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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations on your choice of GENEALOGY as a hobby or pastime. Perhaps you are aware that this is one of the three most popular hobbies - participation wise. But did you know that more and more people are becoming actively engaged or involved daily? At the present rate of increase we might just rank first within a very few years.

A very short time past, any interest in family data was looked on as something for the elderly. That attitude has changed. Today many of our young parents and college students are active and excellent researchers. Many teachers, of secondary and even elementary levels, are introducing the subject as classroom assignments. Reports show that their students do quite a creditable paper and often derive real enjoyment from interviewing the senior members of their own families. (Could this help bridge the generation gap?). In many cases these beginners actually thrill at the possibility of doing in-depth research on their own. The youth of today often have time on their hands which coupled with their energy and ability can be expended in our existing libraries and archives. Additional interest would cause our facilities for research to be expanded and enlarged.

Do let us become alert. We must lend encouragement and assistance to these potential fellow hobbyists.

/s/ Annie T. Giles

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CIVIL OFFICERS OF TRAVIS COUNTY

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1840			
Jany 30	James W. Smith	Chief Justice	Elected and Comd same day
"	Edwin Waller	Justice Peace	As Mayor of Austin Elected Jany 13
"	A. C. Hyde	do do	Recorder of Austin Elected Jany 13
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1842

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	Edwards	J. P.	" " "
	Buchman	Constable	" " "
	David Laughlin	J. P. B.2	" " "
	John R. Slocomb	Coroner	

From: Republic of Texas Election Register,
1836-1842

One file in the Texas State Archives,
Austin, Texas

Lewis Banton was in the 1790 Census for Laurens Co., South Carolina. His daughter, Nancy m. Robert Marley White in Rutherford Co., Tenn. in 1805. He received Land grants in 1811. Lewis Banton made deeds to his children in 1817. His son Joab H. Banton m. Nancy Turpin they had Elizabeth Ann Banton who m. S. B. Giles and migrated to Texas in 1836. Joab and his 2nd wife removed to the lower Mississippi. Glover W. Banton (son of Lewis) and family moved to Texas where he engaged in politics. When and where was Lewis Banton born? Who did he marry? He died in Rutherford Co., Tenn. His will was probated there.

Any information on this family will be appreciated by Miss Annie T. Giles, 3900 Cherrywood Road, Austin, Texas, 78722.

SOURCES FOR HELP

I. Free materials to order:

1. Catalogue of Genealogical Supplies and Aids, The Everton Publishers, Inc., P. O. Box 368, Logan, Utah 84321.
2. "Is Your Name Here?" (pamphlet) Goodspeed's Book Shop, Inc., 18 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. 02108.
3. Catalogue of Federal Population Censuses, 1790-1890, National Archives Publication No. 65-11, The National Archives, National Archives and Records Services, General Services Administration, Washington, D. C., 20025.

4. List of National Archives Microfilm Publications, No. 61-12
(Address, same as above).

II. Materials on Vital Statistics: The following booklets may be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 20402. 15¢ each.

1. Where to write for BIRTH and DEATH RECORDS, U. S. and Outlying Areas, PHS Publication No. 630A-1
2. Where to Write for Marriage Records, PHS No. 630B
3. Where to Write for Divorce Records, PHS No. 630C.

III. Maps:

1. For county or state maps--write to the State Highway Dept. in the state where you are working, asking for sizes and prices. (Many land grant and original owner maps are available.)
In Texas: The Texas Highway Dept. Attn.: File D-10,
Highway Bldg., Austin, Texas, 78714.
2. Original Land Owners maps for each of our counties in Texas may be bought from the State Land Office, Austin, Texas 78701. These maps vary in size \$3.00 for the paper ones and \$6.00 for those of cloth. These are nice to frame if an ancestor was an original owner. Also original land grants are available - even those granted by Mexico and then recognized by the Republic. These are in Old Spanish.
3. Topographical Maps:
 - a. States east of the Mississippi River; write Washington Distribution Section, Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., 20025.
 - b. West of the Mississippi: Denver Distribution Section, Geological Survey, Federal Center, Denver, Colo. 80200.
4. For any other map information write: Map Information Office, Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., 20025.

IV. Miscellaneous:

1. If interested in British Royal Lines, write for:
 - a. Royal Lines of Succession, by Patrick W. Montague Smith, Pitkin Pictorials Ltd., 11 Wyford Road, London, SW6. 50¢
 - b. Britain's Kings and Queens, by Sir George Bellew.
(Same address as above, 50¢)
2. For Revolutionary War Pension Records, write to General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D. C., 20025. Ask for blanks to fill out.
3. Request for Index File Information, The Genealogical Society of Latter Day Saints, 107 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111 (write for blanks).

- V. Microfilm Rentals; write to each place for a list of microfilms available and for instructions for ordering by mail.
1. Microfilm Rental Service, 2721 West San Miguel, Phoenix, Arizona, 85017. List costs 25¢.
 2. Microfilms Records Library, Southwest Genealogical Library, 5301 Hanawalt Drive, El Paso, Texas 79903 (mainly films-census).
 3. Library Rental Service, % Floyd Hoenstine, P. O. Box 208, Hollidaysburg, Penna., 16648 (nearly all Penna. records).
 4. Library Microfilm Service, 35 E. 6700 South, Bountiful, Utah, 84010.

VI. Federal Census Records:

Many people, wishing to obtain a birth certificate, find a census record most acceptable. You may write for a transcript to be issued, preferably from the first U. S. census, taken after the birth of the person for whom it is being asked. Note no Federal Census, since 1880, has been made available to the public, except the 1890 Census, the remainder of that year having been burned. For data desires get "Form BC-600, Application for Search of Census Records." Complete form and send to: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Pittsburg, Kansas, 66762. A first copy will cost \$4.00 but additional copies will be a dollar each.

FEDERAL CENSUSES

Our Texas State Archives do not have a complete file of the censuses on microfilm; however the following are available. The reading area is comfortable and several readers are yours to use. Please register and receive the help of one of the "girls".

ALABAMA

1830 includes these counties: Mobile, Baldwin, Monroe, Dallas, Pickins, Bibb, Montgomery, Clarke, Shelby, Butler, Henry, Marengo, Greene.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1800, 1820

GEORGIA

- 1820 Appling, Baldwin, Emanuel, Haversham, Hall, Irwin, Jasper, Bryan, Bulloch, Columbia, Earley, Effingham, Glynn, Hancock, Jones, Lincoln, Oglethorpe, Richmond, Schreven, Warren, Burke, Camden, Chatham, Clark, Elbert, Greene, Gwinnet, Jackson, Liberty, Jefferson, Morgan, Telfair, Walton, Laurens, Madison, McIntosh, Montgomery, Pulaski, Putnam, Tattnall, Washington, Wayne, Wilkes, Wilkinson.
- 1830 Laurens, Lee, Liberty, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, McIntosh, Marion, Meriwether, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Muscogee.
- 1840 Houston (part), Irwin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jones, Laurens, Lee, Liberty, Lincoln, Lowndes, Lumpkin, Macon, Madison, Marion, McIntosh, Meriwether, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Murry, Muscogee.
- 1860 Hall, Hancock, Haralson, Harris, Hart, Heard, Henry, Houston, Irwin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Laurens, Lee, Liberty, Lincoln, Lowndes, Lumpkin, McIntosh, Macon, Madison, Marion, Meriwether, Miller, Mitchell, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan.
- 1870 Mitchell, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Murray, Muscogee, Newton, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Pickens, Pierce, Pike, Polk, Pulaski.
- 1880 Forsyth (part), Franklin, Fulton (part), Gilmer, Glascock, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Pickens, Pierce, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam.

NORTH CAROLINA

- 1800 Anson, Ashe, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Iredell, Lincoln, Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Bladen, Carteret, Caswell, Chatham, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Franklin, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Hertford, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Moore, Nash, Onslow, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Robeson, Rockingham, Sampson, Stokes, Surry, Wake, Warren, Wayne, Montgomery, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Richmond, Rowan, Rutherford, Wilkes, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Orange, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington.

- 1810 Martin, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, Onslow, Orange, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Bladen, Columbus, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Sampson, Warren, Rutherford, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Surry, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, Wilkes, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Granville, Guilford, Haywood, Hertford, Hyde, Iredell, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Lincoln, Ashe, Beaufort, Bertie, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Camden, Carteret, Chatham, Chowan, Cumberland, Anson, Burnswick, Caswell, Currituck, Halifax, Person, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson.
- 1830 Columbus, Cumberland, Carteret, Duplin, Davidson, Edgecombe, Franklin, Granville, Gates, Guilford, Green, Hyde, Halifax, Haywood, Hertford, Iredell, Johnston, Jones, Lincoln, Lenoir, Mecklenburg, Martin, Moore, Macon, Montgomery, Northampton, New Hanover, Nash, Onslow, Orange, Person, Pitt, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Randolph, Surry, Sampson, Stokes, Tyrrell, Wilkes, Wake, Wayne, Washington, Warren.

TENNESSEE

- 1810 Rutherford.
- 1820 Bedford, Eilson, Davidson, Hardin, Hickman, Humphreys, Montgomery, Overton, Perry, Warren, Wayne, White, Wilson, Dickson, Franklin, Jackson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Fayetteville, Giles, Maury, Rutherford, Shelby, Stewart, Sumner, Robertson, Smith, Williamson.
- 1830 Henry, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Lawrence, Maury, White, Wilson, Williamson, Wayne, Roane, Weakley, Hamilton, Morgan, Claiborne, Greene, Cocke, Jefferson, Grainger, Montgomery, Madison, McNairy, Obion, Overton, Perry, Rutherford, Robertson, Hawkins, Sevier, McMinn, Campbell, Blount, Knox, Fentress, Fayette, Franklin, Giles, Gibson, Hickman, Humphreys, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Carter, Marion, Monroe, Anderson, Washington, Bledsoe, Sullivan, Rhea, Bedford, Carrolls, Davidson, Dickson, Dyer, Shelby, Smith, Sumner, Stewart, Tipton, Warren.
- 1840 Fayette (part), Gibson, Hardeman, Haywood, Henderson, Hickman, Hardin, Henry, Fentress, Franklin, Giles, Humphreys (part).

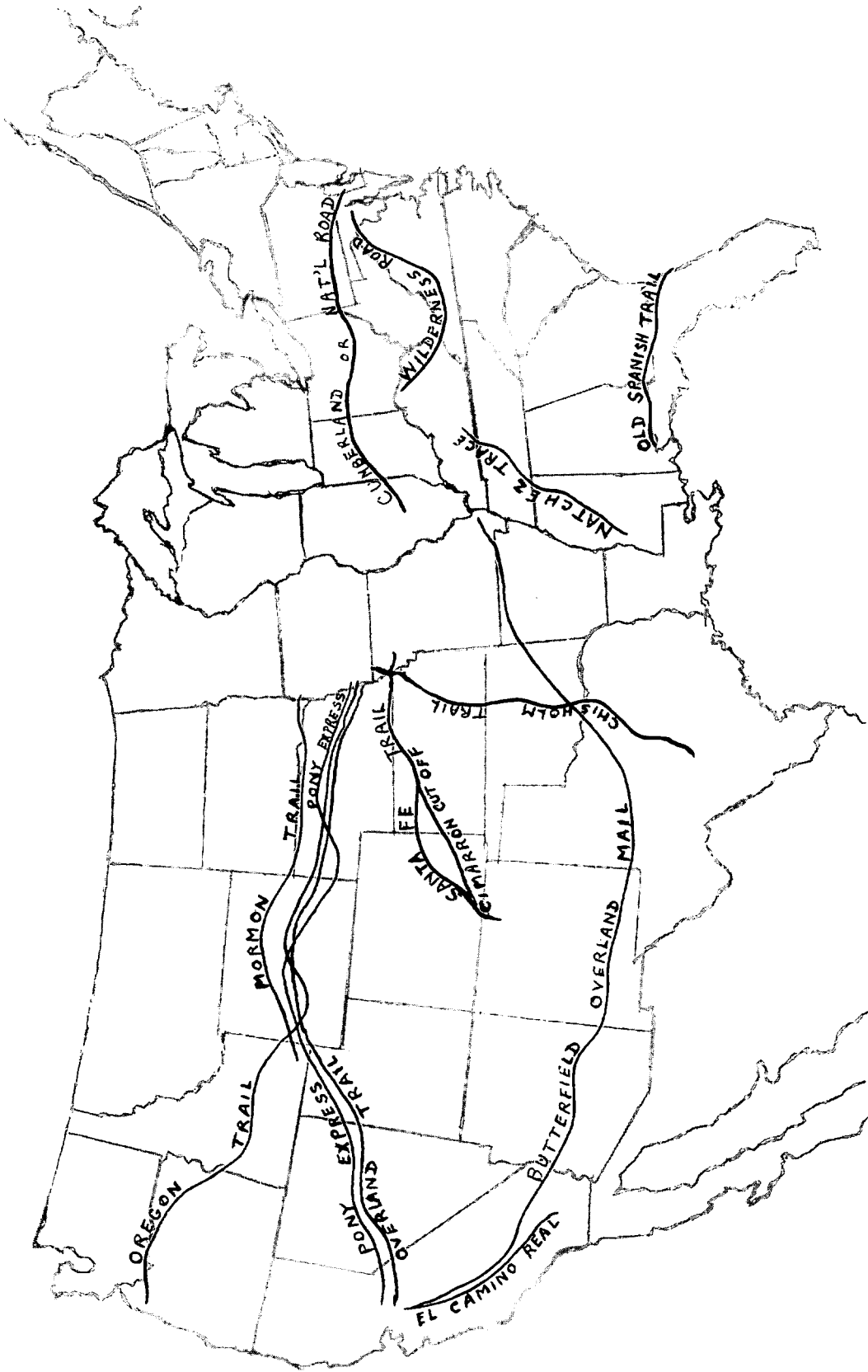
- 1860 Morgan, Obion, Overton, Perry, Polk, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Robertson, Rutherford, Scott, Sequatchie, Sevier, Shelby, Smith, Stewart, Sullivan, Sumner, Tipton, Union, Van Buren, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Weakley, White, Williamson, Wilson.
- 1880 Bledsoe, Bount, Bradley, Claiborne (incomplete), Clay, Cook (Cocke), Coffee (incomplete), Dyer, Fayette, Fentress, Franklin, Gibson, Henry (last part), Hickman, Houston, Humphreys (first part), Haywood (part), Henderson, Henry (part), Obion (part), Overton, Perry, Shelby (part), Smith (part), Stewart (part).

VIRGINIA

- 1810 Accomack, Amelia, Amherst, Augusta, Bath, Berkeley, Bortecourt, Brooke, Brunswick, Buckingham, Bedford, Caroline, Chesterfield, Borough of Norfolk, Town of Petersburg, Rockingham, Campbell, Charles City, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland, Elizabeth City, Essex, Fairfax, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Franklin, Frederick, Giles, Gloucester, Goochland, Greensville, Hampshire, Hanover, Henrico, Isle of Wight, Jefferson, Kanawha, King and Queen, King George, Lancaster, Lee, Loudown, Lunenburg, Madison, Mason, Mathews, Middle ? Monroe, Montgomery, Nelson, New Kent, Northumberland, Norfolk, Nottaway, Ohio, Pendleton, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Prince William, Princess Anne, Randolph, Shenandoah, York, Southampton, Spottsylvania, Stratford, Surry, Sussex, Warwick, Washington, Westmoreland, Wood, Wythe, York.

KENTUCKY

- 1810 Nelson, Nichols, Ohio, Pendleton, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Scott, Shelby, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Woodford, Jefferson, Jessamine, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Livingston, Logan, Madison, Mason, Mercer, Montgomery, Muhlenberg, Estell, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Franklin, Gallatin, Garrard, Grayson, Green, Greenup, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Henry, Hopkins, Caldwell, Campbell, Casey, Christian, Clark, Clay, Cumberland, Adair, Barren, Boone, Burvon, Bracken, Breckenridge, Bullitt, Butler, (Christian, Gerrard, Madison, 1810 and 1820).



TRAILS OF OUR PIONEERS

- 1820 Henderson, Jefferson, Jessamine, Owen, Shelby, Floyd, Franklin, Henry, Harlan, Harrison, Hopkins, Hardin - Knox, Fleming, Garrard, Grayson, Davies - Green-up, Campbell, Christain, Green, Lewis, Nicholas, Muhlenberg, Union, Livingston, Logan, Mason, Mercer, Todd.
- 1850 Grayson, Green, Greenup, Hancock, Hardin, Harlan, Harrison, Hart, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Hopkins, Jefferson, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Shelby, Scott, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Whittier, Woodford.
- 1880 Webster, Whitley, Wolfe, Woodford.

ANCESTOR TRAILS

by

E. Viola Long

We sometimes become so involved in searching out the where and when statistics of our ancestors we overlook the very interesting routes they took to get to new locations, and the relation of those routes to the magnificent highways that crisscross our nation today.

What motivated our individual forefathers to risk hazards of mountains, wilderness, desert, heat of summer, blizzards of winter, wild animals, unfriendly Indians and other hardships to leave the Atlantic seaboard and fan out over the vast continent? Did they seek free lands, gold, religious freedom, rich furs, etc., or was there not a spirit of adventure that spawned the wanderlust in many of those hardy pioneers?

Diffusion west from the east coast sought paths through which to cross over the mountains. Immigrants followed trails originally drawn by buffalo and other wild animals and the Indians, ever seeking an easier route for the long slow travel. And many of the original trails are followed at least in part by our expertly engineered highways of today.

The Cumberland or National Road was cut into the wilderness of Pennsylvania originally as a supply route to military forts. This was the "Great Road" and extended or connected with trails from Pennsylvania to St. Louis, there to connect with river travel north or south, and to fan west to other roads and areas. It was widely travelled by the pioneers on their westward quest. U. S. 40 across Ohio, Indiana and Missouri now follows the route started by the "Great Road".

Memphis was easily reached from the eastern settlements, and picked up travel from the Cumberland Road, as well as mail, all the way to San Francisco over the Butterfield Overland Mail, a distance of almost 3,000 miles. A passenger was charged up to \$200 plus meals, for the stage trip which was made in about a month. This was then, and is now, the southern route through El Paso and Arizona to California.

Beginning about 1769 the chain of missions established by the Spanish padres from San Diego to San Francisco was connected by El Camino Real. Soldiers and friars traversed this trail. Only a little of the original trail may still be seen at San Juan Bautista, although missions, adobe houses and rancheros still remain along the route. U. S. 101 now follows the approximate route of El Camino Real along the beautiful Pacific coast.

Missouri was the nucleus for several routes. The Pony Express Trail was a mail route for only about 18 months, starting in 1860. The Mormon Trail over rivers and mountains, started in 1847 by Brigham Young, and terminated in Salt Lake City. The Oregon Trail from Independence, Missouri to Oregon was used by traders and by thousands of settlers migrating to the Pacific Northwest. The Overland Trail almost paralleled the Pony Express to California across southern Wyoming, to join trails west. This trail was used by bandits, stagecoaches, cattlemen, rustlers, and immigrants going west. On U. S. 30 can still be seen old stage inns and old wagon ruins.

Missouri was also the starting place or linking of the Santa Fe Trail, which was used as early as 1820, passing through Dodge City and Raton Pass, down to historic Santa Fe. U. S. 85 follows the trail into Santa Fe.

Wilderness Trail was established in 1750, and 20 years later Daniel Boone brought settlers over the trail to Kentucky. More than 300,000 pioneers followed to open this rich area west of the Appalachians.

San Augustine, America's oldest city, was the starting point for the Old Spanish Trail, and was used by the padres, conquistadores and Indian traders. This route was cleared by U. S. Troops in 1827 to give pioneers a highway to the Gulf Coast and the lower Mississippi valley. U. S. 90 follows the original Old Spanish Trail, and some of the early Spanish missions can still be seen.

This writer was privileged to follow the Natches Trace through October's gorgeous autumn colors. The dusty roads and deep ruts of military expeditions and pioneer wagons have long since given

way to paved parkways and beautifully kept forests. One can now travel the Trace at 60 miles per hour, but little time is gained over the commercial roads because one must stop often to read the markers commemorating events and persons who passed over the Old Natches Trace long ago.

Did your ancestors travel over one or more of these early trails? Mine did.

(DeWitt C. NOGUES)

BROWN FAMILY BIBLE

(Furnished me by Mrs. Eldon S. BROWN, Jr., Wisner, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, 21 November 1968).

Philip B. BROWN was
born March the 12th 1830 A.D.

Sophia G. BROWN was born
15th July A.D. 1875

Lucinda C. BROWN
was born Dec. 16th 1836 A.D.

Fred Desha, son of W. J. &
Belle S. BROWN, was born
March 4, 1881.

Children of Philip B. and
Lucinda C. BROWN:

Children of Walter L. &
Lenora B. WIGGINS:

Martha Pricilla BROWN was born
Feb. 10th, 1854 A. D.

Edna E. WIGGINS born July 27,
1891.

Willie Jeff BROWN was born
Sept. 1857.

Tarrie WIGGINS born Feb. 25,
1893.

Lenora Eliza BROWN was born
Jan. 10th, 1860 A.D.

Clover WIGGINS born May 28,
1895.

Laura H. BROWN was born
April the ... 1862.

Kate WIGGINS born Nov. 5,
1897.

Watkins WIGGINS born Feb. 24,
1902.

Philip BROWN, Jr., was born
Sept. the 16, 1864.

Johnathan BROWN

Lucy .. BROWN was born
Dec. 3, 1867.

John Camancho BROWN was born
July 18, 1872.

BROWN FAMILY BIBLE

(Continued)

P. B. BROWN died May the 22, 1875, on Saturday at 4 o'clock, age 45 years.

John CAMANCHO died February the 24, 1872, aged 43 years.

R. L. DESHA died on the 13 day of August A. D. 1870.

Mary Eliza THOMAS departed this life Oct. the 7, 1867 at 3 o'clock Monday.

Van THOMAS departed this life the 12 day of April at 1/2 past four on Friday morning 1872.

Lenra Harriett BROWN, daughter of Johnathan I. BROWN and Harriett PRICKETT died July 14, 1855.

Martha Pricilla BROWN died July the 12th, 1854.

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From: Page 49, Republic of Texas Election Register, 1836-1842. On file in the Texas State Archives, Austin, Texas.

Col. Mayfield (1840)

About this time Col. James S. Mayfield of La Grange, Secretary of State at Austin, was slightly wounded by a shot fired by an Indian, while escorting a lady from a party to her home. Frank Brown's "Annals of Travis County," Chapter VII, Page 46, 1840.

FIRST DISTRICT COURT SESSION in TRAVIS COUNTY 1840

The spring term of the district court convened at Austin May 4, in the Senate chamber with John T. Mills presiding. Barnwell D. Bassford, clerk; Wayne Barton, sheriff; Venire: James Smith, N. T. Byers, Logan Vandever, H. P. Savarey, Thomas J. Smith, Noah

Smithwick, S. C. Bennett, Thomas J. Payton, George M. Dalson, P. J. Hunter, William Spencer, B. C. Robinson, H. Mulhauson, Lewis Hancock, Daniel Browning, Francis Mahier, M. H. Nicholson, Nathaniel Moore, Reuben Hornsby, Richard Bullock, William B. Swinney, W. P. Thorp, S. F. Marguearet, Wm. B. Billingsley, J. P. Brown, Alexander Russell, W. H. H. Johnson, Benjamin I. Grayson, A. Savary, Nathaniel Townsend, B. F. Johnson, and James Cranwell. From: Frank Brown's "Annals of Travis County," Chapter VII, Page 47.

COURT NOTES--1840

March 21. Administration was granted to John H. Yerby upon the estate of William H. Grimes, who died sometime in the preceding winter. Thomas G. Forster, H. Nicholson, and Parry W. Humphreys were appointed appraisers. Apl. 8. G. L. Haas petitioned for administration on the estate of Wm. J. Ward, deceased. D. Laughlin, Francis Prentiss, and Francis Dietrich were appointed appraisers. May 29. Ira Munson applied for administration on the estate of James Rowden. May 7. Wayne Barton applied to probate the will of William Barton, deceased. Will was proved by Faniel Browning, Richard J. Lloyd and Abner P. Lipscomb were appointed executors. The death of William Barton occurred April 9, 1840, at the age of 63 years.

From: Frank Brown's "The Annals of Travis County," Chapter VII, page 46.

TO ARMS! TO ARMS! TEXIANS!!

Request of Committee of Safety to Secretary of War to lay the town under martial law, March 5th 1842.

Arrangements entered into by the Citizens of Austin, with reference to the approach of the Mexicans; and the latest information from the West of the Invading Army.

The following gentlemen will please serve as a Committee of Vigilance for the City of Austin:--Samuel Whiting, Richard Bullock, W. W. Thompson, Moses Johnson, Joshua Holden, Barry Gillespie, Jacob M. Harrell, H. B. Hill, and S. G. Haynie.

Major S. Whiting is appointed Chairman of the said Committee, and will notify the other members of the call of a meeting for the

purpose of consulting upon such measure as are most suitable for the welfare of the citizens in the present approaching danger.

(Signed)

A. BRIGHAM, Mayor.

At a full meeting of the Committee of Vigilance, on the evening of the 6th inst., it was

Resolved, That the Committee recommend, and strongly urge upon the Secretary of War the propriety of issuing an order declaring that martial law is now, and shall be, in force until the pending exigency shall have passed away, and of calling into actual service every person capable of bearing arms--and that none be permitted to leave without a permit from the Secretary of War, and then only in case of emergency, or of rendering sufficient protection to emigrating families.

Resolved, That we recommend all the families in the city and vicinity to leave as soon as possible for a safer section of the country.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Committee to see that all families are provided with transportation, and until that is effected no merchandize shall be permitted to be carried away.

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to wait on the Secretary of War with a copy of these resolutions, and inform him that the citizens of this place are ready and willing to defend their position with their lives, and that they are ready to obey the orders of the Government.

Resolved that the Chair appoint three of the Committee to carry into effect the foregoing resolutions.

Whereupon Doct. Moses Johnson, Doct. S. G. Haynie, and B. Gillespie were appointed said committee.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the city papers and in hand-bill form, and that the members of this Committee sign the same.

SAM WHITING, Chairman.
 RICHARD BULLOCK,
 W. W. THOMPSON,
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Sunday Evening, 5th March, 1842

By Capt. Ogden, who has just arrived from San Antonio, we derive the following information. The spies who left San Antonio on Tuesday night, a week since, were two Mexican citizens of San Antonio. They returned and reported Agaton at the crossing of the Nueces, and his orders were to shoot any one passing to or from San Antonio. On the next day, Wednesday, two more spies, Chevallier and Dunn, were despatched, and nothing more was heard of them until we saw them prisoners. On Friday, we learnt that the Mexican troops were advancing. We sent out spies and a picket guard, and they were driven in town on the same evening. Arnold, another spy, was sent out again, and did not return until Saturday, early in the morning, when he reported that he had discovered their camp, which showed at least 100 fires. We immediately despatched nine men who soon returned, stating that the Mexican troops were on the march, within two miles of the town. Soon after, we discovered a Mexican approaching town, with a white flag, accompanied by Col. Carrasco, with a letter from Gen Basques to Mr. Van Ness, [left at the War Department]. Capt. Hays and other citizens asked of Carrasco until two o'clock, in hopes that a reinforcement might be in from the Colorado, but Capt. Dolson and party arriving and stating that no aid would arrive, and that 500 Mexicans were on the spot and many more every moment expected, the town surrendered. There were but about 100 Americans. All the Mexicans living at San Antonio joined the enemy, with but few exceptions. All the American families left and dispersed in different directions, most of them towards the Guadalupe. The whole number of the enemy who have taken possession of San Antonio, does not exceed 500, but it is the general belief that this is the advance guard of a large invading army.

B. McCullough is out, as well as Miller, and it is supposed that they missed this division of the army, and if they have not been taken, we may hourly look for further information.

Monday Morning, 6 o'clock.

An express has just arrived, with information that Goliad has fallen; but no particulars.

[Gazette Office, Half-past 10 o'clock, Mond. morn.]