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"OAK LAWN"

The following article was given to Mrs. George F. Carlyle a number of years ago by an unknown or forgotten person. It was learned only recently the name of the writer who chose the title: "The History of Oak Lawn," and signed "Anonymous."

The origin of the name "Oak Lawn" for that residential area goes back to the name chosen for the home and grounds of Colonel George Mellersh.

In 1873 he and his family came from Memphis, Tennessee, by boat down the Mississippi and the Red River to Shreveport, Louisiana, and then by one of the first Texas & Pacific trains to Dallas.

Colonel Mellersh had been a wealthy coal dealer; however, he came to Texas when the panic of 1873 hit. One of the luxuries the family brought was a "sure enough" bath tub; the only one in the community. Many sick neighbors enjoyed its comfort.

Colonel Mellersh's family consisted of his wife, Elizabeth James Mellersh, and four daughters: Fannie, (Mrs. Edmiston Kennedy Martyn), Georgie, (Mrs. W. R. Salmon), Rena, (Mrs. Alex W. Macon), and Bessie, (Mrs. C. W. Chapman), all deceased.

(Signed) Mrs. F. R. Horton
(Frances Mellersh Martyn,
Granddaughter of Colonel Mellersh)

"HISTORY OF OAK LAWN"

Away back in the seventies and on through, a little group of people, mostly from Tennessee, built their homes in the beauty spot extending from Turtle Creek to Cedar Springs Branch, then east and west from Lemmon Avenue to Maple Avenue.

They were the Cullums, Knights, Dickasons, Mays, Mellershs, Wrights, Andrews, Gatewoods, Gillespies, Johnsons, Sales, Williams, etc.

It was non-sectarian, but a church was needed, so the little white church was begun and everyone helped. (This was the forerunner of the Oak Lawn Methodist). That was in 1874; next a school had to be, and desks came; then a get-together meeting place, so the little white church opened its arms and on Sunday and Wednesday nights, it was Church and Prayer Meeting; on school days it was school, and on Saturday night a literary society.

The Mellershs came from a section where every home had a name. They built their house with a very large lawn, and as it had many oak trees, it was named "Oak Lawn". The name was pleasing so it was adopted for the whole area.

Captain Sale helped to organize the school and taught, as did Professor Jackson also. Then Emma Cullum was followed by W. P. Martin, Professor Weaver, A. B. George, W. E. Hawkins, Miss Hamilton, Mr. Hughey, etc.

Rev. W. H. Cullum was the first Pastor.

The "Oak Lawn Literary Society" blossomed, with every one large and small doing their bit. There were declamations, orations, and recitations from "Honor the Light Brigade" to "Mary Had a Little Lamb." None were called to Hollywood because there was no Hollywood.

There was need for out-door space so the Lawn across the street was used as a Civic Center with the Church and the gates never closed to neighbors or friends.

No right of way could be had for years across Turtle Creek, so there was no electricity, running water, gas, nor telephones, but little Oak Lawn grew and prospered with Dallas.

Next, all began to enlarge their homes. The "Lawn" house was turned into an English cottage with mansard roof, a built-in bookcase and kitchen in Basement with a "dumb waiter" to carry food and dishes to dining room above. It was designed by W. R. James, a nephew.

They had brought all their books which were a delight to all. The Literary Society began and with home made scenery and makeshifts, everything was attempted and enjoyed.

There were many activities, such as a minuet, May Pole, an occasional barn dance, whole poems (book size) were memorized with the characters impersonating in costume, small operas, charades, music of all kinds, drills, fishing trips to Winn's Lake, and picnics to Lang's lake and Brandenburg Springs.

The school "matriculated" and increased the area and brought in the Coles, Lucas, Fields, Stewarts, Winns, McKameys, Cochrans, Jenkins, Lemmons, Brooks, Terrells, Ed Smiths, Bowmans. Fannie Patton Knight and Eudora Haynes Cullum came with hands extended and aided through their lives, as did Fannie James.

The older boys and girls began their trek to town to school to the Dallas Female College and Old Rock College (and elsewhere) making new friends.

Another prosperous era came and all were adding to their homes. The 'Lawn' moved the English cottage across the street and built a large brick house that was still the Civic Center and the Teen Agers added a tennis court and croquet court. The gaieties continued with Kangaroo Courts, mock marriages with wedding trips to City Hospital, camp trips to Glen Rose and fun of all sorts.

The Mellersh family moved away and the Center was bought by B. M. Burgher but the Center continued as they carried on.

The "Little School" had been moved and a larger church built; then it was later moved back to make room for the present one.

Then the "Oak Lawn" place was sold to Melrose Hotel which now stands on the site.

The older members of these early families are most of them gone, but their example will live on for ever, and their influence be felt. Their descendants are proud of the early background of the area and you can ask any of them, young or old, if they have not known and heard of the true friendships and neighborliness and love of "Oak Lawn".

Anonymous

Submitted by Mrs. Charles D. Adams
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Ed. "Anonymous" we now know, was Mrs. Rens Mellersh Macon.

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RILEY BIBLE RECORD

From Bible in possession of
Mrs. W. H. Welch, Hearne, Texas

John Riley G.F b. May 12, 1800 d. Jan. 17, 1866
Drucilla Pitts Riley b. June 22, 1806 d. Sept. 1885

Children:

Rufus M. Riley b. Jan. 31, 1824 d. 1844
James E. Riley b. Aug. 12, 1826 d. Aug. 21, 1900
Sarah A. Riley b. Jan. 12, 1828 d. Sept. 22, 1845
Jessie Miles Riley b. Feb. 22, 1830
John Riley -----
Susan Drucilla Riley b. Sept. 16, 1835 d. Sept. 23, 1845
Almer F. Riley b. Mar. 18, 1840 d. May 20, 1862
Rachel Francis Riley b. Mar. 6, 1842 d. July 27, 1864
Richard T. Riley b. 1837
William Rufus Riley b. Mar. 5, 1845 d. Mar. 5, 1926, Calvert, Texas
Nancy Marial Riley b. Feb. 18, 1847 d. Sept. 7, 1932
Louiss J. Riley b. April 17, 1853 d. 1942

Submitted by Ruth Riley Peavy
(Mrs. Waymon G.)

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"HE WHO CARETH NOT FROM WHENCE HE CAME,
CARETH LITTLE WHITHER HE GOETH".....

Daniel Webster

THE DUKE'S LAWS

A Code which preserved
many original wills.
Submitted by Charles L. Syron

The following, which is a quotation from Early Long Island Wills of Suffolk County by Pelletreau (1897), shows why genealogical research in New York is less arduous than in most other states:

"In 1664 the English conquest made Long Island a part of the Province of New York, and it was governed by the Code known as the 'Duke's Laws'. By these laws it was ordered that upon the death of any person, it was the duty of the Constables and overseers to repair to the house of the deceased and find if any will had been left by him. The Executors of any will were to present it for probate at the next "Court of Sessions", and the Clerk of the Court was to transmit the will and probate for record to the Registrar's office in New York. By an amendment of these laws, the Court of Assizes also had the power to admit wills to probate. By an addition to the Duke's Laws in 1665, it was ordered that all original wills after having been proved at the Court of Sessions or Assizes should be returned into the Office of Records in New York, and should remain there, and the Executors were to have copies. This has preserved a great many original wills, which are now on file in the New York Surrogate's Office."

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MAY FAMILY GRAVES

Copied & submitted by
Mrs. Lillian Schwertz

Inscriptions from graves in the Macedonia Cemetery located several miles out of Rison, Cleveland County, Arkansas, on the Pine Bluff Highway.

Gabriel May
1792-1864
a faithful Soldier
in Capt Sales bn.
Va.Militia War 1812

Thomas S. May
March 29, 1829
August 30, 1887

Elizabeth S. May
May 1794-1856
Pittsylvania co Va
Wife of Gabriel May

Mary E. Hobson
1829-1909
wife of Thomas S. May

Nancy Jacinthia S. May
wife of W. D. Hall
9-15-1853
2-14-1891

In same vicinity:

Gabriel A. J. May
June 19, 1835
May 4, 1903
There is a Masonic emblem on the stone.

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POLK AND CROCKETT FAMILY DATA

Submitted by Mrs. Lillian Schwertz,
through the courtesy of Mr. Floyd
Crockett Bryant, 2401 Nottingham,
Fort Worth, Texas, descendent of
the Polk and Crockett families.

John McClannahan Crockett and his wife, Kate, are buried in the old
Masonic Cemetery on South Akard and Masonic Streets in Dallas, Texas.

J. M. Crockett was born in Lancaster County, N. D., December 16,
1816, the son of Robert McClannahan Crockett and Elizabeth (White)
Crockett, and the grandson of John Crockett, an Irish immigrant to South
Carolina. J. M. Crockett's parents were the Reverend Robert Hugh Crockett
and Miss McClannahan.

J. M. Crockett went to Obion County, Tennessee, from his native
state and in 1837 married Catherine W. Polk (Kate), daughter of John Polk.
His sister, Harriet Elizabeth Crockett (1810-1875), married his wife's
brother, Thomas Allen Polk (1810-1855) who was a Representative from Dyer
and Obion Counties at the 24th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

J. M. Crockett came to Dallas from Tennessee in 1846. He had a land
grant from Peter's Colony. He practiced law, was elected Mayor of Dallas
in 1857, again in 1859 and was acting Mayor throughout the War between
the States. He was Lt. Governor of the State of Texas from 1861-3, State
Representative from 1853-9. He was Worshipful Master of the Tannehill
Masonic Lodge in 1854. Crockett Street was named for him.

Emma Crockett Polk (Feb. 5, 1852-Oct. 18, 1942), daughter of Thomas
Allen Polk and Harriet Elizabeth (Crockett) Polk, married Addison Watson
Bryant of Kosse, Texas. Mr. F. C. Bryant of Fort Worth is their son.

The following Will is of John Polk, father of Catherine W. Polk
Crockett and Thomas Allen Polk.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN POLK

In the name of God Amen!

I, John Polk, of the county of Obion and state of Tennessee, being
of sound mind and memory, knowing the certainty of death and the uncer-
tainty of life, and that all men have once to die, and being desirous to
make a just distribution of this worlds goods that it has pleased God to
bless me with, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in
manner and form following to wit -

First, I give and bequeath my soul to God who gave it, and my body
to its author to be decently interred.

Second, I give and bequeath to my two youngest sons, JAMES and
WILLIAM Polk, all that measurage or tenements of land on which I now
live, consisting of three hundred and forty acres of land deeded to me
by John Linn, and to be deeded by the heirs of Andrew Linn, deceased -

together will all the premises, improvements, hereditaments and appurtenances there unto belonging to them and their heirs forever, subject nevertheless to be and remain in the possession and for the sole use and benefit and support of my beloved wife, Agnes Polk, during her natural life, then to descend to said James and William.

Third - I give and bequeath to my three eldest sons, Thomas A. Polk, Alexander F. Polk, and George Polk, and to my two daughters, Elizabeth S. Harper and Catherine W. Crockett and their heirs, all that messuage of tenement of land situated and lying near Troy, consisting of five hundred acres deeded to me by Thomas J. Poner, to be held by them and their heirs forever, and it is my will that said land hereby given to my said two daughters be and the same is hereby willed and bequeathed to them and their heirs only, for the use, benefit and behoof of their heirs absolutely - and to my said sons, absolutely, for their own proper use forever, to be divided between my said three sons and two daughters as above, share and share alike.

Third, I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter, Elizabeth Harper and her heirs, for the use and benefit of her and her heirs forever, one negro woman slave named Hannah, about 25-30 years of age and all her increase, those that she now has or that she may hereafter have.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my second daughter, Mary T. Smith and her heirs, for the use benefit and behoof of her and her heirs forever, one negro girl slave named Rhody, aged about twenty years and her child Rachall, and all her increase forever, as well as those that she now has or those that she may hereafter have.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my third daughter, Catharine W. Crockett and her heirs, for the use, benefit and behoof of her and her heirs forever, one negro girl slave named Siffrona, aged about seventeen years - together with all her increase forever.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my eldest son Thomas A. Polk, one negro boy slave named Samuel, about twenty three years of age - for the use of him, my said son, and his heirs forever.

Seventhly, I give and bequeath to my second son, Alexander F. Polk, one negro boy slave named Lewis, about eight years of age, and one negro girl slave names Patsy, aged about twelve years, for the use of him, my said son, and his heirs forever.

Eighthly, I give and bequeath to my third son, George Polk, one negro boy slave named Toney, about twenty years of age, for the use of him, my said son, and his heirs forever.

Ninthly, I give and bequeath to my fourth son, James Polk, two negro boy slaves - one named Isaac, about seven years of age, and one named Isham, about sixteen years of age, said two negro boy slaves for the use of him, my said son, and his heirs forever.

Tenthly, I give and bequeath to my fifth son, William, three negro boy slaves, one named Dick about fourteen years of age, one named Newton about ten years of age, one named Sandy, about twenty-one months old, said

three slaves for the use of him, my said son, and his heirs forever.

Eleventhly, it is my will and desire and absolute bequeath, that all the aforesaid estate both real and personal, be and the same is hereby given and bequeathed as to my said children as above, for the sole and absolute use of their heirs forever, to be by them held in trust for their heirs forever that the property real and personal bequeathed and given unto my daughter, Elizabeth S. Harper, to be held in trust by herself and her husband, Robert Harper, for the use and benefit and behoof of her, my said daughter Elizabeth's heirs forever, and the property given and bequeathed both real and personal to my son, Thomas A. Polk, to be by him held in trust for the use, benefit and behoof of his heirs forever - and the property both real and personal given and bequeathed to my daughter, Mary T. Smith to be held by her or her chosen guardian in trust for the sole use, benefit and behoof of her heirs forever - and the property both real and personal given and bequeathed to my son, Alexander F. Polk, to be held by him in trust for the use, benefit and behoof of his heirs forever.

And the property both real and personal given and bequeathed to my daughter, Catharine W. Crockett, to be held in trust by herself and her husband John M. Crockett, for the proper use benefit and behoof of my said daughter Catharine's heirs forever.

And the property both real and personal given and bequeathed to my son, James Polk, to be held in trust by his guardians herein after appointed for the use, benefit and behoof of the heirs of my said son James.

And the property both real and personal given and bequeathed to my son William Polk, to be held in trust by his Guardians to be hereinafter appointed, for the sole use benefit and behoof of the heirs of him, my said son William.

Twelfthly, I give and bequeath to my two youngest sons, James and William, all and singular, the farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture, horses, cattle and hogs, and stock of all kinds, and furniture and implements of all kinds whatsoever, or that is belonging to the plantation on which I now live and which is heretofore bequeathed to them, and which said furniture, tools, etc., is nevertheless to be held in trust by my said executors to be hereinafter appointed for the use, benefit and behoof of my beloved wife, Agnes Polk, so long as she lives, and at her death, to be by my executor, delivered up to my said two sons, James and William.

Thirteenthly, I will, bequeath, desire that all the rest and residue of my estate, of whatever kind or nature it may be or consist of, be appropriated first to the payment of all my just debts by my executor hereinafter mentioned and all the rest and residue, if any there be, to be and remain and it is hereby given and bequeathed to my beloved wife, Agnes Polk, for her and her use and benefit during her natural life and at her death, to descend to my aforesaid children, to be divided between them share and share alike.

And it is further my will and decree that my said daughter, Mary T. Smith, in addition to the foregoing bequeath to her, be supported out of the aforesaid remaining property and remain on the plantation with her mother, my said wife, during her life or widowhood and I desire my executor hereinafter mentioned to have her, said Mary T., well provided for in conjunction with my said wife during her my said Mary's lifetime or widowhood.

And further, it is my will and decree that out of said remainder of my estate, the sum of six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby given to my said younges two sons James and William, in addition to the bequeath heretofore given them, for the purpose of educating said James and William, to be held in trust and expended for their use by my said wife Agnes Polk, as she may think best.

Fourteenthly, I hereby appoint my beloved wife, Agnes Polk, and my son, Thomas A. Polk, my sole executrix and executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other or former wills by me made.

And also that my said beloved wife, Agnes Polk, and my son, Thomas A. Polk, be and they are hereby requested and appointed Guardians of my two youngest sons James and William, as herein to fore contemplated.

In witness where of I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this fifth day of October A. D. 1837

JOHN POLK

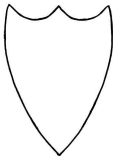
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named John Polk to be his last Will and Testament, in presence of us who have here unto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator.

John Linn
Joseph Smith

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WEeping WILLOWS

"The weeping willow has a romantic history. The first scion was sent from Sayrna in a box of figs to Alexander Pope. General Clinton brought a shoot from Pope's tree to America, in the time of the Revolution, which, passing into the hands of John Parke Custis, was planted on his estate in Virginia, thus becoming the progenitor of the weeping willow in this country."



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By

MARGARET ANN SCRUGGS
(Mrs. Carruth)

*** VII ***

Aside from "Tinctures" and distinguishing devises, the shield has several other important heraldic terms that are used to describe or to indicate the correct manner of portrayal.

Those that deal with the "field" (that is the main part or background, so-to-speak, of the shield) include the following:

Ermine powdered regularly with black tufts on white.

Ermine reverse-powdering; white on black.

Erminous black tufts on a gold-field.

Pean gold tufts on black-field.

Vair Refers to a series of small bell-like shields in rows of alternating argent and azure (silver and blue) so placed the base of the silver ones are in reverse to those of the blue, the rows horizontally in lines.

Counter-vair places the bases of each color together.

Potent refers to an obsolete word for "crutch", the devises in horizontal rows of alternating colors blue and silver in lines, the heads of the crutches not touching.

Potent counter-potent reverses the positions of the head.

One unfamiliar with both the terms and their "translation" would have a difficult time when the descriptions were not pictured. It is, therefore, recommended for those whose arms wear such unusual terms, a

picture be consulted - or the services of a competent heraldic-artist be secured, for nothing is sadder looking than a poorly, inaccurately done coat-of-arms.

Craftsmen and designers who specialize in heraldic works long ago agreed upon certain descriptive terms that represent various ways in which the field of a pattern is divided. Many of these are quite unintelligible to the amateur.

Among these latter are "battled embattled", "escartelle", "potent" and "potent counter-potent", "urdee", "radiant", "crenelle", "invected", "dancette", "nebule", and others equally as odd-sounding yet decidedly important in the production of the correct arms. By this rather brief enumeration, it probably gives the un-initiate as clear an idea of the necessity for heraldic training as is pertinent in so short an article.

The "field", as explained in a previous analysis, usually refers to the shield, although it may refer to any area. Thus "a lion's head ermine", or "a crescent senee estoiles", means over the head ermine (tufts) are arranged in a distinct way, and over the crescent are small stars.

The shield itself usually is of the period of issuance of the arms. In the case of very ancient arms, the shapes of the shield may be further determined by the country in which the person or family lived. Also, there are several shield-contours that apparently have been accepted as a rather standard usage, in the same manner as the knight's helmet is expected to be correct where there is nothing else to indicate otherwise.

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WYTHEVILLE DISPATCH - Virginia, 1884

DEATH OF A NOTABLE AND VENERABLE LADY.

Mrs. ELIZABETH LETCHER STUART died yesterday at the ripe old age of 83. She was born in 1801, and was the daughter of David Pannill, of Chalk Level, in Pittsylvania County, Va. In early life she married the late Hon. Archibald Stuart, who was a representative in Congress from the Danville District. For many years she lived in Patrick County and Danville, but for the last twenty years she has resided with her son W. A. Stuart in Russell County, where she died. She leaves behind her many descendants, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Prominent among her children were the celebrated cavalry leader, GEN. J.E.B. STUART and the late Dr. John D. Stuart of this county, beside the surviving son already mentioned, under whose roof she died. Our countyman, David S. Pierce, Esquire, is her grandson. She was a woman of remarkable intellectual gifts of rare accomplishments. For many years she has been a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, according to the rites of which she will be buried today at Saltville.

Peace to her ashes!

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OUR CREED: "A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants." — LORD Macaulay.

FIRST PROJECT STARTED

The Committee on Special Projects of the Dallas Local History and Genealogy Society has announced that its first project will be the compilation of a bibliography of all books and pamphlets in the Dallas Public Library dealing with genealogical material.

The project in Dallas is patterned from the St. Louis, Mo., project which published its report in book form in 1953, a copy of which is in the Dallas Library, and which has been termed a most valuable help in simplifying research by historians and genealogists in the St. Louis Library.

The work in the Dallas Library was started a few days ago and at the present time work has been completed on North Carolina, Illinois, and the French Huguenots.

The appointment of the entire committee has not been completed. The committee is anxious to have volunteers from the membership of the society to give their services in compiling this bibliography. The committee is also anxious for the members to work on the states, counties, or cities in which they have a particular interest.

Volunteers should call Mrs. James P. Owen, chairman, at EM-5259 or FO-8-8966. Three or four hours a week given by several workers would be greatly appreciated.

It is the desire of the committee to finish the inventory of material in the Dallas Library as soon as possible in order that the bibliography, which will be published in book form similar to the one of the St. Louis Library, can be made available to all members of the society and to any others interested in genealogical research.

MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING

More than thirty members attended the first monthly meeting of the new year, held at the Downtown YMCA at noon on January 17 and heard a report by President John Plath Green that interest in the work of the Society is spreading to suburban Dallas communities.

Members greeted with enthusiasm Mr. Green's report that he had received inquiries from persons interested in local history and genealogy in a number of the incorporated towns in Dallas County adjoining the City of Dallas, and the President was authorized to look into the possibility of organizing branches of the Society in such communities.

The temporary Finance Committee, headed by Mr. E. B. Comstock, presented a report recommending that annual dues for membership in the Society be set at \$5.00.

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To preserve church, cemetery and land records, testamentary documents, diaries and manuscripts, and other source materials wherein are chronicled the achievements of those who laid in the wilderness the foundations of this great community.

To copy and index all such records, and to catalogue them so as to make this information most readily available to present and future generations.

To collect and make available through the Dallas Public Library the published records of other States, whence came the Texas pioneers.

To exchange ideas and collaborate in devising efficient methods for genealogical and historical research.

The recommendation was unanimously approved on motion of Mr. Dee Brown Walker, with the proviso that the fiscal year start on January 1.

Mr. Charles L. Noland presented a report on a proposed monthly bulletin to be published by the Society, accompanied by a suggested layout for the publication and estimates of printing costs, which were approved.

Mrs. J. A. Wellborn regretfully announced that it would be impossible for her to continue serving as Chairman of the Membership Committee and Mrs. George Carlisle was appointed to head this committee.

The meeting adjourned after setting the date of the next meeting for noon, Monday, February 21, at the Downtown YMCA.

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Mrs. Margaret Pratt, head of the Local History and Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library, reports the addition of the following new books of interest to members of the Society:

Godfrey, Carlos E.: *The Commander-in-Chief's Guard*. Stevenson-Smith Co., Washington, D. C., 1904. Excellent book. Besides the history of the Guard, it contains information about the men — many times very detailed information — as to births, deaths, marriages, names of children with births and deaths and even the married names of daughters.

Green, Edwin L.: *A History of Richland Co., S. C., Vol. I, 1732-1805* (all published) R. L. Bryan Co., Columbia, S. C., 1932. Includes early settlers, land owners, Revolutionary men from that county (with places of birth), early Columbians, abstracts of wills relating to Richland Co., which are found in other counties, and officials.

Connecticut Historical Society: *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War, 1755-1762*, 2 Vols., Hartford, 1903-05 (Vols. IX and X of Collections of the Conn. Hist. Soc.). Lists the various companies, names of men, rank, dates of enlistments and discharges, with death dates in some cases. Very valuable.

Morgan, William M.: *Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, Galveston, Texas, 1841-1853*. Galveston, 1953. Gives names of people active in its organization, officials through the years, lists of members and some genealogy.

Ramleben, Guido E.: *A Hundred Years of Comfort in Texas: Pioneer German Families in Hill Co.* Excellent genealogical material.

Blasig, Anne: *The Wends of Texas*. Pioneer German families.

DeGarmo, Mrs. Frank: *Pathfinders in Texas, 1836-1846*. Genealogy of early families in Nueces Co.

Storey, William M.: *The Family Storey*. George Storey and his descendants, 1725-1955. (Gift of Mr. Boude Storey.)

Clift, Glenn: *A History of Mayville and Mason County, Kentucky*.

Wright, Elizabeth Anne: *James Dyer — Descendants and Allied Families*. (Gift of the author.)

Sabine, W. H. W.: *Sabine (e) — The History of an Ancient English Surname*. (Gift of the author.)

McNitt, V. V.: *The MacNauchan Saga*. 2 Vols. (Gift of the author.)

Carr, Namon: *Clinton County, Missouri, Wills*.

Clift, Glenn: *Second Census of Kentucky* (1800).

It will be noted that a number of the volumes listed above were gifts to the library. Persons buying genealogical books with the intention of giving them to the library when they are through with the books, should notify Mrs. Pratt. This would preclude her ordering the same book, so that the money that would thus have been spent could be used to buy some other needed works.

TEXAS HERITAGE

The Texas Historical Foundation, with George W. Hill as executive director, was chartered early last year. The establishment of the Foundation has been called "one of the most significant recent events in the preservation movement in this country."

This new group, set up with the advice and encouragement of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is designed as a co-ordinating agency within the State, much as the Trust itself is intended to serve the whole country. In the planning stage, the duties of the Texas Foundation were intended to be:

1. Designation and preservation of historic houses, sites and landmarks.
 2. Preservation of important papers, documents and relics that record Texas life.
 3. Publication and distribution of materials concerning Texas life and history.
 4. School utilization of historical resources and participation of school children in reliving the days of Texas pioneers.
 5. Publicizing the significance of historical parks.
 6. Use of the Foundation by organizations, institutions, activities and individuals as a clearing house for information concerning Texas life.
 7. Use of the facilities and leadership of the Foundation in the development of historical resources in every locality of Texas.
- To begin to carry out the work of the Foundation a number of sub-committees have been appointed. Among the members are leading citizens studying museums, houses, sites, landmarks, arts and crafts (including plans for an Index of Early Texas Arts and Crafts), finances and programs.

Among other provisions, the charter of the Foundation states that "the corporation is not organized for propaganda purposes and will not attempt to influence legislation or participate in political activities."

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NEW BOOKS IN THE DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Margaret Pratt, Head of the Texas, Local History and Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library, has reported that the following new books have been received by the Library and are now available for use by the public.

New Jersey Archives — Five volumes of Wills (1796-1817).

Cotton, J. B. — Maryland Wills, Vols. 3 and 8.

Pennsylvania Colonial Records — Vols. 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15.

Pennsylvania Archives — Third Series, 39 Vols.

Crozier — Virginia Colonial Militia.

Crozier — Early Virginia Marriages.

Crozier — Williamsburg Wills.

Vermont Marriages — Vol. 1.

STATE CENSUS

The Bureau of the Census has published a document containing a bibliography of all census records taken by States after the year 1790.

The publication lists in alphabetical order a description of the information contained in each census and the name and address of the person to write, if information is desired from such census. It further advises whether or not any fee is charged and the amount thereof.

For instance, anyone desiring a name search in the 1818 or 1820 Census of the State of Illinois may write to the Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library and obtain a reply without charge.

A copy of the publication by the Bureau of Census is in the possession of the Society. Copies may be obtained by writing the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for the charge of \$30. The publication has no number. The description given above will be sufficient for identification.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH CEDAR HILL, TEXAS

All of the existing records of the First Methodist Church, Cedar Hill, have been obtained by the Society and are now in the possession of its President.

The Church is one of the oldest in Dallas County, having been established before 1870. The first entry in the existing records is in 1874.

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The records include the oldest membership list available, records of births and marriages, and interesting portions of the records showing many of the Sunday School programs around the turn of the century.

The records are being copied, and a typewritten copy will be donated to the Dallas Public Library.

NATIONAL ARCHIVE RECORDS WASHINGTON, D. C.

Costs of records may be minimized by obtaining microfilms of records on file with the National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D. C. A new schedule of rates has been published, and a copy is in the possession of our Society.

Sample costs are as follows:

Positive microfilms may be obtained

from existing negatives at the rate of \$08 per foot with a minimum fee of \$4.00.

For a list of the positive microfilms available, consult lists of National Archives microfilm publications, National Archives Publication No. 54-5.

Negatives may be purchased for \$2.50 for fifty images to the nearest fifty.

This means that seventy-four (74) images may be obtained for \$2.50, whereas seventy-six (76) images would cost \$5.00.

Census films for the same year from several counties may be ordered at one time at a saving.

Anyone desiring microfilm should write to the following address describing the microfilms desired and requesting the cost thereof:

General Reference Section

National Archives and Record Service

Washington 25, D. C.

COUNTY RECORDS

The Society has prepared an information book on the counties of Virginia. Under the name of each county is filed copies of information which members of the Society have found useful to themselves and which should likewise benefit a person searching for information in that area.

For instance, under Lunenburg County will be found the various books in the Library by Landon Bell giving lists of tithes from 1754 to 1783.

Information may be found also as to whether or not records of marriages, deeds, wills and other information have been published.

Information to be included will be names of the county officials from whom information may be obtained as well as the location of maps or other helpful data.

Members are urged to contribute to this project.

SURNAMES UNDER SEARCH

Persons in Dallas, Texas, are searching for information regarding the following families. Those wishing to exchange information should contact the person at the address listed:

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Members of the Society desiring publication of lines in which they are interested should contact Mr. Charles Noland, 10135 Eastwood Drive, Dallas, Texas. Telephone No. DA7-2372 (Evenings only).

Anyone interested in donating to 1880 census of Texas fund should send check to Mrs. E. C. Schieffer, 315 E. Woodin Blvd., Dallas, Texas. Make check payable to Dallas Public Library.

NEW MEMBERS INVITED

Anyone interested in joining the LOCAL HISTORY and GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY is invited to attend our MARCH 31st meeting. We are sure that you will enjoy the information garnered from the various lecturers.

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Society now has a paid membership of 26 members. Persons interested in subscribing to purpose of organization are encouraged to send their check to the organization in the amount of \$5.00. Send fee to Mrs. George P. Carlisle, 5544 Vickery Blvd., Dallas, Texas (membership secretary). Make check payable to Local History & Genealogical Society. Paid up members are entitled to issues of this publication as part of membership privileges.

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TWO MEMBERS TO VISIT VIRGINIA

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Syron, 3502 Lindenwood, Dallas, Texas, are leaving for Highland County, Virginia, May 15, 1955, for a six-months residence, where they will study records in Augusta, Bath, Rockingham, and Albermarle Counties, Virginia, and Pendleton County, West Virginia, and Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Syron have promised to be of assistance to the Society in obtaining information from those counties which will be made available to members of our group. Their address in Virginia will be Monterey, Virginia.

COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER SESSIONS

At the March meeting of the Society the President, John Plath Green, told the group about a source of information sometimes overlooked by persons seeking information in the early colonies and states. He suggested that the Minutes of the Courts of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions be consulted. Few of these books are indexed. Searchers must turn through the pages carefully searching for names of people in which they are interested.

Appointment of guardians, acknowledgment of deeds, settlement of estates, complaints filed by one party against another, and judgments rendered thereon are some of the information contained in these records.

It is possible that where the dead records of a county have been destroyed, that the minute books of these Courts are still in existence.

1880 CENSUS

Mrs. E. C. Schieffer, President of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, has indicated that she has raised sufficient money in co-operation with other groups to assure the purchase of the 1880 Census from the United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. She reports that she still needs approximately \$75.00, and urges persons who have not already made a donation to do so. Persons caring to make a contribution may send their check to Mrs. Schieffer at 815 F. Woodin Blvd., Dallas, Texas. The checks should be made payable to the Dallas Public Library and marked in the lower left hand corner "for 1880 Texas Census."

MILLS ATLAS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

At the March meeting of the Society great interest was shown in the report of Mrs. Margaret Pratt, Head of the Texas, Local History and Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library, regarding the Atlas of the State of South Carolina prepared by Robert Mills and published originally in 1825.

Miss Hazel Peterson, a member of the Society, gives the following review of the book.

The Kershaw District, surveyed in 1820, shows the wooded area along the streams. Col. T. E. English's home and business establishments on Big Swift Creek, Love's Ferry, Col. Ballard's home, and Mrs. Love's Tavern are pinpointed.

Following the introduction by Mr. Hutson is a colored map of the state showing the location of each of the districts. Like the atlas of today, a brief summary is made of the various state resources, chief towns, list of governors, and census data. It is evident that the state was anxious to attract new settlers and commerce within its boundaries. Charleston was growing slowly, they complained, due to the lack of permanent capital—blamed particularly on the prevalence of yellow fever, to which foreigners and northerners were more susceptible than the natives. The out-of-state merchants having "accumulated fortunes in business, generally remove with their capital to the North or to Europe." The mountainous area, however, was considered "less afflicted by consumptions, pleurisias, and typhus fevers." The Sea Islands were reported to contain "rich vegetable loam of great fertility, producing abundantly black seed, or Sea Island cotton, corn, etc. The sweet and sour orange grow here with but occasional injury from the frost of very cold winter."

A brief chronological history of South Carolina from the granting of land in 1662 by Charles II is carried through General Lafayette's visit ("after and interval of forty-seven years") in 1825. This will be helpful for those unfamiliar with local history of South Carolina.

—Hazel A. Peterson.

ATLAS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, by Robert Mills. Facsimile edition of the original (published in 1825) published in 1938, by Lucy H. Bestick and Fant H. Thornely. (R912, Genealogy).

SOME EARLY EMIGRANTS TO AMERICA

The Society of Genealogists, London, England, has undertaken to publish, beginning with its March, 1955, Quarterly Magazine, the names of several hundred persons who came to America under contract, commonly called indentures. The earliest emigrant to be shown was 1683. They were to go to Maryland, Virginia, Barbadoes, and Jamaica. In the March, 1955, publication is contained three complete forms of indenture instruments which were used. The spelling and content of each of the instruments is exceedingly interesting.

The Dallas Public Library has in its Genealogical Section copies of the Genealogist Magazine where the names of these persons may be obtained and the forms of indentures studied.

Between 1818 and 1825, the General Assembly of South Carolina appropriated funds for maps of the 28 districts and a map of the state. This very rare book has been carefully reproduced in a limited edition of 350 copies. The original maps were made by 22 surveyors and compiled by Robert Mills, also well known for architectural achievements. Francis M. Hutson of the state Historical Commission has added an interesting introduction with details on the background of the atlas and its compiler.

Another welcome addition to the atlas, particularly to genealogical historians, is an index of the property owners shown on the maps—so that each family homestead or business can be traced according to the district they lived in. Names familiar to-day in Texas included: Taylor, Green, Wilson, Greer, Walker, Calhoun, Clark, Hawkins, Cole, and Pledger.

The clear-cut, delicate printing of the maps was done on heavy paper, with each map individually hand-colored. Streams, roads, and innumerable landmarks have been mapped and named. On the Chester District map, it is amusing to find Major Hill's Distillery located on Broad River a few miles upstream from Reverend Wm. Hughes' home. Other landmarks are Col. Thompson's Store and Tavern, Habian's Saw Mill, Col. Geo. Gill's P. O., Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church, Cobean's Tan Yard, and Col. John Taylor's Island.

NEW BOOKS

Mrs. Margaret Pratt reports that the following books have recently been received and are available for use in the Genealogical Section of the Dallas Public Library:

BOOKS IN THE TEXAS, LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Bishop, Wm. H.—A History of Roane County (West Virginia). Gift of Mrs. George W. Du Brul.

Goodrich — Revolutionary Rolls of Vermont. 1775-1783.

Mather, Frederick G. — Refugees of 1776 from Long Island to Connecticut.

—Egle, Wm. H. — Pennsylvania Genealogies, Scotch-Irish and German. (An essential basic tool for all those beginning work in Penn. Genealogy) microcards.

Stryker, Wm. S., Comp. — Official register of the officers and men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War. Microcards.

Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian War. 1755-1762, 2 vols. (Collections of the Connecticut Historical Soc. Vols. 9 & 10).

Raum, John O. — History of the city of Trenton, N. J., embracing a period of nearly 200 years. Microcards, (gift of Mrs. Lennie Wright Barrett).

Carley, Eli F. — Genealogy of Early Settlers in Trenton and Ewing, (N. J.). Microcards—(gift of Mrs. Lennie Wright Barrett).

Roberts, Clarence V. — Early Friends Families of Upper Bucks. With some account of their descendants. Historical and Genealogical information about the early settlers in Upper Bucks County, (Pa.). Many, many families listed.

Larned — History of Windham County, Connecticut, 2 vol.

NAMES UNDER SEARCH

Information is desired on the following persons and their families:

Akin Brzezalle (Brzezale),
South Carolina

Mrs. Douglas B. Stone, Box 67,
Portales, New Mex.

Jane Brasher, South Carolina
(mar. Elisha Nelson)

Mrs. John L. Eddy, 1311 El Patio Dr.,
Dallas 18, Texas

William Harrell, Arkansas (mar.

Eliabeth, Sarah Wallingsford)
Mable Harrell, 2184 Gaylord Dr.,
Dallas, Texas

Bythel Haynes, North Carolina
(mar. Pency Nichols)

Edna Haynes McCromick, 915 W.
Highland St., Denton, Texas

Hickman (Dr. Elliott Hickman family),
Va.-Tenn.-Ark.

Mrs. J. F. Huntley, 4505 Fairway,
Dallas, Texas.

Pauline Almina McLean, Mississippi
and North Carolina

Joseph C. Hammond, P. O. Box 768,
Carlsbad, N. M.

Sarah Ann Pierce (Welch), Tenn.-Ky.
J. R. Welch, Legal Dept., City Hall,
Fort Worth, Texas

Dr. Thomas Shearer, C. C.-Miss.

Lt. Col. Eugene E. Skinner, in care
Mrs. E. R. Laney, 4815 East Side,
Dallas, Texas

Eliza Todon Stretcher, Pennsylvania
Nolan Stretcher, 1235 S. Westmore-
land, Dallas, Texas

Thomas Ware, Va.-Ala.-Ga.-Miss.

Mrs. J. M. Neu, Box 673, Commerce,
Texas

Capt. James Wolf, Tenn.

Earnest L. Thaxton, 1917-8 St.
Lubbock, Texas

Jacob and Betty Coffee Wolford,
Ky.-Texas

Mrs. James W. Collar, 3589 Shelley
Blvd., Dallas 11, Texas

Parentage of Larkin Crutcher (1768-1861)

Virginia & Robertson Co. Tenn.
Mrs. Emma Crutcher Taylor, 1025
Bishop Ave., Dallas, Texas

Peregrine (called "Perry") Noland of
Md. and Ky.

Ledstone Noland of Ky., Estill Co. 1810
(born 1750)

Mrs. Margaret Scruggs Carruth, 3715
Turtle Creek Blvd., Dallas, Texas.

Herrington — So. Car., Ala. and Texas
Rutherford — Ala. and Texas

Lutrell — Miss. and Tenn.

Stephens — Ark. and Texas

Jackson — Ark. and Texas

Mrs. Jas. D. Lutron, Box 8737,
Dallas 16, Texas.

MAPS OF VIRGINIA COUNTIES

The Society has placed in the Virginia County Workbook with the Genealogical Section of the Dallas Public Library maps of all of the Counties in the western half of Virginia and in West Virginia. The maps are photostatic copies of an original first published around 1800. It shows old roads and Indian trails, together with some names of property owners whose homes were landmarks during that era. The map bears on its title the name of James Madison. The map also shows the names of the streams and rivers which will be helpful, especially where the name of the same stream has been changed at a later date.

The next meeting will be held at 12:00 at the YMCA on 28th April. We cordially invite you to bring anyone who is interested in our work.

We had 26 members and at the March meeting we enrolled 12 more paid members and since that time 8 other interested people became paid members . . . which makes a total of 46 paid members. Let's keep up the good work.

If anyone is interested in having an information published or any names you have been searching for — please write Mrs. Pratt at the Dallas Public Library or Charles Noland, 10155 Eastwood Drive, Dallas Texas.

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OUR CREED: "To forget ones ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root."—Chinese.

THE PRESERVATION OF ARCHIVES AND MANUSCRIPTS, AS VIEWED BY THE U. S. ARCHIVES BUREAU

The March, 1955, bulletin of THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES STAFF INFORMATION PAPERS stresses the importance of preserving archives in the following manner:

"The chief monument of the history of a nation is its archives . . . It is unquestionably as much a function of the government to provide for the preservation and use of its archives as it is to make laws and levy taxes. This is recognized in all civilized countries, and to neglect properly to perform this function is not only unbefitting the dignity of a great state, but it endangers an inheritance which future generations have a right to demand shall pass to them unimpaired . . ."

"The value of these archives may truly be said to be inestimable. In the transaction of current business those of recent date are in constant use while those of earlier origin are frequently referred to. They constitute the chief protection of the state against unfounded or ill-founded claims. In international discussions or disputes they are the principal source from which arguments may be drawn to support the contentions of the government. On them are based the titles to millions of acres of land and to thousands of patent rights. The actual money loss, to say nothing of the inconvenience, that would result to the government and to citizens as well, by the destruction of any considerable part of the federal archives, can hardly be calculated."

It is obvious that the above-stated principles apply in the same manner to state archives, county archives, and manuscripts, and their preservation, which is one of the purposes of the Local History & Genealogical Society, is of the utmost importance to citizens of this community and every other community in Texas. Such a program is encouraged by Dr. Seymour V. Connor, Texas State Archivist in Austin and by the Texas Heritage Foundation (whose new president is Karl Hohlitzelle of Dallas), as well as numerous other historical-minded groups in Texas, so that work on local levels may supplement that on state and national levels. In addition to Dallas individuals co-operating with the Local History & Genealogical Society's program, Judge and Mrs.

BOOKS OF INTEREST

The following books have been added to the Texas, Local History and Genealogical Department of the Dallas Public Library, as reported by Mrs. Margaret Pratt:

Early, R. H.—Campbell Chronicles & Family Sketches Embracing the History of Campbell County, Virginia, 1782-1926; published 1927. This is one of a collection of early record books donated this year by the Dallas chapter of Daughters of Founders and Patriots in America. It is a history covering the growth of the various communities in Campbell County, the religions, schools, politics, and cites leading citizens of different areas. Soldiers from colonial wars through World War I are also discussed. The last chapter is an alphabetically-arranged history of pioneer families and their descendants.

Slaughter, Rev. Philip—History of Bristol Parish; published 1879. This is another of the Founders & Patriots collection mentioned above. Bristol Parish was established in 1642 in what was then part of Henrico County, on the Appomattock River in Virginia. A careful account of the parish history is given, with excerpts from sermons occasionally to illustrate viewpoints of the clergymen. The second part of the book discusses families of the parish—including the Randolphs, Walkers, Eppes and Gilliams—and gives data extracted from the Parish Register.

Allen, Penelope Johnson—Tennessee Soldiers in the Revolution; published 1935. A roster has been taken from Revolutionary Army accounts of North Carolina for soldiers living in Washington and Sullivan counties of Tennessee. Wills of Washington County as well as marriages of Blount and Davidson counties are included.

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Broadfoot of Bonham, Mrs. W. B. Chambers of Sangre, Mrs. Leon S. Boatwright of Mahank, Mr. Eugene Bray of Paris, and Mrs. Balfour H. Clark of Corsicana have contributed their efforts toward this work and encouraged others in their communities to join them. It is a project that would be equally important to other communities and one which members of the Society would be happy to help organize elsewhere, or give other assistance.

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- Callar, Mrs. James W.
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BOOKS OF INTEREST—Continued (From Page One)

—Writing on Tennessee Counties. Microfilms and Books-in-print available on Inter-library Loan, No. 1; published 1954. This little booklet is not only handy for inter-library loans, but also as a good guide to Tennessee sources. Ask for it at Mrs. Pratt's desk.

Fields, F. T., and Humble Oil and Refining Company—Texas Sketchbook. This beautifully illustrated booklet is a compilation of several historical articles on Texas which were previously published in other Humble magazines. Donated by the author and also kept at Mrs. Pratt's desk for the time being.

Comstock, John A.—A History & Genealogy of the Comstock Family in America. Donated by Mr. E. B. Comstock. This contains excellent family material from early colonial New England up to the present day and the 48 states.

Pratt, Walter M. — House of Edward Winslow, Built in the Eighteenth Century at Plymouth Massachusetts; published 1950. Donated by the Dallas Colony, Society of Mayflower Descendants in State of Texas. This is a brief discussion of the Winslow house, purchased by the Mayflower Society in 1941, and the families who lived there. Numerous photographs, with a chapter also on the memorials established and other civic accomplishments of the Society.

Boston Transcript—on microcards; the first part of this early paper was part of a collection of material donated by Charles Noland. It is an excellent source for New England data.

Jones, U. J.—History of Early Settlement of the Junila Valley; published 1940. (Floyd G. Hoenstine is co-author). This is an account of the early pioneers and their hardships in settling the valley. Typical of the times are the prices quoted from Governor Morris in 1754 of \$150 and \$130 apiece for Indian prisoners alive and \$130 for the "scalp of every male Indian of above twelve years" and \$50 for the scalp of every Indian woman.

Pruitt—Migration of South Carolinians on Natchez Trace; published 1949. This small book is on old one, but one to remember. It lists the South Carolina families taking up land in Tenn

SOCIETY TO SPONSOR CLINIC ON PRESERVATION OF FAMILY RECORDS

The Society, at its May meeting, voted to sponsor a clinic early next fall for those persons who are interested in learning how to preserve family records.

The clinic will be primarily for beginners and for persons who would like to improve their own methods. It will be designed primarily for members of the Society, but non-members will be welcome.

The President of the Society appointed the following persons to be on the committee to organize such a clinic: Charles Noland, Chairman; Margaret Scruggs Carruth, Margaret Pratt, John Plath Green, Lolo Blair Ward, Tom L. Tipton, Jr., and Mrs. Gus L. Ford.

The clinic will be held in the evening in the air-conditioned offices of the new Dallas Public Library.

Persons who are interested should contact Mr. Noland at VI-3969, Mr. Green at PR-4851, or Mrs. Pratt at the Reference Room, Dallas Public Library.

essee, Alabama, and Mississippi after the Revolution, as they moved along the Natchez Trace (or Chickasaw Road) in spite of Indian raids and highwaymen.

Proposed History of William and Mary College—a small booklet donated by Mrs. George Carlisle. A list of all known students and teachers at this institution is included, spanning a surprisingly large number of colonial and revolutionary-day families. Ask at Mrs. Pratt's desk for it.

The North Carolinian, new quarterly magazine. Various county records, pension data, and 1800 Census of North Carolina are being carried in installments.

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SOCIETY FORMED IN BONHAM, TEXAS

Judge and Mrs. A. S. Broadfoot have reported to our Society that a group of interested persons have organized a similar society in Bonham, Texas, modeled after our Local History and Genealogical Society with the same or similar purposes. Our Society has offered to work with the Bonham group in preparing its Charter and By-Laws. The organization has been named "Fannin County Historical Society." Mrs. Broadfoot is a member of our society.

LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Miss Hazel A. Peterson was requested by Mrs. Margaret Pratt to give a report for our monthly publication regarding a set of books currently on the shelves of the Library in the History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Miss Peterson's report is as follows:

LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, edited by H. M. J. Klein, and published 1924 by Lewis Historical Publishing Company, Inc. 4 vols. (E974.8, Pa. shelves).

Attention is called to this set for its invaluable data on Lancaster County. The first two volumes are broken into several sections with data carried from colonial times to present day. Townships, boroughs, and other types of communities are taken individually with a discussion of their founding and early settlers, and subsequent development. One section is devoted to a detailed history of the county and military and civic services performed by citizenry. Other sections are included on industries, religions (from early congregations on), schools, and various club groups. Following a brief section on natural history in the area, is an appendix listing military personnel from revolutionary days through World War I, indicating company, rank, and family in later wars.

Volumes III and IV have their own index in Volume IV. These two are interesting in that they include biographies of well-known citizens as well as their ancestral history. Fifth references noted for data.

—Hazel A. Peterson.

The next meeting will be held at 12:00 at the YMCA on June 30th. We cordially invite you to bring anyone who is interested in our work.

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OUR CREED: "What you have inherited from your fathers, you must earn for yourself, before you can call it yours."—Goethe.

EARLY DAYS IN DALLAS COUNTY

In 1940, ninety-four-year-old Mrs. Alice West Floyd told the story of her early life in Dallas County to her daughter Miss Willie Floyd of Abilene. A copy of this narrative was given to Mrs. George F. Carlisle, well-known Dallas historian and writer, through whose kindness the story appears below:

"My father, Robert Gentry West, and my mother Mary Ryland West, came to Texas in the Spring of 1845 from Jonesboro, Tennessee. They brought with them three children, Helena, John R. and Ann, their slaves and household possessions. Their wagons were schooner wagons, beds tied together with chains in the center, four horses to each. The family rode in a carriage.

"Arriving at Farmers Branch, the family took up the land allotted to them by Peters' Colony as colonists. I was born there March 25, 1846. My earliest recollection was learning my letters put on the wall for that purpose. My mother and father organized a society for debates and spelling bees in the neighborhood. They had brought a fine library with them and supplied books for study and our books were scattered over the neighborhood and our magazines and newspapers were passed on till they wore out, so while we took all the magazines, we never preserved any copies. The magazines were: *Grahams*, edited by Edgar Allen Poe; *Arthurs*; *Godsey Ladies Magazine*; *Petersons*; *New York Ledger*; *London Times*; and later the *Dallas Herald*.

"We had no graded schools. The teacher was an absolute dictator. We had to furnish our own books. We did not have arithmetics for every child, so the teacher wrote the 'tables' on charts and the children used these. If the day was rainy and few children were able to go, the ones who went could go forward in their lessons as fast as they wanted to. The teaching was to individuals.

"The school house was built of logs with puncheon floor and puncheon seats without backs. We used slates which we held on our laps. There was a long writing desk against the wall with a bench where we had our writing lessons. The teacher's desk had two drawers—one for his personal use, the other for school things. We hung our wraps and our slates on nails in the wall. We had

a fireplace and a drinking bucket and common dipper, but each family had their own cups with their lunch. The best teacher we ever had was a Mr. Hudson, an Englishman, who had taught at Denton, Farmers Branch, Grapevine and Fort Worth; later he taught at Tehuacana. Each child brought his New Testament and each day began with Bible reading—an un-failing practice through all my school days, even through college. The school houses were our churches. The Baptist Church, west of our home was the first church to be built. The first child born in the community, a Keenan boy, was buried in Keenan Cemetery. Later Cochran's Chapel, a Methodist Church, was built.

"All the settlers at Farmers Branch were farmers. People ran their accounts for a year and when harvest came the bills were paid. Crops were wheat, corn, barley, oats, millet and sorghum cane. Crops were more abundant than now because the ground was new and more fertile. Mr. Fyke made furniture. He was a veteran of the Mexican War.

"In early days we had no country roads or pasture; fences, open country covered with high grass. One went in the direction one wanted to go. There were few trees except along some of the streams. We had a public road near our house, a dirt road over which many settlers traveled. Many camped near our house and Father invited them into the house to stay. Sometimes inclement weather kept them there for a week or two. All fences were rail fences, snake, stake or rider fences. The poles were made of split rails of hackberry, post oak or other available timber.

"I will soon be ninety-four—the times of long ago comes before me strong and clear. Of course my first few years I only know by hearsay. But by the time I was four I remember and forget so more. I remember my mother combing her hair. It was long enough to reach the floor as she sat in a chair. She parted it in the center, then off from each side and braided the back hair, then wound the braid around the cover the back of the head; then she smoothed down the front, where it came to the ear she put a comb to hold it in place, then carried the ends round the braid. She had a tortoise shell comb which stood high at the back of her head above the braid. It looked like a crown on her

regal head. Fair with blue eyes, she was a beautiful woman. Her voice was gentle and kind but her firmness was evident to all. Mother was a teacher. She taught in Tennessee and was the first teacher in our neighborhood when she came to Texas.

"A dress I remember was of silk fitted close to the neck a basque that fastened down the back. The front was gathered full and pointed over the skirt where the fullness was shirred. Bretelles of lace extended from the shoulders to the point. The dress was lined with heavy linen and boned with stays. The skirt was full and plain. The sleeves were tight with fullness at the elbow, the color was wine, the lace was silk and black in color with white lace next to the face.

"Bonnets were 'poke' with lace under the brim and flowers nestled in the lace. Sometimes plumes trimmed the bonnets and most women wore wrappers, tight fitting in the back and full in front.

"The Negroes spun and wove the cloth to make their clothes. Our clothes were made from material brought by wagon train to Hedgecott's post office and Pess Dunnaway's store. Peters Colony business was conducted in this same store. A seamstress came to the house and made clothes for us each season. Aunt Jane, our Negro mammy, and Mandy made clothes for the slaves. We wore woolen dresses in the winter, with aprons of wash materials over them. Dresses were much like those of children of today. Hoops were stylish when I was about ten years old. My sisters had them but I never used any but 'tilters'. 'Tilters' had no bustle but hid pieces of tape sewed to a belt to make a skeleton skirt with only a few wires at the bottom, maybe as high as the knees.

"We had guineas, partridges, prairie chickens, tame chickens, hogs, buffalo meat and deer meat to eat. We could stand on our porch and see deer run across the prairie. Plenty of fresh fish were taken from the streams. Brother John found a nest of wild turkey eggs, took them home and set them. When they hatched, we got a tame gobbler and from then on we had plenty of turkeys.

"Wild bees gave us a start of bee hives. The negro man my father owned, Levi, put out syrup to bait the bees, then followed them to their hives. Enough bees were taken to make a good start besides giving us plenty of honey.

"Dewberries and blackberries grew wild in the 'bottoms' and we planted fruit trees, peaches and plums; plenty of wild grapes grew in the woods, the vines hanging on the trees. School children used these vines to swing across the creek and back. The playground of my first school was fenced with grapevines. In the spring the prairies were beautiful with bluebonnets and other flowers.

"We had a good vegetable garden: beets, turnips, carrots and pumpkins were put up for winter use. Parsnips, potatoes and cabbages were put in hills, pumpkins were kept in a room in the barn. Our own corn and wheat were sent to the mill to be ground. The negro cook often gathered what when it was in the milk, removed the husk and boiled the soft wheat. It was called 'fermity' and was served with milk and sugar, and we thought it was delicious. Corn was grated before it was dry and used to make fresh bread. The herb garden had sage, sweet fennel, mint, caraway and red pepper. Medicinal herbs were planted in a special bed in the cellar where they were kept moist."

(To be continued in next issue)

CENSUS RECORD FOR TEXAS

Microfilm copies of the 1880 Census for Texas are now available for use as part of the Texas Collection of the library. These documents were procured through the personal donations of numerous individuals and a number of historical organizations, who realized the great value of this census. Since its arrival, the census has been in almost constant use by patrons, who have found data listed which cannot be located elsewhere. Listings include the age, sex, color, degree of literacy, occupation, relationship to head of household, state of health, state or country of birth, birthplace of parents, and other important data on the person being interviewed.

In addition to the 1880 Census, Mrs. Margaret Pratt, the department head, reports that the 1850, 1860, and 1870 Censuses for Texas are also available on microfilm. All of these records are arranged by county and by residence—as the census taker went from house to house down the road. It is important, therefore, that the place of residence by county, at least, be known so as to facilitate research on an individual.

Earlier records on Texas population are available in various publications. One of the most important sources of information previous to 1850 is Dr. Sey-

mour V. Connor's series of articles on the Peters' Colony in North and West Central Texas. An Englishman W. S. Peters and his family were responsible for the promotion of this colony, which drew settlers from all over the South, starting in 1841. Details will be found running serially in Volume 51—1953 and Volume 52—1954 of the REGISTER OF KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, in the article entitled "Kentucky Colonization in Texas."

Another article sometimes overlooked is "The Irish in Texas," by Rice, starting on page 60 of Volume XXX—1932 of the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN IRISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Therein will be found data on the early Irish families of South Texas, including the McMullens, O'Connors, and McGloins.

BOOKS OF INTEREST

According to the librarian, Mrs. Margaret Pratt, the following new books are available for use in the Texas, Local History & Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library:

Compiled by Old Settlers and Veterans Association of Falls County, Texas—History of Falls County, Texas. Donated by Misses Kathleen and Helen Ellis Caldwell.

Biggers, Don H.—From Cattle Range to Cotton Patch. Reprint of 1904 publication on West Texas history.

Strong, Capt. H. M.—My Frontier Days and Indian Fights on the Plains of Texas.

Smith, T. C. Jr.—From the Memories of Men. Stories of early Texas as told by the settlers.

Swisher, Col. John M.—The Swisher Memories. Published 1932, dealing with Texas pioneer life.

Reid, J. C.—Reid's Tramp. Originally published in 1858 on travel through Texas and the Southwest at that time. Reprint edition of 1935.

Campbell, Thos. H.—History of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Texas. 1936 Centennial Volume, the history from Summer Bacon, pioneer minister of Texas, through organization of the various churches to 1936. No index, but very well written and easy to follow.

Foreman, C. T.—The Cross Timbers. A history of the northern Texas timber area, published 1947.

National Council of Jewish Women, Dallas Section—A Picture Life in Dallas From 1872 To 1955. Written by Dallasites of several well-known Jewish families, their early life and accomplishments. This was a special project of

the Dallas Section of National Council of Jewish Women, and has been compiled in an interesting style. Copy donated by the Council to the Texas Collection.

Wilson, J. A.—James Andrew Wilson, Life, Travels and Adventures, the Greatest Fighter Living in Texas, Written by Himself, 1927. Narrative autobiography, most of which concerns life before arriving in Texas.

Poetry Society of Texas—A Book of the Year 1955. Another of the well-done poetry books by the society, a copy donated to the Texas Collection.

Austin, J. O.—Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island. Published 1887. As stated in the book, it compiles data "comprising three generations of settlers who came before 1690, many families carried to fourth generation."

Owen, Thos. M.—History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography, in four volumes. This is an excellent source of data for biography up to the early 1900's.

Knorr, C. L.—Marriages of Brunswick County, Virginia, 1750-1810. Donated by Mrs. W. O. Alvis.

Knorr, C. L.—Marriages of Greensville County, Virginia, 1781-1825. Donated by Mrs. W. G. Langley.

Knorr, C. L.—Marriages of Fredericksburg, Virginia, 1782-1850. Donated by Miss Kate White.

Knorr, C. L.—Marriages of Culpepper County, Virginia, 1781-1815. Donated by Mrs. J. W. Anthony.

Venable Family in America. Manuscript of the Abram Venable family of Manakin Town, Virginia, and Joseph Venable of Snow Hill, Maryland. Worked in brief form and easy to use. Donated by Mrs. Thomas M. Eldridge of Atlanta and Mrs. A. E. Kucera of Dallas. (Ask for it at desk).

CORRECTION, PLEASE!

Mrs. Charles Looney's address and phone should be: 4328 Lorraine — LA-4328.

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OUR CREED: "What you have inherited from your fathers, you must earn for yourself, before you can call it yours."—Goethe.

EARLY DAYS IN DALLAS COUNTY

Part II of the story of the life of the late Mrs. Alice West Floyd in Dallas County, as told to her daughter, Miss Willie Floyd.)

"Many delicacies were brought with supplies which the wagons brought from Shreveport. The flour, meat and such other supplies as we produced on our farm were added to the loads and freighted West to supply the government forts with food for soldiers and horses. Father had the contract for supplying Fort Cooper, Belknap, Graham, Phantom, and others. Mr. Tom Chenoweth was employed to be in charge of the supply train on the trips to the forts. A son of this man, Mr. C. C. Chenoweth, now lives in Abilene. Mr. Tom Chenoweth married Hannah Keenan, who had gone to school to my mother in 1845.

"The cooking was done in a kitchen separate from the house and was brought to the house by the negro cook or her helper. Aunt Jane was our negro mammy and did the cooking as well as taking care of us.

"As a child, I went out and gathered passion flowers and hung them from the top of the windows over the white curtains. The shades were made of braided grass.

"At evening time when the hands came by with the oxen, they put a bell on each and turned them loose. The toll of the bell at each step as they placidly walked to the pool for a drink echoed and re-echoed with a beautiful sound. We were always entranced by this scene of pastoral serenity. But the prettiest view was this same pool when the migrating birds stopped in the fall as they went South: long legged cranes, geese, ducks and black, white, red birds, many of which I never knew. For many years these birds came every spring and fall.

"Bedsteads were made of oak. They had four posts, sides fitted in and ropes used to lace them together. The underbed tick was made of cloth filled with hay, then the featherbed placed on top of that. The outside cover for the bed had a duffle that reached the floor, then a counterpane hung over the ruffles, and last a bolster trimmed to match the counterpane at the head of the bed and pillows on top of that. Beds were high enough to accommodate a trundle bed underneath. The beds were so high we

had to use stools to get on the bed. Some people had high old-fashioned four-posters with curtains.

"The chairs were made with 'rawhide' bottoms with the hair left on the hide. We had a big cherry chest and a small table used only for the Bible. The bookcase was built from the floor to the ceiling, covering half of one wall of a sixteen-foot room. The chimney was made of rock, the floors were oak. We had no rugs.

"Mr. Keenan's family lived about one mile west of us, Mr. Cochran's family about the same distance southwest. Dr. Gilbert lived about one-half mile south of us. Mr. Isaac Webb lived about a mile south and the Marsh family lived a mile east of Mr. Webb, and Tom Marsh lived a miles east of his father, and Ed Hunter lived a mile south of Tom Marsh. Noah Good lived east of Ed Hunter, and east of Mr. Good was the Fyke land then White Rock Creek. Mr. Cook lived north of us one mile. There were no other houses on the north side of us for three miles, then came the homes of the Nix family, the Chenoweth family and Hamp Witt. Other families more distant whom we knew were Rev. James A. Smith, and in the English Colony were the Jacksons, Morgans, Furseaux, Simpsons, Warners, Stanleys, and the Winns."

(To be continued in next issue.)

FORMAL LIBRARY OPENING SEPTEMBER 29

Formal opening ceremonies for the new Dallas Public Library will be held Sunday afternoon, September 25. Mrs. Margaret Pratt, department librarian, has issued a cordial invitation to members of the Society and their friends to make this particular day one in which to tour the building and enjoy the festivities. Visitors to Mrs. Pratt's department will be pleased to find controlled lighting, wide picture windows, blonde contemporary furniture, and material arranged for easy accessibility. Two new-model microfilm projectors, a new-model micro-card projector, and a rental typewriter have been provided to make research more comfortable. New glass of literature, history, biography, and cases display the fine Texas Collection other phases of Texas life and culture. The staff assistants will include Mrs. Watkins, Miss Hunter, and Miss Peter-

BOOKS OF INTEREST

Mrs. Margaret Pratt, the librarian for the Texas, Local History & Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library, announces that the following books of interest are available for research:

David Nelson Family — The Nelson family of Pennsylvania and Ohio, in manuscript book, including Nelson's career. Also donated by Mrs. Thos. M. Eldridge and Mrs. A. E. Kucera. (Ask at desk for it.)

Compiled by Leon deValinger, Jr., Delaware State Archivist — Calendar of Kent County, Delaware, Probate Records, 1680-1800. Donated by the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, in honor of Miss Mary Ethyl Walter.

Morton, Frederic — The Story of Winchester in Virginia.

Caldwell, J. W. — Bench and Bar of Tennessee. Published in 1898, biographical data.

Cyclopedia of Eminent and Representative Men of the Carolinas, Nineteenth Century, in two volumes. Written by various authors in 1892, covers both North and South Carolina biographies.

Compiled by H. P. Yoske and Philip P. Brower — Preliminary Inventory of the Land-Entry Papers of the General Land Office, Preliminary Inventory No. 22, The U. S. National Archives, 1949. Donated by the Texas Society of Daughters of American Colonists.

Compiled by L. H. Puseell and Elizabeth Bethel — Preliminary Inventory of the Adjutant General's Office, Preliminary Inventory No. 17, 1949, The U. S. National Archives. Also donated by the Texas Society of Daughters of American Colonists.

Bodge, G. M. — Soldiers in King Philip's War. Published in 1896, has considerable data on New England soldiers particularly. Donated by Mrs. Geo. W. DuBrul.

Mississippi Genealogical Society — Cemetery and Bible Records, Volume 1, 1964.

Clement, M. C. — History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1929.

Oldham, B. M. — Tennessee and Ten-

son—who already welcoming numerous patrons into the comfortable, air-conditioned quarters.

nessans, 1903. Donated by Mrs. George W. DuBrul.

William, C. W. — The Old Town Speaks — Recollections of Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas, Gateway to Texas, 1835, Confederate Capital, 1863. Published 1951.

Lackey, W. F. — History of Newton County, Arkansas; 1950.

Haywood, John — The Civil and Political History of the State of Tennessee. 1915 reprint of 1823 edition. No index, but valuable data on the early history of Tennessee and its origin from North Carolina.

Eso, C. B. — History of Crawford County, Arkansas.

Bailey, R. F. — Guide to Genealogical and Biographical Sources for New York City (Manhattan), 1783-1898; 1954.

Skinner, Lt. Col. Eugene E. — The Ancestry of Carolyn Gail Skinner. Compilation of data on the Skinner and numerous associated families, in manuscript form. Donated by the author. (Ask for it at desk).

SURNAMES UNDER SEARCH

Information is desired regarding the following persons and their families. Anyone wishing to exchange data may contact the interested historian at the address listed:

Bigby family, also Bigbee, Bigbie, Big-bea)

Oliver married Bigbee of Abbeville, S. C., and LeFlore County, Miss.

Mrs. V. A. English, 5041 Milam, Dallas, Texas.

Bradford family — Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee.

Was Joseph Bennett Bradford, Virginia soldier, descendant of William Bradford of Plymouth

Mr. Clifton B. Coffey, 2122 S. Valentine, Little Rock, Ark.

Davis, Elizabeth — married Edward Stretcher 4-13-1763 at Philadelphia. Fenwick was second son — who were other five or more children?

Mr. Nolan Stretcher, 1235 S. Westmoreland, Dallas, Texas.

Hunt, James — married Sarah Whitlock, will dated 1791, Virginia family....

Mrs. Marie Irion Turner, 233 Wichita Street, Shreveport, La.

Jacks, Nathaniel Wilson — probably born North or South Carolina, moved near Memphis, Tenn., then to Stewart, Miss. Son William Martin Jacks, born 1813.

Lt. Col. Eugene E. Skinner, c/o Mrs. E. R. Laney, 4815 East Side Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

Lowry (or Lowrey) — from Mississippi, William Chapel Lowry born 6-6-1830, came to Texas, Smith County, about 1848; brother "Hutt" Lowry settled in Eufaula, Oklahoma.

Mrs. A. Otto Allen, 510 North Center Street, Arlington, Texas.

Marshall, William — of Fredericksburg, Virginia, had son Roger Banks Marshall by first wife. Second wife was Roslie Meullon — they lived in Louisiana, where William died. Who was first wife?

Mrs. Marie Irion Turner, 233 Wichita Street, Shreveport, La.

McIntosh, General Alexander, as well as Captain Alexander McIntosh — first died 1780, South Carolina; second died 1828 South Carolina. Children and descendants?

Mrs. L. E. Allen, 5424 Edlen Drive, Dallas, Texas.

Noland family of Richmond, Ky. Levi Noland—Jackson Noland—John W. Noland—Charles Noland. Kentucky to Missouri—did family come from Virginia or from Carolinas originally?

Mr. Charles L. Noland, 16155 Eastwood Drive, Dallas, Texas.

Orr, Jonathon and son Daniel J.—Georgia and Alabama.

Mrs. Dan J. Orr, 4067 Prescott, Dallas, Texas.

Phillips, Catherine — married 1855 Jacob Daniels in Randolph County, Va. Parents John Phillips and Catherine Inzer. Grandparents?

Miss Naidene Goy, 211 North Phillipa, Hinsdale, Illinois.

Rogers, James Knox — of Natchez, Miss. (also John Byers, Jesse Lester, Peden families).

Mrs. Nell Anderson, 4128 Cole, Dallas, Texas.

Spearman, Thomas — wife Jane, son Wesley born Oct. 10, 1799. Virginia or Carolinas

Miss Roberta Rogers, Box 133, Denton, Texas.

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NOTE: Next meeting of the Local History & Genealogical Society will be Thursday, Sept. 29, 1955, at 7:30 P.M., in the Conference Room of the Dallas Public Library. Program will include an inspection of new facilities of the library for Genealogy and Local History.

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OUR CREED: "What you have inherited from your fathers, you must earn for yourself, before you can call it yours."—Goethe.

EARLY DAYS IN DALLAS COUNTY

(Concluding installment of the story of early life, as told by the late Mrs. Alice West Floyd to Miss Willie Floyd, and contributed by Mrs. Geo. F. Carlisle.)

"Usually we rode horseback everywhere; every member of a family had his saddle horse. My older sisters had their riding habits, high hats trimmed with long plumes which carried down to their shoulders.

"Father and mother brought three children with them to Texas and three more were born here — myself in 1846, brother Robert in 1848, and Mary Catherine in 1850. Brother Robert became a lawyer, studying at Lebanon, Tennessee. He was County Treasurer for two terms and the County Judge, the first native son to become judge in Dallas County.

"My sister, Helena, married Tom Winn during the war. He died within two years. Her second marriage was to Dr. C. C. Gillespie, the father of Charles Gillespie, who was so long a county officer in later years. Dr. Gillespie was also a preacher. Their children, Constance and Zilla, died soon after reaching maturity. Brother John married Emma Winn in 1865. Their son, John R. West, now county surveyor, has held that office for many years. Sister Ann married William M. Winn in 1860. Their sons, William, Hubert, Harland, Edward and Frank lived and served their county as good Christian citizens and their daughter, Mary Winn, is a teacher in the Dallas city schools. I married Thomas Henry Floyd in 1865. Of our ten children, five are now living: Mrs. Chas. Wooridge of El Paso, J. Douglas of Abilene, Mrs. W. E. Ryan of Abilene, Mrs. J. R. Williamson of Cross Plains and Willie M., a teacher in Abilene. Mrs. R. T. Davis, Nat and Thomas Henry all left families.

"My grandmother taught school in Tennessee during early days. My mother first taught in Tennessee, then in Texas. I taught during the Civil War and my daughter is teaching now.

"When I was twelve years of age, one moonlight night I awakened to find men in the yard dressed in white sheets and masks. I crawled across the hallway to Brother John's room, waked him and he got up, went to the door with a six-

shooter in his hand and confronted them. They wanted the negro, Jordan. They wanted to search the house for him but John refused permission, standing with the sixshooter in his hand. They left the yard quietly on horseback. I have often wondered how I had the nerve to crawl across the open hallway. These men were trying to stir up trouble between the whites and the blacks. Jordan was an inoffensive negro, kindly and well-mannered, but they wanted to hang him.

"I played a dulcimer at Mr. Huffhines, rode in the Santa Anna carriage at Mr. Witt's, and went to school at J. W. P. McKenzie's school at Clarksville, Texas. He was the beloved 'Old Massa' to many young men who later became famous in Texas' religious, political and educational circles. My sister, Helena, taught at McKenzie's College, and I was there as a student in 1859-1860. In 1864 we had no school in our community. People came and asked me to teach and after they insisted I consented, teaching for one year in my father's house.

"After the war we planned a double wedding — my brother John and Emma Winn, Thomas Henry Floyd and myself. We had the wedding on Sunday night before church services at Corhan's Chapel, the first wedding performed in the chapel and Mr. Masters said the ceremony, and Mr. McKenzie was there. We would have had him say the ceremony if we had known he would be present, for Tom, John and I were his old pupils. We went home in buggies and some forty or more people came to my father's house for the bridal supper, but I do not remember what we had to eat."

MRS. CARLISLE HOSPITALIZED

Members of the Society will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Geo. F. Carlisle, ardent supporter of historical work and close friend of many Dallasites, was hurt in a fall. She suffered a broken arm and other injuries. As this publication went to press, Mrs. Carlisle was in Baylor Hospital. (We hope you'll soon be up and about again, Mrs. Carlisle!)

LA REUNION HISTORY

George H. Santerre, one of the Society's members, has just published **WHITE CLIFFS OF DALLAS**, a very fine book on the old French settlement

of La Reunion and its contribution to Dallas history. This book has been "jacketed" by The Book Craft in white with gold lettering which readers will find very attractive.

OLD FORT RESTORED

The restoration of Fort Belknap has been completed through the efforts of various organizations in Texas and is open for visitors. It is currently being used as a county social center, and was also the meeting place for the Texas Library Association's Division of Archives and State and Local History, held October 15. Fort Belknap is located about two miles from New Castle, in Young County.

POETRY COLLECTION PRESENTED

The Poetry Society of Texas presented their permanent collection of poetry and other works of Texas writers to the Texas, Local History, and Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library on September 21. Over 500 publications were in the collection and had been acquired through the work of David Russell and other writers, over a period of several years. Presentation was made by the Society's president Martin Shockley and accepted by James D. Meeks, the library director. This valuable collection will be maintained in a special cabinet and will be added to by the Poetry Society, as new volumes are published.

Officers of the Poetry Society are: Martin Shockley, President; Arthur Sampley, Vice President; Pauline Crittentend, Treasurer; Catherine Case Lubbe, Corresponding Secretary; Lois Uphaw and William D. Harnsey, Directors. Miss Uphaw represented the group during the library's formal opening, when several thousand visitors saw the poetry collection displayed.

NOTES FOR MEMBERS

The series of lectures on learning how to preserve family records and do historical research will be presented Saturdays at 10 to 12 A.M. on October 22, October 29, November 5, and November 12. The meetings will be held in the auditorium of the new Dallas Public Library and will be open to all interested

persons without charge. Copies of the lectures are to be made available to those desiring them for a nominal fee.

The next regular meeting of the Society will be on Monday, October 31, at the YMCA, for 12:00 luncheon. Visitors are cordially invited at all times.

Mr. Charles Noland is Chairman of the Nominating Committee to suggest officers for 1955-56. He will be assisted by Mrs. Jane Alvis and Mrs. George F. Carlisle.

Mrs. Helen Anthony is working on records of the Lisbon Cemetery, and compiling associated genealogical data. She will, of course, welcome additional assistance.

MANUSCRIPTS IN LIBRARY

Among copies of local records and family papers, the following are in files of the Texas, Local History and Genealogy Department of the Dallas library and may be of interest to historians. (Mrs. Margaret Pruitt, department librarian, suggests that you ask for them at the desk.)

"Dallas County Surveys (exclusive of Peters Colony Grants)" including First Class, Second Class, Script and Donation, Bounty Grants, and map. Listed and contributed by Mrs. Geo. F. Carlisle.

"Abstracts of Navarro County Wills" 1848-1890, and other court records of Navarro County, 1835-1847. Contributed by Mrs. Balfour Clark of Corsicana.

"Fannin County Marriage Licenses, 1841-1845." Contributed by Mrs. Eddie Hodge of Bonham.

"Records from William Forman Family Bible, Plano, Collin County." Copied from papers of Mrs. Susan Dowell Reece of Waco.

"Chinn Chapel Cemetery Records," Denton County. Copied and donated by Mrs. Alma Lain Chambers, from "DAR"

records of Benjamin Lyon Chapter.

"Collin County Land Grants," exclusive of Peters Colony Grants, and

"Grayson County Land Grants," exclusive of Peters Colony Grants. Listed and contributed by Mrs. Geo. F. Carlisle. (Also several manuscripts written by pioneers of early Dallas).

Material on Virginia families and records for William Waters, George Head, and Bowdo in (Boudouin) family donated by Mrs. Lucille Kriach of San Antonio.

SURNAMES UNDER SEARCH

Information is desired on the following families and persons. Anyone wishing to exchange data may contact the interested historian at the address listed:

Ball family — Virginia and Tennessee. Parents of Tennessee Ball needed, married Anna Carr; with five brothers in Confederate Army. Oldest son John Davis Ball, born 1856.

Mrs. M. H. Walker, Route 1, Box 66, Grapevine, Texas.

Ballard, Barlett — son of John and Phoebe Ballard. Born 1808, Monroe Co., Va., died 1875 Boone Co., Ky. Married March 19, 1829, Sallie R. Hughes (daughter of George and Mary I. Hughes). Both lines needed.

Mrs. Robert H. Hayes, Box 741, Tyler, Texas.

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Christian family of Augusta County, Virginia. Mary Christian, daughter of Gilbert Christian and Margaret Stuart. Dates?

Mrs. Edward C. Clack, Burkburnett, Texas.

Evans family from England — Henry Adams Evans born Jan. 3, 1834, Gayton, England; came to America before Civil War, buried Terrell, Texas. Brother Alfred lived in Louisiana. English brothers and sisters: Louisa Richards, Hanna Whitehead, Catherine Edmunds, Elizabeth Whitehead, Betsy Whitehead, Ellen Ratledge, William, John, Tom, Harriett.

Joseph C. Hammond, P. O. Box 708, Carlsbad, N. M.

Parker family — from South Carolina to N. E. Mississippi; from latter state to Texas in 1873.

Miss Mabel Wilkerson, 423½ Neches, Dallas, Texas.

Roark family — Franklin and Henderson counties, Tennessee. Brothers William, John, and Russell; father John born in Virginia, uncle Barnett Roark.

Miss A. M. Trimble, 2911 Falls Drive, Dallas, Texas.

Tanseyhill (Tawnyhill) — Kentucky and South Carolina, 1796-1810-1820. James H. and Andrew Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest L. Thaxton, 1917 8th St., Lubbock, Texas.

Tansey (Tanzy, Tansy) family — Matthew's Tansey died about 1888, possibly near Waco. Married Annie ("Duckie") Rowe who came from near Montgomery, Alabama, with brother Ben. License taken out at Murkin. Matthew had relatives in St. Louis.

Mrs. Rosalie Walker, 5421 Victor, Dallas, Texas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESERVE THESE DATES !!!

The annual Workshop conducted at the Library each year will be held the evening of Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st.

Plans at this time are for Registration on the Mezzanine of the Statler-Hilton Hotel - next door to the Library - on Friday evening preceding the first Workshop General Session. On Saturday morning an informal Coffee Reception will be held also on the Mezzanine of the Statler-Hilton Hotel at which time additional Registrations can be handled for those unable to attend Friday evening.

Inasmuch as complete details are not available at this time for inclusion here, we urge all members and other interested persons to watch for newspaper announcements for further information.

Mrs. Harry Joseph Morris is Workshop Chairman for this year.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 28th - 1960 LUNCHEON - NOON YMCA BUILDING

Program Chairman, Mrs. D. R. Sellingsloh has been fortunate in getting Mrs. J. A. Wellborn to speak on "Suggestions On How To Establish Revolutionary Ancestors". Mrs. Wellborn has had much experience in this field and we urge all members to attend this luncheon meeting and bring interested friends as guests to benefit from this "how-to-do-it-yourself" training.

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From our friend in England, J. Stevens Cox the Antiquarian & Genealogist, comes a very interesting and valuable Quarterly. Many members will recall that Mr. Cox spoke before the Society some years ago while touring this country.

The Literary Repository is a Quarterly devoted to the Printing of Unpublished Manuscripts and Original Articles and also contains in each issue a Catalogue of Rare and Scholarly Books and Manuscripts. The Subscription for four issues is only thirty cents (30¢) in our money which includes postage.

Your Editor has found this not only very interesting and informative, but a very valuable source for varied books and pamphlets at most reasonable prices.

For those interested the Editor will be happy to give further details.

