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A Cygnet's Cry

Presumably, if swans can sing, then perhaps cygnets (editors can claim, among other rights, the right to be young anything) may also be permitted to make a noise. You will recall that last November's issue of the AGSQ was the last to be edited by our beloved, most capable, and long-serving (twenty years!) Helen Rugeley. Her swan song on the first page of that issue was a gem; hers was and is a style of its own: witty, charming, acerbic at times but never malicious, a genuine delight to read. We shall all miss those wry editorial remarks of hers scattered throughout each issue, for I cannot, nor do I expect to, match her manifold capabilities. Good news accompanies, however -- she has agreed to continue to review what appears to be an increasing influx of books and publications relating to genealogy. You will note in the pages following a number of reviews which she has passed along to me, representing what would be a year of work for an average person. In addition, we are indebted to Peter Maxson for a review of a most interesting book on the celebrated Vanderbilt family.

With the Society growing, the weather moderating, and the Texas State Library cleansed once and for all from whatever airborne threats to our health may have existed, we look forward to a good year for genealogy. I hope in my small way to be a part of that as your new editor. I don't aspire to improve on what Helen has provided so long and well, and I will welcome all the help, the publishable material and the comments pro and con that you care to give. Thanks in advance.

Several housekeeping chores demand attention. The next (June) issue will contain our ancestor listing pages. This is one privilege of membership. If you plan to submit material, please review the instructions for such submissions in the inside back cover of this issue and comply to your best ability. It will be appreciated! Please also note two other items on that page. Almost always, Col. Monroe will have one or more issues returned each month, having failed to receive an address change. The AGS is charged more than triply for postage in these cases: the original, bulk rate, the return postage, and then the higher single mailing rate when the correct address is received. Please try to be prompt with any address changes. Then occasionally (usually without felonious intent!) a check rendered to AGS will bounce. Over and above any charges the writer's bank may impose, our bank also charges us $5 for their inconvenience. The general membership should not subsidize this and we must ask the writer to reimburse us our charge when this occurs.

May your quests this year be fulfilling and rewarding--

Bill Koehler
FYI: The following information concerning a service of the TEXAS SEAPORT MUSEUM at Galveston may be helpful to AGS members:

TEXAS SEAPORT MUSEUM

The immigrant name database, the first of its kind in the U.S. and second in the world, is based on the Ship Passenger Lists for the Port of Galveston. These lists come from the National Archives, Texas State Archives (lists from the Republic of Texas) and other published and unpublished sources. It does not include information from federal, State, private or religious sources.

The captain of a vessel was required by law to deliver a list of his passengers to the customs or immigration official in the first port of entry (in this case Galveston). The names of immigrants who transhipped through another port, such as New York or Baltimore, are not included. Over the years some records have been lost; there is a gap in the National Archives records between 1871 and 1894.

The database is not yet complete, but this is expected in October 1991 at which time it will be open to the public with admission to the museum. If you do not wish to wait or are unable to come to Galveston, the Museum staff can perform the search for a $10.00 fee for each surname to cover the costs of the search and response. Enclosed is an Immigration Database Request Form with the address for the Museum.

TEXAS SEAPORT MUSEUM
Immigration Database Request Form
(Please print or type)

Inquirer's Name: _________________________________
Address Street/Apt _________________________________
City _________________________________
State, Zip _________________________________
Phone: ( ) __________

Surname: _________________________________
Date or year of arrival (if available): ____/____/____
First Name(s) (if available): __________, __________,
__________, __________, __________, __________.

Please fill out the accompanying form and return it with $10.00 remittance for each surname to: Immigration Database, Texas Seaport Museum, 2016 Strand St., Galveston, Tx. 77550.
The members of the Board of Directors of the Austin Genealogical Society agreed that someone should write a tribute to the twenty years of dedicated service that Helen H. Rugeley has given as Editor of the AGS Quarterly. The problem was that no one had the courage to put pen to paper. We all know that Helen has such a tremendous command of the most obscure rules of English grammar; that she is articulate and concise; and that she is quick to let the red ink flow!

I decided to take this task because I thought of a way to circumvent that red Bic pen. I simply shall say on behalf of everyone who has ever been a member of the Austin Genealogical Society or who has used the AGS Quarterly, "Thank you, Helen." You have used so many of your allotted days tolling, most of the time alone, to produce this award-winning publication. Your perseverance as a proofreader made the Republic of Texas Pension Application Abstracts book and our recently published AGS QUARTERLY INDEX, 1971-1987 even more valuable. We are grateful that you have offered to continue writing book reviews for the QUARTERLY. Your work has made us all proud to be the people behind the name Austin Genealogical Society.

Last fall the Austin Genealogical Society purchased the book form of the PERiodical Source Index (PERSI) in honor of Helen. These volumes can be used at the Texas State Library--Genealogy Section. As the library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, releases more volumes of these very useful books, the Society hopes to add them to these first two volumes, as a continuing tribute to Helen.

Glenda Knipstein
President
Austin Genealogical Society
HAPPY HUNTING GROUND 1992

Queries are free. Send your proofread information to Marilyn Tyra Gilbreath, 9218 Meadow Vale, Austin, TX 78758. Include at least one first name, date, and place per query. Please use names of months (not numbers) and two capital letters for dates. Letters may be edited to our format.

BOYD - DOVE - A Texas census shows Thomas F. DOVE b. 1853 in LA. He m. Amanda B. BOYD 9 Nov 1876 in Freestone Co., TX. Can anyone give me information on my g-grandfather? Did his father die and his mother remarry? Is he listed under another family name? — Ernestine Dove Pippin, P.O. Box 665, Van, TX 75790.

AVEY - BALES - CARTER - EZEKEL - FLOWERS - FRENCH - GOSDIN - HALE - LITTLEPAGE - OLDHAM - Searching for descendants of Greenberry R. EZELL, b. 17 Oct 1817, Oglethorpe, GA; d. 1 Jan 1904, San Marcos, Hays Co., TX; and who m. 1) Nancy HALE in 1837, Amite Co., MS; and m. 2) Cynthia Eliza BALES FLOWERS in 1861, MS._children of 1st marriage: Benjamin Franklin who m. Virginia LITTLEPAGE; Robert H. who m. Louise L. FRENCH; and Rebecca Lucinda. Children of 2nd marriage: Mary Francis "Mollie" d.s.p.; Rosalie Della Green "Dolly" who m. Oliver Milton AVEY; Ida Cecilia "Siddie" who m. William Henry GOSDIN; Ledford E. who m. Daisy OLDHAM; and Wilford E. who m. 1) Boyd CARTER and m. 2) Charlotte Olive AVEY. Other associated surnames with descendants: CONNALLY, EGGGER, EVERS, FARHIS HARRISON, HILL HUMPHREYS, KELLY, LEE, MARTIN, MYLER, OWEN, SANDERS, VOGELSANG. — Patricia E. Ezell, 1911 Archway, San Antonio, TX 78232 - Phone 512-494-7598.

CLEVELAND - I am in the middle stages of my "dream project": a multi-volume CLEVELAND genealogical encyclopedia focused on the Southern line advanced by ALEXANDER and MILLIE PRESLEY CLEVELAND. I have used Edmund Janes Cleveland's 1899 genealogy as the core of my research; but for my own project, I want to add updated data, biographies, family histories, feature material, family anecdotes, photographs, and family group sheet information. I have established a mail network of Cleveland researchers, but because I want to include information on as many lines as I can locate, I am anxious to hear from any and all descendants of the above couple. — Vikki Lyn Cleveland, 328 Vincent, Salem, IL 62881.

SUBLETT - ZUMWALT - I am interested in Uriah ZUMWALT. I have been unable to find him in census or marriage records. There are marriage records for the children (except Susan). Uriah was b. 12 Feb 1820, Calloway Co., MO, to Christopher and Elizabeth Keller Zumwalt. He m. two sisters, Emily and Elizabeth Sublett, but I do not know which he married first. Children: Dulcena Jane b. 18 Nov 1840 in MO, m. 9 Jun 1867 to James M. Brown, d. 21 Apr 1877; Eliza Ann "Annie" (my g-mother) b. 18 Jul 1844 in MO, m. 24 Dec 1866 to Franklin F. Dean, d. 7 Nov 1909; Artemisia Elizabeth "Lizzie" b. 15 Apr 1850(?) in TX, m. 13 Mar 1870 to Asa Bolivar Chapman, d. 1934; William Martin b. 24 Dec 1849 in MO, m. 29 Mar 1871 to Jane Brown, d. 24 Apr 1914; and Susan who m. William Idler. *I am anxious to learn the true birth date, place, and birth mother of Artemisia — one account gives 15 Apr 1850 in TX while the 1880 Soundex shows TX and age 31 which suggests 1850 might not be accurate. — Francis Paul Dean, 4109 Belford St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24018-1909.
Welcome to Judy Duer

It is already nearly six months since our new Supervisor, Genealogy Collection, Texas State Library, assumed her position; our welcome is belated but understandable since this is a quarterly publication. Judy has willingly furnished me to share with you below some of her vitae and her goals for the arduous job she faces. Judy, best wishes to you and your wonderful staff. I know you will always have the unwavering support of AGS in facing those tasks.

Born and raised: Bartlesville, Oklahoma

EDUCATION:
1979: Moved to Austin to attend University of Texas
BA Anthropology 1982
MLIS 1984

CAREER:
1984-1987: Assistant Director/Children's Librarian, Corsicana Public Library
1987-1990: Director, Georgetown Public Library. Supervised Construction of new $1.7 million facility, Selected and implemented library automation system.
1990-1991: Reference Librarian Ryan Public Library. Genealogy Collection was part of responsibilities there.
October 1991: Supervisor, Genealogy Collection, Texas State Library

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:
Regional Co-Chair Texas Conference on Libraries and Information Services
Past Secretary, District 3, Texas Library Association.
Currently Chair-Elect, District 3, Texas Library Association.
Past Board Member, Literacy Council of Williamson County.
Currently Ex-Officio Board Member Austin Genealogical Society.

PERSONAL:
Married 16 years. Husband, John, is Assistant County Attorney, Williamson County.
Son, Ian is 9 years old.

GOALS FOR COLLECTION

Because of recent and planned cut-backs in the State Library budget, my most immediate goal is to at least maintain the level of service to which patrons have become accustomed. I will also be seeking outside funding for special purchases. (Grants are not really designed for operational expenses.) Probably our next major project will be to find funds to buy the Soundex for the 1920 Texas census (approximately $8,000), and then eventually to acquire the rest of the 1920 census. I'm thinking of an "adopt-a-Soundex Code" program to start out with. This would be similar to those in other state libraries; patrons would donate for the purchase of a particular roll of Soundex film, and would have exclusive use of the roll for the first few weeks, before the roll is added to the Library's collection.

I am very aware of and grateful for the tremendous help AGS has always been to the collection, and I hope that we can continue to maintain that close relationship. You should all be very proud of the contributions you have made to the Genealogy Collection!

(Judy and her family live at 705 Garden Meadow Dr., Georgetown 78628)
I recently viewed a film that is at the Family History Library that might be of interest to Tennessee researchers. The film is one in a series of films entitled, *Civil War Veterans Biographical Questionnaires, 1914-1922*. In 1914 and 1915 Dr. Gus Dyer who was the Tennessee Archivist sent out questionnaires to surviving Civil War veterans in Tennessee. Five years later, Dr. John Trotwood, Director of the Tennessee Historical Commission, sent out a revised questionnaire. The questionnaires were returned by 1922.

Each questionnaire filed by a veteran contains personal data such as date and place of birth, father's and mother's names and their places of birth. Some men even gave information about grandfathers and great-grandfathers. The family's migration in the United States was noted.

The military service and experiences of each man was documented in detail, often with extra pages describing battles, prison life and injuries. Also many folders contain a listing of men who served with this soldier, plus the names of any other living veterans he knew in his area.

Some men wrote pages and pages about their boyhood lives on great plantations. The writings described farming techniques, domestic work, school activities and even slave life. These glimpses from the past are mesmerizing -- rather like reading old newspapers.

If you have an ancestor who served in the Civil War, either as a Confederate or as a Union soldier, you need to check this series. Since 1914-1922 is a rather late date, your soldier may have died or may have moved from Tennessee. In that case, I would check for a brother, a nephew or a cousin who might have responded to the questionnaire. Also a brother's-in-law questionnaire would give the name of his wife and her parents, including the mother's maiden name.

You may access these questionnaires by the following film numbers:

- Federal, A-Z 0975591
- Confederate, (INDEX) A-Bu 0975592*
  - By-Dor 0975593*
  - Dos-Go 0975594
  - Gr-Ire 0975595
  - Inv-McEl 0975596
  - McEw-Picka 0975597
  - Picke-So 0975598*
  - Sp-Y 0975599*

*These films are at the Rutherford Lane library until June or July, 1992. The first Confederate film has an index at the beginning to all of the Confederate veterans in this series.

The Texas State Library -- Genealogy Section has this series in book format.
The following is an excerpt from the Civil War Veterans Biographical and Genealogical Questionnaires, 1914-1922 folder on DEMARCUS PERRY CUNNINGHAM, age 89 years and 5 months (in 1920-22), now living in Obion County, TN, born in Lincoln County, TN; father was Robert Cunningham and mother was Elizabeth Collins.

First battle — at Ft. Donnelson

Question 39 asks for experiences and travels of the soldier after the first battle [I am using the spelling, grammar and punctuation of the veteran]:

"Went to prison at Lafayette Ind. Stayed there 3 mo then to Indianappolis Ind 4 mo. Then came on steamboat from Indianappolis Ind. to Vicksburg Miss where we were freed. Next Battle was at Missionary Ridge lasted 12 hr. Then we retreated. Next battle and ________ was at Chicamauga Ga. (contined on extra page)"

From extra page: "Went from there to Resaca Ga. Had a battle that lasted about 2 hr. We drove the enemy back. Next morning while a few of the men was huddled around dividing what little they had to eat a stray ball from the enemy was sent into the bunch and went thru my right arm between the shoulder and elbow. Jas. F. Grant taken my arm off leaving only 1 1/2 in. stump. Next day I was sent to Atlanta Ga. Hospital where I stayed 1 mo. I was treated well in hospital.

"While in service we had no camps. Had the roughest kind of homemade civilian clothes, slept on the ground. Had nothing to eat only beef, corn bread and sometimes roasted corn. Done our cooking on chunk fires and most times no salt to season his meat and bread with."

--GWK--

Computer Enthusiasts:

The Genealogy Special Interest Group of Austin, an offshoot of the Central Texas PC Users’ Group, meets the fourth Saturday of each month except December to discuss topics concerning computer technology as it relates to genealogy. We are currently meeting at the Church of Latter-Day Saints at 1000 Rutherford Lane. Visitors are always welcome! For more information: Bert Crowson (454-1088) or Pat Hartman (835-1500).
BASTROP COUNTY (TEXAS) MARRIAGE RECORDS compiled by Loretta Leonhardt, Evelyn Wolfe, and Valerie Johnson. Published 1991 by the Baron de Bastrop Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. 8 1/2 x 11", soft covers, Volume 1: $15; Volume 2: $20, plus $2.50 per volume for shipping costs. Order from Valerie Johnson, 4200 North Hills Drive, Austin TX 78731; phone (512) 345-2515.

Bastrop was one of the 23 original counties of Texas, and a mecca for early settlers. It had been in the Municipality of Mina and furnished the site for a military stockade under the Mexican regime in 1805. The county was designated Mina in the early days of the Republic before settling on the name Bastrop in honor of the Baron Felipe Enrique Neri de Bastrop who was influential in persuading Mexico to allow settlement in Texas.

"Permanent settlement began in 1829, with the first families being from Stephen F. Austin's colony" (The Handbook of Texas, "Bastrop"). The early settlers of Bastrop were outstanding citizens generally, with many of their descendants now being sought after by genealogists.

This set of marriage records begins in 1851, transcribed from Books 1, A, B, and C covering 1851-1881, presented in this Volume 1, which contains the names and marriage dates of 3,412 couples. Volume 2 (1881-1900) presents the county records bound in Books D, E, F, G and part of H, furnishing marriage data on 4,388 couples. There is no explanation in the Preface of the reason that there are no marriage records before 1851, since there are land records from 1837 in the courthouse.

The Baron de Bastrop Chapter of DRT has donated six sets of hard-bound copies to libraries—one each to the San Antonio Alamo Library, Texas State Library, Clayton Library in Houston, Bastrop City Library, Smithville City Library, and Elgin City Library (the last three being in Bastrop County). On behalf of the patrons of all these libraries, sincere gratitude is extended to that fine chapter of DRT.

The format of these books is eminently readable: three neatly typed columns, with the groom's name first (alphabetically by surname), then the bride's and then the date, for the first 85 pages [of Volume 2; Volume 1 was not furnished to this reviewer]. It is not specified whether the date refers to the actual day of the wedding or the date the license was procured.

The brides section also runs page 1 through 85, with their names still in the middle column, but alphabetized by surname. A blue sheet preceding the brides section aids the reader in finding that section.
The typing is excellent: This reviewer did not spot any unaligned names, misplaced commas, or impossible dates such as 1998 or 1798! In view of the ambiguity of spelling and handwriting, the editors did not attempt to correct the spelling, nor did they indicate the color of the parties.

The ladies who performed the tedious task of copying, alphabetizing and typing these marriage records are to be commended by genealogists and historians for a needed job well done.

Helen H. Rugeley

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Beethoven Maennerchor seeks descendants


Descendants of any of these men who have not yet been contacted are asked to call Lee H. Gastinger, former president, at 512-826-8900 or write to 426 Linda Drive, San Antonio TX 78216.

----From the San Antonio Express-News, 21 February 1992
An English Family Through Eight Centuries: THE WARNEFORDS

A Prefatory Note

Some months ago, long-time AGS member Mary (Paterson) Rose asked this reviewer to announce the forthcoming publication of a book that would be of interest to her fellow HALL descendants [pp. 294-296 of the narrative volume; p.15 of the companion lineage volume]. I composed the article, sent it to her, and she forwarded it to the author(s) in England for approval. It was returned, but there was some delay in ascertaining the price of the books.

I intended to file the amended copy in my next "AGS Quarterly" folder, but unfortunately it fell into the adjoining folder, and therefore escaped my notice when I later put together the subsequent issue. For this contretemps I abjectly apologize.

Now the book has been published and Mrs. Rose has graciously donated a copy to the Genealogy Collection of Texas State Library, in loving memory of her daughter Sally Rose Ramsey (1941-1991). To show the Hall connection to the Warneford family we quote Mrs. Rose:

"Information on my HALL ancestry begins with Henry who died in 1586. In the next seven generations there are few siblings [of my direct ancestors] who survived. The seventh of the line was Nathaniel Hall (1755-1843) who married Elizabeth Marchant. Their son William Hall Sr. (1797-1863) married Mary Savignac, daughter of James and Mary (Warneford) Savignac.

"William Hall Sr. had three brothers: Nathaniel (b. 1787), John (b. 1790) and Henry (b. 1796).

"William and Mary (Savignac) Hall had one son who survived: William Jr. (1833-1900) who married Elisabeth Swanwick Barton and died in Texas. Surviving children of that union who had issue were:

William Hamilton Hall m. Nell Bellamy; lived in England.
Mary Barton Hall m. Peter Paterson [my parents] and lived in Texas.
Elisabeth Swanwick Hall m. Frank Cutlack and settled in Australia.
Fredrick Savignac Hall m. Florence Black and resided in Texas.
Madeleine Ennis Hall m/l Manuel Moralis; m/2 a Mr. Pruitt; lived in Texas.

"So the Texas Halls beginning with William (1833-1900) are descended from the Warneford family through Mary Savignac. A history of the notable family of Warneford has just been published by two descendants in England, Francis E. Warneford and Elisabeth McDougall. There will be only one printing of this beautifully illustrated, two-volume book, so those interested in owning a copy should act promptly. The cost is expected to be £19 plus packing and postage. [Check with Mrs. Llewellyn Rose, 2202 Parkway, Austin TX 78703.]

"Researched Warneford history stretches back to 1189 -- the end of the reign of Henry II. Some of their spouses bore the
following surnames: Reynolds, Yate, Dutton, Browne, Stainforth, Gatland, Savignac, and Hall.

"To order a copy of An English Family Through Eight Centuries: THE WARNEFORDS, write to Miss Elisabeth McDougall, 5 Spangate, Blackheath Park, London SE3 9RS England."

An English Family Through Eight Centuries: THE WARNEFORDS by Francis E. Warneford in partnership with Elisabeth McDougall. © 1991 by Francis E. Warneford; produced by Alan Sutton Publishing Ltd., Stroud, Gloucestershire. Volume I, hard cover, 6½ x 9¼", 385+ pages; Preface, List of Illustrations, Appendices, Notes, 2 Indices. Volume II, A Lineage from the Fourteenth Century, compiled by Miss McDougall, soft cover, a fraction shorter, 52 pages, has a brief Preface and spans 17 generations (1369-1980).

This reviewer could not hope to surpass or even equal the blurb on the dust jacket of An English Family Through Eight Centuries, so will reproduce it here to inform the reader of the contents of this outstanding book:

"This is a social history of one of England's landed families from 1189 to the present century. The records of the first hundred years give occasion to examine land tenure, disputes about tenure, conveyance, the exchequer, forest laws, outlawry, and legal actions arising from affrays. Documents of the late Middle Ages tell of the building of an estate and throw light on the public duties of the emerging landed gentry. Pleas in Star Chamber illustrate the quarrelsome and violent nature of rural Tudor society. The story of those who adhered to Rome during Elizabeth's reign is graphic and poignant. In the Civil War, Edmund, then head of the family, zealous for parliament, was briefly a prisoner of war, but afterwards continued unwavering in his support. His son Edmund, knighted by Charles II, was, by tradition, the family ghost, following hounds when he was long dead. In the eighteenth century the Warneford heiress was bigamously married for her money. Each member of the triangle published a detailed and, but for Anne Warneford, shameless account of what took place. At the end of the eighteenth century and during the first half of the nineteenth, senior members of the family enjoyed great wealth, but they produced no heir of the body. Eventually a poor parson inherited the estates, but none of the personal wealth of his cousins."

Who could resist reading such an intriguing chronicle, regardless of his blood line? It makes me long for the excuse of a broken leg, to lie abed with an unabridged dictionary and an English history at my side, and read every word of this fascinating book. (Unfortunately, I could only skim it at this time, as four other books are impatiently waiting to be reviewed.)

For those who are considering tracing their roots back into England, this book should be "required reading." THE WARNEFORDS is
a prime example of what can be found there relating to the actions and characters of "the landed gentry." I know of no other book whereby one can become familiar with the practices and language prevalent in England during the Middle Ages as pleasantly as you can in this book.

The author has found Warnefords in Hampshire as early as 1189, and has amassed data on them for three generations -- until 1271, when the name disappears from the records. In 1325 it occurs in the records of Wiltshire (the next county west), but no proof of the relationship between the two groups has been positively established. "Descent has been reasonably presumed, and this presumption is supported by the College of Arms," Mr. Warneford states. The accepted Warneford pedigree is based on the deposition of Thomas Warneford of Sevenhampton made during the Heralds' Visitati0n to Wiltshire in 1623.

Putative ancestors have been found in ancient records of Somerset, Devonshire, and Cornwall between 1201 and 1312 under such spellings as Wamforde, Wanteford, Warnford, Warrenford, Wauford, Waumford, Waunford and Waunteford. This may serve as a reminder to beginning researchers that we should not discard records just because the name was not spelled exactly as our branch of the family spells it today.

Francis E. Warneford has amassed an amazing amount of biographical data, both formal and informal, which he has interspersed with explanation and comments that bring the subject to life. As in all families, there are heroes and villains in nearly every generation.

Some Warnefords were extremely pious (scores of clergymen), some were not; some were very wealthy, some small shopkeepers; some were highly educated, some distinguished military men. Many of the name were generous, while others were snobbish and selfish, even withholding their estates from the lawful heirs.

The scroll of family histories, generation after generation, reminds one of a series of historical novels such as the Forsyte Saga or those by Inglis Fletcher or John Jakes, for example.

A great deal of "inside information" that we Americans do not get from our textbooks on English history is revealed in this fascinating volume. Some of the scandalous motives and deeds recounted by the obviously well-informed author add spice and understanding to the subject.

Among the many interesting topics discussed are the status of Jews in England in the 13th century (the book is sectioned by centuries), the political situation under each monarch, the nature of court trials, wills and lists of devises (including personal clothing), the persecution of Roman Catholics, and so on.

One daunting conclusion may be drawn from An English Family Through Eight Centuries, which is that if a conceded authority in this field could not find proof of every generation of his ancestors, we who live outside England have little hope of doing so. Mr. Warneford has an unproven link and a gap of some 50 years, but
otherwise his chronicle of a notable family is incredibly detailed. It is to be hoped that study of his work will enable others to achieve comparable success.

So much for the Entertainment element in THE WARNEFORDS; now for the Enlightening details. When I saw the Latin and the arcane legal terms of the Middle Ages on the first page, I searched for a glossary of terms. Finding none, I pulled my dog-eared Webster's Unabridged closer to my desk, muttering imprecations. But I soon realized that if I read the paragraphs preceding and following the quotation I would have a clearer understanding of the unfamiliar words than a mere definition could convey. An illustration is better than a synonym, just as a picture is worth a thousand words. However, I did look up such feudal terms as disseisin, disafforested, and enfeoffment, just to be sure.

The ancient, variable spelling in many quoted portions is something of a stumbling block for us modern Americans, but sounding out the words phonetically usually makes it comprehensible. This occurred as late as the 17th century.

Many legal documents are quoted in English translation, followed by the explanation of our author, obviously sure of his ground. A footnote directs the reader to the Appendix, where the Latin original is printed. Sometimes it has a multitude of abbreviations, courtroom shorthand, intelligible only to serious scholars. Several illustrations are facsimiles of instruments written in Court Script, even more arcane!

One oddity for which I am unable to find an explanation (I've heard it but forgotten the rationale) is the practice of inserting a j in a Roman numeral: "the xxiiiijth Daye of ffebruarye" instead of xxivth or xxiiiith.

Another term that may puzzle American readers is "In the event ... ." It does not mean "If it so happens" as our phrase "In the event that ..." does, but "As it turned out, ...".

If a reader wishes to find an exact date for phrases such as "in the tenth year of the reign of King Richard," he may consult "Regnal Years of English Monarchs" in AGS Quarterly, Vol. XXX, No. 1, pages 28-29.

The author is obviously so familiar with medieval history and terminology that one might assume him to be out of touch with today's world and its people. But his insight into human nature and his subtle sense of humor contradict such an assumption. He and Miss McDougall do not flinch from using such candid terms as divorce, illegitimate, baseborn, bigamy, "less than legal means," and "died a patient in a mental nursing home."

Illustrations in this book include an ornately embroidered cushion cover with the arms of Warneford impaling Yate, and three hatchments [funereal panels depicting Warneford arms], both in color. The former, presumed to have been worked by Susan (Yate) Warneford in 1582/3, is preserved in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. The latter, high on the north wall of Warneford Chapel, show the Warneford arms impaling Ashbrook, Wetherell, and Calverly.
Although they bore arms as [usually] loyal subjects in the service of the king, few Warnefords were actually dubbed knights, and that honor was not always heritable. This situation applied generally to the large class of landed gentry; a knight's son seldom inherited the title. This family chose the admirable motto translated as "Safer with the Cross than with the Wall."

There are also numerous photographs of Warneford homes, graves, churches, documents, and a charming silhouette of two allied families.

The Appendix to Part One sets forth the Latin wording of the documents quoted or referred to in the text. (It's fun picking out the few Latin words that linger from one's schooldays!) These Latin excerpts are key to the page number of the text, but the following NOTES are divided by Chapters, each beginning with Note 1.

This Notes section is headed by "Abbreviations used in footnotes," referring to the principal sources used by Mr. Warneford: Public Record Office, Victoria County History (several counties), British Library, Dictionary of National Biography, Inquisitions post mortem, and the Oxford English Dictionary. Some notes furnish supplemental information; over half cite sources, thus serving as a bibliography.

The Index is divided into two sections: Places and Persons. The latter includes given names but excludes the name Warneford, "as it is likely that its inclusion would have been more confusing than helpful." I agree it would have been quite a problem to distinguish all the Johns, Richards, Thomases, et al. Compounding the confusion are the cases where a man's wife had the same Christian name as his mother! Also excluded from the Index are the outstanding figures in British history, such as Simon de Montfort, Roger Bigod, and Robert Grosseteste, et al.

This reviewer habitually makes at least one complimentary and one disapproving remark about each book that I am called upon to evaluate. At first I considered censuring this one for not including a glossary of medieval terms, but I decided that the author had more than compensated by explaining their meaning by his detailed résumé of what took place. I might have found fault with his omission of "Warneford" and variant spellings from the index, but reached the conclusion that so doing would have taken up several pages and sent the reader on numerous wild goose chases before he found the Richard he was seeking.

So now I am left with only one thing to carp at: The paper is so shiny that it hurts the eyes to read by artificial light! Oh, there are a few typographical errors (on page 260, e.g., I think "momentary Bliss" rather than "monetary" was intended), but amidst so much primitive spelling, they are hardly noticeable.

Now I reluctantly lay aside the first volume of THE WARNEFORDS (with ardent hope of being able to read it completely later) and pick up its companion: A Lineage from the Fourteenth Century: THE WARNEFORDS by Elisabeth McDougall. Miss McDougall is the 3-great-
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granddaughter of Mary Warneford (Mrs. James Savignac) 1779-1855, daughter of the Rev. John Warneford of Dorking [p. 19 of the Lineage]. Your reviewer had the pleasure of meeting this charming Scottish lady a few years ago. If you can add any details to the family story, be sure to write to her (address above).

This book does not go as far back as Volume I does, but covers 18 generations (which are indicated by the Roman numerals in the left margin), with dates from 1369 through 1980. Research for it was conducted in heralds' visitations, inquisitions post mortem*, wills, state papers, chancery cases, parish registers, birth, marriage and death certificates, monumental inscriptions, census returns, printed genealogies, school and university registers, family records, the International Genealogical Index, East India Company records, Law Lists, medical and clerical directories, recusant records**. The compiler seems to have left no stone unturned.

The terse listings are similar in format to those in Who's Who, Burke's Landed Gentry and so on, viz: Roman numeral of father Arabic numeral for child. Name b. or bap. date [at understood] place, married date place person, son of person; occupation, position or education. "She was his second wife and he was born c. 1758. He died 1839 & buried [at] Dorking with his wife."

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If the subject died unmarried, that is usually shown, and sometimes the cause of death is recorded.

In order to keep the children of one father close together, Miss McDougall usually ends entries with "issue: see below." Then after X. 5. Richard's siblings are all described, an X in the left margin brings us to "Rev. Richard Warneford, fourth son of Rev. Henry Warneford of Freshford. Bap. 28 Dec 1699 ..." -- which date was given in his entry as a child, so we can tell we have the same Richard, now an adult.

Since each generation is further indented, and some men had nearly 20 children, it takes a sharp eye and quite a bit of patience to track down the last of the brood.

For reasons of space, the compiler was unable to include some miscellaneous data pertaining to the members of this branch of the Warneford family, but she is to be highly commended for presenting as much as she could. It goes without saying that many a genealogist will welcome this book.

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* These two are reliable only insofar as the man making a declaration knew or chose to tell the truth, and the authorities accepted his statements.

** Records of Roman Catholics who refused to attend the services of the Established Church ca 1576-1770 or later.
Frelsburg, in northeastern Colorado County, Texas, was named for John and William Frels, who settled in the area in the 1830's.

STS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH contains records of several persons of that name. Priests who administered sacramental rites there over the years covered in this book were Fathers Joseph Anstaett, J. Bachmann, M. Bachmann, ... Barlemann, Josef Cromcik, Victor Gury, John Adams Jacobs, Jac. Lauth, J. Neiman, J.N. Simers, ... Spath/Speth, Peter Tarrillion, J. Weimar, and F. Weimer.

These records were transcribed from the records in the Catholic Archives of Texas in Austin, under the supervision of Michael Zilligen, Archivist, in 1988. This labor of love was accomplished by Marilyn McG. Hrn cir [See review of The Hrn cir Family in this issue.].

Opening with the index of baptismal records, Mrs. Hrn cir gives not only the page but the number of the entry on that page, and sometimes the page numbers of both the original book and her translation. Following that is an index of some 55 Blacks who were baptized in that church. Black children are indexed by their owners' surname and sometimes by another surname also.

The format of this book is quite efficient: e.g., Baptism Records, Book I. Baptisms by Father .. on the top line, over three headings in capital letters: BAPTIZED/DATES - PARENTS - SPONSORS. The first column gives the name of the person who was baptized, date of birth and date of baptism. Under "PARENTS," the mother's maiden name is usually included (a plus for researchers) and their residence, if not the Frelsburg community. One or two sponsors are named.

There is a surprising number of parents and sponsors who are labeled "non Catholics" or "Protestant."

Only three groups were confirmed by Bishop John Maria Odin 1843-53, and these records give only their names.

Marriage Records are indexed first by Grooms and then by Brides (their maiden names), supplemented by a list of widows under their first husbands' surnames -- a real bonus for researchers. Occasionally the name of the first wife of a widower is given.

These Marriage Records are a real blessing for those seeking their ancestors in this area. Headed by the date and place, typed in a readable format appear the name of the groom, age, his parents (mother's maiden name); the bride's name, age, parents, sometimes where in Europe they came from; names of witnesses, and the officiant. Of course, not all the entries are that informative, but
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occasionally there are notes such as "new convert," "non Catholic," "married [to previous spouse] in Monastery Munster, Westphalia," "widower of ...", and where the couple will reside.

There are fewer records of burial than there are of baptisms and marriages, yet they cover a longer time span: 1857-1880. Under Name appears the surname (in alphabetical order), given name, and age. Under Remarks there is a number [sequence in the book?], then daughter/son/wife/widow/widower of, etc. Occasionally a person is designated Pater Familias or Mater Familias, indicating that he or she is the head of the family. Often there is a cross after the name of a spouse, showing that he or she is deceased. Many times, his or her burial record is on the same page. The Burial Date column is followed by one giving the name of the priest who conducted the funeral.

Apparently these records were the hardest ones to decipher, since several question marks appear, and we commend Mrs. Hrncir for her fine efforts to copy all these valuable papers. The Genealogy Collection of Texas State Library at Austin and the patrons thereof are grateful for her gift.

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PERiodical Source Index 1847-1985 [PERSI], prepared by the Staff of the Allen County [Indiana] Public Library Foundation and the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Department: Anne Dallas Budd, Michael Barron Clegg, Dawne Slater-Putt, and Curt Bryan Witcher. © 1988 & 1990. Hard-bound, 8.5 x 11"; 8 volumes paginated continuously; total 1652 numbered pages, + front matter and 3 appendices in each volume.

Genealogical researchers are indebted to Michael B. Clegg for conceiving and creating this colossal project, and to many others (named in the Acknowledgements) for carrying it forward. When the Persi project is completed, over 2,000 titles of articles in genealogical and local history periodicals will have been indexed.

The first four volumes were copyrighted in 1988, and four more are dated 07/01/90 [July or January?]. This energetic team widened its scope for the second installment, apparently having exhausted the classic old sources such as New England H&G and the National Genealogical Society Quarterly.

Therefore we have Places indexed in Volumes I, II, V and VI, while Families are presented in Volumes III, IV, VII, and VIII. The identifying words are highly visible at the top of each book's spine. We might wish that all the A families had been together, but, considering the magnitude of the project, researchers are thankful to have the information, even in installments.

When a researcher first opens one of these volumes, he/she may be overwhelmed by the multiplicity of entries. It is imperative that one read all the front matter immediately, and turn to the appendices when mentioned in the "How To Use This Index" in order to familiarize oneself with the format. Otherwise, you're likely to fumble around and waste time (speaking from experience). There is an important notice on page viii from Volume V onwards.

The pages bearing definitions of record types and abbreviations are especially important. Other Notable Features: Each book is independent -- all contain the same instructions and appendices, so no one needs to hog the whole set at one time, as if there were only one index for the set. Also, a blue sheet is inserted before most new sections for ease in locating them. Another: very neat typing, with a minimum of typographical errors.

A word to the wise: Concentrate on one or two surnames at a time. This reviewer rushed into these indexes like a kid let loose in a candy store: I scribbled down references to each name on my lineage charts as I came to it, even if the listing was as unlikely to help me as an eighth-generation Brewster who lived in Illinois. I ended up with pages and pages of hasty scrawls that had to be deciphered and sorted out. If you have only one day's access to these fabulous books, at least put each surname on a separate sheet, and indicate whether the reference came from the first or second installment of listings, in case you need to return to it for verification.

I found it more efficient to copy all probably pertinent citations to a name in both the Families volumes, and then copy
references to their counties of residence in the Places volumes. If you don't know their counties, I would advise looking for them in the articles you have just found reference to, or in census indexes, or somewhere, before tackling the Places volumes. (If you know only the town they lived in, its county can be located in a U.S. Postal Guide.)

This stupendous set of books covers genealogical and historical works published over a span of 138 years. In it one can find the titles (or topics) of articles on such a particularized subject as Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Connecticut, or as generalized as "Other" in Suffolk County, Massachusetts, published in a certain journal on a given date.

Volumes I, II, V and VI (with "Places" embossed in gold on the spine) are arranged alphabetically by abbreviation -- hence, Massachusetts before Maryland and Maine -- of the state in which the action occurred. The following column heads are County, Record Type, Title of Article, Journal, Volume, Number, Month and Year.

Volumes III, IV, VII and VIII (gold-embossed "Families") contain column headings reading Family Records, Title of Article (surnames plus identifying data, year, and state abbreviation), Journal, Volume, Number, Month (or Spr, Sum, Fal, or Win), and Year. The generous indexers put "The Haley-Pendleton Family" under both H and P. There is a warning that alphabetizing is letter-by-letter; for example, prefixes such as De, Van, Von etc. do not stand alone but are treated as one word (Delaguerra).

PERiodical Source Index cites articles pertaining to counties not only current but defunct; to places not only in the U.S. but in Canada, Great Britain, Germany, U.S.S.R. (and their separate states), plus dozens of smaller countries. EXCLUDED SOURCES are family surname journals, queries, ancestor charts, and family group sheets.

Following the Wyoming references in the Places volumes are the foreign countries (Canada, then other nations in alphabetical order); next, there is a section called "Research Methodology." Included here are "How To ..." articles and descriptive essays not peculiar to a certain place, on topics such as Cemetery, Census, Church, Court, History, Land ... . Finally comes "Other," which yields unexpected gems of information when read line by line.

Appendix A lists the Persi Journal Codes in alphabetical order, followed by the full name of the journal and then the state or area to which it pertains. The "States Covered" column may include U.S., Afro-American Ancestry, etc. For example, TXAU stands for Texas, Austin: Austin Genealogical Society Quarterly.

Appendix B lists the journal titles in alpha sequence, preceded by their respective codes and followed by the states or subjects covered in the publication.

Appendix C has the first column in alphabetical order, but called Journal Code instead of PERSI. Since there are fewer listings than in Appendix A, it may be that this partial repetition is to pinpoint the journals that are cited in that particular volume.
When you finish copying the references you want to follow up, your next step would be to translate the four initials into journal titles, using Appendix A or C. The state listed after the title will direct you to the proper library shelf.

If your library does not have the journal you need, information about locating it may be found on page viii of Volumes V-VIII. You could try for inter-library loan, but genealogical books are seldom lent out because they are irreplaceable. It is more likely that one of the libraries named will copy the article for you, or the publishers may sell you a back issue. Especially accommodating about copying is the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Department at Box 2270, Fort Wayne IN 46801. They have every title named in this index. Ask about fee when you inquire.

This master index offers unprecedented opportunity for research, and no arm-chair genealogist worth his salt will pass it up or fail to be grateful to its producers.

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Editor's Note: It is the first two volumes of this set which the AGS has placed in the Texas State Library Genealogy Collection in Helen's honor.

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**Belle Cook's Praline Bars**

A 11"x17" shallow pan with sides will hold 13 Keebler Graham Crackers (4 sections each). Place them face down so you can see the lines to break along when done.

2 sticks (less 2 TBS) unsalted butter
1 cup light brown sugar (packed)
1 cup finely chopped pecans

Place crackers on shallow pan. Melt butter in saucepan; add sugar, then pecans, stirring. Boil slowly 2 minutes, stirring. Pour over crackers evenly. Bake at 300° 15 minutes. Cool 10 minutes, then break into bars along lines on bottom. Yields 52 bars.

Editor's note: Many of us have greatly enjoyed Belle's very delicious praline bars at one or another of our monthly meetings, and several have asked about the recipe. Belle has graciously provided it to share with us. We are grateful to her, not only for this courtesy, but for all the times she has brought these delicacies for us to enjoy.

In the Introduction to this massive volume, the lengthy title is reduced to FCPES, and well it might, being proportionate to the scope of the book. The six-page introduction must (needless to say) be studied before one ventures into the text, and probably several times thereafter! (Incidentally, they should have had an English teacher proofread it; and in the Acknowledgements, President Jackson gave the MicroQuix Microfilm Rental Program faint praise when he called it the best in the county!)

The Table of Contents follows the order that the states (two misspelled) appear on the film. It would have been helpful to have the states in alphabetical order on these two pages, but we won't quibble about it. The states are arranged according to the way they occur in the National Archives Catalog of microfilm of the 1790-1830 censuses.

In the text format, the National Archives reel number is followed by the Family Home Center call number of the Mormon Genealogical Centers, then come the name of County or Parish, City/Township/District, and finally the heading "Starting Page" which includes the ending page as well.

As most researchers are aware, sometimes two or three townships are intermixed from page to page. For example, in the 1790 census of Massachusetts, in Essex County we find Newbury (pages 423-426), Newburyport (427-432), and Newbury again (433-436). This book is extremely helpful because many readers would stop looking when the town name changed.

We cannot overemphasize the value of this feature of the book -- pinpointing the exact pages that contain entries for each township. Before tackling the film of a census for the years 1790-1830, one should make a list of the pages that pertain to an area of interest to the searcher.

In the format of FCPES, the towns of a state are sometimes placed together by initial letter (only), but one could not safely run the columns as if they were an index. When you are looking for a certain town, you may have to read every line in that column in a given state census place listing. The style varies from state to state and year to year. But with the page numbers shown, that becomes a much faster and safer search than on the film itself.

The Introduction contains much information that will enlighten the census searcher, and the text will really lighten his task. Many early letters are datelined with a place name that does not appear in a modern postal guide. If you can find that township name in FCPES, you will learn in which county it was located.

This book is a great boon to historians, genealogists and geographers/map-makers. It is to be hoped that Austin Genealogical Society will be able to purchase Volume 2 as well, and place it in Texas State Library's Genealogy Collection for the benefit of all.

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Abstracts from The Woodville Republican include such items as Masonic Lodge celebrations; legal notices and rewards for runaway slaves; marriages, divorces, and deaths (from epidemics, illness, murders, and suicides); religious and community activities, court proceedings and legal disputes; personal estate and tax sales; military and public office elections; river boats and traffic, and so on.

Inserted in the book is an 1895 Rand, McNally & Co. map of Mississippi which shows towns, counties and their seats of government, railroads, rivers, and mountains. Woodville is in Wilkinson County in the extreme southwestern corner of the state, but its inhabitants' interests were not confined to its geographical location.

In July 1844, at a gathering of prominent citizens of the county to debate the annexation of the Republic of Texas, a committee was appointed "to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of this meeting", but no details of that sense are given in this book.

And in March 1847 there was a public meeting to collect donations for "the relief of Ireland," whose people were suffering from a potato famine.

By September 1844, yellow fever was so rampant that the editor warned people to leave or avoid Woodville if possible. There are pages and pages of laconic death notices. The town lost about half its inhabitants between 1840 and 1844. In response to the publication of a "mortality list of each physician," one doctor lodged a defensive protest, saying "Jacob Reily caused his own death by imprudence and disobedience of directions, ... S.W. Foster was under my treatment but took a bath, which attributed to his death."

Wilkinson County responded patriotically to the call for men to serve in the Mexican War. Between page 212, dated 9 May 1846, describing public meetings, through page 253 (14 August 1847) a great many lists of volunteers, casualty lists, and other news of Mississippi troops crowd the pages.

An asset to the format of this book is that personal names are in all caps, but the quality of typing (or proofreading) leaves something to be desired. Among the seemingly inevitable slips that may be found in this kind of printed matter are two amusing ones on page 147, wherein a tract "exists of 268 acres" (for consists), and distance is measured in furloughs instead of furlongs.

The index consists of surnames only, but they are in capital letters, preceded by a listing of given names only [slaves] with page numbers.
"The Woodville Republican" is rich in items dear to a genealogist's heart: marriages, deaths, probates, crimes, lists of attorneys -- everything one could expect of a small-town weekly. Fortunate indeed is the interested researcher who gains access to this book.

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It is hard to quote statistics on this Armed Forces Locator Directory because data in the book does not quite agree with that in the accompanying flyer and letter. The 1991 copyright notice gives the address as Box 340081, Fort Sam Houston TX 78234. The letter says this is the 4th Edition, Completely Revised, but a rubber stamped notice refers to a 1992 edition having 180 pages. The letter is signed by Debra A. Knox, Publisher, in Burlington NC, which agrees with the order blank.

Apparently Ms Knox is responsible for introducing the book to the genealogy market, for which we are delighted. Heretofore, it had been utilized primarily by veterans, active and retired military, banks and credit unions, attorneys, alumni associations, private investigators, collection agencies, military and Veterans Administration libraries, public libraries, reunion organizers, and veterans service officers.

The author served about fifty years in the U.S. Army and retired in December 1979, having been a member of the Adjutant General Corps, working with personnel records. Thus qualified, in 1988 Colonel Johnson published the first edition of this invaluable directory. "He is the foremost authority in the nation on locating people with a military connection."

Chapter One deals with the necessity of having a Social Security Number or a Service Number for the person whom you are seeking. Although the government will not divulge it, the author offers many suggestions for obtaining it.

Chapters Two through Nine advise the reader How to Locate: Active Duty Military, Members of the Reserve & the National Guard, Retired Members, Veterans of the Armed Forces and Former Members of the Reserve & the National Guard; How to Obtain Military Records, Unit and Ship Rosters & Organizational Records; How to Locate: Anyone (Civilian or Military) [for a legitimate purpose, that is!], People for a Military Reunion, and People Through State Government Records.
Chapter Ten discusses what to do if the person you are trying to locate is deceased. [Someone should tell the typesetter that verb forms deserve to be capitalized in a title, no matter how short they are!]

A two-page Glossary of terms used in the book is helpful to the reader, as is the Index of agencies and subjects treated in the book.

The directory contains dozens of pages of addresses (many with phone numbers) of agencies where information can be sought; viz, APO and FPO numbers; military bases by states; ships' names, hull numbers and ZIP codes; state adjutants general; Veterans' Administration Offices by states; Veterans, Military and Patriotic Organizations; Military Unit Associations; State Driver's License/Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus; Vital Records, etc.

One of the sections that strikes this reviewer as generally applicable to most searches is found in Chapter Eight: "Steps To Take To Locate Former Members of a Unit for a Reunion."

Five books on related subjects (such as adoption research) are described, with their prices -- presumably obtainable from Military Information Enterprises at the Fort Sam Houston address given above.

Finally, tipped in at the back of the book is a form for "Request Pertaining to Military Records (Standard Form 180 rev. 7-86)", which could be photocopied before mailing to the pertinent address of the 14 on the form.

In addition to all this wealth of information, the book has a beautiful cover, consisting of the colorful seals of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force above a touching painting entitled "The Ghost Troop" dimly depicting soldiers warily advancing through the snow.

Inside the front cover are charts of the insignia of officers of the various branches of the service, with the same for enlisted personnel inside the back cover.

This reviewer predicts that Armed Forces Locator Directory will be one of the most popular books in the Genealogy Collection of Texas State Library, and expresses the gratitude of many patrons to its donor.

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THE HRNCIR FAMILY -- JOSEPH AND ANNA by Charles L. and Marilyn C. McGehearty Hrncir. Privately published; © 1991. Soft cover; 8½x11"; 220 pages, typed on one side only; illustrated. Preface; Introduction; Acknowledgements; Key to Generations; Generations; Stories; Sources.

This attractive book was written, researched, compiled and edited by "Chuck" and "Mickie" (McGehearty) Hrncir, and dedicated to their parents: Charles R. and Ida V. (Gallia) Hrncir, and Jerome F. and Anne (Green) McGehearty. It concerns the life and descendants of Joseph and Anna (Svoboda) Hrncir who journeyed from Lichnov, Moravia (then in Austria) to Moravia in Lavaca County, Texas, in 1860.

The authors were assisted in this tremendous fact- and fable-gathering task by coordinators representing various branches of the family, whose efforts were reinforced at annual family reunions. This seems to be the ideal way to achieve a comprehensive family history, with the necessary charts of statistics enlivened by family anecdotes. (A fable is not necessarily untrue; it is a short literary form employed to make a point, not to prove a historical fact.) The compilers issued a caveat: not every date is guaranteed to be accurate; the emphasis in this book is on the pleasure of reading about fellow Hrncirs, not on documentation of dates. There are over 1500 names in the Generations section, which gives a lot of chances to make a mistake!

The origin and pronunciation(s) of the name Hrncir (meaning "potter") are discussed, as well as variant spellings that have been found in the records of Czechoslovakia as well as in Texas.

A brief history of Slavic-speaking people includes the interesting distinction of their geographical origins, helpful for those of us who closely follow world news today. We are told that Eastern Slavs are the Russians, Ukrainians, and Byelo Russians (sometimes called White Russians). Southern Slavs are Serbs, Croats, Bulgars, etc. Western Slavs include the Czechs, Poles, Slovaks, Moravians, and so on. This sketch outlines migrations of Slavs from about 400 A.D.; efforts of the Germanic people to overpower them and eliminate their language, forcing them to adopt German script; and finally the battles between Prussians, French, Russians and Austrians, which "set the stage for our people to leave." Helpful maps of Europe (pp. 16-17) locate the former home of the Hrncirs. "About 80% of Texas Czech immigrants came from a very small area of Austria, about 100 miles in diameter ... [formerly] known as Silesia or Moravia."

The story of the immigration of 41-year-old Joseph Hrncir, his wife Anna (née Svoboda) and their children (Jan/John, Anna, Rozina, and Joseph) to Texas is a touching one. They left their home in Lichnov, near Frenstat in Moravia (then part of Austria), and traveled by train to Bremen, Germany; boarded the bark Jeverland [barkentine; a three-masted vessel] and, after two months' sailing, arrived at Galveston on 18 Nov 1860.

The American Civil War started the next spring, before most of
these emigrants from Moravia had adequate housing or means of earning a decent livelihood. Their suffering must have been acute. Many had left their homeland to get away from warfare and forced military service. They disapproved of slavery -- had no slaves of their own -- and were unjustly conscripted into the Confederate Army as time went on. Of course, many poor, long-time U.S. citizens in the South suffered the same fate. However, some of the newcomers decided to adapt to the practices of their new home, and served the Confederacy willingly, as soldiers, as teamsters (as did Jan Hrncir to his profit), or in other capacities.

Five years after their arrival, Joseph and Anna Hrncir were able to purchase land in Fayette County, Texas. In 1873 they bought acreage in Lavaca County, and were well on their way to prosperity and the establishment of a dynasty.

The Key to Generations is somewhat complicated, having so many Arabic 1's in succession, but using a ruler to check the number of generation indentions is a help, as well as the fact that each name is in boldface type when it is first introduced.

Experienced editors may have a mild objection to the use of a virgule (commonly called a slash) between the names of husband and wife, because that mark is usually interpreted as "or." An ampersand (&) or "m." for married might have served the purpose better.

Many charming wedding pictures are interspersed among the lineage data charts. Most of them are very clear, indicating that they were reproduced by a special, extra-cost technical process. Further enhancing this memorable book are many good family group pictures, as well as photographs of places, farming implements, and other appropriate objects which grace the pages of the "Stories" section.

There is no question that the cost of indexing The Hrncir Family would be prohibitive, both in time and space, but it is regrettable that the editors did not see fit to include a list of the illustrations in the "Stories" section. Especially important for frequent reference are the map of the area in Texas where Hrncirs first settled (p. 165) and the map comparing Czechoslovakia with Texas (p. 206). A touch of 20th-century humor is furnished by the caption "Nineteenth Century Black Mustang Convertible" on page 170. It must be seen to be appreciated!

The "Stories" furnish a wide variety of serious information, exciting incidents, and personal recollections that provide nostaligic pleasure for most readers today, and even more so for descendants of this worthy family.

Patrons of Texas State Library owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hrncir for their donation of The Hrncir Family to the Genealogy Collection.

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Editor's Note: Joseph Hrncir was my great-grandfather. Loads of thanks to AGS members Chuck and Nickie for a superb job.
The Vanderbilt family has been a favorite American spectator sport for nearly 150 years. The family name has become synonymous with vast inherited wealth, palatial homes, great luxury, occasional decadence and generally leading the high life. Social historians and gossip columnists have chronicled their debuts, marriages and divorces, business historians their financial prowess and architectural historians their homes, perhaps the most opulent built by any family in the history of the United States. But until now they have received only casual analysis by genealogists.

A variety of books have focused on the Vanderbilt family, perhaps half a dozen in recent years alone. Most have dealt with the wealthiest Vanderbilts, generally just in the male line. Descendants in the female line have received scant attention. Hitherto, the most complete genealogy was one published in 1972 by Vanderbilt University, but that was incomplete and had very limited circulation. However, Dorothy MacDowell has recently compiled an extraordinary Vanderbilt genealogy, of interest not just to family members but also historians and Gilded Age enthusiasts. Working from a wide variety of primary and secondary sources, Mrs. MacDowell has pieced together the remarkable Vanderbilt family history, containing both vital statistics and basic biographical sketches most members of this diverse and unique tribe.

Just as the Vanderbilts built a great railroading empire from a single ferryboat and moved from a Staten Island, N.Y. farm to a string of 5th Avenue palaces, so too they graduated from the Commodore's marriage to his unprenpossessing double-cousin Sophia to alliances with some of the grandest names in America and Europe. They married into great New York families - Stuyvesants, Whitneys, Burdens, Jays, Livingstons and Scribners - as well as those of other cities - San Francisco Fair and Philadelphia Biddles, for instance. Daughters married European aristocrats, including the Duke of Marlborough, the Earls of Winchelsea and Inchcape and Hungarian Count László Széchenyi. Other Vanderbilt descendants have married celebrities and their kin, including author Louis Auchincloss, jazz musician Benny Goodman, conductor Leopold Stokowski, shipping heiress Athina Livanos Onassis, diplomat Averell Harriman, Douglas Fairbanks' niece Floabelle and CBS titan William Paley's stepdaughter Amanda.

Mrs. MacDowell's book also reveals the diversity of Vanderbilts themselves. While the first three generations included a brace of hugely successful railroad barons and sportsmen, later generations have included some rather surprising direct descendents, including sculptor Gertrude V. Whitney (founder of New York's Whitney Museum), her son Pan Am airlines creator C.V. Whitney, jazz promoter John Hammond, contract bridge inventor/yachtsman Harold Vanderbilt, designer/actress Gloria Vanderbilt and entrepreneur William A. V. Cecil of Biltmore, N.C. to name a few.

As a final footnote, Vanderbilt connections with Austin are tenuous but do exist. Of the many hundreds or perhaps thousands of descendents, there were only five, sixth generation, males bearing the Vanderbilt name. One was Nicholas Harvey Vanderbilt (1959-1984), who was also a Harvey House heir through his mother. [His grandfather Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt cancelled his Titanic reservations in 1912, but was on the Lusitania three years later.] After finishing Harvard, young Vanderbilt moved to Austin, worked as a volunteer at a local food kitchen and ultimately disappeared while mountain climbing in Canada. According to the American-Statesman, he had "little inherited wealth and less interest in the lifestyle followed by his huge family." A second tie exists through feminist Alva Smith Vanderbilt Belmont, whose Desha second cousin was Mrs. Eliza Bunton Johnson of Blanco County, Texas; their respective grandsons the 10th Duke of Marlborough and Lyndon Baines Johnson were thus fourth cousins.

The book is available from its author, Mrs. Dorothy K. MacDowell of 1500 5th Avenue West, Hendersonville, N.C. 28739.
This Quarter's Sleuthing Mystery!

Martha Askew has submitted the reproduction on the facing page of an old portrait picture with information written on the back. This picture was in an antique frame a friend of hers picked up while antique hunting recently. Apparently the picture is of a John Archibald Rollin, born in Virginia and resident for a time at least in Tennessee. While he and his lineage may have no connection at all with anyone in the AGSQ circuit, I am including it at least for its charming characterization of a time long gone. If anyone has information concerning Esqr. Rollin, we would like to know of it. --- Ed.

The inscription on back reads as follows:

Esqr. Rollin was a mason of high standing
a life long member of Spring Creek Baptist Church
consistent in his Christian life, helpful to Christ’s cause

John Archibald Rollin
born in Louisa Co. Virginia
moved with his parents and 3 sisters:
[Mrs?] Ann Adams, Miss Sarah Elizabeth and
Mrs. Mary Nelson Dickinson (known by
her friends as Polly to the children in the family...
as "Aunt Pol[?]"). They moved to Montgomery
County Tenn when he was about 12 years old.
[He] married when young to Rebecah K. Grady
She bore him 9 children 8 boys, one girl. She
died from cancer when about 34 years of age.
[Seven] years after he married Sallie Bourne.
He was magistrate of District No. 2 thirty [ ]
years never had but 2 of his decisions res[ ]
He died when 8[?] years and about 3 m[ ]
[Last line[s] undecipherable.]
Was This Man in Your Line?
The following is a continuation of the listings by surnames of the Vertical Files in the Texas State Library Genealogy Collection and their contents, also by surname. This series will conclude in the June 1993 issue.

**UMLAND**: A letter. Names in file are: Umland, Dunk, Palm, Hoppe, Purcell, Herman, Straus and Brandis. [3 letter-size pages.]

**UPHAM**: There was a blank sheet of paper in file.


**VANCE**: One issue of "The Vance Family Association Newsletter." Names in file are: Vance, Eckel, Mason, Muller, Smith, Webb, English, Vernatti, Weckle, Rankin and Hall. [29 letter-size pp.]

**VANDEEVER**: A newspaper article. Names in file are: Vandever, Rigler, Robinson, Breeding, Gibbs, Wells and Haney. [8 16" X 24" pages.]


**VAN METERENS**: Family information from the Kentucky State Historical Society. Names in file are: Van Meterens, Van Metre, Feltiere, Fakker, Wynkoop, Du Bois, Richman, McCulloch, Inskeep, Seymour, Miles, Hall, Allan, Lewis, Wright, Campbell, Kleiser, Cunningham, Ransdall, Moore, Strode, Votrees, McNeil, Pritchard, Rhoads, Cline, Swan, Hinton, Gerrard, Rawlings, Kline, Holtzelaw, Houghland, Maycraft and Thompson. [27 letter-size pages.]

**VAN NESS**: Obituary. Names in file are: Van Ness, Cooke, Beattie, Robertson, Lee, Cazneau and Anderson. [2 letter-size pages.]

**VAN ZANDT**: Family information. Names in file are: Van Zandt, Wallace, Morgan and Lipscomb. [8 letter-size pages.]

**VARNER**: Martin: Biographical information. Names in file are: Varner, Lyday, English, Bell, Geer and Kirk. [8 letter-size pp.]

Busick, Chesnutt, Cantrell, Denton, Reynolds, Neilson, Foreman, Perry, Aderhold, Thorn, McFarland, Jones, Ferguson, Broussard, and Mann. [102 letter-size pages.]

VEATCH, Dr. John Allen: Biographical information. Names in file are: Veatch, Ramsey, Sheridan, Wright, Geiser, Webb, Levenworth and Lindsey. [2 legal-size pages.]

VERNON: Bible records. Names in file are: Vernon, Hutcherson, Skillern, Skelton, Randolph, Logan and Hambledon. [4 letter-size pages.]


VOIGT: Family records. Names in file are: Voigt, Garner, Klabar, Kleber, Kilb, Harr and Podt. [8 letter-size pages.]

VON BRIESEN: A large Computer print-out of genealogy for Von Briesen name. There is an explanation for the chart, I find it very hard to follow. Names in file are: Von Briesen, Wupperman, Briesen, Fuller, Reinhold, Heinrich, Ludwig, Albrecht, Wolfgang and Traugott. [50 11" X 17" pages and 7 letter-size pages.]

WACKERHAGEN: There may be biographical information, I can not read it and there are pictures of Coats of Arms. The only name in file is: Wackerhagen. [4 legal-size pages.]


WADE: Newspaper clippings and letters. Names in file are: Wade, Daniels, Jones, Keller, Calder, Reese, Carson, Meitzen, Ogden, Wisher, Wing, Harris, Dunham, Whaling, Turnbull, Roan, Roberts, Estes, Torry, Cocke, Shepherd, Thompson, Rhone and Eastland. [1 legal-size page and 4 letter-size pages.]


WALLACE: (Hist.) There are several large packets of Wallace information. This packet contains accelerated index name search, Family histories, Charts and other records. Names in file are: Wallace, Phelps, Truman, Crawford, Ellison, Henderickson, Wallis, Ferguson, Anderson, Garrison, Davie, McKnitt, Crockett, Fox, Lee, Gates, Miller, Alexander, Chaney, Maxwell, Hyatt, St.John, Gale, Schofield, Long, Ford, LePage, Graham, Murray, Christian, Rash, Bradford, Maddox, McIlvaine, Shippen, Barclay, Morse, Pelham, Giltner, Hewitt, Taylor, Duffy, Delong, Troutman, Cochran, Lamme, Donaldson, Oliver, Powell, Finley, Keller, Turpin, Layton, Green, Caldwell, Williams, Lockwood, Horn, Manlove, Price, Woodall, Percy, Lentz, Moore, Roberts, Strachop, Nabor, Buckinham, Orr, Stephens, Shipley, Jarvis, Coates, Stinson, Tucker, Varner, Johnson, Carlock, Coles, White, Cross, Reid, Franklin, Burnette, Young, Watts, Patterson, Johnston, Morrison, Hoover, Murdock, Welch, Dugan, McIntosh, McCaskill, Grier, Andrews, Street, Parks, Rea, Foard, Secrist, Newell, Rice, Brady, Petracek and Smart. I suggest to anyone researching Wallace and allied families, check this file carefully. I could have missed something. It has a lot of genealogy and lots of supporting documentation. [276 legal-size, 1100 letter-size, 33 12" X 17", 18 18" X 14", 1 43" X 8" and 4 17" X 22" pages.]

WALLER, Edwin: A biographical sketch and a pedigree chart unrelated to Edwin Waller. Names in file are: Waller, Stewart, Rushing, Sides, Burns, Newburn, Knight, Perryman, Wyler and Cotton. [5 letter-size pages.]

WALLING, Col. Jesse: Biographical Information. Names in file are: Walling, Chisholm, Jones, Barnhart, Smith, Stone, Kelleyhor, Fulke, Clark, Tomkins, Steele, Lovett and Lamar. [1 14" X 17" page, 2 legal-size and 3 letter-size pages.]

WALLIS: Family information. Names in file are: Wallis, Barrows, Johnson, LaFour, Taylor, Dunman, Stephens, Griffith, Barber, Foreman, Gibbons, Caraway, Harrtwell, Roberts, Wells, Stewart,
White, Sweeney, Jackson, Humphrey and Krish. [2 letter-size pgs.]

WALTON: Data sheet and family history. Names in file are: Walton, Musick, Clark, Brown, McDonald and Dorsett. [4 letter-size pages]

WAPLES, Joseph: An obituary. Names in file are: Waples and Cook. [1 letter-size page.]


WARDLOW: Bible records. Names in file are: Wardlow, McGhee, Magill, Coulter and Leonard. [2 letter-size pages.]


WASON: Bible records. Names in file are: Wason, Heskew, Shumate, Martin, Brooks and Irwin. [8 letter-size pages.]


WEATHER: Two issues "Weather-Watch" The Weatherford Family Association Inc. Names in file are: Weatherford, Gentry, Ogden, Heiskell, Shearer, Newsom, Lyon and Lusher. [46 letter-size pp.]


WEAVER: Two letters. Names in file are: Weaver, Wilkins and Fletcher. [2 letter-size pages.]


WEIL: Census records, family group sheets and information on the family name of Weil and related names. Names in file are: Weil, Hymans, Schwartz, Lichtenstein, Wheeler, Kaffie, Dreyfuss, Alexander and Herald. [19 letter-size & 8 12" X 16" pages.]


WELLS: A letter. Names in file are: Wells, Ness and Mayo. [1 letter-size page.]

WEST: Family history, "Elizabeth Howard West", pedigree chart and obituary. Names in file are: West, Sanders, Potter, Lane, Cornelius, Burkes, Van Dyke, Sims, Radford, Holman, Thomas, Bacon, Boyd, Willingham, Pate, White, King, Tumlinson, Cates, Worrell, Parker, Fuller, Shaklott, Hardin, Stillwell, Plemons, Wiley, Cragg, Holder, Mungol, Woods, Humphries, Wilcox and Howard. [17 letter-size pages and 1 11" X 17" page.]


WEHRHAM: Four issues of "Familienbrief Wehrhahn." It is in German and I cannot read it. [60 letter-size pages.]


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