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## EDITOR'S LETTER

Attention Cherokee County SELF family descendants: The 5th annual National Gathering of SELF ? SELPH family researchers will be held on April 27, 2002 in Gadsden, AL. Meet with over 80 SELF researchers from all over the USA in this all day affair. This year the research group at the SELF Family Newsletter, in conjunction with the North East Alabama Genealogical Society will be having a "you can't miss it" event. See <http://www.self-family.com/self2002.htm> for more details.

## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Beginning on page 47 of the Winter 2001-2002, Volume 27, Issue 2, I listed the members of the Society along with their address, e-mail address, and surnames. Please correct your list with the following additions and corrections. I apologize for the errors and omissions.

- Page 47      Benge Gordon & Margie, surname should be Crippens
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## **Augusta Chronicle Archives Digital Backfile is Genealogy Playground for Researchers**

by Janice M. Johnson

A dream has literally come true for those who wish to go back in time!

The Augusta Chronicle may well be the only newspaper in the United States to have its entire run from 1787 to the present on line, Mark Chapin told AGS members at their 7 February meeting at the Augusta Public Library.

He credited Rhonda Holliman, The Chronicle Chief Librarian for the idea of transferring the 1,043,000 images of the newspaper on microfilm into a searchable form on computer. Now, newspapers everywhere are asking, "How did you do it?"

Calling the project which began less than three years ago a "labor of love," Chapin explained the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software that made possible the task of reading images and giving quality text. Because The Augusta Chronicle was begun long ago when Augusta was the capital of Georgia, some of the oldest editions were found "stuck in warehouses" and "chewed by mice." As the physical size of the pages changed over two centuries, the OCR program had to be re-worked. But by 1 April, Chapin said, the entire Chronicle will be available and searchable.

AugustaArchives.com allows subscribers to search from any location with an Internet connection. Entire pages are shown as originally published, -with the text and style of the original context. Pattern searching is an enhancement in the pages by dates with search words highlighted. The section of the newspaper is given because the paper is not anchored by section. For example, Section C is usually, but not always, the Sports Section. Re-working the OCR program to enhance highlighting and pattern-searching will take about three months and hopefully will be completed by June 2002.

Chapin told the audience that search in a database must be very liberal, using broad stacks of words and then narrowing the search. Looking may occur by date or a range of dates as well as subject. To bring readers the latest news, the final fourth edition is archived. The Augusta Herald [Augusta's former afternoon newspaper] has not been archived, but once a date is found in The Chronicle, the reader may then refer to The Herald.

Publications editor Don Rhodes gave examples of ways he has used the Digital Backfile. His sense of humor brought chuckles and laughter during his presentation. Calling himself "nosey," he had searched the name of the AGS co-founder and reminded Carrie Adamson that she had attended a painting class at Fort Gordon on 28 March 1969, and taught the officers' wives how to make an Easter egg tree. He had found his own name in an article about a play presented in 1954 at Evans Elementary School when third-grader Donald Rhodes had been The Tar Baby in Brer Rabbit.

Rhodes found the first mention of the word "genealogy" in the newspaper in 1821 and five times in The Chronicle before 1860.

All who have experienced eyestrain from reading microfilm will appreciate that a list comes up in fifteen seconds with the Digital Backfile, making it a wonderful timesaver. Rhodes reminded the members to put in variable spellings and expansion of topics and dates before giving up on a search.

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## **Augusta Chronicle Archives Digital Backfile is Genealogy Playground for Researchers**

Also, information may be found on the "partial" pages in the margins of the main page. Multiple references near the same date may be found, such as an obituary and a news story about the death. He warned that enlarging may sometimes result in getting logged off and suggested not enlarging more than fifty percent.

Rhodes had everyone interested as he explained narrowing a search to find when Gene Autry appeared at the Bell Auditorium in Augusta. A search for "champion" called up numerous athletes, but "horse Champion" got him the newspaper article. Instead of looking for the Autry name, he put in the name of a crew member who worked on the show and did not get the excessive information that would have come with Autry. A sidelight was that "Champion" was taken from the Bell to the J.B. White department store on Broad Street where children's western wear was sold.

In conclusion, Rhodes told how he used the Digital Backfile to write his "Ramblin' Rhodes" column on the day of the opening of the 2002 Winter Olympics. He wanted to find the connection of former Augusta Mayor Alfred Cumming to the state of Utah. Cumming was mayor in 1839 during the horrible yellow fever epidemic in Augusta. President James Buchanan appointed him governor of Utah in 1857 to replace the Mormon leader, Brigham Young. Two AGS members responded when Rhodes asked who remembered that Cumming later returned home to Augusta to live and was buried here in Summerville Cemetery.

The February meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by the 44 persons attending. Those who wish to "go back in time" (and what genealogist doesn't?) will certainly want to use The Augusta Chronicle's Digital Database that makes it possible.

Johnson, Janice M. "Augusta Chronicle Archives Digital Backfile is Genealogy Playground for Researchers" Southern Echoes XXIII 7 March 2002 61, 66.

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**CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN MINUTES 1846 to 1862**  
**PART EIGHT**  
**1846 to 1862**

**Submitted by Jaunita Wardlaw, typed by IdaLee D. Edmiston**

Minutes December Session, 1853

**Bro. T. N. McKee** was chosen moderator and **Bro. A. A. Rainey** clerk pro tem  
On Motion, Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Morning , Dec. 3rd. 1853.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, constituted with prayer - members present as on yesterday. The minutes of the last Presbytery were read. **Bro. D. W. Broughton** rendered excuses for absence from two former sessions of Presbytery, whose excuses were sustained.

The following committees were appointed viz: On Theology & Literature, **Bros. Richards, Nevills & Collier**; On New Providence & Mt. Zion Church books, **Bros. Patton & Wilson**; On all other Church books present, **Bros. Marin & Newton**; On State of Religion & Education, **Bros. Nevills, Patton, & Richards**.

On Motion of **Bro. Richards**, Richland Congregation, was received under care of Presbytery and **Bro. Kyle** was admitted to assist as a representative from said congregation

On Motion, Ordered that **Bro. Henry** supply Liberty Congregation preaching the ensuing year, also that he supply Mt. Zion Congregation with preaching, agreeable to the arrangement between them.

**Bro. Thompson** presented his letter as a candidate for the ministry from McGrady Presbytery of the C. P. Church and was received under the care of this Presbytery. By request of Holly Springs Congregation, **Bro. Patton** was ordered to supply that congregation with preaching the next ensuing year, agreeably to arrangements between them.

On Motion, **Bro. J. B. Harris** was appointed to the pastoral care of New Providence Congregation.

On Motion, Ordered that **Bro. Richards** supply Richland Congregation with preaching.

On Motion, Presbytery had interlocutory when it was resolved that at 5 o'clock P.M. on tomorrow **Bro. Broughton** be set apart to the whole work of the ministry by ordination, that **Bro. Richards** preach the ordination sermon and **Bro. Moderator** preside and give the charge.

Business resumed with open doors - The candidates being called upon respectively, read their pieces in conformity to an order of last Session of Presbytery, all of which was approved as part of trial.

Ordered that **Bro. S. N. Johnson** write a discourse from Hebrews 2nd chapter, 1st clause of 3rd verse. And that **Bro. A. W. Johnson** write from Romans 5th chapter, 1st verse.

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**Bro. Martin** from the Committee to whom was referred all the church books present, except those of Mt. Zion and New Providence, reports that they have checked Holly Springs, Liberty, San Pedro, and Trinity church books and find no material departure from the book of discipline except in some instances it did not appear that the Session was constituted and concluded with prayer, which report was received and concurred in.

**Bro. Patton** from the Committee to whom was referred New Providence and Mt. Zion church books, reports that the Committee have examined these church books and find no material departure from the book of discipline, which report was received and concurred in.

On Motion, Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow at 5 o'clock p.m. and concluded with prayer.

SUNDAY 5 O'CLOCK P.M.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, members present as on yesterday, and constituted with prayer. In compliance with the Resolution of yesterday, Presbytery proceeded to and did set apart **Bro. D. M. Broughton** to the whole work of the ministry by the imposition of hands and prayer. Sermon by **Bro. Richards**, charges from **Bro. Moderator**.

Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow morning 8 o'clock, concluded with prayer.

MONDAY MORNING 8 O'CLOCK

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, same members as on yesterday, constituted with prayer. **Bro. J. S. McGown**, an ordained minister of Frazier Presbytery C.P.C., being present was invited and took a seat as corresponding member for the remainder of the present session.

On Motion, **Bro. Newton** is added to the Committee on Literature and Theology.

On Motion, **Bro. McKee** was appointed Commissioner to the \_\_\_\_\_ (?) Assembly and **Bro. Nevills** his alternate. Also **Bro. Cannon**, an elder, also appointed to attend with **Bro. McKee** with **Bro. Nevills** his alternate.

The Committee on Literature and Theology report that they have attended to the duty assigned them and would report the following: **Bros. Hill & A. W. Johnson** were examined on English Grammer and Geography and we are pleased to say that they have a tolerable good knowledge of said branches as far as they have gone. Also, they were examined on Theology and they have a tolerable correct knowledge of Theology, all of which is submitted."

**J. L. Richards**, Chairman

Which report was received and concurred in.

**Bros. Nevills & Martin** were appointed to settle with the missionaries.

On motion, **Bro. McKee** is requested to supply \_\_\_\_\_ (?) and Palestine congregations with preaching until they make other arrangements.

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**Bro. Collier** paid over from Liberty congregation four dollars & twenty cents for the \_\_\_\_\_(?) defraying the expenses of our Commission attending the General Assembly and **Bro. Martin** also paid in from Mt. Zion congregation seven dollars & thirty cents and also ten dollars from Rusk congregation for the same purpose.

On Motion, It is ordered that all the other congregations that have not contributed take up a collection and send it in to help with the expense of the Commission to the Assembly as soon as convenient. Resolved, That whereas, as a Presbytery, we feel a deep interest for the success, usefulness and perpetuity of the Texas Presbyterian and \_\_\_\_\_(?) and whereas the Brazos Synod \_\_\_\_\_(?) upon us the consideration of these enterprises of the Church; therefore, the members of this Presbytery are earnestly requested to write for and use all laudable means to extend the circulation of said papers and report their success and prospects to next Presbytery.

The Presbytery took intermission for twenty minutes.

The Missionary Board Auxilliary to the Assembly's board of foreign and domestic missions was organized and eleven dollars and sixty cents were received from Crockett congregation, two dollars from San Pedro congregation, also twenty seven dollars, thirty cents taken up by Presbytery on yesterday. Ordered by the Board that secretary pay over the above amounts to **Bro. A. J. McGown**, the agent for the Assembly Board, and take his receipt over to **Bro. A. J. Coupland**, treasurer of this board, after which the Board adjourned until next Presbytery.

Presbytery resumed business. The Committee appointed to settle with the Missionaries reported that on examination of the reports of our Missionaries, **Bros. McKee & Henry**, they find that **Bro. McKee** has done well and fully met the expectations of the Presbytery. He has traveled and labored nearly all the time, organized some new congregations, and greatly strengthened others and raised some means on a settlement with him. We find that the Presbytery is still in his debt forty dollars & sixty-five cents

**Bro. Henry** has done the task assigned him to the satisfaction of Presbytery and on settlement with him, Presbytery is in his debt eight dollars & ninety cents, which amounts were recommended to be raised by the different congregations and sent up to the next Session of Presbytery, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Which report was received and adopted.

The Committee on the State of Religion reports, to wit: "That you have had several revivals of religion within your bounds since last Session of Presbytery and the conversion of many precious souls and many of your churches have been greatly strengthened and encouraged.

"On the subject of education we find that considerable interest is felt by our people generally; many of our leading members are anxious to see the Presbytery adopt prompt and efficient measures to raise in our bounds a Presbyterial School of Theology class at which our young men who are preparing for the ministry may obtain an education. Therefore your Committee recommends **James Anderson, Esq., W. A. Acker, J. P. Donly, Esq., B. B. Cannon, A. H. Raines, Gen'l Hogg, & A. J. Coupland** as agents to act for this Presbytery in the selection of a suitable point for said school and do all the

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other things necessary to carry out the contemplated enterprise; all of which is respectfully submitted."

**D. C. Nevills**, Chairman

All of which was received and adopted.

On motion, Ordered that the Clerk prepare and forward the minutes of this Presbytery to **Bro. A. J. McGown**, editor of the Texas Presbyterian for publication.

On Motion, Resolved that the thanks of the Presbytery are respectfully tendered to the people of Crockett for their hospitable treatment during its Session and Presbytery adjourned to meet at Mt. Zion Church in Cherokee County on Friday before the third Sabbath in July, 1854, at 11 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

**H. A. Raney**, Clerk Protem **T. N. McKee**, Moderator

MINUTES JULY SESSION 1854  
Mount Sion Church Cherokee County  
July 14th AD 1854

Trinity Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment at Mount Sion Church in the County of Cherokee on Friday before the third Sabbath in July AD 1854, 11 O'clock A.M. Members present:

Ministers: **T. N. McKee**

**Robert Hodge**

**J. B. Harris**

Candidate: **A. W. Johnson**

Elder: **S. M. Thompson** from New Providence Congregation.

Absent

Ministers: **A. J. Coupland**

**W. P. Henry**

**R. R. Martin**

**George Patton**

**Sam Harris**

**D. W. Broughton**

Candidates: **I. N. Allender**

**J. M. Johnson**

**R. D. Thompson**

Churches not represented:

Rusk, Palestine, Liberty, Mt. Sion, Holly Spring, Bethel, Mt. Hope, and Mt. Carmel.

A quorum being present, Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator and constituted with prayer.

**Bro. Hodges** was chosen Moderator for the present Session and took this chair and **Bro. B. B.**

**Cannon**, stated Clerk, being present, entered upon his duties.

On Motion, Presbytery took recess until 3 o'clock.

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FRIDAY 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Presbytery convened, members present as before recess. There were also present ministers: **Brothers Sam'l Harris, R. R. Martin, W. P. Henry, George Patton, and A. J. Coupland**, all of whom rendered their excuses for absence at the constitution of Presbytery this morning. Whose excuses, respectively, were sustained and they then took seats.

**Brethren Wm. Munkers**, representative from Holly Springs, **Wm. Roberts** from Rusk, **Peter Morrison** from Liberty, **John Grisham** from Mt. Hope, and **Greene Wallace** from Bethel congregation, respectively appeared and took their seats as members at the present Session of Presbytery **Bro. D. W. Nevills**, member from Frazier Presbytery of the C. P. Church, being present, was invited to a seat as corresponding member at the present Session; invitation accepted.

On Motion, Brethren **J. B. Harris, Wm. P. Henry, Sam'l Harris, A. J. Coupland, and R. Hodges** were excused for absence at former Session of Presbytery.

On motion, Griffin Congregation of Cherokee County was received under care of Presbytery and **Bro. Wm. Johnson (?)**, representative from said congregation took a seat as a member at the present Session of Presbytery.

Presbytery business Session took a recess until after sermon by **Bro. J. B. Harris** preached from \_\_\_\_\_ (?), after which Presbytery resumed business.

(THE NEXT 5 PAGES OF THE MINUTES DATED JULY, 1854, ARE NOT LEGIBLE)

Minutes of July Session, 1854, Continued:

On Motion, **Bro. Broughton** is assigned to supply Mt. Carmel Congregation with preaching, agreeable to arrangements between him and the congregation.

On Motion, Presbytery suspended business so that the Missionary Board may resume herewith: The collection taken up on yesterday amounted to twenty dollars & fifteen cents. Ordered that said amount be paid over onto the hands of the treasurer and that eight dollars and ninety cents, the amount due **Bro. Henry** at last settlement with him, be paid to him and the residue to **Bro. McKee** as part of what was due him at last settlement.

On Motion, Presbyterial business was resumed and **N. C. Nance(?)** of Mt. Sion congregation was changed to that of Knoxville congregation by which latter name it shall be known hereafter.

On Motion, Resolved that the thanks of Presbytery be tendered to to the citizens of Knoxville and vicinity for the kind and hospitable treatment extended to our members during the present Session

On Motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Larissa on Thursday evening before the the 3rd Sabbath in December next at early candle lighting and concluded with prayer.

**B. B. Cannon**, Clerk **Robert Hodges**, Moderator

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MINUTES DECEMBER SESSION, 1854

The Trinity Presbytery of the C. P. Church met, pursuant to adjournment, at Larissa Church on the 16th day of December, 1854. The opening sermon was preached by **Bro. Samuel Harris** from the 16th chapter, 1st. verse of Matthew. After which Presbytery was constituted by prayer.

Members present:

Ministers: **Samuel Harris T. N. McKee****A. J. Coupland W. P Henry****George Patton J. B. Harris****R. R. Martin D. W. Broughton**Absent: **J. N. Hodges**

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To Be Continued

**FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE FOUNDING OF  
FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**by **Ira Gaylon White**

In Vol 22 No 2, winter 1996-97 "TREE TALK", CCGS member Wynell Pugh published a history of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Corine cemetery. Since then I came across the following which expands on the Friendship Church founding.

The following excerpts are from Conference Minutes of the Salem Baptist Church at Larissa Texas, as copied by Helen Terrell Nunnally from the original, which is in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Library, P.O. Box 22000 Ft. Worth Texas 76122. Photocopies of the minutes are in book form available from Helen Crawford, 509 Nacogdoches St. Jacksonville, TX 75766. Words in parentheses were added by me.

Salem Baptist Church of Christ met in conference on the Third Sabbath in Sept 1865.

1st Bro. Wm. Pearson called to act as moderator.

2nd Sister M.L. Carter having been discharged from the Boiling Spring Church came as a petitioner for reception in the Church. Bro. Pearson & Bro. Click gave in their testimony as to the manner in which She Sister Carter had been treated by the Boiling Spring Church when left to the church how she should act in the premises. Sister Carter was unanimously recieved in the Church.

(signed) Wm. Pearson Mod.

V.C. Renfro Ch. Clk. Pro.

Salem Baptist Church of Christ at Larissa Cherokee County Texas, met in conference on Saturday before the 2nd Lord's day in Dec 1865.

1st Prayer by Elder E.M. Carter.

2nd Bro. M. Pearson called for his letter which was granted by the church merely recording his act in seconding him, he not having obtained his letter from Boiling Spring Church.

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### FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE FOUNDING OF FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

3rd A committee consisting of Bro. Willis Bass, Benj. P. Riddle, and V.C. Renfro appointed to meet the Boiling Spring Church and request her to rescind the act of declaring non-fellowship with us and then for the two churches to act according to the agreement made between the delegates of said churches at the Association in Oct last.

4th A motion was made that the Church take steps to procure a Pastor the ensuing associational year which being secured, Bro. E.M. Carter was unanimously selected to fill that important position.

5th A letter of dismissal granted to Eliza Ewing colored sister.

6th No further business presenting, conference adjourned to meet on Saturday before the 3rd Lord's day in January 1866.

(signed) V.C. Renfro Ch. Clk. Protem

Salem Baptist Church of Christ at Larissa Cherokee County Texas, met in conference on Saturday, no business, Bro. E.M. Carter Eld. delivered a discourse of much interest by way of general instruction.

On Sunday 3rd Lord's Day in March (1866), sermon by Eld. E.M. Carter of much interest and soundness.

The Church met in conference after the service when the committee appointed to confer with the Boiling Spring Church in regard to declaring non-fellowship for us. The report of the committee was recieved and committee discharged. The Boiling Spring Church refused to rescind their act of declaring non-fellowship. No other business for conference, the meeting adjourned to the 3rd Lord's day in April and Saturday before.

March 1866

(signed) E.M. Carter Mod.

J.W. Haden Ch. Clk.

(The above was the last mention of Boiling Spring church in Salems minutes.)

Friday, before the 5th Sabbath in August 1869, Ministers and Deacons district meeting convened with us. There being a very light representation but the time was consumed in preaching by our pastor and by our very able and esteemed Bro. Hemble. Meeting protracted for several days. No professions herd of but quite a number added to the church. To wit: John Day, J.L. Bearden, Manerva A. Bearden, Pleasant Chitwood, Abija Mixon, Matilda Mixon, S.H. Morris, Lavisia Morris, Leuticia Simpson, Mary Parks, Nancy Jackson, Mat. Hill, Sarah Regan recd as by letter. Also Sisters Case and De Robertson recd by experience, Baptism defered until the Association which is to convene with us embracing 2nd Sabbath in Oct. 69.

(signed) W.G.C. Mod.

B.P.R. C.C.

(W.G. Caperton, B.P. Riddle)

(I believe the above shows the end of Boiling Springs church with many of the members joining the Salem Church.)

Salem Baptist Church of Christ met in conference Sept 7th A.D. 1872, After preaching by Eld. J.A. Kimball.

1st Invited visiting Brethren to seats with us.

2nd Opened doors of the Church, none recieved.

3rd Delegates elected to the association: Bros. V.C. Renfro & J.D. Smyrl, Bro. T.E. Dodson Alternate.

4th Collection taken up. \$9.00 received, \$2.50 for minutes & \$6.50 for home missions.

5th Authorized Eld. J.A. Kimball to recieve by Experience & Baptize applicants in to this church during a protracted meeting to be held in the neighborhood of Bro. Mixon. (Corine)

6th Case of Bro. & Sister Chitwood taken up, returned the letter of dismissal formerly granted by the church.

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FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE FOUNDING OF FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

7th Sermon on Sabbath after which the church partook of the Lord's supper. (signed) Eld. J.A. Kimball Mod. T.E. Dodson C.C.

On Saturday before the 4th Lords day in Sept (1872) at the meeting held in Bro. Mixons neighborhood by the pastor Bro. J.A. Kimball and Bro. Holleymon. The following persons were recvd by Baptism. to wit: Willis Pew, Wiley Pew, Nancy Pew, F.M. Loper, Mary Jane Loper, Elizabeth Loper, E.M. Baxter, E.T. Ball & A.J. Mixon. Recieved by letter Susan Mixon, Sarah McNally, Patience Pew & Isabella Pew & Bro. Alfred Henry & wife Mary Jane Henry, who were formerly members of the Philadelphia church now dissolved. Came forward and made acknowledgements of neglected duties and were recieved in to fellowship of this church. (signed) J.A. Kimball Mod. J.E. Dodson C.C.

(I believe the above shows that when Boiling Spring church ended in 1869, some of its members went over to the Philadelphia Church, about which I haven't been able to find anything, then when it ended they too joined the Salem Church.)

Salem Baptist Church of Christ met Nov 9th 1872. After a sermon by our pastor the church met in conference. 1st Opened the doors of the church 2nd Letters of dismission were ask for and granted to the following brethren and sisters for the purpose of organizing a Baptist church in their neighborhood. (Corine Community)

- Brethren & Sisters A.B. Mixon Susan Mixon A.J. Mixon Nancy Pew (sp) Willis Pew Mary Jane Loper E.T. Ball Elizabeth Loper F.M. Loper E. Baxter W.M. Pew Patience Pew S.H. Morris Izebell Pew Alfred Henry Lavisa Morris J.L. Bearden Mary Jane Henry J.W. Bearden M.A. Bearden J.D. Embry M.R. Bearden Pleasant Chitwood L. Embry L. Simpson Matilda Chitwood

There being no other business, conference closed. (signed) J.A. Kimball Mod. J.E. Dodson Ch. Clk.

(I believe the above represents a complete listing of the founders of Friendship church, which must have been founded in November 1872.)

Gaylon White

**CHEROKEE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
NOVEMBER 1979 MEETING**

**PROGRAM BY GOLDALIE FRANK BALSAM**

This is a copy of the cover letter to Theo D. Rasco, President CCGS, from Deborah Spraggins Wegmet, Secretary CCGS, describing the November 1979 meeting of the Cherokee County Genealogical Society.

803 Washington Ave.  
Jacksonville, Texas 75766  
December 18, 1979

Mrs. Rasco,

To the best of my ability, enclosed is a copy of the program given by Mrs. Balsam at the November meeting. I'm quite sure the places are not spelled correctly, and I was unable to completely hear some sentences. I thought you might like to have a copy since you were unable to attend the meeting.

I am sending a copy to Mary Marsh.



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I'm sure most of you know it, but I'll just give you a little background of our family. My father and mother came here in the early 1890's after having been in Tyler, Texas for several years. And my oldest two sisters were born in Tyler. Another sister and my brother were born in Jacksonville, as I was. It was a little different in Jacksonville when they came here. And at that time, so far as I know, they were the only Jewish family. During the years there have been other families that have come to Jacksonville and have stayed for certain periods of time, but we lived here during the early part of the century and I was born in 1910, so I have recollection of many things in early Jacksonville. My great-niece who lives in New York, asked me a few months ago if I could put together a history of the family. And, because of her interest, and it pleased me very much that young people are interested today, I became interested in putting down records of the family. And, in order to do so, I contacted an elderly cousin who lives in California now and some who lived in Dallas. Fortunately, I contacted a cousin who gave me a great number of details and just a year or so later, she died. So I was fortunate in getting the material that I had. So I put together a little narrative story about our family. Peculiarly enough, my mother and father came from a very small town in Lithuania which at that time, and is now, part of Russia. And they did not know each other in that town, although it was very small. My mother's family was an educated, aristocratic family, and my father's family was very poor. So they didn't know each other. He came to this country in the early 1880's and I have a record that I'm going to show you of his citizenship papers which were taken out in Tyler, Texas in 1884. My mother came to this country a little later and because of her brother who lived in Frankston, Texas, she came with her sister to Texas. And he learned of a young Russian girl who came to Texas and he wanted to meet her and they met and they were married in 1891 in Henderson, Texas. And I have their marriage record.

So, with your permission, I'll read you what I wrote for the purpose of giving my nieces some background of the family. The facts are sketchy, some are a little more detailed. Over the years of my childhood and growing up, very little emphasis was given to family history, for which I am very sorry. However, I contacted some cousins and tried to coordinate the facts they remember or have knowledge of from records. I'll tell you first about the Mandelstams. That was my mother's family. The early beginnings of this family must have been as Sephardic Jews in Spain. At that time, of the Inquisition in 1492, many went to Holland. And it is suggested that the name was then spelled with two m's at the end... M A N D E L S T A M M due to the Dutch mode of double letters. The early 1880's find the family in Russia, evidently in the province of Covenaa (?). Zagery or Zagai (?) spelled two different ways in two different encyclopedias was the birthplace of Tillie Mandelstam, and, as far as I know, all the Mandelstams are related. It's a very unusual name in this country. Many are mentioned in the Jewish encyclopedia, and they were leaders in medicine, in the Zionist movement and other movements so that they had recognition that brought them to the attention of those who were putting together an encyclopedia of the Jewish people. And the birthplace, evidently, of our grandfather, whose name was Leon, was in Covenaa (?). There's another Leon Mandelstam in the encyclopedia, evidently a cousin, and evidently they were named after the same forebear, just as many in our family, including myself, were named after my grandmother, whose name was Gulla Hurwitz. There's a Hurwitz in Tyler, and somewhere along the line, that family must be related. Our immediate forebears were Leon Mandelstam, who died in 1905, and Gulla Hurwitz, who died about 1898. They had two children, Leon and Gargesh (?), but later they moved to the little town of Pachina (?) in Lithuania, now and then a part of Russia. However, it was very close to the border of Germany.

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They lived in a big house which was used as an inn, and from this they earned their livelihood. My mother always bragged about how scholarly her father was, so perhaps grandfather Leon continued his studies. After the older children, Morris and Lewis, the grandparents, believe it or not, had 15 other children. They didn't all live, but there were three sons, Albert, Willie and Herman, and three more daughters, my mother Tillie, and her sister Lena(?) and another sister named Esther. All of the other children died in infancy. I think there was one set of twins. All except Anna and Esther came to the United States prior to 1890, and Esther in 1913. As just a little sidelight, she came to Galveston, and I remember it as a child that my mother and my father went to meet her. And the story goes that they met them in a horse and buggy and took them for the night. And then, the next day, they took the train from Galveston to Jacksonville and I met my aunt and her husband and my cousins. All of them, one my age and the rest older. So they arrived in the United States just before the first World War in 1913. The other sister lived to adulthood and died after a couple years of marriage in Russia. And just to give you a little background, which I did for my niece, Morris, the oldest lived in St. Louis and managed a social club there many years. Albert is the one who lived in Frankston. And some of you may have driven by a tract of land over in that area which is called the Mandelstam Tract, where there are many oil wells. And a cousin of mine lives very nicely on the income from those oil wells. He lived in Frankston for many, many years, and it was there, as I told you, my mother and aunt came. A little sidestory that might be interesting ... my mother used to spend half an hour telling the story, but I'll tell it to you briefly ... When they came to New York in the 1880's, they were met by a cousin and evidently he was successful. I think my mother said he was in the furniture business, and he took them to a very fancy hotel that had a new invention, gaslights. And he explained that when they wanted to have a bath that they could go down the hall, and they had a bowl and pitcher in their room and if they got thirsty they could get water in the pitcher and the gaslights were up there and before they went to sleep, turn them off. Well, In Russia, they had oil lamps, and with oil lamps, you turn them off and then you turn them back on to see if the wick is out. So they went to bed, and my mother turned the gaslight off and turned it on. So they went to sleep and started to sleep. There was a terrible smell in the room, and they thought it was the terrible air in this country, so they pulled the window down. And my mother, who was younger, heard her sister gasping for breath, and she got up and went to get the pitcher and when she opened the door, she fainted and broke the pitcher, and that aroused the hotel and they were taken to the hospital room. So that was the first day in the United States. And then she came to Frankston, Texas. These little stories are interesting to me as we call them "Grandmother Tales". But, it was there that she met my father. He learned of her arriving in Texas, and he, in the meantime, had come to this United States early.

If you've read a little European history, you know Russia and the Germans against the Jews in the 1870's and 1880's, and a young man who had got to be 15 or 16 was sent away because otherwise, he'd be taken into the Czar's army and never seen again. So, at a very early age, about 16, he came to this country. And he found his way through the United States as a peddler until he arrived in Tyler, Texas. A cousin who had planned to come with him to this country, but at the last minute the cousin's mother wouldn't part with the young boy. She just couldn't let him go, so he remained. But later he joined my father in Tyler, Texas, and they opened a little store called "Frank & Frank". My father's name when he came to this country was ... I'm not going through all the relatives of my mother. I don't think that would be interesting to you because they didn't live in this part of the country.

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The only one who did was Uncle Albert who lived in Frankston, and in later years, we moved to New York, and my mother's brother, Herman Mandelstam, came to Jacksonville, and the store was renamed "Frank & Mandelstam" for a short period of time. But he was not a very good merchant and, after a few years, we moved back, and my father bought the business out and they went to Dallas. So that is the part of the Mandelstam family that has some connection with Jacksonville.

My father's family, interestingly enough, was named ... had a different name in Europe. A very odd name ... hard to spell, and like most immigrants coming into this country they came through Ellis Island to a ... an island off the coast of New York City where immigrants were put through the process of being allowed to come into this country. They were questioned and examined and had a physical examination and so forth, and many came in droves. And the attendants who registered them didn't have much patience with the spelling of the odd Russian names, and so as they came through the line, Efroiken, which was his name, changed to Frank. But, peculiarly enough, his father and his uncle left Russia at the same time, and when they went to the port to get on a ship, my father's father was allowed on a ship going to the United States from Europe, and my uncle was put on a ship going to South Africa. So, in South Africa, they evidently could read a little better and understood Russian a little better, because he retained the name of Efroiken. And in recent years, a cousin of mine has been in touch with an architect in South Africa whose name is Efroiken. And evidently this first cousin along the line (How is that name spelled? E F R O I K E N Also a very odd name.)

Now my father had very little education. He told me when he was eight years old he went to work in the mines where they mined amber. And if you all recall the amber beads ... there's so much plastic that looks like amber now that you can't detect the difference...they were faceted. And he said that he had had the job taking the little pieces of amber and making beads out of them. And if he wasn't very careful, his little hands would be injured from the abrasive they used to polish the amber. But, over the years, he was very interested in the Bible. That really was his only education. The religious school he went to taught the Talmud, And when I was a child, it was my interest all of it. The ministers in Jacksonville met on Sunday afternoon and invited my father to discuss the Old Testament because he knew it by heart. And so they were very anxious to question him about the Old Testament. Most of the ministers in those days learned the New Testament and not the Old Testament. So they had many Sunday afternoons that they spent discussing the Old Testament with my father. When he died in 1930, I think all the ministers were at his funeral, which was held here. And then later he was buried in Tyler. He was one of the founders of the Temple in Tyler, Temple Beth El which is still in existence. He had a number of brothers and sisters, none of which came to Texas. We have a family picture which I couldn't find tonight, taken in about 1903, when his mother and father came and they were reunited with all their children in New York City. And the picture was taken at that time.

My mother who left home when she was 15, never saw her mother again ... never saw her father again. Her mother evidently died before the father. When her sister came in 1913, she hadn't seen her since she left home in the 1880's. So this gives you a taste of what the political situation was in those years, a hundred years ago, when there was prejudice and pressure and what we're having today right here. They're the problems they're having all over the world. There's not much difference except we know more about it today. The communications are better.

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I was going to tell you a little story about one thing that might give interest to you. A little unusual adventure that my older sister, Rachel ... I don't think any of you here are old enough, I'm probably the oldest one in the room... she and three other Jacksonville girls in 1914 hiked from Denver to Salt lake City, a distance of 500 miles. And they, if you were doing research in the Jacksonville Daily Progress, my sister wrote a report of their progress.

And we have those articles which are very entertaining. And I have ... I'm going to get some of the things I have here. I'll show you my ... This is my father's citizenship papers taken out in Tyler, Texas in 1884, and this is their wedding certificate in 1891 in Henderson, Texas. If y'all want to look at them later, I'll leave them here on the table. I thought y'all might be interested ...

I don't think any of you remember the Frank Store, you're too young because it was closed in 1930, but I happen to have a little piece of wrapping paper here that y'all might be interested in. The shoe and the derby hat.

And I brought...this is a picture of my mother and father and my grandparents on both sides, my father's mother and father and my mother's mother and father. And this was his store in about 1896 , 7 ... something like that. It was located ... that's where he first had the store-about where the Diamond Shop is now. It later was moved to where Duke and Ayres is, and they occupied that entire double store all the way to the alley.

And this might be interesting ... I don't know the date ... a tall man came to town and all the ladies posed with him. My mother was standing right in front of him, and she was all of five feet. But her hat was about another foot, and he was about another foot beyond that, so I think the gentleman was 7 feet tall. And if any of you can recognize the other ladies here, it might be interesting for you because there stand the forebears of many of you.

I also have a picture taken, if some of you remember Dr. Faller. He delivered me. I don't know whether he delivered any of you. This was a picture taken after a party at Dr. Fuller's house. And my older sister is there, and if any of you would like to identify the other ladies, you may have fun doing that.

I'm going to let you see a picture of me in 1909; I was very cute. And that was a German girl who came and lived in our house and was my nursemaid. I hardly remember her. When I moved back to Texas in 1965, she called me. She heard I was back in Texas, and she came to see me.

And there's a few sort of faint pictures here, but some of you might remember Clint Shoemaker. He was tax collector, so how could you forget? And he worked in my father's store for many years, and another man named Will Crouch. He may be a forebear of some of you. And that's Clint and Will taking an afternoon ride in the buggy. Right over here in the upper left is the first delivery wagon in Jacksonville. It was a delivery automobile for L.E. Frank Store. And then that's the store with a well at the corner of Commerce and Main.

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And then this is a demonstration ... don't think demonstrations are new ... This is a demonstration of the ladies in front of the L.E. Frank Store and the sign says, "No saloons in Texas". Well, I have some more goodies for you here. Well, here's some pictures of me getting ugly as I grew up and then this is a great big goose down here because we sold Red Goose shoes. And in those days, the entertainment was if somebody had Red Goose come to town, why everybody flocked to Frank's to look at him. And we didn't have Buster Brown shoes in our store, but J.O. Douglas, next door, sold Buster Brown shoes and when Buster Brown and his dog, Tige, came to town, little Goldalie was out there and Papa didn't like it. If any of you remember a lady named Miss Ella Musgrove, she had a music place here and three of my sisters are in this picture. All three of them were potential musicians. This is a picture of my father taken, it says, in Tyler, Texas, and I imagine he was about 19 or 20. And this is the family when the three daughters were born ... were living...

(Tape ran out on one side)

...magazines. Because, in that day, four young ladies that hiked 500 miles, it was quite a feat. And they had a bunch of postcards made which they mailed back and the four young ladies' names ... some of you may be related to them ... were Mozelle Newton, Nita Duke, Miss Allie Newsome and Rachel Frank. Now, as I was looking through some things this afternoon, I found a whole stack of these. So if any of you would like one for your memory book, I'll be glad to share it.

Now, if you want to ask me any questions, I'll be glad to answer them, but I think that more or less skips over it.

(Mary Marsh) - What was the period of time?

(Mrs. Balsam) - A hundred years of family history.

(Mary Marsh) - When was the period of time that your father had a store in Jacksonville?

(Mrs. Balsam) - From 1894 to 1930. When he died in 1930, we closed the store and moved to New York. And I lived in New York 35 years and moved back in 1965. So it was a period of about 40 years.

(Mr. Roddy from Rusk) - Cherokee County produced probably one of the most outstanding Jews of Texas. And it was about this time. Were you acquainted with Fred Florence?

(Mrs. Balsam) - Yes, sir. He was a very good friend of our family's.

(Mr. Roddy) - And he lived in Alto, and was in the bank there.

(Mrs. Balsam) - He was about the same age and dated one of my sisters, but, unfortunately, she didn't marry him.

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(Mr. Roddy) - He dated my mother. Fred was the only Jew in Alto, and it was my mother's home. It was a large family and it was the gathering place of everyone. He was quite a frequent visitor, and somewhere I've seen quite a number of pictures of Fred. When he went to Dallas, and was President of a big bank, he tried to get 2 of my uncles to come and work with him. It was Republic National Bank.

(Mrs. Balsam) - Yes, he was President of Republic National Bank.

(Mr. Roddy) - That's right. For many, many years and anytime anybody from Cherokee County, and Alto particularly showed up in Dallas, he practically put the bank detectives trying to locate them. He wanted to talk to them. He was a very fine man.

(Mrs. Balsam ) He was.

(Mr. Roddy) Now this Hurwitz line you mentioned. In your lineage of the Hurwitz, is that H U R W I T Z ?

(Mrs. Balsam) Yes, sir. Same spelling as this one in Tyler.

(Mr. Roddy) All right. Do you have anyone in there by the name of Pat Hurwitz? Pat would be about 70 to 75. He's a graduate of Rice Institute.

(Mrs. Balsam) I have no record continuation of the Hurwitz relatives at all, and I have no knowledge of whether they were the same family or not. It is a more common name than Mandelstam or Efroiken. So that while I could find some record of those names, I didn't pursue Hurwitz or Greben (?), also which is very common. Because I think you all know that when my father had the store in Tyler, it was called Frank & Frank. He moved to Jacksonville in 1894, and his cousin who we called "Uncle" and were very close to moved to Lufkin. And he was the father of Morris Frank, who many of you have probably heard speak at various times. Morris died about 4 years ago. And we were really closer to them than any relatives that we had because the younger relatives were in New York. But, when I moved back here in 1965, we still were, so far as I know, the only Jewish family here. There have been a few that have come and gone, but, so far as I know now, I don't know of anyone that's Jewish in Jacksonville.

(Mrs. Crawford) - Mrs. Balsam, in 1906, there were about 25 Jewish families in Jacksonville.

(Mrs. Balsam) - There were? That was before I was born, so I had no idea.

(Mrs. Crawford) - Well, anyway, they had an all-day picnic deal down at Dialville, I believe it was.

(Mrs. Balsam) - Probably from this area. That would be from Rusk...

(Crawford) - Well, it could have been

(Balsam) - That was probably the Florences and their families.

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Crawford) - But, I believe it said 25 different families.

(Balsam) - That's news to me. I have never heard that. I know many years ago somebody called me, and they were trying to trace a family that lived here, and they did find them buried in Tyler. But there was never any group of Jewish people in Jacksonville. Over the years my father continued to be a member of the Temple, and he was buried in Tyler, but later when we moved to New York, we moved his body up to New York. He and my mother are buried in New York. Well, I thank you very much for asking me.

(Mrs. Heath) - Let me ask you one more question. Do you remember your dad ever mentioning Elec Tipton?

(Mrs. Balsam) - Yes.

(Mrs. Heath) - He bought merchandise. That's my grandfather. He ran a country store in New Summerfield, and I think they thought so much of one another that they said that they wanted to go to the other one's funeral, but they didn't know which one was going first. But, I think your dad had moved away and then...

(Mrs. Balsam) - No, my father died here.

(Mrs. Heath) - He did?

(Mrs. Balsam) - Well, as a matter of fact, in those days, a big store in a community would also sell to the country stores. And I'll just tell you one cute little story that might give you a laugh. This is a story on Clint Shoemaker. He worked for Papa. And we had a lot of those ... I wish I had them now ... High-top pointed toe (spread shield? straight heeled?) kidskin shoes. And they had gone out of style. So there was a big box of them upstairs in the storeroom and Papa said to Clint one day, "You're not busy. Take those shoes and see if you can't sell them to one of these country stores." So Clint went out with the shoes in the back of the buggy, and was gone all day. He came back about dark. He didn't have the shoes, but he had a white mule. And he had the white mule hitched to the back of the buggy. And he said, "Mr. Frank, I couldn't get a nickel for those shoes, but I found one sucker. He gave me this good white mule for those shoes." So Papa said, "What are we going to do with that mule?" He said, "Well, somebody will give you five bucks for it. We'll take it out in the back of the house" (where they kept the horse) "and tomorrow, I'll sell the mule." -So, next morning when Clint came to collect the mule, it was dead.

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**RELIEF FOR THE FAMILIES OF CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS**

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Gordon,

My husband, Bill, and I met you at a CCGS meeting last year. The program concerned the Sons of the Confederacy post at Rusk. The meeting reminded me of an old newspaper article that we had at home.

I found the attached article in a book of old newspaper clippings that belonged to my grandmother, Mittie (Hammett) Moore. The article, "Relief for the Families of Confederate Soldiers," appeared in the Rusk Enquirer on Sept. 26, 1863. The original clipping is very fragile, yellowed, and badly stained. The attachment is my best interpretation of the article.

Would you give a copy of this article to Willie Harold Acker for the post at Rusk? I can't find that he has an e-mail address. If the article is of any use to the CCGS, please feel free to use it.

We hope to see you at a meeting this year. Thanks for your help.

Linda (Moore) Bollinger

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Note: This article was badly stained. Some words were illegible.

**ENQUIRER—Extra****RUSK, TEXAS, TUESDAY SEPT. 26, 1863**

RELIEF FOR SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.—Below we give the proceedings of a meeting held in this town, for the relief of families of soldiers in the service of the Confederate States and of this State. In order that the value of the fund raised may be appreciated, it is proper to state that the average price of Wheat in this County is \$5 per bushel; Corn \$2.50 to \$3; Sugar, 75 to 90 cents per lb.; Salt 15 to 20 cts., and Cotton 25 cts. Many of our prominent citizens were absent, and when they shall have had an opportunity to subscribe, the fund will be largely increased. Every subscription in money was promptly paid at the time of subscribing, and the articles of produce are ready at the call of the Committee. We hope that the other Beats in the County will out-do this in this laudable and patriotic work.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

At a meeting of the citizens of Rusk Beat (No. 2[stain]) Cherokee Co. and in the town of Rusk on the 12th day of September, 1863, Hon. W. C. Daniel was called to the Chair, and M. H. Bonner, Esq. Appointed Secretary. The Chairman, in a few appropriate remarks, explained that the object of the meeting was to provide ways and means for the assistance of the needy families of officers and soldiers from said county, now in the service of the Confederate States, and of those who may have died or hereafter die in said service.

On motion it was unanimously Resolved That in the present crisis of our country, everyone can and should perform his part, however humble, in the great struggle for independence; and that whilst our brave soldiers are battling for our sacred rights in the [stain] field, it is the imperative duty of everyone at home, to encourage and strengthen them in their heroic efforts and as much as possible to lighten their cares and render them content by giving to their needy families every aid and comfort in our power where-ever needed; and that to this end we most earnestly and respectfully solicit the citizens of our county to meet in their respective Beats, and by subscription or otherwise to aid us in this good work.

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On motion, it was decided to raise in Rusk Beat, the required amount by individual subscriptions and R. C. Tucker, Hiram McKnight, R. B. Reagan and T. L. Philleo were appointed a Committee to solicit subscriptions for this purpose and to disburse the funds subscribed.

On motion, subscriptions were asked of those present, whereupon the following amounts were readily given:

R. H. Guinn, 25 bushels of corn.  
 W. C. Daniel, \$50 for the Beat and \$50 for the County.  
 A. Jackson, \$25 for the Beat and \$10 for the County.  
 H. McKnight, \$10. R. B. Reagan \$25 and 25 bushels of corn.  
 H. B. Turner \$5 and 25 lbs. spinning cotton.  
 S. S. Singletary, \$15. S. S. Lunsford, \$15. P. Lunsford, \$15.  
 G. S. Doty, \$100 for the Beat and \$200 for the County.  
 Stephen Jones \$10. M. D. Frazer, \$10. M. Farmer, \$20.  
 R. C. Tucker, 200 bush. corn. John Hank, \$10 and 10 bush. corn  
 James A. DeWitt, \$10 and 10 bushels corn.  
 Dan Egbert \$50. John Moseley \$100. S. P. Donley \$100.  
 W. N. Sloan, \$25 and 150 lbs. spinning cotton.  
 T. L. Philleo, \$100, 100 bushels corn and 20 bushels wheat—part for the Beat and part for the County.  
 John T. Wiggins, 50 lbs. Salt. Wm. Summers, \$25.  
 J. N. Fisher, 25 bushels Meal. Austin Jones, \$50.  
 W. T. Yeomans, \$10 and the printing of these proceedings.  
 Dr. J. S. Wightman, \$50. M. H. Bonner, \$100.  
 D. P. Irby, 200 lbs. Sugar. V. Ozment, \$50.  
 J. L. & J. S. Whitescarver, 20 bushels of Meal.  
 R. B. Martin, \$10 and 10 bushels of corn.  
 Samuel Stafford, 20 bushels of corn. Dr. E. Samos, \$25.  
 R. J. Ricketts, \$100. A. T. Heth, \$50. F. M. Hicks, \$50.  
 J. C. Francis, \$50 and 100 lbs. spinning cotton.  
 Wm. Roberts, \$10, 20 bushels corn, and 10 bushels Wheat.  
 A. Renn, \$100 and 50 lbs. sugar. J. W. Metcalf, \$5.  
 B. H. Dillard, 2[stain] Bushels of corn. E. J. Roberts, 50 bushels of corn.  
 C. Peacock, \$10 and 25 bushels of Corn.  
 Dr. C. B. Raines, \$100 and 100 lbs. spinning cotton.  
 C. H. Williams, \$100 and 100 bushels of Corn.  
 Crittender (?) [stain] Chandler, 100 bushels of Corn. J. M. Wiggins [stain]  
 M. A. Raines, 50 bushels corn. Charles Mankin, \$10.  
 Wm. Munkers, 100 bushels Corn. C. C. Acker, [stain]  
 C. Mallard, 100 bushels of corn and 100 lbs. of cotton.  
 J. E. Lang, 20 bushels of Corn. Elias Nelson, 20 bushels of Corn.  
 [stain] Van Zandt [stain]

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Committee.

WM. C. DANIEL, Chairman

M. H. BONNER, Sec'y

**Murder of Sheriff Bill Brunt date of death 8/3/39**

Mr. Bennett,

My name is Carl Watters. I retired from the Ector County Sheriff's Office this past June and I would like to follow-up on some information I learned during the course of an undercover operation in the mid - 80's.

To begin with, I recall, as a young child that my Grandmother had a small picture in a wooden box, along with numerous others. This one photo was of a gentleman dressed in nice clothes and wearing a western hat. When I asked about the photo (all the others of my family were working class and wore overalls) I was told that the man was Sheriff Bill Brunt and that he had been killed in the line of duty. I was always amazed that my Grand-parents were friends of a real Sheriff.

As time went on I became a Deputy with the Ector County Sheriff's Office. After reaching the rank of Inspector and supervising 191 Officers and civilians I retired. During my service I was supervisor of the Intelligence Section and responsible for all undercover operations conducted by our office.

During the course of one of these operations I and another Officer were hired to kill a man in Midland, Texas. We arrested this subject and during the course of my interrogation with him I noted that he used terms, words and phrases that reminded me of some of the stories that my Grandfather used to tell about things that happened in Cherokee County.

I asked the defendant where he was raised and he informed me that he was raised in Cherokee County and that he made "moonshine" for one of the biggest ranchers in Cherokee County and that he had been present when Sheriff Bill Brunt was killed on the Rusk Highway as he was hauling a "load of shine" for the rancher at the time of the shooting. He stated that the rancher had shot Sheriff Brunt and that the Sheriff then shot the rancher.

I have since learned that the "rancher" did not shoot Sheriff Brunt as the "rancher" he mentioned was still alive at the time and was ninety-two years old and in bad health.

I was also able to learn that it was my Grandmother's cousin, Isaiah Creel, that shot Sheriff Brunt and that Sheriff Brunt shot Mr. Creel.

Needless to say I was pretty taken aback by this tale as probably in some way the old photo of Sheriff Brunt turned me towards law enforcement as a career.

Would you know if there are newspaper articles identifying the parties involved in this murder. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial shows Sheriff Brunt to have died on 8/3/39.

I would like to secure copies of the articles if they exist. I did not try the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office as I was told that there had been a fire there at some time and that a lot of records were destroyed.

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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**W. H. Hill**  
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To: <gordonbe@tyler.net>

Gordon

I would like to submit the attached biography. Thank you!

Mary Love Berryman

William W. Hill, was born in Wilson county, Tennessee, March 21, 1835 but with his father came to Texas and located in Cherokee county, in 1855, where he remained, engaged in farming, until 1869. In August, 1861, however, he entered the Confederate army as Lieutenant of Company C. Eleventh Texas infantry, and in 1863, was promoted to a captaincy. He served with valor all through the war, and returned to his home the June after the final surrender. He was married in December, 1865; after leaving Cherokee county he removed to Cooke county, Texas, and after a residence there of six years, bought his tract of 260 acres, which he has taken from the raw prairie, and put 125 acres under cultivation. He has also erected good buildings on his premises, and has well stocked his farm. Mr. Hill has served as Tax-collector for Cooke county, having enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens for many years, and having been by them elected to that position of trust and responsibility. As a member of the Masonic fraternity, he holds the respect of all his brethren.

The father of William W. Hill was John J., a native of South Carolina, who moved to Tennessee and there resided for four years, and then moved to Alabama, and back again to Tennessee, but eventually, in 1855, came to Texas, and settled in Cherokee county, where he died in 1867, at the age of sixty-seven years.

Mary, a daughter of William Mullins, was married to John J. Hill and became the mother of eleven children, named as follows - Nancy J. (married Isaac N. Guthrie), Elizabeth (married Elijah Meadow), William W., Mary (married to Steven Stadler), Rebecca (married first to James Stadler, and afterward to P. L. Clayton), Martha (who was married to Eli Fitch), Susan (married to Thomas Fitch), Sarah (married to Thomas Powell), Victoria (married to George Fitch), John T. and Matthew. By a second wife Mr. Hill had born to him - Tennessee, who was married to Peter O'Reilly; Georgia A., married to Wood Goodwin, Thomas, Laura, M and William A. Robinson.

William W. Hill has been twice married, his first wife having been Amanda, a daughter of Elisha Mills, of Georgia, who died in Texas in 1874. To this union were born Overton L. and Mary S. The second wife of Mr. Hill is named Missouri and is a daughter of Harmon Rowe, of Georgia. To this last marriage has been born one child William T. Mr. Hill is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is held in the highest esteem by the brethren of the ancient order, as well as by the members of the community in which he lives.

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## Items from the Jacksonville Banner

by Ira Gaylon White

In light of the fact that there no longer exists a federal census for Cherokee County Texas for 1890, I decided to extract names from the "Jacksonville Banner" papers from that time frame. These papers from 1889 and 1890 belong to Helen Wooddell Crawford, who allowed me to come over and extract the information. The paper was published weekly, on Thursday and was 6 pages of 20 inches by 25 inches. It was owned by Dodson & McFarland, and the editor was John McFarland. I recorded only bits and pieces and will just include the items as I wrote them down.

Dec 19 1889:

Ad for MCLENDON's Piano and Organ Store....

Ad by CARSON, SEWELL & CO for cotton to be shipped to Houston....

Article about a man making a doll house....

Marshall TX, a black man named John GRANT was run over by a train....

Tyler, TX Capt. F.C. GUNN came from Kansas City to make a city map....

H.C. HAVENKOTT is building a furniture factory....

Gov. ROSS making speech in Austin TX....

Article on shipping cotton from Jefferson Texas....

In Whitewright, TX, J.L. DRAPER attempted to hang himself....

Funeral in New Orleans for Jefferson DAVIS....

Article on the flood in Johnstown, PA....

Article on red underwear being healthy....

John L. SULLIVAN to fight again in 5 months....

W.M. IMBODEN retired from the "TYLER RECORD", J.S. BONNER to continue the paper, J.S.

BONNER better known as "K'lamity"....

Articles on Fred DOUGLAS and Horace GREELY....

In Jasper, Texas the "Burning Light" is unique as a specimen of Ethiopian Culture....

Ad for SORY, BROWN & CO furniture store....

Ad for HEERMANS, ARMSTRONG & CO architect and builders in J'ville....

Ad for WETTERMARK & BAGLEY general banking business on Commerce St. in J'ville....

Ad for the fall term of JACKSONVILLE ACADEMY, E.T. TISINGER principal....

Ad for W.A. NEWTON Staples & Dry Goods Store....

Ad for GILLESPIE & JONES Real Estate, Loans & Life Insurance....

B.B. CANNON's for clothes for girls & boys, Ladies & Men, Cutlery & Crockery....

Ad for J.L. DOUGLAS & BRO. Gents furnishing goods....

J.F. ARCHER pastor Methodist Church, D.W. BAGLEY superintendent....

W.M. GADDY pastor Baptist Church J.A. HEERMANS supt....

W.H. WYCOUH pastor O.S. Presbyterian Church, W.H. SORY supt....

W.C. FREDRICK, Dr. L. LLOYD, & W.A. NEWTON school Trustee J'ville....

I.H. THOMPSON Mayor J'ville....

W.H. SORY, W.A. NEWTON, H.L. MORRIS, J.L. DOUGLAS, J.A. TEMPLETON & John H.

BOLTON aldermen for J'ville....

J.C. BRADDY city marshall for J'ville....

Ad for DEVEREUX's Store....

Work completed on Douglas' new store....

Rev. S.R. EZELL has his place for sale....

Ad for SMITH & JONES liquor dealers....

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## Items from the Jacksonville Banner

E.R. MCPHERSON appointed assignee....

Rev. T.J. STOVALL Baptist Church & also served Rusk & New Birmingham Churches....

Ad for L.A. MAPHIS & CO musical instruments....

Ad for C.A. LAWLER's Groceries & fancy candies....

Ad for NUNNALLY & LAWRENCE Jewelry, silk handkerchiefs & glassware....

Miss Bina MATHEWS & Mrs. E. MORRELL advertise bargains....

F.W. THOMAS Ad for Saddles....

J.H. BOLTON & CO bargains....

J.F. MALLARD, J.H. BOLTON, Mart FRANCIS, D.W. BAGLEY, Columbus GOODSON, Jim FULLER, Willfred WETTERMARK, James LOVELADY, Mrs. W.H. LOVELADY & several others went to Rusk last Sunday....

Ad for MORGAN's BON TON Shaving Emporium, R.W. MORGAN proprietor....

Andy CHESSHER ad for Oranges, Apples, Nuts and Candies, also School Books....

Ad for MORGAN's Tonsorial Parlor haircuts....

SORY, BROWN & CO ad for Jewelry....

Misses Jimmie BROWN & Belle CLAYTON, who have been attending School at Omen for the last 4 months are home for Christmas....

Mrs. Dollie MORRIS & Viola BRITTAIN who are attending school at Sherman are home to visit....

W.P. DEVEREUX assignee of TILLEY & SETTLES of J'ville....

J.C. DOUGLAS of Bullard was in J'ville Sunday....

Sam HEIDLBERG & Robert TILLEY, two old Jacksonvillians spent Sunday in J'ville....

TILLEY & SETTLES Tinnners & Plumbing....

I.A. MAPHIS ad for Christmas presents....

Prof. S.H. MILLER of Rusk is visiting in J'ville....

DOUGLAS & MORRISs new brick building will be completed this week....

A group of young people from Palestine were on their way to Rusk on the train: Misses Pearl OZMENT, Ruby OZMENT, Jewel OZMENT, Ada OGILVIE, Belle "Battercakes" SNOW, Bettie RICKEY, Callie SAWYERS, & Messrs J.A. RICKEY, F.R. SAWYERS, J.W. OZMENT, Marcus DAVIS & Charlie MCMILLIAM....

Conference appointments at Rusk: U.B. PHILLIPS, G.A. LECHERE, J.F. NEILL, B.R. BOLTON, J.F. ARCHER, I.A. BURKE, J.B. LUKER, J.T. SMITH, T.W. BOGNTORO, H.A. FRICKE, A.G. SCRUGGS - J'ville station, C.B. SMITH, & John HELPENSTELL....

P.C. RAGSDALE, adm of est of A.J. COKER decs'd having filed in our County Court his final account of the condition of the estate of said A.J. COKER deceased, together with an application to discharge from said administration, you are hereby commanded that by publication of this writ for 20 days preceding the first Monday in January 1890 in the newspaper regularly published in the County of Cherokee, give due notice to all persons interested in the acct for final settlement of said estate., witness S.B. BARRON clerk of Co. Court and signed by him S.B. BARRON....

Stores that sell Black Draught: J.H. BOLTON & CO, J.A. MAPHIS & CO, A.C. HARRISON, EZELL, MCCRACKEN & CO in Gent, Mrs. A.J. MARINER in Larissa, G.W. TIPTON, BLACK & CUNNINGHAM, O.P. WHITE in Rusk, W.G. JAMISON & Co. in Rusk, W.C. DAVIDSON in Wells....

J.H. BOLTON & CO is selling ACKER's Blood Elixir....

W.H. LOVELADY dealer in General Merchandise....

Miss Bina MATHEWS & Elina MORRELL sell fashionable millinery....

C.A. LAWLER sells groceries....

## **Rededication of the Restored Confederate Monument** **by Mary Taylor**

Below is a text of the dedicatory address I gave in Rusk on Saturday, October 27 (2001) at the rededication of the restored Confederate monument. Harold Acker asked that I send it to you.  
Mary Taylor

“Ninety four years ago, a group of Cherokee County citizens gathered here at the courthouse square to dedicate this monument to those brave men who gave their all for a cause in which they believed. The square was different in 1903. A much smaller courthouse structure stood here, there was no pavement or guttering on the streets, and automobile and truck traffic was not a problem.

The movement to erect the monument and fundraising was spearheaded by members of the Frank Taylor 686 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The chapter was chartered on May 28, 1903 and their major goal was this monument. Their chapter was named for Francis Marion (Frank) Taylor who left his position as District Clerk, told his wife and two children goodbye, marched away with Co. C 3d TX Cavalry as its Captain in July of 1861. He died in Fayetteville, AK in May of 1862. Chapter members were young, middle age, and beyond. They were the daughters, wives and mothers of veterans. They were the unsung heroines of the home front.

And so the fulfillment of their goal came on October 31, 1907. They were assisted with the dedication by the United Confederate Veterans and the Iron Guards. Miss Frank L. Tatham, Corresponding Sec. for the chapter was given the honor of unveiling the monument.

It is my honor and privilege as a member of Moses M. Buckner 2442 to dedicate this restored monument to the memory of all those who braved the traumatic events of 1861-65, at home and on the field of battle, to the memory of those who gave their all for the Southern cause, and to the memory of ancestors who have preserved our heritage through the years.

General Robert E. Lee once said, ‘There is one true glory and one true honor, the glory of duty well done and the honor of integrity of principle.’ This is the principle for which our Confederate forefathers fought with valor unequalled in the annals of history. This principle, Love of God, Love of Country will never die unless we who are alive today permit it to die. No cause in the history of mankind ever evoked such sacrifice and patriotism. And so, I also dedicate this monument as a legacy to our descendants. Lest we forget and lest they fail to remember, I dedicate it as a reminder of their heritage.”

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**Andrew Durret Family Bible**  
**Transcribed by IdaLee D. Edmiston**  
**Submitted by Mrs. Ogreta W. Huttash**

ANDREW DURRETT FAMILY BIBLE owned by Dr. Delbert H. Derrett of Hurst, Texas. This Bible was published in Philadelphia by J. P. Lippincott & Co., 1848. Copied by Mrs. IdaLee Edmiston, 409 N. Bolton, Jacksonville, Texas., April 1971, daughter of Andrew J. and granddaughter of Andrew. This family moved to Cherokee County in the early 1850s from Mississippi. Andrew was born in Virginia. After the death of Ellen in 1867, he married Mrs. Jane Lankford Benge, widow of John, the same year. The last three children are from this union.

#### MARRIAGES

Andrew Durret & Elenor Prater his wife was married July 5 - 1829

#### BIRTHS

Andrew Duret born March 18 - 1808  
 Elenor Durrett born Decer 19 - 1810  
 Susan Durrett born Oct 19 - 1830  
 Thomas J. Durrett born May 13 - 1832  
 John Durret born November 10 - 1833  
 Frances Durret born July 2 - 1835  
 Penelope Durret born Feb 7th - 1837  
 Agnes Durret born December 27 - 1838  
 James Durret born Sept 27 - 1840  
 Lewis Durret born Sept 23 - 1842

Ruben Durret born Sept 10 - 1844  
 Hosey Durret born Aug 22 - 1846  
 Mary J. Durret born Aug 23 - 1848  
 Elmira Durret born Aug 20 - 1850  
 Caroline Durret born Aug 20 - 1850  
 Kile Durret born December the 4th 1852  
 Samuel Durrett born Decer 3, 1868  
 Andrew J. Durrett was born April the 12th  
 1870  
 Sallie Ann Durrett was born Jan 28th 1872

#### DEATHS

Penelope Durrett departed this life April 29 - 1850  
 John Durrett departed this life Aug the 15th 1862  
 James Durrett departed this life August the 26th 1864  
 Rheuben Durrett departed this life Aug the 8th 1864  
 Ellen Durrett died April the 30th 1867  
 Andrew Durrett Departed this life Oct 21, 1878  
 Mrs. O. M. Benge died July the 15th 1927  
 Hosea Durrett died January the 8th 1929  
 Lewis Durrett died February the 19th 1929

NOTE: The death date of Andrew Durrett is wrong as he is shown on the 1880 Census at Residence #232 with Jack., age 10, and Sallie, age 8. Also., he signed a deed in 1881. It is believed he died in 1882. Andrew J. (Jack) and all his descendants are called "Derrett. "  
 (Mrs. Ogreta W. Huttash)

**ALTHEA LEONA DENNIS POPE**  
**Submitted by Dr. Teddy Barclay Pope**

ALTHEA LEONA DENNIS POPE, age 83, passed away on Saturday, April 19th, 1998. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Curtis William Pope; her parents, Mittie Wallace and John Lee Dennis, brothers; John, Billy, Ted, McDougal and Earl(Mutt) Dennis. Born in Cherokee County, Texas, Mrs. Pope lived in Houston for 50 years. She was a member of Westbury Baptist Church and a former member of Southland Baptist and Willow Meadows Baptist. She was formerly active in The A & M Mothers Club; The Ladies Auxiliary Houston Retail Grocery Association and the Ladies Auxilary Houston Restaurant Association through Rainbo Baking company.

Mrs. Pope is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Johnnie and Burl Horn of Houston, Son and daughter-in-law Jerry and Sue Pope of Spring and Son and daughter-in-law Drs. Perry and Gail Pope of Virginia Beach, Va. Grandchildren Larry and Gayla Horn of Center, Terry Horn of Houston, Michael and Nancy Horn of Sugar Land, Sherri Horn of Houston, Kirk William Pope of Phoenix, Az., Kristi and Daron Giron of Austin, Kent and Karen Pope of Cypress, Dennise Pope of Woodville, Perry Porry B. Pope Jr. of Virginia Beach, Va., and Josh McFail of Waco. Great-grandchildren Ashley, Amber, Jordan Horn of Center, Jessica Horn of Richardson, Michelle, Michael, Mallory Horn of Sugar Land and Christopher and Carley Giron of Austin; sister Isabell Alvarez of Jacksonville, Brother Joseph Lee (Joe Bob) Dennis of Blanchard, La., numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM until 9:00 on Monday at Borin-Conner Funeral Home in Jacksonville. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 22, at Concord Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Concord, Texas. Mrs. Pope's grandchildren will serve as her pallbearers. Her great-grandchildren and her nieces and nephews for whom she cared for deeply will be honorary pall bearers. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Baylor College of Medicine, Dept. of Medicine, Officer of Development, Hemotology Research, 1 Baylor Plaza, Rm 171A, Houston, Tx., 77030 or to Homebound Ministries, Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft, Houston, TX 77096.

**HISTORIAN'S REPORT**  
**February 11, 2002**

Filed 81 exchange publications.

Placed the following in the library:

The Nacogdoches Story: An Informal History by Joe E. Ericson

1890 Tax Record Abstract Smith County Texas in honor of Gordon Bennett, Jan. speaker

4 rolls, of microfilm used in preparing the new Marriage Records 1905-1931 book

Lonnie Smith turned over CCGS minutes covering January 1983 through April 1984, August 1988 through April 1989 and May 1990 through April 1991. These will be placed in the library with our other minutes.

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Seeking information on the following african-american/native-american surnames in Cherokee and Burlson Counties, TX NELSON, HEARD & ALLEN.  
 My gr grandfather John D. NELSON (b 1886? d 196?) married first wife Emmie HEARD (b 1884? d 1920?) before 1910 in Cherokee County and then second wife Melinda (?) in Burlson County. John and Emmie's children were Josephine (my grandmother) and Jerelyn but were mostly raised by John and their step-mother Melinda. John had a halfbrother named Chestina ALLEN (b 1887 d 1977) and was an associate minister under Pastor Davis at Starlight Baptist Church in Somerville. Would appreciate any information that you may have on the above persons and/or their families. Thank you in advance!  
 La Tanya Cole

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I am searching for the names of parents of Little Berry Davis Sain. He was born in Manchester, Coffee County, TN in 1858. He married Jane Caison or Cason in Henderson, TX, July 9, 1850. They had four children. Jane died in 1861 and is buried in the Caison-Heath Cemetery in New Salem, TX. In 1865, he married Sarah E. O'Hair-Edwards in Cherokee County, TX, November 14, 1865. They had two children. Ancestors have said that he served in the Civil War, but I cannot find any record of his service. As he was connected by marriage to the Heath family, perhaps he served with Thomas Heath in the Eastland County Second Frontier Militia. This company was not placed into service and all men were dismissed without pay. I don't have a list of the men who were in this unit. I thought L.B.D. Sain may have been listed and perhaps his father's and mother's names listed.

Thomas M. Heath, private, enlisted with a company in Commanche County, TX on March 17, 1864. Only eight days later, the Commanche County Second Frontier Dist. was transferred to the Confederate States of America led by Major G. B. Erath.

I would appreciate any information you may have about Little Berry Davis Sain or Larkin Caison, Sain's father-in-law. Larkin Caison was born in North Carolina, but moved to either Warren or Coffee County, TN. Caison died December 22, 1863 and is buried in the Caison-Heath Cemetery near New Salem, Texas.

If you have nay information or publications on the history of your area I would gladly pay for it.

Carol Penman  
 8730 E. Apache Trail  
 Sp 16  
 Mesa AZ 85207

My Great Great Grandpa was Edgar Aber born 1853. His wife was Susan Haberle born 1856. Two places of interest to me there in your town are: The Aber Box and Basket Factory built and operated by Edgar and the Haberle homestead at 833 S. Bolton St. It has Gingerbread Victorian detail. If either places are currently occupied by individuals with the last name of Aber or Haberle, I would be interested in talking with them. I am trying to find out the name and date of birth of Edgar's father, and am interested in finishing tracing that line back. Edgar Aber, born 1853 in Steuben Cty, New York. Married Susan Haberle in 1874 in Alpena, Michigan. Moved to Jacksonville, Texas after their first 2 children were born. Thank you for your help, Sincerely, Carol Penman (daughter of Eugene Franklin Aber)

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## Queries

Peggy N. Allen,  
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I would like a look-up in the Cherokee Co. Land Sales & Cherokee Co. Courthouse records on a BERRY A. (B.A.) STONE. I know that a record was in Cherokee Co., dated Feb. 22, 1853 to the Heirs of Berry A. Stone on land, but any kind of records on him or who his heirs were would be most appreciated. I want to thank you for your time & effort on this request & look forward to hearing from you. Any kind of info on B.A. Stone would be a great help in my search on him. Keep up the good work,  
Peggy

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My interest in your society is because I am in search of information on my grandmother's and grandfather's family. My grandmother's name is Cora Ann Ledford and my grandfather's name is Edwin (Ed) Durward Hamilton. My father's name is Welton Leon Hamilton and my mother's name is Wanda LaNell White. My brothers and I are trying to put together a family tree and we need some information on our grandparents to finish the tree. We don't know who their parents were or where they were born. We don't know who their brothers and sisters were or where they lived before they were married. We do know that they lived in Jacksonville, TX they about 9 children in all and our grandfather worked at the basket factory. Our grandmother didn't work, she doesn't even have a SS card. She used our grandfather's SS card. We were told that grandmother has a sister that we know of who lived in Troup, TX and our grandfather has three brothers that we know of who also lived in the Troup area. One of our grandfather's brothers was said to have been the driver for Bonnie and Clyde, but that has not been confirmed. We know that our father's sister, Sally, did a family tree on our grandfather's family, but we don't know if she has it put on file and we don't know her married name. Any help that you can give us would be greatly appreciated.  
Sincerely, Teresa Hamilton

Willie Harold Acker, Sr.,  
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Searching for the burial place of two children of Christopher Columbus and Mary A. Sides Acker. They are as follows:  
(1) Drusilla Acker born Jan 9, 1884. She obtained a letter of dismission from Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Dialville, TX in 1908 (name spelled Sillar). She is probably the same Silla Acker who joined the church in 1902.  
(2) Abbie F. Acker born May 16, 1889.  
This family also lived in Hill County, TX around 1900.

Julie E. Stokes  
P.O. Box 7552  
San Bernardino, CA 92411  
(714) 278-3485.

In my attempt to locate the birth certificates or baptismal records for my ancestors:  
1) Veola Miller Female Birth: November 19, 1901 Place of birth: Alto, Cherokee county, Texas  
2) Mattie Brown (Mother of Veola Miller)  
3) Roger Miller (Father of Veola Miller)  
The Cherokee County Courthouse, Cherokee County Clerk's Office, P.O. Drawer 420 Rusk, Texas 75785 mailed me your address and indicated that you may be able to assist me in my search.  
If possible, I am also requesting a copy of my ancestors' marriage license between 1846 and 1901 for: Mattie Brown and Roger Miller Alto, Cherokee County, Texas

Bob Willis  
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I'm searching for MILES HENRY WILLIS, moved from Attala County, to Cherokee County, TX, around 1865. Settled south of Alto, raised his family while farming. Also sold beef to COALING CAMP prison. His wife was VICTORIA ELIZABETH MEGGS. MILES HENRY was a decorated Civil War soldier from MS. Looking for his death info, burial, etc. Any guidance definitely appreciated. Thank You  
Bob Willis in OK

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Hi, I am a descendant of Shelby Holmes Cook. My father is James W. Cook who was the son of John Elbert Cook, who was the son of William Jehu Cook, who was the son of Shelby Cook. Here is a question I am hoping you can help me with. The wife of William Jehu Cook was Maggie Elnora Cummings. Her father was John A. Cummings and her mother was Mary Houston. I have heard that this woman was either Gen. Sam Houston's sister or daughter. Do you know anything about this? Gen. Sam Houston was married three times, and had children with Margaret Lea. One of their daughters' name was Mary Willie Houston who was born on Apr 9, 1850. The father of Gen Sam Houston was Major Samuel Houston who married a Elizabeth Paxton. They also had a daughter named Mary Houston, making her Gen Sam Houston's sister. However, I have no dates on her birth. Interesting as well, I exchanged information with a BC Coalter who had traced the Paxtons back to the 14 and 15th centuries from Ireland and then Scotland. These names went from Paxton, back to Blair and finally de Blair. Also, was Greenberry Cook the father of Shelby H. Cook? I have also heard the name Green Cook apart from Greenberry, as a different person. Any info on this? Gina Cook Davis

Linda Tigert Cribbs  
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Mitchells - George, James Benjamin, Andrew in mid to late 1800's  
 I am searching for information on my great grandfather who was born in May 1858 in Texas. His father married a second wife, Marion Tennessee Monkers/Monkres Long in Cherokee County. They had a son, George White Mitchell. Any help with my Mitchell family would be appreciated.

Stephen Neal Dennis  
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Seeking information about possible Cherokee County marriage records for Seraphina Brittain (born about 1846 in Alabama) and Belzora Brittain (born about 1848 in Texas), two daughters of William P. Brittain named in the 1850 and 1860 Census enumerations for him in Cherokee County. They are no longer enumerated with the William P. Brittain family in 1870, suggesting that they had married by then. Onslow E. Brittain, an older brother, had moved to Anderson County, TX after the Civil War, where he is enumerated in both 1870 and 1880.

William P. Brittain, who had come to Cherokee County, TX from Benton County, AL was Clerk of Court in Cherokee County during much of the 1850s and 1860s, but seems to have died prior to 1880. His wife Nancy Belton Neal Brittain had died prior to 1870.

Two brothers-in-law of William P. Brittain who had also moved to Cherokee County, TX were Alvin Shattuck and Reece Pickens, who married two other daughters of Dr. John M. Neal and Rebecca Belton Neal. Ongoing documentation for Dr. John M. Neal suggests that perhaps eighteen of his grandsons participated in the Civil War, with four serving as Union soldiers from Illinois. The Civil War Pension file for one of these Illinois soldiers, Henry Clay Camp, contains an original letter referring to "Bill Brittain" in 1864.

James & Linda Williams  
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I am looking for info on Abraham Atwood and family. They lived in or around the Bullard area. Would like to know where they are buried or anything else.

Sharolyn McCoy  
 Miami, OK  
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Are there tax records available for Cherokee Co. for 1847-1852? My ancestor married there in 1847 and died there in 1852, but he's not on the 1850 census for Cherokee Co. Any suggestions? Thanks Sharolyn McCoy Miami, OK

Ann Bowler  
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I am looking for any information about a John R. Long having been sheriff of Cherokee County sometime between 1860-1891. Please direct me to a good source.  
 Ann Bowler

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## Queries

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After reading about the Dohertys in the Cherokee County History Book, I am convinced that my family heritage is General George Doherty, George Jr (one of the first families in Jacksonville) Jeremiah, James Hamilton and James Edward. Jeremiah and Lucy Alzira (Lawrence) Doherty are on the 1850 census but the children are living with their older sister Martha (Doherty) Sides in the 1860 census. Anyone know what happened to Jeremiah and his wife Lucy? Was there a flu outbreak at that time? I read where there is a Doherty Cemetery in Jacksonville started by George M. Doherty (Jeremiahs brother) and other family members are buried there. Anyone live in Jacksonville that would be willing to take a look in that cemetery? Anyone privvy to any records? I would appreciate any assistance with these ancestors. Copies of deeds, wills, death certificates, any documents. Will pay any copy fees or postage. Any Doherty pics anywhere? Thank you in advance for any help.

Donna Schultheiss  
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Searching for information about R.B. Phillips, my gr-gr-grandfather. He disappeared soon after the birth of twin sons in Cherokee County, TX. Wife, Katherine Pulliam Wickware Phillips, raised the boys alone, taking back the name of first husband, Wickware. Would appreciate any assistance.

Billy White  
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Looking for any decedents of John Richard White and Rosa (Cox) White. They were around Fastrill.

Jackie Garrett  
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Simm Garrett was my Grandfather. John Wright was his brother. I am looking up ancestors and L.G. Garrett was their father. His wife was Elizabeth Henson. Any information you may have on any of these would be appreciated. I found that L.G. was buried at Jacksonville in the Meador cemetery.

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I am searching for information on my grandmothers family. Her parents names were Charlie and Barbara Ann Steelman Bowin. My grandmothers name was Anne Merle Bowin. According to records, her younger siblings were born in Cherokee Co., TX, but I don't know where she was born. Would like to know if she was also born in Cherokee Co. and any other information that might be available on her family. My ggrandfather was married before Barbara Ann Steelman to Cannie Cumbie. They had two daughters, Sarah and Willie. Would like information on them also.

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I am trying to locate information on James Willis (OR Willie OR William) Ross, b. June 19, 1856 in or near Jacksonville, Texas. I have no information on him. He is my gggrandfather. I was told he had two brothers, I don't know about sisters. He married Durcilla Catherine Wheat b. Dec. 30, 1856 in Van Zant Co., Texas. James died Oct 17, 1916 on a train trip from Cisco, Texas to Spur, Texas. I can't find a death certificate for him as I can't find where he was pronounced. He and his brothers had a dray business in several towns around Texas. He is buried in Spur, Texas where they lived at the time. I would appreciate the information. Thanks in advance for you help. Judy Campbell

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I am wondering about a Daniel Turney listed as a carpenter in a household with several other young men also listed as carpenters in the 1850 census. I am not sure 'carpenter' means what I think it does. For example I see 'mechanic' also listed. What were they fixing? Anyway, thank you very much.

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Looking for information on "Granny Gill" buried in Salem Cemetary. She is the mother of Robert Andrew Beauregard Gill and mother-in-law of Fannie Pearl McLeod. Believe her name was Martha Ford Gill, not sure. Thank you

## Queries

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I have been searching for records on DANIEL TURNEY that might lead to determining the names of his parents. Thus far this search has been fruitless. Information about DANIEL TURNEY that I know to be true follows:

1. DANIEL appears on the 1850 Census for Rusk, Cherokee County, TX. as a 21 year old living with the Arthur Keigan/Rogan/Reagen? family and that he was born in IL.
2. DANIEL appears on the 1860 Census for Rusk, Cherokee County, TX. as a 31 year old living with his own family and that he was born in TN.
3. A copy of DANIEL'S marriage license shows he married ELIZABETH CATHERINE SMITH March 20, 1851, in Cherokee County, TX.
4. DANIEL's and ELIZABETH'S children are:(1) Nancy Amanda Turney (married a John Bruce Purves)--bn. in Cherokee County 4/22/1853, (2) Henry PettyTurney--bn. in Cherokee County 9/16/1855, (3) John Reuben Turney--bn. in Cherokee County 6/4/1857, (4) James Russell Turney--bn. in Cherokee County 1/6/1859 and (5) William Jefferson Turney--bn. in Cherokee County 12/21/1860.
5. Daniel and Elizabeth Catherine are my great grandparents. William Jefferson is my grandfather.
6. Elizabeth Catherine and her children lived in the household next to her father, Charles W. Smith, in the 1870 Census for Van Zandt, Co. TX
7. Elizabeth Catherine and her younger children lived in Hill Co, TX. as shown on the the 1880 Census for Hill Co.
8. Elizabeth Catherine and her children moved to Erath County in the early 1880s.

Family tradition says That DANIEL died May 6, 1864, while in the service of the CSA and that he is buried in an unmarked grave at the Oakwood Cemetery in Tyler. Family tradition also says he worked for the Confederate Ordnance Works in Tyler prior to his death.

I have read that a private gun factory, begun by J. C. Short, William S. N. Biscoe, and George Yarbrough to make rifles for the state of Texas was purchased by the Confederate Government in 1863. The gun factory expanded into the Confederate States Ordnance Works at Tyler, and employed around 200 men and boys, and that in May 1865 the destruction of the Ordnance Works occurred because of an explosion. At this point I don't know whether DANIEL died as a result of battle, natural causes or an industrial accident at the Ordnance Works.

Any information or advice regarding how to obtain records for either DANIEL or the employees who worked at the Confederate States Ordnance Works would be appreciated. Ron Waters OKC,OK.

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I am searching for the families of ISAAC REYNOLDS, born abt. 1795. I descend from Isaac's daughter, Martha, who married THOMAS JEFFERSON CRAWFORD, born 1806, settled in Angelina Co., TX.

From "Republic of Texas Pension Application Abstracts", A Sesquicentennial Project of the Austin Genealogical Society, page 280: Isaac Reynolds, Cherokee Co., 4 Jun 1874 by heirs, approved. Age 78. In an affidavit by Reynolds before R. C. McDaniel of San Augustine Co. dated 10 Feb 1838, he said that he entered the service as a volunteer from the U. S. under Capt. Scurlock. His original discharge dated 26 Sep 1836 at Camp Lobacca said that he entered 4 July 1836 and was signed by the following officers: Benj. Y. Gillian, Maj. comm'd 1st regt. and 1st brig., William Scurlock, former captain, and Wm. M. Love, 2nd Lt.

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My family is the Salmon-Reynolds from around Troup in Cherokee county. The Salmons were descended from William W. and wife Elizabeth from Tennessee-born in Virginia but I can't get them any further back. The Reynolds were from Merriwether County, Ga but I reach a dead end there. Are there any connections that anyone knows about?

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