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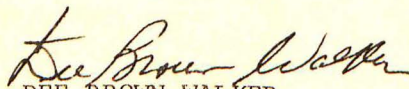
### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, JUDGE DEE BROWN WALKER

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Recently I requested that you send me suggestions for programs and projects. Only a few of you have mailed these in and I shall be very grateful if each member will mail his sheet to me as soon as possible.

We plan to have some very fine programs this fall and winter and we hope all of you will be able to attend.

Sincerely yours,

  
DEE BROWN WALKER  
President

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### Special Memo To Members

If you have not paid your 1963 dues will you please send your check to our Treasurer,  
Mr. Victor B. Gilman, 5332 Edmondson Avenue, Dallas 9, Texas  
Thank you

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CONTINUED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, 1963 - January, 1964

## GENERAL MEETINGS

- September 26, 1963 - Luncheon Meeting, San Jacinto Room, Y.M.C.A. . . . .12:00 Noon  
Reassembly  
Speakers: Mr. Chalmers W. Hutchison, President  
Fort Worth Genealogical Society,  
"Why Not A Family History?"  
Mrs. Edna Perry Deckler, President,  
Texas State Genealogical Society,  
"The Lure of Genealogy"
- October 24, 1963 - Conference Room, Dallas Public Library . . . . . 7:30 P.M.  
Speakers: Mrs. Walter March Burress, Historian,  
Texas State Genealogical Society.  
"Genealogical Research In Texas."  
Mr. Henry G. Askew,  
"Reporting The Highlights Of A Tour of  
Genealogical Research."
- November 21, 1963 - Luncheon Meeting, The Alamo Room, Y.M.C.A. . . . . 12:00 Noon  
Panel Discussion  
Panelists: Mr. Victor B. Gilman, Mr. Banks McLaurin,  
Mrs. Margaret Barret Pratt, Mrs. Lilian Schwertz
- January 23, 1964 - Conference Room, Dallas Public Library . . . . . 7:30 P.M.  
Speaker: Mrs. Henry O. Jones, Genealogist,  
"Genealogical Research."  
Election and Installation of new Officers for 1964.

NOTE: The above Programs scheduled by Mrs. James D. Lutrell, Sr., Vice President  
in charge of Programs, and her Committee.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- September 12, 1963 - Dallas Bar Association Club Rooms . . . . . 12:00 Noon  
Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas
- October 10, 1963 - Dallas Bar Association Club Rooms . . . . . 12:00 Noon
- November 14, 1963 - Dallas Bar Association Club Rooms . . . . . 12:00 Noon
- January 9, 1964 - Dallas Bar Association Club Rooms . . . . . 12:00 Noon

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A WORD FROM MRS. HARRY JOSEPH MORRIS, VICE PRESIDENT, PUBLICATION  
AND EDITOR OF THE LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY

Thank you for the reception given the Double Issue, March & June, 1963, and for the very kind comments. We are delighted that the Quarterly has been helpful. Your contributions of material have made it so. Please continue to send your unpublished material, typed, to me at my home address, 6840 Lakewood Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75214, so that we may all share it with you.

If any Member has failed to receive the Double Issue, March & June, 1963 Quarterly, please notify your Editor at her home address, at once. Thank you.

# Local History and Genealogical Society

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TO THE LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

Dear Friends:

During the Spring months your officers and board members considered various suggestions for making our society more useful to its members, and perhaps to others too, through the medium of the Dallas Public Library.

A committee, headed by our President Emeritus, Mr. John Plath Green, is studying these suggestions, and is presently working on the idea of holding a series of classes for instruction in elementary and advanced genealogical research.

It may be that some of our members would be able and willing to devote several hours a week to participating in some worthy project. We particularly have in mind preparing indexes for certain books, not now indexed, or certain sets of books, not presently indexed except individually.

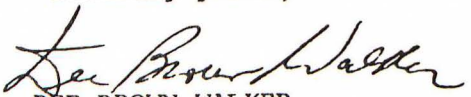
The idea of classes, or "projects", is tentative. We would like your suggestions.

Our society has the Membership, Program, Publication, and Communication Committees. Also, each year we use various special committees to operate our workshop.

I want each of you to help me in making our Society an outstanding one in our country. Won't you please notify me of the work you would like to do to accomplish this. Remember that I consider every member is on the Program Committee, so your suggestions for programs are always solicited.

Please return the information slip below to me so that I may have the information before me.

Sincerely yours,

  
DEE BROWN WALKER  
President

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My present Committee assignments are:

I would be interested in serving on one of the following committees:  
(Please list in order of preference)

I <sup>would</sup> ~~would not~~ have time and be willing to be a member of a team to help with some worthwhile project, such as indexing, or

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I have the following suggestions for our fall and winter work and programs:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT BY  
MRS. LUCILE A. BOYKIN, HEAD OF TEXAS HISTORY, GENEALOGY, AND LOCAL HISTORY,  
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ON INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH  
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AND NATIONAL ARCHIVES  
8 - 26 July, 1963 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

Every year about the 4th of July, from all corners of our colorful country, a curious group of inquiring people descend upon hotels and friends in Washington. Ahead of each is the accumulation of an amazing fund of information presented by scholars in genealogical research and by authorities in the collection of archival materials. Notebooks are filled - minds crammed with myriad facts. And snatches of experiences are heard from others, who, like they, have come to acquire first hand information about the archives and the techniques and methods of family research.

Among the class group this year were 4 librarians, a lawyer, a curator of a genealogical library, a genealogical magazine editor, archives staff members, five young people representing scattered states and genealogical interests, a minister, several women compiling family histories, 2 school teachers, an Army field band member, a banker, a political science professor, a home economist, a secretary and a director of college research.

States represented were: North Carolina, Maryland, Texas, New York, Minnesota, Virginia, Ohio, Mississippi, Iowa, Washington state and D.C., Arizona, and Pennsylvania.

To this reporter of the meetings, there remains an impression that the voluminous material delivered in lectures has scratched only the surface. Each lecturer could have spent several more hours than time allowed to cover his subject. Topics presented in the course ran the gamut.

Introductory to the first day was the color movie "Your National Archives" and a general tour of the building to locate the research reading rooms, the microfilm reading rooms and other services -- the binding and restoration offices, the microphotography offices and other equipment areas. Following a lecture by Dr. Jean Stephenson, a noted American genealogist, on genealogical source materials, methodology concerning note taking, citations and records, assignments for the term research projects were made. These were selected with a view to giving the class member experience in two or more of the following techniques: (a) evaluation of printed materials, (b) use of unpublished records, (c) use of bibliographies, (d) types and locations of finding aids, (e) locating desirable but little-known or little-used sources of genealogical sources of genealogical evidence. Time, nor space here allows full description of the projects from which the class members had to choose. This writer's assigned project was to prepare a chart listing the ancestors of one person back to and including the great-great-grandparents on all sides, insofar as they could be found. Each statement on the chart was to be supported by a page of verification - a page for each person listed. On the page were to be included the full name, places and dates of birth, marriage, death, name of spouse, evidence of parentage, and other pertinent facts as to life and career, citing in every case, and for each statement, the source of information. A brief critical evaluation of each printed work was expected.

Another project concerned the location and tracing of descendants of a given person down to the present day. One project required the reading of an 1850 census for a county in North Carolina, recording all persons over a given age, giving their birth place, other pertinent information, then checking later censuses to verify their place of residence. Another dealt with the collected information on 3 little-known cabinet members of the Hayes administration. Two persons compiled bibliographies -- one on the French in Illinois in 1800, and one, a Revolutionary War pensioner bibliography.

Several persons continued their own family research although this was not encouraged. The course had been devised to give the greatest experience in all

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records possible. Because so much stress was placed on accuracy, on correct citations, and on documentation of material, this writer hesitates ever again to appear in print. One knows full well after years in library work the validity of these admonitions, that the printed work often is to be doubted or is to be criticized. Great stress was placed on the erroneous claims made by many who have not documented their association with royal lineages.

To familiarize the class with other agencies, tours and a short project at each were given on the DAR library in Washington, D.C., the Maryland Hall of Records in Annapolis and the Library of Congress and the National Genealogical Society Library.

Dr. Morris Radoff presented an introduction to the day in Annapolis with a talk on research facilities in a state archives. Here, a visit was made also to the land office for practice in using rent rolls, inventory and tax indexes, and records.

Uppermost in our recollections of these visits is the cordiality and helpfulness of each staff member as we besieged them with our questions. Particularly interesting was the storage area of the Hall of Records for microfilms, bound volumes and manuscripts. Here humidity content is of grave concern to protect paper and bindings. The microfilm photography equipment, photostat machines and the restoration and binding departments were remarkable. Brief illustration was given of the treatment of the damaged manuscript or document from the washing process to lamination and preservation through the binding into book form. Perhaps here, more than any where did one come away with the feeling that true loving care was given each and every item presented the Hall of Records for its permanent collection.

Certainly the day in Annapolis from the lectures through the lunch hour walk around the charming, historic Capitol circle was indeed not soon to be forgotten.

Following certain lectures, a tour was given to the closed stack area, rooms where miles of records are housed in the National Archives. Brief problems were given each group of 4 or 5 to familiarize each student with the military service records, pension and bounty land files. In the map and federal land records tour exhibits were prepared for the class.

Especially thrilling in the State Department's records was the exhibit of two treaties. Each treaty had been accompanied by the original seal. The British seal was encased in a sterling chased silver box about 8 inches in diameter and about 4 inches deep. Lined with velvet, the box preserved the seal for the ages. The other treaty from Japan was encased in a black lacquer box decorated with gold chrysanthemums. The beauty of the containers for both documents and the significance of their contents is a rare privilege to experience.

Being in Washington for the first time in one's life is a heart-throbbing pleasure. To drive in at sunset from Alexandria across the bridge and to catch the sun's rays on the gleaming white marble of Lincoln's memorial and the Washington monument, thence, down the broad, tree-arched Constitution Avenue is a drive scarcely to be equalled.

Little time was left after lectures, library and archival research to enjoy the tourist's haunts in Washington. However, a night tour was enjoyed as well as an auto tour through historic Georgetown and its quaint streets. Mount Vernon was visited with a hectic Sunday crowd. The brief stop in Old Christ's Church was a peaceful interlude on that tour. And oft to be enjoyed in the mind's reminiscence is a rainy Sunday trip to Gettysburg and the battlefield.

There are several key thoughts of the Institute to pass on to all who are interested. The full import of the reference material our department answers for other libraries and individuals by letter was pointed out one day when a member of a former institute class visited a lecture and asked to be introduced. Her pleasure and sincere appreciation for the research we do through correspondence was a joy to hear. Early in the winter one of our staff answered a request on a death date and survivors of a certain man in Dallas. The Human Genetics Laboratory,



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Moore Clinic, of <sup>The</sup> John Hopkins was provided from our department's files an answer. Thus they were able to identify and trace some 700 persons. The individuals whom they sought have a peculiarity in bone structure of one hand. This had been a research project of some extent. Somewhat aside from the usual request in a genealogy department, it does point out the key to tracing a family -- a need for accuracy, for specific names, and step-by-step approach to a solution.

Dr. Stephenson regularly admonished each to analyze his problems, to know evidence needed, in order to move to another problem. The first step then was to survey the sources in an area for reference aids. Naturally, the card catalog of a library is the beginning of research. Here one can locate individual works as well as collected works, and manuscripts to aid one in developing the problem's solution. We were cautioned to remember also that tradition is to be used as a clue only. Because a thing is in print it is not necessarily right. Never translate a record one makes to what you think it is or was. Transcribe it as it is written. This is particularly important in dates because of the calendar changes. Parenthetically, here it may be mentioned that one speaker decried the use of dates e.g. 8/6/63. It was his contention much error develops after a period of time. He recommended the use of the day, the month, spelled out, then the year. It was urged that all persons make themselves familiar with the workings of a card catalog by consulting with the librarian. Browsing was not recommended as the proper approach to locating books and materials.

Much emphasis was placed on note taking, accuracy and methods. Orderliness, neatness, separate sheets or cards for each person whose data was collected and a systematic style for similar notes for different persons was stressed. Once a method is begun, this should not be changed because the opportunity for errors creeps in. A filing system for notes should be established early in the research in order that notes may be referred to easily. At all times when notes are being taken full information should be made of the source--author, title, edition, place of publisher, publisher, year of copyright, volume, if one, and page number from which information is extracted.

Several notes on several people from different sources should not be placed on the same note sheet. This eliminates inaccuracies on quoting authorities later. Always one should note the place -- locality -- where note taking was done, e.g. Dallas Public Library or National Archives.

Particularly important is the evaluation and the arrangement of materials after each day's note taking. Charting dates, names, and places and preparing for the next day's research is extremely necessary and important in order that one may make the most of each day's reading.

Two books to guide the researcher were referred to often: American Society of Genealogists. Genealogical Research: methods and sources; and Daughters of the American Revolution. Is That Lineage Right?

POPULATION CENSUS SCHEDULES: W. Neil Franklin, Acting Chief, Diplomatic, Legal and Fiscal Branch, National Archives

Mr. Franklin in his lecture on population census referred to the service of the Federal Records Center, 111 West Winnebago Street, Saint Louis 8, Missouri. A voluminous card index relating to the 1880 population census includes an entry for each person who was a member of a family which included a child 10 years or less. This service is by mail only. No charge is made. When a card for a specified person is located, the Center sends the inquirer a written summary of the carded data concerning that person.

PASSENGER LISTS AND PENSION AND BOUNTY LAND WARRANT FILES: Frank E. Bridgers  
Genealogical and Local History Specialist, Central Research Room Branch,  
National Archives

Because of the extensive and important information in passenger lists, it is

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urged that each of you read the pamphlet prepared by Mr. Bridger, the lecturer. This list and the postal records are perhaps as exciting a collection of records as the archives has. "Outline of Lecture on Passenger Arrival Records" will be at the information desk in Genealogy Department. It is called to your attention that the California Historical Society has an alphabetical 40,000 name index to the lists of passenger (sea and overland) arrivals, chiefly 1820-1869.

To have any search of records made it is necessary to have name of passenger, name of port entry, name of vessel, and the approximate date of arrival or the name of port of embarkation and the exact date of arrival. Where specific information cannot be furnished a search of the indexes can be made if in addition to the name of the passenger the name of the port of entry and the supposed year of arrival are given.

Although many persons know about the pension and bounty land warrant files, it is here noted that Confederate pension application files will be found chiefly in various State repositories. A list of these addresses will be maintained at the information desk in the Genealogy department.

Pension and bounty-land warrant application files do not include applications and supporting papers submitted before November 8, 1800, which apparently were destroyed in a fire in the War Department on that date. A few records relating to these applications, have, however, survived.

Located in the Federal Records Center, Alexandria, Virginia, The Veterans Administration, Washington, 25, D.C. has information about pension application files relating to claims based on service in World War I and II and the Korean War.

An article Mr. Bridger referred to is by Mary Gouvier Ainsworth, "Recently Discovered Records Relating to Revolutionary War Veterans Who Applied for Pensions Under the Act of 1792", National Genealogical Society Quarterly, vol. 46, nos. 1 and 2, March and June, 1958. The article concerns invalid pensioners listed in a War Department record book entitled "War Office Letter Book, 1791-94."

MAPS AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MIGRATION: Mr. Herman Friis, Cartographic Records Division, National Archives

Mr. Friis illustrated his talk with numerous charts and maps showing migration trails, population movement and development. Too little do we all take into account the extremely important information we can obtain from maps which give names of land owners, locations of schools, churches and roads as well as cemeteries and other aspects of our genealogy needs. Bulletin #103 Cartographic Records of the Bureau of the Census will prove useful to patrons. Mr. Friis, in the map exhibit, had for display also a surveyor's daily record book from which he quoted the writer's impressions of the area he was surveying. This portrayed but another thread in the warp of the research pattern.

POST OFFICE RECORDS: Mr. Arthur Hecht, Archivist, Social and Economic Branch National Archives

Postal personnel records in the National Archives is a unique collection. They contain the names of employees; titles of their positions; dates of employment, separation and other status changes; annual salaries, places of their work; occasionally places of birth; from whence (State or territory) appointed; brief biographical data; and dates of marriage and death. Inquirers must furnish name of the post office and its state and county locations. Title of position and approximate period of employment is needed for postal personnel other than postmasters.

Scope of postal personnel records: The postal personnel records (1773-1953) are mainly lists (manuscript and typewritten), orders in the form of statements, mail contracts, and correspondence by the Post Office Department relating to postmaster; mail contractors; postal inspectors; departmental employees; clerks; letter carriers; custodial force for operating and maintaining public buildings under the Post Office Department; mail messengers; special, route, local, blank and stamp

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agents; and employees of the Cuban, Philippine Islands, and Puerto Rican postal service.

Also of interest are steamboat and mail boat and transportation employees postal records.

MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS: James M. Moore, Staff, National Archives

Mr. Moore and his assistants prepared and assisted the class in locating answers to questions they had devised to give experience in examining various types of the military, pension and bounty land files. Although these files are closed to the public, each class member has a clearer picture of the reasons for complete information when requesting materials. (To be continued)

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NEW BOOKS IN TEXAS HISTORY AND GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT OF THE DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
March 1963 through June 1963

By Mrs. Lucile A. Boykin, Head of Department

GENEALOGY BOOKS - STARRED BOOKS ARE GIFTS

<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
Alexander, E. P.	Military Memoirs of a Confederate
Allcock, Hubert	Heraldic Design
*Barrett, Mrs. Linnie Wright (comp) (gift of comp.)	Miscellaneous United States Census Records
Beaudry, Rev. Louis N.	Historic records of the 5th New York Cavalry
Blum, Mrs. Willetta	The Rudolph Family of Virginia
*Brantley, J. Vernon (Mrs. Louise B. Vernon)	Some of the Green Brantley Descendants
Bromwell, Henrietta E.	Old Maryland Families
Browne, George Wald	History of Hillsborough 1735-1921 (N.H.)
Burke	Burke's General Armory
*Campbell, Leslie Lyle (Anna Campbell Moore)	The Campbell clan in Virginia
Crozier, William	General Armory
Crozier, William	Westmoreland County
*Dillon, Dr. Charles Raymond	Puritt-Prewitt Ancestors
Dunaway, W. F.	The Scotch-Irish of Colonial Pennsylvania
Ellsberry, E. P.	Missouri county records, Linn Co. cemetery records: Rose Hill and St. Michaels
Elmer, Lucius	Constitution and Govt. of Prov. and State of New Jersey
Flagg, Charles A.	Guide to Massachusetts Local History
*Friend, Carter Watkins (Mrs. Floy Friend Hume)	The Descendants of Captain Thomas Friend
Fuller, Oliver P.	The History of Waruirck 1642-1875
*Garrison, Rev. J. (Mrs. Charles L. Syron)	The History of the Reformed Church in Virginia
Georgia, Effingham Co.	The early records of Ebenezer Church, Georgia
Gott, John K.	A History of Marshall, Fauquier Co., Virginia
Hine	Woodside-The North End of Newark N.J. - history legends, 1743-1909
Janvier, Thomas	The Dutch founding of New York
Jewell, Walter T.	Loudoun Co., Marriage Bonds 1862-1850. Va.
Lewis, Thomas M.N.	Tribes that Slumber; Indian times in the Tennessee Region.
*McGuire, Mrs. C. P. (Mrs. Linnie Wright Barrett)	Early St. Clair County Alabama Records

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<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>STARRED BOOKS ARE GIFTS</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
McIlhaney, Hugh		Some Virginia Families
McReynolds, Edwin C.		A History of the Crossroads State (Missouri)
Mead, Edward C.		Historical Homes of the Southwest Mountains of Virginia
Medical Soc. of New York State		Medical Directory of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut
Meyer, Duane Gilbert		The Highland Scots of North Carolina
*Millboro Springs, Virginia (Mr. Charles L. Syron)		Windy Cove Church, A History of, 1929-1949
Moore, Matthew H.		Sketches of the pioneers of Methodism in N.C. and Virginia
Mount Vernon's Ladies Assoc.		Annual Report
New Jersey Historical Soc. Coll.		Records of the town of Newark, N.J.
North Dakota		Collections of the State Historical Society
North Dakota Historical Soc. Coll.		Norwegians in America
Nugent, Neel Marion		Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants
Ohio Archaeological and Hist. Pub.		Vols. 1-22 1887-1913
Ohio		Butler County, Ohio, Cemetery records, Vol. 3
Palmer, Katherine H.		Old Trinity P.E. Church, 1738-1847
Pennsylvania Historical Survey		Society of friends in Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania		List of inhabitants in Washington County, Pa., 1800 or before
Princeton, University		Directory of Living Alumni of Princeton Univ.
Princeton, University		Princeton University, Records of 1876 class
Rumson, N.J.		History of Rumson 1665-1944
Salem Co. Historical Society		Old deeds belonging to the Salem Co. Hist. Soc.
Salmon, Mr.		A short view of the families of the present English nobility
Sargent, William Mitchell		Maine Wills, 1640-1760
Scannell's		First citizens; Biogs. and Portraits of Notable living men and women with informing glimpses into the state's history and affairs. (N.J.)
Seversmith, Herbert		Long Island Genealogical Source material
Shepard, James		Connecticut soldiers in the Pequot War of 1637
Shelton, Charles		Guide to the study of West Virginia History
*Singleton, Charles Galloway (gift of author)		Captain Richard Singleton and some descendants
Spencer, Annie Laorie		Union County, Arkansas. Marriages 1829-1870
Sons of the Revolution		Register. Missouri 1907-1909
Stun, James		New Aberdeen, or the Scotch settlement of Monmouth Co., N.J.
Virginia		First Marriage Records of Augusta Co. 1785-1813
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Virginia		Westmoreland County, Virginia order book
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Withers, Alexander		Chronicles of Border Warfare

A GENEALOGIST TALKS BACK .

By Edna Perry Deckler, President, Texas State Genealogical Society

This business of sneering at the genealogist as a person who only looks for ancestors for purposes of pride is constantly with us. Surely anyone who has worked for years tracing their family history cannot be guilty of looking for glory. The genealogist like any other scientist in the field of history is looking for TRUTH-- and all truth has its negative and positive elements. We want to know all about our ancestors and we want facts only that can be proven legally.

We have found it to be generally true that the person who makes fun of the family historian knows little or nothing about his own family. And people are not interested in things they know nothing about.

History, whether it be family history, local history, or church history is important and a knowledge of all history must be had to appreciate the present and to help us plan the future. History is a tool which we must have to do our work as good citizens and human beings. The man who studies mathematics does not do so just to enable him to count his money; he needs to know some arithmetic just to survive in his society. What is true of mathematics is true of genealogy. Knowledge is power.

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MIGRATIONS INTO AND OUT OF VIRGINIA

By

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Geographically Virginia falls into four divisions as the rivers, streams, mountain barriers and natural defenses influenced the routes of migrations into the wilderness more than anything else. This seems to be the best way to show the gradual development of population in each of these sections and how the ever-restless settler pushed on into the next section as each section of the colony was securely populated. Following the geological divisions of the state in a general, though not technical sense, the counties fell into the following groups:

- (1) Tidewater (coastal plain) extending from the ocean to the fall line (39 counties)
- (2) Piedmont, extending from the fall line to the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains (41 counties)
- (3) Valley, extending from the crest of the Blue Ridge to the crest of the Alleghanies (17 counties)
- (4) Trans Alleghany, extending from the crest of the Alleghanies westward to the limits of Virginia Jurisdiction (75 counties)

A total of 172 counties which, of course, includes the present state of West Virginia.

What manner of men settled Virginia? They were not separatists; they had no quarrel with England or with the Church. They were not Puritans or Pilgrims.

There is abundant evidence that many gentlemen of good families settled here.

Virginia, from the viewpoint of population and institutions is the child of England. The Old Dominion's common law, courts, code of manners, culture, language and literature were English.

The American Revolution in severing political connections destroyed neither the culture nor the institutions in which Virginians had been trained for generations.

On April 10th, 1606, Letters Patents were granted by James I to Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, Knights, Richard Hacklmit, Edward Maria Wingfield and others, adventurers of and for our City of London for the colonies in Virginia ...

This was the London Company.

Perhaps the migration or more properly the emigration into Virginia that contributed the greatest number of men of eminence in proportion to their numbers than any other nationality was the coming of the Huguenots. After the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, 22nd October, 1685, which John Jay called "a crime and folly without

## Migrations into and out of Virginia - Cont'd

parallel" France lost by atrocious means hundreds of thousands who carried industry, intelligence and prosperity, light, truth, and happiness to other lands, including our own.

The French Huguenots of America by their engaging joyousness which no tyranny could quench, their courteous grace and invincible lightness of heart that is the birthright of their nation, their fortitude under persecution, their intense piety, their energy and thrift wrote a glorious chapter in the history of freedom and gave to America precious gifts of mind and heart and permanent enrichment in the realm of better things.

In the year 1700, more than 500 French Huguenot emigrants landed in Virginia in four successive debarkations: 200 or more of which settled in a spot some 20 miles above Richmond on the south side of the James River where ten thousand acres of land which had been occupied by the extinct Manakin Indians were given them. They were exempt from paying taxes for seven years. So Manakin - town was born: it lay first in Henrico, then in Goochland and finally in Powhatan where today one may see the huge granite Huguenot cross and the dear little church.

On the crest of the Blue Ridge where the beautiful Skyline Drive crosses the Spotswood Trail there is a monument erected by the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia long before the Skyline Drive was projected and before the area was made a National Park.

This monument marks the spot which is important in American History, for here Governor Alexander Spotswood and his merry company of cocked-hat explorers first discovered the Valley of Virginia, crossed the mountains and claimed all that fertile territory for his majesty King George I. On their return to Williamsburg 17th September, 1716, the Governor proposed the Tramontane Order, or the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe and presented each of the gentlemen in his party with a small golden horseshoe with gems for the nails.

Because of the jolly spirit in which Governor Spotswood and his gentlemen undertook it, the expedition has been regarded as one of the most picturesque in American annals, its more serious aspects being sometimes overlooked.

At the time the French had founded Kaskaskia on the Mississippi, Detroit, Vincennes and Mobile and two years later Bienville founded New Orleans. Thus the English settlements along the coast were surrounded.

After the return of the party to Williamsburg, Governor Spotswood said that the purpose of his late expedition across the Blue Ridge was "to ascertain whether Lake Erie, occupying as it does a central position in the French line of communication between Canada and Louisiana was accessible from Virginia." As a result of the expedition he proposed to the authorities in England that he be authorized to lead another expedition to determine whether or not it was feasible to found an English post on the lakes and thus "drive a wedge between the extremities of the French position." Nothing was ever done about it but we can see that there was more to the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe than drinking the King's health on the highest peak of the Blue Ridge. We can also see that 109 years after Jamestown was settled the colonists were ready to push further into the continent.

The first white settlement in the Shenandoah Valley was made by Swiss and some Germans pioneers from Pennsylvania. They called it Massanutten. It was first in Spottsylvania County, then Orange, then Augusta, later Frederick, still later Shenandoah and lastly Page County. These pioneers had come with William Penn or shortly thereafter. These Swiss families when locating in this lovely spot found scenery not unlike their own beautiful Alps, scenery they described as "too much like Heaven."

The Swiss land agent Jacob Stover, on 17th June, 1730, was granted leave by the Colonial Council to take up ten thousand acres of land on the south fork of the Shenandoah for the settlement of himself and divers Swiss and Germans whom he proposed to bring here within the next two years, said land to be laid off in such tracts as he should judge fitting. Stover selected his grant in two tracts of 5,000 acres each.

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Jacob Stover was an interesting character -- enterprising to a fault, it would seem. It is charged that some of his representations in securing grants of land were worthy of Machiavelli. The conditions upon which Stover received his grant were that he should actually locate a family of settlers upon each thousand acres within two years. The names of the eight petitioners of 1733 who had bought land in Massanutten of Jacob Stover in 1729 or 1730 were:

Adam Miller	Mathias Selzer	Paul Lang	Hans Rood
Abraham Strickler	Philip Lang	Michael Rhinehart	Michael Kaufman

Shenandoah is a name to conjure with. It catches the ear, chains the fancy with a potent charm that must have enthralled the spirits of the Indians and it lends itself to the uses of the white man's business and commerce no less readily than to the voices of poetry and music. Coal companies, newspapers, airplanes, towns, fairs, pullman cars, mountains, rivers, banks, festivals, insurance companies, hotels, mills, avenues, caverns, streets, and countless others have been called the musical name that seems to flow --- Shenandoah. Its beauty has failed to impress only one human being -- Phil Sheridan.

Shenandoah County is only about 12 or 15 miles wide but its length is nearly 40 miles. It was through this lovely valley that so much of the western migration flowed. Of course it was not a County then, merely "the Valley".

Mr. John H. Gwathway says that most of the leaders in the settlement of Kentucky and the Northwest Territory were from a comparatively small Virginia area: in fact he pin points the western migrations as having its beginning in the basin of the York River.

He bolsters his statement with an imposing list of Virginians who did, indeed, lead the trek west and I quote from Mr. Gwathway's book, "Twelve Virginia Counties": "To write of the following Virginia Counties is to write of the ancestral homes of a very large percentage of the early Anglo-Saxon population of the great West: Gloucester, New Kent, King William, Hanover, King and Queen, Essex, Caroline, Goochland, Louisa, Orange, Albemarle and Augusta.

"Dr. Thomas Walker who was the leader of the first band of Anglo-Saxons who set foot upon Kentucky soil in his expeditions of 1748 and 1750 was born in King and Queen and lived in Albemarle.

"Judge Richard Henderson who moved to North Carolina and headed a land company which purchased half of the state of Kentucky from the Cherokee Indians and was the employer of Daniel Boone was born and reared in Hanover.

"Andrew Lewis, who, in 1774 won the battle of Point Pleasant and broke the power of a great Indian Confederacy was from Augusta.

George Rogers Clark, known to historians as the Defender of Kentucky and Conqueror of the Northwest territory was from in Albemarle and reared in Caroline.

"Thomas Jefferson, whose efforts made possible the Louisiana Purchase was from Albemarle.

"Merimether Lewis and William Clark of the celebrated Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Pacific were respectively from Albemarle and Caroline.

"Nathaniel Massie founder of Chillicothe, Ohio was from Goochland.

"Henry Clay and Joseph R. Underwood at one time colleagues in the United States Senate from Kentucky were from the adjoining counties of Hanover and Goochland."

The winning of the West is one of the glorious chapters in American History and, fortunately, it has been ably recorded. Comparatively little, however, has been written of the gradual but determined westward movement of population within the bounds of Virginia before the mountains were reached. It covers a span of many many years. The principal avenue of this advance was through the narrow strip of land comprising the Twelve Virginia Counties about which Mr. Gwathway writes so lovingly and with such authority.

As early as 1733 some Scotch-Irish and Germans from Pennsylvania moved into western North Carolina now Rutherford County. The Scotch-Irish were first, followed

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by Germans. They drove in wagons from Pennsylvania. Prior to 1749 the area now covered by the present boundaries of North Carolina was not technically within the confines of any civilized community and was not governed by law emanating from the struggling colonies in Albemarle, the eastern nucleus of the state of North Carolina. It was, for the most part, a wild, unsettled section.

With the coming of the Scotch-Irish into the country the wooded hills soon gave way before the broad axe of these pioneers and their fields of corn and other produce grew instead.

They brought with them their ordained ministers as well as teachers. Thus was the wilderness tamed by a steady stream of immigration from older lands in the northern colonies. Before long not a few penetrated this Arcadia through passes in the Blue Ridge Mountains from Eastern Virginia.

What motivated the great Western expansion? Was it lack of land in the older Colonies? Was it soil exhaustion? Was it hunger to own land of their own? Was it the unquenchable spirit of adventure in the American people?

Probably all of them influenced at one time or another most of the people who poured through the gaps in the Cumberland mountains the Alleghenies and the Blue Ridge.

When the tide began to move the greatest impediment in their path was the great blue wall of mountains that stood between them and the coveted land. Rather than attempt a crossing they moved down the valleys of the mountains until, in the course of time, they found the breach in the Wall at Cumberland Gap. Cumberland Gap is at the present Bristol Va. half in Tennessee, the extreme south western point of Virginia. First came the riders with pack horses in Indian file along the Indian path. In time the path was widened for the creaking wheels and panting, swaying teams-but that was years later.

There were other gaps than the Cumberland Gap. Coming south from Washington, D.C. the first was Snicker's Gap and 12 miles further Ashby's Gap. Opposite Front Royal are two famous gaps, Manassas and Chester. Thornton's Gap was opposite Luray, now Lee Highway: Massanutten Gap near New Market and Swift Run near Harrisonburg and Fisher's Gap through which Stonewall Jackson's Foot Cavalry of 25,000 passed eastward in the fall of 1862.

These were the crossings used by the pioneers who came down from Pennsylvania and Maryland. Many of them went west from Staunton over the Midland Trail or from Lexington. Many, like the Boones and the Moravians turned southward near Roanoke into the Carolina and hosts of them like the Seviars and the Tiptons went straight on down into eastern Tennessee. None of these went through Cumberland Gap at all.

It is estimated that 70,000 people went through Cumberland Gap before it was wide enough for wagons. By that time it was called the "Great Road"; later it became the "Stage Road". The stage drivers often sounded long horns and the teamsters sometimes mounted their harness with jingling bells. Drivers shouted at bleating flocks and lowing herds. And the wagons continued to creep by in a steady stream. The road was without end in both directions and doubtless seemed so to many of the toilers.

The trails and traces criss crossed the country. The Apache Trail went from Richmond to Bristol the Natchez Trace from Nashville to Natchez. Bristol and Nashville were connected by the Natchez Trail. The Cumberland Trace went from Knoxville to Nashville. To go north the Pioneers traveled the Catawba Trail and the Great Indian War path.

Dr. Thomas Walker, before mentioned, made his first expeditions in 1748 and 1750. In 1769 Daniel Boone, (who had moved from Virginia into North Carolina), inspired by Dr. Walker found and passed through the Cumberland Gap and blazed the Wilderness Road and the thousands of people who followed owe both an enormous debt.

Dr. Marcus W. Lewis says that "These people became settlers, owners and directors of the life and policies of the great Mississippi Valley. A new civilization and an independent self-directing government was established beyond the mountain wall."



Migrations into and out of Virginia--cont'd.

Few people realize that the Dutch were in Delaware before the Swedes. But in 1664 British forces took possession of the Delaware Colony as well as Amsterdam in New York. Two years later large numbers of English people from surrounding colonies moved into Delaware.

Maryland, as we all know was settled in 1634 by Governor Leonard Calvert and his 200 followers on the Ark. and the Dove, two tiny vessels. The land had been granted to his father Sir George Calvert, Lord Baltimore, who died before colonization could be achieved. A little trouble with William Claiborne from Virginia ended with his death in 1677 after which Maryland enjoyed a rapid growth. Here true religious toleration was practiced from the beginning.

Georgia in 1733 was settled by English under James Oglethorp, a member of Parliament. The French and Spanish had been striving to dominate Georgia for 160 years: from 1540 to 1700. King George II granted Oglethorp a tract of land between the Savannah River and the southern boundary of South Carolina. He established both cities of Savannah and Augusta. By 1738 all nationalities were pouring into the new colony which became a Royal province in 1752.

North Carolina had its first permanent settlement in 1653 with settlers from Virginia who came south to occupy the section north of Albemarle Sound. It was, however, a limited influx and they did not pioneer westward. That was left to the Scotch Irish already mentioned, who arrived from Virginia, Pennsylvania and points north to settle the rich western part of the state.

Illinois, although explored in the 1600's was not settled till long afterwards.

Permanent settlers first occupied the southern part. They came from the older southern states, Virginia, Maryland and the Carolinas: Some from Pennsylvania. The northern part was not settled until about 1825 and these came from the New England States.

After General Anthony Wayne had driven the hostile Indian tribes from the Lake Erie section of Ohio 1794 four million acres known as the "Western Reserve" were opened to New Englanders. Then another huge tract known as the "Firelands" were opened after the Revolution to those, mostly in Connecticut who had lost property by fire during the war. These New Englanders must have crossed on the Old Connecticut Path and the Mohawk Trail.

Known as the Virginia Bounty Lands about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  million acres in Ohio were opened about 1800 for settlement by Virginian and Kentuckians who came up the Catawba Trace and the Warriors Path--all were Revolutionary War veterans. This blended both sections of the country to make Ohio.

Many Tennessee counties were settled years before they were formed into counties. Some, Johnson 1770, Washington 1772, Robertson 1776, Green 1778 and so on until 27 counties were settled before 1800. As has been shown, that section was settled almost entirely by Southerners, pioneers from Virginia and the Carolinas.

The Natchez Trace or Checkasaw Road was an old Indian path and the logical one for movements between large and important sections of the central United States. No Wild West story is more blood curdling than the experiences of many on this road. By 1820 the land ceded by the Choctaw Indians was divided into counties and rapidly settled.

An act of Congress in 1806 authorized the President, then Thomas Jefferson, to open a national road between Nashville and Natchez a distance of 500 miles.

It is now the Natchez Trace Parkway, a super highway running diagonally through Mississippi from Northeast to Southwest. Wouldn't the Indians be surprised? It crosses Interstate Highway No. 55 at Ridgeland 8 miles north of Jackson.

Jayne Conway Carlington Pruitt (Mrs. William O.) has published an interesting little book of 128 pages "South Carolinians on the Natchez Trace" in which she tells the state and county to which these pioneers went--I only wish she had pin pointed their starting points. She states that 40% of South Carolina's native born had left the state by 1850-60.

So much for the migrations. When one studies them one wonders if anybody ever stayed in one place. We know they did.

Migrations into and out of Virginia--cont'd.

Mr. Wayland says, "These enterprising and brave pioneers have made the country blossom as the rose; they have cleared farms and enriched them; they have founded homes and kept them in the light of sacred fires; they have built altars and worshipped before them; they have erected schools and trained their children; they have sought peace and pursued it yet in hour of battle they have set their bravest and best in the fore front; they have borne loss and disaster without flinching and in the midst of wasted fields and homesteads have raised again the standards of a free and determined people. Not only have the brave gone forth for defense and the strong to arduous labor but the fair have also done faithfully their noble part. In peace or war the women of these pioneers have risen always to their high destiny. Their invincible spirit has given motive to soldier and farmer and scholar. The memorials raised by their toil, patience, love and prayers enrich the past and inspire the future."

We give them honor.

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FAMILY RECORDS

Submitted by Judge Dee Brown Walker, President,  
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These are some of the records concerning John Sims and his wife, Elizabeth Scott Sims of Monroe County, Kentucky. This couple was married February 14, 1817 in Overton County, Tennessee and lived near Vernon, Monroe County, Kentucky. John Sims was a veteran of the War of 1812, having served from Kentucky. He received his land grants, a pension, and his wife received a pension also. He was in the Battle of the River Thames. (This is located in Canada about 30 miles east of Detroit, Michigan). At this battle, the Indian Chief Tecumseh, who caused the United States so much difficulty in the War of 1812, was killed. When Elizabeth Scott Sims applied for her pension, the family record was torn from the Bible and sent in with the application. This information is as follows:

Patterson Sims, born March 5, 1818	Florantha Sims, born February 27, 1840
Elisha Sims, born December 3, 1819	Floreda Savage, born October 5, 1867
Jesse Franklin Sims, born May 9, 1824	Matilda Sims, born Sept. 4, 1845
William Benjamin Sims, born Sept. 27, 1827	Children of James H. & Eliza Sims:
Augustine Sims, born January 28, 1831	Narsis Sims, born August 3, 1855
James D. H. Sims, born January 30, 1833	Leonidas Sims, born October 6, 1856
John Sims, born July 4, 1794	Fidillas Sims, born March 19, 1837
Elizabeth Fidella Sims, born July 26, 1837	Jesse Sims, born Oct. 16 or 26, 1829

Elisha Sims was the father of Elizabeth Florence Sims Walker, who is the grandmother of Dee Brown Walker. John Sims' father, Augustine Sims, was a veteran of the Revolutionary War and is buried in the Rogers Cemetery at Waverly, Illinois.

The following are buried in the Sims Cemetery, about one mile northeast of Vernon, Monroe County, Kentucky, on the Cumberland River:

John Sims	July 4, 1794 - Aug. 12, 1879
Elizabeth Sims (wife of John Sims)	Sept. 5, 1796 - Nov. 29, 1890
Joseph H. Sims	April 5, 1856 - May 21, 1905
Dellie G. Sims	Sept. 27, 1867 - Oct. 20, 1919
Julia G. Sims	July 18, 1848 - Aug. 23, 1900
Matilda Sims	Oct. 2, 1819 - Sept. 16, 1917
Patterson Sims	March 5, 1818 - Feb. 7, 1906
John Sims	Oct. 8, 1840 - May 18, 1911
Eliza A. Sims	Dec. 30, 1847 - Dec. 27, 1918
Parrish Sims	Sept. 19, 1850 - Aug. 15, 1906
Permelia Sims	Jan. 6, 1850 - Jan. 10, 1906
Matilda Sims Coe	Sept. 7, 1845 - Oct. 29, 1924
John J. Coe	March 11, 1838 - Nov. 21, 1917

Family Records by Judge Dee Brown Walker - Sims Cemetery - cont'd.	
Vic Coe Stephens	Oct. 20, 1870 - May 25, 1926
Zora, wife of J. F. Coe	March 26, 1870 - April 29, 1917
W. T. Sims	1852 - 1937
W. P. Sims	July 21, 1870 - June 21, 1942
Savanah Sims	Dec. 26, 1874 - Aug. 23, 1947
Catherine Arterberry	May 1, 1842 - Aug. 12, 1930
Mary A. Holford	May 15, 1862 - Aug. 25, 1930
Alice Arterberry	Oct. 1866 - April, 1941

The Sims Cemetery is located on what formerly was the Sims farm and is now owned by Mr. Carl Baxter of Vernon, Kentucky.

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WILLIAM RAPPLEYE COLE  
 By Mr. W. R. Conger, Director  
 Local History and Genealogical Society

During the course of time there moves across the path of many, a man who makes his mark and in the rush of new generations is too quickly forgotten. More than a few of our pioneer citizens had remarkable foresight and an undying desire to improve the society in which their descendants were to live.

Aaron Hazen Cole married Lydia Bloomer Rappleye, 21 March, 1835 in Covert, New York. Almost immediately they moved to Spencer, Lucas county, Ohio which was then known as the Michigan Territory. It was here that their children were born. A boy given the name William Rappleye Cole was born 25 September, 1837.

He had the normal childhood of the son of a farmer. He received the typical schooling for the day in a one-room log schoolhouse. Later he had one year at Michigan State University at Kalamazoo. He became a farmer and took up surveying and school-teaching with his farming, living at Maumee, Ohio in 1851, Genessee County, Michigan in 1856, and back to the home farm at Spencer, Ohio in 1858.

The first of two marriages was 4 October, 1860 to Eliza Corson Taylor, daughter of William Taylor and Mary (Corson) Taylor. She died at Ridgefield, Ohio, 13 June, 1874. The second marriage was 4 September, 1875 to Eva Jane Balderson, born at Avon, Ohio, daughter of Robert Balderson (1819-1898) and Jane (York) Balderson, who were from England.

Also in 1875, W. R. Cole and wife moved to Dallas County, Texas. On 19 November, 1883 he purchased from Christ Rothlisberger a farm on White Rock Creek. He moved to this farm in 1887, and in 1880 built a home on East Grand Avenue.

Being fully trained in the growing of crops suitable for a northern climate, Mr. Cole found quite a problem to change to cotton as the basic money crop. His slogan was to plant what will grow, though quite often this is not just what you would like. He was continually trying out other plants and trees that would stand the arid climate and soils.

His first planting of alfalfa was a failure. Learning that cotton did not die on land that had been cleared of heavy timber, he planted his second alfalfa crop on such land. This planting was a success and he sold the first alfalfa hay on the Dallas market in the early nineties.

Another accomplishment was the grafting of the English walnut on our native black walnut stock, and finding it a perfect root stock. Now, practically all the English walnuts of California are grown on native black walnut stock. He fruited the first Chinese persimmon in this part of the state by grafting the Chinese on our native stock.

He found that by grafting our better American grapes to the native mustang grape root stock, placing the union well above the ground, the better grapes will do well.

In the Spring of 1898 he planted about eight acres to apples which did extremely well. He won second prize from the state at the St. Louis World Exposition in 1904.

A local citizen reports a visit by her father to W. R. Cole's orchard. Although Mr. Cole did not offer the good tree fruit to anyone he did choose an apple that had

William Rappleye Cole - Cont'd

fallen to the ground - carefully cut away the bruised portion and offered the good slices to anyone desiring same - the adults were somewhat hesitant in accepting the offer - finally one of the children said, "I would like the piece of apple." Mr. Cole was pleased. This thriftiness came naturally. The Cole heritage is from the very early days in New England. Mr. Joseph O. Curtis in his "The Descendants of Elisha Cole," 1909, states, "The Cole family has been seen and participated in everything of moment from the Puritan days to the present . . . as a race, the Coles have proved themselves sturdy, courageous, self-reliant and independent. They have clung to the sturdy religious principles and hard-working habits of their Puritan ancestry."

William R. Cole participated in local and state affairs to the extent expected of a responsible citizen in a democracy.

During the late seventies Mr. Cole took a leading part in getting a school started between the City of Dallas and White Rock creek. This was called the Floyd School, the second school in Dallas County outside the city limits. It was a small one room building and was located on that triangle between Abrams, Junius, and LaVista.

In church work he took part in the organization of a mission and Sunday school the services being held in the club house of the first Fair Grounds in Dallas. Later a mission was built at the corner of Worth and Washington which developed into Washington Avenue Baptist Church. This church later became the Gaston Avenue Baptist Church.

Mr. Cole combining his knowledge of surveying and a desire to improve the welfare of the farmer, in the early nineties, appeared before the state House of Representatives and suggested that the State take up the idea of building State highways. This was before the establishment of the present day highway department. He recommended that a committee be appointed to take up the work and lay out plans for major highways between the numerous towns that were building fast.

Applying his theory of better highways to the local area he laid out Grand Avenue from the Trinity River to Garland and Highway 80 (Samuells Boulevard) from Grand Avenue to the town of Forney. He lived to see Grand Avenue built to White Rock creek and Highway 80 built to Mesquite.

In politics he was thought well of by those who knew him, but was thought visionary by those who did not know him so well. His best work was a member of committees writing the platforms for political conventions. Many of the proposals suggested for, or written into, these platforms are now the "law of the land." At the time, however, the suggestions made by Mr. Cole and some of his colleagues received a cool reception bordering on ridicule.

As a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee in the early nineties he proposed a more workable Federal Banking Law (our Federal Reserve System), Warehouses to hold surplus crops, a postal law to give the country people some consideration (Rural Free Delivery). These ideas were so radical that he was literally expelled from the committee, causing much hilarity all over the South.

In 1892 he was on the "Committee on Resolutions" for the State Conference of "Jeffersonian Democrats." The following resolutions were offered: .. election of all officers by direct vote of the people .. reduction of the tariff .. oppose the present National Banking system .. a railway commission that will insure equal and exact justice to the people and to the railways.

In 1904 as Chairman, "Committee on Platform & Resolutions," People's Party State Convention, these resolutions were offered: .. Judges of election be selected from each political party, also that watchers be allowed from each political party so that a clean ballot may be secured .. we condemn the issuance of free passes by railroad companies to any persons except their employees .. while opposing trusts, we recognize the right of capital to organize and hold that producers and laborers have the same right .. the popular election of United States Senators .. favor the initiative and referendum.

William Rappleye Cole died at Dallas, Texas 18 April, 1909. His wife, Mrs. Eva Jane (Balderson) Cole died the same year 13 December, 1909.

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES

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EARLY DALLAS HISTORY

At least one thesis and several books have been written about Dallas history - but these have not been from the standpoint of relating to its present residents their inter-relationships and affiliations with those who preceded them. Therefore, it has been thought possibly of interest to society of today some such analysis of a compilation of data that this author has been recently attempting to put onto filing cards in index-form.

These "Thumbnail Sketches" are neither exhaustive, nor complete in many details. For this reason, as well as to preserve as complete a record on these cards as can be acquired, those who can add details are urged to contact the author who welcomes such assistance.

Especially intriguing and baffling (because apparently there are no public records to "tell the story") are the "fates" of the surprising list of unmarried persons, mostly, who had warrants of land in the Peters Colony and "died before the 1850 Census." Unquestionably others who acquired rights thru the Robertson Colony also were denied enjoying them, altho the Peters Colony is more readily available (being in print in Vol. 52 of the "Kentucky Register") whereas a similar publication dealing with the Robertson claims is not in the hands of the author, if in print, or not.

Because of the overlapping of claims, the vagueness in surveying, and other considerations which will not be the province of these sketches to document nor "explain" - effort will be concentrated on the settling families, persons; and their antecedents as well as their descendants - not on what they encountered in effecting warrant-rights, etc.

A list of the unmarried (i.e. "single") men who died before the 1850 Census will have (S) following their names; and widowers or widows (W). The list will be culled from various sources - and if any errors are noted, corrections are not only invited but urgently desired.

Legend

\* Dallas Area

# Denton

\*\* nearby other counties

Legend

(S) Single

(W) Widower

Widow

(M) Married

WHAT WAS THE FATE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT-HOLDERS SUFFERED?

*Abbott, Benj & Wm.O. (S)	*Chowning, Rich'd (W)	#Hammond, Willis (S)
*Armstrong, Joseph A. (S)	#Clark, Wm. A. (M)	*Handy, Fred W. (M)
#Baker, John W. (S)	*Collier, Sam'l (S)	*Hannah, Amana (M)
	(Callier? Ga.?)	
#Baker, Rosannah (W)	*Conover, Wm. W. (M)	**Hardaway, James M. (S)
*Barnes, Wm.H. (S)	#Cook, Dan'l (S)	**Harris, Esom (M)
**Barrow, James C. (S)	*Cook, Wilford W. (M)	*Hart, Jacob (M)
#Bartram, John (S)	*Crawford, Washington (S)	#Harris, James S. (S)
**Bellow, Wm. (W)	**Culwell, John (S)	**Harris, Matthew H (M)
*Bethuven, Rob't (M)	(Caldwell?)	*Harwood, Alex M (M)
**Blackwell, James (S)	**Davidson, Jesse J. (S)	*Harwood, Nath'l B (M)
**Blackwell, Joel (M)	**Deaver, Joseph (M)	#Hayden, Sam'l M (M)
*Bledsoe, Willis (W)	**Demarcus, John (M)	**Hearn, Dan'l B (S)
*Bowles, Franklin (M)	#Demay, Charles (S)	**House, Joseph M (M)
**Bradford, Henry H. (M)	**Dillingham, Joshua (S)	#Howard, Rob't (M)

Thumbnail Sketches - cont'd

- \*\*Brandenburg, Henry (M)  
 \*\*Bray, Henry (M)  
 \*\*Bridges, John (M)  
   #Browning, Sam'l (M)  
 \*\*Bush, Joseph (M)  
 \*\*Calder, Wm (M)  
 \*\*Carder, C. C. (S)  
 \*\*Carder, Elijah S. (S)  
 \*\*Caryver, Philip (M)  
   \*Casey, John Sr. (M)  
 \*\*Cassidy, Thos, Sr. (M)  
 \*\*Chaffin, James (M)  
   \*Chapman, Rob't (M)  
   #Loftin, Wm. (M)  
 \*\*Lusk, John-Preston (S)  
   #Luttrel, Wm. (M)  
 \*\*McFearson, George (S)  
   \*McCommas, Stephen B. (S)  
 \*\*McCommas, Stephen M. (M)  
 \*\*McClure, Hugh R. (M)  
 \*\*McCarty, Larkin Sr. (M)  
 \*\*McKay, Samuel (M)  
 \*\*McKinney, John (W)  
 \*\*Mask, Wm. (M)  
   #Masters, James (S)  
   #Medlin, Wilson (S)  
 \*\*Meridith, Elijah (S)  
   \*Merrell, Eli (M)  
   \*Moon, Jesse (M)  
   \*Morgan, Rial (M)  
     (Royall?)  
   \*Neely, Charles (M)  
 \*\*Newsom, Phineas (S)  
 \*\*Newton, James R. (S)  
 \*\*Nolan, Christopher (M)  
   \*Parks, Maraday (M)  
   \*Parks, Robert (M)  
 \*\*Paxton, Thos. J. (M)  
 \*\*Pegues, Leonidas R (S)  
 \*\*Pelham, Thos. E. (S)  
   #Philips, Wm. (M)  
   #Pogue, Wesly (S)  
   \*Porter, James (M)  
   #Pritchett, Edley (M)  
   \*Ramsay, Isaac (M)
- \*\*Douglass, Hezekiah (M)  
   \*Dyke, Thomas (M)  
   \*Ely, Edward B. (S)  
 \*\*Estis, Thomas (M)  
   \*Evans, Abraham (M)  
 \*\*Evans, Wm. T. (S)  
 \*\*Fay, Jonathan B (M)  
 \*\*Fitzhugh, Solomon (S)  
 \*\*Foster, Ambrose (M)  
   #French, Nath'l (M)  
 \*\*Gibson, John A. (S)  
   #Goddard, Dan'l (S)  
   #Guess, John (M)  
   #Ramsay, Wm. G. (S)  
 \*\*Ratton, Wm. S. (S)  
 \*\*Randolph, James M. (M)  
 \*\*Rice, Chas P. (S)  
   \*Ricketts, Sam'l D. (S)  
   #Rogers, Matthew (S)  
 \*\*Rutledge, James (S)  
   \*Rylie, James R. (M)  
 \*\*Saunders, Isaac (M)  
   \*Scott, Thomas (M)  
 \*\*Screech, Joseph (W)  
 \*\*Selby, Thomas (M)  
   #Severe, James (M)  
     (Sevier ?)  
   #Shahan, Benj. C. (S)  
   \*Shahan, Wm. P. (S)  
   \*Silkwood, Solomon (S)  
   \*Simmons, James A. (M)  
   \*Sloane, James (M)  
 \*\*Smith, Wm. (S)  
   \*South, Elijah (M)  
   \*Stockton, Sam'l C. (M)  
   \*Stokes, Thomas (S)  
   \*Stout, Peter B. (M)  
 \*\*Strong, Hiram (M)  
   #Sutton, Edd & James (M)  
   #Tannahill, James M. (S)  
   #Tansy, Wm. A. (M)  
   \*Thomas, John P. (S)  
 \*\*Throop, Chas.M. & Francis (M)  
 \*\*Troughber, Wm. (M)  
 \*\*Thompson, Alex S. (S)
- \*\*Huitt, John (M)  
   #Hyatt, Fred K. (M)  
   \*Jackson, Wm C (S)  
 \*\*Johnson, James P (S)  
   \*Johnson, John M (M)  
 \*\*Johnston, Andw J. (W)  
   #Jones, Matthew (M)  
   #King, John (M)  
   \*Kingwell, Wm. (S)  
   \*Kirkland, Pollard (M)  
   #Knight, Richd (S)  
   \*Larner, Wm. (M)  
   \*Lavender, Wm. (M)  
 \*\*Underwood, Syrus ( )  
 \*\*Undersood, Edd (M)  
 \*\*Van Slyke, Andrew H (S)  
 \*\*Wagner, Jeremiah (W)  
   #Wetherly, Abner (W)  
 \*\*Wheelock, Chas. ( )  
 \*\*Wiggins, Coonrod (M)  
 \*\*Wilburn, Edward (M)  
 \*\*Wilcox, George (S)  
 \*\*Wilhite, McKinsie (S)  
 \*\*Wilhite, Wm. (S)  
   #Withers, James W. (M)  
   #Yoacham, Michael (M)

ROBERT MILLER HENRY CEMETERY

LOCATED ABOUT 2½ MILES WEST OF BRYAN, TEXAS  
ON SANDY POINT ROAD

Compiled by Mrs. Daisy Pierce Sellingsloh, Corresponding Secretary  
Local History & Genealogical Society

- ROBERT MILLER HENRY, B. November 17, 1823. Chester District, S. C.  
D. April 8, 1904. Age 80 years, 4 months, and 21 days  
(Son of James Henry and Jeanette Miller Henry)
- JANE CATHERWOOD HENRY, B. March 3, 1832, Creagh House Co. Londonderry, N. Ireland  
D. April 17, 1862.  
(Daughter of William & Catherine Stuart Catherwood)
- WILLIAM HENRY, B. May 29, 1854  
D. .... (Son of Robert & Jane C. Henry)
- HATTIE HENRY, B. February 25, 1878  
D. April 27, 1881 (Daughter of Robert M. & Margaret Henry)
- ALVIN ALEXANDER HENRY, B. March 15, 1904  
D. June 9, 1952. (Son of Horace & Estelle Henry)
- HORACE JOHN HENRY, B. July 13, 1873  
D. January 27, 1912. (Son of Alexander & Molly J. Henry)
- H. J. HENRY, (Infant) B. ....  
D. .... (Son of Horace Johns Henry)
- NETTIE HENRY .. B....  
D....
- JAMES HENRY, B. January 7, 1853  
D. December 17, 1915. (Son of Robert M. Henry & Jane Catherwood Henry)
- SUSAN RIGGS HENRY, B....  
D.... (Wife of James Henry)
- EDDIE W. HENRY, D. November 10, 1942 (Infant son of George Wilbur Henry)
- LILLIE M. HENRY, B. December 16, 1894  
D. December 15, 1952
- VASHTI McMILLAM GILLMORE, B. February 17, 1873  
D. February 12, 1961
- JESSE W. GILLMORE, B. October 4, 1906  
D. August 10, 1961. (Son of Vashti & Jasper Gillmore)
- JASPER GILLMORE, B.....  
D.....
- JANICE GILLMORE, B.....  
D..... (Daughter of Vashti & Jasper Gillmore)
- JENNIE GLASS, B.....  
D. December 7, 1907, age 77 years.
- NAPOLEON McMILLAN, D. October 10, 1898. Age 23 years.  
INFANT, B. January 12, 1879. D. January 30, 1879.  
(Daughter of G.R. & A. J. McMillan)
- G. R. McMILLAN, B. November 30, 1850  
D. June 6, 1885
- CATHERINE HENRY PIERCE, B. September 8, 1856. (Mrs. Phillip R. Pierce)  
D. March 15, 1877.  
(Daughter of Robert M. & Jane Catherwood Henry)
- CHARLES C. PIERCE, B. December 12, 1875 }  
D. September 10, 1880 } (Sons of Phillip R. and Catherine  
PHILLIP R. PIERCE, B. March 8, 1877 } Henry Pierce)  
D. May 13, 1877 }
- JENNETTE CAROLINE HENRY SCOTT, B. August 4, 1858  
D. July 18, 1880 (Daughter of Robert M. and Jane  
Catherwood Henry)

Robert Miller Henry Cemetery - Cont'd

REUBEN LACY SCOTT, B. May 9, 1857  
D. February 26, 1890

(1st husband of Margaret Henry)

LITTLE EMORY, D. 1883

(Son of R. L. and M. R. Scott)

LITTLE FRANK, D. 1886

(Son of R. L. and M. R. Scott)

ESTELLA HENRY UPRIGHT, B. February 4, 1877

D. August 3, 1948

(Daughter of James and Susan Riggs Henry)

SAMUEL P. UPRIGHT, B. 1884

D. 1933

INFANT, of S. P. and Estella Upright

GEORGE YOUNG, B. January 2, 1836

D. August 1901

(Husband of Jennette Henry Young)

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RUTHERFORD FAMILY

Submitted by F. W. Wilson, M. D., Port Arthur, Texas

Archibald Rutherford, Sr. - born about 1750 in Scotland or Virginia. Married Barbara Laubinger about 1774. She was the daughter of George Michael and Barbara Laubinger. She was born in Rockingham County, Va. Archibald Rutherford served with Dunmores Militia of the 7th Virginia Regiment of Foot for two years, from 1776 through 1778. His children included Archibald, Jr., John, George, Joseph(?), James, etc. He died in Frederick County, Virginia in 1789.

James Rutherford- born 1782 in Virginia. He married Susan (b.1789) born in Virginia. They moved to Cocke County, Tennessee, accompanied by Archibald, Jr., between 1796 and 1799. His son, William, was born in Cocke County, Tenn. The family moved to Alabama where James died 12 Oct 1867 in Jackson County, Alabama. His children included Archibald, James Claibourn, Francis Marion, Joseph, Sarah, Nancy, George, and William.

William Rutherford- born 1810 in Cocke County, Tennessee. He married Sarah about 1839. (She was born in Alabama in 1822). Their children included Julia, Nancy, Sarah, Francis, James and Joseph. He died in Jackson County, Alabama.

Nancy Rutherford- was born 22 July, 1820 in Alabama. She married J. B. Hancock (b. 15 Feb 1843 in Alabama. Served in the 6th Alabama Infantry Regiment from 4 June 1861 to 15 Sept 1864 when he was retired as a Lieutenant because of wounds) about 1861. Their children were William Marion Hancock, Emma Morris, Josephine, and Sally. The family moved to Medina County, Texas where J. B. Hancock died 5 July 1912 and Nancy Hancock died 11 Jan 1844.

William Marion Hancock was born 21 Feb 1862 in Alabama. He married Ellen Hancock (b. 1 Mar 1868 in Medina Co., Tex) on 24 Dec 1891. They lived in Medina County, Texas; Luling, Texas and San Antonio, Texas. Their children were Willie Hancock (fem), Belle Hancock, Joe Wheeler Hancock and Amy Hancock. Both died in Bexar County, Texas, William Marion in 19 Mar 1921 and Ellen in 9 Dec 1961. Both are buried in Luling, Caldwell County, Texas.

Willie Hancock- was born 3 Oct 1893 in Medina County, Texas and married Ernest Francis Wilson (b. 25 April 1888, Luling, Texas- died 15 June 1949, Luling, Texas) on 24 June 1911. Their children are Francis William Wilson and Clarence Arthur Wilson. Willie Hancock Wilson Moses still resides in Luling, Tex.

Francis William Wilson - was born 22 Feb 1913 in Medina County, Texas. He married Ann Mary Lane on June 15, 1936 (issue: Francis William Wilson, Jr. and Ann Mary Wilson) and Eva Belle Lauraine on 12 June 1946 (issue: Jane Ellen Wilson, Gail Lauraine Wilson and Nancy Kay Wilson)



JOHN CASWELL McCORMICK - FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

Submitted by Pearl McCormick Coleman, (Mrs. Y. B.)

My Grandmother on my mother's side was FLORA McQUEEN. She was married twice - first time to a McLEOD, second time she married my Grandfather, JOHN McDONALD. She came from SCOTLAND and settled in SOUTH CAROLINA, MARION DISTRICT. When she died July 26, 1845, at the age of 95 years.

My Father had two brothers, JOHN and MALCOLM. Their Father's name was JOHN. He had two brothers, DUNCAN and GILBERT, all from SCOTLAND.

My Father's Mother's name was McEa -----. My mother had a half-brother by the name of JAMES McLEOD who had three sons, ARCHIBALD, ALEXANDER and NEILL. She had a half-sister who (married) ----- McPHERSON and lived in A--.

My Father's Sisters married as follows. MARGARET to GILBERT TAYLOR, ELIZABETH to ALLEN STUART, MARY to --- C---, CATHERINE to JOHN McMILLAN, BARBARA to C. A(rchi)BALD McLAIN, FLORA to a tall c-----.

UNCLE JOHN (LITTLE MACK) has three sons living, ALLEN, NEILL and DUNCAN E. ALLEN lives in NORTH CAROLINA and DUNCAN in SOUTH CAROLINA.

NEILL McCORMICK, father of J. C. McCORMICK, was born March 4, 1786 and died April 8, 1851, aged 65 yrs. 4 das.

DANIEL W. McCORMICK, brother of said J. C. McCORMICK, was born 1814 and died the 13th of August, 1868, 54 yrs. and 27 das.

MANILA McCORMICK, sister of said J. C. McCORMICK, was born April 13, 1817, married NEILL McEACHERN 1831 and died Feb. 13, 1843, aged 26 yrs. and -- das.

Brother JOSEPH A. McCORMICK was born May 25th, 1818 and died Oct. 31, 1863, aged 45 yrs., 5 mo., 5 das.

Brother RANDLE D. McCORMICK was born Apr. 2, 1825 (?), and died Nov. 18, 1846, aged 23 yrs., 7 mo., 26 da.

JAMES A. McCORMICK was born June 25, 1826, was killed at RICHMOND, VA., June 27, 1862, aged 36 yrs., and 2 das.

ALEC, born Dec. 8, 1828 and died Sept. 30, 1829, aged 9 mo., 22 da.

Brother WILLEY P. McCORMICK, July 11, 1830 and died June 11, 1853, aged 22 yrs. and 25 days.

Brother THOMAS J. McCORMICK, was born in 1834 and killed at MANASSAS, VA., August 29, 1862, aged 28 yrs., 7 mo., 17 das.

Brother BENJAMIN F. McCORMICK was born Nov. 1836 and killed at MANASSAS, VA., August 29, 1862, aged 25 years, 9 mo. and 3 das.

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\* FLORA McQUEEN McLEOD McDONALD's will proved that she died before 3rd of June, 1844.

CATHERINE McDONALD McCORMICK died 16th day of March, 1874, outliving all of her children.

COURTESY OF MRS. HENRY L. PEOPLES, CHARTER MEMBER

Captain William D. Ratcliff Company

Joseph Vannay 1st. Lieutenant

T. W. Shaw, 2nd. Lieutenant

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|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. J. A. Wells      | 29. R. Ramsdall          | 71. W. Williams             |
| 2. D. McDonald      | 30. H. Reece             | 72. Thos. Forsyth           |
| 3. A. Thompson      | 31. L. M. Crow           | 73. Francis Dyke            |
| 4. W--              | 32. B. L. Hanks          | 74. Wm. Isaacs (left Co.)   |
| 5. R. Russell       | 31. M. Cartwright        | 75. Wm. Donahoe             |
| 6. T. J. Shaw       | 34. Thomas Maxwell       | 76. D. Phavis ?             |
| 7. J. H. Kenley     | 35. Howard Ethridge      | 77. Willis Donahoe          |
| 8. J. Vannay        | 36. G. Ethridge          | 78. Josez Hobdy             |
| 9. E. B. Lockridge  | 37. W. Lowe              | 79. I. Smith                |
| 10. W. R. Ward      | 38. W. Howard            | 80. John Clark              |
| 11. J. Thomas       | 39. J. M. Neely          | 81. David Marrow            |
| 12. B. S. Vivian    | 40. G. H. Lowe           | 82. V. S. Evans             |
| 13. J. S. Lacy      | 41. J. A. Allison        | 83. R. Cherry               |
| 14. E. C. Harris    | 42. W. W. Hanks          | 84. J. Cherry               |
| 15. J. Garner       | 43. J. Martin            | 85. I. B. Stephenson        |
| 16. J. B. Winn      | 44. George Stivwall      | 86. Tarlton Bates           |
| 17. J. W. Procter   | 45. J. Haggety           | 87. James Hamilton          |
| 18. W. Horton       | 46. Hiram Walker         | 88. Henry Williams          |
| 19. J. W. Jones     | 47. Geo. Hyde (left Co.) | 89. I. A. Mitchell          |
| 20. G. M. Roberts   | 48. W. Hafford           | 90. John Lowry              |
| 21. H. H. Lockridge | 49. W. Price             | 91. --- Clift               |
| 22. J. M. Caldwell  | 50. C. Richards          | 92. Edward Faris            |
| 23. J. F. Garner    | 51. W. Richards          | 93. Edward Smith            |
| 24. A. C. Johnson   | 52. J. Richards          | 94. W. F. Clark             |
| 25. ----            | 53. ----Lowery           | 95. D. Lacey                |
| 26. R. W. Caldwell  | 54. D. McCoy (exceeded)  | 96. John Lamb               |
| 27. J. Williams     | 55. E. D. Channeth       | 97. Raymond Darby           |
| 28. D. Blankenship  | 56. John Hide (left Co.) | 98. Samuel Hankla           |
|                     | 57. Joseph Shipp         | 99. Frank Cobb              |
|                     | 58. James Shipp          | 100. H. C. G. Lummus        |
|                     | 59. W. Shipp             | ---                         |
|                     | 60. Matthew Hilton       | 102. Sepscomb Norvell       |
|                     | 61. Jackson Williams     | 103. Joshua Woodfin         |
|                     | 62. Thos. Lindsey        | 104. William Allison        |
|                     | 63. W. Williams          | 105. Eyckiel Hagdon         |
|                     | 64. Owen Lindsey         | 106. William Lowe           |
|                     | 65. B. Lindsey, Jr.      | 107. T. C. H. Lennion       |
|                     | 66. ----                 | 108. James P. Stevenson     |
|                     | 66. S. Jonas             | 109. John M. Rowan          |
|                     | 67. John Ryon            | 110. William E. Wood, decd  |
|                     | 68. J. Smith             | 111. Jas. H. Thompson, decd |
|                     | 69. J. White             |                             |
|                     | 70. Hart White           | 14th. decd                  |

STATE OF TEXAS : I, CECIL MURPHY, COUNTY CLERK, do hereby certify that the  
 COUNTY OF : above is a full, true, and correct copy of the list of men  
 SAN AUGUSTINE : in Capt. Wm. D. Ratcliff's Company, as same appears in the  
 Book containing list of Texas Volunteers in 1836, as found  
 in the County Clerks Office, San Augustine County, Texas

WITNESS MY HAND THIS THE 8th day of November, A. D. 1946

C O P Y

CECIL MURPHY, Notary Public

HEZEKIAH FORD FAMILY BIBLE  
now in possession of  
Jefferson Historical Society Museum  
Jefferson, Texas  
Submitted by Mrs. Amos K. Payne, Jefferson, Texas.

Marriages:

Hezekiah Ford and Nancy N. Vining were married on the 21st day of August, 1817.

John Vining Ford and Eliza Jay White were married on the 26th day of September  
A.D. 1860.

Births:

William Thomas Ford, son of Hez. Ford and Nancy his wife, was born April 16th 1819.

John Vining Ford, son of Hezekiah Ford and Nancy his wife, was born May 17th 1821.

Hezekiah Ward Ford, son of Hez. Ford and Nancy his wife, was born 15th Nov. 1824.

William Hezekiah Ford, son of John V. Ford and Eliza his wife, was born July the  
9th A.D. 1862.

Deaths:

William Thomas Ford, My Dearly Beloved Son, departed this life, from a severe and  
complicated disease, on Saturday the 27th September, 1828 at half past three  
o'clock P.M.

Jennett P. Moore, My Dearly beloved Daughter, departed this life on Tuesday 14th  
of April 1829, at half past eight o'clock P.M. of a violent pulmonary consumption  
14th April 1829.

Dr. Hezekiah Ford departed this life from a severe billious attack on the first  
day of May 1839 at 1/4 past one P.M.

Hezekiah Ward Ford departed this life in the 17th year of his age after an illness  
of one month on Monday 7th of June 1841 with the galloping consumption half past  
3 o'clock A.M.

My Dearly beloved Mother departed this life on the 29th day of February 1844, in  
the 46th year of her age at 1/2 past 12 o'clock P.M. Funeral services by the  
Rev. Parson Kembril 1st Saturday in August.

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FAMILY BIBLE OF JOHN I. PARSONS  
now in possession of  
Jefferson Historical Society Museum  
Jefferson, Texas  
Submitted by Mrs. Amos K. Payne, Jefferson, Texas.

Marriages:

John I. Parsons was married to Ferabyann McKay the 11th day of June 1835.

Samuel W. Parsons and Martha J. Nixon were married in Hinds Co. Miss. July 13th  
1865.

Joseph W. Parsons and Lucy Carney were married 13th December 1871.

Family Bible of John I. Parsons - Cont'd

Arch K. Parsons and Julia Williams were married

M. E. Parsons J. O. Hollingsworth were married

J. H. Parsons and Bettie Waterhouse were married in the Methodist Church  
Jefferson, Texas, December 22nd 1872 by Rev. N. P. Modrall

J. H. Parsons and Maggie Rosser were married January 17th 1884. Rev. J. H.  
Wiggins officiating

Col. Richard Waterhouse (Sen.) was married to Mary Thomas Lane, by the Rev.  
Robert Tate March 20th 1832 in the town of Athens, Tennessee

John Rosser was married to Maria Louisa Barkley by Rev. Mr. Brearly Aug.  
13th 1833, in Winnsborough, S. C.

Births:

John Ingram Parsons was born the 2nd day of September 1812 6 o'clock morning

Ferabyann Parsons was born the 16th day of August 1810

Thomas Alexander Parsons was born the 13th day of March 1836 4 o'clock morning

Ferabyann Susan Parsons born March 29th 1838 11 o'clock morning

Martha Jane Parsons was born the 7th day of May 1840 evening 2 o'clock

John Henry Parsons was born 22nd of Dec. 1841 - 11 o'clock

Joseph Warren Parsons was born the 13th Dec. 1843 1 o'clock in the morning

Samuel Williams Parsons born October the 4th 1845 4 o'clock evening

Archibald McKay Parsons born 16th May 1847 10 o'clock morning

Green Beachamp Parsons was born the 4th of Dec. 1848 10 o'clock evening

Mary Elizabeth Parsons born 25th October 1850 10 o'clock night

Amos Johnston Parsons born 1st Jan. 1856.

(To be Continued)

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SOME FAMILY REUNIONS IN TEXAS

Compiled by

Mrs. Harry Joseph Morris, Second Vice President, Texas State Genealogical Society  
and

Mrs. Walter March Burress, State Historian, Texas State Genealogical Society

JUNE, 1963

June 9, 1963 - Beene Family Reunion, (Descendants of Jesse Beene and Nancy Sweden  
Wynn), City Park, Springhill, Texas.

June 13, 1963 - Ryan-Weeks Family Reunion, Milton Davis Ranch, Helena Road, Kenedy,  
Texas.

June 16, 1963 - Allard Family Reunion, (23rd Annual Reunion), Oak Dale Park, Glen  
Rose, Texas. Mr. Charles Ballard, Commerce, Texas, President.

June 23, 1963 - Henry Family Reunion, (Descendants of Robert, James, Hugh, and  
William Henry), at home of Mrs. Jimmie Rice, Benchley, Texas.

JULY, 1963

July 6,7,1963 - Killough Family Reunion, (Annual commemoration of the Killough  
Indian Massacre, Oct. 5, 1838), Liberty Hotel, Jacksonville, Texas  
Mr. Thornton Killough, President.

July 7, 1963 - Durr Family Reunion, at Old Durr Homestead, or Home Place, in the  
Beulah Community, near Marthaville, Texas.

Some Family Reunions in Texas, 1963 - Cont'd

- July 14, 1963 - Taylor Family Reunion, (Descendants of Zacharias Taylor), Dreyfuss Club, White Rock Lake, Dallas, Texas
- July 21, 1963 - James Monroe Stone Family Reunion, (7th Annual Reunion), Crystal Springs Beach, Maud, Texas.
- July 28, 1963 - Hunt-Tower Family Reunion, (103 Descendants of Reverend and Mrs. C. A. Tower, Sr.,) met in the homes of Mrs. Liaaie Tower Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Balcum, and Dr. and Mrs. Joe Z. Tower, at Midway, Cass County, Texas.

AUGUST, 1963

- Aug. 4, 1963 - Bennett Family Annual Reunion, (61 attended), at Old Tony and Elizabeth Bennett home, near Hemphill, Sabine County, Texas.
- Aug. 4, 1963 - Cooner Family Reunion, (50 relatives of the W. W. Cooner Family), at Lake O' The Pines, Jefferson, Texas. Mr. Welborn Cooner, President. Next Meeting, First Sunday in August, 1964.
- Aug. 4, 1963 - Erase Family Reunion, (2nd Annual Reunion), at Grandmother "Nuff" Park, near Moody, Texas.
- Aug. 4, 1963 - Norris Family Reunion, (3rd Annual Reunion), (65 Cousins attended), Northwest Park, Austin, Texas. Mr. Buddy Rogers, President.
- Aug. 4, 1963 - Smith Family Reunion, (Descendants of M. W. and Fannie Smith), at Lampasas Park, Lampasas, Texas.
- Aug. 4, 1963 - Wommack Family Annual Reunion, at Oatmeal, near Bertram, Texas.
- Aug. 11, 1963 - Adkins Family Reunion, (50 attended), Community Center, Bethel, Texas
- Aug. 11, 1963 - Denney Family Reunion, City Park, Power Street, Nacogdoches, Texas. Next Meeting, second week in June, 1964.
- Aug. 11, 1963 - Kirkpatrick Family Reunion, North Lake, Clarksville, Texas
- Aug. 11, 1963 - Price Family Reunion, (50 Children and Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Price), San Augustine, Texas.
- Aug. 11, 1963 - Schulte Family Reunion, (4th Annual Reunion), met at Burton Community Center, Burton, Texas. Mr. Harry Lampert, Waco, Texas, President. Next meeting, second Sunday, August 1964, at Tiemann's Camp House.
- Aug. 17, 1963 - Davenport Family Reunion, (Observance of 200th Anniversary of Davenport Family on American Continent. Descendants of Mathew Davenport and Elizabeth Ingersoll, came to Virginia Colony from England, 1764), at Nacogdoches, Texas.
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CAMP MEETING
- Aug. 25, 1963 - Annual Home Coming Day, (81st Annual Home Coming Day), of 81st Annual Camp Meeting of the Bethel Methodist Church, Elysian Fields, Texas, held at the Old Bethel Methodist Church Camp Meeting Grounds, in Harrison County, near Elysian Fields, Texas.

Some Family Reunions in Texas - Cont'd

CEMETERY MEETINGS

May 26, 1963 - Annual Home Coming Day, Woodley Cemetery, in Harrison County, near Elysian Fields, Texas.

Aug. 11, 1963 - Annual Home Coming Day, Harleton Cemetery Group, at Center Cemetery, Harleton, Texas. Mr. Sanders Newman, Harleton, Texas, Chairman.

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OLD SETTLERS REUNIONS

June 16, 1963 - Colony Community Old Settlers Reunion, (75th Reunion), C.I.O. Union Hall, Highway 80, Childress, Texas. (Note: 10 day observance.)

June 18, 1963 - Childress County Old Settlers Reunion, (75th Reunion), Childress, Texas.

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REGISTERED VOTERS NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS - 1867-1869

Compiled by Mrs. Suzanne Calhoun George

Corsicana, Texas, Box 564

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Joshua Halls	James Wilson	Noah Keys
George Shapr	Houston Kimbrew	Simon Perry
J. W. Clark	Calvin Kelly	Andrew McMurry
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"THE REGISTER OF OVERWHARTON PARISH, STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA"  
Compiled And Published By George H. S. King  
Reviewed by Mrs. Harry Joseph Morris, Vice President And Editor  
Local History And Genealogical Society, Dallas, Texas.

"The Register Of Overwharton Parish, Stafford County, Virginia, 1723-1758 And Sundry Historical And Genealogical Notes", Compiled and Published by George Harrison Sanford King, Fellow, American Society Of Genealogists, Fredericksburg, Virginia, copyrighted 1961, and dedicated "to my friend, Catherine Lindsay (Smith) Knorr, (Mrs. Hermann August Knorr), President General, The Order of the Crown in America, and Honorary Governor General, Hereditary Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors", is a soft cover volume of 280 pages, contains 6 pages of excellent photographs of Aquia Church, built in 1757, in Overwharton Parish, and of the ruins of Potomac Church, also in Overwharton Parish, which was known to have been in use as early as 1730; and the material is divided into 7 sections, as follows: Section I: "The Register Of Overwharton Parish, 1723-1758", which contains 136 pages of Birth Records, alphabetized; Section II: "Negro Slave Owners In Overwharton Parish", which contains 6 pages of Slave Owners, alphabetized; Section III: "A Quit Rent Roll For 1723", 12 pages, alphabetized, listing the "Persons names, Number of Acres, Property Altered; Amounts paid, Why not paid, and general remarks"; Section IV: "Tenders Of Tobacco In Overwharton Parish, 1724", compiled in Overwharton County in response to the "Tobacco Act of 1723", and covers a "List of the Tithables Allow'd to Tend Tobacco and Quantity of Plants in the Precincts Between Aquia and Quantico (Creeks)", gives the Names, Tithables, and "A List of Tobacco Tenders from the South Side of Potomac Creek-", both and Plants, and gives the age of minors; contained in 12 pages; Section V: "A Historical Sketch Of Overwharton Parish", 42 pages which cover the history dating from 1608 through November 11, 1961 in capsule form, yet manages to give much information relative to the very early settlers; Section VI: "Memorial Tablets In Aquia Church", 4 pages of copies of the inscriptions dating from 1738 through 1938; Section VII: "Genealogical Notes Concerning Church Wardens And Vestrymen Of Overwharton Parish, 1757", 36 pages of comprehensive data on Major Peter Hedgman, ca. 1700-1765; Margaret (Mauzy) Hedgman, 1702-1754, wife of Peter Hedgman; their sons: William Hedgman, (1732-1765); George Hedgman, (1734-1760); John Hedgman, (1741-ca. 1764); and on John Mercer, February 6, 1704/5-October 14, 1768; Captain John Lee, 1707-1789; Mott Doniphan, Gentleman, (16--Ca. 1776); Captain Henry Tyler, Ca. 1710-1777; Captain William Mountjoy, April 17, 1721-September 27, 1777; Major Benjamin Strother, Ca. 1700-1765; Captain Thomas Fitzhugh, July 16, 1725-December 1, 1768; Peter Daniel, Gentleman, 1706-1777; Travers Cooke, Gentleman, Ca. 1730-1759; John Fitzhugh, Gentleman, June 30, 1727-1809; John Peyton, Gentleman, 1691-May 18, 1760; Reverend, Mr. John Waugh, 1630-1706; and there are mentions of the members of the families of these gentlemen listed giving a wealth of detailed information, with very comprehensive development of the family trees of the Fitzhugh and the Waugh Families.

The above is followed by an Index, alphabetized, called the General Index. The Register of the Overwharton Parish, Pages 1-136 is arranged alphabetically, by Surnames, in Chronological order.

The Book contains many, most informative footnotes, and is a well-compiled volume, well-organized, and the information contained in it should prove most helpful to those interested in research in Overwharton Parish, Stafford County, Virginia, 1723-1758.

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"FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS",  
THE LINEAGES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

By

Mrs. Harry Joseph Morris, Chairman-Editor, Sales Promotion, Publicity  
of The D.R.T. Lineage Book Committee

A REPORT

Mrs. Harry Joseph Morris, Editor, and Chairman of the Daughters of The Republic of Texas Lineage Book Committee, announces that quietly and without fanfare, the "Founders and Patriots of The Republic of Texas", The Lineages of The Members of The Daughters of The Republic of Texas, since the date of organization, November 6, 1891, was released July 19, 1963, and the 500 books of the First Edition, which were all sold before publication, have been sent to the purchasers.

The Second Edition of the "Founders and Patriots of the Republic of Texas", was also released on July 19, 1963. It is also a limited edition of 500 books, which is being sold at The Alamo, in San Antonio, Texas, and the proceeds from the sale of the Books will be used to repair the Convent Walls of The Alamo.

Both editions, The First, and The Second Edition, of the "Founders and Patriots of The Republic of Texas", were Published by the Daughters of The Republic of Texas, Old Land Office Building, Austin, Texas, and both The First Edition, and The Second Edition, were compiled and edited by Mrs. Harry Joseph Morris, Chairman-Editor of the Daughters of The Republic of Texas Lineage Book Committee, assisted by the Members of the D.R.T. Lineage Book Committee, who are as follows: Mrs. William Olin Alvis, Treasurer; Mrs. Elmer Adams, Miss Ada Lee Bruton, Mrs. Gus L. Ford, Mrs. E. C. Freeman, Mrs. E. J. Ward Gannon, Jr., Mrs. Edwin B. Hopkins, Mrs. William G. Hutchinson, Miss A. Vernon Laughter, Mrs. Joe N. Sanderson, Mrs. D. R. Sellingsloh, Mrs. Arthur E. Stevens, Mrs. A. Bertrand Wood, all of Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Walter March Burress, Tyler; Mrs. Hyman Deckler, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. C. E. Bates Nisbet, Houston; Mrs. Frank Knight Parker, San Augustine, Texas; and the following Honorary Members all of Dallas: Mrs. George F. Carlisle, Mrs. Henry Houston Hawley, Sr., (a Real Daughter); Mrs. L. Weatherred Johnson, Mrs. E. C. Schieffer. Mr. John Plath Green, Dallas attorney, served as the Legal Advisor for the Committee.

Of special interest is "A Message", written by Mrs. Mary Smith Jones, widow of Dr. Anson Jones, the last President of The Republic of Texas. Mrs. Anson Jones, (Mary Smith Jones), was the First President of The Daughters of The Republic of Texas, "A Message", which is the property of the Daughters of The Republic of Texas, has never been published, and gives a moving account of their life while Dr. Anson Jones was President of The Republic of Texas. The original is on file at The Daughters of The Republic of Texas Museum in the Old Land Office Building, in Austin, Texas.

Another item of interest is a copy of "The Texas Declaration of Independence", and lists the names of each signer, and the State from which he came to Texas, as listed by the Texas State Archives, Austin, Texas.

The Lineages of the Members cover the period prior to February 19, 1846, and proceed through the present date. The original Lineage Papers of the Members of The Daughters of The Republic of Texas are bound into permanent file Books, and are on file also at The Daughters of The Republic of Texas Museum in The Old Land Office Building, in Austin, Texas. The original papers are rich in the history of the era of The Republic of Texas, and immediately preceding that era.

In addition to the Lineages of the entire membership dating from November 6, 1891 through November 26, 1962, the Book contains a complete Index of all



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these Members, giving for the first time their Individual Numbers which were assigned by Mrs. Harry Joseph Morris, at the request and vote of the Board of Management of The Daughters of The Republic of Texas. The assigning of Numbers was done by Mrs. Harry Joseph Morris, Editor, and Chairman of The Daughters of The Republic of Texas Lineage Book Committee, during the process of compiling and editing the "Founders and Patriots of The Republic of Texas", First Edition, and Second Edition, which also contains a complete Index of all the Ancestors of each of the Members appearing in the "Founders and Patriots of The Republic of Texas."

In the words of Mrs. Harry Joseph Morris, Editor, and Chairman, "This Book, "Founders and Patriots of The Republic of Texas", has been designed to honor all Members of The Daughters of The Republic of Texas, and their Ancestors, who were the Founders and Patriots of The Republic of Texas. The service records given, cover the loyal service of men or women rendered prior to the consumation of the Annexation Agreement of The Republic of Texas with the United States of America, February 19, 1846.

We hope that it will be of great assistance to those who are doing research in genealogy in that era of Texas History, and that it will be a lasting tribute to the "Founders and Patriots of The Republic of Texas."

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

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THE SOCIETY is a non-profit corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Texas. In Co-operation with the Dallas Public Library, its members undertake to collect genealogical and historical material for permanent record in the Texas, Local History and Genealogical Department of the Library.

THE TERM "Local History", as used in the Society name does not apply to Dallas and Texas only, but to local history anywhere, as related to genealogy. We are especially interested in Bible records, census microfilms, church, cemetery and marriage records.

MEETINGS are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, September through June, alternating noon luncheons at the Y.M.C.A. with evening meetings, 7:30 to 8:45, in the Conference Room of the Library.

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