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RESEARCH AREAS FOR GENEALOGISTS AND LOCAL
HISTORIANS INTERESTED IN ALABAMA.

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I must apologize to all of you for this distinct discourtesy in accepting an engagement to talk about genealogical work in Alabama and then being so professional as to dash off to Oklahoma to participate in an International Seminar on Imperialism in Africa. I feel sometimes that history is too rich for me; it provides my daily bread as a teacher, and it nourishes my extra-curricular interests about my origins. I should add how gratifying it is for those of us who are interested in history to find so many persons who share our feeling. There is no question that the role of the genealogist is an important one, as that of the local historian. The genealogist can, however, perform an even more important role by adopting the most rigid scientific methods of documentation to give authenticity to his findings and to open the road still wider for others who find themselves in difficulty.

From the standpoint of the genealogist, Alabama is a rich state with records for the most part in good shape dating back to the earliest days of her history in the Union. It is always wise to remember, however, that the early penetrations came from two distinct areas from the South where the cultural background was distinctly European and associated with Spanish, French and English colonial developments in the 17th and 18th centuries; from the North where the earliest settlers came from Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. In later periods Alabama was to furnish an extensive group of colonists for the West. Hence it is understandable that Texans should find themselves "involved" in Alabama problems.

The far-sighted work of Marie Bankhead Owen and her husband, Thomas, in providing the state with a worthy depository Archives has proved to be a timely way to preserve those official and unofficial documents and papers which are the very stuff of history. When Joseph Gregoire deRoulhac Hamilton missed in private papers for his great

Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina, Dr. and Mrs. Owen looted for Montgomery. And how fortunate we are. On the unpleasant side, I sometimes feel that our archivist and historians have not made extensive use of publications to inform an interested public of our holdings. Certainly, this is an important function of such a department.

From the standpoint of the researcher, Montgomery is the logical starting point for any investigation of Alabama sources. Copies of all Federal Census records are on deposit, extensive newspaper holdings, manuscript collections dealing with various families, marriage records, Bible records, obituary records, poll lists, wills, etc.. Copies of Georgia and Tennessee Land Lotteries are available here, I understand, as well as a vast amount of material on Confederate veterans. A master file of the Jones-Ganrud Collection, of which I will speak later, is on deposit. It should be constantly remembered that the Archives are not a substitute for a visit to specific counties where land abstraction proves as valuable a genealogical method as does the birth and marriage register. To attempt anything like a logical discussion of materials, I have arranged this paper in terms of categories and with your permission I will turn to this method to talk about Alabama's published records and possible areas for your specific interests.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA AND COLLECTIONS:

- a. Thomas Owen's massive BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF ALABAMA is the usual work which every state seems to have produced between 1900 and 1930. It is well known that most subscribers were able to secure entry and that sometimes genealogical information is very unreliable. The work should be considered as a "pat-on-the-back" sketch-book rather than a serious attempt to discover the notable men of Alabama. Nonetheless, much material exists here in the form of leads, and secondary information. But from the professional standpoint, use it with caution.
- b. William Garrett's REMINISCENCES OF PUBLIC MEN, published in 1872, contains a great deal of material devoted to men-of-affairs. If your ancestor participated in any of the legislative bodies of Alabama, more than likely he will be listed. An occasional glance into ancestry is included for the more notable statesmen.
- c. NORTHERN ALABAMA and SOUTHERN ALABAMA (1888). Although similar to Dr. Owen's work, these volumes do attempt to list the parentage and children of the more prominent citizens of each town and county for the year 1888. Much genealogical material of value can be found here but again, one should be extremely cautious. I have found numerous errors in that portion of concern to me.
- d. The D.A.R. index to ALABAMA WILLS, 1808 - 1870. This important collection was published in 1955 as a state effort by the Daughters. It is without question a valuable addition,

not only as a volume, but as a worthwhile project for the permanent record. Each local unit of the Society was responsible for collecting these records throughout the state, and as an added feature, most probate offices now have copies of individual counties which are available free of charge.

- e. A similar project is underway in the state to list all marriage records up to 1860 as a first project, and to 1955 as a second project. Those records for Madison County have been compiled and copies are to be found in the Public Library in Huntsville. All names have been alphabetized under "bride" and "groom". As each collection is completed, a master file is kept, and when feasible, the first volume will be published.
- f. REGISTER OF THE OFFICERS AND STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, 1831 - 1901. This is an important source because it normally lists the student's parents and home address.
- g. Rhoda Coleman Ellison's CHECK LIST OF ALABAMA IMPRINTS, 1807 - 1870. This small pamphlet proves to be an important list because it contains information on all of the newspapers published in the state from earliest times to 1870. Arranged by towns, the researcher can discover whether a newspaper was published and go to it for the usual birth, marriage and death notices that filled these papers. Newspaper holdings, however, are difficult to find. The Library of Congress is the most notable point to discover papers unless they exist in individual counties. The Public Library at Huntsville is trying to complete its collection of Madison County papers at the present time, and it will be quite invaluable. The State Archives have very good holdings here, as does the Birmingham Public Library.
- h. The University of Alabama and Auburn University (formerly Alabama Polytechnic Institute) both publish lists of Master Thesis' and Doctoral Dissertations in progress, or completed. A brief glance at either of these collections indicates that much material has been collected by students at these colleges and that their works deal extensively with early Alabama history. Special studies of Washington County, Madison County, Dallas County and Marshall can be found here as well as special works on individual towns, churches, persons, and epochs. All vary, however, from the good to the bad, and there has been an increasing tendency to "cut out" genealogical materials as unhistorical. Nonetheless, you might find such works helpful, especially the bibliographical material.
- i. Albert B. Moore's HISTORY OF ALABAMA AND HER PEOPLE (1927) is very similar to Dr. Owen's volumes listed above. This work contains some 1500 biographical items which should be of interest. Again, it should be pointed out that each sketch was written by the private individual and that material cannot be accepted as authentic or final.

COUNTY RECORDS.

My knowledge is non-existent here except that the records of Franklin County were destroyed by fire, though I do not know how extensively. This might be a good time for individuals in the audience to discuss this problem.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, CENSUS COLLECTIONS AND CEMETERY RECORDS.

Obviously, the local Probate Office will be the likely source for all official records of this nature. However, I would like to mention numerous genealogists in virtually every town who have private collections. For instance, many years ago in Huntsville, several interested persons visited the local cemetery and copied tombstones in an advanced state of deterioration. It is virtually the only record that we have of the oldest section of the graveyard, other than early mappings of family plots. Numerous old stones were used to build walls, etc.. Sometimes local antiquarians will be able to furnish information on what has disappeared.

Many probate offices are now investigating the use of microfilm. In Madison County, this work is proceeding nicely and if all goes well, the original records will be sent to Archives, the copies made by the W. P. A. in the 1930's retained for local use, and the microfilm preserved for the future. Too often, however, especially during the Civil War, the links used have faded to an extent that it is almost impossible to make adequate films.

The "records" problem is acute in most court houses, and there is always the risk of theft. During the celebration of Huntsville's 150th year, very valuable records of early courts were stolen as well as the original records of Alabama's entry into the union. The genealogist will suffer in the end if more cases are reported. Already in Madison County, several valuable wills have been cut out of the volumes.

In the initial development of the T.V.A., elaborate survey maps were made in Alabama for the northern counties. Section maps prove very valuable to locate graveyards. Everyone was listed that the surveyor discovered and carefully plotted. I discovered the old Jones "yard" near Huntsville by making a list of all Jones property, using maps to discover if graves existed on any of the property, and I visited them all until I found the right one. It was a happy day, because all stones (except the one that I needed most) were in prime condition. But here is a case in point. Fortunately the cemetery remained and had not been plowed under. Unable to discover the dates of my Major William Jones who died in 1832, I located an obituary in the Richmond Enquirer stating that he was near "his 55th year". This coincided with materials that I had elsewhere.

A project is underway in Alabama to persuade the Home Demonstration Societies to take as a permanent project the up-keep of private cemeteries that are no longer used. This would be a valuable way to aid historically though it is much more important to secure these records. Tighter laws are also needed to protect graveyards and to stop individuals from disregarding the dead.

One further word here. Mrs. Lester's collection of Southern Bibles contains a number of Alabama examples and they are extraordinarily valuable.

CHURCH RECORDS.

State Convention proceedings are available for most organized Christian groups in Alabama. Howard College, Birmingham, has a valuable Baptist Collection, and Birmingham-Southern has vast Methodist holdings (as does S.M.U.). The Episcopal records are found in the Office of the Bishop of Alabama, and the church has an official historiographer. Catholic records are available. Since births were not registered prior to 1900, individual church records are very valuable and some sort of systematic collection ought to be undertaken if only on microfilm.

Whitaker's History of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Alabama, and West's Methodism in Alabama are fine volumes, but there are no indices and genealogical material is scant.

Many local churches have privately printed histories, often with the names of members, etc.. A check locally could determine if such a history exists. But marriage and death and birth records should be examined if one knows what denomination the ancestor was.

EARLY RECORDS

Newspapers continue to be an important source, and Mrs. Ellison's work, cited above, should be examined for possible genealogical materials. The Government Printing Office has published the territorial papers of the Mississippi Territory and those volumes pertaining to Alabama should be a valuable source for names and lists.

The Department of Archives and History at Montgomery published in 1911 an extensive list of Revolutionary Soldiers in Alabama. An impressive addition was added in 1944 containing additional names found in the National Archives with short biographical information, or source data. This volume was published in the Alabama Historical Quarterly.

Thomas Owen published an extensive BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ALABAMA in the annual proceedings of the American Historical Association annual volume for 1897, pp. 777 - 1272. This enormous work lists virtually every book on Alabama published up to 1897.

The Archives is attempting to publish a list of all Confederate Veterans from Alabama, but the task remains an exceedingly difficult one. Certain issues of the Alabama Historical Quarterly contain information related to this subject.

COUNTY HISTORIES

Published materials vary here from the very good to the very bad. I am listing only those volumes that I know are available locally, and suggest, at the same time, that the interested researcher should not overlook

works available as masters or doctoral dissertations from Auburn or Alabama. Frances Roberts, for instance, has prepared an extensive study of land settlement in Madison County from 1804 to 1818 at the University of Alabama, and it proves to be a notable volume. The Alabama Historical Quarterly has published a number of brief county histories in its numerous issues, as well as extensive memoirs from the elderly. A complete file of the latter journal is located at S.M.U.

For other published county histories, these are the most notable:

1. Dombhart, History of Walker County.
2. R. L. James, History of Franklin County (see also Elliott below, #8)
3. Edward Betts, An Early History of Huntsville, 1808 - 1870. (Judge Taylor's memoirs of the county in the first issues of the Alabama Historical Quarterly should also be consulted).
4. Jefferson County and Birmingham. (This is more of a biographical collection than a history, but it is very valuable.)
5. D. J. Hamilton, Colonial Mobile.
6. C. G. Summersill, Mobile.
7. Inez Biggerstagg, Records of Walker County (including inscriptions from Cullman, Fayette, etc.)
8. Carl Elliott, Annals of Northwest Alabama. Two volumes have been published to date and they include such things as sketches of Early Cullman County, the Wakefield Family of Walker County, 1830 Census of Walker, Franklin County Gravestones, etc..
9. Green County Directory.
10. Farmer, History of Pike County.
11. J. B. Little, History of Butler County, 1815 - 1885.
12. Mattie T. Thompson, a History of Barbour County.
13. John Graham, History of Clarke County.
14. Prescott A. Parker, Story of the Tensaw: Blakely, Spanish Fort, Jackson Oaks, Fort Mimms.
15. Birmingham Genealogical Society:
Pickens County Marriages (Part of the DAR project)
Records of Pickens County (this includes census, church and Revolutionary records).
16. John Hardy, Selma: Her Institutions and Her Men.

17. Memorial Record of Alabama. A Concise Account of the State's Political, Military, Professional and Industrial Progress, together with the personal memoirs of many of its people. Two volumes, 1893.

FAMILY RECORDS AND HISTORY.

This topic is the most difficult to discuss because of the wide range of possible topics. Every genealogist knows what the problem is here. The most notable volume on Alabama is Saunders' EARLY SETTLERS OF ALABAMA. Although it is somewhat limited in scope, it is, nonetheless, an important source volume.

It would be advisable to check at local libraries for works that are deposited by individuals, especially works produced locally. In Huntsville, for instance, there are numerous privately printed volumes related to local families. One recently published (1957) concerns the Mastin-Irby-Echols-Spragins-Spottswood families. Generally local libraries try to add published genealogies that relate to specific local families, but they have not always been successful, and, too many libraries have been built in the very recent period.

It is advisable to discuss specific problems with the librarians and probate judges of each town who might give valuable leads within the town.

PERIODICALS

Three items are of interest here:

1. THE ALABAMA HISTORICAL REVIEW, published at the University of Alabama, this review is concerned with historical items written by professional historians and gifted amateurs. Occasional memoir material, letters, private materials are utilized by the historian and valuable references abound in this work.
2. THE ALABAMA GENEALOGICAL REGISTER, printed at Tuscaloosa, is an impressive series, now two years old. Census records, marriages, births, announcements, queries -- all of the usual things one finds in such a publication are available. Alabama desperately needs this sort of medium of information and it needs subscribers, contributors, funds.
3. THE ALABAMA HISTORICAL QUARTERLY, published by the Department of Archives and History at Montgomery, is a very uneven series, now in its 24th year. The review badly needs organization; it publishes far too many commonplace poems about the state, or the Director's remarks when a bridge is dedicated, or totally unrelated works by not-so-gifted amateurs. (Why publish a study on the origins of German National Socialism, or a work on the Confederate Navy by a 17 year old high school student?) However, a great deal of material of primary importance can be located here. I have tried briefly to list what I consider the more important materials, but each researcher might investigate.

- Vol. I (1-4) Thomas Taylor, Early History of Madison County.
Clinton's Early History of Tuscaloosa.
The Diary of Edward Crenshaw.
- Vol. III (3-4) Succession issue.
- Vol. IV (1-2) Brewer's History of Coosa County.
- Vol. IV (3) J. M. K. Guinn, History of Randolph County
E. K. Richards, Early Days in Chambers County.
Anne Elizabeth Newman, Historical Sketches of
Lafayette.
E. A. Powell, Fifty-five years in West Alabama.
- Vol. IV (4) Cemetery Records in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
- Vol. V (1) Weymouth Jordan, Early Ante-Bellum Marion.
- Vol. V (3) Annals of Louisiana from 1698 to 1922, by M. Penicaut.
- Vol. VII (2) Register of Gubernatorial Appointments, Civil and
Military; Territorial, February 9, 1818 to Novem-
ber 14, 1819; State, December 14, 1819 to October
4, 1822.
- Vol. VI (3) Census of 1820 and Abstract of Federal Census of
1830.
- Vol. VI (4) Revolutionary Soldiers in Alabama.
- Vol. VII (2 - 3) Colbert County Records.
Early History of Auburn by Anne Reece Frazer.
- Vol. VIII (3) S. Mims, History of Autauga County.
Mrs. F. J. McNeal, History of Autaugaville.
Autauga Cemetery Records.
J. D. Anthony, History of Cherokee County.
- Vol. VIII (4) Talledega issue.
- Vol. IX (4) John Witherspoon DuBose, Chronicles of the Canebrake
1817 - 1860 with numerous biographical sketches.
- Vol. X Margaret Farmer, History of Pike County.
W. L. Andrews, Early History of Southwest Alabama.
- Vol. XI R. L. Scriber's, History of Brewton
- Vol. XII and XIII Issues devoted to the Indians and the coming
of the Whites.
- Vol. XIV (3-4) S. A. Townes, History of Marion, Perry County,
State Militia, June 1865 to December 1865.
S. W. Catt, Unforgotten Incidents in Lowndes County.

- Vol. XV (1) Reconstruction in Bullock County.
- Vol. XV (2 - 4) F. L. Cherry, History of Opelika.
- Vol. XVI (1 - 2) Wellington Vandiver, History of Talledega.
- Vol. XVII Issue devoted to Baptists.
- Vol. XVIII Issues devoted to Montgomery. Vol. XVIII (1 - 2)
- Vol. XVIII (3) Original Limestone County Land Purchases. License Returns, Limestone County, 1826 - 1827.
- Vol. XVIII (4) Artificial Limbs furnished to Alabama Confederate Veterans.
- Vol. XIX (1) Mary Fleming, History of Dale County.
Oak Bowery Church Register
Oak Bowery Methodist Church Cemetery Records.
- Vol. XIX (2) Issue devoted to Claiborne.
Owen, Early History of Monroe County.
- Vol. XIX (3) Tallassee Muster Rolls for the Indian Wars of 1836.
- Vol. XX (1) Fannin Family Records.
- Vol. XX (2) Record of the Alabama State Artillery from May 1836 to April 1865, and its Reorganization in 1872 to January 1875.
- Vol. XXI Entire issue devoted to Russell County.
- Vol. XXII Not able to locate
- Vol. XXIII Confederate materials. This interest will dominate, I suspect, the review for the next four years.

STATE HISTORIES

These items are of uneven quality ranging from the very best - namely, Owen's HISTORY OF ALABAMA and Pickett's HISTORY OF ALABAMA, to the very poor. Although this type of material is primarily interesting to the Historian, nonetheless there is obvious material of interest to the genealogist.

Minnie Claire Boyd's interesting work, ALABAMA IN THE FIFTIES, is an impressive work as is Weymouth Jordan's ANTE-BELLUM ALABAMA, TOWN AND COUNTRY. Fleming's important work on Reconstruction in Alabama contains valuable information. Mrs. Virginia Clay Clopton's BELLE OF THE FIFTIES is a wonderfully descriptive work on Huntsville prior to the Civil War and during Reconstruction. Mrs. Clopton was the wife of Senator Clement C. Clay during this period. A recent life of the Clays by Ruth Nuernberger, published by the Duke University Press, is important. An

extremely rare volume is Anne Royall's LETTERS FROM ALABAMA. Mrs. Royall made a great trip through northern Alabama in the period 1818 - 1822, and described people she met, towns she visited, etc..

Numerous towns have published important historical materials in their newspapers and libraries should be able to offer information here. An important Civil War Diary by Mrs. Cabiness, I believe, was published in the late 1930's by the Huntsville TIMES. This work, some 120 pages in newsprint, indicates the hardships of the War and General Morgan's attempt to capture the city. (He was successful).

Not to be overlooked, though difficult to come by, are various histories of Alabama's military establishments. Histories exist for the 1st Regt., Alabama Volunteers, and the 15th Alabama Regiment. I have vague recollections of a volume that has been on our shelves at home for years -- "Alabama's Own", listing all Alabamians who served in World War I, or perhaps only in the Rainbow Division.

MISCELLANEOUS

Perhaps the most notable collection on Alabama History is that assembled by two sisters-in-law from Huntsville: Pauline Myra Jones Gandrud (Mrs), and Kathleen Paul Jones (Mrs. Howard Jones). These wonderful ladies have spent a lifetime assembling materials on Alabama and Alabamians.

For years, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Gandrud, have collected Bible records, court records, visited graveyards, talked with people, abstracted newspapers, used land abstractions - everything that related to the early history of Alabama. It is impossible to tell you what their records contain, less difficult to tell you what it does not contain -- virtually nothing of importance. Family names are indexed to printed volumes, and the JONES-GANDRUD COLLECTION (as it is called) is one of the most important historical and genealogical collections in existence at the present time.

To date, there are approximately 197 volumes of material indexed, with 10 or 12 still to be indexed, and others in the process of completion. There are over 1900 pages abstracted from newspapers alone.

The D.A.R. library in Washington has a master set, as does the State Archives in Montgomery, but these are not ordinarily available to individual researchers. Both Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Gandrud have individual indices which are elaborately coded in color for convenience. They have had plans for years to compile a useful master index, but as Mrs. Jones has said, "It would take a grant from the Fords or the Rickefellers".

May I give you an example of what sort of magic these ladies can do? Both are very old friends of my family, and both have helped me no end. We are not related, I might add.

In the Jones graveyard, in Madison County, there is a mysterious grave of one Alexander Jarrett, born in Gouchland County, Virginia, with birth and death dates. I happened to ask Mrs. Jones, sometime ago, if she knew what the connection was. This is what she wrote:

"Letters: Mrs. C. C. Persons, 202 No. Merrimac Drive, Fitzgerald, Ga. Some years ago an Alexander William Jarrett lived near Huntsville. He was b. 1820, m. November 11, 1845 Elizabeth Moore. He had an older brother, James Archelaus Jarrett, often called Archer. He was the son of Alexander Jarrett who came to Huntsville from Goochland County, Virginia. An uncle, Robert Jarrett, came also; he had a half sister, Joannah Wade Jarrett.

SENT: Marriage: James A. Jarrett to Eleanor H. Clopton, 25 March 1841, by P. B. Robinson, M. G.

Tombstone Inscription.

This grave has always puzzled us. It must have been a courtesy burying. i.e., the Jarretts having no g/y, buried him in that of a connection. Now we know Arabella Jones m. 1st a Moore. He may have been a brother of the Elizabeth Moore above.

And - Mary Avery Clopton m. 1st, Albert Henry Jones...and Robert Jefferson Clopton m. Mary Walker Jones...and James A. Jarrett m. Eleanor H. Clopton. I think by 1853 the old Clopton place had been sold (it has only the graves of William and wife, Avey). So --- that could be the "connection".

The Library has "Ancestry of William Clopton of York Co., Va." by Lucy Lane Erwin, with rather complete Clopton information if you want it. Robert J. was b. 4 June 1815, Madison County, d. ca. 1866 Coahoma Co., Miss. Only child listed, Emmett.

William Hales Clopton b. Oglethorpe Co. (Ga.) VA., 14 May 1813, d. Aberdeen, Mississippi, 11 February 1879.

m. 1st 27 June 1813 Minerva Caroline Phillips, d. of William E. Phillips and wife Eliza Brandon, and

2nd Cornelia William Brandon, b. 10 August 1827, d. Aberdeen, Miss. 12 Nov. 1911, d. Thomas and Eliza Brandon. Lists issued by name.

Mary Avery Clopton, b. 26 Sept. 1819, d.....m. 1st Albert Henry Jones, and 2nd, John B. Trotman.

Eleanor Harriet Clopton b. 12 Aug 1823 m. James A. Jarrett of Milledgeville, Georgia. Had Dixie and Hattie Jarratt.

I am not sure that I know more about Alexander Jarrett than before, but I certainly have enough material to do some serious speculation. Needless to say, I was impressed.

Both Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Gandrud are frankly willing and able to help with a specific question. Mrs. Jones lives at New Market, Alabama, and a letter addressed to Mrs. Howard Jones will reach her. Mrs. Gandrud lives in Tuscaloosa and Mrs. Pratt has on file a letter indicating what type of information she can furnish, with her address.

RECENT GIFT TO THE GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY

Our Dallas Public Library, Genealogical Department, is most fortunate in having received a gift copy of THE VANDEVEERS OF NORTH CAROLINA, KENTUCKY AND INDIANA, the work of Mabel Van Dyke Baer.

Printed in only 200 copies, by Whittet & Shepperson of Richmond, Virginia, who did an excellent job on printing and binding, publication was in December, 1960.

This presentation copy is particularly fitting for our Dallas Library, since one of the Vandevereers listed in the book, James Wellington Vandevere, son of W. W. Vandevere of Cleveland, Ohio, who financed the research and printing, resides in Dallas at this time.

The Coat of Arms of the Dominicus Family which was known in America as Van Der Veer Family precedes an excellent Foreword which defines and documents the Holland and New Netherland background of the family, leading into the North Carolina family in Rowan County in 1773.

The history begins with the descendants of John Vandevere, Sr. and moves into the areas of Kentucky and Indiana. Carefully documented where possible and in most details, the author in equally careful detail foregoes unauthenticated statements. Another very fine feature of the work is the explanatory references to counties, when formed and from what previously known area, etc. The format system employed is quite easy to follow generations and allied families through marriages.

The Vandevereers are carried through in wonderful completeness with births, marriages and deaths brought to 1959 and 1960.

Another excellent section of the book is the Appendices giving wills, deeds, land grants, tax lists, etc. Appendix XL is the reprint of an address by W. W. Vandevere at the Centennial Celebration of Haubstadt, Indiana (1855-1955). This is followed by Appendix KLI "Mergeritis" which many will find not only delightfully interesting, but possibly quite compatible with the readers views.

A very complete Index includes family names such as Ambrose, Applebee, Alspaugh, Archer, Atkinson, Attwood, Austin, Babcock, Baer, Ballard, Bandy, Barnett, Barr, Basham, Beamer, Beane, Beard, Beason (Beeson), Beckham, Beesley, Beeson, Beresford, Bergen, Boers, Boling,-- these followed by over 300 surnames other than the many Vandevereers (with the various spellings). Space does not permit more details, but the wealth of names warrants attention.

It is our privilege to express the appreciation of our Society and the Library to Mrs. Baer and Mr. Vandevere for this gift which will enrich our Genealogical Section and benefit many who use our library.

The Editor.

McMILLAN-GEORGE BIBLE RECORDS

Submitted by
Mrs. Thomas McMillan George III
(Suzanne P. George)

The Bible of David McMillan has no front or back nor the first 4 books of the Bible. It has been water soaked but the family records are in the middle of the Bible and were left unharmed. Enclosed in this Bible on separate sheets of paper were the family records of Joseph George and his wife, Nancy Warren, and that of Robert Dewilda George before his death. The George family Bible is in the corner stone of the First Baptist Church in Blooming Grove, Texas, placed there by Elizabeth David McMillan George.

The George record is as it appears in the Bible but with later additional information in parentheses found to be true about the children of Joseph and Nancy Warren George's family.

Ed. Note: Mrs. George's husband is a great-great-grandson of David McMillan and Martha Bell and she would be most happy to share information with any one interested in this family.

Copied from family Bible of David McMillan and Martha Bell, February, 1961.

I. First Page.

Robert McMillan, fourth son of David McMillan of Holm, and Elizabeth Kennedy, oldest daughter of David Kennedy of Craig, married 6th of March, 1794.

David McMillan borne 7th December, 1798
John and Twain borne April 1796 both died in less a week
William borne May 27, 1797
Mary borne 30th November 1799
John borne 20th August, 1802, died 20th March 1806
Thomas borne 19th July 1804
Alexander borne 30th September, 1806
James borne 19th October, 1808
John borne 14th Febry, 1811
Marion borne 26th June, 1813, both died January 1814
Anthony borne 17th October, 1815
Robert borne 29th August, 1817
Elizabeth borne 19th May, 1821, died 9th September, 1835
Mary died 21st July, 1827

True Copy taken from the family Bible at Polgawn by David McMillan in the year of our Lord 1837 and the 18th September of said year.

II. 2nd Page.

David McMillan married Martha eldest daughter of Jonathan Bell Esq. of Wilcox Co. Alabama. (Jonathan Bell b. 1781 N.C. d. 1843; wife Judith, Camden, Ala.)

Mary H. McMillan, eldest daughter of David and Martha McMillan married John W. George, February 27th, 1851

Thomas Bell McMillan married Fannie W. Anderson January, 1852

Missouri C. McMillan married Dr. J. H. Pressly, April 2nd, 1857

Elizabeth David McMillan youngest daughter of David and Martha McMillan married Robert D. George March 23rd, 1864.

Bettie Pressly married Edwin Montgomery Nov. 24, 1880

Missouri Bell Pressly married David _____ January 8, 1885

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David McMillan, a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, emigrated to the United States in the year 1818 and in 1819 settled in the Alabama Territory. Was born December 7, 1798

Martha McMillan was born December 24, 1806

Robert Kennedy McMillan was born Sunday, 19th April 1829

Thomas Bell McMillan was born Thursday January 6th 1831

Mary Hunter McMillan was born Monday 17th September 1832

Missouri Crump McMillan was born Wednesday 20th April 1836.

Elizabeth David McMillan was born Sunday, 25th September 1842

Elizabeth H. Pressly was born March 9th, 1859

Martha Bell Pressly was born Thursday, Feb. 28th 1867

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Top of page torn so that considerable information has been lost. This page contained names of children born to Elizabeth David McMillan and Robert D. George.

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Richard Warren was born Thursday January 22, 1874

Fannie McMillan George was born Monday, April 24th, 1876

Leila Gordon George was born Wednesday, December 30th, 1885

GEORGE

Copied from papers included in McMillan Bible put there and typed by Robert Dewilda George.

Joseph George was born in North Carolina, 1794, together with his only brother, John, moved to the Alabama Territory when about grown. (John never married - d. 1866)

Nancy (b. 9-21-1806 Burke Co. Ga.) daughter of Richard Warren, was born in Georgia, moved with her father's family to Alabama Territory. (Richard Warren b. 12_13_1763, d. 7-4-1834-5, Conecuk Co. Ala.)

To the union in marriage of Joseph and Nancy W. George were born the following named children. (All children born in Wilcox Co. Ala.)

1. John Warren George (b. 1830 d. 1901 Wills Point, Texas)
2. David Richard who died soon after leaving the University of Ala. (1831-1854)
3. Amanda Elizabeth, Mrs. Dunn, died and was buried in Fla. (b. 1835)
4. Joseph Wright George (b. 1837)
5. Martha George, died when a mere child
6. Sarah Frances George, Mrs. Wheadon (b. 1841 md. John Wheadon)
7. Robert Dewilda George (b. 1843 d. 1927 Navarro Co. Texas)
8. William Alfred George (b. 1844)
9. Labon Andrew George (b. 1846)

Joseph George, our father, died January 3rd, 1853. (Camden, Ala.)

Nancy W. George, our mother, died September 14th, 1888. (Camden, Ala.)

The father, mother and David Richard are buried in the cemetery at Camden, Ala.

II The following was made by Robert Dewilda George. (Migrated to Navarro Co. Texas in 1890)

Robert Dewilda, son of Joseph and Nancy George, and Elizabeth David, daughter of David and Martha McMillan, were married March 23rd, 1864.

To them were born the following: (All born Camden, Wilcox Co. Ala.)

1. Thomas McMillan George, Thursday, June 7, 1866 (md. Maggie Hodges)
 2. Mary Missouri George, Monday, August 23, 1869 (md. Robert Grady)
 3. Robert Dewilda George, Sunday, May 14, 1871 (md. Lucille McCormick)
 4. Richard Warren, Thursday, January 22, 1874 (md. Alva Hill)
 5. Fannie McMillan, Monday, April 24, 1876 (md. Dr. J. Foster Scott)
 6. Ora Bell, Sunday, March 31, 1878 (md. E. L. Ross)
 7. Elizabeth David, Monday, Oct. 11, 1880 (md. John Reid)
 8. John David, Oct. 13, 1883 (md. Mattie Dossey)
 9. Leila Gordon, Wednesday, Dec. 30th, 1885. (md. Tom Spires)
- Elizabeth David George, our dear wife and mother, died Dec. 14, 1909.

SOME RECORDS OF PRIVATE ESTATE CEMETERIES OF VIRGINIA

Submitted by:
Mrs. Lillian Schwertz
438 Mayrant Drive
Dallas 24, Texas

Marrowbone Estate. No longer in Hairston family. Graves to right of house in high brambles and hedge boxwood.

Sacred to the memory of	Joseph Hairston	Her husband's grave
MATILDA M. HAIRSTON	Born 1849	there, too.
BORN Aug 7, 1818	Died 1853	
Married 1837		
Died May 4, 1854		

Hordsville Plantation. Bassett, Va. Henry Co. Cemetery back of house.
(Home of Mr. Peter W. and Miss Mattie Hairston - 1961)

Erected to memory of	John Tyler Hairston, son of George R.
NICHOLAS HARDYMAN HAIRSTON	Hairston
Born March 1817	Married Pocahontas R. Cabell, Aug. 25,
Married to Miss Sarah Dilliard	1836
Jan 30, 1848	Died ----
Died Aug 20, 1858	leaving much afflicted widow, eight
	children and numerous friends.

(grave of) POCAHONTAS R HAIRSTON, dau. of Gen.
B.W.L.Cabell

John Tyler Hairston, son of Samuel W. and
Elizabeth Penn Hairston
Born Poplar Grove, Patrick Co. Va. Oct. 18, 1849
Died Martinsville, Va. Oct. 19, 1902

(grave of) Louisa H. Hairston (this was Louisa
Hardyman who m. Col. George Hairston)

Peter Wilson, son of John Tyler and
Louisa W. Hairston born at Shawnee
farm 1879 died 1918

other graves there

Berryhill Plantation owned by Alfred Sims. Beautiful old cemetery, surrounded by formal boxwood. Many more graves there I did not copy.

In Memory - Col. George Hairston born Sept 20, 1750, married June 1, 1781.
died Mar. 5, 1827

In Memory - of Elizabeth, wife of Col. Geo. Hairston, born May 13, 1759,
died Jan 26, 1818.

In Memory - of Marshall Hairston born July 4, 1802 died Jan 20, 1882

Ann Hairston - born Dec 21, 1802, died July 11, 1888, m. Marshall Hairston
Mar 12, 1820 or 29.

Sacred to Memory of Peter Hairston born 25 Jan 1770 departed this life 21
Dec 1813.

Ruth Stovall, wife of Samuel Pannill Wilson, daughter of Samuel and
Agnes J. P. Hairston, b. Oak Hill Va. Dec. 7, 1827, d. Windsor Mar 11,
1889.

Robert, son of Samuel and Agnes Hairston, born May 21, 1825, died Aug. 22, 1842.

In Memory of Samuel Hairston of Oak Hill born Nov 19, 1788 died Mar 2, 1875. Married Agnes J. Wilson

In Memory of Agnes J. P. W. Hairston, wife of Samuel Hairston, daughter of Peter and Ruth Hairston, born 22 Dec 1801, died 12 March 1880.

Sam'l Pannill Wilson born Aug 30, 1822, married Ruth S. Hairston Oct 3, 1848, died Winsor, Pittsylvania Co. Va. Nov. 18, 1894.

Samuel Hairston Wilson, son of Samuel Pannell and Ruth H. Wilson, born Aug 11, 1855 d. June 27, 1930.

Hallie Redd Wilson, born Nov 30, 1858, died July 3, _____

Sacred to memory of Samuel Hairston son of Samuel and _____ born Aug 25 1833 departed this life 29 Aug 1845

Sacred to Memory of Harden Hairston son of Samuel Harden and Alcey Hairston born April 20, 1857 died July 12, 1927

Peter Wilson Hairston born Nov 25, 1819 died Feb 17, 1886

Sacred to memory of Sarah Staples dau of Samuel Harden and Ailcey Hairston wife of James Dodge Glenn born Sept 21, 1867 died Nov 4, 1952

Caldwell Hairston born Oct 7, 1862 died Mar 11, 1902

Fanny Caldwell Hairston born Aug 29, 1834 died June 24, 1907

Sacred to the Memory of Samuel Harden Hairston born April 13, 1822 died April 27, 1870

Sacred to the Memory of Ailcey daughter of Samuel and Agnes J. P. Hairston wife of Samuel Harden Hairston Born Nov 10, 1830 died July 24, 1914

George, son of Samuel and Agnes J. P. Hairston born Jan 11, 1822 died Feb 9, 1866

Ann Elizabeth Lash born May 14, 1834 died Jan 1, 1925, wife of George Hairston 1855-1866

Wife of Forney George _____ -1877

QUERY

BOLLING

Need information on all descendants of Robert Bolling (1646-1709) the immigrant of 1660 to Virginia, by marriages to both (1) Jane Rolfe (Pocahontas" grand-daughter) and (2) Ann Stith, for inclusion in a comprehensive Bolling Genealogy being compiled at this time.

Colin James
636 Gaylord St., Denver 6, Colorado

May we remind our members and readers that we have provision for a "Query" section of our Bulletin if any are inclined to submit such to us. Ruling of the Board is that only Queries from members and subscribers are to be published, but we have made a few exceptions inasmuch as queries have not come from these sources.

"Female Department Graduate - 1866" Waco (now Baylor)

"Miss Mattie C. Dial of Sterling" (Texas)

b y

Margaret Ann Scruggs
(Mrs. Carruth)

Miss Mattie C. Dial was the second daughter of Captain Garlington-Coker Dial and his wife Pamela-Margaret Scogin. Capt. Dial was born and reared in Laurens S. C., son of Isaac Dial and his first wife, nee Ann-Amanda (called "Nancy"), daughter of William and Elizabeth-Honoria (Garlington) Coker. "Mattie" was christened Martha-Caroline, and was born (on Dec. 16th) in 1848 at the still-standing² Dial home some seven miles west from the courthouse square of Marshall, Texas, on what was at that time the main road westward. This Louisiana-type house, placed on a hill and in a grove of trees, each spring has the more than century-old flower beds outlined and filled with golden daffodils, the originals having come from the ancestral home in Laurens - nodding under many kinds of shrubs, also brought "from home", (South Carolina and Alabama, the latter being Mrs. Dial's "home").

The house has a wide central hall, as wide as an ordinary room, flanked on either side with very large double-parlours and other rooms that open into each other as well as into the central hall. There is a cross-hall, not quite as wide as the central one, which separates the four large and two smaller living quarters (bedrooms, closets, etc.) from the four front parlours, library, and "office" (counterpart of today's "den",) and has double doors that could close each cross_sectional part off from the central hall, making intimate dining-rooms, or card-rooms for entertaining. Each of the three daughters, the son, Robert, and their parents thus were enabled to have their own privacy when occasion arose.

The main dining-room, kitchen, and storage rooms of various sorts were all "below-stairs", in the semi-basement, for the main entrance (as customary with certain of the Louisiana-type houses) was raised more than ten steps above the ground, the steps leading onto a veranda that stretches the width of the house - the "basement" beginning flush with the main walls and all facing south.

Captain Garlington-Coker Dial was educated in law and in engineering. As all of his family were college graduates, several of his brothers taking degrees in medicine (one, who lived in Galveston, having been the forerunner of the great hospital and educational center there through his "office"-clinic in his front yard on the Bay more than one hundred years ago), attempted to give all his four children higher educational privileges.

- (1) Ref. Scurggs Gen. p. 182/6 and family records
- (2) Ref. personal knowledge of author
- (3) Ref. Scruggs Genealogy (Dunklin) p. 182-186

His eldest daughter, however, decided upon marriage (Mary-Isabella-Hastings Dial, wife of Major James Briscoe Scruggs), as did also the third child (Anna-Margaret, wife of William Hearne of Hearne) - but the second daughter, as seen by the above cited record, graduated from the college in Waco in 1866, and her Certificate-record is preserved at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School Library in Dallas, Texas. She was a brilliant student, a lovely-to-look-at, charming girl.

Her father "laid-out the public square of Marshall", and designed and superintended the building of the public buildings. He had a picked company of soldiers over whom he served as Captain, and often "joined forces" with Captain Scott and others against marauding groups of hostile Indians. Having been born 20th of April, 1810, he was quite young when he came out to seek his fortune in the west, arriving in Texas during the struggle for Independence, and taking part in it. En route through Alabama he met and fell in love with the beautiful girl who waited for him to discharge his obligations as administrator of his father's will (1835 Laurens Co. SC wills) by which he agreed to see that his large family of brothers and sisters were properly educated (which took more than seven years). They were married finally in 1845 in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, where her parents located at her earnest solicitation in order to be closer to her fiance.

"Miss Mattie", after graduation, became the bride of Dr. John-Sims Carrington - a dashing young physician - 1872. (Family Records) He was born 11 March 1833, in Charlotte Co. Va., son of Robert (1802 March 2nd-1845) who married Joanna-Tyler Bouldin (1800-1870). Two of his three sisters, Mildred and Priscilla, never married, but Jane married Albert Rust, yet left no surviving issue. Neither his elder brother, Thomas-Tyler, nor the younger Paul, left surviving issue, according to census plus old letters and family records.

Dr. John-Sims Carrington, born in Charlotte Co. Virginia, lived in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana and in Hempstead Co. Arkansas before coming to Texas; and, after marriage, went to Colorado vainly seeking adequate living in a mining town as the official physician.

His father, Robert, was the youngest of the four children of Judge Paul Carrington "of Mulberry Hill" and his second wife, nee Priscilla Sims, (who died 15 Sept. 1803 "in her 86th year"), a daughter of John Sims of Halifax, Va. and his wife Agnes...Judge Carrington was aged 65 when he married Priscilla on the 6th of March in 1792. His first wife (wed c. 1755) Margaret Reade's progeny were written about in "Cabells and Their Kin", but merely the list of the four by the second marriage, with brief

- (3) Ref Scruggs Genealogy (Dunklin) p 182-186
- (4) Minutes of Court in Marshall (Harrison Co.) & Daughters Republic of Texas Lineage Acceptances.
- (6) Records in Charlotte Co. Va. Court House

notations, were given therein...namely Henry (1793-1867) wf. nee Louisa-Eliz'th Cabell; Lettice (1798----)wf. of Hon. Walter Coles of Pittsylvania Co. Va.; Martha, born 1800; and Robert born 1802, whose wife was Joanna-Tyler daughter of Judge Thos.-Tyler Bouldin and his wife Ann, daughter of Benjamin Lewis; and granddaughter of Major Wood Bouldin (son of Col. Thomas, 1706-83) and his wife, Joanna daughter of John and Ann (Contesse) Tyler.

There was an only child born to "Miss Mattie" and Dr. John-Sims Carrington, a dearly beloved daughter whom they named Pauline, born in 1873. The frail health of "Miss Mattie" deeply concerned her devoted husband, and all the relatives, and their fears were well-founded for she "slipped away" in 1876 (according to old letters) "in the spring of the year" - prior to a letter dated July 18th, 1876.

Following out her oft-expressed desires, Dr. Carrington placed his little daughter in the care of Miss Ermine Bagby of Waco ("Miss Mattie's" best friend) and later married Miss Bagby. There was an only child of this second marriage - a son - whom they named Wood-Bouldin, born 12 Nov. 1879, died unmarried 20 July 1937. (Waco Cemetery records). The little daughter married (after many years of teaching in Waco and caring for her step-mother) - in 1921, Joseph-Henry Simpson. They died, childless, about a week apart, he in April and she on the 3rd of May, 1953, in Dallas, where they lived, but both were buried in Waco.

Margaret Ann Scruggs (Mrs. Carruth)

(7) Family Records and Death Certificate

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Herewith apologies for the lateness of this issue of the Bulletin! This is not due to any delay on the part of our excellent copyist, Mrs. Josephine McEncrowe -- she did her part on time, but yrs. trly. simply became involved in many things and could not complete the issue on time.

Despite this situation, we felt it best to show the September date in order to have regular Quarterly issues and facilitate reference.

The Editor is in need of material for the December issue and future use. Our regular contributors have been wonderful, but we need family histories, more Bible records, etc..

Bible Records -- Bible of J. J. Hays, American Bible Society, 1850.

Jonathan J. & Jane Hays was married Feb. 26, 1822
Jonathan J. Hays was Born Apr. 9, 1797
Jane Hays born July 25, 1796
Catherine P. Hays Dec. 1, 1822
Mary D. Hays Feb. 20, 1824
William M. Hays Oct. 1, 1825
Jonathan J. Hays, Feb 10, 1827
John H. Hays May the 23, 1828
James J. Hays Jan. the 29, 1831
A still born son Nov. the 26, 1832
Martha J. Hays Dec. the 29, 1833
A still born daughter June 11, 1836
Thomas S. Hays Aug. 3, 1837

J. J. Hays was married to M.A.D. Medlock March the 12, 1857
J. J. Hays was born Feb. the 10, 1827
Mary A. D. Hays was born Jan. the 8, 1835
Laura Kate Hays was born June the 30, 1859
Warren Jones Hays was born July 30, 1860
Nat Price Hays was born Jan. the 19, 1862
Edger Martin Hays was born May the 9, 1863
Hunter Pryor Hays was born July the 5, 1864
Mary Jane Hays was born Jan. the 8th, 1866
Thomas Fletcher Hays was born May the 8th, 1868
Martha Louanna Hays was born Aug. 16, 1871
W. J. Hays was born Apr. the 15, 1874

Warren Jones Hays died May the 19th, 1861, aged 9 months & 18 days
Hunter Prior Hays died Jan. the 6th, 1866, aged 18 months & 1 day
Thomas Fletcher Hays died May the 6th 1871
Mary Jane Hays died Sept. 26, 1872, aged 6 years, 8 months & 18 days
E. M. Hays died May the 28 - '94, aged 31 years 19 days

Bible of Belinda Wood -- American Bible Society, 1829

Belinda Wood was born April the 8 day 1819
Matthew Skeen was born Oct. the 3rd 181? (torn)
Allis E. Skeen dau of Matthew Skeen & Belinda was born May 3rd 1840
Franklin Skeen son of Matthew Skeen & Belinda his wife was born May 11th, 1843
Diza Skeen was born Dec the 24th day 1843
Sherrod Roland S. een son of Matthew & Zipporah Skeen was born the 23rd
day of July 1855
Prissila Carlin Skeen dau of Matthew and Zipporah Skeen was born Dec
the 29 day 1856
Martha Ann Black was born the 13 day of October 1845
James Henderson Black was born July the 29th 1849
Ida New was born the 13th March 1861
Jim Franklin New was born Oct 29 186 (7 or 9)
Lillie Smith was born Sept the 18 1867

Bible of Belinda Wood (cont'd)

Franklin Skeen died 13 day May 1851
Belinda Skeen died the 2nd day of April 1853
Zipporah Skeen died January 12 day 1857

Matthew Skeen and Belinda Wood married July the 18 day 1839

TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS - EBENEZER CEMETARY
(on highway between Banks and Warren,
Bradley County, arkansas)

J. A. O'Neal died Dec. 12, 1886 - aged 52 yrs. ? mos. ? days. (Stone
broken) Masonic emblem

Mary A. Adams, born July 8, 1848; died Apr. 7, 1923

Josephine Hewitt, born June 24, 1850; died Apr. 20, 1934

Calvin A. O'Neal, born Apr. 3, 1856; died Apr. 7, 1939

Virgil O'Neal, died Dec. 22, 1883; aged 16 yrs. 3 mos. 3 days

John R. O'Neal, died Dec. 24, 1883; aged 17 yrs. 9 mos. 17 days.

Laura Allis O'Neal, born July 27, 1857; died Oct. 4, 1860

Nancy Emma O'Neal, born Sept. 8, 1858; died Aug. 7, 1859

William A. O'Neal, born March 29, 1863; died 1870

(Last three names on square stone with "children of J. A. and
M. J. O'Neal")

Sarah E., wife of A. L. Temple, born Apr. 5, 1833; died Jan. 21, 1917

John H. Temple 1823-1885

Martha Pyron, wife of John H. Temple 1835-1910

Oscar Temple, son of J. H. & M. P. Temple, born Jan. 14, 1878; died
Jan. 25, 1896

Joe Temple, born Feb. 22, 1861; died Dec. 18, 1899

James A. Temple, born Feb. 1, 1863; died Aug. 3, 1941

J. Havis Temple 1855 - 1937

Mollie Temple Grant 1865-1938

Minnie Temple Sanders 1870-1946

Richard Mack Temple 1871-1949



