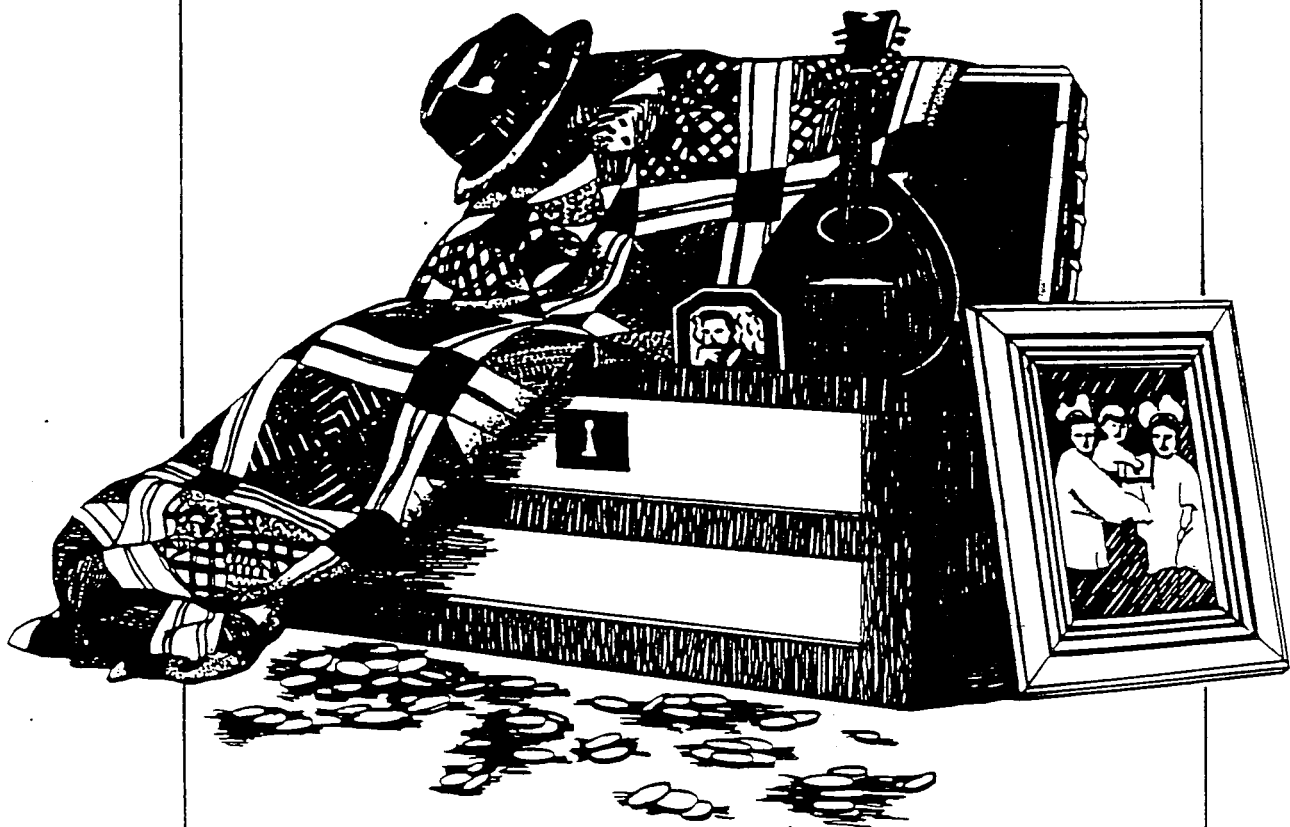


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September 1994
25th Anniversary

Dear Members and Friends:

Welcome to the 25th season of the Central Florida Genealogical Society. As we eagerly plan for the year 2001, we pause to reflect on our past as individuals and as a Society. At our September general meeting we welcomed and honored those Charter members and Past Presidents who have been instrumental in making CFGS the fine organization that it is today. These individuals included Charter members - Alice Henkel Rupe, John Ratcliffe and Eileen Brookhart Willis; and Past Presidents - Alice Henkel Rupe, Bonnie Lee Warman Ward, Tanya C. Miller, Ralyne E. Westenhofer and Ann Mohr Osisek.

This year promises to be an especially challenging one as we stand by the objective in our by-laws that tells us, "to encourage and promote interest in genealogical and historical matters, including the tracing of family backgrounds, the support of the genealogical departments of libraries, the gathering and sharing of genealogical and historical information, the publication and distribution of genealogical and historical news". The dissolution of the Genealogy Department at the Orlando Public Library has rocked not just our small world, but it has disappointed genealogy researchers for many counties around us. One of the bonuses is that it is a common cause which has brought this wide-reaching genealogical community together. We appreciate your support and participation on this vital issue of our times.

A genealogical society represents individuals who share a common quest to locate, record and honor those who have gone before them. The sharing of the individual skills and the interests of all the Society's members has made the Central Florida Genealogical Society what it is today. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Kangelos
Marilyn Kangelos
President

Central Florida Genealogical Society History

(the following was presented by Ralyne E. Westenhofer,
Counselor, 1990-1994, at the September 1994 General Membership Meeting)

Thank you, Madam President, honored guests and friends!

Try to remember 1969 . . . Genealogy was located in the Local History Section in the basement of the Orlando Public Library (you entered the library from Rosalind Avenue); the latest Federal census available was 1880; and no forms were available for sale to record your most precious entry.

On September 25, 1969 a group of people met in the auditorium of the Orlando Public Library, elected the first officers, decided to meet the last Thursday of each month and chose the name, Central Florida Genealogical and Historical Society. The 32 attendees at that meeting would hereinafter be known as Charter members. Many of those people had been researching family lines and had attended some genealogy classes. However, they thought that a Genealogical Society would be of great assistance in pursuit of their new hobby. Charter member #1, Peola Tucker Stuart was the founding President and dues were \$1.00 per year.

In 25 years CFG&HS has had only 15 Presidents . . . 4 men and 11 women.

Peola Tucker Stuart	Dr. George G. Miles
Alice Henkel Rupe	Julius Warren Ryals
Marion McKenna Schuneman	Bonnie Lee Warman Ward
Mary Virginia White	Tanya C. Miller
Betty Brinsfield Hughson	Ralyne E. Westenhofer
John Bartram Brouard	Charlotte E. Rand
Russell V. Carr	Ann Mohr Osisek
Mary L. Higdon Swakoff	

Six served one term; eight served two terms and one served three terms.

MEMBERSHIP is now 260+ active members which includes 49 couples. We've had a diverse membership over the years with occupations ranging from student, housewife, nurse, secretary, bank teller, postman, certified public accountant, clergy, attorney, anesthesiologist, retired military, meteorologist, author, bacteriologist, engineer, etc. The youngest members to join were Rafael Sagastizabal in

1977 at 14, Stuart Duffield in 1978 at 16 and Matthew Barrett in 1982 at 14. The oldest member was Winifred Mitchell Harris who joined in 1981 at the age of 86 and who passed away last year at the age of 97. Mrs. Harris gave quite generously to both the Orlando Public Library as well as many articles for the Society's quarterly.

MEETING LOCATIONS - Members have met in the Auditorium of the Orlando Public Library, College Park Women's Club, John Young Science Center Auditorium, the Great Hall of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the Cherokee Room at the Centroplex and since 1984, CFGS has been meeting in the Auditorium of the Marks Street Senior Center.

NAME CHANGE - In 1982, CFG&HS became incorporated and started sending all mailings by bulk mail . . . a considerable reduction in postage costs. In 1993, the members voted to change the name of the Society to the Central Florida Genealogical Society, Inc.

PUBLICATIONS - Manual typewriters were used in typing stencils for a mimeograph. I remember many hot hours in the garage and ink under my fingernails. Currently, publications are generated by computer programs and printed at an office supply company.

The quarterly was originally known as the *Newsletter* until a name was selected in October 1978 of *Buried Treasures*. In 1981, *Buried Treasures* added a geographical index. In January 1989 a new cover was introduced for *Buried Treasures* which was designed by Gina Simmons Herbert, a student of Katherine Ronan Cooper.

In August 1980, dated materials were removed from *Buried Treasures* and placed in a monthly newsletter known as *Treasure Chest News*. In 1987, the CFG&HS was honored to win the newsletter competition conducted by the National Genealogical Society.

EXCHANGES - Over the years, CFGS has exchanged their publications with other genealogical societies in 40 states, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Ontario, Canada, London, England and Aberdeen, Scotland. All publications have been given to the Orlando Public Library for use by all genealogical researchers.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE - In 1984, member Jean Geisler Vogelius abstracted, typed, researched, checked and rechecked all entries for the Societies

first publication, *Dated Index to Marriages, Orange County, Florida, April 1869 - December 1899*. In 1988, our second publication was the *Treasure Chest News Index* covering the period from September 1980 to May 1987.

OUTREACH / EDUCATION PROGRAMS have been conducted by members over the years for school children, lineage societies, senior citizen communities, historical societies and genealogical societies. Those notables have included Eileen Willis, Liz Ward, Cliff & Jean Duty, Katherine Cooper, Ann Osisek and Claire Miller.

On May 27, 1971 the Society enjoyed speaker Elizabeth Kieffer, an authority on genealogical record searching. Ms. Kieffer had extensive background as a reference librarian, worked for historical societies and published numerous articles in historical magazines and other publications. Several years later she was honored by CFG&HS by becoming its first Honorary member.

The Society had a booth and sold programs for several years at the Orlando Scottish Highland Games at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. In 1991, 1992 and 1993, CFGS participated in the Orlando Sentinel Book Fair held in Eola Park. Although a lot of work was involved, our booth seemed to be a success, noted by the crowds gathered around.

WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS / CONFERENCES - Each year, CFGS not only conducts a beginners workshop in the name of former *Buried Treasures* Editor, Dorothy McAdams Westenhofer, but brings a nationally known speaker to the Central Florida area to impart their knowledge with local researchers. Speakers have included Nora Hickey of Ireland, Lorna Rosbottom of England, Dr. George K. Schweitzer of Nashville, Tennessee, Mary K. Meyers of Baltimore, Maryland and our own Dr. Nils W. Olsson (Swedish genealogist and author), just to name a few.

In 1986, CFG&HS was honored to be the major host of the Federation of Genealogical Societies national conference which was held at the Omni Hotel. Not only did the conference receive many accolades but the conference made a profit which was shared with the National Archives, Orlando Public Library and host societies, but was also able to present a check to the Federation of Genealogical Societies to be used as seed money for future FGS conferences.

WAYS & MEANS - The Society has had yard sales, recycled newspapers and cans, sold Society pins for both CFG&HS and CFGS, lapel pins from over 30 coun-

tries that Society members may be researching, note cards and now for our 25th Anniversary . . . a Cook Book which is dedicated to our former Hospitality Chairman, Margaret Masters McMullen.

YOU can help make our next 25 years be as successful as our past by submitting articles or queries for Buried Treasures, submitting informational items for Treasure Chest News, serving on a myriad of committees, becoming a Committee Chairman or becoming an Officer. Whether it's stapling a quarterly or becoming President, each position is important . . . just like the cogs of a wheel.

Why would the general public be interested in this Society? Man is the product of both heredity and environment. He may raise himself from an unsatisfactory environment, but his potential for this is determined to a great extent by the character of his forefathers. Honest knowledge and justifiable pride in our antecedents can stimulate us to higher achievements and provide a sense of continuity and belonging. Family records should be of interest to people in general.

Our primary objective is to help each member to methodically advance family research on his own family line and to share our accumulated information; but our second objective is to collect, preserve, house and make available any information and source records which we do gather. These are only two of seven major objectives, all of which work for the preservation of Research Records. We have had several fine contributions of historical significance and desperately need to house these items, so that, also, must be an immediate goal.

Amazing words recited by founding President, Peola Tucker Stuart on a TV program taped on Monday, January 11, 1971 at 12:25 P.M. on WFTV, Channel 9. Our goals have not changed.

Our Creed

OUR LIVES are the gift of our many antecedents
OUR GOALS use 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.

WAR LETTER HOME

This letter was written by Barbara M. Appleby's Great Grandfather's Brother - Ezra M. Beardsley, Lt. Col. 126th Regt. Illinois, Vol. Infantry from Rock Island, Illinois.

Hd Q's Field Officer of the Day
Jackson Tenn March 27, 1863

Dear Emma

As I told you in the letter I wrote your Father and Mother, I will answer yours. I have no news to tell you, but I think I can interest you by telling you something about the People that called this their home once. As to the men they don't look a bit like the Northern men. They are all Gaunt long legged slim mean looking countenances, with long beard peaked noses with butternut colored clothes, & their pants tight to their legs. The Women are all shape & sorts. & Oh: Lord how hateful. As to the things that call themselves young ladies I can't say but little for I have not spoken to but two or three since I got here, but I have met them on the street and seen them as they passed me, turn their heads from me, & cock up their noses as though they smelled a very large smell. The poor miserable little things, nothing but the respect the Yankees have for Petticoats; saves their little necks from being wrung. One came in here to my office yesterday to see the Field Officer of the Day. I asked her what she would have, & she told me she wanted a guard. She was very good looking & talked very intelligent, only she said she had been told that there was no doubt but what I would give her a guard, for I was a very fine man. I told her I was a very nice man, but I did not come down here to Guard individuals, etc. Well I went to asking her questions, Yankee fashion as she thought, & I found she lived with her Grandmother, that her Father was Lt. Col. in the Rebel Army & her Brother-in-law as a Rebel Surgeon, & that she was just as mean a littleas ever lived. I told her she could not have a Guard. Then she pitched in & Oh Lord she did not know what she would do, they would have to leave, & etc. Every other officer had given her a Guard, & a thousand other things. I very quietly told the Young Lady that until I had preemptory Orders, I should not Guard Rebel property, that I should like to at least take her Father prisoner, & that I would rather destroy their property than to protect it. I also told her that she could either protect herself, or toddle off South. She went away with her mind made up I guess that she had found one officer, that was not here for fun. Well as I am boss of the Guards about these diggings, I think she will be obliged to take care of her own Carcass, or carry it outside our lines. I tell you Emma the Women are a great deal more hateful & Cesesh than

the men. They know they wont be hurt, & they say what they please, but there is a great many getting sick of this War, Men and Women both, it is coming time to put in their crops, they dont know what to do. The sentiment is changing all about there, fast, & they say give us the Union etc.. I tell them when they talk to me if you want the Union saved, take hold & help us, that dries them up quicker than anything else that can be said to them. Emma you speak of those Northern Traitors all I want to say to you is that God knows I hate them beyond description. I can't tell you how bad, without using words that is not in your School Books. If there is a living being on Earth that I hate, it is J. B. Danforth Jr. I hope he will get killed or die before I see him. I want him buried very Deep.

It will be a great treat to all of you if you can, after this war is over, travel over this country with some Soldier, & visit the Battle Grounds & see the destruction of property, & the miles of Fortifications, & Rifle Pits, & Parapits, that is stretched out here to protect our troops. You would be surprised to see what an amount of work with the spade, has been done here, as well as the musket. I am still field Officer of the Day, but hope when our new General takes command I can get relieved. Genl Kimball from the Potomac took command today & Genl Sullivan goes to Memphis, but I fear unless I get careless & slack that they will keep me. I want to do something that is not criminal to get out of it. & go back to the Regt. They appear to be very anxious to have me come back on account of drilling them. We have a good Brave Regt of men, & I should not be afraid to go into Battle with them, for I know they would give a good account of themselves. If I keep this position I suppose that would be less danger, for if I was with the Regt. I should probably be ordered off if there was any necessity for it. I tell you it is no fun to have the Balls whistling & rattling around a man, when he wants to see his little ones at home as bad as I do. I had two little trails at it in one day, & if I can get through this war just as well, & not be in another I shall be satisfied. I don't feel as some talk, that they want to get into a fight, but I do feel as though I would like to be at the fall of Vicksburg I know I could fight there where I could avenge the Death of Brother Elisha. Oh! how can I have any mercy on Rebels since his death.

Now it is getting late but I am all alone in my office & nothing to keep me company except the occasional sound of the drum to relieve Guard. & the thunder & lightning that is rattling over my head, & blinding my eyes occasionally. I am well. I think I never enjoyed such uninterrupted good health in my life. I am almost afraid to tell it, for it is a great wonder to me that I stand the exposure so well, & I expect every day that some of the many loathsome diseases that are always among so large a body of men, may get hold of me, but I hope not, for you never can know how bad I do want to see my friends, once more, & Oh that family. It cant be possible that I never shall see them. I know I had not

ought to think of it & dont any more than I can help, but I cant help it. All of us will know how to appreciate a true friend when we get home. & if soldiers do not find friends if he lives to return after this fearful struggle is over then there is no humanity on earth. Now Emma I have strung out a long, dry & not at all interesting letter. & you will excuse me this time, for I dont know what I have written, for I have been stopped 20 times since I commenced it. I will make one prediction & close, & that is, that the fighting part of this war is ended in four months. God knows I hope so. Now Emma if you know how much good it does your Uncle to get a letter from you, I know you would not neglect me. I dont know what to say to you, only there is nothing on earth that will contribute to your comfort & happiness, but what I hope you may have. I hope you will live to be as good a kind a woman as I think your Mother is, & the world can ask no more. Learn to be kind, affectionate, & true to yourself & friends, & may I live to see you, & talk over the hardships & privations of this war, & answer the thousand questions that you and the other children may ask me, be kind to your Father & Mother, & good to their little children. I dont tell you so Emma because I think you are not, for I believe you are, & I am proud of you. dont forget to write to me often, & put your Father and Mother in mind of all often. I sent your Father and Mother a Photograph it is poorly executed but it is as good as the Arm affords. Good Bye for this time & may you live to have many a pleasant visit with

Your Uncle Ezra

On July 4th in

1776 - The Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. "We hold these Truths to be self-evident," said the document, "that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

1802 - The U. S. Military Academy opened at West Point, New York.

1826 - John ADAMS and Thomas JEFFERSON (the nation's second and third presidents) both died.

1831 - The first president of the United States, James MONROE, died in New York City.

1946 - The Philippines became independent of U. S. sovereignty.

1959 - America's 49-star flag, honoring Alaskan statehood, was officially unfurled.

1960 - America's 50-star flag, honoring Hawaiian statehood, was officially unfurled.

GILBERT BATES KEYES

(1835 - 1902)

GILBERT BATES KEYES was born 12 February 1835 in New York City, son of Danforth David Keyes and Phebe Ann Thompson, of Madison, Morris County, New Jersey. He attended school in New Jersey and was an excellent student with an adventuresome nature. He went to sea early in life, and at about age seventeen: he sailed from New York to San Francisco, South America, the Far East and Europe as a crew member aboard the famous clipper ship, *The Flying Cloud*, presumably in the China tea trade. He then traveled to Colorado and Nevada before settling in Dayton, Ohio in 1856. 1. 2. 3.

On 31 May 1857, G. B. (as he was known) and ELVIRA JULIA GRANGER, of Xenia, Ohio were married at the German Reformed Church in Dayton, by Rev. David Winter. She came from a Connecticut River Valley heritage dating to the earliest settlements there. 4.

After the birth of their first child, Arthur, in 1858, Elvira and G. B. Keyes left for Texas in a covered wagon, in 1859, settling eventually in the port town of Indianola, Calhoun County, Texas, on Lavaca Bay, near the Gulf coast. Three more children, Robert, Clara and Edgar, were born in Texas. 1.

At the beginning of the War Between the States, Gilbert Keyes enlisted as a private, for the period of the war, in the Indianola Guards, soon to become the Confederate 4th Battalion Artillery, Texas, in Company B, Shea's Battalion Artillery, on October 5, 1861. He served in heavy artillery coastal defense in Texas, and in Louisiana and the Arizona Territory. The 4th Texas Artillery was absorbed into the 8th Regiment Texas Infantry: G. B. was promoted to Corporal, then Sergeant, and was transferred to an engineering unit from which he was mustered out in May, 1865. He also served as a quartermaster clerk. 1. 5. 6.

Conditions after the war were very difficult in Texas, and on May 5, 1866, the Keyes family left to return to Ohio. They settled in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, Elvira's home area, where G. B. was an accountant and corporate secretary-treasurer at the Miami Powder Company (munitions), near Xenia. 1. 11.

In or near Xenia, three more children were born: Wallace, George and Frank: the latter, my grandfather, was born in 1873. Several members of the family were employed at the powder company. They all survived the devastating explosion at the Miami Powder Company on March 1, 1886, and the notable destruction of the Xenia flood in May of that same year. 7.

A major factor in the life of Gilbert Keyes and his family was his devotion to the Lord's word and work. He served for more than a quarter of a century as a member of the official board of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Xenia. After his death, the church board wrote, "His spiritual life was wonderful. The Bible, to him was God's voice speaking to his obedient child. Christ, to him, was absent only in bodily presence and dwelt in him continually." 8. He was superintendent and a teacher in Sunday School for much of his life, after returning from Texas. His life's ambition was achieved when construction of the new Methodist church was completed, in 1896, under his supervision. This church was replaced by a new one in the 1970's. The personal Bible of G. B. Keyes, the one he used throughout the later Xenia years to teach the Faith to others, is fully annotated with his teachings, with significant church events, new members and deaths, and with a few family memos. This Bible testifies to his study, research, thoughts and teachings of the Word. 9.

GILBERT BATES KEYES (Cont.)

Gilbert Bates Keyes departed this earth on 28 May 1902 after a lingering illness. He is buried with his wife and many others of his family, including Frank and his wife Laura, in the family plot at Woodland Cemetery in Xenia. Before he died, he stipulated that, in case he passed on, the long-planned wedding of his son, Frank, and Laura Nitchman should not be postponed. They were married on 18 June 1902, just twenty-one days after he died. At the time of his passing, his home was at 218 West Third Street, Xenia. His widow, Elvira, lived on there until 1918, with my grandparents, Frank and Laura, after they were married. My mother, Louise was born there. The house was still standing in 1990. 10. 12.

Gilbert B. Keyes was born of devout parents who instilled in him a strong devotion to his Lord that guided him on his adventures around the world, through the prairies of the Southwest, through a devastating war, through good times, hardships, joys and sorrows, and throughout his lifetime. He was a leader of his family and his flock, a true believer and a disciple of his God.

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11. A keepsake, a coin: a Mexican "peso" coin dated 1963, with incised inscription, "LEFT TEXAS, E. J. KEYES, MAY 5, 1866."
12. Original photographs of cemetery and house.

Prepared by Richard Allen Connell,
Great Grandson of Gilbert Bates Keyes.

WILL OF

JOHN HALL WILKINS
1852-1939

State of South Carolina,)
)
County of Cherokee.)

I, JOHN H. WILKINS, of Cherokee County, do make and declare the following to be my last will and testament, revoking all former wills made by me at any time.

ITEM ONE; I give, grant, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife, SUSAN, so long as she shall live, all the property that I die seized and possessed of, whether money, personalty, or real estate, and at her death, same to be equally divided, share and share alike, between my children, then living, the child or children of any deceased child to take the share his or their parent would have been entitled to, if living.

ITEM TWO; I give to my grandchild, CLARA HOWARD, One Dollar.

I hereby appoint as Executors of this my last will, my two sons, E. H. and J. R. WILKINS, with the right, after the death of my wife, to sell all my property at public or private sale, if they deem best, and make valid deeds therefor, in order to effectually carry out my wishes hereinabove expressed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 22nd day of October, 1927.

/s/ J. H. WILKINS (Seal)

The above will was signed by JOHN H. WILKINS, in our presence, and in the presence of each other, and we, at his request, have signed our names as witnesses to the same, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, this the 22nd day of October, 1927.

(See original file)
(Poole)
(Jefferies)

(Stamp) I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original on file in this office. Given under my hand and seal of office this 16th day of May, 1977.

W. ? Douglas
Judge Probate Court
Cherokee County, S. C.

WILL OF

JOHN HALL WILKINS
1852-1939

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	
)	
County of Cherokee)	IN THE PROBATE COURT
)	
Ex Parte: E. H. WILKINS)	
J. R. WILKINS)	PETITION TO PROVE WILL IN COMMON
Petitioner.S)	
)	
In Re Estate of:)	
JOHN H. WILKINS)	FORM OF LAW AND FOR LETTERS
Deceased.)	

To ROY C. COBB Probate Judge for said County:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents:

1. That JOHN H. WILKINS, who last dwelt in Gaffney, S.C. Rte. 6, in the County and State aforesaid, died testate on the 27TH. day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and 39 possessed of goods and estate to be administered.

2. That said deceased left a will, bearing date 22nd. day of October, 1927 and no codicil, bearing date day of herewith presented. Your petitioners hereby applies for letters of Testamentary for the reason that they are named in the will.

3. That under and by virtue of the terms of the will of the said testator the following are the beneficiaries therein named as legatees or devisees, whose names, ages, residence and relationship to the deceased appear below.

(Show all legatees and devisees by divisions into family groups. Bracket off each group and show opposite each bracket the name of the predeceased legatee or devisee through whom they take.)

Name	Age	Residence	Relationship
Susan Pacolet Wilkins	88	Gaffney, Rte 6	Wife
T. R. Wilkins	65	Jonesville, SC	son
Mrs. Eliza Wilkins Proctor	63	Gaffney, Rte. 6	daughter
J. G. Wilkins	61	Gaffney, Rte. 6	son
Mrs. C. S. Morris	57	Gaffney, SC	daughter
F. C. Wilkins	55	Gaffney, SC	son
Mrs. Gist Howell (dead)			
Mrs. Clara Howe	31	Hickory Grove, SC	Granddau.
Mrs. J. S. Howell	51	Gaffney, SC, R.1	daughter
Mrs. A. W. Kirby	49	Gaffney, SC, R.5	daughter
E. H. Wilkins	49	Jonesville, SC	son
J. R. Wilkins	46	Gaffney, SC, R. 6	son

*Enter the exact age at date of decedent's death if then living. If not then living, enter in the age column the word "dead".

WILL OF

JOHN HALL WILKINS
1852-1939

Partition to prove will. Re: JOHN HALL WILKINS (1852-1939)

4. That the testat or died seized and possessed of a personal estate of about the value of _____ dollars, consisting of the following moneys, goods and chattels:

- (a) Cash on hand and in banks..... 626.39
- (b) Moneys due testat _____ on account of bonds, mortgages and other securities.....
- (c) Corporate and governmental bonds and stocks.....
- (d) Open accounts due testat _____.....
- (e) Goods, wares, merchandise, furniture, machinery and equipment used in profession, trade or business.....
- (f) Household goods..... 15.00
- (g) Farming implements, machinery and equipment..... 10.00
- (h) Farm products.....
- (i) Mules, horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, etc..... 50.00
- (j) Automobiles, auto trucks, motorcycles, etc.....
- (k) Jewelry, silver plate, watches and other personal items.....
- (l) Life or other insurance.....
- (m) Value of all other personal property not listed above.....

5. That the testat or died seized and possessed of real estate of about the value of _____ (\$ _____) Dollars, as follows:

Note: The reverse side of this form was not available.

FROM THE GENEALOGICAL RECORDS OF

HELEN PEARSON WILKINS

(1922-1991)

KENTUCKY

Full Name - Commonwealth of Kentucky

Nickname - Bluegrass State

Joined the Union in 1792 (15th State)

Buried Treasures

SOUTH CAROLINA

Origin of name - In honor of Charles I of England.

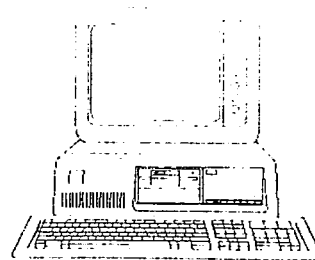
Nickname - Palmetto State

Joined the Union in 1788 (8th State)

COMPUTER CORNER

by William E. McCracken

Family Tree Maker-Upgrades



I recently ran across some information about *Family Tree Maker* that will interest some of you looking for new programs for Genealogy.¹ Or, I should say upgrades rather than new programs. For, as you may or may not know, *Banner Blue* has been on the cutting edge of Genealogical Software for several years now.

Generally speaking, I consider the *FTM* program to be one of the best for the beginner in Genealogical Computing. It is a very good choice for your first program. Anyway, *Banner Blue* has come up with two new upgrades of the *FTM* program; one for Windows and a CD-ROM edition. In the Windows edition, one can enter up 1,000,000 individuals per family file (most of us will never exceed this). Another neat thing is that all of your DOS version files are compatible with this Windows program.²

FTM still does all the great charts and reports prettier than anyone else, plus you get all the flexibility of Windows (TM) which means the neat font selections. Naturally, the GEDCOM utility is in the program and there is also a free-form notes utility so you can put in up to 15 pages of notes per record. New system requirements are: a 386 chip that is MS DOS compatible, at least 4MB of RAM, Windows 3.1 and a mouse, your printer must be compatible with Windows, you should have at least 3MB of Hard Drive space, and a VGA or better display.³ Finally, there are many other features, but one you learn to appreciate is that *FTM* has an automatic backup feature that initiates each time you use the program. You also get a 30 day refund guarantee . . . no questions asked.

The CD ROM version looks very interesting in the literature. The interesting part is the *FamilyFinder* (TM) utility that comes with the program. The utility includes over 150 million deceased people that apparently were taken from various sources such as the Social Security Death index, State and Federal records, U.S. census records (1790-1880), various state land records, and various marriage records (1600-1950). It is only an index, however. This could be a useful tool if your ancestors happen to be in the slice of data included. I understand that CD's including the data are going to or are already available for (you guessed it), an additional charge. With the prices of Archival CD's dropping like a rock these days, this might turn out to be a real super research tool for the amateur as well as professional genealogist! Before I forget, here is the contact information for *Banner Blue* Software. Phone (510) 795-4490. FAX (510) 795-4488. Phone lines are open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. (Pacific Time). Price for the Windows version is around \$40.00, but you may be able to find it for less. The CD ROM is retailing for about \$60.00. Shop around and save. See you next time.

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Reynolds	MA	#464
Reynolds	IN, NJ	#497
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Rice	IL, MA	#590
Richards	AL	#335
Richards	MA	#464
Richmond	GBR	#921
Riddick	NC	#717
Riley	MA	#464
Riley	AL, GA, SC	#579
Rinehart	VA	#901
Roan	PA	#540
Roberts	JAM	#548
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Robinson	MA, NH	#529
Robinson	PA	#540
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Womble	TN, AL	#585
Wood	NH	#529
Wood	NJ, OH	#573
Wood	AL, TN, GA, VA NC, SC	#613
Wood	GBR	#921
Woodburn	NC, VA, TN	#648
Woodham	AL, GA, SC, NC	#579
Worden	RI	#317
Wright	IL	#317
Wright	MA	#464
Yardley	MA	#464
Yardley	GBR	#921
Yates	NC, VA, TN	#648
Young	VA	#717
Zerkel	VA, PA	#464
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