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With this issue we close out another year—the thirty-fifth—of publication of this journal. Glancing back through all those 140 issues (if we didn't miss any) is quite an experience. There is so much genealogy which we have brought to our members over that time that it overwhelms me. This is not to boast—my illustrious predecessors deserve and get all the credit for most all of that. It is also intriguing that most of the information in all those pages is still relevant today. Genealogy, like history, doesn't get old; it just grows with the generations. As yet we haven't seen the need of any revisionist genealogists similar to the revisionist historians enjoying a current popularity; hopefully we never shall.

With all this information in our back issues, I think the two AGS publications offered on the next page are an excellent offer. One can use the index to screen names and then scroll the microfilms to do the followup detail work. As a sample of what is available we are including on Pages 130-1 a reprint of an article we published in the December 1974 issue entitled SAN ANTONIO PRISONERS IN MEXICO, 1842-1844. This information is as valuable today as it was 20 years ago.

We also have what can be called our regular columns—Happy Hunting Ground (queries) and interesting reports from the Texas State Library, Genealogy Collection and the Family History Center. I earnestly thank Carolyn Fonken, Judy Duer and Glenda Knipstein, respectively, for providing this information to me. The Quarterly would be much less informative and interesting without each of these sections.

Other material in this issue was contributed by AGS members Connie Myers and Lois and Hal Henegar. I think you will enjoy reading about Yellowstone as it was when first really explored by one of Connie's forebears (and thankfully still is). Lois and Hal give us valuable information on two surnames well known in Austin—Barrington and Driskill.

On pages 134-137 we include a summary of material relating to genealogy at the Austin History Center. We thank the Austin Public Library and the Center for permitting us to include this. We continually praise the State Library for their wealth of resources on genealogy, and rightfully so—their holdings cover city, state and nation in considerable depth. But if you are digging into family data which you can tie down fairly closely to the Austin/Travis County area, then the AHC may be holding a gold mine. Although I don't see it in the listing I know AHC has a large manuscript holding, particularly from residents and institutions in this area. Often such files prove to be invaluable for family research.
Back to the State Library for a moment: State agencies including the Library are now tied into the Internet through their Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC). This means you can not only scan the Genealogy Collection holdings from the comfort of your computer screen, but other State Agencies and certain other institutions and libraries as well. I'm plain lost (my gopher just won't go) on the Internet so I'll just mention that on Page 139 is a summary of the system. Note the arrowed last paragraph; it tells you how to zero in on the system. If you have problems, Judy and her staff, or particularly Bonnie Grobar at 512-463-5427, can try to help.

The Editor

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The Board of Directors of AGS extend deep and sincere sympathy to Mary Pinckney on the loss of her husband, John, on Friday, 21 October 1994. On two occasions, in 1972 and again in 1983, Mary has served as AGS President. Our thoughts are with her and her family.

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Word from Montana Territory

The following letter was written by Cornelius Hedges, a "shirt-tail" relative of mine. My Great-grandfather, E. Lincoln Clarke, had an older brother named Asa Clarke. Asa married a Margaret Hedges, of Westfield, MA and eventually graduated from Yale University. He married Edna L. Smith on 07 Jul 1856 and eventually moved to Independence, IA also. The letters he wrote his sister do not cover the period when he and his family moved to Montana Territory so we have no idea of the reasons.

What we do know of him is that he became a Federal Judge, had a part in getting Montana declared a state, helped write the state constitution, and later became a state senator. We also know he was a member of the Washburn-Langford-Doane Expedition, which spent seven weeks during August and September of 1870, in the little known region that later became Yellowstone National Park. The Collier's Encyclopedia, vol. 13, page 652, states that members of the group considered filing claims and exploiting the wonders they had seen, but were persuaded by Judge Cornelius Hedges to work, instead, for the establishment of a park which would remain the property of all present and future Americans. This was achieved in 1872.

One of Asa's direct descendents, my third cousin, sent me a box with all the letters she had of this man, plus pictures. Didn't want any of it and knew I was doing research on the Clarke family. Once I figured out who he was, and read the letters, I sent them to the Montana State Historical Society.

Isn't Genealogy wonderful, the amazing byways it leads one into? I'd have never guessed I'd end up with this man's letters and family pictures!

Connie Myers

Helena City. Oct 11, 1870

Dear Sister;

I will pause long enough in my hurry to dispatch you a few lines, that you may know at least that I have returned from my adventure to the Yellowstone alive and reinvigorated, finding all well at home and that everything had gone on nicely in my absence.

I am sorry to say however that we lost one of our party---his name was T. C. Everts, the oldest man of our party and one least liable one would think to become bewildered. Yet beyond all anticipation he became separated from (us) & in spite of all our search he has not been heard from yet tho a month has passed. Great likely he has perished.

The place where we lost him was in almost impenetrable forest on the south shore of the Yellowstone Lake. We stayed over a week looking for him until we had barely enough provisions left to take us home--during this week there was a three day snowstorm, falling to the depth of 18 inches which was unfortunate.

I was often separated from the train but never had any difficulty in finding my way back--I have seen more natural...
curiosities & wonders than in all my life before & am more than satisfied with the results of my trip. We were strong in numbers & had good company. There were nine of us that divided the expenses & we had two cooks & two men to pack & take care of the horses.

I had two horses, one to ride & one to pack besides the company had several in common so cost us about $250. a piece. We were out just about six weeks. We went across to the Yellowstone river & followed that stream past the Falls, two in number, one 125 feet high & the other 350 feet high. These were more magnificent than any I have ever seen & there are very few that can surpass them in the world. I sat for more than 1/2 a day gazing in delighted wonder on the face of the beautiful scene. Without a break or interruption the whole stream 50 yards wide with one resolute jump, plunges down into the awful chasm where the dissipated spray condenses & trickles down into the cauldron, out of which, like a green thread issues from the dreadful chasm the Yellowstone river & glides away through the mighty canyon in a succession of cascades. The upper falls are not more than one third the height of the lower. I was more than half a mile distant, but they are very beautiful & there is a magnificent place jutting out from the west bank & reaching almost to the water from whence to see the falls.

Below the falls & lake we passed scores of hot springs, some with pure clear water, others of various colors, some of mud so thick that it appeared like pudding. One of these springs boiled fearfully at times & threw water 40 feet high. There was one mud volcano of recent formation that has not long since burst out fresh from a hillside tearing apart & throwing its muddy lava to great distances & the limbs of the forest trees around were torn off & others loaded down with this mud. From the crater issues constantly dense volumes of sulphurous steam & a noise like that of a thousand steam engines comes forth at short intervals & shakes the earth.

The Lake itself is 25 miles long & we reached it first Sept. 3. I left it on the 17th having gone entirely around it. I caught hundreds of trout in its waters, the smallest one would weigh more than two pounds. The beach is beautiful. Shining in places with carnelians & most (peculiar/irregular) stones.

Around the lake is almost all timber country thick covered with pine trees, while the ground is covered with fallen trees lying every way, making travel difficult.

There are many islands in the lake & its shore is very irregular, especially the southern shore. There are many hot springs around the lake & in some places in the very bottom of the lake. So close and hot are some of these springs that one day I caught a large trout & in pulling him out he fell off my hook over a hot spring & before I could toss him out with my pole he was cooked through.
But the most wonderful of all the sights were some Geysers greater than the most celebrated one in Iceland. There were no less than a dozen that threw boiling hot water to the height of 100 to 250 feet. These are all intermittent, at times being wholly quiet. I never expected to see this class of wonders. I brought away all the specimens that one horse could carry & have given a large share to the Library.

As soon as I got back I found the Territorial Fair in session. As I am the Vice Pres. they set me to work at once. That closed Sat. so glad, & on Mon. morning Court opened. So I have barely had time to breath. I should not have endured unless I felt so much better from my trip. I have a great deal of business yet unfinished & the latter part of this month I have to go over to Grand Lodge at Virginia City. I mean to find time during the winter to write up an account of my trip. Edna has been rather unwell--caught cold in going over to the Fair. She is weaning the baby & the consequence is I haven't slept much for several nights & my head feels as huge as a mountain.

I presume by this time Mr. & Mrs. Chesley (?) have arrived in Independence. I hope they will always be as happy as now. My love to them both. I hope the ring reached them in time. I haven't heard but expect they have had too much on hand to think of folks so far off. Give my love to Asa. the children. each & all former friends.

Yours hastily, Cornelius

The following is extracted from the Hill County, TX, Genealogical Society Newsletter, July 1994:

In the 1880s and before, it was traditional when the daughter got married, as part of her dowry, her father would either cover the loan or carry the note for his son-in-law. If you know the husband's name but not the wife's maiden name, find out to whom they are making their mortgage payment. About 70% of the time, it will be her father!......(Source: Mesquite TX Historical & Genealogical Society Newsletter, Sept. 1992.

From the San Mateo County CA Genealogical Society Newsletter, September 1993:

AGRICULTURAL CENSUSES were taken by the United States in 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880. They list farm and ranch owners in each county in every state and are available at the National Archives.

(Ed. Note: These files on microfilm are also at the Texas State Library Genealogy Collection for anyone interested.)
FAMILY RESEARCH or PLAYING DETECTIVE

My first project after retirement was to get the family records which my mother and grandmother had accumulated for many years organized into a book form.

A new daughter in law asked for family names for her brides book, when Hal did not have the answers; I had a new motivation to get history of all the families for our children.

For sometime prior to this beginning I had inquired and located a variety of family group sheets; finally settled on one of my own creation as a favorite. Several times I had asked some people about the best way to begin; no one I ask would suggest the first steps.

A cousin had created a history of seven generations for the Henegar clan, and we were attending the Henegar reunion pretty often. They met in Northeastern Alabama, a little town named for the family, though the post office department spelt the name Henagar.

My fathers immediate family came from Burkes Garden, Va. in Tazewell County; so we planned a trip to see the area and though I never knew my Spracher grandparents, it was a very exciting experience to be where they were born. Located a person who knew some of or about some of the family, she shared a picture of one of the Spracher Barns. She showed me family records of a Spracher married to a Mahood; Mahood was not a familiar name. One of my great grandmothers was named Ritter, guess what!, these folks were living on the "Old Ritter Place", had a picture of the old house and even some of the furniture in their home. A truly an exciting day!

Now at home, I chose a loose leaf note book for my sheets of information. The first thing I did was to create my family sheet, then one for my parents and siblings. Then on to the ancestors using information that was available. At this time I realized I needed more information on Dad's family; so I began research in libraries and visited a cousin. Comparing pictures that we each had, we learned several things; one was that "the old house in Texas" was near Negley in Red River County. Nannie's mother had written on some pictures, these are my Mahood Cousins, wow! , there is the Va. Bible record.

I am the child of the youngest child, so I am also younger than the cousins living now. My cousin, Nannie recalled many things her mother, the oldest child told her.
My Aunt Betty was about ten years of age when the family joined a "wagon train" of about 50 wagons to come to Texas. They settled in Red River County in approximately 1878, the first child born in Texas was in 1879.

We visited Butler County, Alabama where my grandmother was born, Sibbie Godwin in 1875. We found the neighborhood and the old cemetery where her grandparents and other Godwins are buried. With the benefit of the computer, I located a man in California who is related to Wells Godwin in the same generation as I am. We have had fun sharing information and we hope to meet some day.

After joining the Austin Genealogical Society; we took a series of classes taught by Betty Kaiser which we enjoyed and we did learn lots of things that we have used. We also were in some of Juanita Dodgens classes, people learning from these people owe them a special, "THANKS"!

One of the things suggested was to leave a jar in the old cemetery with return envelope and information regarding the relative who is buried there. On a later trip to the Burkes Garden Cemetery I followed that advice. When I first found my Greatgrandmother Baugh's grave, it obviously had recently placed silk flowers on it. Next trip I left the jar and in time I heard from two people, the first responded because the jar had been moved by the mowers, but understood and offered ideas. Later another lady wrote and ask "who and why".

Hal has located some relatives via Amateur Radio; now we are using the telephone directory. One find is like a "second session of illness", it gets more intense as time passes, ha!

What I find so exciting about genealogy research is: the surprising places you find real facts, like on the back of pictures and in old letters. The records of mothers family back through her mother is pretty complete, goes back for seven generations, even before a library trip. This is an never ending hobby, because there will be one more ancestor to add to the list. Not only do we learn about families and their history; but we can tie it to the facts we learned in our history classes at school.

Without History there is no Present, and without the Present, there will be no Future. So "Researchers" we are making a contribution to the Future in our study of the Past.

Get out the "Spy Glasses" and let us keep hunting, and do a lot of recording for those generations to come.

by: Lois Spracher Henegar  Austin, Tx
BARRINGTON is the NAME

My grandfather was James Henry Barrington, not sure where he was born, but his brother George was born in Bell County, according to a quoted obituary. His brother Lee lived in Lampasas County for a while; have a letter that he had sent to my mother many years ago.

This is the only grandfather I ever met, and really did not know him. Mother did not see him for about forty years in her life; he lived many years in El Paso, worked for the city and is buried in a Evergreen Cemetery in that city.

In my research, I must admit that I have spent more time on some other names of my family.

But in the efforts I make with the BARRINGTON name, I often get no further leads. There are many areas that I need to work on and plan to do so but:

I have a picture of Grandpa and one of his mother also; and three groups of his siblings which we could have copied. Any info I have, I will gladly share.

A letter from a James William Barrington of California in 1970, indicates the family history began in 1069. Of the 600 names he had at that time, he had been able to join only about 20% of those and on short family trees, an average of three or four generations.

This next paragraph is from his letter:

"The BARRINGTONS, though never extremely famous, have added to the history of England, Ireland, Canada, and the USA. They have been on the Privy Council of Kings of England, First Lord of the British Navy, Mayors of Dublin, Members of Parliament, Governor of North Carolina, fought on both sides in the War for Independence, fought in the Civil War, are of varied faiths, including Quakers, Mormons, etc., besides being doctors, lawyers, business men, workers, and many hard working farmers. A number of towns, parks, schools, even hospitals have been named in honor for some."

In this area of Austin, where we have a Barrington School, a Barrington Housing Area, a Barrington Street and etc., it occurs to me that there are some folk here who would recognize some of the names on the following page. If anyone has a tie to any of the lines, please give me a call we may relatives.

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ANCESTRAL HISTORY
BARRINGTON

Amon Barrington
some say his name may have been Marshall
18 -1865 killed in the Civil War

Paton Wm Washington Thomas Whitfield Marshall Henry Mattie Madison
1 1847 - 1929 1849 - 1905 /Roe
3 children /Woodword 17 children 11 children 2 child

Thomas Whitfield Barrington
3 Mar 1849 - 26 Oct 1905
Pamelia Annie Markham
1844 - 1887

Jane Virginia John Marshall Thomas Allen James Henry Sallie Lovicy
1862 - 1868 - 1874 1870 -1944 1872 - 1951 1874 - 1883

Edward LeRoy George Bingiman Robert Lee Maymee Tabithy
1876 -1879 1878 - 1942 1881- 1883 - 1957

J Hiram Paton Marshall Edd May Willie & Willis/second wifes
1891- 1893- 1895- 1898- 1899- 1897-

James Henry Barrington
14 Oct 1872 - 4 June 1951
Sibbie Sarah S Godwin
1875 - 1964

Annie Catherine 2nd wifes -Lovetta Edith
20 April 1894 8 Aug 1895 16 Oct 1901
Fred Taylor Rebecca Millie Garrett Wm G Hadlock
James L Spracher
Roy Debs Taylor Sibbie Odie Viola Mary
Baby Boy Willie Evalyn James Henry
Buena Sylvesta Silvia Lorene Lovetta Catherine
Lorena Bell James Henry
Lois Catherine Baby Boy
Andrew Thomas Ethel Imogene

Lois Catherine Spracher Henegar
Austin, Texas

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"MY DRISKILLS"
(As in Driskill Hotel in Austin)
by Hal Henegar - Austin

From the time of my arrival in Austin, I knew that the Driskill Hotel was built by a "relative" ... but that's about all I knew. From time to time we would have out of town relatives and friends visit us in Austin, whom we would treat by dining at the Driskill. It was not until I retired many years later that I seriously began an effort of researching both maternal as well as paternal ancestors.

While in Fort Payne, Alabama attending the annual Henegar Family Reunion up on Sand Mountain, (At Henagar, Al.!) my wife, Lois, and I were in the county library doing research into my ancestry. We found a booklet on the Driskills, all of whom had come from that area of Dekalb County. From this Driskill booklet, compiled by one of the early Driskills, (Willie Harris Driskill) I learned, more than even my Grandmother Mattie Virginia Driskill ever knew I am quite sure. I had never known that Grandmother was next to last of her siblings ... from two "litters" of six and ten each!

My Grandmother's father was Warner Lewis Driskill (Nov 21, 1816 - May 17, 1907). By his first wife, Rebecca Emily Beatty, he had six children when she suddenly died at the relatively young age of 33-years. As things were back in pioneer days, this left Warner in dire straights. His "old maid" cousin, Mary Elizabeth Metcalf, (ripe old age of 21!) began helping him look after the young children and keep his house in order. It appears that a romance blossomed ... or, perhaps from sheer convenience.. they married. From this union came ten more children! Mattie Virginia Driskill, my Grandmother, was number nine of the last ten .. or, number fifteen of the total lot! If Grandmother .. or Grandpa, or even my father knew this, I never learned it until that time!

In about the year of 1830, William E. Driskill arrived in what is now Dekalb County, Alabama ... coming from Franklin County in Tennessee. At that time, the only towns of consequence in Alabama, were Huntsville in the north ... and Mobile in the south. Montgomery, Birmingham or Gadsden didn't exist. So, "going to town" for supplies was no small task ... and not without dangers. The Sulphur Springs Community is 11-miles north of Fort Payne, a considerable distance from the nearest town of Huntsville.

William E. Driskill's siblings, or other relatives are not well known. But it is known that he had a brother named Jonathan and at least another named Samuel. Samuel married a lady by the name of Elizabeth Crim (or possibly Crimm or maybe even Crum .. handwritten recordings of that day are VERY difficult to determine!). Samuel Driskill died January 30, 1879. He and Elizabeth are both buried in Old Cemetery, San Marcos, Texas.

Samuel and Elizabeth's children were, John J. Driskill, Jonathan Alexander Driskill, Jesse Lincoln Driskill, and William Rufus
Driskill. Jesse Lincoln Driskill was born November 4, 1824, near Sparta Tennessee. He moved to Barry County, Missouri... and married a lady with the distinguished name of Nancy Emma Jane Day on September 5, 1847. Jesse had four daughters and two sons. He then moved to Bastrop, Texas in February of 1849 where he entered into the mercantile business in San Antonio, San Marcos and in Bryan. Being an enterprising man, he also had a thriving cattle business and furnished beef to the Confederate Army. After the Civil War Jesse was among the first Southwest Texas cattle raisers to make drives up the trail to the northern markets.

In 1871 Jesse Driskill moved to Austin, Texas and immediately began construction of the Driskill Hotel, which has long since been a landmark in South Central Texas. The Driskill had a narrow escape in fairly recent times. There was discussion of razing it. But then, the local citizens rose up in defense of this renowned landmark, and instead of being demolished, it was refurbished and has become the grand old queen of hotels. Jesse died May 1, 1890.

One of the offshoot stories relating to the Driskill involves a William Driskill III, whose father was William A. Driskill, and whose Grandfather was William E. Driskill. William A. and Lucintha Driskill had a large family. They lived in Jacksonville, Alabama. All of their children except William III graduated from the college there, which is now Jacksonville University. But William III ran away from home at age 16 and came to Austin, Texas, where he got a job in his cousin Jesse's hotel. He learned "hoteling" so well that he decided to return to Alabama.. to Decatur .. to build his own hotel. In conjunction with building that hotel, he also entered the wholesale lumber business and did very well financially, in both ventures.

Occasionally, we need to remind ourselves that we are just as related to our maternal side of the family as we are to the paternal side. So, it's pretty neat just to know that, being a "Driskill"... I have a very well known landmark residing in the same city in which I live ... even though I have to explain it to the listener every time I tell it! My grandmother, believed to be a cousin, though not documented as yet, would be proud to know that her grandson resides in the same city in which the Driskill name is quite well known.

Any Driskill descendent who may read this, I would sincerely appreciate hearing from you. Perhaps we can learn more from each other. I am still trying to determine my Grandmother's relationship to Jesse Lincoln Driskill .. I will find it one day.

Harold (Hal) E. Henegar

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SAN ANTONIO PRISONERS IN MEXICO, 1842-1844

Some rather incongruous papers have been found in the archives of the General Land Office, and, through the kindness of Mrs. Virginia H. Taylor, are here brought to light.

The first is a hand-written list headed "San Antonio Prisoners, Sept., 1842," which is printed verbatim below. Very similar data is found in John Henry Brown's History of Texas, Vol. II pp. 222-253; where his version differs, it follows the manuscript listing between slashes.

To synopsize the event that this list pertains to: On 11 Sep 1842, General Adrian Woll took possession of San Antonio with 1400 Mexican troops. The District Court being session, General Woll captured the judge, lawyers, litigants, witnesses, and many other American citizens and officers crowding the small city.

A few men escaped and gave the alarm over the surrounding countryside, which was responded to by most of the military leaders of Texas: Matthew Caldwell, John C. Hays, Henry E. McCulloch, Ewen Cameron, et al. While trying to join the main Texan force, three-fifths of Nicholas Dawson's men from Fayette County were massacred near Salado Creek in Bexar County, and the remainder were taken prisoner.

The next morning, Colonel Caldwell sent John Henry Brown (among others) to investigate, so the budding historian had opportunity to gather names on the spot, which lends credence to his list.

In spite of the addition of Col. John H. Moore and Ben McCulloch to the Texan forces, they were unable to prevent Woll from crossing into Mexico with his prisoners. A few months later, a retaliatory or rescue mission was attempted (known as the Somervell expedition) which culminated in the disastrous Battle of Mier, 25-26 Dec 1842.

Prisoners from this fiasco were tortuously marched to Perote Prison in Vera Cruz (as it was spelled then) to join their fellow Texans. The Handbook of Texas states that there is no accurate list of those who died of disease, who were killed by guards, who escaped, and who were released through influence, but the Bexar prisoners were set free 23 March 1844, and the others (about 105) on September 16th of the same year.

Before historians jump on me for the inadequacy of the above account, let me hasten to state that it does not purport to be a history of the event. That can be found in numerous books; all I meant to do is touch on the reasons why these men were prisoners.

For explanation of reference symbols, see end of the article.

*Allen, Isaac. Died in Galveston immediately after return to Texas, in '44.
*Alsbury, A.H. Horace A. Alsbury/
#Barclay, Richard. Escaped from Perote 22 July 1843/
+Beck, G.B. T.B. Beck/
*Blow, George. District Attorney at San Antonio/
*Booker, Shields, M.D. Died in Mexico. Died in prison/
*Bradley, John, Released at the intercession of Gen./ Andrew Jackson.
+Brown, Edward. Of Capt. Wm. N. Ryon's company from Fort Bend; escaped from the river or released in 1844/
/Brown, George, citizen captured at San Antonio; no fate given/
+Brown, James H.
+Bugg, William.
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Cornegay, R. /J.E. Kornegy, one of 10 prisoners taken after massacre of Dawson’s men /
Crews, ---. Died &c. /Died in prison /
Cunningham, James R. Died &c. /John R. Cunningham, atty, died in prison /
Dalrymple, John. Got back to Texas. /Escaped from Perote 22 Jly 1843 /
+Davis, D.J.
+Elley, Augustus.
++Faison, Nathaniel. /Nat W./ Fitzgerald, Archibald. Killed at Salado. /Mexico, 11 Feb 1843, when Capt. Even Cameron led prisoners in rush against the guards/
Forester, John. /Escaped from Perote 22 Jly 1843 /
++Glenn, French S. Died &c. /French Strother Gray died in prison/
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++Hatch, George, San Antonio citizen; escaped/
++Herbert, Nathaniel
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++Hutchinson, Judge. Released /at the intercession of Gen. Thompson &c. /Judge Anderson Hutchinson. Waddy Thompson U.S. Minister to Mexico /
++Jackson, Riley. Died &c. /Died in prison /
++Johnson, Chauncey.
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++Lee, John.
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++Leslie, A.J.
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Maverick, S.H. Returned with Hutchinson. /Samuel A. Maverick was released at intercession of Waddy Thompson /
++McCay, Francis. /McCay/
++Morgan, ---. Escaped from Mexico. /John Morgan escaped from the City of Mexico /
++Nobles, S.L.
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++Ogden, D.C.
++Perry, John.
++Peterson, C.W.
++Raper, M.L.B.
++Robinson, James W. Released by Santa Anna. /Attorney /
++Robinson, Joseph. /Joseph C. /Schaffer, George.
++Shaw, Joseph.
++Smith, John.
++Stone, Samuel C.
++Trapnell, John. Died &c. /Died in prison /
++Trimble, ---. /William Trimble, called "Tecolote"; died in prison /
++Trueheart, James L. /Brown calls him James L. when captured in San Antonio, but John L. when released /
++Toowig, John (Irish) Toowig or Toohig. /John Toohig escaped from Perote 2 or 22 Jly 1843 /
++Van Ness, George. /Escaped--no date given /
++Voss, J.G.A. /Printed Goss on p. 253, but in alphabetical sequence for Voss /
++Woods, Norman, Died &c. /Died of wounds sustained at Dawson Massacre, so the + seems to be in error /
++Young, John.

* Released about 1844.
+ See The Handbook of Texas.
# Listed by Brown as "Dawson Prisoners."
GENEALOGY COLLECTION NEWS AND NOTES

1920 CENSUS
As I mentioned in the last AGS Quarterly, we are continuing to add to the 1920 Census collection. The first half of the Tennessee rolls have come in, and we have received donations to purchase 6 more of the 21 remaining rolls. Thanks to Milton and Margaret Francis, and Juanita Dodgen's Beginning Genealogy Class! If anyone else is interested in contributing towards the Tennessee reels, they are $23 apiece, and the check should be made out to the Texas State Library.

We have also received the entire set of Nebraska 1920 census thanks to AGS member Brent Lockwood. Mr. Lockwood purchased the reels for his own research and then contributed them immediately to the library. He has also donated 8 of the Florida 1920 reels and has the remaining reels on order. We certainly have benefited from the generosity of our patrons!

PROTOTYPE CD AVAILABLE
AGS member Robert Casey has put the local database formerly on the hard drive at the State Library onto a new CD and made the prototype CD available to our patrons. The CD includes some family histories and many messages off of various electronic bulletin boards. The CD will eventually be marketed by GRS (the folks who did most of our CD's) and will work with their software. This prototype version works with the Textware software (choice #2) on the main menu. The CD is a convenient way to search many many messages for your surnames of interest in a relatively short period of time.

FINDING THOSE ELUSIVE CEMETERY LISTINGS
As you know, I like to use this space to give you tips on finding different kinds of materials in the library. Next time you are looking for a cemetery listing for Texas, be sure to look at A Reference to Texas Cemetery Records. Although it is not a new source, it is one which I think is often overlooked, so I'd like to highlight it here so that more people can take advantage of it. This guide, which was completed in 1988, lists all the sources the compiler was able to find which had published Texas cemetery listings. This includes both books, and articles in periodicals. For some counties, they also give you the names of individuals who have unpublished cemetery listings.

The guide is divided into three parts. The first part, "Texas Cemeteries", lists the cemeteries themselves, by county. A code for the source where the cemetery listing was recorded is given with the cemetery, along with a location for the cemetery, if known.

Part 2, "Texas Cemetery Sources", which is also organized by county, deciphers these codes. In the case of periodical articles, it gives the name of the periodical, the volume and issue number. Unfortunately, it does not give the page numbers, which as you may know pretty much rules out ILL. However, it also indicates the libraries or other institutions in Texas which have these sources, so you might be able to write and ask the appropriate location to make copies of the article.
Part 3 is the "Location of Sources". It includes not only libraries, but historical associations, museums, cemetery associations, and even some county clerks. Addresses for these locations are also provided. Books which are held by the State Library Genealogy Collection are indicated by "TSL".

This book may be found at 976.4 P254r.

**STATE CENSUSES**
Another source which is often overlooked and yet can be very helpful is a book called *State Census Records* by Ann S. Lainhart. This is a state-by-state listing of state (rather than federal) censuses. For each state it tells when state censuses were taken, which are still surviving, and where they are housed. In some cases there are listings by county if only pieces of a census remain. In addition, she tells what sort of information is given on the particular census. Often these censuses were in the years between Federal censuses, so they can be invaluable for those situations where something of import occurred mid-decade. I should caution you though, that not all states have state censuses, and many have only a few. Unfortunately, our own state of Texas is a good example of this. The listing for Texas only states that Texas did not take any censuses after statehood, and tells about the mission or rancho censuses taken under the Spanish and Mexican governments.

We have 2 copies of this book. One is on the regular shelves at 973 L144s. The other copy is with the ready reference books on the shelves behind my desk.

**LOCATING LINEAGE SOCIETIES**
We are often asked for the addresses for various societies. A ready reference source which can come in very handy in answering these questions is the *Hereditary Society Blue Book*. This reference lists when the various societies were formed, what their requirements for membership are, and usually gives an address for the national headquarters. There are a few societies, open only by invitation, which choose not to have their address published.

**WHICH COUNTY?**
For most genealogical research you need to know in which county a particular event occurred. There are a couple of quick ways to check on this. If it's a Texas county, you can always check the *Texas Almanac*. There's a copy of the latest edition on the ready reference shelves, with the appropriate section marked.

For other states, the easiest way to look it up is in the *Commercial Atlas* which is on the atlas stand. In the back of that atlas there is a list of cities for each state, and immediately after the name of the city is the name of the county.

I hope some of these ideas are useful to you. See you around the library!

-- Judy Duer
GENEALOGICAL SOURCES
AT THE
AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER

Start with these sources:

- Card catalog including archives catalog
- Public access on-line catalog
- Various formats of the *Austin American-Statesman* index
- AF - BIOGRAPHY
- AF - BIOGRAPHY photography file

ANNUALS AND DIRECTORIES

*Cactus.* A 378.005 Ca
Student annual of the University of Texas. Have years 1894-1985, but there are some gaps.

High School and Junior High School Annuals.
Austin and Travis County area. The years collected differ with each school.

*Austin. Telephone Directory.* A 976.411 Au76t
1922-

*Austin, Texas City Directory.* A 976.411 Au76d

*Criss-Cross Directory of Austin.* A 976.411 Au76Cr
1957-

BIRTH RECORDS

*Early Texas Birth Records, 1838-1878.* (2 vols.) A 929.3 Gr

CEMETERY RECORDS

*Cemeteries of West Travis County.* A 929.376431 Ha

*Cemeteries of the Western Hill Country of Travis County, Texas.* A 929.2764 Tr

*City of Austin Cemetery System Interment Report.* A Av Microfiche AuPW

*Travis County Cemeteries: Travis County 19th Century Pioneers.* A 929.2764 Tr

*Travis County Cemetery Records.* A 352.72 Ru
CENSUS RECORDS

Statistics only for census records from 1910 to 1990.

The First Census of Texas, 1829-1836: To which are added Texas Citizenship Lists, 1821-1843 and other Early Records of the Republic of Texas. A 929.3764 Mu

The 1840 Census of the Republic of Texas. A 317.64 Wh

The State of Texas Federal Population Schedules; Seventh Census of the United States, 1850. A 311.39764 Un

United States Census Office. Seventh Census, 1850; Population Schedules: Texas (Slave schedule), Travis County and others. Microfilm

Travis County, Tex. 1860 Federal Census Schedules. A 317.641 Gr

United States Census Office. Ninth Census, 1870; Population Schedules: Texas, Travis County. Microfilm

Austin, Texas, Census, 1875. A 352.09764Au76 Ce

United States Census Office. Tenth Census, 1880; Population Schedules: Texas, Travis County. Microfilm (No alphabetical index)

United States Census Office. Twelfth Census of Population, 1900. Microfilm (No alphabetical index)

CITY TAX RECORDS

Tax Rolls, 1903-43. Microfilm (AR 1991-16) *

Alphabetical by name. Gives legal descriptions of property, amount of tax, and sometimes lists original grantee.

GENEALOGICAL BOOKS

Collecting Dead Relatives. A 929.10207 Ga *

Further Undertakings of a Dead Relative Collector. A 929.10207 Ga *

Genealogical Records in Texas. A929.10720764 Ke *


INDEXES

Austin American -Statesman. *

1871-76: printout
1878-83: card index
1884-1955: no index
1956-73: card index
1973-February 1981 printouts

Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter. November 1960 - present. *

Indexed by name. Includes lists of Travis County cemeteries, baptisms, and burials of St. David’s Episcopal Church (late 1800’s), and some Travis County marriage records.
Bartholomew Diary.  A 818 BaD
An account of daily events in Austin for the period 1853-1923 by Austin businessman, Eugene Carlos Bartholomew.
Index for: v. 18 - April 1879 - December 1882.
 v. 20 - January 1883 - September 1885.
 v. 26 - January 1900 - June 1905.
Weddings and deaths are indexed. (Death index is missing)

Biographical Gazetteer of Texas.  (6 vol.)  A 929.3764 BiAp *
A finding aid for information about prominent individuals. Provides the name, a birth or death date, and the title and page number of the book in which the biographical sketch can be found.

Index to Applications for Texas Confederate Pensions.  A 929.3764 Ki *
Contains 3 indexes: Index to approved pensions, Index to residents of the Confederate Home and Confederate Women's Home, and Index to rejected pension applications.

TRAVIS COUNTY RECORDS
Some Early Travis County, Texas Records.  A 929.376431 Su *
Records of General Land Office of Texas having to do with wills, land ownership, lawsuits, and other assorted records. Indexed by name.

Travis County Central Appraisal District, 1883-1992.  Microfiche. *
Travis County Civil Minutes, 1876-1894.  Microfilm. *
Travis County Index to County Court Civil Minutes.  (To vols. C-I)  Microfilm. *
Travis County Criminal Minutes, 1876-1886.  Microfilm. *

Travis County Deed Record, 1847-1882.  Microfilm. *
Travis County Deeds, 1882-1886.  Microfilm. *
Travis County Direct Index to Deeds, 1842-1893.  Microfilm. *
Travis County Reverse Index to Deeds, 1842-1893.  Microfilm. *
Travis County Transcript of Deed Record, 1837-1849.  Microfilm. *

Travis County Inquest Records.
From Justices of the Peace, dates vary from court to court, range from 1887 to 1977. Records completed if circumstances of person's death was mysterious or no doctor was in attendance.

Travis County Marriage Records, 1833-1902.  A 976.431 Go *
Travis County, Texas Marriage Records, 1840-1882.  A 929.3 Pr *
Travis County Marriage Records, 1840-1939.  Microfilm. *
Travis County Index to Marriage Records, 1840-1939.  Microfilm. *

Travis County, County Clerk Naturalization Record, 1892-1907.  Microfilm. *
Index to Naturalizations, 1890-1906.  Microfilm. *
Travis County Probate Minutes, 1840-1852. (Concerns wills) Microfilm.
Travis County Probate Minutes, 1894-1930. Microfilm.
Travis County Probate Record, 1840-1916. Microfilm.
Travis County Probate Index, 1840-1887. Microfilm.
Travis County Index to Probate Minutes, 1870-1926. Microfilm.

Travis County School Census Rolls, 1933-1970.
Austin and Travis County school records in sections according to school district. Each section is arranged alphabetically by student name including address, guardian, age and sex of student. For some years, white student census rolls are recorded on white paper, and colored student census rolls are recorded on colored paper.

Travis County Tax Rolls, 1840-1910. Microfilm.

SEE ALSO: Austin Public Library, Shelf List, August 21, 1985. A 016.9764 Au
Ha other Travis County Records that might be of interest.

MISCELLANEOUS SOURCE
This is Texas. A 976.400922 Th
Biographical sketches of many prominent Austinites, past and present. Range of dates are 1838 to 1977.

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BUCKLEY/LANGFORD Have been unable to locate naturalization records for John BUCKLEY and Mary Ann LANGFORD who were born in Nelson, Haltom Co., Ontario, Canada and emigrated to TX in 1874, first to Old Washington and then in 1883-84 to San Diego in Duval Co. TX. John BUCKLEY was appointed Ex-Officio Tax Collector in 1884 and later ran for and was elected Sheriff of Duval Co. in 1888. After he died in 1903, the family moved to Austin and resided at 1809 Lavaca St. (corner of 19th).
E.L. Buckley, Jr., 6224 Longmont, Houston TX 77057

HILL/GEESLIN/SMITH Seeking information on William Presley HILL and his mother, Jennie SMITH, both born in TX, and his wife Birdie Celia GEESLIN born 9 Nov. 1898 around Mt. Pleasant TX, d. 2 Apr. 1982 in Travis Co. TX. William had a son William Pete HILL. Birdie Geeslin HILL was supposedly receiving money from the government because she was part Indian.
Kimberly Guevarra, P.O. Box 410056, Big Water UT 84741-2056

KEESEE/CHAPPELL Looking for researchers of the KEESEE or CHAPPELL families. Am trying to locate my great-grandfather Thomas Milton KEESEE whose father, William KEESEE, and mother, Mary Jane CHAPPELL came to Washington Co. TX ca. 1838 from Tuscaloosa Co. AL. The last record I can locate of Tom is in 1872 at which time he served as a Texas State Police. Tom had a brother, Walstein H. KEESEE, living in the Austin area.
Teddie Sue Carter, 11018 Vivian Drive, N.W., Huntsville AL 35810

ROSE/ALFORD/MOORHEAD/MOOREHEAD Am trying to locate the ROSE/ALFORD and the MOORHEAD/MOOREHEAD family personal papers donated to "some Austin Library or State Archives" by Mrs. Samantha C. (Mattie) ROSE prior to her death in Austin on 12 September 1941. The executrix of her will was Mary Dell SCHMITZ.
Mrs. Nardine Brandon, 560 Winding Way, Fredericksburg TX 78624

TOWNSEND/KESTERSON Am looking for information on John Riley(?) TOWNSEND b. in TX, a resident of Colorado Co. TX, d. Hope AR 25 Dec. 1898 and buried in Spring Hill AR. His tombstone gives his birth as 27 July 1831 but military records indicate he was born in 1843/44. He enlisted in Galveston TX 21 Dec. 1862. He married Mary M. KESTERSON 18 Nov. 1866 in Columbia Co. AR, giving his age at that time as 22. In 1880 they were in Howard Co. AR with children Samuel, 10, Lucinda, 8, William, 6, Victoria, 4, and John, 2. They moved to Hope AR about 1890.
Edra Townsend Hall, 5744 Hagarstone Park Road, Pleasant Garden NC 27313
**WHITE/CARTER/PORTER/McCUTCHEON** Am looking for info on Peyton Jasper WHITE and wife Julia Biggers WHITE. He was b. 1857, Randolph Co. AL to Richard/Charity WHITE, Moved to TX ?; children Allie, Cora, Nora, J.D., others? Julia committed to asylum 1888-90? Appreciate info on her burial date, loc. Also looking for Clemma PORTER, dtr. of John T. McCUTCHEON of Callisburg, Cooke Co. TX. John had bro. named Arthur L. McCUTCHEON. Terry B. McMillan, 1006 S.E. 4th, Bentonville, AR 72712

**WRIGHT/HAMILTON/WALLING/GIBSON** Am researching ancestor Dr. Joseph WRIGHT, b. 10 Dec 1798 Nash Co. TN, moved to Austin ca 1850, d. 28 Jul 1867, bur. Oakwood Cem., Wife Rachel HAMILTON WRIGHT b. 21 Mar. 1781 Loudon Co. VA also bur. Oakwood. Children Robert, Louisa Jane (m. George WALLING, and Frances Matilda (m. William GIBSON. Interested in contacting descendants in Austin area or anyone w/further info. Joel Dobson, 5700 Buddingwood Drive, Greensboro NC 27409-2204

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Dial 512-475-4444

If you access thru the Internet, login as public, press return twice, and you are in the OPAC. DO NOT USE FUNCTION KEYS! You can arrow to a selection and press return, or use "hot keys" which are highlighted and underlined. If you don’t see highlights or underlines, maybe adjusting the intensity of your screen will help. We have function key information available for those using emulators with a key re-mapping feature.

If you access thru a modem, login as link, press return, and you are at the gopher menu for the Texas State Electronic Library. Select Library Catalog of Texas State Agencies from the menu, and follow the menu instructions.

Call Bonnie Grobar with problems or suggestions (512/463-5427) 9/94

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We, as genealogical researchers, often spend so much time and energy trying to add one more generation to our charts that we forget about our more recent ancestors. I read about some records that might shed some light on the lives of our fathers, grandfathers or great-grandfathers. These records are the WWI selective service draft registration cards, 1917-1918. They are available on microfilm from SLC. Currently there are 3,362 reels accessible for Family History Center patrons to order. The cards from all states have not been filmed yet; unfortunately, that includes Texas. This project is continuing and in time we should be able to view the cards for all states, plus Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C.

To find out what states' registration cards are available for ordering, patrons need to use the LOCALITY CATALOG microfiche. Check for UNITED STATES, MILITARY RECORDS, WWI, 1914-1918. Most cards are ordered by state and then by county or large metropolitan area.

The introduction to this series of microfilm has some very interesting information about the three draft registrations of WWI. Different information was collected for each of the three registrations. Nearly 24,000,000 men registered for the draft. In scanning one film, I noticed that some men lived and worked in one county, but registered in another county (Ed. note: This is what I did in MI).

These cards contain no information about the registrants' military service. The cards may contain any of the following information: the full name; age; date of birth; race; citizenship status; occupation and employer's name and address; and physical description and signature of the registrant.

Glenda Knipstein
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