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Our true origin was most certainly a vision in the eyes, if not a hope in the heart, of Mr. Charles L. Albertson. This retired Inspector of Police of New York City (who had come up through the ranks in the years of his service), began the collection of his library., wrote a history of Waverly, his home in upper New York state, and a history of the Albertson family, all in his off-duty hours. In the early 1920's, his very excellent library of 1,000 volumes on genealogy was the seed from which our Orlando Public Library was grown. In 1926, our City Fathers met his pre-donation requirements for a fire-proof building in which to house these books, and 1,000 volumes, most of which are on New England and New York, still are being used in the Local History and Genealogy Department.

Visitors come from many areas to visit our unique library, and when we meet researchers in other towns, they are quick to compliment the genealogical material available to us, which has been carefully selected and added to over the years. Many people have enjoyed the excellent facilities of this department, under the able and kind assistance of Mrs. Eileen Willis and her staff.

Upon her recommendation, the library had in the past sponsored classes in genealogy during two separate years. To those of us who were fortunate to be able to attend, these classes confirmed the great need for a genealogical society in this area.

In the latter part of March, 1969, there was a meeting at the library to discuss the possibility of beginning such a society, and an organizing chairman was selected.

The first organizational meeting for genealogists was held May 31, 1969 in the library auditorium. In August 1969, another meeting was held, at which time it was decided that a genealogical society would meet on the last Thursday of each month.

On September 25, 1969, officers were elected, and we became organized as the Central Florida Genealogical and Historical Society, with twenty-eight charter members. Our name was chosen to represent both genealogy and history, as each is an integral part of the other.

We had thought of Mrs. Willis as our "god mother"; that we might look to her for guidance and suggestions and to answer our sometimes foolish questions in our more formative period. Due to no fault of her own, she was prevented from taking an active part. In acknowledging her wish to have been present on the night of our formation, the Society later presented her with the only Honorary Charter Member card.

Soon we will be going into our third year. We urge all members to attend

and participate during the very serious business soon to be undertaken in the nomination and election of your officers. If it is your plan to be away during the month of August, please discover the names selected by the Nominating Committee, and thoughtfully prepare and mail your proxy to the Society (5221 Ashmeade Road, Orlando, 38210; prior to your departure. Please mark your envelope "PROXY" in order that it will not be opened until the meeting.

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"Skipping Around":

From the June, 1971 issue of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Magazine:

"On January 10, 1861, Florida became the third state to secede from the Union. Her military population in 1860 was 15,739 men. Of these 793 were killed, 506 died of wounds and 1,047 died of disease. Florida sent 2,346 men who lost their lives..."

Family Puzzlers, February 4, 1971. No. 171:

"Historical geographers have calculated that of the settlers reaching America prior to the Revolution, approximately 70% entered through the port of Philadelphia alone. Of those destined for Philadelphia, half went inland, drifting successively down the Shenandoan Valley into the southern colonies via the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road which passed through Roanoke, Va., Salisbury, N.C. and Camden, S. C., with branches into western Carolina in the Mecklenburg Co., Spartanburg, S. C. area. The remaining half through Philadelphia scattered to the west to become settlers of the middle lands of America ... Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois and the far west..."

Again, may we recommend this pamphlet, published weekly by Heritage Papers, Danielsville, Ga., 30633, \$8.00 per year. In our opinion, it is without parallel for anyone researching any part of the eastern and southeastern part of the country, including Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, etc.

From an unidentified clipping, dated April 29, 1890, "J. W. Hansbrougn. Born at Shelbyville, Ky., March 13, 1856, son of Thomas and Mary Hansbrough. He married Miss Alice McCormack, October 2, 1879, and sometime the next year came to Florida. His health failed him completely. Early April 27th the end came. There remain his mother, wife, two sisters: Mrs. G. M. Watts, of Ky., and Mrs. Bettie Lanier of this place (Deesburg, Fla.), and one brother. The funeral service at the Baptist Church was conducted by Revs. T. W. Moore and R. E. Barnett, as well as their pastor, Rev. L. D. Geiger."

This and other interesting clippings and obituaries, were in a bible published in 1838, and which is on loan from Mrs. Mary Newman, a non-member who is pleased to let us copy her records. Have you, also, a generous neighbor?

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If you have ever stopped to question the value of one's memories of "old days," just realize:

Over 90% of our population has no adult experience with World War I; over 64% has no remembrance of the big stock market disaster of 1929; 80% for prohibition; 66% for World War II; 57% for the Korean War, and 52% for the pre-space age, according to the National Industrial Conference.

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

These past months we have enjoyed a variety of events and activities.

We have had classes in genealogy which were of great help to those interested in beginning their family research, as well as helpful to the more advanced researcher.

We have had the privilege of seeing films of countries which our ancestors called home before they came to America.

We have enjoyed many interesting speakers. The last of these was Miss Elizabeth Kieffer, who gave so generously of her historical knowledge and experiences. She specializes in families of the German Reformed Church in Pennsylvania and Maryland who were in those states prior to 1770.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the dinner at the Holiday House (and we do regret it had to be at such an early hour that some of you could not make it) found Miss Kieffer to be a very delightful person and an interesting conversationalist. Many have expressed the benefits they received. She is the first speaker who has had first hand knowledge and experience in this area and I am sure it will help our members in their research. A number have inquired if she would visit us and talk with us again, since the storm prevented their attending the meeting. She was asked and said she would be happy to come again, but no definite plans have been made. You may be interested in knowing that the tape recording of her talk turned out beautifully, and that we plan to use it at some future date.

We are pleased to say that Miss Kieffer holds now an Honorary Membership in our Society, the first which we have bestowed.

"Goodbye, it's been so good to know you" hardly adequately expresses our feelings. One of our charter members, Mrs. Pat Dietz, is moving to Washington, D. C., where Mr. Dietz has been offered a fine business opportunity. We want to offer the Dietz our heartiest congratulations and to wish the entire family much happiness and great success in their new responsibilities and in their new home.

I do hope you have all stopped to look at and enjoy the very interesting and attractive displays the library has so graciously done for us in connection with our meetings. We are so appreciative of their many thoughtful kindnesses which have done so much to make our meetings pleasant and comfortable.

At the May 27, 1971, meeting your Society was instrumental in the presentation of two separate gifts of microfilm. Mr. Alton J. Mollen, Sr., and his brothers, have planned to present a series of microfilm records in memory of their late mother, Mrs. Lillian Griffin Mollen. The first, presented on this date, consisted of the 1880 Census of LaSalle County, Illinois. On this same evening Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hughson donated a microfilm entitled "Schedules Enumerating Union Veterans of the Civil War, from 1890 Census, Maryland".

These films were accepted on behalf of the Genealogy Department of the Orlando Public Library by Mrs. Eileen Willis.

We are very pleased to have been asked to present these gifts through the Society, and wish to thank the Genealogy Department for the assistance and friendliness they have shown all members of the Society.

There seem to be so many things I have left unsaid. It is not intentional neglect, but lack of space.

It is now time for me to say goodbye as your President. My deep and sincere gratitude for the support and friendship each of you has so generously given me. Thank you for giving me such a wonderful group of fellow officers to work with, for without them many of our accomplishments and achievements would have been impossible. It has been a privilege and joy to serve with them and to be of service to you. It is rather like "cutting the apron strings" for me to say goodbye, but I am certain you will choose carefully and thoughtfully to select another group of officers who will guide and lead the Society to greater and more wonderful experiences.

Peola I. Stuart

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MEMBERSHIP

The first six cards were issued to your officers. Numbers now are given in order of joining, nor in order of alphabetical place.

C - Charter Member

H - Honorary Member

HC- Honorary Charter Member

Please mark your card with your permanent Number:

ALLYN, Mrs. Elizabeth C.	C-5
BALLENGER, Mrs. Mary	C-10
BARBER, Mrs. Kathleen	41
BROUARD, Mrs. Gladys	57
BROUARD, Mr. John B.	58
CLOUD, Mrs. Patricia	63
DIETZ, Mrs. Pat	C-4
ELKINS, Mr. Willard E.	C-12
GILMORE, Mrs. Rudy	61
HESRAML, Mrs/ ,au	C-13
HENKEL, Mrs. Leona L.	C-14
HINELY, Mrs. Bonnie	54
HOLBROOK, Mrs. Margaret	56
HUGHSON, Mrs. Betty	C-5
KNISELY, Mrs. Mary Jane	48
LINDSTROM, Mrs. Lorna	30
McDARIS, Mrs. Louise	C-17
NELSON, Mrs. Laura	C-21
Nolle, Mr/ Alton J., Sr	C-22
Nolle, Mrs. Helen W.	C-23
OCHS, Mrs. Genevieve K.	45
RANKIN, Mr. Mark	42
RANKIN, Mrs. Morean	C-24
RUPE, Mrs. Alice P.	C-2
SARGENT, Mr. Fred	31
SARGENT, Mrs. Shirley	32
SCHUNENAL, Mrs. Marian	C-26
SHERWOOD, Mrs. Jean	36
SIMS, Mrs. Kathleen W.	44
STEFFENS, Mrs. Mary W.	60
STUART, Mrs. Peola I.	C-1
WILLIS, Mrs. Eileen D.	HC-28
WILLIS, Mrs. Flora B.	29
WITHAM, Miss Minnie F.	59

Wylis, Mrs. Iola W.	62
SLATER, Mr. Belton H.	63
KIEFFER, Miss Elizabeth	H-1

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A quotation from The Genealogical Helper, May, 1971, page 181:

"If genealogists are ever to have access to the 1900 Federal Census, they must band together and let their desires be known. The Bureau of the Census is holding back and has not released this census for searching. Genealogists are asked to write their congressman immediately and to also write to the Bureau of the Census, Pittsburg, Kansas 66762. It would help to write directly to Richard M. Nixon. He will, in turn, refer the letter to the Bureau of the Census for reply. All of this will form a "lobby" for genealogists in the absence of a central genealogical organization who can get the job done. These letters should be sent immediately before the Bureau makes a final decision against the release of the 1900 census, which it might."

PLEASE WRITE!

From General Services Administration comes a news release (#5143), Mar. 9, 1971

"The National Archives and Records Service has launched a program to improve services to genealogists seeking information about family histories, according to Archivist James, B. Rhoads.

Rhoads, who heads the National Archives, a division of the General Services Administration, says two measures are being taken to make old census data more readily available to the researchers.

'A drawback in using the census data is that it was compiled by area rather than alphabetically. Researchers must turn to privately published indexes to the census schedules in order to pin down names, localities and time periods,' Rhoads said.

'To help researchers who ask the National Archives for genealogical information,' he said, 'our staff is preparing a master list of published indexes.'

'Additionally, we are appealing to publishers of indexes to the census schedules to notify the National Archives of existing indexes and those that are being reprinted or newly published.'

Rhoads asked that they send a copy of each index to: The National Archives and Records Service ( ), General Services Administration, Washington, D, C. 20408.

'Our collection of such indexes is small now and we want to enlarge it for the benefit of researchers who call upon us seeking genealogical information,' he said.

Some 25,000 genealogical researchers visit the National Archives yearly and another 100,000 inquiries are handled by mail. This information is used not only for tracing family trees, but also in providing land titles, citizenship, pension eligibility and other legal points.'

1870 CENSUS

AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Continued -

JADDEM, ,aru	17	Louisiana
HARRIS, Maggie	17	Virginia
HARRISS, Lizzie	18	Georgia
HILL, Emma	17	Georgia
HULL, Mary	18	Florida
HODGE, Emma	19	Virginia
IRWIN, Lizzie	17	Virginia
JEFFERSON, Sue	16	Virginia
JEFFERSON, Bettie	18	Virginia
JONES, Emma	16	Virginia
JONES, Mattie	17	Tennessee
JACOBO, Rose	16	Louisiana
KENT, Emma	17	Virginia
KENT, Jennie	15	Virginia
KIRKPATRICK, Grace	17	Virginia
KIRKPATRICK, Lizzie	16	Virginia
SIST, Emma	16	West Virginia
McCLANHAN, Nannie	17	Virginia
McCUE, Phebe	16	Virginia
McELWEE, Nannie	17	Virginia
McELWEE, Trigg	15	Virginia
McINTYRE, Mae	17	Georgia
MOORE, Josephine	18	Virginia
OLIVER, Rilla	17	Louisiana
OVERTON, Mary M.	18	Tennessee
PENN, Florence	17	West Virginia
PERKINS, Susie	16	Tennessee
PERRY, Jessie (?)	17	So. Carolina
ROBINSON, Annie	17	So. Carolina
SALISBURY, Hortense	18	Georgia
SHELTON, Bettie	17	Virginia
SHERRARD, Annie	16	Mississippi
SKEEN, Kate	17	Virginia
SMITH, Cortie	17	Virginia
SMITH, Florine	18	Georgia
SMITH, Laura	16	No. Carolina
SPEAR, Mollie	17	Georgia
SPIVEY, Ada	18	Georgia
STAPLER, Lizzie	17	Georgia
STERRETT, Bella	16	Virginia
STURGES, Philecka (?)	18	Georgia
SMITHINGTON, Bettie	17	Missouri
TALIAFERRO, Sara	18	Virginia
TINSLEY, Minnie	17	Virginia
TRUEHART, Nina	18	Alabama
VENABLE, Mary	15	Virginia

1870 CENSUS

AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Continued -

WALLER, Kate	17	Illinois
WALLER, Lula	15	Illinois
WELCH, Fanny	16	Virginia
WELCH, Flora	17	Virginia
WHITSITT, Clair	18	Alabama
WILLCOX, Kate	17	Georgia
WILSON, Anne	16	Virginia
WILSON, Pettie	17	Virginia
WILLIAMS, Rachel	18	Tennessee
WING, Jessie	16	Louisiana
WINSTON, Gage	17	Alabama
WINSTON, Lena	15	Alabama
WOODS, Annie	17	Virginia

There are 94 girls here, from 13 states. These will be missing from the family census in states where you had expected to find them.

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The census of 1790, the first one attempted by the newly formed United States, was not as complete as one could wish, due to the recent Revolution. The people had a reluctance to submit personal information for any list. This was quite natural in consideration of the recent reprisals worked upon both the Rebels and the Loyalists. Some people were simply afraid to have their name put down, even though some of the census takers may have been their close neighbor. Some persons were not listed due to the simple expedient of avoiding the census taker.

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A very good source of reference in any state is that of the writings of the circuit-riding minister. They kept very valuable journals. Sometimes one can find a notation saying, "This is a family I knew in Delaware," or in Maryland, or some other eastern state.

An excellent account of the people in Virginia and the Carolinas can be found in "The Journal and Letters of Francis Asbury, re-published by Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee, 1959." As a bishop, Asbury rode a wide circuit and his journal contains many details of the people he encountered in his travels. For example, he says Henry Erwin was born in Virginia in 1773 and died in Bedford County, Penn. in 1833. He went to North Carolina in 1790 and was a merchant and inn keeper at Wilkesboro. He was a member of the house of Commons from Wilkes County in 1800, and was the first postmaster of Asheville.

GRAVE CENSUS

BANANA LAKE ROAD - SEMINOLE COUNTY

Off SR #46

1. DOGGART, Karina V. C., Feb. 9, 1891, Nov. 13, 1922
2. DORIGO, Caroline A., Born March 22, 1826, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Died Sept. 13, 1899, Seabreeze, Fla.
3. JOHNSON, Mary Ann (Mother), Born Oct. 12, 1848  
Died Dec. 30, 1902
4. MUNSON, Charles W., Born at Leroy, N.Y., Nov. 17, 1862  
Drowned in Lake Monroe, April 2, 1862
5. MUNSON, Frederick Randolph, May 1867, August 1896
6. MUNSON, Myra B., Born at Whately, Mass., Jan 23, 1804  
Died Oct. 21, 1882  
(On same stone as Chas. W. Munson)
7. MUNSON, (?) At bottom of what appeared to have been a grave,  
and near to the other Munson graves, was a marker  
"G.W.M."
8. ROBESON, Saraus A., son of S.H. and S. A. Robeson  
Born Oct. 27, 1857  
Died June 30, 1871 (?)
9. SELTZER, George S., son of B. O. and A. T. Seltzer  
Born July 15, 1873  
Died May 5, 1893  
Aged 19 years, 9 mos., 20 days
10. SEYMOUR, Marie, Died March 7, 1855, aged 63 years.
11. TENNEY, Luman, son of L. H. and E. D. Tenney  
Born May 18, 1877  
Died Dec 25, 1882  
Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota

Grave #3, above, carries the legend: "One that was dearly loved  
by us gone to her heavenly home, but we shall soon meet her in  
heaven above."

Grave #8, "Weep not, father and mother, for me, for I am waiting  
in glory for thee."

Grave #1 appears to be the last buried (1922), while # 10 has the  
earliest birth date (1792) and the earliest burial date (1855).

Many of these graves have been vandalized, with stones overturned  
so that they cannot be read, and the graves have been dug into and,  
obviously robbed. Undoubtedly there are many graves in this cemetery  
which cannot readily be detected, and cannot be identified, as some  
stones appear to have been removed. The stone marker for # 10, Marie



Seymour, was found twenty feet from the subsequent location of her grave. The heavy, one piece, metal cover for the grave of #2, Caroline A. Dorigo, has been completely removed from the grave and dragged off to one side. The grave has been opened and it is not certain that a casket yet remains in the grave.

This cemetery seems to have been used from 1855 to 1922, and, while easily accessible, has not been cared for in some time. There are two huge monuments, possibly granite, approximately 3' x 4-1/2' x 18", and weighing many, many pounds, which have been pushed over with the inscription down so the data could not be obtained by the census takers.

This is the first census taken by the Society personnel, and was made in February 1970, by Peola Stuart and Alice Rupe.

Some dozen cemeteries have been censused at the present, most of them by Mary Jane Knisely. Please get in touch with Mrs. Knisely, the Cemetery Census Chairman (299-4364), and arrange to join in this needed and interesting work. Arrange for a Saturday Safari and take cold drinks and picnics. Five of us went out a couple of weeks ago and finished up a fairly large cemetery in Seminole County. This information will appear in its turn. Yes, more data will follow:

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Board Meetings are scheduled as follows:

July 14th, 8:00 PM.

August 11th, 8:00PM.

September 15th, 8:00PM.

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

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PLEASE CONTRIBUTE ARTICLES FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER