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MY GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER, JESSE RYALS

(submitted by Julius W. Ryals)

Recently I copied some old deeds from the records of Marlborough District of South Carolina to which my great great grandfather, Jesse Ryals, was a party. I also copied the following deed because he was mentioned in the body of the deed. Later when I was typing the contents of the deeds for filing the name of the grantor, Robert B. Campbell, seemed familiar. I reviewed the probate file of Jesse and found that when he died there was a note due him, in the amount of \$800.00, from a Zed Haskell. Robert B. Campbell had received the note from Jesse's widow, Delilah, and would endeavor to collect the monies due. That was in 1837. In 1844 when the estate was finally settled, \$200.00 had been received by the estate from Mr. Campbell. I presume that the note was for money due from the sale of land in South Carolina when Jesse Ryals migrated with his family to Alabama. Checking the 1840 census record of Lowndes County, Alabama, where Jesse Ryals died I found Robert B. Campbell. The 1840 census record of Marlborough District of South Carolina listed a Z. Haskew. One of his neighbors was a Murdock Campbell, apparently a relative of Robert B. Campbell. One might think that the circle had been closed, that the Campbells had been able to collect only \$200.00 of the debt which he turned over to the estate. But no, some evidence was presented to the Orphans Court of Lowndes County that Mr. Campbell had collected the whole amount but that he had paid only \$200.00 to the estate before becoming insolvent. It was the judgment of the court that the widow, Delilah, be charged with the balance of the note, with interest, because she had not used sufficient dilligence to collect the balance before the agent became insolvent.

From Minutes of the Orphans Court, Lowndes County, Alabama, Book E, pages 371 & 372.

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State of South Carolina  
Marlborough District

Know all men by these presents that I Robert B. Campbell of the district and State aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of (obliterated) to me in hand paid by James Pouncey, Jun<sup>r</sup>, of said District have granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents do, Grant Bargain Sell and release unto the said James Pouncey a certain quantity of Land, viz one Tract, containing seventy five acres, being in the State and district aforesaid, on the North East side of Pee Dee River and on the three creeks, between Horsepen and caney Branches it being part of a tract containing six hundred and forty acres, originally granted to Aaron Pearson, Sen<sup>r</sup>, by William Moultrie dated January the 1st 1787, and conveyed by said Pearson to Henry Traweeks from said Traweeks to Alexander Boddiford Sen<sup>r</sup>, and from said Boddiford to Thomas A. Corgell, the said tract, beginning at a White Oak on W. Pouncey's line and running from thence N. East to a pine, from said pine a straight course to opposite to a light wood stake, and from said stake S. E. to a light wood Corner, on W. Pouncey's line then N. E. to said White Oak. Also one other tract of land containing one hundred and fifty acres, it being part of one thousand acres granted to W. Pouncey by his Excellancy C. G. Montague, by a grant dated 7th December 1772 and transferred from Pouncey to Trawick on, the 2nd November 1773, from G. Trawick to H. Trawick, from H. Trawick to Alexander Boddiford, Sen<sup>r</sup>, from said Boddiford to Thomas C. Corgill the said one hundred and fifty acres being the middle of the said Thousand acres, beginning at a white Oak, on Pouncey's line running to the Caney Branch and down said branch to the run of the three creeks, thence up a drain makeing in to the Creek from thence to a pine corner on Horsepen Branch from thence to the said white oak, with reservation of fifty five acres sold by Boddiford to Jesse Ryals, also one other tract of one hundred acres granted to Hartwell Ayers July 26th 1774. Also a certain dividend of Land containing one hundred acres more or less being part of six hundred and forty acres granted to Aaron Pearson 1st January 1787, being conveyed by



My Great Great Grandfather, Jesse Ryals - continued

several conveyances, till conveyed to Malcolm McBride and from said McBride to Thomas A. Corgill, laying as follows, beginning at a pine tree cross on Ashbury's land, and running S. W. to a white oak thence a cross to John Hilson's land thence a straight Course, to the first named pine, having such shape form and marks as will appear on a plat to the original Grant. Also one other tract Containing all that part of the horsepen branch that is liable to be overflowed, by the pond of a Mill erected on the said branch conveyed by Thomas John to Thomas A. Corgill, 3rd December 1817. Also one other Tract whereon said Mill and Dwelling House are erected containing twenty one acres (more or less) being part of a thousand acre tract, granted to W. Pouncey by his Excellency C. G. Montague, of the 7th day of December 1772, conveyed by several conveyances till conveyed to Hugh McCall and from said McCall to Thomas A. Corgill, Together with all and Singular the rights Members, hereditaments and appertinences to the said premises belonging or and in anywise incident or appertaining. To have and to hold all and Singular the premices before mentioned unto the said James Pouncey his heirs and assigns forever. and I do bind myself my heirs Executors and Administrators to warrant and for ever defend (all and singular) the said premises unto the said James Pouncey his heirs and assigns against myself my heirs and every person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof

In witness whereof, I have hereonto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, and in the forty seventh year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Signed sealed and delivered

In the presence of Christian X McColl  
John Campbell

Robert B. Campbell

Seal

Recorded: Deed Book M, pages 91-93, Bennettsville, Marlboro County, South Carolina.

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GRIM BUT TRUE

So often we look for records of ancestors in every place and source we can think of, and not find that person. Have you considered the multitude of records that are available from the wars and conflicts in which our men and women have served. The VA records show that almost 39,000,000 have served with our armed forces during these times and numbered 1,081,000 deaths while on active duty. Check the following statistics and their dates and consider the possibility of VA records as your source.

		<u>Participants</u>	<u>Deaths in Service</u>
American Revolution	1775 - 1784	290,000	4,000
War of 1812	1812 - 1815	287,000	2,000
Mexican War	1846 - 1848	79,000	13,000
Indian Wars	Approx. 1817 - 1898	106,000	1,000
Civil War Union	1861 - 1865	2,213,000	364,000
Confederate	1861 - 1865	est. 1,000,000	133,821
Spanish-American War	1898 - 1902	392,000	11,000
World War I	1917 - 1918	4,744,000	116,000
World War II	Sep 1940 - 1947 Jul	16,535,000	406,000
Korean Conflict	Jun 1950 - 1955 Jan	6,807,000	55,000
Vietnam Era	Aug 1964 - 1975 Jun	9,834,000	47,000



The following letter was written by Zinnamon D. Player to Miss C. W. York about 1860. He was killed in the Civil War March 25, 1865, Georgia soldier fighting in Virginia, and never married.

The original letter was found in a trunk in Ben Hill County, Georgia, last year (1979) and was the missing evidence which confirmed the connection between the Player family of Wilcox County and the York family of Randolph County, Ga.

They certainly don't write letters like they used to!

hi,

I received your letter of late Aug 8 and was glad to hear of you being in good health. You must excuse my negligence in not answering your letter sooner. The reason was I have been rather unwell and so much business to attend to I thought I would wait untill I had a good opportunity. My Dear Caroline I would like to see you. You don't know how many sleepless nights I pass thinking of you and of the many pleasant hours we have passed together. Camp Meeting commenced here on the 24th of last month and lasted a week. We had a very pleasant time and good weather. I wish you had been here nothing would have gave me greater happiness than the pleasure of your company. I am very sorry to hear of your little sister's Death and of your Father's Negro. But do not fret about it. There is an Almighty being above us. And when he calls upon us, we are obliged to go to that B where us traveller returns. My Dear Caroline let me know when Camp Meeting Commences with you and if there is any chance to get away from my business I will come and see you. You would confer asant favor on me by sending me your Daguerreotype [photograph] When you send [then some crossed out] when I receive it I will sleep with it next my heart. You state in your letter that you think I had almost forgotten you and found another. But such is not the case. You are always next my heart, Sleeping or waking my thoughts are upon you. And you only when I hear from you I will give you a great many particulars. My watch guard and protect you in the constant prayer.

of your affectionate lover

Z. D. P.

I send  
you a kiss

Miss C. W. York  
Brooksville P.O.

Submitted by: Mrs. Ann Sathre

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This item was included in a copy of an obituary ordered through the Fayetteville Public Library, 217 E. Dickson Street, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701. I thought someone might be very interested in all this good information about an immigrant ancestor.

Northwest Arkansas Times  
August 20, 1957

PETER HENRY RICHTERS

Rogers (Special) - Peter Henry Richters, 80, retired farmer formerly of Iowa, died Monday morning in a Rogers nursing home. He was born in Himmelforten, Germany, and came to America in 1894. He became a citizen of the United States in October, 1903. Mr. Richters moved to Arkansas from Iowa in 1948.

Survivors include three sons, Sgt. Peter H. Richters, of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., James Richters of Hillsboro, Ore., and Walter Richters of Sioux City, Ia.; three daughters, Mrs. G. R. Joy, of El Cerrito, Ia., Mrs. A. H. Mead of Irene, S.D. and Mrs. C. E. Schwandt of Omaha, Neb., and a brother Claus Richters of Marshall, Ia.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Burus Funeral Home.

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Contributed by Alice H. Rupe



The following letters and articles are a part of the Yantis family history and are the ancestors of Adele Yantis Sulloway. Jacob Yantis was her great great grandfather.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission  
State Archives  
Education Building  
Harrisburg

September 4th, 1947

Mrs. Sterling Bailey  
Bailey's Pharmacy  
Grand Saline, Texas

Dear Mrs. Bailey:-

Your letter of August 28th has come to hand. Since your note before, we have found a military record for Daniel Yendes. In the Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series Vol. VII, Page 635, he is listed as a member of one of the Lancaster County Companies which helped to make up the flying camp bound for the Jerseys, September 11th, 1776. However, we have found a Jacob Yuntz (Yentz) in Lancaster Borough, Lancaster County in 1779. He evidently belongs to the same family with Simon and Daniel although the names are spelled by ear rather than correctly.

Yours very truly,

Henry W. Shoemaker  
State Archivist

NOTE: Three brothers, Daniel, Jacob and Simon Yantis (Jandez)(Yentz), were immigrants to America from Germany or Holland.

JACOB YANTIS' WAR RECORD

PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVE 5th Series, volume VII, page 13; Jacob Youtz of Captain Samuel Boyd's Company standing guard at Lancaster in 1776, July 1st with a company made up of detachments from each of five companies of the first Battalion under the immediate command of Captain-Lieutenant Christopher Crawford.

On page 828, we find a reference to Jacob Yentz, private, 8th class, of Captain John Hubley's company, in April 21st, 1781, 8th Battalion, Lancaster County Militia.

On page 846 there is a list of the members of Capt. John Hubley's Company of Lancaster County Militia, between the ages of 18 and 53. Jacob Yentz's name appears in the 8th class of this Company.

The above War Record was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, State Archives Harrisburg, Pa.

The following is a list of our Revolutionary Soldier's children including dates of marriage, place and names of wives.

JOHN YANTIS married Priscilla Lapsley, Jan. 24th 1801 Garrard County, Ky  
AMOS YANTIS married Polly Bright, Feb. 4th, 1807, Garrard County, Ky.  
JESSE YANTIS married Patsy Thurman, Sept. 25th, 1817, Mercer County, Ky  
AARON YANTIS married Patsy Cochran, Mar. 1st, 1810, Shelby County, Ky  
GEORGE YANTIS, (no record married) Frederick, Maryland  
MARY YANTIS married Fred Dayhoff (see deed Jacob Yantis' heirs.

Abstract Lincoln County Ky. Deed Bk H. P. 187)

The above information will be found at the Kentucky Historical Society, Frankford, Ky.



ENOCH YANTIS married Eleanor Wolford, June 11th, 1816, Lincoln County, Ky. This marriage will be found in the Democrat-Gazette, McKinney, Texas, Thur. Nov. 8th, 1906. Volume 23, No. 40. (This was the Father of James Lapsley Yantis.)

The following is an excerpt taken from Anne B. Brown, Genealogist Lancaster Ky. letter:- "I see from Kentucky's first census that Jacob Yantis was the head of family in Fayette before he lived in Lincoln. He is listed in Fayette 1790. John Yantis was spelling his name Yantis in 1799 so it was before that the name was changed."

The following is Simon Yantis' war record (Jacob's brother). The record of Simon Yantis appears in the Pennsylvania Archives fifth series, Vol. VII Page 1061, as a private in Capt. Jacob Klotz's Company of Colonel Mathias Slough's Battalion of the Flying Camp in the Year 1776.

WILL OF JACOB YANTIS

Lincoln County, Kentucky

JACOB YANTIS WILL RECORDED IN WILL BK. B. Page 275.

In the name of God amen, I Jacob Yantis of Lincoln County and State of Kentucky being weak in body but of sound mind and memory thanks to God for all his Mercies, and knowing that it is appointed for all men to once die. I do make constitute and appoint this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other will or wills by me heretofore made or published. And first I will that my Executrix and Executor herein after mentioned to pay all just and lawful debts, secondly I leave and bequeath to my beloved Wife Ruth, all the remainder of my estate both real and personal on the following terms to-wit, that it is to remain in her hands under her care for the purpose of raising and schooling her children that is yet under age and unmarried.

And further it is my will that my wife should divide out of said estate to each of my children as they arrive at lawful age or be married, as much property as I have generally given to these children already married but it shall be left to her Judgement how and in what kind of property to give them equal, and further it is my will that as soon as my money and outstanding debts can be collected that my executrix and executor do purchase a negro or negroes with same and that said purchase shall also remain in my wife's hands until her death, and at her decease the said purchase together with all rest of estate be equally divided among all my children, but further if my wife should choose to marry, in that case I will and bequeath to her during her life and at her death to descend as above mentioned.

And I do constitute and appoint my Wife and Son John Yantis Executrix and executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November 1804. Signed and acknowledged in the presence of us

Jacob Yantis (Seal)

Test.

William Hamilton State of Kentucky, Lincoln County.  
Samuel Dudderan At a County Court held for Lincoln County on the  
Walter Taylor 10th day of June 1805 this instrument of writing  
was exhibited in Court as the last will and testament of Jacob Yantis and proved by the Oaths of William Hamilton, Samuel Dudderan, and Walter Taylor, Subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Witness Thomas Montgomery, Clerk of Lincoln County Court.



Lincoln County, Kentucky Deed Bk H. P. 137  
Deed of Jacob Yantis Heirs. Abstract.

This Indenture made this fourteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixteen between Ruth Yantis of the County of Lincoln and State of Kentucky, and Frederick Dayhoff and Aaron Yantis of the County of Shelby and John Yantis, of the County of Girrard and Amos Yantis of the County of Mercer, Enoch Yantis, of the County of Casey, Jesse Yantis of the County of Mercer, all of the Counties and State aforesaid, and George Yantis of the County of Frederick and State of Maryland. Heirs and representatives of Jacob Yantis Deceased of the one part and Peyton Parks of the other part.

Witnesseth that the said Heirs and representatives of the said Jacob Yantis deceased for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to then in hand, paid by the said Peyton Parks receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained and sold and by these present doth grant bargain and sell etc a certain tract of land part of Benedict Swope's preemption known as Baughman's preemption on Dick's river and mouth of Logan creek, corner of McDowell's settlement etc.

Signed- wife	Ruth Yantis	(seal)
	George Yantis	(seal)
daughters husband	Fred Dayhoff	(seal)
	John Yantis	(seal)
	Amos Yantis	(seal)
	Aaron Yantis	(seal)
great grandfather	Enoch Yantis	(seal)
	Jesse Yantis	(seal)

This is a true abstract of the deed of heirs of Jacob Yantis found in deed book and page as above stated and copied by me this December 8th, 1947. Anne B urnside Brown, Genealogist, Lancaster, Kentucky.

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LINCOLN COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
Appraisement of Jacob Yantis's Personal Property  
July 8th, 1805

Appraisement covers pages 278-279-280 in Will book of that date and shows that Jacob was well off in this worlds goods.

A great deal of pewter, farming tools, stock, saddles and bridles, flax wheel, cotton wheel, and check reel, hemp and flax hackles, a silver watch, carpenter tools, writing desk chairs, clock, books, furniture, 2 beds and furniture, 3 beds and furniture, 4 beds and furniture, one Bearuea, one chest, one cupboard and furniture, 3 tables and candle stands. Fifty rawhides, leather in the tan, Leather finished: Ten pair of boots legs unfinished. Tanners tools and two pairs of Men's shoes.

I hereby certify that the date I have sent to Mrs Ollyne Yantis Bailey, is correct on her Jacob Yantis line.

Anne Burnside Brown

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The next issue of BURIED TREASURES will report a Yantis family sketch through the 1800's. It's packed full of names and places, their travel from Kentucky to Texas, their professions, politics and property.

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ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 12

ON THIS DAY

Alexander Selkirk, Scottish sailor, requested to be put ashore on the uninhabited island of Juan Fernandez where he remained alone for 5 years. The model for Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe" was rescued February 12, 1709.



## A LOSS IS A GAIN

My genealogy research has brought me many things--the delight of reflection on a Scottish and German heritage--the discovery and meanings of middle names handed down and linked thru the generations--the "authority" to wear proudly the ancient Johnstone tartan and join Clubs founded on this Scottish right. But recently genealogy brought me much more.

I received a phone call from a Leesburg man, William B. Clements, who after reading my beloved Dad's obituary, discovered he shared the same middle name of Balloch. We talked of Balloch things--a castle in Scotland he had visited, a family crest and then, that he had been born in New Brunswick. I recently had been dismayed during my research to have "dead-ended" on my great-grandfather's death certificate - Fathers Birthplace--No Record. I knew that my great-grandmother was from New Brunswick and that her parents were from Woodstock, N.B. My father had remembered that his grandparents had been married in that town before moving to Michigan. I also have a letter written to my grandmother from an uncle, a brother to her father, written in 1912 from Centerville, N.B. I felt that this man's Balloch lines could very well be linked with ours. He would arrive the following day with his records and I had mine.

With amazing luck he had written a Gordon Balloch in New Brunswick who had on a list the parents and brothers and sisters from his generation back for four generations. I had never seen this done so completely. Not only was Mr. Clements' grandfather Robert Wilmot Balloch, but there among the brothers was John B. Balloch, grandfather to my precious Dad. R. Wilmot Balloch was the uncle that wrote my Grandmother Carrie. The children listed were all mentioned in that 1912 letter. And on this sheet were the dates of birth and death for John F. Balloch's parents and his grandparents. Mr. Clements had handed me the information for two additional generations of my ancestors! He then handed me a letter written to him by Gordon Balloch that showed that my great-grandfather's grandfather was born in Perthshire, Scotland and that Balloch was a Sept of the Macdonald of Isles. A new lovely tartan I could wear! This letter contains much historical data. What a gift! I embrace genealogy! and, more dear, I embrace a new kin!

NOTE: My father loved the songs of Scotland. Among those played during his services was Loch Lomond. The public access to Loch Lomond is the grounds of Castle Balloch. He didn't know this data but perhaps he knew it in his heart.

Susan Johnstone Mannion

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SASE

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SASE

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If you want a lot of material sent, the nice thing to do is send a dollar and tell the party to send you a bill for any additional amount plus postage.

Do give them a maximum amount you are willing to invest for the information.

When writing abroad for information, be sure to send an international reply coupon in lieu of SASE. This is acceptable in any country in exchange for stamps to prepay a surface letter of the first unit of weight to the U.S.

Usually two coupons will be enough for an air mail answer.

Don't forget Aerogrammes which can be folded into the form of an envelope and sent to all countries. These are available at the post office for 22¢ each.

Eileen Willis, Librarian



The following article by Mrs. W. A. Smith appeared in the Ocilla Star, Jan. 31, 1980:

#### JOSEPH A. TURNER

According to the Irwin County History the first "Turner" recorded in Irwin County, GA was Joseph A. Turner.

Coming to America from his native home of Ireland Mr. Turner spent some time in the state of South Carolina. In the year 1818 he came to Georgia. Later on he arrived in Irwin County with a group of surveyors and helped to survey this county into land lots.

Coming to Irwin County as a single man, Joseph A. Turner married Miss Sallie Tucker. Children to bless this union were Joseph Alson Turner, who married Mary Floyd Jack Turner who married Elizabeth Dunn; Dennis Turner who married Sarah Byrd; and Ellis Turner who never married; Daughters; Miranza Turner who married Sam Goff; Zilpha Turner, marriage companion unknown; Samantha Turner who married Eliza Pickern; and Lucy Turner who married Francis Key.

Elsewhere in The History, the statement appears that one Elinzabeth Turner married Elias Clements. Now, we wonder if this Elinzabeth Turner was related to the old surveyor?

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This is my question, too! I wrote Mrs. Smith but she did not answer. I will correspond with anyone about Turner or Clements, South Carolina or Georgia. Mrs. Ann Sathre, 1103 Observatory Dr., Orlando, FL 32808

#### GENEALOGICAL QUERY COLUMNS

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

NORTH CAROLINA	"Bridges to the Past" FOREST CITY THIS WEEK Roy Brooks Box 661 Forest City, NC 28043	"Links and Lines" COLLECTABLES (Newton, NC) Mary Jane Rodgers 227 W. Main St. Frankfort, KY 40601
TENNESSEE	"Tennessee Trailings" POST INTELLIGENCER Genealogy Box 130 Paris, TN 38242	"Genealogy" NEWS RECORD (Sevierville) Mrs. Elaine Wells Drawer 220 Grandview, TX 76050
WEST VIRGINIA	"Yesterday and Today" Shirley Donnelly c/o BECKLEY POST HERALD Beckley, W VA 25570	"Genealogy" WAYNE COUNTY NEWS Wayne, W VA 25570

We will continue to print more state listings as space permits.  
Prepared by Mary H. Swakoff

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#### MIND YOUR LIBRARY MANNERS

We all need to remember our "library manners" when doing our research. Whether it is in the public library, the Mormon Library, or any place where people come to do serious concentrated study, please remember to speak in a low voice and refrain from lengthy visiting. Recently I heard a librarian complain of clients' loudness and a patron complain of a fruitless trip because of a noisy atmosphere. We all enjoy sharing our "lines" but let's remember our fellow researchers.

A Concerned Genealogist



CYNTHIA ANN PARKER - MOTHER OF INDIAN CHIEF

by: Clifton O. Duty, 10 October 1980

Excerpted from: "Here Comes Texas" by Ralph Selle & various texts on Texas History

Do you believe in coincidences, or predestination? If not, read on, and you may change your belief. This genealogical and historical story involves a white girl, Indians, Texas Rangers, a president of Texas A & M University (then college), and a student of that university, me.

Lucinda Duty was from the North Carolina Dutys who migrated to Indiana and Illinois shortly after 1800. I am not sure of her parentage, for she was probably raised by her grandparents, Richard Duty (1770-1822) and Sally \_\_\_\_\_. She married Silas Mercer Parker, Sr., son of Elder John Parker and Sally White. Their children were Cynthia Ann, John, Silas Mercer, Jr., and Orlena. Around 1830, this Parker family and a number of other Parkers (and some Duty women) removed to Texas, and built Fort Parker on the Navasota River, one mile west of the present site of the city of Navasota and three miles from Groesbeck, in Grimes County. This band, from Coles County, Illinois, established the first Protestant church in Texas, the Primitive Baptist.

May 19, 1836, was a day of horror at Fort Parker. Cynthia Ann was then nine years old. Comanche and Ciowa Indians mounted a surprise attack, killed many, including Silas Mercer Parker, Sr., and captured, among others, Cynthia Ann and her brother John.

Cynthia Ann was raised by the Indians and became the wife of the chief of Comanches, Peta Nocona (Peutachonone). She bore three children: Quanah (Fragrance), Pecos (Peanut) and Topsoannah (Beuwhototsia, or Prairie Flower). Because of his love for his white mother, Quanah took the name Parker, and is identified in history as Quanah Parker, the last fighting chief of Comanches. He had gray eyes, was an imposing figure, hated but respected for his fighting ability. In the state of Texas, towns of Nocona (Montague Co.) and Quanah (Hardeman Co.) bear the names of these two Indian chiefs.

Those who escaped from Fort Parker fled to Fort Sam Houston (not the modern site), near Palestine, Texas, located on land owned by John Reagan (I attended and graduated from John Reagan Senior High School in Houston).

Cynthia Ann was not heard from for twenty-five years. In 1861, Lawrence Sullivan Ross, a Captain of the Texas Rangers, a young man who was to become a general in the Civil War, Governor of Texas and President of Texas A & M University in his later years, mounted a campaign against the Indians at Pease River. He employed about 135 friendly Indians in his battle with the Comanches. Lieutenant Tom Kelliheir captured Cynthia Ann and her daughter, Prairie Flower. She was eventually returned to her uncle, Isaac Parker, and later lived with her brother, Silas Mercer Parker, Jr., in Van Zandt County. Prairie Flower died at age six, and Cynthia Ann pined away and herself died in 1870 in Henderson County.

After peace was made with the Indians, Chief Quanah Parker pled for the removal of his mother's remains to the Indian reservation in Oklahoma (site of present Fort Sill). "My mother! She fed me. She held me. She loved me....Her boy. See me, she happy. I play, she happy. I cry, she sad. I laugh, her eyes shine....I sick, she awake....Her boy want to bury her....Lonesome....White brother, your mother, you bury....Her dust, my dust....I sit on her mound....My mother." Quanah died in 1912. His mother, sister and he are buried together.

I attended Texas A & M University, 1938-1942, and did not know then, as I passed the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, in front of Old Main, that he had rescued a far distant cousin of mine. The oldest known ancestor of Cynthia Ann Parker was Matthew Duty who died in Caswell County, North Carolina, in 1782 (I have a copy of his will). Matthew was brother to William Duty who died in 1815 in Chatham County, North Carolina (I also have a copy of his will, that of his brother, Richard, and the will inventor of his third brother, Thomas). William Duty is my g-g-g-grandfather.



Those who read this little story may want to know of other names associated with this band of Primitive Baptists: Anglin, Plummer, O'Quinn, Ellogg, Frost, Nixon, Bates, Lunn, Faulkenberry, Van Dorn, Brown, Raymond, Carter (Amon G.) and Taulman.

I have pictures of Cynthia Ann, Quanah and Prairie Flower. In his later years, Quanah was relatively wealthy, and traveled a good deal. Delos Duty, of Illinois, used to visit Quanah, and they greeted each other with "Cousin!". I have a copy of a photo of Quanah and others, on a wolf hunt with President Theodore Roosevelt.

When I was a boy, little did I dream of living in Texas. I was born in Arkansas in 1920, lived in Illinois in 1925-1930, and our family moved to Texas in the winter of 1930. My father, born in Posey County, Indiana in 1866, had decided that he wanted to return to Texas, where he had invested estate money in the 1890's. The author of "Here Comes Texas" was my biology teacher at John Reagan High School in Houston. He gave a copy to my great friend and benefactor, Mrs. Byrd Creekmore, who gave the copy to me in 1938. Not until 1978 did I discover that this little book contained the story of my cousin, Cynthia Ann Parker. Another group of Duty cousins joined Stephen F. Austin in 1823, but that is another story.

Thank you, Cliff Duty, for sharing your ancestors; we look forward to Stephen's story  
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The following Letter to the Editor was published in the Royal Oak Tribune (Michigan) on March 4, 1963. It was written by Ralyne Elayne Westenhofer's grandfather, Charles Peter Westenhofer at the age of 75. He remained actively employed until the age of 78.

#### CHANGING TIMES - OR HAVE THEY

Jobs--at a Price - This is a true rundown on the fallacy of the Child Labor Law. I shudder when I think of what would have happened to me when I was a teenager. I always had work, always supported myself.

At age 14, the year 1901, I left school as all boys did, and being the victim of a broken home, I was on my own. First factory job was in a woolen mill, 50 cents a day of 10 hours. Out of that I paid for my board, room and washing, \$3 a week. Next, in three different furniture shops at 55 cents per day of 10 hours, then I advanced up to 75 cents for 10 hours.

In 1904 I worked on a farm at \$15 a month and keep. In 1905 a bellhop in Lansing at \$12 a month and eats but no room. Also at an auto shop in the blue print department at \$1 for 10 hours. Then on to Detroit; bellhop, also \$12 a month and eats but no room. In 1907 on to Rochester, New York at \$1.25 for nine hours -- and many other jobs in between.

At 21, I was a man, never out of work, always money in my pockets. Think it's over? With the Child Labor Law and now the added wage and hour law, what would of happened to me? Don't blame the young people for being trouble makers. The only sensible thing to do is let them all work at any pay they can command. How many teenagers can get jobs at \$10 for eight hours? Dime and variety stores, grocery packers and millions of similar jobs are non-existent at that price. Who are they kidding? Which is most needed, a million jobs at 50 cents or 75 cents per hour or none at all at \$1.25 per hour. It's as simple as that.

UPDATE: Today's minimum wage is \$3.10.

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ON THIS DAY FEBRUARY 12 ON THIS DAY

A treaty with the Creek Indians was signed by their chief on February 12, 1825. It provided that the Creek cede all their territory in Georgia and Alabama in return for a tract of land between the Arkansas and Canadian Rivers. The Indians rejected the treaty, killed MacIntosh, their Chief who signed it, and sent delegates to Washington to protest it.



## BIBLE RECORDS

The following Bible records were copied from Bibles for sale in an antique shop on Formosa Avenue, near Par in Winter Park, Florida. Records copied by permission of owner of the shop by Betty Hughson.

The Pictorial Catholic Library  
(containing seven volumes in one)

Published by: Murphy & McCarthy, 20 Warren Street, New York. Copyright 1886.

On a loose piece of paper:

Lucy Irine Ray  
Died August the first 1903  
at age 3 years April 18, 1903

On a small card:

Certificate of Membership of St. Joseph's Union until March 1, 1884  
Mr. Thomas Peel

In back of book:

Marriage Certificate  
On the eighth day of October 1889 by Rev. Andrieux  
Priest of Paincourt in the diocese of London  
J. W. Roy, son of David Roy and E. Passnault  
Mary E. Peel, dau of George Peel and R. Gour  
in presence of James F. King  
Georgie Peel

### Holy Bible

Published 1872 by American Bible Society, New York

On flyleaf:

Charlie W. Collins  
342 Mason St.  
Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A.

Entry on family record pages:

Nettie Grase Chamberlin  
Born September 4th 1875  
at 5 o'clock a.m.

First pages of Bible missing

On a blank page: To J. A. Mason  
from his daughter Lillias  
July 3, 1889

Marriage and Birth pages missing

### DEATHS

63	Frances Lucia Mason	April 19th 1912
29	Armi Mason	April 21, 1912
72	Julius A. Mason	June 1st 1920

### Holy Bible

Published by Ira Bradley & Co., Boston (no date)

### Marriages

Elijah Bronn - Elmina Wellman	Dec. 28th 1823
Horace O. Weatherhead - Louise A. Bronn	Aug. 29, 1844
Albert T. Bronn - Lydia (?) Trask	April 8, 1849
Leonard W. Bronn - Lucy A. Whipple	Dec. 7, 1864



### Births

no names on this page, but the following dates are shown  
 April 28, 1873  
 Jan'y 30, 1886  
 November 2, 1802  
 March 27, 1807

### Deaths

Sept 3, 1848	Louisa Aldrich Bronn	Feb. 9, 1825
Jan'y 4, 1867	Albert Telson Bronn	Sep. 7, 1828
July 6, 1833	George Riley Bronn	July 29, 1831
May 5, 1883	Leonard Wilson Bronn	May 22, 1834
---	Hannah Elizabeth Bronn	May 4, 1839
July 12, 1854	Elmina Annette Bronn	Jan 28, 1848

### Marriages

Euphemia Anna Ray  
 Herbert H. Eagle  
 on the eighth day of Nov. 1916 at St. Mary's Church  
 Sault St. Marie, Mich. Rev. Father Stenglain

### Births

Alphege B. / Août 1890 Batiser / cure<sup>r</sup> d' Ecorse /  
 Philip W. Roy / 1892 Batiser / cur<sup>e</sup> d' Ecorse  
 Euphemie Anna / Juillet 1893 Batiser / cure<sup>r</sup> de Ecorse  
 Adelor Joseph Ray / 1895 Batiser / cure<sup>r</sup> de Ecorse  
 Mary Antonia / 1897 Batiser Par / cure de<sup>r</sup> Ecorse

C. G. Roy. Est n<sup>e</sup>z le 18 Dzc 1900  
 Roy est ne<sup>r</sup> le 15 / pur Rev. M. Champion  
 est ni<sup>r</sup> le 1 May / par Rev. M. Champion  
 Roy est n<sup>e</sup> le 30 / par Rev. M. Champion  
 est ne<sup>r</sup> le 23 Juillet / par Rev. M. Champion  
 est ne<sup>r</sup> le 1 Decembre / Rev. M. Vicard / Batiser  
 par Rev. Richard Sugar Island

### Deaths

Clement Gerard Roy died 16th June 1906

Holy Bible containing old and new Testaments  
 Published and sold by Edmund Cushing, Lunenburg, Mass. 1829

Front page - Amos Adam, Pepperell, Massachusetts (address in different writing)

### Marriages

James Adams the son of Joseph Adams and (no name of mother) was married to Susanna Alexander December the 18th 1823 the daughter of yedathas Alexander.

John Wilson the son of Richard Wilson and (no name) was married to Susan J. Adams the 25th December 1853 the daughter of Amos Adams

John Wilson died Feb. 25th 1910 age 84 (In pencil) Born Oct. 14, 1826

### Births

Amos Adams born March the first day, 1780  
 his wife Susana Adams born March the 31, 1803  
 John I. Adams born Oct. 1st 1824  
 James A. Adams born May 14th 1827  
 Susan J. Adams born September 19th, 1829



LETTER FROM WILLIAM RICHARD TAYLOR TO HIS WIFE - WRITTEN FROM SANFORD (MELLONVILLE) FL  
February 1872

NOTE: *This letter is not written to the wife of William Richard Taylor at all. In it he asks about "Sue" (Sarah Susan Skiller, his wife) and speaks of "my darling sweet wife" and says that he doesn't think that "she would like it here". He says "you must encourage her and give her assistance". So it was no doubt her mother that he was writing to.*

A. R. Taylor

"Dear Old Lady:

Thinking that you would like to hear from me I will write you a few lines. I am well, have been in very good health since I left up there. I think this is a healthy country judging from the looks of the people. There is not a case of sickness that I know of anywhere in the neighborhood. I have heard of but one death since I have been here and that was a wealthy man named Woodruff, and people say, who profess to know, that whiskey killed him. I don't know anything about it myself. I like this country pretty well but don't know whether I will remain here or not. The greatest objection I find to it is the character of the people. The majority of them are such as I do not like to associate with. They pay no attention whatever to the Sabbath. On that day they keep open their stores and sell goods and transact business as on the other days in some respects. That there are some exceptions to the general rule I do not say. If I conclude to remain here there are but few people that I could safely associate with.

Tell Griffin if he wants to farm that this is not the place for him. All this country is fit for is stock raising & raising oranges and potatoes; at least that is my opinion of it. I think if he will come and look around a little, he will leave it in disgust, but he will have to leave it mighty quick or he would not be able to get away, or that is what people tell me is the reason that they stay here; at least some of them. As far as the country goes I would like to live here myself if there was any social or religious advantages here - but the people are wild and rough and uneducated though they are very kind.

I have no doubt I could make more here in a few years than I could ever make there and I may conclude to stay for a while anyhow. This is a hard country on women and I don't think she would like it much though. I believe my Darling Sweet Wife would be satisfied most anywhere with me if I were satisfied. Bless her, I love her more than ever. I have not always treated her kindly but it will be one object of my life from now on to try to make her life a happy one. I hope she has not given up her desire to seek her Soul's happiness - that is worth more to us in this world and the world to come than anything else. You must encourage her and give her advice and assistance.

As for myself I find it so pleasant to walk in the night here in the wilderness as it would be in the crowded city. I find it is pleasant and a great joy to me to follow as near as I can in the foot-steps of my Redeemer. I can never give Honor and Glory and Praise enough to my blessed Saviour who by his grace brought me to see the enormity of my sins and turned me back before it was too late. Who died that I might live; words cannot express my feelings on the subject. I have no desire and with help from Him who never refuses, I will never turn back to my former way of life. I can think of our darling little Albert and say "the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away - blessed be the name of the Lord".

"We are floating on the tide and he has reached  
the shore. Let us all strive to meet him there."

I send you a little piece of poetry that I took from a paper. It must have been written by one who suffered the same loss that we have. Goodby - remember me in your prayers. Write to me.

(Submitted by Allen R. Taylor)

Affectionately yours  
/s/ W. R. Taylor



# QUARTERLY/NEWSLETTER EXCHANGES

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	Orange County California Genealogical Society	Orange
	Sacramento Genealogical Society	Sacramento
Delaware	Delaware Genealogical Society	Wilmington
Florida	Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County	Ft. Walton Bch
	Jacksonville Genealogical Society	Jacksonville
	Genealogical Society of South Brevard	Melbourne
	Genealogical Society of Greater Miami	Miami
	Genealogical Society of Sarasota	Sarasota
	Florida Genealogical Society	Tampa
	Palm Beach County Genealogical Society	West Palm Beach
Georgia	Norma's Coweta Chatter	Sharpsburg
Illinois	Dewitt County Genealogical Society	Clinton
	Lombard Suburban Genealogical Society	Lombard
Indiana	Tri-State Genealogical Society	Evansville
Iowa	Ringgold County Genealogical Society	Mount Ayr
	Northeast Iowa Genealogical Society	Waterloo
Kansas	Jefferson County Genealogical Society	Oskaloosa
Kentucky	Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society	Bowling Green
	Webster County Historical & Genealogical Society	Dixon
	Hopkins County Genealogical Society	Madisonville
Maine	Maine Genealogical Society	Farmington
Maryland	Anne Arundel Genealogical Society	Pasadena
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Minnesota	Heart O'Lakes Genealogical Society	Frazee
Mississippi	Yalobusha County Historical Society	Coffeetown
	Tippah County Historical Society	Ripley
Missouri	Federation of Genealogical Societies	St. Joseph
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Montana	Gallatin Genealogy Society	Bozeman
Nebraska	Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society	Fremont
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Oklahoma	Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society	Lawton
Oregon	Willamette Valley Genealogical Society	Salem
Pennsylvania	South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society	York
South Carolina	South Carolina Genealogical Society-Pee Dee Chap.	Greenville
South Dakota	Sioux Valley Genealogical Society	Sioux Falls
Texas	Vaughn/Vaughan Family Newsletter	Henderson
	Houston Genealogical Forum	Houston
	East Texas Genealogy Society	Tyler
Vermont	Genealogical Society of Vermont	Putney
Washington	Ancestry House	Ellensburg
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Nova Scotia	Gen. Newsletter of the Nova Scotia Historical Soc.	Wolfville
Ontario	Early Canadian Life	Oakville



## THE EXCLUSION OF THE SCOTCH FROM GEORGIA

by John M. Graham

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Histories of Georgia are silent as to the law enacted in 1782 which excluded natives of Scotland from the State. Legislative records seem the only source of information in regard to it. This law provides that "no Person a Native of Scotland shall be permitted or allowed to emigrate into this State with intent to Settle within the same, or to carry on Commerce or other trade, Profession or business, but every such person being a Native of Scotland shall within three days after his arrival within this State be apprehended and Committed to Goal there to remain without bail or mainprize until an opportunity offers of shipping or Transporting him to some part of the English King's Dominions, which the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being is hereby Authorized and Required to do. Nothing herein contained is to be construed to extend to such Persons, Natives of Scotland, who have exerted themselves in behalf of the freedom and Independance of the United States in the Present contest, and who are now entitled to the Rights of Citizenship in any or other of the United States." It is further provided that the law shall continue of force "during the Present War with the King of Great Britain."

The reason given for this law by a preamble is that "the People of Scotland have in General Manifested a decided inimicality to the Civil Liberties of America and have contributed Principally to promote and Continue a Ruinous War, for the Purpose of Subjugating this and the other Confederated States."

There being no reason for regarding the Scotch as more at fault than other subjects of the government of Great Britain in its war against the American colonists, it seems strange that the Scotch alone should be singled out for the stigma put upon them by this law, especially when we consider the important and honorable part played by Scotsmen and their descendants in the upbuilding and defense of the colony of Georgia, and in the struggle for American Independence.

Soon after Oglethorpe established his feeble colony in Savannah, the trustees of the colony of Georgia, we are told, "having in view the object of strengthening the colony, in answer to the urgent appeals of the Carolinians, 'as they found that many of the poor who had been useless in England had been inclined to be useless here also,' ... resolved that their next embarkations should consist chiefly of persons from the Highlands of Scotland and of persecuted Protestants from Germany." Of the Highlanders who came it is said, they "were not reckless adventurers, or reduced emigrants, volunteering through necessity, exiled by insolvency and want; they were men of good character, and carefully selected for their military qualities.... Besides this military band, others ... applied for large tracts of land to people with their own servants, most of them going over themselves to Georgia and finally settling there for life." To these people is attributed the victory of Oglethorpe which saved the colony of Georgia from the Spaniards.

A few years before the Revolution more than a half of the members of the Assembly of Georgia were Scotch or of Scotch descent. The Revolutionary Governors Archibald Bulloch and John Houstoun were of Scotch paternity, and Edward Telfair, Revolutionary leader, who was elected Governor in 1786, was a native of Scotland. The McIntoshes were foremost among the military leaders of the Revolution.

It is not surprising, however, that in a colony called "the petted child of the crown," which at the beginning of the Revolution had little cause for complaint on its own part against the mother country, most of the wealthier class of people, as in other colonies, should have refrained from taking part in the rebellion; and many of this class were Scotch. The State was to profit largely from confiscation of their property; and it may well be supposed that the movement for confiscation was aided by the working up of anti-Scotch feeling in the passage of the law quoted above. That



"The Exclusion of the Scotch from Georgia" -- continued

bill and a bill which was passed for confiscation of the estates of about 275 persons a large proportion of them Scotch, were introduced about the same time.

In our own day no anti-Scotch feeling is manifested in Georgia. Probably a large majority of the white people of the State have some Scotch blood in them; and in general those who are of Scottish ancestry take pride in that fact.

Contributed by Elizabeth Ward

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MATTHEW DUTY (The Goose Rustler)

From England to Maryland Colony, America

1724

1. "Original Lists of Emigrants in Bondage from London to the American Colonies, 1719-1744", by Marion and Jack Maminkow, Magna Carta Book Co., Baltimore, Md. 1967. Page 49:

"Duty, Mathew, 21. From Newgate; destination Maryland; Ship Forward Frigate, Dan Russell Commanding; 97 on board; date received on board 10 Oct 1724 (note: 12 others received on board 13 Oct 1724). P.R.O. Reference No. T/53/31 page 376."

2. "English Convicts in Colonial America", Volume I, Middlesex County (London), 1617-1775, P. W. Coldham. Page 84:

"S Aug T Oct 1724 Forward to Md. Sentenced to transportation at Sessions of Gaol (Jail) Delivery."

3. Letter, Greater London Council, 15 May 1975 to Mrs. H. E. McKinney (Thelma Duty McKinney), re: Matthew Duty:

"He was actually tried and sentenced at the Session of Gaol Delivery of Newgate for the County of Middlesex on 26 February 1723/4. His name appeared in the list of convicts... The indictment on the sessions roll (ref. MJ/SR 2420)... Matthew Duty is described as a labourer late of the parish of Finchley, and was accused of stealing 2 ganders and 3 geese from John Harrod in Finchley on 17 February 1723/4... He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to transportation... (crime probably committed in Finchley; may not be residence)."

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*Thank you again, Clifton O. Duty, for sharing another ancestor*

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The potential value of genealogical advertising is revealed by considering the following facts: Assuming that each family has five children who grow up, marry, and have children of their own (the number five is probably reasonable for an average when recent generations are combined with older generations)....

The number of people having common grandparents is 25

The number of people having common gr-gr-grand parents is 625

The number of people having common gr-gr-gr-gr-grand parents is 15,625

By the time you go back ten generations, the number of people having the common ancestral couple rises to a phenomenal 9,725,625.

(from SEARCH & PROVE, Bul. of Seattle Genealogical Society, Vol. 28, No. 3, Sprg '79)



Permission to reprint the following article has been given by Mrs. Joyce Jane, daughter of Mrs. Willa Vick Griffin and cousin of Alton J. Nolle

## LASTING IMPRESSIONS AS TOLD BY HIS DAUGHTER, WILLA (VICK) GRIFFIN (1956)

John Henry Vick and Caledonia (Donia) Dodd were brought up in the tragic era preceding and following the War Between the States.

In the fall of 1880, after having been married a little more than three years, John and Donia Vick, with their two small daughters, May and Ollie, set forth on a great adventure--to found a home and seek a fortune while pioneering in Florida. In the cavalcade which they organized were several young men who rode their horses. Donia and the children rode in a buggy while their entire possessions were carried in a wagon. After more than a week's traveling without mishap they reached the Lodge, now Apopka, where John's younger brother, Ezekiel, had already arrived with his bride, the former Catherine Sarah Rutland, and were there to greet them.

John bought land on the southeast shore of Lake Apopka, which he cleared. He then secured all the dropped oranges from a nearby grove and planted a nursery. In the course of time he developed a large orange grove.

The life of a pioneer is never an easy one, it has hardships which are undreamed of today. Often two months would pass without their ever having seen or spoken a word to any person except the men in their employ. Insects were not only annoying but were also a menace to health. Once John made a wooden frame large enough to house two beds and which he covered with mosquito netting, and in which the family slept; to touch the netting with any part of the body brought swarms of mosquitoes to the spot.

On January 24, 1883, their third daughter, Willa, was born at Crown Point. She was named for her grandfather, William Vick.

Perhaps those who suffer most from pioneer life are the young children, and Willa was no exception. In later years her father, half jokingly, would tell her that many nights he was torn between fear that she would die and fear that she would not.

Lean years were ahead for the people of central Florida; in 1893 the bank in Orlando, the only one in the county, was closed. Then in December, 1894, a severe freeze destroyed the orange crop, and to make matters almost hopeless, another and even more devastating freeze killed the trees to the ground. John sent to California for choice budwood, he heretofore having sold such to them, and grafted several into each orange tree stump. With large root systems the trees grew rapidly so that the obstacles were eventually overcome and prosperity returned.

In 1901, the Governor appointed John Vick to the office of Sheriff of Orange County to fill the unexpired term of one who died in office. John filled the office with honor and justice for a period of eight years. He then returned to his orange groves and also to become a realtor, handling large tracts of timber land, in both of which he was successful. Upon the urging of his wife they gave to each of their children an orange grove, feeling that they would most enjoy seeing their children have the benefit of their inheritance during their own life-times. This proved to be a wise decision, for with the loving guidance of their parents, all four increased their holdings.

Always a lover of nature, John early learned the ways and haunts of wild creatures. He once brought home a young faun, its mother having been crippled by the hounds. When wild turkey graced the table he would tell of the early dawn wait near a roost high in a tree top which had been located at dusk the day before. Also he would tell of the chase through scrub and swamp for a wounded bird, for neither bird nor beast should ever be left to die a lingering death. He would tell of that rare sight, the courting dance of cranes, which he had spent many hours watching, forgetful of the hunt.



Lasting impressions .... (continued)

Twice each year, with some old crony and his deer hounds, he would hie himself off to the best deer-hunting grounds and be gone for several weeks. He would bring back snake skins, alligator eggs, huge wasp nests, moths, butterflies and other trophies of his hunting trips. All was grist for the mill of his avid collectors.

In his later years when failing strength and eyesight kept him from hunting, he purchased a cabin cruiser, and with his mate and some member of the family, or a nurse, he would sometimes be gone for a month or so. His grandsons called him "Skipper" which pleased him greatly.

Sometimes he kept his boat at Sanford, on Lake Monroe, and from there would cruise the St. Johns River to Jacksonville; then down the Intracoastal Waterway, stopping at Daytona, New Smyrna, Eau Gallie, and Stuart for supplies and mail. From Stuart he would go up the canal to Lake Okeechobee, cross that inland sea and follow the Caloosahatchee River to Fort Myers, then on to the Gulf of Mexico.

Those were the days that he really lived. For one of his children or a grandchild to be invited to be his guest on one of these cruises was a great honor and pleasure. Such bids were anxiously sought. He was in every way the Skipper of his craft, and woe to anyone who dared interfere. He would sit on deck for hours guiding the helmsman by a movement of the hand to the right or the left. From his vantage point he would watch the one who was fishing; when the catch was too large or too small to suit him, back into the water it would go, even over the protest of the frugal soul who felt that a "bird in the hand was worth two in the bush." He would scorn weakness of spirit. Needless to say that with this demonstration of mind over matter the right fish took the hook.

Many rivers and creeks were explored; many nights were spent with the cruiser tied to the limb of an overhanging tree. To be awakened by the noisy chatter of the birds and the strange cry of beasts in the vast swamps just outside one's window was a more thrilling experience than all the sights of man-made cities.

Donia did not wholly share with her husband in this call of the wild. She would go only on such trips as were close to shore. She dearly loved to go down the St. Johns River and over to Salt Springs where they would tie up to a huge overhanging Live Oak and perhaps stay for a week. In this sulphur spring, far inland, was to be found mullet (the choice fish of any native), as well as crab and other delicacies native to salt water. Adjoining was the Ocala National Forest, where in former years John went to hunt, and on these occasions he would re-live those hunting days. Donia would get a doubtful pleasure from hearing these reminiscences.

Another favorite cruise was up the Oklawaha River to the famous Silver Springs where they would laze out over those vast caverns which send forth millions of gallons of water every minute, yet remain almost placid. Occasionally they would join the throng of spectators in glass-bottomed boats to gaze into those depths which spew forth not only water, but also legends of romantic Indians ever seeking their Princesses deep within those caverns.

The later years of John and Donia were happy ones. They had the knowledge of well-spent lives, with no regrets for the past nor dread of the future. They had built well for this world and for eternity.

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ANNOUNCEMENT: DeKALB, LAKE, McHENRY, SANGAMON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

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THE FOLLOWING DEEDS WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM HAND WRITTEN COPY

State of Alabama ) Daniel Murray hereby testify that I was present and known  
Mobile County ) of the making and acknowledgement of Thomas Vaughan of a  
deed of Gift to his wife Ellen Vaughan of the property described in the within deed  
where they there resided said deed was written by and acknowledged before A. H.  
Roulston a Justice of the Peace of said County since deceased. I believe the within  
deed to be a substantial copy of said deed so made and acknowledged and that it bore  
date in August 1875.

Subscribed and sworn to this  
15th day of March 1880 signed  
before me W. E. Brown Daniel J. Murray  
Notary Public for Mobile Co. Ala.

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State of Alabama ) Before me Wm. M. Loomis a Justice of the Peace in and for  
Mobile County ) said County personally came Mary Jane Gilbertson and Ellen  
Louise Gilbertson of Mobile who on oath saith that we know that our step father  
Thomas Vaughan made a gift deed to our Mother Ellen Vaughan in August 1875 of the  
property described within that she had the deed in her possession and when he left  
the House he took said deed with him with other papers that the deed was not recorded  
That this deed is substantially the same as the deed she had of the premises then  
and now the House of said Ellen Vaughan.

Subscribed and sworn to )  
this 31st day of March 1880 ) signed Mary Jane Gilbertson  
Wm. M. Loomis, J.P.M.C. ) Ellen Louise Gilbertson

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State of Alabama ) I Price Williams Jr. Judge of the Probate Court in and for  
Mobile County ) said County and State do hereby certify that the foregoing  
instrument of writing is a full time and correct copy of a certain deed made by  
Thomas Vaughan to Ellen Vaughan as the same appears of record in Deed Book No. 43  
NS PP 181 - 2 and 3 in my office.

In Witness whereof I hereto set my hand and the seal of the said Court at  
office this the 7th day of September AD 1892.

(signed) Price Williams Jr., Judge

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COPY OF DEED

Be it Known That I Thomas Vaughan of the County of Mobile State of Alabama for and  
in Consideration of the Love and affection which I have and bear to my wife Ellen  
Vaughan and my desire to provide a home for her at or before the sealing and delivery  
of these presents, Have given granted and delivered possession thereof and forever  
quit claimes and by these presents do give grant and forever quit claim unto the said  
Ellen Vaughan in her full and actual possession now being and to her heirs and as-  
signs forever All and Singular the estate, right, title interest, use trust property  
claim and demand whatsoever at law as well as in equity in possession as well as in  
expectancy of in to or out of, all and singular the following described fixed or  
parcel of land lying and situated in the City and County of Mobile and described as  
follows: Lying on the west side of Conception Street in said City on which it fronts  
sixty eight feet and running back westwardly for depth one hundred and fifty feet  
with same width in rear as in front. Bounded on the North by property of Moses  
Moody on the East by Conception Street on the South by Tennessee Street and on the  
West by property of Hugh Monroe the same being our homestead. To have and to hold



the said granted and released premises unto the said, Ellen Vaughan her heirs and assigns to her own and sole proper use benefit and behoof forever. So that neither I the said Thomas Vaughan my heirs or assigns nor any other person or persons in trust for me or in my name or names or in the name right or stead of any of therein shall or will can or may by any ways or means whatever hereafter have claim challenge or demand any right title interest or estate of in to or out of the said premises above described and hereby released: But that I the said Thomas Vaughan my heirs and assigns each and every of them from all estate right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever of us to or out of the said premises or any part thereof are is and shall be by these presents forever excluded and debarred.

In Witness Whereof The said Thomas Vaughan Have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of August in the year of Our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and Seventy Five

Signed Sealed and delivered (signed) Thomas Vaughan  
in presence of -----

State of Alabama ) I A. H. Roulston a Justice of the Peace in and for said  
Mobile County ) County hereby certify that Thomas Vaughan whose name is  
signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the Contents of the conveyance he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal this day of August AD 1875

Signed A. H. Roulston J.P.M.C.

Submitted by Geraldine M. Lavinghousez

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# QUERIES

- #81-1-01 TATUM/CLIFFS - Need verification of great grandmother, Martha Tatum, believe to have been born near Defuniak Springs, Walton Co., FL. c. 1831. Parents' names unknown. She was living w/Thomas Cliffs family. 1850 Census of Lowndes Co., GA listed her as Martha Tatum Cliffs. Remember my mother saying she thought her grandmother was part Indian.  
 Reply to: Mildred C. Watson, P. O. Box 211, Hazlehurst, GA 31539
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- #81-1-02 ASHBY - Desire info. on Sarah Jane Ashby born c. 1848 in TN, died in Mobile, AL 1877. Father's name Edward Ashby b. in VA c. 1813. Had sister Nancy b. 1821 in VA married Matthews. Any info. welcome.  
 Reply to: William E. Lavinghouse, 636 West Yale Street, Orlando, FL 32804
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- #81-1-03 MORRISON/MORISON - Desire info. on Jeremiah Morrison b. 1848 Calais, ME. Died Mobile, AL 1908. Son of Jeremiah Morrison. Had 3 brothers; one named Jack and one sister. Would like any info. re: parents and rest of family.  
 Reply to: Geraldine Morrison Lavinghouse, 636 West Yale Street, Orlando, FL 32804
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- #81-1-04 OSBORNE - Need info. on John Osborne b. 1700's d. 1800-1810, son of ?, m. Ruth b. ? d. 1834. John Osborne was born in ? and lived in Bedford Co., PA and spouse was born in ? and lived in Bedford Co., PA. Does anyone know anything on this family or who their parents were? Issue other than dau. Ruth b. c. 1792?  
 Reply to: Eileen Libke, 5444 Denise Avenue, Orlando, FL 32810
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- #81-1-05 GRIFFITH - Need info. on Evan Griffith b. ? 1700's died c. 1827 Bedford Co., PA. Parents & wife unknown. Wife died before husband perhaps Bedford Co., PA. Need any info. on this family.  
 Reply to: Eileen Libke, 5444 Denise Avenue, Orlando, FL 32810
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- #81-1-06 WARD/McKINNON/BROWN - Mizell Benjamin Ward b. 1880 GA? Married (date unknown) to Gertrude McKinnon. Son of ? Teem or Abnor Ward and Electa Brown.  
 Reply to: Elizabeth Hemphill Ward, 299 Cherokee Court, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
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- #81-1-07 YORK/LAMAR - Need info. on Mary York b. about c. 1800? GA; married about 1826 to John York. Lived in Randolph Co., GA. Were her parents \_\_\_\_\_ Lamar? Would like to correspond with anyone on York lines.  
 Reply to: Ann Sathre, 1103 Observatory Dr., Orlando, FL 32808
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- #81-1-08 YOUNG/PAULK - Mary C. Young was born 1768-1776 in S.C. daughter of Jacob Young. She grew up in Jefferson Co., GA and married Micajah Paulk. Need info on where in S.C. Jacob was from (was R.S. S.C.)  
 Reply to: Ann Sathre, 1103 Observatory Drive, Orlando, FL 32808
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- #81-1-09 APPLEGARTH/MISKIMON/WHITELEY - Capt. Lawson Applegarth (1817-1880) m. Mary Ann Miskimon (1822-1900) 28 Dec 1845 Baltimore, MD. Believe her parents John Miskimon who m. Mary Barton c. 1821. Need proof Lawson's parents Thomas and Sarah Whiteley. Sarah's father Arthur, Jr. (Dorchester Co., MD) Who was her mother? Will exchange.  
 Reply to: Betty Brinsfield Hughson, 1148 Neuse Ave., Orlando, FL 32804
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- #81-1-10 SAVAGE/DANFORTH/GRAY/HILTON/HUNTER - \$100.00 Reward for info. on Austin & Henry Savage and their descendants whereabouts. Austin & Henry were b. bet. 1833 & 1844, bro. of Ebenezer Danforth Savage, ch. of Dr. Perez T. & Lydia (Danforth) Savage, b. Savage's Island, N. Anson, ME. Perez, s. of Jacob & Hannah (Gray) Savage; Jacob s. of James Jr. & Mary (Hilton) Savage; James Jr. s. James & Christian (Hunter) Savage. Austin or Henry went west, had a silver or gold mine in Va. City, NV? or CA? or ?  
 Reply to: E. Morgan Savage, P. O. Box 42, Dennis, MA 02638



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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