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## SPEAKING OUT ...

As a new member, I was very impressed with the Spring issue and found it most helpful.

I was a bit disappointed in my first issue as a new member.

It certainly is more colorful!

The March issue was the first that I have received and I enjoyed it very much.

There certainly is room for improvement with this new format!

I didn't much like the border around the pages.

The Spring issue was much more informative.

I don't at all care for these two columns at all.

The Spring issue and its new format is the best in the twenty year history of the Society.

The Editorial Staff is to be commended for its efforts!

I especially enjoyed knowing about the new acquisitions at the Dallas Public Library.

The border around the pages in the first issue this year was done in error. This will not happen again.

If you feel that the two columns on this page detract from the publication, please let us know. Overall, the comments about it have been most favorable.

Your comments and criticisms are the only means that we have of knowing what you like or would like us to delete from your publication.

This is the last issue by your present Editor and Staff. Thank you.

## ... HAPPENINGS ...

After several years of planning, Lucile Boykin, our Number One Librarian has finally made it!!! To Scotland that is... By the time the Quarterly reaches you, she will be on her way home again.

Russell Conger, one of our former Editors has been ailing. Hopefully by the time you get this publication he will be back home from Baylor.

Another former Editor, Peggy MacDonald will be leaving us shortly. She and her family will be moving to Chapel Hill, South Carolina. She will be at the June meeting. That will give us all an opportunity to see her before she leaves.

The ARK-LA-TEX Workshop will be on Saturday, Aug. 10th at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Shreveport-Bossier City. The Speaker will be Richard Lackey and his Subject: The Deep South. Registration fee: \$7.50 Pre-Registrations may be sent to: ARK-LA-TEX Genealogical Assoc., Inc. 205 Ave. A West, Barksdale AFB, La. 71110. Dutch Treat Lunch-Buffer.

An organizational meeting will be held for the Authors and Editors Roundtable at the Lakewood Library Saturday June 15th from 10:00 A. M. to 2:00 P.M. If you are interested in writing a Family History, Newsletter or in Editing, you may find this group helpful. Program Chairman will also find it useful. THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT SPONSORED BY A GENEALOGICAL OR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOR WILL IT HOLD WORKSHOPS OR COMPETE WITH ANY SOCIETY AT ANY TIME.

DON'T FORGET OUR JUNE MEETING ON THE 27TH ... ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE GENEALOGY LIBRARY  
AND TEXAS COLLECTION OF THE DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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2. All of the manufacturers, religious, agricultural and related census data for the State of Texas from the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 censuses. One of the most important genealogical tools included within this set is the mortality schedules for Texas from the 1850 through the 1880 censuses.

## PERIODICALS

1. Huguenot Society of London Proceedings. (The Genealogy Library ordered all of the back issue which were available for the publications of this Society. Many Huguenot immigrants to America spent some time in England and it would be advisable to become familiar with this set if one's interest is with this group.)

L. D. Bockstruck.

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## GENEALOGY TODAY.

Genealogy Today is a new publication with its first issue having been printed in March, 1974. It is published by the American Genealogical Research Institute, 933 North Kenmore Street, Arlington, Virginia 22201. Its parent company is Heritage Press with whom most of us are familiar.

This will be the first Genealogical Publication to be available on the newstands! In its first issue, one of the articles was called, "An interview with the D.A.R." The interview was held in Washington, D. C.; those interviewed were Mrs. Marian Gooding, the chief clerk of the Genealogy Division and Miss Eunice B. Haden, the National Chairwoman of the Lineage Research Committee. For those interested in the D.A.R., its functions; its invaluable contributions to the field of Genealogy and its inner workings, the Charter Membership price of \$5.75 per year for six issues, is well worth its price. (Newstand price \$1.25 per issue.)

Other articles included in this first issue: The Lost Colony of North Carolina; Teaching Genealogy in the Public Schools and the Genealogical Forum among others. At present, they will pay \$25 to \$50 for material published. A SASE is requested from contributors to this periodical.

## SMITH CEMETERY

Copied by Mary Jane &amp; James C. Conner

Located on the Collin-Denton County Line, about a mile and a quarter south of Highway 24. It is in the middle of a pasture and on top of the highest point in the area. It is very difficult to reach, but has been well preserved by fencing. This listing is complete:

Large Stone: Father		Mother	
C. L. SMITH		M. B. SMITH	
Nov. 10, 1826-Jan. 11, 1914		Apr. 10, 1828-Sept. 12, 1889	
Callie SMITH		Infant child of C.L. & M.B.	
Dau. of C.L. & M.B. SMITH		SMITH, Born & Died	
B. Jan. 3, 1867 D. Aug. 27, 1877		June 27, 1853	
Mrs. S.C. HAWKINS		Jessie M. SMITH	
Dau. of C.L. & M.B. SMITH		Born Jan. 20, 1898	
Born Jan. 26, 1849		Died Feb. 31, 1900	
Died Nov. 20, 1885			
Toppled Stone: Ange SMITH		OLIVER B. SMITH	
Dau. of W.B. & M.B. SMITH		Son of W.B. & M.B. SMITH	
Born May 6, 1880		Born Jan. 29, 1884	
Died Nov. 20, 1885		Died Mar. 2, 1884	
Freddie SMITH		Selma F. SMITH	
Son of W.B. & M.B. SMITH		Dau. of G.W. & M.F. SMITH	
Born Dec. 19, 1881		Born Dec. 19, 1882	
Died July 17, 1884		Died Sept. 19, 1895	
George F. SMITH		CHARLES B. SMITH	
Infant son of G.W. & M.F.		Son of G.W. & M.F. SMITH	
Born Jan. 19, 1890		Born Jan. 26, 1888	
Died Jan. 29, 1890		Died Nov. 6, 1889	
Large Stone: SPRADLING		S. B. SPRADLING	
(Toppled Over) Stanley D. Son of		Son of M. & M.J. SPRADLING	
M. & E.W. SPRADLING		Born Dec. 22, 1881	
Born July 25, 1886		Died July 27, 1882	
Died Oct. 3, 1896			
Toppled Stone: Carmel SMITH		(Small Stone)	
Son of E.H. & O.A. SMITH		Lockie SMITH, Infant dau. of	
Born May 12, 1894		E.H. & O.A. SMITH	
Died Sept. 1, 1894		Born & Died Feb. 25, 1886	
Large Stone EDWARDS			
Viola wife of L.H. EDWARDS			
Born Apr. 11, 1882			
Died Jan. 3, 1905			

Note: There are several unmarked graves in this Cemetery.

STIFF CHAPEL CEMETERY  
Collin County, Texas

Located on the west banks of Stiff Creek at the gravel road bridge crossing off of Farm Road 1827. Approximately three and a half miles south-east of Melissa. The Cemetery is located on land owned by a Mrs. Mitchell and leased by a Mr. Jack Miller. It is fenced and heavily overgrown and many stones are overturned and broken. Some of the older stones are difficult to get to and read because of the heavy underbrush and the bumble bees which seem to have homesteaded the old tree trunks.

This is certainly one of the oldest of the old cemeteries in Collin County and has buried within its boundaries some of the very earliest settlers. The following listing is partial and we hope to complete it soon.

Mary Jane & James C. Conner.

- LINDSEY, G.W. Born 1883, Died 1884  
 CARROLL, Geo., Born Oct. 9, 1783 Died Dec. 21, 1873  
 NELSON, Margaret J. wife of W. L. NELSON 1834 - 1873  
 SWAIN, E. L. & M.L. Died 1894  
 #STIFF, Jesse B. Oct. 1, 1795 Died Aug. 15, 1871  
 #STIFF, Louis B. March 20, 1799 Died Aug. 5, 1884  
     Mary (wife of Louis STIFF) B. Nov. 10, 1801 Died Oct. 11, 1882  
 STIFF, Sallie B. March 10, 1821 D. March 6, 1904  
 STIFF Henry 1833 - 1924  
     Nancy 1838 - 1894  
 STIFF, John L. B. July 2, 1842 D. Sept. 20, 1864  
 \*STRAUGHAN, Jordon O. B. Aug. 27, 1817 D. Jun 19, 1896  
     Nancy D. Feb. 25, 1889, Age 71 years 3 mos. 3 days  
 STRAUGHAN, Edward B. Died 1818  
 STRAUGHAN, Elisha B. son of J. O. & N.E. STRAUGHAN  
     Departed Oct. 20, 1841, Age 5 years 0 mos.  
 @MC CLARY, Charles. B. Dec. 15, 1821 D. May 13, 1870  
 +MASSIE, J. A. and wife Mary Ann Died 1860  
 MASSIE, Luesila wife of J.A. Died 1871  
 MILLICAN, F.M. Nov. 19, 1835 - Nov. 19, 1907  
     Elizabeth Born Dec. 5, 1848 Died Sept. 23, 1902  
     Edgar W. Born Jan. 12, 1888 Died Feb. 21, 1905  
     Mary E. Born Jan. 14, 1878 Died Apr. 6, 1891  
     William W. Born Jan. 10, 1870 Died Nov. 12, 1870  
     Miriam E. Born Jan. 21, 1873 Died Nov. 20, 1874  
 MILLICAN, Nora Born Feb. 17, 1879 Died Aug. 6, 1881  
 MILLICAN, Araminta Born Aug. 29, 1877 Died Jan. 12, 1880  
 MILLICAN, Rosalee Born May 24, 1874 Died Sept. 16, 1875  
 MILLICAN, Mary R. Born Nov. 22, 1875 Died Oct. 23, 1878  
 MILLICAN, Anna B. dau. of J.N. & P. MILLICAN B. Feb. 10, 1883  
     D. July 28, 1884  
 MILLICAN, Prudence wife of J. N. MILLICAN Born July 20, 1854  
     Died Jan. 24, 1889  
 WILLIAMS, John W. B. Oct. 9, 1878 D. July 26, 1893  
 WILLIAMS, Eugene B. Mar. 7, 1886 D. Jan. 30, 1904  
 WILLIAMS, Jennie B. Mar. 19, 1856 D. Dec. 25, 1887  
 WILLIAMS, Infant son of M. B. & Jennie WILLIAMS B. & D. Dec. 22, 1887  
 VERMILION, Osie dau. of S. B. & T.E. VERMILION B. Dec. 23, 1835  
     D. Sept. 22, 1886

MORRIS, Sarah (old Sandstone Tablet - No Dates)  
 GALWELL, Died 1862  
 GIBSON, Nelson S. Born Apr. 24, 1817 Died Feb. 10, 1871

- \* Came to Collin County in 1846 from Arkansas and settled north of McKinney.
- + Came to Collin County in 1852 from Kentucky.
- # Came to Collin County in 1854 and settled at Buckner
- @ Came to Collin County before 1856 and settled at Lebanon.

BOOKS IN REVIEW.

NACOGDOCHES--GATEWAY TO TEXAS 1773 to 1849  
 A Biographical Directory.

Referred to as a Biographical Directory, it really is more like an Encyclopedia of the period mentioned covering marriage dates, deeds, births and Census information. Any information on the individual that might be a part of a record in old Nacogdoches County will undoubtedly be found in the book. Obviously, Mrs. Ericson did her homework well!

Dr. Joe Ericson, her husband, wrote a 24 page foreword to the book in which he gives a condensed history of Texas since 1509 when the first white men came to this state. For those of us not too knowledgeable of Texas History and not having the time to read a full length history book on this, the state we live in and love, you will find Joe Ericson's portion of the book most enlightening.

There are numerous maps of old Nacogdoches County; its borders during this period were: the Gulf of Mexico to the south and east; Galveston to the southwest; eastern portions of Panola, Harrison Marion, Titus and Lamar Counties; to the north Oklahoma; to the west, the western portions of Cooke, Denton, and Dallas Counties. Other bordering Counties were: Ellis, Navarro, Leon, Freestone, Madison, Walker, Montgomery and Harris.

If your ancestor(s) was the few who had a portrait of himself in those days, chances are you will also find a copy of his picture in this book.

Marriages in the body of the book are given in the groom's name only; if you know the bride's maiden name, but not that of her husband, you will find her listed in the index.

Without a doubt, you will find this work a most helpful tool in finding your missing links in the East Texas region. A must for your personal library if your research is in this area.

You may purchase it through Arrow - Curtis Printing Company, Publishing Division, 2921 Morton Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76107 for \$10.00.

MEN WITHOUT COUNTRIES.

Although this work by John Edward Weems was published in 1969, it is worth mentioning, as it has become available in this area through Allied Department Stores (Titche's).

It is a triptych of three colorful adventurers who came to Texas in the Period, 1773 through 1846: James Wilkinson, Philip Nolan and Peter Ellis Bean.

Basically, it is an analogy of early life on the Texas prairie and its people. It gives more insight on these men and their circumstances.

## MEMOIRS OF MAYBELLE CHANDLER

Continued from the Spring Issue

Submitted by C. M. Carthew-Yorstoun

I soon forgot all about our own appearance, for we were cordially greeted, and a great fire burned in the fireplace, making it the most beautiful room I had even seen. We apologized to our hostess and had a delightful evening. Later, my husband told me that they had been delighted with my simple flat southern way of talking. We had many other invitations, but I had to some clothes!

We spent much time at the home of Fances Hodgson Burnett, the author of "Little Lord Fauntleroy", whom my husband had known in Boston. I was only eighteen years old at this time and my husband was twenty years my senior and I had to struggle to keep up with people who were so much older and more talented than I. I marvel now at their patience!

We were invited to some English Country Homes which were most beautiful with their velvet smooth green lawns, stone fences, well-clipped hedges and ancient gardens. There were no electric lights or bath tubs at these houses. Somehow we preferred not to have them.

We hadn't much money when we came back. The problem was to find some place to live amid congenial surrounding which could be paid for by my husband's literary efforts. We were lucky to find a private house with an apartment on the top floor - located on the East Side. We soon moved in our few belongings and then began to search for some antiques, old brass, copper, books and more books. My husband soon began another novel and we slowly plunged into a semi-social literary life. One of my first callers was Ella Wheeler Wilcox, who was an old friend of my husband's. We were soon good friends and I learned much from her. Others we knew were Booth Tarkington, William Dean Howells, Ellen Glasgow, Hamlin Garland and Alber Bigelow Paine, who wrote the life of Mark Twain. It was at a reception given by the Paines at which I poured tea that I met Mr. Clemens. He seemed tired and asked if he might sit beside me for awhile. He asked if I would tell him something about the Southern Negroes, their songs and superstitions. I think again that my southern accent was a center of interest - it must have been very noticeable.

One of my great regrets was that I was unable to join my husband at a lunch at the White House given by President Roosevelt, who often invited writers to lunch. He was deeply interested in Georgia and said many kind things about my husband's book, "Ann Boyd" in a letter he wrote to him.

W. D. Howells had accepted for Harper's the first of twenty novels of Georgia which my husband wrote. Mr. Howells later wrote an article in the Bookman in which he called him one of the south's great historical fiction writers, especially of North Georgia, where all his novels were localized.

On Saturday afternoons, we met at the Authors' Club. The meetings were held in a large studio at Carnegie Hall, on which the rent was paid by Mr. Carnegie. My husband and I were occasionally guests at some interesting dinners given by George Harvey, President of Harper and Brother and later the Ambassador to England. He was fond of inviting his authors to dinner along with other prominent people in New York.

At one of these dinners, I wore a yellow chiffon evening dress, which I had made. We were still poor. I sat opposite Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, who ate with long white gloves on! My partner was John Laffin, brilliant editor of The Sun, and next to me sat Arthur Brisbane and George Gould. Later in the evening George Gould asked to meet "the little southern girl in the yellow chiffon". He told me I ought to have my portrait painted in

in that dress. Little did he know we could hardly pay the rent, but I told him that I had made it myself, at a cost of less than five dollars.

Several of my friends were women forty years older than I. Now that I too have grown old, I wonder at the patience of those old ladies with a simple country girl.

Probably the most interesting experience I ever missed was a presentation at the Court of King Edward. My husband's niece had married a British Army Officer, a member of the Black Watch Regiment, who was stationed in India. The Duchess of Buccleuch, whose daughter married the present King's brother, was presenting my niece and offered to present me at the same time. We counted our dollars over and over, however, but they would not stretch for the trip. My husband received a great deal of free advertising, however, and I was asked many times for photographs, which were printed all over the country. There must have been hundreds. I have kept some of them, which are faded and brown. The family likes to look at them.

I shall always remember my happiness at being invited to attend an opera for the first time, and to sit in a box. I had of course heard many other operas sund, but I always sat far up in the top balcony. I was a voice student at the time.

We were the guests of George Harvey, along with the Hamlin Garlands and the Gerards. Mr. Gerard was our Ambassador to Germany at the beginning of the World War. I had decided to be extravagant by buying a white crepe evening dress. I wore silver slippers and carried a large ostrich feather fan which had been lent to my by a friend. I have never again in my life felt so proud of the way I looked then. My hair was dressed high on my head with a pompadour. I wore no jewels, for I had none. An unsympathetic burglar had just stolen my diamond engagement ring. I am afraid I did not hear much of that opera - AIDA. The gowns and jewels of the other ladies drew my eyes like magnets.

Some time later, we were asked to a reception at which the President was also a guest. President Roosevelt gave me a hearty handshake and asked if I wasn't proud of my husband's new book and of his election to the National Institute of Arts and Letters. Some months later, we were invited to the White House for a Luncheon, along with other literary men and their wives, but I was ill and could not go. Later Mrs. Roosevelt wrote my husband thanking him for a book and invited us to lunch at Sagamore Hill.

We attended a tea at the home of Mark Twain. The house was of Brownstone, with a high stoop and was located at 9th Street and Fifth Avenue. The rooms were large and well furnished, the lights dim. I shall always remember the great humorist in that soft glow, his white hair a halo around his head, laughing heartily at a joke my husband was telling. I have an interesting little sketch Mr. Clemens made for the guests at a birthday dinner given some months later. He wrote beneath the crudely drawn sketch, "I cannot make a mouth, therefore, leave it out. There is enough with it out anyway. Done in the best ink. Mark Twain".

Sometimes, we had tea at the apartment of W. D. Howells, who did many kind things for my husband, who looked upon him as a sort of literary godfather; and at the Aldens'. Mr. Alden was editor of Harper's Magazine for fifty years, during which time he wrote "The Easy Chair". Their apartment was full of peace, sunshine and happiness. It was filled with hundreds of books and autographed photographs. At one of the teas Mrs. Alden discovered that she had forgotten something. Mr. Alden offered to get it for her. In his hurry, he absent-mindedly picked up an old paisley shawl and threw it over his shoulders as he went out. His wife was greatly embarrassed. We rushed to the window to look at him. He made a very charming picture with

his long white hair and beard, with the paisley shawl flying in the wind. Many people turned to look at him, but he didn't seem to realize it and continued on his errand.

My husband and I gave a small evening party for the English novelist and critic, Frank Harris. At that time, we lived far up town, near Columbia University. Mr. Harris took a car up from the old Waldorf Astoria, but forgot our street number and spent much time and money finding us. We played charade. My husband had promised to make a Welsh rarebit for him and he watched the process closely, making witty remarks as he did so.

On another occasion, we had some southern writers and their wives to dinner. We had not been married very long, and our apartment was not completely furnished. We wanted good furniture and so bought each piece with great care. We had turkey for dinner. As I remember that luxury, I am sure it was because my husband had just sold a short story to Century Magazine. We had hired a maid to cook and serve the dinner. We didn't know how little she knew, being somewhat green ourselves. She was bringing in the turkey when my husband suddenly asked for some water. She must have become panicky for she calmly and deliberately set the platter down on the floor in a corner! We had only a table and chairs in our dining room then. Needless to say, our dinner was a huge success.

At another time, in this building, another amusing incident occurred. My husband wanted to ask the janitor to do some repairs. When he spoke to the janitress, who was the only one at home, he called her "Auntie" feeling this was being very polite. It was an old southern custom. One never used "Mr. and Mrs." in speaking to negroes in the south in those days. It is rarely done now. She resented his "familiarity" and answered, "I am no kin of yours. Please call me Mrs. Williams when you speak to me hereafter!" He fled up the dark stairs.

We also visited at the home of Edwin Markham, who had just written "The Man with the Hoe", on Staten Island. He is a grand old patriarch with hair and beard - he must be ninety! We sometimes went to Theodore Dreiser. He lived near us and the Hamlin Garlands. Mrs. Garland was a great beleiver in fresh air and used to put her baby in a basket on the fire escape, much to my husband's discomfort. He felt sure something would fall on it.

I remember once my father took me on a visit when I was a very little girl. I could not have been more than five. I shall always remember that visit, for it was the occasion of the greatest shame I have ever felt.

There was a little girl on the plantation, and I played with her for hours. After a few days, we prepared to return to Knngstree. The little girl had lovely toys and I envied her terribly - so much that when I was packing my own tiny traveling case, I put one of her dolls in it. It was a beautiful doll and the little girl had so many and I so few toys. Children are savages and I suppose I was no exception. When we arrived home, my mother discovered the strange doll in my box. She wept with shame; I did not understand. My father took me silently back to the carriage in which we had traveled and we rode for hours - all the way back to the plantation from which we had just departed. He handed me the doll, led me by the hand up the front stairs to the entrance of the house, where we were met by the surprised family.

I burst into tears and handed the doll back to the little girl, burying my face against my father's trouser leg, I sobbed disconsolately. I do not remember that he said a word the entire time. I cried all the way back home. I have never been able to press that shame from my mind, though I was scarcely more than a baby at the time.

As I have gone back over these forty years to resurrect these memories, I found it necessary to clear the cobwebs from my mind. It has been a pleasure veiled in sadness.



THE SERVICES AND OPERATIONS OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS  
CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

As Presented by Noel R. Barton  
Research Specialist for U. S.  
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Cafeteria, April 25, 1974.

The Genealogical Society is gathering records from all over the world either through purchasing books, pamphlets, film etc. or by microfilming records.

The microfilming program is world wide with approximately 75 cameras currently in operation. Thirteen of these cameras are filming in the United States, in Florida, Louisiana, Missouri, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire. Microfilm programs will be started soon in Texas and Iowa.

Filming is also being done in various countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Central America and the South Sea Islands.

Representatives of the Genealogical Society contact various officials of national, state, county and city offices, and of archives, libraries, churches, universities, and other record repositories. These men negotiate for permission to film the genealogical records held by these officials. A list of the records is made and sent to Salt Lake City for approval. Certain types of records are given priority, such as, vital (birth, marriages and deaths), church, census, land probate, and naturalization. The approved list is then sent to the camera operator in the field who films the records. The raw film is sent to the Granit Mountain Vault for processing and evaluation. Poor film will be retaken. The original negative is kept in the vault as the security copy. A positive is made for use by researchers in the Genealogical Society Library in Salt Lake City and its branch libraries. A donor copy is made for the custodian of the record or the agency who might be doing the contacting and negotiating for the Genealogical Society.

Many records are discovered every day while others are being destroyed. Several courthouses in Michigan were damaged by fire last year. Other records are at the mercy of floods, wind, rain, vermin, worms, wet and dry rot and other elements. Records have been found being stored in attics, basements, jails, warehouses, barns, coal sheds, etc. Where possible, if they meet the Genealogical Society's criteria, they are filmed for preservation.

The Genealogical Society's Granite Mountain Vault, completed in 1965, was built in a solid granit mountain 25 miles south of downtown Salt Lake City. The total capacity of the vault is approximately 26 million volumes of 300 pages each, on microfilm. When filled, the vault can be expanded. The temperature control, humidity, etc. are excellent for the storage of microfilm.

All film processing done by the Genealogical Society is accomplished at the vault. New film, averaging nearly 50,000 100 ft. rolls per year, is here received, developed, checked for density, quality, etc. Each roll of film is examined, frame by frame. Retakes are recommended where needed. The film is then sent to the Genealogical Society Library downtown for cataloging and inclusion into the collection.

The Genealogical Society Library is housed in the new LDS Church Office Building at 50 East North Temple Street. The collection now contains almost 1,000,000 rolls of film and 200,000 books of genealogical information, the largest of its kind in the world. Films are added at the rate of

almost 4,000 rolls per month and new books by about 500 per month. A card catalogue indexes the whole collection by author, subject, title, and locality.

On each level of the Library a staff of qualified reference consultants is available to assist in analyzing your research problems and in using Library materials. Each consultant is a specialist for a specific geographical area. There is no charge for this service.

**LIBRARY COLLECTION.** Most books, microfilms, maps, and other materials have been placed geographically to facilitate research.

**CLASSES AND INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS.** Instructional tapes, filmstrips, research papers, and printed explanations are developed periodically to assist patrons in the effective use of the Library and its facilities. Information concerning these is available at the reference counter on the first level. Classes in research techniques and use of Library sources are available periodically. Schedules will be posted.

**RESEARCH SURVEY.** A research survey service is available. A survey will be conducted for \$10 paid in advance. The service includes a 2.5 hour (approximately) survey to determine what research has been completed and to suggest in detail what records to search next. Ask at the reference counter for more details. (This can also be done by correspondence.)

**CHURCH RECORDS ARCHIVES AND FOUR GENERATION PROGRAM RECORDS.** This collection of approximately six million family group records is located on the fourth level of the Library. Records are filed in alphabetical order by the husband's surname followed by his given name.

This also includes records in the main records section that were submitted to the Genealogical Society for processing from 1942 to 1969; also the four generation program sheets.

**LATIN AMERICAN AND IBERIAN PENINSULA COLLECTION** includes materials for all countries of South America, Central America (including Mexico, the West Indies, South and Central American Indians, and Spain, Portugal, and their possessions in the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea.

**AFRO-ASIAN COLLECTION** includes materials for all countries of the South Pacific (excluding New Zealand and Australia), Asia (excluding portions of USSR in Asia), the Middle East and Africa (excluding the Republic of South Africa).

**TEMPLE RECORDS INDEX BUREAU (TIB)** This is a collection of over thirty million cards representing names that have been processed by LDS temples from 1842 through 1969. Only trained Genealogical Society personnel have access to TIB files. However, anyone can request a search for individual names in this file. The request forms and a return station are located on the first level near the main reference counter.

The Computer File Index (CFI) is a file on the computer of all names processed for temple work since 1970. There are now 20 million names in the file, about 6 million are added each year. The first printouts, as of August, 1973, are now available at the Genealogical Society Library on microfiche. They are not yet available in branch libraries.

There are now over 140 branch libraries in the stakes of the LDS Church in the United States, Canada, Mexico and New Zealand. Each has a film copy of the card catalogue at the main library. Patrons may order any film available, but books cannot be loaned to branch libraries.

The Genealogical Society is beginning a microfilming program in Texas in June of this year in cooperation with the Texas State Library and Archives. Land, Probate, Vital, Naturalization and other records prior to 1900 will be filmed in each of the counties of Texas. Other records in various repositories around the state will also be filmed. This project will take approximately six years to complete.

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## "WHO ARE MY REAL PARENTS?"

In ten states, organizations are helping adoptees (adults) track down their natural parents and planning court battles to get adoption agency records opened to grown up adoptees. In Los Angeles, three researchers have begun a study of the open-records controversy and its implications for parents as well as America's eight million adoptees.

Psychiatrists have always squelched curiosity and thought it indicated an enormous obsession on the part of the adoptee, but now researchers have found it's a natural genealogical curiosity that the most successful adoptee feels. Natural parents also have a need to find their children. It has been believed that a mother who gives up her child at birth resolves her feelings and goes on. It is found that this is not always so and it is not something that can be put aside and secrecy is a burden rather than a help to adoptive parents as well as to the natural parent. It would be a relief to all concerned to have an open approach. The researchers want to hear from more adoptive, natural parents and adoptees. Write: Adoption Research Project, P. O. Box 49809, Los Angeles, CA 90049

## GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH &amp; THE INDIANS.

We have had several requests about the research that is done in the Five Nations, who to contact, etc. If you have information about this, please send it to the Editor at our new address. We are aware of some research being done in Oklahoma, but do not know where or by whom.

## COCKE COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

By Mrs. Dorothy Johnston

The following information was transcribed from handwritten records and assembled with the map in September, 1967 by me. These were found in the Tennessee Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

The will of John "Jack" Allen is part of the Collection in the possession of Mrs. Emma Allen of Newport, Tennessee.

PURSUANT to an act of assembly passed at Nashville on the third day of December, 1835, providing for laying off the several counties throughout the state in districts for the purpose of electing Justices of the Peace, and Constables therein and for other purposes. We, the undersigned, being duly appointed by said assembly to lay off the aforesaid County of Cocke into Districts for the purpose aforesaid, do certify that after being legally sworn, we have proceeded and laid off the aforesaid County Cocke into ten districts which are imaginarily so presented by the above plat. Which districts are bounded as follows to wit:

The 1st District. No. 1 begins on the State line between North Carolina and Tennessee opposite to and near the Snow Bird Springs and running from there with the different meanders of the Dividing Mountain between the waters of Pigeon River and the waters of Big Creek to the head of the Hang Over Branch near Greens Camp. From thence a direct line to the highest point of the Piney Mountain. From thence to the Junction of the Pigeon Roost Branch with French Broad River thence up the different meanders of said River to the mouth of Long Creek. Thence up the different meanders of said Little Mountain to the Greene County line. Thence with said County line to the aforesaid State line at or near the Painted Rock. From thence across said French Broad River with the different meanders of said State line to the beginning. And we hereby designate the house of Royal Stokely, Esquire as the place to hold elections in said 1st District.

The 2nd District. No. 2 begins on the top of the Little Mountain a corner to District No. 1 on the Greene County line. Thence with said County line to the top of the Dividing Ridge between Andrew Steens and Ivy Gammons. From thence to the head of the Long Hollow. Thence down the meander of said Hollow to the Buffalo Lick near the lower end of Swagerty's old field. From thence to the Hog Gap. From thence to the Bridge across Clear Creek near Charles Smith's. From thence to Job Parrot's Spring. From thence to the north end of the lane between John & Spencer Faubion. Thence with Wm. Faubion's mill road by the Big Sink to said Wm. Faubion's mill on French Broad River. Thence up the meanders of said River to the mouth of Long Creek corner to said District No. 1. Thence with said 1st District up the meanders of said Creek to the Warm Spring Road at the foot of a spur of the Little Mountain. From thence with the meanders of said Little Mountain to the beginning. And we hereby designate Martin Eisenhower's house as the place to hold elections in said 2nd District.

The 3rd District. No. 3 begins on the top of the dividing ridge between Andrew Steen's and Ivy Gammon's corner to District No. 2 on the Greene County line. Thence with said County line to the junction of the first branch with Nola Chucky River below the mouth of Oven Creek. From thence a direct line to the head of Knob Creek at the head of the Long Branch.

From thence a direct line to the head of Knob Creek at the head of the Long Branch. From thence to John Green's spring. From thence to the Widow Gillet's spring. From thence to Wm. Palmer's spring on the Warrick Place. From thence to the Howel Cabin on a branch of Clay Creek. Thence down the meanders of said Creek to the end of James Christian's field. From thence to the head of White's Branch in Barnett's field. From thence to the Kentucky place on the Warm Spring Road. Thence with the meanders of said Road to Moses Faubion's old Smith Shop. From thence a direct line to French Broad River opposite to Anderson Mc Mahan's house. Thence up the meanders of said River to Wm. Faubion's Mill corner to District No. 2. Thence with the lines of District No. 2 from said Mill with the Mill Road by the Big Sink to the north end of the lane between Spencer Faubion's and John Faubion's. From thence to Job Parrott's Spring. From thence to the bridge across Clear Creek near Charles Smith's. From thence to thence to the Hog Gap. From thence to the Buffalo Lick near the lower end of Swagerty's old field. From thence up the meanders of the Long Hollow to the head thereof. From thence to the beginning. And we hereby designate Jacob Parrott's house in Parrottsville as the place to hold elections in said 3rd District.

The 4th District. No. 4 begins at the mouth of the first branch below the mouth of Oven Creek on Nolachucky River corner to the 3rd District on the Greene County Line. Thence down the different meanders of said River with said County line and with the County Line of Jefferson County to the mouth of the Cool Branch near Chunn's mill. From thence to Simon Smith's barn. From thence to the nearest point of the dividing ridge between the waters of Slate Creek and the waters dividing ridge between the waters of Slate Branch. Thence with the meanders of said ridge to the dividing point projecting between the house of Joshua Driskill and John Thomas. Thence with said divide to a line of District No. 3 on the ridge between John F. Faubion's house and meadow. From thence with the lines of said District No. 3 Wm. Palmer's Spring on the Warrick Place. From thence to the Widow Gillet's Spring. From thence to John Green's Spring. From thence to the head of the Long Branch at the head of Knob Creek. From thence a direct line to the beginning. And we hereby designate David Driskill's house as the place to hold elections in said 4th District.

The 5th District. No. 5 begins at the mouth of cove branch on Nola Chucky River corner to District No. 4 on the Jefferson County line. Thence down the meanders of said Chucky River to its junction with French Broad. Thence down the meanders of said French Broad with said County line to the lower end of the Irish Bottom. From thence with the meanders of the dividing ridge between said Irish and the Dutch Bottom to the Turkey Pen. From thence to Big Pigeon River at the end of the lane between Henry Jack's and Wm. Coleman's. Thence down the meanders of said Big Pigeon River to its junction with French Broad. From thence a direct line to Thomas Story's well. From thence with the meanders of the dividing ridge between the waters of Clay Creek and Clear Creek to the head of White's Branch in Barnett's field corner to District No. 3. From thence with the lines of said third District to the uppermost corner of James Christian's land on said Clay Creek to the Howel Canin. From thence to the top of the ridge between John F. Faubion's house and the meadow on a line of District No. 3. corner to District No. 4. From thence with the lines of said 4th District with the dividing ridge between the houses of Joshua Driskill and John Thomas to the dividing ridge between the waters of said Clay Creek and Slate Creek. Thence with the meanders of said dividing ridge to the head of Slate Branch and said Slate Creek to the nearest point of said divide to Simon Smith's



barn. From thence to said Smith's barn. From thence a direct line to the beginning. And we hereby designate Aron Rogers house as the place to hold elections in 5th District.

The 6th District. No. 6 begins on the east bank of French Broad River opposite the Anderson Mc Mahan's house corner to the 3rd District. Thence with said 3rd District. From thence to Moses Faubion's ol Smith Shop on the Warm Spring Road. Thence with the meanders of said Road to the Kentuck Place. From thence to the head of White's Branch in Barnett's field corner to District No. 3 and No. 5. Thence with the lines of District No. 5. Following the meanders of the dividing ridge between the waters of Clear Creek and the waters of Clay Creek to Thomas Story's well. From thence to the mouth of Big Pigeon River. Thence up the meanders of said Pigeon River to the end of the lane between Henry Jack's and Wm. Coleman's. From thence to the Turkey Pen. From thence with the ridge to the mouth of Sinking Creek From thence up the meanders of said Pigeon River to the mouth of Gropes Branch. From thence to the top of the dividing ridge between the Rivers French Broad and Big Pigeon. Thence with siad divide to the top of the Piney Mountain corner to District No. 1. From thence with one line of said 1st District to the mouth of the Pigeon Roost Branch. Thence down the meanders of French Broad to the beginning. And we hereby designate the Court-house in Newport as the place to hold elections in said 6th District.

The 7th District. No. 7 begins on the southwest side of Big Pigeon River at the mouth of Gropes Branch corner to District No. 6. Thence up the meanders of said Branch to the old Warford Road. Thence with the meander of said Road to the fork thereof near a pond on Abraham Fine's land. From thence to Carsons Yellow Springs. From thence to the corner of said Cocke County, Sevier County and Jefferson County. From thence with Jefferson County line to French Broad River. Thence up the meanders of said River with said County line to the lower end of the Irish Bottoms, corner to District N. 5. From thence with the meanders of the dividing ridge between said Irish and the Dutch Bottom with said 5th District to the Turkey Pen, corner to the 5th and 6th Districts. From thence with said ridge and with said 6th District to the mouth of Sinking Creek. Thence up the meanders of said Big Pigeon River to the beginning. And we hereby designate Joseph Oneal's house as the place to hold elections in said 7th District.

The 8th District. No. 8 begins at the fork of the old Warford Road near a pond on Abraham Fines land corner to District No. 7. From thence to John Mantooth's Smith Shop. From thence with the new Cosby Creek Road to the height of the ridge near Wm. Baley's. From thence to the junction of Cosby Creek with Big Pigeon River. Thence up the meanders of said Big Pigeon River to the mouth of Ground Hog Creek. From thence to the head of the Hand Over Branch near Green's Camp, corner to the 1st District. From thence with said 1st District. From thence with said 1st District to the height of the Piney Mountain corner to the 1st and 6th District. From thence with the dividing ridge between French Broad and Big Pigeon to the nearest height therof to the mouth of Gropes Branch. From thence to the mouth of said Gropes Branch. Thence up the meanders of said Branch to the mouth of said Gropes Branch. Thence up the meanders of said Branch to the old Warford Road. Thence with the meanders of said road to the beginning. We hereby designate the house of Wm. Brooks as the place to hold elections in said 8th District.

The 9th District. No. 9 begins at John Allen's Saumill on Big Pigeon River. From thence to the head of the lane between the Widow Huff's and John Lillard's. Thence with said lane to Cosby Creek. Thence up the meanders of said Creek to the mouth of Boguard. Thence up the meanders of said creek to the Cove Road. Thence with the meanders of said road to the Sevier County line. Thence with said County line to a corner of the lines of Sevier County, Jefferson County and Said Cocks County. From thence to Carson's Yellow Springs, corner to the 7th District. From thence to the fork of the old Warford Road near a pond corner to the 7th and 8th District. From thence with said 8th District to John Mantooth's Smith Shop. From thence with the new Cosby Road to the height of the ridge near Wm. Baley's. From thence to the mouth of Cosby's Creek. Thence up the meanders of Pigeon River to the beginning. And we hereby designate the house of James Allen as the place to hold elections in said 9th District.

The 10th District. No. 10 Begins at John Allen's sawmill on Big Pigeon River on a line of District No. 8 corner to District No. 9. From thence with the lines of said 9th District to the head of the lane between the Widow Huff's and John Lillard's. From thence with said lane to Cosby's Creek. Thence up the difference meanders of said Creek to the said Middle Creek. Thence with said Cove Road to the Sevier County line. Thence with said County line to the State line between North Carolina and Tennessee. Thence with the meanders of said state line crossing Big Pigeon River to the Snow Bird Springs, corner to District No. 1. Thence with the meanders of the dividing ridge between the waters of said Pigeon River and the waters of Big Creek with said District No. 1, to the head of the Hang Over Branch near Green's Camp, corner to said District No. 8. From thence with said District No. 8 to the mouth of Ground Hog Creek. Thence down the meanders of said Big Pigeon River to the beginning. And we hereby designate the house of James Gilliland as the place to hold elections in said 10th Dist.

Given under our hands, this 3rd day of February, 1836.

John F. Fowler

Wm. Robinson

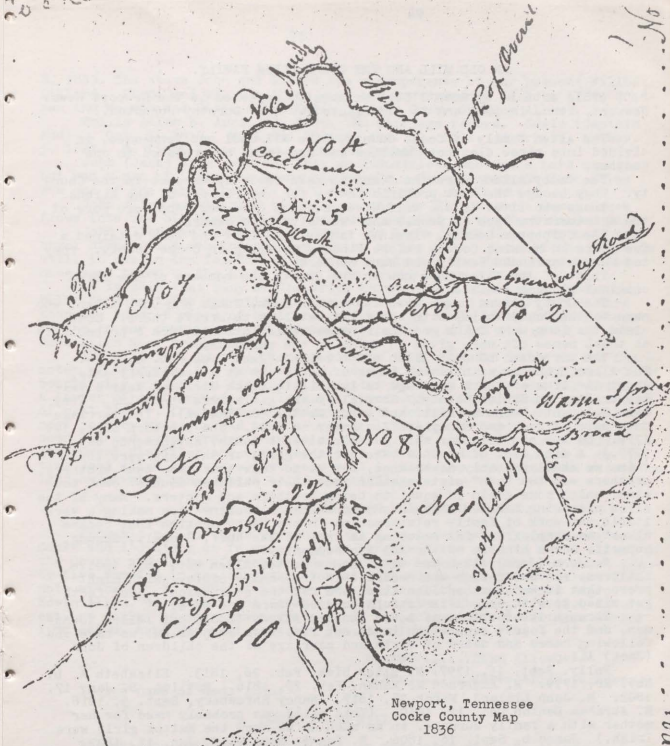
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## AN OLD WILL AND THE COSBY ALLEN FAMILY.

(This article by Ruth O'Dell originally appeared in the Newport News, Newport, Tenn. in 1941 and is contributed by Mrs. Dorothy Johnston.)

The Allen family of Cocke County, like All Gaul and Tennessee, is divided into three distinct families and are in no way related to one another.

The Cosby Allens were the first to make their appearance in the County. They became the most prolific and by far the richest of the Allens. Those who lived in the Wolf Creek section came next and were more of the Aristocratic type of people and extensive land owners.

The Culpepper County, Virginia family came last and were detained a few years in Hawkins County before finally settling in Cocke County. They too were a splendid family and hard workers.

Those of the Allen name now in the County are members of the Three original pioneer families.

The Cosby Allens began with two orphan lads, James and John Allen, who came to the Cosby Valley with the first settlers to arrive there. Some claim the lads were twins and their names would intimate such a probability as those names oft were given to twins in the early days.

The birthdate of John Allen often called "Jack" was Feb. 1, 1774. The Allen Brothers established homes of their own at a very early date, about the time of their marriage to two Little Irish Girls of Wear's Valley or Cave in Sevier County. Some claim the girls were the twins. They were Melicent, known as Milli and Nancy Mattox (or Maddox). The marriage date of Jack and Nancy was September 8, 1796. She was born Sept. 17, 1777. On the old calendar this was the seventh month, seventeenth day, 1777.) A nice list of sevens. Whether the girls or the boys were the twins we shall probably never know, but we do know that two "own" brothers wed two "own" sisters which made their children double "own" cousins, which some claim is equal to being brothers and sisters. Many of the Allen offspring married sisters and brothers or cousins thus making a veritable net-work of family relationships in the Cosby section that became almost as complex and far reaching as that of the Huff, Stokely, Susong, Burnett, Jones kinship of the Del Rio community.

To John (Jack) Allen and wife, Nancy Mattox Allen were born twelve children, eleven of whom are recorded in the Family Bible, which might prove that it was another John Allen who had the even dozen. Such facts get mixed up with ease after a full hundred years and more.

Through the courtesy of Louis Seahorn Allen, (L.S.) our fellow townsman, and the fourth generation in direct line from John Allen, we have the following names and dates of birth and marriage of the children of John (Jack) Allen.

Polly, Sept. 15, 1797. M. Elios Sisk, Feb. 26, 1813. Elizabeth A. b. Nov. 20, 1799. M. Anderson Mc Mahan, Feb. 29, 1816. Matilda, B. Jan. 17, 1802. M. John Lillard, March 28, 1817. Nancy Shrewbery, Sept. 5, 1818. M. Abraham Denton Dec. 12, 1819. (This child was probably named for her mother with a family surname, in as much as we know the Mattox girls were Irish.) James b. Sept. 16, 1806. M. Fannie Hoss Wolf, Jan. 15, 1827. (She was born in 1810 and it is said that her father or her grandfather built the Wolf Creek Allen home and the creek was named in his honor.) This James was the grandfather of L. S. Allen. Russell b. Aug. 30, 1809. (John Weaver's grandfather). John, b. Feb. 5, 1812. M. Sallie Mc Nabb, Feb. 10, 1830. Rhoda, born Feb. 5, 1814. M. William (Bill) Allen March

8, 1833. The above John and Sallie the grandparents of our present William Lillard. Rhoda and William Allen were the grandparents of Nola Allen Roadman and Melvin and Dicie Allen Keith and our Cosby Charley Allen).

Emilla Allen b. April 13, 1816. No marriage record. Edwin (Captain Edd) b. Oct. 9, 1818. M. Lydia Vinson, Aug. 10, 1842. Harriett, b. Nov. 5, 1821. M. first Isaac Weaver, 2nd an Isabel.

John (Jack) Allen was not only an industrious man and a hard worker, but was a man of influence among his people. History records John Allen was one of the early Sheriffs of the county also its Trustee.

John Allen established his home on the Big Pigeon where Cosby Creek flows into the big Pigeon River and James settled on the Mark Holder farm.

John Allen was six years building his large brick home. He made the brick himself and was known as an artist at the task. Some of the brick is still in use in the foundation of Cosby Academy. The doors from the old home were taken to the L. S. Allen home in the Dutch Bottoms.

It is said that many of the brick chimneys and other such structures built by John Allen are still in use and almost "good as new" after more than one hundred years of heat and cold and the winds of a thousand storms. No one in our county has yet surpassed or even equalled the skill of John, Jack Allen as a brick mason.

The Will left by this pioneer citizen is a splendid index to the Character of this man, his great wealth, as such documents generally are. It is beautifully worded and exquisitely written by James Fuller who was evidently a lawyer of that period. It is here reproduced in its entirety as evidence of what thrift, frugality and industry will do for a man, even in a wilderness country where he had only a trowel with which to begin. However, he soon learned other trades than brick making. He became an expert miller, a government distiller and operated a shop and a "Carding" machine. By the time John Allen had these interests well in hand, he had become an extensive land-owner with many slaves to do his bidding.

#### BILL OF SALE OF ONE NEGRO MAN NAMED GEORGE.

Know all men by these presents that I, John Allen, of the County of Cocke and the State of Tennessee, hath bargained and sold to Edwin Allen, of the County and State aforesaid, one negro man named George, aged about twenty-five for and in the consideration of five hundred eighteen dollars in a note of hand. I, John Allen do bargain and sell the above named negro to Edwin Allen, do warrant and forever defend against the right title, interest, or claim, of any person whatever in law or equity - In witness whereof I do set my hand and seal this the 5th day of February, 1845.

Signed.....John Allen.

Signed.....James Allen (witness)

In the name of God, Amen:

#### COSBY ALLEN WILL

The original will, which follows, in possession of L. S. Allen:

I, John Allen, of the County of Cocked, in the State of Tennessee, calling to mind the mortality of my body, the uncertainty of life and that it is appointed to man to die, and being desirous to make disposition of the good things of this life, which God in his goodness has blest me with, and and being now, at the time of making this disposition or devise, of a sound

and dispossessing mind, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following to wit—

Principal and first of all, I give and recommend my soul to God, who gave it, and my body to be buried in a decent Christian manner, at the discretion of my Executors and my property I devise and dispose of as follows: to wit—

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Polly who is now married to Elias Sisk, one negro girl named Poll, to her heirs, and the other personal property which she has already received, amounting with the negro girl to about seven hundred dollars in value.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Betsy, who is married to Anderson Mc Mahan, a negro woman named Poll, with the increase, together with such household and stuff and personal estate as she has already received, amounting in value when received to about seven hundred dollars, to her heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter Matilda, who married to John Lillard one negro girl named Civillar, together with such household furniture and personal property as she has already received of me, amounting to about seven hundred dollars, to her and her heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Nancy, who is married to Anderson Denton the personal property and household stuff she has already received, amounting in value when received to seven hundred dollars.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughters, Rhoda, Milly and Harriett each a sum equal to what I have given to those already married, say seven hundred dollars each to be paid to them in Current Bank Note by my Executors when it can be raised by the sale of my personal estate, provided they do not marry and receive of me before my decease a similar portion to that given to my other daughters, or if they have only received a part, my will and desire is that whatever may be lacking of the aforesaid sum be made up to them out of my estate.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son, Russel, my son, John and my son Edwin, and their heirs the balance of my estate, real and personal, to be equally divided among them, after the foregoing desires are fully satisfied. Subject never the less to the desires herein made to my wife and my Will and desire is that a fair and just decision be made of my estate, so devised to my sons, real and personal, by three discreet, disinterested persons, to be nominated by my Executor.

ITEM: My will and desire is and I hereby devise and bequeath to my wife Nancy, the use and enjoyment of my estate during her natural life. Say the house and land on which I live and such parts of my personal estate which she may think proper to retain for her use and accommodations.

And lastly I do hereby nominate and approve my beloved wife, Nancy, Executrix and my son, James, Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness where of I have here unto set my hand and seal. This 11th day of March, 1826.

JOHN ALLEN

Signed and acknowledged in presence of us.

James Fuller  
Baptist Mc Nabb

The names and marriages recorded on this Will should substantiate the claim of John, a grand son, who spoke truly when he said that at least twenty-five thousand people and probably more have descended from this

couple Jack Allen of hardy pioneers. In one of his letters to the paper, Mr. Weaver states that, "Jack Allen was a man of unusual attainment and education for his time. I get this from his writing and reading his papers. (I get it from his sense of justice and business ability as evidenced by the Will). There are more people in Cocke County and elsewhere today who could trace back to Jack Allen as one of their ancestors, than could trace to any other man who ever lived in Cocke County.

Many of them perhaps don't know they are descendants of this man. I think it would be very safe to assume that there are living today at least 25,000 people who have Jack Allen as one of their ancestors".

Most of the twelve children had rather large families. Two married Sisks, two Mc Mahans, one married Abraham Denton, one William Allen and one Isaac Weaver." In this very interesting letter, Mr. Weaver states, "Captain Edd Allen organized and Captain of the First Company out of Cocke County into the Confederate Army. This company was made of Cocke County men and became Company C in the 26th Tennessee Regiment. Austin Hickey was made First Lt. Alexander Swaggerty 2nd Lt. Capt. Allen was killed in the battle of Murfreesboro, Dec. 31, 1862 and the company was reorganized with George Stuart Captain, James H. Faubion, orderly sergeant. After the resignation of Sam H. Stanberry because of ill health. This company took part in all the battles of Middle Tennessee. Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Dalton, Altoona, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain and Atlanta and with Hood back at Franklin and Nashville". It is of interest at this point to add that the regiment in which this company belonged was commanded by Colonel John M. Lillard until he was killed at Chickamauga, after which Colonel Bogges took command. Company C was composed of one hundred seventy men and was organized at the Cameron House, now known as the Abraham O'Dell House on the banks of the French Broad River at Old Town in April, 1861.

The entire company was in prison for eight months in Camp Morton near Indianapolis but were exchanged at Vicksburg.

In addition to the death of Captain Edd Allen, his nephew, A. M. Allen, son of James, was also killed in the battle of Murfreesboro forty eight hours later on Jan. 2, 1863. Louis Allen, the only child of Captain Edd died while a prisoner in Camp Morton, Indiana. W. W. Allen son of James died in prison at Point Look Out, Ill., in 1864. Thus did four of the Allen family die for the cause for which they fought. The only man alive out of the 17th of the company on Jan. 15, 1924 was J. H. Faubion, who did so much for the development of his adopted State and whose letters of historical interest I shall include in its entirety elsewhere.

James Allen, son of John (Jack) Allen married Fannie Hore Wolf. They became the parents of James Seahorn Allen father of our present D. G. Allen known as "Little Gray". And Joan Graham Allen, the father of our fellow townsman Louis Seahorn Allen, whom we call L.S. or Sea. These Allen brothers were known generally as, J.S. and J. G. Allen.

During the years of the Construction period, Seahorn Allen engaged in the mercantile business in Georgia, near David Stokely, his brother-in-law. While there, married Laura Henley, a member of one of Knoxville's pioneering families, for whom Henley Street was named. This young couple returned to Tennessee soon after the birth of "Little Gray" and Nannie Allen. They purchased the home in which Miss Nannie still lives, from R. M. Randolph. D. G. married Emma Maloney of Greene County and their children are Hugh M. Lynn, Sea and Helen. The store "Where Grand Pa Traded" is now owned by D. G. Allen.

John Graham Allen wed Nannie E. Jones on New Year's Day, 1873 at Bristol, Virginia. Their children were Willie D., Louise Seahorn, Katie Vivian and Fannie Anna. Of this entire family, only L. B. lived to maturity.

J. G. Allen began to clerk in the store of John M. Jones in 1869. For two years he served the firm as Clerk at which time he was taken in as partner with Ben D. Jones, (Father of our present John M. Jones) all of Newport. This business arrangement continued for about a quarter of a century, when in 1898, James R. Jones, L. S. Allen, B. D. Jones, and J. G. Allen formed a partnership known as Jones, Allen and Sons. It is doubtful if any Cocke County firm ever conducted a more flourishing business than Jones, Allen and Sons. J. G. became one of the richest and most influential citizens of this day. Owned and operated hundreds of acres of rich farming lands in addition to his interest in the mercantile business. A brief history of this outstanding business concern has been prepared by James R. Jones which will be given elsewhere.

Always intensely interested in numerology, I have constantly noticed in this work "the play of numbers" in various families. I discovered this when I found out that in my own family were dozens of thirteens, and thus I began to look for numbers. The Allen family is filled with "sixes", the most important being the marriage year of John Jack, 1796, and on Sept. 16, 1806, their first son was born. James Allen, (Grandfather of L. B.). In 1846, the son of James was born, J. G. father of L. S. who made his advent in 1876 and on June 6, 1906 married Stella Willis and on Jan. 6, 1916 their daughter Jane arrived. She has a brother whose name Jack Lallen or John Graham Allen, son of L. S. Allen enables me to end this family story, even as I began it, with Jack Allen, it is a name that has stood for something in the development of our county and one he should delight to carry because it is a challenge to him to live up to it.

People generally of our modern day and time are't paying half enough attention to the names they give their children. It is a serious thing to name a child.

Some of the Cosby Allen descendants also settled in Texas. One thing is certain, all those who bear the family name of Allen are descended from the three families who settled in this county at the beginning of the 19th Century.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRESIDENT.

Congratulations are in order to our President, Percy C. Fewell who was married on May 4th in Highland Park Methodist Church to Mrs. Mildred (Roy C) Ledbetter, a fellow member of our Society.

#### CORRECTION.

In the last issue of the Quarterly, we announced a Workshop of the LDS Genealogical Society to be held June 7th and 8th in Dallas. This Society is generally known as the Genealogical Society of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The workshop in question was to be held by the Genealogical Institute, which is also located in Salt Lake City, but is in no way connected with the LDS.

Efforts have been made to learn more about this workshop, but to no avail. It looks like the whole thing is a hoax and we wish to apologize for misleading our members. Please accept our APOLOGY for this honest error.



## TWO OF THE 1692 WITCHES OF SALEM.

Lecture Presented to the Local  
History and Genealogical Society  
At the March 28, 1974 luncheon  
By Mrs. Jewell Mitchell.

I became especially interested in the Salem witch hunt because two of the most conspicuous victims were members of the Towne family—and so am I. We are descended from William Towne, The Immigrant.

My relationship to these unjustly accused ladies is that of niece — many times removed. They were Rebecca Towne and her sister, Mary Towne; their sister, Sarah, barely escaped with her life. My line comes down from Jacob Towne, a brother of Rebecca, Marry and Sarah.

Most of my research has been done in the Dallas Public Library and at the Jane Douglas DAR Library, and covers a period of many years. There is an unlimited amount of published material on the Salem tragedy.

William Towne, born in Yarmouth County, England in 1600, came to New England about 1630 with his wife Joanna Blessing and settled first at Salem, Massachusetts. The resided in that part of the town called "Northfields" until about 1652 when he bought land in Topsfield, Mass., where he lived the remainder of his life.

The surname Towne is an ancient English name derived from Anglo-Saxon "Tun", meaning an enclosure or homestead. It is recorded as "De la Tune" in various English counties in 1273, and as Towne during the 18th century. Their Arms are:

Argent, on a Chevron, sable, three crosslets, ermine

Rebecca Towne was baptised on February 21, 1621 and was about 71 years of age when she was hanged on July 19, 1692. She married Francis Nourse of Salem and they resided in Danvers, Massachusetts. Danvers was first called Salem Village which was not Salem Town, the present Salem city.

Rebecca was taken to church in chains the sabbath previous to her execution and there publicly excommunicated by her minister, Nicholas Noyes. A writer of that day said her life and conversation had been such that the remembrance thereof, soon wiped off all the reproach occasioned by the civil and ecclesiastical sentence against her. The minister, Nicholas Noyes, later publicly repented for his actions in the trials and blotted from his church records the excommunication.

When Rebecca, eminent for her piety, was tried as a witch, she was so hard of hearing and so full of grief that she could not understand all that was said against her.

Mary Towne was baptised August 24, 1634; married Isaac Esty. She was hanged as a witch on September 22 and was about 58 years of age at the time.

On April 19, warrants were issued for the arrest of several people residing in Topsfield and Danvers. When Mary was examined, the magistrate was so affected by the accused's confidence in her own innocence that he asked the young girls if they were sure that this was the person who afflicted them. They agreed this was the person, and Mary Towne Esty was committed to prison, April 21, 1692. She was discharged May 18 and allowed to return home. This offended the accusing girls, who showed their displeasure by going into violent fits. A second warrant was quickly obtained for Mary, and as soon as she was put in chains in the jail, their af-

flictions appeared to cease.

Rebecca and Mary were not young frivolous girls, but mature ladies worthy of esteem, Rebecca, her sister and all their families were held in highest esteem. However, an ancient village feud had left a grudge against them by some of the villagers. There had been a bitter dispute between parties from Salem and from Topsfield who had settled in the border region between the two townships. The dispute related to the possession of certain lots of land, and it made hard feeling between the Putnams on the one side and the Estys and Townes on the other. Rebecca and her husband had become obnoxious to the Putnams and to the Rev. Mr. Parris as they were leading members in a dispute at the church.

Other conspicuous victims of the Salem tragedy were the Rev. George Burroughs and Mr. Giles Corey. Mr. Burroughs had been the minister of Salem Village from 1680 to 1683 and in 1689 he was a rival of Parris as a candidate for the same pulpit. Mr. Corey was 80 years old. When he was brought, as a witch before the court, he pleaded not guilty but he would not put himself on trial by the jury. Instead, he chose what death they would put him to. He was crushed to death. Mr. Corey was also a very respectable citizen.

The minister of the Salem Village church seemed to be the power behind all the trouble the villagers had in the winter of 1792. Rev. Samuel Parris had been selected as the minister in 1689 instead of Rev. George Burroughs. Parris was a man filled with hate and frustration because of business failures, he had sustained while living in the West Indies. He wrote in his church book on March 27, 1692 - "The Devil hath been raised among us and his rage is terrible and when he shall be silenced the Lord only knows."

Researchers into the events of his time have disclosed the fact that the devil to whom he referred was none other than himself. Parris started a witchcraft conspiracy which made the greatest blot on the pages of New England History.

His tools were three children - Elizabeth Parris, his daughter, age 9 years; Abigail Williams, his niece, 11 years old; and Ann Putnam, 12 years old, daughter of the parish clerk, Thomas Putnam. These children had heard the marvelous witchcraft stories published by Cotton Mather. They held meetings at the home of the minister to study and perform some of the witcheries described. They were taught by Tituba, a West Indies servant in the home. These three girls were joined by:

Mary Walcott	age 17	Mary Warren	age 20
Elizabeth Hubbard	age 17	Sara Churchill	age 20
Elizabeth Booth	age 18	Mercy Lewis	age 17
Susannah Sheldon	age 18		

Thomas Putnam's wife, also named Ann, about 30 years of age, was a beautiful and well educated woman, but so intensely highstrung that even in her best moments, she was not quite lucid. She played an important part in supporting her daughter, Ann; and her servant Mercy Lewis, in some of the most shocking accusations of witchcraft.

The girls practiced grotesque postures, outcries, dumbness, convulsion and cramps of the body. When they had perfected themselves in these actions, they played them off for the first time in the meeting-house on the Sunday when Parris wrote in his church book that a Devil had been raised.

The Mathers had portrayed the devil as a man who carried a red book and pen soliciting subscribers to his service, whispering in their ear and standing behind to prompt their speech. Physicians who examined the children were perplexed but finally declared that they were bewitched.

Then the inquiry was — who are the witches? The children refused to answer; but finding it impossible to escape the inquiry, except by confessing their own fraud (which they did confess in after years), they gave the names of three persons.

Thereafter these children, under the control of Parris became the chief witch finders for the Salem tragedy. This was the beginning of it.

The extravagant superstition of Cotton Mather appears in his description of the passing of the first victim, Bridget Bishop. He says, "She gave a look towards the great, and spacious meeting-house and an invisible demon entered the house and tore down a part of it." The truth probably was, that a partition or a floor had yielded to the pressure of the crowd of astonished spectators. This notorious minister was now in his element. During the summer of 1692, he with Parris and others caused to be reproduced in Salem Village all the horrors of the Inquisition of Spain. They had Puritan laws to support their acts. They were like the rulers who threw Christian men and women to lions; like those who burned the martyrs.

Under the rule of its theocracy, New England had become one of the dark places of the earth. The court was not a picturesque tribunal composed of noted lawyers met to give their advice on an important question of government. It was composed of nine men, not one of whom had received an education in law; two had been educated for the ministry; two were physicians; others were tradesmen and yeomen; and one of the appointees declined to have anything to do with the business. Five of them constituted a quorum for trials; one of the five being always John Richards, a friend and parishioner of Cotton Mather. Their chief was Stoughton, deputy governor of the province, noted as an obstinate, malignant, and passionate man.

No counsel was allowed the accused.

Execution followed quickly upon judgement.

It seems incredible that there was a population of respectable white men in New England who could look upon these atrocious acts of injustice without rising up and driving the Salem judges and ministers into the sea. But the men of understanding, judgement and piety were compelled to keep silent for the theocratic tyranny which ruled over the province made it unsafe for honest men to express their opinions in public. All ere in fear of being accused of witchcraft, and many escaped into New Hampshire and New York.

Early in 1693, all the prisoners were set free. A hundred and twenty-six persons had been arrested and lodged in jail. These were the known persons; there were many others of which no record was kept. In all, there were twenty persons executed. Tituba was sold into slavery to pay for her board in prison. Further trials were held, but there were no more execution.

The first sign of a recovery from the horrible delusion was a proposition for a day of fasting. This proposition was drafted by Cotton Mather who was quick to put himself on the right side of the fence in case there should be a popular uprising.

When the proposition was read in the meeting house, Samuel Sewell, one of the judges made a confession of repentance to the congregation; the twelve jurymen also repented and published a confession of their errors. Samuel Parris did not repent and after a long struggle he was driven out of Salem and went to Connecticut where he disappeared from public view.

Cotton Mather never made a confession nor did he show any signs of repentance.

After this interlude of hysteria, sanity ruled unchallenged always over Salem Village.

Sybil Leek, who today, is the world's most famous and colorful psychic says in her book, "Diary of a Witch", (page 137) that some of the people executed at Salem in 1692 were witches, but that the whole thing was a trumped-up charge, politically motivated.

Arthur Miller, the famous playwright, based his play, "The Crucibles" on these trials and tribulations at Salem Village.

After doing so much research related to the New England area, I was interested in seeing Topsfield, Danvers, Roxbury and Boston. In July, 1963 I made a trip to Massachusetts. There are descendants of William Towne still living in Topsfield! I contacted Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Towne who are both descended from William Towne. They took us on a tour of Topsfield, and then directed us to Danvers to see Rebecca Nourse's home that had been restored. We were permitted to see the large "keeping-room" furnished in the period furniture of Rebecca's time. The curator of the home had her daughter's wedding in the keeping-room the night before.

THE MASSACHUSETTS MAGAZINE, volume 11, page 255 says: "That with the completion of the work on the Rebecca Towne Nourse house in Danvers, another has been added to the long list of ancient dwelling rescues from decay and preserved to future generations.,,"

Off a few yards from this house is the family burial ground in which Rebecca was buried. Rebecca was not permitted to have a Christian burial; however, in the dark of night, her husband and her son retrieved her body from the pit into which it had been thrown and returned it to the family burial ground for interment. The exact spot is unknown, as the family feared that vandals would desecrate the grave. There is a grove of cedars on the burial ground and in the center of the grounds, there is a monument erected to these sisters who were so brutally and unjustly treated by an hysterical people.

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SOME TITLES ON WITCHCRAFT AT THE DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Cotton Mather's Wonders.

History of Massachusetts by Gov. Hutchinson

Massachusetts Historical Society Proceedings - 1860 - 1862 pp. 31 -37

Records of Salem Witchcraft by W. Elliot Woodward

Salem Witchcraft by Rev. Charles W. Upham

New England Magazine Volumes IV & V.

Side Glimses of the Colonia Meeting House by Wm. Root Bliss

Annals of Witchcraft in New England by Samuel G. Drake

Narratives of the Witchcraft Cases by Geo. Lincoln Burr.

The Modern Witch's Spellbook by Sarah Lydson Morrison

Witchcraft at Salem by Chadwick Hansen.

Witchcraft in Old and New England

The Devil in Massachusetts by Starkey

The Descendants of William Towne by Edwin Eugene Towne

The Towne Family Memorial by Edwin Hubbard

(Compile from New England Hist. & Gen. Regist.)

1890

RUTHERFORD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1918

(Located 5 miles northwest of Palmer in Ellis County, Texas.)

By authority of the Missionary Baptist Church of Christ at Palmer, Texas on the 19th day of October 1890, a Missionary Baptist Church was constituted at Rutherford School House. Presbytery Elder, J. P. Welch, M.V. Hensen and Wm. Dennington. Elder J.P. Welch, Moderator, Wm. Dennington, Clerk. The body was called to order by the Moderator and after reading a portion of God's word by Bro. Welch and prayer by Bro. Hensen, 18 members of the Palmer Missionary Baptist Church presented themselves and after hearing the reading of the Articles of Faith by Bro. Hensen were duly organized into a church and adjourned until night.

October 19 at night; after preaching by the writer, the church went into conference and elected officers as follows: Clerk, J.R. Ford, Deacons: W.J. Moore and C.F. Nash. By motion of the Elders, J.P. Welch and M.V. Hensen was elected Presbytry for ordination of Deacons. After the Ordination, Bro. Hensen offered prayer and allowed the charge and adjourned.

J. P. Welch, Moderator.

Wm. Dennington, Clerk.

Copied from the Minutes of the Rutherford Missionary Baptist Church  
By DAISY PIERCE SELLINGSLOH, 4167 Park Lane, Dallas, Texas 75220.

## MEMBERSHIP LIST OF RUTHERFORD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1890 -1918.

<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date Dismissed</u>
W. C. Ables by statement	July 31, 1897	Died
M. B. Ables by statement	July 31, 1897	Died
Katie Adams baptism	No Date	
Cenia Adams by letter	Aug. 5, 1899	Feb. 25, 1906
Josephine Adams by letter	Aug. 5, 1899	No Date
Howard Allen by baptism	July 21, 1917	No Date
Josephine Allen by letter	Oct. 2, 1898	Nov. 3, 1900
Bessie Allsup by baptism	July 21, 1917	No Date
W. A. Anderson by baptism	July 31, 1897	Sept. 6, 1902
John Arnold by baptism	July 5, 1902	No Date
J.L. Autry by letter	No Date	Aug. 11, 1897
M.A. Autry by baptism	Mar. 6, 1892	Apr. 2, 1898
L. Autry by letter	Mar. 6, 1892	May 23, 1903
Mary Autry by letter	Mar. 6, 1892	July 31, 1897
M. Ann Autry by letter	Mar. 6, 1892	May 27, 1903
James Autry by letter	Mar. 6, 1892	Aug. 11, 1897
Faith Autry by baptism	Aug. 23, 1891	Apr. , 1898
Emily Autry by baptism	Aug. 6, 1892	Apr. 1, 1893
Early Autry by baptism	July 4, 1896	July 31, 1897
Isaac Autry by baptism	Aug. 2, 1896	July 31, 1897
Joseph Autry by baptism	Aug. 2, 1896	Aug. , 1897
J. W. Bird by baptism	Apr. 2, 1893	Sept. 2, 1893
Elisy Bach by letter	June 5, 1893	No Date

Member	Description	Date Received	Date Dismissed
Thomas Bach	by letter	June 5, 1893	No Date
Samuel Bagwell	by baptism	July 31, 1897	Feb. 6, 1898
William Bagwell	by baptism	July 31, 1898	Apr. 2, 1898
J. M. Baily	by letter	Apr. 7, 1895	Jan. 1, 1898
S.F. Baily	by letter	Apr. 7, 1895	Jan. 1, 1898
Dorah Baily	by letter	Jan. 1, 1898	Aug. , 1899
James Bayless	by baptism	June 3, 1899	Aug. 24, 1902
Mark Bayless	by baptism	July 18, 1903	Mar. 10, 1911
T.P. Bayless	by baptism	Aug. 5, 1899	Mar. 10, 1911
A.L. Bankston	by letter	Feb. 24, 1907	Feb. 22, 1908
Fannie Bankston	by letter	Feb. 24, 1907	Feb. 22, 1908
B.P. Bankston	by statement	Sept. , 1907	Feb. 22, 1908
Zella Bankston	by letter	Feb. 24, 1907	Feb. 22, 1908
John Beck	by baptism	July 4, 1896	No Date
Kate Beckham	by baptism	July 27, 1907	May 18, 1909
David Bevers	by baptism	July 15, 1915	No Date
Archie Billue	by baptism	Aug. 3, 1901	Aug. 10, 1912
Dora V. Boyd	by statement	Aug. 3, 1901	Sept. 23, 1906
Willie Brantly	by letter	Aug. 5, 1899	No Date
J. C. Bradford	by baptism	July 4, 1896	Sept 21, 1907
Corah Bradford	by baptism	July 4, 1896	May 1, 1897
Nannie Britten	by letter	Aug. 2, 1896	Aug. 2, 1902
S. E. Britten	by letter	Aug. 2, 1896	No Date
E. A. Britten	by letter	Aug. 2, 1896	No Date
Mary Brundy	by letter	Aug. 2, 1896	Sept. 6, 1902
Elizabeth Browning	letter	Aug. 2, 1896	July 31, 1897
Jonathan Bradford	baptism	Sept 21, 1909	Sept 21, 1909
J. T. Byers	by baptism	Oct. 2, 1898	July 5, 1902
Voyd Bullock	by baptism	Aug. , 1916	No Date
Henry Burnett	by baptism	Aug. 12, 1894	Sept. 6, 1902
Kile Butler	by baptism	July 31, 1897	Sept. 2, 1898
H. F. Butler	by letter	Aug. 3, 1901	No Date
J. H. Burleson	by letter	June 22, 1907	Jan. 23, 1910
S. W. Burleson	by letter	June 22, 1907	Jan. 23, 1910
F. H. Burleson	by letter	June 22, 1907	Jan. 23, 1910
R. P. Burlison	by letter	June 22, 1907	Dec. 26, 1908
Bettie Burleson	by letter	June 22, 1907	Dec. 26, 1908
W. J. Burleson	by letter	Aug. 24, 1907	Dec. 26, 1908
H. H. Burleson	by baptism	July 27, 1907	Dec. 26, 1908
Annie Burleson	by baptism	July 27, 1907	Dec. 26, 1908
Tina Burleson	by statement	Sept 21, 1907	Apr. 24, 1909
Tempy Burleson	by baptism	Aug. , 1908	Dec. , 1908
N. C. Carroll	by baptism	Aug. 5, 1899	Sept 6, 1902
Martha Carroll	by letter	Aug. 5, 1899	Sept 6, 1902
Luda Carroll	by letter	Aug. 5, 1899	Sept 6, 1902
F. A. Cates	by letter	May 1, 1892	Jan. 6, 1894
J. A. Cates	by letter	May 1, 1892	Jan. 6, 1894
T. Carner	by baptism	Sept 29, 1911	Sept , 1912
Mrs. Carner	by baptism	Sept 29, 1911	Sept , 1912
Jane Chapman	by baptism	Sept 2, 1894	Aug. 24, 1904
Nannie Chapman(Pierce)	baptism	Sept. 2, 1894	No Date
Anna Chapman(Cole)	baptism	Sept. 2, 1894	Mar. 1, 1905

Member	Description	Date Received	Date Dismissed
M. A. Chapman	by baptism	Mar. 6, 1892	July 3, 1897
Dave Chapman	by baptism	Sept 6, 1892	Sept. 6, 1902
M. J. Clarkston(Reid)	by baptism	Feb. 7, 1892	Nov. 26, 1904
C. L. Chapman	by letter	July 22, 1906	No Date
N. M. Cobb	by letter	Aug. 3, 1901	No Date
Hartel Coplen	by baptism	Aug. 3, 1901	Feb. 24, 1907
Minnie Coplen	by baptism	July 18, 1903	No Date
John Cooper	by baptism	Aug. 2, 1903	Apr. 28, 1907
Anna Cunnungham	by letter	May 6, 1894	1902
Thomas Crumbly	by letter	Aug. 5, 1899	1902
V. D. Dale	by baptism	Aug. 2, 1896	July 31, 1897
M. C. Dale	by baptism	Aug. 2, 1896	July 31, 1897
Ada Dale	by baptism	Aug. 2, 1896	July 31, 1897
J. H. Darby	by letter	Aug. 3, 1895	Died 1899
Lou E. Darby	by letter	Aug. 3, 1895	June 10, 1900
W. A. Davenport	by baptism	July 18, 1903	May 5, 1905
W. W. Dennington	by letter	July 6, 1895	Mar. 5, 1897
A. E. Dennington	by letter	July 6, 1895	July 3, 1899
William Dennington	by letter	July 6, 1895	No Date
Jessie Dennington	by baptism	Mar. 5, 1892	No Date
H. Dickerson	by letter	July 6, 1895	1902
L. F. Dickerson	by letter	July 6, 1895	1902
S. J. Dickey	by baptism	Sept 2, 1899	Apr. 2, 1899
Mollie Dickey	by baptism	Sept 2, 1899	Apr. 2, 1899
L. H. Dodson	by statement	Aug. 3, 1901	Sept 27, 1903
L. C. Dodson	by statement	Aug. 3, 1901	Aug. 24, 1904
M. L. Dickey	by letter	Jan. 28, 1905	Oct. 31, 1905
N. L. Donaldson	by baptism	Aug. 1899	Died
Sister Dragoon	by baptism	Sug. 3, 1895	1902
M. L. Eatman(Golleher)	by baptism	June 2, 1901	No Date
Thomas Ebbs	by baptism	July 12, 1893	1897
F. T. Ervine	by baptism	Aug. 5, 1899	Sept 6, 1902
Georgia Ervine	by baptism	Aug. 11, 1891	Mar. 21, 1904
Lee Ebbs	by letter	Aug. 1, 1893	May 27, 1903
G. W. Ebbs	by letter	Aug. 1, 1893	1897
B. S. Elam	by letter	Nov. 2, 1890	Mar. 5, 1892
M. N. Elam	by letter	Nov. 2, 1890	Mar. 5, 1892
L. W. Ellison	by letter	Aug. 3, 1901	May 31, 1902
Amanda Ellison	by letter	Aug. 3, 1901	May 4, 1902
L. W. Ellison	by letter	Aug. 3, 1901	May 4, 1902
Perry Elliott	by baptism	July 18, 1903	Dec. 26, 1903
E. C. Ethridge	by statement	July 24, 1904	No Date
Etta Ethridge	by statement	July 24, 1904	No Date
Rev. J. S. Evans	by letter	Aug. 24, 1907	Died
Georgia Ewing	by letter	July 1915	No Date
Tommie Ethridge	Restored to	Feb. 23, 1911	No Date
& Wife	Membership	Feb. 23, 1911	No Date

MEMBER	Description	Date Received	Date Dismissed
Ida Fields	by baptism	Sept. 25, 1904	Excluded
J. T. Fulk	by letter	July 31, 1897	Aug. 1899
J. R. Ford	by letter	Oct. 19, 1890	Jan. 6, 1908
Tiney Ford	by letter	Oct. 19, 1890	Jan. 6, 1908
John Ford	by baptism	Sept. 2, 1894	1902
Georgia Ford	by baptism	Sept. 2, 1894	1908
Mattie Ford	by baptism	July 31, 1897	Jan. 26, 1908
Bertie Ford	by baptism	Aug. 11, 1901	Jan. 26, 1908
Maud Ford	by baptism	July 18, 1903	Jan. 26, 1908
Ruth Ford	by baptism	July 18, 1903	Jan. 26, 1908
J. G. Ford & Wife	by letter	Aug. 24, 1904	Sept. , 1910
Dallas Fretwell	by letter	Aug. 24, 1904	July , 1917
Rush Furgeson	by baptism	Aug. 3, 1895	No Date
Elizabeth Colson Furgeson	by restoration	Aug. 3, 1895	Mar. 5, 1898
Camel Furgeson	by baptism	Sept. , 1894	No Date
Byrd Portune	by baptism	July 18, 1903	Dec. 26, 1904
Ader Fortune	by baptism	July 18, 1903	Dec. 26, 1904
E. V. Geer	by baptism	Aug. 3, 1893	Apr. 3, 1897
M. E. Geer	by baptism	Aug. 3, 1893	Apr. 3, 1897
S. A. Geer	by baptism	Aug. 3, 1893	Apr. 3, 1897
J. D. Geer	by statement	July 31, 1897	No Date
J. W. Geaslin	by baptism	Aug. , 1899	No Date
J. F. Goodrich	by letter	Mar. 4, 1894	Sept 6, 1902
Elizabeth Goodrich	by letter	Mar. 4, 1894	Sept. , 1902
Nannie Goodrich	by letter	Mar. 4, 1894	Died
M. J. Gollither	by letter	July 7, 1901	1902
J. J. Gollither	by letter	Aug. 3, 1901	No Date
Hansil Gollither	by letter	Aug. 3, 1901	Sept.23, 1911
S. W. Gollither & Wife	by letter	Aug. 24, 1904	No Date
Sister Gollither	by letter	Aug. 3, 1901	Aug. 1910
Carrie Green	by baptism	Aug. 24, 1904	Sept 25, 1905
Mary Gregory	by letter	Aug. 1908	1912
W. T. Gregory	by baptism	Aug. 1908	Died Jan 1911
Laura Gregory	by baptism	Aug. 1910	No Date
Julia Gregory	by baptism	Aug. 1910	No Date
Everett Hamm	by baptism	Aug. 11, 1899	Aug. 2, 1902
Z. T. Harper	by baptism	July 31, 1897	Sept. 6, 1902
Allen Harper	by statement	July 31, 1897	Sept. 6, 1902
Frances Harper	by statement	July 31, 1897	Sept. 6, 1902
T. H. Hartline	by baptism	Aug. 5, 1900	Aug. 23, 1908
Rhoda Hartline	by letter	Aug. 5, 1900	Aug. 23, 1908
A. E. Harvil	by baptism	Aug. 23, 1904	No Date
William Harvil	by baptism	Aug. 23, 1904	No Date
Addie Harvil	by baptism	Aug. 21, 1904	Jan. 25, 1908
Ruth Harvil	by baptism	Aug. 21, 1904	No Date
Will Harvil	by Baptism	Aug. 21, 1904	No Date
Tessie Harvil	by baptism	Aug. 21, 1904	No Date
Cinda Harvil	by baptism	Sept. 25, 1904	Jan. 25, 1908



MEMBER	Description	Date Received	Date Dismissed
J.H. Hartline & Wife	by letter	Aug. 5, 1900	Aug. 23, 1908
Fannie Harrell	by baptism	Aug. 3, 1907	Dec. 26, 1908
Mrs. Harris	by baptism	July 1915	No Date
Mrs. Hawkins	by letter	Aug. 1894	No Date
Mary Hawkins	by letter	Aug. 5, 1899	May 27, 1903
Maggie Hawkins	by letter	Aug. 5, 1899	May 27, 1903
George Halbrook	by baptism	Sept. 5, 1905	No Date
R. C. Hamlett	by letter	No Date	Dec. 1, 1900
S. E. Hamlett	by letter	No Date	Dec. 1, 1900
T. L. Halbrook	by baptism	July 18, 1903	Feb. 26, 1906
H. Halbrook	by baptism	Aug. 3, 1901	Feb. 25, 1906
R. H. Hancock	by letter	Oct. 3, 1900	Aug. 2, 1902
Sister Hancock	by letter	Oct. 3, 1900	Aug. 2, 1902
Martha Henly	by baptism	July 31, 1897	No Date
M. V. Henson	none	No Date	No Date
Ader Hicks	by baptism	Oct. 1, 1893	No Date
R. L. Hopkins	by baptism	Mar. 6, 1892	Oct. 6, 1894
M. L. Hopkins	by baptism	Mar. 6, 1892	Oct. 6, 1894
W. C. Hollingsworth	by letter	Aug. 16, 1896	July 3, 1897
Ada Hollingsworth	by letter	Aug. 16, 1896	July 3, 1897
Jennie Holly	by baptism	July 5, 1902	July 21, 1903
Frank Holly	by baptism	July 5, 1902	July 21, 1903
Carrie Hunsucker	by baptism	Aug. 3, 1901	No Date
Phebe Hunsucker	by baptism	July 1915	No Date
Ethel Hunsucker	by baptism	July 1915	No Date
E. P. Hunsucker	none	July 1907	Died 1914
L. A. Hunsucker	none	July 1907	No Date
Essie Hulan	by statement	July 1911	No Date
Anna Hunter	by letter	Mar. 6, 1892	Oct. 6, 1894
Louise Hunter	by letter	Mar. 6, 1892	Oct. 6, 1894
Noah Holder	by letter	Aug. 3, 1901	No Date
Georgie Irvine	none	Aug. 3, 1901	May 21, 1904
Abbie Jeffers	none	No Date	Oct. 23, 1916
Gib James	by baptism	Aug. 3, 1895	Jan. 28, 1905
Brin James	by baptism	Aug. 3, 1895	Jan. 28, 1905
Lizzie James	by letter	Sept 2, 1893	Jan. 28, 1905
Hattie Jackson	none	No Date	No Date
J. M. Jenkins	by letter	May 2, 1897	Feb. 2, 1900
Alice Jenkins	by letter	May 2, 1897	Feb. 2, 1900

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## JULIA OPHELIA MOSS BRYAN

As written by her when she  
was past eighty years old.

Submitted by Kathryn F. Lee

This is the story of Julia Ophelia Moss Bryan (1866-1962) which depicts the life and times around Weatherford, Texas and the pioneer movement west at the end of the Civil War.

## TRUE CAST OF CHARACTERS

John Moss-----	Father
Louisa Betty Moss-----	Mother
Richard Moss-----	Brother of John Moss
Ann Betty Porter-----	Sister of Louisa Betty
Bill Porter-----	Husband of Ann Betty
Grandmother Betty-----	Mother of Louisa and Ann
Scott Porter-----	Ann's stepson
Tabetha Moss Porter-----	Scott's wife
Althea Moss-----	Daughter of John and Louisa
Bobby Kincaid-----	Cousin
Byron Lee-----	Uncle
Preston Brooks Bryan-----	Husband of Julia Ophelia Moss married January 24, 1886

## CHILDREN OF PRESTON B. &amp; OPHELIA O. MOSS BRYAN.

1. Keren Happuch Bryan (Will Purdue) born December 31, 1886.
2. Josie Louisa Bryan (m. Mc Canlies) born March 18, 1888.
3. Sue Elinor Bryan born August 3, 1889. Died in her early twenties.
4. Julia Ida Moss ( m. 1. Rutter 2. Bringle) born Nov. 11, 1890
5. Essie Grave Moss ( m Vines) born February 24, 1892
6. Sadie Lee Moss born May 20, 1893. Deceased.
7. Byron Brooks Moss born September 22, 1894.
8. Francis Minor Moss born June 9, 1896 (Died in plane crash-1918).
9. John Harris Moss born May 5, 1898.
10. Walter Griffith Moss born November 2, 1899
11. Willis Neal Moss (m. 1 Dunnam 2 Vines) Born June 23, 1902.
12. James Kelly Moss born July 29, 1904-Died in car crash - 1968.
13. Letitia Aline (m. Barnes) born April 4, 1906.
14. Frances Elizabeth Moss (m Roberts) born September 21, 1910.

## CHAPTER I.

Father, John Moss, originally from Ashville, North Carolina, later Weatherford, Texas, was discharged from the Confederate Army in 1863 with Bright's Disease. He came home and got married to Louisa Betty. With his mother, brother, Richard Moss, and sister's family and other, they decided to go out west and grow up with the country. So, with a few head of cows each and horses (Papa had his cavalry horse), they took off in their ox wagons from Weatherford. The men walking and driving the cows and oxen, and the women and little ones riding, took them three weeks to reach Coleman County, Texas--where they go now in the P. M.

After a week's drive, they overtook a man and wife and a four-year old boy who was bareheaded and barefooted (walking). The man was carrying one comfort, a bunch of bread and meal on a stick and a rifle without any lock. They were going out west to grow up with the country. Of course, they took the boy and mother into the wagon and kept them until they got to their destination. They kept them one week and a new baby was born. Kept them two more weeks and made clothes for the baby and my grandmother made a hat and moccasins for the little boy and they started on, but were never heard from again.

The U. S. Government was calling his soldiers and they had abandoned Fort Chadburne 15 miles away. That's where grandmother got the Officer's boots and hat to make the boy's things. They built they log houses and got doors and floors from the old fort. Of course, when the soldiers were withdrawn, the Indians came back - worse than before. They stole all of their horses and the Mexicans stole the cows. Mother had gone with the bread train one month before to Weatherford to see the folks and to dry peaches. They had to go 400 miles for bread and salt, so they offered to take her along. So, after two and a half years, Papa traded claims, put his mother and sister and their little household goods and went back to Weatherford, too.

I was three months old then. They circled their wagons at night and wouldn't let her out only for private affairs -- carried her meals to her. One of the men at home was killed, so Papa took his family away. None of the other families went back.

They had some wonderful experiences along with their fun. The men were continually on an Indian raid. The women and children were left to Grace and mother because she could shoot like a man and was not afraid of anything.

Papa built his house on a creek back where there were pecan trees for shade. A big rain caused the creek to overflow one night and they had to climb a stooping pecan tree for the night. Grandmother would wait to get the hens and ducks in the house - and it got dark. She had a crippled ankle and had to wear low shoes (ladies wore high-laced shoes in those days). She caught her foot and lost her shoe. Next morning, they went up to the old fort for moccasin boots and she made herself some moccasins.

Grandmother, (you see, she plays a very important part all along) kept her saddle mare staked inside the little field all the time to keep her from the Indians. One night the dogs gave the alarm, so she stepped out and crawled to the field - I think about 400 yards, secured the mare and crawled back to the house, pulled her up to the door and held her all night. She went down next morning and found the moccasin tracks all over. She gave her to some of the others when they

came in. She couldn't be bothered with one lone horse. Mother said she'd saddle that mare and ride with the best of them.

I lost a baby brother older than I when he was taken sick with pneumonia. Mother was holding him in her lap in the late afternoon when all of the others were at the corral. She was watching him when she heard a flap, flap, flap on the ground. She looked and it was a panther. It had jumped the fence and was ready to spring on her. She yelled, of course, and shut the door. But by the time anyone could get there, he was gone. The baby's crying had attracted him. The only doctor or help was at Camp Colorado about 40 miles away. They had to send a lead horse and an armed man to protect the man that went for the doctor and send him back the same way. They lost the baby. Dad and Mother went back after 25 years and fixed the little grave and put a marker on it. They had it put under a small pepperwood tree so it was easy to find. But such a big nice tree, and another little grave beside it. He fixed it, too, but couldn't do anymore.

Another time - men all gone again - my Aunt Martha left her 5 month old baby in the cradle with a 5 year-old boy to mind it. He proceeded to get him a hammer and picked up some pecans and was cracking them on the rock door step when here came a panther dragging his baby by the clothes. He hammered it on the head so quick and fast that it dropped it and ran. The baby wasn't hurt. They got him later when he caught a calf in the night. Grandmother was the first to get there. I remember seeing her shoot a wild turkey out of the top of a big oak tree from the door of the house.

Papa rented a place from a friend - just home from the war - a Yankee. But they were very good friends. The Jay-hawks (guerillas) were after him and he came to Papa. He hid him on the creek for three weeks in a tangle of bushes and briars. He carried hot meals at night and warm bedding to him. We visited them a lot after we youngsters grew up. We'd go down and look at the place and wonder.

About the same time, we were building a new house about 100 yards from the old one. The men did all of their work and made a big pile of shavings. We youngsters had such a big time playing in them. They were laying the floor and were about half done when we wnet up one morning and saw a bedstead with a man in it. We ran back to ask Mother. A cousin, Ed Marshall, had come in sick and they put him up there where it would be cool. We had seen a gray horse in the corral. A few days later, I saw the man sitting on the side of the bed with a bloody arm. Papa was dressing it. We ran back again to ask about it. Mother gave us some reasons which was all right. A few mornings later, we missed the horse and then the man. They said he was well and had gone on. That was all right, too, but after I got old enough to understand, I found out that it was a cousin all right, but he was Ed Rogers. He had come from Georgia. Sherman's raid had wrecked his mother's home. She was a widow with one daughter and three sons. Two were in the Army and one was at home. They burned the house, outraged the daughter and stole everything else. When Ed came home and found out what had been done, he turned Jayhawker, too and said he didn't mind schooling a Yankee -- than any other stumped tail dog. He brought two red morrocco-bound boorks in his saddle pockets, The Life of Christ and Religious Denominations of the World. They were the only books in our house for years except the Bible and Pilgrim's Progress. But the man was never heard of again. The younger boy, Jessie, came to us and lived there until he was married. The older brother went to California. He never

married - made several stakes and lost them. He came back to Jessie Rogers to be taken care of in his old days and to die there at Graham Young County. Cousin Jessie, too, and his sweet wife are both gone.

(Chapter II in next issue.)

SOCIETY NEWS .....

You will notice that the Society now has a new official address. In order to expedite the Society's business more efficiently, it has become necessary for us to have a permanent address. In this manner, we hope to handle your correspondence more effectively.

Our June meeting will be held at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Thursday, June 27 at 7:00 P.M. Our Membership Chairman will be the Guest Speaker and his topic will be Tennessee Research. THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT THIS MEETING. This is your opportunity to elect the person/persons of your choice to the various offices. A special recommendation by the Board of Directors will be voted upon by the Membership and Special Awards will be presented. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, ATTEND THIS MEETING. Most of the present officers will not seek re-nomination in their present offices.

With rising inflationary costs and in an attempt to avoid a raise in membership dues in the near future or cutting down on the quality of our publication, The Board of Directors has sought new ways of cutting costs this year. The most recent attempt has been in getting a Permit from the Post Office for bulk mailing. In doing so, we will be saving \$232.00 per year in the cost of mailing the Quarterlies alone. Changing our format, with the Editorial Staff doing the typing of the first issue cost us \$4.76 more than for the same issue a year ago when there has been an overall increase of 20% for services, postage and material.

About the materials that you submit for publication: If it does not appear in the issue following your having sent it to us, this does not mean that we have rejected it. We try to have a variety of subjects in each issue and if we do not have the space for one issue, we will do our best to put it in the next issue. Be patient and you will see it published at an early date. THIS QUARTERLY IS A PUBLICATION FOR THE MEMBERS AND BY THE MEMBERS, HOWEVER, SPACE IS LIMITED IN EACH ISSUE.

For those of us who will be leaving office this year, it has been a pleasure to serve you, we thank you for your help and are sincerely grateful for your contributions and ideas. Without your help and solidarity, our task would have been an impossible one, indeed.

FOR OUR OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS, we look forward to hearing from you, receiving your comments, criticisms and suggestions. THIS ALSO INCLUDES ALL OF YOU, LIBRARIANS. We do not hear from you often enough and do feel that with your experience, you could be of tremendous help to us in improving our Quarterly. Critiques are always most welcomed and will be acted upon whenever possible.

If you wish to have your book reviewed, please submit it to Mr. Paul R. Jarry, P. O. Box 1053, Dallas, Texas 75221. In your cover letter, let him know whether a copy of the book has already been donated to the Dallas Public Library, Genealogy Dept.

## JONATHAN &amp; JOANNA HOUSTON AND ALLIED LINES.

Submitted by Mrs. Richard G. Champ.

Jonathan Houston and Joanna Houston were living in Lincoln County, Tennessee in 1830, according to the 1830 Census. She was born in North Carolina about 1800. Jonathan Houston died at Salem, Franklin County, Tennessee in 1849, for his will was dated February 13, 1849, attested to by William S. Smith and W. S. Murphy and probated May 7, 1849 and signed by William E. Taylor, Clerk.

According to the 1850 Census for Franklin County, Tennessee, Family No. 350 included:

(I)	Thomas Houston	age 31
	Malinda	age 29
	William	age 6
	Mary Ann	age 4
	George	age 1
	Family No. 351 of the same Census, shows:	
	Joanna Houston	age 50
II	Ann S.	age 21
III	John T.	age 19
IV	Mary F.	age 17
V	Elizabeth Jane	age 14
VI	Susan B.	age 12
VII	James H.	age 10
VIII	Joanna K.	age 5

After the death of Jonathan Houston, Joanna Houston, with these children still at home - John T., Susan B., Elizabeth Jane, James M., and Joanna K., with a married son, I. Thomas S. Houston and wife, Malinda, and three children, moved to Texas about 1852 and settled in the Dump and Wylie area (formerly Rawhide) on a part of the Calvin Boles Survey - "on the waters of the East Fork" 7 miles S.E. of McKinney, Tx.

Joanna divided the land with the children on Jan. 5, 1869 which was vested to her by her son, John T. It is presumed that she died soon thereafter. She is buried in the old Fithugh part of the Forest Grove Cemetery and Christian Church where she and her children were members. As late as 1875, Elizabeth Jane and Jesse Hall and Susan B. Turnbow were members there.

Six generations and about 121 years have passed and still part of their family is located in Collin County, Texas.

The Houston children married in Collin County, Texas were: I. Thomas S. Houston married (2) Sarah J. Mullins, March 20, 1860; and (3) Catherine Bateman, June 5, 1870. IV. John T. Houston married (1) E. R. Jane Wallace July 23, 1870. V. Susan B. Houston married (1) E. R. Southwood (2) T. Alex Thompson, July 29, 1866 and (3) James Turnbow, Sept. 4, 1871. VI. Elizabeth Jane Houston married Jesse F. Hall, Aug. 23, 1865. VII. James M. Houston married Teresa H. Baugh, Oct. 24, 1867. VIII. Joanna K. Married (1) William Jasper Chappell, Sept. 6, 1863 and (2) J. Henry Colvin in Wise County, Texas.

Four boys served in the Civil War from Collin County, Texas:  
1. John T. Houston enlisted in March, 1862 and served in Mc Kinney's Co., Fitzhugh's Regiment, Johnson's Brigade. 2. William Houston serv-

ed in Gabriel H. Fitzhugh's Co., in the 16th Regiment. 3. Thomas S. Houston served in the same Co. as William. 4. James M. Houston served in Co. C., Martin's Regiment, Ganos Brigade. He carried mail into Oklahoma taking tobacco with him to help make Indian friends. He received 1280 acres of land from the State of Texas because of permanent disabilities from the War.

Two girls married in Franklin County, Tennessee. II. Anna S. married William Simpson, Nov. 5, 1851 and III. Mary F. married Green B. Simpson, Dec. 24, 1850.

#### HOUSTON - HALL.

V. Elizabeth Jane Houston, daughter of Jonathan and Joanna Houston, born Feb. 14, 1837 in Tennessee, married Jesse F. Hall in Collin County, Texas on August 24, 1865 by W. S. Fisher, Minister. Elizabeth Jane Hall died August 22, 1896 with the measles and Jesse F. Hall, born Feb. 5, 1832, died of pneumonia on March 20, 1884. They are buried in Forest Grove Cemetery. Five children: A. John Andrew Hall, born 1866 never married. Buried at Forest Grove, died in 1934. B. Tom Hall. C. Fidelia N. "Della" Hall. D. Kather Joanna Hall. E. Robert "Bob" Hall.

B. Tom Hall married Susie Gallagher. Children: 1. Ruby, 2. Beulah, 3. Roy; Ruby Hall married Nathan Eldridge.

C. Fidelia N. "Della" Hall was born Aug. 14, 1873 in Collin County, Texas and married Fountain Lee Myrick who was born Jan. 1, 1868 in Tennessee and died February 13, 1923. "Della" Hall died June 10, 1962 and both are buried at Forest Grove Cemetery. Children: 1. Ethel, 2. Ernest 3. Leonard and 4. Fred.

1. Ethel was born Sept. 11, 1893 in Collin County, Texas, married Robert Stinson, born 1895 and died in 1946. Ethel Stinson died August 28, 1970. Both are buried at Forest Grove Cemetery. Children:

a. James Stinson, b. Velma Stinson Spurgin and c. Jana B. Stinson who married George H. Hennig.

2. Ernest Myrick married Gladys Ponder. Children: a. John Henry, b. Betty; John Henry, born July 12, 1921, married and had the following children: 1. Dianna Lynn Myrick, born Jan. 22, 1950 in Dallas, and 2. Sandra Jean Myrick, born May 14, 1953 in Dallas. b. Betty Myrick, born Aug. 3, 1928, married John Blackweel. Two children were born at Mc Kinney: 1. Paul Ray, born May 21, 1954 and 2. Donna Kay, born April 2, 1958.

3. Leonard Houston Myrick, born Oct. 5, 1899 in Collin County, Texas, married Winnie Spence who was born August 6, 1904. Children: a. Foy Deward, b. Billy Ray, c. Betty Sue and d. Wanda Gene.

a. Foy Deward Myrick, born October 18, 1926, married Darlene Askew on April 24, \_\_\_\_\_. Children: 1. Samuel Leonard Myrick, born Dec. 1, 1947. 2. Jerry Don Myrick, born May 17, 1950. 3. Sandra Kay Myrick born Sept. 5, 1951 and 4. Mary Lynn Myrick was (adopted) born Oct. 18, 1951.

b. Billy Ray Myrick, born Jan. 10, 1931, married Viginia Johnson, born Nov. 18, 1930. Children: 1. Phillis Ann Myrick, born March 16, 1961 and 2. John Raymond Myrick, born Sept. 5, 1965.

c. Betty Sue Myrick, born April 25, 1932, married Luther Joe Coomer, born Sept. 5, 1928. Children: 1. Jimmy Dale Coomer, born Nov. 8, 1950. 2. Vickie Lynn Coomer, born August 7, 1954 and 3. Wanda LeAnn born Nov. 15, 1966.

d. Wanda Gene Myrick, born Nov. 19, 1935, married Junior Ray Hat-

field. Children: 1. Deborah Dianne, born July 4, 1958. 2. Todd Glenn, born May 2, 1962. Died Dec. 25, 1969. 3. Jennie LeRay born Oct. 25, 1970.

e. Fred Lee Myrick was born June 11, 1911 in Collin County, Texas and married Kate Younger. Children: 1. Donald Morgain Myrick. 2. Larry Myrick. 3. Kattie Ruth. 4. Charles Wayne. 4. Freddie Lee. Other marriages unknown.

D. Katherine Joanna "Kate" Hall was born June 9, 1876 and died Oct. 12, 1961. She married Thomas Lee Johnson who was born May 4, 1871 and died Nov. 9, 1959. They are buried in Forest Grove. Children: a. Ester, b. Naomi, c. Johnnie, d. Zelma, and e. Ora.

E. Robert "Bob" Hall was born Feb. 16, 1879 and died Aug. 23, 1943. He married Elizabeth Walker who was born in 1880 and died in 1962. They are buried in Forest Grove. Children: a. Lennie, b. Mabelle, c. Myrtle and d. Hazel.

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#### REQUIREMENTS OF MATERIALS TO BE PUBLISHED.

In the past, we have not given you any guidelines as to the manner in which we would like to get the materials.

Single spaced on 8½ X 11 (preferably typed on carbon ribbon).

In the future, due to limitations in space, we will be unable to publish any information on members of the family born after 1900 except for the names of the children only of this born by that date. In other words, grand-children and great-grandchildren will not appear in the article that is published.

Queries are also being solicited and we hope to have at least two pages in each issue of this publication.

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE LOCAL HISTORY & GEN. SOCIETY.

The purposes of this organization are: To create, foster and maintain interest among citizens of Dallas County in the Genealogy and Local History Section of the Dallas Public Library.

To collect and preserve information relating to those pioneers who settled Dallas County and to the early history of this City and County.

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

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

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

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

This is the purpose for which this Society was organized on January 17, 1955 in cooperation with the Dallas Public Library.



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## INFORMATIVE LETTER

Boone County, Ky.  
Aug. 13, 1849

Dear Friend,

I embrace this opportunity to inform you your kind letter came to hand June 1st. We are all well at present. Cholera has been very bad in our neighborhood and all through the country. Deaths: Mrs. Dicken, July 5; Mrs. Benjamin Michels, dau. of Uncle Botts, July 11th; Joseph Botts' youngest child on 13th; Miss Elizabeth V. Whitaker, age 16 died Aug. 2nd. On 4th instant, Frances E. Gaines, age 20, niece of Gabriel J. Gaines, died (Native of Mississippi). Joseph A. Graves lost two children the same week. Gold fever not been very bad here; but few went from our section, (mentions JoAnn again; people leaving for Va. and others talking of returning from Va.) Spring and Summer weddings: Leonidas Bosley and Matilda Hayden; Robert Graves and Sarrilda Modessett of Owen County; Nancy McIntush and Samuel Pangburn; Elvira Rogers and William A. Harrison; Ann Watts and John Cave and many more not acquainted with. Aunt Nancy told me to tell you that Virginia received the things that you sent her by Mr. D. and also received a letter from her father since he started for the gold region. Some of our neighbors are very anxious to know where the Widow Wilhoit is living (Manly Botts' mother:). If you know please let us know. Brother Ben has dissolved his partnership with J. G. Gaines and is now keeping a dry goods store at Cornelienville. I saw your cousin Mary Kirtley last Sunday. She was well with the rest of her family. There is a talk of her marriage with Robert Kirtley, Jr. Whether it is the truth or not, I do not know, but I expect it is the truth.

Since the above stated, I hear that Mrs. Kirtley is married and gone to visit her relation in Maysville. Give my love to my sisters and their families and all the friends and receive a full potion for yourself, and write soon, and excuse all mistakes, bad writing and bad spelling.

I remain yours sincerely,

Julia A. Crisler

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In another letter to her friend on Dec. 2nd, 1848, Miss Crisler mentions that John R. Terrill is expected again for a visit from Cincinnati.

Tell Mary Goodfellow if she is married, I wish her much joy and Miss Jane Carter that I'll return her compliment. Tell Miss Mary E. Terrill she must excuse me for not writing, have had sickness in the family ever since I returned home. The Dr. has been confined at home on account of the ill health of his uncle this summer.... you stated you had not seen Jim Kimbrough for several weeks.... I do not think any of the Miss Pyles is married or you would have told me. When I returned home from your state, I found sister Mary Smith in very bad health... Scarlet fever is with us again. Brother Benjamin received a letter from Brother James Terrill. Tell the two M.E.T.'s I should like to be with them the next time they go to see Jim. There has been about three wedding in the neighborhood this fall and I expect

there will be about two more Christmas or after. I have had my fortune told. He has black curly hair and a beautiful (sp) face (?) of whiskers. I haven't seen him yet and expect I never will. You stated Jo Ann was still the same and I expect she will remain the same for some time. Tell Miss Sarah B. and Miss Elizabeth T. that I send my love and would be glad to receive a few lines from them. Write soon and give my love to all my friends.

Your friend,

Julia A. F. Crisler.

CAR-DEL-SCRIBE, called the magazine for collectors, genealogists and historians is published six times a year, January, February, April, July, October and December. Has good Plymouth Colony Records from Proclamations by the early governors, to wills, deeds and trials. If you are looking for early New England Ancestors, their queries can be most helpful. Mrs. Townsend also has a column called "Coffee Break" which is on the order of helpful hints. Trying some of her suggestions and you will find them most beneficial in your research. This publication is \$4.50 a year for the 6 issues and may be ordered from: CHEDWATTO SERVICE, RFD 3, Box 120 A, Middleboro, Mass. 02346.

We have been advised that as of May 6, 1974, the fee for certified certificates from the State of THODE ISLAND have been raised to \$2.00. This also includes a three year search of their Vital Statistics. Money is not refundable if a record cannot be found, but a search has been conducted. Records from 1853 on are available through the State Dept. of Vital Statistics; prior to that date, from the city of origin, State Archives or the Rhode Island Historical Society.

The American Association for State and Local History will hold a convention in Austin this year from September 25 thru Sept. 27. Further details will be given in the September Quarterly.

PETERS COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, will hold its annual workshop at the First Methodist Church on Saturday, June 8th, from 10:00 to 3:00 P.M. A tour of the area's historical sites, including cemeteries is also in the offing. A WORKSHOP? Or is really a HOMECOMING? REAL COUNTRY STYLE.

We still hope to plan a trip to the State Archives sometime this summer. If you haven't been there, you might be surprised at the information in store for you including a PICTURE COLLECTION! If interested, contact: Mrs. Exa Thomas at 235-7237 or Mr. Paul Jarry at 692-7994.

QUERIES

Need parents and birthplace of Thomas SPRINGFIELD (1766-1845). He m. Laodicea (Dicey) LANGSTON, ca. 1785 in Ninety-Six Dist., S. C. They were living in Greenville County, S. C. by 1800. Mrs. Ray Caruth, 5342 Longview, Dallas, Texas 75206.

Joseph RORAX (ROREX), born Tennessee 1814, wife Rosa Ann (HARRIS?) born Tennessee 1817. Living in Murray County, Georgia 1850 and 1860 Census. Children: Sarah; Anne E. m. R. P. THOMPSON; Nancy A.; James A.; Margaret m. L. N. THOMPSON; Huldah; Icedora; Georgia; Thomas C. Believe some descendants are living in Texas. Desire Correspondence with anyone on this family. Will exchange.

Benjamin James THOMPSON, born 1804, South Carolina; m. Nancy W. ? somewhere in Tennessee about 1823. Who were their parents? Was she a WALKER? What connection was Robert REID and his wife Margaret to them? Benjamin died in Murray County, Georgia, 1858. When and where did she die? Children: Samuel R.; Sarah Jane; Robert P.; Nancy Ann; John W.; James Kendle; Arminta M; Mary N; Leander N. Desire correspondence. Will exchange.  
Mrs. Peggy Perry Oliver, 1307 Walnut St., Carrollton, Texas 75006.

Need parents of Isaac B. WELCH, Born Sept. 5, 1792 in Georgia (where), died August 24, 1881. Need same on his wife, Mary C. WHITE, born near Loachopoka, Alabama in 1840's, moved to Smith County, Texas about 1870 both buried in Harris Creek Cemetery, Smith County, Texas.

Need parents of Richard L. TRIBBLE and Mary Sophronia TILLMAN who married Dec. 21, 1854 in Carroll County, Mississippi. Possibly he was born in Alabama and she was born in Georgia in 1837. They died in Grenada County, Mississippi sometime after the Civil War.

Interested in corresponding with anyone regarding the family names of KAY, NOLEN, TOWLES, CLINKSALES, SHANK, WELLMAKER, and DUKE.  
Mrs. Karen Kay Esberger, 3009 Roundrock, Plano, Texas 75074.

Need parents of William Henry JARRY (Jerry) born in Virginia ca. 1813. Wife Ann (JOLLY?) born 1818 N. C. Married in Alabama 1840/41, where? Living in Monroe County, Ala. 1842. Daughter Catherine born in Union County, Ark. Need information on her. Did she die in childhood. On 1850 Census at nine years old, but not on 1860 Census with family. Will exchange.  
Mr. Paul R. Jarry, 6814 Shady Brook Ln #1102, Dallas, Texas, 75231

Searching for information on William LIGHTFOOT of Burke County, Georgia, who drew land in the 1807 Georgia Land Lottery. His son, Benjamin is listed in the 1830 Census, but moved to Crawford County, Ga. before 1840. Any info on Burke or Crawford Co., Ga. LIGHTFOOTS.  
Mrs. B. D. Allen, 2010 Swanssee, Dallas, Texas 75232

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