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Ronald Reagan’s death and the high cost of gas

These are the times we need to remember for our grandkids and our great-grandkids.

As I cleaned out some stacks of papers recently, getting ready for a visit from my mother, I found two magazines – Time and New Yorker – published immediately after Sept. 11, 2001. There will be plenty of magazines and newspapers saved from that awful time. But have you written down your thoughts on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001?

At the first meeting after Sept. 11, Jerry Barton challenged the members of Williamson County Genealogical Society to write down their thoughts about the attack. Several members shared their writings at a later meeting.

In that same session of getting-ready-for-Mother’s-visit cleaning, I found the Austin paper published on July 9, 1993, the day my first grandson was born. But what were my own thoughts on that day?

Now, about Ronald Reagan and expensive gas.

The passing of a president is a monumental time in a country’s history, and one that we could make personal for our grandkids and great-grandkids by adding some of our thoughts about the ceremony, about the presidency, about his illness. And I’ve watched gas prices go from 30¢ a gallon to $2 a gallon in my daughter’s lifetime. But then, I’ve replaced that 30¢ loaf of Mrs. Baird’s bread in 1972 with a $2.29 loaf of Orowheat.

You’ll see an article by John Miller on page 75, titled “Three Mental Challenges.” John’s challenge to us all is to write down what we know, see, think, feel, observe. And my answer to that challenge is an offer to publish what you write. A memoir doesn’t have to chronicle a lifetime, it can tell a story of a weekend or a relationship with one cousin or a favorite plate at your grandma’s house or a son’s turtle that died. My point – and certainly John’s – is that we need to write our stories and share them with our friends and family.

Alana Moehring Mallard
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FULGHAM/JOHNSON  Searching for information about my great-great-grandfather, GEORGE FRANKLIN FULGHAM, born in Georgia in 1812. He m. MARION P. JOHNSON in Gonzales, Texas, in 1847; they settled in Caldwell, Texas, where George had a hotel. The 1850 census shows them in Caldwell with four sons by George’s previous marriage and one son by Marion. In 1852, they left to travel “round the horn” to California, and the family is shown in San Luis Obispo in the 1852 census. I am anxious to learn where they booked passage to go by sea to California. George’s youngest son, GEORGE S. FULGHAM, has left the story that they went by pack train from Caldwell to Maschan, where they boarded ship to California via the Straits of Magellan. A search has failed to reveal the location of Maschan or Port Maschan. Are there any records of pack trains or routes to the gulf from Caldwell? Was there perhaps an exodus of citizens, perhaps to search for California gold, which might have merited a newspaper story? What ports might have accommodated a large enough vessel for such an arduous journey?

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BROWN/WALTERS  Seeking descendants of ISAAC M. BROWN and ELIZABETH B. WALTERS, m. 3 May 1853, Bastrop County, Texas; lived on the border of Lampasas and Burnet counties. Children: (1) JOHN THOMAS, (2) JONES W., and (3) SAMUEL. John Thomas m. CLARA about 1894. In Round Rock, Texas, in 1923, he wrote a letter listing children: IKE, GLADYS, WALLACE, JONES, KATY, SAM WALTERS, TEXAS ALAMO, DIXIE LEE, DALTON, MOZELLA, MYRTLE, JOE AND HARRY, JOHN. Jones W. Brown m. LULU about 1885. Children: WALTER, LALIE and MARGUERITE. Jones lived in Lakeview, Oregon, from 1884 to 1904, then in Placerville, California, where he d. in 1923; obit listed two surviving daughters: MRS. A.R. SAGE of Colfax, California, and MRS. GEORGE BERGANTZ of Raymond, Madera County, California. Samuel’s m. and children unknown. Want to share info on our common ancestor, JOHN BOOTH WALTERS, who came to STEPHEN AUSTIN’s Little Colony in Bastrop County in 1820 and was killed at the Battle of Brushy Creek in 1839.

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Oops! We misnamed our tax-exempt status in the last issue’s census microfilm article. AGS is a 501c (3) tax-exempt corporation.
Lineage Society Memberships Around the World

AGS kicked off a Pioneer Certificate Program in April, honoring members’ ancestors who came to Travis County before 1880 – but everybody’s a pioneer somewhere, even if they didn’t get to Travis County until 1992.

This page helps us get to know one another a little better by sharing with members our lineage society, first family and pioneer memberships in any state or country.

Austin member Audrey Bishop joined Texas State Genealogical Society’s Texas First Families on great-great uncle (“I’m not sure how many greats,” Audrey says) Luther Thomas Martin Plummer. Plummer, who came to Texas in 1836 from Maryland and received a land grant in Limestone County, married three times, including to Rachel Parker, after she was ransomed from the Indians who kidnapped Rachel and her cousin Cynthia Parker. “He was married three times and had 21 children,” Audrey says, “so I’m related to any Plummers in the area.”

Member Alana “Suzy” Moehring Mallard of Austin came into Daughters of the Republic of Texas this year on Charlotte Terrell Huling, a pioneer to the Travis County area in 1839 with husband Marcus Huling. Charlotte bore four children in Republic of Texas days. They divorced in 1859 and daughter Melissa, Alana’s great-great-grandmother, married another early Travis County settler, Joseph Sterling, who came to the Webberville area with his parents in 1848.

Mary White of Austin has DAR and First Family membership lists as long as your arm, and she had ancestors in nine states before they actually became states: Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Virginia, Texas and North Carolina. “My ancestors in Kentucky and Mississippi arrived later,” she explains. Mary’s 11 approved DAR ancestors are Virginians Thomas Watts, Simon Boykin, Henry Jeter and Samuel Cobb; South Carolinians John Adams and William Stallworth; Georgian John Bolton; North Carolinians William Berryhill, Joseph Boone and Richard Bass; and Robert Blackburn of Tennessee and Virginia.

Mary’s first family memberships include six states: Alabama on Nicholas Stallworth; Tennessee on Robert Blackburn; Georgia on John Bolton, Christian Bolton, Mary Nolan and Charles Louis Bolton; South Carolina on John Adams; Texas on Abel Howington, Elizabeth Blackburn Howington, Charles Louis Bolton and Martha Jane Howington; and South Carolina on John Adams and Elizabeth Howington.

Other lineage groups Mary belongs to include Daughters of the Republic of Texas on Abel Howington, Elizabeth Howington, Martha Jane Howington and Charles Louis Bolton; Descendants of the Alamo on William B. Travis (“He was an uncle,” says Mary. “This is permitted in this group as so few defenders had children.”); Ark and Dove on Nicholas Harvey who sailed to Maryland in 1634; Colonial Dames on Ambrose Cobb who arrived between 1601 and 1701; Founders of Manakin on Jean Marot; National Huguenot Society on Humphrey Bass and Dominick Bouchier; and Jamestowne Society on Robert Wynne.

To list your lineage or pioneer memberships in the AGS Quarterly, including out-of-state and out-of-county groups, call editor Alana Mallard at 453-1117, write to 3310 Hancock, Austin, Texas 78731, or e-mail alanasuzy@earthlink.net. For info on applying for a Travis County Pioneer Certificate, contact AGS board member Gaylon Powell.
A Tennessee graveyard group, Canary Islands kin and Texas pioneers
By Gertrude "Trudi" Pauline Smith Watson, Austin, Texas

I recently became a member of the Friends of the Mill Creek Baptist Church Graveyard in Nashville, Tennessee, certainly an obscure heritage society here in Austin, Texas.

According to the Mill Creek Church Meeting Minutes of April 1797-April 1811, published by the Friends, "At a general church meeting the body of Baptists on Mill Creek at James Menees', Davidson County, Saturday, April the 15th, 1797" founded the Mill Creek Baptist Church. The congregation was placed under the care of the Rev. James Whitsitt, and the church is recognized to this day 207 years later as "the mother church of all Baptist churches in Nashville." The Friends was organized in 1993 to preserve and restore the Mill Creek Graveyard. The church building itself is preserved only in a painting. However, the history of the church and of its founding body of members are being preserved as the restoration of the graveyard proceeds, and the building site of the church has been located.

Rev. James Whitsitt was the minister who united my g-g-grandparents in marriage when Harriet Ann Wray (granddaughter of the James Menees mentioned in the minutes above) wed William Clement McKinney on the 8th of November, 1826.

My connection with these early settlers of Davidson County, Tennessee, and the Cumberland area of North Carolina is through my father, shown in brief below:

Father, Thomas Washington Smith, 1895-1964
Grandmother, Georgie Ann McKinney Smith, 1875-1944
G-Grandfather, George Washington McKinney, 1839-1908
G-G-Grandmother, Harriet Ann Wray McKinney, 1808-1882
G-G-G-Grandmother, Mary Menees Wray/Ray, 1772-1845
G-G-G-G-Grandfather, James Menees Jr., 1741-1837

In 1904 in four issues of "The American Historical Magazine," Vol. IX, No. 1-5, William H. Whitsitt, grandson of James Whitsitt, published "The Annals of a Scotch-Irish Family." The friends of Mill Creek Baptist Church Graveyard republished the articles with an index as Dr. Whitsitt traced many of the early settlers of Davidson County, Tennessee, and Logan County, Kentucky, as they came west from Amherst and Albemarle counties in Virginia, as well as the growth and development of the Baptist church in the Cumberland area. Funds raised from this publication and that of the minutes support the graveyard project. Interested researchers may contact: Friends of Mill Creek Baptist Church Graveyard, 2635 Nolensville Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37211.

Another preservation project of interest to me has been the renewal and restoration of San Antonio’s San Fernando Cathedral.

I am a member of the Canary Islands Descendants Association, called CIDA. Our membership, I have discovered, is in reality two groups. There is an active core group of San Antonio residents who contribute time and effort to each CIDA project. The rest of us reside throughout Texas and many of the other 49 states. Cousins all, however, and most of us gather on an early March Sunday to celebrate with pride and pleasure our early Texas roots. Fifty-six men, women and children sailed from Spain’s Gulf of Mexico and walked across 1,200 miles of mountains and deserts from Vera Cruz to their new home in the New World. They celebrated
their safe arrival on March 9, 1731, with a mass served on the site of present-day San Antonio’s San Fernando Cathedral. Divided into 16 families for purposes of land and water distribution, on Aug. 1, 1731, the Islenos formed Texas’ first civil government and named their villa San Fernando. They began construction of their Villa de San Fernando parish church in 1734. Today the Mayor-City Council form of city government is still in existence in San Antonio as is the Islenos humble parish church. That structure is part of the nave of the San Fernando Cathedral, long regarded as San Antonio’s “heart.” CIDA was organized in 1979 to help preserve the history and heritage of these early Texas settlers. Membership requires proof of descent from the original 16 heads of household.

Through my mother’s great-grandmother, Maria Luisa Leal Hilburn, I am a descendent of five of the families: mother, Winnie Margaret Carson Smith, 1898-1998; grandmother, Margaret Hilburn Carson, 1875-1988; great-grandfather, Ricardo (Richard) Hilburn, 1855-1924; and great-great-grandmother, Maria Luisa Leal Hilburn, 1831-1900. And through Maria Luisa, the following Isleno Heads of Families: Family #1, Juan Leal Goras; Family #4, Antonio de los Santos; Family #8, Salvador Rodriguez; Family #11, Joseph Leal; and Family #14, Maria Robiana de Bethencourt, the Widow Granados.

The Spanish, I’ve discovered, were intrepid record-keepers. Especially helpful in family research was their custom of including females’ full maiden names. Frederick Chabot’s “With the Makers of San Antonio,” contains many genealogies of the Islenos, translated from the Bexar Archives. Also helpful are the many volumes of San Fernando Church and Cathedral records, translated by former Bexar County Archivist, John Ogden Leal, to be found in the San Antonio Public Library.

I am also a member of the Early Settlers of Montgomery County, Texas, and the First Families of Walker County, Texas.

My great-grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Carson Sr., was paying property taxes as early as 1838 in Montgomery County and by 1839 had fulfilled his obligations to claim a headright from the republic of Texas. However, he established his family and home, after his marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth Jones in 1840, on her headright. After all, her headright contained twice as many acres as his since she was a widow with child and he a single man! They remained there while county liens moved and placed them in Montgomery County (1839-1840), Walker County (1846) and Madison County (1853) – thus, the dual memberships.

My descent from Thomas Jefferson Carson Sr. is through is through his second wife, Mary Zarr. However, it has been my pleasure to share research into Thomas’ fine first family with fellow AGS member, Jean Shroyer. Her husband’s Carson connection is through Elizabeth Jones, thought to have been Elizabeth Viser before her marriage to James Jones. We persist in our search for the elusive Viser-Visier line, for early phonetic spelling often seems whimsical, especially with surnames of French derivation. We persist, also, in our search for the final resting places of Elizabeth, in Madison County, and of Thomas and Mary in Burleson County where he established his second family and home in the 1860s.

My descent from Thomas Jefferson Carson Sr. is through my mother as follows:

Mother: Winnie Margaret Carson Smith, 1898-1998
Grandfather: Stonewall Jackson Carson, 1869-1938
Great-great-grandfather: Thomas Jefferson Carson Sr., circa 1815-1875

3. Kinchen Taylor, of Southampton Co. m. Elizabeth Ridley Brown, dau. of Jesse Brown, and d. 1771, leaving issue (Sally, Lucy, Rebecca, Jesse, Charles)


5. John Taylor, of whom presently


7. Richard Taylor

8. Elizabeth Taylor, b. 1733 m. 1752 Miles Cary of Southampton, son of Maj. Miles Cary of Peartree Hall, Warwick Co., Va. and Hannah Armistead and d. 1774, leaving issue (Elizabeth Hay, Hannah, Miles, Mary, Nathaniel)

9. Mary Taylor m. Batte Peterson

Capt. John Taylor, of Southampton Co. Tax Commissioner, Southampton Co. Capt., Southampton militia in the Revolutionary War. m. 1st Hannah Tompkins1 (d. ca. 1775), dau. Bennett Tompkins of York Co. Va, and Anne Cary, sister of Miles Cary (above) and had issue,

1. Charles Taylor, heir of several relatives. d. evidently unm. in the lifetime of his father

2. Bennett Taylor, of whom presently

m. 2nd Mrs. Sarah W. Ruffin, dau. of Col. Thomas Williamson of Southampton, and d. 1806, leaving further issue,

3. Sarah Williamson Taylor

4. Charlotte Elizabeth Taylor

1 Her sister Elizabeth Tompkins married in 1780 William Hay, widower of Elizabeth Taylor Cary's daughter Elizabeth Cary (1753-1778).

1. John Charles Randolph Taylor, of whom presently

2. Charlotte Randolph (sometimes called Charlotte Bennett) Taylor, b. posthumously 1815 m. 1835 Moncure Robinson, of Philadelphia, founder and President of the Reading Railroad, son of John Robinson of Richmond and Agnes Conway Moncure, and left issue (John Moncure, Edmund Randolph, Beverly Robinson, Charles Meigs, Moncure Jr., Agnes Conway Chauncey, Fanny Brown Biddle, Nathalie Chauncey Boyer)


1. Bennett Taylor (II), of whom presently


6. Charlotte Taylor, b. 1845 d. 1846

7. Stevens Mason Taylor, of Lego, C.S.A. b. Avonwood 1847 m. Staunton Va. 1882 Mary Mann Page (d. Lochlyn, Charlottesville, Va. 1954), dau. of Edwin Randolph Page and Olivia Alexander, and d. at Lego 1917 (two days before his sister Jane, bur. Monticello), leaving issue (Page Kirk, Margaret Randolph, Olivia Alexander)


10. Edmund Randolph Taylor (I), b. Avonwood 1852 m. 1892 Julia Paca Kennedy, dau. Edmund

Great-great grandfather of architect Hugh Jefferson Randolph of Austin.

Margaret Smith Randolph Randolph was sister of Mrs. John C. R. Taylor I. Her niece/daughter-in-law was Margaret Randolph Taylor Randolph, which must have been confusing.

Her ancestral home, the William Paca House, is an Annapolis, Maryland landmark.
Pendleton Kennedy and d. 1919, leaving issue (Juliana Paca, Elizabeth Gray, Edmund Randolph Jr., Margaret Beverly)

11. Sidney Wayles Taylor, b. Midway 1854 d. there 1856 (bur. Monticello)


3. Lewis Randolph Taylor, b. 1871 m. 1901 Natalie Dorsey Setton (d. Martinsburg WV 1969), and d. Martinsburg 1945 (bur. Monticello), leaving issue (Bennett III, Lewis Randolph Jr., Walter Dorsey)

He was a nephew of Chief Justice John Marshall
Her uncle Dr. John Brockenbrough built the fine home in Richmond, Va. which later became the White House of the Confederacy, and her great grandfather Carter Braxton was a Signer of the Declaration of Independence from Virginia.

Members of Mary Tayloe Taylor's family built Mount Airy (1758) in Warsaw Virginia, perhaps the most noted Palladian mansion in Virginia, and The Octagon House (1800) in Washington, D.C., occupied by James Madison after the burning of the White House in the War of 1812 and now American Institute of Architects headquarters.

Many of the past seven generations of Taylors have attended the University of Virginia, founded by their forbear Thomas Jefferson.

4. John Charles Randolph Taylor (III), of whom presently


Noted Western artist William Robinson Leigh was a first cousin of John Taylor (III) (through the Colstons) and a second cousin of his wife (through the Leights), as well as a great nephew of Moncure Robinson (above).

He was a great nephew of esteemed U.S. Sen. Benjamin Watkins Leigh of Richmond.

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2. John Charles Randolph Taylor Jr. (IV), of whom presently


4. Mary Leigh Taylor, of Asheville N.C. b. Page 1922 m. Halifax 1951 Martin Nesbit Shaw, Jr. of Asheville, N.C. son of Martin Nesbit Shaw and Jane Nelson Marr, and has issue (Christopher Gordon, Margaret Hope)


1. John Charles Randolph Taylor, III (V), of whom presently


John Charles Randolph Taylor III (V) of Austin, Tex. and Duxbury, Mass. President,

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m. 24 Oct 1952
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SAN ANTONIO TX

2 Anton John Hardt (4)
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d. 13 Jun 1980
HONDO TX
m. 23 Jun 1920
SAN ANTONIO TX

3 Laura Josephine Rose Frick (3)
b. 29 Apr 1893
HELTONS TX
d. 04 Sep 1983
HONDO TX

4 Henry Georg Hardt (114)
b. 18 Apr 1860
WEATSCH TX
d. 26 Jan 1937
YANCEY TX
m. 08 Nov 1883

5 Fanny Christina Wiemers (30)
b. 08 Feb 1863
NEW PONTAIN TX
d. 06 Oct 1913
YANCEY TX

6 Herman August Frick Sr. (38)
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7 Caroline Wilhelmina Wochner (7)
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SAN ANTONIO TX

8 Henry Christian Hardt (8)
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d. 20 Jun 1909

9 Maria Anna Haller (9)
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d. 14 Sep 1911

10 John Henry Wiemers (10)
b. 20 Mar 1826
d. 15 Jun 1856

11 Alke Jansen Gerdes (11)
b. 02 Nov 1839
d. 17 Apr 1923

12 Claus Joachim Frick (12)
b. 08 Aug 1820
d. ABOUT 1883

13 Anna Sophia Sievers (13)
b. 20 Nov 1814
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d. ABOUT 1864-

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- d. ABOUT 1883
  HELOTES TX
- m. 09 NOV 1842
  NEUMUENSTER DE
  F. JOHANN PETER FRICK
  M. MARIA MARGARETHA KUEHL

Wife: ANNA SOPHIA SIEVERS
- b. 20 NOV 1814
  ESTATE ARFRADE DE
- d. 02 JUL 1910
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  F. HANS SIEVERS
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d. 18 JUL 1835
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de. HOLSTEIN
m. 04 AUG 1814
NEUMUENSTER
de.
F. HANS AUGUST FRICK
M. CATARINA ELISABET SCHNELL
Other Wives: NONE

Wife: MARIA MARGARETHA KUEHL
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* d. 13 JUL 1812  
  BOCKHOLZ  
  c. EUTIN  
  m. C. BOCKHOLZ  
  F. M.

**Wife:** CATARINA ELISABET SCHNELL  
* b.  
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EUTIN WAS A PRINCIPALITY EAST OF NEUMUENSTER, NOT PART OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN UNTIL 1867.
Sit down here and let me tell you about your grandfather
By Robert E. Tieman, Austin, Texas, revised May 2004

My daughters and their children were gathered at one of their homes to honor me with a Fathers’ Day celebration in 2002. After all the usual greetings and hugs, and before the cake, ice cream, and gifts, I said, “Gather around me, and let me tell you about your grandfather and your children’s great-grandfather. You have known my mother – ‘Nana’ to my children and the older grandchildren – but you never had the opportunity to meet my Father. He died several years before your mother and I were married.”

Those who could not find a seat sat on the floor, and all listened in complete silence and reverence as I told them about my Dad and showed some photos of him. This was probably the first and only time they have heard me talk of him. They were all very happy to know something about him.

News of this occasion soon reached my sons who live out of the city, and they told me they wanted to hear about my dad also. With their encouragement, I sat down over the next few weeks and composed this story about him.

My Father

My father was born on August 16, 1898, in Austin, Texas, and christened with the name Aloysius. He was the firstborn child of Otto Charles August Tiemann, a first generation German-Texan, and Katherine Stein Tiemann. Otto’s father, Conrad L. Tiemann, emigrated from Germany in about 1846 with his parents, Konrad and Henrietta, and four siblings. They settled near La Grange in Fayette County, Texas. Conrad later married Henrietta Hagemeister. (The names Conrad and Henrietta were liberally used by several branches of the Tiemann Family, causing considerable confusion to me as I explored my family’s history.)

Henrietta bore Conrad eight children; the next-to-youngest child being Otto, my dad’s father. According to various accounts, the Tiemann Family was engaged in farming and wagoneering. The elder Konrad and family lived in a nice farmhouse about mid-way between La Grange and Rutersville. (Some of us visited the old abandoned farmhouse many years ago and took some pictures. Unfortunately, it was demolished a few years ago.)

Katherine, her three sisters and her parents emigrated from Germany around 1873 and settled in the Fredericksburg area. Her father, Johann Joseph Stein, was a soldier in the Old Country and had engaged in battle with the French in the Siege of Paris in 1870. (No doubt, they came to America to get away from the frequent wars occurring in Europe about that time.)

According to my late Aunt Rose, Mr. Stein served as postmaster for Crabapple, a small and now abandoned community located between Fredericksburg and Enchanted Rock. Most of the time, however, they lived in a big two-story house they built in Fredericksburg.

In his late teens or early 20s, Otto moved to Austin to find his place in the world. The 1891 Austin City Directory lists him as a bartender for a bar on 6th Street. Sometime between that date and 1897, he began a career with the Houston & Texas Central Railroad, eventually working his way up to engineer, a prestigious career at the time. Katie, as Katherine was mostly known, moved to Austin with two of her sisters and worked as a chambermaid in the Avenue
Hotel. Her sisters were working as nursemaids for the family of John Bremond, a wealthy businessman. The Bremond House still stands at 7th and Guadalupe Streets in Austin.

It was at this time that Otto and Katie met. They married on September 30, 1896, in St. Mary’s Church in Fredericksburg. They eventually lived on a large piece of property on East 4th Street near the railroads. Their property included a large frame house, a barn, a pump house, a wash house, a grape arbor, a large garden area, and several small rent houses. My father was their first child to live; twins, a boy and a girl, died the same day they were born during their first year of marriage. Subsequently, Katie would give birth to eight more children, including another set of twins who only lived a couple of weeks.

According to stories related to me, Otto was very hard on his family. He was very self-centered and often looked out for his own welfare at the expense of the others. One account told of an instance when he locked up a large side of bacon so the family could not eat any of it while he was gone on a railroad trip. As far as my father was concerned, Otto required that he drop out of school at an early age and join the workforce. I believe my dad only acquired a sixth or eighth grade education. By about the age of 18, my dad was working as an automobile mechanic.

During the years of World War I, my dad ran around with his younger sister, Cecilia, who spent some time visiting soldiers stationed at Camp Mabry. Although my dad was 18 and registered for the draft, he was not drafted into the army. His age group would have been the last to be drafted, but the war ended before they were called.

It was probably during this time that my Dad dropped the last “n” in Tiemann. The reason is unknown to me, but it most likely had to do with the fact that anti-German sentiment was prevalent during the war years and shortly thereafter.

Cecilia and Birdie Parker were friends. Birdie lived with her family on East 6th Street, just across the tracks from the Tiemann place. Probably through Cecilia, my dad and Birdie became acquainted, and later became very close. They married on January 15, 1921.

Dad and Birdie’s first child, Nellouise, was born Nov. 11, 1921. My brother, Louis, was born July 7, 1926. I was born July 6, 1930, the day before Louis’ fourth birthday. Dad and Birdie lived at various locations throughout their marriage; one time living with Granny Parker and another time living in a house on East 2nd Street belonging to Granny. (This is probably where they were living when I was born in 1930.) Other places they lived included 1709 Drake Avenue in South Austin, a house on East 9th Street, and 2000 Willow Street. (I believe they were living in the house on Drake Ave when my brother Louis was born. Presently, I haven’t determined where they were living when Nellouise died in 1929.)

My dad continued to work in various garages as an automobile mechanic. In about 1929-30, he had his own business, Tieman’s Service Garage. Somewhere along the way, he hung around with some other mechanics and started drinking liquor with them. My Dad soon began to drink excessively. I don’t know for sure, but Nellouise’s death may have contributed to this. As a result, he lost his business, and ultimately his marriage in about 1938. Mother, Louis and I moved in with Granny in her large house on 6th Street. Dad moved back in with his Mother on East 4th Street, just across the railroad tracks from Granny’s house.

Living so close together was very fortunate for me, because I could easily maintain contact with my Dad and his family. As a matter of fact, I spent considerable time at the Tiemann place. I would go places like Landa Park with Dad, “piddle” around with his tools, and generally enjoy myself. My Dad was real handy with his hands. One time, he built a large flying model airplane out of balsa wood and tissue paper. Its propeller was powered by a large rubber band. I remember going out to Zilker Park with him to fly it for the first time. It flew beautifully,
but it crashed upon landing and broke apart. I don’t believe he ever tried to fly it again. Later on, my Dad got interested in photography, including the developing of his own film. I believe I got my start in photography from him. My Dad’s drinking problems continued.

About this time, Dad was using the name Stephen Louis Tieman, the last in his line of name changes. As stated earlier, he was christened Aloysius, but he was known in his immediate family as Alois. Somewhere along the way, he changed it to Louis Stephen Tieman. In fact, my brother was named Louis Stephen Tieman Jr. after him. For some reason, Dad later reversed his first two names.

After the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in December 1941, my Dad was drafted into the Army. Because of his age, 43, he was assigned to train other soldiers to be mechanics. He spent most of his time in the Army at De Ridder Army Air Force Base in Louisiana. They couldn’t have picked a better man for the job, as he was an outstanding and knowledgeable mechanic. The highest rank he attained was corporal. He came home only once during the war. After the war, he returned to Austin, living with his Mother on East 4th Street. Again, he resumed his career as a mechanic.

In the morning of the last day of August 1950, he tripped and fell down a flight of stairs at home. He fractured his skull severely when his head crashed into the concrete floor below. He was rushed to Brackenridge Hospital, where he died on November 1, 1950, at the age of 52. I was attending classes at UT when I was notified of his accident. I was able to spend some time with him in the Intensive Care Unit, but he was unconscious all the time. His death was particularly hard on his Mother. It must be very painful for a mother to have to bury one of her children. After a funeral mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral, my Dad was buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery alongside his father, Otto. His grave has a simple headstone, provided as a veteran’s benefit.

My Dad left several deep impressions on me. Foremost is the destructive power of excessive drinking. I saw him so drunk at times that he would stagger about and could barely remain standing. And I will forever remember the litter of empty whiskey bottles of all sizes scattered throughout his room at his mother’s house. For all my adult life, I have taken pride in the fact that I can exercise the willpower to decide whether to take a drink or not. I have only been “drunk” about twice in my life, and those were when I was in college. I cannot understand anyone who looks forward to “going out and getting drunk.” It produces the worst feeling in the world, and it leads to nothing but trouble. My Dad was a “drunk” in the days before the polite term “alcoholic” came into use. At that time, alcoholism was not recognized as an illness, so no treatment was available.

Secondly, my Dad taught me to work hard and seek a better life than he had been able to achieve. He taught me to use my hands as well as my mind, and to take pride in doing a good job. In the summer of 1950, he sent me a letter while I was at Quantico for summer training with the Marines. In this first and only letter to me, he expressed some deep innermost feelings about his life and aspirations, his marriage and his responsibilities to his children. He also said how proud he was of me and my accomplishments. This letter is one of my most priceless possessions. He died several months later.

Were your people in Travis County by the end of 1880? Apply for your Travis County Pioneer Certificate.
Ancestors of Mary Chisholm Thompson (1 of 4)

William W. Thompson
b: July 08, 1872 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas
m: June 16, 1894 in Travis, Texas
d: June 22, 1912 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas

William Bacon WRIGHT
b: July 04, 1830 in Columbus, Muscogee, Georgia
m: April 18, 1848 in , Monroe, Georgia
d: August 10, 1895 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas

Lettie WRIGHT
b: August 09, 1850 in Georgia
d: July 11, 1925 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas

Lettitia GRINNAGE
b: Abt. 1833 in Georgia
d: Aft. 1870

Amanda J. GREER
b: Abt. 1833 in Georgia
d: Aft. 1870

John W. G. GREER
b: October 10, 1789
m: June 24, 1823 in , Greene, Georgia
d: Abt. September 22, 1834

Mary Alice STUART
b: October 20, 1874 in Weimar, Colorado, Texas
d: January 03, 1958 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas

Sarah NOT KNOWN

Thomas GREER
b: February 18, 1756 in York Township, Pennsylvania
m: December 10, 1788 in Richmond, Georgia
d: October 06, 1823 in , Greene, Georgia

Mary Chisholm Thompson
b: August 26, 1907 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas
d: February 17, 1933 in Dallas, Dallas, Texas

Not Known THOMPSON

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Habbakuk WRIGHT

John Holmes WRIGHT
b: 1787 in Milledgeville, Baldwin, Georgia
m: in Prob., Baldwin County, Georgia
d: October 29, 1845 in Macon, Bibb, Georgia

Susannah BACON

William Bacon WRIGHT
b: July 04, 1830 in Columbus, Muscogee, Georgia
m: April 18, 1848 in, Monroe, Georgia
d: August 10, 1895 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas

Edward Booker JENKINS
d: February 05, 1817 in Milledgeville, Baldwin, Georgia

Nancy Hughes JENKINS
b: in Georgia
d: 1841

Mary "Pollie" Walton MOORE

Ancestors of Mary Chisholm Thompson (4 of 4)

Abraham VAN ZILE
b: April 28, 1765 in Paramus, New Jersey or Holland
m: August 31, 1793 in Acquackanank RDC
d: Bef. 1831 in, Dearborn, Indiana

Peter VAN ZILE
b: November 08, 1795 in Bergen, New Jersey
m: November 18, 1818 in Lawrenceburg, Dearborn, Indiana
d: June 16, 1878

Rachel DeGraw
b: in Kakiat
d: Bef. July 29, 1829 in, Dearborn, Indiana

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Mary Adaline Bankhead Marchbanks:
A Staunch Southern Spouse
By Jim McDonald, Austin, Texas, © 2004

Preface
Mary Adaline lived with her parents in Union County in South Carolina before the family migrated into Marion County, Alabama. Some interesting facts about these areas - and about the United States - in Mary Adaline’s time.

South Carolina had become one of the richest of the 13 original colonies when the American Revolution took place. Early inland settlers were mainly farmers and traders who evolved into a governing group of merchants and planters. It was the 8th state to join the union, with its May 23, 1788 ratification of the American Constitution.

Union County, although having originally been a food growing farming area, had become a cotton producing area starting about the time of Mary Adaline’s birth around 1802 - during the years that Thomas Jefferson was the third president of the still young United States.

The soil began losing its fertility during the 1820’s, a reality which may have been among the reasons that the father of a teenage Mary Adaline decided to relocate in Marion County, Alabama.

Marion County, formed in the northwestern part of the state by Alabama’s governing body in 1818, was just about two years old when the Bankhead family arrived in the first year of the new decade of the 1820’s when James Monroe was in his second term as the country’s president.

Prologue
Earlier, I’d written a biography about my maternal great-great-great uncle titled Elijah Marchbanks: A Southern Stalwart. Mary Adaline was every bit as resilient as Elijah, her husband. It is most appropriate, therefore, that this essay about the life and times of my maternal great-great-great aunt be titled Mary Adaline Bankhead Marchbanks: A Staunch Southern Spouse.

Mary Adaline Bankhead Marchbanks
Mary Adaline, along with her parents and siblings, trekked westward from South Carolina’s northwestern Piedmont area into the agricultural area of northwestern Alabama that was immediately adjacent to their neighboring southern state of Mississippi.

Great joy must have resounded throughout the Union County, South Carolina home of Jane Greer and George Bankhead when Mary Adaline, their first child, was born in about 1802. Her South Carolina grandparents, Elizabeth Black and James Bankhead, surely also rejoiced - as did George’s eight brothers and sisters, now the aunts and uncles of Mary Adaline.

In 1820, when Mary Adaline was about 18 years old, George Bankhead and his family migrated from Union County to Marion County, Alabama. (1)

One of younger men residing in Marion County that Mary Adaline met after the Bankhead’s arrival was the Tennessee born Elijah Marchbanks, the first son of Jennie Jane Young and William Marchbanks Jr.

A courtship developed between Mary Adaline and Elijah that culminated in their
marriage in about 1824 when the bride was about 22 years old and her husband was 27.

Pertinent to this story is that parts of the Alabama counties of Marion, Fayette and Pickens were used in February 1867 to form Jones County, which was renamed Lamar County in 1877. (2)

In the 25 or so years that followed, Mary Adaline and Elijah’s family had grown to somewhere between five and seven children. (See Elijah Marchbanks: A Southern Stalwart for the names of these children). Elijah enjoyed great success as a farmer while also being elected to terms in both the Alabama House of Representatives and Senate.

Sometime after his term as Alabama State Senator ended in 1846, Elijah and Mary Adaline decided to relocate just across the state line as the 1850 Census for Monroe County, Mississippi lists Elijah as 53 and a farmer; Mary A. age 48 and five children. (3)

The greatest tragedy that could happen to a husband and wife is the heart-breaking fact that these children died in a malaria outbreak in about 1853. They are buried at The Marchbanks Cemetery on Wolf Road in Monroe County. (4) and (5)

Despite the loss of these children, Mary Adaline and Elijah continued to prosper as a farming family with extensive landholdings in Monroe County for another 14 years until his death on or about December 16, 1867. (6)

All known evidence indicates that Mary Adaline continued to successfully operate the Marchbanks Farm or Plantation on Wolf Road after Elijah’s death. (7)

One verification of the above is a deed entered into on November 14, 1871 by which Mary Adaline bought approx. 1000 acres of land for $2,498 from J. S. Bruton and his wife T. E. Bruton. (8)

Mary Adaline’s last will and testament was written May 20, 1869. James S. Barton, her grandson, is named her executor along with Henry M. Dillingham. (9)

It’s interesting to read that the valuation of Mary Adaline’s will places her estate at about $9000 as follows:

a) 8 bales cotton weighing in the aggregate 500 pounds at average of 20 cents per pound, $3800
b) Eighteen hundred dollars in gold coin, $1800
c) One lot of hogs, $75
d) Household and kitchen furniture, $250
e) Proceeds of crop of 10 bales of cotton for year 1867 weighing 500 lbs. each at 20 cents per pound, $1000
f) Proceeds of 700 bushels of corn at 50 cents per bushel, $350
g) Aggregate amount, $9325. (10)

It’s equally interesting to view the Appraisers Estate Report Schedule A of Mary Adaline’s possessions:

a) One bureau, 8.00
g) One clock, 2.00
b) One bureau, 5.00
h) 13 quilts @ 1.00, 13.00
c) One (unreadable word), 1.00i) 2 counterpanes @ 1.25, 2.50
d) One bed bedstead counterpane j) 4 coverlets @ 4.00, 16.00
e) One bed bedstead counterpane k) 2 checked counterpanes @ .50, sheet and twin pillows, 20.00 1.00
f) One bed bedspread counterpane l) 1 sidesaddle 5.00
sheet and twin pillows, 18.00
m) 1 small table 1.50
"n) 2 trunks @ .50, 1.00"
Elijah and Mary Adaline were referred to as wealthy citizens of Monroe County. (12) Further evidence that the Monroe County plantation of Mary Adaline and Elijah resulted in their being among the prominent families in the county was found in other documents dealing with Mary Adaline’s estate:

- 38 bales of cotton weighing 500 lbs. in the aggregate at .20 per pound average totaling $3800.00
- Eighteen hundred dollars ($1800.00) in gold coin
- One lot of hogs @ $75.00
- Household and kitchen furniture $250.00
- Proceeds of crop of 10 bales cotton for year 1867 weighing 500 lbs. each @ 20 per pound totaling $1000.00
- Proceeds of 700 bushels of corn @ .50 per bushel totaling $350.00

Aggregating $9325.00 (13)

Epilogue
Mary Adaline died September 1877. Her burial in The Marchbanks Cemetery on Wolf Road in Monroe County, Mississippi, reunited Mary Adaline with Elijah and their young children who died in the malaria epidemic.

Sources
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(3) Evans Memorial Library, Aberdeen, Monroe County, Mississippi re Jim McDonald May 2003 research
(4) The date of this malaria epidemic was about 1853 according to “The Heritage of Lamar County, Alabama biography of Elijah Marchbanks re Jim McDonald May 2003 research at Evans Memorial Library in Aberdeen, Monroe County, Mississippi
(5) It is the catastrophic loss of these young children that caused me to title their biographies as Elijah Marchbanks: Stalwart Southerner and Mary Adaline Bankhead Marchbanks: A Staunch Southern Spouse. As cousin Mary Barton Posey, a descendent of Mary Adaline and Elijah, remarked in an April 2004 e-mail to Jim McDonald after visiting the Marchbanks Cemetery: It was poignant to see the individual markers for these young children.
(6) Inventory of Estate of Mary Adaline Marchbanks re September 1877 term of Chancery Court, Monroe County, Mississippi re Jim McDonald research at Aberdeen, Monroe County
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(8) Deed recorded in the Office of H. S. Gilleylen, Clerk of Chancery Court of Monroe County, Mississippi on October 30, 1877
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Names
By John C. Miller, Austin, Texas

Names, names, names! What's in a name anyway? Years ago, Ethel Corp., as part of an advertising campaign, published a small book of names listing the 100 most common names for both boys and girls with the meaning of the names. For example, John means God is gracious; Carroll comes from a Roman family name or a Latin form of Charles as well as the feminine Carol, from which becomes Caroline, Carolyn and Carolina; Elizabeth means oath of God; Clara means clear, bright; Donald is a combination word meaning world and power; and Lila, a variation of Leila, means night.

Periodically, listings of the most popular boys and girls names are published. Some have a crazy spelling of a name that sounds the same as the traditional spelling such as K-a-r-o-l for Carol or K-a-r-e for Carrie. Parents go with fad names or conspire to confuse teachers. And often children end up with names that they dislike, even hate. My solution to the latter part of the problem is to let kids pick their own name when they are five, just before they enroll in kindergarten. Then, no take backs. Before five, they'll be kid #1, kid #2, etc.

Let me illustrate this point. Within two families and two generations, involving only seven persons, there have been four name changes. My father-in-law, Carroll (C-a-r-r-o-l) Robert Spearman was born July 14, 1901, prior to mandatory filing of birth certificates with the Texas Department of Health. In the Spearman family Bible, he is listed as Carol1 (with only one “R”). R. Carroll’s story is that he was called George Robertson Spearman after his grandfather, who lived with the family for a number of years. Perhaps this was to humor or honor the grandfather. Carroll said that his grandfather was such a mean man that he didn’t want to go through life carrying such an unpleasant memory. Consequently, he went back to Carroll Robert Spearman in high school.

Apparently, birth certificates became important immediately prior to and in the early days of World War II, because in April 1941, Carroll’s father and a friend signed an affidavit certifying Carroll’s name and other vital statistics. The affidavit was used to file a “delayed” birth certificate thereby making him a “real” person. Prior to this filing, he had married and they had a daughter, now my wife-Carolyn Elizabeth Spearman. The only change to her name was to add “Miller.”

A second name situation involves my father, Carroll Harry Miller. The Miller family bible lists Carroll NeMoyne Miller. Perhaps “NeMoyne” was a family name or the name of close friends. Wherever the name came from, my father didn’t like it. I can’t document when he dropped NeMoyne and took Harry, his father’s name but it was before high school graduation. This Carroll was also born in 1901 but in Michigan and he had no birth certificate either. In 1942, his sister and a friend of my father signed an affidavit certifying his name. This was filed with the Texas Department of Health thereby making him a “real” person. As before, a marriage and two children prior to being a “real” person.

My name situation is a circuitous route. I was named Carroll Harry Miller, Jr., per my birth certificate and the family bible. However, at an early age, maybe before one year, my parents decided that “little Carroll” or “Carroll Jr.” just didn’t sound right so they dropped Harry and chose John. John Carroll Miller was my new name. That was it! Pick a name, any name.
When I enrolled in kindergarten, my mother said my name was John Carroll Miller (a birth certificate to verify names was not required). When I got my driver’s license, I was John Carroll Miller (again, no verification was required). When I married, it was as John Carroll Miller. However, that was the first time that the name discrepancy came up. Carolyn and I were going to Mexico for our honeymoon. Just in case, there was any problem at the border, my father signed a statement, which was notarized, that Carroll Harry Miller Jr. and John Carroll Miller were one and the same person. It was not needed and was kept in the safety deposit box for 35 years. At some point in time, I corrected the family bible marking out and writing in “John.”

We were preparing to go to England in 1986 and needed passports in eight weeks. “Oh no,” you say! Yes, the fun was just beginning. All my identification was in John Carroll Miller, but the mandatory birth certificate read Carroll Harry Miller Jr. The age-old notarized statement by my dad wouldn’t do, and time was of the essence.

“Maybe a copy of first grade records from the Houston school system,” suggested a clerk at the Health Department. Not enough time. “There is the affidavit procedure,” the clerk suggested. Yes, my mother could certify to the facts, have it notarized and file it with the Health Department for an amended birth certificate. When Carolyn went to the Health Department with the signed affidavit, she was told that she needed some other proof as to the name change. The family Bible came to mind so she drove home, picked up that huge age-old, falling-apart Bible and drove back. The passport applications had to go in the mail within two days to allow adequate processing time.

The clerk looked at the Bible birth-entry and said, “We’ve got a problem.” The name that I had marked out was “Carroll,” not “Harry.” Carolyn pleaded and begged. Finally, the clerk left to talk to a supervisor. The supervisor, a very kind and experienced person, looked at the Bible entry and the affidavit and offered the suggestion, “Perhaps, we could use ‘Harry’ as a nickname and put it in quotes. This makes ‘John Carroll Miller’ the legal name and matches the Bible entry and the affidavit.” “Yes, do it!” cried Carolyn, practically reaching across the counter to hug the lady’s neck. In just a few minutes she had my new birth certificate in which I was officially renamed John Carroll “Harry” Miller. And that is the name on my passport too.

And, finally, the easy one. My sister was named Judy Miller. Period. No middle name, just Judy. In junior high, she decided that she wanted a different name so she began using Julie, after our aunt Julia. So, Julie she became. Fortunately, she had the foresight to have an amended birth certificate prepared while both of our parents were living. Now, legally, she is Judy Julia Miller. She is Julie to all her friends, co-workers, former students, husband and children but to me, she is still my little sister, Judy.

Of course, with the four Carroll names – mine, Carolyn’s and both of our fathers’ – our first-born was tagged with “Carroll” plus a popular name of the early 50s, Michael, resulting in Michael Carroll Miller. Son #2 was named Robert, after Carolyn’s father. And in the best genealogical tradition, Carolyn’s (the mother) surname was used, hence, Robert Spearman Miller. Aren’t names fun?

Genealogy tip from John Miller: When searching a birth index, such as is found at the Texas State Library-Genealogy Collection, amended/corrected information is not reflected in the index. The Bureau of Vital Statistics would have to do a search based on the current information. Delayed birth certificate information is maintained in a file separate from “timely filed” birth certificates but should be included in a records search.
Three Mental Challenges
By John C. Miller, Austin, Texas, February 12, 2001

I became interested in genealogy about 25 years ago and have pursued it with diligence though I admit that there have been lean pickings at times. Initially, the challenge was to see how many names, dates and generations that I could tie together to hang on that proverbial family tree. As I poured over census records and read family histories, I began to wonder about the people. Who were these ancestors? What did they do for a living? What was life like 100 years ago? I could remember both sets of grandparents but my father had died and my mother’s memory had faded. I realized that I was the oldest of the line. I had to preserve those memories for our children, grandchildren and the generations to come. Thus began my family history project of recording, on paper, family events and memories of the past.

Let me share three events with you and issue a challenge to you to participate with me. The first may be the most difficult but each of us will have our challenges. I was surprised at the difficulty of the third, yet it seems the simplest.

This may sound familiar to you and perhaps you’ve had the same realization but I want to put a twist on it for you. Think back with me. Seriously, I do want you to help me this way. Take a leap back in time: back to the Vietnam War; World War II; Pearl Harbor; back a few more years to the Depression; the election of Roosevelt; the crash of the stock market. Do some of these time periods evoke memories?

Some broad time periods. Let’s get specific. Do you remember your grandparents or first grade or a special birthday? My grandmother Miller died in 1935 but I remember some things about her: Sunday afternoon visits to their home, their car, which had a rumble seat, her gentleness. In 1935 I was age 4. We moved to Houston when I was about 3 but I have no memories of that. It helps to walk back through your memory, using people or events as sign posts. The trick is to be able to put a date on those sign posts. So write this down, lest you forget it: What is your oldest memory? Work on it tonight as a homework assignment. It’ll be fun and challenging.

I received an e-mail last week from a cousin. The subject was “A Novena,” perhaps you’ve received this one also. It began, “Remember to make a wish before you read this prayer.” Sounds easy, like Aladdin and his three wishes from the genie, but I paused, what should I wish for? I went through a litany of ideas, from idealistic to selfish. And I’m not sure if I made the right choice. Was it so broad to be ineffective? Did it have to include a solution? No, it was a wish. But my wish is not for sharing.

If you were to take the Novena seriously and have only one wish, what would you wish for? For health or wealth? Fame or fortune? The “good old days?” For yourself? For others? For an income tax refund? For a new, shiny, red convertible? Again, write this down, as tomorrow night’s homework (don’t want to overwork your minds all in one night), what would be your one wish before you read the prayer?

And finally, the third mental challenge. In 1999, way back in the last century, I was driving down MoPac going on an errand but not very fast because of the traffic congestion. I had a birthday coming up, and I was thinking about life and reminiscing on what I had done in all my years. You know, one of those memory chains where one thought leads to another. Then a really serious thought took hold, ”What have I accomplished to this point in my life?” Then it got heavy as I thought about career, family, finances, church, personal activities, health. I posed
questions to myself, and now I ask you to pose them to yourself: What am I most proud of? What do I consider my greatest accomplishment? What can I point to with pride? Think about it: Climbing a mountain? Having a baby? Overcoming adversity? Going to the top in your job? A religious experience?

I have to admit that I came up with three personal experiences that seemed pretty important and exciting to me: Way back in the '40s, as an 18-year-old kid, I drove from Houston to New York, got a summer job at an upstate resort hotel and then hitch-hiked back to Houston; on December 1, 1979, I ran and finished the Dallas White Rock Marathon, 26.2 miles in 4 hrs, 12 minutes and 15 seconds; and I've given 23 gallons of blood over the past 25 years. But in first place, when I look at the big picture, is my family. We have a good marriage of 52 years, two grown sons who didn't get in trouble in the turbulent '60s, were Eagle Scouts, earned college degrees. Now they have their families, good jobs, nice homes, church members. And on and on. So write down your third mental challenge: Sort through your memories and write something for your family or yourself about your greatest life event. Maybe you’ll share it with us.

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**Tips from Lorrie Henderson on writing queries**

- Politeness counts. Ask, please don’t demand.
- Make your request to the point; ask one or two direct questions.
- A self-addressed, stamped envelope is much appreciated.
- Offer to reimburse for copying and postage or send a moderate donation to cover anticipated expense.
- Make your letter legible, especially contact information.
- Allow several weeks for an answer, and don’t send a second letter until a month has expired.
- We don’t have all the answers in Austin for every place in Texas. Check the Handy Book or The Source to see if a county courthouse or historical or genealogical society is nearer the towns in your query.
- Offer to share the information you have with others researching the same families.
- Include enough dates, names and other vital information to help anyone answering your query.
- If you request complicated research, our society is not equipped to handle it. The Texas State Library lists paid researchers and we will send you a copy of the list.
- Write the date and your address on your letter.
LAURA EMILY WHEAT, Methodist
Hunt, Texas.

(7) Laura Emily Wheat, daughter of Joseph Gillit Wheat and Mary Eleanor McCoy Wheat, was born June 4, 1868 near Dresden, Pettis County, Mo.; graduated from Northern Illinois Normal School at Dixon, Ill., in 1889, and taught school for eight years, the last year being in Epworth Seminary, 1898-99; graduated from Soper School of Oratory in Chicago, Ill., in 1895; graduated from Normal Course in Art at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa in 1917; married December 27, 1893 at Inwood, Iowa to William Henry Foster, born April 7, 1870 on a farm in Hamilton County, Iowa, son of John McKinney Foster and Sarah Savanah Sigars Foster. (See Foster Genealogy) W. H. Foster taught school and farmed; attended the academy of Cornell College for three months in 1892; graduated from the Soper School of Oratory in Chicago, Ill, in 1895. He was licensed to preach in 1897 at McGregor, Iowa and held a country appointment in the Methodist Church. In 1898 he attended school at Epworth Seminary for three months and then became a field agent for the seminary, which position he held for two years. He was then given the appointment as pastor of the Methodist Church at Gladbrook, Iowa in the fall of 1900. The next year he was sent to Rhodes, Iowa. In 1902 he left the conference to attend college, but sold lecture courses and took up salesmanship and did well at it for many years. [Added later by hand:] Had a stroke of paralysis Dec. 28, 1939, partially recovered, had second stroke April 17 1942 and died the 23rd at his son Fred's home at Hunt, Tex. Funeral at Kerrville. Cremated. [Later addition, probably by Ed Wheat, from whose book this was photocopied:] She died Nov. 25th 1946, at Hunt, Texas.

The above was transcribed as written by Laura Emily Wheat Foster, and published in the "Wheat, Foster, McCoy and Connected Families" in McAllen, Texas, 1941.

--Lorrie Foster Henderson
Austin, Texas; 17 Nov 1999

*Should be Mrs. Carl Davis rather than "Travis."
On her final trip north to see family and friends in Indiana, Iowa, etc., she stayed six weeks, coming from Hunt to Austin, Texas by bus, spending the night of June 25th with A. W. Henderson's. (Tim was born the next night.) She completed her trip by train, returning in August. Her journey done, she died November 25, 1946, at age 78 years.
March 25, 1919, marriage of Floyd Percy Foster and Mae Rosetta Bair at the home of her parents, William Perry and Flora Alice Bair, Mount Vernon, Iowa. Children: William Floyd Foster, DMin (deceased 15 July 1992); Lorrie Foster Henderson, MSSW; Arthur Lynn Foster, Kansas City, Missouri.
IN MEMORIAM

Our mother was the kind of mother, who thought and planned wisely for the future of her children. She was a sincere Christian and wise counsellor, and encouraged us in every effort to become prepared to live lives worth while. When she was eighty years of age, I wrote these verses to her, as an expression of our appreciation of her life:

TO MY MOTHER

Oh, mother mine! with your whitened hair
And your frail form and look of care
And your toil-worn hands that have tried to bear
The burden of the days;
So nobly and well has your work been done,
So many the victories you have won,
So grandly the race of life has been run,
With joy we sing your praise.

You taught us to strive for things of worth
And try to make our lives show forth
The qualities that bless the earth
And win a place in heaven.
We wish to show our love for you
And prove to all your creed is true,
By doing the work you would have us do
And giving as you have given.

We wish to make your remaining years
So full of peace, so free from tears,
So abounding in everything that cheers,
That in part we may repay
The debt we owe for your care and love
And sacrifice. All this may we prove
Ere you leave us for your home above
God bless you every day.

Laura Emily Wheat Foster
Mt. Vernon, Iowa 1922
A 150-year-old letter from Arkansas to Tennessee
By Alana Moehring Mallard, Austin, Texas

This letter was written by my mother’s great-great-grandmother, Jane Marshall Rutherford, who moved from Greene County, Tenn., to Sebastian County, Ark., in 1851, after the death of her husband, Benjamin Rutherford.

Jane and Benjamin Rutherford were the parents of Narcissa, Clinton, Augustus, Louisa Bradley, Nancy Ann, Elizabeth Jane, Matilda Lyon, Joseph, James Gallagher, John, Polly and Calvin Rutledge. Polly was my mother’s great-grandmother.

At least five Rutherford siblings lived in Texas: Clinton, although his first wife, Persala Goode, died before he left Arkansas; Louisa and husband Robert Carroll Thaxton, who settled in Williamson County; Polly and husband W.R. Goode, who also settled in Williamson County around 1870; Matilda and husband John Fields, who were neighbors of Clinton and Polly and W.R. Goode in Sutherland Springs near San Antonio in the 1860 census; and Calvin, who was in Bastrop County politics in 1876 and whose children, 8-year-old Augustus and 11-year-old Mary, are buried in Round Rock.

I am grateful to Don McKinney of Alma, Kansas, who sent me a copy of the letter after we met as modern day cousins do – on the Internet. Seeing my great-great-great-grandmother’s flowery handwriting brings me great pleasure.

March 14, 1852
Mr. Farmer Williams
Green County
Ray Mount, East Tenn.

Dear Sir,
I now take my pen in hand to write you a few lines which leaves us all in tolerable good health at present and hope that they may find you all enjoying the same great blessing.

We all got out safe. We was on the road 42 days. We lay by some 3 or 4 days with sick horses and having waggon tire cut though we all got out safe. Our horses stood the trip fine.

We all had a severe spell of sickness this fall – fever and ague, though we are all well of them now except Calvin. He chills a little yet. James is dead. He died in Newton County, Missouri, with a conjestive chill. Grandmother Rutherford is dead. She died last June now a year ago. Elliot says he wrote about her death some time ago. There was a great deal of sickness in this country last summer and fall. The colera raged in this country last summer verry severe. A great many died in Fort Smith and some in the county.

Times is hard in this country. Bacon is worth from 12¢ to 15¢, corn is 75¢ per bushel, oats 50, horses and mules sell at a fair price, cows from $10 to $12 per head.

Joseph Pullen will be in Tenn. This spring and I will send my notes by him. I would be glad you would have my money ready for me as I need it verry bad to enter land though it is not due yet.

I want you to write to me whether you have got the dower land or not and whether you sold the land on the deed of trust or not and got a write to it or not.
I want you to write to me all about the times in that country and about the neighbors all.
Matilda was married the 15th of January to Mr. John F. Shields, 1½ miles from
Vanburen. Mr. Shields is a very fine young man of very good fortune. He has 320 acres of
land, 160 of it good river bottom and plenty of stock.
The cousins are all well in this part of the country. Your cousins in Missouri were all well
a short time ago, so Pullan wrote.
Mr. Ingle left the next week after Matilda was married and I have not saw him since I
heard he had started to Tenn. I want to know whether he has landed or not. Stock is doing fine now.
The prairies are perfectly green. The grass is up to 4 inches high now.
Give our compliments to all inquiring friends if any and receive a due portion to
yourselves. Write as soon as you can so I will now come to a close by saying,
I still remain yours affectionately,
Jane Rutherford and Family

Direct your letters to Fort Smith
Sebastian County, Arkansas

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How to preserve newspaper clippings
By Cindy Foreman, Dripping Springs, Texas

We all are collecting information on our ancestors from different types of media, and sometimes
that includes copies of old newspaper clippings. Clippings are great genealogical sources if they
have been documented as to which newspaper it has been cut from as well as the date and issue.
But oftentimes the condition of the newspaper is yellowed, worn and fragile. What can be done?
I have an easy solution and one that really works.

If the clipping is of a size that will fit into a glass baking dish, then you’re in luck. What
you do is take the glass baking dish and fill it with distilled water up to ½ to ¾ inch. Use only
distilled water. Then take your newspaper clipping and totally soak it in the water for 20+
minutes. Carefully lift it out of the dish, place it on your kitchen counter and lightly smooth it
out. Let it dry at room temperature for one hour and you’ll be amazed that the paper is strengthen
and much of the yellowing is gone. This is taken from the book, “SOS – Saving our
Scrapbooks.” I have used this method, and I am confident the newspaper clippings I washed will
survive beyond my own use of them.

If your newspaper clipping is larger, then I suggest you use an archive mist spray for
preservation. Make sure you test a small area of the paper to check that the inks will not be
affected before spraying the whole document.
Amanda Bennett Davis died Nov. 8, 1917, report Waxahachie Daily Light and weekly Enterprise
Submitted by Carol Lutz, Austin, great-granddaughter of Amanda Bennett Davis

Funeral Service of Mrs. Davis (clipping dated Nov. 10, 1917)

The funeral of Mrs. Amanda Bennett Davis was held Friday afternoon from the family residence on Rogers street. Her pastor, the Rev. A.N. Hall, conducted the service, giving tender expression of the life of Mrs. Davis and her good works. “Crossing the Bar,” by Tennyson, was read as the prelude to the service. Mrs. Maude Baird, Mrs. Sarah Thompson, P.J. Herndon and George W. Coleman composed the quartette which furnished impressive music. “It is well with my soul” and “Lead, kindly light,” were sung, and the pastor read Mrs. Davis’ favorite hymn, “Saved by Grace.” Mrs. Maude Biard sang “Face to Face.” The fifteenth chapter of John was read by Dr. Hall.

The body was taken to Ferris and there laid to rest. At the cemetery “Shall We Gather at the River” and “Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?” were sung. The floral offerings were beautiful and elaborate and entirely covered the grave. Active pallbearers were Fred Wilson, Carl Schuster, Bob Coleman, P.J. Herndon, P.P. Smith and J.E. Leigh of Dallas. Honorary pallbearers of Ferris were Sam Cole, J.P. Wicker, T.R. Jeffrey, John Wilson, Grove Cole and J.T. Wester.

Among the relatives and friends present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kline of Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Henry, Mrs. John R. Wharton of Dallas, Mrs. Nanella Bowen of Farmers Branch, Mrs. Clark Henry of Dallas, Lloyd Adams of Denton, Miss Olive Adams of Italy, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Leigh of Dallas and John Adams of Camp Bowie.

Mrs. And Mrs. J.E. Leigh were in the city Friday to attend the funeral of their friend and former neighbor, Mrs. A.J. Davis.

Mrs. Amanda Bennett Davis, 1848 - 1917
Came to Ellis County 39 years ago
and lived at Reagor Springs
and Ferris for a brief time

Mrs. Amanda Bennett Davis, aged 69 years, died this morning at 1:30 o’clock at the family residence on North Rogers Street, following an illness of many months. Mrs. Davis had been in frail health since last January, and every effort to make her last days comfortable was put forth by her devoted children. Last summer she was taken to Colorado by her daughter, Miss Maude B. Davis, in hope that the change would benefit her, and while she returned improved, it was not to be permanent, and for the last six weeks she has been failing very rapidly.

Mrs. Amanda Davis was born in Lawrence County, Alabama, June 22, 1848. She was married to William Ashburn Davis at Tupelo, Miss., Sept. 20, 1868. The first nine years of their married life was spent in Arkadelphia, Ark. They moved to Waxahachie in 1878, and resided near Reagor Springs for five years, after that going to the Dunn farm southwest of town. They
later moved to the Ferris community, where Mr. Davis purchased a farm from Abe Duff, a pioneer of the Ferris community. The husband and father died at Ferris August 28, 1898. In August 1908 Mrs. Davis with her daughter and son, Miss Maude Davis and R. Hanks Davis, moved to Waxahachie, where they began to teach in the city schools.

Five children survive their mother, Mrs. W.E. Ritter, Mrs. Eugene Adams, Will A. Davis, all of Ferris; and Miss Maude B. Davis and R. Hanks Davis of Waxahachie. Two children died in their youth, Stephen and Minnie Davis, the latter being buried in our city cemetery.

Thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Davis was the only surviving member of a family of thirteen children, since 1874. Six brothers were killed in the civil war, the youngest only fifteen years of age, and a cripple. Her husband enlisted in the first call from Arkadelphia, Ark., and spent four years in the war and surrendered with Lee at Appomattox.

At the age of twenty years Mrs. Davis united with the Baptist church and was always loyal and faithful to her church and enjoyed regular attendance at her church. She was educated in a private college in north Alabama, and was a woman well-informed and interested in politics and affairs of the day. The funeral will be held at 1:30 o’clock Friday afternoon at the family residence on Rogers Street. Rev. A.N. Hall. pastor of the First Baptist Church, will conduct the services. Interment will be made at Ferris Cemetery where she will be laid to rest by the side of her husband, who was called away twenty-five years ago.

Causes of death in 19th century Austin
Compiled by Kay Dunlap Boyd, Austin

These diseases are listed as cause of death in the 1864 to 1880 sexton’s ledgers from Oakwood Cemetery at the Austin History Center. Definitions are from olivetreegenealogy.com/misc/disease.shtml.

Apoplexy: Paralysis due to stroke.
Bilious fever: Term loosely applied to certain intestinal and malarial fevers. See typhus.
Brain fever: See meningitis, typhus.
Cholera: Acute infectious disease characterized by profuse diarrhea, vomiting and cramps. Spread by feces-contaminated water and food. Major epidemics struck the United States in 1832, 1849 and 1866.
Cholera infantum: A common, noncontagious diarrhea of young children, occurring in summer or autumn. Common among the poor and in hand-fed babies. Death frequently occurred in three to five days. Synonyms: summer complaint, weaning brash, water gripes, choleric fever of children, cholera morbus.
Chorea: Any of several diseases of the nervous system, characterized by jerky movements that appear to be well coordinated but are performed involuntary, chiefly of the face and extremities. Synonym: Saint Vitus’ dance.
Congestive fever: Malaria.
Consumption: A wasting away of the body; formerly applied especially to pulmonary tuberculosis. Synonyms: marasmus (in the mid-nineteenth century), phthisis.
Convulsions: Severe contortion of the body caused by violent, involuntary muscular contractions of the extremities, trunk, and head. See epilepsy.
Debility: Abnormal bodily weakness or feebleness; decay of strength. This was a term descriptive of a patient’s condition and of no help in making a diagnosis. Synonym: asthenia.
Dropsy: A contraction for hydropsy. The presence of abnormally large amounts of fluid. Congestive heart failure.
Dysentery: A term given to a number of disorders marked by inflammation of the intestines (especially of the colon). Two specific varieties: amebic dysentery and bacillary dysentery. Synonyms: flux, bloody flux, contagious pyrexia (fever), frequent griping stools.
Enteric fever: See typhoid fever.
Flux: See dysentery.
Inanition: Exhaustion from lack of nourishment; starvation.
Lockjaw: Tetanus, a disease in which the jaws become firmly locked together. Synonyms: trismus, tetanus.
Marasmus: Malnutrition occurring in infants and young children, caused by an insufficient intake of calories or protein.
Meningitis: Inflammation of the meninges characterized by high fever, severe headache and stiff neck or back muscles. Synonym: brain fever
Phthisis: See consumption.
Pneumonia: Inflammation of the lungs.
Scrofula: Primary tuberculosis of the lymphatic glands, especially those in the neck. Disease of children and young adults. Synonym: lung’s evil.
Softening of the brain: Cerebral hemorrhage/stroke.
Teething: The entire process that results in the eruption of teeth. Nineteenth-century medical reports stated that infants were more prone to disease at the time of teething. Symptoms were restlessness, fretfulness, convulsions, diarrhea and painful and swollen gums. The latter could be relieved by lancing over the protruding tooth. Often teething was reported as a cause of death in infants. Perhaps they became susceptible to infections, especially if lancing was performed without antisepsis. Another explanation of teething as a cause of death is that infants were often weaned at the time of teething; perhaps they then died from drinking contaminated milk, leading to an infection, or from malnutrition if watered-down milk was given.
Tetanus: An infectious, often fatal disease caused by a specific bacterium that enters the body through wounds. Synonyms: trismus, lockjaw.
Trismus nascentium or neonatorum: A form of tetanus seen only in infants, almost invariably in the first five days of life.
Typhoid fever: An infectious, often fatal disease, usually occurring in the summer months, characterized by intestinal inflammation and ulceration. The name came from the disease’s similarity to typhus, below. Synonym: enteric fever.
Typhus: An acute, infectious disease transmitted by lice and fleas. The epidemic or classic form is louse borne; the endemic or murine is flea borne. Synonyms: typhus fever, malignant fever (in the 1850s), jail fever, hospital fever, ship fever, putrid fever, brain fever, bilious fever, spotted fever, petechial fever, camp fever.
Travis County Directory, 1894-95
Copied by Gayle Anderson Toler, Austin

Pr indicates tax-payer; pl, poll tax-payer; acp, Austin city property; mtp, Manchaca town property; c, colored race; m, Mexican; figure is acreage of land on the tax inventories.

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
5/22/04

AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2003

1. Bank Balance – as of 01/01/2003 $10,778.91
   Bank Balance – as of 12/31/2003 $10,299.95
   Difference ($478.96)

2. Most all checks were properly supported by invoices or check requests. Those that did not have supporting documents were generally related to minor refunds for one reason or another. This was not considered a problem in the audit.

3. The Committee chose to perform a detailed review of all checks in the amount of $1,000 or more. All were found to be legitimate expenses, but only one had two signatures as required by the By-Laws. While it may sometimes be inconvenient to secure the two signatures, efforts should be made to accomplish this, and fulfill the intent of the By-Laws.

4. With the records provided, the Committee could not check the deposits as detailed as with the expenditures. However, all deposits were properly accounted for. It is recommended that future deposit slips be made out in detail, and that carbon or facsimile copies be made of them for inclusion with the records. Simple receipts, summarizing the transactions, are not considered adequate for auditing purposes.

5. The Committee performed most of the audit with reference to a Transaction Report as prepared by the Quicken Software. This report, while an accurate accounting of the activities within the account, appears to be excessively complex and labor intensive. The Committee recommends that the Societies' budgeting and accounting processes be kept as simple as possible.

6. It is the Committee's findings that the Society's accounting records and the bank statements properly correlate with each other. We are confident that the financial affairs of the Society have been accurately and responsibly maintained.

Respectfully submitted:

William Koehler
Committee Member

Charles Lowe
Committee Member

Robert E. Tieman
Committee Chairman
Genealogy To-Do List

1. Apply for membership in the Pioneer Families of Travis County program
   The Austin Genealogical Society will issue a Pioneer Families of Travis County Certificate to individuals who can prove their ancestors lived in Travis County, Texas, prior to the close of 1880.
   
   To qualify for the certificate, a person must be a direct descendant of an ancestor who lived in Travis County on or before December 31, 1880, submit proof of such descent and pay a fee of $10 to cover the costs of verification of the application. These records can be birth, death and marriage certificates; probate, census and military records; obituaries and Bible records. Current county residency is not a requirement to apply for one of these certificates.
   
   Contact Gaylon Powell – gaylon@flash.net – for an application, pick an application up at our next meeting or see the AGS website at AustinTxGenSoc.org. As of our June meeting, Gaylon was still anticipating his first application.

2. Send in your FGS Conference registration by July 26 to get the best rate
   AGS and Texas State Genealogical Society are local co-hosts for this national week-long conference Sept. 8-11 at the Austin Convention Center.
   
   If you register before July 26, you’ll get the $159 rate. Luncheons are extra, and Pat Oxley and Marilyn Henley really, really, really want you to come to the AGS luncheon on Friday when the speaker will be Texas author Janice Woods Windle.
   
   You can register on-line at fgs.org/2004conf/FGS-2004.htm. You won’t believe how many workshops you’ll be able to pick and choose among. And you know you’ll find a cousin or two at this get-together.

3. Reserve your place at the AGS Old Fashioned Texas Picnic on Aug. 24
   We’ll have potluck, with Harold Hudnall providing the smoked brisket and the rest of us bringing our favorite dishes. The indoor picnic will be on Aug. 24 at our regular time – 6:30 p.m.—and regular meeting place – Highland Park Baptist Church.
   
   Make your reservation for dinner and a table to show off some of your heritage goodies. Grandma’s rocker? Grandpa’s kidney stone? Tools, books, scrapbooks, display boards, photos, quilts, clothes, dishes – bring whatever you’d like to show. You can come at 6 p.m. to set up your heritage display. Just be sure to contact Edna Youngblood or Kay Boyd for your reservations. The $2 tickets to the picnic pay for the brisket, paper goods and decorations.
   
   Edna promises to dress up like her corncob pipe-smoking grandma, and she hopes everyone will dress up like an ancestor.

4. Remember to go to Camp Mabry’s Military Forces Museum for our July meeting
   We’ll meet at the museum’s meeting hall on July 27 at 6:30 p.m., have a tour of the museum and archives at 7 p.m. and our program will be at 7:30 p.m.
   
   The museum is in building 6 across the street from the chapel. Camp Mabry’s entrance is on 35th Street, west of Mopac between Exposition and Balcones. You’ll need to show your picture ID to the guard, and the guard will probably look in your vehicle’s trunk.
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