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The Central Florida Genealogical & 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 second Thursday of the months September through May at 7:30 p.m. with exceptions to the date and place for meetings designated by the President.

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

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- (5) THAT I WILL NOT REPEAT OR PUBLISH ANY ITEM WHICH WILL REVEAL THE ILLEGITIMACY OF ANY PERSON BORN WITHIN THE PAST 75 YEARS.

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The Central Florida Genealogical and Historical Society proudly announces the officers for 1980-1981 who were installed by Betty Hughson at the meeting of May 29, 1980.

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We are very proud of our Society, now in its 11th year. Membership is growing rapidly as well as the ever-increasing interest in our quarterly publication, "Buried Treasures."

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#### PRESIDENT's Message:

The past several years have witnessed a growth in the membership of the Society which attests to the hard work and dedication of past presidents. I will endeavor to continue in this tradition. In order to accomplish this goal, I am asking for all of those people who have a little spare time to join one of the many active committees in our Society. This can be easily accomplished by calling any of the members of the Executive Council. An organization can grow only with the enthusiasm and support of its' members. Contact us now so that we may start a new year with fresh ideas for our Society.

George G. Miles President

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 21, 1980

Annual Picnic

All Day

At press time, the Annual Picnic to be held at the home of member Jim Riffle is still two weeks away.

September 11, 1980\*\* Birth

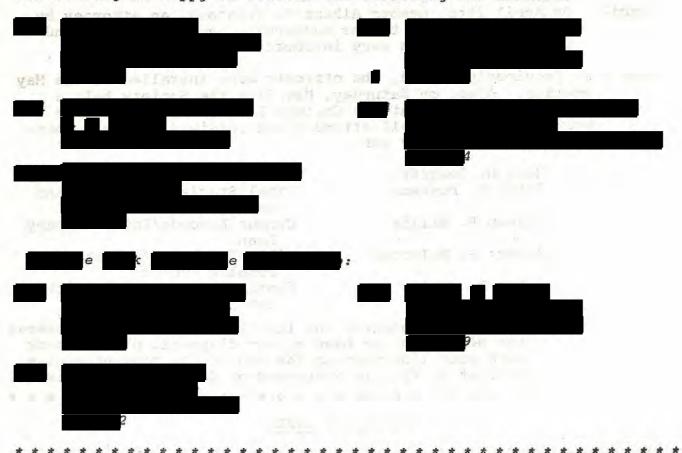
Birthday Meeting

7:30 P. M.

\*\* Please make a note on your calendars that this meeting will be held on the second Thursday of September, rather than the previously scheduled date noted in the last Buried Treasures issue. President Miles has suggested that we meet on the second Thursday of each month (excluding the summer months) alleviating rescheduling meetings during the winter months due to holidays. There will be no scheduled program on September 11th - we will be re-acquainting ourselves with old friends as well as greeting new members to the Society and discuss what new and interesting facts we've accumulated during the summer.

#### WELCOME!

The Society is happy to welcome the following new members:



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to each of our Society members listed below:

#### JULY

Nina I. Blankenship Emily P. Brockman William A. Byus, Jr. Alyce B. Cox Alberta H. Faris Annette E. Farrar Eva S. Foley Margaret N. Harvey Mary Jane Knisely William C. McMurtrey, Jr. George G. Miles Kathleen A. Pearson James H. Riffle, Jr. Alice H. Rupe

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#### SEPTEMBER

Barbara F. Barden David C. Burnite Leona L. Henkel C. Wally Hughson Guy T. Thomas Helen J. Wilkins

> If the staff has overlooked your name, please let us know.

The 1980-1981 CFG&HS Membership Directory will be available as of July 1, 1980.

#### MONTHLY SOCIETY NEWS

- April On April 24th, member Albert P. McIntosh, an attorney by profession, spoke to the membership regarding wills and probates which was very informative.
- May As previously stated, the officers were installed at the May meeting. Also, on Saturday, May 31st the Society held a Beginners Workshop at the College Park Womens Club. The workshop was very well attended and received as our member-speakers for the day were

Mary H. Swakoff Betty B. Hughson

Eileen B. Willis

Albert P. McIntosh

Allen R. Taylor

Family Charts/Church Records Vital Statistics/Deeds/Land Grants

Census Records/Inter-Library
Loan

Wills/Death Certificates/ Probate Records

Family Charts on file with the Society

NOTE - Mrs. Willis pointed out that in order to help preserve the microfilms we have at our disposal, please check with your librarian on the use of the reader/printer so that no film is destroyed or damaged due to misuse.

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#### CHANGING TIMES

My mother was from a family of 10 children - her brothers, sisters and she produced only 15 children.

A statement of a friend was recently made that he was 1 of a family of 14 children. A quick and startled reply quipped "TODAY?" Yes, the large family era has passed, but for the searching genealogist, there are many avenues to trace because of those expanded beginnings. That side street of a more remote but better documented ancestor could lead you down the road to discovery.

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#### "CLUES" TO THE PAST

In reviewing a census microfilm recently from a page out of the past, it did not dawn on me 'til much later that the Occupation/ Profession which I had noted from three separate individuals were "car inspector", "car washer" and "car salesman." Once I returned to work did that microfilm ring a bell. The census noted the word "car" - not "automobile." And you tell me, how many "cars" were in existence in 1900 to warrant an inspector, washer and salesman.

Far too frequently we accept the modern conveniences of today and forget that our ancestors struggled with no electric lights, telephones, kitchen appliances, automobiles, airplanes, highways, hot and cold running water, inside plumbing etc. to make our country what it is today. When researching, we must not overlook any clues on the road to the past.

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Assistant Editor: LaRonde Zylkowski

Researches little known historical facts and is responsible for our "Did You Know" items.

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Contributing Editor: Eileen Willis

Keeps us up to date on the latest library materials, publications, local, regional or national meetings and conferences and investigative methods.

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Margret Brinsfield Claire Heatherington

Handles the tedious task of proof-reading copy as well as transcribing rough drafts and statistical records which appear in the quarterly.

Ralyne Westenhofer

As Corresponding Secretary reports Society meeting news, coming events, membership data and ties together all current activities.

Distributions Staff:

Guy Thomas

Programs all the names and addresses of Society members and exchanges into his personal computer which in turn can be printed directly onto address labels.

Joe Ryals

Handles the printing of the quarterly covers and mails Buried Treasures to exchange societies and libraries throughout the United States and Canada.

Sincere appreciation to each of the members of the Buried Treasures Staff for a very successful year of serving the society membership and giving untiringly of their time and efforts. Each of these people take great pride in a job well done. Interest and enthusiasm excells in this team and I am especially proud to announce that each of them will be working on the Staff again this coming year. Every member is a responsible cog in a well-run wheel -- and it looks like we have a winner!

My Gratitude and Thanks, Dorothy Westenhofer, Editor

MEMBERS: Please help us again this year. Each of us feel that our own ancestry couldn't be of much interest to anyone else. That is not so! Share your family with us by writing an article for the quarterly. If you need editing assistance, let us help. Your staff is here to serve you.

I Benjamin White of the county of Lowndes, State of Alabama, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

First. I resign my Soul into the hands of Almighty God. and my Body
I commit to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my executions,
herein after named and my worldly estate I give and devise as follows.
First, I give and devise unto my Daughter AMANDA one bed and bedstead
of furniture, Likewise one Cow and Calf,

and likewise I give and devise unto my Daughter COMFORT, one bed and bedstead of furniture, Likewise one COW and CALF.

and likewise I give and devise unto my Daughter LYDIA. one bed and bedstead of furniture, and one Cow and Calf.

Also I will and Ordain that the Executions of this my Will and Testament, shall with all commement spend after my decease,

sell all the remainder of my personal Estate, after reserving the before mention Parties. And likewise all my Real Estate,

Lying and situated in Township 13 and Range 16 in the District of land subject to sale at ? and in such way and manner as will

seem to them to be of most advantage to my heirs generally, and the proceeds of the sale of which property both Real and Personal

I desire to be given and dispose of in manner following.

VIZ, To my Daughter ELIZABETH I desire to be given \$5.00; and the remainder of the proceeds of the sale of the Property of the forsaid, To be given to my other Heirs. VIZ. My son JOHN and my son EDWIN and my son WILLIAM DAPRY, and my Daughter MARY, and my daughter SARAH ANN, and her children, lawfully begotten.

And to my Daughter MARTHA, and to my Daughter ELIZA, And to my Daughter AMANDA and to my daughter COMFORT, and to my Daughter LYDIA, To each an equal proportion, And I do hereby constitute and appoint my son JOHN WHITE and DAVID PHILIPS,

Executors of this my last Will and Testament, Hereby revoking all former Wills here forth by me made.

And my will is and I do expressley declare that my said Executors shall not be charged or chargeable with, or accountable for none of the aforesaid monies or Estate, Than they shall actually receive, or shall come into their respective hands, by this my will or with or for any loss, that shall happen of this said monies or Estate, so as such loss happens without their wilful default or neglect.

And also that it shall be lawful for my said Executions in the first place, Out of the proceeds of my said Estate to pay all cost, chages, and expenses that may sustain or be put to by reason of the performance of this my will or the lawful management or Executions

In Witnes where of I have hereunto set my hand and offered my seal this 22nd Day of November in the year of our Lord.

One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty.

HIS
BENJAMIN X WHITE
MARK

Continued on the following page.

"Enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their Fathers."

Job: 8-8

Signed Sealed Publish and declared as for the last will and testament of the above named BENJAMIN WHITE IN present of us.

ORRIN PEANMAN ROBERT DICKERSON JAMES W. MOON

STATE of ALABAMA - Personally appeared in open court,
LOWNDES COUNTY - ORRIN PEANMAN, ROBERT DICKSON, JAMES W. MOON,

Who being duly sworn that they were present and saw BENJAMIN White deceased, in his lifetime, sign seal publish and declare the instement of writting unto as his last Will and Testament and that he was of sound disposing mind and memory.

They further depose that said BENJAMIN WHITE requested them at the day of the date of said instement in writting aforsaid in his life time, to subscribe them as witnes which they did in his present and in the present of each other.

Sworn to before me this 13th. January 1843.

The word disposing was interlined in the sixed line before sworn to.

THOMAS M. WILLIAM JUDGE C.C.&.C.

ORRIN PEANMAN
R. B. DICKERSON
JAMES W. MOON

The foregoing Will is a true copy of the Orignal.

Registered 14th. January 1845

By m.b. hin le. el . A. Rice C.C.

Contributed by Julius W. Ryals

#### IT SEEMS THE SMALLEST CLUE MIGHT TURN INTO A BONANZA

Several years ago I published in the National Genealogical Quarterly, a list of debtors whose names appeared in an account book my John L. Erwin kept when he had a store in Russell County, Virginia, covering the years 1818 to 1831. On February 4, 1980 I received a letter from Fairbanks, Alaska from a Mrs. Haggard, who said she thought she was descended from Francis Browning - whose name appeared on the above list - and asked for a copy of what the debtor bought.

Well! What the debtor bought was a minor detail, but I have the Francis Browning bible records. They have all the dates, all the children, and some of the grandchildren, offices held by Francis Browning with dates of tenure, and also the Reynolds bible records, showing one of the girls married into that family. Not only that, but I know stories about Francis Browning, such as the fact he rode into town on his horse when he was 100 years old and cast his vote in the election. I have been in the church Francis Browning built back in the 1700's, which is still in use. So Mrs. Haggard got quite a lot of information by asking what Francis Browning bought at my great grandfather's store in the early 1800's. Incidentally, neither the Brownings nor the Reynolds are any kin to me. Recently a man in Oregon wrote the public library asking about a book on Gobbles and Mongles that I am supposed to have written. I didn't. They are no kin to me. However, I was able to refer him to a lady in Colorado who is working on those lines. Over the years I seem to have fallen into the role of "general clearing house," and the word seems to travel far and wide. Written by Mary Jane Knisely

#### VITAL RECORDS

(from the Federation of Genealogical Societies)

- ALABAMA A letter from a clerk of the probate court advises that their old records will be moved to the old Post Office Building in Athens in the near future.

  Marriage records are available at the office of the Clerk, Probate Court in all counties. Some of these date back to 1832 and are OPEN to the public. They also have scattered birth and death records prior to 1908.
- FLORIDA In addition to marriage records which are OPEN to the public at the offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in each county, microfilmed copies of most of Florida's 67 counties are deposited at the Florida STATE ARCHIVES at the Capital in Tallahassee. These records cover the period from each county's creation up to early 1900's, the point where Florida's Vital Statistics records roughly begin. These films are OPEN to the public.
- MISSISSIPPI The Department of Archives and History in Jackson have federal mortality schedules on microfilm for 1850 through 1880. As for marriage records, some years ago an index was done by the Russell Soundex System of all marriage records in the state from territorial days through 1930.
- SOUTH CAROLINA The following letter has been received from the Office of Vital Records, Public Health Statistics:
  - " The Office of Vital Records and Public Health Statistics houses records on births, deaths, marriages and divorce. Birth and death records date back to 1915 in South Carolina. Marriage records were not centrally filed with this office until July 1950; divorces in 1902.

According to Regulation, our records are not open to free access by genealogists or the general public. Search of our records is initiated only after proper application is made for a specific record and accompanied by the necessary fee."

#### GENEALOGICAL QUERY COLUMNS

The following is a list of U. S. Newspapers and Periodicals which carry a Genealogical Query Column to which you may write:

ALABAMA "Titles and Tales"
Mobile Register
Mrs. Ruth Warren
Rt. 5, Box 2488
Mobile, AL 36630

"They Passed This Way"
Scottsboro Daily Sentinel"
Mrs. Chester Sumner
Rt. 5, Box 123
Scottsboro, AL 36\_\_\_

FLORIDA "Genealogical News Weekly"
Roots Inc.
P. 0. Box 1775
Opalocka, FL 33055

"Genealogical Acorn" GAB Publications Box 11705 Tampa, FL 33610

We will continue to print more state listings as space permits in forthcoming issues.

Prepared by Mary H. Swakoff

#### SCHOOL NUMBER SIX

Ovid, Branch County, Michigan September 3, 1900 - June 7, 1901

Presented by Vern Waldren, Teacher

School Officers

J. C. Maxson, Director

M. W. Wimer, Co. Com'r

#### Pupils.

Homer Waldren Annie Waldren Bert Quimby Ethel McMurray Emma Smith Mattie Tarr \*Nina Cummings Dora Nagel Jessie Merrill

Myrtie Broughton Nelly Doyle Rose Lucas Almyra Waldren Ida Zentner Rowena Wing Bessie Paul Judson Lucas Ray Waldren
Grace Kenyon Willie Tarr Nellie Stout

\*Leon Cummings \*Earnest Mosher \*Lavern Mosher Clifford Sherman \*Edna Cummings Bertha Waldren \*Cora Cummings Minnie Maxson \*Flossie Cummings

The above mentioned names appear on a souvenir card with a picture of the teacher. \*Ancestors of Ralyne E. Westenhofer.

TEXAS - In a recent letter from member Rosemary Gaston Whipple, she mentioned that she is presently quarterly Editor of the East Texas Genealogical Society and would be glad to print any queries from CFG&HS members who might need assistance in researching ancestors in the East Texas area. Check your membership directory for her address.

PORTUGUESE-AMERICANS - A new society was formed in 1977 known as the American-Portuguese Genealogical Society of America whose members are dedicated in assisting Portuguese-Americans locate information on their background. If you are interested, please contact Cecilia M. Rose, Corresponding Secretary, P. O. Box 644, Taunton, Massachusetts 02780 for further information.

#### GENEALOGY EDUCATION

As a part of the Education Program for 1980, the March meeting of the Scottish American Society of Central Florida had a program presented by Andrea White and Betty Hughson on Genealogy. That program included distribution of family charts to the members in order for them to begin tracing their family lines. Both Andrea and Betty are working members of the SASCF as well as CFG&HS.

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#### FREDONIA MOUNTAIN CEMETERY West of Dunlap, Tennessee on what is called "The Old Road"

B

Brockway, Stephen H. Mar. 23, 1892 - Nov. 27, 1973 A Friend to Everyone

Camp, Elizabeth Olanene July 21, 1912 - May 3, 1974

Camp, Ida 1889 - 1955 Mother

Camp, Lum 1893 - no other Father

Camp, Vernie L. Feb. 3, 1901 - Oct. 13, 1946 Camp, Hershel H. Jr. Fenn. PFC US Army Korea PH Jan. 2, 1934 - May 23, 1956

Camp, Hershel H. July 20, 1911 - May 8, 1972 Daddy

Camp, Winifred S. April 1, 1922 - no other

Camp, Billy Roy, son of Arthur & Jannie Vee Camp July 17, 1955 - July 26, 1955

Camp, Gracie Lee Sept. 8, 1893 - Apr. 22, 1948 Camp, Arthur Aug. 23, 1889 - no other Father

Camp, Nadean - dates illegible

Camp, Lawrence L. June 15, 1892 - Jan. 8, 1966

Camp, Myrtle H. Dec. 9, 1895 - no other

Camp, Howell L. July 26, 1917 - March 26, 1951

Camp, Wilma P. Nov. 15, 1920 - Jan. 21, 1957

Camp, Bobbie R. 1933 - 1950

Camp, Forrest H. 1930 - no other

Clemons, Lean Lockhart Mar. 27, 1862 - Jan. 27, 1947 Clemons, Barry Keith Oct. 23, 1963 - Oct. 24, 1963

Clemons, Rev. James Wiley Apr. 20, 1890 - Sept. 19, 1968 Clemons, Mary B. Feb. 25, 1896 - no other

Drake, James Feb. 9, 1906 - Aug. 14, 1975 Father Drake, Amelia Feb. 24, 1912 - no other Mother

Dean, Martha Leona "Mattie" Hennessee Sept. 9, 1908 - June 8, 1956 Mother

Dean, James Glenn Nov. 11, 1900 - May 7, 1939 Father

Dean, Shirlie Ann Feb. 7, 1943 - Feb. 2, 1945

Dve. Jack Apr. 28, 1878 - June 21, 1958 Daddy

Dye, Lucy J. July 5, 1901 - no other

Hale, Annie J. Oct. 16, 1876 - Oct. 16, 1964

Hale, John March 31, 1873 - Oct. 27, 1946 Married Sept. 6, 1894

Hale, Ruby R. Nov. 29, 1909 - no other

Hale, Leslie L. June 10, 1907 - June 23, 1974

Hermann, C. F. July 11, 1885 - Dec. 24, 1968 Grandpa Hermann, Lillie E. Aug. 14, 1883 - Oct. 12, 1965 Granny

Hickey, John S. June 20, 1860 - Mar. 27, 1939 Father

Hickey, Maggie A. Dec. 19, 1874 - Oct. 30, 1953 Mother Married Aug. 7, 1898 Hickey, Robert Taylor Son Feb. 6, 1908 - Jan. 18, 1975

Hickey, Grace E. Turner July 30, 1905 - Aug. 26, 1947 Hickey, Ira J. Oct. 21, 1889 - Feb. 23, 1950

Fredonia Mountain Cemetery - continued

Hitchcock, Sgt. Oliver, Co. B, 7879 Ord. Armd. Mtn. Bn., son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hitchcock Aug. 27, 1924 died in Germany Oct. 3, 1948 (picture) Hitchcock, Sissie B. Mar. 26, 1891 - no other Hitchcock, John D. Apr. 1, 1885 - Feb. 12, 1960

Hyde, Raymond F. July 17, 1911 - May 9, 1972 Hyde, Esther L. Apr. 14, 1904 - Dec. 9, 1968

Hicks, Earl Corp. Co. C., 61st Bn. U.S. Army 1924 - 1947

Hicks, Ida B. Dec. 22, 1893 - no other Mother
Hicks, Charles H. Oct. 15, 1891 - July 29, 1957 Father Also;
Hicks, Charles H. Tenn. Cpl. Co. B, 105 Engineers WW I Oct 15, 1891 - July 29, 1957

King, Mary Imogene Mar. 19, 1967 age 0

King, Jim May 3, 1898 - May 27, 1957 Father

King, Mary Blaylock Mar. 9, 1902 - no other Mother King, Pete Columbus Apr. 29, 1926 - Feb. 16, 1950

Long, Frank M. Jr. b & d Sept. 9, 1944

Long, Amanda Catherine Smith wife of Frank Long Dec. 27, 1878 - Jan. 7, 1942

Long, Cornie G. May 9, 1896 - Aug. 13, 1968 Long, Lillie M. Nov. 20, 1903 - Nov. 6, 1972 also; Long, Cpl. Grover Cornie Tenn. Co. E. 105 Engineers WWI May 9, 1896 - Aug. 15, 1968

Long, C. Clay June 7, 1912 - Nov. 7, 1970 Daddy

Long, Clora H. June 30, 1910 - no other

Long, Maloy Feb. 27, 1900 - no other Father

Long, Lela Bella Oct. 7, 1904 - Mar. 16, 1973 Mother

Long, Jack D. Sr. June 13, 1924 - Oct. 7, 1971 Father

Long, Ollie C. Oct. 30, 1926 - no other

Land, Alex 1869 - 1948

Land, Mattie 1873 - 1960

Land, Albert Apr. 12, 1894 - Oct. 18, 1967

Land, Minnie Lee Long Nov. 30, 1902 - no other

Land, Isaac Mason Aug. 31, 1887 - Oct. 17, 1970 Father Land, Vergie Mae B. Feb. 12, 1892 - May 17, 1960 Mother Land, Thomas G. Mar. 8, 1864 - Sept. 13, 1929 Father Land, Bell Lockhart Oct. 3, 1867 - Aug. 10, 1949 Mother

Lewis, Donna Faye dau. of Cyretha and Maynard Lewis Apr. 23, 1964

McDowell, Baby Mabelline July 6, 1945 - Sept. 13, 1945

Merriman, Claude Jan. 10, 1989 - Nov. 19, 1976 Father Merriman, Beulah Sept. 20, 1902 - no other

Melson, Robert P. 1906 - 1977 (Mason) Nelson, Lydia T. 1909 - no other (Eastern Star) The second secon

Price, Ilena Oct. 19, 1926 - Apr. 18, 1940 dau.
Price, Jessie S. Jan. 22, 1902 - July 28, 1967 Father

Price, Ella Land June 18, 1900 - no other

Price, Isaac E. Mar. 22, 1898 - March 13, 1973 Dad Price, Beulah Hickey Feb. 22, 1912 - no other Mother

Powers, Kenneth M. May 15, 1943 - July 11, 1978

Powers, Emma I. Aug. 30, 1944 - no other also; Powers, Kenneth McArthur Vietnam 1943 - 1978

Rackley, Ralph E. PFC U.S. Army Jan. 8, 1913 - May 16, 1975

Russell, Rev. Emerson E. March 10, 1892 - May 14, 1939 of a Section of the last of the last

Seals, Billy G. Dec. 7, 1935 - Dec. 25, 1960 (picture)

Shepherd, Mearle Hitchcock Nov. 18, 1916 - Oct. 14, 1971 Mother

Nov. 17, 1907 - no other Shepherd, Leon Preston

Smith, Mary Ruth Johnson July 11, 1914 - no other

Smith, George Washington June 16, 1912 - Dec. 19, 1956 Father

Smith, John H. Dec. 15, 1892 - Nov. 29, 1954 Father Dec. 31, 1896 - no other

Dec. 31, 1896 - no other

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Tate, Mary M. b & d Aug. 1, 1936
Tate, D. W. July 14, 1884 - Feb. 4, 1961 Father
Tate, Hallie L. Jan. 19, 1898 - Sept. 1, 1970

Tate, Aneda b & d July 5, 1945

Tate, Marie Thompson Aug. 27, 1918 - Apr. 23, 1973 Mother

Tate, Preston Nov. 25, 1917 - no other Father

Thompson, Letha Ann Dec. 17, 1886 - Sept. 26, 1971
Thompson, Walter S. July 4, 1887 - no other
Thompson, Harwood Aug. 7, 1916 - Dec. 12, 1940

Walker, Myra Elizabeth March 10, 1866 - Mar. 17, 1952 Mother

Walraven, William E. Feb. 26, 1945 - Feb. 28, 1945

Walraven, Frona Elizabeth Jan. 12, 1910 - no other

Aug. 2, 1912 - no other Walraven, Andrew Maxwell

> Once again we wish to express our thanks to Mary Jane Knisely for laboriously documenting another heretofore unrecorded cemetery in July 1979.

#### HOME and COUNTRY

"In love of home, the love country has its rise."

Charles Dickens (1812 - 1870)

#### HAVE CLIPPINGS: WILL SHARE

My grandmother left a scrapbook with a hodgepodge of newspaper clippings. The ones that might hold interest for someone are:

#### From St. Cloud, Florida newspapers:

Rev. & Mrs. W. H. Mann married 50 years (1944).

M/M James Hookway of Pennsylvania married 50 years (1944).

B. D. Behrens -- birthday celebration.

OBITS:

O. L. Wetherbee, born 1874, died 1940s, married Lettie Walker.

Robert G. Widrig, born 1866.

J. F. Bullard 1844-1928 -- served in 4th Mich. Calvary -- married Hannah Churchill in 1866 and Rose Butler in 1905.

Rev. Luther L. Lockard 1851-1929 (Pennsylvania & Iowa) -- son of John & Catherine Lockard -- married Evelyn Hall in 1878

Mrs. William T. Cook (nee Daisy Dell Weger) (Illinois) 1881-1940

Dr. Adeline D. H. Kelsey 1844-1931 (N.Y.) -- missionary to China & Japan.

From Minnesota newspapers:

How Reynolds (Todd County) Minnesota was settled by Civil War veterans.

History of Todd County, Minnesota

OBIT (Minneapolis):

Mrs. Francis L. Nickerson (nee Harriet Bartlett) 1832-1926 (husband was Civil War vet who died in 1904)

#### From Miami, Florida newspapers:

OBIT:

W. T. Callahan, died 1935 age 68. (Ind. - Minn.) -- wife Rebecca Clark Callahan. (Also article telling of visit to Miami of Charles Lindbergh; Mr. Callahan was a friend and neighbor of Lindbergh's father in Minnesota.)

Capt. Edward Cecil birthday celebration (age 90) 1934. (11th Ill. Cavalry)

2 pictures: age 18 in uniform; age 90.
Many articles on GAR meetings & Daughters of Veterans (St. Cloud & Miami) 3 articles: Naval reserve cruise of U.S. destroyer Sands in 1930s. List of reserves.

Minnesota:

Quite a bit of information on Benj. Maynard & family (Minn. pioneers). He was a Union veteran from Kentucky who couldn't go back to Kentucky after the war so he homesteaded in Minnesota (Todd County). (It was a Lt. Maynard who captured Blackbeard in 1718).

> If you are interested in these clippings, you may contact:

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"There is no better heritage than a good name that a father can bequeath to his children, nor is there in a family any richer heirloom than the memory of a noble ancestor."

James Hamilton

#### HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH CAROLINA ANNOUNCES DISTINGUISHED NEW STAFF MEMBER

It is a feather in the cap of the Historical Society of South Carolina to welcome their new staff member, Mr. Richard N. Cote. He joined the Society in September 1979 to film the Wallace Papers and to plan a separate genealogy department for the Society. He is the author of the Genealogists' Guide to Charleston County, South Carolina as well as similar quides to county records in Wisconsin. Since joining the Society he has established microfilm standards and procedures.

#### THE GREAT AMERICAN GENTLEMAN

William Byrd of Westover in Virginia His Secret Diary for the Years 1709-1712

Edited by Louis B. Wright and Marion Tinling Capricorn Books Edition, 1963 New York SBN: 399-50098-7

#### Compiled and Submitted by Clifton O. Duty

This little book of 249 pages contains selected entries from the This is the earliest of three diaries of William Byrd in cited diary. print, and illustrates colonial life in this period. From the Introduction, these facts are gleaned: William Byrd II, son of William Byrd I, 1674-1744. Educated in England, and in Holland (business practices). Inherited a substantial fortune from his father, an Indian trader and planter. Elected to the House of Burgesses, member of Council of State, County Colonel of Militia. Westover, Virginia is located about five hours horseback ride from the Colonial capitol of Williamsburg, possibly in Surry County, near other counties noted: Isle of Wight and Nansemond, near Newport News, Portsmouth, Norfolk area. Almost daily, he read from his extensive library, in Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French and Italian. A Fellow of the Royal Society of London. Ancestor of Senator Byrd (Va.) and Admiral Byrd. His diary was written in his own shorthand, which was based on the text, 1672, "A Pen Pluckt from an Eagle's Wing" (La Plume Volante). Wife was Lucy Parke, spoiled of Colonel Daniel Parke, who was murdered during this period in the West Indies.

William Byrd II was hard working, self disciplines, God fearing. He prayed morning and night, and when he failed to pray, asked forgiveness in his diary. He matter of factly recorded his marital relations, and his temptations concerning other women, but never failed to ask God's forgiveness for his "unclean thoughts". He continually looked after the welfare of his slaves and two children, whipping them as he thought necessary, and acting continually as their doctor, bleeding them, giving them purges, applying linseed oil, etc. He faithfully recorded each day the kinds of food and drink he consumed, showing a partiality towards meat, fowl and wine. On at least one occasion, he ate fricasee of opossum. He favored shoat (young pig), mutton, blue wing duck, bacon and beans. I do not recall his mentioning one time a green vegetable. He and his family and slaves were often sick, but most recovered in spite of his ministrations. His daughter died of the fever, and Byrd took the "bark" (quinine) to ward off the chills and fever of what was apparently malaria. He "danced his dance" almost daily, that is, took his sitting up exercises, and skipped rope. He also liked to walk and run, and on rainy days, walked in his library.

He quarreled frequently with his wife, whose name he never mentioned, and always thought her to be on the wrong side of every argument. In spite of these quarrels, they seemed to enjoy life together, and on several instances, she travelled for what was great distances in those days, to be with him in Williamsburg, etc. They were good neighbors, acting as personal nurses quite often.

William Byrd was a good business man, planned his crops well, drove a good bargain, but was fair in his dealings, and held others to their word. Tobacco seemed to be his main crop, although he raised apples and other fruit. He spent much time keeping his monetary accounts. At the end of the day, his typical diary entry would contain these phrases:

"... I said my prayers, I had good health, good thought, good humor, thanks be to God Almighty...".

Of interest to the DUTY family, the period of this instant diary reflects colonial life of the time shortly after one PETER DUTY took land in Nansemond. From "Cavaliers and Pioneers", Volume II, by Nugent, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1623-1666, page 399:

"Captain John Battaile, 600 acs. on S. side of Rappa. Riv., opposite the lower part of Nanimond Town; NW on Best's Cr., SE on Cedar Cr: 21 Apr 1695, p. 419. Granted John Gillet, 21 Apr 1657, & due Thomas Button, Gent., as marrying the relict (widow) of sd. Gillet, as by patent dated 18 Mar 1662; deserted & now granted by order & c. Imo of 12 pers: James Galt, James Monghan (or Maughan), Henry Wist, Henry Kerby, John Richards, Edward Taylor, Anth. Bell, Eliza. Shorten, Mary Ougley, Anne Hatwood, PETER DUTY, Cath. Fortemore."

The reviewer has not been able to trace Peter Duty any further. There was much fighting with the Indians before and after this period, and he may have been killed or died.

I recommend reading of this diary to those who are interested in a first hand account of the times, and to those in search of names of the period, as many are mentioned in the diary of William Byrd II. Among the prominent names: Custis, Randolph, Miles Cary, Anderson, Bland, Bolling, Cocke, Eopes, Rhett, Robinson, Jeffrey, Mumford, Carter, Duke, Digges, Lewis, Bassett, Ludwell, Burwell, Blair, Ware, Hardiman, Grills, Haynes, Atkinson, West Webb, and many more. There is no index to this book. It might be to the advantage of the serious researcher to obtain the original edition of the three diaries.

On second thought, Westover may have been in Prince George County, about 30 miles south of Williamsburg.

(This is a copy of a letter that my daughter-in-law gave me that she found in her mother's family bible from Greenville, Kentucky. The words are copied just as they appeared in the letter. Robert James Guilfoyle, Sr. 3-19-80)

Master Fitzerald Slaton, My precious boy:- Greenville Dec. 15-91

Just one yr. ago this morning at 5 oclock, Grandpapa's house was filled with joy unspeakable, as the news spread from room to room, "we have a boy". Aunties Carr and Thusie could hardly wait and put on their dresses before rushing in to see this wonderful babe who had come to give us so much happiness, to fill the old homestead with such sun shine as had not crossed it's threshold since your now proud father came and gladdened it. Auntie will not try and tell you how proud Papa and Mamma and Grandpa and Grandma were of the first born but what joy you brought to my heart. I loved you first - because i loved your dear papa and mamma, second for your own tiny sweet little self. It seemed so strange to know we had a baby at our house. It was something new and sweet every morning and how eagerly did auntie watch for his first waking movement, and what a longing to get back after I had stayed away a wk. To go home was always the greatest joy of my life - by now it was ten fold more sweet. And as baby grew how sweet when he would give us a smile when we talked to him, and oh how sweet were the many wonderful little baby ways that no other baby boy had but ours. How eagerly and tenderly and prayerfully would we watch, when our darling was suffering so much. Yes we did not see how we could give our darling up, but God who gave him to us has spared him one year. And aunties prayer is may he live many yrs, to bless this dear old home and us tho yrs. come and go may he grow to youth and manhood a grand and useful man loved by all for the purity of his character, temperate habits and christian uprightness. God bless my baby boy Fitzgerald one yr. old! How Auntie longs to hold him to her heart this day and tell him how much he has thought of you. Grandma writes me that you can toddle every where. That's a very smart boy indeed. Give my love to all and write me soon what you think about this big world after living here one big year. Write soon to your loving Auntie.

Tell me what Santa Claus is to bring you. Thusie (Ray or Roy) Pittman

#### THE GENEALOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF CATTLE EARMARKS

From an article by Oliver D. Drake in The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey, Volume 20, January 1945

One of the least known and most often neglected sources of genealogical data are the early lists of cattle earmarks. The system of marking the ears of cattle and hogs was used in the early days much as cattle brands are employed in the West today -- as a registered means of identifying one's farm animals.

In olden times cattle were marked with various combinations of notches, slits, squares and "half-pennies" which were cut in the edge of an animal's ear. Careful descriptions of the marks were recorded in a town book, together with the stock-owner's name and date of registration. Finding the registration of a settler's earmark, therefore, is almost always definite proof of his being located in the community at a stated time.

When an earmark was transferred from one owner to another, or passed down from one generation to the other, the town clerk often made a note to that effect, giving the date of transfer and the names of the old and new owners. Since this occurred only when an original owner died or, possibly, sold his cattle to someone else, the records become of vital concern to the genealogist.

Doubtless there are a great many of these earmark lists scattered through the colonial communities and are probably in the custody of town clerks, libraries, county clerks, or historical societies and museums. It is the opinion of the writer that these should always be consulted along with deeds, wills, mortgages and court records for genealogical gleanings.

NOTE: While this article refers primarily to early or "colonial" lists, many areas throughout the country continued to keep such records - some in the late 1800's and perhaps later. County clerks would probably know of the existence of earmark lists.

LEARN TO READ THE FINE PRINT (or rather the other side of the page)

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Have you ever sent for military service or pension records to the National Archives, GSA, and been disappointed by the small amount of information you received? Recently I sent for the record of a grand-uncle who saw service at the time of the Spanish-American War.

When I read the pages they sent, I found it most interesting to learn that evidently he was sick almost all the time he was in service. He was sworn in on March 13, 1898, contracted measles and typhoid a few months later; this was followed by a bout with malaria. Among the papers sent me was one from a doctor who was requesting that he be separated from the service due to his several illnesses and the resultant (chronic) malaria. On the bottom of a short sheet on which was the doctor's recommendation, I noted that there were several lines in Uncle Cap's handwriting. Upon examination, I decided that these were the last lines of a letter to which the doctor's letter had been attached. It was obvious that when they photocopied the records for me in Washington that that letter had not been copied.

And then something came back to me. Some time, at some genealogy seminar or other, someone had mentioned that often you did not receive the complete file unless you asked for it. May I quote from the IMPORTANT INFORMATION section on the back of Form GSA 6751: "When, because of the size of a file, we are unable to provide copies of all documents, we send copies of the documents we feel will be most useful to you. You may order copies of all documents in a file by making a specific request and giving us authorization to bill you 20¢ per page (\$3.00 minimum)." The underscoring is my own. Opinions differ as to what is or can be useful, so take an extra minute to enclose a couple of lines to the GSA to tell them that you want the complete file and that you will pay the bill. WE LIVE AND LEARN!!!!!

Contributed by Eileen Willis

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#### WILLIAM HARRISON MORGAN LAND DEEDS

The following names were found in five land deeds which belonged to William Harrison Morgan (Grandfather of Leona Sanders Parrish), Oconee County, South Carolina dated from June 8, 1897 to June 9, 1906:

| W. O. White, Master in Equity | B. R. Moss, Sheriff     | C. R. D. Burns, Notary<br>Public |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| H. A. Gibson, Notary          | William J. Stribling    | D. P. Robbins                    |
| Public                        | Lizzie N. Stribling     | Mrs. C. G. Strong                |
| R. S. Rutlidge                | Eaton                   | C. P. Herndon                    |
| Sara E. Reid                  | P. R. Gibson            | John L. Crain                    |
| W. B. Kelley                  | Mr. & Mrs. N. M. Crain  |                                  |
| John W. Hollerman             | Campbell Courtney       |                                  |
| F. W. Fendley                 | Sarah M. Kelley Morgan  | R. T. Joyner                     |
| W. H. Crooks                  | Elias Crooks            | Miles Fendley                    |
| William Perry                 | A. B. Kelly             | Annie Biemann                    |
| R. T. Jaynes                  | J. R. Kay, Co. Treasure | er                               |
| G. G. Vonhollen               | J. F. Evath             | W. M. Baldwin                    |
| W. L. McClellen               | J. C. Evath             | L. A. Osburne                    |
|                               | E. A. Burchfield        | error see Scott alfant           |
| Martha Burchfield (Mat        | ) Hall County, Georgia  | )                                |
|                               |                         |                                  |

Contributed by Leona Sanders Parrish

#### "DIGGING FOR ROOTS"

(Nick Nickerson of Hawthorne Community, Leesburg has given us permission to reprint his article.)

Long before 'Roots' became famous in book from and then as a TV movie, I had started tracing my wife's genealogy back through the ancient pages of old town records here on the Cape.

One might think that there is a great advantage to having written records to consult instead of the word-of-mouth tracing that the author of 'Roots' had to contend with. This isn't quite so. One can do a little judicious interpreting of old wives tales, but the records of a sober town clerk (I trust he was sober) can't be lightly disregarded even when you suspect an error. Also there is an inherent ambiguity in the manner in which many early entries were made.

Prior to the mid 1800's, the town clerks dutifully recorded marriages giving only the names of the bride and groom with no reference to their parentage. The latter is very necessary in developing a genealogical line. Take for example, the recorded marriage of Thomas Paine to Thankful Cobb in 1705. If this looks like a good starting place, forget it. The Paine family was a prominent and prolific one and every generation had at least one Thomas in it. The Truro town records of these early days contain 61 entries concerning Thomas Paine and they are not all the same person. One particular Thomas had a father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great, grandfather named Thomas; not to mention a son and grandson of that name — but you don't know that until you start digging.

How do you find the father and mother of the Thomas Paine who married Thankful Cobb? One clue is the marriage date. Almost without exception, couples got married in their early 20's, so you back track about 20 years and possibly find his birth entry and thus his parentage, or at least part of it. Birth entries give the fathers name

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but only the given name of the mother, not the family name, and that is what you need. So now you back track again. If you can find the complete list of the children of this family, you can deduce the probably marriage date from the liklihood that the first born child was born about a year after marriage. With luck you can then find the marriage entry and thus the maiden name of the mother — and you're ready to start all over again.

The system doesn't always work perfectly. The Jonathan Collins' were about as prolific as the Thomas Paines. Using the backtracking method I wound up with two Jonathans born in the same town within a week of each other. You have to be a real Sherlock Holmes in these situations.

You also have to be a little careful about deducing marriage date from birth of the first child. Sometimes they're pretty close, and the blessed event might even take place before the marriage. Some of these devoted couples were a little fast out of the starting gate. You must remember these were Pilgrims, not Puritans.

Isaiah Atkins Jr. gave me a few headaches. I naturally assumed he was the son of Isaiah Sr. Unh-Unh. That didn't fit. Turns out that his brother Joshua was a little quicker in naming his own son Isaiah Jr., so Isaiah Sr. had to be content with an also-ran Isaiah. Meanwhile Uncle Nathaniel also brought forth an Isaiah to add to the crowd and I had to sort him out. What is more fun than a barrel of Isaiah's?

By the way, one of my Elizabeth Atkins' is missing. If you run across her, please let me know. She married Fulk Dyer in 1757, so presumably was born about 1737.

Submitted by Russell V. Carr

#### DID YOU KNOW?

That the Medal of Honor was first awarded (to both officers and enlisted men) during the Civil War. At first, the regulations governing its award were rather vague. Because of this vagueness and because there were no lesser medals, the Medal of Honor was given out quite freely. Once President Lincoln promised one to every man in a regiment who would re-enlist. After the war, Congress reviewed the awards and cancelled 911 of the 2,438 medals that had been given out.

That the first men who actually received the Medal of Honor were the Union raiders who went behind Confederate lines, captured a train, and used it to try to wreck a Southern railroad.

That during the Civil War two Medals of Honor were awarded to 14and 15-year old Union drummer boys for rescuing wounded comrades under enemy fire.

That Mrs. A. Lincoln had three brothers killed fighting for the Confederacy. And the president's sister-in-law was married to a Confederate brigadier, Benjamin Helm, of Kentucky. After Helm's death at Chickamauga, the widow lived for several months with the Lincolns at the White House, wearing black in memory of her "Reb" husband.

# The State of Georgia Elbert County In the name of God Amen

I Nicholas White of the County and State aforsaid.

Being Aged, Weak, and Frail in body.

But sound in Mind and Memory. Thanks be to God for his mercies but calling to mind the Mortallity of my body and knowing that is appointed for all men to do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

First: my will is that after the death of me and my wife that all lawfull debts and funeral charges be paid by the Executor hereafter named.

SECONDLY: My will is that my Grand Daughter Barbara

Fowler shall have two Cows and Calves, one feather bed and furniture that is called her own, and one large Pewter dish, one gallon Basin, and three Pewters plates, and one big Spinning Wheel. But if she should die without an Heir of her body my will is that my Grand Son John Nix shall have and enjoy all that I have

given to her.

THIRDLY: I will unto my Daughter Platere five Shillings and unto my Daughter Barbara five Shillings also. FOURTHLY: My will is after the above legices are settled all the remains of my Estate shall be equally divided between my Son Anderson, my Son Soloman, and my Daughter

Mary, my Daughter Rebecca, and my Daughter Suska, And now I do by virture of these make void all Wills what ever here to fore made by me. notifying and confirming this and this only to be my last Will and Testament unto which I appoint Caleb Campbell and my Son Soloman White Executors.

In Witnes where of I have here unto set my hand and seal this 27th. Day of April 1801

> NICHOLAS X MARK

Witnes James Norris James Norris Jr. HIS Jadson X Canterbury MARK

> Register this 23rd Day of April 1805 W. Wigginbotham C.C.B.

Contributed by Julius W. Ryals

"Better we realize we're all in the same boat than to worry about which boat our ancestors came here in."

Virginia Gazette

#### THE "WILD" TERRITORY OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA LAKE REGION

In a 1971 newspaper article, recollections appeared of the late 19th Century, water travel on the St. Johns River, the railroad, and the countryside in general. It described the new country not yet developed, as a junction between the steamboat line and the railroad. Travelers coming down the St. Johns for the first time expected to find paved streets, blocks of stores, and even street cars; but instead were greeted by a dock, hotel, warehouse, fishing shanties, a shabby general store and a huge cypress swamp.

The view from the train rarely passed an inhabited area and, if it did, found spectators in carts and wagons parked along the tracks to see their first train. They passed countryside of palmetto and gallberry growth, some areas where the soil was too poor to even support pine trees, and the engineer had to be constantly alert for herds of deer that would persist in running ahead of the train.

After the first stop at Pittman the passengers could view their first orange groves at Altoona, then on to the beautiful lakes at Umatilla. At Fort Mason there was a cheering crowd to greet the first passenger train to ever make the trip to the remote parts of Central Florida -- 140 miles south of Jacksonville.

The following letter is believed to have been written in the same era and describes first-hand much of the areas mentioned above.

From Duke University Library "Harden" file. Letter written on the back of a map of the Eustis, Florida region to, we think, his brother, Dr. W. P. Harden I in Georgia.

"---- to Aster on the St. John river and then by Rail Road to Eustis (a little villedge on Lake Eustis) two miles before you get to Mount Homer station. There is not a house at Mount Homer station but a straight avenue half mile down to Col. Lane's where I live. Two trains leave Aster for Lane Park by here every day. One passes here about 10 0 cQ in the morning the other about dark. I could meet you at Eustis or at Mount Homer with buggy or wagon. Give me notice in time. I will promptly meet you at either. It will be no trouble or inconvenience. It would work perhaps be best to come on to Mount Homer, get off there with your baggage. No one will disturb should you have to leave it there. It is almost in sight of here but a full half of mile and heavy sand. The engineer always blows the whistle when any one gets off there and I commonly go or send up there. I would be apt to meet you at the station if I have any idea when you are coming. Why not bring sister Sally or one of the girls with you. We are all fixed up right here for accomodations. At Jacksonville you had better get aboard of the Jennie Lane or the Chattahoochie, the Plant or the Jacksonville boat. I have the best first and be certain to arrange for a berth when you get your ticket and know that the boat will come up to Aster. The ? and ? are all there right together. Mr. William Metcalf and Mr. Bradley both are

from Marrietta are at Jacksonville either would serve you if they knew you. Metcalf is agent for the Kennesaw Mill Bradley is ticket agent at the depo (both stay at the depo). I have just seen account of the Ga. storm. Is it not awful this country can have such.

Affy NBH"

NOTE: - Punctuation has been added in places to make easier reading.

- "N B H" was Napoleon Bonaparte Harden.

- The boat, Jennie Lane, was named for a man in Eustis who was a family friend. Dr. Richard C. Harden's Aunt Jennie got her name from him. Jennie Lane Harden.

Contributed by Dorothy Westenhofer

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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 folk 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