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TREATY OAK

We are all saddened by the plight of "Treaty Oak." Its name is derived from a long-standing tradition that treaties between Native Americans and early Anglo settlers were signed beneath its magnificent branches, even if no written proof has been found. We who live in the city and state that surround the lofty landmark are touched that people all over the nation have expressed sorrow about the threat to the life of the ancient tree whose branches spread over one hundred and ten feet.

Many of our readers know that the logo of Austin Genealogical Society is based on Treaty Oak. As explained in Volume XVI, page 1 of our Quarterly, the search for an appropriate cover design came to a happy conclusion in 1975, when Mrs. Maydell McDermont skillfully sketched "the iron work in front of a niche in the south foyer of the Capitol, in which reposes a copy of the Texas Declaration of Independence." The metallic scrollwork, featuring a conventionalized version of the 500-year-old live oak (Quercus virginiana), had been designed and crafted by Fortunat Weigl and his sons Herbert and F.L., about 1928. Our Society decided to adopt it as our symbolic "Family Tree."

Because of the difficulty of creating thousands of tiny branches and leaves without special tools, the artisans produced only a skeletal representation of the then-flourishing Treaty Oak. We genealogists naturally interpreted the bare limbs as branches of the family tree that had almost died out. Little did we know that they were sadly prophetic of the future of Treaty Oak itself!

Tree lovers, Texana buffs, and genealogists everywhere now join in hoping that Treaty Oak, both literally and symbolically, will survive this catastrophe and flourish for centuries to come.
FARM LIFE A CENTURY AGO

In 1967 (as revealed by the final paragraph) a septuagenarian was persuaded to record his reminiscences on tape; reproduced below is the first half of his account of the first 15 years of his life.

Born in 1891 in Central Texas, Marvin Sylvester Pugh was endowed with a marvelous memory for detail and a strong feeling for mechanical objects. From the coffee grinder to the milk cooler to the plow to many kinds of guns, he understood how they worked. It seems logical to assume that he learned the mechanics of the tape recorder, and taught himself to use the typewriter.

Evidently the oldest of several children, young Marvin was dependable and uncomplaining, even about having to assume the labor of a man far before his time. Although he justifiably boasted of his shooting skill, he was so modest and unassuming that he never even capitalized his i's!

The typescript of his narrative is not signed; it may have been made, not by Mr. Pugh but by a loving descendant whose filial piety rejected the very idea of changing a single sentence. In the opinion of your editor, the occasional errors in grammar or spelling add to the flavor of the piece. Therefore, I have merely (1) corrected only obvious typing errors (as opposed to the writer's choice of spelling) and (2) added space between sentences and paragraphs for clarity.

Some parts of Mr. Pugh's recollections will appeal more to men and some, to women. If a group or a couple will take turns reading it aloud, I predict an entertaining hour for all.

We are indebted to Mrs. H.R. Gentry for getting permission for the publication of this revealing article in AGSQ. Part 2 will be published in our next issue. Meanwhile, why not get some of the more experienced members of your family to tape their memories for posterity? --Editor

PART 1

In the next ninety minutes i am going to relive the first fifteen years of my life as i lived it in the Plesant hill community. (1)

I was born August 13th 1891 two miles north west of Salty church on the old Thompson place and now owned by Hugh Caffey, we lived there two years and, papa bought the old Stanton place at Pleasant Hill and we moved there in the fall of 1893, and i can remember the move just as clearley as if it was just a few years back. there was some of the neighbors came with their wagons and helped us move i remember they loaded the wagons that were there one of them was late so they put the things he was to take out on the front porch then they went back in the house and lined some chairs up along the wall and waited for the other man to come. i can just see them now sitting there in those chairs and all of them leaning back against the wall, it was not long before the other man came they loaded him up and we took off and for me it was for parts unknown we arrived at the place at about two oclock in the after noon and just as soon as papa stopped the wagon i climbed down and made a run into the house to see where i was going to live, i presume that no one had lived in the house in quite some time for the floor was covered with rotten broken oak shingles, i looked up to the roof as there was no ceiling i saw a hole that you could have dropped a number three wash tub through and the whole roof was full of holes i was just standing there staring at them when mamma walked in and i said to her[: i] mamma we are going to get wet she said oh that is alright we can patch them so that gave me a little consolation

The first thing they did was rake up all that stuff on the floor two of
the men got a wash tub and a seed scoop picked it up and carried it out then swept it out with the broom after they were through cleaning up they unloaded the wagons putting every thing on the floor and left it was about three thirty and we had to get some dinner when they unloaded the cook stove they set it under the flue papa put the pipe on it and started a fire and mamma was dragging the grocery boxes around trying to find what she wanted to cook she came up with a ham fried a plate full also a plate full of eggs she had some jelly and preserves that she had canned it was now about five o'clock when we started to eating and was i hungry i dont think that i have ever eat a meal since that tasted as good as that one did.

The next thing was to get the furniture set up we did not have very much so that was not much of a problem then we were ready to start to living papa went into town the next day and got some material to patch the roof and he did a pretty good job of patching which served the purpose very well until he could make permanent repairs the kitchen did very well as it had cedar shingles on it incidentally i might mention here that the house was originally a one room hand hewed log cabin that measured about 20 X 20 feet and the cracks between the logs was filled with clay and lime to keep the rain out and prevent the cold wind blowing in and was heated from a large red iron rock fire place that was large enough to burn four foot wood in and i liked that as it did not take so much chopping, the other room was built on years later and built out of lumber it was just a boxed room built with one by twelve lumber and had cedar shingles on the roof there was a porch on the south side of the log room the length of the room itself and when the kitchen part was built on it was extended the full length of the kitchen which was also about a 20 X 20 then that portion of it was boxed in and made a shed room the porch on the north side extended the entire length of the house and had a large under ground brick cistern right in the middle of the porch both porches was about twelve feet wide.

The next thing was to get the material to cover the roof, he did not have the money to buy shingles, so he got a saw and went to the bottom and cut some big burr oak trees and saved them into sections the length of a shingle however they made the oak shingles longer than a cedar shingle after they cut and hauled in [the logs] the next step was making the shingles it only required two pieces of equipment to cut the shingles out one was a wood maul made out of hickory and another tool called a fro (2) this was a taper blade tool about sixteen inches long and made out of very good material you could really put a sharp edge on it there was a ring on one end about two inches in diameter to hold the handle which stood straight up when held in position to use so to make the shingles the block of wood was stood on the end and the fro set far enough in the block to make about a half a shingle when the bark was taken off it was held in that position and hammered with the wood maul and those slices would split all the way through the block just about the same thickness this was repeated until the entire block was split up into shingle thickness and then there was a form or pattern the width of the shingle they would stand the slab up and use the fro and maul to split the bark edge off then put it in the form and split the slab down the edge of the form the shingles were all the same width, as they were split they were stacked to dry out before being put on the house after a few months they were dry and straight then one day some neighbors came in and they tore the old ones off and nailed the new ones on they were still on there in good shape when the house was torn down about 1940.

About two years later papa bought enough cedar shingles to cover the kitchen this gave us a good roof over our heads.
I am going to describe in detail our actual living conditions. First I will discuss our furniture which was not elaborate but compared favorably to the furniture in the surrounding homes, we had two beds with two rather thin knotty cotton mattresses on them but they slept alright because we did not know any difference, but later on mamma got some ticking and made them up she put shucks on one and grass in the other then put them under the cotton mattresses it sure helped too for we had no springs on the beds later they got another bed and made a cotton mattress and a grass one too this gave us three beds but when company came and stayed all night the grass mattresses came out and was put on the floor as usual I would have to sleep on one of them which was not too bad for mamma had a knack for putting the grass in them so they were pretty smooth but every year in late summer she would spot a good patch of grass and I would have to pull enough of it to refill the mattresses because it would pack down pretty hard in a years time. The chairs were usually hand made out of oak or hickory and the bottoms were covered with raw hyde they would soak the cured hydes in water until they were soft then put them on while wet and lace it up with raw hyde strings and when they were dry they were as tight as a drum head after years of sitting in them they would give a little so they just about fit you the hair was left on and it would stay there for many years I have seen some that the hair was worn completely off and the hyde was as slick as it could be for the average family you would find at least six of them in the home and usually a few boxes around maybe a nail keg or two for use when extra company came in there was also a rocking chair to rock the babies and a cradle for them to sleep in and to be rocked and here is where I came in again I really had to do my part of the baby rocking both in the rocking chair and the cradle that was the furniture we had in that room in order to have something on the walls papa was a long time subscriber to one newspaper the Atlanta Constitution mamma would save the papers until she had a large stack of them then she would make a paste of flour and water and a little corn starch and paste those papers on the wall and believe it or not it looked pretty good.

In the kitchen and dining room which was together we had a home made table about seven or eight feet long and a bench the length of the table which would seat four or five people and the others used the chairs there was a safe to keep the food in it was about eight feet tall and about three feet wide with two compartments the upper and lower the upper part had quite a lot more room than the lower the upper doors were just frames with screen wire on them for better cooling of the food, the lower doors had wood panels in them each one had shelves to set food and other stuff on. We had more trouble with the milk than any thing else in hot weather the mornings milk would sour by night and we all liked our sweet milk and corn bread a habit that I have never gotten away from to this day I still like it a few years later an agent came through the country selling milk coolers it was made of metal and stood about four and a half feet high about thirty six inches long and about eighteen inches wide the top was made like a pan it had sides about two inches high and the bottom was made the same way to catch the extra water there was a ten quart bucket that came with it and had a petcock soldered in near the bottom then there was a cloth that wrapped around the cooler and extended out into the bottom of the top pan and hung loose in the bottom pan you filled the top pan with water fill the bucket open the petcock so there was a continuos drip the water would trickle down the cloth and keep it wet so the wind blowing on it would cause the water to evaporate and cool the milk and butter inside the cloth after it was set up and started all you had to do was to keep the bucket filled with water.

The stove was a medium size and would cook the most delicious foods mamma knew just how much fire to build to cook a meal like she wanted it I have
seen her many times start the fire or adjust it if some one else started it then she would make up her bread then open the oven door and hold her hand in the oven to see if it was hot enough and i will say that i cant ever remember her pulling a pan of burnt bread out of that stove.

The last item was a coffee mill in those days the coffee came in barrels the berries were dry but it was called green coffee and had to be roasted at home then ground in the mill every time coffee was made mamma would get her meat frying and the bisquits baking then grind the coffee and start it to cooking the mill was mounted on the wall and on a cold still morning it really made a racket due to the vibration from the wall i knew when that mill started grinding that it was my time to get up, and when i was large enough to reach that mill standing in a chair i had to get up and grind the coffee.

Food was the big item and we always looked ahead for that we always put up our own meat papa would always fatten four or five some times six hogs for the years supply of meat he would butcher them several times during the winter so that we would have fresh meat during the cold weather usually he would kill about two at a time we would trim out most of the fat to make lard we usually used the shoulders and trimmings from the sides to make the sausage then the meat was placed on a large cooling board while the meat was still warm we would put a fairly thick layer of salt over it then next day it was put in barrels and completely covered with salt and left there for a certain length of time to take salt. it was taken out and dipped in a pot of boiling water and hung up in the smokehouse and smoked. we would use bear grass blades to hang it up, this was a native plant that grew wild in the woods and along the fence rows they had long narrow stiff blades about eighteen to twenty inches long, had a hard point on the end that was almost as sharp as a needle. when we were ready to hang the meat we would get a bundle of them, they were too stiff to use as they were so we would shuffle them in hot ashes until they were soft then you could tie them like a string and could not break one of them, we would punch a hole in a piece of meat run one of these blades through it & tie it to poles that were in the smokehouse. after it was all hung up we would build a fire in there but just make it smoke and keep it until the meat was completely dry part of it we would leave hanging until it was used up the other was taken down and wrapped in news paper and put in the meat box. The heads were put in a large container and boiled until the meat would slip off the bone[,] mash the meat up and season it with salt pepper and sage then put the meat in a stone crock large enough for a plate to just slip inside and put weights on the plates to press the excess grease out, then we had hogshead cheese. We would cut the liver in small pieces and boil until done and put in a container we used a quart whiskey bottle to mash it up until it was real grainy then season with salt, pepper and sage and we had liver puddin.

To finish the feet we would get a large bed of live coals in the fire place use about a three foot stick with a sharp point on the end, stick it in a foot and shuffle the foot in the hot coals for a short time then the hoofs would slip off with tough skin under the foot, then they were ready to cook. We would clean the chitlings (4) and stuff the sausage in them usually we would have more sausage than they would hold so mamma would sew up some cloth sacks about twelve to sixteen inches wide and about twenty inches long and put enough sausage in them so that when they were flattened out they would be about one and a half inches thick then hang them all up with the meat to be smoked and oh my what good eating that meat and sausage was.

From spring until frost we always had an abundance of fresh vegetables such as irish potatoes mustard radishes lettuce peas beans okra egg plant tomatoes cabbage peppers, mamma would can enough vegetables to last us through the winter months. Papa would always put out a large sweet potato patch so that we would have sweet potatoes the year round, we would always harvest them after the first
killing frost and bank them they would keep the year round and i mean they were sweet potatoes too not like these stringy tasteless things they grow today and call sweet potatoes, we had two kinds, one was called a yam it was almost white outside and in and was pretty dry but a very good eating potato, the other was a Dooley the man that bred it up was named Dooley and he gave the potato his name that was the sweetest potato that i ever ate you had to bake them in a pan to hold the candy that ran out of them.

I dont [think] this would be complete unless i talked a little about the water melons that we raised, we would plant them in a patch just north of the house and we would raise them by the wagon loads and i believe the largest melons i have ever seen grown the largest one weighed eighty eight pounds but the average run from sixty to seventy five pounds any thing under that size was hog feed and we would haul them in by the wagon load and feed to the hogs. There was a large oak tree stood at the east end of the house and another on the south side, then to the south east farther out stood another large oak, all the space between the oaks was covered with large umbrella china trees they made a completely solid shade, not a spot of sunshine ever got through in fact the foliage was so thick on a bright sunny day it was about half dark under them the September 8th & 9th 1900 storm got them not a single one of them left. Early in the cool of the morning we would go to the melon patch and bring in a load of hog melon and a number of them for ourselves, we would drive the wagon up under the china trees and leave it until it was empty the hog pasture came up to the china tree and we would throw the melons over the fence to the hogs every morning at ten oclock and every afternoon at three was our melon time if we were in the field we would come to the house to eat melon we would always cut enough for every body to have a half and what you could not eat went over the fence to the hogs it was considered a disgrace for any one to eat more than the heart of the melon.

We had our own meat, lard, sausage, potatoes, vegetables, eggs milk, butter plenty of chickens to eat, we always raised a lot of chickens we had chicken to eat any time we wanted them then have two or three dozen to sell every time papa went to town when an old hen would start to setting we would give her sixteen or seventeen eggs and she would set on them until they hatched, then put her in a coop, then turn her out next day and she would hustle for the little ones and it would not take her long to have a bunch of fryers ready so with all the food we raised at home we did not have very much to buy -- flour sugar and coffee and a few clothes and shoes so we could live good on just a few dollars. back in those days a forty eight pound sack of flour cost ninety eight cents, coffee fifteen to twenty cents a pound, sugar three to five cents, so we really got along pretty good.

This would not be complete unless i talk about the clothes we wore in those days, the men usually bought their pants, for summer they had different types of cotton pants but fall and winter they wore a wollen pant in those days they called them jeans pants they were a real dark colored pant almost black some times they would buy a ready made shirt but most of the time the women would make them and in mamma[']s case she had to make them with her fingers as she had no sewing machine, their under shirts for winter were bought and were a heavy fleece lined shirt, no under shirts were worn in the summer time the drawers were also home made out of cotton flannel they were made about ankle length with about a six inch slit in the bottom with a string tacked to each side of the slit and that was tied around the leg, for sunday they wore short pants until they were about ten or twelve years old the first bought clothes i had i went to Uncle Dan Jinks and picked cotton to buy them Jesse Jackson got his first suit that same year and while I was picking cotton for mine so when i got paid i went to Rockdale (5) to Ben Lowensteins Dry Goods and the first suit they laid out was exactly like Jesse's and i bought it hat shirt tie and shoes cost me twenty silver
dollars incidentally that was the kind of money we had then i still had some money left and i bought me some school clothes i remember those suits so well they were pure wool and a hard finish and were almost black in color they had square checks about one and a half inches square one check was a little darker in color than the one next to it Jesse and i were always to gether when we went to a gathering of any kind and we really got a kick strutting those suits around for we were the best dressed boys in the community.

Those women were a scream they wore high top button shoes, twenty buttons to the shoe they wore long skirts in fact long enough they had to touch the floor Then you can imagine what happened in grass bur time then they went to wearing a kind of pad outfit with strings to tie it around the body so the pad would hang on the upper buttox to make it appear that they were well filled out they called this a bustle i remember when a bunch of us boys would get together at a singing convention or other all day gathering and start a guessing game as to who was wearing the largest bustle that day then we would move around and look them over & then decide who was the best guesser. After the bustle style started to play out here came the hoop skirt and that was something the first hoop would be around the hips and would hold the skirt away from the body about three inches all around, th next one would be between the hip and knee and much larger than the one at the hip, then two more on down to the bottom of the skirt each one larger than the other usually the one at the bottom would be about three to four feet in diameter so it took about eight or ten yards of cloth to make their skirts and they were worn with some type of blose yes you guessed it[::] long sleeves and gloves and along with this they had to have a new hair style they wore long hair and every time they combed it there would [be] some loose hair to come out they saved it up until they got what they wanted then worked it all together into a kind of pad affair and long enough to reach across the front of the head after combing the hair down then lay the hair pad up there and turn the hair back over it and make it look like a big roll in front then carry it to the back of the head and roll it in a big ball some few would ball it on top of the head they called this hair pad a rat and wore bonnets for a head piece.

In the next few minutes i will go into some details about our farming and how we had to do it, seventy five years ago farming implements were few and of a primitive type we had a cast iron turning plow even with a cast iron point and a wood beam after they got wore smooth they plowed pretty good this plow was known as the kelly turning plow it was used to flat break and bed the land & was also used some for cultivating then we had the Georgia stock also wood and had no land slide on it to use [it] you would let it plow as deep as you wanted and carry the rest of it the other thing was called a straddle jack it also had a wood tongue but it had two feet on it to put two bull tongue plows in it to cover seed when they were planted and some hoes with a total investment of about twenty five dollars [Something missing here?] papa would always go into town on January the first or shortly thereafter to make arrangements for his credit for that year it was Scarborough and Hicks for groceries and dry goods, Henne and Myer Co for hardware and the bank if he needed a little cash, then the actual farming would start.

He had a heavy log that he would fasten a chain on and hitch the horses to it and drag down the cotton and corn stalks then he would start to bedding the land or listing it as it was some times called it usually took four or five weeks to get the land put up by that time it was corn planting time people thought in those days if they did not get started planting corn on the 15th of February there was no use planting it and usually winter was over by that time, when we were ready to plant papa would hitch on to his log and drag the beds down so they were pretty flat then he would put a small sweep on his Georgia stock and set the foot piece so that the sweep would open up a nice clean furrow then mamma and i would drop the corn by hand one horse was hitched to the Georgia stock and one to the
straddle jack he would open up a few furrows then when we had the corn dropped he would take his straddle jack and cover it. we planted every thing else the same way except the cotton seed we would roll them in wet clay that would make the fuzz on them stick together and you could sow them like peas this was a slow process but it worked. when the plants were up about four inches high they got the first plowing using the turning plow to throw the dirt away from the plants, that would leave the plants on a narrow ridge about eight or ten inches wide. This was called baring it off, the next plowing would be the reverse throw the dirt back to the plants, the next couple of plowings would be with a sweep and the Georgia stock, the last plowing with the turning plow and really pile the dirt to the plants, then take a sweep and bust out the middles that was called laying it by of course the thinning and hoeing went along with the plowing we made good crops the corn would run from sixty to seventy bushels per acre and the cotton would make a bale to the acre up until the Galveston Storm in 1900 that brought in the mexican boll weevil after that it was not so good.

We would plant a few acres of cane or sorghum to make hay for the stock we would broadcast the seed on the ground then flat break it, we would plant some in rows to cut green we cut the surplus and tied it in bundles and stacked it for winter feed, when the cane matured it was cut by hand with a tool called a scythe it had a blade about thirty inches long attached to a curved crooked handle affair and had two round handles attached to it to hold it by, the hay was left on the ground until it was about dry, then raked up with a pitch fork and put in shocks until completely dry, then hauled in and stacked or ricked. i remember one time we had the cane on the far west end of the field about five or six acres in the patch it was separated from the rest of the field by a pretty good size ravine and it was a little rough getting across it we were hauling the hay to the house and was finishing up, there was too much hay for the load but papa thought that we could carry it all he did not want to come back he was down on the ground pitching it up on the wagon and i was placing it around on the wagon it was really getting high i kept telling him that we had too much hay on that wagon, it would not cross that branch he would say oh i think we can carry it alright and put it all on, then started to climb up it was so steep that he could not get up so he was sticking his pitch fork down into the hay and pulling himself up he was almost to the top when the hay started to slide about half of it went to the ground and caught me completely under it and you should have seen papa moving that hay digging me out when he got down to where he could see me he says, are you hurt i said no but i want out then we carried that load to the house and came back and got the rest.

After a few years of that hard cutting by hand the horse drawn mowing machine came out a man by the name of Dan Lynch bought one and mowed for the public also had a rake to rake it up and put it on wind rows it was easy to shock after being pulled up with the rake when that man came and started cutting i was so fascinated with that machine i would follow it every round that it made we would plant a few acres of oats they were also cut by hand with a tool called a cradle it had a cutting blade about forty inches long and had a number of wooden fingers mounted parallel with the blade that was why it was called a cradle every time they would make a cut the oats would fall in the cradle then hold the cradle up with one hand and pick up the oats with the other and drop them on the ground some one else would follow tying the oats into bundles they would use a few stalks of the oats to tie the bundles the stalks of oats were brought around the bundle and both ends held in the hand and twisted tight, then the ends were tucked under the band of stalks it held good you could handle the bundles with a pitch fork and they would hold good we would set up tall poles in the ground and stack the oats and hay around them some of the poles were as much as twenty feet high we would stack to the top.
of them then top the stack off with hay to shed the water. After a couple of years dropping seed by hand, an all metal planter came out and papa bought one. He had no one to run it and I was not large enough to handle it. The handles was set for a man and were shoulder high to me. Papa drilled new holes and lowered the handles to fit me so with a little practice, I could keep the planter on the row but I could not turn it around at the end. Papa had to turn it for me at every end. It was about two years before I could turn it around myself but from then on we could put the seed in the ground.

After a few years we got into the hog raising business to supplement some of the losses in cotton due to the boll weevil and it paid off good. We had a pretty good herd of cattle for there was plenty of outside free range with good grass. There was about forty acres in the east field. We fenced it off into patches of about ten acres each with hog proof wire and [[it]] was fenced so that there were a direct outlet from each patch to a large tank in front of the house so that the hogs could go to the tank any time they wanted to. We would plant cow peas and peanuts on the patches and when they were ripe, we would open a gate and let in a couple of old sows each with a litter of pigs and by the time they got the patches cleaned up, we would have a bunch of big hogs in those days. Hogs sold for four to five cents per pound and cattle for about the same price.

This brings us up to the year 1897 and everything had gone good for us until this time. I guess I started the ball to rolling for I came down with a disease that the Dr. called typhoid dysentery and I was flat on my back for six weeks. I will say here and now it was the toughest six weeks of my entire life. I was not bad sick,[,] I just ran a fever all the time and the worst part of it was they just about starved me to death. The first four weeks all I had to eat was malted milk that had to be made up with boiled water. Then the fifth week the Dr. had mamma boil some chicken then strain the water that it was cooked in and let me drink that. They had my bed pulled out in front of the door so that I could get the breeze and I could see the dining table and the rest of them eating. It was more than I could take. I would lay there and suffer through the three meals a day. There were two cotton gins at Gardner which was about two and a half miles from the house. It was fall and the gins were running. I could hear the engines chugging away. I would just lay there and wait for them to blow the whistle which they would pretty often. That was my past time. I was so weak when I got up, I could not stand up without some thing to hold too. I will have to congratulate myself for that was my first and last sickness except occasionally a few chills and fever which was a common thing every summer but that was home treated with quinine and Groves tasteless chill tonic. Every time any of us complained of not feeling good, we would get the bottle of brown compound cathartic pills, two of them in a tablespoon of clabber, then you could sure enough get sick. Every summer all the kids had to get a through (6) of colonel and followed the next morning with a big dose of castor oil. I got enough of that stuff to last me a life time and I have never taken any of it since.

(To Be Continued)

NOTES

1. Pleasant Hill is in Milam County, Texas.
2. A froe or frow is a cleaving tool.
3. The newspaper suggests they had come from Georgia.
4. Webster defines "chitterlings" as the small intestines of swine.
5. Rockdale is in Milam County, Texas.
6. Meaning of "throuh" not clear -- course? dose?

TIPS ON PRESERVATION OF RECORDS

Dedicated AGS member Martha Askew was so impressed by an article published by Kathleen M. O'Leary that she suggested we condense it and pass it on to our readers. We are grateful to both the abovenamed ladies and to Shirley J. Burton who had presented the information at a workshop sponsored by the National Archives, Great Lakes Branch, in July 1989.

Highlights: Observe the rule of reversibility -- that is, do nothing that cannot be undone. For example, do not laminate materials because the process cannot be reversed. And never repair documents with cellophane tape, for it will yellow and fall off but leave glue on the paper. It is impossible to get ride of that residue.

One great problem in preserving records is acid in paper. We are in the Era of Bad Paper -- paper made since ca 1850 (when paper manufacturers started adding wood to rag fibers) deteriorates more rapidly than older paper. This is caused by acid migration, the tendency of acid to seep from one item to another. If you have already glued old items into a scrapbook or vinyl album, it may be wise to leave it alone. However, it is possible to slow down the acid migration by interleaving acid-free paper between the sheets of the album. It is wise to photocopy valued documents onto acid-free paper.

Photographs and documents can be harmed by wrong methods of labelling. A picture can be marred by too much pressure on the back or by a felt-tipped pen. It is best to lay it face down on a hard surface and write lightly with a #2 graphite pencil. As for ink, permanent carbon ink in a fountain pen is the best to use.

Causes of deterioration of materials include temperature, relative humidity, air pollution, dirt and dust. Do NOT keep paper items in an attic: for every 18 degrees increase in temperature, the rate of deterioration is doubled. Keep materials cool, preferably at 70 degrees. Fluctuation of temperature is very bad for materials. Light speeds up the oxidation of paper, especially sunlight and fluorescent light.

When handling documents it is wise to wear cotton gloves. Even on "clean" hands, oil is present and is transmitted to the documents, attracting dust. Use acid-free boxes. If at all possible, lay your papers flat in them; do not fold or roll them up.

Remember that color photography is quite unstable and black-and-white photographs last much longer than colored ones.

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Vital Statistics Update 1989

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The new biennium will see changes in many of the procedures followed by State agencies. Procedural changes at the Bureau of Vital Statistics will be of particular interest to genealogists. In our meeting there on 23 August 1989, Richard Bays, State Registrar, and John Murphy, Deputy State Registrar outlined the changes that genealogists will see. All of these changes took effect on 1 September 1989.

Copies of birth and death certificates now cost $8.00 each. The price is the same for a certified or a plain paper copy. County clerks are required by state law to follow the fee structure used by the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

The new fee structure also impacts the viewing of certificates. This was an in-person option at the Bureau of Vital Statistics that allowed researchers to gather information from multiple certificates at a fixed rate. According to the wording of the new appropriations act, the Bureau of Vital Statistics must charge $8.00 for each search, and since viewing the certificates involves multiple searches, the option is no longer available. The Bureau of Vital Statistics understands that genealogists, who might need to view from twenty to thirty certificates, will not want to pay $8.00 for each one. Mr. Bays and Mr. Murphy were quick to point out, however, that they are looking at alternative methods of providing a service like viewing. One option under investigation is related to the way the certificates are indexed, but they stress that no option will be available before late spring 1990.

During the legislative session, Senate Bill 973 was passed. It reads as follows:

...The county clerk shall allow access to and give attested copies of a birth record on and after the 50th anniversary of the date on which it is filed and shall allow access to and give attested copies of a death record on and after the 25th anniversary of the date on which it is filed. Before that time, the county clerk shall allow access to and give attested copies of those records only as provided by vital statistics laws and rules adopted under those laws. . . .

This amends the Local Government Code: Subsection (c), Section 191.004, as added by Senate Bill No. 220, Acts of the 71st Legislature, Regular Session 1989.

This means that birth records prior to 1939, and death records prior to 1964, are no longer confidential. Access to these records will be eased, but requests should still include enough information that a reasonably accurate search can be made. In such cases, the parents' names do not have to be given. Mr. Bays asks that in requesting a non-confidential certificate, the following information be provided: name, county of birth/death, date of birth/death, and certificate file number.
Certificates for births newer than fifty years, and for deaths newer than twenty-five years, are still considered confidential. Access to these records is still restricted to properly qualified applicants. Requests must include first and last names, county of birth/death, date of birth/death, mother's full name including maiden name, father's full name, certificate number, your relationship to the person, and the reason for requesting the certificate. A search for a birth or death certificate will not be conducted if any of this information is unavailable. In some cases, however, this requirement may be waived if an applicant can give valid reasons why the information cannot be provided.

If there are any questions regarding this legislation or its effect on the public, contact Jan Carter, Genealogy, Texas State Library, 512/463-5463, or John Murphy, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 512/458-7371

House Bill 1285 is landmark legislation. This bill, proposed by the Texas State Library's Local Records Division, consolidated and modernized two hundred laws governing local government records in Texas. This legislation extends the protection of permanently valuable county records to all records generated by a local governing body. For more information contact Local Records Division, Texas State Library, 512/463-5478.

MUSINGS ABOUT MONIKERS

The primary purpose of having names is to distinguish one person from another, is it not? We seem to be losing sight of that objective. Family pride has long motivated mothers to give their maiden name to their children as a forename, which is fine, except that it conceals the sex of the bearer. It becomes somewhat ludicrous to an etymologist when a girl is named Speakman, Davidson, and so on. The Norwegians invented a helpful system of calling a child Lars Nilsson or Kristin Lavransdatter, but that reveals only the father's first name. Many given names are as likely to be bestowed on daughters as on sons nowadays: Christopher, Jewel, Jan, Jean, Gene, Evelyn, Allison, Leslie, Stacy, Beverley, Charlie, Sam, Jo(e), Billie, Connie, Tommie... And they don't stick to the former practice of using "ie" for girls and "y" for boys, or Joe for male only.

The current trend of omitting courtesy titles forces me to answer letters with the salutation "Dear Sir or Madam," an obsolescent usage which no doubt evokes hilarious laughter from the "mod" recipients. I have even read obituaries wherein the deceased lady was referred to by her surname only: "Jones was 33 years old." If anyone does that to me I'll come back on a dark night and haunt him/her out of its wits!

These contemporary usages will cause even more puzzlement for genealogists in the future than we have now. If a newspaper listing of the marriage of Leslie Smith and Christopher Jones makes us wonder which was the bride, think what will happen if marriages of persons of the same sex are legalized. Then you'll have to wonder about the sex of both parties. Fortunately, there will be no offspring to aggravate the problem.

Texas State Library Vertical Contents: GADDY - GWINN

Thanks to Barbara and Jerry Goudreau, we have more summaries of the contents of the TSL Vertical File on the facing page. For full explanation see June AGSO.
FOR MORE INFORMATION about these files, address Genealogy Collection, Texas


GFILINDO: Genealogical data. All in Spanish. Names in file are: Galindo, De La Garza, Gomez, Sanchez and Trevino. [2 letter-size pages.]


GARLAND: Lineage Chart. Names in file are: Garland, Holmes, Bell, Slaughter, Hearne, Parrish, McSwain, Trotter, McCoy, Stratman, Patterson, Barton, Shipe, Dooley, Woolf, Nowlin, Anderson, Thorp, Pipkin, Youngblood, Brooks, Wright, O'Toole, Connor, Barr, Nutt, Venting and Brown [4 letter-size pages.]


GATES: Vol.2 # 2 of the "Gates Researcher" Biographical of William Gates of Texas. Names in file are: Gates, Hardin, Burns, Leakey, Cooper, Hanks, Caruthers, Callaway, Mayfield, Dulaney, Calhoun, Fletcher, Perry, Duff, Barr, Getz, Johnson, Drake, Gilbreath, Glasglow, Hudson, Williams, Wilson, Yates, Irving, Miller, Younger and Sweeney. [27 letter-size pages.]
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GATTIS, Dorman H.: Information on his family. Names in file are: Gattis, King, Caldwell and Morrow. [5 letter-size pages.]

GAUSE: Family cemetery in Milam County, Sent in by Ernest Glazener 2105 Cain St. Seagoville, TX. Names in file are: Culp, Gause, Adams, Armstrong, Beverly Bowling, Fowler, Sanders, Beverly, Mosley, Walker, Miller, Smith, Taylor, Thomas and Wortham. [7 letter-size pages.]

GEER: Family association newsletter. Names in file are: Geer, Gear, Gere, Geere, Ober, Colbert, Bradberry, Gearey, Plummer, Pittsenbarger, Gates, Brady, Freer, Halvick, Jones, Eastlick, Collett, August, Flidderjohn, Staerkel and Creznic. [14 letter-size pages.]


GEORGE, Anna E.: A Texas composer adds another song to her record. Newspaper article, dated Feb. 1925. Only name in file: George. [1 letter-size page.]


GIBBINGS, Joseph: A letter from the Department of the Navy. He was killed by an explosion aboard the USS San Jacinto on December 4, 1856. He was assigned to destroying the Barrier Forts. Also a will in folder. Only name in file: Gibbings. [7 legal-size pages.]

GIBBS: Family information. Names in file are: Gibbs, Bruce, Mellon, Connelly, Haynes, Brazzelton, Blackman, Dibrell, Harris, Hawley, Robinson, McDaniel and Gourd. [25 letter-size pages.]


GIDDINGS: A typed copy of letter Dated April 10, 1836, about Giles Albert Giddings. Letter mention he was a San Jacinto soldier who died in battle. Names in file are: Giddings and Giles. [7 letter-size pages.]
of copies for you. Sorry, Austin Genealogical Society cannot help you, but

GILBERT: Pedigree chart. Names in file are: Gilbert, Pearson, Cox, Mitchell and McMurtry. [1 letter-size page.]

GILES: Biographical sketch of Samuel Bolivar Giles. Names in file are: Giles and Banton. [1 letter-size page.]

GILLELAND: Bible records, sent in by Estell F. Allen, Jr. Box 55 May, TX 76857. Names in file are: Gilleland, Bougright, Allen, Slater, Anders and Hall. [5 letter-size pages.]

GILMORE: "Gilmore Genealogical Newsletter" Names in file are: Gilmore, Caldwell, Crow, Brown, Stewart, Cannon, Lee, Wright, Nichols, Hubert, Scott, Benson, Parker, Smith, Reid, Madison, Jones, Messinger, Bankston, Rogers, Buss, Norton, Willington, and Culver [27 letter-size pages.]

GIST: Family information. Names in file are: Gist, Murray, Bell, Renfro, Hewlett, LeRoe, Williams, Burks, Dennis, Vance, Belew, Staley, Cromwell, Howard, Meredith, Robinson, Breed, Springer and Davis. [6 typed letter-size pages, 59 legal-size handwritten on tablet paper. Probably would not copy well.]

GIST, Christopher: Maps, land plats, pictures, photocopy of letters, warrant for a runaway slave. Will of John Patton. Names in file are: Gist, Johnson, Patton, Small, Borden and Baker. [5 negative Legal-size & 20 negative letter-size pages, 22 5x6 photocopies of letters and documents and 28 letter-size positive copies.]

GIVENS: Pedigree charts. Names in file are: Givens, Seele, Black, Townsends, Buchanan, Prather, Martel, Beauchamp, Whitenhall, Kidd, Lovelace, Gorsuch, Prather, Keene, Claggett, Willford, Digges, James, Lillard, Walton, McQuiddy, Flanders, Magnus and Geoffrey. [12 4x9-size pages and 1 legal-size page.]

GLASSCOCK: Military records, Bible records and deeds. Names in file are: Glasscock, Harrison, Scott, Knight, Talbott, Holli, Freeman, Coleman, Cooper, McKinstry and Breeding. [12 letter-size pages (positive copies) & 4 letter-size pages negative copies.]


GOLL: Family information. Names in file are: Goll, Daughtery, Bastain, Rogers, Benner, McQueen, McDonald, Gardner and McGee. [5 letter-size pages.]

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the librarians can send you a list of private researchers who can.


GOODWIN: Goodwin information and pedigree chart. Names in file are: Goodwin, Beale, Chrisman, Chapman, Garland, Graves, Tyler, Coghill, Blades, Tullock, Thompson, Gorland, Coleman, Moore, Jackson, Overton, Petit, Dabney, Pendleton, Hughes, Birch, Mask, Woolfolk, Rhodes, Linn, Byrd, Bailey, Blackwell, Cartwright, Key, Quarles and West. [2 11 X 17-size pages & 2 letter-size pages]

GOORGEN, Hans: A will. Names in file are: Goorgen and Pearson. [1 letter-size page.]


GRACY: "Gracy ancestors " given by John Gracy. Names in file are: Gracy, Wells, Greer, Bedichek, Mulsetl, Walling, Rider, Smith, Caldwell, Brown, Valentine, Livingston, Holmes, Messinger and Ludlin. [10 legal-size pages. A page has been cut out.]


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REMEMBER: the data you want may be only a few lines buried somewhere in 87 pages!


GRAY: A will and Family records. Names in file are: Gray, Coker, Moore, Archer, Stark(s), Eubanks, Cook, Thornhill, Jones, Wilson, DeSalvo, Wright, Meredith, Lawrence, Johnson, Southland, Kinney, Richardson, Wooten, Kelly and Berkley. [50 letter-size pages and 6 legal-size pages.]


GREER: Family data. Names in file are: Greer, Williams, Banta, Rippy, Barker and DeMott. [1 legal-size page]


GREVE: Biographical sketch. Names in file are: Greve and White. [1 letter-size page.]


GRIMES: Genealogy and photographs. Names in files are: Grimes, Page, Hybarger, Acree, Britton, Harrison, Jones, Crockett, Hicks, Farley, Miller, White, Bean, Boone, McLeod and Nelson. [45 letter-size pages and 8 photographs.]

GRISWOLD, Rufus Wilmot: Names in files are: Griswold, Mayhew. "Texas studies in English " by Jacob L. New. [62 letter-size pages]

GROCE: Two copies of "The Groce Family Newsletter." Index included. [180 letter-size pages.]

GROESBEECK: Pedigree chart. Names in file are: Groesbeek, Kemp, Phelps, Fricke, Johnston and Anderson. [1 legal-size page.]


GUILLORY: An article, "American Chronicles, Black or White." Names in file are: Guillory and Phipps. [13 letter-size pages.]

GUNN: A collection of family information. Names in file are: Gunn, Williams, Cameron, Hearne, Whitely, Meador, Hamilton, Socrates, Benton, Miller, Crittenden, Derrough, Shields and Stout. [6 letter-size pages.]


NOTE! 
If some of your favorite surnames don't appear in this list, do not despair! Those particular folders may have been in use at the time that Barbara was making her inventory, or they may have been acquired later. When we reach the end of the alphabet, Barbara plans to re-check the files, inventory any that may have been missed the first time around, and possibly make a note of those that have regrettably disappeared since she summarized their contents. Then people can check at home to see if they inadvertently took a folder home after using it. When Barbara sets her hand to the plow, she is sure to make a good row clear to the end of the field. She overwhelmingly deserves the Blue Ribbon!
Ancestors of Our Schmidt Family
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Four wrong ideas have caused great problems for the human race. One is the idea of inherited ruling authority, that one person should be the ruler of a group of people because his or her father or mother had been the ruler of that same group. Another is the idea behind slavery, that one person can own another person. A third is that a person or group can achieve ownership of property or territory by force of arms, exemplified by one nation using force of arms to invade a neighboring country or a more remote and less powerful inhabited land; by ranchers using arms to prevent farmers from setting up farms in nineteenth-century Wyoming, Oklahoma, and New Mexico; and by burglars, bank robbers, and stick-up men. A fourth is that we should be prejudiced against people who differ from us in appearance, color, sex, race, religion, or customs, and that this prejudice be extended to denying these "other people" equal opportunities for the good things of this world. All four of these wrong ideas have influenced the heritage of all humans.

A positive outlook can be justified in many cases: for instance, the North American continent has been developed for the good of hundreds of millions of people by aggressive exploitation of the land. Every continent has been taken from aboriginals by some invading group. "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." If religious intolerance caused a migration that resulted in several of my ancestors meeting their spouses, I cannot help but see something good in that migration. If divine rights rulers in Europe drove my ancestors to emigrate to America, I benefitted.

Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg in 1517. Wittenberg, southwest of Berlin by 50 miles, is east northeast of Cologne by 255 miles, less than the distance from Dallas to San Antonio. Religious intolerance played a great part in my Protestant family heritage (and probably that of most persons of European background): Jacques REMY, my 9-great-grandfather through the HEGMANN branch, husband of Madeleine . . ., d. in 1568. She d. in 1586. His son, Jacob REMY, b. in 1568, husband of Katharina WINGENDER, moved from his birthplace in Ivoy/Lothringen, Alsace-
Lorraine, to Grenzhausen in 1586, after the 1572 St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre of tens of thousands of Huguenots. Grenzhausen is about six miles northeast of Coblenz and about 33 miles west of Herborn. Jacob's son, Peter, b. in 1599 in Grenzhausen, m. Elizabeth CHRISTMAN in 1620, the year that the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, and d. in Grenzhausen in 1663. She d. in 1681. Peter and Elizabeth's son, Egidius REMY, my 6-great-grandfather, b. in 1630, m. Anna GIERTZ in 1653, made clayware in Grenzhausen and d. in 1693. Anna was the daughter of Rotoer GIERTZ. The daughter of Egidius and Anna, Anna Marie REMY, b. in Grenzhausen in 1662, m. Dietrich Wilhelm HEGMANN, a local merchant, in 1681. Dietrich Wilhelm HEGMANN, b. in Langenberg, also the birthplace of his father, Lukas HEEGMANN, b. in 1614, and also the place of death of Dietrich Wilhelm HEGMANN's mother, Margareta . . ., in 1686. Margareta was b. in 1622, m. in 1645. Langenberg is about 30 miles ESE of Herborn.

Francois DOZY, a camlet merchant, b. in 1619 in Valenciennes, France, located near the border with Holland (now Belgium), d. 1712 in Leyden, and my 7-great-grandfather, also through the Hegmann branch, migrated to a more tolerant Leyden, Holland, where in 1647 he m. Jeanne de L'ESPINE, d. 1674 in Leyden, daughter of Daniel de L'ESPINE, b. before 16 August, 1601, and Jacqueline Fournier, both also b. in Valenciennes. Daniel and Jacqueline d. in 1676 and 1683 in Leyden, outliving their daughter, Jeanne. Daniel's father was Pierre de L'ESPINE, my 9-great-grandfather. Jacqueline's father, also my 9-great-grandfather, was Paul FOURNIER of Valenciennes. A son of Francois and Jeanne DOZY, Pierre, also a camlet merchant, b. 1648 and d. 1712 in Leyden, m. in 1671 Esther (or Hester) DROLENAVAUX, b. in Leyden in 1652, d. in 1724. Both the father of Francois DOZY, Pierre, and grandfather, also Francois, were b. in Valenciennes, France, where the elder two also d., both in 1647.

Esther DROLENAVAUX was the daughter of Simon DROLENAVAUX, a cloth merchant who was b. in Verviers, Holland (now Belgium), m. in 1646 in Leyden, and d. in 1692 in Leyden. His father and grandfather, who lived in Verviers in 1624, were named Simon DROLENAVAUX also. The middle Simon, a cloth merchant, m. Isabeau GEORIS in Verviers, lived in Leyden after 1636, and d. in 1646. The youngest Simon (of these three) was m. to Jeanne DU PIRE, who had been b. in Tourcoing, France in 1623, daughter of Abraham DU PIRE and Pironne DES ROUSSEAUX. Abraham d. in 1692 in Leyden. Pironne d. in 1712.
Adamus HELVETIUS (one of my 2,048 10-great-grandfathers, mentioned in the first article), b. in Liebenscheid, which is located about ten miles west of Herborn, d. in Eisenroth (about five miles east of Herborn) in 1568, was the earliest of six known Protestant ministers among my forebears. Dillenburg, where he studied and later served, is seven miles NNW of Herborn. Beilstein, where he served also, is seven miles SW of Herborn. The second minister, Adamus's son, Tobias HELVETIUS, husband of Settchen . . ., served as a deacon in Hungen in 1571-76, and then preached in Ulm, located seven miles S. of Herborn, until 1583. A son of Tobias HELVETIUS was Johann Philipp SCHWEITZER. HELVETIUS and SCHWEITZER are the same name, SCHWEITZER being the German form. The also previously mentioned Johann Philipp SCHWEITZER, my 8-great-grandfather, became the third Protestant minister among my ancestors. He matriculated in Herborn School in 1604, became a preacher at Werdorf (eight miles SE of Herborn) in 1635-40 (corrected date), served at Ulm (1642-43) (corrected date) and at Kolschausen (1643-46), and was court chaplain at Hohensolms in 1658. Hohensolms is about ten miles ESE of Herborn. It was to be a century and a half later that a different Ulm, a Bavarian town on the Danube, became famous as one of the battle victories of Napoleon Bonaparte.

In 1598 the Edict of Nantes was signed by King Henry IV of France, supposedly ending the struggle between Roman Catholics and Protestants, giving religious toleration to Protestants. King Louis XIV did away with the Edict in 1685.

Johann Daniel SCHWEITZER, b. 1618 at Werdorf and son of Johann Philipp SCHWEITZER, was mayor and a juror at Werdorf, where he d. in 1678. He m. Katharina JUNG. His son, Johann Jakob SCHWEITZER (my 6-great-grandfather), was a church elder who m. Anna Maria RENTZ, b. in Ehringhausen. Ehringhausen is seven miles SE of Herborn. I suppose I'll always wonder if I am kin to Dr. Albert SCHWEITZER. The father of Anna Elisabeth SCHWEITZER, Johannes Phillip SCHWEITZER (my 5-great-grandfather), who m. in 1702, was an innkeeper and vestryman, bellsmith, and clockmaker in Werdorf. His wife, Anna Kunigunda SCHMITT (or SCHMIDT), b. 1682, d. 1729 at Werdorf, was the daughter of Anna Margaret . . . (m. 1678) and Tillman SCHMIDT, a bellsmith and clockmaker at Asslar (9 mi. SE of Herborn).
Probably our most famous ancestor was my 5-great-grandfather, Albert SCHULTENS. Born in Groningen, Netherlands, in 1686, he graduated from Groningen University in 1709, and was the fourth Protestant minister among my forebears. He was the pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church in Wassenaar (between The Hague and Leyden), Holland, beginning in 1711, and was Professor of Hebrew and Antiquities at Frankener University in Holland in 1713 and rector of Frankener University from 1719 to 1728. He was Professor and Scholar of Hebrew and Arabic Studies, 1729-1750, at Leyden University in Holland. His portrait, along with those of his son and grandson, hangs today in the senate room at Leyden University. He m. Elisabeth DOZY in 1712 in Leyden. The mother of Albert SCHULTENS was Betta BOTHENIUS. Her father, Caspar BOTHENIUS, was b. in Aschendorf, Germany, and d. in Sebaldeburg, Netherlands, in 1663. Her grandfather was Henricus BOTHENIUS, who d. in 1638. The father of Albert SCHULTENS was Johan SCHULTENS who was m. on 27 December 1677. Albert SCHULTENS' paternal grandparents were Albert SCHULTENS and his wife, Dieuwertjen JASPERS.

The fifth Protestant minister was Valontin ARNOLDI, Professor of Theology at Herborn University (Germany), b. 1712 in Dillenburg, m. (1746) Adelgunde SCHULTENS, who was b. in Frankener in 1717, daughter of Albert SCHULTENS, d. in Herborn in 1755. Valontin d. 1793 in Herborn. They are two of my 64 4-great-grandparents. The sixth and last minister was Johann Gottfried HEGMANN, my 3-great-grandfather, b. Herborn in 1735, also Professor of Theology at Herborn, who m. (in 1769) Anna Maria ARNOLD, b. Dillenburg or Herborn in 1749, daughter of Valontin ARNOLDI. They both d. in Herborn, he in 1785, she in 1817. I possess what I believe to be a book of sermons, printed in "old German," which was probably from his library. They had been married six years at the time of the Declaration of Independence of the United States.

Valontin ARNOLDI's father, Vollmar ARNOLDI, m. Elisabeth MOHRI (or MOHR) in 1711. She was the daughter of Joachim MOHRI. Vollmar ARNOLDI's father, Andreas ARNOLD, an estate blacksmith, baptised in 1650 in Dillenburg, m. Anna Gutta HYMANN (or HEYMANN), daughter of Matthias HEYMANN, who d. in Dillenburg, where he had been a councilman. The parents of Andreas ARNOLD were Hans ARNOLD, of Niederschelde, and his wife Elizabeth, my 7-great-grandparents.
Anna Elisabeth SCHWEITZER, my 4-great grandmother, b. in Werdorf 1703, m. Dietrich Wilhelm HEGMANN (his father had the same name) in 1727. He was a juror in Herborn, a 2nd lieutenant in the army, innkeeper of "The Lion," and d. in 1760 at Herborn. Anna Elisabeth d. in 1755 in Herborn.

The first son and the fourth of seven children of Johann Gottfried HEGMANN was Johann Georg Gottfried HEGMANN, b. 1775 in Herborn, d. 1823 in Wiesbaden. He was tax collector in Herborn, was transferred to Wiesbaden in 1816 as a recorder of taxes. He was made Nassau government auditor in Wiesbaden in 1818. He m. Anna Luisa Catharina MITSDORFER, daughter of the registrar of Hamm and his wife, Sophia.

The eldest of six children (four sons) of Johann Georg Gottfried HEGMANN was my great-grandfather, Johann Albert Ludwig HEGMANN, b. in Herborn in 1814; m. before spring of 1843, d. in Galveston, Texas in 1879. Only eight years old at the time of his father's death, he surely accompanied his mother to Hamm, where she gave birth to her sixth child, Edward, where her father was registrar and where she could request an increase in her pension from the Duke of Nassau.

Johann Albert Ludwig HEGMANN m. Margarethe ROGGE, b. 1821, place unknown (Schleswig Holstein?), d. in Galveston, Texas in 1899. I have no data on her forebears. The family, with three children, arrived at Galveston on the ship CANAPUS on December 3, 1849.

Thus is completed the information I have on 71 of my European-born forebears through the branch of my maternal grandmother, Minna HEGMANN SCHMIDT, 70 of which were of the HEGMANN branch.

My maternal grandfather, Christoph Wilhelm SCHMIDT, was b. in Galveston, Texas in 1856, but the 25 of his forebears that I can name were all born in Germany. Eighteen of these were from the branch of his mother, Anna Elizabeth PFETZING, b. 1822 in Sterkelhausen, Hesse-Cassel, m. 1847 in Galveston to Johann Heinrich Christoph SCHMIDT, nd d. 1899 in Galveston. Sterkelhausen is 7 miles SE of Malsfeld. She came to Texas on the ship EBERHARDT, arriving at Galveston 9 December 1845. The President of the United States was James K. Polk. The earliest known ancestor in her line was Johannes HOFMAN, b. 1648, d. 1700 in Malsfeld, which is 15 miles S of Cassel. He m. Anna GELA, my
7-great-grandmother, b. 1650, d. 1696 in Malsfeld. Their son, Hans Claus HOFMAN, b. 1674 in Malsfeld, m. 1696 and d. 1726 in Malsfeld, also the birth and death place of his wife, Barbara WAGNER, in 1673 and 1750, respectively. Their son, Justus HOFMAN, b. 1703 in Malsfeld, m. 1731, d. 1757. His wife was Magdalene DITMAR, b. 1703 in Adelshausen, a town just N of Malsfeld. Their son, Johann Conrad HOFMAN, b. 1732 (a contemporary of George Washington) in Malsfeld, where he d. in 1807. He married Anna Maria NORPER, b. 1734, d. 1799, both in Malsfeld. Their son, Johann Heinrich HOFMAN, b. 1758 in Malsfeld, m. 1794 and d. 1827. His wife was Anna Elisabeth KLEIN, b. and d. in Malsfeld in 1762 and 1843, respectively. Their daughter, Barbara Elisabeth HOFFMAN, b., m., and d. in Malsfeld in 1799, 1820, and 1857, respectively. She m. Jacob PFETZING, b. 1794 in Sterkelhausen, d. in Galveston, having gone there several years after his daughter had emigrated (probably after his wife died).

The earliest PFETZING forebear I can name is Johann Christian PFETZING, b. about 1722, m. 1747 and d. 1788 in Sterkelhausen, also the birth and death place of his wife, Anna Martha HEUSNERIN, in about 1725 and 1783, respectively. He was church treasurer. Their son, Johann Hartman PFETZING, b. 1758, d. 1799, both in Sterkelhausen, m. 1788 Catherina Elisabeth BERGIN, b. about 1758 in Schwarzenhasel, d. 1821 in Sterkelhausen. My 3-great-grandmother, she was the mother of Jacob PFETZING and the daughter of Justus BERGIN. Schwarzenhasel is about 9 miles SE of Malsfeld.

The earliest known male SCHMIDT in my line is Wilhelm Hermann SCHMIDT, my 3-great-grandfather, b. 1726, m. 1750 to Anna Sophia SCHMIDT. He d. in 1779 in Oberg, Hanover. Their son, August Hennig SCHMIDT, b. 1771 in Oberg, Hanover, m. 1810 Marie Catherina PAPE, b. 1786 in Gadenstedt, near Hanover. She was the daughter of Tielo Werner PAPE and his wife, Ilse Marie BACKHAUS.

Johann Heinrich Christoph SCHMIDT, b. 1823 in Oberg, Hanover, son of August Hennig and Marie Catherina PAPE SCHMIDT, arrived at Galveston aboard the ship APOLLO on 6 January 1846, just one month after the arrival of Anna PFETZING, the girl he would meet and marry. He d. in Galveston in 1899.

Grandma, Minna HEGMANN SCHMIDT, was the fifth of six children born to Johann Albert Ludwig HEGMANN and Margarethe ROGGE HEGMANN, and the second of three born in the U.S., and the third of three daughters.
Grandpa, Christoff Wilhelm SCHMIDT, was the third of seven children born to Heinrich Christoph SCHMIDT and Anna Elizabeth PFETZING SCHMIDT, and the second of three sons.

The data on my SCHMIDT forebears was obtained largely from Ruby (Mrs. William Albert) SCHMIDT of Fort Worth. She is a professional genealogist and historian. I did have very good luck and was able to contribute to her data, information on 24 persons on the SCHULTENS branch of the HEGMANN branch of my tree. These data were obtained in correspondence from the University Archivist at Leyden University.

Comparative Historical Events

In order to provide some time perspective to the events discussed, some events and people living at that period of history are offered: The Dutch scholar, Desiderius Erasmus, lived from 1456 to 1536. In 1506 Catholic Spain took over the Netherlands. Queen Elizabeth I (1533-1603), Protestant daughter of Henry VIII of England, inherited the English throne in 1558. From 1568 to 1648 the Netherlands fought for independence from Spain and King Philip II, and conquered a number of overseas regions. In 1573-74 the citizens of Leyden, Holland, conducted a heroic and successful defense against a siege of their city by the Spanish. The leader of Holland, William of Orange, rewarded the city of Leyden in 1575 by establishing Leyden University. The English—after preying on Spanish commerce on the ocean, and after Spain had fomented Catholic plots against Elizabeth, and after France became assuredly neutral—sent an army in 1585 to aid the Dutch against Spain, causing Philip to make war on England, sending the Armada to its defeat in July, 1588. The early 1600s was the golden age for the Netherlands. It was the time of the painter, Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669). Amsterdam was Europe's leading financial city. The Dutch supplied half of the world's shipping. In 1609 Henry Hudson, an Englishman employed by the Dutch, sailed up what was subsequently named the Hudson River and claimed New Amsterdam (now New York) for the Netherlands. Peter Stuyvesant (1592-1669) was the Dutch governor of New Amsterdam and New Netherlands from 1646 to 1664.

The Thirty Years War (1618-1648) began as a Catholic vs. Protestant war and finished as a purely geopolitical war in which the national interests of
Catholic France caused that nation to come to the assistance of Protestant, Hohenzollern-led Prussia in overcoming Catholic, Hapsburg-led Austria in deciding that the yet-to-be united states of Germany would, for the time being, be dominated by Prussia. In the Thirty Years War, half of the German population was killed, so my mother's family were survivors of that terrible experience. The intensity of the Thirty Years War caused the attention of continental European nations to be focused at home at a time when England was relatively more able to look toward developing overseas empire.

In the Seven Years War (1756-63), known in the Western Hemisphere as the French and Indian War, France lost to Great Britain its holdings in North America east of the Mississippi River, including its holdings in Canada. France also lost India to Britain in the same war.

The Austrian musician, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, lived from 1756 to 1791. French problems following their 1792 revolution made the U.S. Louisiana Purchase a possibility in 1804. The French astronomer and mathematician, Marquis Pierre Simon Laplace, lived from 1749 to 1847. Karl Fredrich Gauss, German mathematician and astronomer, lived from 1777 to 1855. The German physicist, George Simon Ohm, lived from 1787 to 1854.

Editor's Note: This is the sequel to Colonel Reeder's article, "The Hessians of the American Revolution," which appeared in our September 1989 issue, pp 145-54. Austin Genealogical Society is indebted to Dr. Reeder for these informative and interesting articles, which he says he wrote primarily to inform his grandchildren about their ancestors.

The author hopes that anyone having further information about these families will write to him so they can compare notes.
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