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The Central Florida Genealogical and Historical Society was organized in 1969. The Society welcomes everyone interested in genealogy, the history of our state and nation, and in furthering the objectives of our Society. Annual membership begins the first day of March and ends the last day of February.

The regular monthly meetings are held on the final Thursday of the months September through May at the Orlando Public Library or a place designated by the President.

All meetings are open to the public. We welcome visitors and urge members to bring guests.

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CALENDAR

September 30

October 29

November 19

Due to the Thanksgiving day Observance our meeting will be moved up one week to November 19th. Time 7:30 - Place - The Orlando Public Library.

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CHANGES AT THE ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY

By this time, I am sure that many of you have visited the library and have found that the genealogy department has been moved to the basement floor. Mrs. Eileen Willis, head of the department is to be congratulated for her work in planning the location of the books, periodicals and microfilm. Material is much easier to find and there is much more working space.

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Beginning in October we will have as Assistant Editors, Mrs. Eileen Willis and Mrs. Andrea Hickman White. Some information has been turned in for the October issue, but we would like to have articles from everyone.

BIBLE RECORD

This record is from the collection made by Mrs. Leona L. Henkel, 1626 Roosevelt Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32804, and was given to her by Mr. Orville Robinson of Orlando, Florida.

Samuel S. LANDES and Hannah S. STONESTREET were married
Feb. 18, 1863

Samuel S. LANDES and Eliza STUMP were married April 20, 1910

Isaac H. ROBINSON and Rebecca C. LANDES were married Feb. 4,
1891

Births:

Lewis Gilbert LANDES	Dec. 11, 1863
Marion Webster LANDES	Nov. 13, 1865
Effie Jane LANDES	Dec. 19, 1867
Abraham R. LANDES	Dec. 28, 1869
Hester E. LANDES	Feb. 14, 1874
Cora B. LANDES	April 21, 1876
Charles E. LANDES	Sept. 8, 1879
Samuel Oliver LANDES	March 22, 1882
Rosa C. LANDES	Sept. 23, 1885

Births: (continued)

Samuel S. LANDES born Jan. 22, 1847, in Hardy Co., W. Va.
Hannah S. STONESTREET born Oct. 29, 1843 in Hardy Co., W. Va.
Orville ROBINSON born Oct. 18, 1891 near Portland, Indiana
Glen ROBINSON born May 15, 1894 near Bedford, Iowa
Maude V. ROBINSON born March 11, 1896, Pennville, Indiana
Erma J. ROBINSON born Feb. 19, 1906, Portland, Indiana
Edna B. ROBINSON born Nov. 6, 1908, Portland, Indiana

Deaths:

Lewis Gilbert LANDES	Feb. 28, 1864
Father, John LANDES	Feb. 28, 1877, aged 95
Father, J. C. STONESTREET	Apr. 29, 1867
Mother, Catherine LANDES	Oct. 25, 1877
Charles E. LANDES	Aug. 23, 1881
Effie J. LANDES	Feb. 2, 1890

-BIBLE RECORD (continued)

Hannah Susan LANDES	Feb. 4, 1909
Samuel Oliver LANDES	Jan. 30, 1909
Rosa C. (MEREDITH)	Aug. 1, 1910
Maude V. ROBINSON	Sept. 9, 1912
Samuel S. LANDES	March 19, 1915
Hester Landes WRIGHT	Nov. 21, 1917
Rebecca Landes ROBINSON	May 1, 1953
Isaac H. ROBINSON	Oct. 24, 1955
Marion W. LANDES	March 20, 1948
Catherine ROBINSON (Mother of Isaac H. Robinson)	Nov. 22, 1930
Abraham R. LANDES	March 13, 1957
Cora B. Landes HUGHES	Oct. 26, 1963

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PHONY COAT-OF-ARMS OFFER

This article was found in the June 1976 Good Housekeeping Magazine.

A company in Ohio has, for years, sold "prefab" family histories and coats-of-arms to people with common surnames. In the opinion of many, this is a genuine rip-off. The U. S. Postal Inspection Service has ordered the company to discontinue questionable claims or misrepresentations in their mail advertising.

The ridiculous nature of coats-of-arms for all was shown up recently when the Better Business Bureau of Bakersfield, Calif., received a computerized letter which began: "Good news for the Bureau Family! Did you know that the family name 'Bureau' now has an exclusive and particularly beautiful coat-of-arms?" A plaque was offered with the "Bureau" Coat-of-Arms. All for \$29.95 plus \$1 mailing charge. The offer added that this would be a "most welcome and appreciated gift for all your relatives named Bureau."

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UN-NAMED CEMETERY NEAR GOTH,
FLORIDA & SUNSHINE EXPRESSWAY

Submitted by Mrs. Mary Jane Knisely, P. O. Box 16636, Orlando,
Florida 32811

Ferdinand Runge Dec. 26, 1896 - June 3, 1898

Henry Bekemeyer Dec. 16, 1857 - Sept. 12, 1921
Louise Bekemeyer Nov. 25, 1859 - July 18, 1913

Antonie M. Hartmann 1863 - 1928
Ludwig F. Gartman 1855-- 1940

Ernest De Vedic Oct. 4, 1887 - Dec. 30, 1900
Ernest Jerome De Vedic July 6, 1840 - Nov. 26, 1900
Caroline De Vedic Mar. 10, 1850 - May 8, 1933

Sophie Julie, wife of H. Nehrling Oct. 1, 1857 at Krempin
Mecklenberg Schwerin Died Nov. 7, 1911 at Gotha, Fla.
Hedwig Else Nehrling Aug. 10, 1893 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Died June 12, 1906, Gotha, Florida
Hildegard Nehrling April 28, 1881, Houston, Texas. Died
Died Nov. 1, 1904 at Gotha, Florida.

This small cemetery located a short distance north of Gotha has an interesting past. When the expressway route was being laid out, the plan was to put the road through the cemetery. An effort was made to locate the relatives of the deceased and have them move the bodies. But no relatives could be found, and so the expressway had to be "crooked" to avoid the cemetery.

On the south side of Gotha is another cemetery - or was. Through some error at the court house this cemetery was sold for taxes! It was a wooded, over grown area, and when the buyer cleared the land to put in an orange grove, he found it was a graveyard. He got in touch with relatives - who did not rise up against the county, but docilely moved their dead. All but one. An now, near the bend in a clay road, among the orange trees, is a grave surrounded by rusty iron fencing, with no marker. Almost every cemetery will have un-marked graves. One wonders how many bones are feeding the orange trees there.

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SOME REVOLUTIONARY WAR ANCESTORS OF ROBERT M. LIBKE

William DE HART was baptised July 23, 1748 at the Dutch Reformed Church at Readington, N. J. His correct death date has not yet been found, but it was after June 10, 1794 and before Sept. 15, 1784. He received certificates dated June 10, 1784 and his wife Ann (VOORHEES) De Hart was listed as a widow living with her father, as stated in his will written Sept. 15, 1784. Family records state he was wounded, captured and was a prisoner when he died aboard a ship near New York. They also state he was fed lime bread while a prisoner. He married about 1771 Ann Voorhees, daughter of Cornelius and Sarah and three children: Catherine 1773, Cornelius born March 1775 and William Matthais born November 2, 1778.

James ADAIR was in the Revolutionary War, from Laurens Co., South Carolina. He was born December of 1748 Chester Co., Pennsylvania and died March 31, 1831 at Brookville, Indiana. He married Rebecca MONTGOMERY who was born October 20, 1750 and died September 29, 1835 at Brookville. She was the daughter of James Montgomery and possibly Margaret McCLELLAND of Laurens Co., South Carolina, coming from Scotland. James and Rebecca had thirteen children.

James JORDAN was born before 1755 in Scotland and married Margaret McCLELLAND, a sister of George McClelland. They had two sons, John 1770 and William. Sometime before the Revolutionary War they left for America. Margaret died aboard ship and was buried at sea. James settled at Philadelphia. It appears that James remarried and had two daughters, Margaret born 1784 and Jane 1790. It is believed he left Philadelphia in 1785 and located at Beaver County, Pennsylvania, where it is believed he died at the home of his daughter Margaret.

SOME REVOLUTIONARY WAR ANCESTORS OF ROBERT M. LIBKE (continued)

Peter BABB is believed born 1738, Frederick Co., Virginia, son of Thomas and died about 1820 at Frederick Co., Virginia. He married (1) Mary MALIN (2) Mary BOWEN. Little is known about the first wife. Mary Bowen was the daughter of Henry Bowen and Anna MOON. Peter was a Captain, rank given November 6, 1776. They had two children.

Adam BRANDT was born November 23, 1751 Daughin Co., Pennsylvania and died August 13, 1838, Fairfield Co., Ohio. He married in 1775, Cumberland Co., Pennsylvania to Eve METZLER (1752-1830). Adam lived at Hummelstown, Pennsylvania at the time he served in the Revolutionary War. They had eight children.

Michael HENSELL was born c 1719 in Germany and died September 18, 1781 at Frederick Co., Virginia. He married (1) Anna Catherine DEWALT (2) Mary BACKRIDER (Brockrider). He did not engage in battle but was a proven supporter. Revolutionary records state "Michael HANSYL (Hensell) entitled to receive 20 pounds of current money agreeable to an Act of the Assembly for six bushels of wheat for the use of the Army, October 1780." Three of his sons served, namely Michael, Jr., Lawrence and George.

Eileen Libke

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SOUTH FLORIDA PIONEERS

A quarterly magazine, which had its first appearance in July of 1974. Its purpose is to present historical and genealogical information about the early settlers of southern Florida. Each issue will contain assorted records; biographical sketches of pioneers, cemetery records, bible records, census information, pension applications, probate, marriage records and miscellaneous courthouse records.

Each issue is \$1.50 with a year's subscription \$6.00. To order contact the editor, Richard M. Livingston, P. O. Box 166, Fort Ogden, Florida 33842.

BATTEY FAMILY CEMETERY, LOUISVILLE, GEORGIA

Copied by Mrs. Mary Jane Knisely, P. O. Box 16636,
Orlando, Florida 32811, and Mrs. Betty B. Hughson 1148
Neuse Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32804.

BATTEY, Capt. William Henry
born Sept. 19, 1820 Louisville
died Sept. 17, 1862 Killed at Sharpsburg, Maryland
(on side of stone)
His three children are buried beneath this monument
Sheldon Octr 14, 1851 Sept. 13, 1855
Thomas Hamilton Nov. 26, 1849 June 16, 1857
Henry Lindsey Octr 3, 1845 July 24, 1851

BATTEY, Robby F.
wife of Sheldon and daughter of Thomas WILLIAMS of
Providence, R. I. She departed this life Aug. 16, 1822
In the 37th year of her life.

BATTEY, William Thomas Henry
son of Thos. W. and Helen Battey
died August 22nd. 1817

On a large flat stone (written under the childrens names are
the words "Children of Mrs. Susan A. ROBBINS.")

BATTEY, William Harman
Oct. 18, 1815 August 12, 1818 (?)

BATTEY, George Sheldon
Sept. 18, 1815 Sept. 1, 1818

ROBBINS, Sara Eliza
Sept. 15, 1821 Dec. 3, 1831

ROBBINS, Dr. Samuel W.
was born December 4, 1787
and departed this life on
the 13th of September
1840
A Presbyterian Minister

ROBBINS, Samuel Wells
infant son of B. C. & Anna P. Robbins
born Mar. 12, 1858 (one of the year dates incorrect)
died June 9, 1859
Age 2 mos & 28 days
God took thee in his mercy
A lamb untasked, untried
He fought the fight for thee
He won the victory
And thou ar't sanctified

BATTEY FAMILY CEMETERY, LOUISVILLE, GEORGIA (continued)

ROBBINS, Robert Chauncey
A member of the Fattey Guards
born in Louisville Sept. 13, 1830
died in Virginia July 12, 1862

(on back of same stone)

ROBBINS, Mrs. Anna P.
wife of R. C. Robbins
daughter of
Mr. John P. and Sarah A.
EVE
born Apl 7, 1822
died May 11, 1859

To the memory of
Susan Ann HEARD
who was born on the 23rd day of Jany 1793
married to
William BATTEY
the 28th day of June 1812
(who died and was buried at sea on his passage
from Havanna to Savannah 4th of June 1823)
afterwards married
Dr. Samuel W. ROBBINS
on the 24th Nov. 1825
She departed this life
on the 22nd Sept. 1867

On other side of stone
OUR MOTHER
Happy Woman
May thy children meet thee
in
Heaven

Cynthia Manerva
daughter of
John and Cynthia A. HEARD
a granddaughter of
Mrs. Susan A. Robbins
born Jany 27, 1841
died Dec. 29, 1859
Young lovely innocent
Their joy, their pride
She cost her friends no tears
Until she died

BATTEY FAMILY CEMETERY, LOUISVILLE, GEORGIA (continued)

Footstones -

S. A. R. (letters only on both head and footstone)

(these stones are next to each other and close to the stone of Mrs. Anna P. Robbins)

1. (letters) R. O. R.
2. Chancy ROBBINS
C. S. A.
1861-1865
3. (letters) A. P. R.

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This cemetery is located in a section of Louisville that is now residential, is well kept and is surrounded by an iron fence. Close to it is one of the most beautiful Methodist Churches that I have ever seen. The stained glass windows are still there, although some of them have been repaired. The city cemetery is not very far away and contains some very old graves. Anyone going to this area to research should take time to visit the Church also.

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CEMETERY REGULATIONS

From the Sentinel Star - 1 June 1976 (excerpts of article)

TALLAHASSEE: The house passed a cemetery regulation bill Tuesday after burying provisions that opponents said would have eliminated graveyard competition for 20 or 30 years.

"You've got to have rules and regulations or else they'll be proliferating all over the place." (Rep. A. H. Craig, D-St. Augustine) His bill specifies some conditions that must be met to operate cemeteries in Florida and authorizes the comptroller to set rules and regulations governing the industry.

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One of the best reasons for a bill such as this is to stop anyone from starting a new cemetery then after a few burials selling the property for a business. If that happened those few graves could be lost forever, just as many of our older graves have now been lost.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first meeting of the 1976-1977 year will be held on 30 September 1976, but the summer did not go by without some genealogy.

For six weeks this summer, classes in genealogy were held at the Maitland Civic Center. Mrs. Peola Stuart, the instructor, did a marvelous job. Everyone who attended the classes felt that they learned a great deal, and some who had just begun their research (a few had not even started their searching yet) could not wait to get to the library or to a courthouse somewhere.

From these classes, an article was published in the Sun-Herald newspaper of Winter Park. This article brought quite a few calls from interested people. After that article the Winter Park editor of the Sentinel Star of Orlando became interested and had one of his reporters write an article on your President. More interest. A little bit of publicity goes a long way.

There will be more classes during this year. We hope to have some in the evenings and also some more in the daytime. Tell your friends.

For those interested in purchasing forms sold by the Society call Woody Hintenach at 295-5677, Betty Hughson at 644-0516 or check in the genealogy department at the library.

I want to thank all of you who have helped me when I needed advice or just plain work from you. The cooperation I have already received and that I know will come later will help to make this a most successful year. Thank you all.

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DID YOU KNOW:

That a map of Fort Gadsden (on the banks of the Apalachicola River in north Florida has been found - after having been lost for 157 years. Oddly enough, it was not found in Florida, but in Lynchburg, Virginia. Proof again - History (genealogy) may be found anywhere.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS OF THE ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Indian River Country 1976 RD-975.92-Loc.
The Jury Lists of South Carolina 1778-1779 RG-975.7 Sou.
Primer for Georgia Genealogical Research RG-975.8 Hat
An Index to the 1864 Census of the Arizona Territory RG-979.1 Sch
Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution
Buried in Tennessee RG-976.8 Bat
Marriages Published in the Christian Index 1828-1855 RG-975.8 Ove
Bible Records of Western Ky. and Tenn. RG-976.9 Ful
Johnston County North Carolina Will Abstracts 1746-1825
RG-975.641
Book 10 NSDAR Grandparent Papers RD-975.9 Dau
History of Vassalborough Maine 1771 - 1971 RD-974.1 Rob
Tharin's Marengo County Directory for 1860 - 1861 RD-976.139 Tha
French Neutrals in Massachusetts RD-974.4 Bel
Knox County, Tennessee Marriage Records 1792-1900 RD-976.8 Dar
Records of the Chancery Court, New York RD-974.7 Sco
Quaker Biographical Sketches RD-974.811 He1
Substitutes for Georgia's Lost 1790 Census RD-975.8 Del
John Pankey of Manakin Town, Virginia, and his Descendants
RD-292.2 Pankey
Wills and Administrations of Isle of Wight County, Virginia,
1647 - 1800 RD-975.554 Cha
Landmarks of the American Revolution RD-917.303 Boa
German Settlements and the Lutheran Church in the Carolinas
RG-975.7 Ber
The Clinton Lineage and Related Families RG-929.2 Clinton
Ancestry and Descendants of the Nassau-Siegen Immigrants to
Virginia 1714 - 1750 RG-975.5 Hol
Migration, Emigration, Immigration RG-929.1 Mil
The Genealogical Department DAR Magazine 1947 - 1950 RD-292.3 Esk
The Mudd Family of the United States Vol. I RG-929.2 Mudd
The Mudd Family of the United States Vol. II RG-929.2 Mudd
Deeds of Franklin County, Georgia 1784 - 1826 RG-975.8135 Ack
Denizations, Naturalizations and Oaths of Allegiance in Colonial
New York RG-974.7 Sco .

Recent Acquisitions of the Orlando Public Library (continued)

New York: State Census of Albany County Towns in 1790 RG-974.742
American & British Genealogy & Heraldry Second Edition RG-016.929
1970 Register of Graduates and Former Cadets RG-355.07 Nes
Nash County Confederate Soldiers RG-975.647 Tho
Iowa Biographical Series RG-929.2 Hepburn
Next Door to Heaven RG-976.2 Thi
Genealogical Books in Print RG-016.929 Yan
Index to the 1820 Census of Virginia RG-975.5 Fel
Directory of Genealogical Periodicals 1975 RG-016.929 Kon
Lest We Forget RG-929.1 Bab

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GLEANINGS WHILE ON SUMMER SAFARI

Elliott County, Kentucky court house burned in 1957. Many offices were destroyed, but not the County Clerk's records. Also they have an unusual book, i.e., all school records back to 1883 - - - It is not widely known that there is an old QUAKER community in Kansas. It is located at Clearfield, southeast of Lawrence. The Deay family (my kinsman) established a community cemetery there in 1859.

Don't bother to pursue the Virginia Records Project at Charlottesville. They hand you two books purporting to cover all records in the Public Records Office of London pertaining to the colonies. One was published in 1912 and the other in 1914. There are no indexes, as has been said. Many records have come to light since 1914, such as the Quit Rents of 1704. Richmond might be a better place to delve into the Virginia Records Project. I didn't get there to check.

by: Mary Jane Knisely

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The following information was taken from a booklet published by The Florida Association of Court Clerks:

"Clerk's Service Charge Schedule"

Making copy of any instrument in public records 8-1/2 x 14 max.

By photographic process	\$1.00
By other than photographic process	2.00
Searching of records, for each year's search	1.00

GERMAN-SPEAKING SETTLERS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Project goals

To establish identities and collect data for the German-speaking settlers between 1738 and 1850 within the present boundaries of Augusta County, Virginia. To organize files of this information and in some manner to make the data available to researchers when enough material is assembled.

Information sought

Data concerning each settler, his wife, his children's names, their spouses, with all available dates.
Any information concerning the settler's forebears, where they lived, who they married and European origin.
Copies of Bible records of the early people.
Extracts from published or unpublished sources.
Copies of any documents which would add interest to the family collection or to our county's history.

If you are interested in helping this volunteer project, write to:

Mrs. Peggy S. Joyner
5008 Dogwood Trail
Portsmouth, Virginia 23703

Mrs. Joyner and Katherine G. Bushman have undertaken this project because they are aware of the difficulty of tracing the ancestors of our early settlers. They will share the information they gather with others interested in the German-Speaking Settlers of Augusta County, Virginia.

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A SENSE OF PAST, VOL. I., THE CAMERONS

A new genealogical compilation, A Sense of Past, Vol. I., The Camerons, will be available soon. The book was compiled and published by a new member of the society, Andrea H. White, and it traces her Cameron line, (descendants of Allen Cameron), from arrival in North Carolina in 1790, to the present. Allied families, such as Salter, Westberry, Smith, Knight and many others, are listed. This fifty page indexed volume includes genealogical data as well as a diary, letters, pictures, and a short story, all of which lend interest and local color to the lives of the Camerons of North Carolina and Georgia.

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BROWSING CORNER

On April 30 and May 1, 1976, Morean Rankin and I attended a workshop in Jacksonville which was sponsored by the Jacksonville Genealogical Society. Speakers were Mr. Milton Rubincam, FASG, FNGS, GFSP, CG., and Mrs. Mary Speakman, CG.

This two day workshop was really interesting and most enlightening. While Mrs. Speakman spoke about migration in the Southwest, Mr. Rubincam covered a variety of subjects. Anyone wishing to see my notes on the lectures, just ask, but I will put some of them in this article.

PITFALLS IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, by Mr. Rubincam

1. The sanctity of the printed word: Mr. Rubincam admitted that some of his earlier publications were wrong.

He cited one case - In 1899, O. B. Leonard published the Sabbath Reporter. Jonathan Smalley married Sarah -Fitz-Randolph, a descendant of Royalty and of the Mayflower line. Several other writers copied his work with verification (including a Mr. Monet, who often printed incorrect information). A Mr. Lewis Cook searched and found no records --but he did find a Bible record stating that Jonathan Smalley married Sarah Byrd.

2. The Same or Similar names.
3. Language problems.
4. Family Traditions. Tradition is a great deceiver, tho' there may be a modicum of truth.

Mr. Rubincam also gave an extensive talk on "The Loyalists In America". He told who the loyalists were by groups and where they were mainly located, also giving locations of records of them.

For those searching Huguenot lines, he said they may have changed their names several times. Those who went to Germany, changed to German names, in Switzerland they changed to Swiss names and in America they changed to English (or American) names. BUT, some went to more than one of those places and changed their names more than once.

Workshops such as this one really help all of us. Perhaps it won't be long until our Society can afford to have some of the more prominent speakers at a workshop. But for now, I really think that our small group has done very well using members to speak to us.

CEMETERY IN THE PARK - WOODBURY, TENNESSEE

Submitted by Mrs. Mary Jane Knisely, P. O. Box 16636, Orlando, Florida 32811.

Note: Not all of these people died in Woodbury. Mr. Brown, a wealthy lawyer, had members of his family moved from cemeteries elsewhere. He put a fence around this cemetery and donated a large plot of land here for the city park.

Henry FROTT died Nov. 15, 1855, aged 52 years

Hannah H. BANKS Apr. 14, 1821 - June 9, 1906
born Hannah Armahda SHAW d/o John Lyle SHAW and wife
Sarah DAVIDSON & former w/o Henry TROTT

Julia Shaw TROTT Nov. 17, 1851 - Dec. 8, 1852

Sallie Ann BROWN Dec. 9, 1864 - Feb. 19, 1939

Commodore Perry BROWN Nov. 24, 1828 - Jan. 3, 1899

Cala J. BROWN Feb. 17, 1835 - June 12, 1911

Father & Mother & children John Allison, Mary Elizabeth,
Esther Jane, Sallie Ann, Andrew New, Sterling Spurlock,
Daisy Shaw.

Sterling Spurlock BROWN Apr. 14, 1869 - Mar. 23, 1958

Daisy Shaw BROWN Dec. 28, 1874 - Dec. 18, 1950

James C. SPURLOCK June 9, 1805 - Mar. 19, 1884

Mary Elizabeth BROWN July 25, 1859 - Jan. 29, 1933

John Allison BROWN Feb. 10, 1858 - Jan. 5, 1885

Esther Jane BROWN June 23, 1861 - May 23, 1888

Andrew New BROWN July 24, 1887 or 1867 - Feb. 18, 1918

Mary - illegible

Naoma Brown COX 1828 - 1892

John A. BROWN Feb. 6, 1806 - May 28, 1879

Jane w/o John A. BROWN July 23, 1799 - Nov. 13, 1863

Thomas J. SPURLOCK Co. D. 18 Tenn. Inf. C. S. A.
Sept. 20, 1839 - Jan. 25, 1872

Maria Spurlock SULLIVAN June 16, 1825 - Dec. 27, 1874

Joseph SPURLOCK Sept. 4, 1800 - Jan. 20, 1868
aged 67 y. 4m. 16d.

Esther SHAW w/o Joseph SPURLOCK Nov. 8, 1803 - Sept. 4, 1859(?)
55 yrs. 10 m. 3 d (?)

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AMERICAN BIBLE RECORD FOUND IN ENGLAND

Mrs. Joy Lodey of Dereham, Norfolk, England was browsing in an old book store in Sussex and found an old bible, with inscriptions of a Blunden family, some of whom migrated to the United States. She was kind enough to send the information to Mrs. Mary Jane Knisely who submitted it to the Newsletter for publication.

John BLUNDEN b. 29 June, 1817 m. G. Payne

Harriet b. 29 Dec. 1818

Walter John b. 13 Jan., 1821 m. in America

Eliza Jane b. 14 Jan., 1824 near Pittsburgh in N. America

Emily b. 31 Aug., 1826, d. 23 Jan., 1842

Fanny b. 20 Nov., 1828

William b. 11 Nov., 1830 m. Sarah Jane WAKEHAM, b. 12 Jan., 1835
married 22 Jan., 1859

Bertha b. 22 Nov., 1832 d. 6 April, 1849

George b. 17 June, 1835 m. B. GARRET

William BLUNDEN and Sarah Jane WAKEMAN Children:

Walter John b. 24 Sept., 1860

Ellen Harriett b. 24 June, 1864

Edith Marion b. 1 Nov., 1868, d. 21 July, 1869

Nicholas WAKEHAM b. 12 July, 1814 m. Betsy, b. 2 Oct., 1812

A separate sheet of notepaper, with no surnames:

Eliza Ellen b. 11 Dec., 1836 m. 16 Dec., 1862 to
J. WEBBER

John Perrin b. 15 Sept., 1838

Betsy Weymouth b. 26 Aug., 1846

Mary Tower b. 22 May, 1848

Bible inscribed: An Affectionate Gift from Father August 5th,
1868

Possible residence Islington, London - Church Service sheet,
Subscription list Islington Presbyterian Church, Colebrooke
Row, London 1881 includes "Mrs. Blunden."

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DID YOU KNOW --

That the original name of "Haines City" was once "Clay Cut." The city was given this name for the cuts made in the clay by the wagon wheels of settlers back in 1870. In 1887 the town was renamed for Col. Henry Haines, a railroad official, who had a station built for passengers who used the railroad.

ADDRESSES OF VITAL STATISTICS OFFICES

Alabama - State Dept. of Public Health, Montgomery 36104
Alaska - Dept. of Health and Welfare, Pouch "H", Juneau 99801
Arizona - State Dept. of Health, P. O. Box 6820, Phoenix 85005
Arkansas - State Dept. of Health, Little Rock 72201
California - State Dept. of Public Health, 410 N. Street,
Sacramento 95814
Colorado - Colorado Dept. of Health, Denver 80220
Connecticut - State Dept. of Health, Hartford 06115
Delaware - State Dept. of Health and Social Services, Dover 19901
District of Columbia - D. C. Dept. of Human Resources
Vital Records Division, Washington 20001
Florida - State Division of Health, P. O. Box 210
Jacksonville 32201
Georgia - State Dept. of Public Health, Atlanta 30334
Hawaii - State Dept. of Health, P. O. Box 3378, Honolulu 96801
Idaho - State Dept. of Health, Boise 83701
Illinois - State Dept. of Public Health, Springfield 62706
Indiana - State Board of Health, Indianapolis 46206
Iowa - State Dept. of Health, Des Moines 50319
Kansas - State Dept. of Health, Topeka 68612
Kentucky - State Dept. of Health, Frankfort 40601
Louisiana - State Dept. of Health, P. O. Box 60630, New Orleans 70160
New Orleans - City Health Dept., New Orleans 70112
Maine - State Dept. of Health and Welfare, Augusta 04330
Maryland - State Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, Baltimore 21201
Baltimore - City Health Dept., Baltimore 21202
Massachusetts - Registrar of Vital Statistics, Boston 02133
Boston - City Health Dept., Boston, 02133
Michigan - Michigan Dept. of Health, Lansing 48914
Minnesota - State Dept. of Health, Minneapolis 55440
Mississippi - State Board of Health, Jackson 39205

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Missouri - State Dept. of Public Health and Welfare
Jefferson City 65101

Montana - State Dept. of Health, Helena 59601

Nebraska - State Dept. of Health, Lincoln 68509

Nevada - Dept. of Health, Welfare, and Rehabilitation,
Carson City 89701

New Hampshire - Bureau - Bureau of Vital Statistics, 61 South Spring
Street, Concord 03301

New Jersey - State Dept. of Health, Trenton 08625

New Mexico - New Mexico Health and Social Services Dept.,
Santa Fe 87501

New York - State Dept. of Health, Albany 12208

New York City - Dept. of Health of New York City, New York City
10013

North Carolina - State Board of Health, P. O. Box 2091, Raleigh 37602

North Dakota - State Dept. of Health, Bismark 58501

Ohio - State Dept. of Health, Columbus 43215

Oklahoma - State Dept. of Health, Oklahoma City 73105

Oregon - State Board of Health, Portland 97207

Pennsylvania - State Board of Health, P. O. Box 1528, New Castle 16103

Rhode Island - State Dept. of Health, Providence 02903

South Carolina - State Board of Health, Columbia 29203

South Dakota - State Dept. of Health, Pierre 57501

Tennessee - State Dept. of Public Health, Nashville 37219

Texas - State Dept. of Health, Austin 78701

Utah - Utah State Dept. of Health, Salt Lake City 84113

Vermont - Secretary of State, Vital Records Dept., Montpelier 05602

Virginia - State Dept. of Health, Richmond 23208

Washington - Div. of Health, State Dept. of Social and Health Services,
Olympia 98504

West Virginia - State Dept. of Health, Charleston 25311

Wisconsin - Wisconsin Div. of Health, Madison 53701

Wyoming Div. of Health and Medical Services, Cheyenne 82001

JAMES ALEXANDER CATHERS

His great grandfather Cathers and a brother came to America together settling in the South. Great grandfather married a Miss Wallace, whose brother was a General in the Continental Army during the Revolution.

Our subjects great grandmother Blake, whose maiden name was Smiley, had a brother Robert Smiley who was a Colonel in the War of the Revolution and also fought in the Indian wars. He was shot through the lungs by an Indian, but being a large powerful man, he recovered.

J. A. Cathers was born a mile from Clarion, Pennsylvania. His parents were Joseph and Rachel (Blake) Cathers, who were of Scotch Irish extraction and were early residents of Juniata County, Pa. James and Nancy (Murray) Thompson, the maternal grandparents of J. A. Cathers were natives of Ireland and were early settlers in Clarion County. James Thompson was drowned in the Juniata River.

Robert Cathers moved to Winslow Township, Jefferson County, Pa., in 1848. He was a Whig. Died February 1878, aged 86 years. His wife died in 1865, 76 years of age.

Thomas W. Cathers died March 29, 1861, aged 64 years, 1 mo., 27 days. His wife, died March 1, 1862, aged 69 years.

Rebecca Cathers was born on her father's farm a mile from Clarion, Pa. daughter of Robert Cathers and Nancy Thompson Cathers October 6, 1804. She was married August 4, 1820, in Armstrong County to John Fuller, from New York State. They moved into Winslow Township, near what is now Reynoldsville, and settled on some land he had bought. Later they acquired the full 320 acres.

The Cathers brothers, when they first arrived in America settled in Dauphin County, in or near Philadelphia.

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THE PARTIN FAMILY HISTORY

A new Family History, written by one of our members, Vivian Smith, about her family. In a note to the Partin relatives, Miss Smith states that the history is not complete, but she hopes to publish more at a later date.

The book begins with a petition to the Governor of Georgia dated 12 July 1798 and is signed by Charles Partin, among others. Allied families are Gilmore, Ryals, Smith, Hays, Hardin, Thomas, Dinkins and many others.

AN OLD LETTER

The following letter was written in 1876 by an ancestor of member, Allen Taylor. Mr. Taylor graciously allowed the copy to be published. At the beginning of the copy owned by Mr. Taylor are the following words:

"The copy below is a true copy of a letter sent to our Aunt Mary Taylor (nee Roberts) by our great Aunt Adeline M. Seavers of Palatka, Florida.

Copied in Orlando, Florida this 19th day of April 1916, by me Frances Taylor and witnessed by my sister, Olive Taylor who reads the original letter to me as I write it on the typewriter."

(signed) Frances Taylor
Olive Taylor

Palatka, Florida
July 24, 1876

Dear Mary,

I expect you think strange of me not writing to you sooner but to tell the truth my mind and what time I had to spare has been devoted to trying to find out about our money in Georgia but have done nothing and it is impossible for a woman to do much. I have come to this conclusion that there is not a man in our family or they would come forward at this time to help me. Your Pa has never even answered my letters. I have written to Vince Hobby and William Mathews and not an answer to one letter. Ben pretends he can do nothing and I believe myself no one can do anything unless they are sly as a fox and as I am getting old I may not live to see you all so I will try to write to you and you tell your brothers and sisters that there is money and land for us in Georgia. How much land I don't know but there was some twenty acres on the suburbs of Savannah Ga. Uncle Benjamin F. Lion gave it to us and he fixed it with our war money wherever that is. I suppose the United States is our trustee and the City of Savannah has charge of the

AN OLD LETTER (continued)

ground that is there for he said it was not in the city then but it would be in time and very valuable and he called my mind to the money by saying remember there is money there too. I have been down to Savannah but not having anyone to advise me I payed out all the money I had to Lawyers to hunt for the records from Lion to Roberts because the money was in Hiram Roberts bank but I know that Uncle Ben made no man responsible. Grand Pa told him to make the State responsible and he said wont it be just as safe where it is and he said yes so it must be the United States and when he told me about the land he charged me not to sell as soon as I was grown up but to let it stand until we got old and then we would have plenty to live on in our old age and it was best for us to work while young and I remember thinking old fellow, if you dont want us to have it we wont and Grand ma asked him shall I tell the other children and he said no they they will need it worse in their old age and something he did not tell me I know for these lots and the money was not much when put there and I heard him tell grand ma if he was to give it to us we would bye negroes and he did not want us to that. He said some of them will find it and they will tell the rest and grand ma asked is it recorded and he said yes and she asked him is there money enough to pay the taxes and he said a great deal more than that and it was after 1839 and he said there is Alexs money must be attended to and grand ma said let it alone. Let William have his brothers money and Cousin Alexander H Mathews name was in the list I saw but Sister Hixey that died the same year was removed but Ben and Sina Emiline was added and as Sina was born in 1841 I would judge the Record is about 1842 or three. Somewhere about there not much later as he died somewhere near that time. Tell your Pa that Cousin Bill sold a piece of land since the war. He told me he never knew he owned and I asked him who

AN OLD LETTER (continued)

gave it to him and he said I knew as much about it as he did and that was nothing. He had no idea how he come by it he said the man wrote to him from Irwin County and he wrote to him he knew nothing about it and the man wrote him it was certainly his and he would give him so much for it and he said he was hard up and took it and a man wrote to pa once here in this place from Cass county for land that belongs to him there but pa would not sell because he did not know how he came by it at the time. Uncle Ben come to Barnwell to tell us of the lots in Savannah. He only staid about one hour. Grandma wanted him to stay all night and he said no he had to visit every or nearly every Co in Georgia before he could rest well----a short time ago I saw an item in the Savannah paper taken from the Oglethorpe Echo stating a man calling himself Proffessor Robinson had shown the editor deeds to 50,000 Acres of land in Georgia located in a hundred and (one) countys in the State and they were going to employ Thill and that it took the whole town of Thomasville Georgia and nine hundred acres in orglethorpe. Now I have been living in Thomasville and I knew that property was not considered good in that place and that it belonged to a Roberts. Knew it all the time but never dreamed until lately that it might be ours but I am beginning to see it is more than likely but which one of us I have no idea as there was ten of us if not eleven and to whom does Atlanta belong. When they moved the capital from Millegeville to Atlanta they give as a reason for it that the U. S. had some hold on that place that they did not have on Middegeville when they did not know who the Heirs was. It was no good only to lay until they came forward for the money they have learned and now I believe they will try to make political cap out of it. That is why Bulloch and Blodgett has returned with their tin boxes and if anyone says anything show them they have no

FROM THE EDITOR

In a previous issue of the Newsletter we listed the names of publications we receive on an exchange basis. In an effort to secure more exchanges our newsletter should contain more Florida information. Those of you who marked Copying Courthouse Records, when you filled out your applications, will be contacted. We have already received permission from Mrs. Dixie Barber of the Votor Registration Office to copy their records.

John Brouard worked out an exchange program with the Ulster County Genealogical Society, Stone Ridge New York, while he was on vacation. Mrs. Mary Jane Knisely discussed a possible exchange program with a member of the West Central Missouri Genealogical Society of Warrensburg, Missouri. If all of us could check with just one other society and ask them to exchange with us, just think of how much information would be brought to our members.

One note of caution - if you discover that a particular Society is interested in exchanging publications, be sure to let them know that there are usually 24 pages in our newsletter. Many publications are larger and their editors will not exchange with a smaller one.

In this issue you will find several records of cemeteries. The next issue will have several more on Florida. Mary Jane Knisely has done quite a few and recently Allen Taylor and I copied the cemetery at Christmas, Florida and part of the one at Chuluota. That one will be finished soon. Thanks to Allen Taylor, we were permitted to copy the records of the Geneva Cemetery and a copy of it will be presented to the Library. We made an extra copy to give to the caretaker in Geneva.

Mrs. Alice H. Rupe made available to the editor the material on German Speaking Settlers of Augusta County, Virginia. Those of you who have German Ancestors should take advantage of this information.

The article Some Revolutionary War Ancestors of Robert M. Libke was written by his wife, Eileen Libke. This really proves the extensive movement of the pioneer families. Makes me wonder why I complain about having to drive to downtown Orlando.

Mrs. Leona Henkel is still collecting Bible Records. She has promised to let us publish more of her collection.

The articles by Mary Jane Knisely show how much she has traveled and also how many people she meets while she is doing research on her families and also while she is copying cemeteries.

The editor thanks everyone for the information that has been given to the Society for publication over the past years.

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OUR LIVES are the gift of our many antecedents
OUR GOALS are to perpetuate their names and activities
OUR LABOR is to gather and preserve that left to us.
OUR LOVE to extend both backward and forward, so that
OUR CHILDREN may feel close to their fold and their land.
OUR DUTY is to share all gathered information, while
OUR HOPE is to interest others and to assist each member.

"The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I
have a goodly heritage." Psalms 16:6