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1626 Roosevelt Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32804 Vol. III, Number 1 - 9 Telephone 425-5372 October, 1971 In June, Mrs. Morean Rankin and her nominating committee met to prepare a slate of members to be presented for consideration for officers at the July meeting.

On August 26th, the slate again was presented to the Society, and the President called for nominations from the Floor as each office was named. As there were no nominations forthcoming from the Floor, a motion was moved and seconded that the names be accepted as presented by the Committee, and the Recording Secretary was requested to cast one ballot to finalize the election, which was done.

The officers for the year 1971-72 are:

Alice 🗄. Rupe	President
Marion Schuneman	Vice-President
Iola W. Wiley	Recording Secretary
Bonnie Hinely	Corresponding Secretary
Mark Rankin	Treasurer
Elizabeth C. Allyn	Historian

The installation of officers for the year 1971-72 was held Thursday, September 30th at the Baptist Terrace following our regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Peola Stuart presided at a table decorated with a lovely centerpiece of green and white carnations and tall green taper candles. Each outgoing officer was greeted, thanked and presented with a carnation corsage or boutoniere. As each new officer was installed and presented with a corsage or boutoniere, a lighted taper was passed from each outgoing officer to the new officer, to signify the beginning of a bright new year.

Following this ceremony, the new president, Alice Rupe, presented a framed plaque, which was a gift from all the members, to Mrs. Stuart, in recognition of all the work she has done to help make the Society what it is today after two short years since its founding. The plaque reads as follows: "Peola I. Stuart, founding president 1969-71. For serving with vision, deep personal involvement and with gracious dignity; for the constant advancement of the Society, this memorial is presented with gratitude and affection." Mrs. Stuart, who was very pleased, thanked all the members for the surprise gift.

A pleasant reception followed, hosted by Betty Hughson and Mary Ballenger. A table decorated with fall theme featured a cake carrying out the same color scheme. Coffee and tea were also served during the social hour that concluded the evening.

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GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN STATE DEPARTMENTS OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Though there have been for years preservation groups and private, as well as state-supported historical societies, the development of official governmental archival organizations has been a growth of the present century.

In the 1890's, a young and highly literate Alabama lawyer began collecting publications of his college, books and documents relating to the history of his state, and even attempting to retrieve from his former professors his old examination papers; proposing to write a history of Alabama. He found no large collection of source material for his use. Eventually he did produce a manuscript, though his publishers found it excessively dry and statistical. Lacking the vital spark of the interpreter, he considered history something to be accumulated; and so the world lost a poor historiographer; but this is the stuff of which archivists are made. But this is the stuff of which archivists are made, and to Thomas McAdory Owen we owe to a large degree that impetus to locate, collect and preserve, which has made scholarly research possible.

Seeing a volume of original State Documents used as a doorstop in the Capitol shocked Mr. Owen into the realization that a legally constituted depository for such records was the only hope of permanent preservation; and so well did he do his self-appointed job of education and indoctrination that in 1901 Alabama became the first state in the Nation to establish a State Department of Archives and History with Owen as Director.

Mississippi followed in 1902: and in 1911 we find Thomas M. Owen and Dunbar Rowland, first Archivists of Mississippi, memorializing Congress to concentrate federal archives in a National Archives Building. In time this was done, to the lasting benefit of historians. Many states have followed - Florida is a late arrival in the field - and though these agencies are known variously as Boards of Commissions or Authorities, as well as State Archives Departments, they all serve the same purpose: to collect, preserve and make available the state's priceless heritage of records.

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How well this is done in various states depends on many factors; the energy and activity of the Director and his staff, implementation of his efforts by historically-minded groups and patriotic societies, and the apathy of interest of local lawmakers in providing funds. As a general rule, however, one may find many of the following materials in any State Archives Department:

County histories, land records, church records, Bible and cemetery records, including, in the Southern states, Confederate pension records for veterans and their widows, copies of country records groups, including wills, deeds, marriage records and settlement of estates, federal census records including the 1850-1880 mortality schedules, some of these being indexed, state-spon sored censuses (important because they fall in years between Federal censuses), files of newspapers, early lists of taxables, justices and militia, Colonial records, papers of the governors and other state officials, and original legislative pills and petitions, manuscript material, including letters, diaries, and compilations of historical and genealogical data.

In any such mass of material, there will be literally hundreds of thousands of names. Some materials are indexed; other groups are very loosely classified and require detailed search. Hence, it is essential, before asking questions of or visiting these departments, to write for guides to genealogical research in the collections. Most states will reply with either a brochure or a letter, listing the types of material available and their general scope. In addition, these publications will indicate what records are indexed, will often provide a recommended list of books for background reading, and will mention other collections where additional material may be found. They may give the hours the department is open, a floor plan of the building showing where different collections are housed, procedure for beginning research in the building, and policy as to service by correspondence.

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We all like to do as much by mail as possible. However, as we know by experience there is a definite limit, and the conscientious and assiduous searcher may find a trip in person necessary. Typical of most Archives Departments is the following statement concerning service by mail:

> "The South Carolina Department of Archives and History is glad to furnish information ... but cannot undertake to answer questions which involve records in other depositories or necessitate long hours of research ... if you can furnish <u>name</u>, approximate <u>dates</u> <u>of residence</u> we will check the following record groups and let you know the cost of copies of records which seem pertinent: Wills to 1852; land grants and plats; Memorials of land titles, 1732-1775; Audited accounts for Revolutionary service, Pecords of Confederate service. There are many more records which must be checked in person or by engaging the services of a researcher." Address: Department of Archives and History, 1430 Senate St., Columbia, Scuth Carolina 29211, or P. O. Pox 11188 Capitol Station.

Most states will furnish a list of professional searchers upon request. A sampling of materials in the Archives Departments of some neighboring states follows,

> ALABAMA - Compiled genealogical data and biographical clipping folders, Alabama Records (a listing of this series follows this article), Miscellaneous marriage and cemetery records, military service records of Alabamians who have served in all wars, D.A.R. index to Alabama wills, miscellaneous county court records. commission registers, U. S. Land Office records, newspapers. Address: State of Alabama, Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

GEORGIA - Colonial records, including typed and indexed volumes and microfilmed manuscript material, including bonds, bills of sale, powers of attorney, deeds of gift, 1755-1813; conveyances, 1751-1807; estate records, 1775-1822; mortgages, 1755-1822, indexes to beadright and bounty land grants and to land lotteries of 1805, 1807, 1826, 1827, 1822, 1832 and to gold lottery of 1838, pension records of Georgia Confederate Pensions Department, microfilm of selected county records of 100 counties to 1900 covering wills, marriages, administrations of estates, deeds and minutes from the Superior Court. There are alter county histories, property tax digests by county, 1790-1820, Georgia Mortality schedules, 1850-80, indexes except for 1880, Georgia Society D.A.R. Library, newspapers of Savannah, 1763-1845, with Index Address: Department of Archives and History, Archives and Hersels Bldg., Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

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SOUTH CAROLINA - Original documents or microfilmed copies of all known records of South Carolina provincial and state government from 1663 to 1865, copies of all known probate and land records of counties through the Civil War, film of all surviving "Colonial Offices: South Carolina" manuscripts in the Public Record Office, London; other South Carolina records in process of filming, including claims of South Carolina Loyalists entered in Nova Scotia and London. There are copies of South Carolina records taken from National Archives. Address: Department of Archives and History, 1430 Senate St., Columbia, South Carolina 29211, or P. O. Box 11188 Capitol Station.

NORTH CAROLINA - Early tax lists, lists of justices and militiamen, unindexed state census of 1784-5 with some counties missing, county recrods for years prior to Civil War, consisting of court minutes, tax lists, wills, deeds, inventories of estates and marriage bonds, the latter by county, a few applications for Revolutionary pensions from the state, Confederate records and pension papers, cemetery records with alphabetical card file, early North Carolina newspapers, unpublished genealogies (published family histories in State Library). Address: State Department of Archives and History, Box 1881, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

As we have come to recognize county or town records as our basic family research source, and have learned to utilize the collections of the National Archives, so we should familiarize ourselves with the archival collections of our particular state, and learn to use them when helpful or necessary. They should be used when the Colonial period is under consideration, when local records have been destroyed, or when it is necessary to locate a family geographically in the state. Several states suggest that, when all else fails, unindexed material should be checked for a random mention of the name.

- Mary W. Steffens.

Have YOU turned in your Family Charts and the requested surname information ---on the Membership form? Our files on these are coming along nicely and the data will be helpful to all.

Knote by Knisely: I have a list of genealogical books that can be rented from a Connecticut Library. It covers Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, West Virginia, 23 family histories, and miscellaneous works. They require the renter to send the price of the book, and they will refund 80% of the amount if the book is returned in good shape in 30 days. Anyone interested in this 19 page list may call me at 299-4364.

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ALBAMA RECORDS by Kathleen Paul Jones and Pauline Jones Candrud, Typescript vols. bound in brief covers. All vols. average 100 pages plus index except 1, 22 & 68. Prices \$12 for original copy, \$10 for 1st carbon; \$8 for subsequent copies, These vols. contain such records as marriages, estates, deeds, law suits, wills, land grants, land patents, bible records, cemetery records, newspaper obituaries, marriages, etc. Rev. & 1812 pensions & Bounty Land warrants; church records; old letters etc. Each vol. contains records of certain county and may contain one or several of the above type records, Any vol. may be ordered and can be re-typed on order. Details on any Vol. may be explained on request.

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All orders should be addressed to Pauline Jones Gandrud, 311 Caplewood Terrace Tuscaloosa, Ala, 35401. We have some vols on hand for immediate delivery to those ordering them first. These are marked with a ring. Any vol. may be ordered and will be typed up and delivered as soon as possible.

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TICHENOR-HIGHSMITH FAMILY BIBLE

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Jared Tichenor b. March 8, 1825, d. Dec 24, 1862 Elizabeth H. Tichenor May 14, 1816 - July 10, 1854 James A. Tichenor Feb. 8, 1847 Margaret E. Tichenor Feb. 20, 1850 - Nov. 13, 1857 Martha Emeline Tichenor Oct. 15, 1857 William Thomas Tichenor Jun- 31, 1859 John Jay Crittendon Tichenor Feb. 15, 1861 Bettie Belle Tichenor Oct. 3, 1862

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Jared Tichenor was married to Elizabeth H. Beeler April 25, 1844 Jared Tichenor was married to Mary Elizabeth Thomas Jan. 4th, 1847/57 (faded) James A. Tichenor and Mary E. Watts Oct. 27, 1870 Matilda H. Tichenor and J. Highsmith Oct. 23, 1902 Mary Highsmith & Perry William Newman Sept. 8, 1929 J. Haynes Highsmith and Bertha Mae Owen Dec. 22, 1931

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Elizabeth, eldest child of James A. and Mary E. Tichenor, born August 3rd, 1873 died October 8, 1886 Matilda Haynes Tichenor born Jan, 13, 1877 John Benjamin Tichenor born November 5, 1881, died Feb. 8, 1884 James Tichenor Highsmith born August 17, 1903 Jacob Haynes Highsmith born June 25, 1907 Mary Highsmith born April 4, 1909 twin of Elizabeth Highsmith born April 4, 1909 died Oct. 10, 1909 Billie Highsmith born Oct. 2, 1912 - Feb. 3, 1930 Theodore de Laporte Highsmith born Jan. 25, 1920 droob Highsmith born died Feb, 1, 1930 Mary Ann Newman born Nov. 22, 1934 Mary Jane Highsmith born April 11, 1935 Perry William Newman Born Sept 23, 1902, Died Feb 23, 1970

Tichenor - Hardin & LaRue Counties, Ky Highsmith - Elbert Co., Ga. to Florida Newman - Florida Watts - Louisville, Ky.

The subject Bible is in the possession of Mary (Highsmith) Newman, Orlando, Florida. The English Version of the Polyglott Bible, published by the Brattleboro Typographic Co., Inc. (Oct. 26, 1836) Brattleboro, Vt, 1842

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My claspt Bible to my daughter Honor My old Bible to my son John To Mr. John Betty 2 pistoles to preach a funeral sermon The Whole Duty of Man to my wife Will of Michael Sullivan, Brunswick County, Virginia

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"As They Were" Excerpts from wills of our ancestors

I desire my children may have learning as far as may do country business (that is the boys). The girls to read out of the estate. Will of Shadrack Turner, Henry County, Virginia

To my granddaughter, Mary Ann Greer the bed she used to lie on with a cow and a calf. Will of Henry Haynes, Henry County, Virginia

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Virginia County Records

For those researching in Virginia, a very helpful tool is the series "A Guide to Virginia Counties," in Volume 3 and subsequent issues of The <u>Virginia Genealogist</u>, a magazine that may be found in the Genealogy Department of Orlando Fublic Library. This series provides an inventory of genealogical resources, county by county. For each, we are given a resume' of the development with changes in boundary lines, titles of published histories of the county and area, a listing of available Court Records, with inclusive dates and indexes to each type, location of copies or abstracts of these records, and mention of periods for which records are missing or destroyed; a listing by denominations of Churches, and location of their records, published or unpublished; location of existing tax lists, list of censuses, and of post offices and their former names if there have been changes,

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In researching early records and pouring over old books we discover that the Arabic numeral symbols commonly used today were not then in use and we sometimes find that we have forgotten the more complicated Roman numeral groups. To refrest your memory here is a breakdown:

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Since the inception of our NEWSLETTER, we have sent a free copy to the various Central Florida libraries. Frequently a patron of a library will request that we provide "their" library with a copy, and a notation to that effect has been attached to the first complying copy.

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Inserted in the July issue was a self-addressed 3×5 card, which requested the recipient to return the card if they wished to remain on our mailing list for the coming year. We thought you would be interested in comments from some of the returned cards:

1. Memorial Library, Longwood, Fla.

"The Newsletter is interesting to more than the Librarian. I think if you would like more members it would be a good idea to list requirements (if any) and membership dues is one or two numbers."

REPLY: Of course, we welcome new members. The primary requirement is to be interested in genealogy and in preserving old records. The members must be willing to freely share their material. Obtain a membership application by contacting the Society. Dues \$5.00 per year.

2. Leesburg Public Library, Leesburg, Fla.

"Please advise us of the cost as you mention nothing about it on the bulletin," Mrs. R. J. Bechard

REPLY: The Newsletter is furnished without charge to any Central Florida public library. A member receives the publication quarterly as a part of his privileges. A non-member may subscribe at \$1,00 per annum.

3. Ft. Gatlin Public Library, Orlando, Fla.

"Yes, wish to receive Newsletter. This material is valuable for our local History files,"

4. Polk County Historical Library, Bartow, Fla.

"Yes, we definitely wish to remain on mailing list. We keep a file on all the issues you have sent us and we thank you for remembering us." Mrs. Ernestine Waring

5. Geneva Community Library, Geneva, Fla.

"As Librarian as well as Treasurer of the Geneva Historical and Genealogical Society, I find your Newsletter interesting and informative. We would be happy to have you visit our library, open Mon. and Sat. 9 to 1; Thurs. 4 to 8 or our museum, open Wed. and Sun.

L. G. Norton

"If America forgets where she came from, if the people lose sight of what brought them along, if she listens to deniers and mockers, then will begin the rot and dissolution."

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Carl Sandburg

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Can you help the Society in any manner with the publication of the NEWSLETTER? Mr. and Mrs. Sergent have decided they cannot find the time to spend in assembling the topic material, running the stenciis and collecting the material for mail-out. Please advise us how you can aid. If the NEWSLETTER is to continue we must have immediate volunteer help.

GRAND FINALES IN STONE.

Sacred to the Memory of Mr. Jared Bates who Died Aug. the 6th, 1800. His widow aged 24 who mourns as one who can be comforted lives at 7 Elm Street this village and possesses every qualification for a good wife. - Lincoln. Maine.

My life is done, my Race is run My resting place is here. This stone is got to keep the Spot Lest men should dig too near. - Mancheater, Conn. 1790

Under the sod, under the trees, Lies the body of Jonathan Pease He is not here, but only his pod He has shelled his peas and gone to God. -Bar Harbor, Maine

Mr. John Pannel killed by a tree In seventeen hundred & seventy three

Fatally burned 1870 by the explosion of a lamp Filled with "R. F. Lenforth's non-Explosive Burning Fluid." -!!indsor, Conn.

He got a fishbone in his throat And then he sang an angel's note. Orange County, New York

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The land I cleared is now my grave Think well my friend, how you behave.

(Arthur Haines' momument):
"Haines Haint."
 - Orange County, New York.

Gone home below. - Grafton, Vt.

To the memory of Miss Hanna Howland Who died of a Languishment January ye 27th 1780 AEtatis 26 - Windsor, Conn. Here lies the body of Obediah Wilkinson and Ruth, his wife, Their warfare is accomplished. - New Haven, Conn.

My wife lies here All my tears cannot bring her back Therefore, I weep. - Vermont

Here lies a man whose crown was won By blowing in a empty gun,

Grim death took me without any warning, I was well one day, and stonedead next morning.

> - New York Trinity Churchyard.

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Our new Treasurer lives in Daytona Beach so until our October 28th meeting, we will not know if any has forgotten to renew his membership for 1971-72. In case you have, please address your dues (\$5.00 per year) to Mr. Mark Rankin, 1209 Pinecrest, Daytona Beach, Florida 32014.

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Those of you who won't be back from the North until later in the year will have to miss our first meeting, a pot luck supper at the Women's Club, College Park (14 West Dartmouth), but we can hope to have another later in the year. Local members are requested to bring a covered dish or your choice of foods. The dinner is scheduled for 6:30 P.M. Bring a guest if you like. Everyone seems to enjoy the time in which to meet those they don't know and to exchange ideas with all members. In the meantime, those of you who are away, write to us and let us know what you want from your Society.

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Several of us plan to go up to the workshop sponsored by the Southern Genealogist's Exchange in Jacksonville. Registration (\$5.00) will be Thursday, October 21st at 1:00 P%, Concourse Room, Main Floor, Gulf Life Bldg., right down town. This half day will feature a get acquainted afternoon with all manner of genealogical publications and materials on display, sometimes being attended by the authors themselves. Friday and Saturday will be actual sessions with the speakers.

Louise Burton Morris (Mrs. H, J,) will be one of the speakers. Mrs. Morris is a Certified Genealogist, a Fellow Heraldry and Genealogy of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Canterbury, England, as well as an officer in several genealogical societies in Texas, and member of several historical and patriotic as well as heraldic societies. She also is author and/or compiler of various publications.

Mr. Walter C. Hartridge is a historian-genealogist, who specialized in French refugees from Santo Dmoningo (1789-1802); the families of Savannah and Coastal Georgia, Beaufort and Charleston, S. C., and also is active in the preservation of buildings and sites of a historical nature in Savannah and Chatham County, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Everton, Sr., are special guests. Mr. Everton publishes the "Genealogical Helper," of Logan, Utah. Some of us who have attended other sessions of this workshop have had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Norris and Mr. Hartridge, and "scarcely a man is now alive" who is interested in genealogy and who has not heard of the "Helper." It probably is the largest clearing house for genealogical queries in the entire world, for the genealogist who likes to help himself.

If you should wish to go to this workshop and wish to know about transportation, please contact your president. Perhaps transportation can be arranged for you.

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Your NEWSLETTER is growing. Twelve pages this time, and with contributions from all of you it can grow even more. Send us what you find interesting in your researching. Others probably will find it equally interesting, and don't forget to search out and turn in old family bible information. Our collection is growing and we wish to share with others the information

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