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The bride was my grandmother's first cousin. Their grandfather, William Washington Knox had moved to Orlando in December 1880 from McKenzie, Carroll Co., Tenn. Typed from a copy supplied by the couple's daughter.

ORLANDO, FLORIDA, SATURDAY,
June 26, 1909

Beautiful Marriage Ceremony
and Brilliant Reception

Miss Elizabeth Knox Wedded to Mr. Gray Rush, in
the Midst of Pretty Flowers, the Sound of Music
and Surrounded by Admiring Friends.

Never before in Orlando has a wedding created so much interest as the one solemnized in the Methodist church on Thursday night. Miss Elizabeth Knox is an Orlando girl by birth and education, and has always been a great favorite in the town. When a few years ago she lost her mother, whose death followed close on that of her only brother, she left school, and took her place at the head of her father's house, where she has always proved a charming mistress and hostess. (Memo by PLM - Elizabeth is daughter of Mary (WATSON) & James Abner KNOX).

Mr. Rush, a college friend of her brother, has in the few years he has lived in Orlando won the hearts of the entire community to such an extent that there is nothing but the highest approval of the marriage from everyone. (Memo by PLM - Elizabeth Knox's brother - William "Watson" Knox died 15 Nov. 1901 of Scarlet Fever while attending school at Emory at Oxford, Ga.)

Long before the appointed hour for the wedding the church was filled to its utmost capacity. The color scheme for the wedding was yellow and white, and the decorations of the church were confined to ferns and daisies. The wood work of the church and the Gothic windows all being outlined in the delicate fern, while bunches of daisies on the ends of the pews made a floral pathway for the wedding party.

Promptly at half past eight from between a screen of ferns and daisies came the sweet tones of the organ presided at by Mr. Wade, who with Mr. Lawton, gave a charming little concert, until the hour for the arrival of the bridal party.

Then the organ sounded the well known strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin. The doors of the church were thrown open and preceded by the ushers, Messrs. Ives, Dickson, Joe and Frank Guernsey, came the dainty little flower girls, Harriet Robinson and Lois Fuller, carrying baskets of daisies. Slowly keeping step with the music the fairy like children came down the two isles of the church, followed by the bridesmaids and groomsmen, Miss Fannie Robinson and Mr. W. Drennen coming first, then Miss Ada Bumby and Dr. Sylvan McElroy, Miss Florida Estelle Howard with Mr. G. Mills, and Miss Agness Person and Mr. J. Whitney. The bridesmaids in their directoire gowns of embroidered net over yellow satin, with their little gold slippers and old-fashioned Dutch bouquets of daisies were certainly a most charming group of maidens. The maid of honor, Miss Mary Robinson came dressed in a beautiful gown of hand made lace over yellow satin, gold foliage in her hair and carrying a bouquet of yellow roses and daisies. Then as the groom attended by his best man, Mr. LeRoy Giles came down one isle of the church, the beautiful bride, leaning on the arm of her father, came down the other. The bride wore an exquisite gown of white satin with a berther of rose point lace and carried a bouquet of bride-roses and lilies of the valley. They met at the altar and the beautiful marriage service of Methodist Episcopal church was conducted by Dr. Mitchell, pastor of the church. The organ which had been played softly during the entire ceremony

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GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT RETURNING TO MAIN LIBRARY BUILDING

On June 29, 1981, the Orlando Public Library's Genealogy Department will be located on the second floor of the Main Library building after having operated out of an annex for the past year.

The return will help those tracing family histories have access to genealogy materials seven days a week. The hours will be:

*Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 9 PM
Saturday, 9 AM to 6 PM
Sunday, 1 to 5 PM*

now rang out in Mendelssohn's jubilant wedding march as preceded by the dainty flower girls who scattered their flowers before the bride, the bridal party left the church and all proceeded to the beautiful home of Mr. J. L. Giles on Lucerne Circle, where a reception for the bride was given. Here we found a fairy land indeed. The balmy summer night, the soft light of the moon, the placid water of beautiful Lake Lucerne, reflecting the many lights of the brightly illuminated place, all added to the enchantment of the scene. It was all so lovely we were loath to go inside, but were well repaid when we did. The entire house was profusely and beautifully decorated, and the rooms and verandahs all filled with a happy, smiling throng of people.

Refreshments were served on the lawn and finally reluctantly we had to leave, most of the guests stopping on their way to see the magnificent display of wedding presents at the bride's home. The bridal party were then having a merry time at their supper.

The bride's table was a picture set in the beautiful frame of the room. The wax tapers reflected resplendent rays of many colors from the cut glass service. Delicate flowers and vines artistically draped the board. The merry party of youthful, happy faces, the grace and beauty of the bride and her attendant ladies, the earnest, strong faces of the young men, all lent a charm good to behold.

The bride cut the cake, and Miss Estelle Giles got the thimble, but fate certainly made a mistake that time, for no old maid's fate is in store for that fair maiden we know. Mr. Geo. Miller got the dime, which promises great riches for him. Miss Fannie Robinson got the ring, this fortelling that she would be the next bride in the party but as her sister, the maid of honor, caught the bride's bouquet, she also is to marry first, so it looks like an exodus from the Robinson family.

A merry party of brides maids, groomsmen and friends conducted the happy pair to the midnight train, where amid rejoicing and tears, showers of rice and bedecked trappings, sallies of wit and laughter they started on their wedding tour to Washington, New York and other points.

They expect to return to Orlando again and be at home to their friends, after the first of August, at the bride's home on Lucerne Circle.

----- SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The reception was held at the home of "James" LeRoy Giles, husband of Nannie Bartlett who is also a first cousin to Elizabeth (Knox) Rush and Emma (Knox) Murphy - all being granddaughters of William Washington KNOX.

GREENWOOD CEMETERY

Section J -	{ RUSH, Fletcher "Gray" Sr.	July 26, 1881	Dec. 18, 1947
Lot 91	{ RUSH, Emma "Elizabeth" Knox	July 29, 1886	Jan. 20, 1968
(enumerated per	{ RUSH, Dr. Joseph D.	Mar. 7, 1847	1913
family records)	{ RUSH, Martha A. (Scull)	Aug. 26, 1851	Aug. 7, 1932
Section A -	KNOX, William Washington	Mar. 25, 1810	Jan. 30, 1884
Lot 133	{ KNOX, "James" Abner	July 21, 1854	Feb. 26, 1931
	{ KNOX, Mary Watson	Nov. 30, 1859	May 22, 1905
	{ KNOX, William "Watson"	Feb. 23, 1884	Nov. 15, 1901
	BACON, Emma KNOX McDonald	Dec. 1, 1851	Dec. 24, 1886
	{ KNOX, "George" Stubblefield	Nov. 6, 1856	June 15, 1941
	{ KNOX, "Lillian" Ann (Brann)	Oct. 1, 1860	Jan. 30, 1946
Giles Plot -	{ GILES, Nannie (Bartlett)	Feb. 18, 1862	Sept. 9, 1933
Section number	{ GILES, "James" LeRoy	June 16, 1862	May 1946
not checked	{ GILES, Nell (Broward)	June 22, 1886	July 4, 1973
	{ GILES, "Leroy" Bartlett	Mar. 18, 1886	July 15, 1963
	{ WEATHERSBEE, Anna Estelle (GILES)	Oct. 10, 1888	Oct. 27, 1975
	{ WEATHERSBEE, "Allen" Loud	July 22, 1885	Aug. 10, 1956

Thank you, PATRICIA MURPHY, for a wonderful piece of your family and Orlando history!

BORN

2/3 Geo. " Murphy..... 27 Sept 1900
 Virginia Lee Moss
 Elizabeth Murphy 30 Apr. 1902
 Wm. Carlton Coleman, Sr
 "James" Thomas Murphy 12 Nov. 1906
 1. Gladys Davis
 Lillian (Tot) Murphy 9 Jan. 1912
 Wilton Hilliard Parker
 "Frank" Smith Murphy 7 Aug. 1913
 Mary Ellen Daetwyler
 Emma (Knox) & Wilburn Thomas Murphy
 moved to Orlando, Orange County, Florida,
 from Martin, Weakley Co., Tennessee, in
 October 1925.

4/5 Children of Mollie (DIBRELL) &
 Thomas Jefferson MURPHY:
 Wilburn Thomas Murphy 2 Oct. 1877
 Emma Knox
 Ruth Lee Murphy 4 Mar. 1879
 George Leslie Morelock, Sr.

6/7 Children of Lillian Ann (BRANN) &
 George Stubblefield KNOX:
 Emma Knox 30 Oct. 1878
 Wilburn Thomas Murphy
 Will Boyd Knox 17 Nov. 1880
 Carrie Lawler

8/9 Children of Sarah Ann (WALSH) &
 Thomas T(liffin?) MURPHY:
 James H. Murphy ca. 1847
 John W. Murphy ca. 1849
 Gertrude Purdy Smith
 Lucy Jane Murphy 20 June 1852
 Benjamin Franklin Wood
 Thomas Jefferson Murphy.... 20 May 1854
 Mollie Dibrell
 Livingston Louis Murphy ... 8 Oct. 1856
 1. Nora (Minnie) McRae
 2. Mary (Mollie) McRae
 Elizabeth C. (Bettie) Murphy Jan. 1859
 Robert Lawrence Moore
 Ann Eliza Murphy ca. 1863

Reference: page 471 History of Christian
 County, Kentucky - 1884 - by Wm. Henry Perrin
 1850 Census - Crittenden Co., KY
 1860 Census - Pettis Co., MO
 1880 Census - Christian Co., KY

NOTE:

The Knox home on Lake Lucerne (north side) was
 torn down for the East-West Expressway.
 The Giles home on the south side of Lake Lucerne
 was torn down to build Lucerne Towers.

10/11 Children of S. ch (HALL) &
 Dr. G. Washington DIBRELL:
 Virginia Lee (Louise?) Dibrell 4 Feb. 1851
 Never married
 Julia W. Dibrell 22 Dec. 1853
 (died young)
 Sarah Alice Dibrell 2 July 1855
 (died young)
 Josephine Dibrell 1857
 Dabney Glass
 Mary (Mollie) McConnell Dibrell 15 Dec. 1859
 Thomas Jefferson Murphy
 Douglas Wilburn Dibrell 16 Jan. 1861
 Lemuel C. McMillion
 William Charles Dibrell July 1865
 Mary E.
 Lillian Dibrell 1 May 1867
 S. F. Howard
 FINEST DIBRELL
 See 1900 CENSUS WEAKLEY CO., TENN. cit 1865

12 Children of William Washington Knox and his
 first wife, Louisa Claborn Bondurant:

Benjamin Pinkney Knox 7 Mar 1839
 (d. unmarried War Between States)
 Sarah Virginia Knox 14 Aug. 1840
 James B. Caldwell
 Martha Emaline Knox 4 Oct. 1843
 Henry Bartlett

12/13 Children of William Washington Knox and his
 second wife, Nancy Cinthelia Boyd (widow of Rev. Daniel
 Mooney):
 Louisa Rebecca Knox 9 Feb. 1849
 (died young)
 Emma Cynthelia Knox 1 Dec. 1851
 m. 1. William P. McDonald
 m. 2. George H. Bacon
 James Abner Knox 21 July 1854
 m. 1. Mamie Watson
 m. 2. Mrs. Opal (Rattle) McKenzie
 George Stubblefield Knox 6 Nov. 1856
 Lillian Ann Brann

see 1850 Census of Weakley County, Tennessee
 see 1860 Census of Weakley County, Tennessee &
 Ouchita Parish, Louisiana
 see 1880 Census of Weakley & Carroll County, Tennessee

Children of 14/15 Eliza Jane (WEL) m. Vincent BRANN:
 Lillian Ann Brann 1 Oct. 1860
 George Stubblefield Knox
 Joseph Commodore Brann 27 Oct. 1863
 1. HATTIE TAYLOR
 2. Ivy Sue Cheek
 Charlie Brann 3 Nov. 1865
 1. Iwe "Maud" Temple
 2. Emma Cavendar
 Horton Fall Brann 30 Mar. 1868
 never married
 unnamed infant 16 Nov. 1870
 died in infancy
 Jennie Brann 21 Nov. 1871
 S. Adrian McDade
 Fannie Bell Brann 12 Feb. 1874
 Wayne Thomas
 Flossie Brann 17 Nov. 1876
 Lewis Finley Burke
 Willie Brann 8 Mar. 1879
 James William Gibbs

See Goodspeed's History of Tennessee - Illustrated -
 1887 - Weakley County section, pages 988, 989
 1850 Census Weakley Co., Tenn
 1860 Census Weakley Co., Tenn
 1870 Census Obion Co., Tenn 175/175
 1880 Census Weakley Co., Tenn 169/169

16/17

Probable children of Lucy (Tiffin) & John Murphy:

William D. Murphy ca. 1823
 Susan F.
 Thomas T(liffin?) Murphy 12 Dec. 1824
 Sarah Ann Walsh

see 1850 Census of Crittenden County, KY

20/21 PROBABLE

Children of Letha Lee Haley & Joseph B. Dibrell:
 Anthony Dibrell

†
 Burris Dibrell emy soldier
 E
 Sarah Dibrell 13 ca 1830
 Henry Valentine
 Dr. George Washington Dibrell 15 Apr. 1827
 S. Elizabeth Hall
 Charles Dibrell ca. 1832
 Louisa Dibrell ca. 1835
 Malinda (Lennie) Dibrell 1837
 Caswell Medlin
 Joseph Dibrell ca 1839
 LEONARD G. DIBRELL 11 MAY 1821
 ABNER C. BECKMAN

Compiled by Mary Ross Whitman

Henry Hudson entered the bay in northern Canada that now bears his name and thought he had found the Pacific.

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NEED RECORDS FROM MINNESOTA -- HERE'S SOME HELP!

Birth records are on file since 1900 and death records since 1908 at the Minnesota Department of Health, 717 S.E. Delaware St., Minneapolis 55440. If prior to these years, contact Clerk of District Court in county of occurrence.

FEE: \$3.00 for each certified copy of a record.

Make check or money order payable to the TREASURER, STATE OF MINNESOTA,

MINNESOTA CLERKS OF THE DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY	ADDRESS	COUNTY	ADDRESS
Aitkin	Aitkin 56431	↑ Mahnomen	Mahnomen 56557
Anoka	Anoka 55303	↑ Marshall	Warren 56762
Becker	Detroit Lakes 56501	↑ Martin	Fairmont 56031
Beltrami	Bemidji 56601	↑ Meeker	Litchfield 55355
Benton	Foley 56329	↑ Mille Lacs	Milaca 56353
Big Stone	Ortonville 56278	↑ Morrison	Little Falls 56345
Blue Earth	Mankato 56001	↑ Mower	Austin 55912
Brown	New Ulm 56073	↑ Murray	Slayton 56172
Carlton	Carlton 55718	↑ Nicollet	St. Peter 56082
Carver	Chaska 55318	↑ Nobles	Worthington 56187
Cass	Walker 56484	↑ Norman	Ada 56510
Chippewa	Montevideo 56265	↑ Olmsted	Rochester 55901
Chisago	Center City 55012	↑ Otter Tail	Fergus Falls 56537
Clay	Moorhead 56560	↑ Pennington	Thief River Falls 56701
Clearwater	Bagley 56621	↑ Pine	Pine City 55063
Cook	Grand Macais 55604	↑ Pipestone	Pipestone 56164
Cottonwood	Windom 56101	↑ Polk	Crookston 56716
Crow Wing	Brainerd 56401	↑ Pope	Glenwood 56334
Dakota	Hastings 55033	↑ Ramsey	St. Paul 55102
Dodge	Mantorville 55955	↑ Red Lake	Red Lake Falls 56750
Douglas	Alexandria 56308	↑ Redwood	Redwood Falls 56283
Faribault	Blue Earth 56013	↑ Renville	Olivie 56277
Fillmore	Preston 55965	↑ Rice	Faribault 55021
Freeborn	Albert Lea 56007	↑ Rock	Luverne 56156
Goodhue	Red Wing 55066	↑ Roseau	Roseau 56751
Grant	Elbow Lake 56531	↑ St. Louis	Duluth 55802
Hennepin	* (See below)	↑ Scott	Shakopee 55379
Houston	Caledonia 55921	↑ Sherburne	Elk River 55330
Hubbard	Park Rapids 56470	↑ Sibley	Gaylord 55334
Isanti	Cambridge 55008	↑ Stearns	St. Cloud 56301
Itasca	Grand Rapids 55744	↑ Steele	Owatonna 55060
Jackson	Jackson 56143	↑ Stevens	Morris 56267
Kanabec	Mora 55051	↑ Swift	Benson 56215
Kandiyohi	Willmar 56201	↑ Todd	Long Prairie 56347
Kittson	Hallock 56728	↑ Traverse	Wheaton 56296
Koochiching	Int'l Falls 56649	↑ Wabasha	Wabasha 55981
Lac Qui Parle	Madison 56256	↑ Wadena	Wadena 56482
Lake	Two Harbors 55616	↑ Waseca	Waseca 56093
Lake of the Woods	Baudette 56623	↑ Washington	Stillwater 55082
LeSueur	Le Center 56057	↑ Watonway	St. James 56081
Lincoln	Ivanhoe 56142	↑ Wilkin	Breckenridge 56520
Lyon	Marshall 56258	↑ Winona	Winona 55987
McLeod	Glencoe 55336	↑ Wright	Buffalo 55313
		↑ Yellow Medicine	Granite Falls 56241

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GOOD HUNTING!

GOOD LUCK!

Thank you Bob Guilfoyle for the information.

From the Diary of ELIZABETH HESS TURNER

Fairview, Pa. Mar. 27, 1923

Lest I forget - I, Elizabeth (Hess) Turner am going to set down some things that are of importance to me, and mine--and may prove a handy reference.

I was born in Fairview Township, Erie Co., Pa. on April 23, 1856. Was married in Erie to Wallace F. Turner on Sept. 22, 1874. Went to housekeeping on Peach St. between 11th and 12th. In the spring moved over on 11th St. near Parade.

Helen Irene was born Sept. 4, 1875. Perry E. was born at same place Sept. 10, 1877. Moved to Cleveland same fall and lived there until summer of 1879 when father Turner and Wallace went to Steele City, Jefferson Co., Nebraska. Mother Turner, the little ones and I went to them in Nov. They had built a house for Mr. Marsters on Little Blue bottom. Also built one for us up on the prairie. We lived there until the spring of '82 when W. went to Grand Island to work at his trade in Hopper's foundry. Previous to this he had worked in Senica, Kansas as father could work what land there was alone.

W. sent for me soon as he got a house ready and the children and I went to G.I. at the time the notorious Jessie James had been shot in St. Joe, Mo. On the train I fell in company with a young couple who lived next door to them and never dreamed their neighbor was such a desperado with a big reward offered for his capture.

I suppose I should use pen and ink in place of the indelible, when it isn't too cold to sit at desk.

Frank H. was born Oct. 7, 1882 in Grand Island, Hall co., Neb. We lived there until spring of '84 when they sold the place at Steel City and we all started in two covered wagons for Douglas Co., S.D., where Uncle John Summers and family had located and Mother T. wanted to get near her sister.

We got there in June after being a month or more on the way. Towards the last of our journey I saw for the first time in my life real live Indians and their mode of living and a number of times while living on the prairie with scarcely a house in sight was frightened nearly out of my wits by them. Yet they were friendly and never did us any harm.

Once in particular I ought to tell about, as I was telling it to Aunt Malone Gilmore when she visited us here. When I got thro, she made me promise I would set that down word for word as I had told it to her for my Grand or Great Grand children to read some day if they should care to.

I can't remember just what year it was but some time between 1885 & 1890. Anyway it was at the time there was so much trouble with the Indians up North west of us & Sitting Bull had been killed. The Sioux Reservation was not very many miles from where we lived--but no one feared them as they seemed very friendly with the whites & yet when we would go to town (Armour) on a 4th of July to see several hundred indians with their tents pitched out one side of Armour where they were invited by the town to celebrate and given a couple of steers which would be turned loose on the prairie for the Indians to chase on their ponies & catch with a lasso. In just a little while they would be killed, skinned & a portion cooking in camp kettles before each tent where the squaws would watch, stir, & smoke, while the men would race around on ponies like crazy & give the most earsplitting yells that would make my hair raise right up & I would feel sure they would turn on the whites & slaughter the whole town. But after they got their fill of beef, men and women would get together in big circles and give their war dance. The women all wore bright colored blankets (in spite of the heat) and stood shoulder to shoulder. Those who had a papoose had it on their back, sitting in a sort of a pocket made of the blanket and while they danced some of them were asleep--their little heads bobing up and down or faces turned up to the hot sun. In the center of the circle they have a large drum & as many of the men as can get around it pound on that &

sale--Fred had a week's vacation and put in the whole time (with Perry's help when he could be here) getting things in shape for the sale. It was a cold, bad day & got started too late so the sale didn't prove a success. Nearly everything went so cheap like giving it away. Now we have only a few days more here. Aunt Lida came down before the sale and is still with us.

June 25. We are still here but hope to get away in a day or two. Have the sweet cherries all picked. F. finished them last night. Now the Jew boys are starting on the sour ones so they will have to be picked before they get ripe. If only we could sell the place or get a good renter. Kate Snyder died Monday and is to be burried out here tomorrow.

Contributed by NANCY TURNER PENNYPACKER

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This poem was written by Edwina McBeath Chauncey at the time of the Death of Her Father, my Grandfather: Murla Weeks Bennett,

THEOPHILUS JONES McBEATH

Dear God, be kind! My father died today
near eighty-one years old, He used to say
That life was good and kept a light
within his heart the flame of joy so bright
That all about him felt the warmth, He spent
His life with children, and where e're he went
They knew his goodness, and were inspired,
But this had passed, and he had grown too tired
To think of others too engrossed in self to note
the dying flame within his breast,
He spoke as if worn out with waiting for your call
and had not his former patience left at all
The little thing. Please, God, remember now
The many prayers he used to say, and how
He worried over boys and girls who strayed
Away from Thee; and from your records of his daily life
erase the last unhappy years and all the strife
Within himself. And then Dear God
will you rekindle in his heart the flame of joy we knew
and loved? One other thing I beg of you in prayer
Let me think of him as teaching children there.

* * * * *

Edwina McBeath Chauncey still lives in Apalachicola, FL and is now in her 80's.

ON THIS DAY

JULY 17, 1897

ON THIS DAY

The steamship PORTLAND arrived in Washington loaded with
the first major gold shipment from the Klondike and the
GOLD RUSH FEVER BEGAN!

yell. They were all painted & bedecked with feathers & bright colored things--even some long black hair that looked like somebody's scalp. The rest of the men dance around between the circle of women & the drum. All yell while they hop up & down & make the most unearthly noises with the beating of the drum & every now & then the men give that awful Warwhoop which is enough to make one think them capable of doing most anything.

I have told all that to show what an eary matter it was for me to think the story possible that the children brot home from school one night. Their father had gone to Mitchel 28 miles from us--so we were alone, and would not be back until the next day. Grandpa & Grandma lived six miles from us so we were alone and when they came in all out of breath & told that the indians up north were on the warpath & coming this way & the Sioux were going to join them, I told them (I fear with a shaking voice) that I did not believe a thing of it and that our indians were friendly. It was hard tho to try to allay their fears when I felt so fearful myself & did not dare let them see it. But my troubles were increased when Perry, who was then old enough to know something about what to expect at the hands of Indians, said to me "Mother they shall never scalp me, I will shoot myself when I see there's no other way." Then I did have something to do to talk him off that notion. I told him they never kill children or women, but just take them prisoners & we sure would be rescued in time and that we better not do anything rash so he promised me he would do as I said & went about his chores. Before I could get our supper ready, two young men Al Melzer & Frank Belmer, who lived about four miles west of us came with their team for some bridge timbers. They were bachelors so thot sure I could coax them to stay until morning. They knew there was trouble with the Indians but had heard nothing of this latest report & they couldn't possibly stay overnight as they had promised to get the timbers to their destination that night but they stayed to supper which helped to wile away part of the time pleasantly at least. When they left they told the children not to be afread as they didn't think there was any truth in the report. But after they were gone & night came on the fear returned and Perry stood by the window and watched the fuel hay stacks thinking they would sneak up & set them on fire first. I was ironing to kill time, but I stopped long enough to make some taffy and set them to pulling it thinking it would divert their minds for a while. Soon Frank the youngest got so sleepy I put him with his clothes on to bed and in a little while longer Perry said "Mother do you hear them coming?" Yes, sure enough. It sounded as if there was a whole regiment & riding like wildfire. We darkened the house & flew from one window to the other, but saw nothing & it was bright moonlight. Then gradually the sound grew less & less and I said to Perry & Ella, "They have turned in another direction. Yes, he said they have gone on down to Lowe's, our neighbor's and will get us on their way back. So we watched down that way for fire & finally when it got so late and we heard nothing more, we too got sleepy and dropped down on top of our beds without undressing & when I awoke again it was broad day light and God's beautiful sun was shining in. I didn't feel one bit afraid. Later in the forenoon a neighbor drove thro our yard and we were telling him our experience and he laughed & said it was a bunch of boys riding to Delmont to a dance.

Sunday PM Dec. 31, 1933. Have just been reading this old scribble of 1923 and find that I never set down the birth of our two last children, yes, three. Frank H. was born in Grand Island, Nebraska, Oct. 7, 1881, Fred Walter was born in Douglas Co., S. Dakota, Mar. 5, 1891. Christine Margaret, August 9, 1895, S. Dakota. While I think of it might also put down the date of their father's birth Nov. 5, 1846 (at Northampton Twp. Summit Co. Ohio).

June 18, 1930. Seven years ago I started a sort of history of my life, then got careless and neglected it. How a great change has come--our dear Daddy passed away May 9, 1930 and was buried on May 11 with military honors, he being the last old soldier in Fairview. He surely had lots of friends and was loved and honored by all. And oh how we miss him. The children were all so nice to help care for him. He was only in bed a week and some of them were here all the time. Then June 7 we made a

OLD AGE SECURITY

How did people provide for their old age before there was a Social Security program? Before the great social programs came into being it was up to each individual to provide for his own old age. Some worked all of their lives, often dying in the fields, at the plow, or with the ax. The survivors had to shift for themselves or move in with relatives. In those days this was no problem because there was always enough work to keep everyone busy and occupied. Extra hands just meant that more work could be done. There was no time for anyone to get on the other's nerves. Everyone worked from before daybreak until after dark and since they were tired, there were no electric lights, radios, TV's, cars or other modern day necessities, they went to bed early. Some families were more fortunate and made provision for their old age by giving their worldly possessions to a member of the family in exchange for care during their twilight years. So it was with my gg uncle Archibald Rials as attested to by the following deed which I recorded in October 1980.

-- Julius W. Rya1s

STATE OF ALABAMA
COFFEE COUNTY

Know all men by these presents that I, A. Rials, for
The consideration of R. J. Blair, (my son-in-law)
agreed to take care of me and my wife, Elizabeth Rials,
his mother-in-law, so long as we both live, and to

furnish us with such comforts as we may need and to pay all necessary expenses that we may incur in consideration that the said R. J. Blair take care of me and my wife during our lives, I hereby give and bequeath to the said R. J. Blair and his wife, my daughter, Delila Blair, at my death and the death of my wife, Elizabeth Rials, all money, notes, accounts and other evidence of debt in which I may have and hold at my death, also all my household and kitchen furniture, beds and bedding, all my farming utincils, horses, hogs, oxen, sheep, goats and wagons, carts, buggies and so forth and one 80 acres of land to wit: southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 5, Range 19, this day delivered to him by me for the consideration expressed in this deed. In testamony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 5th day of January 1866.

TEST:

J. E. T. Flournay
A. M. Jordan

A. Rials

SEAL

STATE OF ALABAMA
COFFEE COUNTY

I, B. W. Starke, Judge of Probate, for said County, hereby certify that A. Rials, whose name is given to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me acknowledged before me this date that being informed

of the contents of the conveyance, he executed the same voluntarily the day the same bears date. Given under my hand this 17th day of February 1866.

B. W. Starke, Judge of Probate

Received for record February 17th and recorded February 22nd, 1866.

B. W. Starke, Register

RECORDED: Deed Book F, Page 299, Coffee County, Alabama. COPIED BY: Julius W. Ryals

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ON THIS DAY

JULY 4, 1826

ON THIS DAY

There was a touch of solemnity on this day which marked the semicentennial of the Declaration of Independence, but the festivities were marred by the deaths of both Thomas Jefferson, our third president and chief author of the declaration, and John Adams, our second president and the declaration's chief advocate.

On this same day just 5 years later, 1831, James Monroe, our 5th president, died.

WILL OF EPHRAIM PRESTON

In the name of God amen, I, Ephraim Preston of the township of Fairfield in the county of Cumberland and State of New Jersey being of sound mind and disposing memory but calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner and form following, that is to say, first of all, I commit my Spirit unto the hands of him who gave it and my body to the dust to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors herein after named, and as to my temporal estate my will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged out of my personal estate,

I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Jane White all my wearing apparel, I give to my next eldest daughter Amy Houseman five dollars to be paid to her or her order out of my personal estate by my executors. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Elmer my loom and all my weaving apparatus. I give and bequeath the remainder of my personal estate to my wife Sarah Preston and my daughter Jane White to be equally divided between them. I give and devise unto my grandson Ephraim Dayton White all my lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate whatsoever subject to the right of dower in the name of my wife Sarah Preston to him and his heirs forever.

I hereby appoint my son in law David White and my grandson John Elmer White joint executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made and declare this to be my last will and testament,

The writings whereof I, the said Ephraim Preston have hereunto set my hand the twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty three.

Ephraim Preston

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Ephraim Preston the testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have by his request subscribed our names as witnesses.

*Mary Seeley
Elisabeth Whiticar
Ephraim H. Whiticar*

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Ephraim Preston, born 1756 in Cumberland Co., N.J. was the son of Capt. Levi Preston, who fought in the Revolution, and his wife Dedamia _____. He married first by 1781 _____ Wescott, by whom he had at least two children. Jane Preston, born 1781-82, was married 6/16/1801 to David White. Amy, born 8/20/1783, married Jacob Houseman 5/5/1802.

Ephraim Preston married second 7/18/1796, Peggy Shaw. The 1800 Cumberland Co., NJ census indicates two females under ten in the household. We have been unable to identify them yet.

Peggy Shaw died 1806 and he married a third time 2/29/1808 to Sarah Mattison, widow. Nancy (Ann O.) the third daughter mentioned in his will seems to have been born of this marriage. She married Theodore Elmer 7/1827.

Ephraim Preston died 12/19/1835 and is buried with his second wife in the Fairfield Presbyterian Churchyard, Cumberland Co. His father and great-grandfather are buried there also.

Jacob and Amy Preston Houseman, my great-great-great grandparents lived in the Bridgeton, N.J. area at least until 12/1813 when he enlisted in the War of 1812. He was discharged in Philadelphia at the close of the war. We know nothing further about him, but by 1840 she lived in New Castle, Del., apparently a widow, in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Jacob and Anna Atkinson. She died in New

DUTY FAMILY PIONEERS IN INDIANA BEFORE 1820

by Clifton O. Duty

Duty families from North Carolina began migrating to Indiana probably during the period 1813-1820, and initially settled in two counties; Posey and Knox. By 1830, they were found in Jennings County as well, and in 1840 they were in Posey and Morgan Counties. In 1850, Duty families resided in these counties; Posey, Vandenberg, Morgan and Bartholomew. Evidently they began to seek other opportunities in other states: Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, and Texas.

My great grandfather, Matthew Duty was born in North Carolina, 13 April 1813, and my great grandmother, Anna Barton was born in 1821, probably in Posey County. My grandfather was Elijah Tigg Duty, born about 1840 in Posey County, and my grandmother was Elizabeth Rachel Reeder, born 25 September 1841 in Posey County. My father, Sylvester Duty, was born 9 June 1866 in Posey. His first wife was Donna Melissa Cruse, born in Illinois, and his second wife, my mother, was Pearl Hollis-Stark-Mills, born 22 December 1882 in Union Parish, Louisiana. My mother and father married in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where I was born in 1920

There were three Dutys who were heads of households in 1820 in Indiana:

Matthew Duty, Smith Township, Posey County, found on census page 314

William Duty, Marrs Township, Posey County, found on census page 312

Richard Duty, Widner Township, Knox County, found on census page 091

The above Richard Duty died in Knox County in 1822 and left a will which was probated there on 23 October 1822. Named in the will were; Wife, Sally, Daughters, Nancy Harvey or Harny; Amy Stokes; Polly Baldwin; Sarah Ann; Rachel McChord; Patsy Parker; Elizabeth; Lucy; Susannah; and Catharine. Sons: John (deceased by 1822); Thomas; William; and Richard, Jr.

The above Matthew Duty was in Posey County in 1820; and if he was in Indiana in 1830 Census, it was in Knox County. In 1840 and 1850, he was in Posey County, and was not to be found in 1860 in any state, to my knowledge.

The above William Duty was in Posey County in 1820; in Posey County in 1830 and 1840. He was not to be found in 1850.

I have hundreds of Family Group Records for the Dutys who migrated from North Carolina to Indiana and will gladly share information with those who are interested. I am seeking the identity of the children of the above named Matthew Duty and William Duty. One of them is my great-great grandfather, but I don't know which one.

I also have over one thousand Family Group Records for Dutys in the New World, starting with William Duty born 1658 and died in Rowley, Essex County, Massachusetts in 1738. Other early Dutys: Matthew, sentenced to Maryland in 1724; Peter, given land in Nansemond County, Va., 1695; and Thomas, bonded to Antiqua, BWI in 1758. William born 1658 is an ancestor to Joseph Smith, Jr., the first Mormon.

In addition to the above, there were three Dutys in North Carolina and one in Virginia in the middle 1700's: Matthew d. Caswell Co. 1782; Richard d. Granville Co. 1794; Thomas d. Loudon Co., Va. ca. 1793; and William d. Chatham Co. 1815. These were presumably brothers, and I have wills or inventories for all four.

Contact Clifton O. Duty at 2711 Seabreeze Ct., Orlando, Florida 32805

EPITAPH

To the memory of Emma and Maria Littleboy
The twin children of George and Emma Littleboy
of Hornsey who died 16th July 1837
Two Littleboys lie here, yet strange to say,
The little boys are girls.

EPITAPH

Castle 4/16/1868 and is buried in the Methodist Churchyard there as are her three daughters and two of her sons-in-law: Jacob and Anna Atkinson, James M. and Sarah Ogden Houseman Wise, and Louisa Flavilla McCusker.

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I have more information on the Preston and Wise families.
Maybe someone can fill in some of the blanks. Contact --

Sara Patterson, 311 Vihlen Rd., Sanford, FL 32771

A FRIENDSHIP OF ENEMIES

John "Gimlet" (meaning tall and skinny -- and he was, towering more than six feet) Lea, Class of 1861, West Point Military Academy, fought to fame as a Confederate Colonel in Company I of North Carolina's 1st Cavalry. "Gimlet" was the roommate of the late famous George A. Custer while at the academy. Their friendship never ceased although they parted sides in the Civil War.

Custer carried the wounded Lea from the battlefield at Williamsburg in May 1862 where Lea fell in love with a local girl while recuperating. She accepted his suit so Lea wrote Custer asking him to be his best man. Custer forwarded the request to Gen. McClellan, and to his surprise it came back "Permission granted." The men stood side by side, one in gray and the other in blue, even though Yankee and Rebel guns were firing nearby. Lea's diary recalls "fighting to kill the Yankees at day and exchanging cigarets with them at night under a flag of truce," and underlined at the bottom of the page was "war is a farce".

Gimlet's son related that after the war his father felt the call of the ministry and attended the Episcopal seminary at Alexandria, Va. and was one of the first Episcopal ministers to cross the Appalachian Mountains. First, he was known as a "circuit rider" preaching at several churches in the state but later settled down to serving as rector of St. Mark's in St. Albans and Trinity in Huntington. Mrs. Lea was taken from a train in time to give birth to a son in Coalsburg, West Virginia.

Trinity Church grew to the point where the Rev. Mr. Lea became its full-time rector, relinquishing his duties at St. Albans. He died in 1884 while the present Trinity Church building was nearing completion.

Submitted by Mary Muth

ON THIS DAY

JULY 8, 1835

ON THIS DAY

The Liberty Bell, first hung in 1753 in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, bore the inscription, "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the Land unto all the inhabitants thereof." It was hidden during the British occupation of Philadelphia in 1777-78 and was later brought back. Today a crack appeared in this symbol of U.S. freedom.

A YANTIS FAMILY SKETCH
Possibly written circa 1907

McKinney has in George R. Yantis, one of the most honored and respected as well as one of the very oldest citizens now living in Collin County. Owing to his old and prominent ancestry, his extreme age, nearing 87, and the further fact that he was the first Tax Collector of Collin County to hold office under the new Constitution of Texas, which separated it from the office of Sheriff, previous to which time the same incumbent filled both positions. The Daily Courier Gazette and the Democrat-Gazette, take pleasure in publishing the following biography of his long and useful life, believing that our readers will appreciate the information and, be profitably entertained by its perusal as well.

George R. Yantis, son of Enoch and Eleanor Yantis, was born in Stanford, Lincoln County Ky. Feb. 20th, 1820, brother of James Lapsley Yantis. In 1827, with his Fathers family he moved to Russell Co. Ky. then a very sparsely settled section of that state. It possessed no school advantages within the reach of any child, rich or poor. The only education he received was at nights, during spare moments and on Sundays, with his father as preceptor.

By trade his father was a tanner, who followed that important vocation for those early days until about the year 1835, when his home and all his possessions including his accounts and books, were destroyed by a disastrous fire. The subject of this sketch, a youth of only 15, had then become a journeyman tanner in order to master the trade, after two years apprenticeship he was placed in charge of a large tanyard at a fairly good salary and after one and half years, his employer failed with a heavy mortgaged indebtedness on all his property, and the unpaid salary of the young boss tanner remains unpaid till this day. Notwithstanding this loss of the fruit of his labor, young Yantis managed to acquire a half interest in a tanyard and stock in Wayne Co. Ky. where by hard labor, and diligent application, he soon recovered from the loss of first business venture.

On June 1, 1845, he was united in wedlock to a daughter of John Caldwell, a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of Wayne Co., with whom he lived most happily until her death in 1863. Hard work in his tanyard, exposure and overheat induced a stroke of paralysis, which Mr. Yantis, sustained in the spring of 1848, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. Being this disabled from doing manual labor in a tanyard, he sold out that business, purchased a farm and engaged in stock raising on hired help.

In the fall of 1851, he sold his farm, stock, and crops, and in a few weeks was ready to leave for a more Southern clime in quest of better health. This was in accordance with his medical advice. On Jan. 1st, 1852, he with twelve or fourteen other families, left their old Kentucky home for Texas, coming by water via New Orleans and Shreveport. Cumberland River froze over, which detained them two weeks or more at Nashville, Ten. They landed at Shreveport in February where they met their stock which had come thru by land. High water and impassable roads forced them to stop in Rusk Co. Texas and wait for fairer weather. While delayed in Rusk Co. Mr. Yantis, and an old Texan named John Walling, rode muleback as far as Austin, then only a small town, returning then by Georgetown, Waco, and Palestine. After their return to Rusk Co., and before he could proceed on his journey towards North Texas, Mr. Yantis and family were attacked with intermittent fever and chills, Whooping Cough etc. Several more weeks elapsed before they were well enough to move. From Rusk Co. the party of Texas emigrants came direct to Collin Co. Mr. Yantis settled 1-1/2 miles southeast of where Allen Tex. is now located. He was forced to buy land with some improvements on it in order to get shelter during the approaching winter. Accordingly, he purchased 500 acres of the Jordan O Straughn survey, paying 3 dollars per acre for it. Better prairie land could have been bought at a nominal price of \$1 per acre, but as above stated, timber was scarce and there was no time for building before winter. Mr. Yantis says about this time, "Oh how we longed to be back in old Ky." but he began farming in Texas as in Ky. and never failed in making corn, wheat, oats, barley, pork, beef and other saleable

products.

In 1854 he sold 230 acres of his land to Col. W M Weaver, now a veteran Plano Citizen, but who was then a young man and neighbor. The land sold lay on the east side of little Rowlett Creek, it brought \$6 per acre. Now it could not be bought for \$75 per acre, if it could be bought at all. Mr. Yantis, reinvested in 125 acres on the McKinney Dallas road, improved it rapidly and soon made himself a most comfortable home. Mr. Yantis says that 125 acres was considered a big farm in those days. That being before the day of Railroads, there was much travel then by private conveyance and Mr. Yantis's home became a widely noted stopping place for travelers. This afforded him a ready sale for all of the surplus produce of the farm.

Up to this time June 20th, 1862 there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Yantis, seven (7) children, all living except the oldest which died in 1847. At this time the War between the states was surrounding those pioneers green from older states, with difficulties of a character hereto unknown. During the years 1862-1863, the family of Mr. Yantis had about 14 cases of typhoid fever. All recovered except Mrs. Yantis, who succumbed to the dread disease Sept. 27th, 1863. Be it said to the memory of this good woman that she was a good companion, indulgent mother, and, a Kentucky Matron, pure, noble, generous and self-sacrifice. In 1863 Mr. Yantis being too old and infirm for active duty at the front, he enlisted with the state troops, first, with Col. J. B. Wilmeth's Company, later when with Capt Ed Chamber's Company he was chosen first Lieutenant of his company, but was never able to do a days service. During the Winter of 1863-1864, he was in the coast country. During the same winter, there was 12 cases of small-pox in his family; only one proving fatal, that being his mother-in-law, Mrs. Caldwell, who was 85 yrs old. He could not get home until the following February when he was detailed to the supply service.

During this time, all of the produce raised on the entire farm was used in the Confederate service. Until 1863, Mr. Yantis never charged a man going to or from the Confederate camps a shilling for the accommodations that he ever hospitably extended them. But, after this, he frequently received \$10 or \$20 Confederate bill and gave back \$9 or \$19 in specie. In such instances this procedure was equivalent to Mr. Yantis, giving a confederate soldier \$9 or \$19 dollars as it may have been, for the privilege of keeping them over-night, feeding and lodging them. This was ample demonstration of his faith and confidence in the ultimate triumph of the Southern Cause.

At the close of the war, Mr. Yantis, was left desolate and destitute. His oldest son was 16, and oldest daughter 12 years old. His motherless children were to care for, while most of his possessions had been swept away during the turbulent times of the 4 year terrible war. All his stock was either strayed or stolen. His slaves (6 Negro Women) and 1 Boy were freed. The future looked dark to the bereaved husband. About this time he began assisting his father, Enoch Yantis, in assessing the taxable property and in the collection of Taxes, in fact, he first assessed as deputy under his father in this capacity from 1851 to 1863, and again from 1865 to 1868. He also served as deputy for Capt. W. N. Bush, who was sheriff and Tax collector to 1874, and, for Capt. W. W. Marritt, in 1875 and 1876. In Feb. 1876 Mr. Yantis was elected first Tax-collector of Collin Co. Under the new constitution of the state which separated that office from the office of sheriff, with which it had always been connected until this time. His reports and final settlements with both the County and state, as required by both of office, were always promptly made, and his term gave eminent and general satisfaction. At the close of his first term, however, he declined a re-election, although strongly solicited by friends throughout the County to retain the position. But increasing infirmities rendered the strain too much for him and he retired from Public office with the perfect confidence and esteem of his constituency. Mr. Yantis politically has always been a Democrat for 65 years, since he attained his majority he has thrown his vote and influence in behalf of that party voting for all its Presidential nominees from Polk to Parker. In religion he has been a faithful Baptist, having been admitted to membership in that Church 65 years ago.

were born to them. Mrs Wolford died and Maj. Wolford married again, this time to Miss Mahala Lane of Russell Co. Ky. 9 children were the issue of this marriage. Four of Maj. Wolford's Grandchildren now live in Collin Co., Viz Iva Wolford of Anna, Dr. Frank Wolford of Anna, John D. Page and G. R. Yantis of McKinney. J. L. Yantis of Canton, Texas. Maj. Wolford's son, Col. Frank Wolford, late of Columbia Ky., raised the first regiment of the state of Ky. contributed to the Union Army, and did active service on numerous battlefields for union cause until Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, after which a famous lengthy and sharp correspondence between Lincoln and Wolford took place. As a result, Col. Wolford was arrested without specific charges being preferred and imprisoned without trial. After reconstruction, Col. Wolford served brilliantly in Congress for several terms until he died. He and Gov. Lanham of Texas were in Congress together and were warm personal friends.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Yantis as follows; Harriet, Ellen, died in infancy, J. Worth Yantis, died at Granbury, Texas about 5 years ago, Mrs. T. J. Melton of McKinney, Texas, Mrs. T. M. Clark, wife of Prof. Clark, President of Bayview College, Portland, Texas. Thomas C. Yantis, President of the First National Bank of Brownwood, Texas. William J. Yantis, merchant of Brady, Texas, Mrs. John G. Davis, formerly of McKinney but temporarily living at Waco.

H. L. Wolford, who lives in the south part of McKinney near the cemetery is another grandson of Maj. John Wolford, he having moved from Casey County, Ky. to this County some 20 years ago. An incident worthy of mention in the career of Col. Frank Wolford was the fact of his constituents, when he was elected to Congress, purchasing a very fine steed, saddle and bridle which they presented to him. Col. Wolford was so proud of this act that he rode the animal thru to Washington upon his first trip as a representative from that district to Congress. Wolford was the idol of his congressional district and was invincible on the hustings among the people of his state.

Maj. John Wolford, grandfather of George R. Yantis, Iva Wolford of Anna, and Dr. Frank Wolford of Allen, all of this county, served 10 years altogether in both houses of the Ky. Legislature. He was a man of decided ability and sturdy character and very popular among his people, as was his son Col. Frank Wolford whose distinguished career is above briefly alluded to.

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The following two letters were replies to further inquiries on the Yantis lines:

Office of John W. Yantis

Shelbyville, Ill. Nov. 30th. 1910

Dear Mrs. Gross:-

This is certainly a deferred letter in response to your interesting and valued favor of February 7th. Soon after receiving your letter I was moving my office and the letter was misplaced. Just ran onto it today, and I now regret that after this long delay there is little information that I can give you on the line of your query. Am glad that you are interesting yourself in the work of tracing the ancestral Yantis tree, but if all the branches have been so separated as mine, I know you will find it an arduous task. My father was born in 1811 in Maryland. He was the son of Henry Yantis, but I have been unable to learn his Grandfather's name. Father's name was Daniel, and with his Father he moved to Pickaway County, Ohio in 1816. His father, Henry, died at the age of 92 in Ohio. Father moved to Illinois in 1853. He and my mother were the parents of fifteen children, of which I am the youngest and am the only one born in Illinois, this important event occurred May 13th, 1855. Father died in 1893 in his 83rd year. My brothers and sisters were in the following rotation: Samuel, Lydia, Geo W., Jacob, Henry, Solomon, Ellen, Isaac, Mary, David, Sarah & Mary (twins), Daniel, Barbara, and myself John Wesley. Have never learned of a Yantis family whose names did not run very similar to those above, which I think is something more than a co-incidence, and have often regretted that the line of descent seemed so broken as to make it so difficult to

In Wayne Co. Ky. during the pastorate of H. F. Buckner, DD, (Brother of R. C. Buckner of Buckner's Orphans Home - Dallas) Mr. Yantis was ordained deacon of the Baptist Church at Weatherford, Texas. Mrs. Yantis also joined the Baptist Church in Wayne County Ky. in 1848.

Mr. Yantis, was made a Master Mason in Ky. in the year 1851, and a Royal Arch Mason by Haggai Chapter No. 53 of McKinney in 1857. His membership in both the Blue Lodge and Chapter is now held at Brownwood, Texas, where he spends much of his time with his son T. C. Yantis in their palatial home,

Jacob Yantis, father of Enoch Yantis and Grandfather of the subject of this sketch was a native German, who with two other brothers, emigrated to America prior to the Revolutionary War in which struggle, he valiantly participated on a number of battlefields. Jacob Yantis settled on Dick's River in Lincoln Co. Ky.; married Miss Ruth Chrysmen, daughter of a prominent farmer and stockman of that section of Ky. from that union 5 sons and 3 daughters were born. The eldest son, Col. John Yantis, was an officer in the war of 1812, and a noted Indian fighter of his time; served in the Ky. Legislature many years, went to Missouri (1832) in an early day, was elected Registrar of the land office for the State of Missouri; his eldest son John Lapsley Yantis, was an old School Presbyterian Devine of note, who before the Civil War, was called to Ky. to assume charge of the Presbyterian Church and school at Danville, Ky. where he was educated. Rev. John Lapsley Yantis and the Breckinridge's, were intimate friends. When Missouri seceded, he returned to that state and contributed largely to the Confederate army by furnishing it 3 soldiers sons and otherwise. Later, Rev. John L. Yantis, established a fine school at Sweet Springs, Missouri, which property, after his death, was acquired by Gen. Quantrell, the famous Confederate Warrior. Jesse Yantis, fifth son of Jacob Yantis, also served in the Ky. Legislature, from Girtard Co. two terms; afterwards was sheriff of his County for 20 years. Amos Yantis, another son of Jacob Yantis, died at Harrodsburg. He has two daughters now living at Weatherford, Texas. Aaron Yantis, another son, left Ky at the close of the Civil War. He has quite a number of Grand-children in Texas. Hon. James E. Yantis, Ex-State Senator from the Waco District and at present, assistant Attorney General of Texas, also Hon. Aaron Yantis, present County Judge of Nolan Co, are his Grand-sons. Editor R. E. Yantis, of Athens Review and Ex-president of the state press Asso., is another nephew of George R. Yantis, Ex-County Judge T. R. Yantis, of Canton, Texas is also a nephew of the venerable Collin Co. Citizen and the subject of this sketch.

Enoch Yantis, the 4th son of Jacob Yantis, and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Lincoln Co. Ky. Dec. 14th, 1794, and June 11th, 1816, was married to Miss Eleanor Wolford, daughter of Major John Wolford, five sons and five daughters were the result of this union. They lived in Stanford until the fall of 1827, when they returned to Russell Co. Ky. As before stated in this article, Enoch Yantis, was a Tanner. After his Tanyard business and books burned in 1835, he followed farming until 1852. In 1859 he followed his son Geo. R. Yantis, to Texas. In that year he served as deputy Tax-assessor of Collin Co, under John M. McKinney, the veteran McKinney citizen and minister, who then held the joint office of Assessor and collector. He was elected and succeeded John M. McKinney, in office which he continuously held until removed from office by Gov. E. J. Davis, as an impediment to reconstruction. John Tarpley was appointed his successor by Gov. Davis. Mrs. Enoch Yantis died Oct. 26th, 1871, and Enoch Yantis, Oct. 11th, 1879. Each of them had been members of the Baptist Church for many years, Enoch Yantis having been a deacon in the Church. Prior to coming to Texas, Enoch Yantis was a Justice of Peace for many years and High Sheriff of his County in Ky. for two years. Only three of their children are now living, viz; G. R. Yantis, subject of this article, Jas. L. Yantis, of Canton, Texas (father of G. A. Yantis), and Mrs. E. M. Parrish of Denison. Politically, Enoch Yantis, was an old line Whig until Texas seceded after which he became an ardent Democrat.

Maj. John Wolford, Grandfather of G. R. Yantis, was born in Albermarle County Va. married Miss Jane Lapsley of that County. Settled in Casey Co. Ky. 8 children

trace. Will be pleased to hear from you again and if you or yours are ever passing this way, call and see us. With best wishes, I am,

Respectfully yours,
J. W. Yantis.

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San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 9th.

Mr. T. C. Yantis, Brownwood, Texas
Dear Sir:, and Kinsman:-

My son, Jesse, gave me a letter from you making inquiry as to our ancestry. My Father was the youngest of eight children, barely eight years old when his father died, and all I know is from him. To begin, my grandfather (your great grandfather) was named Jacob Jandez, which in German is and was pronounced Yandes: he and two brothers came to America prior to the Revolution and the three brothers got separated while in the Continental Army. The names of the lost brothers was Simon and Daniel. Jacob (our ancestor) had married and had one son named George (prior to 1812 he lived in Baltimore, and Jacob married in Baltimore a lady named Ruth Chrisman, the mother of 5 boys and 2 girls, perhaps 3. She lived at our house a number of years and died there. I remember her well.

My impressions is that the three brothers came from Holland. I never saw but one of my Uncles, and that was Uncle Amos. He was a low man in size and father used to joke him about his Holland kin, and as he was so low he called him low Dutch. A number of years ago there lived in Indianapolis, Ind. two or man named Simon Jandes who were in the leather business, and that was the trade that our ancestor Jacob followed, as you know. Your father and Uncle also (the oldest by Ruth Chrisman) was John Yantis a tanner. If the man in Indianapolis was hunted up something might be learned. This John Yantis was a very noted man in his part of the country, he represented his county in the Legislature a very many times and to him we owe the change in spelling our name. I think my brother (J. W. Yantis, Bloomfield, Ky.) has some dates that I have not. He did have some Continental money paid to Jacob Yantis or Jandes, and perhaps his discharge from the Continental Army, so the name could be fixed. There lives in Shelbyville, Ill a Mr. J. K. Yantis, a very noted man in that region, and he has several brothers. He has a brother named Isaac Yantis, who at my request gave me a history of their family, but I lost it. He is a most excellent correspondent. Write him. My niece, Miss Bettie Yantis of Kansas City, I think has a family tree. It might help you, excuse bad writing.

Yours etc.
R. F. Yantis.

My Father's hand is shaky. He can hardly write and I notice he has left out some words so you will have to supply what is omitted as you go along. The Yantis he speaks of in Shelbyville, Ill. was here one winter for his daughters health. We are all in usual health at present. Write often. Always glad to hear from you.

Yours truly,
Jesse Yantis.

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Thank you, ADELE YANTIS SULLOWAY, for sharing your Yantis lines through these informative and historical word pictures.

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ON THIS DAY AUGUST 1, 1498 ON THIS DAY

On his third voyage, Christopher Columbus first sighted the continent of South America as he sailed into the mouth of the Orinoco River in what is now Venezuela. But he mistook it for just another island!

The first U.S. paper money was issued on July 17, 1861.

The following story about a very colorful person was taken from the "Civil War Supplement" of the Pittsburg Dispatch, Sunday, June 29, 1913 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

OLD JOHN BURNS

John Burns, the citizen-soldier of Gettysburg who was made famous in history in song and in story, was a real character, sure enough. At the time of the battle he was high constable of the village and revelled in the office. He had no special instructions, but felt it to be his duty to preserve order in his baliwick and to apprehend all suspicious characters. As the two armies approached Gettysburg, Confederate scouts and spies appeared in the town and were promptly nabbed by Burns who filled the lockup, the basement of the church and a warehouse or two and was still on his job when on that first day Buford and Heth got into hand-holts around Culp's Hill.

From General Reynolds he learned that there was going to be a real battle and John decided to be in it. Within an hour John Burns, citizen, approached Major Chamberlain of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Pennsylvania, and begged to be allowed to fight with that regiment. He wore a blue swallow-tail coat with brass buttons, a high hat, and carried a Long John muzzle loading rifle, his pockets bulging with powder and ball. Col. Wister finally told him to get behind a tree and fight, and he did. He fought all day and was wounded three times.

He was born in New Jersey in 1793, served in the Mexican War and was one of the first to enlist in the Union Army, but the age limit retired him. He was 72 years old when the Battle of Gettysburg was fought, and died in Gettysburg in 1872. For his loyalty and bravery the State of Pennsylvania erected a monument to his memory at the very place where he fought - a citizen soldier - alone and without a commander.

Submitted by David Burnite
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#81-2-21 TALTAVULL - Need information regarding any Taltavull outside the area of Washington, DC after 1850.

Reply to: Jean Taltavull Goddard, 416 E. Ridgewood St., Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

#81-2-22 DIBRELL/DUBREUIL/LEE/FEARN/JONES/PATTESON - Would like to contact anyone researching this name. Jeane Antoine Dubreuil, b. Manakintown, VA, 1728 Americanized his name to Anthony Dibrell; m. Thomas Lee's daughter, Elizabeth, ca. 1756 at her sister Leeanna (Lee) Fearn's home (Buckingham Co., VA?). Elizabeth (Lee) & Anthony Dibrell's two sons - Charles and Anthony, Jr. - both served in the Revolutionary War from Buckingham Co., VA. The two sons-in-law of Elizabeth (Lee) and Anthony Dibrell also served in the Revolutionary War - Leeanna m. Michael Jones, and Judith m. David Patteson.

Reply to: Patricia Lee Murphy, 121 W. Minnehaha Avenue, Clermont, FL 32711

#81-2-23 BARKER - Seeking info. about Ephraim Barker b. 1772 Laurens Co., SC. Wife's name ? and his son, Ephraim Manly Barker b. 1811 Laurens Co., SC m. Charity ?. Was living in Gwinnett Co., GA 1830. In Benton/Calhoun Co., AL in 1840.

Reply to: Jean Barker Duty, 2711 Seabreeze Court, Orlando, FL 32805

#81-2-24 PARRISH/PARISH/BERNELL - Ransom Parrish (Parish) b. 1798, Camden Co., GA m. Mary Bernell 25 Jan. 1821. In Alachua Co. before 1829. Columbia Co., FL 1840-1850. Evidently died between 1850-1860. Was his father Ezekiel or Josiah Parrish? I need proof.

Reply to: Leona S. Parrish, 5900 Indian Hill Road, Orlando, FL 32808

#81-2-25 LAYTON/BREEZE - Seeking info. on parents of James Layton m. 1804 Mason Co., KY. Married Mary Breeze near Mt. Gilead on Indian Creek.

Reply to: William G. Layton, 1122 Shady Lane Drive, Orlando, FL 32804

#81-2-26 KEITHLEY/WALTS - Wanted info. on parents of Susannah Keithley b. 27 Feb. 1801. Perhaps in VA; m. John Walts 2 Nov. 1819 in Greenville, IN.

Reply to: Glen W. Lamb, 3747 Quando Circle, Orlando, FL 32812

#81-2-27 MORRISON - Jeremiah Morrison had four sisters in Calais, ME, in 1909, according to death notice in 1909 Mobile, AL newspaper. Notice asked Maine papers to copy. Would like married name of sisters. Also name of newspaper in Calais in 1909.

Reply to: Geraldine Morrison Lavinghousez, 636 West Yale Street, Orlando, FL 32804

#81-2-28 BURNITE/BURNET/BURNETT - Samuel Burnite (Burnet) b. 1785 in NJ (possibly Morris Co.) migrated with father, David, to Cecil Co., MD c. 1797. Spelling of name evidently changed from Burnet/Burnett to Burnite at time of migration. Need link between MD and NJ; link between Burnet and Burnite.

#81-2-29 BURNITE/CARPENTER/JONES - George Edward Burnite lived in Cleveland, OH as of 5 Jan. 1925. He m. Ida Carpenter in 1897 in Lebanon, PA. Daughter Miriam Burnite m. Ray Jones in Cleveland. Info. needed regarding these or any Burnites.

Reply to: David C. Burnite, 722 E. Michigan St., Apt. 114, Orlando, FL 32806

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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
godly heritage.'*

Psalms 16:6

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