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Austin Genealogical Society Membership Application and Renewal Form

We Invite YOU to Join or Renew.....

PURPOSE: To cooperate with and help others interested in genealogical research. The Society contributes books and genealogical information to the Texas State Library Genealogy Collection. Society activities include an annual Seminar in August and special workshops during the year. All regular meetings are free, open to the public, and feature informative and interesting speakers. Visitors are always welcome!

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TO JOIN or RENEW: Complete the following and mail to

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OUR THANKS To Board Members

Beryl Bergschneider Leanna Bergschneider Wilena D. Kennerly Young For their service on the AGS Board of Directors Through many years.

> Your devotion and dedication are greatly appreciated.

COMMENTS

LOOKING FORWARD

We anticipate many good things for the year 2002 now rapidly approaching. We hope the year will portend much good for our Society and, indeed, for our entire country.

At the October 2001 regular meeting, three new Board of Directors members were elected: Peter Flagg Maxson, Pat Oxley and Fred Toewe, who will serve the 2002-2003 term along with returnees Yvonne Beever, Marilyn Henley, James Hollas, Anna Price, Phil W. Roberts, Sr., Jean Shroyer and Jean Walker. We welcome these newly elected directors; they have each already contributed much to AGS. We look forward to utilizing even more of their talents and capabilities in the months ahead. We need you and are happy you agreed to serve.

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DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2002 DUES BEFORE FEBRUARY 1!!!!!!

(Continued)

We regret that Beryl and Leanna Bergschneider and Wilena Young have elected not to stand for reelection to the Board for the next term. We thank these good people for their hard work and devotion to AGS while serving and the Society is so much better from their participation. Wilena has agreed to continue editing the Newsletter. Her newsletter is the single best genealogical periodical in Texas; witness its selection as best around by the TSGS this past year. We'd be hard put to do without it. Also, we regret to be losing fine Hospitality Chair Edna Youngblood. Her warmth and gregarious manner at the door has undoubtedly brought many visitors into the fold as members but it is a quite demanding job at every Society meeting and she too needs a rest. Thanks to all of you. Beth Walker and Vivian O'Daniel will be our new greeters.

AS IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH

We have sadly agreed to publish on the next following page a letter to the membership from current president Marilyn Henley, who has decided not to stand for reelection to that position at the election of officers at the upcoming December called Board meeting. Without intending in the least to detract from the values of all the wonderful previous presidents, this writer stoutly avers that Marilyn is as good as they come. She has given time and money and effort and more to the Society as Seminar co-chair and president. But, as she attests, she now wants to be able to pick up on so many other things she wants to do and couldn't find time for. Thanks, Marilyn; enjoy a most well-deserved rest.

BUT!

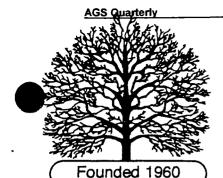
But wait! On the very next following page Marilyn gives us information about the upcoming Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference for year 2004 here in Austin. She had a big hand in dealing with the FGS to secure that commitment, and will continue to key our participation. Central Texas genealogists will for the first time have the pleasure and experience of attending a full-fledged national conference right here in driving distance of home. There will be many little and big jobs for local members to do as plans develop, so let's every member get our volunteering steam up and make Austin and AGS look good. So, you see, Marilyn takes away, but then she gives right back even more!

BEST HOLIDAY WISHES

Your Editor is joined by the Board of Directors in wishing members and readers the very best during the holiday season ahead. May the sorrows we feel be replaced by blessings of peace and joy.



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November 1, 2001

AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY P.O. BOX 1507 AUSTIN TX 78767-1507

Dear AGS Members,

Here we are at the end of another year. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as AGS President for these two years. Thank you to each of you for your commitment and dedication of volunteering your time and talents for the benefit of the society. It is amazing at the number of projects and activities you continually pursue for AGS.

Travis Co, TX Cemetery Project – This is the largest project undertaken by AGS in several years. Formed only two years ago, more than 350 cemeteries have been identified and mapped; AGS members and non-members have transcribed several. Our web site has the cemetery list and transcriptions, and many are still available to be Adopted. Last year, the Texas State Genealogical Society awarded their first Project Grant Award of \$300 to AGS for the Cemetery Project. Thank you to Jean Shroyer, the committee and volunteers who are continuously working hard on this project. Sign up to help; there's room for many more volunteers.

Nationally known genealogists William Dollarhide and Henry Z Jones drew great attendance at the AGS Seminars for 2000 and 2001. The Seminar was relocated to The Red Lion Hotel where 200 registrants for each year enjoyed the lectures in comfort. The seminars are a success because of the teamwork provided by committee members and the AGS Board. AGS purchased two microfilm readers and 35 microfilm rolls of 1920 U.S. census with seminar earnings.

If you haven't checked out the AGS Web Site in a few years, please take a look. Yvonne Beever is our Webmaster, and she has done a magnificent job of updating the page with links to our meetings, seminar, surname list, cemetery project, current events and more. If you have any suggestions for the page, please share them with her. She is always open to new ideas. www.austintxgensoc.org

The **Monthly Meeting Programs** offered variety in speakers and topics and included AGS members James Hollas, Bob Harris and Harold Hudnall (I hope I didn't leave someone out). Jean Shroyer and Carol Lutz scheduled speakers with topics that included the new Bob Bullock History Museum, the Texas State Cemetery, Family Reunions, South Carolina records, Texas General Land Office, Civil War Records, and Melungeons. With her friendly smile, Edna Youngblood greeted members and visitors each month and kept the refreshments coming (which was dinner for some of us).

Additional AGS projects for these two years are the Member Surname Lists (posted on the web site), Bus Trips to Clayton Library in Houston, AGS Tote Bags, Lifetime Learning Classes and the Computer Genealogy SIG. Committees (clubs must have committees) worked on By-law revisions, Board nominations and Volunteer of the Year.

Many Individuals contributed their time and talents for treasurer, corresponding secretary, recording board meetings, answering queries, greeters at meetings, auditor, Membership Handbook, monthly Newsletter Editor, Quarterly Editor, book acquisitions, mailings, meeting reminders, publicity, book reviews, programs, distribution of Quarterly Books and Microfilm Indexes, maintaining & inventory of extra Quarterlies, Liaison to TSL, 1850 Travis County Census, FGS and TSGS representatives, and the very important job of bringing meeting refreshments.

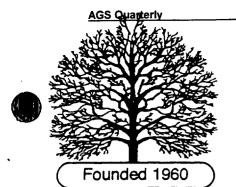
AGS joined the Federation of Genealogical Societies this year, and Jeanne Toewe is our representative. We had a promotion table this year at a genealogical fair, thanks to Anna Price and John Crosthwait. Society awards received during 2000 & 2001 include the **TSGS Grant** for our Cemetery Project and the **TSGS Writing Awards** for the **Newsletter** with Editor Wilena Young and **Quarterly**, with Editor Bill Koehler. They continually produce quality publications for our society. The **TSGS Representative** for the district AGS is in is our own Jean Walker. Our newest honor is being selected as cohost with TSGS for the **2004 Federation of Genealogical Society National Conference** (see letter in this issue).

Many more members volunteered their services over the last two years than I can possibly recall and name. Although I didn't recognize by name everyone who so generously served in all of the positions for the last two years, you are all appreciated by me and by the members you have served. I want to say thank you for your service and your assistance and your friendship. The success of any organization is in the teamwork of its members. And, the Austin Genealogical Society is definitely successful.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Maniscalco Henley

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Dear AGS Members,

The Austin Genealogical Society (AGS) and the Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS) were announced as Co-hosts of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) National Conference at the 2001 FGS conference held in September. Genealogists from all over the country will gather September 8–11, 2004 at the Austin Convention Center. The Hilton Hotel, currently under construction and located adjacent to the convention center, will serve as the conference hotel. Registration numbers at the last few conferences have run 1500 and higher.

There are not many details to relay at this time, but we wanted to give area societies an early notice. AGS and TSGS will utilize volunteers and other support from other societies and genealogists in the surrounding Texas Hill County and across the state before and during the three-day conference.

Detailed work will begin in early 2002. Dean Hunter, FGS President, will serve as National Chair. The FGS national committee will work closely with AGS and TSGS co-chairs, who are not yet appointed.

This is the first time that Austin and the Austin Genealogical Society will host the FGS National Conference. We are excited about showing off this great city, our wonderful Lone Star State, the abundant research facilities and the fantastic supportive genealogists from across the state. We'll keep you posted.

Tharlyn

Marilyn Maniscalco Henley President 2000 - 2001 Austin Genealogical Society



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Can You Identify These Photos?

Message from Jill Hoon (Jhoon48933@aol.com) on 10/23/01:

I have come across 4 old photos done by George Schuwirth, Photographer, 423 East Pecan St., Austin, Texas. And one done by G.B. Hill, Congress Ave., Austin, Texas. This is of two children named Pearl and Camille. I would hate to throw them out without first trying to find someone that would be interested in them. They appear to be from the 1880's. On the back of one it is written in pencil......For Emma Forbes, Maggie. There is another of this same Maggie at a younger age. One other is a young girl that could be Maggie's sister. The other is of a very distinct looking man. Unfortunately those are the only names on the photos. Is there a way to post them on your site to be viewed? Maybe there is a family out there that would like them back in their family treasures. They were in my Grandfather's possessions when he passed; he bought them along with other items at an auction in CT (presumed to be Connecticut) probably 20 years ago.

.....I wish I had some information to go along with them Thank you for your time.

Jill Hoon

Ed. Note: If not identified/claimed, these photos will be given to the Austin History Center.





Leaving a Legacy Beyond Wealth

Davis, Ridout, Jones & Gerstner, L.L.P. Attorneys At Law

Note: A family lawyer sent me the following article on Ethical Wills. I was not really familiar with the concept, but found it intriguing. I requested and received permission from the authors to reprint it in the Austin Genealogical Society Quarterly. How I wish my own forbears had written Ethical Wills! But at least we can prepare our own for future generations, who we hope will find them meaningful and insightful.

Peter Flagg Maxson

Estate planning usually focuses on preserving and transferring accumulated wealth to loved ones. While this objective is important, most people have spent a lifetime accumulating something much more precious than tangible wealth. Surprisingly few people make the effort to pass these treasures along to their families. By investing a little time to memorialize your values, beliefs, family history, and other important knowledge, you can pass along a legacy that no amount of money can ever replace. People who take the time to preserve and pass along their lifetime of wisdom leave their families an invaluable legacy.

Ethical Wills As attorneys specializing in tax and estate planning, we focus our efforts on preparing Wills for our clients. A Will is a critically important legal document. It describes to whom and under what terms you want your assets to pass at death. It appoints someone (the independent executor) to be in charge of the distribution of your assets and the handling of other required matters. It can also provide important instructions and guidelines. A Will is a necessary and valuable legal document; however, it may not be the final statement that you want to make to your loved ones. It does not (and cannot) cover some very important matters.

The Ethical Will. There is another type of "Will" that has recently gained popularity, even though it has ancient origins. Your estate planning lawyer is not involved in the preparation of this type of Will. It is a very personal document that you prepare yourself. It has been called an "Ethical Will." An Ethical Will does not try to dispose of property or to address other legal issues. Instead, it allows you to pass on to your family members and other loved ones your values, beliefs, life lessons, family history, hopes for the future, and pearls of wisdom. Some people who have discussed and promoted the idea of writing these things down for your loved ones have labeled it a "Love Letter." However, because it is usually written to be read upon a person's death, it has some similarities to a Will. The Ethical Will comes from the Jewish tradition. Originally, the idea was to bequeath a spiritual legacy to family members and especially to children. In reality, the most precious thing we leave behind when we die is not our property, but our legacy of values and beliefs. We all hope that the lives we have led will reflect our values and beliefs and be a statement in and of itself. Yet, writing out our values and beliefs in a tangible document that can be passed on to loved ones can make these beliefs and values more permanent and special.

How Do I Prepare an Ethical Will? Perhaps the most important thing to keep in mind is that, with few exceptions, there is no right or wrong way to prepare an Ethical Will. Common themes in modern Ethical Wills include:

- A Personal values
- A Family values
- Spiritual values and beliefs
- Hopes and blessings for future generations
- Life's lessons/pearls of wisdom

Family stories and family history, sayings, special words, and traditions
 Humorous anecdotes or other bits of humor
 Practical instructions, guidelines and recommendations
 Praise and recognition
 Encouragement
 Thanksgiving and gratefulness

Solution Forgiving others and asking for forgiveness

Avoiding Negative Messages. Proponents of Ethical Wills warn that these final documents can do harm as well as good. If the Ethical Will is written in such a way that it indicates a desire to control from the grave (instead of to teach or advise, for example), then it may not leave the desired legacy. Also, if it is hateful, verbally abusive or otherwise overly critical or negative, it can severely cripple the recipient and perhaps be permanently damaging. In extreme cases, negative statements can give rise to claims of libel against the estate of the writer of the document, even if it is read only after the writer is deceased.

Preparing your Ethical Will. Most Ethical Wills are either handwritten or typewritten. If an Ethical Will is handwritten, it will be best preserved if you use acid-free paper and a fountain pen (versus a ball point pen). There is no reason, however, why an Ethical Will could not be prepared on audio or video tape. Ethical Wills might even include photographs, drawings or other graphic material. Because Ethical Wills are personal, not legal, documents, there are no rules or restrictions on the length, content or format-your Ethical Will can be whatever you want it to be. Just remember that if the final words from you are basically positive, they will truly be treasured by your recipients.

Important Precaution. Although an Ethical Will is not a legal document, a carelessly prepared Ethical Will can accidentally amend your real Will or other estate planning documents. To reduce this risk, do not include any gifts of property in your Ethical Will. Also, consider adding this postscript to your Ethical Will: "P.S. This is an Ethical Will. It is not a Will or Codicil or other amendment to any other estate planning document." Finally, don't forget to tell someone that you have written an Ethical Will and where it is located. [P.F.M. note: there are arguments for making multiple archival copies to be preserved in various repositories.]

Resources for Ethical Wills. How do you get more information about Ethical Wills? Seminars have been held in Houston at The Cenacle Retreat House led jointly by Jewish, Catholic and Protestant leaders. Numerous books have appeared in recent years discussing Ethical Wills and many Internet sites also have information on Ethical Wills. Here are some Ethical Will resources:

SO THAT YOUR VALUES LIVE ON -- ETHICAL WILLS AND HOW TO PREPARE THEM, by Jack Reimer and Nathaniel Stampfer (Jewish Lights Publishing, Woodstock, Vermont, 1991)

www.ethicalwill.com, a commercial site that offers Ethical Will workbooks and other resources for sale. (The site also has links to other web sites that may be of interest).

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HAPPY HUNTING GROUND

Lorrie Foster Henderson, Editor

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Note: Editorial comments, if any, are in *italics*.

<u>DOWNS/JOHNSON</u> Hunting information on OSCAR JACKSON DOWNS around 1802, NC, his children, parents, siblings, anything? Also siblings of WILLIAM WOOD DOWNS. Also, DENNIS LA FAYETTE DOWNS, in NC around 1813; in Talbot Co., GA, 1840 census, and wife LOUISA JOHNSON with children. Husband is a descendant of HENRY DOWNS through the latter, Dennis Downs, his GGGrandfather.

Mrs. Talbot M. Downs (nee Jimmie Geeson), 930 Alamo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601; also e-mail <u>gen@Calcasieu.lib.la.us</u> (Linda K. Gill, Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library), where Mrs. Downs is a patron.

Jamie Faster Henderson

Note: To assist persons submitting queries, particularly non-members, we list below a number of tips you should consider:

TIPS FOR WRITING QUERIES

1) Politeness counts! Ask, please don't demand.

2) Make your request to the point; ask one or two direct questions.

3) A Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope is much appreciated.

4) Offer to reimburse for copying and postage or send a moderate donation to cover anticipated expense.

5) Make your letter legible!!! This writer has received queries recently printed so dimly that she was tempted to return them unanswered with the note, "Send a readable letter if you wish an answer." She has also been unsure about an address or two, so write legibly or print it if you don't type!

6) Allow several weeks for an answer, and don't send a second letter until a month has expired. Remember, the person answering the inquiry waits for someone else who picks up the mail no more often than weekly. (and usually more) to deliver it to her to research, then write back. Mail is often just distributed at monthly meetings,

7) We don't have all the answers in Austin for every place in Texas. If you have access to the Handy Book or The Source, check to see if there is a county court house, historical or genealogical society closer to the location of your family. If there is none you can find, or you simply want your inquiry to go out in our Quarterly, we will gladly print it for you, and look up what information we can easily find in the Texas State Library, and/or send you resource suggestions.

8) Offer (if feasible) to share the information you have with others researching the same families. You might be more likely to get a response if your query is printed in this column!

9) Include enough dates, names, and other vital information to help anyone answering your query, either directly to you, or through a response to it being edited and printed in this column.

10) If you have complicated research to request, our society is not equipped to perform it. We cn send you a list of paid researchers compiled by the Texas State Library, Genealogy Collection (or you may request it from there), with the understanding that we have no means of checking their credentials, and have no part in the arrangements you make with them.

11) Include the date and your address on your letter, please; not just on the envelope, which can get separated from your letter.

12) This writer very much enjoys the basic research she is able to do for you at the Texas State Library, Genealogy Collection, or pointing you to resources that can help. She even learns a thing or two doing it, and sometimes even stumbles onto something about the families she is involved with, so "Keep those letters coming!"

Thank you for letting me have my say!

Lorrie Foster Henderson Corresponding Secretary, AGS



SPECIAL FEATURE TO THE HAPPY HUNTING GROUND COLUMN A Review

AN HOUR BEFORE DAYLIGHT Memories of a Rural Boyhood Jimmy Carter

My copy is a \$26.00 hardback, Simon & Schuster, NY, publishers, copyright 2001. The 284 pages include nine pages of a person, place, and subject index containing such varied references as flies, ticks, castor oil, chamber pots, the painter Thomas Gainsborough, Tolstoy's "War and Peace," and World Wars I and 11. There are in addition a page of photo credits and a brief biographical sketch. Another briefer one is included in the back inside dust jacket, along with the author's picture. A reprint of a working farm scene of the author is on the front jacket cover. The online address of www.simonsays.com for an audio or large print edition is given.

"To my newest grandson, Hugo, with hopes that this book might someday let him better comprehend the lives of his ancestors," is the dedication which illustrates the relevance of this work to us as genealogists. The firsthand knowledge conveyed here, of what it was like in that time and place more often than not describes farm life as experienced (particularly during depression times) not just in Georgia, but as this reviewer saw it while visiting uncles and aunts even in Iowa and Wisconsin, childhood friends in rural towns in Texas, and distant relatives in Oklahoma. In other words, much of the book speaks of universal ways of doing things and coping with hardships, even where sharecropping was not the custom, and where different colored skin was not found nearby.

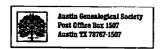
A bleak photo or drawing (hard to tell which) of Main Street, Plains, Georgia, 1905 bespeaks the remoteness, and even more remote is Americus, where the author was reared. The photo of his boyhood home shows the modesty of his upbringing, and a simple map shows the family holdings, sumptuous, in comparison to others, who hardly owned a camera (to take the many photos of the family and people important to his life, as shown here), let alone a house and business.

The author tells of his parents, their courting and married life, "warts and all," but nothing scandalous or shocking. In fact, his father at times showed unusual sensitivity in a number of instances as relayed. Although a strict segregationist, for which others later criticized him, his "Daddy" was extremely fair and humane in his dealings with the black community, and consulted them on a variety of matters. The author also points out that his father died in 1953, long before Martin Luther King's and other leaders' time, and the civil rights movement. His mother, a registered nurse, went anywhere help was needed, a prelude to her later enlistment in the Peace Corps in her late 60's: many readers will fondly remember the stories of the feisty "Miss Lillian" of that time.

Race relations, as he experienced them, were quite different for a young boy then, closer and very casual in earlier years until the day when his heretofore closest friends subtly illustrated a difference by showing that he was to go through a gate first. One senses a kind of mourning in response to this change.

Although the author goes on to briefly depict his adolescent and early adult years, entering the Navy for war service, marriage to Rosalynn, and finally his relationship to his rather notorious brother, Billy, the book centers around those years of having to rise for work "An Hour Before Daylight."

At times, there is almost too much graphic detail of how things were done, with what, and when and where, but this reviewer found the book a most interesting, enlightening work, and one to be used by genealogists who want to know what things were really like in rural Georgia for most folks living there, but especially for a boy who would grow up to be the 39th president of the United States!



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Beyond The Rivers

Guyneth J. Williams

28 Supt 2001 dear Ms young , Thank you for your nice refly of lept 20, 2001. I am sending a review of my book Beyond the Rivers". I will send a copy of the book if you want meto. I guess the most famous Magged in Detas is galfer Jeff Maggert. Maggert - Maggard fomilies settled in Deepar during the 18003. I have traced the name back to Virginia and England. I have received on as der from near Houston so I think there may be more families in Dieso who are interested. Thanks again. (MAR) Sugarth Welliams 2121 Oak Leaf Circle Enid, OK 73703 Larrie Foster Henderson referred me to Jo

Beyond The Rivers

Beyond The Rivers, The Maggert-Maggard Families in Early America, Where and How They Lived, 1635-1940, by Guynsth J. Williams, is now available. Beyond The Rivers is the story of the Maggert-Maggard families, who traveled the pioneer trails across America. Wherever folks met in those early times, there were wonderful stories of fortunes to be made in new territories beyond the Shenandoah, Cumberland, Ohio, Mississippi, and Missouri Rivers. Aspiring to better their lives, some of each generation joined thousands of other pioneers in trekking West, somehow crossing America's rivers, both great and small. This book tells of how and where they lived, and the events that shaped their lives between 1635 to 1940. The book has a laminated cover, 106 pages, with pho-tos, and cost \$14, plus \$2 S/H. To order, contact: Guyneth Williams, 2121 Oak Leaf Circle, Enid, OK 73703.

CLEMENTS REUNION – October 27, 2001

What do you get from 160 years of Texas determination? Give up? The result is a re-uniting of descendants of a hearty Texas pioneer family.

North Austin, in Travis County, Texas, was the location of the second meeting of descendants of John C. Clements who arrived in Texas on April 1, 1841. The descendants gathered again on October 27, 2001, at sights familiar to their ancestral family.

As the 30 plus years of research on this family has been pursued by seven specific Clements descendants, information has trickled in, been co-mingled, and is of such a nature that today's Texans from this family have formed a good understanding of their pioneers. Each time the group has met, they have opted to connect with the early family in some meaningful way. While the precise location of the Clements property in Travis County is disguised by urban sprawl in North Travis County, we pursued the next best course.

Following a short get-acquainted time early in the day of the 27th, a caravan of Clementses traveled out to the Jourdan-Bachman Pioneer farm for a private tour conducted by the Farm's Curator, Steve Williams. Four generations of Clementses heard chickens squawking, horses neighing, swing chowing down, and the sound of perfect country quiet. Identifying with the land and lifestyles in a setting within five miles of the Blount Clements homestead of 49 years (1851-1900), the visitors were able to go back in time with an accurate, authentic, perpetual, living, working farm – an escape form the demanding technologies that are stressors of the soul. Feather beds, water from a hand-pumped well, one (or was it two) seater outhouse, a rustic pond, yellow field flowers, the cellar, smoke house, spinning wheels and looms – all these trappings allowed our minds to take us back to the way it really was on Walnut Creek for our people.

Representing the Clements clan from across the miles (three states: Texas, Oklahoma, and Nevada) and the years (four generations) were Taylor Cheyenne Bulmer (of Oklahoma), Cindy Clements Rojas (of Fort Worth, Texas), Greg and Colleen Melven (of Weatherford, Texas), Connie [Clements] and Bob Rinner (of Oklahoma), B. R. and Sharon Clements (of Bedford, Texas), Donna Beth Lee Shaw (of Houston, Texas), John Raymond Clements, Jr. (of Las Vegas, Nevada), Norma Bartley Chafin and her sister Gloria Bartley Webernick (of Georgetown, Texas) and Imogene Melven (of Weatherford, Texas). This distinct group of Clements heirs was able to make new acquaintances through their new cousinships and all with the common goal of preserving Clements information.

At the conclusion of the Pioneer Farm tour on that beautiful Central Texas Fall day, some of the clan proceeded on to the Barr Mansion in Sprinkle, stopped at the Fiskville Cemetery (where it is thought that several of the Clementses are buried in unmarked graves), then they traveled South to Austin for a delicious lunch at the 1871 livery-stableconverted restaurant called the Old Pecan Street Cafe. The open-air dining with festivities all around offered an "I'm Glad I'm In Austin" feeling. Following lunch, we strolled the old district on 6th Street, then went over to tour the statues on the grounds of the Capitol. As demonstrators blasted their cause of ending the Death Penalty in Texas throughout the Capitol complex, we viewed the huge Texas Ranger, a cowboy in cactus, and the pioneer woman statues on the slopes of the beautiful pink granite 1880's Capitol.

Sharing the day with relatives descended from our family who lived in Austin in its formative years was a unique experience. While the hours are never adequate for the sharing of family stories we wish to tell, being together for the brief time had its own special quality. One is always left with that question: "when can we do this again?" or many unanswered questions for which there is assurance there is an answer to be found from one or another of these sincerely interested family researchers.

Keeping the doors and windows of opportunity wide open in the hope that other information is out there to learn, or there may be other unfound descendants, allows the freedom to continue the pleasurable pursuit of chasing John C. Clements' descendants through his children Polly (Griffin) of southern Travis County, Blount and William of northeast Travis County, and Isabella (Piper) of southern Travis County.

An affirmation of why the Clementses stayed in Central Texas for so long was learned from a leisurely drive through the countryside of Pfleugerville and Manor. Signs of the recently harvested grains and hay were apparent in the fields that had been plowed for the Fall plantings. The deep, rich black earth spoke a silent message of wealth in the ground for crops planted there. Although the modern new buildings as seen in the new Manor High School and the business development at Manor and throughout Pflugeville were everywhere, it was evident that people who earned their living from the land would have chosen to stay in the hills of Central Texas rather than move on to other opportunities. Deeply sunken family roots for people of the land remained the mainstay of the Clements of Texas pioneers.

> Donna Beth Lee Shaw November 1, 2001



OUR CIRCLE REMAINS UNBROKEN

(Concerning Charlotte Annett Watson Lee) ©Donna Beth Lee Raley Shaw

During the adult years of my life, I have attempted to piece together important elements of the life of my Grandmother, Charlotte Annett Watson, always known as Annie W. Lee.

As a child, and young teenager, I spent at least one week of every summer with her. During those treasured visits when she taught me all the things I really needed to know (quilting and canning and oatmeal-cookie-baking and planting and harvesting strawberries and on and on), she never, ever talked about her family or her childhood. Very fragmented pieces of stories came to me from her children. We heard of the impossibly hard Depression years, all the family (all 9 children and both parents) going into the cotton fields, the regularity of church attendance. But we had no stories of Grandmother's life as a child, possible fond remembrances of life in the country in Travis County, or even how she felt about losing her mother at age 12 ½ and being left an orphan to care for her younger brother, later known as "Uncle Dee." There was no talk of family gatherings with cousins, memories of grandparents, modes of travel and trials of transportation, illnesses, personality traits, or favorite events.

So, after I became involved in genealogy and perfected a few research skills, my continued curiosity about my Grandmother's early life urged me onward. It didn't take long to find out about Pecan Springs in Travis County, where she was born. Through continued letter writing and visits to the Austin History Center, I began to get a feel for life in Travis County in the late 1800s.

In dedicated census study, we were able to locate Grandmother's Watson parents in Northwest Harris County in 1900 at Willow Creek, now known as Tomball. An active Cemetery Association at Willow Creek had maintained the cemetery, had preserved the history of the turn-of-the-century community and church, and had made it available to today's researcher / visitor. As the result of an interview with a Mahaffey descendant of Willow Creek and the history he provided, 1 acquired a mental picture of the tranquil community where Grandmother lived at the time her father Patrick Gideon (known as "Gid") Watson died in May of 1900, immediately prior to the visit by the turn-of-the century Census-taker. After visiting the community cemetery and locating Great-grandfather Watson's grave, I felt a restored connection to my Grandmother's childhood.

In 1998, a visit through Trinity County provided additional insights. Bible records and a photo of a small boy in Grandmother's Bible had lured me to Centralia, Texas. Driving up and down the tiny rural roads eventually gave me an opportunity to stop and talk to some residents. Those brief visits provided sufficient resources to the extent that I learned information about the little boy in the picture. He was William Rosco Lee, Grandmother's first-born who died at age 5 when she and Grandpa Lee lived in Centralia. On this brief visit, I learned where Rosco was buried. Prior to that time, there had been no record of his place of burial. A question that went through my mind was why was the family there, and my conclusion was that the family had gone back to the lumber camps of Angelina County to work after their marriage in Brazoria County. This family did not remain in Angelina County for long, however, for most of the Lee children were born in Louisiana.

On the day I traipsed through Centralia, I had enough time to stop at the Angelina County Library in Lufkin. It was my hope to find newspapers or other sources that might identify why or how Druscilla Charlotte Clements Watson had died there in 1901. As the story was told, Mrs. Watson and her two children Annie and Dee (William Diaz) had moved to Angelina County after the death of Gid in 1900. The mother and little girl worked in the logging camps as camp cooks. While there, Mrs. Watson died, cause unknown. As the Texas mortality records were not being kept at that time, other means of learning details of her death were needed. So, the visit to the library there was aimed at acquiring those details. Alas, no other information about Mrs. Watson could be learned there. However, a review of the history of the First Baptist Church of Lufkin found the membership records of Grandmother and her brother in 1901. From this data, we could verify the presence of this single family there.

The stop at the library afforded insight into the Texas Forestry Museum in Lufkin where I learned about the lumbering industry of East Texas. As this was the sight of the matrimonial meeting of Annie and Stephen Lee, I enjoyed seeing how logging was performed in pre-technology days, as well as the location of early records in the lumbering industry.

Through the years of my inquisitive digs for information and answers, I often thought: "how did Grandmother's mother know of the opportunity to work in the logging camps of East Texas after her husband died?" The answer to this question is the real key to our being totally re-united as descendants of our common Clements Texas progenitor. Thirty plus years of asking the question finally produced results!

At the beginning of the year in 1999, I was skeptically toying with RootsWeb on the Internet at the public library. I submitted a query regarding the George family. After my 18-year hiatus from research, I had decided to focus only on the Clements of Texas, and following that, the George Family. There was appeal for me to see if we could document our group of Georges in Texas during the Republic era.

The query I submitted was answered immediately by Connie Rinner of Oklahoma. We had known (when I submitted my papers for membership in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas) that at least one-half of the children of the pioneer Clementses (through Blount and Charlotte George) had moved to Oklahoma before 1900, and a few moved there shortly after 1900. But, we had no way of knowing someone to contact. Again, this was information unknown to us through family lore, but acquired through research.

As a result of the contact with Connie, she introduced me electronically to Greg Melven (Weatherford, Texas), who introduced me to Wanda Clements Hole (Mesa, Arizona), who later introduced us to her cousin John Clements. Later, Connie introduced me to Scott Chafin (Clear Lake, Texas), and Greg connected me to the Griffins of Dripping Springs, Texas. I had already known of Carolyn Harmon Parman through the activity of D.R.T. paper-preparation. So, these new contacts / relatives / researchers created a full team of currently-interested-in-the-Clements-of-Texas researchers. Over a very short time, we concluded we should meet and exchange information. After our April 4, 1999, meeting in Clarksville, Texas, our interest deepened. Many e-mails, letters, exchanges of stories and the creation of a web site glued our connections solidly.

At the Clarksville meeting and through e-mails and letters, Connie shared results of interviews and letters from her Aunt Eula Clements Siess. Some of the information did not jive with what I knew. 1 would take the clues from the letters to the library and go over and over them: No Results. I reviewed my charts and notes until the pages were frayed. A confusion lay in the thought that "John Blunt" (supposed father of the migratory clan) and "Charlotte" had traveled to Houston and had died here. I had no knowledge that Charlotte's husband was "John" Blount, and the research was going nowhere. In the end, it was revealed that it was "John Blunt" (son of Blount and Charlotte) and Florence Hurt Clements who Eula Clements Siess remembered as going to Houston.

So, in that "I'm-going-to-give-it-one-more-try" state of mind, I checked the Texas Mortality Records under "John Blunt Clements." There he was: 1938, death in Houston. The index, however, did not cite his wife's (Florence) death record that occurred in 1964 in Crockett (she was buried at Forest Park Cemetery in Houston next to John Blunt). A trip to the library uncovered an obituary for "John Blunt" (son of Charlotte and Blount) and thereafter additional clues. A study of the obituary revealed that after "John Blunt" and Florence moved his mother (Charlotte) and their children to Oklahoma around 1904, and remained there past 1920, they moved around a good bit. Part of the moves situated them in Texas again. At the time of the death of "John Blunt" his children lived all over Texas, with one son in Arkansas. The location of note was the son Neal in Crockett, Texas. This is also the Texas farm town where Connie Rinner's grandparents met and married. Traces of Clements relations were in the Crockett area from pre-1900 through 1999.

Where is all this going?

A study of the map showed the proximity of Crockett, Texas to Lufkin, Texas - a distance of about 45 miles. Crockett (where Connie's kin were found and where "John Blunt's" heirs lived) is on the west side of the Sam Houston National Forest, and Lufkin is on the east side. My first-hand knowledge of Grandmother's extensive and regular correspondence led me to a theory of how her mother would have known of job opportunities for women in 1900 in Lufkin. From correspondence with relatives in the vicinity who would have known of the growing logging industry, the information was passed on and contained enough validity that a widow taking the risk of moving two children into an unfamiliar community was a good choice at the time.

From this revelation, the circle was re-united!!!!

The story could end here and we could all feel good about the restored connection, but there were sad events that accompanied the discoveries. The sadness reverts back to Grandmother's connection / relationship to "John Blunt" and Florence. We never heard her speak of them: he was her uncle, with a daughter and son (her cousins) who lived in Houston. This is at the same time Grandmother was living here with her youngest son, Clarence. The questions that came to mind were "did she visit them;" "did they visit her;" "did she attend `John Blunt's funeral?" These questions

would not be so notable if they had applied to "John Blunt's" family ties here in the 1930s and 40s alone.

During that period of "no results" when I was waiting for all genealogical answers to be revealed to me, I used my research time to work on collateral families. Henry Watson (brother to Gid Watson) and his wife Mary Clements (sister to Druscilla Clements Watson, Gid's wife) had located in Fort Bend County (the county adjacent to Harris County) some time before 1900. They (Henry and Mary) farmed there, according to the 1900 Census. Some time before 1910, some of Henry and Mary's children (Horace, Georgia, Jewell, and Ruby Evelyn) moved to Houston, in Harris County. Eventually Henry and Mary moved to Houston, too, and he became an "expressman". Henry and Mary Watson lived in the Heights, a Houston residential suburb on the north side. This is the same area of Houston where Grandmother lived.

Census work and cemetery records provided a few details about Henry and Mary. Their children were solidly settled in Houston and involved in community events. William and Georgia Clements Keach's children (a daughter who married Rodney Boling; a daughter who married Dr. James L. Collier; and William Carroll Keach) had notable careers in Houston.

Obituaries were found for all of these individuals. I visited the unmarked graves (through use of the cemetery records of Hollywood Cemetery in Houston) of Henry and Mary Watson. I also visited the graves of Georgia and William Keach, and John Blunt and Florence Clements at Forest Park Lawndale in Houston. Throughout the unveiling of this information, although I recalled my earliest research days' questions of "why don't I have Houston family lines so the research is easier?", my main question was "how did Grandmother Lee relate to these people and how did they relate to her?" A remarkable social distinction could have developed a chasm of connection between the wealthy of the one extreme and the borderline destitute of the other. Since Grandmother never spoke of these relatives, the only information I had was of her peaceful contentedness with her life and the open-door lovingness she offered to everyone who knew her.

I do not know if Grandmother Lee would be happy or sad to know I've uncovered all these family connections or entertained the questions about them. But I do know my gospel-singing, alto-voiced, soft-spoken Grandmother would be proud that the re-united circle was really never completely broken.

Donna Beth Lee Raley Shaw Granddaughter of Charlotte Annett Watson (Annie W. Lee) January 16, 2001

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KREBS FAMILY GATHER FOR 44th REUNION

September 16, 2001 at the American Legion Hall Shelby, Texas was the gathering place for eighty-three descendants of Heinrich and Dorothea (Keidel) Krebs. Descendants of children Wilhelm, Edward, Julius and Marie (Krebs) Schulze attended from different places in Texas and Oklahoma. There are only three family members of the fourth generation still living. Wilma (Krebs) Lewis of Algra, Oklahoma is one of the three and she attended this 44th reunion The Krebs reunion is held on the third Sunday of September every year and always at the American Legion Hall in Shelby, Texas.

A catered meal of barbecue beef and chicken, also veggies and very good home made desserts was served at noon. A business meeting and auction was held in the afternoon.

This year, Wedding and individual pictures of the fourth generation descendants were added to the Krebs Family History Book "AN EIGHT GENERATION JOEY." The longest married couple was Edgar and Ida (Krause) Schmidt, married 60 years, from Burton, Texas. Most recent married were Justin and Abby Pizzitola married 17 month from Houston, Texas. For the year 2002 the fifth generations pictures will be added. This family book was compiled by Judy Chovanec and Loretta Leonhardt two years ago.

Heinrich and Dorothea (Keidel) Krebs and their eight children immigrated from Braunschweig Germany, leaving from Alberbuittel Hanover Germany on October 4, 1847 and landing at Galveston, Texas on November 27, 1847 after 54 days on the ship "Barque Franziska" with 167 passangers and Captain Hagelom in control of the ship. Their children all had four or five names but here in Texas they were known as Wilhelm, Franz, Otto Theodore, Edward, Herman, Julius and Marie who had a twin sister who died in Germany at the age of 53 days. This twin was named Wilhelmine Friedrika Julie Elizabeth Krebs. Her birth or death will not be found in Germany. If a child does not live to the age of one year, that birth and death is not recorded with their family history.

Carl Heinrich Ferdinant Krebs was born at Blankenbury, Germany on October 24, 1795 and Dorothea Louise Heinrietta Keidel was born on Decemberl3, 1806 at Bockenem Germany. They were married On November 17, 1825 in Germany. What town is not known. Another daughter was still born at Willow Springs, Texas--Fayette County in the year 1849. At this time the Krebs Family Cemetery was started. One acre out of the 1290 acres of farm land that they bought on January 8, 1848 just 42 days after they landed in Texas was and is still used for a cemetery. This cemetery is still a very beautful place and many family members are resting there. Including Heinrich, Dorothea and six of their children.

I am still looking for the name of the family that Heinrich, Dorothea and their children lived with after they came to Schoenau, Texas--Austin County. Dorothea (Keidel) Krebs Mother's maiden name was Kock. I have no first name for her.

KNEIP FAMILY SECOND REUNION

The second annual reunion for the descendants of Adolph Wilhelm and Christiana (Immelt) Kneip was held on July 14, 2001 at the American Legion Hall in Round Top, Tx., Fayette County. Adolph and Christiana and their six sons--Theodor Wilhelm, Karl Friedrich, Heinrich Adolph, Wilhelm (William) and (twins) Adolph H. Wilhelm and Ferdinand Christian Kneip left Germany and landed at Galveston Tx. on October 30, 1852 on the Ship CLEMENTINE. With 143 passangers. For what reason the family chose to settle in Fayette County is not known.

Registration started at 10:30 A. M. Again, name tags were used with a different color for desendants of Heinrich & Clara Ploeger Kneip, Adolph & Elise Huth (first wife) & Emilie Von Rosenberg Kneip, Ferdinand & Emmie Ploeger Kneip families. Group pictures were also taken of the families of the three sons.

Edgar Leonhardt led the group with a German Table Prayer that the older people always prayed before they ate a meal. Since the German language is not known by the younger generation, the same table prayer was prayed in English. A covered dish lunch was than served to the Eighty-Five people attending. Eighty family members and five guest.

The business meeting was led by Berdie Barker. Loretta Leonhardt read the minutes and treasurer report of last years reunion. Vivian Barker gave a report of the Graves Markers that need to be replaced. Loretta Leonhardt gave a report on the Family History Book that was started at the reunion last year. During this past year, we gathered information on 745 family members for our book. There are still family members that need to be included. We hope to get that information this year.

Election of offcers was held for the next Kneip Family Reunion on Sunday July 14, 2002 at this same American Legion Hall. President Robert Kneip, Vice President Berdie Barker; Secretary/Treasurer Alice Kneip. Lydia Ann Heins, Gladiola Kruse and Loretta Leonhardt will continue with the Kneip Family History Book.

The following were recognized Oldest female:: Evelyn (Kneip) Boenig 90 years from Woodsboro, Tx., Oldest male:: Allen Kneip 87 years from California. Youngest child:: Vance Charles Baker 3 month from Brenham, Tx. Longest married couple:: Edgar and Loretta Leonhardt 48 years from Red Rock, Tx. Most recent married couple:: Allen and Janet Crozier 3 years from Austin, Tx. Traveling the farthest distance was Melvin Kneip and Daughters April and Sarah from Hawaii. Travelers from out of state were, Allen Kneip from California and Loretta (Kneip) Johnson from Mississippi.

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REISSIG, COOKSEY, SIMON, SIEGMUND, LEYENDECKER

We are indebted to J. L. Cooksey, 9602 Monmouth Circle, Austin 78753 (<u>512-837-2234</u>, <u>jcooksey@webtv.net</u>) for submitting a manuscript file to us with considerable genealogical information on members of the above families, particularly the Reissigs, in the Austin-Georgetown-Fredericksburg area. The material is in the form of family group sheets; copies of photos, written transcriptions of the 1850-80 Censuses for Fredericksburg, specifically Leyendecker families; news clippings and obituaries. Following is an extraction of some of the material which appears most pertinent. The entire file will be given to the Genealogy Collection, Texas State Library, for inclusion in their vertical files. Anyone desiring further information may view the file at the TSL or contact Mr. Cooksey directly.

Reissig History

Twins, **Herman Adolph Reissig** and **Robert Reissig I**, were born in Pruissa on 11 May 1848. They had a younger brother, **Adolph C. Reissig** that was born at the same place in 1854.

The three of them left Germany sometime after 1865 and sailed to the Port of Galveston, Texas. They made their way to Williamson County for several years where Herman Adolph Reissig and his wife, had two Children who died young. All three brothers moved to Travis County to a more healthful climate. Aunt Frieda said that the two Children that died young was **Ella Louise** and **Klan Augusta Reissig**. The inscription on the grave marker for these two children is **Ella Louise Klurchen Reissig** and **William G. Reissig**, not Klan Augusta. I think Aunt Fredia was in error. The Children were buried at the Bratten Cemetery.

Herman Adolph Reissig and his twin Brother, Robert Reissig I, remained in Travis County until their deaths. Adolph C. Reissig remained in Travis County until his death also. Please see the Family Work Sheets for the above Twins, which will take you to both of my Brothers-In-Law, **Floyd James "Buddy" Reissig**, and **Francis Robert Reissig**.

"8-E"

Eursel Lee Cooksey, was born on the Fox Kelley place, near Point Blank, San Jacinto County, Texas, November 21, 1918. WW 1 was going on at the time of Eursel's birth. Her father was deferred from military service because of the size of his family, but two of his brothers went to war in France. Two years later the COOKSEY family move to Austin, Texas. They arrive in Austin with little more than the clothes on their backs. It was one week before Christmas, 1920.

Eursel attended Fulmore Elementary, John T. Allen Junior High, and graduated from Stephan F. Austin High School in February 1937. Eursel worked for the Bo-Peep Baby Shop, Scarbrough and Sons', and the State Department of Health in the Bureau of Vital Statistics. She married **Francis Robert Reissig** on August 11, 1951. Francis was the son of **Bruno H**. and **Minnie Siegmund Reissig**, and Grandson of **Robert Reissig I** and **Louise Simon**. He was born in Austin, Texas on 28 August 1915. He was married having one child, **Terry Elaine** Feb. 2, 1944. Terry was six months old when her Mother passed away. Francis went into the Army September 1944. He had basic training in Texas and then was transferred to Salt Lake City, Utah. After the war, having worked as an Aircraft Mechanic Supervisor at Kelly Field in San Antonio, and at Ragsdale Air Field in Austin, Texas, he took his mechanical skills into his own business. After the war, Francis opened the South Lamar Automotive Service, providing the best automotive



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repairs in Austin. Francis and Eursel had the following children, all born in Austin: Sandra Lee was born May 3, 1952. Francis Robert Jr.,(Skipper), was born October 3, 1955. Lance Morton was born January 25,1957.

Francis Robert Reissig and Eursel Lee Cooksey Reissig have retired to their beautiful home on Lake Travis. Lance Morton runs the Automotive Business now.

"8-D"

Bernadine Cooksey, youngest daughter of **Robert Wiley Cooksey Sr.** and **Sadie Rilla Richardson Cooksey** was born in Austin, Texas, March 12, 1921. Her first home was on Annie street. Her second home was on Newton Street, where she remained until 1934. The family moved to Govalle. Living first, on Springdale road, second, Govalle Avenue, and then Nile Street. We moved from Nile Street to town and then back to Nile Street again.

While living in town "Bunt" graduated from Austin High School in 1939. While in Junior High School, "Bunt" worked at Grandsilvers, S. H. Kresses, and Sears Roebuck in Austin.

Bernadine married Floyd James (Buddy) Reissig, on May 25, 1940. Buddy was born in Austin, March 20, 1919. He was the son of Otto Henry and Pauline Amanda Rousseau Reissig, and Grandson of Herman Adolph Reissig and Anna Margret Johanna Karaline Kunz.

Two daughters were born to Bernadine and Buddy in Austin, Texas.

Jo Ann was born January 1, 1942.

Peggy Sue was born January 9, 1945.

Buddy was called to serve his country in WWII. He served in the United States Navy throughout most of the major battlesof the Pacific. During the war, Bernadine worked at the Postoffice, living on Sabine and Longfellow Streets. After the war, Bernadine worked for Capitol National Bank until retirementin 1971. "Bunt" presently works for the Texas LegislativeServices when it is in session.Buddy returned from the war, starting a new career as a goodcabinet maker for **Max Richter**. He and **Gus Schmidt** opened up the B and G Millworks in 1967, which remains open today. Bernadine or "Bunt" as I call her, and Buddy are lifetime membersof the Hillcrest Baptist Church, which was first located at 1912 and East Avenue, but now on Steck Avenue in Austin, Texas.

J. L. Cooksey

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1	Husband: Robert Reissig, L	Twin
	Born: May 11, 1848 Married: Died: 1901 Father: Mother:	in: Saxony, Germany in: in: Austin, Travis, Texas Oakwood Cemetery Lot 14 Sec E
	Other Spouses:	
_	Wife: Louise Simon	
	Born: Died: April 3, 1923 Father: Mother: Other Spouses:	in: in: Austin, Travis, Texas Oakwood Cemetery Lot 14 Sec E
	CHILDREN	
) M	Name: Bruno H. Reissig Born: April 16, 1890 Married:	in: in:
	Died: August 29, 1980 Spouse: Minnie Helen Siegmund	in: Austin, Travis, Texas Memorial ParkLot 61 Sec 1 Space9
2	Name: Robert Reissig, Sr. Born:	in:
м	Married: Died: July 14, 1948 Spouse: Maude St. John	in: in: Austin, Texas Memorial Park Cem Lot 170B Space 7
3	Name: Freida Reissig	
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	Spouse: Seth Sullivan	ш.
4	Name: Lizzie Reissig	
F	Born: Married:	in: in:
r	Died: Spouse: J. P. Apple	in:
5	Name: Selma Reissig	1
F	Born: Married:	in: in:
	Died:	in: Elroy, Texas
	Spouse: Carl Butcher	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
6	Name: Oscar Reissig Born:	in:
м	Married:	in:
	Died: Showe: Marcella Touchtone	in:
7	Spouse: Marcella Touchtone Name: Rosa Reissig	
	Born:	in:
F	Married:	in: in: Austin, Travis, Texas Oakwood Cemetery Lot 14 Sec E
	Died: October 30, 1946 Spouse:	III. Ausun, Havis, Iezas Oakwood Cemetery Lot 14 Sec E
8	Name: Emma Reissig Born:	in:
F	Married: 1899	in:
	Died:	in: Houston, Texas
9	Spouse: John Bauer Name: Hugo Reissig	
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Μ	Married: Died: April 23, 1887	in:
		in: Austin, Texas Oakwood Cemetery Lot526 Sec 2

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2. F	Name: Born: Married: Died:	Emma Siegmund Bol May 1866	man Spouse: Place: Event 3: Place: Event 4: Place: Event 5:	
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usband: Joseph Siegmund				
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ife: Fredrika Siegmund				
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hild: Hermann Francis Siegmund				
Marital status: Married				
Farmer				
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child: Emma Siegmund Bollman				
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hild: Agnes Siegmund				
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	Johann Leyendecker 1868	Place: Place: Place:	Spouse:	Event 3: Event 4: Event 5:	
repared by: ayle Jones 503 Forest Ber ustin, Tx. 8704	nd Dr.	Phone: 512 441-6477			

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∦ife:	Marianne Klein Leyendecker		۲۲	of Birth:	1836	
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Mar	rital status: Married					
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No	additional information.					
child:	Marie Leyendecker Roeder					
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Ed. Note: Mr. Cooksey included copies of a number of family photos in the collection, several of which we reproduce below. Rather than provide a possibly erroneous caption of our own, we have elected to include copies of explanatory e-mails received from him regarding their contents as well as references to the Bratton Cemetery in Round Rock.

Subj: Re: **Robert Reissig and Louise Simon Family** Date: 10/11/2001 3:15:11 PM Central Daylight Time

From: jcooksey@webtv.net (J Cooksey) To: TXJean@aol.com

Yesterday I sent you a picture with Robert and his wife with some of his children. The ones that were missing out of that picture were: Bruno, Oscar, Frida, Frank (not mentioned in text), and Gus.

Today's picture is of Francis Robert Reissig Br 28 Aug 1915 in Austin. He married my sister Eursel Lee Cooksey in 11 Aug 1951 in Austin. Eursel was born in San Jacinto County, Texas 21 November 1918. They had the following chldren here in Austin: Sandra Lee Reissig 3 May 1952 Francis Robert Reissig Jr. 3 October 1955 Lance Morton Reissig 25 January 1957. As I told you yesterday Francis Robert Reissig was the son of Bruno H. Reissig and Minnie Helen Siegmund. Eursel is the daughter of Robert Wiley Cooksey Sr. and Sadie Rilla Cleveland Richardson. Eursel's family, (Cooksey) came to Austin, two weeks before Christmas in 1920. My father lived here in Austin from 1920 until his death in 1979. I have traced his family back to 1619 in Va.. Dad was 92 when he passed away..he is buried at Oakhill. Mother was 103 years old when she passed away, and is buried along side of her husband, a son and a daughter. My oldest brother is buried at Manchaca (Sp). My Mothers family Richardson has been traced back to 1722 in NC. My Mothers family Clevelands has been traced back to the 1600's in Va also. A few years ago my wife and I found Mothers GGGrandfather Col





Larkin Cleveland's grave in a cow pasture in Pulaski, TN. He was at the battle of Kings Mt. His son, Carter Harrison Cleveland died at Selma Ala.. Only two of Carters children came to Texas, John Smith Cleveland served in the Legislature of Texas (My Mothers Kin), and Larkin Green Cleveland. Both settled in Polk and San Jacinto Co. Both were in the Civil war. John Smith was wounded several times. I have his picture. I just mentioned this material in passing for I am trying to stay with the Reissig material. The picture I am sending today is of Eursel and Francis Robert Reissig's family. By the way Francis owns the South Lamar Automotive Shop. His son Lance runs it now. JL Cooksey Austin, Texas

Subj: Re: Floyd James Reissig and Bernadine Cooksey Reissig Date: 10/11/2001 4:04:17 PM Central Daylight Time

From: jcooksey@webtv.net (J Cooksey) To: TXJean@aol.com

This is a picture of Floyd James and my sister and their first daughter (they had two) Jo Ann Reissig Roddy. Jo and Tom Roddy live in San Antonio. He is President of a Bank. We call Floyd "Buddy". He is the owner of the B and G Millworks on MLK and 183. He and Francis are double cousins because of their Grandfathers being twins.



Date: 10/17/2001 From: jcooksey@webiv.net (J Cooksey) To: TXJean@aoLcom, Frreissig@aol.com CC: LAZYKI@aoLcom



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Subject: Bratton Cem. Round Rock, TX Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2001 19:22:11 -0500 (CDT) From: jcooksey@webtv.net (J Cooksey) To: lemur@pobox.com

We visited this cemetery on Wednesday Oct. 3 2001 and found the gravestone we had been searching for. I am forwarding the information we obtained from that stone by using chalk to highlight the lettering from this gravemarker. We found the following info: ONE marker, not two as was stated in your Austin Genealogical Publication (*Ed.–?*). At the top of the gravestone it states "HIER" the next line states William G. and Ella Louise Kurchen REISSIG. The next line yob Apr 30 86 yod May 22 86. The next line states yob May 26 or 27 yod June 2 86. That is all that is written on the marker. Herman Adolph REISSIG family history states that William G. should be Klan Augusta 27 May 1885-2 June 1886 and Ella Louise 30 Apr 1886-22 May 1886. Is Klan Augusta German for William G.? I don't know where that Kurchen came from. We have photos of this family with the exception of these two children. J. L. Cooksey Austin, TX

Subj: Re: Bratton Cem. Date: 10/6/2001 1:20:39 PM Central Daylight Time

From: jcooksey@webtv.net (J Cooksey) To: TXJean@aol.com

------ I was at the Library in Austin when a lady gave me several addresses and showed me where your publications were located. The one also had the following information: Ella and William Reissig in Bratten Cemetery..No dates on Markers. It also noted Adolph Reissig 36 p172 Reising Adolph Prussia, Katherine 26 Tx Reissig. R. P 177. The Reissig family (My sister is married to Francis R Reissig) had been looking for the grave site for the two that I found in Roundrock for several years. I didn't know where the cemetery was located until your WebSite told me where it was located. The cemetery is in very bad shape..most of the markers are only Field Stones with no inscription. I put chalk on the one that I found and it made the inscription readable. 1 will try to send you a picture of this family. J. Cooksey

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