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REPORT OF RECORD-BREAKING WORKSHOP

The 1978 edition of the annual genealogical workshop presented to the public by Austin Genealogical Society was pronounced outstandingly successful, thanks to the efforts of the efficient chairman, Ms. Evangeline Lane, the fine speakers, and the hard-working members.

The principal speaker, Mrs. Mary N. Speakman, Certified Genealogist, offered a great deal of valuable and interesting information in her morning address entitled "Bibliography and Secondary Sources." In the afternoon, her presentation, "Migration Routes," was based on slides of appropriate maps. This was very helpful to those who could see the maps, but for many, unfortunately, the maps were out of focus (Perhaps the screen was too small or the projector too close?) and the captions illegible, so that the monologue was rather bewildering. We regret that some of the audience missed such apparently deeply researched information.

Mrs. Carolyn Croft briefed the audience on procedures for tapping the wealth of resources banked in the LDS Library, while Mrs. E. G. Jordan described the thousands of books available in the Genealogy Section of the Public Services Department of Texas State Library.

Mrs. Lannell Aston gave a masterful review of the nature and sources of records in the General Land Office, and Mrs. Sam G. Cook ably conducted the ever-popular "mini workshop for beginners" during the lunch hour, with the assistance of several AGS members.

Heartfelt thanks are offered to all these people, as well as to each of the committee chairmen, members who participated, and their roped-in relatives who went to the Community Hall in Highland Mall in the pre-dawn hours to prepare for the workshop.

We also wish to express the gratitude of the Society to all who contributed books and other things for door prizes or for sale. It is hoped that the membership will make an effort to reciprocate by patronizing the donors—for example, the Southern Historical Press—see the Book Review page.

As for statistics, this workshop broke all our past records, financially and numerically, the treasurer reports. There were 153 registrations for the day, and 22 of them became new members of our Society. (See roster on page 112.)

So, a big bouquet to everyone!
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New location: 1000 East Rutherford Lane -- first exit north of # 183
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Mrs. Carolyn Croft advises phoning before each visit because
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times the facilities are pre-empted for Church activities, especially
the second Saturday of each month.

The library is usually open to the general public:

Tuesday and Thursday 10 to 1 and 6 to 9
Wednesday 12 to 3 -- Saturday 10 to 4

BRAND REGISTRATIONS IN TRAVIS COUNTY
1846-1851, and 1850
CENSUS DATA ON HOLDERS THEREOF
Part II
(Continued from page 32)

In the June 1978 AGS Quarterly (q.v.) it was explained that these
brands were found in what must have been the second or third brand
registration book for Travis County, Texas. They were in chronologi-
cal, not alphabetical order. Ear marks were not copied herein.
The 1850 census data below the brand holders' names are taken
from The State of Texas, Federal Population Schedules, 7th Census of
U.S., 1850 transcribed by Mrs. V. W. Carpenter in 1969 (4 vols plus
index).

The format used herein is: Family Number (on the census itself),
Occupation, Value of Real Estate, Name of Head of Family, Age, Place
of Birth, followed by Name, Age, Birthplace (plus occasionally Occu-
pation) for members of his/her household. Sex is shown by m or f
only if the name does not clearly indicate it.

When a new surname is introduced, it applies to the names that
follow. When the column gets long, a new column is set up on the left,
to save space. An asterisk means the couple married within the year;
a plus sign designates a student. Alphabetical order is determined by
spelling in the brand book, not Mrs. Carpenter's interpretation of
the census (e.g., Horne vs. Home).

BRAND: BRAND HOLDER DATE REGISTERED

#367 Tavernkeeper $3,000 13 Apr 1850
William Sunderland 22 NY
13 other tenants

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John 5 TX
Marcella 2 TX

Marcus HULING 50 VA
Sharlott 36 MA
Orlena 10 TX
Amanda 7 TX

HURST, Charlotte 12 Feb 1851

#213 Farmer $200
Rody 8 AR
John+ 6 AR
Zorada (f) 3 TX

Edward M. HURST 36 TN
Charlotte 40 IL
James+ 18 AR
Joab+ 13 AR
Margaret+ 12 AR

HUTCHINS, James H. 20 Jul 1850

#128 Schl. Teacher $1,300

James H. HUTCHINS 30 NC
Francis (f) 26 TN
James+ 6 MS
Amelia 4 MS
Albert 1 MS

JENNINGS, Samuel Jr., Mr?Jnr?Inc? 1 Jan 1851

#81 Farmer $800
Samuel 21 MO

(Somebody refused to put an i in Cynthia!)

JOHNSON, Emma Virginia & Sam Houston 27 Mch 1849

Nearest I could find was Samuel H. in Milam Co census.

JOHNSON, William 19 Aug 1848

#43 Farmer $1,500

William JOHNSON 38 VA

JONES, Thomas H. 8 Mch 1847

#136 Farmer $5,000
Elber? (m) 1 TX
Levi BARNARD 28 TN
Margaret VINCENT 5 TN

Thomas H. JONES 37 NC
Mariah 28 TN
Rufus+ 9 TN
Emily+ 11 TN
Isaac+ 8 TN
Lucy 3 TX

KELLY, Francis 2 Oct 1846

#197 $500

Francis KELLY 29 IRE
Mary 19 GER
William 1 TX
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McGILL, A. B., Recorder 1846-51

#372. Clk. Co. Court $6,000

Ashford B. McGILL 33 NC

MCKINNEY, James P. 26 Sep 1847

#89 Farmer $6,000

James P. MCKINNEY 31 MO
Elvira 31 LA
Eleanor 11 TX
Mary Ann 9 TX
Lochill 7 TX

McLAREN, Angus 20 Jul 1850

#233 Farmer Teacher $500

Lauchler McLaurns 62 SCOT
Angus 40 SC
John 24 NC

Clock Pedler Duncan 17 NC
Christian (f) 21 NC
Margaret 56 NC Merdoc 19 NC

MCRAVEN, J.J. 21 Nov 1850

Not found; name also spelled McLaums in one index.

MCRAVEN, J.T. Clk. Co. Court 15 Aug 1859

MULLOWNY, S.D. 8 Apr 1850

Nearest found was Stephen Maloney in Milam Co. census index.

MANOR, Joseph J. 16 Dec 1848

#4 Farmer $3,500

J. J. MANOR 32 TN
Caroline 20 IN
Texana 2 TX
Josaphine 1 TX
Eli SHEPHERD 41 NC

MATHews, John G. 8 Apr 1850

#402 Farmer $1,320

Abner MATTHEWS 57 NC
Asenith (f) 57 NC
James H. 29 TN
John 26 TN
Easter 24 TN
Stephen 21 TN
Amanda 16 TN
Franklin 14 TN

MEDLIN, Hall 5 Jan 1850

#181 Farmer $200

"Hall MODLIN 43 AL
"Catharine "Marian " (m) 22 MO
Isaac 8 MO (m) 15 MO
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RAYMOND, James H. 24 Feb 1849
#294 State Treasurer $4,000 James H. RAYMOND 33 NY
Clerk Margaret 26 OH
John C. 27 NY

REOSSELL, Christopher M. 1 Oct 1849
This name stumped me so completely that I reproduce it here and solicit suggestions.

RINARD, Ellemor 18 Oct 1850
#97
Jacob Renard m. Ellen
Sous 22 Feb 1846.

ROBEY, Francis A. 30 Mch 1850
#162 Farmer $500 William ROBY 70 MD
Mary ROBY 60 VA
Francis 27 OH

ROUNDTREE, Meusadon 18 Mch 1847
Son who left home when father remarried?

SCOTT, Johnathan 9 Dec 1850
Jonathan T. Scott m. Mary Standifer 29 Jan 1848 in Travis Co; on 1850 census in Bastrop Co.

SCOTT, Josephus 26 Aug 1846
#141 Farmer Joseph SCOTT 29 IN
Mary HAGLET 4 TX Rachael Souls/ 21 IN
George 3 TX Emeline 2 TX

SCOTT, Rachael B. 24 July 1848
Two years later the wife gets her own brand, and Josephus's is marked cancelled--suggests tragedy. B. must stand for Rachel's middle name, as her maiden name was Souls, according to marriage records.
SEATON, C. 13 June 1850

His mark was changed in 1857. There was a Charles Seaton on 1850 census of Comal Co. Possibly brother of:

#224 Farmer

Elija SEATON 26 AL
Elizabeth /nee Matt/ 14 AL

SMITH, Samuel 3 June 1850

#100

Samuel SMYTH 27 MO
Aratine (f) 25 TN
Louiza 10 TX

Anna 3 TX

Manerva 8 TX

Elizabeth 6/12 TX

Henry 6 MS

SOUR, William 1 Nov 1846

A man of this name in Gillespie Co. in 1850.

STANDIFER, James W. 9 Dec 1850

Not found on Travis Co census, but indexes show Jacob in Bastrop, James S. in Williamson & J.M. in Tarrant Co.

STANDLY, Thomas E. 25 Mch 1850

#117 Farmer $700

Thos E. STANLY 47 SC

Holland (f) 50 TN
John 20 TN

Jefferson 12 MS

Thomas 18 TN

George 10 MS

Booker 17 TN

Henry 8 MS

William 16 MS

Elias 6 MS

Joseph 13 MS

STONE, Mary A. 4 June 1850

#363 $3,000

Mary STONE 49 MD

Charles (f) 8 TX
Mary 5 TX
Sam 13 MO

Lawyer

R.E. GODDLET 50 VA

John 19 IN

Deputy Sheriff

John PRICE 24 IN

Blacksmith

John W. HAYNE 25 MO

Martha 24 AL

SUTTLE, Charles G. 21 May 1850

If his middle name was George:

#96

(C.G. Suttle m. Mrs. Malinda Wilson in 1874.)

John SUTTLE 40 VA
Mary 39 MO
Elija HAMMET 66 SC
Mary CRAIG 5 MO
William SMELTHER 30 MO

George 25 MO

Mary 40 MO
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SWISHER, James G. 20 Mch 1849
#366 Tavernkeeper $10,000
James G. SWISHER 55 TN
Elizabeth 53 TN
James M. 27 TN
Ann+ 14 TX
Edward+ 10 TX
9 other tenants

TALK, John 2 Dec 1847
#139 Farmer $463
John TALK 29 NY
Abigail 24 MO
Cynthia 6 TX
Alfred 4 TX
Gordon 2 TX

TANNER, Jonathan 10 Apr 1849
Index shows a Jonathan Tanner in Caldwell Co.

THOMAS, William D. 29 Apr 1847
A Wm. D. Thomas in Cameron Co.

THURMAN, Henry 28 Oct 1850
#123 changed 15 Aug 1859
Henry THURMAN 25 IL
Judia 25 AL
Jackson 3 AR
Alexander 1 AR
John NEIL 40 VA
Mecanic

WAHRENBERGER, John 8 Nov 1847
#305 Baker $3,000
John WAHRENBERGER 36 SWITZ
Caroline 16 "

WALLACE, William S./L. 13 Sep 1847
#86 $12,000
Mary A. WALLACE 28 IRE
John+ 10 TX
William 6 TX
Elizabeth 2 TX
James SIMPSON 25 TN

WALSH, D. 24 Nov 1848
Not found in Travis Co, but index shows a Daniel in
San Antonio (Bexar Co 1850 census).

WARD, Thomas Woods 10 Apr 1849
#314 Clerk $1,800
Thomas W. WARD 25 TN
Laura E. 2/12 TX
Laura E. 20 AL
NOTE: There are three Thomas Hards in 1850 Census of Travis Co, with wives Laura E., Susan, and Priscilla (ae 63). Lucie Price's marriage book shows Thos. Wm. m. Susan Marston in 1844, Thomas Wood m. Adeline Keithley in 1853, and Thomas Wood m. Laura Elizabeth Thompson in 1848.

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**WARREN, John P.**

23 Oct 1849

#262 Mecanic $600

John P. WARREN 28 NY

Mary 22 AL

George 2/12 TX

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**WEAR?, Fines E. (Finis Ewing)**

25 Mch 1849

Possibly brother of:

#149 Cum. Pres. Preacher

William B. WEAR 33 KY

Mary E. 23 VA

Lucy J. 1 TX

John 70 SC

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**WILCOX, Ozwin**

1 May 1850

#281 Mecanic $2,000

Oselin WILCOX 37 CT

Phlopena (f) 22 GER

Joann 1 TX

Wm. BINGNER 9 GER

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**YOUNG, James**

20 Apr 1847

"being a representation of a heart. His mark originally used by Matthew Anderson."

Not found on Travis Co census, but a James Young married Elizabeth McDermitt 12 Mch 1843.

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NOTE: I had a genealogist's field day looking up these brand holders in Lucie Price's marriage book. Fully a third of them are listed, and by noting names of brides one can see who was kin to whom—all! (See Mrs. P. B. Price's address in AGS Roster if you want to order a copy of her book.)

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(These pages got lost in the editor's files—sorry! But since so many of the names have recently appeared in our newspaper excerpts and/or brand records, it seems timely to publish them now.)


pp. 87-88--M.H. Beaty to Rawson & Eden. M.H. Beaty of the City of Austin and County of Bastrop to Philo. S. Rawson & James Eden of city and county aforesaid--½ Lot #5 in Block #55 in City of Austin, according to map of survey made by Schofield and Filie (?) by which sale of lots was made by E. Waller--for $1300 Texas money or whatever may be the circulating medium issued by the Government at time of payment. Terms of installment payments--Wits: George D. Biggar & A.L. Richart. Signed M.H. Beaty--8 Aug 1840--J.W. Smith, C.J.T.Co

p. 88--Thos. G. Gordon to Dickerson & Macfarlane. Indenture 11 Aug 1840. Gordon to pay Dickerson & Macfarlane $1791.54 Texas money for 1/3 interest in ½ league on Colorado River adjoining town tract of City of Austin on northwest side, part of George W. Spier's headright. If Gordon pays promissory note when due then mortgage will be null and void; otherwise mortgage to be foreclosed. Wits: James M. Long & D.H. Gattis. Signed Thos. G. Gordon. Re-

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corded 11 Aug 1840—J.W. Smith, C.J.T.C.

pp. 88-89—H. Ward to Isiah Call—Herman Ward of City of Austin indebted to Isiah Call in the sum of $780 in promissory notes of this government or its equivalent in par funds as it now ranges five for one—Ward mortgaged to Call a certain office building fronting on Pecan St., occupied by M.H. Beaty and Judge Smith as a county office in City of Austin; also one cart and 4 oxen in the care of James D. Clark of this city. If debt is paid before 1 Nov next, mortgage to be null and void; if unpaid, Isiah Call can sell at auction to highest bidder for cash the aforesaid property, and proceeds to be applied to debt. 22 Jly 1840. Wits: James S. Shoemaker & D.H. Gattis. Signed H. Ward. Recorded 12 Aug 1840—M.H. Beaty, Co. Clerk (Written across pages: "Cancelled by consent of parties 12 March 1841—Isiah Call & H. Ward by Farley & Jewett, his attorneys")

pp. 89-90—John Steadman to Isaac Pearson. At sale of lots 24 Feb 1840 John Steadman was purchaser of Lot #45 in Division 0 for $365 and has paid first installment of $91-25. If remaining installments paid, John Steadman will receive patent for lot; otherwise the same and all previous payments will be forfeited. Jas. H. Starr, Secretary of the Treasury.


pp. 90-91—Wm. Reuney to Dolson & King—Geo. L. Dolson and Charles F. King paid $900 in promissory notes of the government; also $955 in promissory notes when Reuney shall be able to make deed to lot of ground in City of Austin; 22 feet fronting on Congress Ave, running back 35 feet off south half of Lot #2 in Blk. #69. When sum of $955 paid, will make good and valid title. 8 Aug 1840. Wits: N. McArthur & Herman Ward. Signed William Reuney. James W. Smith, C.J.T.C.

pp. 91-94—Jesse C. Tannehill to Nathaniel Townsend. In town of Mina on 25 April 1835 before Thomas J. Gazley, Judge of the first Instance of the Jurisdiction of Mina ... appeared Jesse C. Tannehill who declared he gives in perpetual alienation and public sale by way of succession, eight XXX forever to Nathaniel Townsend, a resident citizen of the Jurisdiction of Austin, a certain tract or ½ league of land on left bank on east side of Colorado River, being lower part of league granted to said Tannehill as Colonist in what is known as "Austin's Little Colony" as will appear by the title issued 29 Oct 1832 by the Commissioner Arceniga and Empresario S.F. Austin, which is comprised within the following limits, to-wit: /metes and bounds/—upper corner of league number nineteen surveyed for Burleson,...Colorado River...2,000 acres English measurement—eleven million two hundred fifty one thousand one hundred & twenty-five square varas. Tannehill sells said tract to said Nathan Townsend for $200—a just price and full value for the land—not worth more /||/ Signed J.C. Tannehill. Wits: B. Manlove & Robert Mitchell. Assisting Wits: Jesse Bartlett & E.M. Pease. 25 Apr 1835. Thos. J. Gazely, Judge. Asst. Wits: J.W. Bunton & D.C. Barrett. 4 July 1840—Greenlief Fisk, Chf. Justice (The foregoing was a copy of the original of 25 Apr 1835). John Rice Jones certifies the handwriting of Gazley.

Laughlin and Moses Wells—Agreement between David Laughlin and Moses Wells. Laughlin & Wells have traded for 640 acres land of Neri Chamberlain, that lies about 8 miles above City of Austin, on west side Colorado River, known as Survey #4, where John Renger & Co. now live—Laughlin & Wells equally interested until an equal division can be made—said Wells agrees to let Laughlin have half a league and labor for and in consideration of getting half of above named section. The land is not yet located. Laughlin to be at half the expense of surveying and government fees to be paid, and Wells to locate it as soon as possible. The certificate is the headright of Allen T. Longley, and #585 taken out in Shelby Co., 20 Apr 1839. Wits: D.H. Gattis, R. Bratton. 13 Mar 1840. Signed D. Laughlin & Moses Wells. M.H. Beaty, Clerk C.C., by D.H. Gattis, Deputy  

H. Ward and D. Walch—Agreement 20 Aug 1840. Ward agrees to furnish all lumber and nails necessary and build a house for said Walsh in City of Austin, viz.: To be 15 x 17 feet and 8 foot posts; to be built after the form and finish of a house now belonging to Cockburn on Congress Ave, which Ward built for Cockburn. Ward also agrees to make doors and sash for said house and have whole completed by 15 Oct 1840. Walch to pay Ward $800 Texas Treasury notes as follows: Four or five hundred to be paid down and balance on delivery of said building. If either fails to comply with agreement, the party failing shall pay $200 as lineal damages (provided that invasions, insurrections or providential accidents be excepted). Wits: D.H. Gattis & H.P. Hill. Signed H. Ward & D. Walch. 20 Aug 1840. H.M. Beaty by D.H. Gattis.  

Charles Schoolfield indebted to Daniel S. Dickerson & A.C. McFarlane in the sum of $560 promissory notes of the Republic—now due and owing—pledges to Dickerson & McFarlane a certain acre lot #32 in Division O—purchased by Schoolfield as agent for A.T. Schoolfield at sale of outlots Feb 1840. If debt is paid on or before 23 Oct next, mortgage to be null and void; if unpaid, Dickerson & McFarlane can sell lot to highest bidder and apply proceeds on debt. 24 Aug 1840. Wits: Jos. Holden & D.H. Gattis. Signed Charles Schoolfield. M.H. Beaty, C.C.C.  

pp. 99-100—Chas. Schoolfield to Dickerson & Macfarlane.
Schoolfield indebted to Daniel S. Dickerson & A.C. Macfarlane for $560 promissory notes of Republic of Texas, now due and owing. He plads and mortgages 300 acres in Gonzales Co. on Plum Creek, part of W.H. Cameron's headright. If debt paid on or before 23 October next, mortgage to be null and void; otherwise land to be sold at public auction in City of Austin and applied on debt. 24 Aug 1840. Wits: N. McArthur & J.P. Black. Signed Charles Schoolfield. M.H. Beaty by D.H. Gattis, Deputy.


p. 101--H.P. Savery to Dickinson & Macfarlane. Savery indebted to Dickinson & Macfarlane for $4500 promissory notes of Republic of Texas, now due. He mortgages Lot #6 in Block 43 fronting on Congress Ave and Pine St, there being one house on said lot, known as the Austin Exchange or Savery's Coffeehouse. Also 2 other apartments adjoining said coffeehouse and known as the provision store and Bakery. If debt paid by 24 Dec next, mortgage to be null and void; otherwise Dickinson & MacFarlane to sell to highest bidder and apply proceeds on debt. Wits: James M. Long & D.H. Gattis. Signed P.J. Hunter. Beaty by Gattis.


pp. 102-03--Francis Kelly to J. Snively. Francis Kelly appoints Jacob Snively of said county to be his lawful attorney to call upon the County Recorder of Harris Co. and obtain three deeds to certain lots in City of Houston, "which deeds were executed to me by the proprietors of said city"--Snively to execute unto Moses Wells of Travis Co. a lawful title in fee simple to said lots. 26 Aug 1840. Wits: D.H. Gattis & John C. Hyde. Signed Francis Kelly. Recorded 27 Aug by J.W. Smith, C.J.T.C.

pp. 103-04--Moses Wells to Francis Kelly. Wells sold to Kelly 120 acres, part of Survey #4, headright of Neri Chamberlain, for $1,000--southeast corner on Colorado River /metes and bounds/ Wits: D. Laughlin & Southman /Loathman?/ Cody. Signed Moses Wells. 27 Aug 1840. J.W. Smith, C.J.T.C.

pp. 104-05--S. Highsmith to N. McArthur. Indenture made 5 Dec 1839 between Samuel Highsmith of Bastrop Co and Nicholas McArthur of same. Highsmith sold McArthur 300 acres of land on west side of Colorado River, part of a tract sold and conveyed by Elijah Curtis and James Curtis to Saml. Highsmith 3 Jly 1839, for 1200 acres which Elijah, James and Washington Curtis had purchased from Bartlett Sims--which said 300 acres was bought by Nicholas McArthur, to be laid off from said tract in following

“A true copy of the original”--M.H. Beaty, Clerk CCTC; by D.H. Gattie, Deputy


pp. 107-08--H.W. Hamner to J. Harrell. Travis Co. Joseph Harrell paid H.W. Hamner $800 in promissory notes of the Republic for a bay or dark sorrel horse and one cart; if he repays the $800 to Joseph Harrell by 6 Oct next, this instrument void; otherwise Harrell can sell horse and cart for debt. Signed H.W. Hamner. Wits: H.W. Raclin & Wm. H. Sandusky. 1 Aug 1840--M.H. Beaty by D.H. Gattie, Deputy


This spring, Austin Genealogical Society was privileged to have as a speaker Mrs. Ann Graves, Director of the Public Services Department of Texas State Library, who prefaced her exposition of the genealogical resources in the library with an electrifying announcement. The Library had ordered the entire 1900 Census on microfilm plus the Soundex for Texas and four microfilm readers.

Mrs. Graves outlined the difference of opinion that has existed between the Bureau of the Census (constrained by law to maintain confidentiality) and the National Archives, which wanted to make the 1900 Census available to the public. Among the groups which brought pressure to bear on the Bureau was the National Archives Advisory Council, of which Dr. Dorman Winfrey, Texas State Librarian, is an influential member.

After several years of discussion, the restrictions were removed, and the Texas State Library administration devoted two months to securing the necessary funding, with the result that the Texas Library and Historical Commission authorized the purchase of the 1900 national census and Texas Soundex, which indexes all households, not just those with children under 10 as in the 1880 one.

Our speaker invited the audience to visit the Public Services Department of Texas State Library in room 300, which houses reference books, circulating books, and Texas and U.S. government publications. All Travis County residents are eligible to check out those books that can be circulated.

The card catalog there is more nearly complete than the one on the first floor, and shows the book holdings of not only the Public Services Department but the Genealogy Section and the Archives Division, by author, title and subject. Inter-library loans are handled by Mrs. Jeanette Griffin in the Genealogy Section (NOTE: not Division, Department, or Collection).

Kinds of resources that may prove helpful to genealogists:

Texas county histories, biographies, biographical dictionaries and encyclopedias--

On open shelves, the latter include DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY (listing 15,000 deceased Americans); DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY (re Britishers and some American settlers); NATIONAL CYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY (most comprehensive; covers living and dead notables--some not-so-famous)

Also, NEW YORK TIMES OBITUARIES INDEX: 1858-1968; WHO WAS WHO IN AMERICA (has volumes covering dates 1607-1896, 1897-1942, 1943-1950, 1951-1960, 1961-1968, 1974-1976), etc.

Atlases and gazetteers especially helpful for locating place names are ATLAS OF AMERICAN HISTORY, ATLAS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, and AMERICAN HERITAGE PICTORIAL ATLAS OF U.S. HISTORY.

For looking up historical facts, events, and such, the speaker recommended DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN HISTORY. For specific Texas facts, see SOUTHWESTERN HISTORICAL QUARTERLY (well indexed) and WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION YEARBOOK.
Housed in room 300 are many governmental publications not indexed in the card catalog—ask for assistance from the staff. Outstanding among the federal publications are the guides to records in the National Archives, such as GUIDE TO GENEALOGICAL RECORDS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, GUIDE TO FEDERAL ARCHIVES RELATING TO THE CIVIL WAR, GUIDE TO ARCHIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, and MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES. Some records listed have been published, and we may have them, added Mrs. Graves.

The U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare supplies publications about where to write for birth, death, marriage, and divorce records in various states and foreign localities. It was reported that the library possesses 127 volumes of the WAR OF REBELLION RECORDS (Civil War, both Union and Confederate). Since this is rather difficult to use, Mrs. Graves recommends that you consult the GUIDE-INDEX TO THE OFFICIAL RECORDS published by the National Archives.

For the organization of the Union Army in the Civil War, plus regimental histories, a chronological record of campaigns, battles, etc., see the COMPENDIUM OF THE WAR OF THE REBELLION. It contains much information on the Confederacy as well as the Union.

Other good Civil War references are BATTLES AND LEADERS OF THE CIVIL WAR, GENERALS IN GREY, GENERALS IN BLUE, and CIVIL WAR DICTIONARY.

Genealogists seeking information on settlers who were first on the scene will find TERRITORIAL PAPERS OF THE UNITED STATES of interest. These 27 volumes contain petitions, land claims, tax rolls and an occasional census pertaining to the territories of the Northwest, MS, IL, IN, Orleans, MI, AL, AR, FL, WI, and LA-MO. Indexed. But even more helpful are the AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, 38 volumes published by Congress 1789-1838, relating to public lands, claims, and disabled Revolutionary soldiers. Some records pertain to settlers who claimed land in the territories granted by British, French or Spanish authorities in the present states of AL, AR, FL, IL, IA, LA, GA, WI, MI, IN, MN, MO and MS. Volumes in American State Papers on public lands and claims are indexed in GRASSROOTS which is available in the Genealogy Section. Other government publications list pensions for War of 1812, muster rolls, etc.

Private land claims brought before the Senate and House are printed as congressional documents. The documents of both Senate and House must be searched separately.

The FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES IN INDIAN TERRITORY, published in 1907, contains the final rolls of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Chickasaw, Seminole tribes. In 1832 the federal government moved them from Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida to Oklahoma.

Other federal records pertaining to American Indians are listed in PRELIMINARY INVENTORIES OF THE RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. Most of these records can be seen at the National Archives and Records Center branch in Fort Worth.

Because Congress published the D.A.R. ANNUAL REPORTS, they are in our government documents collection. They contain such data as pension records of Revolutionary War veterans and graves that have been located by the D.A.R.

You are invited to visit Room 300 8 to 5 Monday thru Friday.
ALEXANDER vs. ALEXANDER J. RUSSELL

Correcting printed errors being the self-imposed life mission of your editor, it goes without saying that a recent letter delighted me. I am grateful to Miss Shirley Shumate (2909 Mercedes, Odessa TX 79763) who wrote to inform me that I confused two men in our December 1977 quarterly (Vol. XVIII, No. 4, p. 109).

Miss Shumate states that her great-great-great-grandfather was Alexander Russell, but her extensive research has revealed that Alexander J. Russell was a different man in Texas at the same time. Her ancestor Alex Russell, born 1805 in SC, came to Texas via Illinois and Missouri, arriving between 1834 and 2 May 1835, as attested by his headright grant. He served in the Army of the Republic Sep-Nov 1835, being discharged because of wounds and subsequent illness. He eventually settled in the Burnet-Belton area of Texas. The 320 acres patented to him in Victoria Co were deeded in 1884 to Miss Shumate's 2-great-grandfather Barnabas Russell, living in Bell Co. Alex Russell is believed to have died around 1874, and his grave in Bell Co is being searched for.

The Alexander J. Russell who died ca 1850 also came to Texas from Tennessee about the same time and owned the store in Austin in 1839—but Alex was here then also. While the latter was in the army, a Brazoria newspaper editorial asked Alexander /J./ Russell to run for sheriff of that county.

So the Masonic Lodge petitioner at Brazoria and Austin, the school teacher at Clarksville, the deceased in Red River Co in 1850, the merchant and probably the auctioneer in Austin, the veteran of the Mexican War, the representative of Bowie Co were all Alexander J. Russell.

The man assessed for a gold watch in Travis Co in 1840 and the man on the venire there the same year could have been either one.

But the Alexander Russell who received the Bounty Warrant for service in the Army of the Republic was definitely the ancestor of Shirley Shumate. She would be glad to correspond with anyone who is researching either of these men, and has copies of documents which she generously offers to share with descendants of her non-ancestor, Alexander J. Russell, even!

What Does "Behind" Mean?

Recently I was puzzled by a sentence printed this way: "The names with a star behind them were wounded, as follows: John Jones,* Jeremiah Jedediah Smith, Allen Brooks,* Jim Cox."

Now, I know that "star" is a cop-out for the high-risk word "asterisk" which sometimes comes out "astericks" in speech and "asterix" in non-professional writing. My question is, what does "behind" mean to the above writer?

Does the first asterisk apply to John Jones, despite the comma, or are we to consider it behind Jeremiah Jedediah Smith when we reach the end of his long name?

Better to avoid ambiguity and use "before" and "after."
BOOK REVIEW


Back Tracking on Ancestral Trails was written primarily for the descendants of Mercer Spears and his wife Elizabeth Dodd who were born 1790 and 1785 respectively in South Carolina, and died in Alabama. It makes no claim to be a definitive genealogy of either surname, but successfully achieves its goal of making all known data available to other members of the family.

Beautifully typed and encased in a simulated leather binder, the booklet can be expanded by the addition of pages. There are ancestral charts, a demonstration of the numbering system used, an excellent family group picture, and several interesting anecdotes. Census, marriage, and land lottery records of Georgia are used to locate Mercer/Messer Spears and his wives while they resided in that state. Verbatim copies of pension records add greatly to the interest and authenticity of this carefully researched work.

The compilers not only back-tracked but also moved forward through the generation of their grandchildren, thus covering seven generations including Mercer Spears. In stalking their ancestors they made use of every available "sign" including tax, deed, probate, military, church, cemetery, and Bible records; newspapers, old letters, personal interviews, and visits to the ancestral homesites.

One point which deserves special commendation is that every surname is typed in capital letters—a great boon to the reader.

We wish to compliment long-time AGS member Mary Spears on "a good job well done." A copy has been donated to the Genealogy Section of Texas State Library in Austin.

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One of the most generous donors to our workshops, Southern Historical Press (Box 738, Easley SC 29640) has some reprints of classic Texana for sale. Although we do not accept ordinary advertising, the Rev. Emmett Lucas has been such a benefactor of AGS that we urge you to patronize his firm if you are in the market for The Goodspeed Memorial and Genealogical Record of Southwest Texas, The Biographical Souvenir of the State of Texas, Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas, A History of Texas and Texans, Encyclopedia of The New West, or Early Settlers and Indian Fighters of Southwest Texas.
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The editor offers humble apologies to Mrs. H.L. Lemburg
and any temporarily confused readers for transposing pages 78
and 79 in our last issue.

QUERY

CLEMENTS GEORGE WATSON. Desire to exchange info on Patrick
Samuel Gideon Watson b, ca 1816 in KY; d. ca 1889 McLennan Co, TX.
Sometime resident of Travis Co, where son Gideon Porter Watson (b.
1859) preached in churches. . . . Need names of children of
John Blunt Clements and Charlotte George who m. at Austin, Travis
Co, in 1851. --James B. Jolley, Box 274, Daleville AL 36322

NOTE: There are six Clements marriages (including three to
George girls) in Travis County, Texas, Marriage Records 1840-1882
by Lucie Clift Price (2527 Harris Blvd, Austin 78703). Also that
of Gideon P. Watson to Drucilla C. Clements. But unfortunately
there are no Clements children who seem likely to belong to John
Blunt in either volume of Early Texas Birth Records 1838-1878
by AGS members Gracy, Sumner and Gentry.