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From the President's Desk

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Dear Members and Friends,

Another year is history and 1991 is well underway. 1991 looks like it will be a good year for CFG&HS, whose members are busy with society activities and their own research. One successful activity which was recently attended by many society members and many more non-members from all over the state (and a few out-of-state) was the Schweitzer seminar. CFG&HS presented a seminar at the Holiday Inn University on March 2 which was attended by over 100 genealogists eager to hear the featured speaker, Dr. George K. Schweitzer. His presentations on German Research, the Civil War, and Immigration Patterns were very entertaining as well as informative. Following his presentations, he answered many questions from the group and, later, from individuals.

Many activities are available to CFG&HS members. As this issue of Buried Treasures goes to press, members of the Book Fair Committee are putting finishing touches on plans for the Lake Eola exhibit. Books from Ancestry, Heritage Quest, American Genealogical Lending Library, Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe, and Dr. Schweitzer will be available at the CFG&HS booth at the Book Fair, April 13 and 14. Members had an opportunity at the regular meeting to pre-order books. More people are needed to man the booth and everyone is invited to stop by and browse or purchase as they attend the Book Fair.

To assist beginners and give "new converts to genealogy" (particularly those discovered at the Book Fair) a chance to learn the basics, CFG&HS is presenting a half-day Beginner's Workshop on May 11 at the Maison Blanche Community Room at Orlando Fashion Square. See the flyer with registration blank elsewhere in this issue. If you feel this would benefit you or someone you know, check it out.

Other opportunities for CFG&HS members and all genealogists for education, etc. are the National Genealogical Society's "Conference in the States" in Portland, Oregon, May 29 to June 1 and the Federation of Genealogical Societies "All American Conference" in Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 15 - 17. Both conferences provide excellent opportunities to hear the foremost genealogical speakers, check out research facilities (Allen County Public Library), and peruse books and other items from the various vendors exhibiting at the conference (it might even be better than our Book Fair).

If Portland seems too far away, wait until 1992 when the National Genealogical Society's "Conference in the States" will be in Jacksonville — yes, I mean Jacksonville, Florida.

Happy Researching,

Charlotte E. Kelly Rand
President

REVIEW OF 1990
CENTRAL FLORIDA GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY
by Alma Horton Holt

As the year came to an end, a review of our activities and achievements for 1990 seemed appropriate. It was a good year which saw the inauguration of several new features and activities. New members helped our Society grow, and there were more volunteers participating in various areas. There was a changing of the guard as new officers assumed their duties in September.

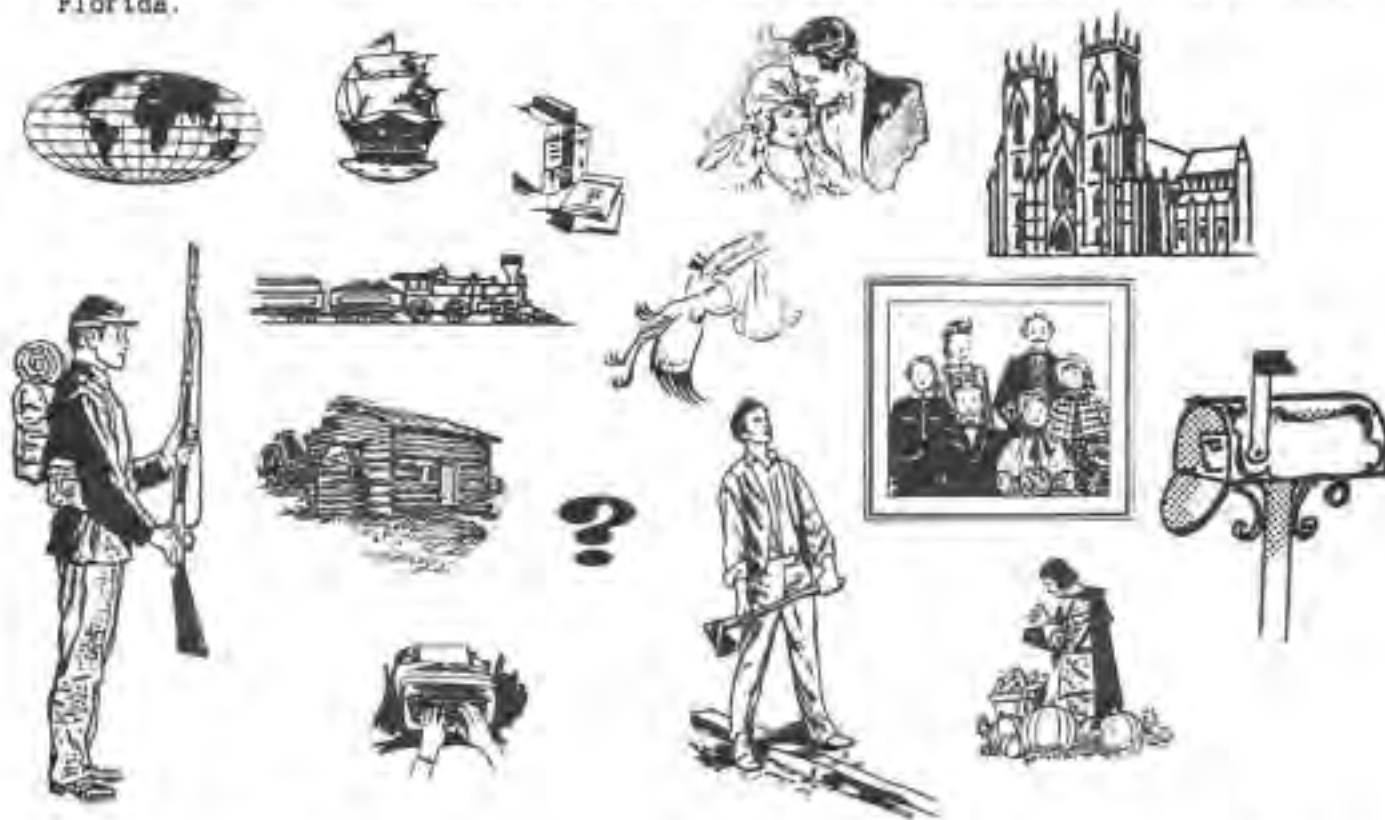
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Summarizing happenings in 1990 we find:

- o Programs at our regular monthly meetings were consistently informative, helpful, and entertaining.
- o Refreshments provided by members were always beautifully arranged by Hospitality Chairpersons Margaret and Jim McMullen. The tasty desserts provided by members disappeared fast as they were devoured by attendees.
- o The Education Committee, Jean and Cliff Duty, are to be commended for making the community aware of family research and our Society. Also, we are grateful to Katherine Ronan Cooper whose genealogy classes resulted in new members for CPG&HS.
- o The Computer Support Group, chaired originally by Wendell Fish and now by Claire Miller, provided expertise and assistance to any newcomer in computer ownership.
- o Our newly formed Cemetery Committee, with Chairpersons George Littrell and Ralyn Westenhofer, began making plans for cemetery research.
- o Bill Wiengartner kept us supplied with free brochures and fliers, and he inaugurated a new feature, our *People to People - Member Sharing* form.
- o Several well-received workshops and seminars were presented by Katherine Ronan Cooper during 1990.
- o Just getting started was the Court House Committee chaired by Glen Lamb.
- o Jean and Wendell Fish, Membership Co-chairmen, kept our name tags in order and supplied applications for membership to new people along with other informative material. Wendell completed his project of putting all member information into his computer.

- o *Our Family Tree* and other popular research forms were always available at our monthly meetings, thanks to Chairman Elyzabeth Hemphill.
- o *Treasure Chest News* editors, Alma Holt and Ann Daisek, were happy to have features added to the newsletter and pleased to have assistance from Debbie Rand with the calendar, Ralyna Westenhofer with personals and other timely articles, Karen Grubaugh who handled the committee reports, and Charlotte Rand who helped with miscellaneous items.
- o The Publications Committee was pleased with the member involvement for the special school days issue of *Buried Treasures*. This special was also a new feature which received many favorable comments.
- o Plans began for participation in the Orlando Sentinel Book Fair April 13th and 14th at Lake Eola. Bill McCracken volunteered to be chairman for this new-to-the-Society venture.
- o Chaplain Elma Bishop inaugurated a *From the Chaplain* column in TCE. He requested that members contact him to inform him about any illnesses, hospitalizations, honors or recognitions for achievements.
- o Ellen and Earl Tyson volunteered to be responsible at meetings for the sales of various Society publications.
- o CFG&HS began a drive for pledges so the Society could become a Charter Member in the AAI CD-ROM Project. CD-ROM, or Compact Disk -- Read Only Memory, is the "future of genealogical research."

Plans for 1991 are in progress, and it appears that this year will see our Society engaging in new projects which will give everyone the opportunity to be involved and to become active in furthering the role of genealogists in Central Florida.



LINE OF DESCENT FROM THOMAS POTTER, MAYOR OF COVENTRY TO CLAIRE ELLEN MILLER

The following is a direct line format, which follows only one child from any given generation. The generation numbers at the far left begin with the immigrant ancestor, George Potter, as number 1.

Thomas POTTER, b. ca. 1568 in Coventry, Warwickshire, England; m. 22 Aug 1598, Holy Trinity Church, Coventry, Ann FENN, b. 1575, Coventry. He was a dyer and wool stapler who made an excellent blue dye. He served as 278th mayor of Coventry, for the year 1622. The mayoralty was a position awarded to those who had formerly held the principal offices in the city. During his term "he planted 250 young trees in the park with his own hands, repaired the breaches in the city wall, ...and was remarkable for his charity to the poor." Children (all christened at Holy Trinity):

1. Ann POTTER, ch. 22 Nov 1599.
2. Abigail POTTER, ch. 4 Nov 1601.
3. Humphrey POTTER, ch. 18 Apr 1604; d. 1641 in Dublin, Ire., massacre.
4. * George POTTER (see below).
5. Sarah POTTER, ch. 29 Mar 1608.
6. Rebecca POTTER, ch. 6 Apr 1610.
7. Elizabeth POTTER, ch. 18 Sep 1612.
8. Judith POTTER, ch. 2 Nov 1614.
9. Hester POTTER, ch. 3 Jan 1616.
10. Rose POTTER, ch. 14 Nov 1617.

1. George POTTER, the immigrant. He was ch. 4 Apr 1606, Holy Trinity Church, Coventry, Warwickshire, ENG; m. 4 Apr 1630, Welford, Warwickshire, ENG, Frances COALE, b. 4 Apr 1610?, Warwick?, ENG. There are no clues as to the couple's arrival in the Colonies. George was admitted as an inhabitant of Aquidneck Island (now Rhode Island) in 1638. With 28 other men, he signed a compact for the government of the colony, 30 Apr 1639. No further record of George exists. He died before 1647, when his widow's second husband, Nicholas NILES, signed a contract for George's son, Abel. George and Frances' child:

2. Abel POTTER, b. bet. 1638-1644 in Portsmouth, Newport Co., RI. In 1647 he was bound over to William BAULSTONE for eighteen years. Such contracts customarily ended at age twenty-one, placing Abel's birth in 1644. However, it is generally thought that Abel was older than three, because he gave his consent to the arrangement. Beginning in 1664, he appears on several land transactions. He m. 16 Nov 1669 in Warwick, RI, Rachel WARNER, daughter of John WARNER and Priscilla HOLLIMAN, granddaughter of Ezekiel HOLLIMAN, b. ca. 1648, Warwick, RI. He was made Freeman 1 May 1677; d. 14 Jan (will proven 9 Mar) 1692 in Warwick, Kent, RI. Rachel d. 6 Nov 1724, will proven 23 Nov 1724, Providence, RI. Children:
 1. George POTTER, b. ca. 1672 in Warwick, RI; d. 3 May 1712; m. Rachel ---?---
 2. Benjamin POTTER, b. 1678 in Warwick, RI; m. 19 Feb 1702 to Sarah LOCKWOOD, d/o Abraham.
 3. * John POTTER (see below).
 4. Abel POTTER, b. ca. 1682, Warwick, RI; m (1) 1 Jan 1712 Rebecca PAINE; m. (2) 30 Apr 1719 to Martha PAINE, widow of John.
 5. Stephen POTTER, b. ca. 1683/4 in Warwick, RI; m 1708 to Sarah ALBEE.
 6. Mary POTTER, b. ca. 1686 in Warwick, RI; m. Hugh STONE.
 7. Ichabod POTTER (twin), b. 1692.
 8. Job POTTER (twin), b. 1692 in Cranston or Warwick, RI; d. 10 Nov 1766 in Warwick, Kent, RI; m. 10 Feb 1725/6, Meribah CARTER.

3. John POTTER, b. 1680 in Warwick, Kent, RI; d. 1770; m. 19 Feb 1701/2 in Providence, RI, to Joane DEARELOVE. Arnold gives Joane's last name as DEARBORN. However, David C. Dearborn, F.A.S.G., contends "There were no Dearborns living in Rhode Island before 1840," and suggests that Rogers' work contains more accurate transcriptions. Some sources say John POTTER m. (2) 12 Dec 1717, Providence, RI, Phebe GREENE. However, evidence suggests that Phebe GREENE m. John-4 (John-3, John-2, Robert-1) POTTER. John and Joane's children:
 1. Job/John POTTER, b. 8 Jul 1703, Meshantituck, RI; m. 6 Dec 1741 to Mary ARNOLD.
 2. Susanna POTTER, b. 11 Jan 1705, Meshantituck.
 3. Elizabeth POTTER, b. 18 May 1709, Meshantituck.
 4. Mary POTTER, b. 24 Dec 1711, Meshantituck.
 5. William POTTER, b. in Coventry, RI.
 6. Abel POTTER, b. in Coventry, RI; m. Hannah —?—.
 7. * Joseph POTTER (see below).
4. Joseph POTTER, b. 1715, Coventry, RI; d. 1785, aged 70; m. 11 Sep 1742 in Coventry by Abel POTTER, Justice, to Freelove BENNETT, d/o Capt. Samuel BENNETT and Mary STATFORD/STAFFORD, b. ca. 1723; d. 1824. Children:
 1. * Samuel POTTER (see below).
 2. John POTTER, b. 28 Jul 1747 in Coventry, RI; m. Susan SKILLEY.
 3. Mary POTTER, b. 28 May 1750 in Coventry, RI.
 4. George POTTER, b. 3 Dec 1753 in Coventry, RI; m. Vlainey —?—.
 5. Mercy POTTER, b. 13 Mar 1756 in Coventry, RI.
 6. Ruth POTTER, b. in Coventry, RI.
 7. Rowland POTTER, b. in Coventry.
 8. Hannah POTTER, b. in Coventry.
 9. Ephraim POTTER, b. 14 Jul 1760 in Coventry, RI; d. 8 Aug 1832; m. 1781 to Lizzie PARKER.
 10. Betsey POTTER.
 11. Gilbert POTTER.
5. Samuel POTTER. D.A.R. records state he was b. 24 May 1745, Coventry, RI; d. 1 Oct 1777, while serving as a quartermaster's sergeant in the Second Rhode Island Regiment; m. Lydia MATTISON, d. 1812. Charles Potter lists a second wife, Mary (Polly) JACKSON. However, since Samuel died in 1777, it would have been difficult for him to have sired a second family of seven children! Samuel and Lydia's children:
 1. Augustus POTTER, b. 1 May 1767 in Coventry, RI; d. Aug 1851; m. 20 Aug 1785 to Achsah WILCOX, d/o Nathan and Abigail ANDERSON WILCOX.
 2. * Joseph POTTER (see below).
 3. Freelove POTTER, b. in Coventry, RI; m. K. HURLBUT.
6. Joseph POTTER, b. 16 Mar 1775, Coventry, RI; d. 28 Jan 1853/8 in Turin?, Lewis Co?, NY; m. 1 Feb 1795 to Phebe ADAMS, b. 1774, d. 1858. Joseph and his brother Augustus were part of a great post-Revolutionary War migration from Rhode Island to the New York frontier. Children:
 1. Lydia J. POTTER, b. 2 Mar 1799, Floyd, Oneida Co., NY; d. 4 Feb 1879; m. Jan 1821 to Russell FULLER.
 2. Dudley POTTER, b. 2 Jun 1801, Floyd, Oneida Co., NY; d. 17 May 1885; m. Jun 1827 to Susan POTTER, a distant cousin.
 3. Samuel POTTER, b. 2 Aug 1803, Floyd, Oneida Co., NY; d. 1 Aug 1878; m. Mary POTTER, sister of Susan POTTER, above.

4. Ethan Allen POTTER, b. 26 Mar 1806, Floyd, Oneida Co., NY; d. 26 Jul 1867; m. Feb 1830 to Martha WRIGHT.
 5. Joseph POTTER, b. 5 May 1809, Floyd, Oneida Co., NY; d. 20 Jul 1880; m. 24 Mar 1837 to Celia JOHNSON, b. 1813.
 6. Augustus C. POTTER, b. 10 Nov 1812, Floyd, Oneida Co., NY; d. 6 Dec 1880; m. 15 Oct 1850, Lucy WILCOX LAHE, b. 1827; d. 1887.
 7. * Abram Mattison POTTER (see below).
 8. Benjamin F. POTTER, b. 29 Sep 1817, Floyd, Oneida Co., NY; d. 23 Feb 1883; m. 11 Mar 1846 to Rachael A. CASE.
7. Abram Mattison POTTER, b. 21 Jun 1814, Floyd, Oneida Co., NY; d. 9 May 1882; m. 27 Mar 1836, NY, Abigail P. ALLEN, b. 13 Oct 1813, Meridan, CT; d. 9 May 1880; both d. Webster City, Hamilton Co., IA. They farmed in Lewis and Chautauqua Cos., NY, before moving to Webster City about 1864. There, they owned the Potter House hotel. Abram, Abigail and most of their children were bur. Graceland Cem., Webster City. Children:
1. Allen POTTER, b. 1837, Lewis Co., NY; d. 1890; m. Phebe TITUS.
 2. * Milton Augustus POTTER (see below).
 3. James Monroe POTTER, b. 1841, Lewis Co., NY; enlisted Company C, 112th NY Infantry; d. Battle of Cold Harbor, VA, Jun 1862/4.
 4. Mary Ann POTTER, b. 1842, Lewis Co., NY; d. of typhoid fever, 25 Oct 1865, Webster City, IA.
 5. Elmira Abigail "Mina" POTTER, b. 21 Jun 1844, Chautauqua Co., NY; d. 3 Jan 1916, Hamilton Co.; m. 24 May 1866, Hamilton Co., Augustus A. COOK; b. Dec 1840, Jefferson Co., NY; Civil War vet; d. after 1930.
 6. Ida C. POTTER, b. 13 May 1849, Forestville, Chautauqua Co., NY; served as Hamilton Co. Deputy Recorder; d. 10 Mar 1931; m. 17 Jul 1870, Webster City, Edwin R. LEE, b. 2 Dec 1839, NY; d. 22 Jun 1922.
 7. Jenny Lind POTTER, b. 1851, Chautauqua Co., NY; m. 30 Nov 1871, Hamilton Co., E.W. OLDS; res. Milwaukee, WI, and South Pasadena, CA.
 8. Lucy Emma POTTER, b. 1856; d. 1857; bur. Forestville, NY.
 9. Abram Mattison "Matt" POTTER, Jr., b. 31 Jan 1859, Chautauqua Co., NY; d. 25 Apr 1932, Webster City; m. 26 May 1880, Webster City, Eva Jane BEACH, b. 2 Jan 1858, Webster City; d. 12 Dec 1946.
8. Milton Augustus POTTER, b. 1838, Lewis Co., NY; occupation: railroad engineer; d. 1 Dec 1894, Galesburg, Knox Co., IL; m. 10 Dec 1860, NY, Sarah Amelia WEBB, d/o David WEBB and Sarah THRALL; b. 10 Dec 1837, NY; d. 1 Jul 1916, Old Ladies Home, Knoxville, Knox Co., IL; both bur. Graceland Cem., Webster City, IA. Children:
1. * Lillian Amelia POTTER (see below).
 2. Mary Lydia "Matie" POTTER, b. 16 Mar 1868; d. 19 Apr 1880.
 3. Eugene Milton POTTER, b. 10 Jun 1875; d. 17 Sep 1875.
 4. Benjamin Cole POTTER, b. 2 Sep 1876; d. 28 May 1912; m. 1 Jun 1897 to —?—. One child, Harold POTTER.
9. Lillian Amelia POTTER, b. 24 Apr 1863, Chautauqua Co., NY; d. of the flu epidemic 13 Dec 1918, Ellsworth, Hamilton Co., IA; m. 12 Jun 1883, Hamilton Co., George Edward NORMANDIN, b. 9 Sep 1850, Fairhaven, Rutland Co., VT; occupation: farmer; d. 19 Sep 1930, Galesburg, IL. Both bur. Homewood Cem., Hamilton Co. He m. (1) 1878, Hattie KIRK, d. ca. 1880; one son. Lillian Amelia and George Edward had nine children.

10. Milton Edward NORMANDIN, b. 26 Sep 1890, Ellsworth, IA; machinist at Maytag Co.; d. 28 Apr 1960, Newton, Jasper Co., IA; m. 17 Dec 1912, LaSalle Co., IL, Catherine Mae JONES, b. 25 Jan 1894, LaSalle Co., IL; d. 27 Apr 1960, Colfax, Jasper Co., IA. Five children.
11. Hazel Irene NORMANDIN, b. 20 Feb 1920, LuVerne, Kossuth Co., IA; d. 30 Nov 1987, Des Moines, Polk Co., IA; m. 2 Jul 1939, Schuyler Co., MO, Jasper Chris MILLER, b. 24 Dec 1914, Pierce Co, NE; d. 4 Jan 1984, Orlando, FL. Both bur. Masonic Cem., Des Moines. Two children.
12. Claire Ellen MILLER, b. 23 Nov 1946, Des Moines, IA; m. (2) 12 Apr 1983, Orlando, Orange Co., FL, David KERBEN, b. 14 May 1932, Warsaw, Poland. One son, Joel Miller KERBEN, b. 13 Nov 1984, Orlando, FL.

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*****Submitted by CFG&HS member, Claire Miller (P.O. Box 532011, Orlando, FL 32853), who appreciates the help given by Nadine Dingman of Hamilton Heritage Hunters, Webster City, Iowa, and Donna Potter Phillips of Potter Profiles.



The Abram Mattison Potter family of Chautauqua Co., NY: Front row: Phebe (Titus) and Allen, Sarah Amelia (Webb) and Milton, Abigail (Allen) and Abram, Sr., Abram, Jr.; Back row: Jenny, Elmira, Ida, Mary Ann, James Monroe. Photo taken ca. 1862.

A LETTER WRITTEN 1679

23 March 1679, my ancestor, John Simcock, of Cheshire, England, wrote Margaret Fox, wife of George Fox who founded the Quaker movement. John was an early Quaker, and friend of William Penn. In 1682, John, with his family, migrated to Pennsylvania. The original of the letter is in a vault in Lilly Library, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. Last October, I examined it and obtained a photocopy. Its Middle English handwriting is very difficult to decipher. The best that I, with the help of others, have been able to decipher it, so far, is reproduced below.

A genealogy of the Simcock Family was published in "Buried Treasures" Volume XVIII, No. III, July 1986.

Norris L. Reynolds

Handley y^e 23 of 1st moth 79

Deare Margrett

My verrey deare love in y^e Truth & my wifes is
unto thee thy Husband & thy Children whom I
desired to have seen ere now & was my intention
but not having convenient opportunity, I therefore
thought meet to acquaint thee herby yt I have
made hold to send thee a [Glass] its marked
MF I desire thee be pleased to accept of it
as a small token of o^r love: I directed it to be
left at Henery Courts in Lancaster for him to
send to thee: Informers & Justices are markedly
bent agst us in this County but /blessed be god/ he
beares us up & meetings are fresh & living & y^e
love of pple is more towards y^e sufferers & their
hearts furmly agst persecutors as I believe A Bragg^s
can tell yo^u at large, so in deare love to thee, thy
Husband & all thy deare children whom we have
cause in y^e Truth to love & hono^r I remaine

Thy lo friend

John Simcock

Will^m Gandie being []
but in much weakness of bodie
remembers his deare love to yo^u

Book Review

SUMNER COUNTY, TENNESSEE INDEX TO THE LOOSE RECORDS: 1786-1930 (320 pages)
By Shirley Wilson, C.G. Publisher/Distributor: Richley Enterprises, 106
Leaward Point, Hendersonville, TN 37075 (1988) LCCN:88-61157
From the National Genealogical Society Copy. Reviewer: Clifton D. Duty

This book is essentially a grouping of four indexed lists of references to wills, estates, miscellaneous records and lawsuits. Sumner County was formed in 1786; Tennessee, originally a part of North Carolina, became a state in 1796. Before statehood, it was a part of "The Territory South of the River Ohio." The original documents now rest in The Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville for preservation. Prior to this instant publication, the records were not catalogued, indexed or available to the general public. The court transcripts contain all of the details of each case. Included are wills, lawsuits, court transcripts, settlements, inventories, guardianships, depositions, deeds and other papers relating to the daily business of the county.

The four indexed categories are available on microfilm: 180 reels, 16 mm, at The Tennessee State Library and Archives; and at the Sumner County Archives, 155 E. Main Street, Gallatin, Tennessee 37066 (Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday). If you write, include an SASE each time. Send a name, number, category of record and an SASE to learn the charge for obtaining your entry. When a reply is received, send a check for the indicated amount. The current rate is \$0.50 per page, \$2.00 minimum. Allow four weeks delivery time.

The Library and Archives has a similar service. Address is 403 Seventh Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37219. Six to eight weeks delivery time is normal. Reels may be purchased, but are not available on interlibrary loan.

These "loose records" should be utilized in conjunction with the familiar and official Sumner County records identified in other reference sources.

A sampling of names in the four indexed categories of interest to the reviewer follows, to show the type of information available. You can hire on the spot researchers to dig into these records, if you wish.

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Banks, Mary, 1858-457 (Year and document number)
Barker, Gilbert, 1852-632
Stark, Thomas, 1824-168
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Duty, George, 1809-6
Duty, George, 1820-153
Hollis, Jesse, 1834-720
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This book is available in the Orlando Public Library on Central Avenue.

LESSONS WE MUST LEARN

We cannot strengthen the weak by
 weakening the poor.
 We cannot help small men by tear-
 ing down big men.
 We cannot help the poor by
 destroying the rich.
 We cannot lift the wage earner by
 pulling down the wage payer.
 We cannot keep out of trouble by
 spending more than we make.
 We cannot further the brotherhood

of men by inciting class
 hatred.
 We cannot establish security on
 borrowed money.
 We cannot build character and
 courage by taking away men's
 initiative and independence.
 We cannot help men permanently by
 doing for them what they could
 and should do for themselves.

- Abraham Lincoln -

Wm. Evans Hencken
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February 14, 1991

Central Florida Genealogical & Historical Society
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RE: Col. Wesley Brainerd's Civil War Memoir
(b.1832 d.1910)

This is a follow-up to the information you published in your last quarterly regarding the above mentioned - Col. Wesley Brainerd's Civil War Diary. The new found information on my genealogical puzzle is as follows:

The son to whom the diary was written, Irving Gage Brainerd, died unmarried with no children; so the memoir was passed down to the Colonel's grandchildren through his daughter, Belle Brainerd (b.1866 d.1905) and who married Emil Phillipson (b.1860 d.?). Emil was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany and died most likely in New York City.

In 1912 Emil Phillipson lived in Manhattan, NY and cared for his daughters, Belle (age 12) and Merie (age 16). His son, Brainerd Fisher Phillipson, (age 22) was graduating from Columbia University and was my grandfather.

(Brainerd Fisher Phillipson b.1890 Chicago d.1930 N.Y.City)

(Merie Augusta Phillipson b.1896 Chicago d.? ?)

(Belle Lefler Phillipson b.1900 Brooklyn, NY d.ca.1930 China)
1912 was the year the Civil War Colonel's personal belongings were finally probated and most likely shipped from Pt.Loma,CA to his grandchildren in New York. I suspect all the Civil War memorabilia was contained in that shipment. My grandfather received a share (namely the memoir currently being transcribed) and his younger sisters received the remainder (namely the last year of the memoir plus an extensive photographic album of the Colonel's compatriots and other wartime artifacts).

My mother reported that by the time of her marriage in 1938, both her aunts were dead. All she remembers is that Merie married 2 or 3 times - the last time to a Russian! Belle married William Grooch who served in the U.S.Navy during the 1920's. She and her two sons (and possibly William) died in China in the 1930's.

This looks like a tough row to hoe, tracing the Civil War property of two teen-age girls through their young and adult lives. Obviously I need and would greatly appreciate the Society's assistance once again. Perhaps the final pages of the memoir of his service with the 50th & 15th NY Volunteer Engineers have been donated to a library, museum or archive of which your members are aware. I would like to think that someday they might be retrievable.

With Best Wishes,

Wm. Evans Hencken



TRIBUTE TO OUR FLAG

By Agnes Rosenberger Wilson
(1868 - 1951)

That flag is your flag and my flag.
That flag presents the most beautiful
combination of national colors
that ever floated in the sun-kissed
breezes of the skies.

That flag has brought more joy to
more humble homes than any insignia
of state or government.

The red in that flag is redder than
the morning sun as it bursts above
the Eastern horizon, redder than
the carnation flower whose colors
are hued in the workshops of
Heaven. It typifies the blood that
ran in rivulets down the slopes of
Bunker Hill and stained the snows
at Valley Forge.

The white in that flag is whiter
than the driven snow as it falls
uncontaminated upon the ground
from the skies above, whiter than
the beautiful Calla lily that
blooms in the garden; yes, whiter
than the sacred veil worn by the
blushing bride. It typifies the
purity and patriotism of our
American people.

The blue in that flag, oh, the
beautiful blue in that flag, is
bluer than the arch dome of Heaven
above; bluer than the modest violet
that blossoms in the wooded
glen. It typifies the sacrifice
of an American mother who laid her
only son on the altar of our
country and, kneeling beside his
vacant chair, prays to God in Heaven
to comfort her broken heart.

Flag of the free hearts, hope, and
home,

By angels' hands to valor given.
Thy stars have lit the Welkin dome
And all thy colors were born in
Heaven.

(Written by the grandmother of
CPG&HS member Alma Horton Holt.)



Thos. Ward Osborn
Capt. 1st U.S. Artillery
East Capitol Hill
Washington, D.C.
Nov. 2, 1861

Col. Thomas Ward Osborn.

He died in this city on Sunday evening, December 18, in the sixty-sixth year of his age. He was born at Scotch Plains, N.J., but spent his youth on a farm in Jefferson county, N.Y. He was educated at Governor Academy and Colgate University, graduating from the latter in 1860. He studied law for a year and was admitted to the bar, but the battle of Bull Run impelled him to take an active part in organizing the First Regiment of New York State Artillery, and he went to the front as Captain of Company D in 1862. His war record was a conspicuously honorable one, and he rose to the rank of Colonel and brevet Brigadier General. He participated in more than one hundred engagements. At the close of the war he opened a law office in Tallahassee, Fla., and at once took a prominent part in the reorganization of the State. He drafted the new State constitution, and was elected United States Senator by the first Legislature convened under it. For several years past Mr. Osborn has resided in New York city, promoting various business enterprises and engaged in literary work. He leaves the manuscript of an elaborate history of the civil war. Mr. Osborn was the only brother of Rev. Dr. A. C. Osborn, president of Benedict College.

Allentown, Pa.
March 9. 1910

Dear Cousin and all,

I will now answer your letter which I received a few weeks ago from you. I was glad to hear from you and hope you are all well by this time. We are all well except Quincy had an accident yesterday. He wanted to start the machine and got his finger in and tore off the whole tip and the doctor had to sew it on.

Well I heard that a little soldier boy arrived in your family. I saw it in the paper and also received that letter from Paul's mother. Tell Helen that she should take good care of him. We received a letter from our son on Monday and a big shell and a satin cushion cover and four silk handkerchiefs. He told us how they butcher over there and I will give it to you as he has it in his letter. I saw one farmer butcher this week and I wish you could see them. They throw down a bundle of straw then take the hog and throw it on. tie its legs together and then stick it. The hog is yelling about 15 to 20 minutes after it is stuck and one fellow holds a pan and catches the blood and pours it into a jug. After it is dead they put some straw on it and set it on fire and burn off the bristles then they pour water on and rub it with stones to get off the crust. Then the old lady cuts off the rim of the ear and gives it to the kids and they start chewing on it like a girl at home would at gum. No doubt it tastes good. try it on the next you kill. Tell Dan and the boys they should try it once. ha, ha. Last week Atlina was With me a whole day. We thank you very much for that nice Christmas card which you sent us. Well I must come to a close, Mr. is sleeping already. Hope to see you come as soon as the road is nice.

Remain with love.

Mrs. W.H.H. Nonnemacher

The foregoing was a letter written by Ellamanda Mohr Nonnemacher to her cousin and my great grandmother, Ida Miller Strunk. The "little soldier" refers to my father, Arthur Randolph Mohr, born 17 February 1919 while my grandfather, Paul Daniel Mohr was serving in WWI in France. An additional sheet of paper with the above letter shows the overseas address for Ellamanda's son and a note reads:

Robert and Paul are in one Division. I hope they will come home together. It was in the paper that the 79th Division would come home in June. I would be very glad if they would.

Mrs. Nonnemacher is referring to her son Robert Nonnemacher and my grandfather, Paul Daniel Mohr.

Submitted by CFG&HS member
Ann Mohr Osisek

The photographs shown below are of Paul Daniel Mohr and Harry E. Walter who was to later marry Paul's sister, Margaret Mohr. A brief description of their service is listed.



PAUL MOHR, Corporal

Called to the Colors, July 21, 1917. Stationed at Camp Meade, Md., Sept. 19, 1917. Promoted to Corporal. Reported for duty overseas July 7, 1918. Participated in the battles of Argonne Forest and St. Mihiel. Wounded in St. Mihiel, Troyon Sector, Oct. 11, 1918.



HARRY E. WALTER, Private

Called to the colors April 27, 1918. Served in the National Army, Co. D, 814th Inf., Battalion Headquarters. Served in the following battles: Meuse-Argonne; Mount Faucon, Troyon. Was wounded at Troyon, Nov. 8, 1918.

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QUERIES

#91-1-01 McMULLEN / McGEE / CAMPBELL / CLUNEY / TOBIN - Wish to exchange info. with others researching the McMULLEN's, McGEE's, CAMPBELL's, CLUNEY's and TOBIN's in Wyoming County, NY from 1850's to 1920's.

#91-1-02 McMULLEN / DUNN - Wish to exchange info. with others researching the McMULLEN's and DUNN's in Genesee County, NY from 1850's to 1900's.

Reply to: Jim McMULLEN, 834 Forester Avenue, Orlando, FL 32809

#91-1-03 MURPHY / SULLIVAN / KOCH (COOK) / DRESS - Would like to exchange info. with anyone searching these names in OH. MURPHY / SULLIVAN - Cleveland, Greenwich, Huron Co., OH, 1870 - 1900. KOCH (COOK) / DRESS - Cleveland, Bay Village, Cuyahoga Co., OH, circa 1870 - 1900.

Reply to: Don MURPHY, 3611 Hawthorne Lane, Winter Park, FL 32792

#91-1-04 BARKER - Searching for wives and children of these men: Jesse BARKER born c. 1755; was in Edgefield or Laurens County, SC 1770's. Will exchange info. - no charge.

Reply to: Jean B. DUTY, 2711 Seabreeze Court, Orlando, FL 32805

#91-1-05 MELOT / MALLOTT / JONES - Seek any info. on Emily MELOT/MALLOTT b. 1837; res. 1856 in Williamsburg, Clermont Co., OH; d. 1892; m. circa 1855, Joseph JONES, b. 1831; d. 1906; both buried Taylors Chapel Cemetery, Brown Co., OH.

#91-1-06 NICKERSON / HANSON / WILLIAMS / CURRY / KINNEY / MONTGOMERY / EDWARDS / COMPTON - Need info. on Katherine Jane NICKERSON, b. 1841, St. Joseph Co., IN, m. 1866 to Sam G. HANSON, for possible book on descendants of Benjamin NICKERSON, b. 1796, Kent Co., DE, d. 1881, St. Joseph Co., IN, m. 1817, Kent Co., DE to Maria Jane WILLIAMS, d/o Samuel WILLIAMS, b. 1799 in MD. Other children: Elizabeth (m. James George CURRY), Eliza (m. Franklin KINNEY), John (m. Sarah Ann MONTGOMERY), James (m. Elizabeth Adeline EDWARDS), Hemsley Massey (m. Rebecca Jane COMPTON).

#91-1-07 MILLER / DEVORE / STRAIT / McGRAW / PRICE / MEYERS / HART / NICKERSON - Seek birthplaces, birthdates, parents, siblings of this couple: Benjamin Greene MILLER, b. 1809; census 1850, Miami Co., IN; census 1860-, 1870, Harrison Co., MO; m. circa 1834, Elvira DEVORE, b. 1813 in MD; d. circa 1865, MO. Children and their spouses: Jackson Greene (Nancy E. STRAIT); Mathilda Jane (John McGRAW); Rebecca Ann (John PRICE); Samantha Elvira (John MEYERS); Phebe Alice (---?--- HART); John Austin; Samuel Jasper (Mary Ellen NICKERSON); Sarah Estelle.

Reply to: Claire MILLER, P. O. Box 532011, Orlando, FL 32853

SEND IN YOUR QUERIES

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#91-1-08 JOHNSTON / HILL / WILLIAMS - The JOHNSTON family originated in Falkirk, Scotland where they lived in the 1890's. Five children immigrated to U.S., Canada, and Australia. Margaret (Maggie) m. Robert HILL in Falkirk in 1890's and immigrated to South Australia c. 1912 w/children David Alexander, Margaret Elizabeth and William; Bella m. ---?--- WILLIAMS - last known address - Daytona Beach, FL - owned/operated a motel in the 1950's; Irwin - last known address, Chicago, IL; Sam(uel) - last known address - Toronto, Ontario, Canada; ?Ernest? - last known address - Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Grateful for any leads on any of the above persons or their descendants.

Reply to: Kenneth R. WINCKEL, P.O. Box 19524, Washington, DC 20036

#91-1-09 McGUIGAN - Am anxious to share with anyone who is researching the McGUIGAN family whose homeland is Ballinscreen, Co. Derry, Northern Ireland.

Reply to Gertrude SMITH KLIMEK, 19097 Camp Ave., Rockford, IL 61103

ALL ABOUT FLORIDA
HELP!

The Publications Committee needs your stories about Florida for our 1991 special *Buried Treasures* (July/August/September issue). Remember:

- a. Your article can be about, or by, someone who has been in the Sunshine State all his/her life. Perhaps an interview?
- b. Or you could research the history of your church and write an article about that.
- c. Did you attend the Winter Park Elementary school (now demolished) on Park Avenue? There's an article for you. Include names and dates.
- d. How about the Coliseum on Orange Avenue? Anyone remember that and the names of those with whom you may have gone skating or swimming?

These are suggestions for our immediate area, but stories about Key West, Jacksonville, Tampa/St. Petersburg, Miami, Tallahassee, Fort Walton Beach, Okeechobee, Naples — any place in Florida — are all welcome.

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Print or type surnames in order of appearance at the beginning of a query. Within query state given, middle and surname as completely as possible:

Robert Boyd Hartford

Give facts and state your needs such as 'additional information needed'; 'will exchange information'; would like to contact descendants'; 'who were parents'; etc.

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Submit your queries NOW!

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right - 7 May 1864 or 5 July 1864

SURNAMES: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

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