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"TRAMMEL'S TRACE AND PRESTON ROAD"

Excerpt notes on a talk made before
the Society on January 22nd, 1959,
by Mrs. Larry Nabholtz

When I first heard of Trammel's Trace it was in an abstract on a piece of property in Cass County, and wanting to know who Trammel was, and where I might find out something more about him and the Trail, I went to the Library in the Capitol Building in Austin, asking for material available there, but they had nothing to show me or let me read, and suggested I pursue the hint that I had already and put into writing my findings, dates, areas, etc., and they would have it prepared in printed form and made part of the file on Texas Trails. I have talked with Trammels in Dallas and been referred to other Trammels and no one has been able to tell me who the Trammel was for whom the trail is named. I have found his name was Nicholas Trammel who used this old Indian trail and he is supposed to have run stolen horses from Arkansas to Texas as early as 1813 and who from 1820 to 1830 operated a ferry on the Old Antonio Road crossing of the Trinity River. In terms of the present place names, the trail began at the mouth of the Cadron Creek on the Arkansas River near Conway, and ran via Hot Springs to Fulton on the Red River. From Fulton it continued southwestward across Bowie County, Texas to the Epperson's Ferry crossing on the Sulphur River, then westward to the site of an Indian Village near present Hughes Springs. Now it is out of Hughes Springs that the property my son was buying that I saw the mention of Trammel's Trace. From Hughes Spring the trace turned southeast to cross Cypress Bayou two miles west of Jefferson made an arc around the later site of Marshall to the eastward and turned southwest again to cross the Sabine River north of Tatum and follow part of the boundary line between Panola and Rusk Counties and then turn south to Nacogdoches.

This trail has been called a contraband trail, and long ago used by the Indians. Epperson's Ferry across the Sulphur River in Southern Bowie County was constructed by Mark Epperson sometime before 1837 at a natural crossing of the river which had been used by Indians, early explorers and travelers over Trammel's Trace. The ferry was eventually supplanted by a wooden bridge and then in 1924 by a modern bridge.

As settlement progressed, numerous new routes were added to these pre colonial trails, but when the Republic was born all that part of the country west of Trammel's Trace and north of the Old San Antonio Road was trackless and almost unknown except to the few daring hunters, traders and soldiers whose vocations led them far beyond the settlements. In the older settled East Texas regions roads were improved by digging down river banks, clearing a winding way through the forests and cutting the stumps low enough for wagons to pass over.

The last trip I made into Hughes Spring, I was told by old timers in Linden, Texas, to look up Mr. Putnam. Well, I found Mr.

Putnam and asked him to tell me what he could about Trammel's Trace. He is a character right out of a story book, long white hair, white beard just like a Santa Claus, about six feet tall, and slightly deaf. He told me he was the blacksmith who kept the shovels sharpened for the road building job, to keep Trammel's Trace open, as they had to keep it dug out in order to move along it, as a rain would fill up the ruts. He lives not half a mile from the trail near the old Indian village.

ROUTE NO. 289 - PRESTON ROAD

Preston, Texas. Preston in North Central Grayson County, had its beginnings with the establishment of Holland Coffee's Trading House, on the Red River in 1837. In 1840 Fort Preston was built there and named for its commanding officer. An important shipping point during the days of the Republic of Texas. Preston was also known as the location of Coffee's historic two story mansion, called Glen Eden.

Glen Eden for 97 years was a show place of Grayson County. It was built in 1845 by Holland Coffee. Typical of the Texas homes of the period, two storied Glen Eden had dog trot halls upstairs and down. Walls and floors were of split logs, the outside covered with clapboards. Great chimneys of native rock, wide galleries, ornate banisters, hair plastered walls, brick kitchen wing, and a wine cellar were unusual luxuries and marked the home as one of the finest in North Texas. Construction details of rabbeted joints, pole roof supports and pegged floors were revealed when the place was razed in 1942. After Coffee's death in 1846, his widow, later Sophia Porter was married to Major George Butts and after his death during the Civil War to Judge William Porter, but she continued to live at Glen Eden until her death in 1899. The old home still in excellent condition was dismantled in 1942 when the plantation was included in the land condemned for the Red River Dam which creates Lake Texoma.

Now more about Holland Coffee. Colonel Coffee as he was called was one of the most prominent men of the state and from December 5, 1838 to January 24, 1839, served in the Third Congress of the Republic of Texas. He had a strong personality combined with his cleverness as a business man, trader and politician. It is said he was also a linguist, speaking fluently no less than seven Indian languages. Both he and his wife were widely known for their friendliness and hospitality. Though Coffee had the confidence of most Indians one stabbed him to death in his trading post in 1846. He was interred in a mausoleum built by his wife just a short distance from the backyard of his beloved home.

When Col. Coffee was travelling to and from Austin, he and his party mapped a route along the divide between the East and Elm Fork water sheds, by Cedar Springs, (now in the City of Dallas,) crossing the Trinity just below, thence to Waco village by a route somewhat westward of the present U. S. Highway 77 on the northern leg, but coinciding very closely with the present 77.

THE LIFE OF ELISHA BATTLE

A sketch giving information and data on the Battle Family and including the Will of Elisha Battle.

Prepared and Submitted by Mrs. John C. McDonald

Elisha Battle was the grandson of John Battle, who is said to have been the founder of the Battle family in America. The tradition is that he (John) was born in Yorkshire, England. He married there Elizabeth (surname unknown). He emigrated to America with his family, other relatives and neighbors, among them the Sumners, Hunters, Bakers, Johnstons and others.

Religious dissatisfaction in the seventeenth century is said to have caused the Battle family to flee to Ireland. Being dissenters from the established religion of the day there was no alternative left them but to flee still further and they made their way to Virginia. Possibly they were Baptists before they left England. From Virginia they have pushed to North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, then on to Utah, and Pacific Coast, and still further west Hawaii and the Philippines.

On December 14, 1654, John Battle secured a royal patent for the transportation of four persons to the Colony of Virginia, for two hundred acres of land on the west fork of the "Nansimum" River located in what is now called Nansemond County, Virginia. (Colonial Land Office Records, State Library, Richmond, Va. Land grants, Vol. 3, 1652-1665, page 216). John Battle received additional grants from Royal Governor William Berkeley of six hundred forty acres on the west side of Paspetank (now Pasquotank) River in North Carolina for transportation of thirteen persons into the colony on Sept. 25, 1663 (Land Grants, Vol. 4, 1654-1664, p. 585); and five hundred eighty acres in "Ye upper Parish of Nansemond" April 24, 1682 for "Ye transportation of twelve persons" et cetera., (Land Grants, Vol. 7, 1679-1689, p. 172).

John Battle died before Nov. 28, 1694, for on that date, Lawrence Mageo and Mary, his wife, guardians of William Battle, son and heir of John Battle, brought suit against Richard Pope, alleging that in 1691 he entered a plantation of two hundred twenty seven acres belonging to said William Battle, lying in Pasquotank on New Begin Creek. His guardians claimed damages of one hundred pounds but lost the suit (North Carolina Colonial Records, Vol. 1, p. 432). John Battle had two children, William and Alsey, a daughter who died young.

William Battle, the son of John was born in 1682 on the Pasquotank River in North Carolina. After the death of his father he returned, under the care of his guardians to his former home on Nansemond River in Virginia (Deed, Bertie Co. N.C. Apr. 27, 1728, James Williamson conveys three hundred acres in Bertie precinct, to William Battle ("of the colony of Virginia and county of Nansemond"). William Battle died in 1749. He was married to Sarah Hunter, daughter of

William Hunter. Sarah was born in 1684 and died 1769. Their children: William Battle, second, married, Miss Brown; John Battle, second, mar. Sarah Brown; Sarah Battle; Mary Battle; and Elisha Battle.

Elisha Battle, the subject of this sketch, was the youngest child of William and Sarah (Hunter) Battle. Born in Nansemond Co. Virginia, January 9, 1723, he spent his early years on his father's plantation. At the age of eighteen, in Nansemond Co. he was married to Elizabeth Sumner, daughter of John Sumner, in 1742. After the birth of two children Elisha Battle moved to Tar River North Carolina about two miles north of the present town of Tarboro (Deed Edgecombe Co., N. C. Aug. 17, 1747, Samuel Holloman conveys to Elisha Battle four hundred acres). Here he built his home on "Cool Spring Plantation" in a grove which lay in a bend of the river, and began his long useful and distinguished career. He lived and died at Cool Spring and is buried there.

Quotation from Turner and Bridges "History of Edgecombe Co" page 24, "A single Virginia planter, Elisha Battle, bought eleven inhabited plantations in the old settlement (that is, Tar River, Edgecombe Co.) The plantations prior to his coming were inhabited by almost one hundred white people who had moved on further in the interior of the precinct. The newcomer brought with him ten negroes to cultivate the fields and no whites except his wife and children."

On Dec. 10, 1760 Earl Granville granted Elisha Battle six hundred ninety nine acres of land in Edgecombe Co., N. C. (Bk. 11, p. 138, 1745-1750. Office of Secretary of State, Raleigh, N. C.) Some other records in the office of the Sec'y of State in Raleigh, N. C. showing land grants to Elisha Battle are as follows: 127 acres, Edgecombe Co., Bk. 11, p. 143, Apr. 26, 1754; 690 acres, Edgecombe Co., Bk. 11, p. 141, Aug. 26, 1762; Abstract: Edgecombe Co., N. C., Feb. 17, 1772, Feb. Court, Josiah Crudup conveys to Elisha Battle 90 acres in Edgecombe Co. for "Fifty pounds pro. cn money" Teste Hardy Pittman, Jacob Battle.

The cattle mark registration of Elisha Battle was "a square in the underside of right ear and a slit in the end of the left, and a half moon under it." (General Court Records, Aug. 19, 1755).

Elisha Battle was Justice of the Peace, 1759 (N. C. Colonial Records, Vol. 23, p. 993). Because of this he could perform the marriage ceremony for his Baptist brethern. At that time no ministers, except those of the Church of England were permitted to do this, and certain designated Civil Officers. He was also Justice of the County Court of Edgecomb Co. (Afterwards called Inferior Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. See County Records, Tarboro, N. C.)

In 1760 Elisha Battle was one of the five commissioners to found and lay out the town of Tarboro.

In 1764 Elisha Battle joined Falls of Tar River Baptist Church, was a deacon twenty-eight years.

In 1765 he assisted in organizing the Kehukee Baptist Association, one of the first Associations in America. Of this he was Moderator for many years. (A concise history of Kehukee Baptist Association, by Burkitt and Reed).

Elisha Battle was a member of the North Carolina General Assembly 1771, (Wheeler's History of N. C., Vol. 2, p. 146: "In 1771 he was elected a member of the Assembly and served many years."

He was a member of Provincial Congress at Halifax April 4, 1776, opposed Royal Government in North Carolina. (Wheeler's Hist. of N. C., Vol. 1, p. 78).

He was a member of Provincial Congress at Halifax which met to form the State Constitution Nov. 12, 1776. (N. C. Colonial Records, Vol. 10, pages 500-1, 523, 585, 914, 916, 948, 950, 953, 974, 979; Wheeler's Hist. of N. C. Vol. 1, p. 85, and Vol. 2, p. 146).

"He was a member of the State Congress that met at Halifax in Nov. 1776, which body formed our State Constitution; a firm and decided patriot. He was distinguished for his patriotism and piety."

Elisha Battle was a member of the Committee of Safety, Edgecombe Co. (N. C. Colonial Records, Vol. 10, p. 749)

He was State Senator, 1777 to 1787 (except 1782 and 1784). (Wheeler's Hist. of N. C. Vol. 2, p. 146).

In 1788 he was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, serving as chairman of Committee of whole.

Elisha Battle died in Edgecombe Co. March 6, 1799. His funeral was preached by Elders Gilbert and Burkitt from Psalms 37:37 "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace." His wife, Elizabeth (Sumner) Battle had preceded him in death on Jan. 19, 1794.

The family Bible of Elisha Battle, affectionately dubbed by the family as "the great" or "the patriarch", with records in his own handwriting was destroyed by fire, so we turn to his Will for the names of his children.

Will of Elisha Battle, Edgecombe Co., N. C.
Feb. 6, 1799

February the sixth day, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Nine, I Elisha Battle of the State of North Carolina and County of Edgecombe do constitute make and ordain this (which follows: to be my last Will and Testament. And I give, devise and dispose of my worldly estate in the following manner and form (to wit).

First, I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Crudup two negroes named Venus and Sikey and their increase formerly given into her possession, and two hundred and twenty five dollars to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter, Chloe Lee, two negroes, Cato and Hardy, given into the possession of her father, to her, her heirs and assigns forever; Provided that if her father should die without a will that the said two negroes shall be counted in the division of his estate and go towards her part.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Elisha Battle, all the negroes with their increase and other things which I have given into his possession to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Jacob Battle all the negroes with their increase and other things which I have given him into his possession to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Jethro Battle, all the negroes and other things and their increase including Toney and Daniel, and their increase which I have given into his possession to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Demsey Battle all the negroes and their increase and other things which I have given into his possession including Ben and Luke to him and his heirs and assigns forever. I also give and devise to my son, Demsey Battle, my part of the plantation and land which I and my two sons Jacob and Jethro Battle leased to Elias Fort during the term of said lease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson Isaac Battle one negro boy named Harry and sixty silver dollars to him his heirs and assigns forever, which said negro is given up to said Isaac Battle.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson, Joel Battle, one negro boy named Bob and fifty silver dollars to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Ann Ross, one negro girl named Doll and sixty silver dollars to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter, Mary Andrews' three children (to wit) Jesse Andrews, John Andrews and Elizabeth Andrews, one hundred silver dollars each, to them and their assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath all the remaining part of my estate to be equally divided amongst my five children (to-wit) Elizabeth Crudup, Elisha Battle, Jacob Battle, Jethro Battle, and Demsey Battle, provided that my daughter Sarah Horn's six children (to wit) Jeremiah Hilliard, Elizabeth Fort, Piety Ford, Charity Bunn, Seely Suggs and Henry Horn, come in for one equal share with my five children to be equally divided amongst them and also provided that my son John Battle's three children (to-wit) Josiah Battle, Davis Battle and Elisha Battle come in for an equal share

with my four sons and one daughter and my daughter Sarah Horn's children to be equally divided amongst them. Provided also that my granddaughter Mary Andrews' three children (to wit) Jesse Andrews, John Andrews and Elizabeth Andrews have one hundred dollars out of my son John Battle's children's share, to be equally divided amongst them, their heirs and assigns forever.

My will and desire is that my estate be sold or divided by my executors at their own discretion.

It is not intended that the debts which any of my children or grandchildren may be owing me at the time of my death shall be included in their legacy. I do hereby constitute and appoint my four sons, Elisha Battle, Jacob Battle, Jethro Battle and Demsey Battle my executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and disannul all others.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal,

Elisha Battle (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be my last Will and Testament in presence of Nathan Gilbert, Joseph Sumner, Duke Wm. Sumner, Edgecombe County, May Court 1799.

The within Will of Elisha Battle dec'd was proven in open court by the oaths of Nathan Gilbert and Duke Wm. Sumner two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Jacob Battle, one of the executors therein named at the same time qualified thereto according to law. Ordered that the same be certified and the will recorded.

Test. Edward Hall, Clk.

Children of Elisha and Elizabeth (Sumner) Battle as recorded in "The Battle Book" page 200:

1. Sarah Battle, mar. 1st Jacob Hilliard, 2nd Henry Horn
2. John Battle, m Frances Davis
3. Elizabeth Battle, m. Josiah Crudup
4. Elisha Battle 2nd, m. Sarah Bunn
5. William Battle, m. Charity Horn
6. Jacob Battle, m. Mrs. Penelope Langley Edwards
7. Jethro Battle, m. Martha Lane
8. Demsey Battle, m. Jane Andrews

"LAND SALES OF J. DeCORDOVA FOR ESTATE OF P. P. HOSLEY"

Excerpt From Probate Proceedings Listing
Transactions in Lands in Harris County,
Texas, circa 1845

Prepared for J. R. Culp on July 9, 1877
Submitted by Mrs. Vera Culp Pollock

A certified copy of part of the probate proceedings in the
Estate of Proctor P. Hosley (made for J. R. Culp on July 9, 1877)
is summarized as follows:

Probate Court for Harris County, Republic of Texas, June 1845
appointed Jacob de Cordova administrator of the estate, though he
was absent from the county had until the next January to inventory
the property which was to be appraised by John Levi, John Fitz-
Gerald and J. A. Southmayd, because Proctor P. Hosley died without
a lawful will. Affidavit by De Cordova before A. P. Thompson,
Chief Justice of Harris County, July 29, 1845.

Jacob De Cordova, John Levi and Nelson T. Davis bound unto
Algernon P. Thompsom (Judge) for \$2,148.00 to perform obligations
required of them, at City of Houston, July 26, 1845; signed before
W. R. Baker, clerk.

Following, from Sept. Term, A. D. 1845, A/c of sales made by
J. De Cordova, adm., of the Est. of P. O. Hosley, dec'd:

			To whom sold	value
S. Jarboe	Bounty claim for 640	acres	J. A. Southmayd	\$ 20.00
John W. Cassady	"	1280 "	J. H. Perkins	40.00
Joseph Wickliffe	"	1280 "	James H. Perkins	40.00
Benjn. Smith	"	1280 "	"	40.00
Moses Merrett	"	1280 "	J. A. Southmayd	40.00
W. Walker	"	1280 "	James H. Perkins	40.00
Thos. J. Goodman	"	1280 "	"	40.00
Edward W. Green	"	640 "	"	20.00
Saml. Potter	"	480 "	"	15.00
A.G. Rawson (A.Y. Ranson?)	"	320 "	"	15.00
John Smith	"	320 "	"	15.00
Jno. Martin	"	320 "	"	10.00
Jno. Halfpenny	"	1280 "	"	40.00
Luke Enjor	"	1280 "	"	40.00
Chas. Wilkens	"	320 "	J. A. Southmayd	10.00
Jas. Birt	"	320 "	Jas. H. Perkins	10.00
G. W. Grimes	"	320 "	"	10.00
A. Nuneley	"	320 "	"	10.00
L. M. Simmons	"	320 "	"	10.00
Jackson Ronark	"	320 "	"	10.00
A. Sherrell	"	320 "	"	10.00
Thos. Early	"	320 "	"	10.00
R. S. Armstead	"	320 "	"	10.00

	<u>To whom Sold</u>	<u>Value</u>
640 acres located in Harris County Bounty - E. Ayres	Jas. H. Perkins	64.00
640 acres located in Harris County Bounty - J. Clifford	"	64.00
320 acres located in Harris County Bounty - John Martin	"	32.00
480 acres located in Harris County Bounty - W. Stephens	"	48.00
960 acres located in Harris County Bounty - E. Ballard	"	96.00
Block No. 148 & Farm Lot No. 57 in Bastrop	"	33.33-1/3
10 acre lot No. 316 in Section No. 1, Galveston	"	118.00
10 acre lot No. 508 in Section No. 1 Galveston	"	118.00
1 Lot in the town of Bastrop	"	5.00
		\$1133.33-1/3

NOTICE

The Local History and Genealogical Society has set the dates for its Spring Workshop this year for Friday evening, May 15, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday morning, May 16, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Dallas Public Library, Dallas, Texas.

All persons interested in genealogical research are invited to participate.

GUIDE TO COUNTIES OF NORTHEAST TEXAS

Continuation from Vol. IV, No. 4

Completion of series on this section of Texas

RUSK COUNTY

County Seat: Henderson

Created and organized in 1843 from Nacogdoches County. Named for Thomas J. Rusk, who fought at San Jacinto, was Secretary of War in the Texas Republic and later U.S. Senator from Texas.

Cities and Communities: Brachfield, Caledonia, Carlisle, Chalk Hill, Chapman, Church Hill, Concord, Dirgin, Easton, Eulalie, Glenfawn, Goodsprings, Henderson, Joinerville, Kilgore, Laird Hill, Laneville, Lawsonville, Londa, London, Minden, Monroe, Mount Enterprise, New London, New Salem, Norfolk, Oak Hill, Overton, Pinehill, Pirtle, Pone, Price, Selman, Selman City, Sexton City, Tatum, and Turnertown.

History: South of Henderson is site of old Shawnee Town, Indian Village inhabited by tribe of same name. Trammel's Trace east of Henderson named for Nicholas Trammell, Ferryman at crossing of Trinity in Old San Antonio Road. Harmony Hill was the once thriving community on Trammel's Trace and nicknamed "Nip 'n Tuck." Near Henderson is site of first discovery well of East Texas Oil Field. At Henderson are Finnagan House, the Howard of Dickinson House, Norvell-Judge Brown House, a cottage-type house with log house boarded over. At Minden is site of Rettig and Armstrong homes. At Mount Enterprise are the Ross Home, and the Old Rose House. Also site of Doctor Bedwell Home. Other homes are Tatum Plantation; Leverett's House at Leverett Chapel; and Pruitt or Perkins House at Laneville; near Glenfawn is site of Monte Verdi, built in 1842 by Julien Sidney Devereux.

U. S. Census: 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 (1890 destroyed) and later.

Vital Statistics:

Birth records since	1903	- poor condition
Death records since	1903	- poor condition
Marriage records since	1843	- fair condition
Wills and Probate since	1843	- poor condition
Deed records since	1843	- fair condition

Newspaper Records: Henderson Daily News, published 1885, file incomplete to 1885.

Cemetery Organizations and Reunions:

Henderson Memorial Cemetery: Mrs. Hubbard Chamberlain
Strong Reunion: Shannon Strong, Henderson

Professional and Amateur Historians and Genealogists: Gil Jones, Henderson; Miss Myrtis Watkins, Henderson.

Reference Books in Dallas Public Library:

Richey, Cecil - M.A., 1941 "A History of Rusk County", VII, 160 pp., Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches, Texas.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

County Seat: Rusk

Created and organized: in 1846 from Nacogdoches County. Named for Cherokee Indians who lived in area until the Cherokee War, 1839.

Cities and Communities: Alto, Black Jack, Brunswick, Bulah, Concord, Draft, Cuney, Dialville, Emmaus, Pastrill, Forest, Gallatin, Griffin, Henry's Chapel, Indian Mound, Ironton, Jacksonville, Linwood, Lone Star, Maydelle, Mison, Morrill, Mount Selman, New Summerfield, Ponta, Red Lawn, Reese, Reklaw, Rusk, Shady Grove, Teula, Troup, Turney, Wells and Wildhurst.

History: Near Rusk are Cook's Fort, established by James Cook as protection against Indians; Mountain Home, birthplace of James Stephen Hogg, first native Texas to serve as Governor of Texas; site of old New Birmingham, scene of great East Texas iron rush of 1891. The Indian Mound, six miles west of Alto, is one of chief archaeological points of interest in Texas. Twelve miles northwest of Jacksonville is site of Kicapoo Battlefield where Gen. Thomas J. Rusk routed band of Mexicans and hostile Indians, October 16, 1838.

U. S. Census: 1850, 1860, 1870 1880 (1890 destroyed) and later.

Vital Statistics:

Birth Records since	1903	- poor condition
Death records since	1903	- poor condition
Marriage records since	1847	- good condition
Wills and Probe since	1847	- good condition
Deed records since	1847	- good condition

Newspaper Records:

The Rusk Cherokeean, published 1847, known copies back to 1850.
Jacksonville Daily Progress, published 1904, file copies back to 1904.

Cherokee County Banner, published 1904, file copies back to 1904.

Cemetery Organizations and Reunions:

Rest Haven-Municipal: Judge George Crawford, Jacksonville
City Cemetery: Glen Haberle, Jacksonville
Killough Reunion - Jacksonville - Labor Day
Holcomb Reunion and Maness Reunion
Three Score & Forty Club - Annually in October: P.T. Butler,
Rusk.

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CEMETERY RECORDS
HENDERSON, RUSK COUNTY, TEXAS

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Submitted by Mr. H.L. Peoples

TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS
FROM
A CEMETERY AT HENDERSON,
RUSK COUNTY, TEXAS

Situated in the heart of town, on the Arp Highway. It is in use and in fair condition.

Mrs. C. M. Dotson, born Dec. 29, 1814, died May 8, 1905.

Sacred to the memory of our father, Garner M. Dotson, born May 5, 1814, died Jan. 26, 1889, aged 74 yrs, 4 21 days.

DOTSON { Mary Louise, Feb. 10, 1842, Jan. 3, 1924.
Oscar G., April 16, 1842, Oct. 3, 1923.

Henry B., son of Tine & Georgie Dotson, born July 30, 1867, died June 22, 1884, aged 16 yrs., 10 mos., 23 days.

Our Precious Bou, Milton, son of E.M. & Annie Dotson, died Feb. 24, 1888, aged 17 monts, 1 day.

Laura Dotson, born Jan. 19, 1854, died July 28, 1894, aged 40 yrs., 6 mos., 9 days.

Effie Lewis, dau of Luke & Laura Dotson, born June 1, 1884, died May 17, 1896.

Walter Conrad Rettig, May 18, 1905, April 7, 1923

Confederate Veteran, E. Barthold, July 23, 1835, Jan. 20, 1922.

Mrs. Edward Barthold, nee Julia Alice Rettig, born March 8, 1841, died Oct. 6, 1883.

Eugene, son of E. & Julia Barthold, born Sept. 13, 1869, died Oct. 6, 1883.

Mrs. Mary Brown James, born 1881, died 1917.

Wiley Harris, born Feb. 27, 1818, Washington County, Ga., died Oct. 14, 1895, Henderson, Rusk County, Texas.

THE OLD GEMETERY
HENDERSON, RUSK COUNTY, TEXAS

Land donated by Gen. James Smith, circa 1842-45.

Located at the Northwest edge of town. This cemetery is not used very much at present, but it is in fair condition.

William H. Walker, July 25, 1880, Nov. 23, 1885.

Stella D. Walker, born Feb. 20, 1874, died Aug. 14, 1885.

Little Sallie, dau. of H.J. & J.E. Goodlett, born March 2, 1887, died March 10, 1887.

Susannah, wife of J.F. Moore, born July 21, 1851, died May 10, 1890.

J. F. Moore, born Jan. 1, 1840, died Feb. 20, 1900.

Beulah, dau. of J.F. & S. Moore, born Jan. 25, 1885, died April 13, 1890.

Monnie Harris, born May 16, 1889, died April 28, 1890.

Minnie Lee, born Nov. 10, 1881, died April 19, 1890.

Children of J.F. & S. Moore

Eva, dau. of W. & C.H. Stedman, born April 13, 1864, died April 20, 1864.

Arthur T., son of W. & C. H. Stedman, born March 17, 1857, died Dec. 15, 1866.

James W. Shelton, born Nov. 25, 1830, died Feb. 6, 1865.

Jimmie W., dau. of J.W. & S.A. Shelton, born Sept. 23, 1864, died May 21, 1875.

Georgia V., dau. of J.J. & F.C. Cary, born Dec. 1858, died Aug. 27, 1861.

Fannie, dau. of J.J. & F.C. Cary, April 2, 1845, Oct. 3, 1861.

John J. Cary, born Dec. 5, 1818, died July, 1873.

Died Nov. 22, 1873.

(A grave - broken stone)

D. B. Hall, March 21, 1840, Jan. 16, 1884.

W. M. Hall, April 8, 1852, Jan. 28, 1884.

Sacred to the Memory of Bolling Hall, born June 21, A.D. 1812, Married to Caroline E. Graham, Aug. 14, 1834, Died May 15, A.D. 1856.

Mary Eva Crow, Sept. 2, 1883, October 9, 1884.

Caroline, wife of Bolling Hall, born Feb. 10, 1820, died April 22, 1894.

James H. Jones, Sept. 13, 1830, March 26, 1904.

Eliza Hall, wife of James H. Jones, May 28, 1836, Oct. 10, 1905.

Emma, wife of A.D. Stroud, born Nov. 12, 1846, died Sept. 5, 1889.

Rev. I. Alexander, July 24, 1835, June 5, 1919.

Margaret Frances Alexander, Nov. 1837 - Sept. 2, 1907.

Jones, son of Judson & Fannie Wood, born Aug. 20, 1888, died Feb. 7, 1890.

3 graves -- Infant children of James W. & Eliza D. Jones.

Arthur Lydell, son of N.B. & M. E. Barnes, born Jan. 26, 1880, died June 29, 1881.

Maggie, wife of O. B. Sawyer, born Oct. 17, 1861, died Sept. 26, 1880.

Ella G. Hall, Nov. 10, 1845, - Sept. 1880.

Amelia C. Graham, dau. of Aaron & Jerusha J. Ready, born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Feb. 11, A.D. 1831, married to M.D. Graham March 18, A.D., 1851, died July 26, 1859. Mother of 5 children.

Children of M. D. & Eliza Graham, Jeanette & Eliza Hall.

Thomas J. Blair, born Nov. 29, 1862, died April 9, 1863.

Joseph Blair, born March 26, 1870, died Aug. 31, 1870, Infant sons of J.W. & E. Y. Blair.

Leonidas Bruce, son of L.J. & S.C. Graham, died Sept. 30, 1885 - aged 20 years.

Wallace Robertson, son of L. J. & S.C. Graham, born March 17, 1867, died Sept. 17, 1871.

Infant of above.

Adelia Wilson, born Oct. 13, 1874, died Sept. 14, 1877.

Dr. A. B. Graham, 1822-1860

Mrs. S. A. Graham, 1830-1918

A grave with "W. R. G." on footstone.

Homer, son of R. H. & Mary Gary, Dec. 16, 1874, died July 15, 1881.

Mollie, dau. of R.W. & Mary Gary, March 11, 1898, Sept. 28, 1915.

Tiny, dau. of J. M. & Lois Gary, Dec. 7, 1923, Jan. 25, 1924.

Henry Gary, Mar. 8, 1918, Jan. 18, 1919.

Rev. James Knox, born April 10, 1811, died Jan. 1, 1898.

Arch Maddox - A brick vault, with a level enclosed in the front.

Lottie, dau. of J.M. & A.B. Stevens, born Oct. 12, 1888, died Nov. 22, 1890.

J. D. Moss, 1834-1915 - A Confederate soldier.

S. G. Moss, born April 7, 1866, died March 22, 1908.

John D. Moss, son of S. G. & M.C. Moss, Oct. 1, 1907-Mar. 20, 1908.

Russell Y. Moss, 1896-1898.

Anna Preston Moss, 1899-1900

Infant dau. of P.G. & Lurline McNee, Nov. 30, 1923.

William S. Moss, 1836-1894

Mary E. Moss, 1830-1901

Annie T. Moss, 1864-1881

Dorothy Flood, 1812-1875

Dollie G., wife of Fred G. Hudson, born Jan. 10, 1860, died Jan. 29, 1883.

Alfred B. Graham, 1883-1916.

W. J. Graham, born Feb. 13, 1855, died Sept. 23, 1901.

Jodie, son of W.J. & C.L. Graham, born Sept. 30, 1892, died Dec. 20, 1897.

Lucile Sue, dau. of W. J. & C.L. Graham, 1877-1881.

George B. Baxter, born Mar. 31, 1867, Aug. 9, 1892.

Mary B. Baxter, 1826-1900

William Baxter, 1828-1908

} Our Parents

Annie Baxter, 1848-1919

James Baxter, 1857-1909

Infant son of D.B. & E.A. Baxter, b & d Aug. 20, 1892.

William Jefferson Crow, Aug. 10, 1840, Aug. 27, 1924
Father - Mother

Sarah Trammel Crow, Aug. 28, 1849, Nov. 22, 1922.

HENDERSON CEMETERY "NEW"

Surnames listed.

Allison	Cornelius	Harrison	McDonough
Alford	Cover	Hart	Neal
Arnold	Crow	Hays	Newman
Arrington	Crittenden	Hightower	Nunnally
Armstrong	Crutcher	Hewitt	Neely
Barthold	Cushman	Hood	Nixon
Barton	Culp	Hudson	Norvell
Barefield	Currie	Hughes	Nevills
Baldwin	Cuniff	Hogan	Oliver
Bailey	Davis	Huckabee	Oberthier
Barham	Day	Hickey	Overton
Barrett	Diamond	Holland	Parsons
Bateman	DeLamar	Ingram	Petty
Bagley	Dodson	James	Poe
Bennett	Dotson	Jones	Price
Benninger	Douglass	Johnston	Preston
Beall	Downs	Kelly	Patterson
Buford	Dunn	Kern	Park
Burns	Emmons	Kitchens	Parker
Buckner	Etheridge	Kendrick	Pilgreen
Burks	English	Kidd	Pillsbury
Burnett	Feild	Lacy	Parr
Blanton	Fite	Langhorne	Peryear (Puryear)
Boatright	Flanagan	Lang	Patton
Bover	Flynn	Laylon	Pelham
Bogges	Foreman	Lasseter	Ruddell
Bosworth	Fowler	Lanier	Redwine
Boyd	Frizzell	Lee	Rayford
Bradford	Francis	Lewis	Rhea
Brokaw	Gathright	Lockett	Riggins
Brown	Gardner	Mays	Retig
Carrel	Garrett	Milner	Ragland
Carroll	Garland	Motley	Rice
Camp	Garrison	Miller	Roper
Cameron	Gibson	Meadors	Richardson
Cannon	Gladney	Meyer	Rogers
Carlton	Goodwin	Mims	Rutherford
Canterberry	Gould	Muckleroy	Rankine
Case	Goggan	Moore	Smithers
Casey	Gray	Mathis	Smith
Chamberlain	Grigsby	Merritt	Stuart
Chandler	Griffin	Morris	Slaughter
Chapman	Grozdanich-(or	Martin	Sturdevant
Clark	"gh")	Mitchell	Swan
Claiborne	Hall	Monaghan	Stroud
Cleghorn	Haltom	McMurray	Spence
Cochrane	Harris	McLemore	Spahler
Collins	Hardie	McAnulty	Still
Conyngton	Hardeman	McRimmon	Street
Couch	Hancock	McLarty	Strickland
Compton	Hanson	McCaskill	Shiflett

Stanley	Terrell	Wren	Wherry	Yates
Stone	Terrell	White	Wallace	Young
Stewart	Teller	Whitfield	Wood	
Sullivan	Tally	Westfall	Witte	
Spence	Tatum	Watt	Wagoner	
Searcy	Turner	Wylie	Whitmore	
Spivy	Vernon	Wright	Weaver	
Taliaferro	Watkins	Wilson	Woodlief	
Trammell	Waskom	Wayland	Welch	
Thompson	Wortham	Wynne	Wylie	
Tutt	Webb	Walters	Woodall	

Martha J., wife of J.A. Ingram, born Dec. 27, 1844, died March 20, 1885.

Ben Smithers, born in Ky. Jan. 3, 1820, died Aug. 19, 1870.

B. W. Oliver was married to Elizabeth Wilson, Feb. 4, 1836, died Dec. 10, 1883 (or 5) aged 70 years ---broken.

Wm. Oliver, killed at the battle of _____ Miss., Sept. 19, 1862, aged 19 years, grave unknown.

Thos. A. Oliver, died Jan. 1861, aged 23 yrs., affectionately dedicated to the memory of our Brother.

Elijah H. Oliver, died Feb. 27, 1867, aged 25 yrs, 2 Mo, 6 days.

Martha B., dau. of J.M. & H.J. Dodson, died Aug. 9, 1860, aged 1 year, 4 mos., 2 days.

H. J. Dodson, Aug. 6, 1828, Feb. 4, 1903 (Mother)

J. M. Dodson, died Nov. 8, 1871, aged 41 yrs, 6 mos, 19 days (Mason)

Sacred to the Memory of Mrs. Dolly Jones, died Nov. 1872, at an advanced age.

Sacred to the Memory of Mrs. Frances E. Grigsby, departed this life April 18, A.D. 1871, aged 45 yrs. "She died as she lived, a Christian."

Mary Frances Nevills, born Dec. 27, A.D. 1836, died Nov. 5, 1868.

Jennie Oliver McLarty, born Nov. 13, 1868, died Jan. 1, 1873.

Willie McLarty, born Nov. 21, 1866, died at Paris, Texas.

James H. McLarty, Sept. 20, 1833, Sept. 18, 1910.

Mrs. Mary Catherine McLarty, Dec. 15, 1839-July 4, 1909.

"Sacred to the Memory of Timothy Pillsburt, born April 12th, 1789, died Nov. 23rd, 1858. A Senator of the Republic of Texas - 1844 - A Representative of the State of Texas in the Congress of U. S. 1846-1849. (a shite marble box vault, with ornamental iron fence about it).

Mother, Lucy Allison Wayland, Jan. 8-1877, Sept. 25, 1934.

Laura, wife of W.M. Garrett, dau. of J.M. & H.J. Dodson, Oct. 22, 1868, July 3, 1902 (verse).

In memory of our beloved brother, Willie C. Kelly, born March 23, 1856, died Sept. 6, 1882.

Our Lamb, Paul Ector Wynne, infant son of R. M. & Laura B. Wynne, born July 4, 1879, died May 24, 1889.

Dr. C. W. Feild, born Feb. 6, 1819, died Oct. 6, 1885.

Janie, dau. of Drury & Fannie Feild, born March 15, 1853, died Oct. 16, 1875.

Jefferson Lee, son of J.A. & C.A. Tallafarro, died Nov. 6, 1871 - aged 1 yr. 6 mo, 6 days.

Elder J. E. Hardie, born Jan. 20, 1822, died March 31, 1902, aged 80 yrs., 2 mos., 11 days.

Susan F.E. Hogan, born April 15, 1823, married to Elder J.E. Hardie, Jan. 11, 1842, died July 28, 1886, aged 63 years.

John Hardie, born Aug. 10, 1861, died Oct. 10, 1862.

Martha J. Hardie, born Jan. 30, 1849, died Jan. 16, 1866.

Sam M. Ragland, 1879-1935

Lundie T. Ragland, July 28, 1847-Aug. 18, 1916.

Luther S., son of L.S. & L.T. Raglan, born July 15, 1881, died Feb. 28, 1882.

L.S. Ragland, born July 2, 1848, died Jan. 28, 1881.

My father, Col. R.R. Haltom, born Jan. 17, 1823, died June 21 1894.

Our Mother, Julia A. Haltom, born Feb. 18, 1836, died Nov. 16, 1891.

Wm. Jay Haltom, born Jan. 23, 1853, died Dec. 25, 1879.

Dolly R., dau. of G.P. & I.E. Parr, born Feb. 22, 1873, aged 4 mos, 12 days.

Infant son of G.P. & I.E. Parr, born Feb. 21, 1871, aged 1 hour.

G. P. Parr, died Sept 20, 1930
Iseline Parr
Dee Parr, April 1934
Albert Parr, Jan. 1935
Rev. John C. Huckabee, born Jan. 6, 1822, died Sept. 17, 1886.
M.L. Lacy, born March 7, 1843, died May 19, A.D. 1881.
J. E. Parr, born Aug. 31, 1846, died Jan. 9, 1897.
Mary Emma, wife of J. E. Langhorne, nee Trammell, born March 23, 1852, died Dec. 16, 1885.
T. J. Trammell, Sr., born Mar. 20, 1810, died April 16, 1886.
Frederic Emile, son of F. and Annie Lang, born Feb. 14, 1881, died June 30, 1881.
Sandy, son of J.A. & Mattie D. Fite, born March 20, 1880, died July 27, 1881.
Mattie D. Fite, born July 9, 1854, died June 21, 1887.
Clude Fite, born Aug. 9, 1885, died Jan. 12, 1887.
Pearl Fite, born March 8, 1879, died June 21, 1887.
M. G. Thompson, born May 24, 1854, died Sept. 2, 1880.
Jennie, infant of John & Sarah Walters, aged 1 yr, 3 mo,
John W. Wherry, born June 5, 1840, died Sept. 5, 1878.
Our Parents, Frederick M. Baldwin, born at Spencetown March 12, 1819, died April 1, 1888.
Elizabeth Baldwin, born in Maine, Sept. 5, 1825, died May 22, 1890.
Mary Wallace, dau. of J.E. & Mary W. Jones, born July 1860, died July 29, 1868.
Elbert Alden, son of J.E. & Mary W. Jones, born Dec. 9, 1872, died Feb. 28, 1879.
D.H. Wood, born in Franklin Co., Tenn. Oct. 10, 1834, died May 10, 1889 (Odd Fellow)
Georgie Ellen, dau. of Ben. & N.I. Mitchell, died July 4, 1872, aged 8 months, 11 days.

Georgie Lee, dau. of G.W. & M.E. Mitchell, died Sept. 13, 1869, aged 6 yrs., 10 mos., 27 days.

Benjamin F. Goggan, July 31, 1857, Sept. 6, 1931.

Martha Goggan, Dec. 6, 1838, Feb. 26, 1913 (Mother)

Clara J., wife of B.F. Goggan, born Aug. 9, 1859m died June 14, 1906.

Jennie R.E., dau. of H.D. & Nettie Neal, born Nov. 14, 1868, died July 28, 1879.

Mary Antinette, wife of H.D. Neal, born Dec. 6, 1839, died March 10, 1905.

H.D. Neal, born Oct. 20, 1837, died April 29, 1889.

Mary Pearl, dau. of A.R. & Claea Buckner, born July 24, 1878, died July 31, 1879.

Lillie, dau. of B. & Laura Martin, born July 14, 1876, died Aug. 4, 1879.

D. J. Neal, born Feb. 18, 1814, died Feb. 25, 1881.

"Our Dear Mother, Lucy, wife of Rev. B.F. Stuart, born Nov. 23, 1793, died July 17, 1884.

Mollie, wife of Dr. C.W. Slaughter, Nov. 13, 1844, March 2, 1924.

Lillie V., dau. of C.W. & M.E. Slaughter, born July 31, 1871, died Nov. 22, 1883.

Donnie C., son of E.S. & O.T. Peryear, born Jan. 29, 1874, died June 2, 1881.

Mrs. Emily Barton, born April 1, 1831, dec'd Sept. 20, 1878.

Richard T. Trammell, born March 8, 1845, died May 8, 1871.

Joe, son of M.J. Cornelius, born Jan. 1853, died Aug. 1884.

Infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Burns, Nov. 27, 1915.

Jesse C. Burns, Nov. 29, 1872, June 12, 1925.

J. W., son of J.C. & Allie Burns, Nov. 25, 1907, Dec. 22, 1911.

A.O. Witte, born at Goliad, Texas, Dec. 26, 1869, died Dec. 28, 1911

Rona, dau. of M.W. & Bulah Ingram, May 5, 1902-Dec. 5, 1905.

Sacred to the Memory of Ira Sturdivant, born in Luzerne County, Pa., 1806, Died Henderson, Texas, 1878.

"Walter" -----(a little grave)

Rosa May, dau. of B. & M.J. Waggoner, Born May 28, 1899,
Died Oct. 20, 1902.

Nannie E., wife of Thompson Camp Jr., died May 31, 1873, aged
19 years, 5 mos., 15 days.

Mary Bettina Cameron, died Feb. 5, 1881, aged 3 yrs, 3 mos.

Mrs. Susan C. Camp, who departed this life Oct. 30, 1855.

Our Mother, Callie M. Whitmore, died Feb. 22, 1897.

M. D. Chandler, born April 9, 1874, died Aug. 23, 1903

Dosie H. Weaver, Dec. 15, 1897, Aug. 16, 1922.

Mariah J. Cornelius, born Feb. 8, 1818, died Mar. 24, 1910.

Sam Barefield, 1859-1925.

W.W. Spivy, Mar. 14, 1847-Dec. 7, 1889.

Hon. William Wright Morris, died June 20, 1882, aged 78 years.
A native of Halifax Co., N.C. "In the path of justice is life."

Martha A. Spivy, died Aug. 9, 1904, aged 87 yrs. "Our Grandma" M.A.S.

Hazel, dau. of W.W. & Sallie Spivy, died Sept. 12, 1888, aged 1
year, 11 mos. 12 days.

Ellie Augusta, dau. -----(broken ___H. & L.B. Holland, born 1877.

Louise, dau. of J.D. & M.J. Garrison, born Aug. 5, 1891-May 12, 1896.

Elizabeth, wife of Col. J.S. Boggess.

Dr. J.F. Merritt 1849-1914

Lucile Merritt Buckner, born July 28, 1884, died Jan. 5, 1893.

Cora Louise Merritt, aged 1 year.

Col. Jiles S. Boggess, Jr., Ruth Chapter - No. 12-B.A.M. Texas
53, born July 16, 1827, died Oct. 1, 1877. Erected to his memory
by his affectionate wife, Lizzie.

Sarah Milton Boggess, born Dec. 2, 1854, died April 23, 1858.

Little Jesse, son of J.F. & Lucile Merritt, born Mar. 5, 1880,
died Aug. 9, 1881.

Capt. Peter Wm. Woodlief, Co. C., wnd U.S. Inf. Sp. Am. War.

V. T. Cameron, born May 15, 1825, died Oct. 31, 1851.

H. W. Cameron, born Mar. 10, 1827, died Jan. 3, 1852.

James H. Cameron, died June 21, 1890, aged 91 yrs., 2 mos,
27 days.

E. L. Cameron, born July 24, 1829, died Dec. 16, 1862.

Sacred to the memory of Mary, wife of James H. Cameron, died
Jan. 17, 1876 - aged 72 years, 3 mos. 27 days.

George H. Gould - Oct. 20, 1833, Aug. 14, 1905.

Erected to the memory of Ellen E., wife of G. H. Gould, died
Sept. 20, 1890 - aged 45 years.

George R., son of Geo. H. & Ellen E. Gould, born July 17, 1862,
died Oct. 17, 1864.

James E. Gould, died Aug. 18, 1870 - aged 2 years
Lorraine S. Gould, died March 16, 1881 - aged 3½ years
----Children of G. H. & Ellen E. Gould.

Sacres to the memory of my Grandmother, Father and Mother,
Sister and Brother, R. W. Smith - Elizabeth Smith - George W.
Smith - Catherine A. Smith - George M. Smith - Elizabeth J. Smith.

Alpheus Dickinson Stroud M.D., born Mar. 29, 1833, died Nov. 6,
1919.

Ethan A., son of A.D. & F. G. Stroud, born April 26, 1871.

Fannie G. Stroud, born March 28, 1842, died Mar. 11, 1884.

Ella D., daughter of G.D. & E.T. Foreman, born Sept. 26, 1898.

John Harrison Rogers, born Nov. 29, 1893, died Jan. 9, 1897.

Doris Mildred, infant dau. of Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Newman, born
March 19, 1922, died Oct. 10, 1922.

Sarah M. Stroud, wife of Mark Stroud, born Oct. 1, 1813, married
Oct. 4, 1832, died Feb. 23, 1888.

Mark Stroud, born Jan. 31, 1812, died Dec. 5, 1888.

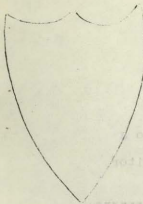
A.G. Neal, born May 26, 1833, died Jan. 3, 1886.

S. E. Neal, wife of A.G. Neal, born April 20, 1837, died Sept.
6, 1894.

Alice, infant dau. of R.W. & S.N. Hall, aged 10 mos.

Gussie, son of Dr. A.G. & S.E. Neal, born Aug. 12, 1878, died
June 13, 1882.

(Cont'd.)



HERALDERY



By

Margaret Ann Scruggs
(Mrs. Carruth)

IV

Heraldic usage today is not confined to families ... even modest yet aspiring new commercial firms seek to dignify and lend desired prestige to themselves and their wares by assuming (sometimes very amusing) devices, apparently chosen primarily to attract attention. They, and numbers of individuals who should know better, incorrectly refer to armorial bearings as their "crest". The crest is only the top, separate device that is the most personal part of a coat-of-arms.

The term coat-of-arms is used interchangeably with armorial-bearings, or less frequently simply arms, altho this latter strictly-speaking refers to the shield - (with or without devices thereon).

Armorial bearings accurately drawn should indicate at least the era in which they were conferred, or first used.

To determine this there are several important details. First, the shape of the shield (perhaps the oldest in usage among the Anglo-Saxon peoples being similar to that pictured above). Next, the character of the devices thereon, if any (the oldest usually are the simplest). Also - the type of helmet (head-covering of metal). These latter varied as widely as the shape of the shields, and in the Days of Chivalry were sharply differenciated to depict social degree (an esquire's helmet being very different from those worn by men of higher rank, while only the reigning monarch's was pictured full-face and others all faced, usually, the left.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

A WORD TO THE WISE: KEEP INQUIRING!

I have just received an answer to a query sent four years ago!
--Mrs. P. C. Lockett, Queries Editor
4624 Souther, Dallas, Texas

Lineage Wanted :(Names underscored)

LARKIN CRUTCHER m. MILDRED CLARK Parents names of both?
b. 1777 in Va. b. ?
d. 1861 in Tenn. d. 1847 in Tenn.

WILLIAM G. RAY m. NANCY YOUNG Parents names of both?
b. 1802 in Ga. b. 1801 N. C.
d. ? Cass Co., Tex. d. ? Cass Co., Tex.

JAMES MILTON TAYLOR m. PARMELIS DUCKEY Answers for all six
b. 1790 Campbell Co., Va. b. Aug. 21, 1795 to:
d. 1869 Cumberland Co., Va. d. ? Aug. 5, 1871 EMMA CRUTCHER TAYLOR
1025 N. Bishop Ave.
Dallas, Texas

WILL OF BENJAMIN MARTIN, made May 3, 1818, prob. Aug., 1821,
Jessamine Co., Ky., Will Book C - p. 146,
Court House, Nicholasville.

Names children:

Betsy Martin, Lucy McClure, Abner Martin, Lindsay
Martin, Larkin Martin, William Martin, Polly Walter
(husband Stephen Walter), Ruben Colley, gr. son, and
son-in-law John McClure.

Who were Benjamin Martin's parents and where did he come from into
Kentucky?

Answer to: Miss Gladys D. Walter, 4420 Westway, Dallas 5,
Texas

BENJAMIN HARRISON BASSETT, son of WILLIAM HENRY BASSETT AND
b. Feb. 24, 1831, Centerville, ELEANORE O'NEILL BASSETT
La.
d. July 16, 1893, Austin, Tex. PARENTS OF BOTH WANTED.

Answer to: Mrs. Donald Kilgore, 4324 St. John's Dr.,
Dallas, Texas

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington 25, D. C.

December 8, 1958

Your file: 374

Mr. William N. Wilkins
Attorney at Law
4325 Berger Avenue
Baltimore 6, Maryland

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

Your letter of the 1st, addressed to Mr. Philip R. Ward of this Branch, inquired about records in the National Archives of passenger arrivals at Baltimore, 1784-85.

The passenger lists for the port of Baltimore that are in the National Archives date from 1820-October 28, 1891, with gaps. The official records of immigration through the port of Baltimore after October 29, 1891, are in the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

For sources of information about arrivals before 1820, we suggest that you consult the bibliography compiled by A. Harold Lancour, "Passenger Lists of Ships Coming to North America, 1607-1825," published in the Bulletin of the New York Public Library, Mar., 1937. European records offices to which you may wish to write are the Public Record Office of Ireland, Four Courts, Dublin, Ireland, and the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Ministry of Finance, Government of Northern Ireland, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The National Archives also has original passenger lists of arrivals at Boston, 1883-1889; New Orleans, 1820-1902; New York, 1820-1897; and Philadelphia, 1820-1899. For the minor ports of entry, some records of passenger arrivals are in the National Archives, but the collections are very incomplete. They date from 1820 to 1874.

We have separate indexes to names of passengers who arrived at the major ports, prepared by the Work Projects Administration, as follows: Baltimore, 1820-97; Boston, 1848-91; Philadelphia, 1798-ca. 1900; and an incomplete index to New York arrivals, 1820-1846. Cards for arrivals before 1820 were prepared from cargo manifests, which occasionally contain names of passengers. We also have an incomplete index to arrivals at the minor ports; this index and the New York index were made from copies of passenger lists but the Baltimore, Boston, and Philadelphia indexes are to names on original certified lists.

I understand Mr. Ward mentioned to you that the National Archives is now in the process of microfilming the passenger lists for the major ports of entry to the United States. At the present time, the microfilm copies of the lists for the port of New York, 1820-June 15, 1875, and the port of New Orleans, 1820-June 30, 1838, are available in our General Reference Branch. We are processing the older Baltimore lists for filming.

In connection with your work with the passenger lists, you may also be interested in the Morton Allan Directory of European Steamship Arrivals, 1890-1930, which is available in most public libraries and which includes information about Baltimore arrivals after 1904.

We are sorry we cannot give you the information you now seek. If we can be of assistance to you at a later date, please write us. If you come to the National Archives Building again, we would be pleased to have you visit our office which is located on the 11th tier, east.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Lyle J. Holverstott
Archivist in Charge, Fiscal
Branch, General Records Division
The National Archives

EDITORS NOTE: The foregoing letter contains such valuable guidance data that we felt justified in quoting it verbatim. We are indebted to Mrs. Pratt of our Library for making this available.

There is a copy of Lancour's book in our Dallas Public Library

FRANKLIN COUNTY
County Seat: Mount Vernon

Created and organized in 1875 from Titus County. Named for Judge B. C. Franklin, District Judge under Texas Republic.

Cities and Communities: Clearwater, Cypress, Hagansport, Macon, Majors, Mount Vernon, New Hagansport, New Hope, Purley, Scroggins, Winsboro, and Yale.

History: Information not readily available.

U.S. Census: 1880, (1890 destroyed) and later.

Newspaper Records: Mount Vernon Optic-Herald, published 1906, File to 1917.

Cemetery Organizations: Davis-Newsom Reunion

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