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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 the state and nation, and in furthering the objectives of the 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 7:30 p.m. Exceptions to the date of meetings and the place for meetings are designated by the President.

All meetings are open to the public. Visitors are welcome and members are urged to bring guests. Meetings are held at the College Park Womens Civic Club--714 W. Dartmouth, Orlando, Florida.

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UPDATE ON "Searching in Britain"

Peter W. Burrowes

In the article "Searching in Britain" published in BURIED TREASURES in January 1979, the charges at the end should be revised to take into account increases expected to take place on 4/1/79, and also the exchange rate for the Pound which as of 3/28/79 was
 $\pounds 1 = \$2.05$.

Full certificates applied for in person
will cost $\pounds 2.75$

\$5.64 ✓

Full certificates applied for by mail
will cost $\pounds 6.50$

\$13.33 ✓

As the exchange rate fluctuates from day to day it is advisable to check with your local bank and then add about 50 cents.

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A compilation of data collected over past 10 years, but no proof of identity of immigrant ancestor. Additions and corrections solicited for future volume in correct format.

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Clinch County Historian

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By: Martin Register
Valdosta Daily Times
February, 1979

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"I had to start from scratch," he said. "I didn't know the history of Brooks County. A woman who had been working on the book had died but she left quite a collection of information."

The Daughter of the American Revolution, which was sponsoring the project, knew of Huxford through his book on Clinch County and asked him to write their book.

When he arrived in Quitman, he didn't have a way to get out into the rural areas, but he finished the project by reviewing old newspapers and by talking to whoever was available.

After that, Huxford began writing in earnest. He says he visited "every cemetery between the ocean and Albany" and spent weeks on the road going over courthouse records and old newspapers.

His interest in family genealogy took him to Washington, D. C. to painstakingly check census records.

short", he said, "I've not left any stone unturned in getting the information about the people I wanted."

The seven volumes of his "Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia" stand as probably the most complete set of references in existence to the early history of southeast Georgia.

Huxford considers "Wiregrass Georgia" to be the area lying south of the Ocmulgee and Altamaha Rivers.

At times, Huxford says he has been alone in his hobby.

"I've seen so many people do the same thing I've done, collect old records, then die. Then, in about two years, none of their work could be found.

"So I decided to put everything that I had done down in print. My family was all down on me, especially my wife. They said I had lost money on any writing I had ever tried to do, but I went ahead with it."

There were financial problems when volume one of "pioneers" came out but favorable reaction by the public made it worthwhile. The first book, published in 1952, will soon go into its seventh printing. The remaining six volumes enjoy similar demand.

Failing eyesight has made writing difficult for Huxford in recent years. He said after the fifth and sixth volumes of "Pioneers" were published that he would do no more writing. It appears now, about three years after his seventh volume was published, that he will do no more writing.

But he retains the brilliant mind that has marked him as exceptional throughout his life.

"That mind will serve as proof to anyone that man is divinely created," said Iverson, who is editor of the Clinch County News. "I've never seen anyone with so much up there."

Another son, John, teaches music at Valdosta State College.

Huxford's first wife, the former Orrie Kirkland, died in 1968. After that, he married his childhood sweetheart, Stella Huxford, his first cousin. She died a few years later.

Historical research has made a name for Huxford, who is one of 50 members in the American Genealogical Society, and its only member south of Virginia.

Huxford con't

But to the people who visit the Huxford Genealogical Library here, which contains volumes of all his books, he is more than a historian.

He remembers those who homesteaded the land and carved a rough living out of the piney 'woods. He has grown into the 20th century and became one of the area's leading citizens.

He is one of the last remaining links between the two worlds.

IMPRESSIONS OF JUDGE HUXFORD

By: Andrea H. White

Long before I became interested in my own genealogical history, I knew Judge Huxford and had benefited from his vast storehouse of knowledge. As a Junior in college, I found myself with the task of writing the History of my home county---- Lanier County, Georgia which is a neighboring county to Clinch where Judge Huxford lives. From the onset of my project, I knew the key to my success would be in the mind of this well-known historian. So off I went to see this old gentleman who could make my project so easy for me. What a surprise I had in store for me....He helped me in a way that I shall always be indebted to him for, but it certainly wasn't in the manner I had hoped for. In his slow quiet manner, the Judge discussed my project with me. His conversation led me, gave me ideas, helped me organize my system of attack, even gave me strong clues of where to search. I was on the long drive back to Valdosta State before I realized that he had not given me even one specific detail that I could use in my paper. Of course, this was no oversight on his part. He never intended to do my project for me. He knew what I needed better than I knew at the time. He made me work to find what I needed. Several weeks later, I saw him in the little Homerville barbeque restaurant and I excitedly told him what I had found. He listened to me with a great deal of interest but answered me with questions----Did you include so & so? Where did you find that? Do you feel that is enough information? I soon realized that there was much more work to be done on that project.

Through the years, I have gone back to see Judge Huxford with specific genealogical problems or upon occasion, I have visited him just to listen and learn about history in general and my impression of him has always been the same. He is a genius who is genuinely interested in the preservation of historical information whether that information is his or others. He is not a selfish genealogist. He will help other genealogists, share information (at the least, background) with them, encourage them, even push them-----but he will not do the work for the genealogist. Perhaps the most impressive thing he does for the genealogists is inspire them to do more and to do it better.

RECENT PERIODICAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST

The American Genealogist - April 1977 - page 78 "The Pennsylvania Dutch" by George E. McCracken. I heard this man speak (not on this subject), at the Bicentennial Conference on American Genealogy and Family History in Cleveland last August. He is editor of TAG. This article is a good explanation of who the "Pa. Dutch" were.

Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly - Spring 1977, page 15.

"The Scotch-Irish in Scotland, Ireland and America" by Harold I. Meyer. An excellent article on the racial makeup of this group, why the Irish hated the English and Scotch-Irish so, why they migrated and their role in the making of this country.

Ancestral News - Tenn. Genealogy Society - Winter 1976, page 171.

"Marriage License Record--Dyer County, Tenn." by Mrs. Haskins Riden.

This nine page list covers the period 26 April 1865 to 1 Dec. 1867.

Gettysburg the West - January 1977.

"County, Ohio records"

These include Deed Book for 1797-1803; marriages, 1798-1803; and records of two cemeteries.

Hayward Heritage - January, 1977.

"Buchanan County, Iowa records".

These include lists of early residents; marriages, 1848-1862; deaths 1887-1895; and records of Pine Creek Cemetery.

The Genealogical Helper - March-April, 1977, page 155

"Genealogical research in Czechoslovakia" by Olga K. Miller.

This article not only says that the government of this "Behind-the-Iron-Curtain" country is beginning to collect and make available genealogical material but also gives a bibliography of sources.

National Genealogical Society Quarterly - March 1977

This issue contains selected papers from the Bicentennial Conference on American Genealogy and Family History, August 8-12, 1976. Among these articles on Quakers, Jewish genealogy and German mercenaries of the American Revolution.

The Genealogists' Magazine - March 1977, page 5

"Modern sources for genealogical research in the United States" by T.L. Boam.

This magazine, published in London, is published by the Society of Genealogists which has one of the finest libraries in England. This article is from an interesting viewpoint and contains a selected bibliography.

Magnolia Monthly - April, 1977, page 9.

"The Richards Family of Calhoun County" by Elizabeth F. Smith.

Those persons who know of this periodical will be saddened to learn that the editor and publisher, Mrs. Smith, regrets to announce that this issue "will be the last one". Started in Oct. of 1963 she has consistently published interesting and well written articles on places, happenings, people and families of Wakulla County and West Florida. She also included up-to-date information on the local scene.

RECENT PERIODICAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST, Con't

Southern Genealogists Exchange Quarterly - 1977, No. 31.

"Index to Registrants - Florida Armed Occupation Act of 1842".

The 1976 issues contained those persons who filed land claims at the office in Newnansville (Alachua County), Florida. With this issue begins the names of those who filed at St. Augustine.

Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin - Spring, 1977

"Frederick County, Maryland, 1800 Census".

This issue is devoted completely to a compilation of this important census.

Contributed by: Eileen Willis

JACOB HUTCHINS OF ATHOL, Revolutionary Soldier

By: Jack R. Hutchins (cost \$7.50)

Now available is a new book for all interested in the American Revolutionary War. This complete history of the war is presented in the form of a biography of Jacob Hutchins who served at Bunker Hill, White Plains, Stanwix, Saratoga. Charts show many of his descendants including Elias Hutchings, discoverer of the Mannouth Cave in Kentucky and early LDS member is included. The history also describes the activities of all 196 soldiers, sailors, and marines named Hutchins-Hutchings, -Hutchens who served in the American army as well as the six members of the family who remained loyal to England and who moved to Canada.

A list of the different regiments of each colony, a chronology of the battles, skirmishes, and events of the war, the explanation of the pension acts, and examples of the different types of records in the National Archives, etc., are of interest to all trying to prove Revolutionary War service.

The brief history included of the Hutchins-Hutchings, -Hutchens family of American starts with Thomas Hutchins of London, England who joined with Winthrop, Saltonstall, Adams, and 22 other individuals to form the Massachusetts Bay Company in 1618. They received as a grant from the King the land between the Charles River of Massachusetts and the Pacific Ocean. Sir George Hutchins notarized the copies of the company charter before it was taken to New England by the first colonists. Brief histories and charts show five generations of the branches of the family located at the time of the Revolution in New England, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, North Carolina, and Mississippi. Names and addresses of the known principal historians of each branch are given. Complete copies of the 1885 genealogy of the David Hutchins family of Attleboro, Mass.; Westmoreland, N.H.; Vt.; N.Y.; Iowa; etc. and the 1935 summary of the Strangeman Hutchins Hutchens family of Va., N.C. and the Ohio Valley are also included.

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FAMILY REUNIONS

Family reunions are an excellent and most enjoyable method for strengthening family ties and perserving family records. For those of you who are interested in organizing a family reunion or who would like to make your reunions better, Miss Minnie Witham, a member of this Society, can provide valuable "hints" about how to make a reunion successful. She has been involved in the Witham Reunion for many years and as the following newspaper article will attest---the Withams know how "to do it right"!

WITHAM FAMILY GATHERS FOR REUNION

Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader
August 30, 1978

~~HOIDEN~~---The 78th annual Witham Reunion was held at the Pedigree Asset Fish and Game Club. Witham families attended from 43 towns in eight states. One hundred fifty persons registered for the two-day reunion.

The theme for the reunion was "Let's Set It Straight For '78", with a special theme, "Witham Families Are Sharing Folks." Articles were donated for an auction, recipes for a future Witham Cookbook, books for exchange, and shared garden produce with those who had no gardens.

On the first day children's games were supervised by Mrs. Doris Witham of South Paris, ME. The adults visited, worked on genealogical records, and listened to piano music by Mrs. Wyoma Welch of Plymouth. The Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Witham of Hanson, Mass., assisted by their daughter, Mrs. Cheryl Ehrlich, led a song fest in the afternoon which was followed by a family auction with President John Witham of Reading, Mass. as auctioneer. Three short movies were shown especially for the children.

After supper, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Richards of Nashua, presented a slide program of "A Look At The Isthmus of Panama." They lived in the Canal Zone for 30 years and brought an exhibit of articles made by the Panamanian natives.

The day closed with an evening of square dancing with Stanley Cibel of Lincoln, Mass. as caller.

The next day started with a pancake breakfast, a flag raising ceremony and a worship service led by Chaplain Harold Noyes of Benton. He was assisted by his grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Noyes of Laconia, at the piano for the singing. Miss Mary Ann Nagle of Campton, was soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Viola Gardner, of Reading, Vt., at the piano. The Rev. Richard Manwell of Warren offered prayer.

The worship service was followed by a short memorial service prepared by Mrs. Lois Reed of Plymouth.

WITHAM FAMILY REUNION con't:

A noon luncheon was held in the dining room. Mrs. Virginia Carter and the Welch family, with assistance from others, served meals and snacks on both days.

President Witham conducted the business meeting. The oldest person present was Mrs. Gertrude Shute, 87½ years old, Randolph, Vt., and the youngest present was her great grandson, Douglas Shute of East Barre, VT. Mrs. Shute is a daughter of one of the founders of the Witham Reunion and has missed only two reunions.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Witham of Spring Hill, FL traveled the longest distance and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ames of Lancaster, Pa., took second place. Mrs. Wyoma Welch had the largest family present with 26 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in attendance.

It was voted to send the Traveling Witham Trophy to Mrs. Blanche Witham, 74 years old, Springfield, Vt. She is the oldest member and a daughter-in-law of one of the three founders.

It was voted to hold the 1979 Witham Reunion Aug. 11 and 12 at the same site. The following officers were elected: President, John Witham of Reading Mass.; first vice-president, Paul Batchelder of Enfield, Conn.; second vice-president, Rev. Calvin Witham of Hanson, Mass.; secretary and treasurer, Miss Minnie F. Witham of Plymouth; assistants to secretary, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Welch of Plymouth; Mrs. Ethel Chalmers of Springfield, VT.

Also, chaplain, Rev. Harold Noyes of Benton; assistant chaplain, Mrs. Madeline Shute of South Barre, Vt.; nominating committee, 3 yrs., Mrs. Arlene Batchelder of Springfield, Vt.; 2 yrs. Mrs. Eloise Bartley of Dummerston, VT; 1 yr., Mrs. Edith Witham of Worchester, VT.

The president appointed the following committee chairmen; food, Mrs. Virginia Carter; program, Mrs. Eloise Bartley; children's activities, Mrs. Doris Witham; cookbook, Mrs. Betty Batchelder of Enfield, Conn.; signs, Lloyd Witham of Oxford, Maine; building custodians, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bartley; out door scout and fire tanks, Ralph Simonds of Hinsdale.

The program prepared by Mrs. Eloise Bartley and her committee, began with Paul Batchelder as master of ceremonies. Several children entertained with musical numbers and Diane Moorhead gave an acrobatic demonstration. Trophy cups were presented to the winners of games. A special "This Is Your Life" tribute was enacted for Mrs. Gertrude Shute by members present and letters were read.

NEW SMYRNA SUGAR MILL RUINS STATE HISTORIC SITE

Located one mile west of New Smyrna Beach on S.R. 44, heavy cut stone walls with arched doors and windows have excited speculation on their origin for years. It was once thought that the ruins were those of a Spanish mission founded in the latter part of the 17th century. However, it has since been established that the ruins are those of a sugar mill of the early 19th century. The remaining ruins are of coquina, a native rock formed by shells and sand from the nearby sea. The workmanship was superb and the arched doorways and window openings were beautifully proportioned. Walkways and interpretive signs guide visitors through the ruins of the mill which fell to the torch of the Seminole Indians. With clever planning during the early stages of the war, the Seminoles ruined the plantation economy south of St. Augustine.

The freshly cut cane was loaded on wagons and carts and transported to the mill. At the crushing house, it passed between heavy iron rollers powered by a large cogwheel driven by a steam engine. Live steam from a nearby boiler fed the engine. The wells used to supply this steam boiler can be seen today.

The juice was placed in a battery of boiling kettles, two of which are still intact. The four kettle foundations, fire pit and the chimney base may still be examined. If syrup was the desired product, the process ended here. If sugar was wanted, the dehydrated hot liquid was taken to the long crystallizing vats to solidify, and was then placed in barrels for use or shipment.

The building of this mill is said to have been started in 1830 by William Kemble for William Depeyster and Eliza and Henry Cruger of New York, on land bought from the estate of Ambrose Hull. Henry Cruger was empowered to manage, lease, mortgage, sell or otherwise dispose of the plantation. The following excerpt from Florida Atlantic by Dr. Mark F. Boyd cites the details of the mill's destruction.

"On the evening of December 24 (1835) a servant of Mrs. Sheldon, wife of the manager of the Cruger and Depeyster property, went to a Christmas dance of the Negroes on the Hunter place (Stamp and Hunter), and on the following morning she related to her mistress about the Hunter premises. The next day the Indian Negro, John Caesar, tried to lure Mr. Hunter from his dwelling by the ruse of an offer to trade cattle, but Mr. Hunter, having heard the news, refused to come out. The Indian party, estimated to be from 80 to 140 in strength, was identified as from Philip's band, and was accompanied by a few Uchees and Indian Negroes."

"This day the Indians plundered the plantation of Stamp and Hunter and that of Cruger and Depeyster, and also occupied, plundered and burned the house of David R. Dunham. That afternoon the Hunters, Sheldons and others crossed over the Halifax River to Colonel Dummett's house. The following night the Indians burned all the house in New Smyrna, and after daylight, fired all the buildings including the sugar mills on the Cruger and Depeyster, and the Stamp and Hunter plantations, sparing only the corn houses of both properties. They secured 60 of the Depeyster Negroes, but only three of Hunter's. A party of eleven Indians crossed the river and set fire to the Dummett house, which did not burn, and that of Radcliff to the north, and destroyed the meager possessions of the

SUGAR MILL RUINS con't.

New Smyrna refugees, who had taken shelter on an anchored schooner. The Indians also broke and destroyed the lantern at the inlet lighthouse. The refugees started for Bulowveill in a samll boat by the way of the Halifax River. Their journey to Bulowville, where other refugees had congregated, appears to have bee uneventful.

Fon more information, write or phone New Smyrna Sugar Mill Ruins State Historic Site, P. O. Box 861, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32969 or phone 904-428-2126.

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2. WILSON RESEARCH by Mrs. Fred Shaw, 1970-71; Vol. I, 8½ by 11 offset, 51 pp. A 3 p. surname index; Wilson records in TN NC VA SC GA KY MS AR TX & OK, including will, Bible, census, cemetery records, etc. Vol. II 8½ by 11 mimeographed, 56 pp. & 2 p. index; Wilson records in PA OH IN IL IA MO KS, including census, marriages county and state records, personal sketches. Each volume \$5. or \$9. for set.
3. GEORGIA BOOKS by Mrs. Vernon L. LeMaster, 1979. ABSTRACTS OF GEORGIA DEATH NOTICES FROM "THE SOUTHERN RECORDED" 1830-1855, 8½ by 11 mimeographed, 108 pages alphabetized, groom listing and bride's index. The Souther Recorder, a weekly newspaper published at Milledgeville, GA(was researched there). Each vol. \$12.50; \$23. for the set.
4. AID TO PLACE NAMES, NEW YORK STATE TOWNSHIPS AND COUNTIES by Dorothy Remington Cutts, ca 1968; mimeographed, 16 pp. to assist researchers with illusive names. \$2.00
5. SADDLEBACK ANCESTORS 5½ by 8½, 182 pp soft-bound, 1969, glossary of Spanish terms, bibliography and name index; families of Spanish, Mexican and American immigrants who settled on ranchos in Orange County 1769-1869. \$3.50
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OHEV SHALOM CEMETERY, OLD WINTER GARDEN ROAD, ORLANDO, ORLO VISTA, FLORIDA
December 1970, Con't

Baby Lefkowitz, 1931
Benjamin Levin, Apr 12, 1871 - Jun 17, 1950
Sarah Labellman Chasnov, Sep 21, 1884 - Oct 27, 1963
Aaron Harry Levy, Mar 30, 1881 - Mar 4, 1958
Max J. Lyons, 1878 - 1952
Jennie Lyons, 1877 - 1963
Herbert Lowenthal, 1887 - 1943
David Levy, Sep 28, 1892 - Jul 11, 1949
Mauda Levy, Mar 1, 1888 - Jul 11, 1949
Sam London, 1885 - 1960 (Picture)
Sadie London, 1891 - 1961 (Picture)
Fannie Levin, Dec 17, 1885 - Apr 29, 1933
Morris Lieber, 1895 - 1955
Seymour (Cy) Lazar, 1917 - 1959
Nehemiah Lyons Roth, 1903 - 1966
Hymen Lieberman, 1892 - 1956
Joan Lipshitz, Jan 7, 1873 - Apr 29, 1943
Clara Lipshitz, Jan 1874 - Jun 1, 1953
Louis Lieberman, 1887 - 1939

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Alfred S. Metzner, Dec 9, 1953 (No other)
Albert M. Margolis, Jan 1, 1908 - Nov 7, 1967
Baby Boy Meltzer, Apr 2, 1959
Nathan Metz, 1885 - 1961
Beatrice S. Marks, 1894 - 1963
Henry George Miller, 1885 - 1956
Rae G. Medine, Sep 14, 1915 - Jun 27, 1960
Samuel Medinkowitz, Oct 25, 1879 - Nov 11, 1956
Ester Medinkowitz, Nov 22, 1882 - Nov 1, 1944
Bettie Moskovits, 1866 - 1935
Samuel Moskovits, 1866 - 1942
Fannie Meitin, 1882 - 1950
Jacob Meitin, 1880 - 1940
Dr Ruth Meitin, 1911 - 1936
Annie Meer, Died Aug 6, 1949 (No other)

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Robert J. Nisonoff, Sep 25, 1895 - Jan 17, 1966
Joseph David New, Aug 10, 1898 - Dec 1, 1947
Sarah Orris Burman, 1889 - 1968

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Rose Prensky, Jun 10, 1871 - Aug 2, 1950
Madge J. Pochintesta, Mar 22, 1926 - Oct 27, 1965 (Picture)
Saul Pine, Feb 1, 1948 - Jan 16, 1954 (Picture)
Ida Provus, May 7, 1889 - Nov 1, 1962
Meyer Provus, Mar 10, 1886 (No other)
Fannie Parron, 1888 - 1934
Faiga Perris, 1853 - 1936
Meyer R. Parkins, Mar 1, 1888 - May 19, 1950
Jennie Peisner, 1896 - 1960
Joseph Parron, 1854 - 1932
Lara Parron, 1898 - Other date uncat (Both pictures destroyed.)

R

Nathan Rosen, Jan 3, 1901 - Jan 18, 1955
Yvonne Rindom, Oct 13, 1958 - Nov 6, 1961
Philip Rosenthal, 1911 - 1970
Edward Roth, Aug 6, 1927 - Aug 31, 1927
Blanche F. Reich, Jan 22, 1884 - Apr 20, 1960
Sophia Rubin, Apr 8, 1899 - Nov 21, 1946
Nathan Rubin, Jan 17, 1896 - Jul 14, 1967
Rebecca Lyons Roth, 1903 - 1966
D.F. Roberts, M.D., Died Jul 10, 1929, Age 65
Hyman Roth, Jan 1, 1869 - Sep 9, 1940
Celia Roth, Apr 10, 1870 - May 20, 1935
Jesse Rosen, 1879 - 1934
Sarah Ida Rubin, 1898 - 1969
Morris H. Rubin, 1895 - 1962
H.N. Roth, 1900 - 1961

S

Dave Sanderson, Jan 16, 1958 24 Tebet 5718, Age 54
Joseph Simon, Died Oct 11, 1969, Age 73 yrs, 7 mos
Veteran 1896 - 1969
David Bruce Silbergleit, Dec 23, 1948 - Jan 16, 1956
Infant Silbergleit, Jan 1, 1955
Sam F. Slesnick, Nov 12, 1884 - Sep 11, 1964
Mollie Slexnick, Mar 27, 1889 - Jan 25, 1964
Samuel J. Singer, 1895 - 1970
Lanette B. Singer, 1899 - 1961
Jon Paul Sandman (?), Died Jun 1, 1961 (Typed. Deteriorated.)

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Nathan D. Simmons, Died Mar 2, 1970, 60 yrs, 7 mos, 3 days
Ben I. Schwartz, Oct 1, 1906 - Jan 25, 1967
Baby Sandler, Nov 3, 1947 - Nov 9, 1947
Max M. Segal, Aug 25, 1882 - Aug 3, 1958
Anna L. Segal, Dec 18, 1888 - Apr 25, 1963
Hugo Seligmann, 1886 - 1961
Ben Salomon, Sep 21, 1874 - Aug 28, 1949
Mirnie Salomon, Mar 29, 1880 - Oct 19, 1964
Julius Selig, 1888 - 1946
Abraham Sobey, Died Jun 16, 1941 (no other)
Isaac David Schwartz, 1865 - 1943
Fannie Schwartz, 1865 - 1950
Lena Selig, Feb 24, 1892 - Feb 4, 1958
Samuel Siegel, Oct 9, 1910 - Oct 23, 1962
Meyer Scharf, 1882 - 1957
Nana Simer, 1877 - 1959
Benjamin Isaac Sigal, Jan 13, 1888 - Jan 10, 1960
Lena Krantz, Sigal, May 12, 1889 - Apr 26, 1965
Harry Siegel, Feb 22, 1897 - Aug 17, 1944
Israel (Ike) Schechter, Jan 2, 1901 - Dec 29, 1960
Maurice Silberman, 1896 - 1967
Bessie Shader Friedland, 1891 - 1949
Ben Shader, Aug 23, 1899 - Oct 4, 1955
Ephraim Selig Seligman, Nov 2, 1932 (No other)
Aella Seligman, Aug 13, 1953 (No other)
Etta Samuels, 1882 - 1966
Sol Samuels, 1877 - 1948
Nathan Stein, 1877 - 1926
Isadore Shader, 1895 - 1933
Morris Wm. Siegel, 1882 - 1959
Anna Rachel Siegel, 1886 - 1950
Fannie Spilky, Oct 28, 1895 - Dec 22, 1964
Sol Spilky, May 25, 1891 - Jun 2, 1952
Infant Silbergleit, Jan 1, 1955
Harry Superior, 1884 - 1963

T - U

James A Toll, 1874 - 1959
Katie G. Toll, 1879 - 1954
Robert C. Ulmer, Aug 26, 1945 - Aug 31, 1954
Dora Uretzky, Dec 23, 1900 - Apr 30, 1955

W

Aaron Witte, 1906 - 1968

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Saul Windelman, 1886 - 1959
Max Werner, Beloved Husband of Blanche Warner, 1905 - 1962
David Werner, 1878 - 1955
Rose Werner, 1891 - 1953
Louis Wolly, Aug 9, 1890 - Jul 18, 1953
Beatrice Weinsier, Died Oct 3, 1946 (No other)
P. Weinberg, 1874 - 1930
F. Wittenstein, 1893 - 1958
Jacob K. Wolfe, 1895 - 1960
I. Wolf, 1907 - 1962
Sol Wittenstein, 1899 - 1964

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DECEMBER 1970

CONTRIBUTED BY: Mary Jane Knisely

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Gregory Mark Cherkas, 1950 - 1968
Abraham J. Goldsmith, SFC Quartermaster Corps WWI
Dec 31, 1893 - Dec 25, 1968
Adele Haarburger, 1888 - 1968
Arthur M. Levy, N.Y. 1st Lt. Inf. - Res WWI
Aug 3, 1893 - Jul 27, 1959
Peter K. Mayburduk, M.D., Jan 7, 1886 - Mar 5, 1968
Maria Mayburduk, Nov 21, 1886 - Dec 15, 1969
Jean Maxine Rosenberg, 1922 - 1969

THE ROLE OF ED McDONNELL IN THE CIVIL WAR

The following letter was written to Mrs. Flossie Curry, aunt of Carolyn B. Gaston, in the early 1960's by Mary MacRae of Homosassa, Florida.

Mrs. Flossie Curry
Archer, Florida

Dear Mrs. Curry:

Please forgive me for the delay in answering your letter, butetc.

As regards your uncle Ed McDonnell. He appears in the letters of David Yulee as a runner of the blockade. He used to bring his boat up the Homosassa and tow out barges laden with sugar. At first he landed at Cedar Key and they were loaded directly into the train which went on a trestle out to deep water. However, I expect you know the location of the line better than I do because when the line was rebuilt it ran again until about 1930 on the same location. You were, I am sure acquainted with it.

After the line was destroyed in 1862 when Cedar Key was taken over by the Federal troops, your uncle still ran the sugar up the coast right under the eye of a blockading vessel which was stationed off the mouth of the Homosassa, and unloaded it at Camp Four. I expect you know the location of this--just inland from Cedar Key on the R.R. Because of the activities of Captain Dickinson and his troop, the enemy never reached in to Camp Four and it remained in Confederate hands. After the enemy took Fernandina the Atlantic end of the R.R., the goods were unloaded at Baldwin.

There was great distress here when a large shipment taken by Captain McDonnell failed to arrive at Camp Four. There was intensive hunt going on at the time for all blockade runners and it was feared that he had been captured. Several weeks later he turned up with his shipment intact, having had to go up into the Withlacoochie to avoid losing his load. He made Camp Four in good shape. This was in 1864.

There was much rejoicing in Homosassa and Yulee when who was then running the Railroad with Gainesville as headquarters wrote of his safe arrival.

.....2 paragraphs of personal comments.....

Yours sincerely

Mary MacRae

NOTE: The address of Mary MacRae at the time of this letter was--MacRae's Cottages and Apartments--P. O. Box 228, Homosassa, Florida.

"KISSIMMEE EARLY DAYS RECALLED"

By: Mrs. E. A. Cantrell

Contributed by: Alton Nolle

Copied From the Kissimmee Gazette, Sept. 23, 1945

(This item was copied from the original news clipping and loaned to the compiler, Vermeille Holeman Galbreath, by Cousin Clarence Griffin of New Smyrna.)

Acting on a clue furnished me by Mrs. Lena Harper, who has given me so much information about Kissimmee's early history, I finally was able in November, 1948, to locate members of the family which seem to have been the first to settle within the present limits of our town.

That earliest settler was Mr. Charles Baker Sweet. His son, Jefferson Sweet, who was born on the homestead in 1875, now lives on Tyler Street in Pinecastle. Mr. Sweet was not well enough to see me when I called but from his wife I learned that he had told her he was born in Kissimmee in 1875- and I was given the address of his sister, Mrs. Molly Thompson of 535 Daniel St., Orlando, Fla. and from her-told in spritely fashion, I obtained this story of her family's life in Kissimmee.

"My father was Charles Baker Sweet, the son of an Englishman and his wife whose name was Miss Gasparro. He had two brother, Jim and Eli and they lived in Decatur county, Ga. where my father enlisted in the Confederate army. My mother was Elizabeth Whidden (Whiddon) of Georgia.

After the War, they decided to come to Florida. They first thought of going to Texas, but were advised to come to Orange county instead and they did so. There were twenty-one in their party: The L. J. Griffin family, the Greeup Arnolds and the T. M. Carpenters, besides my own family. Mrs. Carpenter was my mother's sister. (This was Caroline Whidden)

The party traveled to Florida by private conveyance. My father had a very fine horse which he drove and there were several ox teams, bringing equipment and supplies. We first settled on Lake Holden where my father, thinking he had good title to the land, built a good house and barn, fenced the land and planted an orange grove. Then he found he did not have a good title, I forget just what the trouble was, but he lost the property and decided to go further south to the neighborhood of Lake Tohopekaliga.

We came to Florida in 1872 and this was a year or two later. I remember my brother Charles Jefferson Sweet, was born while we lived there in 1875. I was about three years old when we went down there. The place he chose was between the lake and Shingle Creek. I have seen it in recent years and it was back of what they called the ball park on

the old highway to Tampa. The house burned long ago but the old clay chimney which my father built was still standing at that time.

Our house which my father built himself was a log house of one room and a lean-to kitchen. We fenced in the yard and we had chickens and hogs. Mr. Tyner let him pen some of his cattle on several acres until it was trod good, and then Daddy planted sugar cane, cotton, sweet potatoes and pumpkins. We had milk too, from our neighbor's cows which they let us keep. As the grazing was good, there was no expense.

The only neighbors we had were the Tyners who lived a mile and a half west of us, between us and the creek-Swangle Creek, I think it was called. On the east side of us there was nothing between us and the lake but the prairie. We used to go over to the lake every Sunday afternoon. There was what they said was an Indian Mound over there.

On our place we raised about everything we used but flour and coffee which Daddy would get in Mellonville. We lost our horse and then he drove a mule. He carried his cotton up there to be ginned. (at the cotton mill).

Mother had a spinning wheel which she had brought with her from Georgia and she would spin the thread, both fine and coarse, for socks and stockings and other things. She also made her own quilts and even made her hats.

Daddy raised watermelons too, and my mother made the best watermelon preserves I have ever tasted. I have tried and tried but I could never make them taste like her's and nobody around seemed to be able to either. I think maybe it was the good fresh home made syrup she used.. We made our own brown sugar and syrup-and Daddy was very fond of curd which he made himself. He dripped it and pressed it in a home made press until it was hard as could be, and whenever he got hungry, would cut off a piece with a knife. He wasn't very tall and got fat eating it.

As I said, my brother Charles was born there but I was the baby when we moved there (Kissimmee) and it was several years before I was old enough to go to school in the little school house over back of the Tyner's on this side of the creek. The other members of our family were another brother, John B. who died some years ago in Miami and two sisters, Katie who died in Orlando and Rebecca who died in Tampa.

After a few years my father bought a tract of land from old man Harney and we moved to Pinecastle where my father and mother died some years ago. My brother Charles still lives there and he and I are the only members of our family still living.

I don't remember many of the people living in that section at that time. I used to hear my parents talk about Uncle Rob Bass who live on Mill Slough and other members of the Bass family in that section, and about the people across the creek where the Overstreets and others had settled, but I can remember the school and our house and the country around it just as if it were yesterday.

One experience of our life in Kissimmee often come to my mind. Daddy had gone to Mellonville to sell a load of cotton and the cows were late in coming up that afternoon, so that Mother had to do her milking by torch light. Just as she was coming home she could see something standing by the gate. We had seen it, too, and were crowded together inside the house, scared to death. When she got up there she found it was two Indians, old Chipco and Tallahassee. They told her they were trying to find the little store across the creek. I reckon that was the little trading post Uncle Jimmie Yates had there so long ago. My mother gave them a torch and tried to tell them how to go and they started off through the woods. John Tyner, saw their light from his house across the woods and fields and thinking it might be one of us coming to their house for help of some kind, started out across the cornfields to meet us. When he got near enough to make out the two Indians, they say he nearly broke down all the cornstalks getting back home. His brother Frank, who was older and had had dealings with the Indians, went out and talked to them and showed them how to go. We were all too excited and scared to sleep much that night, as they were the first Indians we had ever seen and we had talked a lot about the Indian Wars.

We were still talking about them the next day when along about noon, old Chipco came back alone. He said he would like to come in and rest awhile and sat down on the porch, where every now and then he would spit on the floor. It looked like pure spit but after he left, we scrubbed and scrubbed and never could get rid of the stain. After while, mother asked him if he would like something to eat and he said he would, so she gave him some bread and meat and milk and clabber which he seemed to like especially. All the time, he sat silently watching, ready to run at the first alarming sign-but there wasn't any. When he left, we watched him out of sight and saw that he went off across the prairie toward the lake where we supposed he had a boat tied up." This ends the account by Molly Sweet Thompson.

Mrs. E. A. Cantrell to whom the story was told continues-----"....and that ends the story of the first family, so far as we have been able to learn, to make their home within the confines of the present city of Kissimmee.

The old man Harney mentioned by Mrs. Thompson, was Col. Wm Wallace Harney, poet, philosopher and editor of one of Kissimmee's earliest newspapers, THE BITTER SWEET. (note: Lake Harney is named for Col. Harney.)

The Tyner family was that of Clement Tyner who was postmaster at the newly established post office at Shingle Creek in 1877. Already established at Cross Prairie was the post office to which Robert C. Partain, undoubtedly our Mr. Bob Partin, beloved pioneer citizen, had been appointed in Sept. 1873. The city of Kissimmee was not chartered until Jan. 1883, nearly ten years later". This

end Mrs. Cantrell's account of the interview with Mrs. Thompson in 1949.

NOTE: the compiler, Vermeille H. Galbreath, reminds your descendants of Grandmother Jessie Clarke Bell that her mother, Caroline Whiddon Clarke-Carpenter was a sister to Elizabeth Whiddon Sweet, mother of Mrs. Molly Sweet Thompson, teller of the story above. Therefore Molly and Jessie Clarke Bell were first cousins.

This newspaper account is invaluable to our Whiddon family records for it gives in detail life as it was 50 years following the Confederate War. These people had been stripped of all they owned and they had to begin again with no more than had their ancestors in the early days of Colonial America. They had to raise all their food, raise the cotton from which they spun thread on a spinning wheel, weave the material from which they made their clothes; use the scraps to make bed quilts: the only sweetening they had was honey or syrup they made from grinding their own sugar cane (fast becoming a lost art). Shoes were a problem. Paper was a luxury and slates were used for learning spelling and arithmetic. Every member of a family had to work hard to exist and pleasures were simple-a barn-raising, barn dances, church picnics and suppers! A circuit riding preacher was always a welcome visitor, weddings and baptisms were postponed until a traveling preacher came by. And yet-with all the hard work and privation, they had good useful lives and juvenile crime was non-existent. Such as did exist was nipped in the bud by a trip to the woodshed and a good strong hand.

Amusing GRAVE INSCRIPTION FROM the collection of
Peter Burrowes

Sacred to the memory of Major James Brush who was killed by the accidental discharge of a pistol by his orderly, 14th April 1831.

"Well done good and faithful servant"

ANCESTRY SERVICE

Mrs. Julia H. Goza, 2020 Siesta Lane, Orlando, FL 32804 #183

NAME	Birth	MARRIAGE	DEATH
<u>BAKER</u>			
Margaret Catherine (D.K. Love)	1844 Ga.	1861 GA.	1881 GA.
Absolum (Eliz. Kennedy)	1811 GA.	1832 GA.	1875
William (Catherine Boaron?)	ca. 1776	c. 1810 GA.	? Ga.
<u>BISHOP</u>			
Martha (J. L. Trimble)	1804	1832 GA.	1870 GA.
James (Eliz. Goode)	1780 VA.	1802 Va.	1860 ALA
<u>BOLTON</u>			
Nancy C. (Robert Marks)	1804 Ga.	1826 Ga.	ca. 1865 GA
Mathew (Mary Perryman)	1763 Va.	1788 Va.	1824 Ga.
<u>BRINKLEY</u>			
Sarah (James Mathews)	ca. 1760 N. C.	?	? GA.
<u>BROCK</u>			
Elizabeth (Wm. C. Cochran)	ca 1797 S.C.?	ca. 1816 ?	1845 GA.
Charles ?	? Md.	? ?	? S.C.
<u>BROCKS</u>			
Polly (John Farr (Pharr)	1773 ?	1790 Ga.	1819 GA.
<u>BUTT</u>			
Susan Ann T. (Martin Kolb)	1892 GA.	1821 GA.	1831 GA.
William (Clarissa Mathews)	1777 N. C.	1794 N. S.	1809 GA.
William Moses (Susan Eldredge Ross)	1745 Va.	1773 N.C.	1805 GA.
Archibald (Helen Baker)	ca. 1729 Va.	? Va.	? Va.
Joshua (Mary Portlock)	ca 1714 Va.	? Va.	1780 Va.
<u>CAMP</u>			
Elizabeth (Alex. Cochran)	1755 Md.	?	?
<u>CARTWRIGHT</u>			
Sarah (Woodson King)	? Tenn.	?	?
<u>CHAPPELL</u>			
Martha (Isaac Love)	1760 Va.	1775 Va.	179? S.C.
Robert (Agnes Cross)	1732?	ca. 1756 Va.	? Va.
<u>CHRISTIAN</u>			
Lucy (Drury Woodson)	ca 1725 Va.	ca 1740 Va.	?
Charles Jr. (Judith Woodson)	ca. 1710 Va.	? Va.	1784 Va.
Charles Sr. (?)	ca. 1680 Va.	?	?
Thomas Sr. (?)	? ?	? ?	? Va.

ANCESTRY SERVICE con't--Julia Goza

	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
<u>COCHRAN</u>			
Elias Alex. (Eliz. Patton Love)	1856 Ga.	1881 Ga.	1932 Ga.
Sarah True (Paul Hillman Huff)	1883 Ga.	1908 Ga.	1971 Ga.
Starling Robert (Malissa G. Trimble)	1830 Ga.	1854 Ga.	1894 Ga.
Wm Charles (Eliz. Brock)	ca 1790 Md.?	1816 S. C.	1845 Ga.
Alexander (Eliz. Camp)	ca 1742 Md.	? ?	? ?
<u>CROSS</u>			
Agnes (Robt. Chappell)	? Va.	1756 Va.	? ?
<u>FARR (PHARR)</u>			
Elizabeth (Clayton Huff)	1795 ?	1815 Ga.	1832 Ga.
John (Polly Brooks)	1771 Ga.	1790 Ga.	1853 Ga.
<u>GATES</u>			
Thene (Peter Kolb)	1767 Ga.	1785 Ga.	1851 Ga.
Charl (Elis.?)	1738 Va.	1760 Va.	1805 ?
<u>GOOD</u>			
Elizabeth (Jeremiah Bishop)	ca 1780 Va.	1802 Va.	1851 Ala.
<u>HARRISON</u>			
Eugannah (Stephen Marks)	? Va.	1790 Va.	? Ga.
<u>HUFF</u>			
Paul Hillman (Sarah T. Cochran)	1880 Ga.	1908 Ga.	1944 Ga.
Winder Marion (Julia Ann Marks)	1825 Ga.	1853 Ga.	1906 Ga.
Clayton (Eliz. Farr)	1795 Ga.	1815 Ga.	1840 Ga.
Jonathan (Martha Middleton)	ca 1770 Md.?	? ?	? Ga.
Jonathan (Eliz. ?)	? ?	? ?	? ?
<u>KENNEDY</u>			
Elizabeth (Absolum Baker)	1811 Ga.	1847 Ga.	1886 Ga.
Thomas (Margaret Macomson)			
Magomson)	ca 1786 S.C.	1810 S.C.	1863 Ga.
<u>KING</u>			
Elizabeth (David Love)	1791?	1810 Ga.	1824 Ga.
Woodson (Sarah Cartwright)	ca 1768 ?	ca 1789 ?	? ?
William (Mary Woodson)	ca 1744 Va.	ca 1764?	? ?
<u>KOLB</u>			
Sarah Eliz. (David Donelson Love)	1827 Ga.	1843 Ga.	1847 Ga.
Martin (Susan Ann T. Butt)	1787 Ga.	1821 Ga.	1857 Ga.
Peter (Theney Gates)	1762 S.C.	1785 Ga.	1835 Ga.
Martin (Mary Wilds)	1728 S. C.	1751 S. C.	1788 S. C.
Johannes (Sarah ?)	1683 Germany	ca 1720 S.C./Pa.	1737 SC
Dielman (? Shumacker)	1648 Germany	? Germany	1718 Germa
<u>LEWIS</u>			
Catherine (Moses Trimble)	ca 1768 N. C.	ca 1788 N.C.	after 1840
Phillip (Sarah Shearman)	ca 1740 N.C.	ca 1765 N.C.	1820 Ga.
Jeremiah (Sarah Slaughter?)	ca 1720?	ca 1739 NC	1794 NC

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