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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.

CALENDAR

February 24

March 31

April 28

Meetings will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. at the Orlando Public Library Auditorium.

Members and guests are welcome to arrive a few minutes early for visiting and sharing information.

DUES CALL

Dues for the 1977 - 1978 year are due and payable by
1 March 1977.

Please send your check to:

Mrs. Claudia C. Weller, Treasurer
3615 Shamrock Court
Orlando, Florida 32806

or pay her at one of the meetings.

Thank you.

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NORTH CAROLINA IN MAPS

This set of maps include 15 beautiful big parchment maps whcih show and name the plantation of early South and North Carolina. The price is \$10.00. Order from:

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Dept. of Cultural Resources
109 E. Jones St.
Raleigh, N.C. 27611

Allen Taylor

PRESIDENT' MESSAGE

The excitement of the bicentennial birthday of our nation has ended, but we as genealogists must realize that someday there will be a tricentennial birthday celebration. We must remember that in another hundred years it will be even more difficult for people to locate their ancestor's records unless more of us do our utmost to preserve the records that now exist.

To help preserve the records of Central Florida, I would like our society to publish some small books consisting of cemetery records, Bible records and any other records that we can find to help those who are now researching in this area and those who will be searching here long after we are gone.

Your editor and I visited the Orange County Courthouse and have secured permission to copy and publish any of their records that we feel could help genealogists. Please call me to let me know when you will have time to work on these records. That is, call me if someone has not already contacted you to request your help.

Remember-it is the responsibility of all of us to save for the future of our country.

Betty Brinsfield Hughson

The State Library of N.C. has 3,000 reels of microfilm for interlibrary loan. They are called "The Core Collection" consisting of the most used N.C. County records prior to 1868. Imagine!!! For information regarding this collection write: Genealogical Services Branch

State Library
109 E. Jones Street
Raleigh, N.C. 27611

This service will send a listing by reel, the number of records available for a specific county. The maps in these records consist mainly of sketches showing various properties and who they belonged to. The records themselves are the basis for most all original research in history as well as genealogy for early North Carolina.

Submitted by:

Allen R. Taylor

CIVIL WAR MAPS: Orlando and Bartow both have two huge atlases of original Civil War Maps. Each page is a center-fold of valuable historic and genealogical information. Library No. R 973.73 (fragile)

Allen R. Taylor

RECORDS OF PRIMARY ELECTION RETURNS--ORANGE COUNTY

Certificate of Inspectors and Clerk
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State of Florida
Orange County

We, the undersigned constituting the County Canvassing Board of primary election held in the several voting precincts of Orange County on the 2nd day of June 1914, do hereby certify that according to the returns and certificates of the Inspectors in each election district as signed and filed by them with this Board, Eight hundred and Seventy eight (878) were cast by the Democratic party in said county at the said primary election for the nomination of a candidate for the office of U.S. Senator, and that said votes were cast as follows:

664 electors voted 664 votes for Duncan W. Fletcher
214 electors voted 214 votes for John N.C. Stocton

M. O. Overstreet
Wm. Martin
Frank H. Williams Sup. Registration
County Canvassing Board for
Orange Co. Fla.

Certificate of Inspector and Clerk
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State of Florida
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We, the undersigned constituting the County Canvassing Board of primary election held in the several voting precincts of Orange County on the 2nd day of June 1914, do hereby certify that according to the returns and certificates of the Inspectors in each election district as signed and filed by them with this Board, Eight hundred and nine (809) were cast by the Democratic party in said county at the said primary election for the nomination of a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture and that said votes were cast as follows:

265 electors voted 265 votes for T. J. Appleyard Jr.
544 electors voted 544 votes for W. A. McRae

M. O. Overstreet
Wm. Martin
Frank H. Williams Sup. Registration
County Canvassing Board for
Orange Co. Fla.

Contributed by: Andrea H. White

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA'S PAUPER CEMETERY

Located at Michigan Avenue and
Fern Creek Orlando

April 1971

Many graves are unmarked.

Mary Benjamin 1860-1941
Sam Bird 1897-1942
Chas. Bridges Sr. 1860-1942
Baby Brown Feb. 23, 1942
Baby Byrd Feb. 23, 1942

Baby Carroll Jan. 12, 1941
Harry Coleman 1897-1942
Ella Duclo 1877-1940

Baby Fountain July 31, 1941
David Geiger 1872-1942
Joseph Golden 1890-1942
Clyde Gray 1894-1942
Arthur Harris 1876-1942
Jennie Hilson Died 1942

Joe Jackson Oct. 3, 1941
Stanley Johnson June 28, 1940
Milton Kirkland 1885-1941
Jacob W. Kiser 1866-1941

Wm. S. Martin 1872-1942
Henry Maxwell 1907-1942
Bessie Mays 1900-1942
Norman P. Moss Jr. July 31, 1940
John Muldrow Oct. 5, 1941
Ernest McDonald Oct. 17, 1941

Louis Simmons 1881-1941
James Slade 1874-1941
Luella Thomas Aug. 27, 1940
Martha Turks July 22, 1940

Baby Wallace Owens May 24, 1941
Baby Wilson May 27, 1940
Baby Witherspoon Oct. 4, 1941

Contributed by:

Mary Jane Knisely

ORANGE COUNTY DATA

ORANGE COUNTY (955 sq. miles) FORMERLY: Mosquito County
until 1824 (south of Matanzas Inlet); Jan. 30, 1845 became
Orange Co.

1849-Putman Co., 1850-Sumter Co., 1854-Volusia Co.,
1872-part of Sumter back to Orange; 1873-Brevard/Orange
Co. border changed; 1879-Boundaries Orange/Polk/Sumter
rearranged; 1887-Relinquished part to Lake & Osceola;
1913-properties separated to Seminole Co.

1st Court House 1863-log bldg.-burned 1868, destroying most
county records

2nd Court House 1869-Frame

3rd Court House 1875-Frame

4th Court House-1892-brick & stone

5th Court House-concrete and marble-commenced & cornerstone
laid in 1926-completed Sept. 1, 1927

ORLANDO-County Seat by Legislative Act- 1856

Special thanks to Mrs. Shackleford of the Orange
County Courthouse for providing this data.

COURTHOUSE FINDS

The following items are available to the Public in the Orange County Courthouse, Room 812, Right of Way Department; Government Field Notes; Orange County Road Books, numbers 1 & 2; Orange County Road Bond Projects, 1-84; Township Platts by Jo Fries; Relocated Gov't Land Corners Book; a listing of settlers and information that can be used for distinguishing indian and settlement trails.

FROM ORANGE COUNTY DEED
BOOK D

State of Florida
County of Orange

Know all men by these ?
that I David W. Williams being
about to enter into the Holy Bond of Matrimony with one
Margaret Wells Craig of the County of Orange & State
aforesaid, who is propered in her own right of certain
Negroes property to wit,-----Milley Negroe Girl aged Thirty-three
Gilbert aged fourteen
Thomas aged twelve
Jacob aged ten
James aged nine
Alice, a girl aged six
Amy a girl aged two
Anny aged one
Elmina aged fifteen
and one half of Polly aged eighteen
which property I hereby relinquish unto her my future right
title & Interest with the Increase, to her own personal use
and benefit, to do with as she may deem fit and proper, &
at her desire to dispose of as she may think best. On
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this the 6th day of December, A.D. 1854.

D. W. Williams (seal)

Witness
James W. Chandler
H. H. Williams
Francis Dustan

Recorded the foregoing in Book
D. page 25a March 28th, A.D. 1855
Arthur Ginn
Clerk

DID YOU KNOW! In 1938, Billy Graham was Baptised and
ordained at the Peniel Baptist Church near Palatka. The
Biblical name Peniel translates: "The face of God".
Today, a historical society is restoring the Pioneer
Peniel Baptist Church to serve as a museum and reminder of
early Baptist days in Florida.

ROGLERS

Submitted by Agnes Kasper

- I. Rogers, Jim B.? Place ? D.? Buried in Antioch Cemetery, Wimauma, Fl.
Married: 1. Nancy Harrell B.? Place?
2. Pollie Ann (Newman) Keen (Indian by birth)
b. 15 Aug. 1885, Texas D.?
- II. Rogers, Col. John Rountree, B.? Charleston, S.C.? D. 3 Oct, 1857 Buried Aiken, S.C.
Married: Mary Baker B.? Place?
D. 31 Dec., 1873 Aiken S.C.
- III. Rogers, Thomas Judson B. 25 July 1855 Ridgelyville, Ga.
D. 28 Feb. 1912 Southport, Fla.
Married: Ella Jane (Fulghum) Rogers "Who are their
B 15 June, 1865 Place? parents?"
D.15 July, 1901 Douglas, Ga.

BROWSING CORNER

Early in December, Betty Hughson and I spent a wonderful day browsing in the Orange County Courthouse. Under the guidance of Mr. Joseph E. Aebischer, Chief Deputy Office of County Comptroller and Mrs. Shackelford, we had the opportunity to learn just what the Courthouse offers us for Genealogical research.

Mrs. Shackelford showed us the oldest book of records for Orange County--Deed Book D which dates back to 1842. This book would have been destroyed in the Courthouse fire of 1868 except that the Clerk at that time happened to have it at home working on it. What a gem it was! Later, she introduced us to Mr. Aebischer who gave us the Grand Tour of the premises.

Mr. Aebischer told us that the Orange County Courthouse has the most highly sophisticated method of indexing and at the same time, the most simple method of indexing of any County system. In the Vaults, he pointed out to us such interesting records as the Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Paper (instituted after the Civil War), Immigration Records-1904-1906; 1906-1928, numerous records on Seminole County that were in the Original Mosquito County, the 1893 Tax Records and so very much more. The Platt Records back to 1884 and even before are housed downstairs. The originals include Seminole County. All of these are public records and are at your disposal when you have time to use them.

The Society is looking for members who would be interested in copying courthouse records so if you feel this would be a contribution you would like to make, do contact your President, Betty Hughson.

BILLY'S ISLAND: ANOTHER LOST SETTLEMENT

Until shortly after the turn of the century, on the south side of the Okefenokee Swamp, at the headwaters of the Suwannee River, there was a bustling community of Indians and White men living in harmony on Billy's Island. This beautiful but lawless Island was named for Billy Bowlegs, the chieftain of the Swamp Indians.

The population of this settlement fluctuated from 300-to- 500, and was supported by the logging industry. A railroad went through the swamp so that the Cypress Logs could be shipped to Hubbards Mill, north of Waycross, Georgia.

Billy's Island boasted of a General Store, a Theatre, a Hotel and a Railroad Station. Thrift and Fulford were well-known family names on the Island.

In 1937, the government bought most of the Okefenokee Swamp and 293,826 acres in Georgia were set aside as a wildlife refuge. By this time, the logging industry had played out on Billy's Island anyway, and the area returned to the wilds. Today a visitor can find only remnants of the dual civilizations--an occasional chimney standing alone, a few foundations of homes and Indian mounds.

Andrea Hickman White

BROTHERS MARRY SISTERS (From Valdosta Times, Apr. 11, 1896)

Homerville, Ga.--A beautiful wedding occurred at the residence of Mr. Ivy Davis near this place on March 29th at 7 p.m.. Dr. N. M. Pafford of Cecil wedded Miss Sentelle Davis and Rev. N. T. Pafford of Berrien County wedded Miss Amanda Davis. The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner by Rev. Mr. Stubbs, both couples being married in the same ceremony. The brides were beautifully attired in handsome costumes, and as they leaned on the arm of their chosen suitor and the solemn vows were plighted the picture was charmingly beautiful as well as of rare occurrence, for it is seldom two sisters and two brothers by the same ceremony are married. A bountiful supper was spread for the many guests who ate and drank merrily to the future happiness and success of both couples. At a late hour the guest departed after spending an evening which will be long remembered pleasantly. Monday, the following day, both couples came into Homerville and went away on the west-bound train followed by the love and good wishes of a host of relatives and friends.

MAPS***MAPS***MAPS

"Close up" and "Long ago" Maps
Government, State, County and District
"Where to get them and What to ask for!"

Submitted by:
Allen Taylor

GOVERNMENT MAPS: Write to: Branch of Distribution
Geological Survey
1200 S. Eads St., Arlington, Va.
22202

Ask for an Index map, (free), for the state (or states) of _____.
Upon arrival, choose the map or the surrounding maps of
your search area. Order by name shown on index, from the
above address at \$1.25 each. Every known feature is
shown on the map covering an eight or ten mile area,
including contours or elevation. On the back of the
index can be seen various wonderful maps offered. viz.
Huge wall map for \$2.00, with the counties heavily
outlined, and each little stream named. Ask for
"Base Map with Highways and Contours" for the state of _____.

COUNTY MAPS: The Federal Government has instituted a
program whereby any person may write to the Department of
Transportation at the State Capitol and order maps of
any county in the state. They are accurate and reasonable
in price. The maps include all of the back roads and
scattered houses in the countryside, and each school,
church, cemetery, town and hamlet.

For a more specific address, note the following:

FLORIDA: order from; Central Reference Library,
Dept. of Transportation
Tallahassee, Fl. 32304

Ask for GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP of _____ county.

Another offer from the State of Florida is the
Atlas of all it's counties for a nominal fee of \$5.95.

Write for the Atlas at: Bureau of Maps
P. B. Box 5427
Tallahassee, Fl 32301

GEORGIA: Is----MAPS, Dept. of Transportation,
State of Georgia
Office of Planning
Atlanta, Ga. 30300

Ask for GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP of _____ county.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Order from; Map Sales Room 428,
S. C. State Highway Dept.

Columbia, S.C. 29201 (ask for Gen. Hwy. Map etc.)

NORTH CAROLINA: Maps, N. C. Dept. of Transportation
Div. of Highways, Raleigh N.C. 27611

AN UNPUBLISHED WILL

The following will was loaned to this Newsletter by Lorene Rentz Cameron (Mrs. Chester Madison Cameron) of Baytree Road, Valdosta, Georgia.

CATHERINE RENTZ WILL

Following is the will of Catherine Rentz, widow of George Rentz mother of Simon Rentz.

In the name of God, Amen, I Catherine (Caterneher-German) Rentz, widow of George Rentz and executrix to the estate of the said George Rentz of Colleton Co in the state of S.C., being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. Manner following, I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body, I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form: I bequeath to my Grandson (George Rentz) 15 acres of land whereon I now live. I bequeath to Peter and Simon Rentz, (my sons) 200 acres of land, being on the Savannah Creek, to be equally divided between the 2 likewise. I bequeath to my Grandson (George Rentz) and my sons, (Peter and Simon Rentz) and my two daughters (Catherine (Rentz) Platt) and (Christine (Rentz) Fender) the remainder of my whole estate and all my household goods, and except to Catherina Smith 1 Heifer and for all the rest to be equally divided between my grandson and my two sons & my two daughters. Likewise I constitute, make, and ordain Captain William McKinzie and Jacob Platts the sole executors of my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow and revoke all former testaments, wills, legacies, and executors, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. I witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal, this 13th day of June 1785.

Catherine C. Rentz.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared, by the said Catherine Rentz, as her last will and testament in the presense of us.
John Chaparean Steven Creamy Peter Rentz
Recorded in will book A-1783-1786- Page 547.

ANOTHER RENTZ WILL

Will of Simon Rentz Born 1755 Died 1820

State of S.C.-Barnwell District

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Simon Rentz of the State and Dist aforesaid being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executors, hereafter named, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the Might Power of God; as touching such worldly estate wherewith it pleased God to bless me within this life, I give, devise, and dispose, of the same in the following manner and form: I will and bequeath to Mary, my dearly beloved wife, one negro named Mary, with her son, Harry, with all my household furniture and plantation tools with two horses (Trummer and Blueskin), with three cows and calves, during her natural life, and at her death to be carefully kept together until my son Charles Frederick shall arrive at 21 years of age, then be equally divided amongst all my surviving children at the time, except my daughter (Margaret Hughes). I also will my beloved wife all my lands containing 781 acres except 50 acres, which I will, and desire that my son, (George Rentz), shall transfer by deed of conveyance to my daughter (Margaret Hughes). I will and bequeath that the remaining part of my estate, consisting of cattle, horses, critters, hogs, sheep, be equally divided among my children, George, Olive, Samuel, Molcy, Anna, Susanna, Kezia, Stephen, Peter, Charles, Frederick, Margaret. I do hereby constitute and ordain George Rentz, my beloved son, to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all other former wills, legacies and bequest by me in anywise made heretofore. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this 3rd. day of April, 1815.

Simon Rentz
Barnwell Co. S.C.

James Claton
John Fender

Recorded Apr. 28, 1820-Will Book B-Page 92

Contributed by:
Lorene Rentz Cameron
Valdosta, Georgia

BENJAMIN MOODY, SR. FAMILY RECORD

(Copy of the family record of Benjamin Moody, Sr., from his Bible now in the possession of his granddaughter, Ruth (Moody) Parker, of Homeland, Fl., who received this Bible from her Aunt, Mrs. Louisa M. (Moody) Waters, who died at her home May 31, 1934. These records were copied by M. D. Wilson, of Bartow, Florida, in 1937.)

Births

Benjamin Moody April 15, 1811
Nancy Hooker May 23, 1811
Mary E. Night July 26, 1829
Stephen T. Moody January 25, 1834
Martha E. Moody May 11, 1835
William B. Moody November 3, 1836
James O. A. Moody October 7, 1838
Sarah J. Moody March 24, 1840
Mary A. Moody April 22, 1842
Louisa M. Moody January 13, 1844
Benjamin Franklin Moody July 8, 1856

Marriages

Benjamin Moody & Nancy Hooker February 7th, 1833
Benjamin Moody & Mary E. Knight March 21, 1849
(2nd wife-no children)

Deaths

Nancy Moody September 26, 1845
Stephen T. Moody December 28, 1835
Mary E. Moody May 17, 1850

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MOODY BIBLE RECORD

(From the record of Mr. Benjamin F. Moody, of Homeland, Fla., now in the possession of Mr. Moody at the home of his daughter Mrs. Ruth (Moody) Parker, near Homeland. The Bible containing this record was destroyed in the Miami hurricane of 1926, the book being so badly damaged that Mr. Moody preserved only the pages containing this family record. This record was copied by Lillian Carpenter on April 4th, 1937)

MOODY BIBLE RECORD con't:

Marriages

B. F. Moody to N. E. Wilson Aug. 29, 1876, Polk Co., Fla.
B. F. Moody to Harriet E. Waters Dec. 22, 1895, Polk Co., Fla.
Myrtice Ione Moody to Charles Miggues May 23, 1914, Miami, Fla.
Eugenia Ruth Moody to John W. Parker Feby. 23, 1913

Births

B. F. Moody July 8, 1856, Hillsborough Co., Fla.
Nencie Eugenia Wilson Apr. 9, 1862, Clay Co., Ga.
Melville Wm. Moody Nov. 7, 1879, Polk Co., Fla.
Frederick Lester Moody Dec. 28, 1881, Polk Co., Fla.
Kline Barnett Moody Sept. 6, 1883, Polk Co., Fla.
Mable Adelaide Moody Mar. 14, 1886, Polk Co., Fla.
Eugenia Ruth Moody Nov. 29, 1894, Polk Co., Fla.
Harriet Elizabeth Moody Dec. 15, 1876, Polk Co., Fla.
Clarence Benjamin Moody March 5, 1896, Polk Co., Fla.
Myrtice Ione Moody Sept. 6, 1901
Wilma Fay Moody Aug. 14, 1906, Dade Co., Fla.
Dwight Lyman Moody June 3, 1910, Polk Co., Fla.

Deaths

Nincie Eugenia Moody Polk Co., Fla. June 13, 1895
Myrtice Ione Miggues Apr. 17, 1930, Flushing, N.Y.

* * *

Information furnished by Mr. Benjamin F. Moody, Jr.
(born July 8, 1856) on April 4, 1937:-

My father, BENJAMIN MOODY, SR., was born at St. Mary's, Ga. His mother was Sarah Lee from Virginia. She had a brother named Wiley Lee. Benjamin Moody's father died either just before or soon after he was born and Benjamin was reared by his Uncle Wiley Lee.

BENJAMIN MOODY, SR. came from St. Mary's, Camden Co., Ga., to Hamilton Co., Fla. and thence to Hillsborough Co. in about 1848. Farther back than that, I know nothing of my father's family.

My father, BENJAMIN MOODY, was first married in Hillsborough Co., Fla. on Feb. 7, 1833 to NANCY HOOKER, and by her had a large family of children. She died Sept. 26, 1845, and in 1854 he was married to MRS. LYDIA HENDRY (nee Carlton) who was my mother, I being

MOODY BIBLE RECORDS con't:

an only child of this marriage. My father was born April 15, 1811 and died Oct. 13, 1896 in his 87th year. My mother, Lydia (Carlton) Moody, was born April 4, 1812 and was, also, in her 87th year at the time of her death. She and my Father lie buried side by side in the Homeland cemetery in Polk County, Florida.

My father was one of the oldest pioneer settlers in South Florida, and fought against Osceola, Coacoochee and other famous Seminole warriors, from 1835 to 1842.

* * *

Tombstone Inscriptions

Cemetery located at rear of Register farm in Seville, Fla. Volusia County. This cemetery may be reached by Hwy 17 to 305, the farm is about 3 miles east of Seville on 305. This cemetery had become over grown, but at the time of my visit there the timber had recently been cut so some of the markers could have been destroyed. The area was a square about one half acre in size. The three remaining markers were located near the center, but not close together.

Charlotte Register
Dec. 25, 1837
Sept. 15, 1897

Robert H. Brown
Mar. 17, 1876
Nov. 24, 1898

Charles G. Linzer
Died 2-2-1889
Age 24 years

Sorry, but I do not know who contributed the above material. Probably it came from Mrs. Eileen Willis who is always finding interesting items for this Newsletter.

* * *

"Persistence"

"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'Press On' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race."

Calvin Coolidge

Do you agree with Mr. Collidge?

RIVER VIEW CEMETERY CON'T:

13. J.E. Curfman
Jan 9, 1849
14. Maria I.: His Wife
Oct 11, 1853
Aug 11, 1894
15. John H. Curfman
Jan 24, 1863
Sept 23, 1905
16. Mary O.: Wife of Wm. F. Curfman
April 6, 1895
Nov 21, 1912
17. Chas. H. Downs
Born Feb 18 (13?) 1855
Died July 3, 1917
"At Rest"
18. Eliza V.
Died Aug 5, 1900
Aged 38 yrs., 8 mo. and 19 days
"At Rest"
19. George L.: Son of Chas. H. & Eliza K. Downs
Died Aug 9, 1899
Aged 1 yr., 1 mo., & 20 days.
"Asleep in Jesus"
20. Frances M. Wiles
June 24, 1902
June 20, 1928
21. Samuel E. Wiles
Jan 10, 1875
Nov 28, 1938
22. David C. Downs
Maryland
PFC 115 Infantry: WWI
Nov 20, 1886
Dec 14, 1956
"son of Chas. & Eliza Downs"
23. DOWNS
L. Freeland Downs
1853-1913
Mary K. His Wife
1861-1900
1889-Nora-1889
1899-Norman-1899
24. BELOVED MOTHER
Anna R. Wiles
Dec 2, 1883
Mar 14, 1976
25. Charles L. Curfman
1865-1926
26. Annie C. Curfman
1861-1945
27. Maria Curfman
1893-1973
28. Ann Rebecca: Wife of Christopher Downs
Died Mar 25, 1899
Aged 73 yrs and 19 days
29. Leonard B. Downs
Died Aug 1 (?), 1890
Aged 26 yr. 7 mos and 28 days
"Death Cometh the Hour Unseen"
30. Christopher (Downs)
Died July 9, 1890
Aged 67 yrs and 8 days
"B---Not Thyself of Tomorrow
For -----Day
----Forth for Death is
Everywhere."
31. Newton K. Downs
Apr. 13, 1866
June 3, 1951
32. Matilda C. Downs
July 1, 1869
Aug 29, 1946
33. Samuel R. Gossard
Sept 4, 1857
Jan 1, 1926
34. Florence G.: His Wife
Dec. 19, 1856
Dec 20, 1941
35. Vesta A. (Gossard)
July 18, 1896
Oct 3, 1904
36. Helen V. Downs
Jan 24, 1897
Mar 2, 1951
37. C. Norris Downs
Mar 21, 1894-Apr 6, 1975
38. Norris S. Downs
Nov 2, 1918-Apr 11, 1935

LETS SHARE

Several members of our Society have indicated that they would be glad to share their personal libraries with others in the Society. Of course, the loaning procedures will be at the discretion of the owners of the books, and members are expected to make their own arrangements with those who are willing to share. The role of the Newsletter will be to publish individually and voluntarily submitted bibliographies. However, the Newsletter welcomes this opportunity to serve the membership and appreciates the generosity of those submitting.

Tennessee books owned by Patricia Lee Murphy, 320 W. Lakeview St., Apt. 213-Orlando, Fl.

Goodspeed's <u>General History of Tennessee</u> , reprinted from	
Goodspeed's <u>History of Tennessee 1887</u> .	15.00
Goodspeed's <u>History of East Tennessee-Sketches of 30</u>	
East Tennessee Counties. Reprinted from Goodspeed's	
<u>History of Tennessee 1887</u> .	15.00
<u>BIOGRAPHICAL INDEX TO THE HISTORY OF TENNESSEE</u> , by Mrs.	
Leister E. Presley (biographical sketches on in in index)	14.00
<u>HISTORY OF TENNESSEE</u> Goodspeed Publishing Co., Nashville-1887	
Weakley County biographical sketches only for	
Weakley County.	5.00
<u>Weakley County Tennessee-1850 Census-Transcribed by</u>	
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<u>Bible Records and Marriage Bonds</u> , compiled by Jeannette	
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Mrs. Robert E. Ross-copyright 1961	10.00
<u>Obion County History</u> by E. H. Marshall, reprinted 1974	6.50
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Rebel C. Forrester (H. A. Lanzer Co., Union City, Tenn.)	6.50
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The Great Philadelphia Wagon Road

"Through Lancaster County, Penn., Frederick County, Maryland, Augusta County, Virginia, out through Blackwater Gap into Henry County, Virginia; crossed the Roanoke into North Carolina near Winston-Salem, came southward to Salisbury, Charlotte, or went westward toward Camden, South Carolina, where they connected with the earlier trading road."

The Georgia Genealogist (10/71)

RESEARCH: THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES and THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

At the November meeting, Norma Richardson gave the Society an interesting and informative talk on Research in The National Archives and The Library of Congress. She once lived in the Washington area and has first hand knowledge of how to use these institutions.

ARCHIVES

(Located between 7th and 9th streets)

Research at the Archives requires a Researcher Identification card which may be obtained from the main desk of the second floor central research room. This card is valid for one year.

Some material, such as the original census books, is immediately available but many records must be requested. Military records, especially, may take several days for the librarians to gather so it is best if the researcher does not assume that he will be able to see all the requested original documents within a day.

The microfilm and the readers are on the fourth floor. A researcher identification card is necessary for use of this large room where Census files, Revolutionary Pension Application files, logs from U. S. Embassies and many old books and records are housed.

Many times there are documents or records not available to the researcher because they are in the process of being microfilmed. A wise researcher would write for verification of available materials before visiting the Archives. For information other than military records, pensions or Bounty Land Warrants, one should write to :

The National Archives
Archives and Record Service
General Service Administration
Washington, D.C. 20408

The "Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives" is an excellent guide to what records are available and also what information is contained in each record. The Orlando Public Library has a copy or a researcher can purchase one from:

Superintendent of Documents
US Government Printing Office
Washington, D.C. 20402

The General Services Administration Form 6751 must be used for requesting Veteran's records dating before World War I. These forms can be obtained from:

Military Service Records (NNCC)
National Archives (GSA)
Washington, D.C. 20408.

ARCHIVES AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RESEARCH con't.

GSA Form 6751 is used for Pension Records, Bounty Land Warrant Applications, or Military records. The researcher is expected to supply the veteran's name, State from which he served, war in which he served or the dates he served--if Civil War Records are requested, then the researcher must specify Union or Confederacy. The researcher should expect a bill for this service when the records are received. The "Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications" available in the Orlando Public Library will assist the researcher.

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

(Located behind the Capitol; Genealogical Room located in the Thomas Jefferson Room in the Library Annex directly behind the main Library)

In this area, a last-name index card file is available. Books mentioned in the file may be ordered by turning in the proper order form to the main desk. Books are delivered to the numbered desk of the researcher. Special passes for browsing through the stacks can also be obtained from the main desk.

Inquires concerning research in the Library of Congress should be mailed to:

The Library of Congress
Research Librarian
Washington, D. C. 20408

Other places in the Washington area that may be of interest to the researcher are:

1. The Geography and Map Division Reading Room-845 S. Pickett Street, Alexandria, Virginia
2. DAR Library-17th Street just off Constitution Ave., Washington, D.C.. \$1.00 fee for non-members.

THANK-YOU Norma for this valuable information!

DID YOU KNOW! The microfilmed safety copies of the Official Records of Orange County are stored in the National Underground Storage Corp. vaults at Boyers, Pennsylvania. The storage premises, in which some 200 people are employed, consist of an extensive complex of underground passages remaining from a U.S. Steel Corporation limestone mining operation terminated in 1957. Some 154 major corporations and governmental entities, including the General Services Administration, rent space. Each space varies in size and is properly secured by Mosler vault doors. Proper film storage temperature and humidity is a natural feature of the premises. The entire complex is under tight security utilizing armed guards and an identification badge system.

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- 1810--IL
 LA--Avoyelles, Plaquemines, St. Landry Parishes
- 1820--AL, GA, IL, IN, MS (GA. index not accurate)
 KY--Mercer Co.
 LA--Avoyelles, St. Landry Parishes
- 1830--AR, FL, MS, MO, TN
 AL--Baldwin, Dale Counties
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 Ontonogan, Schoolcraft, Tuscola Cos.
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- 1860--AL--Lowndes Co.
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1880--DK--Buffalo, Campbell, Douglas, Emmons, Faulk, Foster,
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Williams, Cos.
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Stevens, Wichita Cos.
MI--Isle Royale Co.
MN--Beltrami, Cook, Itasca, Lake Cos.
MS--Warren Co.
NB--Blackbird, Chase, Dundy Cos.
TX--Armstrong, Borden, Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth,
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fragmentary counties (18 of them) are indexed on microfilm
SOUNDEX indexes. All other counties burned fire, 1920's
1900 to present--not public

STATE CENSUSES OR TAX LISTS:

1776 Md; 1699-1732 La; 1829-36 Tx; 1813 Il; 1790, 1800 Ky,
Indian Territory (Ok) 1860; 1790 De; 1783 Harford &
Baltimore Cos Md; 1782-87 Va (s different vols.); early
tax digests, Ga; 1825 Washington Co. Ga; various lists from
Ms (on microfilm); 1885 Fl (microfilm)

TOTAL EXTANT FEDERAL CENSUS COUNTIES: 12, 427
TOTAL IN LIBRARY: 1,093

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DID YOU KNOW that in 1969, there were still 26 widows of
Fla. Civil War Veterans living and receiving pensions of
\$150.00 per month. A simple list (2 page computer print-out)
is in the active files at the State Archives. Another interesting
note--The nation's last Civil War veteran, William A. Lundy
of Crestview, died in 1957.

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December 14, 1969

FOR YOUR DIRECTORY

A warm welcome to our new members!

1. June Pauley Valdespino- 5023 Golf Club Parkway,
#158 Orlando, Fl 32808
Phone 293-3954

June is married to Joe M. Valespino, a native of Tampa, Florida. They have 4 children and 1 grandchild. June is researching the Teed family of Westchester Co., N.Y., as well as the allied families of Teed such as Gregory and Brown.

2. Ginger Graham Isbell-P.O. Box 4523
#159 Winter Park, Fl 32793
Phone 647-4438

3. Lois Witham Reed-5521 Jessamine Lane
#160 Orlando, Fl 32809
Phone 855-7734

Lois is the widow of Clarence Reed and the sister of Minnie Witham. She was born in Vermont and lived in New Hampshire. Two children, 13 grandchildren (including step-grandchildren) and 6 great-grandchildren make up Lois' family. At our next meeting, be certain to ask Lois about the impressive project she did with photographs and a script for her step-daughter. Lois will be researching the Reed family.

4. Kathryn Cameron Stewart 747 S.Wymore Rd. Apt. 2
#161 Altamonte Springs, Fl.
Phone 862-1074

Kathryn is married to Raymond W. Stewart and she is employed by American Food Service as a bookkeeper. The Stewarts recently moved to this area from Homerville, Ga., where Kathryn was a member of the John Floyd Chapter of the DAR and The Huxford Genealogical Society. Kathryn is researching the lines of Cameron, Westberry, Smith, Stewart and others.

5. Carolyn Bero Gaston-1231 Pryde Drive
#162 Maitland, Fl 32781
Phone 628-2345

Carolyn, a 7th generation Floridian (her family was originally on Amelia Island, Fl.), is married to John N. Gaston III, and they have 3 children. She stays quite busy as Coordinator of the Additions program at Lake Syvelia, a member of the DAR, and as a custom finisher of Needlepoint at the Distaff and Spindle Needlepoint Shop. She is researching the Florida Beros as well as the Gaston family who date back to 1760 in Chester, S.C.

FOR YOUR DIRECTORY con't

6. Roger William Hores-6212 Hillwood Drive
#163 Orlando, Fl 32809
Phone 851-1476

Roger, a steel estimator for the Modern Welding Co., is a native of Wheeling West Virginia, and has lived in this area for 13 years. He and his wife, Beatrice Amuntrud (a native of Canada) have one daughter. Roger is interested in Photography and gardening as well as genealogy. He is researching his Mother's line-Rogers-of West Virginia.

7. Dr. George G. Miles-2104 Merritt Park Drive
#164 Orlando, Fl., 32803
Phone 894-8215

Dr. Miles, an Anesthesiologist at Florida Hospital, is a native of New York, as is his wife Elizabeth Palmer. The Miles' have two sons. The Gannon and Miles (Ireland) family lines are Dr. Miles special interest.

CORRECTION from last issue-Melanie Huggins-not Melonie
APOLOGY to Ginger Graham Isbell for no biographical
information in the Newsletter. Your editor was unable
to reach her.

THE HOLY BIBLE-A PICTORIAL FAMILY BIBLE

Published by B. F. Johnson & Co., Richmond, Va. 1884

Edited by Rev. Philip Smith D.D.

Originally owned by Andrew Jackson Whittemore, Plant City, Fla.
In possession of John Raymond Moore, Plant City, Fla.

BIRTHS

Andrew Jackson Whittemore	March 28, 1856
Sarah Whittemore	May 10, 1852
Charley Whittemore	September 22, 1872
Samuel Whittemore	September 2, 1874
Solomon Whittemore	October 25, 1878
Anna Whittemore	March 28, 1882
Bascom Whittemore	April 18, 1886
Clayton Whittemore	May 20, 1888
Andrew Jackson Whittemore	January 6, 1894
John Walter Whittemore	October 5, 1897

MARRIAGES

Charley Whittemore to Alice Kelley; August 28, 1894, Plant City, Fl			
Samuel Whittemore to Sarah Martin; January 23, 1890,	"	"	"
Solomon Whittemore to Lulu Alvritton; Feb. 4, 1897 ,	"	"	"
John F. Moore to Anna Whittemore; Jan. 29, 1908,	"	"	"

Contributed by:

Mrs. Fuller A. Simmons
Plant City, Fl.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

In the October Newsletter, I appealed to the membership for help with the compiling of information for your quarterly. Special thanks go to such members as Pat Murphy, Marcia Wright, Pam Downs, Agnes Kasper, Allen Taylor, and others, who promptly supplied information to be used in this and the next issue. Hopefully other members will follow suit and we will reach our goal of having each member "publish" at least one item to the Newsletter during the year.

Miss Minnie Witham will be coordinating the Ancestry Service for the Newsletter. No doubt, she will explain the procedures for completing this project at a meeting very soon. Please remember to cooperate with her so we can all benefit from this service.

Have you visited the Historical Library in Bartow, Florida? VERY IMPRESSIVE!!! Betty Hughson and I spent a marvelous day of research there, and if you haven't been, we highly recommend that you go very soon!

Our Query section is growing! Won't you add yours to our collection?

Andrea Hickman White

FAMILY RECORD: WHITE

- I. Absolom White (Quakers)
 - 1st. wife-Mary Brown
 - Issue: 1. James Anderson
 - 2. Andrew Jackson
 - 3. Serena md. Preston Spillers
 - 2nd wife-Mary (Polly) Kienan
 - Issue: 1. Sam
 - 2. John
 - 3. Valentine-d. in Civil War
 - 4. Vina
 - 5. Tipton
 - 6. child
- II. James Anderson White b. 1-20-1823 Green Co., E. Tenn.
 - d. 11-9-1886 bur. Linden, Iowa Cem.
 - md. Asenath Wright on 4-24-1845 b. 7-12-1818, Wilmington, Ohio
 - d. 5-16-1884, bur. Linden, Iowa Cem.
 - Issue: 1. James Wiley b. 6-20-1855 d. ca 1936
 - md. Mary Wright on 7-3-1890
 - 2. Andrew Jackson b. 6-2-1849 d. 8-26-1901
 - md. Rosetta Edwards
 - 3. Caltha Ann b. 11-12-1851 d.? bur. Linden Cem
 - md. Elmore Yokum Willis
 - 4. Amilley Jane b. 3-8-1852 d. ?
 - md. Rheuban Mooreman

FAMILY RECORD: WHITE con't

5. Serena Ellen b. 8-24-1857 Ind. d. 9-12-1944
Valparaizo, Ind. md. William Ross Hoyt
6. Christina b. 6-28-1860 d. 12-25-1901
md. Allen Mooreman ca. 1891

2 girls and 1 boy of James A. White and Asenath Wright died in infancy.

2nd. wife of James Anderson White-Matilda Jane Ashwell-No issue.

Submitted by: Verna McDowell

QUERIES

1. BOYD-CALDWELL: Seek info on parents, siblings & desc. of Abner Boyd b. 8 Nov. 1796 and his wife Rebecca F. Caldwell, b. ca. 1800--both probably Va. They moved to Weakley Co., T area ca. 1825 and bur. at Obion Chapel, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Hagood Rd., Martin, TN. Their children--Nancy Cinthelia m. 1. Rev. Daniel Mooney, 2. Wm Washington Knox; Elizabeth m. Gilbert; James Caldwell; Sina Catherine m. Dr. Peter B. Stubblefield; George Pinkney m. Parilee Scott; Augustus Columbus; Penelope m. Winston; John Wesley m. Miriam Roselle Ferrill; Abner Monroe m. Bettie Fall; Rufus Asberry; Wm. Finney m. 1. Lucy Hunsaker, 2. Mary Mozelle Sanford. Abner's sister supposedly m. a Birthright & moved to Texas; brother-Nick lived in Middle TN. Rebecca pro. da. of James Caldwell bur. Obion Chapel, d. 14-Sept 1841 aged 76, sister of David Pinkney Caldwell also bur. Obion Chapel.... Pat Murphy, 320 W. Lakeview St. #213, Orlando, FL 32804
2. TANNER-CANADA: John Tanner m. Polly Ann Canada, dau of John and Sarah Canada who are buried N. Prong Cem. near Moniac, Ga. John Tanner came from Ga. in 1840's. His father was probably Vincent Batson Tanner, b. Md., Poss. Dorchester Co. Vincent Tanner md. Winifred Gardner in Wayne Co., Ga. in 1825. Who was John's mother? 1880 census says she was born in N.C. Betty Hughson, 1148 Neuse Ave., Orlando, FL 32804
3. HODGES-CLINTON: Need info on William Hodges b. 8-4-1778, NC, d. 1841 m. Rachel Clinton b. 1-19-1781, NC d.? Who were William and Rachael's parents? Kathryn C. Stewart, 747 S. Wymore Rd. Apt 2, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
4. HICKMAN: Need info on Aaron Charles Hickman b. 1785, N.C., later moved to Upson Co., Ga. Who was his wife? his parents? Andrea H. White, 2454 Carolton Rd., Maitland, FL 32751

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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