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Each year since 1974 the Texas Department of Agriculture has recognized families who have operated a farm or ranch on the same land continuously for at least a hundred years. Brief histories of the award-winning families, naming the 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 the 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 each, and are in alphabetical order), assuming that researchers will want to read all about their ancestors' 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 the children of the founder or of his daughter.

Married names are in parentheses in the book, but the genealogical form (maiden names in parentheses) is followed 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 page.

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KERR COUNTY

Ingenhuett, Mathilda (Real)

Kothmann, Geneva

Nuenhoffer, Geneva (Kothmann) - Hilda (Real) - Julius Real - Marvin Oscar - Oscar

Real, Albert - Arthur - Caspar - Charles - Emma - Hilda - Julius - Margarethe (...) -

Mathilda - Robert - Walter

Schreiner, Capt. Charles - Emelie

Stieler, Emma (Real)

LAMAR COUNTY

Bledsoe, Francis - Gertrude (Shelton) - Marion Shelby - Milton Shelby - Nancy - Ruth

Shelton, Alice Marion - Benton - Beulah - Carrie - Dixon Bywaters - Gertrude Pauline - Marion - Nellie Belle - Pauline (Saunders) - Sallie

LAMPASAS COUNTY

Cass, Berniece (Kirby) - J.B.

Davis, Mabel (Kirby)

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Price, Hattie Alfreda
Townsend, Annie Estelle

LAVACA COUNTY

Ahrens, Annie (Herder)
Bennett, J.W.
Berkovsky, Frances (Mikeska)
Bocek, Rosa (Mikeska)
Busche, Adeline (Herder)
Campbell, James
Cordes, Ed [pic p. 29] - Ella (Herder)
Fehrenkamp, Elsie (Mikeska)
Herder, Adeline - Annie - August - Augusta - Charles - Edmund - Elisa - Ella [pic p. 29] - Eva B. (Turk) - Friedericka - Fritz - George [pic p. 29] - George William - Henry - Hettie [pic p. 29] - Meta - Minna (Wolters) - Minnie - Theresa (Nitchmann) [pic p. 29] - Walter - William [pic p. 20; "Half Moon" Place buildings p. 49]
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Mikeska, Anna (Skrivanek) - Anna Frances - Bertha (Stulken) - Elsie - Leroy M. - Peter [pic log cabin p. 30] - Rosa - Selma - Theresa
Nitchmann, Theresa
Obelgoner, Theresa (Mikeska)
Shiner, Henry
Skrivanek, Ann
Smith, Selma (Mikeska)
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Turk, Eva B.
Wolters, Minna

LIBERTY COUNTY

Andress, Ann - Bessie - Bobby - Craig S. - David - Dennis - Doris - Garth - J.W. - Jeff - Martha Cecilia - Martha Cecilia (Whittington) - Nola - Robert
Fielder, Doris (Andress)
Folks, Ida (Whittington)
Holland, Martha
Kennard, Ann (Andress)
Sullivan, Bobby (Andress)
Sylvest [sic], Martha Cecilia
Thompson, C. - Melina (Whittington)
Warren, Clara (Whittington)
Weatherford, Orpha (Whittington)
Whittington, Clara - Ebb - Eligah - Hobard - Ida - Martha (Holland) - Martha Cecilia - Melina - Melina W. - Orpha - William Hobard

LIMESTONE COUNTY

Darden, Jane

Fox, Barbara Ellen (Vinson) - Calvin - George - Grady - Henry Green - Jane (Darden) - John - John W. - Lesly Green - Mabel - Macelle - Martha Jane - Mary Elizabeth - Mervin - Mimmie - Minta - Vesta - Virene - Wesley - Wiley - William

Gillispie, B.

Tilley, Barbara - David R. - Jerry - Kay - L.I. - Macelle (Fox)

Vinson, Barbara Ellen

MASON COUNTY

Benini, Judyth Kay (Dillon)

Bode, Era Lea - Hulda (Pluenneke) - Martha Laurine (Pluenneke) - Minna Louise - Sylvia Neal - Wilkes Robbie - Wilkes Robert

Brandenberger, Johanna (Pluenneke) - Mathilda

Dillon, James Matthew - Judyth Kay - Martha Ann - Sylvia Neal (Bode)

Gorrill, Era Lea (Bode)

Hinckly, Lyndith (Leifeste)

Hoting, Wilhelmina Josephine (Pluenneke)

Jordan, Sophie Stella (Pluenneke)

Kahan, Marilyn (Leifeste)

Kothmann, Dina (Pluenneke)

Lease, Goldie (Leifeste)

Leifeste, Alice - Augusta - Clara - Conrad - Elgin - Friedrich Johann - Fritz -

Glenn - Goldie - Henry - Janet - Lillie - Lydia - Lyndith - Marilyn -

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ter) - Reuben - Sabina - Sabine (Malzberger) - Sophie - William [pic p. 33]

Malzberger, Sabine

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rad [pic p. 32] - Henrich Wesley - Hulda - Johanna - John Friedrich - John

Henry - Maria Elisabeth - Martha Laurine - Minna (Pape) [pic p. 53] - So-

phia - Sophie (Leifeste) [pic p. 32] - Sophie Stella - Wilhelmine Josephine

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Wiedman, Sophie (Pluenneke)

McCULLOCH COUNTY

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Bradley, Agnes (Finlay) - Elizabeth (Mitchell)

Cornils, Margaret (Finlay)

Dickson, Isabella ["of Lanicks Shire" = Lanarkshire, Scotland]

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bella (Dickson) - Jack - James - John [pic p. 54] - Margaret [pic p. 54] -

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William Lee - William Scott
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Pearce, Francis (...) - Freddie - Mary (Finlay) - Robert Kay
Williams, Margaret Lee (Isaacs)

MEDINA COUNTY

Gilhooly, Mary (Ney)
Koch, Beatrice (Ney)
Mueller, Margaret
Ney, Agnes (Rothe) - Beatrice - Herman J. - Jo Ann - John Jerome [pic p. 35] -
Margaret (Mueller) - Mary - Thomas Charles
Poerner, Jo Ann (Ney)
Rothe, Agnes - August - Emma (Sauter) - Eric - Ernestina - Fritz - Guenther -
Heinrich - Henry - Louis - Meta
Sauter, Emma

MILAM COUNTY

Barclay, Sarah Gorda
Davidson, Beulah Ella
Guthrie, Beulah Ella (Davidson) - Cleo Bell - Era - James F. - Jewell Hayden - T.P.
Locklin, J.Z. "Jim" - Sarah Gorda (Barclay)
Peoples, Fannie - H. - Mary (...)
Rogers, Cleo Bell (Guthrie)
Ruiz, F.A.
Stigall, Jewell Hayden (Guthrie)
Wise, Charles - Curtis - Eunice - Fannie (Peoples) - Freddie - George C. - George
Collier - Henry Grady - Ira Vel "I.V." - Lillian - M.C. - Ruben Dean - Wil-
liam Jasper

NAVARRO COUNTY

Bell, Zena Alene (Ivey)
Butler, Matilda Elvira
Clark, Lee Ellen
Ivey, Betty (...) - Ethridge Zebedia "Zeb" - Ford [pic with Jim Carter p. 37; pic
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Bob" - Katherine Hope - Lee Ellen (Clark) - Matilda Elvira (Butler) - Thom-
as Alva - Zena Alene - Zena Ora

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Helen - Ione - Irene [pic p. 55] - Isadore - J.D. - Lois - Margaret (...) -
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Hall, Zoe Ann
Tarkington, Mary - Sallie (Crawford)

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Harrigan, Ethel (Baldwin)
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Parker, Joanna (Baldwin)
Smith, Sarah Kathleen (Baldwin)
Todd, Lucy Jane (Baldwin)
Williams, Joanna

PARKER COUNTY

Howell, Julia
Jackson, Andrew - Andrew B. - Beulah - Inez - John Wesley "Wes" - Julia (Howell) - Merce Lee - Nell (...) - Sherley - Shirley L.
Pendergrass, Shirley L. (Jackson)

SAN AUGUSTINE COUNTY

Lister, Clyde Ricks - Hal - Jeanette - Kenneth H. - Lucious W. - Lynn M. - Margaret Brooks - Maxine - Rosalie - Roxanna (Mathews) - Sidney Franklin - Sidney Hale - Victoria Frances
Mathews, Lee - Roxanna - Simeon
Mullis, Carl
McWhorter, Maxine (Lister)
Polley, Rosalie (Lister)
Smith, Victoria Frances (Lister)
Teel, Margaret Brooks (Lister)

TOM GREEN COUNTY

Corkran, Grace (Funk)
Funk, Catherine (Sappington) - Grace - Isaac - John - Joseph - Samuel [pic of home p. 41] - Thomas - W.H.
Livingston, Dr. Charles W.
Rogers, Will
Sappington, Catherine

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Craft, Bertha Marguerite (M...?) - H.L. - H.R.
Goodnight, Bertha Evans - Bethany (Nail) - Henry Alice - Henry Franklin
M... ?, ... [husband of Henry Alice Goodnight], Alice Josephine - Bertha Marguerite [shown as current owner, Mrs. Marguerite M. Craft] - Henry Adolphe - Mary Elizabeth
Nail, Bethany
Ray, Alice Josephine (M...?)
Wills, John

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Ashworth, William
Easley, Mary Elizabeth - Robert - S.A.
Fuchs, Catherine (Sloan) [pic with grandfather p. 44] - Herbert
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Bullock, Sarah Josephine (Renshaw)
Clemens, Paul - Sarah Elizabeth (Renshaw)
Elder, Pearl
Gordon, Alice (Renshaw) - Hattie (Renshaw)
Hogg, Eva Dorinda (Renshaw)
Ray, Alice (Renshaw) Gordon
Renshaw, Alice - Carol Jim (Roberts) - Charles - Charles Lucius - Eugene Bascome -
Eugenia Belle - Eula - Eva Dorinda - Hattie - Horace Stephen - James Addison
"Add" - James Stephen - John B. - John James - Lafayette William - Linda Belle
(Terrell) - Lucius "Lute" - Mary Elizabeth - Mary Lee (Savage) - Pearl (Elder) -
Ralph Raymond - Samuel Worthington "S.W." - Sarah (Worthington) - Sarah Elizabeth - Sarah Josephine - Dr. William - William Samuel
Terrell, Linda Belle
White, J.D.
Worthington, Samuel - Sarah
Wright, Eugenia Belle (Renshaw)

YOUNG COUNTY

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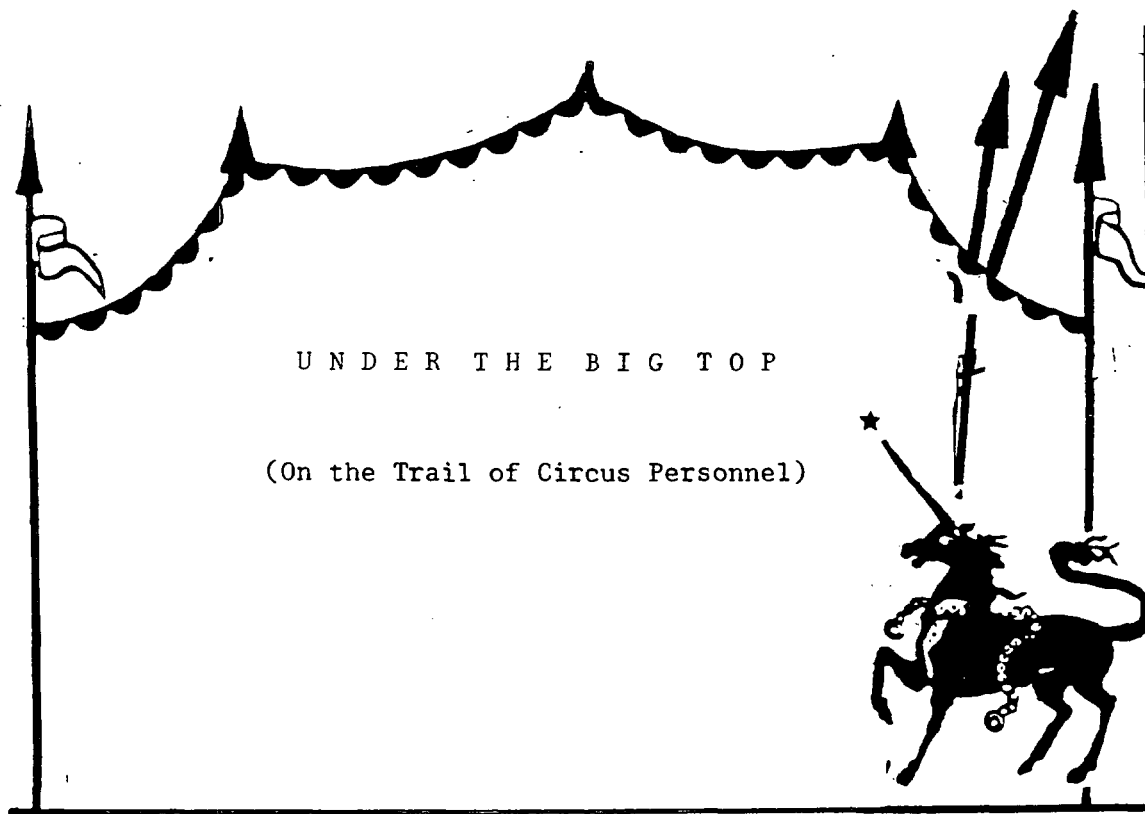
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Prairie Lea in Guadalupe County?

When I was told that a certain family had been found in Prairie Lea on the 1860 census of Guadalupe County, Texas, I thought it was just a slip of the tongue on the speaker's part. I was virtually certain that Prairie Lea has always been in Caldwell County, which was taken from Gonzales County in 1848. Guadalupe County had been created in 1846, from Gonzales and Bexar counties.

But lo and behold! in the Guadalupe County Census, on pages 317b, 319-321b, the Post Office is shown as Prairie Lea. The nearest post office to these Guadalupe citizens was in the adjoining county. People on page 322 patronized the "Plumb Creek" post office - another name usually associated with Caldwell County.

We live and learn - if we keep an open mind!



The subject of searching for circus personnel seems to be a popular one. Several of our readers have kindly responded to the article "Seeking Circus Personnel - a challenge" which appeared on page 122 of our last issue. For example, a member of Orange County [Texas] Historical Society, described by Dorothy L. Meadows as "an avid circus buff," suggested that we write to the Circus World Museum, 426 Water Street, Baraboo WI 53913. This museum, located on site of a former winter quarters of Ringling Brothers Circus, contains circus archives, route books, programs and other memorabilia.

Our ever-resourceful AGS member Emma Gene Gentry brought over a fascinating feature story that appeared in Gentry Family Gazette and Genealogy, No. 20 in 1983. [The address is 6151 Tompkins Drive, McLean VA 22101, if you would like to try to get a copy.]

The first article, entitled "The Gentry Brothers Circus" by Richard Gentry Paxton of Tarpley (Bandera Cty) Texas, must delight every descendant of Richard Henry Gentry (who was born in Stokes Cty, NC in 1825). It was four of his sons who developed the great dog and pony show which thrilled thousands of kids (be they young or old in years) between 1885 and 1934 - Remember?

Mr. Paxton did most of his research for the article at the Hertzberg Circus Museum and Library in San Antonio, Texas [address below]. He traces the evolution of the Gentry Brothers' circus from a theater-style presentation to the now-familiar circus operation with tents and sawdust in 1891. The railroad cars were called "Gentry's Equine and Canine Paradox" in typically flamboyant terms characteristic of circus publicity.

In 1894-95, in New Orleans, the Gentry brothers developed a second unit to play cities on the West Coast, Denver, Omaha, etc. Other places mentioned that were on the circuit of one or more circuses: Mattoon IL, Davenport IA, Moline, Rock Island and Chicago IL. Local history and archives as well as newspapers in those places might be especially fruitful sources of information about circus appearances.

The Paxton article names a number of men who were with the Gentry circus in the 1894-98 period, including ringmasters and bandmasters.

In 1901 this circus appeared in several cities in Mexico. If the researcher reads Spanish, a trip into that country would be an interesting vacation. "An elaborate route book for 1902 was published" which might reveal valuable data.

By 1910 the Gentry Brothers Circus had four Kelleys and six Bonnisellis in its cast of trapeze artistes, and their Deacon Albright was acclaimed the greatest of the oldtime calliope players.

The show encountered an epidemic in Florida, a cyclone in Grand Island, Nebraska, and a 12-inch snowstorm in June in Colorado. Although the years were not given in the article, those events surely "made the papers" and would be interesting reading. Possibly the newspaper stories named some circus personnel who were casualties or heroes on such occasions.

The article names several men who took over the Gentry show from time to time when it was in financial difficulty before it closed at Paris, Tennessee on 23 Oct 1929 - the day before Wall Street's Black Friday. But it revived and "hit the sawdust trail" again from 1931 to 1934, in which year it went broke for the last time.

A second article in the Gentry periodical, "Gentry Brothers Famous Shows - Season of 1922" by Joseph T. Bradbury, was reprinted from The White Tops, November-December 1962. This is a more in-depth history and contains many, many names, descriptions of equipment, inventories of animals, and descriptions of acts.

About 15 circuses that paraded in 1922 are named, and reference is made to several 1922 issues of Billboard for news of the financial woes of Gentry Bros.

Between them, these two articles should provide good clues for those who are searching for an ancestor who yielded to the wide-spread urge to join the glamorous circus life, and we are grateful to Herb and Emma Gene (Seale) Gentry for letting us give you this brief glimpse of them.

It is hoped that these addresses will be helpful to our readers:

Hertzberg Circus Museum & Library, 210 West Market Street, San Antonio TX 78205

["right next to the Public Library"]

John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art (including circus memorabilia), 5401 Bayshore Road, Sarasota FL 34243 - P.O. Box 1838, Sarasota FL 33578

The White Top, published by Circus Fans Association of America, Four Center Drive, Camp Hill PA 17011

Billboard Magazine, 1515 Broadway, New York NY 10036



BOOK REVIEWS

THE GREAT COMANCHE RAID - Boldest Indian Attack of the Texas Republic -
© 1987 by Donaly E. Brice. Austin: Eakin Press. ISBN 0-89015-594-1. Hard-bound; 5½ x 8½; 122 + x pp.; ca 30 photos, 4 maps, Endnotes, Appendices, Bibliography, Index. \$10.95 plus tax, postage and handling - available at book stores in Austin, San Antonio, etc., or from the author.



The Great Comanche Raid (including the Council House Fight, the Battle of Plum Creek, etc.) is the last word on this interesting subject - "last" meaning both most recent and final. Based on the author's thesis for a graduate degree from Sam Houston State University, the book is clear evidence of Mr. Brice's continued research during his tenure as reference specialist with the Archives Division of the Texas State Library in Austin. He has apparently read and comparatively analyzed every published study of that extraordinary raid, and has verified many details in the primary sources, as well.

This fact-packed little volume is well qualified to serve as a textbook by virtue of its scholarly content, thorough citation of sources, and recurring recapitulation, a commendable reinforcing technique.

In addition to a precisely detailed description of "the boldest and most concerted Indian depredation in the history of Texas", the author has given us deep insights into its cumulative, underlying causes. The political situations in Mexico and in the Republic of Texas are explained in depth - clarifying many hitherto vague points for this reviewer. As Dr. David B. Gracy II expresses it in the Foreword, Donaly's work "both broadens your knowledge of and changes your perspective on the subject."

Not wishing to diminish your enjoyment of the reading of the book by detailing the contents of the well-written text, I shall proceed to its embellishments. There are four maps of the areas involved, and some 30 illustrations: photographs of men who participated, pertinent landscapes, Indian artifacts, and an official document.

The appendices list men who participated in the Cordova Fight (28 March 1839), the casualties of the Comanche Raid (August 1840), the participants in the Battle of Plum Creek (12 August 1840), and those in Col. John H. Moore's Expedition to the Upper Colorado River (October 1840).

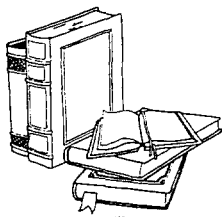
Copious endnotes include informative biographical and geographic sketches, variant accounts of some events, and many other fascinating details. As might be expected of a dedicated archivist, Mr. Brice has supplied a very thorough bibliography, and the full-name index is supplemented with topic references under key names. One might wish that at least the biographical names in the endnotes had been indexed, though.

The appearance of The Great Comanche Raid is more than pleasing. The typeface is eminently readable, with very few errors; however, let the reader be advised that on page 106, top line, the words in Texas should be inserted before the following and (also on page 97, note 36), and that all the names on page 71 were indexed as if on page 70.

The gold-embossed cover is composed of a leather-like material in a color that makes one think of the old pejorative term "redskins", yet it is a color that evokes admiration, not fear or hatred, and one that will stand out on the bookshelf, if you can bear to remove the distinctive dust jacket.

My reaction to the painting on the wrapper is ambivalent. I miss the vividly described comic aspect of the Indians' carrying umbrellas and wearing frock coats with brass buttons down the back glinting in the sunlight, as well as the horses trailing long streamers of ribbon and lace. On the other hand, this painting by Lee Herring has the kudos of being original and different. It seems to capture the frantic action of the Comanches as they flee from the approaching Texans, and the grass and trees have an authentic appearance. The horses are depicted in exquisite detail - this reviewer had never before known that Indians painted elaborate designs on their horses. The color seems a little washed out, probably due to a flaw in the lithographic process.

To sum it up, reading this book is a pleasurable way to absorb some history that is significant to all Texans, and to empathize with the emotions of our ancestors who lived here in that era. Many Texans, as well as out-of-state researchers, know and admire the author - who might be persuaded to let a visitor have an autographed copy during his breaks from official duties at the Archives in Austin!



HANDY GUIDE TO RESEARCH AND ORGANIZATION by John W. Heisey. © 1987 by Walter R. Gooldy. Published by Heritage House, 3851 S. Post Road, Box 39128, Indianapolis IN 46239. Spiral binding; 8½ x 11"; 48 pp.; illustrations.

As those who attended the recent AGS Seminar can attest, John W. Heisey, Genealogical Instructor and Consultant, gives excellent, intelligible advice. This little book, subtitled Genealogical Research and Organization, is a very handy guide indeed.

First, its rich green cover is easy to spot amongst the myriad books that may be on one's desk or shelf, and on it is a huge hand holding the book's Table of Contents in plain sight!

Then, the spiral binding allows the book to lie open as long as you like, and, since it is printed on only one side, you'll have no trouble finding your place again if you look away for awhile.

The instructions for beginning genealogical research are clear and comprehensive; those for organization include preparation for setting out to find material and disposition of the data after it is found.

Both the Dewey Decimal and the Library of Congress systems of cataloging books are explained and illustrated (although not all the arcane letters and figures on a library file card are explained!). Interlibrary Loan procedures are outlined, and instructions are given for using the National Archives (including

addresses of its branches), Library of Congress, D.A.R. Library, and special libraries in most states, with their mailing addresses.

A lengthy description of the L.D.S. Genealogical Library follows, with advice about using the Mormon branch ("stake") libraries. Church archives in general get short shrift, but a number of volumes this size would be required to cover that subject, of course.

Its treatment of time is, in the opinion of this reviewer, the outstanding strong point of this genealogical primer. The change from Julian to Gregorian Calendar is clearly explained, with illustrations of the Old and the New Style calendars. Figure 3 depicts the hard-to-find French Revolutionary Calendar, and there is a full-page Perpetual Calendar (1752-1999 A.D.) which, I must admit, may be hard for beginners to figure out but is valuable when mastered.

One needs to find the desired year and run the eye to the right until the given month is reached. The number in that box can be found at the bottom of the page, which column shows what day of the week a given date fell on. Or, to go backwards, if you know a death occurred on the first Sunday in June of 1911, for example, find 1911 (by careful examination of the years), run out to June and get Table #4. Down in Table 4, it is easy to spot the Sundays (in capital letters), and to find the first one: on the 4th of the month. There is a separate table for Leap Years, being seventeen hundred fifty-six to twenty hundred.

Another way of identifying dates that one may run across in genealogical research is by British Regnal Years. An old English or Colonial will may read "in the sixth year of the reign of His Majesty George III", or just "in 6 George III". Mr. Heisey's table will enable you to interpret such cryptic statements and get a date to put on your chart.

The last fine feature that I would point out (related to the above on the premise that "Time is money") is the section on Colonial Money. How often have we been puzzled by the valuations on inventories, on legacies and bequests, on shipping manifests? Most of us have a not unreasonable desire to know just how wealthy our distant ancestor was! Mr. Heisey gives names of coins, their equivalency before the American Revolution, locations, and dates used for English currency, plus a few from Continental Europe.

This Handy Guide deserves to be studied and then kept at hand at all times.



Computerized System Superseding UT Library Card Catalog

One half of the University's 5.6 million library listings have already been entered into the new online catalog, replacing the traditional 3 x 5 library cards. But it will take three or four years to complete the transition, according to the Summer 1987 Alcalde.

Patrons can use one of hundreds of terminals on campus to find out if a wanted book has been checked out, and UT System libraries elsewhere in the state can tap into the online catalog. Hasten the day when it can be done nationwide by all of us from our own homes!

1770-1790 CENSUS OF THE CUMBERLAND SETTLEMENTS compiled by Richard Carlton Fulcher. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. © 1987, ca 6 x 9", cloth-bound, typewriter typeface, 253 + ii pp. front matter.

This book observes the commendable but rather rare practice of manifesting its contents in the subtitle: "Davidson, Sumner and Tennessee Counties (In What is Now Tennessee)." [But why people capitalize a preposition and slight a verb is beyond my comprehension. It's not the length of a word but its importance that should determine capitalization.]

While I'm being critical I may as well admit that I object to the use of the word "Census". That word has definite connotations for genealogists, one of which is the listing or naming of children, which this book seldom does.

Returning to the good points of the book - its scope is succinctly defined in the lines heading Part One: "The Inhabitants of Record Between the Years 1770 and 1790, in the Cumberland Settlements of Washington County, North Carolina, Known After April 14, 1783, As Davidson County, North Carolina (Now the Cumberland Basin of Tennessee)". It is a collection - a very thorough compilation - of random bits of information about early settlers on the Cumberland, bits culled from official county records, state and local histories, newspapers, family histories, and the writings of "Mr. Inquiring Mind" himself, the renowned Lyman C. Draper. (A great many of the invaluable Draper Papers on microfilm may be found in Texas State Library.)

This book has several advantages over a census: for one thing, names are in alphabetical order, and for another, information on a family may cover the past and the future, not just the day of enumeration. But the principal value, of course, is that it saves the researcher countless hours of looking for references to a family in all the standard (sometimes unindexed) works on Early Tennessee. This is doubly helpful for those who are just starting their search, but those who think they have covered the field might find it advantageous to check their own research results against this compilation to see if they have missed anything.

Whenever an ancestor is found in this "Census of Cumberland Settlements," it goes without saying that he/she should go back to the source given, for these entries are merely abstracts of the original records.

Unfortunately, the Introduction does not completely explain the format used. After a surname (in caps) and a given name, a few descriptive statements are made, and these are followed by a colon and "ref. 113a" [e.g.] in square brackets. The Table of Contents tells us that there are separate references for each of the three counties, but we must discover for ourselves that numbering starts over with each letter of the alphabet. So we turn to the back of the book, find the right county, then the initial letter of the surname, then the number in brackets, then the source of the data that was capsulized in the text. It's not difficult when you have figured out the procedure - in fact, it's very efficient - but the first glimpse of a page of references is pretty formidable!

At the top of each page are the folio, the running head, and (in the reference section) the letter, making it easier to locate desired items. But one device in the text baffled this reviewer. Under BROWN, James, the last item is "Milly Brown, who purchased ... was an heir of James Brown (see hereafter)." Well, where hereafter? She is not in alphabetical order or in any of the following listings of Browns. For BROWN, Joseph, all it shows is "son of James Brown (see hereafter)." Mr. Fulcher must mean in the sweet by-and-by, for he's not in later Brown listings. Perhaps the compiler lost his notes between John and Moses Brown.

This nice-looking volume is neatly typed except that the operator was so regrettably determined to have straight, flush margins that he left some lines look-

ing like the grin of a Halloween jack-o'-lantern. When I was an apprentice proof-reader I was taught that anything so eye-catching that it distracts the reader from the meaning of what he is reading is poor typography.

There are many items in this book that may titillate your curiosity and send you scurrying to read the details in the original source. For example, in Davidson County, David Gwin brought suit against John Dunam "for detaining a bed"! In the Appendix may be found mention of depositions about alleged irregularities in Leaton and Tucker families - allegations that cry out for proof or disproof. And "several depositions of one former slave family" in Williamson County should interest researchers in Black genealogy.

In fact, anyone who has done extensive research in the stated era and area will be tempted to read 1770-1790 Census of the Cumberland Settlements - every word.



Getting Records Microfilmed by LDS

AGS member Miles Abernathy has received a letter from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints that may be of interest to our readers who have well-documented genealogical records. We thank him for allowing us to pass on this helpful information.

Mr. Miles L. Abernathy
3216 Park Hills Drive
Austin TX 78746

Dear Mr. Abernathy:

Thank you for your letter of September 7, 1987. We would be very happy to receive your "Abernathy Locatelli" records to be microfilmed.

We would keep one copy of the film permanently in our Granite Mountain Record Vault. Another copy is kept here at our main library. Other copies will be made for circulation to our branch libraries throughout the world as requested.

We also offer each donor a complimentary copy of the film. You also are allowed to purchase up to three additional copies at \$9 each if you are interested.

The process takes about 6-8 weeks.... I enclose a "permission to film" form. This has to be signed before we can film your material. ...

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.



Sincerely,
Vickey Monson
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35 North West Temple Street
Salt Lake City UT 84150

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

... That every member of a Scottish clan is entitled to use its crest badge? (This is different from a coat of arms, which passes by direct descent from the first grantee.)



CREST BADGE
OF A MEMBER OF
CLAN MACLELLAN

... That the original spelling of MacLellan was MacGillefillan? That means "son of a servant (i.e., follower) of St. Fillan". From that ancient name have been derived such spellings as McClellan, McLelelland, McLellan, McLelland, Cleland, Gilliland, etc. - the F has disappeared entirely!

Clan MacLellan in America, Inc. is continually adding to its archives in Rock Hill SC and Glendale CA. It also has a quarterly newsletter with the intriguing title THINK ON.

If interested, write to the Southwest Region Director, Hollis McClellan, who lives at 2002 Glendale, Liberty TX 77575. He can explain the derivation of THINK ON!

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... Where Finis used to be? Nineteenth-century letters from one branch of a family said some cousins lived in Finnie, Young County, Texas. The U.S. Postal Guide revealed no Finnie, Finney, or even Phinney in Young County, but later a letter surfaced with the postmark Finis - in Jack County.

The Handbook of Texas, Volume III, reveals that it was founded in 1879 near the meeting point of Young, Jack and Palo Pinto counties at Rock Creek Crossing. It was named for cattleman Finis Marshall, who apparently aimed at the French pronunciation of his name, since people tended to call the town Finnie. It disappeared (all but a graveyard) in the 1920s - C'est finis!

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... What the rare and quaint nickname "Beadie" stood for? Jean (Halden) Walker conducted research on the subject and found that it was short for Obedience, once a rather popular name in New England. [Was it inflicted on females only?]

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...How much you can learn about a person from his/her scrapbook? Great-grandfather's "commonplace book" (defined as one "containing memoranda of passages or events for reference") has newspaper and magazine articles pasted in it, as well as hand-written excerpts, and shows what he was interested in - law precedents, history, horticulture, university standards, and so on. A lady's scrapbook is more likely to contain souvenirs of her social life, such as dance cards, billets-doux, write-ups of parties and weddings, pictures from fashion magazines. I even fell heir to an engagement book colorfully adorned with flowers and cupids by Huyler's Candy Company. In it my mother had recorded all her "dates" with sometimes cryptic descriptions of the suitor! Not entirely frivolous, the booklet also reveals family birthdays and deaths for that year.

Your editor would like to hear from those of you who have kept clippings pertaining to AGS activities. We are seeking someone who will make a scrapbook of all our publicity, a combined effort that will be the repository of all our archives.

I myself have a mess of clippings of the column published by Col. Ralph E. Pearson under the heading "Your Family and Mine." These are begging for someone to sort them out and assemble in a scrapbook! That could be placed in an appropriate repository for all to read and benefit by. Please call 477-7313 if you are the altruistic soul who will do this.

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MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

Elegant Emigrant vs. Indigent Immigrant? Is it because of the pictures of the bewildered "huddled masses" at Ellis Island that some people always use the word "emigrant" instead of "immigrant"? They are not synonymous. A person cannot be an emigrant (one who goes out) TO Virginia! No matter how refined, educated, wealthy a man was, when he came to America to live, he was an immigrant. He was an emigrant from the country he left, willingly or under duress, whether he was rich or poor, celebrity or criminal.

There should be no stigma attached to the word "immigrant". Even if one's ancestor was ragged and dirty when he arrived, we can be proud that he had the nerve to make the leap and the stamina to survive it!

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Double Negative and Minus Negative. When we stop to think about it, we all know that a double negative makes the statement positive. "I didn't do nothing to correct the spelling in Grandpa's diary" means I did do something.

A very effective phrase came into the American vocabulary not long ago, but lack of understanding or the urge to speed it up have corrupted it so that it now says the opposite of the original meaning. "I couldn't care less" means that it is of absolutely no concern to me. "I could care less" means that I care a little more than nothing about it. Beware of talking in "blipverts", of saving a syllable at the expense of making sense! TV commercials are reaching that point.

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WHAT A COINKYDINK! (As "The Schnozz" might say). Right after we reprinted that ridiculous old song, "I Am My Own Grandpa", we heard of the woman in Africa who gave birth to her daughter's triplets! Those babies may claim to be their own uncle or aunt, and that their biological mother is their older sister. The younger woman might well say that her mother not only cared for her but carried for her, as well. The older woman is truly a grand mother.

Modern science is creating some complicated relationships for future genealogists to puzzle over.

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What's in an Abbreviation? Your Editor is trying to remember to abbreviate County as Cty because of the conflict with Co for Company in military records. I am helping with the abstracting of Audited Military Claims of the Republic, the next book AGS plans to publish. The Cty form is used in T.L. Miller's Bounty and Donation Land Grants of Texas, a book on a parallel subject.

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 clarity & accuracy; it may be edited to our format. Use name or abbreviation of months, NOT figures. Use 2 capital letters for states, as prescribed by P.O. Department for 20 years - no periods. Queries are free to all.

A) BROWN ELLIOTT ROBSON WILLIAMS WYNN. William Brown (b. ca 1713, traditionally in Scotland) & wife Margaret are said to have been in Colonial Maryland before moving to Rowan Cty NC "about the time of the Revolution" [actually earlier]. His will proven there 19 Feb 1772. When Davidson Cty was taken from Rowan in 1822, William's farm fell into the new county. It had descended from William through son James to his son Daniel.

Need data on marriage, death & burial of William & Margaret Brown. Their children: (1) Charity b. ca 1738 m. ... Robson. (2) Hannah b. ca 1740 m. Joseph Elliott. (3) William b. ca 1742. (4) John b. ca 1744. (5) James b. ca 1746 (but one source says 1758). [See below]. (6) Constant b. ca 1748 m. John Wynn. (7) Susanna b. ca 1750. (8) Elizabeth b. ca 1752. (9) Margaret b. ca 1754 (her daughter Margaret mentioned in William Sr.'s 1772 will).

B) BOSS BROWN EMBERSON HUGHES JACKSON STEPHENS WARREN WILLIAMS. James, 5th child of William & Margaret Brown, b. 1746 or 1758, MD, d. 27 Mch 1823 or 1824, Davidson Cty NC. In Maryland James m. Mary (Polly) Williams (b. MD ca 1760 to John & Jane Williams). Mary d. 1827, Davidson Cty, NC. She m/1 a Mr. Emberson. James served in American Revolution under General Francis Marion, "Swamp Fox" of South Carolina.

Children of James & Mary (Polly Williams) Brown: (1) Jane b. ca 1787, Rowan Cty NC, m. Michael Hughes. (2) Mary (Polly) b. ca 1789, Rowan Cty NC. (3) Nancy b. 29 May 1792, Lick Creek, Rowan Cty. (4) Susan b. ca 1793, m. Sion/Siren Jackson. (5) Martha b. 24 Sep 1794, m. David Boss. (6) William b. 8 Nov 1796, m. 10 June 1820, Fanny Warren. He was a Baptist minister in Johnson Cty, NC. (7) Obedience b. 28 Feb 1799, m. Philip Boss. (8) James b. 30 Sep 1801, m. 2 Mch 1823 Martha Stephens at Flat Creek Swamp, Rowan Cty. He d. 30 Sep 1863. (9) Daniel b. 30 June 1804; m. 18 Oct 1823 Elizabeth Stephens (sister of James Jr.'s wife). Daniel d. 2 Feb 1875. He had inherited his Grandfather William Brown's farm. After losing two homes by fire, he moved to Illinois in search of better land ca. 1832.

Any further information would be appreciated. - Erol C. Wiscombe, 607 No. 500 West, Brigham City UT 84302

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BOULDIN DUNCAN SMITH. My great-grandmother, Amanda Duncan, was born on the San Jacinto Battlefield, her family having taken part in the "Runaway Scrape". Her father, Benjamin Duncan [ae 71 on 1860 Gonzales census - b. GA] had owned a ferry on the Guadalupe between Belmont & Gonzales, but had burned it, by order of Sam Houston, to prevent Santa Anna's troops from using it. He was back in Gonzales Cty by 1839 (on tax roll). Amanda's daughter, Juanita Bouldin [attended a picnic in 1884] m. Arthur Byrd "Buddy" Smith. Their son Carroll was my father. I would welcome any additional information. - Charliisa Turner, R.R. 1 Box 162, Seguin TX 78155

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* HARRISON HESTER LERCHE MEYER PATSCHKE ROTHER ULBRICHT WOLF. John Henry Meyer (b. 13 Mch 1886) m. Ella Annie Wolf on 13 Aug 1909 in Priddy, Mills Cty TX. William Wilhelm Wolf (b. 2 Nov 1854 in Germany) m. Amelia Annie Ulbricht on 8 Mch 1876. I am seeking marriage & death places of my great-grandparents, Henry Meyer (b. ___ Dec 1851) and Maria Patschke (b. 11 Feb 1854). Would like to share information and show old pictures to others researching the above. - Mrs. Elaine Meyer Harrison, Box 1302, Dickinson TX 77539.

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BLAIR GEISMER HAUGAN LANDRY ROLLINS SIMMONS SPIDLE THOMAS. Please help me track down the only close relatives of my minister's wife, Mary Haugan. She is married to the Rev. Harald K. ("Whitey") Haugan whose family came over from Norway before he was born. They live at 4129 Hillwood Rd., Jacksonville FL 32223.

Mary's maiden name was Geismer; her father was from Alabama, but she was born in Port Arthur or Beaumont, Texas. Before her marriage, Mary's time was divided between her parents, and now only her stepmother is living, so she wishes to renew contact with her cousins, daughters of Mary's maternal aunt:

1. Theresa Thomas, who must be about 46 now, born in Port Arthur TX to Arthur and Geneva Pearl (Rollins) Thomas. Theresa married Thomas Landry and was last heard from in Port Arthur or Beaumont.

2. Carole Lee Thomas, born ca 1943 in Port Arthur; about 1963 she married Agee Spidle, but they divorced after two years and she took back her maiden name; last known residence was Houston.

3. Penny Elaine Thomas - would be 41/42 now.

3. Peggy Ellen Thomas - her twin.

Any clues to the present whereabouts of these ladies will be appreciated.-- Jan (Simmons) Blair [Mrs. J.S. Blair Jr.], Box 5100, Jacksonville FL 32247.

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BRIDGES CAMPBELL McKIM WAIDE. Wish to make contact, for genealogical purposes, with descendants of: 1) Francis E. Bridges Campbell (widow of Thomas Jefferson Campbell Jr.) who died at St. Elmo, Travis Co, TX 2 Mar 1891; 2) Martha W.H. Bridges Waide (wife of James M. Waide) who lived in Travis Co, TX ca 1874. These two sisters are daughters of James S. and Mary McKim Bridges of Athens TN. Will answer all correspondence and exchange information. - A. M. Blackman, 5920 Loop Road, Clemmons NC 27012.

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*N.B. Mrs. Harrison sent no data on Hester, Lerche or Rother.

AGS DONATIONS TO STATE LIBRARY, GENEALOGY COLLECTION

Mrs. Joe B. Neal (Clarice) has long and efficiently served AGS as Book Acquisitions Chairman, and we want to express our gratitude to her. She keeps an eagle eye out for bargains (pre-publication offers), and constantly checks with Miss Jan Carter, Genealogy Supervisor, about what is most needed at the Library.

The list of books purchased (by means of donations made at AGS meetings and specific gifts) and those yet to be received was printed in October AGS Newsletter.

JAMES CAMPBELL AND HIS HEIRS

Surnamed Applewhite, Boykin, Campbell, Cox, Freeman, Keese, Kerr, Loftin, McCasland, Moore, Patterson, Richardson, Roberts, Thornberry, Word, et al.

Falling heir to a number of 19th-century letters and legal documents pertaining to the heirs of James Campbell whetted my curiosity to learn more about the family. [N.B. Knowing from experience how annoying it can be to read inaccuracies about one's ancestors published by an outsider, I hereby offer a blanket apology for anything I may misinterpret. I'll be glad to print any corrections that are convincingly presented to me.]

Since James Campbell was not found in The Handbook of Texas, I turned to the 1986 History of Gonzales County, Texas, the locale in which my papers indicate that the man was residing at the time of his death. Surprisingly, although he had no direct descendants, there was a rather detailed sketch of this James Campbell, written by Winston Morris of San Antonio, who, it developed, is a great-great-grandson of a nephew of our subject. [Genealogical data appears after this biographical sketch.]

Mr. and Mrs. Morris have done extensive research and copied dozens of papers pertaining to James Campbell. Their account states that he left Tennessee for Texas about 1831, and was first lieutenant in Capt. Mathew Caldwell's company of Texas Rangers in Gonzales in 1839. "For war services he was awarded Republic of Texas land grants of 1280 acres located in Bell and Coryell Counties, one-third league or 1476 acres in Bastrop County, 1133 acres military land warrant, other land unlocated and another 640 acres unlocated."

He was Gonzales County Judge in 1839 and was one of the surveyors of the town Walnut Springs (renamed Seguin). As one of three town founders he was given 54 lots within the town. He was killed by Indians near San Antonio 18 June 1840. Successive administrators of his estate were Andrew J. Neill, Thomas Jefferson Keese, and Thomas J. Pilgrim. Probate was completed in 1871, but "it was not until 20 years later that the last land distribution located in Liberty County was given to the granddaughter of Eleanor (Campbell) Keese."

Some of these statements have been corroborated and some contradicted by subsequent research. Some points remain unclear, as the testimony of different cousins did not always agree.

In response to my letter of invitation, the Morrisises made the trip over to Austin and graciously shared the many documents they had copied from archives in Gonzales, the Barker Texas History Center, and the State Archives, both in Austin. Combining their material with data from numerous letters and depositions pertaining to James Campbell and his heirs in my possession, and supplementing all that by further research in the State Archives and the General Land Office produced the following composite account.

James, the fourth child of Alexander and Isabella Campbell, was born 13 Feb 1808 in Tennessee. [Precise dates are from family Bibles.] He died 18 June 1840 in Bexar County, Texas, unmarried. [All counties in Texas unless otherwise specified] His siblings were Elliott William (born in 1801), Eleanor (born in 1803; married Thomas Jefferson Keese), and Matilda (born 1804/05, died unmarried). The Gonzales History contains some Keese family history on page 377.

Winston Morris relates (on p. 241, *ibid.*) that James Campbell left Lawrenceburg, Lawrence Cty, TN for Texas about 1831. I have no record of him from that time until the 4th (6th in another record) of June 1836, when he enlisted in Capt. Pallas Love's Company, 1st Regiment, Texas Army. There are indications that Captain Love

came from Kentucky, so perhaps James Campbell was in that state from 1831 to 1836. One nephew asserted that he came to Texas "about 1837."

The date "about 1831" led me to believe for a while that an 1832 Mexican land grant in Bastrop County was made to this James Campbell, but a trip to the General Land Office quickly disproved that - see "That Other James Campbell" below.

Military Service ... Army of the Republic. In the State Archives, in Box 304-110, is a rather full folder for James Campbell. Since that is not a unique name, there's always the possibility that papers pertaining to other James Campbells may have found their way into the file, but I found only one that possibly refers to another man among these Audited Military Claims against the Republic. Briefly:

James Campbell entered the service of Texas 4 June 1836 under Capt. Pallas Love (corroborated on p. 103 of Muster Rolls of the Texas Revolution published in 1986 by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas). [Two papers signed by later officers give 6 June, but his bounty warrant shows the 4th.] "Muster Roll, Captain Love's Co. 1st Regt. 1st Brigade, T.A., 24th Oct. 1836. Date of Enlistment: 4 June 1836. Palas [sic] Love, Capt. Term of Enlistment: During War. J. Campbell, 2 Sergt." He served as second sergeant until 14 Nov 1836, when he transferred to Capt. Andrew Neill's company and served as first sergeant until 25 Mch 1837 when he was elected first lieutenant. He was furloughed 6 June 1837 at the Station on the Colorado by A. Neill, Captain, 1st Regiment, Permanent Volunteers, Texas Army.

On 15 Dec 1837, Lieutenant Campbell presented a certificate entitling him to pay to the 14th, and a draft was issued by the Auditor's Office for \$677.36 plus \$91.28. This included:

(1) 11 days in December 1836 when as 1st Sgt, he led a company of men to the Raft [a natural dam of logs and debris] on the Colorado and obtained a flat boat for use at Cayce's ferry near the Colorado Station.

(2) Extra pay for commanding a company at Mercer's [in present-day Wharton Cty] on the Colorado 14 May - 6 June 1837.

(3) Transportation to Columbia and Brazoria and return by order of Commanding General A.S. Johnston - 80 miles, 6 days, \$12.80.

(4) Same to Camp Bowie by order of Colonel [Joseph H.D.?] Rogers - 70 miles, 4 days, \$10.20.

(5) Same to Camp Independence, to Columbia, and return to Station, escorting prisoners - 140 miles, 15 days, \$26. [Camp Independence on east side of Lavaca River near present-day Edna in Jackson Cty]

On 4 Dec 1837, James Campbell wrote from Gonzales, courtesy of Mr. [Arthur?] Swift, to Capt. A. Neill at Houston City, Texas, asking him to get his discharge for him, and reminding him that he was entitled to extra pay as colour bearer for six months. He said Gen. Felix Huston or Ben Y. Gillen [Major Benjamin Y. Gillen, commander of 1st Regiment, 1st Brigade] could certify to that. He closed the letter: "I am getting in tolerable health and more oneasy to see you than any person on earth as I have not heard from you since you left. ... I am more than a friend if possible. James Campbell".

In the Gonzales County Archives in the courthouse is a letter dated 16 Dec 1837 at Houston wherein Andrew Neill replied to the above and told what he was doing about their army service benefits. James Campbell's Bounty Warrant #1133 for 18 months' service was issued 19 Dec 1837.

In the State Archives folder is the Power of Attorney that Campbell gave to Neill to authorize him to collect for him - dated 4 Dec 1837.

On 18 Jan 1849, W.R. Hensley [Surveyor of Jackson Cty] certified that in 1836 he deposited with Mr. Moody, First Auditor, "a receipt in favor of James Campbell for 50 bushels of corn [ca \$100] taken by a legal officer of this Govt" from Mr. Chaney [John Cheney, J.P., Colorado Cty in 1843] on the Colorado "about the time

of the retreat of the Mexican Army." If that means that James Campbell had grown the corn, it must have been another man, as he was in the Texas Army. But if he seized it for the public service, giving a receipt for the corn, it could well have been when he "led a company of men to the Raft on the Colorado" - item (1) above.

The receipt proving this claim was lost in the Auditor's Office. On 29 Jan 1839, Campbell petitioned the "Trustees appointed by the Honorable Congress to give him relief." This resulted in a draft for \$100 issued 29 Mch 1839.

A.W. Luckett, Chief Clerk at the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office in Austin on 10 Aug 1840 certified that the militia of Gonzales County had been organized by James Campbell, Chief Justice, and "he is entitled to such remuneration as the Law allows." On 17 Dec 1841, a \$50 claim for this was filed in behalf of Campbell's estate, but on its filing is noted "No appropriation" [had been authorized for this kind of service]. However, on 13 Jan 1842, the \$50 was approved.

All these claims presented by James Campbell and his administrator reinforce my conviction that if he had been the ---- Campbell at the Battle of San Jacinto, he would have claimed the donation certificate he was entitled to for such service.

On 14 Nov 1840, Ezekiel Williams, Probate Clerk of Gonzales Cty, certified that on 7 Jly 1840 Andrew Neill was appointed administrator of the Vacant Succession [no children to succeed him] of James Campbell, deceased.

Austin - 23 Dec 1841 - A. Neill, Administrator of James Campbell, certified that this was not the same James Campbell "as reported defaulter in Colorado County on account of the direct Tax" and that he owned no property in that county.

Also in these Audited Military Claims is a folder for James McKay in Box 304-147. Among the papers is one signed by A. Neill stating that McKay had entered service 15 Oct 1836 [10 Sep 1836 on another paper]. Before 29 Dec 1837, he had died and F.S. Gray became his administrator, but by 1 Jan 1839, letters of administration had been issued to James Campbell - a responsibility he was unable to complete. It is recorded that \$70.89 was still due by Campbell's estate to that of McKay in 1842.

I cannot find James McKay in Muster Rolls of the Republic of Texas, but assume that he and Campbell were friends in the army, possibly in Captain Neill's company. Apparently James Campbell's closest friend, A. Neill (as he signed himself) was born in Scotland and had been a probate judge in Mississippi before he came to Texas as captain of a volunteer company under Felix Huston in May 1836 (Handbook of Texas). After his army service, Neill participated in the Battle of Plum Creek in August 1840 [his name misprinted as Liel on page 34 of the Gonzales History], was in Capt. James H. Callahan's company of Gonzales Minute Men for several tours of duty, was captured at San Antonio and imprisoned in Mexico in the fall of 1842, and during the Civil War moved to Galveston for service in the Confederate Army - truly a man of action! He died in 1883.

In Thomas Lloyd Miller's Bounty and Donation Land Grants of Texas, 1836-88, the only military grant to a James Campbell is Bounty Warrant #1133 for 1280 acres received from the Secretary of War on 19 Dec 1837 for service from 4 June 1836 to 14 Dec 1837. By this warrant, 407.5 acres in Coryell Cty and 872.5 acres in Bell Cty were patented "to him" [obviously, to his heirs or assigns] on 13 Dec 1851. The original papers are in the General Land Office at Austin.

In Bell Cty, the land was on the north side of the Leon about 6½ miles North 45 degrees East from Nolanville. It adjoined lands of James McCoy [McKay?] and J. Taylor. In the part of Bell Cty which became Coryell in 1854, the survey was 2,301,154 square varas of land on the eastern waters of the Leon, about 2½ miles from the same and about 13½ miles above Fort Gates [now Gatesville]. All pasture land, it adjoined the surveys of Philip Dean and C.B. Rockwell.

Service in the Gonzales Rangers. The Gonzales History sketch states that James Campbell was the First Lieutenant in Capt. Mathew Caldwell's company of Gonzales Rangers (or Volunteers) in 1839, but on page 34 of the same book, in the section headed "Military Activities," that officer is listed as James Caldwell. Examination of the official Muster Rolls (Box 401-417, Folder 8, in Texas State Archives) confirms that it was James Campbell - a typographical or editorial error in the book. Mathew and Curtis were the only Caldwells in the company, which was "enrolled and called into service" 16 Mch 1839 and discharged 10 June 1839. James signed the Receipt Roll himself, attesting that he served between those dates, but was paid for three full months at \$60 per month.

Just a year later - Thursday March 19th, to be precise - Capt. Mathew [as he signed the above receipt roll] Caldwell was wounded in the Council House Fight at San Antonio, but no evidence has surfaced to indicate that James Caldwell was with him. Rather, he seems to have been attending to his duties as probate judge in Gonzales Cty at that time (see below).

Mr. Morris's sketch lists land grants made to Campbell "For war services," but this researcher has been unable to find a record of his participating in any battle or skirmish while Texas was officially at war. His military service (see above) began 4 June 1836, according to the only records that have been found to date. His whereabouts during the actual Texas Revolution - say 2 Oct 1835 through 21 Apr 1836 - remain a mystery.

Later, while he was in the Gonzales Rangers, Lieutenant Campbell just missed getting into hazardous action. As related by George R. Nielsen in his biography of Mathew Caldwell (page 478, Southwestern Historical Quarterly, Vol. 64, 1960-61) part of Captain Caldwell's company was at Seguin under James Campbell and the other, under Caldwell, was 14 miles above Gonzales when Vicente Cordova was discovered nearby on his way from East Texas to Matamoros, following the collapse of the "Cordova Rebellion."

Under the command of Col. Edward Burleson of Bastrop, Captain Caldwell led his men into a brisk skirmish with Cordova's band of Mexicans, Indians, and runaway Negroes. When they fled, the Texans realized that their horses were too jaded from hard running to pursue them, so they retired to Seguin where Lieutenant Campbell was standing ready to protect the few pioneer families.

This encounter occurred 28 Mch 1839 at or near Mill Creek, the spot now known as Battleground Prairie (The Great Comanche Raid by Donaly Brice, pp.10-11).

Civil Life. After his discharge from the army in December 1837 (excluding his three months in the Gonzales Rangers), James Campbell was an active, political citizen of Gonzales County. The leadership qualities he had exhibited in the army led him to enter the realm of county government. In February 1837, as a newcomer he received only four votes for District Clerk (the winner got 30), but on 27 Jan 1838, J. Campbell lacked only two votes of being elected County Clerk. About the end of March 1839, "the Honorable James Campbell...received from the Executive, appointment pro tempore" as Chief Justice [County Judge] of Gonzales County, and continued to act until January 1840 [probably longer]. In Secretary of State Records, Election Register Vol. 65, No. 255, page 223, is recorded: "May 1, 1839 Election - James Campbell, Chief Justice [Gonzales County] - 3 Feb. 1840."

One of the most interesting papers in the Morris collection is an unfortunately dim one dated 25 April 1840 headed "Recd. of E[zekiel] Williams Probate Clerk my Fees as Probate Judge on the following cases to wit" [most fees \$2]

M. Caldwell com[mission on] final set[tlement] S.P. Morrison
Prudence Kimbell Admnr
F.W. Hughsman
G.W. Davis Guardian &c.

B.D. McClure Admnr [twice]
 Elizabeth Rowe [?] Admnr
 Mary Prust [?] [twice] Admnr
 Almond Cottle Admnr [4 entries]
 A. Swift [twice]
 Margt Durst Admnr of J.C. Davis [?]
 Charles Lockhart
 P. Howard [twice]
 Sarah Howard Gourdan [Guardian or Jordan?]
 A.J. Sowell Admnr of E. Harris
 W.W.T. Smith
 James McCoy Comer [Coroner?]
 County Court Costs \$3 [?]
 Land certificate fees \$9 Total \$37.83 [?]



In Andrew Neill's Final Settlement of the Estate of James Campbell, dated 4 June 1841, are listed some fees he collected in his capacity as administrator:

G. Fulcher Admnr of B. Fulcher
 M. Caldwell - F.B. Morrison
 (Texas money \$6.87=\$1.75 good money)
 Wm. Hill Admnr of P. McGloin
 A. Ponton Admnr of B. Fuqua - Total received \$7.75

Two interesting letters written by James Campbell from Seguin during this period were found in the Audited Military Claims. On 7 Sep 1839 he wrote to Capt. Andrew Neill enclosing some powers of attorney and certificates for rations. He wanted to know what the latter were worth, as he had bought some from other soldiers. He also asked for the full name of "Carter who died at Berry's."

On 17 Oct 1839, Campbell addressed "Capt. Neill Sir" asking him to bring back from Bexar [San Antonio] four yards of fine Irish linen and a pair of Mexican spurs that J.W. Smith would send. "Get the money from Threadgill if you have not lost that note. I look for you about Christmas. Yours with respect, James Campbell." The address area is endorsed "Free/ JC P.M." - he was the first postmaster at Walnut Springs which was soon changed to Seguin (Gonzales History p. 177).

James Campbell seems to have been a part-time merchant, judging from items appraised as Personal Property in December 1840 - or else he was quite a dandy! First, the usual articles such as a \$50 paint horse, \$25 roan horse, yoke of oxen, 7 head of cattle, rifle gun, sword, surveyor's compass and book, Spanish grammar, lumber, tools, set of weights, shaving box (6½ cents), watch chain and keys. Then we find a dozen knives and forks (unexpected for a bachelor), 11 pairs of boots, 29 pairs Ladies shoes, 3 figured worsted vests, 6 Marseilles vests, 1 velvet vest, 2 striped vests, 1 old vest (50¢), a \$20 black cloth coat, 2 pairs pumps, 4½ dozen collars, 3 pair drawers, 4 shirts, 1 pair fine boots and 1 pair coarse boots. He had 4 kinds of pants: casinette, casimere, striped, and buckskin.

Our hero was on the 1838 and 1839 tax rolls of Gonzales County (which embraced Guadalupe County until 1846), according to the History, and in Gifford White's 1840 Census of Texas [actually, the tax rolls of certain counties] he was assessed for completed title to 2214 acres, 146 town lots in Seguin, one saddle horse and one silver watch.

Land in Seguin. As A.J. Sowell recalled it (Early Settlers and Indian Fighters of Southwest Texas, pp. 409-33, "Early History of Guadalupe County"), Henry and Ben McCulloch, Arthur Swift, J.S. Martin, Mathew Caldwell and James Campbell "were instrumental in laying out the town" in August 1838. Sowell describes the

complicated system of lots that were laid out, of which the 12-acre farm lots were divided into 44 shares, of which landowner J.S. Martin retained 10 shares and sold the remainder. The Gonzales History says the 34 men were all members of Gonzales Rangers. First called Walnut Springs, then Seguin, the town was in Gonzales Cty until Guadalupe was formed in 1846. James Campbell was postmaster 27 Feb 1839 - 1 Feb 1840. Though he had a house there, records reveal that he paid French Smith \$15 a month for his meals.

On the 1840 appraisalment of James Campbell's estate it appears that he owned a great many lots and had an undivided half of five shares (45 lots), but to the present writer it looks more like 107 than 146 lots as shown in 1840 Census. These lots were the subject of great controversy in after years, as James Campbell's administrators sold some to pay his debts and invested in others. An 1839 map of Seguin in Texas State Library might show just where his lots were.

Campbell's Lands in Texas. As seen in the section "Military Service ... Army of the Republic", James Campbell received Bounty Warrant #1133 in December 1837 for 18 months' service in the army. The 1280 acres were patented, approximately one third in Coryell Cty and two thirds in Bell Cty, in 1851. On the 1840 appraisalment of his property, the warrant was valued at \$140.80 - 11 cents an acre - as he did not actually have the land yet.

That appraisalment also shows that, as assignee of William H. Killen, he held Bounty Warrant #7050 for 640 acres valued at \$70.40. Killen does not appear on the surviving muster rolls of the Texas Revolution, but he was in Caldwell's ranger company. Since James Campbell received about \$800 in back pay in 1837-38, he was able to help his friends out, as many notes on his inventory attest. He lent Killen \$300; it is unclear whether the friend redeemed his warrant or not. The warrant was patented in Bell Cty in 1851, just as Campbell's #1133 was, but Miller's book says "patented to him" - i.e., Killen.

These two military land warrants total 1920 acres, which does not match Mr. Morris's figure of 1193 acres and "another 640 acres unlocated." Under "war service" he included one third league or 1476 acres in Bastrop County. GLO records show that this was James Campbell's Second Class Headright, given for settling in Texas, not for fighting.

At the General Land Office, File "Bexar 2--169" contains "our" James Campbell's application for a Second Class Land Grant from the Republic of Texas. This "headright certificate" states that he presented himself before the Board of Land Commissioners for the County of Gonzales on 31 May 1838 and "proved according to Law that he arrived in this Republic subsequent to the Declaration of Independence and previous to the first of August 1836 as a volunteer soldier in Texas Service and was honorably discharged he is a single man and entitled to one third of a League of Land to be surveyed after the first day of August next." This was signed by J.D. Clement, President, and William A. Matthews; attested by Saml. Williams, Clerk.

Among the James Campbell probate papers in Gonzales are some showing that on 5 Oct 1838 he contracted with John J. Lackey to locate, survey and clear out his one-third league of land. It seems that the survey was not made until 8 Nov 1845 (recorded in Book A, page 500, GLO), and the Field Notes show that it was in a part of Bexar Cty that later became Llano - Survey No. 138, of eight and one third labors of land made by virtue of Second Class Certificate #10. The land was "situated on the waters of Sandy Creek in the County of Bexar." Survey was certified correct on 30 Mch 1847.

That Other James Campbell. Since "our" James Campbell was said to have left Tennessee for Texas in 1831, I looked in the Index to Spanish and Mexican Land

Grants in Texas (by Virginia H. Taylor). The only grant to a James Campbell shows Nov. 27, 1832 as the date of his title to one league in Austin's Colony #4, in present-day Lavaca Cty [part taken from Gonzales Cty in 1846].

And in Bastrop County 1691-1900, revised in 1976 by Bill Moore, on page 30 is Table A, "Little Colony Contract of 1827", listing grant #187, James Campbell, November 27, 1832, one league in "Labacca E. Side near Gonzales Road. Joins Ponton". [Alcalde Andrew Ponton's 1832 grant was on the Gonzales-Lavaca County line, according to the Gonzales History.]

As stated in Carolyn Ericson's informative article "Disposition of Texas Land" (in Stirpes, December 1983, pp. 166-73), by state law of 1825, the State of Coahuila y Texas granted a square league of land (4,428 acres) to a family that met the restrictions and paid the required fees. But "Single men could receive only one-fourth as much as heads of families." Hence, the question arose: How could our James Campbell acquire a full league? His heirs repeatedly testified that he never married.

Examining the application for land in Box 18:38 in the Spanish Collection in the General Land Office, I discovered that that James Campbell was a native of Ireland, was 26 years of age, had an 18-year-old wife named Anne, and a male child. His signature was indubitably different from that of the soldier who wrote to Captain Neill in 1837.

Death. Perhaps the suddenness of his death is responsible for the confused state of James Campbell's business affairs. The following stark notice was printed on 27 June 1840 in the Texas Sentinel at Austin:

On the 18th inst. James Campbell, of Gonzales, formerly of Tennessee, was killed, one mile below San Antonio, by the Indians. He had 26 wounds.

[Some accounts say "near the Alamo," probably because the next item is about some women who were the victims of arrows a hundred yards from the Alamo the same week.]

The editor then remarked: "The Indians are represented as being very troublesome about San Antonio at this time." This wry understatement is expanded on page 26 of Donaly E. Brice's The Great Comanche Raid:

The Comanches remained in the vicinity of San Antonio for the rest of the spring and part of the summer while recovering from the severe defeat which had been dealt to them at the Council House Fight [on 19 Mch 1840]. Small parties of Comanches continued stealing livestock, burning houses, and attacking individual settlers.

An authentic, eyewitness account of the death of James Campbell is found in Now You Hear My Horn, the Journals of James Wilson Nichols, 1820-1887 (UT Press; edited by Catherine W. McDowell; pp. 47-47). To summarize:

Jim Nichols recorded that all was quiet around Seguin except for an occasional raid by the Waco Indians, led by "Bigfoot Waco," and the continual raiding around San Antonio by the Waco and "Tawackane" tribes. [The Tehuacana/Tawakoni and Waco tribes were strongly influenced by the more powerful Comanches.]

On the 17th of June, 1840, James Campbell told Jim Nichols that he had business in San Antonio that he must attend to in person, and, since the Indians were "so bad out there," he wanted some men to go along. He offered to pay them a dollar a day plus expenses, and gave Nichols a five-dollar goldpiece to round up the required number of men.

The next morning at ten the six men set out and "between sundown and dark" reached "the ditch in the edge of town" - apparently the irrigation ditch built ca 1745 by the Mission San Francisco de Espada. The ditch, running through a corner of Mission Burial Park today, has never ceased to flow (San Antonio, A Historical and Pictorial Guide, by Charles Ramsdell, pp. 143-44).

Deciding to camp there because of good water and grass, the men let their horses graze for awhile before tying them up for the night. An hour before day-break on the 18th they again allowed the horses to graze while the men had their breakfast. Then they caught their horses and began to saddle up - all but James Campbell. He had to search for his horse in ever-widening circles, out of sight of his companions.

Just when they were ready to go help him find his horse, they heard Campbell "hollow and we supposed he had found his horse and hollowed to let us know." When he did not ride back into camp in a reasonable time, the group set out to look for him, but did not suspect Indians until they came upon his body. James Campbell had been killed, scalped, and stripped.

When they picked up the trail of the Indians, the Texans raced after them, soon discovering two very frightened little Mexican boys, who told them what they had seen from a hiding place. They said two Indians had chased a man down the hill - a big man with long arms. As he had no gun, the man threw rocks at the Indians as long as he could stand up, but finally sank down, full of arrows. Then the Indians scalped him and mutilated his body.

Catching up with the perpetrators, the two Nichols brothers were able to kill one of them, but the other escaped, being on Campbell's horse, "the best one in the crowd." The Indian must have taken Campbell's clothes containing his money and papers, as they were never recovered, Nichols surmised.

The fact that James Campbell sought reinforcements for his trip to San Antonio shows that he was not foolhardy, but why then would he be so careless as to venture far from camp without a gun? I tried to visualize the scene, and it occurred to me: How could he catch a fleet, high-spirited horse with a long rifle in his arms?

Administration of the James Campbell Estate. As has been noted, three weeks later Andrew Neill was appointed administrator of the estate of James Campbell, deceased, and served for two years, until superseded by the brother-in-law of the decedent, Thomas Jefferson Keese, who had married Eleanor Campbell.

James Campbell was indebted to his former captain, which complicated the administrator's reports and apparently was challenged by Keese.

Some of the interesting items in the mass of documents collected by Mr. and Mrs. Winston Morris are: When Andrew Neill made bond, he stated that he thought Campbell had a will, but it was never found. [Was he carrying it that fatal day?] As late as 1854, E.W. Campbell, James's older brother, was questioning the disposition of his \$75 silver watch, apparently suspecting his brother-in-law of appropriating it. But I feel that James would take it with him on a business trip to the "city" of San Antonio, and surely the Indians would seize it as a curiosity. [I started to say they would pocket the watch, but in summer few Indians wore pants, much less pockets!]

On another paper, the Widow Black claimed some stock that had been impounded as estrays. It seems that her cattle and Campbell's had been pastured together, and now she claimed it all "because she had cared for it."

Mrs. Rebecca Happell presented a bill for 2 dozen candles, washing and mending for James Campbell. French Smith presented his bill for four months' board in 1839 at \$15 per month.

There are many documents pertaining to the sale of a house and lot in Seguin to pay Campbell's debts. He had much land and outstanding notes receivable, but no cash to pay outstanding debts. The Final Account of Andrew Neill states that he had received total assets of \$1242.94 as Administrator of James Campbell.

During the time that Attorney Neill was engaged in putting his late comrade's affairs in order - paying his debts and collecting the personal notes

and judicial fees due him - two dramatic incidents occurred that had real significance: Thomas J. and Eleanor (Campbell) Keese moved to Texas, and Mexican troops captured Andrew Neill.

To explain the latter, short-term interruption first: While trying a case in San Antonio in September 1842, he and the entire court were captured by General Adrian Woll and subsequently taken to Mexico as prisoners. Neill managed to escape earlier than most, and was back in Texas in January 1843 [Handbook of Texas]. Thus it appears that the Final Account of Andrew Neill, which Edmund Bellinger, Probate Judge of Gonzales Cty, ordered to be recorded and filed on 19 Nov 1842, must have been presented in absentia, or before September 12th.

The reason for the final accounting is that James's sister and her husband charged Neill with mismanagement of the Campbell property. The Gonzales History (page 377) relates that Eleanor Campbell married Thomas Jefferson Keese in Tennessee in 1824, and they moved to Marengo County, Alabama in 1837. It goes on to say that in 1839 [should be 1840] while teaching school at Shiloh, they were notified of the death of her brother in a letter from Andrew Neill. On 9 Oct 1840 T.J. Keese wrote his second letter to Neill, asking what James's property consisted of and if it would be safe to move to Texas. He said that if Neill found the Campbell will, it would not be necessary to get powers of attorney from other heirs.

Learning that Campbell had left considerable property, the Keeses decided they had better travel to Texas to see about it. Although the Gonzales History relates that they immigrated to Texas "by water" in 1840, their son, Thomas Harrison Keese, revealed that it was in 1842. Answering interrogatories posed by attorneys Harwood & Harwood, he stated that he was 51 and had been in Texas 49 years. The paper is not dated, but family Bible records give his birth date as 18 May 1840. Adding 51, we get 18 May (or later) 1891 for the date of the deposition; subtracting 49, we get 1842 for arrival date. The patriarch, Thomas J. Keese, had died in 1889.

In June 1842, Thomas J. Keese and wife Eleanor, "the sister of James Campbell and nearest of kin" [ignoring the brother of James], petitioned the court to remove Andrew Neill as administrator. Neill promptly tendered his resignation. But he did not tamely submit to the accusations made by Keese. As soon as he got back to Texas from the Mexican prison, he asked for an appeal (20 Feb 1843).

In April 1845, judgment appealed to District Court was decided in favor of A. Neill to recover the claimed \$193.39 plus interest at 8% from 1 Aug 1842. Thomas J. Pilgrim (who had succeeded T.J. Keese as administrator) finally paid Neill \$436.88 on 5 May 1858. Neill's countersuit against Keese was continued from January 1847 to August 1850. In June 1854 litigation was still going on; outcome unknown.

At that point, Elliott W. Campbell, brother of James, alleged that T.J. Keese had betrayed the administrator's trust; e.g., that he failed to pay a small sum of money and thus lost land worth \$20,000 in and around Seguin. Keese denied all charges but tendered his resignation 28 Dec 1854. A week later, Thomas J. Pilgrim of Gonzales became administrator of James Campbell's estate. No family relationship between Pilgrim and the Campbells is known. His final account was filed 10 Jan 1871. This writer has not seen papers relating to distribution of land in Liberty County 20 years later.

In May 1859, Attorney T.M. Harwood presented a statement of his legal services to T.J. Pilgrim, Admr. of Estate of James Campbell, deceased. These consisted of "preparing deeds & mortgages for purchasers at Sale of Town lots in Seguin and acting as Commissioner of sale for same - \$25"; prosecuting two suits vs. E. Keyser & T.D. Sprain [Spain?] ... \$121 judgment obtained; defending the estate in suit bro't by S.W. Keyser; defending a suit in Guadalupe Cty and State Supreme Court; total bill \$185. This statement was approved in 1866 by Pilgrim, who had been administrator since 1855, when B.B. Peck and John Conley went on his \$5,000 bond.

Apparently Attorney Harwood had been involved even earlier, for there is a paper dated 29 Sep 1856 which mentions the attorney fees of Harwood and [A.J.] McKean. And thirty years later, T.M. Harwood seems to have discovered a chance to recover lands for the heirs of James Campbell. He wrote to such heirs as he could locate, and through them obtained the addresses of others. In due time, he secured their powers of attorney authorizing him to "look up, bring suits for and recover any land or lands belonging to us as the heirs at law of James Campbell deceased, formerly of Gonzales County" in any county of the state, "which have not been heretofore sold or appropriated by us or by the administrators of said James Campbell...."

According to another P/A, Harwood & Harwood [TMH's son Thomas Franklin was a member of the firm by then] were given power to recover any such land or "compromise with any adverse claimants or occupants", as they deemed best; to bargain and sell, to convey title and to give receipts for any such sales. For such negotiations, Harwood & Harwood were to receive an undivided one half interest in all lands recovered or found by them - "But it is expressly stipulated that we are to be at No Expense in the litigation, or any costs otherwise incident to the recovery." Signed 26 July 1889 by J.E. Keese and T.H. Keese in Bandera County. This was filed for record 22 Aug 1889 in Llano Cty, which had been taken from Bexar Cty in 1856. James Campbell's one-third league Headright #10 grant had been patented there 11 June 1847 (GLO records, No. 104, Vol. 4). This is the land that Lackey had surveyed, and, according to his contract with Campbell, he was to have one fourth (369 acres) for his services: the heirs to select one fourth, then Lackey to choose his fourth, and the heirs to keep the remaining half of the 1476 acres.

From 1889 through 1895, as surviving papers show, Alexander Campbell et al., heirs of James Campbell, were suing Percy Franklin who was occupying the land in Llano County. For example, Case No. 711 dated 13 May 1891: Alexander Campbell et als vs Percy Franklin - judgment of court that heirs recover of sd Percy Franklin that tract in Llano Cty known as the James Campbell headright third of a league patented to James Campbell (heirs or assigns) 3 Jly 1847 by J.P. Henderson, Gov., on waters of Sandy Creek. [Stakes, stones, trees but no neighboring owners are named in the metes and bounds.] ... being 1476 acres.

The last paper pertaining to this matter that was found in this collection indicates that both parties decided to appeal the decision. One would have to search records of Llano County and appeals courts to determine the final outcome.

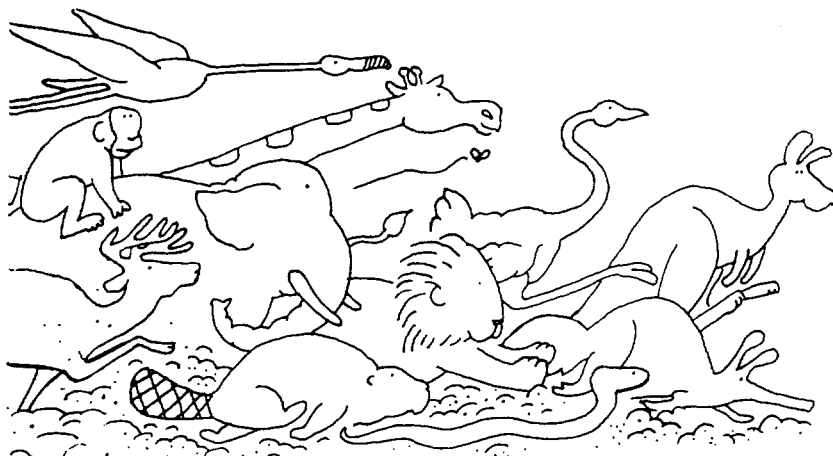
Of more interest to genealogists today are the names and relationships of the heirs. To get such information, Harwood & Harwood obtained statements from William R. Johnston and William Daniels (neither identified in these papers) and from S.E. Harris, brother of Emma Harris who married Lewis H. Campbell. Daniels said he had "lived near neighbor" to E.W. Campbell, and named many of the older generation of heirs, but not their children.

[I should mention here that from a Keese listing in Citizens of the Republic of Texas (© 1977 by Texas State Genealogical Society) I was pleased to get the middle names of three children. However, the contributor, Mrs. Lewis Keese of New Mexico, gave T.J. Keese's birth date as 1811, making him 14 at the time of his marriage.]

As answers to his inquiries came in, TMH was able to write to more heirs, thus adding to and correcting statements previously made. It was from some 20-odd such letters and two lengthy "Interrogatories" that I was able to outline the Campbell family tree. As I read each letter I'd insert genealogical data on a family group sheet. What one person said about his/her cousins usually had to be opaqued out and corrected when I came to their letters. A person might materialize in stages, such as: first, "one of three children"; next, "the youngest was a

girl"; then "little Lizzie"; then "E.J.", and finally "Elizabeth Jane." My good fortune in locating Mr. and Mrs. Morris reinforced and expanded the genealogical data, as each of us was able to fill in gaps for the other. There are still a few blank spots, however, and we would welcome any reader input.

Regrettably, there is neither space nor time [the tremendous task of indexing lies ahead] to include the Campbell-Keese family tree in this issue, but the delay will enable me to check again with Mrs. Morris, the genealogist of the family. Mr. Morris is more interested in history, and I hope neither one will find many errors in my interpretation of the saga of James Campbell.



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Abr--Abraham	Ferd--Ferdinand	MO--Missouri
Alb--Albert	Flor--Florence	Monty--Montgomery
Alxr--Alexander	Fdk--Frederick	Natl--Nathaniel
Alf--Alfred	Geo--George	OR--Oregon
And--Andrew	GA--Georgia	Patk--Patrick
Ant--Anthony	Hy--Henry	Rchd--Richard
Arch--Archibald	Hstn--Houston	Rbt--Robert
Aug--Augustus	Jas--James	Saml--Samuel
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Chas--Charles	Jona--Jonathan	TX--Texas
Xopher--Christopher	Jos--Joseph	Theo--Theodore
Danl--Daniel	Kath--Katherine	Thos--Thomas
Dor--Dorothy	LA--Louisiana	VA--Virginia
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Eliz--Elizabeth	Matt--Matthew	Wm--William
Eug--Eugene	Max--Maximilian	Zach--Zachariah

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SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT OUR ANCESTORS

from Ecclesiasticus, or The Wisdom of Jesus the son of Sirach, in The Apocrypha

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers in their generations.

The Lord apportioned to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning.

There were those who ruled in their kingdoms, and were men renowned for their power,

giving counsel by their understanding, and proclaiming prophecies;

leaders of the people in their deliberations and in understanding of learning

for the people, wise in their words of instruction;

those who composed musical tunes, and set forth verses in writing;

rich men furnished with resources, living peaceably in their habitations --

all these were honored in their generations, and were the glory of their times.

There are some of them who have left a name, so that men declare their praise.

And there are some who have left no memorial, who have perished as though they

had not lived;

they have become as though they had not been born, and so have their children

after them.

BUT these were men of mercy, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten;

their prosperity will remain with their descendants, and their inheritance

to their children's children.

Their descendants stand by the covenants; their children also, for their sake.

Their posterity will continue forever, and their glory will not be blotted out.

Their bodies were buried in peace, and their name lives to all generations.

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