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Each year since 1974 the Texas Department of Agriculture has recognized families who have operated a farm or a ranch on the same land continuously for a hundred years. Brief histories of the award-winning families, naming successive land owners and their children and grouped under the respective county name, are published annually. Since the attractive volumes (which include many heirloom pictures) have the names of only current land owners in their indexes, AGS Quarterly is attempting to remedy that deficiency as space permits. Instead of page numbers, we group the names by their counties (which cover only a few pages), assuming that the researcher will want to read about all his ancestor's neighboring relatives and friends.

Apologies are offered if some surnames are wrong - sometimes the narratives are hard to interpret as to generations - whether Tom, Dick and Mary are children of the founder or his daughter.

Married names are in parentheses in the book, but the genealogical form (maiden names in parentheses) is used herein. If a name is unknown, we put three dots in parentheses; nicknames are in quotation marks; editorial suggestions in brackets; "pic" indicates that there is a picture of family members or buildings on the given page.

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TEXAS FAMILY LAND HERITAGE REGISTRY

ANGELINA COUNTY

Copeland, John M. - Mary Alice (Weeks)
Dalley, Laura McNeely
Farmer, Frances (Henry)
Gantt, Etta Mae
Henry, Dee - James Curtis - Laura Callie (Weeks) - Velma
Hughes, Mary Eloise (Copeland)
Jordan, Dwayne - Kathi Annette (Weeks)
Martin, Sarah Ann
Quavado, Thomas
Ritchie, Vivian (Henry)
Ryan, Geneva Florence
Walker, Betty Jane (Copeland)
Warner, Mary Frances
AUSTIN COUNTY

Ashorn, Bertha (Mieth)
Foerster, Albert - August - Clara (Mieth) - Henry - Herman - Joseph - Willie
Frank, Anna (Foerster)
Mieth, August - Carl - Gottlieb - Louis - Sam - (... Schiller) - Wilhelmina
(Schulze) - William - Willie
Pettus, O.S.
Renn, Sophie (Mieth)
Weige, Mary (Mieth)
Zahradnick, Clara (Mieth)

BELL COUNTY

Burns, Mary Ann Sewell (Knott) - Mary Ann (Vannoy) - Mary Jane - Thomas Patrick - William
Jackson, Annie Louise (Irish) - Gary Curtis - Jimmy Lewis - L.P.
Joyce, A.J.
Moore, Jamie Lee [pic p. 8]

BEXAR COUNTY

Appelt, Agnes (Dylla)
Arnold, Celli (Dylla)
Dylla, Adolph - Agnes (Golla) - Aloys - Anton - Delta (...) - Elizabeth - Frank - John - Lucy (...) - Vincent
Golla, Agnes - Anton - Caroline (...) - Julia
Gutz, Regina (Dylla)
Pollock, Mary (Dylla)
Schirmer, Farren - Fritz - Howard - Otelia (Jackel)
Zigmond, Julia (Dylla)
Zuehl, Rosalia (Dylla)

BLANCO COUNTY

Fissler, Christina
Galloway, Irma
Hyatt, Alberta (Ebeling)
Millican, Frances
Wenmohs, Loma (Ebeling)

BRAZORIA COUNTY

Bryan, W.J.
Griffin, Zuleika (Stanger)
Hanson, Zuleika
Lauzon, Ruth S. (Stanger) (continued)
Stanger, Caleb - Charlotte - George - Lee Otis - R.H. - Richard - Russell - Russell S. Jr. - Zuleika (Hanson) - Kate

BURLESON COUNTY

Alford, Daniel Lee - Florence Inez - Halcut - Lizzie Evans - Mary Jane (Scott) - Philip Bruce - Richard Erwin - Robert Atticus
Carrol, W.C.
Cummings, Moses
Eberhardt, Caroline
German, Lois
Rice, Mary Elizabeth
Schoenemann, Eda Louise
Shelbourne, Molly

BURNET COUNTY

Alexander, Isabel Caroline
Carothers, William

Caldwell County

Bagget, Bertha (Watts)
Biggs, Sally (Gant)
Borrer, Lanona (Clary)
Clary, Creasy (Watts) - Joe D. - Lanona - Lee Alex [barn pic p. 15] - Robert Lee Connolly, Mattie (Watts)
Gant, Gillie - Sallie - Sarah (...) - Susan Elizabeth - Wiseman
Goar, Viola (Watts)
New, Bodie (Watts)
Probst, Susan Elizabeth (Gant)
Watts, Alexander - Bert - Gillie (Gant) - John - Lizzie - Maurice

Cass County

Beyers, John C.
Davis, Bessie Mildred (Hurt)
Endsley, Joseph
Hutches, Delta Mae (Hurt)
Poole, Florence Evelela
Porter, Aileen - Florence/Flora (Hurt) - James Hurt - Joseph Clyde

continued
Scott, David
Stuckey, Lena (Hurt)

COLLIN COUNTY

Chapman, Linnie George
Johnson, Mary Elizabeth

COLEMAN COUNTY

Baucom, Della Pearl (Golson)
Brown [or Green? not clear], Grace (Golson)
Capehart, Annie (Golson)
Gill, Cleo (Golson)
Golson, Billy - Billy Paul - Charles Bruce - Curtis A. - Edmund Chambers - Eugene - Frank - James Wade - Jennie Bell - Leroy - Paul Lester
Harris, Isaac - Sealy Jean (Golson)
Rankins, Minerva (Golson)
Standifer, James - Thomas - William Riley
Strickland, Mattie A.
Tabor, Emma Florence

COMAL COUNTY

Bernhard, Emilie (Oelkers)
Kohlenberg, Hermine
Kroesche, Nora (Oelkers)
Loep, Kathinka (Oelkers)
Mittendorf, ella
Nowotny, Arlon - Darryl Wade - Vivian (Pape)
Simon, Marie (Oelkers)
Smith, Paris
Tausch, Ora Mae (Pape)

DEWITT COUNTY

Crossen, G.W.
Kirkland, Joe [pic p. 22]
Means, Arta Ruby (Massey) - Arthur L. - Arthur Lee - Beatrice Rae - John Andrew - Sybil Lea
Nagel, Anna continuing
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Peavey, Norah
Rutledge, Ella (Friar) - John L.
Williams, Annie

ELLIS COUNTY

Borders, James - Marvin - Ouida (McKeever)
Copeland, Iva (McKeever)
Geaslin, N.J.
Wood, Joyce (McKeever)

FANNIN COUNTY

Rattan, Carol
Shelton, Jackie (Smith)
Wishard, Monta Faye

FAYETTE COUNTY

Arnold, Ellen
Berry, David - Fannie - Jennie E. - Joel - Joel Alexander - John F. - Lucinda (Kinner) - Lucy - Mary E. - Rosa - Thomas Owen - William D. - William T.
Cernoch, Florine (Helmcamp)
Gebert, Emma
Hoelscher, Annie (Helmcamp)
Johnston, Elaine
Kainer, Hilda (Helmcamp)
Polk, Mary
Rainosek, Bertha

FORT BEND COUNTY

Camp, Joy (Harris)
Cooper, Mary (Harris)
Giezendanner, Evalyn
Hutchins, Laura
Ivory, Anne (Harris)
McKithan, Bill
Newcomer, Frances W. (Harris)
Sutton, Tennessee M. (Harris)
Wendt, Billie - Jack
GILLESPIE COUNTY

Henderson, Howard
Holekamp, George A. - George Anna - Lewis - Lin - Mary Virginia (Stevens) -
Stefanie Kay - Steven Allen
Mund, Anna - Anne (...) - August - Clara (Gibson) - Conrad Christian & family
[pic p. 30] - Eliesa - Estella - Fritz - Henrietta (Bauley) - Henriette
(Ellebracht) - Henry - Herman C. - Johanna - Lillie - Mathilde - William L.
Pressler, Adolph William - Charles William - Clara Johanna (Doerke) - Franz -
Franz Ludwig - Fritz August - George - Herman P. - Kurt Frank - Lucia -
Martha (Schmidt) - Paul Charles - Rudolf M. - Walter Frederick
Stevens, Andrew Jackson & family [pic p. 29] - Emma - James Oliver - Joe -
Lewis Andrew - Mary Elizabeth (Nelson) - Mary Linton (Barr) - Mary Virginia - Octavie Louvina - Viola - William Harvey
Varnhagen, Hedwig (Pressler)
Wilke, Frances (Pressler)

GOLIAD COUNTY

Jacob, Agatha (Sifferdam) - Alfred - Alois - Arthur F. - Christina - Edwin -
Elorine - Emil - Emma - Frieda - Henry - Hugo - Joseph R. - Louis A. -
Marie - Martha (Wilhelm) - Melanie - Meta - Michael - Moritz - Natalie -
Pantelon - Paulina - Richard - Rineholdt - Rosalie - Sigfried
Kincaid, Betty Jo - Heather - Nicole
Schiffe, Carolina

GRAYSON COUNTY

Belsher, Ola Mae
Gilliam, Americus Patton [pic p. 31] - Angie (Palmore) - Barney Neal - Bessie
Donald - Mary Margaret - Minnie Francis - Mollie (...) - Nannie E. (Brown)
[pic p. 31] - Ollie Leah - Thomas Wesley [pic p. 31] - Tommie Maxine -
William Neal

GRIMES COUNTY

Cobb, Catherine (Holland) - Frank - Henry - Robert - Thomas - William
Franklin, Alice - Barbara - Elizabeth (McDowell) - Howell B. - James M. - Jeff
David - Mary C. - Mattie - Samuel Harrison - Tom B. - W.P./William Plummer
Hogue, Aubra Kelly - Claudie - Donald Ray - Ernest W. - John Neal - Lena -
Mattie (Franklin) - Paul - Ray - Robert Virgil - Ruby - Sena - William Pel- lum & sons [pic p. 33]
32] - Walter
McDowell, Catherine (Holland) - Elizabeth - Mill - Samuel
Treadwell, Catherine (Holland) - John

GUADALUPE COUNTY

Bauer, Elsie
Frome, Fannie (Sherrill)
Parsons, George - Hermina (...) Zuehl
Rauch, Beverly Ann (Zuehl) continued
Wells, Dessie - Edna - Elmo - John - Ottilie (Zuehl) - Pearl - Richard - Wilhelmine

HARRIS COUNTY

Burkman, Helen (Wunderlich)
Glazer, Clara (Wunderlich)
Goldman, Lizie (Wunderlich)
Strack, Ella (Wunderlich) - Katie

HAYS COUNTY

Calhoun, Rose M. (Dent)
Dent, Derrick W. - Louisa E. (...)
Meeks, Lila (Dent)
Sites, H.R. - H.T. - Ima E. (Dent)

HIDALGO COUNTY

Balli, Angel - Antonio - Francisco - Genoveva - Maria Gregoria - Salome [pic p. 39] - Santitas
Dominguez, Antonio - Estanislado - Maria Gregoria (Balli) - Maria Guadalupe de Balli - Sixto
Fernandez, Amador [pic p. 40]
Gomez, Jose Manuel - Maria Gregoria (Balli) Dominguez
Hinojosa, Juan Jose
McAllen, Argyle - Eldred - James Argyle - James Balli [home pic p. 38] - John [home pic p. 39] - Margaret (Rohde) - Mildred - Salome - Salome (Balli) Young
Young, John - John J. - Salome (Balli)

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You don't stand a ghost of a chance of getting your March 1987 AGS Quarterly unless you pay your dues by February 1st (or pay the $2 cost for separate mailing later, if we have any left over). Dues are $12 for an individual subscriber or $14 for two at same address. Individuals paying $14 get four pages in the June Ancestor Listing issue.
Possibly those lost siblings of your ancestor were

TRANSPORTED ON AN ORPHAN TRAIN

In the August 1986 issue of the *Smithsonian* magazine (pp. 94-103) is an interesting and informative article about the "orphan trains" operated from 1854 to 1929 by New York's Children's Aid Society and other child-welfare agencies. So-called "street arabs" who stole to keep from starving, and other deprived, homeless children of New York City were first placed in rural foster homes in New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania; then in September 1854, 47 boys and girls between seven and 15 were transported by train to Dowagiac, Michigan, where the townspeople had agreed to take them in. Later, trains were run to such states as Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota. All told, about 150,000 orphans were shipped by rail from cities in the East to foster homes in the rural Midwest.

This might explain why a strange child or children appear on the 1860 census in a certain household but are not included in that family's Bible records. Some of these children were later adopted into the family; others were treated as farm hands or house servants.

In fact, survivors testify that they felt as if they were on the block at a slave auction while the townspeople were looking them over, feeling their muscles to see how well they might be able to work. The strongest boys and the prettiest girls were chosen first - picture the anguish of the poor child whom nobody wanted.

A few years ago there was a movie about this on television. The children were penned up on the train (no Pullman berths for them!) for two weeks or so with little or no bathing facilities, then subjected to the scrutiny of the people of town after town until they were chosen. But always they had the hope of three meals a day, a warm, dry place to sleep, and at least a humane employer - they hardly dared to hope for a loving foster mother and father to take the place of their lost parents. (If perchance there was a living father he had relinquished legal guardianship of the children he could not provide for.)

A 1910 survey of children who had been "placed-out" in this way revealed that two had become governors (in North Dakota and Alaska); other "alumni" included a Supreme Court justice, two congressmen, 35 lawyers and 19 doctors. So we need have little fear of finding a "skeleton in the closet" if we search for these transplanted youngsters.

Recently "a dogged Missouri researcher-genealogist named Evelyn Sheets began tracking down survivors and interviewing them." Several other interested persons are named in the article, including Ethel Lambert, "archivist for the still-flourishing Children's Aid Society in New York."

Perhaps the first step for those who want to pursue this possible lead to lost collateral relatives would be to find that Society's address in a New York telephone directory. Also, one might write to the New York Foundling Hospital, from which concerned Roman Catholics began transplanting homeless children about 1875.

If any of our readers do write and ask for such records, we urge them to let us know what requirements have to be met to obtain information about who were re-located where and when. We will pass that information on to our readers in a later issue.

Please address the Editor at 2202 West Tenth Street, Austin TX 78703.
HISTORY OF THE SIMON MILLS FAMILY, Book II (c) 1982, compiled by Katie R. Mills and Ralph E. Mills; Book III (c) 1984 by Ralph E. Mills, 2160 Fort A-4, Trenton MI 48183 (no price quoted). Cloth-bound; printer's type; 6 x 9"; full-name index each volume; Book II 495 pp.; Book III 618 pp.; many photographs.

These two volumes are the gift of Ralph E. Mills, Book I being now out of print. They trace the descendants of Simon Mills (in Windsor, Connecticut 18 October 1639) through his son John Mills and grandson Joseph Mills of Simsbury Connecticut. Book III goes through the tenth generation.

These books have the admirable purpose of correcting errors published in Book I and adding to the data thereof, as well as extending the lines wherever possible. [So often when a genealogy is published, people who had been solicited in vain for information suddenly come through, and the compiler has to try to fit the new data in smoothly at the last minute.]

It is a bit hard to catch on to the numbering system without Book I and a chart sometimes mentioned, especially since child #484.3 is on page 4 and children 484.1 and 484.2 are on page 5, but it is obviously difficult to insert children discovered after the numbering has been completed. Apparently the compilers numbered the patriarch #1, his children 2 through 7 (assuming there were six) and the first child of the first child 8, and so on, a generation at a time. That's so much better than the cumbersome 1-1-3-1-4-7-3 etc., especially since an author is not always informed of the sequence of a set of siblings.

Unfortunately, these compilers fell prey to coat-of-arms and "What's Your Name?" mills, adopting the generalized pap they spew out as authentic, without even a pretense of connecting to anyone named Mills who was armigerous. Owning or operating a mill in England hardly seems sufficient basis for assuming there was a knighthood in the direct line of ancestry, much less for adopting a composite coat of arms with a display of ermine, "a mark of great dignity."

There is much of interest in the introductory pages (if you are not too bothered by gushy, exaggerated rhetoric). For example, there are about forty pages of a diary kept for six months in 1900. There are numerous lengthy reminiscences and hundreds of family portraits and group pictures.

For each correction or new set of data Mr. Mills includes the name of the source person, but seldom precise documentation per se. Some references are simply letters (A through E), but there is no table of contents in front to guide one to page 453 for the key to the letters. Probably it was explained in Book I.

Another thing I must deplore: in the index of Book II the surname was repeated each time - 19 columns of Mills listings - what a waste of time! Page numbers only are used in Book II, but the index of Book III gives the person's number as well as the page, which would be greatly appreciated if there were a string of the same name. However, the researchers have done such a good job of ascertaining middle names that there does not seem to be a problem of duplicate names.

We are grateful to Mr. Mills for donating these books to AGS and thus to Texas State Library. Their format is clear and pleasing, the type very near error-free, and the pictures delightful. There is a tremendous amount of information that will be of interest to Mills descendants, but the serious genealogist faces a tremendous task of corroborating the statements made herein.
The Taylors, the Tumlinsons, and the Feud should prove highly interesting to a multitude of researchers who have come across tantalizing references to "The Feud," as well as those tracing the families involved. It gives several detailed versions of the shocking killings and retaliations, some by eyewitnesses.

The writer has made a valiant effort to clarify the relationships of the parties who got caught in this vicious cycle of events — no small feat, as there seem to have been at least three Creed Taylors! The 11-page index reinforces that effort by inserting the birth year of each person whose name is identical to that of another, and by showing nicknames in quotation marks.

The genealogical data in the family groupings shows intensive research in census, marriage, cemetery and family records, as well as Texas history. Mrs. Hyatt seems to have combed Frontier Times thoroughly for pertinent data, and has inserted footnotes liberally throughout.

The last section before the index consists of about 20 pages of family letters that are fairly interesting but shed little light on the feud. These were typed in script, lending a semblance of authenticity. On the whole, the typing is neat, but could have been improved by experienced proofreading. The writer's spelling is generally consistent (Comanche and affidavit throughout, for example), but "descendant" and "descendent" pop in and out like a small boy playing with a revolving door.

On the whole, this reviewer predicts that The Taylors, the Tumlinsons, and the Feud will be a welcome and valuable addition to the Genealogy Collection of Texas State Library, and we thank Mrs. Hyatt for her gift.

The SHERERTZ-SHERROD FAMILY, 1714-1984, by James Andrew Sherrod. Nashville: Williams Printing Co., 1984. Hardbound; ca 9 x 11; 864 pages (of which 5 are front matter); gold-embossed cover; 9 pages of photographs; bibliography; 135-page full-name index.

This is an incredibly fine book. Although the title bears the spelling "Sherertz" (perhaps to emphasize the evolution to Sherrod), the immigrant ancestor was Arnholtz Scherertz (ca 1714 Prussia — 1786 Pennsylvania). He and his four sons are sketched, then the descendants of the fourth (Conrad Sr.) are traced down into the ninth generation, mostly in Tennessee.
Fifty-odd variant spellings (p. 34) have been found in the records. Men bearing such divergent names as Sherrold, Chearharts, and Jarritt have been accepted as descendants of Arnholtz Scherertz on evidence deemed sufficient to the compiler after diligent study. Eventually, the name was anglicized to Sherrod, as explained on page 11.

County histories, census returns, court houses (land, probate and marriage records), and cemeteries were searched to obtain the excellent data found in this book. Copious correspondence elicited Bible records and family tradition. Mr. Sherrod was fortunate to find the stone mill house built by Arnholtz Scherertz in Pennsylvania, and obtained a drawing of it to adorn the cover of this mammoth book.

Descendent Charts. This is the first book seen by your reviewer in years that distinguishes between the adjective "descendent" and the noun "descendant" .... Hooray! Another thing to rejoice about is the extremely neat and logical format of these charts (if one ignores the arbitrary number after the name, a number which applies to the compiler's computer only, we are informed).

Each generation is indented a uniform space more than the preceding one, and the name of each ancestor of the first person treated on that page is shown, plus numerals at column heads, on each page. Therefore one does not have to turn back pages or count the number of indentations to see which generation a given person was in. Furthermore, each person's code number indicates his place in the "family stairsteps" - i.e., he/she is shown to be the first child of the third child of the fourth child of #1. If there were more than nine siblings, #10 is A, #11 is B, and so on. Of course, this can get cumbersome: 147A76111.

This antediluvian reviewer is glad to give credit where credit is due, after having criticized so many gross errors made by computers or their operators: The marvellous format of the charts was produced from a Kapro 10 computer with a personalized genealogy program. [One neat trick that I shall gratefully copy in typewritten charts is the use of an exclamation point for a vertical line.]

The appearance of the text is very good for a computer. [You can tell I am still mourning the demise of the linotype!] The right margin is efficiently ragged but not jagged, there are no gap-tooth holes in the line, almost all word divisions are correct, there are few misspelled words, and there is generous spacing between lines. The charts, being blacker even though in smaller type, are easier to read than the text.

Mr. Sherrod was fantastically fortunate to be able to determine the order of each family group. So often a compiler's correspondent writes something like: "Great-uncle Harry had two boys and three girls" ....You're lucky to get even their nicknames, much less the order of their birth. "Male chauvinists" (of either sex) are inclined to name all the boys first, especially in the preceding centuries.

Two things in Sherertz-Sherrod Family annoy me somewhat: (1) The constant use of "He deceased" instead of "He died" seems a little stiff; and (2) [Is this perhaps a computer idiosyncrasy?] Always showing a woman's married name, so it looks as if every man married a cousin with his own surname. This was done whether it's a male or female descendant - e.g., William Sherertz m. Sarah (Miller) Sherertz, and Mary E. (Sherertz) Bollinger m. Bill Bollinger [maiden names in parentheses here, but not in the book].

The Index. Thanks to computer ability, the index is far more comprehensive than any other I have ever seen. It is a "Member File Listing" with six col-
umn headings in all caps: [preceded by the Computer Code Number]: LAST, FIRST, MAIDEN NAME, SEX, BORN, PAGE - so you have almost a thumbnail biography at a glance! When there is a skip in the Last Name column, an unmarried female is indicated.

Another of my pet peeves pops up in this index, for Mr. Sherrod used the 10/11/1982 style for dates. A three-letter month abbreviation would have made the column only one character wider. Since the very first date appears as 6/15/1905, we presume he means the month is first, and trust he was consistent.

For some arcane reason known only to computer devotees, "Parley Boystain Sherrod" on page 99 was indexed as "Sherrod," in case you have trouble finding him in the index. [Other corrections at end of index]

These criticisms are of minor importance compared to the tremendous value of this volume for descendants of the line. Patrons of the Genealogy Collection of Texas State Library are truly indebted to AGS President Andrea Nagel, who presented the book in honor of her father, Robert McDonald Burkhart, whose Code Number is 141A321.

Books NOT to buy . . .

CHARLOTTE-ANNS?

Two more female names have joined Beatrice Bayley in the field of extravagant solicitation by mail. Elizabeth Ross and Sharon Taylor (of Halbert's Inc) are offering family name books "printed just for you alone" because "your family name is very rare and distinct." [Why stop short of "distinguished"?]

One firm states that it has spent "thousands of dollars to research thru over 100 million records in Europe, Canada, the United States and Australia and now have completed the first International Registry of Gracys [substitute your own name - they'd probably tell you the same thing] ever published. The Amazing Gracy* New World Registry ... is as complete as possible." [How about that pun! I wonder if they have a "Royal King" family book.]

The other firm more modestly states only that 77 million records are available to it - not that it did research through them all - and it gold stamps the less pretentious title The Gracy Album on its cover. They also boast a "Certificate of Authenticity". I wonder what it guarantees - that it is a tangible book?

Most genealogists who have fallen for this kind of specious advertising have found that the book contains a page or so of generalities about the surname, perhaps the names of a few famous persons who have borne it, and a composite sort of coat of arms, implying that every person named Smith (for example) is entitled to display that coat of arms. Seldom do they show a genuine, specific coat of arms and identify the original bearer.

Then there are names and addresses taken from phone books printed in scattered spots around the world (hence the "International" claim). In almost any fair-sized library (such as Austin Central Public Library) you could compile a similar list from the same source, and concentrate on the area you believe to be most likely to be fruitful for your purposes.

Lastly, there are charts for you to fill out - lineage and family group sheets that you can buy for a dime or so. Is that worth $20 to $35?

Experienced genealogists agree that we should follow the example of Ulysses: resist temptation and ignore the songs of these sirens. Sail on by!
One of the stated aims of today's respected genealogists is to improve the quality of genealogical writing, both in accuracy of content and in clarity of expression. In the latter category, certain errors in syntax mar the quality of a book. We have progressed beyond the forms so often seen in old family Bible entries: "He was borned" and "They was married" [sometimes even "marred"!] but other errors are still seen all too frequently.

We all should master the difference between "descendant" (a person) and "descendent" (a state of being, as in "They are all descendant from Charlemagne" vs. "They are all descendants of Charlemagne"). And certainly we should make the effort to spell "genealogy" even if we pronounce it "geneology".

KNOW YOUR (COR)RELATIVES!

As for correlatives (words that belong together, like husband and wife), we should guard against "either...and". Either is singular: You have a choice of one or the other, but not both things, which indicates. And is the correlative of both. Let's keep the couples together and use either...or, neither...nor, both...and.

Between is another sort of correlative sometimes misused. It should be followed by and, not by a hyphen or to as sometimes seen in a recipe: "Cook between 20-30 minutes." You wouldn't say, "I live between Lamar to Exposition," would you! Between should be followed by a word, not by a hyphen as in "He lived between 1805-1890." Say either "He lived 1805-1890" [if you know he was born in 1805 and died in 1890] or "He lived ca 1805-1890" or "He lived between 1805 and 1890" [if you're not sure of his dates]. Also acceptable: "He lived from 1805 to 1890" and "He lived during [meaning, the period] 1805-1890."

The hyphen in dates may be read several ways. "This occurred in the decades 1901-10, 1911-20, and 1931-40" means all of 1901 and 1910, etc. The hyphen usually means through the second unit, but there may be exceptions.

Other correlatives we need to watch are: not only...but also; although...yet (or still); if...then; since (or because)...therefore; the former...the latter; and so on. Words like these must be followed by their partners or the reader is left dangling and wondering.

Yes, it does matter how you word it. For instance, I won't buy a book from a certain publishing house because its catalog is so hideously marred by misspelled words (even county names!), incomplete sentences, run-on sentences, and other errors. Of course, my readers know I'm an avowed fanatic on this subject, but who knows how many others are secretly repelled by a book's errors?

ANCESTORS VS. DESCENDANTS. Many genealogists got a good chuckle out of the headline in an Austin paper some time back: "Ancestors pay tribute to Stephen F. Austin," referring to an upcoming event. Of course, the word he meant was "descendants," but he'd have been wrong then too, because Stephen F. Austin had no children! We passed it off as an understandable faux pas made by a young man with no knowledge of genealogy.

But we couldn't believe our ears recently when the renowned narrator of the weekly TV program "Eyes of Texas" made the same kind of error. It must have been just a slip of the tongue!
THE BOOK OF
COMMON PRAY.

And Administration of the
SACRAMENTS,
AND OTHER
RITES AND CEREMONIES
OF THE
CHURCH
According to the Use of the
CHURCH of ENGLAND.

Together with the
PSALTER OR PSALMS
OF
DAVID,
Printed as they are to be sung or said in CHURCHES

OXFORD
Printed by MARK BASKETT, 1662
TO THE UNIVERSITY.
Eliza Ann Fox, Daughter
of Joseph Fox and Elizabeth
his wife, was born 29th July 1802.

John Young Fox was born 12th December 1809.

Isaac Holman Fox was born 8th March 1812.

Elizahain Preston Fox was born 10th February 1814.

William Monroe Fox was born January 13th 1816.
John Fox and Grace Young were married on Thursday, the 11th of Sept. 1766.

Joseph Fox, the son of John Fox, and his wife was born on Sunday, the 28th of June 1765.

Joseph Fox departed this life on Wednesday, the 10th of September 1765.

Susannah Smith, Fox, the daughter of John and Grace Fox, was born on Sunday, the 28th of February 1767.

John Fox departed this life on Saturday, the 11th day of March 1808.

Katharina Fox, his son, departed this life on the 10th of April 1807.

Elisabeth Price departed her life on the 10th of April 1807.

Elizabeth Anderson departed her life on the 10th of April 1807.
Thomas Nash and Susanna Smith Tie, were married on Tuesday the 4th of Jan. Dom. 1786.

Annie Wash, the son of Thomas Nash and Susanna his wife was born on November 27th, 1786.

Thomas Nash was born June 9th, Anne Dom. 1787.

Sarah Nash, was born July 8th, Anne Dom. 1787.

William Nash was born June 27th, 1790.

Thomas Nash was born February 1791.

Thomas Nash was born February 1793.
FOX FAMILY RECORDS FOUND IN PRAYER BOOK

We are all familiar with the pages so often found between the Old and the New Testaments of an old family Bible, on which were written family records that are so valuable to genealogists. These pages usually had "Births", "Deaths", "Marriages", and sometimes "Memoranda" printed on them and were inscribed in chronological order through two or three generations.

Several different handwritings can usually be identified in these records, although the emotional state and the aging of the writer may make it difficult.

AGS member William Eldon Tinsley has kindly submitted some records of his ancestors that are somewhat different - they were written in a Church of England Book of Common Prayer, on blank pages, three of which were probably at the back of the book.

The prayer book was identified by the Virginia State Library as having belonged to Grace (Young) Fox (1747-1824), the three-great-grandmother of Mr. Tinsley. Her husband, Captain John Fox (veteran of the American Revolution) died in 1803 leaving her with eight children and a large plantation which she managed successfully. Obviously capable and presumably well educated, she is assumed to have written some of the entries, at least after the death of her husband [The man of the family usually wrote them]. Although we cannot positively identify her handwriting, all entries in this little book are uncommonly legible and literate.

The file in Virginia State Library contains five photographs (not photocopies, indicating that they were placed there long ago) of ca 5x8-inch pages on a black background, numbered 1, 4, 7, 8, and 12. Mr. Tinsley has no information about the missing pages.

Number 1, the title page of the book, reveals that it was printed in 1762 by Mark Baskett, Printer to the University at Oxford, England. Down the right margin is written: "Jane Higgams [?] aged 49 [b. 1780?] & Samuel Lawrence [?] were married August 14th 1829." These people have not been identified.

Page 4 is undoubtedly the reverse side of 1, on which the Old English P of Psalter is missing. On the lower right margin of #4 that P can be seen on a folded-back sliver. Also, the Higgams-Lawrence record can be read with a mirror, where the ink struck through the paper. The first four entries seem to be in the same handwriting.

The records start with a granddaughter of Captain John and Grace (Young) Fox, but unfortunately do not extend far enough to include Mr. Tinsley's great-grandmother Catharine Grace Fox (1824-1910) who married Alanson Tinsley.

Page 4 - Eliza Ann Fox Daughter of Josephus Fox and Elizabeth [Snead]
                 his wife was born 29th July 1808
John Young Fox was born 18[?]th December 1809
Robert[?] Holman Fox was born 30th March 1812
Lilbourne Preston Fox was born Feby 10th 1814
William Monroe Fox was born January 13th 1816

Page 7 - The first three entries seem to be in the same hand and the rest in another.
John Fox and Grace Young were married on Thursday the Sixth of Septr 1764
Joseph Fox the son of John & Grace his wife was born on Sunday the 23rd of June 1765 - - - Joseph Fox Departed this life on Wednesday the 19th of September 1765

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Susanna Smith Fox, the Daughter of John and Grace his wife was born on Friday the 20th of February 1767 [N.B. This couple had 8 other children.]

John Fox Sr Departed this life on Saturday the 5th day of March 1803

Nathaniel Fox his son departed this life the 4th of April 1804

Elizabeth Price [sister of Capt. John Fox] departed this life the 12[?]th of April 1814 Aged 75[?] years [born 1738]

Caty Anderson departed this life [sic - sister of Capt. John Fox]

William Johnson [or Anderson?] departed this life the 9th of December [?] 1814 aged 43 years [hence born 1771 - unidentified; Caty's husband was Richard]

Page 8 - Probably all the same handwriting.

Thomas Wash and Susanna Smith Fox were married on Tuesday the 4th of Jany Anno Dom[ini] 1785

John Fox Wash Son of Thomas Wash and Susanna his wife was born November 27th 1785

Susanna Price[A?] Wash, was born June 3rd Anno Dom. 1787

Edmond Wash, was born Septr the 20th Anno Dom. 1790

William Wash was born June 11th 1792

Thomas Wash was born Thursday 21st February 1796

Wash was born February 25th 1796

Page 12 - Names written larger than the rest of the line. Bearing in mind that, prior to 1752, the year started on 25 March, all dates before that were considered to be in the preceding year. Therefore, dates between 1 January and 25 March need one year added on for New Style.

[FOX]

Joseph, the son of Joseph & Susanna [Smith] his wife was born January ye [the] 5th of 1730 [1730/31 or 1731 N.S.]

Anne was born Augt ye 15th 1732

Thomas was born Febly ye 23d 1733 [1734 N.S.]

Susanna was born April ye 19th 1736

Elizabeth was born May ye 2d 1738

John was born March ye 21st 1739 [1740 N.S.]

Frances was born Febly 6th 174[illegible; year needs adjusting to New Style]

Agnes was born March 27th 174[year stays as written, but I cannot read it]

Caty was born March [illegible]

Sarah was born June [illegible]

December the 14th 1749 A Daughter of [illegible]

Joseph Fox Senr Departed this life December 1749 Aged 47 [b. 1702?] Susanna Fox departed this life July the first 1790. Aged 83 [b. 1707?]

Caty Anderson [their daughter] departed this life the 17th February 1814

Since most of the events on this page occurred before this book was published, we assume they were copied from an older Bible or family record.

W.E. Tinsley, who recently published an excellently written genealogy entitled Tinsley et Al., has many records to supplement the above data. Fellow descendants may address him at Box 430, Pflugerville TX 78660.
INDIAN RESEARCH

A tip for those who are just starting to search for American Indian records: Our Native Americans, copyrighted 1980 by E. Kay Kirkham, contains a description of available microfilm pertaining to them and a discussion of "Their Records of Genealogical Value." Look for 973/k6350 in Texas State Library, Genealogy Collection.

Also there is a notebook showing its microfilm holdings on the subject. These include 1890 Census of the Choctaw Nation; a compilation of Choctaw material (marriages, wills, church records, cemeteries, maps); Emmet Starr's History of the Cherokee Indians; Indexes of Volunteer Soldiers who served during Cherokee Disturbances & Removal, from the state of Georgia and from the state of Tennessee; Cherokee Removal (Alabama); Creek War (Alabama); Florida War (Alabama); National Archives, Index & Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Cherokee, Choctaw, & Chickasaw Tribes in Indian Territory, 1898-1907; Index to Eastern Cherokee Applications; Index & Final Rolls of Citizen and Freedmen of the Cherokee Tribe in Indian Territory.

HAPPY HUNTING!

SOURCE FOR LOCATING OBSOLETE U.S. PLACE NAMES

Have you ever wondered where your ancestor lived when you have no idea where the place named was located? Well, there may be help available to you. Mr. Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary Domestic Geographic Names, U.S. Board of Geographic Names, 523 National Center, Reston VA 22092, may be able to locate it for you.

When you write, give as much information as possible, including state and county possibilities, approximate dates the name was used, and whether you think it was a town, valley, creek, church community, or name of a family residence.

(An anonymous contribution, said to be gleaned from the National Odom Assembly Newsletter, October 1986 issue. Thanks to all involved!)

RECORDS ORGANIZERS WANTED

Recently your editor has been asked to help organize the genealogical records of two ladies in Austin. As I have three prior commitments I cannot possibly oblige, but agreed to try to find someone else who would like the jobs.

One I know is willing to pay well for your time, and does not need a great deal of organizing, as I sorted out her papers a couple of years ago. She wants her handwritten charts typed, sources cited, and papers sorted out by surnames.

The subject of compensation did not come up in my short telephone conversation with the other lady. She wants guidance in preparing a book of her family history, I believe.

If you are interested in discussing the matter with these ladies, call your editor before 9 p.m. at 477-7313 and let me give you their names and numbers.

DUES ARE DUE!

Don't forget to send your dues to our treasurer, Mrs. Julia M. Vinson, at 3106 Skylark Drive, Austin TX 78757, by January first. If they are not received by the first of February, your name will be dropped and no March Quarterly will be mailed without $2 penalty. Send $12 for one & $14 for two at same address.
HAPPY HUNTING GROUND

Send queries to Mrs. H.H. Rugely, 2202 W. 10, Austin TX 78703, NOT to AGS post-office box. Include at least one date, place & first name per query. Proofread your query carefully for accuracy & clarity; it may be edited to our format. Use name or abbreviation of months, NOT figures. Use 2 capital letters for states, as prescribed by U.S. Post Office Department--no periods. Queries are free.

GRIMLEAR SHANNON. Where is James Shannon buried? He married Margaret Grimlear & served in War of 1812. Of 12 children, known are: Benjamin, Madison, William, Ferdinand, Sarah, Percy, Sydneyham, Precilla, Wellington & James. Did other son move to Austin TX area? I am clearinghouse/repository for all SHANNON information. - Joyce Shannon Bridges, Rt 2 Box 50-X, Keithville LA 71407

SCRUGGS. Judson P. Scruggs b. 21 Mch 1833, SC. When & where did he die? Said to have been buried by family members in Texas - where? Middle name Pryor/Pfeifer/Pueryear? I am trying to locate every SCRUGGS - will return postage on request. - Mrs. Estelle Brannon Duke, Box 426, Anna TX 75003.

A. BROWN DAVIDSON. Danual R. Brown m. Mary Davidson (b. 20 Feb 1824). According to a Williamson Family Bible, their children were: Susan R. b. 24 Mch 1842; Arrena b. 7 Mch 1844; Sarah A. b. 6 Apr 1847; Martha Elasebeth b. 26 Apr 1849; Lucy b. 21 Sep 1852; Dannel R. Jr. b. 2 Feb 1854. Any information will be gratefully received.


SUTTON WHITE. Seeking parentage of GRIFFITH BROWN b. ca 1765 NC? VA?; d. Jly/Aug 1822 at Portage des Sioux, St. Charles MO; m. 1788-89? NC? to Penelope Nation(s) [need all data]. Their children: John (b. 6 May 1790, Pendleton Dist SC; d. 24 Apr 1872, Jerseyville IL) m. Margaret Piper; Joseph (1792-1858) m. Mary "Polly" Piper; Elizabeth (m. 1823) Enoch Bac(c)us; Foster (b. ca 1807, St. Charles Co, MO) m. Rebecca English; Elijah (1809-1851) m/1 Mary "Polly" White; David (1812-1845) m. Martetia Scroggin(s); Mary "Polly" m/l Nathaniel Carrico, m/2 James Cooper; Darcus (m. 1834) John Sutton; Sarah "Sally" (m. 1834) Stephen White; Samuel; Carrie? Cassie? Tabitha?; Nancy m. Robert Avery - no other data on last 3. Eager to exchange data with others. - Mrs. Gail A. Brown, 8502 S. Reese Road, Birch Run MI 48415.
For a genealogy and history of the Tandy family of Virginia, Kentucky and Texas, to be published in 1987, we wish to contact the following Texas branches, all descended from Ralph and Matilda (McGehee) Tandy who came to Texas in 1836:

TANDY...THOMPSON...MARTIN. Descendants of Christopher C. Tandy and Mary Ann Thompson. Son William Henry Tandy (b. ca 1854 Lavaca Co TX) and first wife Mary Jane Martin lived 1880 Coleman Co TX. Issue by first wife: William F. Tandy (1878-1950) Lamb Co TX; Albert Henry Tandy; Herbert H. Tandy, Arthur M. Tandy, in 1900 Clay Co, TX. Issue by second wife Alice Wallace: James H. Tandy, Lizzie A. Tandy and perhaps others.


TANDY...SMITH. Descendants of Albert M. Tandy and Sarah A. Smith of Lavaca Co TX 1850-1900. Allied lines: Smith, Cook, Jones, Sumerlin, Weise; Burleson, Stevens, McCoy; McNeal, Houston, Hart, Todd, Garrett; Fenner, Miller, Roddy, Scott, Norrell, Brown, McKey. Texas counties: Fisher, Harris, Bosque, McLennan, San Saba.


TANDY...BOALES...SMITH. Descendants of Theodosia (Boales), granddaughter of Frances Ann (Tandy) Boales. Theodosia married John S. Smith in 1876, lived in San Patricio Co and McCulloch Co TX (1870-1900), in Concho Co TX in 1910; in Williamson Co TX in 1920s. Issue: son Jesse b. 1878; Sarah Frances, Edward, William, Pearl, James and Mary.

TANDY...BOALES...TOPPER. Descendants of Margaret C. (Boales), granddaughter of Frances Ann (Tandy) Boales. Margaret married Arthur Topper in 1909, lived in Uvalde Co TX in 1900; son Arthur E.M. Topper lived in Chaves Co and Roosevelt Co NM in 1910 and after.

TANDY...BOALES...NORMAN. Descendants of William C. Boales whose widow Mellie married Robert Garrett and lived in Stonewall Co TX in 1900. William C. Boales was a grandson of Frances Ann (Tandy) Boales and had two daughters: Mary Boales was born in 1884, probably in Edwards Co TX. Willie Boales was born in 1888 in Edwards Co TX and married a Mr. Norman. -- Caroline Bass, P.O. Box 163461, Austin TX 78716-3461.
FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY
GENEALOGY COLLECTION, BY AGS

This association was generated by the urgent need for funds to pay for census indexes that were on order when the financial cutback (on both the national and the state level) was announced in Texas. Miss Jan Carter, Supervisor of Texas State Library's Genealogy Collection, informed Austin Genealogical Society of the impending budget deficit (See AGS Quarterly for March 1986 p. 34) and sought our assistance, since State agencies cannot solicit funds.

That's what the "by" in the lengthy title means. AGS was the organizer or sponsor of the "Friends" and will make every effort to bring this worthy cause to the attention of those who enjoy the use of the Genealogy Collection. All who contribute become equal members of the "Friends," a volunteer society with no officers, no dues, no meetings and no rules! Even a small donation entitles you to call yourself a Friend of Texas State Library, Genealogy Collection.

About the first of November a jar to receive contributions will be placed on top of the microfilm cases and will, it is hoped, catch your eye (and your coins) whenever you enter the room. Is there a family researcher in Texas who has not at some time used the microfilmed censuses and their printed indexes? Why not express your gratitude by helping to fill the jar rapidly and frequently, or send a check with the blank form printed below?

Remember how, not many years ago, one had to examine every page of a county's census when you knew your family had lived there? And if you didn't know the county, the task of running the whole state was too formidable to undertake. Now, with statewide printed indexes, you can find them in a fraction of the time, even if the name was misspelled in the book. We have learned to look for every possible spelling - and even some impossible ones! (e.g., Rugeley has been unexpectedly found in the H's)

Thanks to two generous souls, a couple of desired indexes have already been purchased: Tennessee 1870 and Georgia 1860. Our treasurer, Julia Vinson, reports a number of other checks have been received, aggregating some $200.

But we are still far from our goal - some of the forthcoming index books have astronomical price tags. How about making a Christmas Gift to the fund, or making a donation in memory of an ancestor or in honor of a living relative?

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All of the approximately 1900 applications for a pension for services rendered to the Republic of Texas are preserved in the Archives Division of Texas State Library. These records, which consist of affidavits of service by the veteran and others who could swear to their validity, have been abstracted by the above members of Austin Genealogical Society. In addition to proof of military service, the files contain valuable genealogical data such as birth, death, marriage, and immigration.

An example of the valuable content and excellent format of the book:

Pryor Bryan, Liberty Co., 30 Jun 1871, approved 17 Sep 1872. Age 60. Enlisted in Capt. Fannin's company at Gonzales 8 Oct 1835, then under Capt. Briscoe until the fall of the Alamo. Boarded the steamer Cayuga under Col. Morgan for service from Galveston in the battle of San Jacinto, but the battle was over before their arrival. He was discharged Jun 1836.

F. A. Hardin, P. S. Watts, and Jos. Richardson all knew Bryan and his children and the date of his death. Frank A. Hardin and Thomas (X) Dever affirmed his service.

Bryan died 19 Apr 1873 and left two children: John K. Bryan and Jessie L. Williams, wife of D. W. Williams. All resided in Liberty Co. and were the only heirs. While in the service, Bryan visited his old home in Louisiana.

Proven descent from one of these veterans should qualify a person for membership in the Sons or Daughters of the Republic of Texas. These hitherto almost inaccessible records will be eagerly sought by genealogists, historians, and others involved in the social sciences. Certainly no Texas library can afford to be without this book!

The book (a Sesquicentennial Project of Austin Genealogical Society) will be released on Texas Independence Day, March 2nd, 1987. It will be on archival paper, in cloth binding, and will contain about 400 pages of text plus a surname index.

A pre-publication price of $30 is offered until 30 NOVEMBER 1986. Orders postmarked after that will require payment of $40. This includes postage, handling and tax. A check or money order made to AGS PUBLICATIONS must accompany each order.

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ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE FOLLOWING INDEX

Abr--Abraham
Alb--Albert
Alxr--Alexander
Alf--Alfred
And--Andrew
Ant--Anthony
Arch--Archibald
Aug--Augustus
Benj--Benjamin
Cath--Catherine
Chas--Charles
Xopher--Christopher
Danl--Daniel
Dor--Dorothy
Edw--Edward
Eliz--Elizabeth
Eug--Eugene
Ferd--Ferdinand
Flor--Florence
Fdk--Frederick
Geo--George
GA--Georgia
Hy--Henry
Hstn--Houston
Jas--James
Jeff--Jefferson
Jno--John
Jona--Jonathan
Jos--Joseph
Kath--Katherine
LA--Louisiana
Marg--Margaret
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Max--Maximilian
MO--Missouri
Monty--Montgomery
Natl--Nathaniel
OR--Oregon
Patk--Patrick
Rchd--Richard
Rbt--Robert
Sol--Solomon
TN--Tennessee
TX--Texas
Theo--Theodore
VA--Virginia
WA--Washington
Wm--William
Zach--Zachariah

In this index, parentheses indicate either a maiden name [BROWN: May (Hay)] OR the fact that the page contains both a May Brown and a May Hay Brown. For males, BROWN: Sam (Green) means that both a Sam and a Sam Green Brown are on that page. Nicknames are indicated Mary/Polly or Mary "Polly."
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AGS DUES RAISED FOR 1987

Since the Treasurer's report shows that our annual dues no longer cover the cost of the Newsletter and the Quarterly, and our reserve funds will be needed for the publication of books (see p. 169), your Board of Directors has voted to increase dues to $12 & $14 per year.

For $12 a year (only a dollar per month!) members will get 10 interesting programs, 10 Newsletters to keep you abreast of genealogical happenings, and 4 Quarterlies in which you may publish queries and data on your ancestors. In addition, you have the privilege of recommending books to the Book Acquisition Chairman, and of suggesting programs to the Program Chairman.

There is also the bonus of our annual workshop/seminar. True, that costs extra, but it would not be made available to you if there were no Austin Genealogical Society!

Send dues BEFORE 1 Feb 1987 to the AGS Treasurer, 3106 Skylark Drive, Austin TX 78757.
ATTENTION

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE to share in one of the AGS projects of publishing valuable records of early Texas history! One book is nearly ready for the printer (see p. 169), and work on copying inscriptions in the State Cemetery is progressing nicely. But Dr. Johnie Reeves is earnestly seeking "a few good men/women" to help with the tremendous task of abstracting the audited military claims/debts of the Republic of Texas. One dedicated member of the committee, Olan Caffey, drives 70 miles (round trip) to lend a helping hand. If you appreciate the importance of accurate copying and enjoy the challenge of reading old documents, Dr. Reeves will give you full instructions - call him at 258-4683.

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UNSOLICITED RESEARCH. An AGS member has revealed that a strange occurrence resulted from submitting a query to a Mississippi quarterly. A "professional genealogist" took it upon himself to research the family she asked about, sent it to her and billed her for his time! A considerate researcher should first ask if his efforts would be welcome and not place the involuntary client in the embarrassing position of feeling obligated to pay for uncommissioned work already done. It might be that the person could ill afford the fee, or already had the data. Legally, one is not liable for unsolicited services or goods.

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RESIGNATIONS & REPLACEMENTS. Two of our valued members, Mrs. Milton Francis and Dr. James B. Carter, have recently resigned from the AGS Board of Directors because of demands made on their time by their respective careers. We shall miss them but are glad to welcome those selected to serve out their terms. Mrs. Frank G. Bryant (Betty) is enthusiastically serving as corresponding secretary and custodian of the back issues of our Quarterly, to replace Margaret. Helen Rugeley is hoping there will be no need for her to function as the first vice-president in Jim's place between now and January first!

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"WORKSHOP" GRADUATES TO "SEMINAR." The dictionary defines seminar as a group of (usually graduate) students engaged, under a professor, in research ... and exposition of a subject by lectures, etc. But "workshop" brings to mind the concept of learning by doing - detailed instructions to beginners. Our annual genealogical meeting goes far beyond that, so: AGS GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR for 1987 will be presented at La Mansion on Saturday, 22 August, under the expert chairmanship of Mrs. Billy J. Kaiser (Betty) who did such an excellent job in 1986.

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"MINI WORKSHOP" FOR BEGINNERS. A basic short course for novices in genealogical research will be held in the Texas State Archives and Library building on Saturday the 6th of December 1986. This is a free workshop offering detailed instructions on such subjects as how to start, how to fill out charts, how to keep records, etc. The hours are 9:00 to noon - everyone welcome.

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PURPOSE: Austin Genealogical Society was organized in 1960 as a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Texas. Its purposes are to collect and preserve genealogical and historical information about the people of Texas, particularly pertaining to the City of Austin and to Travis and surrounding counties; to instruct and assist members in genealogical research; and to publish public and private records of genealogical interest. Gifts and Bequests to Austin Genealogical Society are tax-deductible.

MEMBERSHIP is open to all upon payment of annual dues: $12 per individual, or Family Membership at $14 for two in the same household, entitling them to one copy of each Quarterly, and two pages apiece (a total of four pages for $14 whether one or two persons) in the Ancestor Listing Issue (June). [See AGS QUARTERLY below.]

DUES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR ARE PAYABLE on or before the FIRST DAY OF JANUARY each year. Members who have not paid by February 1st will be dropped from the membership roll and will not receive the March Quarterly until dues and charge for mailing separately are paid. Send payments to AGS Treasurer at 3106 Skylark Drive, Austin TX 78757. SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE QUARTERLY are same as membership dues. All are on a calendar-year basis; if you join late in the year and pay the full amount, you are entitled to back quarterlys for that year if they are available (we order few extras), but there will be a $2 fee for mailing them.

MISSING COPIES. If your Quarterly does not reach you by the 10th of April, July, October or December, notify the Society at Box 1507, Austin TX 78767-1507 (but Exchange Quarterly Chairmen use TEXAS STATE LIBRARY address given on inside front cover). Members who fail to give the Society sufficient advance notice of a change of address will be responsible for the postal fee for returned copies and for remailing the copy at individual rather than bulk mailing rates.

MEETINGS of the general membership are held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month except August and December, while the Board of Directors meets at 6:30. (Directors will be notified of any changes.) MEETING PLACE: Room 12, First Baptist Church, 901 Trinity. Enter on the east side (Neches Street). Free parking in the lot south of church, 9th & Trinity. Visitors are welcome.

AGS QUARTERLY is sent free to all members about the middle of March, June, September and November. To save time and postage, send material for and letters about the Quarterly (except subscriptions and missing copies) to Editor at 2202 W. 10th St., Austin TX 78703. Contributions of material are welcome and will be used at the discretion of the Editor, who may edit them to conform to our format. Neither the Society nor the Editor shall be held responsible for such material; the contributor must vouch for its accuracy or disclaim it, and is responsible for copyright infringement. Opinions expressed herein do not necessarily reflect the consensus of the Society.

DEADLINES: 10th of February, May, August and October.

ANCESTOR LISTING PAGES must reach the Editor at 2202 W. 10th, Austin TX 78703 by the TENTH OF MAY. They must be BLACK and LEGIBLE, whether typewritten, hand-printed, computer printout, or superior calligraphy. Months must be spelled or abbreviated, not figures. Preferred form for dates: day, month, year. Allow space for binding at inner margins of facing pages, carefully checking any horizontal charts. Otherwise, the Editor has to position some upside down to prevent loss of data in the binding/stapling process.

You may submit Lineage or Family Group charts, narratives, census data, Bible records, cemetery inscriptions, queries, or a combination of forms, just so it is not under copyright. Be sure to proofread your material so we won't be guilty of disseminating faulty data. Name and address must be on each page.