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—We can hear if we listen the words they impart
through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.
——Unknown

Comments

AUGUST 21 SEMINAR A VERY GOOD ONE

AGS hosted just over 200 attendees at its 21 August Seminar to hear speaker Myra Vanderpool Gormley present more than a day's worth of excellent genealogy; she is one of the country's preeminent genealogists and demonstrated it in four very timely and informative lectures. Additionally, the Seminar provided a venue for a number of especially good vendors who filled the vendor areas with their many offerings.

On behalf of the AGS Board we want to thank Myra and all the vendors for agreeing to participate as they did. Without you we'd have had nothing to show for it. This was Myra's first appearance in this area; we have a strong feeling it won't be the last.

We'd also like to specially thank Board members Marilyn Henley and Jean Shroyer for accepting early last year the onerous task of co-chairing this Seminar. They hit the ground running and never slowed down. A task of this kind consumes time and energy in huge chunks. Amazingly, they both were still going strong the last time we saw them. Thank you, Marilyn and Jean, for a job most excellently performed.

ABOUT OUR BOOK ACQUISITIONS CHAIR

We've often written about the AGS book acquisitions program by which Society funds are used to purchase needed books and reference materials for the Genealogy Collection at the Texas State Library. State funding for the Library is never as generous as we would like, and the Collection needs to acquire materials over and above their budgeting in order to remain a viable source of genealogical research for the general public. From its inception AGS has done what it can to help and over the years this help has amounted to thousands of dollars.

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Saying that is our way of giving some highly-deserved recognition to the person centrally involved in this program almost from the start; we're speaking of Clarice Neal. She is one of the very few AGS Board members who has worked for years and is still working hard to support the Society and the Library. From a variety of sources she keeps up with materials being published or becoming available which AGS can then purchase for the Collection to enhance its holdings. In a nutshell, she knows what the Collection needs, she finds needed materials wherever she can, secures Board approval, gets the material and in short order it is on the shelf. Her eye is out not only for purchasable items; she has been instrumental in acquiring much material from private ownership through gift or bequest, all to the benefit of the Library and in turn to us, the general public.

So, thanks, Clarice, for your many hours and days and years and shelves of acquisitions. We're all much the richer for what you have done and continue to do.

MAILING

Each quarter, it seems inevitably, a few of the membership fail to receive their Quarterly through the mail. A couple of years ago the problem became acute; it came about then as a result of the Postal Service sorting machines ripping off back covers so many members received their back covers (very conscientiously and dutifully forwarded by USPS), but nothing else. Eventually AGS got back some of the issues via their return service (at a price to us) but since the address had been ripped off we didn't know whose copy it was. We solved that by going to plastic bagging like all the high priced commercial magazines (again at some price to us) which pretty well feed through the machines. At any rate there have been no plastic rip-offs reported or returned to us.

However, requests come in from a few of you each quarter for makeup issues because you had not received yours. Our mailing officer, Putnam Monroe, works hard to be sure the mailing list is as current as possible before delivering them to AusTex Printing, who print, address label, and then deliver to the Post Office each issue. As a followup, Putnam requires AusTex to furnish him with a printout of their actual mailout list so he can verify that nobody was missed.

We feel we are doing about as much as we can to get every copy delivered. We don't and can't automatically blame the Post Office; they have done a fine job over the last several years to improve their service. But things get lost in spite of such efforts.

We do want you to get each issue. If you fail to get one, please write us at P.O. Box 1507, Austin TX 78767-1507 or call Beryl Bergschneider, Quarterly Custodian, 512-346-4758. We always print some extra copies each time and if that stock hasn't been used up we will send a makeup. And we thank those of you who have been patient and forbearing when your issue failed to arrive.

IN OUR PLANS

AGS performs a valuable public service in its monthly meetings and support for the State Library. Yet we feel the need to be of further service where possible. Toward that purpose we have two projects in the works and others are being considered. We intend to issue an annotated and extended 1850 Census of Travis County in book form based on the material Barbara and Jerry Goudreau compiled and which we serially published recently; that's the first project.

Additionally we are looking into the feasibility of issuing a comprehensive survey of the cemeteries

of Travis County in some form. This effort is in the formative stage; to start with, we lack a complete list of each and every cemetery that exists or has existed in the County. Once we have a handle on that matter decisions must be made concerning what type of compilation is feasible. The need is there and we hope to fill it in the most meaningful way.

BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

Welcome to newly appointed Board Member Phillip W. Roberts who will be filling a vacancy on the 1998-1999 cadre. We look forward to having Phillip and benefitting from his knowledge and capabilities.

INSIDE

Don't overlook the late word on the Jefferson lineage brought to us on Page 118 by Peter Maxson. DNA tracing is true cutting-edge genealogy, made meaningful by its current relevance. His reference to other presidential descendants in this area is also noteworthy.

One of the topics our Seminar speaker, Myra Gormley, elaborated on was genealogy sourcing and searching on the Web. No question, the internet is changing the way every organization functions faster than we realize. Already an enormous volume of genealogy is available for access and it will only grow in size. All of us will have to adapt to it; we suspect the day may not be far distant when certain types of information will no longer be physically accessible at some site. Put the data on the web and close the door—save space and staffing. Voila!

And yet-----: the article on the Calcasieu Lumber Company beginning on Page 110 is contained in a loose manuscript file, one of hundreds at the Austin History Center. There are more thousands of pages in similar files at the UT Center for American Studies and at the State Library. This information even now is barely cataloged and indexed, but it is surely there and within those feet and feet of files is much genealogy as well as a world of other information. We cannot see much of this data becoming available on-line anytime soon; not when the libraries even now have insufficient staff just to shelve it. So, use the web for all it is worth, but *don't* start overlooking the immense amount of material which may involve or include your family which is there, it's there for you, and it's there now.

PUBLICATION MATERIAL SOLICITED

We continue to look for articles of genealogical and historical interest our members and readers may wish to submit for publication.

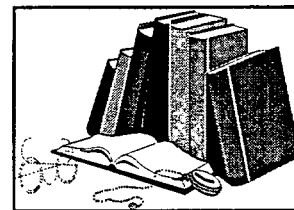
The Editor

P.S. A friend recently remarked she was getting to the point where it was taking all day to do nothing. Anyone else noticing symptoms?

HAPPY HUNTING GROUND

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MORALES/ HERNANDEZ/ MUNOZ/ HILL/ FRIAS(?) Seeking information on **ROSENDO MORALES, m. to VICENTA ?**, and their descendants. Middle name, birthplace and date, place of death and cemetery wanted; was buried in San Antonio, TX, 1971; date of death? Any information about his parents? Information about Vicenta who was b. 20 July, 1903; divorced from Rosendo, when and where? When was Vicenta m. to **MR. MATILDA FRIAS**, whose death was confirmed as 19 July, 1978, Travis Co., TX. Where was he b.? Vicenta's death was confirmed as 22 July, 1979, Travis County, TX. Children: Name & information of 1st? Others: **JOE MORALES, m. to VERA ?**, children? **PETE MORALES**, possibly b. 8 July, 1924, Weir, TX; m. to **VIRGINIA LEE HILL** and divorced; two children, **CAROLYN SUE** and **VICKY SHARON**. Also m. to **ISABEL HERNANDEZ?** **MARY MORALES, m. JOSE F. MUNOZ**, when, where, children? **JESS H. MORALES m. D ?** b. 18 July, 1932; death on 30 November, 1992; Travis County, TX. Divorced; when, where, children, birthplace? All middle names also wanted. **Carolyn Alflen, P. O. Box 145, Saint Ann, MO 63074-0145; FAX (314) 423-6114.**



COOK/ FARRIOR Information wanted on great-grandparents, **RICHARD FURMAN COOK and ANN FARRIOR COOK**. Col. Cook was b. 1 Aug 1825, d. 3 Sept 1895; Ana (Ann?) was b. 11 Dec 1826, d. 10 June 1875; both buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, TX. Col. Cook was editor of the American Statesman in Austin, TX in the 1870s. Obituaries of two of their children were sent to the inquirer from a DAR book composed of scrapbook information found at the Barker Center, covering 1900-1940; she was referred to this same collection to obtain the requested obituary now in the American History Center at the University of Texas at Austin, or the Austin History Center, Austin, TX. (see below.) Mrs. **W. T. (Joyce C.) Robinson, 2300 Robinson Way, Huntsville, TX 77340-5527.**

Lorrie Foster Henderson



RESOURCES: As a special feature in the present edition of the AGS Quarterly, the resource names, addresses, and telephone numbers on the next page are taken from the "snail mail" copy of the Austin Genealogical Society membership application. We hope you will find these useful in your ongoing search for your family history. You may find that the Austin History Center listed under the Austin Public Library to be the more useful for genealogists needing obituary, legal and social (as in newspaper articles) information about Austin and Travis County residents. It is also now the repository of the older Travis County Public records, so try writing to this resource rather than the Travis County Court House, County Clerk's office. We continue to welcome inquiries sent to our society, and for wider distribution via this column. Our ability to do the research is limited to the Texas State Library, Genealogical Collection, so faster service may be obtained by tapping some of the following for direct help.

Libraries, Archives & Repositories in Austin**Austin Public Library**

John Henry Faulk Central Library
800 Guadalupe 78701.....499-7300
Austin History Center
810 Guadalupe 78701.....499-7480

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Austin Family History Center
1000 East Rutherford Lane 78753..... 837-3626

Georgetown Family History Center
218 Serenada Dr.....863-5927

San Marcos Family History Center
120 Suncrest.....353-8672

Catholic Archives of Texas

1600 North Congress 78701..... 476-6296
Mon.-Fri. 9AM-5PM
Other times by appointment

General Land Office

Stephen F. Austin Bldg.
1700 North Congress Ave. 78701
General Information.....463-5001
Archives & Records.....463-5277

Texas State Health Dept.

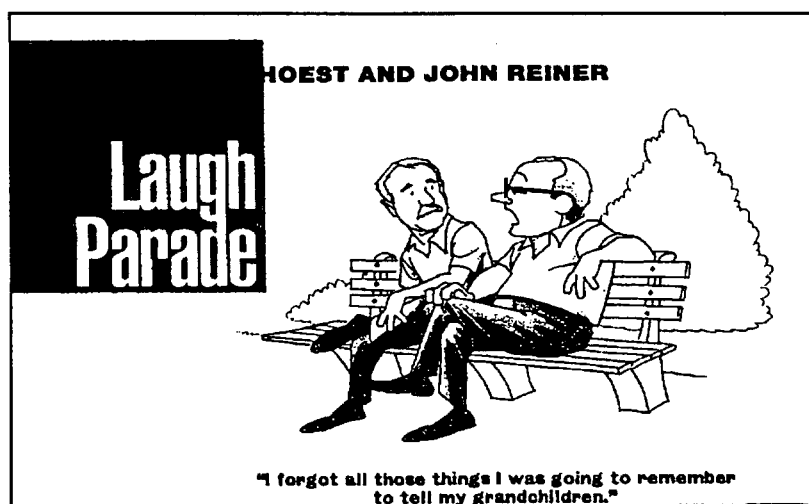
Main Office -1100 W. 49th St.78751.....458-7111
Vital Statistics - Birth & Death Records 458-4751

Texas State Archives & Library

1201 Brazos 78701
Information.....463-5455
Genealogy Collection.....463-5463

The University of Texas

Center for American History
Barker Texas History Center
Sid Richardson Hall.....495-4515
Perry-Castaneda Library.....495-4250
Library Hours.....495-4348



---From Parade, Austin American Statesman, 5 Sept. 1999

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF CALCASIEU LUMBER COMPANY, AUSTIN, TEXAS



In the year 1883, two brothers, William Sherman Drake and Carl F. Drake brought their families from Connecticut to establish what was later to become Calcasieu Lumber Company. They chose a spot near the Colorado River in the then sleepy capital city of Texas in a sort of "early-day community center." Their business insight guided them to choose a location next to the only crossing-point on the river for wagon trains to Austin, and in surroundings where the travelers could find everything else they needed besides the lumber and nails which he sought to sell. With intense rivalry in the lumber business, the aggressive merchandising ideas which carried the company through the decades showed itself early. In order to meet competition, and build his lumber business, he originated one of the first delivery services in Austin, and prospered by giving his customers the most in service. Calcasieu men would stand at the back of the yard and sight inbound wagon trains some distance up the Colorado River road by the columns of dust raised, ride out to meet the trains before they reached the city, take their orders, and have the material stacked and ready for delivery by the time the wagons crossed the river. It has been this policy of increased customer service, plus the establishment of a Calcasieu standard for selling only the finest materials, established at the start and practiced through its history, which has built the company's reputation for unquestioned dependability. The Drake brothers' realization of the importance of establishing that sort of reputation is seen in their choice of the name for their company. At the time they were concerned with naming the company, the Calcasieu Parish in Louisiana was known throughout the country as producing the best quality of long leaf Yellow Pine lumber. In fact, in those early days, most lumber sold in this area was long leaf, clear-grade heart Yellow Pine. The reputation of Calcasieu Parish lumber was so great that lumber coming from this parish bore a stenciled trademark "Calcasieu." Naturally, throughout the lumber industry, the word "Calcasieu" had become synonymous with top-quality lumber. As a result, the Drake brothers determined to name their new lumber company "Calcasieu Lumber Company," and stenciled the name on the lumber they sold, advertising its quality.

In 1890, William S. Drake bought out his brother's interest and took over the company as a private business. Under his alertness and modern business methods, the company grew and flourished, averaging a major physical expansion every nine years up to 1934 under his leadership. First operating from an old brewery building near the railroad siding, W. S. Drake launched his first expansion program by rebuilding the brewery, to add offices and additional warehouse space, and to erect a large sign displaying the name in bold letters. In 1905, he bought the McDonald Planing Mill across the street, and incorporated it into his lumber company. This was the basis of Calcasieu's present mill operation, whose reputation for excellence in custom-built mill-work has become well known throughout the Southwest.

By this time, the lumber company had expanded so that its lumber yard facilities occupied a total of four city lots, but by 1910 it was necessary to expand again, and more adjacent property was secured to accommodate a large lumber shed, covering three city lots. Until this time, Calcasieu's merchandise sales were 90% lumber and 10% nails and related building materials. In 1910 the firm added paint, builders' hardware, glass, wallboards, and roofing products to its line of merchandise. In 1915, railroad property nearby was leased and a warehouse erected on the siding to accommodate the storage of hard materials such as cement, plaster and lime, received by rail. In 1916, Calcasieu introduced the use of monthly installment plans for financing house construction for the first time in Austin. Most observers have credited this plan with the great residential building boom in Austin throughout the middle twenties. From 1915 through 1925 additional lumber sheds were built for the storage of an ever increasing lumber stock. After World War I, the old office building was remodeled to take care of additional personnel and provide better warehouse and storage space.



So it was that Calcasieu developed from a small lumber yard with old one-room brewery building, selling lumber and nails to homesteaders, establishment occupying four city blocks in the same valuable location, and its customers with paint, builders' hardware, commercial and residential glass, boards, roofing products and composition roofing, wallpaper and lighting fixtures, and even home planning and decoration services, with numerous branch lumber yards in surrounding Central Texas towns.

After the death of W. S. Drake, Sr. in 1934, his family and close associate, R. G. Mueller, kept up the forward pace started by the founder of the company, expanding the plant with the new building additions in 1937 and again in 1940, when they built a two-story planing mill designed to fabricate woodwork for custom-built stairways, moldings, specially-designed windows and doors required by the building industry. They also widened the scope of the company's activities, by adding appliances and air conditioning to their list of home equipment. By this time, Calcasieu had established a reputation for progressiveness by offering the latest practical developments in every field for home use. Climaxing Calcasieu's record of expansion was the beginning of the construction of its present three-story glass and brick office and display building, with a floor area of 72,000 square feet, located on West Second and Lavaca Streets, where they had first adapted the old brewery to their use.

As his father's efforts had pointed toward the development of a complete home center, this direction became the dream of W. S. Drake, Jr. and the son's dream became a reality in 1947, on the completion of the new building designed to house Calcasieu's wide line of merchandise for the home. W. S. Drake, Jr. became president of the organization the same year. Fourteen years of apprenticeship in the business, working at jobs from switchboard operator on up, taught Bill Drake his father's business and his father's far-reaching merchandising ideas. Best example of this was the new building, which was hailed as an innovation by other building concerns over the nation. The building itself was designed to "roll one hundred homes into one big display," so that prospective builders could see exactly what different building materials would look like in actual use. Exterior and interior wall finishes of all kinds actually make up the walls of this unique display building--with an entire wall graduating from siding to brick, to cut-stone. Each office and each sales room was built with different materials and decorated with a different wall finish. Electrical fixtures were mounted as they would look in a house, appliances shown in kitchen arrangements and connected for live demonstrations. This "see-it-for-yourself" idea was incorporated in every detail of the construction of the building, displaying for all to see the company's whole line of products, which now included everything for the home, from materials for the foundation to the last lighting fixture and appliance.

This unique merchandising idea was hailed throughout the industry, and Calcasieu gained prominence through feature editorials in such trade magazines as American Lumberman, American Builder, Building Supply News, Retail Lumberman, Texas Industry and many others.

From 1947 through 1949, the greatest developments were in scope of operations, with the expansion of the first Mr. Drake's policies of customer service by the addition of free Home Planning Services, Home Decorating Service, Kitchen Planning Service. These free services allow the customer to come in with an idea and go out with a complete plan for building, remodeling, decorating or arranging her kitchen, worked out by an expert in that field. In 1947, Calcasieu adopted its now-famous slogan "Your Home of Homes," for now, indeed, Calcasieu was a complete home center which could take a prospective builder from the first idea to the completion of his actual home including kitchen cabinets and fixtures--everything but furniture.



In 1949 came a disaster which could have closed many a large business in the heart of its buildings, with damages estimated at \$500,000. But Calcasieu lived through national panics, declines, booms and depressions, through 3 such local disasters as the Colorado River floods of 1900 and 1935. While the mill still smoldered, the departments not affected filled orders and made deliveries as usual, and though they were moved to temporary headquarters, the heavily damaged departments were back in operation within 48 hours. When the ruins had cleared, the blank was filled with a new Service Building--an addition to the customer services already established--a building housing a department for servicing the appliances, air conditioning and other home equipment sold by the company.

By 1950, the company had put the disaster behind, and picked up its pace once more. Mid-century saw Calcasieu a company operating out of 19 buildings in Austin, with 17 subsidiary lumber yards in surrounding cities, employing 300 people in its local plants, and estimated to have furnished at least the lumber for over half the homes in Austin. It had become a company with experts in every field, from the fine craftsmen at the mill, to architectural engineers, lighting and mechanical engineers, interior decoration graduates--specialists in every department. It had become the sort of company with which 20 employees had chosen to place their loyalty for over 20 years, 4 for over 36 years, up to 1951. As early as 1947, Calcasieu had been cited in a list published by American Business Magazine as one of the 209 best managed companies in the nation, nominated by community leaders in every area over the nation. Calcasieu looks with justifiable pride to its unique achievements during the depression years. Throughout the period, not one employee was dismissed, nor was a single employee's salary reduced.

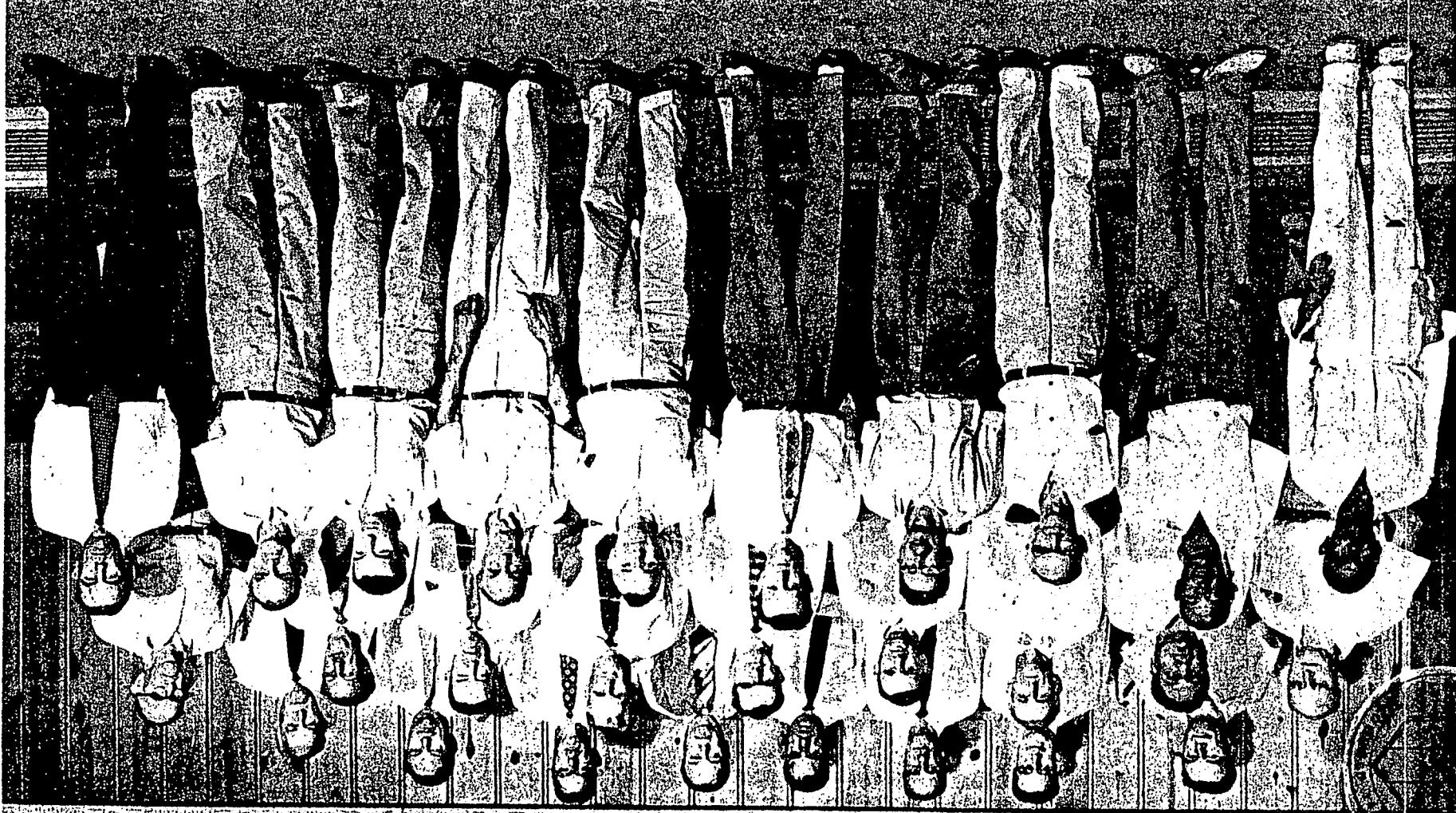
In July, 1953, Calcasieu continued its young approach to customer service, anticipating the needs of the people in the fast developing areas on the outskirts of this growing city of 160,000 by adding a large branch office in the North Austin community--The Calcasieu Northside Store--stocking lumber, building materials, paint and hardware, and a service for ordering any of the Calcasieu materials or services offered at the Main Store.

Less than a year later, on April 15, 1954, the grand opening was held for a second branch store, the swank Calcasieu Appliance & Gift Store located right in the center of Austin in a new ultra-modern building. This branch emphasizes the sale of appliances, air conditioning and allied products. The decor, designed by Hans Knoll of New York, reflects a new idea for appliance stores, to allow customers to shop for appliances in an atmosphere of comfort and style. The third retail branch store, The Calcasieu South Lamar Store was opened November 1, 1955, to spread Calcasieu stores throughout the city.

Almost simultaneously with the opening of the new Calcasieu Appliance Store, plans for the third big expansion step in less than 2 years were taking form. In March, 1954, research and planning were begun on a new furniture factory. Although this new venture represented a turn into a new phase of business for the company, actually the manufacture of furniture in mass quantities could well be considered the natural outgrowth of the Calcasieu mill operation, famous throughout the Southwest, for the manufacture of furniture for national distribution. Another giant stride in the pattern set by the president and guiding force of Calcasieu, W. S. Drake, Jr. Now entering its fourth year of operation, Austin Industries has already become an important name in institutional furniture for establishments such as hotels, hospitals, dormitories, motels, and other public buildings, having furnished such installations as the Yellowstone National Park tourist facilities; the University of Texas dormitories, Kinsolving Dormitory here, the University of Houston, etc. In the field of furniture for the home, Austin Industries is represented by its line of Colony Arts Early American furniture.



Though young in attitude and always reaching forward, it is not surprising that the people of The Calcasieu Lumber Company enjoy looking back to their interesting beginnings--there is so much to recount, for few firms have been so long in business in the Texas capital. Calcasieu was built the same year as the State Capitol Building, and shares its 75th Anniversary Year with The University of Texas, part of whose first buildings were built with Calcasieu materials.



816 YEARS OF SERVICE

Bottom Row: Lee Burgess, Munroe Taylor, Robert H. Luckett, Sr., Philip Saldana, L. E. Palmer, James L. Hess, William Fischer, James G. Long, Axel Paulson, W. S. Drake, Jr. Second Row: Paul Klearner, Cleo Hernandez, S. W. Poston, Joseph Miller, Raymond H. Dear, Lamar Richardson, John R. Drake, William Dieter, Cy L. Cook. Third Row: Eldridge Walker, L. V. Shurr, W. B. Lacy, Ed. Cullen, Harley Rose, N. S. Johns, Lewis Brownlow, W. D. Anderson, Not Shown, R. G. Mueller and Chester M. Drake.

AUGUST, 1953

THE LATE PAPER

Unlike the next day, August 1, 1966, which was sunny and clear, July 31 was foggy.

It was the day after my 42nd birthday thirty years ago, on that Sunday morning about ten o'clock when I carefully drove to the University of Texas campus at Austin to finish the research on my graduate school course paper, parked nearby, and walked toward the tower building to use the library. Few people emerged from the fog and passed on by, quickly disappearing, footsteps sounding rather unreal.

The sound became more eerie as it bounced off campus buildings, the Union building, then the newer Academic Center, but intensified as I approached the west entrance to the Main Building. Suddenly, from high in the unseen tower, a voice boomed down, articulation unclear, but powerful. I had a sense of a sinister presence up there before realizing it was the early warning signal being tested. Although it passed quickly, I was somewhat shaken by the feeling, and looking up toward the tower smothered in fog, I still had the sense of someone having the ability to do a great deal of harm from high overhead in that place.

Shaking it off, I proceeded into the library, did my research, and went home to the Windsor Oaks Apartments to organize my notes and begin the simultaneous composition and final typing of my paper, due the next day. I had done it this way so many times that I had every confidence that I would be through in time.

This time, however, it would not be that simple. In addition to our old standard Underwood manual typewriter, the apartment manager had insisted on loaning me her small portable with the elite typeface for doing my footnotes. This was also a major, rather lengthy paper, and my typing isn't very rapid.

The hours dragged on. I got sleepy and couldn't think any more and went to bed, setting the alarm for 4:00 a.m. I could see that it would be a nice bright, probably very hot day, even at that hour. I diligently set to work, frustrated at having to change typewriters at least once or twice on every page, but not wanting to ruin the appearance that far along by not using the small one. I simply couldn't imagine that it would have slowed me down that much.

Well, I could see that I would miss my early class; then my next one. Surely I could make it to the one after that, but then it became apparent that I wouldn't. One o'clock approached.

Then, as I worked on, I started hearing voices of people through the open windows. Ignoring them, but still hearing them, I worked on. I began understanding that there was a man shooting guns from the tower, and that some people had been killed, even as they stood under business awnings on the drag. There were bodies on the mall in front of the tower, right where I should have been walking to class, and people crouched behind the flag supports, many wounded. Students looking out of windows were not safe. The man was an excellent marksman!

The sliding glass door into the kitchen from the patio burst open, and our daughter and her boyfriend rushed in, crying, "Don't go to the campus; there's a man shooting from the tower! We heard it on the car radio!" I assured them that I had heard about it and that I still would not have gone, as I wasn't through yet with that paper. And I continued writing.

Slowly, other news emerged. The man was Charles Whitman, from Florida, where he collected guns. He was a student; his wife had been found dead, shot early in the morning in their apartment. Information about his parents-how cleancut he had always seemed. He was the Boy Scout Troop Leader for the son of the manager of the Windsor Oaks Apartments. That was getting "awfully close to home," as the saying goes.

The word finally came that Whitman had been killed by someone coming through utility tunnels

and up inside the tower, and that his supplies had been found. Statistics about how many dead and wounded, etc, etc.

Weeks went by, and I realized that Whitman had been carrying his supplies up on an elevator at the same time that I had had the strange experience, approaching from the same direction. Had he too felt that "powerful big brother" voice?

I learned that a casual friend had been wounded in the shoulder. She told me that while in the Health Center, the victims had had a news blackout during the time of recovery, so only later did they learn what happened.

Today, thirty years later, I'm glad to be here; glad that that stupid idea of using a second typewriter to make footnotes kept me busy all day on August 1st, 1966. P. S. My paper was marked down a full letter grade to a B+ because of it being late.

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SOME Milder GLEANINGS FROM THE WEB:

I was at the beach with my children when my four-year old son ran up to me, grabbed my hand, and led me to the shore where a sea gull lay dead in the sand. "Mommy, what happened to him?" he asked. I replied "He died and went to Heaven." My son thought a moment and then said "And God threw him back down?"

After the church service, a little boy told the pastor "when I grow up, I'm going to give you some money." The pastor smiled and replied "Well, thank you, but why?" "Because my daddy said you're one of the poorest pastors we've ever had."

My wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to our six-year-old daughter and said "Would you like to say the blessing?" She replied "I wouldn't know what to say." "Oh, just say what you hear Daddy say." Our daughter thought for a moment, then bowed her head and said "Dear Lord, why on earth did we invite all these people to dinner?"

A four-year-old girl was learning the Lord's Prayer. She was reciting it all by herself finally without help from her mother, finishing up with "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some e-mail. Amen!"

Ed. Note: That's the way we copied the above ; for many of us it more appropriately might have been ended "-----but deliver us from e-mail!"

BOOK REVIEWS

The following book review is a little different from the usual, in that it is not a new book, but one discovered at the Texas State Library by this reviewer in the past few months. The only regret is not having found it earlier in order to have better answered some past queries.

Citizens of the Republic of Texas, Mrs. Harry Joseph Morris, PhD (Hon), compiler-editor; Sheegog Printing Company, Inc; Universal Bookbindery, Dallas and San Antonio, respectively, 1977. Editorial staff of 24 persons (presumably volunteers) and two typists. Published by The Texas Genealogical Society, out of print. Call number at Texas State Library, Genealogical Collection: *GEN 976.4 M832c*; 563 pages, including Index.

This book, in addition to the preface, etc, contains listings of the "citizens of the Republic of Texas" as implied by the title. Each person's listing is embellished with much of what is included in a standard "family group sheet" such as spouse, date of marriage, names of parents and children, occupation, date of death, place of burial, etc, as far as was known. It is a "goldmine" of genealogical information for those seeking information on these citizens.

The present reviewer has found that there are evidently some names that have been omitted; however, this reviewer will not be discouraged by this fact. The Texas State Genealogical Society has presented researchers with an outstanding resource which will be of great service to the future. People not having personal access to this volume are encouraged to send their queries to the Austin Genealogical Society, Corresponding Secretary, who will be happy to search in this volume for possible answers to some of their questions regarding ancestors fitting the description of citizen of the Republic of Texas.

--Lorrie Foster Henderson



TRIGG HISTORY by James Knox Trigg, 3622 Robin Road, Nashville, TN 37204-3825; phone 1-615-297-9231 [order from author]. Copyright © 1994. Published by Tennessee Valley Publishing. 8 1/2" x 11"; 1005 pp. + index 109 pp. Portraits, maps, charts, family Bible data, statistics.

This book is truly monumental (as in "Monument Befitting a Monarch"). It must weigh five pounds! A "Table of Contents" starting on page vii is helpful in that sometimes three successive generations are shown, but when a person's line starts with an A. which has no matching line visible, your reviewer was baffled -- I'd rather have had page numbers! I skimmed almost a hundred pages (including 26 pages in the Index) before I could find where the author fits into his family tree.

On page 27, five successive generations are all numbered 1. How can they be distinguished?

The book is a veritable patchwork quilt -- charming and valuable, but difficult to understand. Many Trigg relatives have contributed data over the years, using various formats, so it is rather hard to tie the bits together. You may find it advisable to skim through a good portion of the early part to get "the lay of the land," --- the author's convoluted but informative arrangement of data --- before you start copying your pertinent data.

Starting about page 61, the heading in capital letters at the top of the page sets a good example of definite husband, wife, offspring, and state of residence.

In addition to an exceptionally detailed Index, *Trigg History* has been endowed with important information such as Family Bible Records; Charts; Documents and Pictures; U.S. Census Records (1790 - 1830); Death Indices (pp. 966-974); Soldiers (pp. 942-965); Letters; Additions; Bits and Pieces (pp. 974-1005).

Some 28 Honorary /Patriotic societies are named (without description). There are many interesting facts pertaining to the Viking heritage (the origin of the Norse name Tryggr, for instance), and a two-page chart of Scandinavian descent from Harald Fairhair, King of Norway who died ca. 940 A.D.

The author has his own individual preferences in spelling, just as many of our ancestors did, bless 'em! And James Knox Trigg found that he was not alone in the family's versatility in spelling:

Tridge/Trig/Triga/Trigar/Trige/Triger/Trigg/Trigga/Triggar/Triggas/Trigge/Triggen/Trigger/Triggers/Triggey/ Triggin/ Triggie/Triggo/Triggs/Trigs/Tryg/Trygvasson, Olaf.

-- Helen H. Rugeley

THE 1999 MONTICELLO ASSOCIATION MEETING

My partner is a Virginian named John Charles Randolph Taylor V (a.k.a. Jack), and for many of the past 25 years I've attended his annual family get-together held each May. Generally, it's the typical reunion: Saturday evening cocktails on the terrace of the old home followed by a barbecue dinner. A Sunday morning gathering at the cemetery (still owned and used by the family), followed by a sometimes dull business luncheon, discussing repair of the graveyard fence and computerization of genealogical records. However, the family home is Monticello, one of the most remarkable houses on the continent, and the common ancestor is President Thomas Jefferson.

A 200 year-old rumor asserts that Mr. Jefferson was the father of children by his slave (and half-sister of his late wife) Sally Hemings (1773-1835). That was impossible to substantiate until Dr. Eugene Foster's DNA findings were made known last November. This year, the Jefferson and Hemings descendants met for the first time as a group on the mountain, at the invitation of the Association. It was a surprisingly amicable gathering, despite strident reports to the contrary. Each line was mostly on good behavior. Fascinating family stories were exchanged, and addresses too; we're in touch with several of the visiting Hemingses.

While countless such encounters are possible between black and white branches of Southern (and other) families, the Jeffersons are the first to have theirs occur under the glare of international publicity. The event was a media circus, promoted largely by Cousin Lucian Truscott IV, quite accurately called "the family bad boy" by the *Washington Post*. We overheard him tell a *New York Times* writer that it was all a matter of racism. In truth, mixed races are already represented, including the children of a recognized Jefferson descendant and her Black friend. Truscott's goal, he stated, "is to embarrass the family into crawling back into its hole," and he concluded that the mild-mannered and earnest president of the Association was "the Bull Connor of the Jefferson family." To the *Post* he said, "What gives these peasants the right to ignore the Hemings?"

But the family is hardly ignoring the Hemings. It is anxious that the right action be taken, and there are difficult decisions to make. DNA evidence suggests Hemings had five children by two men. Two lines disappeared into the white population and have not been traced. Though not borne out by D.N.A. testing, Thomas Hemings Woodson line -- very accomplished historically and quite vocal today -- claims descent based on oral traditions. The Eston Hemings Jefferson line does indeed have a Jefferson descent based on DNA samples taken from the President's uncle's male line, as others have "daughters out." Assuming no evidence is found of a Sally Hemings connection with another Jefferson, they are good candidates for admission. The Madison Hemings family is a thornier issue; their historical evidence is strong, but at present DNA testing cannot be done without a male line descendent to test. It is interesting that in tests of the five Jefferson lines and five of the six Hemings descents tested, there were no apparent infidelities over two centuries.

Despite wildly inaccurate press reporting, the only relevant motion voted on at the meeting was made by my partner. That was to support the committee of Association members to make a thorough, fair and timely evaluation of the scientific and historical data and report back to all interested parties well before the next Annual Meeting. My personal opinion is that Jefferson/Hemings descendants will be welcomed into the Association next year.

As a footnote, several other descendants of U.S. Presidents live in Austin. The most visible is our Governor, George Walker Bush, followed by Luci Baines Johnson (Mrs. Ian Johnston Turpin). Another Jefferson descendant is architect Hugh Jefferson Randolph, and Gen. John Quill Taylor King is a Woodson/Hemings descendent. George Washington's collateral descendants here include Mrs. John Washington and Samuel Walter Washington; there are as many Washingtons in Texas as Virginia. *Burke's Presidential Families* (1992) references James Buchanan Henry IV (collateral of the 15th President) living here, and U.S. Grant's thrice great-grandson Prince Rodian Cantacuzene in Midland. Some other Presidential families have Texas ties. William Howard Taft's half brother Charles married the heiress to the old Fulton Ranch near Rockport (and Taft). Franklin Roosevelt's mystery-writing son Elliott married a Ft. Worth gal and their children live in Dallas. Even Prime Minister Thatcher's son and heir married a Dallasite, and lives there. Do readers know of other documented Presidential descendants in Texas? If so, *please* let me know.

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**TEXAS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S
39TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

October 29 and 30, 1999

Victoria Holiday Inn, Victoria, Texas

**GENEALOGICAL GEMS:
FINDING YOUR ANCESTOR IN THE RIGHT OR WRONG PLACES**

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8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Registration

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Opening Session and Annual Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch On Your Own

Mini-Sessions Featuring Martha Jones, Betty Dunquez, and Mic Barnette

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - "Going to Boston by Way of Jamaica" - Martha E. Jones

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Break (Visit the Vendors)

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - "Our Ancestors and the Mexican War" - Betty H. Dunquez

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Break

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - "The 1867 Tax Rolls" - Mic Barnette

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, 30 October 1999

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8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Registration

9:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. - "Genealogy in the Southeastern US"

10:20 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. - Break

10:50 a.m. - 12:00 noon - "War of 1812 Genealogy"

12:00 noon - 12:45 p.m. - Break (Check out Time)

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - Lunch

1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - "Confederate Genealogical Research"

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Questions and Answers

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For further information call Wanda Donaldson, President, 254-778-2073

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Yes, I'll be there! My check in the amount of _____ is enclosed.

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