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"TRAVIS RIFLES" (LATER CO. G, 6th REGIMENT TEXAS INFANTRY) ROSTER AND A 1904 REPORT OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO EACH

Two "muster rolls" [1429-3 & 1429-5] found in Texas State Archives by our Archives Research Chairman, Mrs. Gray Golden, are of special interest to Travis Countians. One is headed "Roll of Capt. Rhoades Fisher, Company 'G' of Col. R.R. Garland's Regiment of Texas Volunteers"; the other, "Travis Rifles," was compiled in 1904 by a survivor of that company, W.J. Oliphant.

The Handbook of Texas, in its entry "Travis Guards and Rifles," summarizes the history of the unit thus:

"In November, 1861, an infantry company called the Travis Rifles was recruited in Travis County by Samuel Rhoads Fisher (qv) and was mustered into the Confederate Army at Victoria. The group was stationed in Arkansas in 1862, was captured in January, 1863, and was imprisoned in Ohio and Illinois until May, 1863, when the Texans were exchanged and attached to Pat Cleburne's division. They were again captured and imprisoned from November, 1864, until July 1865."

[Editor's Note: The Samuel Rhoads Fisher the reader is referred to died in 1839; obviously, the captain was his son--no write-up.]

Adding immeasurably to the interesting data in the two lists of names is an informative 1864 letter written "in the field" [meaning "in camp," not "on the battlefield"] by Captain Sebron G. Sneed (then Acting Adjutant of the regiment). The typescript submitted by his great-granddaughter has been reduced (to conserve space) and appears in its entirety following this article.

The original roll has its first column headed "No. of Each Grade" (which seems of minor importance now) and its last headed "Period" [that is, period the soldier enlisted for; all were designated "War"]; both columns have been omitted in the table below. The "Age," "When Enrolled" and "By Whom Enrolled" columns were left blank, so they also have been omitted, to save space.

It will come as no surprise to genealogical researchers to find that some names are spelled differently on the two rolls. Oliphant seems to have known more first names than the man who drew up the muster roll; therefore I am inclined to believe his spelling of the surnames is more accurate. It is difficult to explain the presence of ten names (marked *) on his list that are not on the official-looking roster. The latter may have been drawn from memory (and the ten men forgotten), or the extra men may have attached themselves unofficially to Company G when they got separated from their own units, which often happened. Such an occurrence is mentioned in the Sneed letter.

[The Handbook cites as references the Recollections of V.O. Weed and Frank Brown's Annals of Travis County and the City of Austin, both manuscripts in the Archives Collection of Barker Texas History Center, University of Texas at Austin.]
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The above and foregoing is a list of Co. G, 6th Texas Infty, Granbury's Brigade, Cleburne's Division, Hardee's Corps, Army of Tennessee, C.S.A. - furnished on November 26th 1904 by W.J. Oliphant of Austin Texas.

The 1872-73 Austin Directory shows W. Oliphant, watchmaker & engraver, Pecan [6th] St between Congress & Brazos, and Wm J. Oliphant, Photographer, at same address.

In the following list, asterisks denote names not on preceding roster.

Rhoads Fisher, Captain.
Geo. W. Sampson, 1st Lieut.
Darius Marsh, 2nd Lieut.
Sebron G. Sneed, 3rd Lieut.
David M. Wilson, Orderly Sgt.

Alexander, W.A.
Alexander, N.J.
*Alford, H.M.
Amidon, Dwight
Brown, James F.
Bird, W.M.
*Baldwin, James

Burleson, John T.
Burleson, Cabe
Carrington, R.E.
Condell, Robt W.
Costa, Jos A.
Crossthwait, R.H.L.

Promoted to Captain in the Q.M. Department in 1863. Dead.
Killed in battle at Snake Creek Gap, Ga. in 1864.
Promoted to Captain on Brigade Staff in 1864. Wounded at Jonesboro [Clayton Co, GA]. Dead.
Promoted to Captain of Cavalry in spring of 1863. Lives at Austin Texas.
Took the oath of allegiance to U.S. in prison.
Discharged for disability in 1862 before 2 months service.
Died in 1863 from exposure in service.
Detached for service in Steamboat in 1862. Supposed Dead.
Transferred to Flournoy's Regt. Dead.
Wounded at Franklin. Dead. [Famous Battle of Franklin TN 30 Nov 1864]
Died in prison.
Wounded at Jonesboro. Dead.
Transferred to Flournoy's Regt. Dead.
Transferred to Navy in 1864; supposed to be Dead.
Died.
Wounded at Arkansas Post. Dead.
De Hority, E.
Dougherty, John S.
Dukes, James
Dunson, Wm. M.

Gatlin, Nathan
Giles, W. L.

*Grumbles, Joseph W.
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Malitzky, Louis
McClure, Hugh M.
Mellinger, Ross B.
Morris, Saml W.
Millett, E.E.
Meeks, Morgan
Meeks, Robert
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Died in prison.
Wounded at Jonesboro. Dead.
Promoted to Lieutenant & was in command of the company at the surrender at Greensboro N.C. in 1865. Wounded at Franklin. Lives 6 miles N.E. of Austin.

Died in prison.
Promoted to Lieutenant of Cavalry in spring of 1864. Lives 8 miles N.E. of Austin.
Died in 1863 while on sick furlough.
Discharged for disability and Died in 1862.
Discharged for disability and Died in 1862.
Wounded at Jonesboro. Now lives in New Mexico.
Discharged for disability in 1862.
Died in prison.
Permanently disabled in R.R. accident in Virginia in 1863.

Wounded at Nashville. Dead.
Died in Hospital in spring of 1862.

Died in Hospital in Ga. in 1863.
Discharged for disability and Died in 1862.

Died in Hospital in Ga. in 1863.
Died in prison.
Wounded at Chickamauga. Dead.
Dead.
Wounded at Franklin. Lives near Buda Texas.
Dead.

Killed at Arkansas Post.
Died in prison.
Wounded at Franklin. Dead.
Wounded at Chickamauga. Lives at Oak Hill, Travis Co, Tex.
Took oath of allegiance to U.S. in prison in 1863.
Killed at Franklin.
Dead.

Died in prison.
Died in prison.
Deserted in spring of 1862 and went to Mexico.
Died in Hospital in Va. in 1863.
Oliphant, W. J.
Piper, Ben F.
Pickens, Israel
Peck, S. R.
Peel, J. Westley
Peterson, Robt
Ralston, James
Robertson, Benoni
*Rutledge, Wm P. Jr.
Rountree, H. C.
Sevier, Jefferson
Stanley, George W.
Sweem, John
Stephens, Jos T.
Stephenson, A. B.
*Smith, James W.
Sims, James
Sims, Frank M.
Sneed, Wm J.

Turner, James M.
Turner, James M. V.
Tucker, J. T.
Taylor, James
Teague, G. Marion
Teaff, N. F.
Tinnin, Wm
Terrell, C. D.
Woodward, J. Polk
Wilkes, B. F.
Wilson, Don
*Wilson, A. Jeptha
Williams, Saml
Walker, James M.

Wounded at Chickamauga & New Hope Church. Lives at Austin.
Killed at Jonesboro.
Died in prison.
Died in prison.
Died in Hospital in Va. in 1863.
Died in prison.
Wounded at Franklin. Dead.
Killed at Chickamauga.
Died in prison.
Wounded at Lost Mountain Ga. Lives near Marble Falls Tex.
Killed at New Hope Church Ga.
Died in prison.
Died while prisoner at St. Louis. Froze to death.
Detached in 1862. Dead.
Wounded at Peach Tree Creek Ga. Lives at San Antonio Tex.
Wounded at Franklin. Dead.
Discharged for disability in 1862. Dead.
Took the oath of allegiance to U.S. in prison in 1863.
Wounded at Missionary Ridge and permanently disabled.
Lives in Travis Co Texas near and S.E. of Austin.
Wounded at Atlanta and Franklin. Lives at San Marcos Tex.
Died in prison.
Died in Hospital in Alabama in 1864.
Took oath of allegiance to U.S. in prison in 1863.
Died in prison.
Died in 1862 while on sick furlough.
Wounded at Franklin. Dead.
Died in Hospital in Ga. in 1864.
Wounded at Franklin. Dead.
Discharged for disability in 1862. Dead.
Died in Hospital in Alabama in 1864.
Died in Hospital at Arkansas Post in 1862.
Took oath of allegiance to U.S. in prison in 1863 and afterwards joined Federal Army. Dead.

Editor's Note: Of the 87 men on Oliphant's list, 14 were known to be living in 1904, 6 had been killed in action, 15 had died in hospital or on sick furlough, 17 had died in prison, 2 had suffered permanent disability, 31 woundings are mentioned, 7 were discharged for disability, 5 transferred to other branches of service or units, 5 took the oath of allegiance to the U.S. in prison, and 1 deserted. Only "Capt. Rhodes Fisher," S. G. Sneed, and D. M. & Don Wilson appear in 1872-73 Austin Directory.
A CIVIL WAR LETTER

from

CAPT. SEBRON G. SNEED JR.

The following valuable letter was typed and furnished to AGS Quarterly by the Confederate Army officer's great-granddaughter, Mary Frances (Brown) Kiefer. This is only one of many fine services she has rendered to our Society (currently Book Acquisitions chairman).

Sebron Graham Sneed Jr. was born 11 Sep 1836 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. In November 1848 he moved to Austin, Texas with his parents, who later sent him to Galveston to attend Christian Brothers College. In 1858 he was licensed to practice law and won a scholarship to the College of Propaganda at Rome. [This had been instituted by Pope Urban VIII (1623-44) to educate priests for missions; i.e., to spread the gospel.] There Sebron studied toward the priesthood until 1860 when, deciding that was not his vocation, he went back to Austin.

On 15 May 1860 he married Fannie Mary Joseph Finlin of Austin; they had four children, two of them before he wrote this letter.

As Oliphant's list shows, Sneed's regiment saw action in many places that are familiar to those who study the Civil War: Atlanta, Snake Creek Gap, Jonesboro, Arkansas Post, Franklin, Nashville, New Hope Church, Chickamauga, Lost Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Missionary Ridge, etc. They were twice captured and imprisoned: first (1863) at Camp Chase, Ohio and in Illinois, then (November 1864 - July 1865) at Louisville, Kentucky.

After the war (during which he rose from private to captain to adjutant of the regiment or brigade?), Captain Sneed practiced law in Austin, but was deeply interested in education. He established Austin Normal Military School for boys, which operated 1869-74. In the 1872-73 Austin Directory, S.G. Sneed is listed as a teacher in Austin Normal School, residing at the corner of Cypress [now 3rd] and Colorado streets. He was the first treasurer of the Austin school board, and a "benefactor of St. Mary's Academy" (Handbook).

Sebron G. Sneed was active in many areas of public service: a member of the Democratic state executive committee and of Texas State Teachers Association, he also served as chief clerk in the Comptroller's Department, and was acting Comptroller in 1882.

After the death of his first wife, Sneed married (1874) Alice Pauline Bacon; one daughter survived. He was superintendent of Travis County schools when he died in Austin 1 Sep 1893.

A daughter of Sebron and Fannie, Margaret Cordelia (born 1866) married Miles Francis Byrne; their daughter Marguerite Alice Byrne married Alfred John Brown (parents of Mary Frances).

Mrs. Kiefer states that Captain Sneed kept a diary which was in existence when he died. Unfortunately, it had been borrowed by a friend, and his daughter Minnie (Sneed) Wilcox tried for years to find it. If any reader should locate it, please inform Mrs. L.W. Kiefer, Box 17246, Austin TX 78760.
Xy darling Pannie:

I am again favored with an opportunity of sending you a letter, and though the occasion is rather unfavorable for writing, I will try and give you a short account of our movements during the past month. I have written you twice, and sent the letters by mail, since unfavorable for writing I will try home. the present prolonged campaign opened. I shall send this by Mr. Rose, that indefatigable courier to whom so many of our soldiers are indebted for favors from home. Why do you not write by him sometimes? On the 7th of May we moved camp from "Near Dalton" and in the evening went into the trenches near the town -- the enemy reported as advancing.

On the 8th about 4 o'clock F. M. cannoning in the direction of "Dry Gap" became furious. We had just received our cooking utensils and rations and had our dinners or suppers on fires when we were ordered into line and marched off at quick time to "Dry Gap". The evening was very warm and the arch quite disagreeable -- "Dry Gap" is one of the main passways through the Chattooga Mountains and if you received my former letters, you will remember that our Brigade drove the Federals from it on the 25th of February. Well, when we arrived at the foot of the mountains, we began to see some of the effects of the battle -- shells lying over and wounded coming to the rear, or occasionally some poor fellow lying by the side of the little stream that ran murmuring down the mountain side, exhausted or dying. As we went up the mountain the firing on the west became heavier as the Federals were making about the third charge they had essayed during the evening. Our force on top was very weak, and had it not been for the advantageous position they held, they would have been routed at once by the Federals. We had arrived half way up the mountains when we were ordered to throw off every incumbrance and double quick. We did so, but the double quick scarcely amounted to the speed of a slow dog trot, for we were then entirely exhausted. Our regiment in the lead, was straggling up, everyone doing his utmost. At the top of the hill General Hardee was standing watching the result of the enemies charge -- when he saw the head of our column turn around the rocks, his face beamed with smiles, he pulled off his cap and waved it saying: -- "Here are my fighting Texans!" He turned to Cleburne and told him that the position was now safe, and immediately galloped away. The men on the mountain seeing us coming shouted out "Here's our reinforcements!" and poured their fire on the Federals -- our men went into line as fast as they came up and commenced firing. The Federals retired in confusion down the mountain after attempting for a short time to stand and fire, but they kept throwing shells until 9 o'clock from a battery under the point we occupied in a field -- we had a few men slightly wounded and several awfully scared. Among whom your husband claims to have been badly scared. Just think how jumped up from your peaceful vocation as a cook and rushed off into a fight! Then a shell struck the rock near me and exploded. I laid aside some time after the explosion, thinking I was knocked up into a thousand pieces, but found to my astonishment that nothing was the matter -- well, we had quiet that night and saw nothing of the enemy. The next day we built breastwork on the summit of the ridge -- went over the battle field. There were one hundred and twenty dead yankees in front of our Brigade and a number of wounded. Our men got plenty of coffee and little necessaries from Knapsacks that were left on the field. I got a blanket, the first yankee property I have had. We lost all our baggage that we threw off at the place we were ordered to double quick -- Some of the soldiers that we were going up to assist rifled the pile of everything that was worth carrying away. They went down the mountain that night before we could send for our baggage. I thought a mean trick -- but we have been running away from battle, then I would not have minded it, but since we had thrown down our things in order to hasten to the relief of the very men who plundered us I cannot but say it was thieves. And they were a set of scoundrels but such acts are not uncommon Southern Chivalry will do to toast over, but to tell you the plain fact, there is as much low manners and coarse joking in the Southern ranks as you will find anywhere else. There are some regiments and brigades that are the honorable exceptions and not only fight nobly, but in their intercourse with the citizens and with each other seem to be actuated by the spirit of gentlemen and soldiers; but many are not only at war with the Federals, but with the citizens also -- the balance of the army, so far as plundering and robbing then would indicate, and they live for self alone -- provoking upon their comrades and countrymen whenever they can do so without being detected. The war is having a fearfully
demoralizing influence on our men - developing what
some had heretofore kept concealed and implanting the
seeds of viciousness and selfishness in the hearts of
others that be hard to eradicate - but to continue my
narrative - up to the 13th we were on the move con-
tinuous, day and night, first in the neighborhood of
Dalton, then down towards Resaca which is on the Con-
tonolla River and was then the extreme left of our line of
battle. The enemy seemed to be making the most serious
disturbances against that point for the purpose of
getting possession of the Railroad Bridge and turning
our left - then cutting us off from Atlanta. I extract
from my diary - "May 13th - I moved towards Resaca and
when within three miles went through thick woods and
undergrowth to the right of the road and after maneuver-
ning and charging round the hills took position
on some Chattoga Ridges and fortified with great haste -
Heavy skirmishing on our left and cannonading in the
direction of Resaca. In the evening, near night moved
nearer to Resaca under sharp fire from the enemy and
again fortified on the coast of the Ridge in good po-

tion -- Skirmished all night with enemy." -- May 14--
The enemy shelled us all day - many shells striking
our works - Several wounded. Lt. Marsh wounded in the
shoulder seriously -- Had heavy skirmish all day with
the enemy - "15th May -- One place at night der-
ered to move -- Kent near Resaca - Arrived at the
dawn of day - dense fog. The enemy made an assault
of the works as we came up - we were entirely pro-
tected and the shower that came over fell in our midst -
one went through blanket over my shoulder -- Enemy
repulsed -- Kept up heavy shelling and skirmishing -
Entrenched in a reserve line - Lay in trenches and
contrasted my feelings and condition with what it was
May 15, 1860, my wedding day. Helped 1860 -- Love -
congratulations -- blissful anticipations -- kisses
and gentle endearments of my darling wife - in my
home surrounded by loving relations -- Everything
roses. 1861: Hungry - dirty -- laying in our places
with a hot sun pouring down on me - Shells and balls
whistling over -- Everything dark and gloomy -- The
birds silent as sweetly now as then - - the woods are as
green -- the sky as bright but oh what a contrast -
'Non sile plu maggior dolore, she ricordarei del tempo
falling nella ninfenia' --
To continue: We had a skirmish near Calhoun on the
15th and continued to retire down the Railroad in the
direction of Atlanta -- Genl. Johnston was forced to
fall back on account of the enemy having crossed the
Cstonolla River below Resaca, thus flanking his line on the
left and rendering our communications with the rear
perilous. From the 1st of May up to the 16th the day
when the last of our enemy crossed the Constonolla,
there were advances and skirmishes on every part of
our line which was at least 15 miles long and the enemy
were in every instance driven back. They would not
give general engagement on the first line, but attempted
to flank us out of the position and succeeded. They
were defeated in every one of the little fights on that
first line. We continued to fall back until the 18th;
on that morning Genl. Johnson had his battle order read
to the army in which he announced that he would now at-
tack the enemy. We expected a general engagement that
day supposing that we would move against them be-
fore they could get entrenched - but that night we
commenced falling back again. I do not know why John-
sen did not wish a general engagement, nor do I seek
to know his intentions - Where he leads I will follow.
The men were ready to fight when his order was read or
ready to fall back - - It is touching to see the child
like confidence that the men of his army have in his
capacity - There has been no wavering of entire confi-
dence in his genius and present plans - - This confi-
dence is most necessary - - Without it God knows what
prospects we have - We are dragged as we are by day and
by night from one position to another through rain and
mud -- wet and exhausted - Our division has had per-
haps heavier duty to do than any other - At night we
may be roused and rushed from the right of the line to
the left - Soon may find us in the centre and again
back where we started from - - We sometimes take a
hard day's march and get into a sound sleep and are
aroused at midnight and trudge back over the same road.
You can readily see that if there was not un-
limited confidence, an army might in despair at such
seeming irresolution and contradiction in its commander
rise up and give up the cause. Every-where the citizens are moving in haste to the rear.
A few only remained on the roads over which we passed.
I saw women and children leaving their homes, carrying
little bundles of clothes, driving the reins of their
cattle, gloomily moving along into the midst of strangers.
All seemed destined for Atlanta, that nonce Sodom in
whose streets vice and immorality seek not the cover of
night or secrecy, but in open day unblushing and unre-
Oostanuala River; cannot find Resse.
Resaca & Calhoun in Gordon Co, GA
strained walk with open front -- Atlanta! The city where the "strange women" sit to lure the unwary and hold the sceptre. Could this Babylon, garrisoned as it is by harlots, speculators, unsound citizens and cowardly officials, be stormed and sacked without injury to us, I would rejoice to see it, for truly she deserves to have the ploughshare run and salt sowed where she stands on account of the unworthiness of her tenants. As it is, we must defend it not because we love it for its kindness to us, or because we feel attached to it for the noble sacrifices of its citizens but it is an objective point the preservation of which is of vital importance to the Confederacy. The country through which we have passed, and which we have for the present abandoned to the ravages of the unbridled and lawless Federal Soldiery, is very beautiful. I saw many pretty cottages with roses in bloom all around, and showing the taste for the beautiful of some Southern girl, now fleeing and homeless. It was sad to think of. I never passed a nice place without feeling my heart swell with rage when I saw the deserted hearth where so lately peace and quiet reigned. Every foot of soil we marched over must be wrested from our hated persecutors again. But we will do that and even more. But I break my narrative with my reflections -- On the 20th we crossed the river near Powah Iron Works. Here we rested until the 22nd. Many of our men had given out broken down with the long continuing fatigue. It was a perfect luxury to get to sleep through an entire night. The command was put on foot again by this little rest. On the 23rd & 24th we moved on in the direction of Atlanta. In the 23rd the advance of the enemy pressed upon Creek's Division which was our rear guard, and a little too hastily and he turned and struck them then a blow, inflicting some loss. At this point Gen. Johnson concluded to hold Sherman's Army in check a while, and forced his battle line in a good commanding position. Our division was placed on the line on the 25th, the Regiment was deployed in line of battle, and placed on the extreme right of our line of battle in the rear of some cavalry who were picking off the right flank, as a reserve on the 26th in an old road immediately in the rear of the cavalry which was disabled. A few men from the Regiment were sent out to pick up a point in the cavalry line that was too weak. We were exposed to the balls from the enemy skirmishers, as we had no protection, but fortunately for us they shot too high, or rather providentially.

"minnies" - Minie (rifle) balls
serves to support us. To have charged and had been repulsed would have ruined us. The enemy shot about a foot too high, or they would have wounded or killed half the command. The battle continued thus hot for about two hours when the 8th and 9th Arkansas Regiment came up to reinforce us. All the Cavalry had given way on the right of our Brigade and our Regiment was on the right of the Brigade and the enemy were gradually flanking us. The Arkansas Regiments charged and drove the flankers and buried the guns. The right of our Regiment also charged the flankers and they retreated. Our boys took a few prisoners in the charge. As we were getting nearly out of ammunition, the men had fired about 50 rounds each. I scared one Yankee awfully. I had a large butcher knife in my hand that I had been using to cut a cartridge box from one of the wounded men in order to give his ammunition to the others. I had just finished when Sam Piper came to me with a prisoner he had captured. I ran to him with the knife reased to cut his cartridge box off. The poor devil thought I intended to kill his and threw up his hands with the most pitiful face. I could not restrain a laugh at his despairing countenance. The battle continued fierce until 8 o'clock when the enemy retired. About 10 at night we made a right charge in the woods, mowing that they had not retired but a short distance. We came upon them suddenly and captured about 300 prisoners. They flew in utter confusion. As we heard from the prisoners that we had been fighting the whole of the enemy's Corps and part of another and that they had four lines of battle against us which were all repulsed. They had silently taken position and had purposely kept quiet in our front lower down in order to conceal what they were about. They thought they would find only the Cavalry which they could easily drive from its position and thus flank our main line. But our Brigade arrived at the opportune moment to thwart their cunning strategy. The next morning we went over the ground and the light of day revealed what havoc our bullets had made in their ranks.

Over four hundred lay dead in front of our works. Many of the chief officers of the army, Johnson and Hardee, and others said they never saw such piles of bodies in all they had seen. It was an awful sight. They lay crossed and thrown in every conceivable situation. Most of them were shot in the head. Could some of our women who have been insulted by the ruffian tools of the tyrant and despot, or some of the parents who have lost their children in defense of their country, have seen the slaughter they would have thought it a retribution for the wrongs the demons have inflicted on us. It was a ghastly sight and I will not sicken you with its horrible details. Our loss was not heavy. I enclose it herewith. On the 28th we entrenched the trenches for one poor Soldier. Amid all my troubles, trials and in the midst of the ghastly sights of war I seen one I was perfectly happy to know that my loved ones away in Texas were all well. This was the first news I have had from you since your letter dated the 29th of January. God bless you for the happiness you gave me. The money $300 was also received. I have sent the greater part to All for Father--100 $ was for All who is absent sick in the hospital. A thousand thanks for your remembrance.

Well, since the 27th we have done nothing of importance. There has been an occasional skirmish, but no engagement of importance. We have been running right to left wherever it was thought there was a weak place in the line liable to attack. Our Brigade was engaged the whole of the last night. It was the entire line that was engaged on the 27th at "New Hope Church" except the two Arkansas Regiments who came up late in the evening. That night was the right of the Texas Brigade. I wish there had been a general engagement along our entire line equally destructive to the enemy's army. Our men in the last few days have changed their line and are trying to flank us on the right. We have changed our line also. They won't attack but seem to desire to drive us back to Atlanta by flanking us. Genl. Johnston will not attack them yet. When he does attack there must be no chance for failure. I think since he has not heretofore attacked them that he will wait until he can be reinforced from Virginia, contending himself with holding them in check. Should they attack him they can beat them, but he will not attack them yet; when we get them started, you may look with confidence to hear of the ruin of our army; and rest certain too that the day is not far distant when they
will be started in the direction they come from. The spirit of the army is as good as ever. A more jovial rollklocksome set you never saw and the thirsty set of boys that were ever assembled. We have an abundance of bacon and bread all the time during this campaign. There is no complaint in that department. Though we have fallen back near 50 miles, we have whipped the Federals wherever we have met them and are as defiant as ever -- not a bit cowed. We know that Johnston has the matter all arranged and what he wants done is possible for soldiers to do, we will do it. We either had to fall back as we have done or attack the enemy in an entrenched position. Had Johnston attacked them near Dalton, and whipped them, the victory would have been a barren one, as they are boys of good heart too - generous and self sacrificing for a friend. Frank Mills was wounded as you will see from the report of the Court Martial. The loss of our army has been slight and the morale of the troops is unimpaired. Look for a victory that will put the army of Sherman hors de combat.

June 8th - We have again formed line of battle and are confronting the enemy. The right of our line rests on the railroad from Dalton to Atlanta, a mile or two above Carletta and then extends nearly at right angles with the railroad to the left as you face toward Dalton. As I told you, Johnston will fight the enemy whenever they attack him. This I do not think they desiredoing. We will perhaps skirmish, fall back a little and hold the enemy in check until we can get reinforcements from Virginia when we will take the offensive. Everything is quiet on our lines at present -- but little skirmishing at any point. I do not know that this hastily drawn up account will be very interesting to you. I have omitted much of personal history. The weather has been very bad and we have had many a muddy night march and nap on wet blankets, but everyone keeps in good health. I never enjoyed better health in my life, and as now as hardy as a Virginia pine. In the battle of the "New Hope Church" of the 17th, our men behaved like heroes. Co. "G" was on the right of the Regiment and the extreme right of the line. The boys fought like fighting Yankees. Sam Fisher was with us and lost his horse and came to our Company to do duty until he could get mounted. Sam behaved remarkably well. He drew his six shot pistol and in the first charge made five or six Yankees surrender and brought them in. Ben also acted gallantly. You can tell your mother they are both in good health and are as good soldiers as the Confederacy has. They are boys of good heart too - generous and self sacrificing for a friend. Frank Mills was wounded as you will see from the report of the Court Martial. The loss of our army has been slight and the morale of the troops is unimpaired. Look for a victory that will put the army of Sherman hors de combat.

Ben Piper--see Oliphant's list.

Jefferson Sevier was killed in action at New Hope Church 27 May 1864. Lt. Darius Marsh joined with Sneed. J.W.N. Hamilton survived 3 wounds. Fisher was evidently the son of Samuel Rhoads Fisher who died in 1839, despite qv in Handbook article. Col. Robert R. Garland

Forest - Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest.
he refused, saying he could not do without me as Adjutant. Gen. Granbury went to the hospital some days ago, sick. Col. Garland took command of the Brigade. There is an old feud between him and Colonel Wilks of the 24th Texas dismounted cavalry, and Wilks upon Garland assuming command became insubordinate. Garland placed him under arrest and preferred charges against him for mutinous conduct in front of the enemy. Col. Wilks then preferred charges against Garland for Cowardice at Arkansas Post and several other equally grave matters, and yesterday the division commander placed Garland under arrest in consequence of the charges and ordered him to report to Atlanta. Garland came to see me today and asked me to act as his counsel when the trial comes off. I don't like to dabble in the matter in any shape. It is a dirty piece of business from beginning to end. I have seen most all of the Travis County boys who belong to the 8th Texas Cavalry. Charley Stone, James McArthur, Barnard Zimpleman and the Kile boys. I gave Matt's letter to Jim Mcl. Why don't she write to Tom or Sam P.? They are worth a dozen McArthur's. Zimpleman brought me a mule saddle and bridle, so now I am mounted and bid defiance to the zud. Charley Pelham is the only one of the 'Terry Rangers' that has been killed recently. All the Cavalry boys are very clever and are willing to do anything they can for us.

Could you see the crowd of Travis boys that could be got together I know it would do you good. I have often looked on the group of poor boys and thought to myself how cheered some mother's hearts could be could they see the sight -- how many fond hopes were centered in those wayward boys. I have looked on them as they lay unconsiously sleeping and wished their friends could have the glass described in the last letter that gave the picture of whatever he gazed on it decided to see. God grant that the boys may all meet their friends once more. I shall not mention the men separately. You can tell all the boys who are in the hospital. There are some of the sick in hospital who are in as bad a condition. If you can get a letter from Mcl this morning, date the last line: He is in Atlanta to which point the hospital to which After Battle of Lookout Mountain (24 Nov 1862) Col. Hiram B. Granbury was made brigadier general; 6th Texas Infantry Regiment was assigned to "Granbury's Brigade." Col. Francis Catlett Wilkes 8th Texas Cavalry was called "Terry's Texas Rangers." "Kile boys" were A.J. Fergus, P.R. & William Kyle. "McArthur badly hurt at Aiken S.C." [Terry's Texas Rangers by L.B. Giles] he is attached has been removed. He has been detailed to report to the Medical Director and is now assigned to duty as the Clerk in "Irvin Hospital". It is an easy and pleasant place and has nothing to do but write a few hours each day. His arm is entirely well, but when he used it any length of time it gets very sore. This arises from the ball lying under the shoulder blade. As long as the arm is quiet it does well, but use of the arm causes the ball to irritate and make soreness. I have forbid him coming to the field and do not intend that he shall. As soon as the Campaign is ended, I intend to try and effect his transfer to the Trans-Miss Dept. He will not be fit for field I do not think. He begs me hard to let him come to the front, but I cannot consent and I told the Surgeon under whose charge he is and not pay any attention to his affectious notions and to keep him where he is. Will write me that his sweetheart and all Mr. Johnston's family are below Atlanta and have been up to see him. You have no idea how much better I feel in battle when I know all is safe. I would like, if he is to be in the field to have him with me while we are in camp, but in battle with a brother by your side is very trying. You can imagine what a mother's anxiety is for a son when she only imagines danger. Compare that with a brother who feels and hears death in the air all around his.

I sent father's and mother's letters to Mcl. Those letters were perfect treats. I hope that every one at home yet we will receive more. Mattie it seems is to be my literary sister. I am sorry you did not send me a copy of her communication "Self Pllowed Private". I must have been good to deserve the praise given it. I see a marked improvement in the style of her letters. Tell her to preserve the missals above all in writing -- but not to be so bashful about printing nor allowing friends to influence her to publish her effusions. Her more mature and severe style will not doubt commend her in a year hence when she may now think faultless. I am sorry to hear of Grand Mcl. Finning's condition. I hope though to see her again and that her fears are groundless. You must remember me to all at home and in town. Though I do not mention Lizy or Mr. Costa of course they are always included and my letters are to them the same as to all your friends. My last letter to you was one of peculiar interest. You must always write me.

"Trans-Miss Dept" was west of that river.

Lizy & Mr. Costa - his sister and brother-in-law ... Ada & Minnie - his daughters ... Uncle Edward Finning - his wife's uncle

Camp McCullock - Camp Henry E. McCullock, near Victoria, Texas.
ERROR IN 1870 CENSUS

Mrs. C.E. Dodgen of Arlington TX has advised us that a page was omitted from Texas State Library's microfilm copy of the 1870 Census of Washington Co, TX. She has seen the page on another library's film.

Evergreen Postoffice skips from Household 166 to 173. Omitted are #166 (King cont.); 167 Levinson; 168 Wm. McCarty; 169 E.W. Dogen; 170 Curtin; 171 Harris and 172 Martin.

We are grateful to Mrs. Dodgen for informing us of this and hope that interested searchers can find the page elsewhere.
LIST OF COMPANIES THAT ENGAGED IN THE
STORMING OF BEXAR, 5-10 December 1835

Part 2, First Division

For introduction see pp. 155-56 of November 1981 AGS Quarterly. Other companies that participated in "the storming of Bexar" were described in our last June and September issues, and a comparison of their muster rolls and "Detailed Reports" was made.

For the following companies in the First Division, we have only the Detailed Report, on which the volunteers are numbered consecutively after the last one (#58) in Capt. John York's company. Rank is not always indicated on the report; the names have been rearranged herein in alphabetical order but their numbers retained so the reader can judge if their relative positions had any significance when the list was compiled [e.g., Was #60 a lieutenant?].

Captain William Hester Patton's Company

59. Patton, Capt. - William H. [Hester in Handbook of Texas] - Don Cert - 640 a - 10 May 1838 for "service at Bexar and San Jacinto" [only one allowed] - 640 a Archer Cty pt'd to him 12 Mch 1857. ... Bty Wnt - 640 a - 20 Dec 1837 - serv 28 Sep 1835 to 13 Mch 1836 - 640 a Wood Cty pt'd to him 8 Oct 1846.


86. Caple, Elijah - None found for Elijah Ca---, Co--- or K---.

65. Davis, Francis - Nothing positive found.

75. Dupond, Joseph - Joseph, Joseph - Don Cert - 640 a - 10 Jan 1839 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Coleman Cty pt'd to him 1 Sep 1849 (actually 804 a). ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 11 Jan 1839 - serv 28 Sep to 13 Dec 1835 - 320 a Coleman Cty pt'd to him 31 Aug 1849.

68. Dust, Patrick - Durst, Patrick E. - Don Cert - 640 a - 27 Aug 1846 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Taylor Cty pt'd to him 11 June 1853. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 5 June 1841 - serv 1 Mch to 29 May 1836 - 320 a Fort Bend Cty pt'd to him 10 May 1876.


77. Gillett, Samuel - S.S. - Don Cert - 640 a - 4 June 1838 for "having fought at San Jacinto [and Bexar?] from 5-10 Dec 1835." A Land Office Muster Roll shows S. Gillett on the baggage detail at Harrisburg. - 620 a San Patricio Cty pt'd to him 11 Jly 1861. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 27 Dec 1837 - serv 28 Oct to 25 Dec 1835 - 320 a San Patricio Cty pt'd to him 22 Apr 1896.
67. Hendricks, Wm P. - William S. - Don Cert - 640 a - 16 Nov 1838 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Karnes Cty ptd to him 12 Jan 1846. ... Bty Wnt - 640 a - 16 Nov 1838 - serv 28 Sep 1835 to 22 Sep 1836 - 640 a Karnes Cty ptd to him 18 Dec 1845.

84. Lawson, Andrew - Bty Wnt - 320 a - 3 Jan 1838 - serv 5 Oct to 27 Dec 1835 - ptd to asgn in 1846.

73. Lightfoot, Wm - William W. - Don Cert - 640 a - 19 Oct 1840 San Jacinto - 640 a Dallas Cty ptd to him but canceled. ... Bty Wnt - 640 a - 8 Dec 1840 - serv 30 Nov 1835 to 30 May 1836. Two surveys in Marion Cty ptd to him 5 Aug 1874; one was canceled & another issued in lieu thereof 18 Feb 1841.

76. Linns(?) - Washington - Nearest possibility found; George W. Lyons, but no claim made participation in Siege of Bexar.

70. Marden, Isaac - Maiden, Isaac - Don Cert - 640 a - 31 Jly 1838 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Burleson Cty ptd to him 26 Jan 1841. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 31 Jly 1838 - serv 26 Sep to 23 Dec 1835 - 320 a Burleson Cty ptd to him 15 Oct 1850.

87. Mason, J.P. - No likely record found.


61. Pearce, W.G. - W.J.C. - Don Cert - 640 a - 10 Feb 1852 - San Jacinto - ptd to asgn 1858 & 1863. ... Bty Wnt - 640 a - 5 Jly 1838 - serv 28 Sep 1835 to 25 Jly 1836 - ptd to asgn in 1847.


88. Poke, Thomas - Polk, Thomas - Don Cert - 640 a - 15 May 1838 Siege of Bexar - ptd to asgn in 1863.

63. Rector, P. - Pendleton - Don Cert - 640 a - 26 Oct 1848 - San Jacinto - ptd to asgn in 1861. ... No Bty Wnt for 1835 service.

66. Rion, Isaac - Ryan, Isaac - Don Cert - 640 a - 22 Oct 1850 for having fallen in the Alamo - 640 a Palo Pinto Cty ptd to heirs 4 Jan 1851. ... Bty Wnt - 1920 a - 22 Oct 1850 - for same - 1920 a Palo Pinto Cty ptd to heirs 4 Jan 1851.

83. Robertson, James - No J--- Robertson/Roberts/Robinson with 1835 service found in Miller's Bounty & Donation Land Grants ...

78. Scott, Euclid - J.E. - Don Cert - 640 a - 12 Feb 1846 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Bee Cty ptd to him 4 Oct 1875. ... James W. - Bty Wnt - 320 a - 6 Mch 1838 - serv 9 Oct 1835 to 10 Jan 1836 - 320 a Hill Cty ptd to him 26 June 1848.
81. Smith, Wm - Impossible to determine which William Smith; see other muster rolls.

80. Smith, Wm W. - Don Cert - 640 a - 4 June 1838 - Siege of Bexar - 2 tracts San Patricio Cty ptd to him 231 a on 8 May 1873 & 409 a on 29 Oct 1874. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 5 June 1838 - serv 13 Sep to 13 Dec 1835 - 320 a Refugio Cty ptd to him 17 Apr 1857.

79. Tylor, Robert - Tyler, Robert D. - Don Cert - 640 a - 10 Jan 1839 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a LaSalle Cty ptd to heirs 6 Apr 1855. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 19 Jan 1839 - serv 25 Sep to 15 Dec 1835 - 160 a Burnet Cty ptd to him 3 Nov 1860.

64. Wright, Claiborn - Don Cert - 640 a - 25 June 1851. - for having fallen in the Alamo - 640 a Erath Cty ptd to heirs 17 Nov 1858. ... Bty Wnt - 1920 a - 25 June 1851 for same - 1920 a Erath Cty ptd to heirs 9 Nov 1860.

**Captain John Crane's Company**

89. Crane, John, Capt. - Don Cert - 640 a - 18 Jan 1850 - Siege of Bexar - 222 a Ellis Cty ptd to him 28 Sep 1870; 412 a Ellis Cty ptd to him 5 May 1873. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 22 Jan 1847 - service in 1836.

90. McDowell, Wm, Lt. - William (Heirs of) - Don Cert - 640 a - 3 Feb 1860 per Spl Act - service not specified. Amelia Williams lists him on her [imperfect] roll of the Alamo. - 640 a McCulloch Cty ptd heirs 8 Feb 1876. ... Bty Wnt - same in Floyd Cty.

95. Calvin, John - Bty Wnt - 320 a - 9 Feb 1854 - service in 1836 only claimed.

96. Dewell, Lewis - Duel, Lewis (Heirs) - Don Cert - 640 a - 29 Dec 1853 - Alamo - no survey made. ... Bty Wnt - 1920 a - 29 Dec 1853 - Alamo - ptd to heirs in Walker, Madison & Freestone counties in 1866, 1873 and 1881.

91. Gallatin, Albert - Don Cert - 640 a - 3 Jul 1841 - San Jacinto - ptd to asgn in 1853. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 19 Mch 1847 - serv 1 Nov 1835 to 1 Feb 1836 - 320 a Comanche Cty ptd to Greenleaf Fisk, asgn, 4 Mch 1856.

93. Lindley, Jonathon - Lindley, Jonathon (Heirs) - Don Cert - 640 a - 14 May 1839 - for having fallen at the Alamo - ptd to heirs in Smith Cty 1851 & 1852. ... Bty Wnt - 1280 a - 14 May 1839 - serv 14 Dec 1835 to 6 Mch 1836 [enough acreage to cover prior service also] - 1280 a Panola Cty ptd to heirs 10 Mch 1860.

92. Maine, Wm - Maine, George W. [fell at Alamo] - Bty Wnt - 1920 a - 11 Feb 1847 - for serv 16 Oct 1835 to 6 Mch 1836 - 985 a Nueces Cty ptd to heirs 26 Nov 1875; 223 a Refugio Cty ptd to heirs 8 May 1893; balance Tarrant Cty ptd to heirs 1874-75. OR Mann, William (Heirs) - Don Cert - 640 a - 14 Oct 1849 - for "his having been killed with Fannin." ... Bty Wnt - 960 a - 16 Mch 1860 - for serv until 27 Mch 1836 [960 a = 3x3 months which would include December 1835] - 960 a Archer Cty ptd to heirs in 1875.

94. McGee, Ralph - Don Cert - 640 a - 28 May 1838 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a San Jacinto Cty ptd to him 27 Nov 1841. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 3 Jan 1846 - serv 5-10 Dec 1835 - ptd to asgn in 1851.
Captain George English's Company

97. English, George, Capt. - Don Cert - 640 a - 27 Jan 1840 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Houston Cty ptd to him 28 Apr & 7 Dec 1857.
98. Foot, B.H. - 1 Lt. - Foote, Robert H. - Don Cert - 640 a - 21 June 1838 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Gregg Cty ptd to him 5 Mch 1851.
99. Dunn, C. - 1 Sergt - Dunn, John [only one with 1835 service]
Bty Wnt - 320 a - 21 June 1838 - serv 10 Oct 1835 to 14 Feb 1836 - 320 a Cherokee Cty ptd to heirs 8 Apr 1854.
100. Fassett, George, 2 Sergt - Fozquette, F.A. is only name found that remotely resembles Fassett, but no 1835 service shown.
101. Fassett, George, 2 Sergt - Fozquette, F.A. is only name found that remotely resembles Fassett, but no 1835 service shown.
102. Jordan, John - Only Noel M. Bain & Moses Baine found in Miller's Bounty and Donation Land Grants of Texas; no 1835 service.
Bty Wnt - 1280 a - 13 Nov 1837 - service not stated in wnt - ptd to asgn in 1841.
Herschel - Bty Wnt - 320 a - 25 Mch 1850 - serv 7 Nov to 6 Dec 1835 at "Siege of Bexar" - ptd to asgn in 1853.
Bty Wnt - 730 a - 27 Nov 1850 - serv 5-10 Dec 1835. Ptd to him in Houston Cty: 150 a 26 Feb 1855; 170 a 6 Nov 1861. Also Bty Wnt #731 - 320 a - 27 Nov 1851 for same service. 320 a Anderson Cty ptd to Jasper Starr, 29 Apr 1852.
106. Erwin, Wm A. - Irvin, William A. - Bty Wnt - 960 a - 5 Mch 1838 - serv 11 Nov 1835 to 26 Jly 1836 - 640 a Houston Cty ptd to him 14 May 1855; 84 a Poard Cty ptd to him 5 Sep 1911.
107. Hendrick, Thos - Hendricks, Thomas D. - Don Cert - 640 a - 28 Jan 1853 - Siege of Bexar - ptd to asgn 1858-59. ... Hendrick, Thomas - Bty Wnt - 320 a - 28 Jan 1853 - serv 1 Nov 1835 to 14 Feb 1836 - 320 a Jack Cty "ptd to him" 15 Apr 1858. [Amelia Williams's Alamo list includes Thomas Hendricks, but General Land Office files do not mention his death.]
108. Johnson, Joseph S. - Johnston, Joseph S. - Don Cert - 640 a - 23 Jan 1841 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Henderson Cty ptd "to him" 8 Oct 1846. ... Bty Wnt - 640 a - 4 Oct 1853 for "his service from --- 1835 to 27 March 1836 and having been killed with Fannin." 640 a Young Cty ptd to heirs 28 Jan 1858.
109. Jordan, J. - John - Don Cert - 640 a - 14 Dec 1850 - Siege of Bexar - ptd to asgn in 1862. ... Bty Wnt #747 - 320 a - 14 Dec 1850 serv 5-10 Dec 1835 at Siege of Bexar - ptd to asgn in 1861. ALSO Jordan, John F. - Don Cert - 640 a - 14 Dec 1850 - Siege of Bexar - ptd to asgn 1861, 1874. ... Bty Wnt #746 - 320 a - 14 Dec 1850 - serv 10 Oct to 14 Dec 1835 - ptd to asgn in 1860. [father & son?]
110. Lee, John - Bty Wnt - 320 a - 20 Apr 1838 - serv 1 Nov 1835 to 3 Jan 1836 - ptd to asgn in 1874.
111. Legrand, E.O. - Don Cert - 640 a - 19 Mch 1839 - San Jacinto - ptd to asgn 1872-73. ... Le Grand, E.O. - Bty Wnt - 320 a -
2 Aug 1860 - serv 5 Dec 1835 to 15 Mch 1836 - ptd to asgn in 1861. Later Bty Wnt ptd to him in Medina Cty 4 Apr 1873.

110. Lewis, George - George W. - Don Cert - 640 a - 13 Jan 1854 Siege of Bexar - 640 a Smith Cty ptd to him 14 Nov 1860. ... Bty Wnt 320 a - 8 May 1838 - serv 10 Oct 1835 to 17 Mch 1836 - 320 a Harrison Cty ptd to him 14 Dec 1893.


118. Savage, J. - No record found.


116. Spain, R.D. - Randolph D. (Heirs) - Don Cert - 640 a - because he "fell with Grant & Johnson." 320 a Delta Cty ptd to him 12 June 1872. 320 a for time in service & 640 a for death). Ptd to heirs in Delta, Hopkins & Lamar counties in 1866, 1867, 1870, 1873, 1899, etc.

109. Thomas, J.D. - No likely Thomas or Thompson found.

115. White, A.H. - Bty Wnt - 320 a - 3 May 1838 - serv 30 June to 30 Sep 1836 - ptd to asgn in 1850. ... Alvin E. - Bty Wnt - 640 a 2 Feb 1846 - serv 29 Nov 1835 to 4 June 1836 - 640 a Menard Cty ptd to him 28 Jan 1876.

102. Woodliff, D. - Woodlief, D.J. - Don Cert - 640 a - 27 Nov 1838 - San Jacinto - 640 a Erath Cty ptd to him 17 Sep 1851. ... Bty Wnt - 1280 a - 7 Dec 1837 - serv 13 Mch to 31 Dec 1836 - 1280 a Atascosa Cty ptd to Thomas C. Woodlief, asgn, 7 Feb 1846.

Captain Wm H. Landrum's Company

120. Landrum, Wm H., Capt. - Willis H. - Don Cert - 640 a - 27 Dec 1838 - Siege of Bexar - 320 a ptd to asgn in 1854; 320 a Hopkins Cty ptd to Landrum 12 June 1872. ... Bty Wnt possibilities: M.H. Landon (21 Nov 1835 to 23 Jly 1836) and William Langenhein (13 Nov 1835 to 29 Jan 1837).

121. Mitchell, David J., 1 Lt. - David - Don Cert - 640 a - 28 June 1838 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Rusk Cty ptd to him 6 Apr 1889.

122. McLaughlin, A.M., 2 Lt. - Bty Wnt - 320 a - 4 June 1840 - serv 12 Apr to 12 Jly 1836 - ptd to asgn in 1846. No McLaughlin shown with 1835 service.

123. Walker, Jacob, 1 Sergt. - Don Cert - 640 a - 17 Nov 1838 - for "Having been killed at Bexar" [The Alamo was at San Antonio de Bexar]. 640 a Upshur Cty "ptd in his name" 7 Feb 1846. ... Bty Wnt 1920 a - 8 May 1838 - serv 12 Nov 1835 to 6 Mch 1836 & death in the Alamo - 1920 a Kaufman Cty ptd to heirs 29 Aug 1845.

139. Becker, J. - Don Cert - 640 a - 21 Jan 1839 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Burnet Cty ptd to him 17 Oct 1845. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a
9 Nov 1841 - serv 12 Nov 1835 to 1 Jan 1836 - 320 a Burnet Cty ptd to him 23 Feb 1860.


124. Coble, Adam - Don Cert - 640 a - 12 Aug 1848 - Siege of Bexar - ptd to asgn in 1853. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 9 Dec 1853 - serv 5-10 Dec 1835 at Siege of Bexar - 320 a Taylor Cty ptd to him 1 Nov 1879.

141. Collins, E.M. - Don Cert - 640 a - 17 Nov 1840 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Leon Cty ptd to him 7 Feb 1849. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 15 Dec 1835 to 7 Jan 1836 - 160 a Hood Cty ptd to him 15 Feb 1877; 160 a Palo Pinto Cty ptd to him 22 June 1876.

132. Cooke, John - No record; David Cooke recd Don Cert - 640 a - 16 Sep 1850 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Hamilton Cty surveyed but not ptd. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 16 Sep 1850 - serv 14 Nov to 15 Dec 1835 & Siege of Bexar - ptd to asgn in 1880.

145. Cotter, Francis - Nothing found (Carter, Colter, Scotter)


147. Dickinson, Almeron - Dickenson, Almeron (Heirs) - Don Cert 640 a - 1 Aug 1839 - death in the Alamo - 640 a Clay Cty ptd to heirs 18 June 1855. ... Bty Wnt - 1920 a - 23 Apr 1838 - serv "from 7 Dec 1835 to 6 Mar 1836 & having fallen at the Alamo." - 1920 a Clay Cty ptd to heirs 18 June 1855. [Recommended reading: Susanna Dickinson: Messenger of the Alamo by C. Richard King (Austin: Shoal Creek Publishers, 1976)]

146. Evans, George - Only Evans/Evins with 1835 service was Vincent L. - no mention of Bexar.


126. Greer, Andrew J. - Greer, Andrew - Don Cert - 640 a - 26 Feb 1852 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Hamilton Cty ptd to him 25 Sep 1852. ... Green, Andrew J. - Bty Wnt - 320 a - 20 Dec 1837 - serv 16 Oct 1835 to 1 Jan 1836 - 320 a Karnes Cty ptd to him 11 May 1852.

142. Harris, John - (Heirs) Don Cert - 640 a - 30 Sep 1851 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Panola Cty "ptd in his name" 5 May 1857. ... Bty Wnt - 960 a - 20 Jly 1860 - for "service until 6 Mch 1836 & having fallen in the Alamo" [could include service 5-10 Dec 1835.]. 960 a Cherokee Cty ptd to heirs 5 Aug 1873.

134. Hayton, Nathl - Only Nathaniel H--- found was Holbrook. Also looked for Eaton (Cockney influence), Heaton, Harton, Hatton.


128. Johnson, S.M. - No S.M. Johnson/Johnston found. Under phonetically similar F. Francis & Francis W. Johnson recd Don Certs for Siege of Bexar; both were in service at the time of the "storming."

131. Lewis, Jacob - Don Cert - 640 a - 13 June 1838 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Gregg Cty ptd to him 20 Mch 1848. ... No Bty Wnt.
137. McLeod, Neal - McLeod, John D. - Don Cert - 640 a - 6 June 1838 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Grayson Cty ptd to him 8 Feb 1842. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 8 Mch 1838 - Serv 22 Oct 1835 to 22 Feb 1836 - ptd to asgn in 1846. OR McLane, Neill - Don Cert - 640 a - 26 Oct 1854 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Hays Cty ptd to him 16 Mch 1855. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 20 Dec 1847 - serv 12 Nov 1835 to 1 Jan 1836 - 320 a Hays Cty ptd to him 16 Mch 1855.
135. Pitman, H.M. - Don Cert - 640 a - 23 Apr 1839 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Bandera Cty ptd to him 27 Nov 1845. ... Pitman, H.M. Bty Wnt - 1280 a - 4 Jan 1838 - serv 14 Nov 1835 to 29 June 1837 - ptd to asgn in 1868.
130. Thompson, Singleton - Don Cert - 640 a - 15 Apr 1855 - Siege of Bexar - ptd to asgn in 1862. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 16 Apr 1855 - Siege of Bexar - 160 a Burnet Cty ptd to him 2 Nov 1867.
144. Ward, John - (Heirs) Bty Wnt - 960 a - 11 Apr 1860 - for "his service to 27 Mar 1836 & having been killed with Fannin"[Could include service 5-10 Dec 1835]. 5 surveys in Live Oak Cty ptd to heirs in 1878.
129. Yates, Thos - Don Cert - 640 a - 1 June 1855 - Siege of Bexar - 2 tracts Brazos Cty, 279 a & 320 a, ptd to C.C. Seale, asgn, 30 Apr & 16 May 1860; 41 a Brazos Cty ptd to H. Mitchell, asgn, 15 Jly 1862. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 16 Dec 1837 - serv 1 Nov 1835 to 1 Jan 1836 - 320 a Palo Pinto Cty ptd to him 14 Feb 1877.

**Captain Thomas Lewellyn's Company**

148. Lewellyn, Thomas, Capt - Don Cert - 640 a - 28 May 1838 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Shelby Cty "ptd to him" 7 Nov 1850. ...(Heirs) Bty Wnt - 1920 a - 31 May 1847 - serv "5-10 Dec 1835 at San Antonio & having been killed by the Mexican troops when with the command of Col Fannin" - 1185 a Jack Cty ptd to heirs 31 Jan 1870.
165. Arnold, Hendrick - Guide [? looks like the Guidle just above it on list] - Don Cert - 640 a - 22 Dec 1838 - Siege of Bexar - ptd to asgn in 1849. [Kendrick Arnold in Brown's History of Texas]
156. Blair, S. (?) C. - Samuel - Don Cert - 640 a - 3 Feb 1840 - Alamo - 640 a Maverick Cty ptd to heirs 16 Sep 1851. ... Bty Wnt - 960 a - 3 Feb 1840 - serv 5 Dec 1835 to 6 Mch 1836 - 480 a Frio Cty ptd to heirs 10 June 1848; same on 15 June 1858.
162. Cunningham, R.M. - Robert (Heirs of) - Don Cert - 640 a - 10 Dec 1853 - Alamo - 640 a Parker Cty ptd to heirs 7 Jan 1862. ...
Bty Wnt - 1920 a - 10 Dec 1853 - same service [enough to cover 5-10 Dec 1835 service] - 1642 a Bell Cty ptd to heirs 30 Dec 1854; 138 a Coryell Cty ptd to heirs 9 May 1861; 137 a Bell Cty ptd to heirs 5 Apr 1883.

158. Everhard, Dr. or Dd.- No Ever/Eberhard(t) found.

160. Francis, Sebastian - Bty Wnt - 1280 a - 13 Nov 1837 - Spl Act of Congress - military service not stated on wnt - ptd to asgn in 1847.

164. Guilde, Alfred R. - Don Cert - 640 a - 23 Jan 1842 - Siege of Bexar - 3 tracts Robertson Cty ptd to him in 1860.


159. Jemison, J.B. - Jameson, Green B. (Heirs) - Don Cert - 640 a - 12 June 1851 - Alamo - 640 a Chambers Cty ptd to heirs 17 Dec 1873 [filed in bounty patent record book but is a donation]. ... Jemison, Green B. (Heirs) Bty Wnt - no mention of 1835 service, but 1920 acres should cover that period of time before Battle of Alamo. Ptd in Lampasas Cty to heirs on 23 Nov 1875.


161. Lear?, W.R. - No record found.


152. Reams, S.F. - S.Y. - Don Cert - 640 a - 8 Aug 1838 - detailed to guard camp at Harrisburg - 640 a Milam Cty ptd to him 29 Jan 1841. ... Bty Wnt - 960 a - 8 Aug 1838 - serv 25 Sep 1835 to 30 May 1836 - 960 a Milam Cty ptd to him 23 Oct 1845.

149. Wentworth, John - The only W----worths were W.A.C. Hadsworth & Jeremiah Whitworth. Former served 4 Oct 1835 to 27 Mar. 1836.

163. Wickson, Byron - Don Cert - 640 a - 23 Dec 1841 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a McLennan Cty ptd to him 1 Dec 1847. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 23 Dec 1841 - serv 18 Oct to 13 Dec 1835 - ptd to asgn 1847.

163. Wickson, Lyn - Cyrus - Don Cert - 640 a - 12 July 1833 - Siege of Bexar - 640 a Colorado Cty ptd to him 17 Feb 1841. ... Bty Wnt - 320 a - 7 Dec 1837 - serv 18 Oct to 13 Dec 1835 - ptd to asgn.

(to be continued)
"0" Names in 1880 Census Soundex for Illinois ... AGS member Ellen Seals called our attention to an item appearing in the Chicago Genealogy Society Newsletter for December 1981 (also reprinted in GENEALOGY the next month). It seems that over 1,000 cards were accidentally skipped in microfilming the 1880 census soundex for Illinois, in codes 0-2 to 0-240. But now the missing data (so essential for locating households with a child aged 10 or under) has been copied by and is available for $15 from Nancy Grubb Frederick, 1209 Maple Ave., Evanston IL 60202. Thanks to all concerned!

Availability of Census Microfilm ... Some genealogists are angrily screaming about the economy measures that forced the National Archives to discontinue the service of sending out census and other microfilms on interlibrary loan. It is a sad blow, but we must remember that our avocation is not vital to the welfare of the nation. Searchers who cannot go to Washington or to one of the 11 regional Federal Archives and Records Centers, or to the Genealogy Section of Texas [or other] State Library, but do have access to a microfilm reader, take heart! You may either (1) buy the desired reels at $15 each from Publications Sales Branch (NEPS), NARS, Washington DC 20408; or (2) rent them from someone such as Darlene Winter, Box 312-A, Holland MI 49423. She will rent censuses at $15 per reel in advance, of which $10 will be refunded when the reel is returned (insured and intact) within the month rental period. Enclose SASE and specify year, state & county of census desired, or year, state & surname of Soundex. Allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.

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The Hon. ______, USS Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510 Dear Senator ______,

I am very much in favor of S. 1421, the National Archives and Records Administration Act.

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MISSOURI LAND CLAIMS is a facsimile reproduction of an official report made in 1835 to the U.S. Congress by the Board of [Land] Commissioners at St. Louis. It is the final report of investigations first authorized in 1804 as a result of the Louisiana Purchase. The treaty of cession (1803) had mandated that the people of that vast region be "protected in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property, and the religion they profess."

Since that property had been obtained variously from France and Spain, the laws regulating title varied, not to mention customs, such as community property rights of a surviving spouse, pre-emption and re-granting of lands not developed by original grantee, measurement in arpents rather than acres, and the tendency to claim long, narrow strips radiating from a village or stream instead of the rectangular tracts favored in the eastern part of the United States.

Furthermore, the French and Spanish officials had failed to follow their own regulations (especially in "Upper Louisiana") so that virtually all land titles in eastern Missouri were imperfect.

It was imperative to determine what land still belonged to the Government and could be granted to land-hungry immigrants. The first commission (1808-12) appointed to do so confirmed 1342 claims; later arbitrators reviewed their rejections and reversed many. The final commission, on a more liberal basis, found 90 claims worthy of approval. They called these the first class, but numbered them 256 to 345 and placed them first in the bound volumes.

The 1835 surveyor's map of Townships 46-48 contains many plats numbered far beyond 345--apparently the numbers of the confirmations seen in Table B on pages 411-13. It is interesting to see the patchwork of odd-shaped claims laid over the regulation township grid, but I am unable to locate the 90 approved claims on it.

Each claim is first summarized in tabular form, then a summary of the evidence offered at prior hearings is set forth. Testimony of witnesses who appeared before the commissioners 1833-35 is somewhat fuller than previously; the final decision is endorsed by all three commissioners. There are references to "Bates's minutes" (a commissioner in 1807) and to "book No. 3, page 54" etc. which may be the record of those minutes. Possibly one could find the original depositions in full by thorough search among the records.

Examination of the index (which has some unfortunate omissions) reveals many names familiar to Texans: Moses and James Austin, Daniel and Squire Boone, Manuel Gayoso de Lemos, Reason (Rezin) Bowie, James Kerr, Cottle, Labadie, Linn, Pettit, Zadock Woods, Adam Zumalt/Zoomalt/Zoomalt/Soomalt/Sommalt [Zumwalt].

There are many French names, well spelled on the whole, but the Spanish ones did not fare so well. Santiago (actually St. James) is often used for James, even with Anglo surnames, and was sometimes cor-
ruptured to Diego, St. Yago, Santyago, St. Gemme, or the French Jacques. The printer had interpreted Louis Bissonet as Lewis Biponet but the indexer detected that common pitfall and cross-indexed it. She made a puzzling entry "Janipe, Francois see Janisse, Francoise" [thereby changing his gender], but I could not find the name printed Janipe.

Another amusing situation: Some French surnames got teamed up with the Spanish form of their Christian names; e.g., Antonio for Antoine. An occasional French name is followed by "dit" which means called or surnamed. "Baptiste Aumure alias Taumure" is the understandable result of eliding the last consonant of his Christian name, while "Joseph Doubleweye, alias Deblois" [Dublois?] shows what the three American commissioners made of a simple French name. And McHugh sometimes came out McGue. All in all, this index gives good clues for researching in other early 19th-Century documents.

But the real beauty of Missouri Land Claims for genealogists who are fortunate enough to locate an ancestor in it lies in the wealth of personal details related by witnesses: how many children a man had on a certain date; evidence that some were killed by Indians; when they moved off the land for safety's sake or because the wife fell ill; what crops the settler planted on what creek or in what district; the improvements he made (grist mill, distillery, lead mine); the size of his dwelling; names of his neighbors; ages of witnesses, and occasionally where they came from: James Wilbourn planted seed he had brought from Georgia.

This book has been placed in the Genealogy Section of Texas State Library as a gift from Austin Genealogical Society and the following individual members: Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Griffin, Mrs. Pauline Cooney, Mrs. Ralph A. Bickler, C.O. Johnson, Mrs. Cindy Selman, Mrs. Mary Katherine Lemburg, C.W. Guelker, Mrs. Joe Neal, Dr. James B. Carter.


This handsome volume presents 2,589 descendants of Nicholas Gassaway (bapt. 1634; d. 1692), a prominent citizen of Maryland. The advertising flyer describes his immigration (transported by Richard Owen) as "the historical advent of Col. Nicholas Gassaway into the Province of Maryland in 1650." It is evidenced that he became a colonel in the militia about 1689. His life is impressively documented in this Genealogical History.

In addition, many Gassaway/Gazzaway lines not yet connected to that worthy are set forth in this tremendous compilation. The Rutherfords have carefully documented every statement as far as they are able; some of the material contributed by others may, of necessity, be backed only by family tradition. The standard sources seem to have been researched: wills, Bibles, census, cemeteries, marriage & church records, newspapers, old letters [no land records?].

Another source was Gassaway Family History 1600-1978, privately
printed by Hattie W. Jackson, who gave a quite interesting explanation of the jagged points usually seen in the mantling surrounding a heraldic escutcheon. On that subject, I must protest against the inclusion of the arms of an unidentified Gassaway who, the compilers admit, has not been connected to Thomas, the progenitor of this line in England. Such a practice cannot but diminish the credibility of the research done and conclusions reached.

Furthermore, the blazon of the armorial bearings is decidedly not-novel: "SHIELD: / Gules [red] on a chevron / Argent [silver] three estoilles / [Star-shaped figures] sable [black]." Slashes indicate ends of lines on p. xiv of the book.

Since the color follows the charge that it applies to in heraldic descriptions, this shield would be red, the chevron silver, and the estoilles black, but the frontispiece of the book shows the chevron red and the field silver—which seems more likely in a very old escutcheon, as we are told this is. According to L.G. Pine and other authorities whose books I have studied, the background tincture should be given first: Argent [the surface of the shield forms the field, silver], on a chevron gules [red, there are] three estoilles sable [black stars with 6 wavy points]. The mantling would be silver lined with red, the two principal colors used.

I cannot refrain from mentioning my amazement to see "Westminster" misspelled over 30 times. One would think that the compilers would have heard the name pronounced or seen it printed when they were in London. "Minster" and "minister" come from different roots, as most dictionaries show. The discussion of the ancient church and abbey is quite interesting, despite the annoying distraction of spelling.

In the latter part of the book, where space is so precious, the compilers employ a clever device: giving the name and date of a newspaper in a footnote instead of quoting the whole obituary. As this is the twelfth genealogy the Rutherfords have compiled, I'm sure they have no trouble remembering what each typeface and style of numeral signifies, and why the numbers are not always sequential, but it may take a new reader some time to find a wanted number. I do suggest that the reader look up the difference between "dowry" and "dower," which are confused on page 338.

I have nothing but unqualified admiration for the index: clear, neat, thorough, no wasteful repetition of surname. Perhaps the inexperienced reader should be cautioned not to overlook the one Ma---before the Mc's. The pattern was to intermingle the Mac's and Mc's, but in this case there was only one Mac among five columns of Mc's, so there is a great gulf between Mabile and Madden. I was expecting Me---after so many Mc's.

Those who find a wanted name or names in the index will have ample reason to be grateful to the Rutherfords for donating this voluminous compilation to AGS and thus to Texas State Library.
Family Ties is an excellent compilation of Bible records of early settlers of Lafayette County, Mississippi AND of members of the Skipwith Society from across the country. This active society has also published cemetery records (two volumes), abstracts of 1836-1898 wills, marriages, and Early Settlers (reviewed in AGS Quarterly of March 1981) of Lafayette County. They expect to publish old letters pertaining to the county in the near future. For details, write to Mrs. Theron Bratton, chairman, at address given above.

As these Bible records were contributed, the Publication Committee inspected them and made an effort to confirm or correct whatever appeared to be in error (apparent mistakes made in copying). Some contributions contradict others; the committee invites correspondence "only if proof of inaccuracy accompanies the corrections", plus, of course, a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Each Bible record is preceded by data from its front pages (publisher, date etc.); where the sheets were found if torn from the Bible; name of copier and date; and name and address of present owner--whenever such information was obtainable.

INDEX OF NORTH CAROLINA ANCESTORS compiled by computer from information submitted by 1003 of their descendants. North Carolina Genealogical Society, Box 1492, Raleigh NC 27602. 1981; 378 pp. + Introduction; cardboard covers; 8½ x 11"; $17.50.

Under the skillful guidance of Anne Correll, Helen P.M. Leary, and other members of NCGS, this Index of North Carolina Ancestors was published to "stimulate the exchange of genealogical information among researchers" and to eliminate duplication of effort by new descendants of early North Carolinians.

The book consists of three indexes and a supplement, based on data submitted 1979-80. First, the Ancestor Index (alphabetical) includes Date, Place & NC County [Code No.] for his Birth, Death & Marriage, plus NC County in which he resided, and Name(s) of Spouse or Spouses. Last comes the Contributor Code No. which appears with each ancestor that person submitted.

Second, the Spouse Index gives their surnames in alphabetical order followed by name of Ancestor, concluding with "Doubtful Names, Maiden Names, and Double Surnames" [e.g., Johnson/Johnston].
Third, the Contributor Index begins with nine pages of contributors' names (in alphabetical order) and their computer code numbers, followed by a section of those numbers in sequence, each above the complete name and address of the person it applies to.

Thus every factor is cross-indexed. Supplementing all these data are a county map of North Carolina, a table showing parent and descendant counties with dates, a page of abbreviations used, and an informative Introduction.

Although the Society cannot guarantee the accuracy of contributed data, this monumental volume is well worth its price for the service it renders in furnishing up-to-date addresses of our fellow researchers.

A LEGEND COLLECTION, Fact & Fantasy, edited by Ellen Seals; published by Anderson Mill Gardeners, Inc., c 1981. Soft cover, 124 pp. + 24 pp. index; Illustrations. $7 at Corner Bookstore (8664-A Spicewood Springs Road); $8 by mail from AGS member Ellen Seals (Mrs. James D. Seals, Box 477, Cedar Park TX 78613; phone 258-5683).

A Legend Collection, Fact & Fantasy is a charming compilation of reminiscences and legends collected by members of the Anderson Mill Garden Club in Williamson County, Texas. Geographically centered around that historical mill, the sketches depict the histories of such communities as Anderson Mill, Bagdad, Blockhouse Fort, Buttercup, Cedar Park, Dodd City, Fairview, Hudson's Bend, Jinks/Jenks Branch, Jollyville, Leander, Liberty Hill, Nameless, Pleasant Hill, Pond Springs, Round Rock, Rutledge, Travis Peak and Volente. The very names excite one's curiosity and evoke nostalgia.

Early settlers on Brushy, Bull, Cypress, Running Brushy and Sandy Creek are identified and "brought to life" in accounts of their trials and their triumphs.

Several Civil War letters and diary excerpts are accompanied by unofficial rosters of the writers' comrades in arms. Some quaint Indian legends are related, but no indication of their source is given. Nor is there any authority cited for data in an article on Gardens of the Bible--One is inclined to ask "How do you know?" when told that the Rose of Sharon is really a tulip. Could it be that some learned scholar has not been given credit for his research?

The full-name index is neatly but wastefully presented. Why type Dodd 25 times? Why not DODD, then the given names of all persons who have/had that surname, followed by the places?

Several pages of photographs of old families and landmarks add to the pleasure in store for the reader. There's a lot of interesting genealogical data tucked away in these reminiscences, some pertaining to families living as far away as Gonzales, Waco, Bellville, Bastrop, and of course Austin. This is a book for happy browsing among heart-warming scenes of yesteryear.

We are pleased to have some assistance in reviewing books for this issue. If you would like to try your hand at book reviewing, just speak to the editor.

Burke County was one of the eight original counties mentioned in Georgia's first State Constitution of 1777. It was called St. George Parish under the Royal Province of Georgia prior to 1777. Parts of Jefferson, Screven, Jenkins and Warren counties were taken from Burke. Since most of the very early records of Burke County were lost, the information in this book should be a valuable research tool for everyone interested in this area of Georgia.

General contents are: English Crown Grants in St. George's Parish 1755-1775; Land Owners in St. George Parish; State Land Grants in Burke, Jefferson and Screven counties; Burke County Land Lottery Records 1805-1832; Federal Censuses of Burke County 1820-1850 (including Agricultural, Mortality and Slave Schedules), plus a few tax digests and maps.

"Happy Searching"
--Wilena D.K. Young

CEMETERY RECORDS, DOE RUN, ST. FRANCIS COUNTY, MISSOURI 1891-1981, copied by Mrs. William G. Murdick; Sarah Barton Murphy Chapter, Missouri Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. 176 pp., fully indexed.

This is an excellent compilation of the cemetery records of Doe Run MO and is indeed a welcome addition to the Missouri Collection in the Genealogy Section of Texas State Library.

One of the things I noticed in this volume, often neglected in other cemetery books, is the inclusion of the wife's maiden name in the entries. The value of the book is further enhanced by notations of relationships between the deceased and other persons buried in the cemetery, and entries showing place of death and place of birth.

As my hobby is listing veterans, I also found interesting the inclusion of the war and the unit in which the particular veteran participated. We are grateful for this gift.

--Barbara Goudreau

If you are seeking to GARNER sheaves of family data, you might write to Mrs. Helen M. Swenson, 102 Northwest Drive, Round Rock TX 78664. She will send you the "Raking for Garner" Newsletter three times a year for $12.

In 1890 Charles Warren Haskins of New Bedford, Mass., published The Argonauts of California, Being the Reminiscences of Scenes and Incidents That Occurred in California in Early Mining Days; by a Pioneer, which included a 141-page list of "Names of Pioneers Who Came by Land and Sea to California in 1849." The list is difficult to use because it consists of several categories such as members and ex-members of pioneer associations, 49'ers throughout USA who were not members of argonaut associations, members of mining companies, and ship passenger lists. Thus the seeker must search several lists.

Although Haskins did not cite his sources for the lists, "this secondary source remains as the most comprehensive single list of the forty-niners." Some years ago Libera Martina Spinazze compiled a card index under the auspices of the Society of California Pioneers. In 1958 it was converted to typescript by California State Society of the D.A.R., and now is available in book form via photoreproduction.

While the typing leaves something to be desired and the alphabetizing is less than perfect, this is a valuable research tool. I do not know how accessible a copy of Haskin's book may be, but if you are looking for one of the 27,000 men named in it, you may call this index a lucky strike, indeed. [I had four distinctively named relatives who reached the California coast in August 1849, but none of their names appear. Neither does a famed Texan who later became sheriff of San Francisco: Col. John Coffee Hays ("Jack")--unless he is the one listed as merely John Hays among the "Territorial Pioneers living on [the] Pacific Coast".]

But for those who are fortunate enough to acquire some "Dust, the information in this index varies from just a grain ("Ex-mem. S.F.P.A.") to a nugget such as "Steamer Isthmus from New Orleans April 21, 1849" to a bonanza: "Member of Bay State & California Trading Co. & Passenger of Brig Alamena from Boston; arrived S.F. July 1849." "Co. left N.Y. Dec. 20, 1849, for Calif. via Mexico" is a sizeable nugget; "Pioneer of Marin, Sonoma, Napa & Mendocino counties" gives you four areas to search. And wouldn't you like to know that your man was a "Mem. company from Shelby Co., Ill., April 13, 1849"?

After the alphabetical list of men is one of "Vessels Carrying Passengers to California," specifying type such as bark, brig, schooner, ship, steamer. Next is a list of places (states and cities mixed) that the pioneers came from, with starting dates & places, etc. Fourteen companies are named, ranging from the optimistic (biblical Ophir) to the cynical (Illinois Sucker Co.). Finally, seven pioneer associations are named, explaining the initials used throughout the index.

Argonauts who did not reach California in 1849 (or earlier) by ship, or who did not stay long or join a pioneer association, or did not somehow cross the path of C.W. Haskins are not likely to be found in this index. No gold dust for their descendants!
DUBINA, HOSTYN AND AMMANNsville by Robert Janák, Beaumont TX, 1978; 13 pages; locator map.

Subtitled The Geographic Origin of Three Czech Communities in Fayette County, Texas, this informative booklet is a study of early settlers based on gravestone inscriptions.

There are several pages of historical background of the Czechs who began to arrive in this area in 1856. Tabulation of tombstone data shows that most had been born in Moravia. Many villages are named (with the caveat that some were misspelled on the stones).

The book concludes with a rich reward for Czech researchers: a tabulation of the names, lifespans, and villages of residence of approximately 170 men, grouped under their respective hometowns in Moravia, Bohemia or Silesia, plus a few who came from Austria, Hungary, Alsace or Germany.

Was This Your William Johnson?

I do solemnly swear that on or about the 5 day of November 1835,

I personally inspected the $75.00 of Section 17 Township

21 Range 11 ½ in the district of land subject to sale at Tuscaloosa;

and that there was not, at that time any person residing thereon or cultivating the same; except William Johnson, who had about two acres in cultivation but had left the country for Texas and I do not believe any pre-emption rights exist thereto. either under the act of 29th May, 1830, or that of the 15th June, 1831.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Tuscaloosa, the 6th day of November 1835. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, on day and year aforesaid.

This certificate was found in the General Land Office records at Suitland MD by a descendant of Kelon Smith Caraway and sent to AGS Quarterly by Mrs. L.M. Rathbone (Bettye). It shows that prior to 5 Nov 1835 one William Johnson cultivated land in the Tuscaloosa AL area, then departed for Texas. Many men of that name received land grants for service in the Texas Revolution—see T.L. Miller's Bounty and Donation Land Grants of Texas, 1835-1888.
Families onto family card forms (hence the identification numbers) and offers this generosity and admire his painstaking research. We appreciate his interesting compilation of the Margarets and Elizabeths to our readership. He has made cards for all persons surnamed Rhea in that portion of the book and will be glad to check his files for those who write and enclose SASEs. We appreciate his generosity and admire his painstaking research.
MAXEY-MEEKS. (1) Does anyone know where this headstone belongs? "J. MAXEY Co. B Texas State Troops C.S.A." No dates; perhaps broken off another part that had the dates on it. (2) Have all Webberville and Manchaca cemeteries been printed? I am trying to find graves of John and Mary MEEKS.-- Ms. A. Beatrice Schwammel, 4502 Banbury Bend, Austin TX 78745.

BOATRIGHT-CALDWELL-COX-FOSTER-HARRELL-HAYNIE-JOHNSON-JONES MCCUTCHEON-O'REILLY-PEARCE-WANSLEY-WILLIAMS. Seek to correspond with descendants of the following concerning family history: (1) William M. "Bill" McCutcheon and Elizabeth Jane Harrell, m. ca 1835 in Travis Co, TX & lived near Webberville; later lived near Hutto, Williamson Co, TX. Who was Jacob Harrell (res Travis Co pre 1840)?

(2) A.C. Jones (b. ca 1816 GA) & wife E. --- (b. ca 1819) res near Del Valle, Travis Co.

(3) Robert Jones (b. ca 1820 GA) & wife Mary --- (b. ca 1825) res same.

(4) John Pettis Jones (b. ca 1823 GA) & wife Mary Jane McCutcheon (b. ca 1838 Travis Co) m. 14 Jan 1857, Travis Co.

(5) John Caldwell (1802-70) & wife Lucinda Whey Haynie (1809-95) res Bastrop Co, TX.

(6) Rev. James Alfred Caldwell (1807-54) & wife Catherine Frances O'Reilly (1811-1902) res near Garfield, Travis Co.

(7) Walter Haynie Caldwell (1842-1910) & wife M. Lou Jones (1854-1930) lived in Austin TX.

(8) J.R. Pearce & Mattie Jones m. 24 Dec 1877, Travis Co.

(9) Jack G. Williams & Alice Jones m. 3 Mch 1878, same.

(10) Friend Boatright & Eva Williams m. 21 Aug 1904, ".

(11) Louis B. Cox & Martha Caldwell m. 23 Jan 1857, Travis Co.

(12) William J. Johnson & Harriet T. Caldwell m. 7 Dec 1873, same. [Artwork Courtesy Lender's Bagels]

(13) Hugh C. Foster & Louisa J. Jones m. 10 Sep 1873, same.

(14) William Tletcher Caldwell & Mary Ann Wansley m. 2 Mch 1870 same.

(15) Sam Foster & Willy Jones m. 30 Mch 1870, same.

---Howard W. Martin, 2120 Grant, El Paso TX 79930.

MCKENZIE-WALDON. Seeking contact with others interested in: Roland Bolivar McKenzie (b. 1829 AL) res Tennessee & Arkansas; may have married in Texas 1850-52, as first child (Sarah) born there 1852. All others born in California: Mary (1855), James Alexander, Asa, Lee, Daniel, William Franklin and Beulah.

Possibly a brother of Roland B.: David McKenzie (b. in AL) was in CA in 1850; last residence TX. According to Latter-Day Saints Index, "Rauldon" Bolivar McKenzie m. Julia Waldon in 1883 at "Austin, Ball Creek." --Mrs. Barbara Pelcher, 7102 Newbury, San Bernardino CA 92404.

[Ed. Note: Probably Bull Creek--see review of A Legend Collection on p. 28 hereof. Its index contains McKenzies and Waldons.]
NEW POLICY FOR REPLACEMENT OF MISSING AGS QUARTERLIES

Because of rising costs (of both production and postage), Austin Genealogical Society is forced to revise its policy concerning the replacement of missing copies of its quarterlies.

If a copy was not received because a member or exchange partner forgot to notify our mailing committee of an address change in time for the regular mailing, we will replace it for a fee of $2, postpaid. (Some of our issues cost us more than that.)

Since our mailing labels are photocopied from previous ones, if the address is right on one issue, you should receive all subsequent issues in that calendar year; that is, if one fails to arrive it is not because of an addressing error on our part.

If the loss is attributable to an act of POD (Post Office Department), we will send another copy for only $1, when we are notified in time to include it in our next mailing (about the middle of March, June, September and November).

But when we are notified that several issues are missing from an exchange partner's shelves, and their address has not changed, there is reason to suspect "shelf loss" or pilferage, which is somewhat more preventable than loss in the mails. In such a case we request (and are willing to pay) $1 per copy plus postage.

We appreciate the compliment paid to our quarterly when libraries and societies request replacement copies, but it seems only fair for the recipient to bear part of the cost when publications are inadvertently lost--when it is no more our fault than yours.

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[PLEASE do not send dues to the Editor's home address. Orders for back numbers of the Quarterly and material to go into it go to the Editor; payments, changes of address and notice of missing copies of the Quarterly should go to the Society's box number so the Treasurer and the Mailing Committee can take appropriate action.]

Heretofore we have sent the March issue to all on the previous year's mailing list, but that has become too expensive. If the dues of a former member or subscriber [There's no difference, really] are not received by the Treasurer by the 10th of March, your name will be removed from the mailing list. If you pay your dues later and want this first issue sent first class, there will be a $1 mailing charge.

New members who join later in the calendar year and pay the full amount will receive all four quarterlies via bulk mailing, unless they choose to pay for first class mailing.

If you fail to receive a copy because you did not notify us of a change of address in time, the charge will be $2.

We deeply regret having to institute a "get tough" policy, but printing and postage costs demand it.