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Editor's Message

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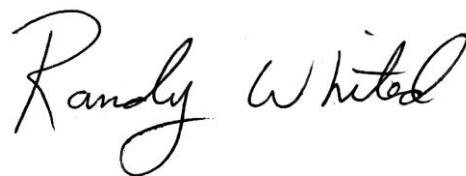
Sometimes we all hit an impasse in our efforts, whether it is tracking an elusive ancestor, locating a missing record, or, in my case, writing the editorial to the AGS Quarterly. In each case, it is often useful to take a step back, clear one's mind of the roadblocks, and then tackle anew from a fresh viewpoint.

This is one of the great benefits of being a member of a genealogical society; the chance to develop ideas and skills to tackle difficult questions in new ways. It also presents opportunities for one to learn from guest lecturers, seminar speakers and experienced, helpful peers. This spirit of sharing is what holds a society together.

This spirit was realized in Tommy Ingram, former President of AGS. His obituary can be found on the following page. Through his encouragement, I became more involved in AGS during his time as Chair of the Education Committee. In some small way, I feel that I am passing forward the assistance and enthusiasm he shared in our community.

That being said, I trust everyone can find something of personal value in this Quarterly, the first of the 50th year of publication. Inside is a mix of local records extracts, upcoming event notices, and personal research and memoirs. Perhaps you will find something that will inspire you to put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and share with your Society and peers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Whited". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

In Memoriam

Tommy Ingram



Tommy Ingram, 53, long time resident of Austin, Texas passed away February 24, 2009 due to AIDS related illness. Born June 8, 1955 in Odessa to Quinville and Isabel Mayfield Ingram, Tommy came to Austin in the mid 1970's to study music at the University of Texas. He later worked in the restaurant and convenience store industries before finding his true calling in the printing and desk-top publishing business. He was the long-term manager of Hallmark Printing, before completing his career at Ginny's Printing. Tommy had a knack for using words and for working with people. He found his passion in classical music, raising roses and studying his genealogical roots.

Tommy was a former President of the Austin Genealogical Society. He began the researcher assistance programs of "Help Desk", "Dear Genie" and brickwall Saturdays. Tommy attended the beginner education classes faithfully to share his knowledge with those beginning their research.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his two half-sisters, and many cousins, especially Richard Foster of Austin.

A celebration of Tommy's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on March 14, 2009 at Metropolitan Community Church of Austin, 8601 South 1st Street, Austin, TX. His ashes will be buried in the Ingram family cemetery outside of Cisco, TX at a later date.

Tommy's family and friends wish to thank the wonderful staff and volunteers of Doug's House and Hospice Austin who took such loving care of Tommy during the last month of his life. In lieu of flowers, they request that donations be made in Tommy's memory to Doug's House/Project Transitions, PO Box 4826, Austin, TX 78765 or OutYouth Austin, 909 E. 49 1/2 Street, Austin, TX 78751.

AGS Calendar of Events

4 April, 9am-12pm

AGS Saturday Series, Highland Park Baptist Church, 5206 Balcones Drive
“Religion on the Frontier,” by Russell Baker, Arkansas State Archives

25 April, 10:00am – 12:45pm

AGS Genealogical Potpourri, Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe

NOTE: No AGS Monthly Meeting in April

2 May, 8:30am – 3:00pm

AGS Annual Seminar, St. David's Episcopal Church, 304 East 7th Street
For more details, refer to last page of this Quarterly

26 May, 7pm

AGS Monthly Meeting, Highland Park Baptist Church, 5206 Balcones Drive
“Social Relations in Late Colonial Texas,” Dr. J. F. de la Teja, State Historian of Texas

30 May, 1:00pm – 3:45pm

AGS Genealogical Potpourri, Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe

23 June, 7pm

AGS Monthly Meeting, Highland Park Baptist Church, 5206 Balcones Drive
“Having Fun with Our Ancestors,” Teri E. Flack, AGS

27 June, 10:00am – 12:45pm

AGS Genealogical Potpourri, Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe

25 July, 1:00pm – 3:45pm

AGS Genealogical Potpourri, Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe

The Two Families of Robert W. TEMPLETON

Janis Templeton Trayler

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Generation 3

Continuing with the children of Robert W. Templeton and Jemima P. [unknown maiden name]

9. CHARLOTTA CALDONIA⁵ TEMPLETON¹ (*LEVI YOUNG⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*) was born 07 Jan 1872 in Coleman County, TX, and died 21 Sep 1938 in Plainview, Hale County, TX². Known as "Donie," married JAMES MADISON PERKINS 20 Nov 1887 in Erath County, TX.³ He was born 04 Aug 1864 in TN (death certificate says TX), and died 2 Oct 1938 in Plainview, Hale County, TX⁴.

Children⁵ of CHARLOTTA TEMPLETON and JAMES PERKINS are:

- i. VELMA ETHEL⁶ PERKINS, b. 30 Mar 1888⁶
- ii. R. L. PERKINS, b. 26 Aug 1891; d. 07 Jan 1892⁷
- iii. JAMES WALKER PERKINS, b. 19 Jun 1893, Talpa, Coleman County, TX⁸; d. 28 May 1967, Hale County, TX
32. iv. IRA EARL PERKINS, b. 29 Jul 1897, Glen Cove, Coleman County, TX; d. 09 Feb 1957, Lubbock, Lubbock County, TX
- v. MAY PERKINS, b. 01 May 1899
- vi. THOMAS MADISON PERKINS, b. 22 May 1901; d. 26 Jun 1969, Plainview, Hale County, TX
- vii. BERNARD PERKINS, b. 03 Oct 1908

10. DOVIE PAULINA⁵ TEMPLETON (*LEVI YOUNG⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*)⁹ was born 2 Feb 1875 in Texas¹⁰, and died 10 Jun 1944 in San Antonio, Bexar County, TX¹¹. She married GUSTAVEUS T. "G.T." DAVIS on 1 Dec 1892 in Taylor County, TX¹². He was born Mar 1862 in GA¹³. His date of death is unknown.

Children of DOVIE TEMPLETON and GUSTAVEUS DAVIS are:

- i. RACHEL H.⁶ DAVIS b. Jan 1894¹⁴
- ii. RAVENS L. DAVIS, b. Feb 1895¹⁵
- iii. WEBSTER B. DAVIS, b. Aug 1896¹⁶
- iv. ORAN G. DAVIS, b. Jan 1898¹⁷
- v. NESSIE LEORA DAVIS, b. Abt. 1903, TX¹⁸
- vi. EULA M. DAVIS, b. Abt. 1904¹⁹
- vii. MOLLIE R. DAVIS, b. Abt. 1907²⁰
- viii. LOTTIE R. DAVIS, b. Abt. 1909²¹
- ix. VICTOR L. DAVIS, b. 23 Dec 1909, Texas; d. 16 Jan 1961, San Antonio, Bexar County, TX²²
- x. FAY DAVIS, b. Abt. 1913²³
- xi. BEULAH? DAVIS, b. Abt. 1917²⁴

11. ISAAC JASPER⁵ TEMPLETON (*LEVI YOUNG⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*)²⁵ was born 30 Oct 1877 in Coleman County, TX and died 19 Nov 1944 in Dallas, TX²⁶. He is buried in Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas. He married MARY ELIZABETH WARREN who was born in Coleman, TX²⁷ and is buried in Ballinger, Runnels County, TX.

Children of ISAAC TEMPLETON and MARY WARREN are:

33. i. ADDIE LOUISE⁶ TEMPLETON, b. 20 Dec 1906.
- ii. WARREN DOUVAL TEMPLETON, b. 20 May 1908²⁸; d. 08 Nov 1991, Lubbock, Lubbock County, TX .²⁹ Tombstone inscription indicates U.S. Army, Burial: City of Lubbock Cemetery, Block 42
- iii. LOUIS V. TEMPLETON, b. 14 Feb 1910; d. 24 Sep 1988, Ballinger, Runnels County, TX ³⁰
- iv. BYRON CARL TEMPLETON, b. 05 May 1914, Lampasas TX; d. 07 Sep 1941, Plainview, Hale County, TX³¹ Burial: Plainview, Hale County, TX
- v. LEROY TEMPLETON, b. 03 Jan 1918.
- vi. JOE HAYES TEMPLETON, b. 08 Sep 1919, Lampasas County, TX³²

12. WALTER TIPS⁵ TEMPLETON (*LEVI YOUNG⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*) was born 07 Sep 1880 in Coleman County, TX ³³ and died 06 Apr 1967 in Philo, Mendocino County, CA. He married LAURA TEXAS CHAMBERLAND 14 Feb 1899 in Coleman County, TX³⁴, daughter of J.J. CHAMBERLAND and Unknown HARRIS. She was born 14 Jun 1879 in Missouri, and died 15 Dec 1958 in Philo, Mendocino County, CA. Occupation: 1920, Brakeman on Railroad.

Children of WALTER TEMPLETON and LAURA CHAMBERLAND are:

34. i. ORAN BLANFORD⁶ TEMPLETON, b. 21 Jan 1900, Coleman County, TX; d. 03 Apr 1955, Tulare, CA.
- ii. ERNESTINE TEMPLETON, b. Abt. 1907, Texas.³⁵
- iii. EARL TEMPLETON,³⁶ b. Abt. 1907, Texas.

iv. JOHN T. TEMPLETON,³⁷ b. Abt. 1909, Texas.

v. MILDRED G. TEMPLETON**Error! Bookmark not defined.**,³⁸ b. Abt. 1910.

35. vi. PAUL ORVILLE TEMPLETON, b. 26 Mar 1913, New Mexico; d. 24 Sep 1994. Married to Lillian ? 11 August 1932.³⁹

vii. OSCAR M. TEMPLETON,⁴⁰ b. Abt. 1915, New Mexico

viii. WALTER W. TEMPLETON,⁴¹ b. Abt. 1919, Colorado.

13. JOHN THOMAS⁵ TEMPLETON (*LEVI YOUNG⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*) was born Mar 1882.⁴² He is believed to have married MYRTLE JOSEPHINE HOBBS .

Child of JOHN TEMPLETON and MYRTLE is:

- i. FRANCES TEMPLETON, b. about 1921,⁴³ d. unknown

14. MARSHALL FLOYD⁵ TEMPLETON, SR. (*LEVI YOUNG⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*) ⁴⁴was born 11 May 1890 in Texas, and died 05 Mar 1966 in Dallas County, TX⁴⁵. Burial: Five Mile Cemetery, Dallas, Dallas County, TX. He married (1) LENA ?. She died Abt. 1918. He married (2) MINNIE LOIS PENRY 13 Mar 1920 in Hale County, TX. She was born 01 Jan 1899, and died 27 May 1982 in Dallas County, Texas⁴⁶.

Child of MARSHALL TEMPLETON and LENA ? is:

36. i. DORRIS M.⁶ TEMPLETON, b. 09 Aug 1914, Coleman County, TX; d. 10 Jul 1987, Lubbock County TX

Children of MARSHALL TEMPLETON and MINNIE PENRY are:

- ii. WALKER FRANKLIN "DUB"⁶ TEMPLETON,⁴⁷ b. 09 Feb 1921; d. 14 Mar 2000⁴⁸

37. iii. MELBA LOIS TEMPLETON, b. 02 Mar 1922; d. 13 Aug 1988.
38. iv. HORACE LEON TEMPLETON, b. 26 Jul 1925, Novice, Coleman County, TX
39. v. THOMAS ELDRED TEMPLETON, b. 13 Sep 1927, Floyd County, TX; d. 27 Dec 1995, DeSoto, Dallas County, TX
- vi. MYRLE LOUISE TEMPLETON, b. 31 Dec 1930, Floyd County, TX⁴⁹
- vii. MARSHALL FLOYD "SONNY" TEMPLETON, JR., b. 11 Jun 1933, Hale County, TX⁵⁰
- viii. JAMES ARLIE TEMPLETON, b. 04 Jan 1936, Hale County, TX⁵¹
- ix. PATSY RUTH TEMPLETON, b. 13 Feb 1939, Dallas County, TX⁵²

15. HUGH ELDRED YOUNG⁵ TEMPLETON (*LEVI YOUNG⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*)⁵³ was born 24 Jun 1893, and died Jan 1969 in Dallas County, TX⁵⁴. He married ETHEL SHUMARD.

Children of HUGH TEMPLETON and ETHEL SHUMARD are:

- i. LORENE⁶ TEMPLETON, b. 1925.
- ii. LEROY TEMPLETON, b. 19 Jan 1926, Crosby County, TX⁵⁵
- iii. MAUNA LOA TEMPLETON, b. 10 Mar 1929, Crosby County, TX⁵⁶

16. FELIX GRUNDY⁵ TEMPLETON (*THOMAS MARTIN⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*) was born 10 Jun 1876 in Silver Valley, Coleman County, TX, and died 30 Aug 1960 in Coleman County, TX⁵⁷. He married (1) RUTH LOVE Abt. 1896. She was born 09 Aug 1875 in Murray County, TN, and died 25 Jun 1918 in Roby, Fisher County, TX⁵⁸. He married (2) JOSIE FARIES 1928 in Coleman County, TX⁵⁹. She was born 07 Apr 1901 in Hopkins County, TX, and died 15 Jan 1995 in Howard County, TX⁶⁰. FELIX GRUNDY TEMPLETON is buried in Mount View Cemetery

in Coleman County, Texas. RUTH LOVE TEMPLETON and JOSIE FARIES TEMPLETON are buried on either side of him.

Children of FELIX TEMPLETON and RUTH LOVE are:

- i. ALBERT ODELL⁶ TEMPLETON, b. 09 Mar 1897, Coleman County, TX. Military service: 27 Aug 1918, Inducted at Roby, Fisher County, TX⁶¹
40. ii. HERBERT LEE "HUB" TEMPLETON, b. 12 Sep 1902, Coleman County, TX; d. 31 Jul 1985, Coleman County, TX

Children of FELIX GRUNDY TEMPLETON and JOSIE FARIES are:

- iii. JOHN THOMAS⁶ TEMPLETON, b. 21 Feb 1929, Coleman County, TX; d. Dec 1985, California⁶²
41. iv. WILLIE MAE TEMPLETON, b. Coleman County, TX; Living
42. v. JAMES FELIX "JESS" TEMPLETON, b. 20 Feb 1934, Coleman County, TX; d. 22 Nov 2002, Stamford, TX

17. TILITHA ARNETTA⁵ TEMPLETON (*THOMAS MARTIN⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*) was born 16 Oct 1878 in Delta County, TX and died 25 May 1969 in Coleman County, TX⁶³. She married WILLIAM THOMAS BAKER 02 Aug 1903 in Coleman County, TX⁶⁴, son of WILLIAM BAKER and MARTHA CLARK. He was born 27 Dec 1876 in Lee County, TX and died 24 Jan 1945 in Coleman County, TX⁶⁵.

Children of TILITHA TEMPLETON and WILLIAM BAKER are:

43. i. ARTHUR CARL⁶ BAKER, b. 07 May 1904, Coleman County, TX; d. Sep 1971, Baird, TX
- ii. LLOYD FRANKLIN "DIG" BAKER, b. 21 Oct 1905, Coleman County, TX; d. 17 Mar 1955, Edcouch,

- Hidalgo County, TX⁶⁶ He never married.
44. iii. GILLIE MABEL BAKER, b. 15 Aug 1907, Coleman County, TX; d. 04 Apr 1977, Kingsville, Kleberg County, TX
 - iv. RUBY LEE "REBE" BAKER, b. 16 Nov 1908, d. 12 Oct 1976, Coleman County, TX;⁶⁷ m. UNKN LAWSON. Ruby is buried in the Coleman City Cemetery, Coleman, TX
 45. v. MARY ZELMA BAKER, b. 20 May 1910, Coleman County, TX; d. 05 Jan 1987, San Marcos, Hays County, TX
 46. vi. EUNICE ELDRIDGE "LITTLE RED" BAKER, b. 21 Sep 1912, Coleman County, TX; d. 01 Aug 1973, Coleman County, TX
 47. vii. HALLIE NORENE "SAL" BAKER, b. 21 Mar 1914, Coleman County, TX; d. 29 Nov 1977, Abilene, Taylor County, TX
 - viii. HAZEL MILDRED "PUD" BAKER, b. 25 Aug 1916, Texas; d. 26 Jul 1962, Austin, Travis County, TX⁶⁸
 48. ix. THOMAS BETHEL "BUCK" BAKER, b. 04 Mar 1918, Coleman County, TX; d. 28 Jul 1993, Uvalde County, TX
 49. x. MILFORD ODELL "RAT" BAKER, b. 04 Sep 1921, Coleman County, TX; d. 06 Jan 1972, Big Spring, TX

18. LAURA JANE⁵ TEMPLETON (*THOMAS MARTIN⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*) was born 31 Jan 1880 in Coleman County, TX, and died 15 Jul 1967 in Eastland, Eastland County, TX.⁶⁹ She married HENRY HARRIS "DUTCH" CHAMBERLAND 24 Sep 1899 in Coleman County, TX,⁷⁰ son of JONATHAN J. CHAMBERLAND. He was born 08 Jun 1874 in TX, and died 16 Jul 1943 in Roosevelt County, NM.

Children of LAURA TEMPLETON and HENRY CHAMBERLAND are:

- i. TALLIE MAE "TILLIE"⁶ CHAMBERLAND, b. 22 Aug 1900, Coleman County, TX; d. 14 Jul 1976, New Mexico;⁷¹ m. (1) EDD FORD; m. (2) HUB STANLEY;⁷² d. 1969.
50. ii. TILITHA ESTELLE "STELLA" CHAMBERLAND, b. 15 Apr 1903, Concho, Menard County, TX; d. 27 Apr 1993, Eastland, Eastland County, TX
- iii. VIOLA PEARL CHAMBERLAND, b. 1905, Roby, Fisher County, TX;⁷³ d. 1926.
- iv. ANNIE MARY CHAMBERLAND, b. 16 Dec 1907; d. 02 Mar 1980.
- v. NELLIE VIRGINIA CHAMBERLAND, b. 18 Feb 1909.
- vi. MAUDIE IRENE CHAMBERLAND, b. 04 Apr 1912.
- vii. HENRY BUDDIE CHAMBERLAND, b. 22 Feb 1914; d. 28 Dec 1964, Tyler, Smith County, TX⁷⁴
- viii. AUDREY HARRIS CHAMBERLAND, b. 16 Sep 1916.
- ix. JESSIE BELL CHAMBERLAND, b. 09 Jun 1919⁷⁵; d. 05 May 1980, Potter County, TX⁷⁶
- x. VEVA LOLETT CHAMBERLAND, b. 02 Jan 1922; d. 26 May 1988, New Mexico⁷⁷; m. AURELIO C. LUCERO⁷⁸
- xi. OTIS ODELL CHAMBERLAND, b. 04 Jun 1924, Texas⁷⁹; d. 12 Jul 1940, Rule, Haskell County, Texas⁸⁰

19. ROBERT WALTER⁵ TEMPLETON (*THOMAS MARTIN⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*)⁸¹ was born 04 May 1883 in Bell County, TX, and died 08 Feb 1939 in Coleman County, TX.⁸² He married MINNIE WILSON 08 Jan 1905 in Novice, Coleman County, TX,⁸³ daughter of GEORGE WILSON and MATILDA PERKINS. She was born 28 Jun 1882 in Coleman County, TX, and died 21 Nov 1959 in Coleman County, TX⁸⁴.

Child of ROBERT TEMPLETON and MINNIE WILSON is:

51. i. HOYT PAUL⁶ TEMPLETON, b. 02 Jun 1910, Fisher County, TX; d. 14 Jul 1976, Temple, Bell County, TX

20. MARTIN LUTHER "LUTE"⁵ TEMPLETON (*THOMAS MARTIN⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*)⁸⁵ was born 29 Apr 1886 in Coleman County, TX and died 21 Nov. 1965 in Amarillo, Potter County, TX.⁸⁶ He married CALLIE MAY BAKER 06 Sep 1906 in Coleman County, TX,⁸⁷ daughter of WILLIAM BAKER and MARTHA CLARK. She was born 14 Oct 1889 in Lee County, TX,⁸⁸ and died 22 Feb 1976 in Odessa, Ector County, TX⁸⁹. CALLIE BAKER TEMPLETON was originally buried at Sunset Gardens Cemetery in Odessa, Ector County, TX, but was removed to Mt. View Cemetery in Coleman County, TX in October of 2002.

Children of MARTIN L. TEMPLETON and CALLIE BAKER are:

52. i. EDITH JEWELL⁶ TEMPLETON, b. 10 Jun 1908, Roby, Fisher County, TX⁹⁰; d. 18 Feb 2005, Burnet, Burnet County, TX⁹¹
53. ii. GLADYS ESTELLE TEMPLETON, b. 05 Apr 1910, Coleman County, TX;⁹² d. 30 Jul 1990, Kerrville, Kerr County, TX⁹³
54. iii. MARVIN LUTHER TEMPLETON, b. 09 Apr 1913, Coleman County, TX; d. 08 Mar 1992, Lubbock County, TX⁹⁴
- iv. CONNIE LILLIAN TEMPLETON, b. 23 Sep 1915, Coleman County, TX⁹⁵ and was named LILLIAN OPAL TEMPLETON but later changed her name to CONNIE LILLIAN. She died 16 Sep 1995, Longview, Gregg County, TX, and is buried in Llano Cemetery, Amarillo, Potter County, TX. She claimed to have been married to (1) RALPH RALLE; (2) JIM COLLOPY; and (3) BEN KING BOSWELL, 15 Aug 1934, San Antonio, Bexar County, TX. As yet

have been unable to verify dates and places of any marriages.

55. v. ELMER BOYD "BLUE" TEMPLETON, b. 07 May 1920, Silver Valley, Coleman County, TX; d. 25 Oct 2001, Canyon Lake, Comal County, TX⁹⁶
56. vi. JOY ROSE TEMPLETON, b. 08 Jul 1925, Coleman County, TX; d. 04 Mar 1998, Longview, Harrison County, TX⁹⁷
57. vii. NELDA JO TEMPLETON, b. 14 Mar 1927, Coleman County, TX; d. 14 Jul 1991, Kansas
58. viii. GLORIA MAY TEMPLETON, b. 26 Jan 1930, Coleman County, TX

21. YOUNG JOHN⁵ TEMPLETON (*THOMAS MARTIN⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*) was born 16 Mar 1889 in Coleman County, TX, and died 12 Dec 1928 in Coleman County, TX⁹⁸. He married MARY LEAH JOHNSTON 10 Dec 1910 in Comanche County, TX. She was born 29 Mar 1889 in Texas, and died 28 Apr 1974 in Tyler, Smith County, TX⁹⁹.

Children of YOUNG TEMPLETON and MARY JOHNSTON are:

- i. FLOYD EDGAR⁶ TEMPLETON, b. 08 May 1912, Fisher County, TX; d. 09 Apr 1988, Tyler, TX¹⁰⁰; m. AURORA "ORA" PERRIS; b. 07 Dec 1914, Massachusetts; d. 1981, Tyler, TX
- ii. EVELYN OPAL TEMPLETON, b. 01 Feb 1914, Fisher County, TX; d. 25 Jul 2005, Texas;¹⁰¹ m. WELDON CHAMBERS, 01 Aug 1953, Waco, McLennan County, TX; b. 10 Mar 1910, Runnels County, TX; d. 11 Jan 1969, La Grange, Fayette County, TX¹⁰².
59. iii. ROBERT LEE "BOBBY" TEMPLETON, SR., b. 04 Jul 1922, Coleman County, TX

22. MYRTLE⁵ COLBERT (*SUSAN CORDELIA⁴ TEMPLETON, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*) She married CHARLES PICKNEY ARMSTRONG.

i. LUCILLE SEARCY⁶ ARMSTRONG.

23. JOSEPH RICHARD⁵ COLBERT (*SUSAN CORDELIA⁴ TEMPLETON, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*) was born 1888 in Coleman County, TX, and died 16 Sep 1939. He married NANCY McCARTY.

Children of JOSEPH COLBERT and NANCY MCCARTY are:

- i. JOSEPH WILLIAM⁶ COLBERT.
- ii. LORE COLBERT.
- iii. RUBY COLBERT, b. 1910.
- iv. JOE RICHARD COLBERT, b. 1914.
- 60. v. WILLIAM TED COLBERT, b. 1923; d. 17 Sep 1991, Alabama.

24. KELSEY⁵ CROWL (*EMMA ELIZABETH JANE⁴ TEMPLETON, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*)¹⁰³ was born Sep 1891 in Illinois¹⁰⁴. He married ELIZABETH J. CHEW¹⁰⁵. She was born 13 Feb 1891 in Kansas¹⁰⁶, and died Apr 1977 in Oklahoma, Alfalfa, Burlington.

Children of KELSEY CROWL and ELIZABETH CHEW are:

- i. EUGENE A.⁶ CROWL¹⁰⁷, b. 19 Dec 1911, Oklahoma; d. Jan 1975, Kansas¹⁰⁸.
- ii. KENNETH C. CROWL¹⁰⁹, b. 10 Dec 1912, Oklahoma; d. 25 Sep 1988, Kansas¹¹⁰.
- iii. WANETA L. CROWL, b. Abt. 1915, Oklahoma.
- iv. KELSEY CROWL, JR., b. Apr 1916, Oklahoma.
- v. LEOTA I. CROWL, b. Feb 1918, Oklahoma.
- vi. HAROLD S. CROWL¹¹¹, b. 26 Mar 1925, Utah; d. Feb 1983, Kansas¹¹².
- vii. DELBERT F. CROWL¹¹³, b. 17 Oct 1927, Oklahoma; d. 06 Jan 1998, Kansas¹¹⁴.

25. CHESTER OTTIS⁵ CROWL (*EMMA ELIZABETH JANE⁴ TEMPLETON, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*)¹¹⁵ was born 04 May 1893 in Pawnee, Sangamon

County, Illinois¹¹⁶. He married HAZEL A. Unknown.

Children of CHESTER CROWL and HAZEL A. are:

- i. VERNON R.⁶ CROWL, b. 10 Sep 1916, Oklahoma; d. Sep 1973.
- ii. MELVIN A. CROWL, b. 17 May 1918, Oklahoma; d. Jun 1969, California.
- iii. DOROTHY F. CROWL, b. Abt. 1920, Oklahoma.
- iv. CLIFFORD A. CROWL, b. Abt. 1925, Oklahoma.

26. OSCAR ALVIN⁵ MASON (*FRANCES REBECCA⁴ TEMPLETON, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*) was born 30 Jun 1892 in Illinois, and died 13 Jan 1961 in Los Angeles, CA¹¹⁷. He married NEVA. She was born Abt. 1889 in Illinois.

More About OSCAR ALVIN MASON:
Census: 1900, Illinois, Christian, South Fork

Children of OSCAR MASON and NEVA are:

- i. RAYMOND ELMER⁶ MASON, b. Abt. 1913, Kansas.
- ii. FERN IRENE MASON, b. Abt. 1914, Colorado.
- iii. ALLEN MANFORD MASON, b. Abt. 1917, Colorado.

27. MERVIN G.⁵ MASON (*FRANCES REBECCA⁴ TEMPLETON, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*)¹¹⁸ was born 04 Apr 1901 in Illinois and died Mar 1972 in Enid, Garfield, OK¹¹⁹. He married FLORA. She was born Abt. 1902 in Missouri.

More About MERVIN G. MASON:
Census: 1910, Kansas, Barber, Moore

Children of MERVIN MASON and FLORA are:

- i. DEWEY⁶ MASON, b. Abt. 1924, Oklahoma.
- ii. BETHY MASON, b. Abt. 1925, Kansas.
- iii. MILTON G. MASON, b. Abt. 1927, Oklahoma.

- iv. PERRIL G. MASON, b. Abt. 1928, Oklahoma.
- v. ALBERT E. MASON, b. 1930, Oklahoma.

28. RUTH MAE⁵ TEMPLETON (*THEORA W.⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*)¹²⁰ was born Jun 1900 in Pawnee, IL¹²¹, and died Jun 1984 in Panonia, Delta County, Colorado¹²². She married FAY ROBERT LEWIS. He was born 17 Jan 1898 in Oklahoma, and died 22 Sep 1959¹²³.

Children of RUTH TEMPLETON and FAY LEWIS are:

- i. DONALD LEE⁶ LEWIS, b. 11 Aug 1922, Kiowa, Barber County, KS.
- ii. WANDA LOUISE LEWIS, b. 18 Nov 1926, Kiowa, Barber County, KS.
- iii. GLENNA FAY LEWIS, b. 30 Nov 1928, Alva, OK.

29. IRVIN R.⁵ TEMPLETON (*THEORA W.⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*)¹²⁴ was born 14 Aug 1902 in Pawnee, Christian County, IL, and died Nov 1974 in Kansas.¹²⁵ He married EVELYN ANN ERHARD¹²⁶.

Child of IRVIN TEMPLETON and EVELYN ERHARD is:

- i. IRVIN L.⁶ TEMPLETON.

30. MARTIN T.⁵ TEMPLETON (*THEORA W.⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*) was born 12 Oct 1908 in Pawnee, Christian County, IL¹²⁷, and died 27 Apr 1992 in Mesa, Maricopa County, AZ¹²⁸. He married ELLEN NADINE HOKE 25 Aug 1927 in Kiowa, Barber County, KS. She was born 07 Dec 1909 in KS, and died 08 Sep 1979 in Mesa, Maricopa County, AZ.

Child of MARTIN TEMPLETON and ELLEN HOKE is:

- i. EUGENE N.⁶ TEMPLETON, b. 1928, KS¹²⁹.

31. LYMAN⁵ TEMPLETON (*JOHN WESLEY⁴, ROBERT W.³, ROBERT², DAVID TEMPLETON¹ SR.*)¹³⁰ was born 12 Oct 1903 in Christian County, IL, and died Dec 1981 in IL¹³¹. He married MARIETTA. She was born 31 Mar 1909 in TN, and died 30 Apr 1999 in IL¹³².

Child of LYMAN TEMPLETON and MARIETTA is:

- i. LORAIN⁶ TEMPLETON, b. Abt. 1928, IL.¹³³

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The Ruthstrom Family Musicians

Richard Robertson, AGS Member

Since David Ruthstrom officially became my son-in-law, I have now put him in the family tree, included him in Pedigree, Descendancy, and Ascendancy charts, and collected his family stories. Although he has unofficially been a member of the family for over twenty years, he didn't become "official" until 2003 when he and daughter, Jeannie, exchanged wedding vows. Added to the unique wedding situation, Jeannie was the fifth family member to wear the 1947 wedding dress. That is another story which my wife, Marian, has written.

David has been a musician all of his adult life. He has a beautiful bass-baritone voice and plays a mean 12 string guitar. He and Jeannie have been a musical team for over twenty years, performing all over the lower forty-eight and Alaska. Having gone out on his own at an early age, David knew very little about his family history. In 1991 he and Jeannie went to his hometown of Houston to visit a couple of great uncles, Woody and Walter, who live next door to each other. To David and Jeannie's great surprise they saw pictures of the Ruthstrom Family Band in Walter's home. David had never heard of the Ruthstrom Family Band!!! Next door, Uncle Woody, who had just been released from the hospital, took out his accordion and entertained them. David was unaware of these musicians in his family. He was participating in a "Ruthstrom Musician's Homecoming"!! The uncles pulled out some old newspaper clippings and told them the story of the Ruthstrom Family Band.

What we learned from that visit and some oral history from his dad has had us all intrigued and amazed. David's great grandfather, John L. Ruthstrom, was born August 27, 1879 in Sweden. He was a locomotive engineer by profession and a musician by instinct. He married

Signe Bernadina who ran a hotel for Swedish Army officers. During World War I times were tough in Sweden and the family decided to come to America for better opportunities. In 1917 or 1918 John left their home in Kiruna, Sweden near the Arctic Circle, settling in Schenectady, N.Y. Later he sent for Mrs. Ruthstrom and their six sons, Bruno, Allen, Gunnar, Sven, Phillip, and Paul. Three other sons, Woodrow, Ralph, and Walter, were born in America. Bruno, the oldest, was David's grandfather.

According to one newspaper clipping "Pop" Ruthstrom began "breaking in" the boys to perform on various instruments from the moment they were big enough to straddle a piano bench and lift a trombone. He did not launch a family band to earn a living until the lack of other jobs forced him into it. David's grandfather, Bruno, disobeyed his father and sneaked into the Bijou Theater in Springfield, Mass. to see a vaudeville act. He saw the manager, who was a fan of the band, and in turn persuaded "Pop" Ruthstrom to turn professional. That's how they got into show business.

At first the Ruthstrom Family Band was composed of "Pop" and his eight sons. By 1927 they were advertised as the father and nine sons, billing the last born, two year old Walter, as the director. One flyer said "See and hear the youngest director/Two Years Old/ From the land of the midnight sun." The band traveled over most of the United States on the old Keith-Orpheum Vaudeville Circuit. And they also played circuses including Barnum and Bailey. According to David's dad, Omar, whose adopted name came from Omar the Tent Man of Barnum and Bailey, the Conn instrument company was so interested in the band that they donated all of the brass instruments. "Pop" played either the Sousaphone

or the piano, one boy played snare drum, another the bass drum, and all the rest trumpets, french horn, trombone, and baritone. Uncle Woody gave David one picture of the band that included "Mama Inge" holding Walter in her lap.



A copy of an old 1930 program from River Vale, N.J. reveals the variety of music the band offered. Here are samples: Song of Songs by Irving Berlin, Swedish Melody, The World is Waiting for a Sunrise, Swedish Guard March, Lucky Lindy, The Blue Bells of Scotland, and Stars and Stripes Forever by John Phillip Sousa.

When "Mama" Ruthstrom was interviewed in Houston at the age of 66, she told of some of the wonderful people she met in show business. The Ruthstroms knew Edgar Bergen when he wasn't so famous. He used to have coffee with them in their dressing room and "shoot the bull," she

said. He had only one suit and was scared stiff that something would happen to it so he wouldn't be able to go on with his act. When King Gustav VI of Sweden was the Crown Prince, the band welcomed him at the Springfield train station with the Swedish National Anthem. He was so excited that he jumped into the middle of the boys and started clapping four year old Walter's hands. Then he asked for an autographed picture of the band.

The Ruthstrom Family band broke up in Houston sometime around 1930. According to David's father, Omar, they played a gig and the promoters failed to pay them. It was the beginning of the Depression and money was hard to come by. Mama Ruthstrom said "there was no more money and the boys kept growing out of their clothes so Pop just opened a mechanical shop here."

Not only has David been fascinated by the revelation of his roots; our whole family has been eager to learn more about this musical family. We taped father Omar for two hours and have been promised access to a lot of the bread and butter statistics of genealogists. So in addition to a great family story, I will be able to complete some of those neat Pedigree, Descendancy, and Ascendancy charts. And how could we have ever anticipated that our daughter would marry into a family with such an unusual history of providing her genealogy-oriented father with such a golden opportunity.

The Community of Decker

Extracted from *Swedes In Texas In Words and Pictures, English Translation, 1838 - 1918*

This community is located about eight miles east of Austin on a rolling plain cut through by the little and big Decker creeks, from which the community has gotten its name. The actual name of the prairie was McElroy League.

The first settlers in the area were Swedes, who moved there in the 1870's at the same time as New Sweden was founded. Cultivation was perhaps more difficult here than in other areas, partly because the forest had been cut down and the land was filled with tree-stumps and shrubs. Nothing could deter these people from Småland, however; the howl of the wolf, the cry of the owl, the rattle of the rattlesnake, tree-stumps and rocks, it was all the same to them, they all had to be cleared. A stranger who comes to this area today and sees the well-tended farms and attractive homes can hardly guess at the toil of the first settlers. You can now travel on wide graveled roads in six-cylinder automobiles at a speed of forty miles per hour, where fifty years ago an ox-cart was the mode of transportation, and the roads were 'cow-trails'.

Among the first Swedes to buy land here in the 70's were Oscar Monson, who built the first settler home, Gustaf Lundell, F. G. Swenson, John Lundell, Claus Lundell, J. A. Skylt, J. Alexius Johnson, August Ekdahl, Olaus Nelson and Ljungren. In the 80's, the settlement went faster, and the community grew in all directions.

Because of the proximity to the capital, the inhabitants of Decker have become involved before others in political battles in Travis County. They have been prominent in the temperance movement, which in later years has played such an important role in the state. At the latest election, when Travis County became a 'dry county', every vote from Decker was on the side of prohibition. The first Swedish cotton gin in Decker was built by Claus and John Lundell, an installation that still serves its purpose in the community.

Religious work is carried out by the Methodist Church and the Free Church, which both have their own building.

Swedish Methodist Church.

It soon became evident that Decker was to become the main Swedish community since many started to purchase land there; and they chose to build a church here which was dedicated on Whitsunday, 1879. The area, a beautiful knoll in the middle of the settlement, is located ten miles from Austin and five miles from Manor. One acre was originally donated to the congregation for the building of a church, but later they purchased the neighboring nine acres which the church still owns. Next to the church, a cemetery and parsonage was built in 1884. P. A. Lundberg was the first leader of the congregation. The first buildings became too small and insufficient and had to give room for newer and more up-to-date accommodations. The congregation's

present, beautiful church Decker was built in 1881.

Postscript:

The other church in the community was the Swedish Evangelical Free Church. The listing of the cemetery of that church was listed in a previous issue of this publication.

In 2009, Decker is in the Austin city limits and the new Decker Elementary School is part of the expanding Manor School District. Decker Lake covers many of the old Swedish homesteads.

For more detail information on the Decker Swedish residents and their genealogy, visit www.swedesintexas.com.

PIONEER FAMILIES OF TRAVIS COUNTY

Austin Genealogical Society will issue a pioneer certificate to those who can prove their ancestors lived in Travis County, Texas, prior to the close of 1880. To qualify for the certificate, you must be a direct descendant of people who lived here on or before Dec. 31, 1880, proved with birth, death and marriage certificates; probate, census and military records; and obituaries and Bible records.

Applications for Pioneer Families of Travis County can be found at www.AusTxGenSoc.org or from Kay Dunlap Boyd, P.O. Box 10010, Austin, Texas 78766-1010.

Each application is \$20 and the certificates make nice gifts.

You don't have to be a Travis County resident or a member of Austin Genealogical Society – although membership in the society is another fine bargain at \$20 a year.

Decker Methodist Church Cemetery

Kay Dunlap Boyd

As part of AGS' ongoing inventory of Travis County cemeteries, Decker Methodist Church Cemetery was surveyed on 9 October 2008 by Kay Dunlap Boyd. The cemetery is located at 8304 Decker Lane, between the elementary school and the church. The cemetery is fenced and in good repair. This inventory contains surveyor's notes in parenthesis and is divided into three sections: south, north and west. Additional cemeteries can be found on the AGS Cemetery Project web page at www.austintxgensoc.org/cemeteries.

Plot	Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Inscriptions/Notes
S1	Swenson	A.G.	9/19/1836	5/18/1926	Father
S2	Swenson	Maria	10/12/1839	7/3/1914	Mother
S3	Swenson	C. John	1/1/1877	1/11/1928	
S4	Swenson	Ellen	4/4/1877	9/1/1931	
S5	Swenson	Maude	4/8/1892	9/22/1947	
S6	Svenson	Esther Maria	5/9/1889	7/27/1896	
S7	Svenson	Johanna	9/12/1848	8/19/1921	Moder
S8	Svenson	Swen August	2/15/1843	12/6/1895	Fader
S9	Svanson	Oskar	11/26/1880	6/15/1889	
S10	Swenson	Leonard W.	3/4/1920	6/30/1945	Lt USNR Air Medal
S11	Swenson	Titus E	6/7/1884	12/13/1934	Father
S12	Swenson	Julia L.	12/19/1893	9/3/1941	Mother
S13	Swenson	Titus Edward	5/23/1918	1/29/2005	
S14	Swenson	Kathleen Olson	2/25/1924	8/31/2005	
S15	Lundell	Sven August	2/22/1840	9/9/1927	Father, Lay Preacher 1902-1903
S16	Lundell	Emma	3/23/1833	4/5/1912	Mother
S17	Johnson	Annie Emilia	6/6/1869	4/23/1960	
S18	Johnson	John Alexius	2/21/1866	1/14/1931	
S19	Johnson	Clarence	12/13/1896	9/18/1907	
S20	Youngquist	Evelyn	11/7/1905	8/9/1996	
S21	Youngquist	Alred	9/4/1898	3/18/1972	
S22	Youngquist	Henry Alexius	11/17/1938	1/22/1992	
S23	Peterson	Mabel Albertina Selea	3/25/1884	2/8/1889	
S24	Anderson	May Jenette	10/13/1907	1/27/1908	daughter of G. E. and N. C. Anderson
S25	Swenson	Alice	7/11/1884	8/25/1906	wife of Fred Swenson
S26	Swenson	Fred	1883	1955	
S27	Swenson	Laura	1886	1961	

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S28	Karling	A. Martina	1901	1983	
S29	Karling	Joseph E.	1894	1955	United Methodist Minister
S30	Ceder	Paul Stanford	12/17/1903	10/26/1987	Uncle
S31	Ceder	David Oliver	1/10/1907	10/14/1966	Father
S32	Johnson	Carl Alfred	8/2/1880	10/19/1926	
S33	Ceder	Albertina C.	2/25/1867	1/23/1961	
S34	Ceder	Swan August	10/17/1862	5/6/1926	
S35	Ceder	H Cecilia	11/23/1891	10/6/1948	
S36	Ceder	Esther V.	12/2/1895	12/14/1979	
S37	Swahn	Walter	10/16/1876	5/24/1976	
S38	Swahn	Cecelia	5/2/1885	(4/12/1980)	
S39	Swahn	Nina		1889	
S40	Swahn	Tina		1889	
S41	Helge	Augusta Cedar	1857	1889	
S42	Helge	Ruben	1888	1888	
S43	Johnson	John	2/24/1845	7/16/1915	1913
S44	Johnson	Malena	12/17/1834	5/8/1925	
S45	Anderson	August G	2/23/1877	12/22/1906	
S46	Carlson	Ida Anderson	3/30/1882	9/22/1943	
S47	Anderson	Alice	2/23/1877	12/22/1906	
S48	Sandstrom	Ruth	8/23/1897	1/3/1898	
S49	Sandberg	Andrew John	1848	1892	Father-Family Monument
S50	Sandberg	Helenna Sophia	1852	1937	Mother-Family Monument
S51	Sandberg	Emil Rudolf	1876	1899	Son-Family Monument
S52	Sandberg	Lula Emelia	1886	1904	Daughter-Family Monument
S53	Foster	Lillie Belle infant		7/16/1935	
S54	Anderson	Laura infant		1933	
S55	Anderson	Laurel infant		1932	
S56	Carlson	infant daughter	no date	no date	of Albion and Annie Carlson
S57	Peterson	Otto	3/8/1878	8/26/1964	
S58	Hagberg	Fritz L.	3/7/1889	10/17/1950	United Methodist Minister
S59	Hagberg	Hilda S.	1/23/1889	10/1/1967	
S60	Skog	Christina G	1/5/1859	85/18/1929	
S61	Skog	Carl A	8/2/1859	3/13/1912	
S62	Lundell	Carl Gustaf	10/19/1829	2/19/1818	Father footsone
S63	Lundell	Lina Stina	10/12/1829	5/8/1987	Mother footstone
S64	Ekstrom	Gustaf Emil	9/7/1882	/30/1889	
S65	Faust	Carl G.	1/16/1872	9/22/1890	
S66	Ceder	Peggy Marlyne		9/10/1950	
S67	Cedar	Carl Carroll		5/29/1952	
S68	Pannell	W. B. "Bubba"			

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S69	Pannell	Rose Annette	9/15/1924	1/13/2004	
S70	Abrahamson	Johanna	1815	3/27/1890	(shares stone with Gustaf)
S71	Abrahamson	Gustaf	1818	5/18/1898	(shares stone with Johanna)
S72	Anderson	John A.	4/24/1841	3/10/1925	Father
S73	Anderson	Carolina S.	5/28/1850	11/20/1932	Mother
S74	Anderson	Lam David	1887	9/11/1897	
S75	Ekdahl	Edith Ruth	12/15/1887	4/13/1920	
S76	Ekdahl	Christine	9/18/1857	9/1/1923	Mother footstone
S77	Ekdahl	Carl August	3/15/1849	4/10/1921	Father footstone
S78	Ekdahl	Hilma Mary	3/23/1885	3/5/1903	
S79	Swenson	F.O.	10/16/1872	11/19/1943	
S80	Engberg	Emma	5/6/1855	6/2/1899	(shares stone with C. W.)
S81	Engberg	C. W.	11/6/1856	6/2/1899	(shares stone with Emma)
S82	Gustafson	Carlyle Brown		1933	son of Hazel and George Brown, b Galveston
S83	Gustafson	Dayna Allyson	9/26/1952		
S84	Gustafson	Hazel Verna "Mutsie"	8/24/1916	11/22/2000	born in Galveston
S85	Gustafson	Carroll Eugene	10/30/1916		born in Manor
S86	Gustafson	Gustaf		4/28/1901	76 years
S87	Gustafson	Peter August Abrahamson	10/11/1848	7/16/1913	born Lekeryds, Jönköping, arr Galveston 1870
S88	Gustafson	Anna Marie Israelson	10/10/1848	2/20/1932	born in Malmback, Småland, arr Indianola 1870
S89	Gustafson	Lillie	4/28/1891	10/17/1905	daughter of P. A. & A.
S90	Johnson	Wilbur Oscar "Red"	10/13/1922	4/12/2006	married 3/18/1944 (with Ola)
S91	Johnson	Ola Marie "Sis"	4/27/1923		married 3/18/1944 (with Wilbur)
S92	Forister	Douglas A.	1/3/1916	9/19/1996	(shares stone with Odessa)
S93	Forister	Odessa	7/8/1920	11/13/1985	(shares stone with Douglas)
S94	Carlson	Harold E.	11/27/1917	5/11/2000	(with Marjorie)
S95	Carlson	Marjorie J.	7/22/1925	8/7/2003	(shares stone with Harold)
S96	Carlson	Lambert	3/10/1913	1/7/1991	
S97	Carlson	Ida	2/8/1911	12/9/2005	
S98	Simons	James Howard	6/11/1926	6/1/1996	S1 USN WWII (shares stone with Joy)
S99	Simons	Joy L.	6/22/1924	6/17/2006	(shares stone with J. Howard)
S100	Simons	John P	8/9/1948	9/7/2006	
S101	Ollison	Chester Eric	5/28/1910	6/10/1999	SSgt USA WWII (shares stone with Bernice)
S102	Ollison	Bernice Lundell	3/12/1912	5/31/2005	(shares stone with Chester)
S103	Allen	Edward	5/22/1911	12/21/1990	USA WWII
S104	Allen	Frances Olga	8/13/1914	12/19/1993	

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N105	Lundell	Ahrendt	8/16/1908	4/20/1913	
N106	Lundell	August E.	8/31/1877	6/11/1954	(shares stone with Nora)
N107	Lundell	Nora A.	3/16/1883	7/27/1963	(shares stone with August)
N108	Westbrook	Martin E	7/23/1899	12/7/1973	
N109	Westbrook	Theo A.	6/3/1890	12/24/1917	(shares stone with Minnie)
N110	Westbrook	Minnie	8/20/1862	7/24/1942	(shares stone with Orval)
N111	Munson	Walter J	10/27/1890	7/7/1921	
N112	Munson	Mabel J	3/20/1889	1/25/1976	
N113	Munson	Orval	1919	1978	
N114	Philquist	Minnie	2/27/1878	1/31/1964	Mother footstone
N115	Philquist	Edward	3/18/1874	9/21/1953	Father footstone
N116	Carlson	Leonard W.	7/5/1934	8/28/2007	Weed Corley FHM
N117	Carlson	Leonard W Sr	8/7/1895	10/21/1968	(shares stone with Edith)
N118	Carlson	Edith C.	10/3/1905	1/12/2000	(shares stone with Leonard)
N119	Cedar	Arthur B.	1/30/1901	1/24/1967	(shares stone with Dora)
N120	Cedar	Dora C.	8/12/1903	3/16/1999	(shares stone with Arthur)
N121	Ceder	Wilford Sven	12/2/1923	9/2/1947	
N122	Ceder	Rosie	7/16/1901	2/13/2000	(shares stone with Oscar)
N123	Ceder	Oscar	2/7/1898	6/1/1969	(shares stone with Rosie)
N124	Waggoner	Aubrey Mayo	2/5/1918	3/2/1998	SSgt USA WWII m 8/29/1943 (shares stone with Betty)
N125	Waggoner	Betty A	5/31/1925		(shares stone with A. Mayo)
N126	Munson	Emma C	11/14/1905	4/3/1981	(shares stone with Clarence)
N127	Munson	Clarence W	8/4/1907	11/25/1977	(shares stone with Emma)
N128	Monson	Annie H.	2/3/1882	7/6/1969	
N129	Monson	Alex H.	4/11/1879	4/17/1944	
N130	Sjoberg	Walter E. Sr	11/21/1895	4/18/1981	
N131	Sjoberg	Lillian A.	2/18/1904	10/7/1991	(nee Anderson)
N132	Anderson	August F.	09-01-1869	11/16/1917	(shares stone with Annie)
N133	Anderson	Annie H.	4/6/1876	10/3/1935	(shares stone with August)
N134	Anderson	Filmore L.	10/12/1909	1/14/1919	
N135	Bergstrom	Selma	1871	1958	
N136	Bergstrom	Swan	1860	1940	
N137	Anderson	Nell	10/11/1917	11/11/2006	m 1/16/1937 (shares stone with Laurel)
N138	Anderson	Laurel	6/16/1915		m 1/16/1937 (shares stone with Nell)
N139	Anderson	Lillie	8/28/1892	5/26/1980	(shares stone with Richard)
N140	Anderson	Richard	8/30/1883	10/2/1915	(shares stone with Lillie)
N141	Anderson	Lannelle Ann	2/6/1947	12/5/2004	
N142	Plumb	Harry F	12/18/1920	6/17/2001	TEC5 USA WWII

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N143	Marcum	Elton C	2/3/1918	11/1/1998	MM2 USN WWII
N144	Marcum	Millo N	9/16/1919	6/7/2004	
N145	Snelling	J. Larry			Father (with Suzanne)
N146	Snelling	Suzanne			Mother (with Larry)
N147	Krause	Vergie M.	8/5/1920	1/30/2003	
N148	Krause	Milton John	12/30/1919	6/25/1979	Y1 USN WWII
N149	Smith	Blanch Hill	3/24/1909	2/2/1978	
N150	Smith	William P	9/27/1935	5/8/1981	USN WWII
N151	Ledell	Elizabeth	6/30/1881	3/4/1922	
N152	Ledell	Theo. J.	9/20/1868	12/25/1925	
N153	Lindell	S. M	7/16/4847	6/2/1922	
N154	Lindell	Matilda	8/30/1848	6/14/1917	
N155	Lindell	Sam	11/3/1920	9/8/1978	USN WWII
N156	Campbell	Hazel A	6/24/1909	2/11/1996	
N157	Johnson	Marguerite	6/24/1916	(1/4/2007)	
N158	Johnson	Arthur Eugene	11/13/1912	2/3/1992	Sgt USAAF WWII
N159	Loveland	Elizabeth Johnson	3/11/1967	2/27/1997	
N160	Johnson	Jeffrey Titus	8/5/1975	10/17/2000	1Lt USA USMA Class of 1998
N161	Carlson	Carl Daniel	11/24/1896	12/12/1987	USA WWII
N162	Carlson	Elsie V	8/8/1901	2/28/1949	
N163	Casper	Delia Mae C.	10/28/1927	11/9/1998	
N164	Newburg	Annie S.	4/12/1876	2/17/1964	(nee Sponberg)
N165	Sponberg	August	12/18/1847	7/30/1928	Father
N166	Sponberg	Ida	3/15/1853	4/13/1930	Mother (nee Ekdahl)
N167	Sponberg	Arthur	3/29/1887	1/1/1913	
N168	Kederis	Luerene Sponberg	9/20/1907	2/3/1989	
N169	Sponberg	Ollie Z.	9/26/1900	12/17/1975	
N170	Sponberg	Fred A.	8/13/1893	11/12/1966	
N171	Wallin	William G.	4/5/1843	8/30/1927	(shares stone with Anna)
N172	Wallin	Anna C.	12/11/1847	8/10/1897	(shares stone with William)
N173	Wallin	Ruby E	10/1894	4/1896	
N174	Wallin	Paul S	6/1887	7/1917	
N175	Stromquist	Martin Luther	5/27/1896		(shares stone with Mildred)
N176	Stromquist	Mildred Cecelia	7/27/1899	8/23/1987	(shares stone with Martin)
N177	Stromquist	Lillie M	4/16/1989	11/8/1967	
N178	Kramer	Max A.	12/23/1930	9/2/2004	FN USN
N179	Crofford	William Luther	7/10/1908	2/14/1986	(shares stone with Ava)
N180	Crofford	Ava Monroe	11/20/1915	5/30/2000	(shares stone with William)
N181	Froeschi	Judy Mondragon	9/12/1963	12/5/1989	
N182	Hitchcock	Clara Lorenz		6/21/1921	

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N183	Hitchcock	Harley Moran Sr	12/21/1910	4/4/1998	
N184	Hitchcock	Harley Moran Jr			
N185	Hitchcock	Lynda Gayle Brothers			
N186	Hitchcock	Kirk Allen	3/5/1958	12/16/1979	SP4 USA
N187	Hitchcock	Scott R	5/2/1917	6/13/2002	(shares stone with Mozelle)
N188	Hitchcock	Mozelle	7/30/1924	3/12/2001	(shares stone with Scott)
N189	Cole	Elizabeth Ren'ee "Lizzy"	7/21/1984	6/15/1986	
N190	Wallace	Neva Nell	8/31/1918	1/24/1975	
N191	Briscoe	Troy Dan	3/3/1921	12/19/1982	
N192	Foster	Wanda Nell	12/28/1940	3/10/2000	
N193	Brothers	Hazelle Marguerite Harman	4/29/1908	3/30/1997	
N194	Jack	Robert M	7/24/1917	2/16/1987	MSgt USAF WWII Korea m 6/13/1949 (shares stone with Billey)
N195	Jack	Billey Mc.	9/9/1920	1/13/1989	m 6/13/1949 (shares stone with Robert)
N196	Johnson	A. Walter	10/11/1873	6/10/1945	(shares stone with Alma)
N197	Johnson	Alma M.	10/15/1875	2/20/1951	(shares stone with Walter)
N198	Johnson	Esther	11/17/1903	9/1/1911	dau of Walter and Alma
N199	Houser	Mary	6/12/1822	1/8/1892	
N200	Houser	Christian	1/21/1822	7/10/1907	
N201	Carlson	John	no date	no date	
N202	Malm	Vernell	12/19/1924	7/14/1926	
N203	Dahlin	Arthur Cleveland	1/11/1885	1/18/1885	son of A M and Louisa
N204	Palm	Arthur Edward	no date	no date	
W205	Monson	Emory L K	8/29/1916	10/28/1994	
W206	Johnson	Theodore M.	3/29/1914	11/14/2002	CPL USA WWII
W207	Foster	John D.	8/21/1894	1/26/1994	PVT USA WWI (shares stone with Lillie)
W208	Foster	Lillie C.	9/30/1899	2/12/1984	(shares stone with John D.)
W209	Walenta	Melvin Ernest			(shares stone with Joann)
W210	Walenta	Joann Foster			(shares stone with Melvin)
W211	Mayes	James Harold	7/14/1921	2/1/1994	PFC USA WWII (shares stone with Doris)
W212	Mayes	Doris Foster	11/2/1923	10/24/1995	(shares stone with J Howard)
W213	Neal	Mary Ann Karling	5/6/1936	8/4/2006	(shares stone with Charles)
W214	Neal	Charles Aldridge Jr			(shares stone with Mary Ann)
W215	Carlson	Mary Nell Fredrickson			(shares stone with Gordon)
W216	Carlson	Gordon	1/22/1911	2/7/1996	(shares stone with Many Nell)
W217	Weiss	LeRoy	5/11/1912	2/21/2000	(shares stone with Doris)
W218	Weiss	Doris Fredrickson	8/24/1917	1/22/1986	(shares stone with LeRoy)

Plot	Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Inscriptions/Notes
W219	Powell	Oneta Faye Morgan McMillen	6/27/1940	10/13/2006	m 8/25/1955 and 7/20/1973 (shares stone with Alvin)
W220	Powell	Alvin Earl			m 8/25/1955 and 7/20/1973 (shares stone with Oneta)
W221	Burkland	Elvin Oscar "Shorty"	12/24/1928	2/29/1996	PFC USA Korea m 7/16/1953 (shares stone with Nancy)
W222	Burkland	Nancy Irene			m 7/16/1953 (shares stone with Elvin)
W223	Lundell	Joe Swan	4/9/1914	4/20/2006	(shares stone with Maidel)
W224	Lundell	Maidel Munson	12/1/1916	5/20/1992	(shares stone with Joe)
W225	Lundell	Joe August	1914	2006	
W226	Tomlinson	Charlotte A.			(shares stone with Kenneth)
W227	Tomlinson	Kenneth	1/24/1934	9/4/1985	m 8/7/1953 (shares stone with Charlotte)
W228	Townsend	John S	12/23/1943	3/11/2007	(shares stone with LeAnna)
W229	Salyer	Fannie R			(shares stone with John)
W230	Johnson	Winfred Jr	7/9/1941	2/15/2004	(shares stone with LeAnna)
W231	Johnson	LeAnna H			(shares stone with Winfred)
W232	Johnson	Oscar Winfred Sr	5/27/1914	(8/21/2007)	
	Wallin	A	10/11/1873	6/10/1945	(recorded in 1954, not found in 2008)

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Judge George H. Gray,

George H. Gray, Jr., lawyer and clerk of the Texas Supreme Court, was born in 1828, in Virginia. He moved to Austin in 1849 and was admitted to the Texas bar. He was elected chief justice of Travis County in 1858. A Unionist, Gray decided in 1862 to move to New Orleans, where he remained until the end of the Civil War. In October 1865 his brother-in-law, Andrew J. Hamilton, appointed him clerk of the Texas Supreme Court. Gray served until October 1867, when in spite of his Unionist sympathies, he was removed from office as a hindrance to Reconstruction. He resumed private practice in Austin. Gray was elected Austin city attorney in 1872. After the organization of Kimble County in 1876, he practiced for several years at Junction. In 1881, because of his declining health, he moved to his daughter's home in Austin, where he died on November 5, 1891. – *Handbook of Texas*.

The following was written in 1872 as part of the introduction to the first Austin city directory.

From the declaration of the independence of the Republic of Texas, on the second day of March 1836, to January 1839, no effort had been made to permanently locate the seat of government. The city of Houston was temporarily the capital, and had every disposition to remain so, but its location not being deemed suitable, nor calculated in any degree to encourage the settlement of the extensive frontier, nor to give that protection to the families in the interior that was required to induce an early settlement of the country, its removal was determined on, and under the administration of President Lamar the Congress of the Republic passed an act on the ____ day of January, 1839, providing for the election of five commissioners, whose duty it was to select a site for the location of the seat of government—between the Trinity and Colorado rivers and above the old San Antonio road. They were required to select not less than one nor more than four leagues of land, either out of the public domain, by individual donation, or by purchase at a price not to exceed three dollars per acre. They were further required to enter into a bond of one hundred thousand dollars for the faithful

performance of the duties required of them, and to take an oath that they would keep secret all their proceedings, and further, that they would neither directly nor indirectly, by agent or otherwise, purchase nor contract for any lands in the Republic from the date of their oath until the termination of their duties, and they were required to report within three months from the time of their appointment. The act also provided for the appointment of an agent, whose duty it was to have six hundred and forty acres of land selected laid out in town lots for the capitol, arsenal, university and all necessary public buildings, and after ninety days publication of time and place, to sell not exceeding one-half of the lots thus laid out, at public outcry, the agent himself not being permitted to purchase more than six lots in the new city. The act also provided “that the name of said site shall be the city of Austin.”

Under the act, A. C. Horton, J. W. Burton, William Meniffee, Isaac Campbell and Louis P. Cooke were selected as commissioners, and immediately entered upon the arduous and responsible duties imposed upon them. Their

position was no ordinary one, and by no means an enviable one. They, however, were equal to the emergency. Having been selected from different portions of the county, it was naturally expected that they would have their sectional feeling, and with a patriotic devotion to the best interests of their adopted country, and an eye single to the future welfare and prosperity of their young Republic, they selected the little village of Waterloo, purchased from the owners the land necessary, and made their report to the President.

Immediately upon the reception of the report of the commissioner the President appointed Judge Edwin Waller (who is now living, and a prominent and respected citizen of Austin county) the agent provided for in the act referred to, who, with a corps of surveyors, proceeded to the site selected and immediately commenced operations.

He found the then town of Waterloo, but future capital of the growing Republic, to consist of but three families, and the rival town of Montopolis, about two miles below, to consist of (as the writer is informed) but two families. It is reported that Montopolis insisted very strongly on being selected, and quite a jealousy grew up between the towns, but all differences were amicably settled on the first Indian raid, which happened in a very short time. Judge Waller entered vigorously upon the duties required of him, and on the first day of August 1839, he made the first sale of lots. Three hundred and six lots were sold at the aggregate sum of \$189,588, ranging in price from \$120 to \$2,800. Lot No. 1 in Block 42 and Lot No. 6 in Block 55 (being the lot on which the banking house of Raymond & Whitis now stands) were then regarded as the most valuable lots in the city. Before the sale, however, the city had commenced rapidly to fill up with good, staunch and hardy citizens,

and by the time it took place, many houses had been erected, by parties who were willing thus to build and risk their chances of purchasing the lots on which they had built, at the sale.

The erection of public as well as private buildings rapidly progressed, and on the 17th day of October, 1839, President Lamar, with a portion of his cabinet, arrived in Austin. This was a day of great rejoicing among the citizens. The President was met a few miles from the city by a large procession, headed by Gen. A. Sidney Johnson (who was then Secretary of War, but had preceded the President) and Gen. Edward Burleson. Judge Waller had been elected by the citizens to receive the President.

The procession conducted the President and his party into the city, where they partook of a most sumptuous dinner prepared at the Bullock House (now known as "Cook's Corner"). Among the distinguished guests present were Gen. A. Sidney Johnson, Secretary of War; Hon. I. P. Cooke, Secretary of Navy; Hon. James H. Starr, Secretary of Treasury; Hon. A. Brigham, Treasurer; Gen. Edward Burleson and many others.

The arrival of the President and his party gave renewed confidence to the people; emigrants were flocking to the new city, and buildings were rapidly going up in every direction. In the latter part of October, 1839, the *Austin City Gazette* was established by Sam Whiting, and shortly afterwards another paper, called the *Sentinel*, was also established, and judging from the tone of them they had their jealousies, just the same as the papers of the present day. They were both lively papers, and conducted with marked ability, and from their many advertisements it would be inferred that both were prospering. About this time a reading room was established by Mr. James Burke, but unfortunately was shortly

afterwards destroyed by fire. The young gentlemen of the city had established a lyceum, and that sterling old citizen, Dr. S. G. Haynie, was advertised to deliver a course of lectures on phrenology. Once in a while an Indian raid would be noticed, but apparently little attention was paid to it. One was made on the thirteenth day of March, 1840, and killed two men inside of the city limits, and stole all of the horses and mules that were not securely stabled. The Indians were followed but not overtaken, and in a short time the affair was doubtless forgotten. Lot sales would take place from time to time by the government, to meet the requirement of the citizens, and now the State owns but very few if any lots except those occupied by or intended for public buildings.

On the eleventh of November, 1839, the first session of the Fourth Congress met at the new capital, and in a very short time commenced agitating the question of a removal of the seat of government, and finally a bill was introduced to leave the subject of removal to the people, which was very promptly voted down, notwithstanding it was zealously supported by Gen. Houston, who was then a member of the Congress from San Augustine county.

Early in January, 1840, Mr. Amos Roark found the census of the city to be as follows: "Seventy-five families, population eight hundred and fifty-six, of which seven hundred and eleven were whites and one hundred and forty-five blacks—five hundred and fifty grown men, sixty-one ladies, one hundred children, seventy-seven of which are large enough to go to school; seventy-three professors of religion—seventeen Methodists, twelve Presbyterians, five Cumberland Presbyterians, eleven Episcopalians, ten Baptists and ten Roman Catholics; two organized churches—one Methodist and one Presbyterian; two

Methodist preachers, one Cumberland Presbyterian and one Baptist preacher; one Sabbath school, one week day school, thirty-five mechanics, four lawyers, six doctors, six inns, nine stores, nine groceries, one billiard table, six faro banks, twenty gamblers, two silversmith shops, two printing offices and two tailor shops."

It now became important that a city government should be established. Congress being in session passed an act incorporating the city of Austin, and on the thirteenth of January, 1840, an election under the charter was held for city officers, resulting in the selection of Judge Waller as mayor, under whose administration the city continued to prosper. The duties of his office, however, were not very onerous; the principal police duty to be performed was to keep the Indians out of the city at night, which was done with a tolerable degree of success.

On the same day on which the election was held, the Supreme Court for the first time met in the city, of which Thomas J. Rusk was Chief Justice, and James M. Robinson, John T. Mills, William J. Jones and Anthony B. Shelby were Associate Justices; William Fairfax Gray, Clerk; and Preston Conlee was Sheriff, and after a session of thirteen days, adjourned. At the following session, in 1841, Judge Rusk having retired from the bench, Judge John Hemphill became Chief Justice, and on the twentieth of January, 1841, the office of Clerk being declared vacant, Gen. Thomas Green was elected, and continued in the position until the breaking out of the war, in which he took an active and prominent part in behalf of the South. He was first a Colonel in the Sibley Brigade, and afterwards a Brigadier General under Gen. E. Kirby Smith. As the favorite son of the city of Austin, his acts were regarded with more than ordinary interest by its citizens. His reputation as a soldier had been

established at San Jacinto and Monterey, and in this war it was believed that his every act would but tend to add new luster to it. At the gunboat fight at Blair's Landing, on Red River, he was killed and news of his death cast a solemn gloom over the city of Austin, in fact over the whole State. He was a man that any country might well be proud of. As soldier he was brave, as a civil officer he was capable, honest and faithful, as a husband and parent he was kind, affectionate and devoted. The writer has somewhat digressed, but feels that is in not entirely out of place of offer here this small tribute to the memory of one so universally beloved.

The new city was improving very rapidly, notwithstanding the many disadvantages it had to be contend with, and promised are long to "become famous among the cities of the New World." The independence of Texas has been acknowledged by the United, France and England, and M. de Saligny, the French Minister, was residing at Austin, and had erected near the city, one of the finest residences then in Texas (the one at present occupied by the family of Dr. J. W. Robertson) and perhaps he might have remained, but for an unfortunate difficulty between himself and Mr. Bullock, the principal hotel keeper in the city. It appears that Mr. Bullock's pigs were in the habit of running around M. de Saligny's stable, and some of them were killed by one of the servants of the French Minister, whereupon Mr. Bullock whipped the servant. The Minister got mad and called upon Mr. Bullock about the matter, who, not being entirely in a good humor, ordered him off the premises in language perhaps not the most polite. The Minister, feeling that France was insulted, called upon the President and demanded the immediate punishment of Mr. Bullock, which he declined to accede to, but turned him over to the civil authorities. This did not appease the anger of the Minister by

any manner of means, and he conducted himself in such manner s to induce the President to ask that he be recalled, which was done. This, apparently, was a small matter, but it produced great results. It prevented the Republic from obtaining what is commonly known as the French Loan, for which negotiations were then pending, and has she been successful would have been the ruin of the young Republic.

On the first Monday in September, 1841, the general election was held. Gen. Houston, David G. Burnet and Governor Welsh, whom the old citizens of Austin so well remember, were candidates for President. Governor W., taking into consideration the low state of the finances of the Republic, proposed in his circular to perform all the duties of the office for the sum of five hundred dollars per annum, pay his own expenses, and do all of the public blacksmithing free of charge. This liberal offer, however, was rejected by the people, and Gen. Houston was triumphantly elected, and duly inaugurated on the second Monday of December following, being the first and last President ever inaugurated at the new capitol.

Early in the month of March, 1842, the Mexican forces under Gen. Vasquez made an incursion into Texas, which was promptly met by the people and driven back. The President deeming the archives in danger, felt it his duty, under the provisions of the Constitution to order their removal, as well as the heads of department, to a place of safety, the city of Houston being designated as that place. This was the commencement of what is known as the "Archive War," the result of which has been the location of the seat of government at the city of Austin up to the present time. The gallant citizens (and all that could be spared joined the expedition) who but a short time before, with buoyant spirits, had marched

forth to meet the invaders of their country, leaving behind them a growing and prosperous city, returned victorious to a deserted village. The citizens were exasperated, and had good cause to be. They thought the President was acting in bad faith with them. They had expended for city lots over a half million dollars, had built their homes upon them, and felt secure under the protection of the strong arm of the government, but this had been taken away from them. The President was urged to come back, but without avail. The citizens then determined to take the matter into their own hands. On the removal by the President, the archives of the General Land Office were left behind. These the people determined to keep, in order that at least one portion of the government should remain in Austin. The President insisted that they also should be removed, and sent up for them, but without success. The young men of the city in order to show their contempt for the President, went so far as to shave the manes and tails of the horses of two of the commissioners sent up, who did not relish the joke very much at the time, but soon got over it, and afterwards became prominent citizens of Austin. The President, seeing that he could not obtain the Land Office archives peaceably, determined to have them by force. He, therefore, sent up an armed force of twenty or thirty men, with instructions to take them at all hazards. They arrived on the morning of the twenty-ninth of December, 1842, drove their wagons to the Land Office building, and had commenced loading before the citizens found out what was going on. Then the excitement really began, and the citizens armed themselves and assembled. They brought out their artillery, planted it so as to bear upon the wagons, charged it with grape and canister, and waited for the signal to fire. The wagons by this time were loaded, and about starting, when the signal was given and off went the cannon,

several shot taking effect on the Land Office, but fortunately doing no other harm. As to who touched the cannon off has never been definitely settled, but it was generally conceded that it was done by Mrs. Eberly, a worthy and respected citizen, and at the time proprietress of the Eberly House, the same one now occupied by Col. C. K. Hall. The wagons, with their escort, went out of the city in double quick time. The citizens, as soon as possible, formed themselves into a company under the command of Mark B. Lewis, and pursued them, and during the night overtook them encamped on Brushy Creek. Their camp was surrounded, and shortly afterwards negotiations opened. The citizens demanded that the archives should be taken back to Austin, which was agreed to. The next morning early the wagons were turned back, and on their arrival in Austin the archives were placed in Mrs. Eberly's house, where they remained until the Land Office was opened, the President making no further attempt to take them away.

The Indians now became very troublesome, and more bold than ever before. Jno. Wahrenberger, a worthy citizen of Austin, but now deceased, in front of and near there the south gate of the Capitol now stands, was attacked and wounded by two Indians concealed in a thicket, and would have been killed but for the timely interposition of Col. Louis P. Cooke. Shortly afterwards, near where the residence of Mr. John Bremond now stands, three children of Mrs. Simpson were captured in broad daylight—one of the girls, however, made her escape; the other two, a girl and a boy, were taken off. The citizens pursued the Indians, and on the second day found the girl murdered and scalped, the boy was recovered a year or two afterwards. The Indians were prowling in and around Austin nearly all the time, and continued to do so until after annexation. Under all these

disadvantages it was not to be expected that Austin would improve much, but the citizens had an abiding faith that sooner or later the government would be moved back. None were they disappointed.

Annexation took place, and President Jones ordered the Convention that was to make a State Constitution, to assemble at Austin on the fourth day of July, 1845. It assembled there, and Austin was again the capital. The Constitution provided for an election for a seat of government for twenty years, to take place on the first Monday in March, 1850. Up to that time little progress has been made by way of improvement, although the city gradually increased in population. The election took place. Tehuacana, Huntsville, Washington, and several other towns appeared in the field as rival candidates, but Austin had the advantage of all of them, from the fact that she had all the public buildings necessary for government purpose already erected, and that all the vacant lots in the city were owned by the State, from the sale of which a sufficient amount could be realized to construct any other, without taxing the people. Consequently, she was elected by a very handsome majority. This was an election in which the city of Austin and Travis county were particularly interested, and the strength of both city and county was more thoroughly voted than it ever had been, before or since.

Things now began to brighten up. The Capital question was settled for twenty years. Town lots had greatly increased in value, population was rapidly increasing, improvements were going on in every portion of the city, churches and school houses were being built—even the State caught the spirit of improvement, and as soon as possible commenced the erection of substantial public buildings, and for the first time the citizens commenced erecting stone and brick houses both for residences and

stores. The only drawback was the want of railroad transportation to the coast, but it was thought this could be obviated by the navigation of our beautiful Colorado. In 1846, or 1847, a steamboat made the trip to Austin, and a regular navigation company was organized to clean out the river. In 1851 another steamer made her appearance at Austin, and was expected to make regular trips. The Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance establishing a regular landing, regulation wharfage and fees of wharfmaster, etc. That was the last trip of the “Colorado Ranger,” or any other steamboat to Austin. It is predicted, however, that the Colorado river will yet be regularly navigated to Austin—it is hoped that the prediction may prove true.

The breaking out of the war was a complete check to all improvements, for a time, although quite a brisk trade was carried on with Mexico during the continuance. Austin furnished its full quota of men in the struggle, many of whom lost their lives. After the war had ended it was some time before our city could take a fresh start; in fact it did not improve very materially until it became certain that a railroad would reach it, when a new spirit took possession of our people, and real estate went up to almost fabulous prices. Buildings of a most substantial character commenced going up in every portion of the city, and a population of about three thousand has, in the course of a few years, increased to upwards of ten thousand—and to-day Austin is one of the most flourishing and prosperous cities in the State. She has now six newspapers, one published daily, two tri-weekly, and three weekly, all of which are ably edited and well sustained; there are nine churches, all of which save one, are good substantial brick or stone buildings; there are seventeen schools in successful operation, ten of which are private and seven free schools, have in the aggregate about fifteen

hundred pupils; just outside the city limits is the Texas Military Institute, an institution that Austin is justly proud of and one which bids fair, at no distant day, to rival any in the whole country.

The Constitution of 1869 provides that at the first general election, after its acceptance by the Congress of the United States, a vote shall be taken to permanently locate the seat of government. This election will be held in November next, when the people will be called upon to decide between Austin, Waco, Houston, and probably other places, but as Austin possesses so many advantages over every other place in the State, it is confidently believed that the seat of government will be retained where it is by a large majority, and then ere long she will become, if she is not already, "famous among the cities of the New World."

In taking a retrospective glance, we find that out of chaos a comparatively populous and flourishing city has grown up. Nature has been more lavish in the disposition of its embellishments than art. The State buildings, consisting of a Capitol, Land Office, Comptroller's and Treasurer's Department, Supreme Court Room and Governor's Mansion, are substantial and ornamental

buildings. The county buildings, however, consisting of a Court House and Jail, are a disgrace to the county, and as long as they stand will cause the blush of shame to mantle the cheek of every citizen of Travis county when reminded of their existence. The City Hall and Market House answer the purpose very well, but there is room for improvement, which doubtless will be speedily made. The fire department of Austin, consisting of one steam fire engine, and one hand engine and two hook and ladder companies, is an honor to the city; on every occasion where their services have been called into requisition, they have most nobly performed their whole duty. The Lunatic, Blind, and Deaf and Dumb Asylums are institutions that are now in successful operation, and reflect credit upon the State.

Of the old citizens of Austin there are but few remaining. Col. Thos. Wm. Ward, Judge Lee, Edward Seiders, Louis Horst, James H. Raymond, George Hancock, A. B. McGill, Anderson Harrell, Dr. S. G. Haynie, and perhaps a few others, are still among us—may they long remain to witness the growing prosperity of a city that they have done so much to establish.

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