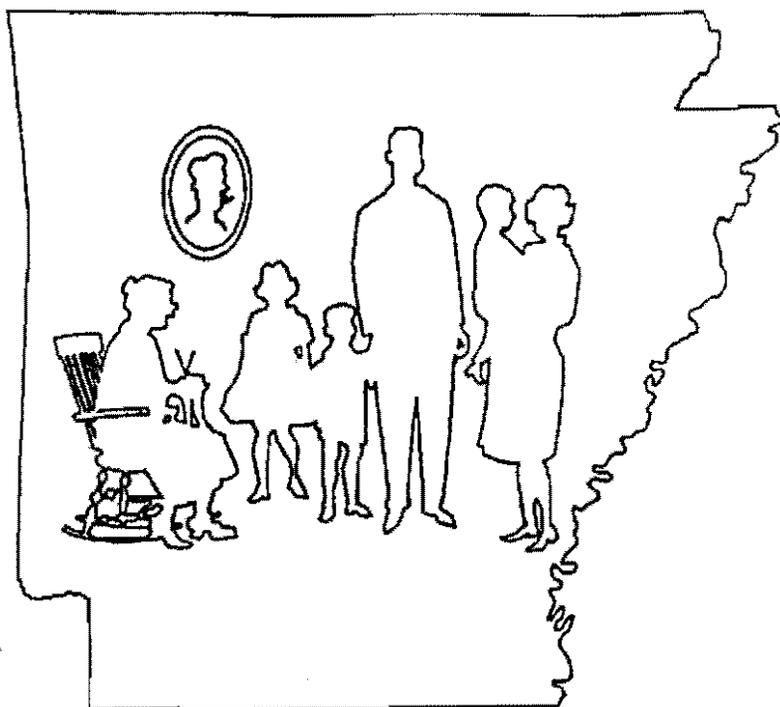


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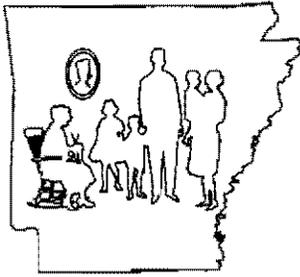
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"May Butter" definition found!

The June 1996 issue of the *AFH* contained a question by member Dorothy L. Miller of Albuquerque, NM, on the definition of "May butter". Member Lynne Scott-Drennan of Folsom, CA, supplied her with the following answer from her *Oxford English Dictionary* from 1615: "If during the month of May before you salt your butter, you save a lumpe thereof and put it into a vessell and so set it in the sunne the space of that month, you shall find it exceeding medicinable for wounds."

Mrs. Miller's letter stated further: "During the Regulator-Moderator War in Shelby County, TX, a battle erupted in the cornfield of George Butler. His wife Elizabeth treated the wounds with May butter and was upset because she used it all and had none left for the rest of the year."

World Family Tree Project

The World Tree Project is an ongoing effort by Broderbund Software to collect and compile family trees from family history enthusiasts all over the world. The project began over a year ago when Broderbund Software, Inc., invited *Family Tree Maker* customers to submit their family trees to be placed on CD-ROM. At least three CDs have already been issued, helping customers find information about their ancestors. The project has a World Family Tree Submitter Information Service to locate the submitters of the family information.

To receive information on this project, contact Gina Gan, Assistant Product Manager, Broderbund Software, Inc., 39500 Stevenson Place, Suite 204, Fremont, CA 94539-3103, Internet gina_han@broder.com; or visit the www.family-treemaker.com web site.

Publications

Crawford Exchange is published by Whisler Creations, 121 South 168, Seattle, WA 98148-1611, with Milton Whisler serving as editor.

Izard County Historian is back in publication, and can be reached at P. o. Box 480, Norfolk, AR 71658. This publication was suspended for a time, and those now involved with the organization have great plans for it's future. Juanita Stowers is eTreasurer and Editor, along with Vera Reeves as co-editor. Other officers are President: Charles Cheatham; Vice-President, Sue Chrisco; Secretary: Betty McCollum; Executive Member At Large : Malcolm Lawrence. Dues are \$15.00 per year.

Endsley Family Newsletter is published quarterly by the society at 4509 SW 179th St., Newcastle, OK 73064 with E. Charles (Sonny) Endsley, Jr., from the line of Abraham Endsley Sr. (1756) and Sarah Vance Endsley (1766). Write them for further details.

Reunions

The Threet Family Reunion will be held October 12, 1996, in the Sheridan, AR, Recreation Center. For more information contact Karon Holland, 7110 Cambridge, Pine Bluff, AR 71602 (501-247-1705)

Seminars

AGS 1996 Annual Conference will be held on October 19, 1996, at the Holiday Inn, Airport, I-440 & Airport Exit, Little Rock, AR 72206. Featured speaker will be Dr. George K. Schweitzer, and yes, in appropriate costume!

Major topics to be covered are: *Where to Find and How to Use All Major Genealogical Resources*, *Genealogy in the Southeastern U. S.*, and *Military Genealogical Research*. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. See elsewhere in this issue for registration form and more particulars.

The Ozarks Genealogical Society, Inc., P. O. Box 3945, Springfield, MO 65808-3945, is holding its 16th Fall Conference on September 27-28, 1996 at the University Plaza Holiday Inn on St. Louis St. and John Q. Hammons Parkway, Springfield. Primary speaker is Patricia Law Hatcher, Certified Genealogist from Dallas, TX. In keeping with LINKS as the theme of the conference, Mrs. Hatcher's

expertise is finding ways to prove family connections. There will be other mini-sessions at the conference. Registration is \$25 if postmarked by Sept. 14, and \$30 thereafter. Send registration to address shown.

Gregg County Genealogical Society will hold its Fall Seminar on Saturday, Sept. 28, 1996, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 121 Hampton Court at McCann Rd., Longview, TX, featuring Russell P. Baker. Registration is \$22.00 at the door. Write the society at PO Box 2985, Longview, TX 75606-2985 for details.

Texas State Genealogical Society will hold its 36th Annual Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Tyler, Texas, on Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2, 1996. Featured speaker will be Curt B. Witcher, President of FGS. Other speakers will be Peggy Fox, Trevia Wooster Beverly, Mic Barnett, John A. Sellers, John Wylie and Michael Matthews. For more information, contact Wanda L. Donaldson, 3219 Meadow Oaks Dr., Temple, TX 76402-1752 (817-778-2073).

Ancestors, a Family History Series for PBS, is underway with ten episodes to be presented, commencing in January 1997. KBYU-TV in Provo, UT, announces that the series will be carried by member stations and will be hosted by Jim and Terry Willard. It is designed to give viewers the first steps they need to know to begin searching for their ancestors.

Announced topics:

Episode One:

Getting Started

Exploring the simple and universal question, "Who am I?" with tips on how to start a search for roots.

Episode Two:

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Starting at home to find clues to your family's past.

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Mining the memories of your older family members.

Episode Four:

The Paper Trail

Searching records to fill in the blanks of your ancestor's past.

Episode Five:

Libraries and Archives

Taking the fear out of library and archive research.

Episode Six:

Census and Military Records

Exploring these rich sources of amazing biographical information.

Episode Seven:

African American Families

Overcoming obstacles to African American research.

Episode Eight:

Your Medical Heritage

Probing the life-saving potential of family medical pedigrees.

Episode Nine:

High Tech Help

Combining genealogy and the computer revolution.

Episode Ten:

Leaving a Legacy

Asking, 100 years from now, will anyone know who you were?

Toolkits are to be furnished participating PBS stations in early Fall, and inquiries to local PBS stations should not be made until the toolkits have been received by the stations. There are 351 stations across the country that will have access to the series. The 10-part series, along with a companion book, will be made available for purchase, and will be announced when the series airs.

Mark of Distinction

Ceremony Honors Confederate Soldiers

From the *Texarkana Gazette*, June 3, 1996, by Greg Bischof

Submitted by Ed and Betty Perser, 219 Congress, Hot Springs, AR 71901

Rondo, Ark.—Some unknown Confederate soldiers who have remained buried and unidentified in Rondo Cemetery for 134 years, were named Sunday.

Twenty four of about 85 unknown Confederate soldiers were named during a historical marker dedication ceremony held by the Van Zandt County (Texas) Historical Commission at the cemetery.

All of the soldiers belonged to the 19th Texas Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

During the ceremony, Van Zandt County Historical Commission Chairman Donald Plemmons cited the history of the regiment, showing who some of the soldiers were, where they were from, why they were there, where they were going and what killed them.

Plemmons said finding the 24 names took years of researching Civil War-era letters, diaries and archives.

We collected these names slowly through the years," he said. "It took a lot of travel and a lot of research."

Historical records show that in 1862 the black measles killed most of the Confederate troops buried five to a grave in 17 graves at Rondo.

"The troops may have died from what is now called paratyphoid fever, which comes from drinking contaminated water," Plemmons said.

"Contamination washed into the spring where the men got most of their drinking water," he said.

The Confederate soldiers buried at Rondo were all from 13 counties in East Texas. The troops were en route to Camp Nelson near Little Rock to intercept Union forces.

"They had to sleep in the rain and in the snow," Plemmons said. "Some of them even had to sleep standing up to keep from freezing."

Records show that the Confederates were from such Texas towns as Jefferson, Coffeerville, San Augustine, Daingerfield and Minden.

"Even though they did not die in battle, they died for their country," said the commission's secretary-treasurer, Annette Plemmons.

Besides the tribute, the ceremony featured flag demonstrations, a 21-gun salute by area Confederate Army re-enactors and an artillery demonstration during the playing of "Taps." It also included a uniformed color guard and members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy dressed in Civil War era out-fits.

"It really was not a Civil War," said Lynda Estes, president of the Confederate Rose Chapter of the UDC. "It was the War Between the States because civil means a war within a nation and the South broke off as a separate nation."

During the war, the Arkansas Capitol relocated to Rondo for three months before being moved to Washington, Ark. The capital was moved from Little Rock because of the threat of capture by Union forces from Missouri.

[NOTE: The Capitol was first moved to Hot Springs during this period]

Other members of the 19th were buried in Arkansas towns of Washington, Arkadelphia, Little Rock and Pine Bluff. The unit engaged Union forces on several battle fronts before its officers surrendered the unit in Galveston 101 years ago Sunday.

The program for the event contained a sheet listing the identified soldiers: name, rank, enlistment place/date, death date, place of death, information shown here as line items:

George John Merzbacher, Cpl., Jefferson, TX, Oct. 14, 1862, Rondo, Co. A, 5'6" Printer from Bavaria, Age 16

William Sedberry, Pvt., Jefferson, TX Mar. 31, '62, Oct. 12, 1862, Rondo, Co. A, 5'8" Carpenter, Age 41

W. R. Johnson, Pvt., Coppidges, TX, May 10, '62, Nov. 1, 1862, Rondo, Co. C

G. W. Jones, Pvt., Coffeerville, TX May 10, '62, Dec. 23, 1862, Rondo, Co. C

Wade A. Kirk, Pvt., Marion Co., TX, Sept. 7, 1862, Rondo, Co. D, 5'9" Farmer, Age 29

Joe McAfee, Pvt., Marion Co., TX, Mar. 31, 1862, Rondo, Co. D, Age 24

John McKinney, Pvt., San Augustine, TX, Jul. 7, 1862, Rondo, Co. E., 5'9" Farmer, Age 27

J. M. Patterson, Pvt., San Augustine, TX, Oct. 30, 1862, Rondo, Co. E

J. A. Robins, Pvt., San Augustine, TX, Sept. 12, 1862, Rondo, Co. E

Thomas Singletary, Pvt., Panola Co., TX, Oct. 11, 1862, Rondo, Co E

J. R. Hass, Pvt., Jefferson, Tx May 5, '62, Sept. 18, 1862, Rondo, Co. F, Age 25

James Seals, Pvt., Jefferson, TX, Sept. 15, 1862, Rondo, Co. F, 5'8" Farmer, Age 36

John T. High, Pvt., Daingerfield, TX May 6, '62, Sept. 18, 1862, Rondo, Co. G 5'10" Farmer, Age 34

James Irby, Pvt. Daingerfield, TX May 6, '62, Sept. 22, 1862, Rondo Co. G 5'9" Farmer, Age 22

G. W. Lynch, Cpl., Daingerfield, TX, Sept. 16, 1862, Rondo, Co. G 5'7" Farmer, Age 32

A. J. Perser, Pvt. Camp Waterhouse, Sept. 17, 1862, Rondo, Co. G 5'11" Farmer, Age 49, Substitute

A. B. Barry, Pvt., Minden, TX May 10 '62, Sept. 19, 1862, Rondo, Co. H, 5'2" Bl. eyes, dark hair, fair

Thomas Beasley (J. O.???), Pvt., Minden, TX Jun. 27, '62, Sept. 15, 1862, Rondo, Co. H 5'9" Farmer, Age 24

Jasper Edge, Pvt., Mt. Enterprise, TX May 10, '62, Sept. 12, 1862, Rondo, Co. H, 5'6" Farmer, Age 25, Bl. eyes, light hair, fair complex.

J. G. Gentry (Ghentry), Pvt., Minden, TX May 14, '62, Oct. 2, 2862, Rondo, Co. H, 5'8" Farmer Age 30

Robert Horace Gowins, Pvt. Minden, Tx Jun 30, '62, Sept. 14, 1862, Rondo, Co. H, 5'7" Farmer, Age 34

J. A. Koonce, Pvt., Minden, TX, Sept. 10, 1862, Rondo, Co.H, 5' Farmer, Age 30

J. C. J. Little, Pvt., Minden, TX (Murval). Oct. 7, 1862, Rondo, Co. H, 5'8"Farmer, Age 18

Abner Stanley, Pvt., Minden, TX (Rusk Co.), Sept. 11, 1862, Rondo, Co. H, 5'8" Farmer, Age 30

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All initial inquires as to membership should be directed to:

Charles Edward Phebus, President General
PO Box 4641
Honolulu, HI 96812

Legislative Divorces in Arkansas Territory

By Margaret Ross

Although the laws of Arkansas Territory provided for divorces to be granted by the courts, few people applied to the legislature for divorces at most of the sessions. Genealogists rarely look for legislative divorces, because the search is tedious and usually is not productive, since the odds are against finding reference to a specific family.

The sources are the Journals of the House of Representatives and the Legislative Council for identification of people asking for divorces, and the Acts of the session for those petitions that were granted. These were first published in the Little Rock newspaper that had the public printing contract, and the newspaper version is easier to locate and use than the pamphlet version. The information given is skimpy, not always including the wife's maiden name, and usually not indicating the couple's place of residence, much less the grounds for divorce.

1820

The Journals of this session were never published in pamphlet form, and only the House Journal was published in the *Arkansas Gazette*. The Acts included no divorces, but the House Journal shows that two petitions were presented:

Mason Vanc and Jane Vanc, his wife, praying for a divorce.

Maria Norvell, praying for a divorce from James Norvell.

With a divorce pending in Superior Court, Maria Norvell advertised to notify her non-resident husband in the *Gazette* of July 14, 1821.

1821

This was the first session held in Little Rock, and the *Gazette* had not yet moved to the new seat of government from Arkansas Post; the Journals were never published in either form, so there is no record of submitted petitions. The Acts included no divorces.

1823

In the two divorces granted in this session, the wife's married name is shown as an alias instead of her maiden name, evidently a mistake of the author of the bills. They were:

William Hawkins Johnson and Betsey Morgan, alias Betsey Johnson. Approved Oct. 25, 1823. (Acts, p. 21; *Gazette*, Nov. 25, 1823).

Nancy Baker, alias Nancy Stroud and Brazeal Baker. Approved Oct. 29, 1823. (Acts, p. 33; *Gazette*, Nov. 25, 1823).

The Journals also show a petition by John Gibson for a divorce from Milly D. Gibson, but it was rejected on Oct. 27. Gibson inserted a notice in the *Gazette* of Oct. 23, denying gossip in circulation pertaining to his marriage and separation from his wife.

1825

Four petitions were presented, and both houses dealt with them hastily, dispensing with the rules repeatedly to have all three required readings of the bills on the spot and passing them immediately. But Governor George Izard refused to approve any divorce acts and made it clear that he would take the same position in the future. The thwarted divorces were:

Esther Wilson, alias Esther Fowler, and Thomas Wilson.

Joseph A. Huber and Sarah Huber, alias Sarah Lindsey.

Joseph Weston and Polly Weston, alias Polly Love.

Abraham Darden and Harriet Dardenne. (Probably this was Abraham and Harriet Dardenne of Richland Township, Arkansas County.)

The last two passed both houses. The Huber bill passed the House and was read once in the Legislative Council, when a second petition from

Joseph Huber was presented, "praying that the bill of divorce may not pass, as the grounds upon which he founded his first petition were entirely removed." (*Gazette*, Oct. 25, 1825.) But the reconciliation was short-lived. He had asked for the divorce because his wife declined to live with him, but she promised she would if he would revoke his petition. He advertised in the *Gazette* of Nov. 1, 1825 that she was "the mother of a spurious child, to whom I be the reputed father, and said she had obstinately refused to fulfill her promises to live with him. Consequently he warned the public not to deal with her in his name, and said he would seek the divorce in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. But it remained for Sarah to take that step in January of 1827, when she advertised that Huber was not a resident of Arkansas Territory. About the same time, the *Gazette* published a letter from Dr. Joseph A. Huber, surgeon of the 9th Regiment of Mexican Dragoons, concerning the revolution in Texas. This couple's marriage notice in the *Gazette*, Aug. 2, 1825, identifies them as Dr. Joseph A. Huber, formerly of Davidsonville, and Sarah, daughter of Caleb Lindsey, who married July 28, 1825 at Fourche de Thomas, Lawrence County.

1827

Only one divorce petition came before the legislature, probably because Izard was still governor. Actually it involved two petitions both submitted by Mathias Lock of Lawrence County. One resulted in a House bill entitled "An act to legitimize the children and legalize the marriage of Mathias Mock," and the other was Mock's petition for a divorce of Margaret Hill from her husband, Israel M. Hill, introduced in the Council. The House then amended its bill to be a bill for divorce, which passed both houses and was approved by the governor on Oct. 28, 1827. (*Gazette*, Oct. 30 and Dec. 28, 1827.)

1828

Izard died in 1828, and the new governor, John Pope, wasn't squeamish about approving divorce acts, so no petitions were rejected. Seven divorces were granted:

John Palmer and Eliza Palmer, formerly Eliza Ruddell. Approved Oct. 31, 1828. (Acts, p. 25; *Gazette*, Dec. 1, 1829.)

Melburn Richards and Clara Richards, alias Clara McKinsey. Approved Oct. 31, 1829. (Acts, p.

55; *Gazette* Dec. 16, 1829.) The Journals spell this man's given name Milburn.

Joseph Rush and Sally Rush, alias Sally McLean. Approved Nov. 10, 1829. (Acts, p.88; *Gazette*, Dec. 23, 1829.)

Franklin Wharton and Mary Jane Wharton, alias Mary Jane Bailor. Approved Nov. 10, 1829. (Acts, p. 89; *Gazette* Dec. 23, 1829.)

James T. Roe and Nancy Roe, alias Nancy Elrod. Approved Nov. 13, 1829. (Acts, 90, *Gazette*, Dec. 23, 1829.)

Charles Sevier and Lydia R. Sevier, alias Lydia R. Shannon. Approved Nov. 13, 1829. (Acts, p. 90-91; *Gazette*, Dec. 23, 1829.)

Abner Lea and Charity Lea, alias Charity Lewis of Hempstead County. Approved Nov. 13, 1829. (Acts, p. 91; *Gazette*, Dec. 23, 1829.)

1831

The Arkansas Advocate had the public printing contract, but ran out of paper. By permission of the governor and the territorial secretary, the *Gazette* published the Journals and Acts Pro Bono Publico. Later the Advocate published the Acts, and also the pamphlet version, but not the Journals.

This session received 21 divorce petitions, but only two were successful, and their divorces were granted in the same act, approved Nov. 3, 1831. (Acts, p. 52; *Gazette*, Dec. 14, 1831.) The two couples:

Beverly Stubblefield and Nancy W. Stubblefield, alias Nancy W. Clark, hereafter to be known as Nancy W. Jones.

Gideon Dunn and Hester Dunn, alias Hester Stanford.

Divorce petitions in the House usually were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, which in this session expressed a determination not to report favorably on any petition if the laws in force could offer relief to the parties. The committee gave these two petitions "more than ordinary attention," and drew up a Bill for the divorces, presenting it to the House with an eloquent plea for passing it without amendment. The rhetoric was impressive, but gave no clue to the nature of the extraordinary nature of the two cases. The committee's spokesman said, "The facts that they are not and never can be relievable in the courts of justice, calls

strongly for the interposition of your Legislature. Your committee cannot believe that the passage of your bill will be a dangerous precedent, because it is not probable that any such cases will ever arise." (House Journal for Oct. 27, 1831, p. 206). Both houses passed the bill without amendment.

This suggests that the two divorces were related. Gideon Dunn had been convicted of manslaughter in the killing of his father-in-law, John Standford, and sentenced to one year in the Phillips County Jail. (*Gazette*, June 22, 1831.)

Near the end of the session, there were attempts to add the names of most of the people asking for divorces to a bill under consideration, many of which had not been introduced, but the bill was not passed. These were the unsuccessful petitioners:

James Tucker and Eoah Tucker.

Lucretia Clark, alias Lucretia Gilbreath, and Jonathan Clark.

Alexander W. Sweeney and Susannah Sweeney.

George Stroop and Martha Stroop.

Loretta Piles, alias Loretta Elkins, and Overton Piles.

Nancy Tyler, alias Nancy Sailors, and Allen Tyler.

Mary Ann McSweeney; husband's name not stated.

Abraham S. Welty and Jemima Welty, alias Jemima Luster.

Abraham Smawley and Elizabeth Smawley. (Spelled Smalley in 1833.)

John Hays and Polly Hays.

Peter Englishby and Mary Englishby.

Ambrose Frier and Letitia Frier, alias Letitia English.

Joseph Fenton and Polly Fenton.

Thomas Griffin and Mary Griffin.

Bryant Ferrill and Mary D. Ferrill.

John McKinnish and Ann McKinnish, alias Ann Ward.

Robert Crump and Minerva Crump.

1833

This session dealt with 21 petitions and granted 19 divorces, seven by separate acts and the rest lumped together in "An act to dissolve the bonds of matrimony between certain persons." Some of these had not been introduced, and evidently their

cases were not individually discussed. The act was hotly debated, as some legislators felt that some petitions didn't present acceptable grounds for divorce and couldn't have succeeded in court.

One legislator opposed the Cole divorce because it involved ex parte testimony and he said it should go to court where both sides could be heard. Another knew the couple and thought the complaint was just. John Sinclear of Crawford County said the simple fact that neither party wanted out of the marriage was all he needed to know, and the reasons were nobody's business and the couple should not have to air such private matters in court or anywhere else.

The 1833 divorces granted individually were:

Elijah Caples and Melinda Caples, alias Melinda Smith, and she to be known by the name of Melinda Smith. Approved Nov. 8, 1833. (*Gazette*, Nov. 27, 1833.)

James Smith and Clara Smith, alias Clara Roundtree. Approved Nov. 11, 1833. (*Gazette*, Nov. 27, 1833.)

James C. Anthony and Mary S. Anthony. Approved Nov. 11, 1833. (*Gazette*, Dec. 4, 1833.)

Sarah McGinnis, alias Sarah Bradshaw, and Cornelius McGinnis. Approved Nov. 5, 1833 (*Gazette*, Dec. 11, 1833.)

Marina T. Cole, alias Marina T. Stewart, and James Cole, she to be known by the name of Marina T. Stuart. Approved Nov. 1, 1833. (*Gazette*, Dec. 11, 1833.)

Rebecca Ann Belden, alias Rebecca Ann Garvin, and Samuel C. Belden, restored her name Rebecca Ann Garvin. Approved Nov. 11, 1833. (*Gazette*, Dec. 15, 1833.) This name is spelled Belding in the Journals, Belden in the Act.

William D. Barnett and Elizabeth Barnett, formerly Elizabeth Johnston. Approved Nov. 8, 1833. (*Gazette*, Jan. 21, 1834.)

An Act to divorce certain persons, approved Nov. 1, 1833, (*Gazette*, Dec. 4, 1833) applied to these couples:

Abraham S. Welty and Gemima Welty, alias Gemima Luster. Wife's name is spelled Jemima in the Journals.

William Rochaels and Mary Rochaels, alias Mary Willis. This surname is spelled Rachels in the Journals.

John Barney and Elizabeth Barney, alias Elizabeth Right.

John McElmurry and Elizabeth McElmurry, alias Elizabeth Pringle. She is called Betsey in the Journals.

Abraham Smally and Elizabeth Smally, alias Elizabeth Goings. Journal says he is of Monroe County, and spells the name Smalley.

John C. Lamb and Martha Lamb, alias Martha Ewinng. Journal says she is of Pope County.

Goldman B. Flyn and Levina Flyn, alias Levina Kuykendall. Journal spells the name Flynn and says he's of Jefferson County.

Thomas Griffin and Polly Griffin, alias Polly Sims.

James Watson and Harriet Watson.

David Girtman and Sarah Girtman, alias Sarah Anderson. Journal says he is of Sevier County.

Margaret Harris, alias Margaret Hambleton, and Charles Harris.

The two divorce petitions rejected in this session were:

William Cook of St. Francis County; wife's name not stated.

Joseph Murphy and Elizabeth Murphy.

1835

The *Little Rock Times* published the official Journal and Acts, and also the pamphlet version of the Acts. There was no pamphlet publication of the Journals. The *Gazette* published the Journals Pro Bono Publico, but published only the acts that were of interest to the general public. These five divorces were in the Acts:

Amos Cohee and Mary Cohee, alias Mary Simlock. Approved Oct. 27, 1835. (Acts, p. 22; *Times*, Dec. 14, 1835.)

Rachel Higginbottom, alias Rachel Tilly, and John H. Higginbottom. Approved Oct. 27, 1835 (Acts, p. 22; *Times*, Dec. 14, 1835.) In same act as the Cohee divorce.

Sarah Hale, alias Sarah Wilson, and John C. Hale. Approved Nov. 7, 1835. (*Times*, Dec. 18, 1835.)

Ann L. B. Byrd and Richard C. Byrd. Approved Nov. 2, 1835. (*Times*, Dec. 38, 1835.)

Nancy A. Scott, late Nancy Dodge, and George W. Scott. Approved Nov. 2, 1833. (Acts, p. 67;

Times, Jan. 11, 1836.)

As in the previous session, an omnibus divorce bill was introduced, but it was not passed and the couples included were not named in the bill's title. The *Gazette's* version of the Journals shows petitions from the couples listed below, and it is likely that these were included in the omnibus bill, and possibly others not otherwise mentioned. The spouse's name was not stated in several of these.

Lucretia Clark, of Johnson County, and Jonathan Clark.

Charlotte Owens of Van Buren County, and Pery Jackson Owens.

Louisa B. Trent and Thomas Trent.

Elizabeth Willis and Arthur Willis.

Mahala Patterson and William Patterson. One reference to her says Matilda.

Patsy King and John King.

Rachel Mason and Thomas Mason.

Sarah Campbell and David Campbell.

Samuel Shastead.

Dr. Perry Tucker.

Elizabeth Lyon, petition in the House Oct. 12, husband's name not mentioned.

John B. Lyon, petition Oct. 14 in the House, wife's name not mentioned; possibly she was Elizabeth Lyon.

Charles Palmeston.

Lucinda Green.

John Whittington and Sally Whittington.

Johnson Campbell and Lucinda Campbell.

Jacob Anthony and Emenetta Anthony.

Abraham Stewart and Tabitha Stewart, alias Tabitha Foster.

William D. Draper.

Lucina or Lucinda A. Henley and James Henley.

Elizabeth Pebles.

Nancy Harrison and Robert Harrison.

Larkin Redman and Catharine Redman.

Mathew Brewer and Lucinda Brewer.

Sophia Dixon.

Narcissa Jouett.

Leesha Barnett.

Eliza Case.

This is the last session of the Territorial General Assembly. Legislative divorces did not end with the beginning of state government, but the legislators became more and more resistant to them.

Genetic Transmission of Health Disorders

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Two technological advances in our generation have made it possible for us to actually see the genes which determine our traits, and even to alter some of those traits. The electron microscope has made it possible for us to see particles thousands of times smaller than ever before. Advances in medical science have made it possible to identify, and to some extent, repair damaged parts of the genetic code which causes us to be ill, or susceptible to physical and mental disorders. The electron microscope was necessary to allow us to see genes, and huge strides in medical techniques were required to allow us to change them.

Farther into this article we will learn what is meant by *gene* and *genetic*. However, for the moment, let's just see an example of how a physical dangerous defect can be transmitted through the genes which we inherit from our parents. Let me tell you the story of "Royal Hemophilia."

There are about two dozen blood clotting factors in the normal human body. In the case of Queen Victoria of Britain (1819-1901) a mutation (significant and basic alteration in hereditary material) in Factor IX occurred in one of her parents. This meant that some of their descendants, including Victoria, would either have, or be carriers of, a disorder called hemophilia which causes even a slight wound to bleed profusely.

In the 5 generations since Victoria, 10 of her male descendants have had hemophilia.

Ironically, the British royal family has been spared, because her son, Edward VII, did not inherit the defective gene (*allele*.) Three of her nine children *did* inherit the gene and carried it into marriages which have affected many of the royal houses of Europe.

Hemophilia is sex-linked, i.e., it is carried by the X-chromosome. Females have only X chromosomes. For this reason, we are particularly interested in the females of suspect families. In Victoria's case, she had four daughters--Victoria,

Alice, Helena and Beatrice. Alice and Beatrice both were carriers of hemophilia, and a son, Leopold, had the disorder.

Victoria, the daughter, married Frederick III of Germany. She was not a carrier. Descendants of the German royal family *did not* inherit the hemophilia.

Alice married the Duke of Hesse. From her, the Prussian royals *did* inherit it. One of the sons of Alice had the disorder and **Irene**, the daughter of Alice, was a carrier. Two of Irene's sons had hemophilia. **Alexandra**, the other daughter of Alice, was a carrier and became the Czarina of Russia, when she married Czar Nicholas II, passing the defect to the Russian ruling family. Alexis, her son, had the disorder. Of course, that strain of the trait died when the Russian royal house was murdered in 1917.

Helena was not a carrier.

Beatrice was a carrier, and she married Prince Henry of Hesse and passed the disorder to two of her sons, Maurice and Leopold. Their sister, **Eugenie**, who married Alfonso, King of Spain, also had the trait, and two of her sons developed it--Alfonso and Gonzalo.

From a parent of Queen Victoria, this trait is still being transmitted in Europe.

I. DEFINITIONS & VOCABULARY

Genetics is a technical subject, and like all technical subjects, has a vocabulary of its own. We need to learn some words which may be new, and their correct definitions or descriptions. We will *not* follow the dictionary and study our words alphabetically. It should be helpful if we will take *related* words in logical order, rather than words which are spelled similarly but are unrelated otherwise.

DNA--deoxyribose nucleic acid; makes up chromosomes

CHROMOSOMES-structures in cell nucleus; carrier of linearly arranged genes; each human receives 23 chromosomes from each parent for a total of 46

GENE-unit of DNA located at a fixed identified location on a chromosome; determines trait or condition, such as eye color, hair color, ear size, baldness, etc.

Let us pause and sum up by getting a picture-a visual image of what we are talking about. Just visualize a chicken egg, like the one you recently had for breakfast. This egg represents a cell. We will let the yolk of the egg be the nucleus. In the nucleus of every human cell, there are 46 chromosomes. Arranged in rows, or lines, on these chromosomes, in fixed, assigned positions, there are thousands of genes. Each gene determines some trait, or condition, of the human body and its functioning.

Got the picture? 1 cell
46 chromosomes
1000s of genes

These genes are so numerous, in fact, that, as incredible as it seems, there are about 70 trillion (!) possible combinations of chromosomes that a child can inherit. No wonder no one in the world has a fingerprint precisely like yours.

GENETIC-having to do with genes or inheritance

ALLELE-a damaged or defective gene

CLINICAL GENETICS-study and prediction of probability of occurrence of traits from laws of genes

GENOGRAM-chart or diagram which illustrates inheritance of a trait or condition

GENE THERAPY-treating genetic disease by repairing or replacing damaged genes

CONGENITAL-existing from birth; not necessarily genetic

CARRIER-person whose cells have one copy of a recessive gene for a trait and who does not express the trait but can transmit it

RECESSIVE GENE-gene for a trait which will be expressed only in individual who inherits a copy of the gene from both mother and father; *less powerful gene*

DOMINANT GENE-gene which expresses trait in spite of simultaneous presence of gene for another form of that trait; *more powerful gene*

CHROMOSOMAL ERRORS-abnormalities in number and/or structure of chromosomes caused by aging, radiation, viruses, possibly other causes; e.g., Down's syndrome is caused by an extra chromosome.

XX CHROMOSOME-female sex chromosome; some genetic disorders are sex-linked, or X-linked.

XY CHROMOSOME-male sex chromosome; determines sex of offspring. No man can ever justly fuss at his wife about the sex of a child. *He did it!*

SEX-LINKED-located only on the X chromosome, therefore passed on only by the mother; also called X-linked

Color blindness is an example of a harmless sex-linked trait. The gene for color perception occurs only on the X chromosome. It is a recessive trait, so if a female has the faulty gene, she has another X chromosome which will normally have a dominant gene which will suppress the fault, and her vision will be normal. It is extremely rare that a female will be color blind.

On the other hand, suppose a male baby gets a color blindness gene from his mother. His X chromosome is color blind. He has no other X chromosome to suppress this one, so he will be color blind-and about 8 per cent of males are color blind.

A far more serious example of a sex-linked disorder is **hemophilia**. This is really what we are talking about when we say someone is a "bleeder." The slightest open injury can cause such a person to bleed to death. It is the result of a recessive gene on the X chromosome. The female carries it and passes it to her offspring, but only the males have no other X chromosome to dominate the recessive flaw, so males have the disorder. It is extremely rare in females. In fact, if a female has the gene for hemophilia, she will normally die at menarche (the

onset of menstruation.) She simply hemorrhages to death. A hemophiliac male can sometimes have his life extended by having his spleen surgically removed.

UMBILICAL LINEAGE-genealogy which traces the umbilical line (*umbilicus* = navel cord) i.e., lineage from mother, mother, mother, mother. In the light of what we have said about hemophilia, you can see why one might be concerned to study the mother-line.

TRAIT-quality or condition passed from one generation to another

II. WHY IS GENETICS IMPORTANT TO A GENEALOGIST?

It is no more important to a genealogist than it is to others, but a genealogist should be in a better position to benefit from its principles. A genealogist has access to family records for several generations, and has developed the expertise necessary to locate currently unknown information. Particularly, if a person knows early in life what his genetic heritage is, he may be able to make wiser choices as to having children, areas in which to live, occupations in which to engage, and a lifestyle to cultivate.

III. UNDERSTANDING MORE OF GENETICS WILL AVOID THE DANGERS OF "A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE"

Some traits which might be assumed to be inherited are actually the result of injury or disease. Knowing the basics of genetics will enable a person to be more careful about jumping to conclusions.

One lovely young married couple in another state were very reluctant to have children because the wife had been born with cleft palate and hare lip. When they understood that this is a recessive trait, they were reassured. To occur again, both the wife and the husband would have to be able to transmit the gene. There was no history of cleft palate in his family. Therefore, there was very little chance that they would produce a child with this deformity. In fact, many researchers consider cleft palate to be a congenital defect and not a genetic trait at all.

IV. IT NEEDS TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT SOME "LETHAL GENE" DISORDERS ARE ETHNIC

Only Jewish infants are likely to have **Tay-Sachs disease**, a familial mental illness. This is a disorder which will not allow the afflicted person to live much beyond age twenty, and then only as an idiot. It is diagnosed by visualization of the retinas—they both have cherry red spots with gray borders in Tay-Sachs. There is a screening blood test for possible carriers, so that large populations can be tested. Carriers have low amounts of the enzyme hexoaminidase A. If a fetus lacks this enzyme at 14 weeks of gestation, it has the disease.

Sickleemia, or sickle cell anemia, is confined almost entirely to blacks. This is an incurable blood disorder, frequently fatal in children. The abnormally shaped cells of the blood of the patient makes the blood so "thick" it can cause headache, convulsions, and paralysis. In the acute stage, it produces a swollen, tender belly. If a person survives to 50 years or beyond, kidney disorders usually cause death. Again, there is a blood test for carriers. If hemoglobin S is present, the individual may be a carrier.

V. SOME OTHER HEREDITARY DISORDERS

Huntington's chorea (St Vitus' dance)-hereditary disease (rare); quick involuntary movement, speech disorders, mental degeneration; usually appears between age 30 and 45 and ends 15 years or so later in death or total incapacity. No cure; no treatment except tranquilizers.

cystic fibrosis-breathing is hampered by excessively thick sticky mucus in the lungs, with excessive sweating and saliva; recessive trait; both parents must be carriers.

hypertension-elevated blood pressure may be hereditary, but is greatly aggravated by improper diet and exposure to excessive stress.

diabetes mellitus-sex-linked and alternate-generational-it skips generations and swaps sexes. A diabetic parent is not considered a hazard to children, but to *grandchildren* of the opposite sex.

blindness-especially, **retinitis pigmentosa**, and some types of tumor which cause blindness. A lady who worked for five years in my office in the university in which I was teaching has a father who has been blind from about 30 years of age as a result of retinitis pigmentosa (RP). Now, her son who is about age 28 has been told he will be blind by age 35. He inherited RP.

In another case, a blind woman who graduated from the same university moved to Scotland, married an Irishman, and had a child who became blind at about age 3 and died at age 4. The woman's mother is blind also. A little investigation revealed that the grandmother had a tumor on the optic nerve surgically removed when she became blind in early childhood. The daughter then had the tumor and became blind early in life, and her child had the tumor and it was fatal.

VI. WHAT GENETIC ENGINEERING MAY ACCOMPLISH

Normally, a destructive trait is progressive and irreversible. That is, since it is in one's very makeup, it cannot be cured. And, with time, it will get worse. But, we should not despair. There may be help on the horizon. Two years ago, a thirty year old female was discovered to have **familial hypercholesterolemia**. The cholesterol in her blood was very high, and it was a family trait. It seemed that her life might be shortened.

However, genetic engineers were able to locate the gene which caused the disorder, remove it, and replace it with a normal gene. Now her cholesterol level is in the desirable range. Who knows what may be possible, if we will just keep our heads and experiment very cautiously?

Wouldn't it be great if we could cure mental illness, such as **schizophrenia** or **depression**, by replacing a faulty gene?

Disorders of aging, **Alzheimer's syndrome** and **Parkinson's disease** are currently being investigated for genetic treatment. Those of us who have had loved ones with these traits know the torture they can bring.

VII. WHY? AND HOW?

Most genealogical researchers who have

become interested in this field did so in order to determine the probability of their inheriting cancer. This is especially true of breast, colon, or prostate cancer. We may be able to greatly reduce lung cancer by changing our attitude toward tobacco. Colon cancer can be reduced by better dietary habits. Prostate cancer seems to be an affliction of advanced age. If a man lives to be 90 years old, there is about a 90 per cent chance that he will have prostate cancer. That leaves breast cancer. Women have studied their mothers, sisters and aunts for a great while, to determine if they themselves had an increased probability of having breast cancer. We know now that we must also study their fathers, grandfathers and uncles. A male is most unlikely to have breast cancer (it does happen) but he may be a carrier. If the mother does not have cancer and the daughters do, it is likely the father who passed the gene to the daughters. That makes a *Family Health History* and a *Genogram* very important.

VIII. A STANDARD FORMAT FOR GENOGRAMS

The *National Genealogical Society* has been interested for five or more years in genetic transmission of physical disease traits. There have been a few lectures on the subject here and there. But, just last month, an entire issue of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* was devoted to the subject. It is entitled, *Your Family's Health: An Introduction*. Among the things it does is teach the standard format for a *Genogram*, or graphic health study for a family.

The entire process of gathering the information and recording it is explained briefly, but sources of more information are listed. I have listed a few of those for you at the end of this article. Some of these sources are college textbooks, but some are very readable books for the ordinary reader. You may not want to buy the books, but you can borrow them through your library by *Interlibrary Loan*. Postage is the only cost involved and often that is not charged.

Naturally, in this age of electronics, there is already computer software programs) available which can be purchased to draw your *Genograms* for you. You still have to contact the people, interview them, and record the information; but if you will pass that along to your handy-dandy electronic friend, it can draw the picture correctly and show

you where to plug in the information. It will then adjust the picture for you and encourage you to analyze and apply the results.

IX. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GENETIC TRANSMISSION OF DISEASE

Obtain some, or all, of the following:

"Science & Society: Alzheimer's, Is there hope?" Shannon Brownlee, *U.S. News & World Report*, 12 August 1991, pp. 40-49

"Special Report: The War on Cancer," Rita Rubin, *U.S. News & World Report*, 05 February 1996, pp. 54-61

"Special Report: The most deadly cancers," Traci Watson, Rita Rubin, and Corinna Wu, *U.S. News & World Report*, 05 February 1996, pp. 62-67

"Special Report: The cancer wars at HMOs," Susan Brink, *U.S. News & World Report*, 05 February 1996, pp. 69-70

Anne J. Krush and Kathleen A. Evans, *Family Studies in Genetic Disorders*, Springfield, IL: Charles C. Thomas, 1984 (currently out-of-print.) Directed toward social workers and medical personnel, but useful to others, this work points out indications for a family study, how to prepare for the study, and how to record and analyze the results of the study.

Monica McGoldrick and Randy Gerson, *Genograms in Family Assessment*, New York: W. W. Norton, 1985. Order address: 500 Fifth Avenue, NY NY 10110 (1-800-223-2584). Hardback, \$19.95; softback, \$10.95, plus postage. Describes and illustrates standard format for genograms and presents principles for interpretation and analysis. Uses genograms of Jane Fonda, John F. Kennedy, Sigmund Freud and Thomas Jefferson, *et al*, as illustrations.

Genogram Maker Plus, (MSDOS) & MAC Genogram (Macintosh). Humanware, 2908 Nancy Creek Road NW, Atlanta GA 30327. Demo \$40, Program \$150, \$5 shipping and handling on each order. For genealogists, clinicians and researchers. Produces genograms and databases to record vital statistics, health information and critical events.

There is a lot more available. These are selected as bearing directly upon the practical side of the genealogist's work. For a much more complete listing, see **National Genealogical Society Quarterly**, Special Issue, *Your Family's Health History, An Introduction*, Vol. 82, No. 2, June 1994. A limited number of extra copies of this quarterly were printed for sale at \$11 pp, with 20% discount for NGS members. Order from: National Genealogical Society, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington VA 22207-2399.

Independence County Cemeteries/Grave Sites

Not listed in cemetery book for Independence Co.

Submitted by Anna Parks, 2205 Oak Hill Loop,
Batesville, AR 72501, through Lynda Suffridge

1. SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 4, Township 3 N,
Range 5 W: R. T. Williams, died A. D. 1872
2. Tucker Cemetery, NE Sec. 15, Township 13
North, Range 7 West, on Cletis Eallis farm:
Leonard Jones, born Aug. 2, 1892, died Oct. 19
1910
Lucindy Jones, born Aug. 17, 1882, died Oct. 21,
1902
W. S. Jones, born June 25, 1863, died Feb. 5, 1897
Lafayette Jones, born Jan. 8, 1839, died Feb. 16,
1897
Emma Jones, born Feb. 5, 1887, died Nov. 28,
1905
James T., son of I. and M. Tucker, born June 1,
1881, died Aug. 22, 1882
Hazel, daughter of J. H. Hobbs, born Oct. 19, 1907,
died Oct. 19, 1910
(At least 35 graves, some marked with fieldstone
pieces)
3. Shaddon graves, SE Sec. 17, Township 13
North, Range 7 West:
Samuel M., born 1820, died 1895
Barbry, born 1827, died 1890
(this site on Buford Reley farm, Gill Road - name
also spelled Shadden)
4. Boyer grave, on Tomlinson farm, SE Sec. 2,
Township 13 North, Range 8 West:
Infant daughter of C. J. and Elizabeth Boyer, Jan.
21, 1926
5. Hess graves, on Oneal Bottoms, NE Sec. 21,
Township 13 North, Range 8 West, supposed to be
four (4) graves:
Solomon Hess, wife Nancy and two children (?)
S.H. carved on one piece of sandstone.
6. Sugg grave, SE NW Sec. 23, Township 15
North, Range 6 West, in woods behind Church of
God:
J. L. Sugg, born July 24, 1937, died Dec. 30, 1843
7. Cemetery SE Sec. 23, Township 15 North,
Range 6 West:
Jr. John Francis Tosh, born Mar. 16, 1873, died
Dec. 19, 1935. At least ten other graves.
8. Cemetery NW SW NW Sec. 31, Township 4
North, Range 7 West, on U. of A. Experiment Sta-
tion: Mary S. Stroud, was born July the 22, 1860

and died October the 5 1868.
At least nine other graves.

Violet Hill Cemetery

Near Melbourne, IZARD County, AR

Submitted by Vickie C. Carmichael, 1513 E. Reza-
nof Dr., Kodiak, AK 99615; inventoried in 1994:

Barnes, Mahala 1857-1935
Barnes, John M., 1849-1922
Barnes, Albert
Barnes, Jessie
Barnes, Elizabeth, 10 Nov 1889
Barnes, Alfred
Barnes, George W., 2 Feb 1879-20 Nov 1958
Barnes, Dollie, 30 Aug 1882 - 27 April 1919
(George & Dollie shared headstone)
Barnes, Floyd, 1897-1900
Barnes, Cecil, 1900-1901
"children of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes"
(Floyd & Cecil shared headstone)
Barnes, Stella, 1901-1983
Barnes, Jeff, 1902-1969
(Stella & Jeff shared headstone)
Barnes, Elizabeth, 10 Nov 1889
"wife of James Barnes"
Barnes, Mary E., 2 Nov 1863-14 Jan 1882
"wife of J. E. Barnes"
Infant of J. F. Barnes, 18 Dec 1882
Barnes, James, 3 Nov 1818
Barnes, Robert L., 25 Mar 1892-6 Mar 1921
Barnes, Minnie E., 1 Feb 1890-22 Aug 1979
(Robert & Minnie E. shared headstone)
Barnes, Audie, 11 Oct 1912-9 Dec 1913
Infant of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Barnes, 23 Oct 1910
Barnes, Lottie, 8 Dec 1901-24 July 1919
Barnes, Theodore, 31 July 1898-24 Dec 1962
Barnes, Nellie M., 11 Aug 1901-20 Aug 1990
(Theodore & Nellie M. shared headstone)
Barnes, Francis
Barnes, Nola C., 30 Apr 1915-31 May 1993
Barnes, C. Olen, 12 May 1915-19 Mar 1978
"US Navy World War II"
(Nola C. & Olen shared headstone)
Barnes, Billy Thomas, 15 May 1983
"son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes)

The family owes Milton a hearty thanks for his effort and accomplishment. For a family as steeped in family pride and tradition as the Pipkins, he has gone a long way toward preserving a family landmark.

"It's like a miracle!" Rebecca exclaimed, and a miracle it is.

—————Probate of Thomas Colbert

Submitted by Margie Koutroulis, 8238 Theisswood Rd., Spring, TX 77379, along with two death notices from newspapers in Houston, TX.

LDS Film No. 892464, Marshall Co., MS
Probate Court 1840-48

Monday, Jan 24, 1842

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Thomas Colbert, late of AR, hath departed this life intestate, leaving divers goods, chattels and credits, in the state, whereupon application it is ordered by the court that letters of administration upon all and singular, the goods, chattels and credits of the said Thomas Colbert issue to James Colbert who thereupon entered into bond conditioned as the law directs in the sum of \$2500 with Gilbert Moore, who was approved by the court his security and took the oath prescribed by law.

The Houston Post/Friday, November 13, 1992
BUNTING

Katharyne Denton Bunting died November 11, 1992, at the age of 78, of cancer. Katharyne grew up in Blytheville, Arkansas, where among her many accomplishments, she was state math champion and editor of her high school yearbook. She attended Randolph-Macon Woman's College where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority and graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. degree from the University of Mississippi. She married John J. Bunting, M.D., in 1941, and in 1947, she moved to Houston with him, where together they were founding members of St. Martin's Episcopal Church. She was a member of the DAR, President of the Sisterhood of PEO and an office holder of the Harris County Medical Auxiliary and an accomplished bridge player. She was a Life Master of the (continued on page 120)

Old Piney Cemetery, Drew Co., AR

Submitted by Carletta Olivia Harvey, 1199 Hayes Forest Rd. No. 801 B, Winston Salem, NC 27106-3373

This cemetery is East on Highway 4, approximately 8 miles from Monticello, Drew County, AR:

Buried there:

Allen

One tombstone marks the graves inscribed:

Albert J. Allen Family

Albert J. Allen	1834-1907
Mercy Allen, wife	1838-1866
Fannie Josephine Gill Allen, wife	1849-1913
Lucy Caldonia Allen Lamb, daughter of A.J. A. wife of Jeff Lamb (below)	1858-1949
Adreen (Adrine), daughter	1878-

Lamb

Each of these has a tombstone:

Thomas Edward Lamb	1820-1903
Marian Bertha Jenny Hall Lamb, wife	1828-1878
Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Lamb, son	1868-1928
Same as above Callie. Callie Allen Lamb, wife of T. J. L. daughter of A. J. A.	1858-1939
Walter E. Lamb, son of T.J.L.	1879-1905
Rocky A. Lowe Lamb, wife of W. E. L.	1880-1910
John Herman Lamb, son of T. J.L.	1893-1930

Index of "List of Families of Indigent Soldiers"

Dallas County, Arkansas
 County Court Records, Book "B"
 April term 1863

Submitted by Lynda Suffridge, 3801 Caraway Ct.,
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The following material is an index, by soldier's name, to the families found in the "List of Families of Indigent Soldiers" in the April 1863 term of the County Court Records (Book "B"). In the court records, all members of the soldier's family and their age and relationship to him is given. Also listed is his home county (not in all cases Dallas County), his regiment, and if he is "in service" or "dead". A copy of the listing for a particular soldier may be obtained from the Arkansas History Commission, One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201

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Barker, Wm. T.	Dallas	233	Gibson, Lilburn	Dallas 234
Bassett, Nathan	Dallas	238	Gilbert, G. W.	Ouachita 230
Beard, J. A.	Ouachita	238	Gochen, Wm. P.	Dallas 235
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Bettis, J. C.	Dallas	238	Haney, Wm.	Dallas 233
Blakely, Thad	Dallas	234	Hanna, Wm. J.	Dallas 231
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Boswell, T. B.	Clark	237	Harris, Neil	Dallas 238
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Brown, E. G.	Dallas	233	Hearn, Jos.	Dallas 234
Bush, James	Dallas	232	Hearns, J. T.	Dallas 236
Butter, J. L.	Dallas	237	Hearnsberger, R. T.	Dallas 235
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Cable, Daw	Dallas	236	Hooker, John M.	Saline 234
Calhoun, J.	Dallas	237	Huddleston, Jo.	Dallas 235
Carter, J. C.	Dallas	234	Hudson, M.	Dallas 238
Castner, W.	Dallas	232	Hudson, Mordecai	Dallas 238
Chadwick, P. F.	Dallas	237	Hutchinson, W. A.	Dallas 238
Chandler, Huel W.	Dallas	232		
Chandler, T.	Dallas	231	Jiles, F. M.	Dallas 233
Chewing, J. A.	Dallas	230	Johnson, J. M.	Dallas 232
Childers, Berry	Dallas	234		

Key, W. B.	Dallas	238	Stanfield, J. W.	Dallas	237
			Stark, C. V.	Dallas	238
Livingston, J. C.	Dallas	238	Stone, John	Dallas	237
			Stover, J. M.	Dallas	234
Mann, Wm. P.	Dallas	234	Stuart, L. M.	Dallas	234
Martin, Mordecai	Dallas	236	Stuart, Wm. B.	Dallas	234
Martin, William J.	Conway	230	Swan, Alex	Dallas	237
Milam, J. O.	Dallas	232			
Mitchell, J. T.	Dallas	238	Taylor, Saml. A.	Dallas	232
Morris, S. T.	Dallas	238	Taylor, Sidney J.	Dallas	232
Morrison, C.	Dallas	231	Templeton, Alex	Dallas	232
Morrison, W.	Dallas	231	Toone, G. W.	Dallas	237
Mosley, Wm.	Dallas	233	Trammel, Dennis	Dallas	236
McCreight, W. Y.	Dallas	231			
McKay, Ed R.	Dallas	232	Walthall, J. L.	Dallas	237
McKay, J. L.	Dallas	232	Walton, E. G.	Dallas	238
			Walton, John	Dallas	238
Nailer, Riley	Calhoun	235	West, J. L.	Dallas	238
Nelson, Thos.	Dallas	238	White, Geo. W.	Dallas	238
Nix, Jno. M.	Dallas	237	Wiggin, Z.	Dallas	233
Nix, Reuben	Hot Spring	237	Wigington, W. J.	Dallas	235
			Wolam, W. S. (?)	Dallas	232
Owen, Saml. A.	Dallas	236	Wood, Wm.	Dallas	234
Parsons, Thos.	Dallas	237	Yeargan, F. M.	Dallas	231
Patterson, A.	Dallas	231	Young, W. A.	Dallas	237
Pennington, J. W.	Dallas	235			
Peters, James F.	Dallas	232			
Petty, W.	Pike	233	(continued from page 118)		
Phillips, James	Dallas	237			
Price, J. W.	Dallas	233	Duplicate Bridge Club and President of the Friday		
Pryor, E. P.	Dallas	237	Club. In 1967, when her daughter attended college		
Pryor, W. P.	Dallas	237	in Virginia, she conceived of and initiated the		
			Annual Magic Circle Party of Texas students		
Rhodes, T. B.	Dallas	237	attending colleges in Virginia, the Carolinas and		
Richardson, J. M.	Dallas	233	Washington, D.C., which is still a popular event. In		
Robbins, _____	Dallas	237	addition to her husband, she is survived by three		
(wife Rebecca)			children, Beverly Bunting Moore of Lake Forest,		
Rodgers, Turner	Dallas	234	Illinois, John J. Bunting, Jr. of Charlotte, North		
Rogers, Spiros A.	Dallas	232	Carolina, and William D. Bunting of Houston, along		
Ross, Wm. P.	Dallas	237	with 10 grandchildren. ...		
Russell, Wm.	Dallas	237			
			and <i>The Houston Post</i> / 1994:		
Seymore, Thos.	Dallas	233			
Shankle, E.	Dallas	230	Dudley W. Denton, 85, died February 5, 1994 of		
Shankle, John	Dallas	230	cancer. He grew up in Blytheville, Arkansas. Mr.		
Shankle, Thomas	Dallas	230	Denton attended Washington & Lee University in		
Sims, James W.	Dallas	232	Virginia, spent 27 months in the Army as Captain in		
Smedley, Zach	Dallas	236	Germany, Italy, France and North Africa. In 1943		
Somerell, W.	Dallas	235	he met and married Helen Sheets. After the war he		
Somerell, W. N.	Dallas	235	returned to civilian life as a CPA and moved to		
Sorrells, D. B.	Dallas	231	Houston in 1962. He is survived by his wife and		
Southall, J. T.	Dallas	232	several nieces and nephews. ...		

The Keys of Southern Arkansas

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Westward, westward, ever westward--the drive for new land continued long after the post-Revolutionary War period. In the 1840s and 1850s, the greatest land bargains were in the State of Arkansas, which began to give land to encourage migration soon after it became a State in 1836. Under the Arkansas "Donation Law" of 1840, settlers could obtain tax-forfeited lands in return for payment of future taxes. The head of a family could get one quarter section for himself, and one quarter section for each child. The law was amended in 1850 to permit a family as many 160-acre plots as there were members of the immediate family, regardless of age or sex. In 1850, Congress began confirming millions of acres of "swamp and overflow" land to the State for reclamation, much of it not in any way swampy or subject to overflow.[1]

Dallas Co., located in south-central Arkansas, was organized in 1845 from portions of Clark and Bradley Cos. Situated on the Southern Coastal Plain, it was an unusually fertile and arable area and was soon settled by planters from Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and the Carolinas. By 1860, Dallas Co. was one of the most populous counties in the State, with population centers at Tulip, Princeton, and Holly Springs--see detail from Colton's Map of Arkansas, 1855 (Fig. 1).[2]

The Keys who settled in Dallas Co. beginning in 1849 were caught up in the tide of western migration and represented the removal of a large group from Georgia--Thomas and Sarah (Jones) Key of Butts Co., Ga., and most of their children and grandchildren. Thomas Key was the son of Joseph and Judith (Watts) Key, who had moved from Bedford Co., Va., to Wilkes Co., Ga., shortly after the Revolution.[3] Thomas was born in Greene Co., Ga., Thomas was born in Greene Co., Ga.,[4] June 12, 1793.[5] Much of the information about his early years in Georgia comes from a biographical sketch of his son Dr. Abraham A. Key, of Clark Co., Ark.:

While a young man he learned the millwright's trade, at which he worked until he came to Arkansas, where he turned his attention to farming, and accumulated a

great deal of property before his death. He was a brother of Caleb Key, the father of Bishop Key, and was of English descent. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and the exposure which he underwent was so severe as to incapacitate him for farming, hence he turned his attention to the millwright's trade. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church, in which they took an active part, he serving in an official capacity. Socially he was a Mason, and politically a Whig.[6]

Thomas Key's service in the War of 1812 was as a corporal in Jenkins' Regiment of the Georgia Militia (Fig. 2).[7] His service was also indicated by his designation as a soldier for his drawing in the 1827 Land Lottery in Georgia.[8]

Thomas Key married Sarah R. Jones, Jan. 9, 1812, in Jasper Co., Ga., with his brother Tandy Watts Key, a Justice of the Peace, performing the ceremony. [9] Sarah was born in Georgia, [6] Aug. 17, 1791. [5]

While working as a millwright in Georgia, Thomas developed a method for improving the action of waterwheels and was able to get a U. S. Patent No. 4498X) for his invention. The patent was issued July 18, 1826, for an "Invention in the mode of letting water on water wheels." [10] Unfortunately, the U. S. Patent Office burned in 1836, and the drawing and details of his patent were destroyed. In 1830, Thomas sold to James Cook of Blount Co., Tenn., for \$600, the right to make and market his water-wheel improvement in the State of New York for a term of 14 years from the date of the patent. [11]

Thomas Key lived for many years in Jasper Co., Ga., where he owned 286 acres [12] and up to eight slaves.[13] He was a fortunate drawer in the Georgia Land Lotteries of 1821 (Houston Co.) [14] and 1837 [8], and later bought land in the 1st and 7th districts of Henry Co. [15] The 1st District fell in Butts Co. in 1825, and it was here that Thomas Key moved in the early 1840s. His homestead was located in the neck between Tussahaw Creek and the Ocmulgee River, not far from Key's Ferry and Key's Church. Keys Ferry was chartered by Major Tandy Watts Key, Thomas' older brother, in 1823. [16]

Key's Church was constructed on land donated by Thomas and Sarah Key in 1828.[17]

Thomas Key and two of his sons (A. A. and Richard C.) in nearby dwellings were enumerated in the 1850 Census in Tulip Township, Dallas Co., Ark.[18] His earliest land record there was in 1851, when he was taxed for one quarter section and four slaves.[19] Eventually he acquired a total of 800 acres and owned 13 slaves,[20] which placed him in the "small planter" category.[21] Major crops in Dallas County at that time were cotton and corn.

Thomas Key died in Holly Springs, Dallas Co., Ark., Mar. 15, 1857,[4] a few months short of his 64th birthday. His headstone in the Old Holly Springs Cemetery (fig.3) contains the following epitaph, now barely legible:

When this you see remember me,
Farewell till we meet above.

Recently a War of 1812 Veteran's marker was placed on his grave by Key family descendants.[22]

Thomas Key's will, written a month before he died, named three of his sons as executors and includes a special bequest for the Methodist Missionary Society.[23] Sarah Key was living in Holly Springs at the time of the 1860 Census[24] and at that time owned a considerable amount of land and 16 slaves--the third largest slave owner in Holly Springs Township of Dallas Co.[25] She died in Holly Springs in 1868[6] and was buried there,[26] probably next to her husband, but there is no grave marker for her.

All of Thomas and Sarah Key's children, except James Barton, eventually settled in Arkansas.[9] Their seven sons and three daughters were as follows:

- (1) Joseph Lawrence Key, b. Sep. 22, 1812, m. Elizabeth Dawson Delamar;[27]
- (2) Thomas Asberry Key, b. Nov. 26, 1813, m. Elizabeth (Eliza) Virginia Hardman;[28]
- (3) Demaris W. Key, b. Mar. 14, 1815, m. Benjamin J. Hardman;[29]
- (4) James Barton Key, b. Feb. 8, 1818, m. (1) Harriet (Hattie) L. Mann, and (2) Nancy Catherine (Callie) Dawson;[30]
- (5) Richard Childress Key, b. May 15, 1820, m.

Mariah Smith;[31]

(6) Permelia Emiline (Emily) Key, b. July 30, 1823, m. (1) William Cook, (2) Samuel Ratcliff; (3) Irvin Dunnahoe, (4) Pleasant Jack, (5) Moses Fite, and (6) William R. Robertson;[32]

(7) Abraham Arnold Key, b. Sep. 16 (6 per obituary and headstone[33]), 1825 m. (1) Margaret D. Smith and (2) Martha A. Huff;[5]

(8) Sarah R. Key, b. c1827, m. Albritton Ward;[34]

(9) Tandy Watts Key, b. c1839, m. Harriett Elizabeth Baker;[35] and

(10) Wesley F. B. C. Key, b. 1833, m. Sarah Jane Riley.[36]

Four of Thomas Key's sons (Thomas, Richard, Abraham and Wesley) became physicians, and one, Wesley F. B.C., practiced in Dallas Co. before the War. Richard C. Key was Holly Springs' first postmaster; Abraham A. Key was the second.[37] Thomas' oldest son, Joseph L. Key, contributed substantially to the commercial development of that part of the State by establishing several mills and factories in Holly Springs. According to a Bicentennial history of Holly Springs,[38] Joseph Key built the first gristmill there and then added a sawmill and a spinning jenny. He later built a wool carding factory. He also had a tannery and sold leather for making shoes. During the War, he made shoes for the Confederate Army. Joseph Key's house and mills are shown on the Confederate Map of Dallas Co., Ark., 1864 (Fig.4).[39]

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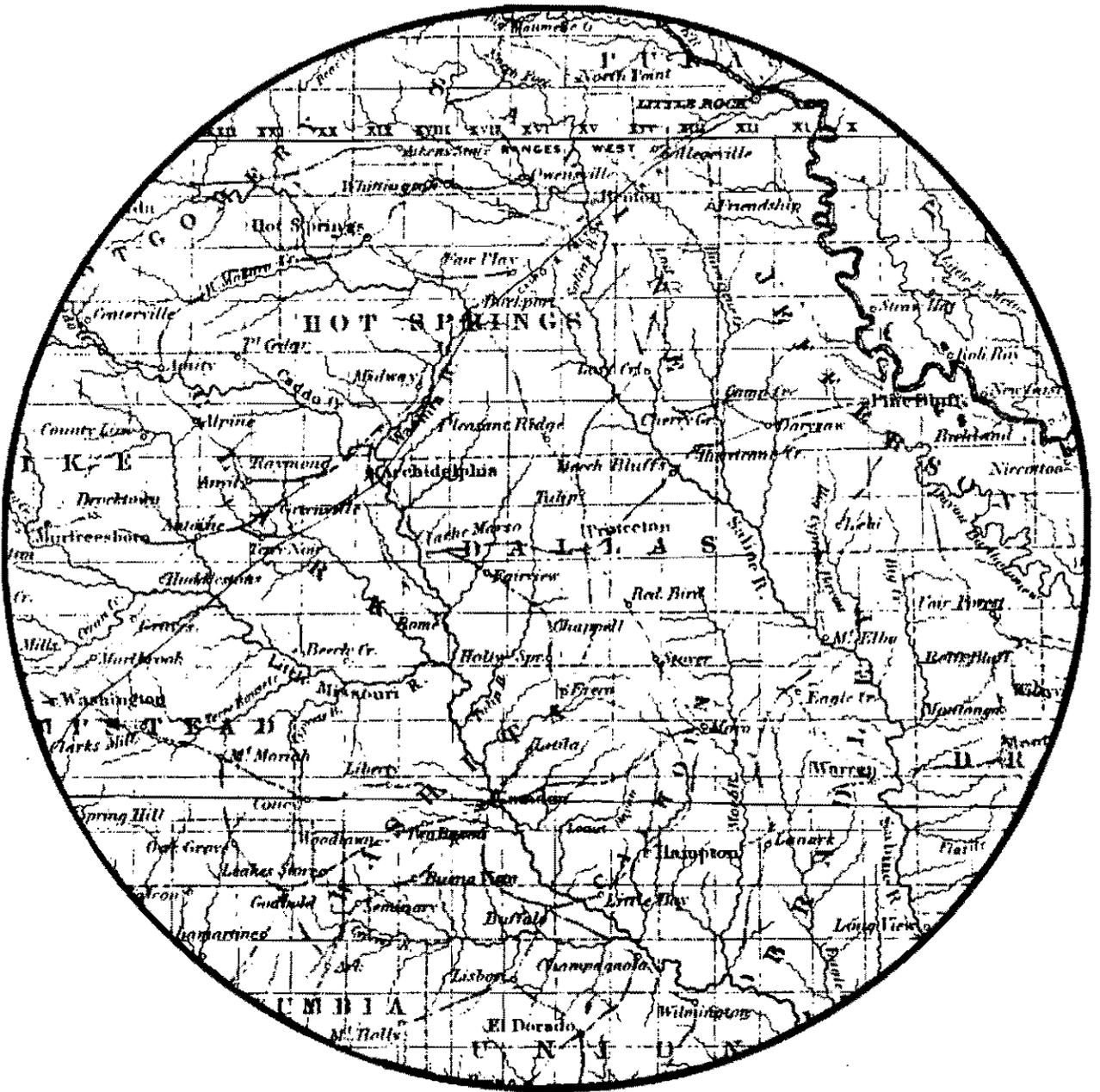


Fig. 1. Detail from Colton's Map of Arkansas, 1855

STATE OF GEORGIA,

By His Excellency Charles McDonald Governor and
Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of this State,
and of the Militia thereof.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING.

KNOW YE, That in pursuance of the several acts of the General
Assembly of this State, passed the 9th of June, and 24th December, 1825, and the 14th and
27th of December, 1826, to make distribution of the land acquired of the Creek Nation of
Indians, by a Treaty concluded at the Indian Springs, on the 19th day of February, 1825,
and forming the Counties of Lee, Muscogee, Troop, Coweta and Carroll, in this State,
I HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents, DO GIVE AND GRANT
unto *Thomas King Sol. of Sol's*

District Jasper County Ga

heirs and assigns forever, all that tract or lot of land, containing two hundred two and a half
acres, situate, lying and being in the TWALLEN District, of the FIRST Section, in the
County of LEE in said State, which said tract or lot of land is known and distin-
guished in the plan of said District by the number *One hundred*
Eighty Six having such shape, form and marks
as appear by a plat of the same hereunto annexed: To have and to hold the said
tract or lot of land, together with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances
thereof whatsoever, except all valuable ores, mines and minerals, which have been re-
served to the State by an act, passed the 24th of December, 1825, unto the said

Thomas King (Sol.) his

heirs and assigns, to *his* and their proper use, benefit
and behoof forever in fee simple.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the said State this

First day of *July*
in the year one thousand eight hundred *forty three*

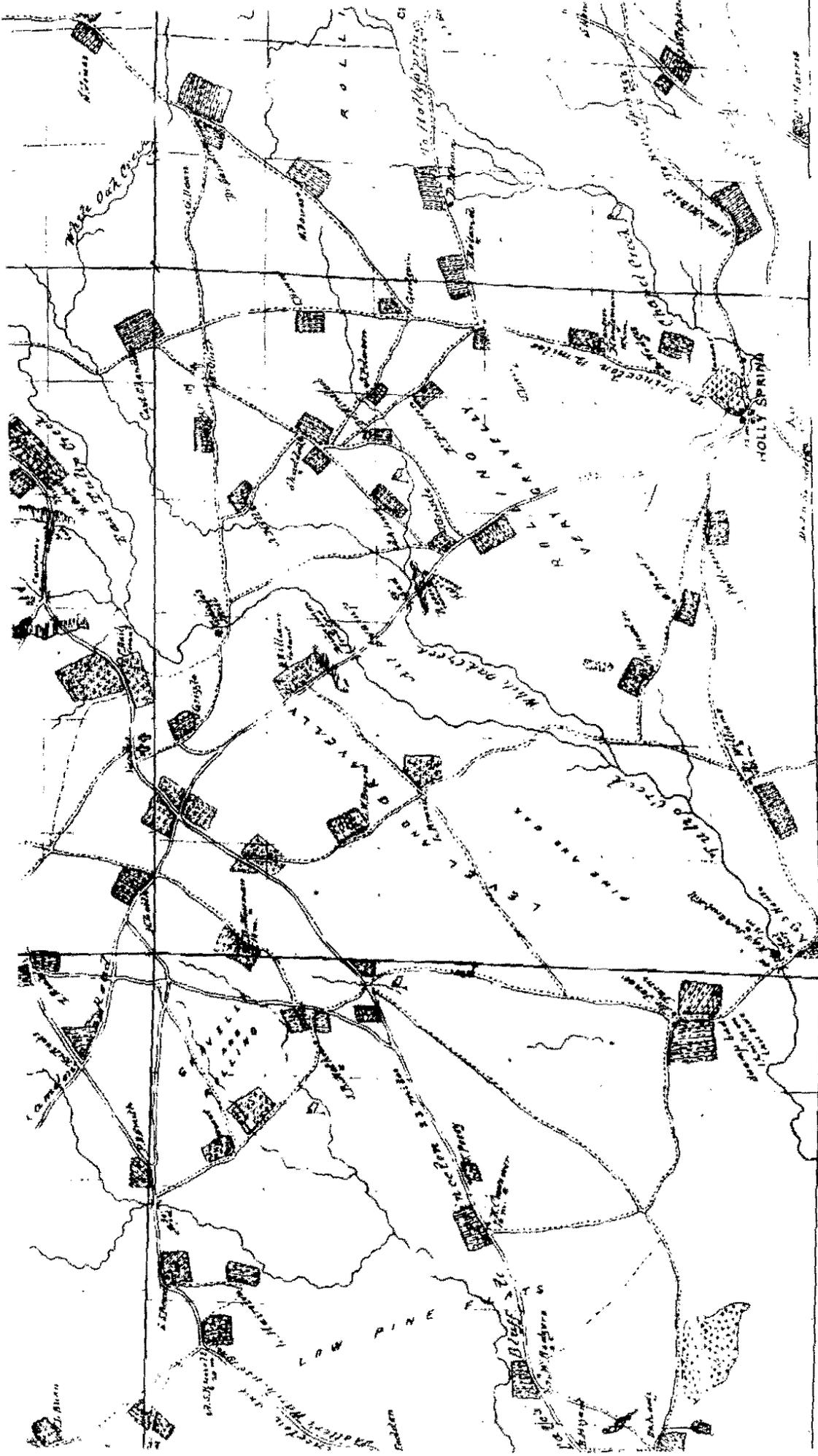
and of the Independence of the United States of America the *67*

Signed by his Excellency the Governor, } *Charles McDonald*
That day of *July* 18*43* } *Chas. Horne*

Registered the *First* day of *July* 18*43* U. E. D.

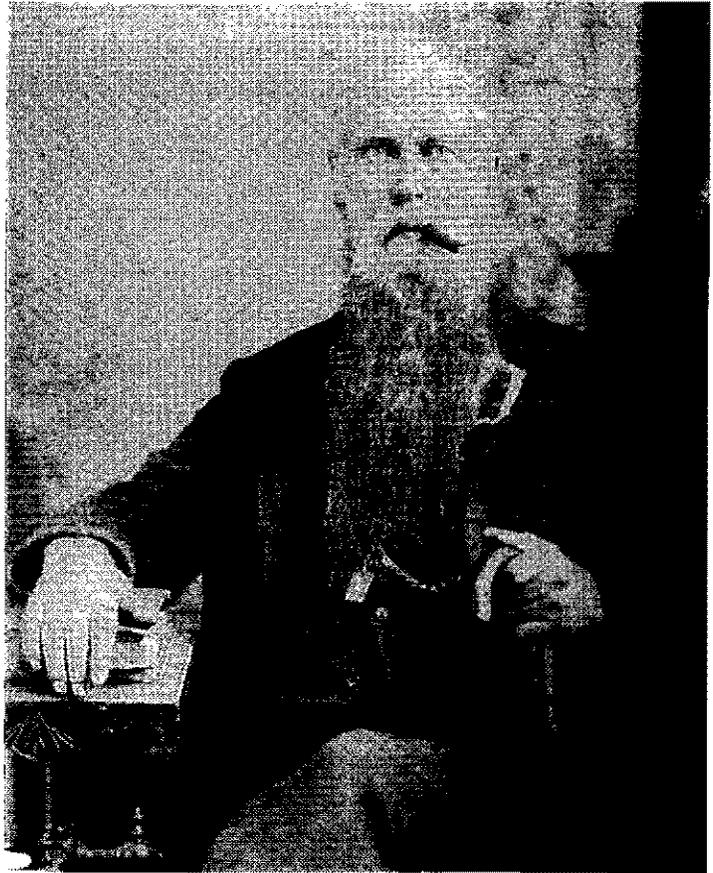


TOMBSTONE OF THOMAS KEY
June 12, 1793 — March 15, 1857
Holly Springs, Arkansas



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ABRAHAM ARNOLD KEY, M.D.
Sept. 16, 1825 - Aug. 5, 1890



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Bay, Lake City Interested in info on settlement of these areas in Craighead Co. 1865-70. Are there records of purchase/homesteading of land, especially William Chapel, Elizabeth Stephens and Thomas, Rachel, Albert Downs families? **Denise Rowe, 200 Alamos Pl., San Ramon, CA 94583**

DeVall (various spellings), Rogers, Eaters, Hart, Meyers, Crowley, Dement Researching these families in Greene Co., AR. **Kelly Folkestad, P. O. Box 1640, Homer, AK 99603-1640**

Spivy, Shepherd Desperate for info on Elizabeth Spivy and James David Lowery, m. 22 Dec 1883, Senatobia, Tate Co., MS; moved to Okolona, Clark

Co., AR; J. D., 2-7-47, Antoine Cem.; Elizabeth Spivy Lowery, 12-9-02, Hollywood Cem. Did their parents, Neadom and Sarah Elizabeth Shepherd Spivy ever leave Tate Co., MS? Ch.: Ellen, Rachell, Mary Ann, Abby and Addy, Elizabeth, John, George. Did they help Nathan Spivy to AR? **Lavonia McKenzie Burk, P. O. Box 68, Dodd City, TX 75438-0068**

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Cochran Seek any and all info on Mary Jane Cochran, b. July 6, 1878; once lived in Big Fork near Mena, AR. Had dau. Carolyn Lue Vica Free, b. Dec. 11, 1904, Big Fork; m. Raleigh Free, b. July 25, 1872. Who were parents of both? **Marvin W. Carson, 1370 Valencia St., No. 1, San Francisco, CA 94110**

Watson, Washington Hugh, Cross, Arthur, Hill, Narcissus, Stephens, Ira, Duke, Kathryn, Reynolds, Cella Ann. Need help on these in AR. **Helen Pate Ross, 1801 Elsie Dr., Edwardsville, IL 62025**

Birmingham Searching this family in Vilonia, Faulkner Co., AR, 1860-1900. **Margie L. Hartman, 5990 Richmond Hwy., No. 11101, Alexandria, VA 22303**

Alexander, Anderson Seek info on parents of Martha Jane Alexander who m. William Wesley Anderson on 30 Aug 1865 in Little Rock, AR. She was b. May 16 1847, Wayne Co., TN, and d. Nov 7, 1891 in AR. **Jo Anna Dale, 704 Ponca Dr., Independence, MO 64056-2053**

Hill, Fowler, Holt Need info on Henry P. Hill, b. c1840 KY, d. before 1907, White Co., AR; m. Aletha Jane Fowler, b. 1850, d. Stone/Izard Co., AR, near Big Flat, 1943; who were her parents? Where from? Their son John Presley Hill, a/k/a John Henry Hill, b. Feb 24 1880 in Bald Knob, AR, d. April 1943 in Cotter, Baxter Co; John m. Rena Elizabeth Holt, b. Oct 1885, Big Flat, Searcy Co., d. Sept 1978 Calico Rock, dau. of William S.(Bud) Holt, b. 1848 TN, d. 1924 Sylamore Izard Co. William S. was son of James Amon Holt, b. 1825 TN, d. 1913 Searcy Co.,

Stokes Radinger, 10123 Cavarly Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030-1915

Reynolds, George Humphrey, b. c1820 TN, d. Columbia Co., AR, Apr. 22, 1876, m. Francis? Theresa? Elizabeth Baker, b. ?, d. before 1870, Ch.; Francis M.; James A.; Elizabeth; Sherrod; Sarah; John Wesley; Silas; George Washington; Elsada. Where born? Parents? Brothers and sisters? Flora B. Smith, Rt. 4, Box 455, Killen, AL 35645-9448

Self, Jordan, Mitchell John Self's oldest sister, Elizabeth m. 1) Jackson Jordan in MS, and had 4 ch.; m. 2) Sevier Co., AR 1860, Demcy (Demsey) Mitchell; had about 7 more ch.. One daughter, Ailice Mitchell, m. J. D. Sumpter in 1890. Seek info on this line. **Joyce Self Hammett, 3100 Harvard Ave., Midland, TX 79701**

Wilson, Lee, Portis? Grandson of Margaret E. (Stovall) Lee and John N. Lee, b. c1898-1925, possibly son of Annie Mae Lee and H. S. Portis (m. 22 June 1897, Mississippi Co., AR) Need info. **Judith Riddle Parker, 6273 Red Hollow Rd., Birmingham, AL 35215**

Anderson Seeking info on Henry Clay Anderson, b. 20 June 1856 AR, m. Mary Frances Markham, 27 Jan 1881, Lockesburg, Sevier Co., AR. **Lynda Fernandez, 6569 Melrose Dr., North Highlands, CA 95680**

Kennedy, Phillips Sarah Elizabeth Kennedy m. 14 May 1886 Albert Price Phillips, St. Francis Co., AR; first husband B. F. White, same county. Seek any additional info. **Gail Phillips Stone, P. O. Box 755, Cherokee Village, AR 72525**

Barmore, James, John V., Nicholas, AR land patents Yell Co., James 10 Jul 44, WNW Sec. 29, Twp. 6 N., R 20W; John V. 10 Mar 43, NE Sec 32, Twp. 6N, R 20 W; Nicholas, 10 Jul 44, ENW Sec. 29, Twp. 6N, R 20 W. Need any info. Jean Huggins Wingert, 79 La Prenda, Benicia, CA 94510-2228

Chastain, Thomas Searching for info on John Nicholson Chastain family and John "Jack" Thomas, both lived near Bland, Saline Co., AR; need death records for both. **Jean Thomas, 530 McKinley, Pocatello, ID 83201-5065**

Yell/Pope Co. families Interested in info for follow-

ing 1830-1870 in Yell or Pope Co.: Ragland, Howell, Bernard, Settle, Cunningham, Williamson, Duff, Etter, Cloyd, Tate, Henry White (White House Motel). Will be glad to exchange. **Mary Ann Gitchel, 2506 Riverfront #4, Little Rock, AR 72202-1755**

Lawrence Does anyone know about the killing of Edmund Lawrence (Assistant Deputy Marshall, U.S.) in a saloon in McRae, AR, sometime in 1920-23. He was buried, it is believed, in the McRae area. He was born on the Chism Trail and was not connected in any way to anyone in McRae. **Mrs. Herbert H. Lawrence, 1710 Tyler, Conway, AR 72032-3231**

Pierson Need info on W. E. (Willie) Pierson, son of Benjamin Hogue and Hannah Waldron Jones Pierson, b. 13 June 1862-4 in AR. 1870 Census shows him in Sebastian Co. Willie was shot in thigh during raid in which Ben's farm was burned in Civil War. Washington Co.? Benton Co.? Carroll Co.? **Lovina Pierson, P. O. Box 245, Sinclair, WY 82334-0245**

Hodge Seek info on Pleasant S. Hodge family; he was b. 1850, White Co., TN, resided Madison Co., AR 1880, m. 1) Annie Hart who may have d. Madison Co. c1876; m. 2) Elizabeth Goff, dau. of Isham, of Madison Co. **Mrs. Jack D. Smith, 603 Oak St., Conway, AR 72032-4444**

Wells, Maybary, Ritchie, Childers/Childress, Buster Seek info on Thomas Hutchinson and Barbara (Maybary) Wells; Isham and Mary (Ritchie) Childers/Childress; Charles and Elizabeth (Childress) Buster. Associated farm: Marshall, Wayland, Berry, Millhouse. Desc. of Elisha West, in White Co., AR, by 1860. **Carol T. York, 41 Four Winds Dr., Middletown, NJ 07748**

Pearson, Matthews, Petty, Matlock, Rogers, Meckert, Washaw, Russery, Knoernschild Need help on any connections. **Carolyn S. Pearson Franklin, 9408 Winrow Pl., Pascagoula, MS 39581-8033**

Dichinson, Peterson Desire corresp. with anyone having info on William E. Dichinson, m. Mary/Mollie L. Peterson, 5 Sept 1898, Ouachita Co., AR. 1900 census show them with these ch.: Earnest A., b. June 1887, AR; Edith, b. Jan 1889 AR; Nancy b. Feb 1890 AR; Bertha, b. 1893 AR; Ruth A., b. 1895,

AR; Phillip A., b. Aug 1896 AR; Rosalee A., b. Sept 1899 AR. 1910 census shows them in Erath Co., TX, with five more ch.: Mittie, b. 1901 AR; Edwin, b. 1902 AR; Vera, b. 1905 TX; George, b. 1907 TX; Linnie, b. 1909, TX. **Vera Mae Holder, 448 Cartwright Rd., Wichita Falls, TX 76304-5402**

Keith, Porter Seek info on these families who emigrated from Hall Co., GA, to Columbia Co., AR, prior to 1870; particularly seek desc of Willie/William Keith and John Porter, both b. c1830-40. **Victoria J. Robinson, 2833 N. Harrison St., Arlington, VA 22207**

Younger Searching for desc of T. D. Younger and wife, Cincinnati (Thompson) Younger, listed in 1910 Independence Co., census in Salado Twp. with ch.: G. N., J. H. and Ester. **Sue Thompson, P. O. Box 814, Springdale, AR 72765-0814**

Runyan William Runyans and Henry J. Runyans received land patents dated March 1 1877, Yell Co. In 1889 Elizabeth Runnions paid taxes on some of William's property. 1877-1900 Runyans nearby were Smith Cornelius Runyan, Jasper, H. C., M. C.; R. M.; J. E.; W. A. Were these related to Smith? Where did they go? **Grace M. Runyan, 2075 Chambers St., Eugene, OR 97405-1854**

Wallace/Wallis Would like to hear from anyone working on Wallace/Wallis living in Garland and Hot Spring Cos., 1850-1900. Allen and Alfred Wallis and mother, Edith Wallis Baker, came to Hot Spring Co. from Fayette Co., AL. Were they related to those in Garland Co.? **Edith M. Guyse, 12954 Leith Way, Yucaipa, CA 92399**

Gunning Searching relatives/descendants of Orlo J. Gunning, b. 7 Oct 1849 PA, d. 18 Oct 1929, St. Francis, Clay Co., AR; m. 1) Eliza Pierce, m. 2) Nettie M.? **Kathryn M. Gunning, P. O. Box 20603, Bethesda, MD 20824**

Graves, Denson, Burlison, Self Need help on these lines in Prairie, Johnson, Newton, Carroll counties, AR, 1830-1900s. **Paula K. Denson, 62 Sunny Ln., Ponca City, OK 74601**

Awalt Need info on Daniel Awalt, age 32, and Nancy J. Awalt, Scott Co., AR, 1850. Is Daniel brother of George? Is this Nancy J. the same in Pope Co., AR 1870? Dau. married John Ramsey. **Stella Collins Fincher, 1417 Potomac, Plano, TX**

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Harrison, Bucy, Cryer, McDaniel (Clark Co.); **Staton** (Hot Spring Co.); **Russell and Beasley** (Nevada Co.); **Chambers** (Lonoke Co. Any info on Silas McDaniel, Clark Co., c1820-43. **Diann McDaniel Seals, 528 Linda Ln., Porter, TX 773365**

Henderson Seek info on desc of Davis Henderson, b. 1787 SC, resided Newton Co., AR 1845-70. Ch. include Sally/Sarah, b. 1833 TN, m. Squire Dunn; Nathaniel W., b. 1817 TN; Davis L., Jr., b. 1821 TN; Gabriel Claiborn, b. 1827 TN; Isham T., b. 1829 TN. **Dale M. Henderson, Rt. 1, Box 32, Rosebud, MO 63091-9710**

Casey, Carden Jamey Casey, 1810-1865 TN, m. Elizabeth Carden, 1830-1891 in AL. Parents of ten: Joshua, c1840; Nancy, c1842, m. James M. Henry; Sara, c1844, b. AL; Margaret, c1846, m. L. V. Maddox, Faulkner Co.; Mary, c1848; Minerva, c1850, m. William J. Harris, Faulkner Co. (girls b. MS, last four b. AK?); John, c1852; George A. D., 1854-1899, m. Mary Etta Wilson 1859-1948, Faulkner Co. 1877; James, 1850-1960, m. Josephine Bradford; William, 1865-1929, m. Mollie Willbanks. Seek marriage of James and Elizabeth in AL and desc of their children. **R. Ann Casey Bryan, 2907Dorchester Dr., Little Rock, AR 72204**

Allen, Albert J., b. 1839 AL, d.c1907, Piney, Drew Co., AR, m. Merci, b. c1838 (oral history); Albert an orphan; large group of Allen family went to TN together, came to AR in different family groups. When desc met or corresponded, were told same story-the "kin folk" stayed in AL and owned a canning factory; had lived in NC, then AL and TN; moved to AR 1859, Drew Co.; 1870 Prairie Twp. Albert, 33, wife Josse Gill; next door James A. Allen, 32, b.AL; Martha, 26; next house, Sam Allen, 31, June, 63, Mary 36. Believe Albert related to all these. **Carletta Olivia Harvey, 1199 Hayes Forest Rd. No. 801B, Winston-Salem, NC 27106-3373**

Holmes, Craig, Lyon, Johnson, Ferrell, Mathis, Laycook, Starrett, Hood, Haney Seek info on these lines in Arkansas. **Betty Lyon Starrett, 10108 Batesville Pike, Jacksonville, AR 72076**

Evans Who was first wife of Green O. Evans who had son William Albert Evans; second wife of Green

was Martha A. Wood Joslin. Who were W. C. Evans parents and his wife's (Polly?'s) Indian relationship? Carroll and Newton Cos. **Ruth Ward, 407 Pecan Dr. SW, McQueeney, TX 78123**

Frisbee/Frisby, Abraham, b. 1740, NC part of Connecticut; came to NC, then MS; son Samuel, b. Aug 1, 1781, Flat Swamp, NC, m. Nancy ?; Samuel's dau. Elizabeth, b. Mar 31, 1822, m. William Plair, b. Jan 1, 1818. Need information. **Terrance H. Fregly, P. O. Box 3886, Tallahassee, FL 32315-3886**

Ross Seek info on James Thomas Ross, b. Mar 1844 MO, m. Mary Ann Hudson, b. Feb 1849 TN; ch. b. TX/AR: Cyndia Lourene, David William, Robert Evan, Martha Ann, Margie Alzira, Nancy L., Mary E. **Sharon K. Burris, 8304 Cape View Ave., Norfolk, VA 23518-5904 or burris@infLn.net**

Ward, Need parents, Civil War info on William Ward, b. 1824 TN, wife Susan Turberville, Johnson and Hempstead Cos.; also info on Ary Rice and dau. Nancy Jane Clark, b. Mar 1852 Independence Co. **Virginia Rowland, 201 Sunset, Haysville, KS 67060-1519**

Frolich, High, Cantrell Still researching families of Max Frolich, William High, C. N. Cantrell, DDS, in Lonoke County, AR. **Carolyn Demeter Sheaff, 403 Wovenwood, Orinda, CA 94563-2705, carolyn@alumni.Berkeley.edu**

Sanders Seek desc of Dr. Theophilus Sanders, b. 6/38/1797, Wake Co., NC; d. 2/17/1868, Des Arc, Prairie Co., AR; m. 1) Angelina Whitaker, b. 11/3/1796, Wake Co., NC, d. 7/13/1839, Madison Co., TN; m. 2) Susan M. Sanders, d. 12/17/1870, Lonoke, AR, bur. Des Arc. Also seek desc of Theophilus' brother, Maj. D. H. E. Sanders, b. 4/11/1795, Wake Co., NC, d. 9/21/1861, Des Arc, AR. **Jack W. Sanders, 276 Greentrails Dr. S, Chesterfield, MO 63017**

Hudgins Seeking parents of Sallie, Jim and Joe Hudgins of Scott Co., AR. Parents d. before 1880. **Walta M. Huard, 39170 Plumbrook Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48331-2911**

Roberts, Reeves Need info on Addy Marie Roberts Reeves, b. Platte Co., MO 1844, dau of Noah and Nancy Spencer Roberts; m. Laden D. Reeves, Madison Co., AR 1860; lived Pulaski Co. 1880, in

Little Rock. Ch.: Laden A., Irene, Johnnie; 1900 in Crawford Co, only Adda and Johnny listed. **Georgia C. Lehar, 1109 Carter Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73129-6111**

Bowman, Allen Need info on Laura C. Bowman who m. 1) (Faulkner Co., to William A. Allen; ch.: Walter A., Benjamin Franklin, Amanda Beatrice and Audie V.; m. 2) Feb. 1921 to G. W. Lewis, also Faulkner Co., AR. **Lorna S. Campbell, 123 Louise St., North Little Rock, AR 72118-2851**

Dyer/Dier/Darr/Dyre, Richard, b. 1835 Saline Co., AR, listed 1860 census Dallas Co., AR; wife Louisa; ch.: William, Uriah and Andrew Jackson. Richard listed as indigent soldier and dau., Mary, 8 years old. What happened to Mary and Louisa? What was Louisa's maiden name? **Myrl Faulkner Dyer, P. O. Box 53, Umpire, AR 71971**

Beaver, Pendergrass, Hardcastle, Clopton, Henderson, McCormick, Neeley, Tatum, Turner, Rutherford, Henning, Waits Seek info on these lines in Arkansas; will respond to all inquiries. **Mildred Neeley Tatum, 9716 Howard St., Lamont, CA 93241**

Hogan, Anglin, Carter, Bailey Need pre-1920s info for these lines in Marian, Baxter and Conway Cos.; will exchange info. **Barbara (Carter) Whisenant, 18 Autumn Oaks, Austin, TX 78738-1409**

Sanders Seek info on desc of William Alexander Sanders and Hyla Jane Self; living Greene Co., TN 1860 to c1885; moved to Sharp Co., AR, c1885. Ch.: Neal, Charley, Fannie, John, Joe, Virginia, Bill. **Nancy Dutton, 1620 West Stoney Point, Little Rock, AR 72211, or NEDUTTON@CEI.NET**

Murphy, Sain Will any descendants of Agnes (Sain) Murphy or Johnny Sain please contact **Bobby B. Morris, RR 1 Box 697C, East Palatka, FL 32131-8869**

Book Reviews and Notices

By Bobbie Jones McLane, Desmond Wallis Allen, Lynda C. Suffridge, Susan Gardner Boyle, Russell P. Baker, Janice Bufford Eddleman, Frankie Y. Holt

The following are reviews and/or announcements of book acquisitions for the Arkansas Genealogical Society. The reviewed books are permanently housed at the Arkansas History Commission, or in the local History and Genealogy Room of the Little Rock Public Library. The Society expresses its appreciation to the authors and contributors. In ordering copies of these books, please remember to say you saw the review or notice in this publication.

Lonoke County Marriage Index, 1921-1951, Vol. 2 compiled by Dwight Shubert, 8703 Oakhaven Dr., Sherwood, AR 72120; 372 pages; hardbound (\$32.50 post paid) or GBC softbound (\$18.50 post paid). This volume covers the marriages recorded in Lonoke County, Arkansas, Marriage Books "V" through "42," from July, 1921 to December 31, 1951. The names and ages of both bride and groom as well as the date of the marriage and the book and page number where the marriage is recorded. The compiler has used a unique index in that brides and grooms are combined in one index, which this reviewer really liked because it listed all of one surname together regardless of their sex. Thus, each marriage is listed twice; once with the groom's name under the "Name" heading and the bride's name under the "Spouse" heading and vice versa and the bride's index is eliminated. (JBE)

Hispanic Surnames and Family History by Lyman D. Platt; published by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21202; 349 pages, soft cover; \$19.95 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling. This volume, for the most part, is a listing of the frequency of various Hispanic surnames in various places. Its value to the genealogist is in the bibliographic listings of Hispanic surname histories in both the United States and Latin American. According to the publisher, these listings include every Hispanic family history Dr. Platt was able to locate in newspapers, magazines, historical compilations and monographs in twenty-five years of research. It is not indexed, but most of the listings are in alphabetical order. (JBE)

Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory (Oklahoma) Marriage Book C published by Sandra Tedford, 400 Sherry Lane, Farmersville, Texas 75442-1538; 98 pages; soft cover; no price information given. This volume includes the names of both the bride and groom, their ages and the name of the person performing the ceremony in a format that is page by page. There is an all inclusive, whole name index. It includes all or part of these modern day Oklahoma counties: Bryan, Carter, Coal, Garvin, Grady, Jefferson, Johnston, Love, McClain, Marshall, Murray, Pontotoc and Stephens and is evidently the second book of marriage records for this area prepared by the publisher. (JBE)

Weights, Money and Other Measures Used by Our Ancestors by Colin R. Chapman; published by Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21202-3897; soft cover; 92 pages; graphs, charts; index; \$15.00 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling. If you are curious about words like "gills," "firkin," "hides" or "knight's fee" this slender volume is a treasure trove. It can be of great assistance in understanding exactly what terms mean in older wills or deeds. It is footnoted and well indexed and contains a bibliography. (JBE)

Mark Brewster of Hull, England and Allied Families in America by Marcus V. Brewster, P.O. Box 269, Manning, SC 29102; 336 pages; hardcover; acid-free paper; \$32.00 postpaid. This family history and genealogy is that of a Brewster family which came from the same area and family as William Brewster who came to the New World on the Mayflower. It begins with Jonathan Brewster who was born in 1760 near Waltham Parish, Lincolnshire, England and includes the collateral British surnames of Atkey, Yelf, Dare and Fowler. Migrations to America begin in the 1830s into Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and Illinois and include the surnames Potter, Hewitt, Carpenter, Hiscock and Swingley. Genealogical charts are included, as well as maps, illustrations, photographs and copies of records. This family history is well indexed and appears to be well documented. (JBE)

Faulkner County Marriage Index, 1873-1925, Vol. 1 compiled by Dwight Shubert, 8703 Oakhaven Drive, Sherwood, Arkansas 72120; available

hardcover (\$32.50 postage paid) or softcover, GBC bound (\$18.50 postage paid); 372 pages. This volume contains the marriages recorded in marriage books "A" through "T", beginning on April 1, 1873 and ending on December 31, 1925. The compiler has indexed these marriages in a single list that includes both brides and grooms under the "Name" and "Spouse" columns. While every marriage is listed twice, once under the bride's name and once under the groom's name, it eliminated the necessity of a separate brides' index and grouped all of the same surnames together, which this reviewer liked. The index includes the ages of both the bride and groom, the date of the marriage, the book and the page number where the marriage was recorded. This well printed book is easy to use. (JBE)

Index for Obituaries Appearing in The Eagle Democrat, Warren, Arkansas, Vol. III, 1950-1959, by Mary King Barrett; soft cover, \$13.00, plus \$2.00 postage and handling. This is the third volume of Mary's Indexes to this wonderful Bradley County newspaper. Her other volumes were 1930-1959 and 1940-1949. Arkansas has been blessed with excellent newspaper files on microfilm. However, using them often entails a trip to the Arkansas History Commission in Little Rock, or, if you are lucky, to some local library. Indexes such as these make the files much more readily available. Each entry contains deceased last, first and middle name, if given, as well as comments, such as veteran's status, age, death and often birth date. [RPB]

In the Footsteps of the Blue and Gray: A Civil War research Handbook, by Brian A. Brown, soft cover, 257 pages, \$24.95. (Just the right size to take on research trips) Order from Two Trails Genealogy Shop, Carolyn M. Bartels, 7295 Houston St., Shawnee Mission, KS 66227. Mr. Brown, a Little Rock attorney and Civil War enthusiast, has produced a major new work designed to help genealogical and historical researchers locate records relating to Union and Confederate soldiers during and after the Civil War and also help them understand their significance. It contains an encyclopedia of useful information on this one of the most important 19th Century events in American History. Chapters include "How To Identify Your Civil War Ancestor"; "What Did Your Ancestor Do"; and many, many more. Especially useful is a full discussion of the basic military organization of

each army, complete with definitions of such mysterious terms as "company", "regiment", etc. He also unravels the puzzle of Civil War military ranks and insignias. The author follows this with an extremely useful state by state discussion of Civil War sources (Union and Confederate) available for research. The sections dealing with Arkansas are excellent. This book ends with a set of current addresses, but not telephone numbers, of institutions holding such records, including state archival agencies, Civil War related National Parks, National Archives Branches, etc., and even a list of Civil War Book dealers. Despite the fact that it is not indexed, it is a must for the book shelf of any one interested in the history or genealogy of this period of American History. [RPB]

North Central Oklahoma: Rooted in the Past - Growing for the Future (1965) (2 vols.), hard cover, about 1,000 pages, with a complete name index, \$75.25, plus \$6.00 postage. Order from the North Central Oklahoma Historical Association, P. O. Box 2811, Ponca City, OK 74502. These two beautifully printed books contains gold mine of information about the history and genealogy of Kay County, OK. This county, located on the Arkansas River northwest of Tulsa, was home first to native Americans, later cowboys, then "Boomers", and last of all, oil men. The land run of 1893 attracted many settlers from Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, and other places. This history is the story of the communities they founded, their businesses, and their churches. It also contains an extensive family history section of some 700 plus pages. All parts are well illustrated, and in an unusual feature for works like this, the history portion is well footnoted. One can tell that a great deal of community pride went into the publication of this work. [RPB]

Obituaries of Washington County, Arkansas, Volume One 1841-1892, compiled by Barbara P. Easley and edited by Barbara P. Easley and Verla P. McAnelly (1996), 466 pages, soft cover, name index. The price is \$31.00, plus \$4.00 postage; order from Heritage Books, Inc., 1640-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Suite 300, Bowie, MD 20716. One of the richest sources of Arkansas genealogical and local history information are the historic files of our state's many newspapers. The largest microfilmed collection of these papers is at the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives in Little Rock. Other files can sometimes be found at local college, university and larger public libraries. Howev-

er, hardly any of these files are available to the general public on inter-library loan. Because of this, the publication of books such as this that contains abstracts or indexes to articles from Arkansas papers is an encouraging new trend. Barbara and Verla, who are sisters, have already published several excellent books containing obituary abstracts from Benton County newspapers. This new work continues this series with the same kind of information for Washington County. It contains a detailed abstract of each obituary and has a full name index. The titles, but not the page and column numbers, of the newspaper sources are listed at the end of each obituary or death notice. Note that there are no newspaper files available for 1842-1853 and 1862-1867. The authors also included information from deaths mentioned in news articles. Besides northwest Arkansas, this work also contains deaths from eastern Oklahoma and elsewhere. [RPB]

The following two books are available from Genealogical Publishing Company, 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897:

Genealogy and Local History Books in Print, 5th Edition, Family History Volume (1966), 477 pages, indexed, paperback, edited by Marian Hoffman. The price is \$25.00, plus \$3.50 postage. This venerable old genealogical finding aid is being republished after a lapse of some 10 years by a new publisher, the Genealogical Publishing Company. This new edition contains a listing of well over 4,000 currently available family histories, pedigrees, biographies, family newsletters, and compiled genealogies. Each work listed is cross referenced to the name and address of its vendor. It also includes a complete surname index of the major families listed in each work. The list of vendors and their addresses can be checked both numerically and alphabetically. For example: item no. 1232 *Descendants of Andrew Eby-Abey-Abee in the Carolinas* by Charles Moran Abee, 1983, price \$26.00, is available from Vendor No. G0150, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601. One disappointing feature in this new edition is the lack of a state index, although many of the works included make mention of states, counties, or towns in their title. Otherwise, this work will make a welcome addition to the bookshelves of serious family historians. [RPB]

Genealogical Research in England's Public Records Office: A Guide for North Americans by Judith Prowse Reid (1996), 146 pages, hard cover, illustrations, maps, indexes and lists. The price is \$22.50, plus \$3.50 postage. The Genealogical Publishing Company is known for its excellent research guides. This new work will, no doubt quickly, take its place among its most useful, especially with those who are contemplating a research trip to England or those who just want to do English genealogical research. This "how to" guide begins with an excellent introduction to the Public Records Office (PRO) in London, "one of the richest genealogical repositories in the world", the National Archives of England, with records dating from 1086. Americans used to unlimited access to public archives may be shocked as the author reviews the steps needed to obtain documents at this repository. While there are several books in print that review English genealogical sources, this is the first that your reviewer has seen that meets the needs of those seeking information on immigrants--English and other nationalities--who came to North America. It is well furnished with maps and illustrations, and a very useful list of addresses, including local records offices (archives) across England and Wales. It also has the addresses of North American archives and libraries holding some PRO records, the National Archives in Washington and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, just to name a few. For those interested in more detailed information, the author has furnished an excellent bibliography. Some of the other topics covered are emigration and immigration records, English census records, "nonconformist" church records, and English vital records.

The work is written in a non-technical style and is easy to read and understand, even for the beginner. Her use of check-lists of things to know before going to the PRO are especially helpful. [RPB]

One Moore Family Tree by Margaret J. Wallace, Drawer R., Mesilla, NM 88046, hard cover, 230 pages, fully indexed, illustrations, photographs, family group sheets, marriage record, family Bible record, obituary records and pedigree charts, etc. \$30.00. The author has chosen a simplified format, which is self-explanatory and easy to read and understand. She has used biographical information with pictures and a map to show the location of the area of residence. Included are the known ancestors of Abel Moore, born in Illinois, and descend-

ants of Abel Moore and Susan Stewart, married in Dallas County, Texas, on July 25, 1860. Other surnames include Beeman(Beaman), Bell, Boothe, Elliston, Green, Hall, Johnson, Kite, Pemberton, Wright and others. The book closes with a copy of the Everton Publishers of Logan, Utah, *Suggestions and Items to Consider in Writing Your Personal History*. This would be an excellent book for anyone working on this line of the Moore family. [FYH]

Producing a Quality Family History, by Patricia Law Hatcher, CG, [1996] Ancestry, Inc., PO Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-0476, softcover, 288 pages, indexed, \$15.95, plus \$3.50 s/h. This excellent "how to" book emphasizes the need for thorough research of information to be presented in any family history. The author describes explicitly how all facets of the process relate to the finished product.

As detailed, a wide range of considerations is involved in producing a family history. From the obvious - such as organizing the work, writing the narrative, and incorporating photographs and other illustrations - to the less obvious - thoroughly and accurately documenting your research, establishing a visually appealing design, and placing your ancestors in context - this guide covers them all. This reviewer attended the author's class in genealogical writing, editing and publishing at the Genealogical Institute of Texas in Dallas in 1995 which formed the nucleus of this book. Pat knows her subject extremely well and is adept in teaching the skills and techniques to others. If you are contemplating doing a family history, this book is a must! [BJM]

Franklin County, Arkansas Cemeteries North of the Arkansas River by Sue Clark and Virginia McPhail, 1502 North Hills Blvd., Van Buren, AR 72956, [1996] This softcover publication contains 332 pages, and covers all the cemeteries the compilers were able to locate in Franklin County, north of the river. They have also expanded the information by adding data from newspapers, diaries and funeral home records. The compilers have added a map indicating the location of cemeteries in the county as well as directions to, and information concerning, each of them. For instance, in St. Mary's Catholic cemetery, the priest allowed them to copy the Church Burial Records for individuals buried in the cemetery without headstones. This book is to be followed with a later publication listed

the same information for the cemeteries south of the Arkansas River. [BJM]

Wills of Franklin County, Arkansas - Ozark and Charleston, 1838-1920 by Virginia McPhail, 1562 North Hills Blvd., Van Buren, AR 72956. Will Book B is the earliest book on file at Ozark, beginning with a few wills recorded in 1865. Wills found in probate papers, but not recorded, are included in alphabetical order, as are several wills found in other books. When a second courthouse opened in 1901 at Charleston, Will Book A begins in 1892 and wills were copied through 1920. Also included are thirty-four unrecorded wills 1838-1918. This volume is an excellent addition to the published genealogical records of Franklin County, AR. [BJM]

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