in the above-named book. Several of our distant members have written about it, but unfortunately, due to a glitch in our mailing process, we have no more copies of that particular issue - sorry!

A letter from Christine Rose, C.G., editor of Rose Family Bulletin and Rose Family Association Newsletter, sheds a bit of light on those pensions. She set about abstracting all Indian War pensions for veterans named Rose in the National Archives a few years ago. But she found that about 20 files were not there: "Some are Veterans Administration records that I have to gradually track down, and some are CIVIL WAR files, for they later served in that war." It seems that if a man served in two wars, sometimes all his records are filed under the later one.

The U.S. Government has granted pensions to those who fought against Indians in early times, but not until 1902 were the provisions of an 1892 pension Act extended to include Texas veterans [Rangers] of the Indian war of 1849-56 and their widows; also for service 1855-60 and 1874-75.

Thus we see that a man may have received a pension for Indian War service either before or after serving in the Civil War. In many cases [if he served in the Union Army?] his military service records have been consolidated, wrote Ms Rose, so, if a Texas Ranger was not included in Robert W. Stephens' book, it may be because his pension papers are among the Civil War records.

One of Christine Rose's abstracts may be of interest to local residents:

"George W. Rose, Ind. War, Pension, Cert. Serv.; George W. Rose enrolled 31 Oct 1837, Pvt. Capt. Cherry's Co., Tennessee Battalion; Affidavit Travis Co., TX, p.o. Bluff Springs, 4 Aug. 1888, by George W. Rose. Another affidavit shows he married Mary Perry."



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An interesting item copied for us by Mrs. H.R. Gentry from the Newspaper Collection at Barker Texas History Center, Microfilm reel #33903, is the following from GOSSIP, Vol. 16, No. 8, dated October 15, 1926 - Austin, Texas:

Mrs. Val C. Giles and Miss Annie B. [T.?] Giles have returned from a two month visit in Montana with Mrs. W.J. Bucher, formerly Miss John Cato, who has several times been the guest of Miss Giles.

[Miss Annie T. Giles was president of AGS in 1968 and 1969.]

SAFEKEEPING YOUR GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

Inspired by a serious discussion of this subject in Margaret Ann Thetford's column "Family Tree" (The Dallas Morning News, 28 Dec 1985), Mrs. Joe West Neal has made a survey of the situation in Austin. We are deeply indebted to her for locating the institutions that will accept and safeguard our records.

Clarice has long been esteemed by AGS members as our energetic chairman of the Matching Funds Book Acquisition Program, and now has collected this valuable information for the benefit of those who fear that the fruits of their lifelong research might someday be thrown away by uninterested survivors.

Local Depositories for Your Genealogical Materials

1. Austin - Travis County Collection, Austin Public Library, housed in the Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe, Austin. Primarily interested in materials pertaining to this city and county. With the donor's consent, if the material is not appropriate to this repository, it is offered to the State Library or the Barker Texas History Center. Curator: Mrs. Audray Bateman, 473-4279.

2. Eugene C. Barker Texas History Center, The University of Texas (in Sid Richardson Hall, Unit 2, adjacent to LBJ Library & Museum. Enter from Red River Street). Will accept all family papers "as is" and return anything inappropriate; or will send a person to evaluate your papers and advise you what they can use. Contact Kate Adams, Professional Librarian, 471-1741.

3. Genealogy Collection, Room 110, Lorenzo de Zavala State ARchives and Library Building, 1201 Brazos Street, Austin. (Mailing Address: Genealogy Collection, Texas State Library, Box 12927, Capitol Station, Austin TX 78711) Will accept family papers of a genealogical nature, arranged under surname. 75 or fewer pages are placed in vertical file; over 75 are bound and shelved, with entry in card catalogue. Supervisor of the Collection: Jan Carter, 463-5463.

4. Daughters of the Confederacy Museum, 112 East 11th Street, Austin 78701. On the first floor of this Old Land Office building are file cabinets and book shelf containing materials filed under a subject heading dealing with the Confederacy. They accept unconditional donations only (no lending) of materials pertaining to Confederate service. Curator: Donna Rich, 472-2596.

5. Daughters of the Republic of Texas Museum, second floor, same address. The only papers they keep on file in Austin are their members' lineage papers, but the DRT Library on the Alamo grounds in San Antonio will accept family research papers - presumably if they tie in to a citizen of the Republic of Texas. It would be wise to go there in person to find out just what and how much they can take. They may not welcome five file cabinets' worth of miscellaneous notes!

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(from microfilm at Austin History Center: STATE GAZETTE, XII:22, p. 3, col. 1)
Saturday, January 5, 1861 - "Local Items"

Hurrah for the Ladies of Travis County

On Monday last, Miss Sallie Moss, one of our loveliest young ladies, unfurled from the summit of Pilot Knob, with her own hands, a Lone Star Banner. On the same day Mrs. McGee, the accomplished lady of Capt. William McGee, hoisted the same proud emblem of our liberties in front of her husband's beautiful residence.

AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES
 December 21, 1984 to December 20, 1985

Balance - Cash in Bank, December 21, 1984 \$ 4,583.78

Receipts:

Dues	\$2,623.00	
Interest on Bank Balances	329.57	
Workshop Receipts	3,941.17	
Book donations at Meetings	117.50	
Other Donations	10.00	
Sales of Forms	63.70	
Other	<u>15.45</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		7,100.39 <u>11,684.17</u>

Disbursements:


Printing		
December 1984 Quarterly	\$ 701.21	
1985 Quarterlies - all	<u>3,195.33</u>	\$3,896.54
Newsletters	519.38	
Directory	<u>235.77</u>	4,651.69
Postage		522.60
Books Purchased for State Library		1,041.85
Workshop Costs	2,603.05	
Less: Refunds and credits	<u>306.25</u>	2,296.80
Sesquicentennial Project		90.44
Supplies		61.45
Sales Tax on 1984 Sales		33.87
Refreshments - November meeting		46.95
Returned Checks		<u>27.50</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		8,773.15

Balance, Cash in Bank, December 20, 1985 \$ 2,911.02

NOTES:

Bank Statements are to the 20th of each month
 Book Donations at meeting are used directly and not deposited

Disbursements exceeded Receipts by \$1,672.76. This resulted from payment of the December 1984 Quarterly in 1985, of \$701.21, the increase in cost of books donated to the Texas State Library of \$700.55 over the 1984 donation and the reprinting of the Directory costing \$235.77 for a total of \$1,645.53.


 C. F. Niebuhr, Audit Committee

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.

MEMBERSHIP is open to all upon payment of annual dues: \$9 per individual, or Family Membership at \$10 for two in the same household, entitling them to one copy of each Quarterly, and two pages apiece (a total of four pages for \$10 whether one or two persons) in the Ancestor Listing Issue (June). [See AGS QUARTERLY below.]

DUES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR ARE PAYABLE on or before the FIRST DAY OF JANUARY each year. Members who have not paid by February 1st will be dropped from the membership roll and will not receive the March Quarterly until dues and charge for mailing separately are paid. Send payments to AGS Treasurer at 3106 Skylark Drive, Austin TX 78757. SUBSCRIPTION TO THE QUARTERLY is the same as membership dues. All are on a calendar-year basis; if you join late in the year and pay the full amount, you are entitled to back quarterlies for that year if any are available (we order few extras), but there will be a fee for mailing them.

MISSING COPIES. If your Quarterly does not reach you by the 10th of April, July, October or December, notify the Society at Box 1507, Austin TX 78767-1507 (but Exchange Quarterly Chairmen use TEXAS STATE LIBRARY address given on inside front cover). Members who fail to give the Society sufficient advance notice of a change of address will be responsible for the postal fee for returned copies and for remailing the copy at individual rather than bulk mailing rates.

MEETINGS of the general membership are held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month except August and December, while the Board of Directors meets at 6:30 unless changed, in which case Directors will be notified. MEETING PLACE: Room 12, First Baptist Church, 901 Trinity. Enter on east side (Neches Street). Free parking in lot south of church, 9th & Trinity. Visitors are welcome.

AGS QUARTERLY is sent free to all members about the middle of March, June, September and November. To save time and postage, send material for and letters about the Quarterly (except subscriptions and missing copies) to Editor at 2202 West 10th Street, Austin TX 78703. Contributions of material are welcome and will be used at the discretion of the Editor, who may edit them to conform to our format. Neither the Society nor the editor shall be held responsible for such material; the contributor must vouch for its accuracy or disclaim it, and is responsible for copyright infringement. Opinions expressed by contributors do not necessarily reflect the consensus of the Society.

DEADLINES: 10th of February, May, August and October

ANCESTOR LISTING PAGES must reach the Editor at 2202 W. 10th, Austin TX 78703 by the TENTH OF MAY. They must be BLACK and LEGIBLE, whether typewritten, hand-printed, computer printout, or superior calligraphy. Allow space for binding at inner margins of facing pages, carefully checking horizontal charts. Otherwise, the Editor has to place some upside down to prevent loss of data in binding/stapling.

There are practically no restrictions on the kinds of material you may submit: for example, Lineage or Family Group charts, narratives, census data, family Bible records, cemetery inscriptions, queries, or a combination of forms, just so it is not under copyright. Be sure to proofread your material so we won't disseminate faulty data.

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