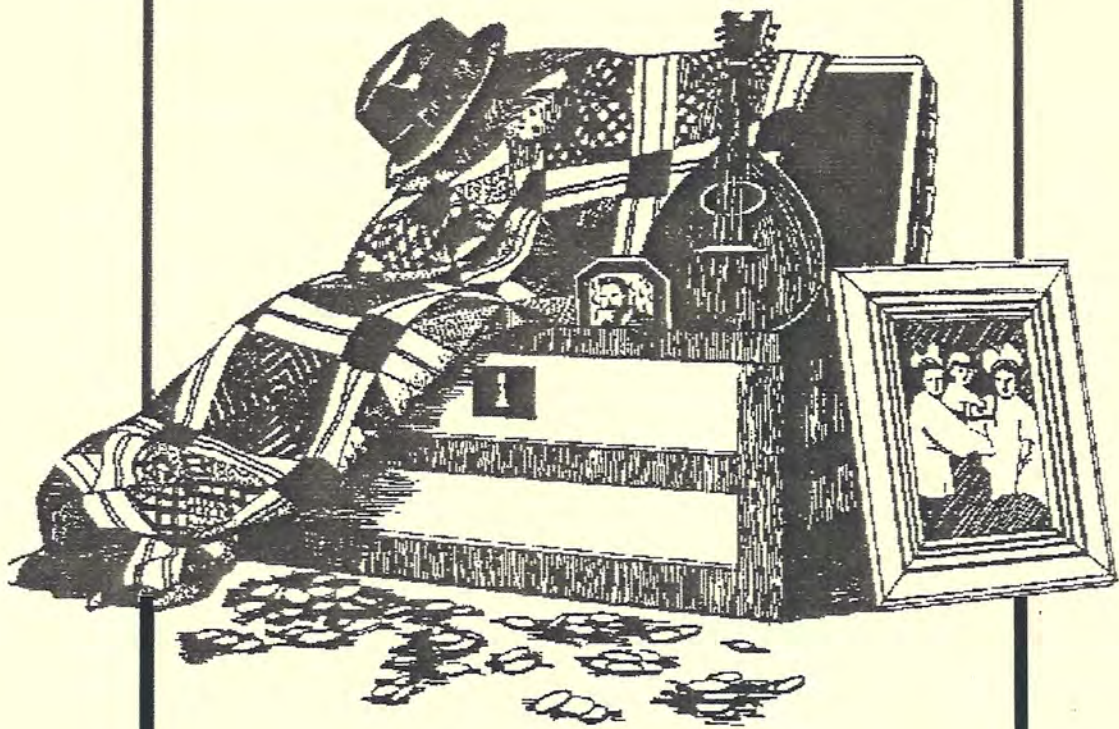


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## President's Message

Dear Members,

This has certainly been a busy summer for the board of your society. We've been busy planning for our vendor booth that we will have at the FGS/FSGS conference in September. We will be selling 17 different publications. Most of the thanks for the creation of these publications go to Betty Jo Stockton. She has had the help of other volunteers in the society who also walked the cemeteries and extracted records from the different repositories; however, we are most grateful to Betty Jo for all her hard work in getting these fantastic Orange County resources published.

I have spent many weeks this summer going through the contents of my 84-year-old dad's home in St. Louis. I had an estate auction to sell most of his belongings because he moved into a small retirement apartment. My parents had moved into their home in 1968 shortly after I married, and so there was a lifetime of memories there. Living 1000 miles away posed an enormous problem for me because I wanted to keep so many items that dad was not able to keep — items that had personal memories for me. I found old photos, his medals from WWII, family movies, documents, and memorabilia, some in the strangest places. What treasures! For the memorabilia that no family member was able to keep, I took a photo of the item to put into my scrapbook album. Fortunately, I was able to take the time to go through everything; otherwise I'm sure that documents and other treasured items would have been lost. I realize now more than ever the importance of keeping family documents organized, photos identified, and memorabilia documented.

I am really looking forward to the upcoming year for our society. Thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me as president. We have some exciting things planned for this year.

I want to hear from you about what you want from your society. Please email or call me with your suggestions about programs, activities, or any idea you have to improve the society. I'm hoping many of you can volunteer to assist us. You will meet new friends and enjoy helping others.

I hope to see many of you at the conference in September. It will be one not to miss!

"Memory is the guardian of all treasures." -- Cicero

*Elaine*

## Thoughts from your editor...

Is it worth the effort to dig out and send those pages from a diary, a family letter, Bible records or even a will or obituary to the Family History Library or a publication such as *Buried Treasures*? Let me tell you — results come in strange ways.

One of my best "finds" was a 12-page hand-written "family history" that had been sent to the Family History Library and filmed. I debated even sending for it as the title said merely "My Curtis Family" with no dates or locales. The thought of spending even \$3.30 for a 12 page long-shot did not appeal to my stingy nature. But those 12 pages were all about my Curtis family of Dearborn Co, IN — and gave me enough clues to trace several more generations. The lady had signed only her name, a small town in Iowa and a date 15 years past. I wrote to the 7 families with the name (Brown) in Otumwa, IA. One wrote back saying that the author was his aunt but she no longer lived there. She was now in a nursing home in another state and he gave me her address there. We corresponded, talked by phone and she sent family photos. One was of Elizabeth Adams CURTIS, our mutual ggggrandmother, taken in 1870 on the occasion of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. I'm in Florida; she's in Iowa; the Curtis family was in Indiana — and we're both descended from maternal lines. We would never have found each other!

Another find was in an old Ohio Genealogical Society journal that I found when Elmer Spears brought his library with him for the Ohio conference. I was leafing through periodicals and saw in the table of contents: "The Account Book of Joel WALLING." Joel Walling was a shoemaker in Columbus, OH who died in 1833 — and my gggrandfather. The book had been donated to the tiny Worthington, OH museum by a distant cousin and extracted by a museum volunteer. I was able to get a photocopy of the entire account book, which included the signature of his father-in-law (and my ggggrandfather), John BARNEY, who had evidently been doodling on the blank pages.

Neither of these were big documents or of much importance to any one else — but wonderful insights into my family history. I would never have known they existed if someone hadn't taken the time to send them in. *Buried Treasures* is indexed in PERSI, so what you send is accessible all over the world in both print and on-line. You never know who may be looking for just that bit of information that you have — but hadn't shared yet. It may be the distant cousin who has the very record you need.

*Betty Jo*

## **The BUMBY Family** by Ann Fishback Bennett

Joseph and Mary (Flowers Elderkine) BUMBY came from Londontown, England, across the Atlantic Ocean in 1873 with three very small children Ruth (5), Harry (3), and Alice Mary (1). They knew of a "cousin Jesse Bumby" living in Orlando and decided to visit him in Florida. There are some stories that he was planning on taking the family further North, but we have nothing definite about that. To this day, we cannot find the genealogical background of this "cousin Jesse" but we sure are glad he lived here!

We know that Mary Flowers ELDERKINE was first cousin to Joseph through his mother's sister Ann FLOWERS. When asked about it, they seemed amazed that anyone cared because they were "older", whatever that meant!

One story we have heard many times was that they were met by a flatbed wagon upon their arrival in Jacksonville. Mr. Bumby asked the driver if there would be a place to stop and eat on their way to Orlando. The driver assured him that there would be a place to stop. So on the way to Enterprise, where they were to take a ferry over to Melonville, the driver abruptly stopped and said, "Here is where we stop to eat." The problem was there was nothing there but a big tree. So Mrs. Bumby had the driver unload the trucks and they had "high tea" and some packed crumpets. Joseph returned to England several times in his life, but Mary never again took that journey, but then she had 9 children and a very large home, so maybe she had good reasons not to want to travel in those days. I wonder if she had any idea when she agreed to move to the United States, what lay ahead of her

Joseph delivered mail between Orlando and Melonville, (now Sanford). The forest trail was filled with Pine Trees and swamps. His horse carried the saddlebags each day except Sunday until a marked road became established and he changed his procedure to what is known as a "hack line." This allowed him to use one group of horses going North, and then changing to a new team. This trip was 6 hours each way!

When the railroad came to Florida, Joseph changed jobs. He became Orlando's first railroad agent. Since the train didn't come through town often he had lots of spare time so he built a small frame building on the north side of Church St to hold the freight office, hay and grain store and a warehouse. He sold the hay and grain when he was not loading or unloading the freight from the train.

Joseph homesteaded 140 acres of land with an orange grove. His family grew quickly. He built a stately family home on the property now occupied by the Red Cross. Notice the small hill as you ride North or South on Bumby Ave and you will see the knoll where the sidewalk entered the very large home.

In 1886, just 13 years after arriving in Orlando, Joseph built a brick hardware store, which was manned by his many sons long after his death in 1911. The hardware store known as Bumby Hardware was one the most important businesses in Orlando for many years providing saddles and hay, pots and pans, knives and tools. (My love of hardware stores was embedded very early and I can still get lost walking around in them, more than in any dress shop I've ever been in.) The store began having problems economically when Montgomery Ward moved into Orlando. A single business, no matter how large, could not compete in prices with the franchises. The family voted to close the store about 1965. It was later sold to Bob SNOW when he began to gather the buildings on both the North and South side of Church Street.

The large Bumby family has many branches. However all the descendants were female except for one male and he has no children. So the Bumby name of this branch will die out within the next 30-40 years. But, large constituents of Bumby females still live in the Central Florida area and we have had 3 reunions over the last 25 years. We have a family tree that continues to grow, making it harder and harder to keep up with more and more cousins.

I grew up next door to my Grandmother, Ella West BUMBY. My Grandfather, Harry, died 1 year to the day of my birth. He was a fisherman of some note, and was called Pop by everyone in my family. They married at the house of a friend in front of the fireplace in the now Normand-Perry Inn. They moved to Winter Garden so Pop could take care

of the Bumby Hardware set up in Winter Garden. He retired and built a small house on the property owned by my parents. He died about 1 year after moving, but Ella lived there alone until Dec.1969.

Leonard John Jr. was a charming young man. He went to UF but was tragically paralyzed with bad ether during a simple appendix operation when he was 21. He lived with his sister for a while, then moved into an apartment on Park Ave in WP and was "taken care of" by most of the restaurants and businesses throughout WP. He loved his family and genealogy and was doing a lot of research at the time of his death.

I remember my Aunt Ada better than any of the other original Bumby family. She moved into a house on Orange Ave 1 block North of Colonial Dr. The story goes that when her husband, William YOTHERS told her where they would be living, she told him she didn't think she could possibly move there because it was too far away from town! The house is still standing and I have fond memories of visits there with her and the family.

The 9 children of Joseph and Mary Bumby were: Ruth, Harry, Alice, Alfred, Charles, Joseph, Ada, Frank and Leonard. Here are the family dates as my elders have told me!

Ruth Elizabeth: B: in England 9/22/1868 D: 2/27/63  
Married: J. Sherman MOORE  
They had J. Sherman, Arthur Curtis, Doris Louise, and J. Milton.

Harry Edward B: in England 11/14/1870 D: 4/12/41  
Married: Ella WEST  
They had 1 boy - Joseph who died in WW1;  
2 girls: Ella (SADLER) and Florence (FISHBACK), my mother

Alice Mary: B: in England 12/11/1872 D: 1930  
Married: J. M MADDOX  
They had Francis J., Alexander, Ruth Elizabeth

Alfred William B: 6/16/1876 D: 9/16/1949  
Married: Mollie Willie DOLIVE.  
They had one girl, Pauline.

Charles Earnest B: 1/18/1878 D: 4/6/1951  
Never married. No children

.Joseph Franklin B: 2/18/1881 M: 7/23/1956  
Married: Ethel SMITH  
They had 1 boy, Joseph Stanley and 1 girl, Martha Flowers

Ada Anne B: 3/25/1884 D: 11/9/1973  
Married: William YOTHERS  
They had two girls, Eleanor (FISHER) and Jean who never married.

Frank Foster B: 9/25/1885 D: 1955  
Married: Elouise PETERSON. No children

Leonard John B: 3/12/1890 D: 1957  
Married: Susanna Marion JENKINS.  
They had three children, Leonard John, Rose Mary, Rita Rebecca (Becky)



Bumby Family



Bumby Home

## Misinterpretations, or What's Up With That?

By Juliana Smith

Kids seem especially prone to misinterpretations. Most of us have seen a child singing along to a song with his or her own interpretation of the lyrics. I remember both my nephew and my daughter singing along to the "Jungle Book" song "Bare Necessities." They both thought the song said ". . . forget about your worries and your stripes." They probably would have never thought of ". . . forget about your worries and your strife," because they probably weren't familiar with the word "strife."

As adults, we often still make the same mistakes. I still struggle with song lyrics and ask my husband, "What'd he say?" Or I just make up my own. (Sometimes they're better that way.) I know I'm not alone. There's even a Web site set up for people to post their favorite lyrical misinterpretations ([www.kissthisguy.com](http://www.kissthisguy.com)), and there are quite a few out there.

We may find ourselves making these same types of mistakes in our family history research, too. How often have we come across something we didn't quite understand or know the meaning of and insert our own interpretation because it seemed to work. By inserting our own interpretations we may be leading our research astray. It's also possible that someone else's misinterpretations have been inserted into a record. Let's take a look at some common mistakes that can lead us down the wrong path.

### **In the Creation of Records**

This is one you have probably heard about many times before. Picture the census taker arriving at the home of a newly immigrated family from Ireland. With a lovely Irish brogue, the head of the household proudly answers all of the questions, as the census taker, himself of Russian descent, struggles to understand just what he is saying. Early in the morning, this enumerator may be energetic and a little more particular about the way he records the entries, but as the day wears on and he trudges from house to house, meeting with a multitude of accents, he may become a little less attentive to detail.

The same can be said of the "contributing authors" of the documents we use to fill in our family histories. In researching an ancestress with a maiden name of Dwyer, I found entries for her in a compilation of baptismal records listed as Dwyer, Ware, Toire, Wire, and Weir—and these were all listings from the same parish. I can just see the priest (or priests) as he tried to record the data each time she came in to have her child baptized, scratching his head and wondering, "What'd she say?"

### **Twisted Grapevines**

Family stories are notorious for misinterpretations. These tales are passed from generation to generation "through the grapevine." Similar to the grapevine growing on the side of my house, the stories may start small. You can see where it started and follow its growth up the side of the house or trellis. But as time passes it grows and turns into this tangled and twisted mass of vines and leaves with seemingly no beginning and no end. It takes a lot of work (and basically a machete!) to try to find the base of the vine. Your best bet is to go to the root and follow it from there, weeding away all of the extraneous branches that lead off to nowhere.

Sometimes it helps to do a little historical digging around the family tale in question. My Aunt Ethel, who has an amazing record for being correct with the information she provided my mother, told us that the father of my great-great-grandfather came over with Lafayette from France to fight in the Revolution. But a little history lesson and some easy math pretty much disprove this tale. After looking at the dates in a historic context, we can estimate that if he came over with Lafayette as a young man in the 1770s, it would have made him somewhere in the vicinity of 80 years old by the time my great-great-grandfather was born. I have a feeling Aunt Ethel is wrong on this one. Who knows, maybe down the line we'll find someone else with a connection to Lafayette, but for now this family tale will have to stay on the back burner

## Abbreviations

The records we use are often rife with abbreviations. As we interpret these records, the meanings of the abbreviations may seem obvious, but often the abbreviations can be deceptive. >> For example, you locate a record that gives Mauckport, Ia. as the place of origin for one of your ancestors. Eureka! Yippee! WhooHoo! You have just located Great-great-grandpa Jones' place of origin in the mid-19th century! You're doing the "genealogists' happy dance!" But wait, a search for information on Mauckport, Iowa turns up nothing. You turn to old maps. Nothing. What's up with that? What was a great lead is turning into another dead end.

But wait, a little research on the abbreviation, Ia. tells you that Ia. can be either (1) Iowa or (2) old abbreviation for Indiana. (*Abbreviations and Acronyms for the Family Historian*, by Kip Sperry). Aha! Quite a big difference if you are looking for great-grandpa Jones' records!

## Poor Penmanship

I saw a post a while back on a list, where a woman was complaining rather vehemently about the censuses being so hard to read. She thought it would be much better if someone typed them all out for her. While no one loves a census enumerator with sloppy handwriting, I don't want someone else trying to interpret the entries of my family and their neighbors for me. Chances are they will not be familiar with my family names. They will not be familiar with the neighborhood and be able to spot familiar names like I could. I would much rather see the actual entries for myself and be able to judge for myself what the enumerator was trying to get across.

One of the best tricks for reading sloppy handwriting, is to look at other examples that are clearer and compare the letters and the way they were formed. Try duplicating the writing yourself. As you go through the motions that he did, you may find it easier to decipher the entry.

## Tricks Our Mind Can Play

If it's not bad enough with all the problems that faulty records cause for us, sometimes our own minds can play tricks on us. That date you are extracting from a burial record, is it the date of death or the burial date? Is that a birth date or baptism date? Are you forming assumptions about your ancestors as far as their ethnicity, religion, relationships, etc.?

Sometimes it helps if we list, "just the facts, ma'am." My favorite way to do this is with a timeline. Long time readers have heard this from me many times, but it really works. You don't need any fancy formats or software—I typically just use word processing software or a spreadsheet. You can even do it using index cards. Just gather all your data on the individual or family in question and start listing events in chronological order. I always include the corroborating sources for each event so that if I happen to run into something that doesn't quite fit, I can analyze the sources I used and try to determine what is correct. An example of a timeline I created for one of my ancestors is online at: [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

## So What Can We Do?

If we seem to be at a dead end, maybe it is time to go back and reevaluate all the evidence. We can make sure we are looking at the evidence in the context of the time and place it was created and a little history of the times can shed some light on the problems we encounter. We can look for those flags that will tip us off that something is wrong with our (or someone else's) interpretation of the facts.

So how do we know if we are falling victim to a misinterpretation? Using our "Jungle Book" example, ". . . forget about your worries and your stripes," Baloo the bear didn't have stripes. The boy, Mowgli didn't have stripes. So why were they singing about stripes? Bottom line—if you have to ask "What's up with that?" maybe it's time for a closer look.

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## Historical Sentries - Carl Patterson

by Toni Daylor

*Southwest Orlando Bulletin*, July 5, 2003

Progress is good. But sometimes rapid growth of an area can create an unintentional casualty — the loss of historical relevance. Fortunately for Southwest Orlando, two men are on a mission to preserve the area's history and pass it on as a legacy for future generations to learn and appreciate.

### Carl Patterson

He has been called the history guru of Southwest Orange County — an epitaph well-deserved for long-time Windermere resident Carl Patterson. He is the one to go to for facts, statistics, history and folklore of the Windermere and Gotha areas.

In 1961, Patterson and his wife, Martha “Jane,” moved to a three-acre lot off Apopka- Vineland Road, across from what is now the Dr. Phillips cemetery.

At the time, Southwest Orlando was not as populated as it is today, and this area was considered to be out in the country. The couple chose the remote area for the land needed to accommodate the horses their children, Carol and Robert, rode in regional horse shows. Although the Pattersons did not live “in town” they were involved in the Windermere community through school activities, church functions, and social gatherings.

Patterson worked as an operations analyst for Lockheed Martin Corp., formerly Martin-Marietta, until he decided to use his knowledge of the surrounding communities and begin a career in the real estate industry. His acumen of the Southwest area was evident when he successfully started Windermere Realty in 1973, assumed the position of president of the Orlando Area Board of Realtors in 1984, and later was designated as a life member of the Greater Orlando Association of Realtors.

“Carl Patterson probably got me to where I am today,” said Judy Black, current owner of the Windermere-based Main Street Realtors Inc.

Black began working as a Realtor for Patterson in the early '80s. “In the early stages of my career, he was a real mentor to me,” she said. “He is very knowledgeable, and I still periodically turn to him for advice,” she said.

Black purchased Windermere Realty from Patterson in 1989, merging it into her current business, Main Street Realtors Inc. Patterson maintains his real estate license.

“He still keeps his hand in the business,” Black said. “Every once in a while, I will find a little note on my desk from him.”

Actively involved in the community, the natural path for Patterson to follow was one of public service. He served as Windermere's mayor from 1980 to 1984, after which he immediately assumed the position of town planner/historian — a post he currently maintains.

However, Patterson has not always been a history buff. He actually fell into the role when, during his early years as the town planner, he was commissioned to formulate a comprehensive town plan for Windermere. While looking for the necessary historical background needed for the project, he discovered that there was not one place a person could go to find facts pertaining to the area. The only documents he had were two four-page articles written by a couple of local women. He began the daunting task of recording more than 100 years of history by creating a notebook containing 26 pages of lined paper, each page labeled with a letter from A through Z, on which he would record interesting tidbits of information about individuals relevant to that page's letter. Many years and more than 50 completed four-inch binders later, Patterson continues to be dedicated to his task. He



clips articles relevant to Windermere, Gotha and surrounding areas from the most recent issues of Orlando Sentinel, Southwest Orlando Bulletin and West Orange Times.

He has written five grant applications and was instrumental in the National Registry of Historical Places designation of the Palm Gardens, which is the location of the Henry Nehrling house; Windermere Town Hall; the 1890 Windermere Schoolhouse; and the Calvin "Cal" Palmer Memorial building, where the antique shop, Finders Keepers, resides on Main Street.

Patterson made his own history June 5, 1944. While serving in the European theater during World War II, his battalion was among those who liberated Rome. Noticing a throng of people moving toward Vatican Square, he found himself in the audience of the Pope as he publicly thanked the troops and citizens for their efforts in the liberation of Rome.

Many of his wartime memorabilia are currently displayed at the Orange County Regional History Center's exhibit, Florida Remembers WWII. The center incorporated information Patterson chronicled in "German Prisoners of War in Orlando Area and Florida WWII," a paper he prepared for the Central Florida Genealogy Society.

Patterson has been instrumental in furthering the history center's research materials. His complete histories of Windermere and Gotha, which are a part of the center's archives, are available to anyone interested in learning more about Southwest's past.

"It is evident that Carl realizes the importance of documenting local history, and we at the history center value Carl's tireless efforts toward that goal," said Michael Perkins, OCRHC's curator. "His research and documentation of Windermere and Gotha serve to preserve and help others appreciate Orange County's rich heritage." Perkins, who also hosts the TV program Orange County Scrapbook, first met Patterson six years ago as he was preparing for a TV show on the topic of Windermere.

"I remember that I spoke with him on the phone first, then he showed up for the taping and was thoroughly prepared to discuss Windermere's history," Perkins said.

Since then, Patterson has appeared numerous times as a guest commentator on the history center's TV show.

As a testament to the example he has set, his grandson, Robert "Chase" Patterson, a fourth-grader at Central Florida Christian Academy, went beyond the minimum requirements to write an essay about his hometown of Oakland.

In true Patterson fashion, his finished product was an 85-page document of the town's history, facts and traditions. It appears that Carl has successfully taught the value of historical relevance to at least one member of the next generation.

The second half of the article featured Rod Reeves of Winter Garden and will be continued in another issue.

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Editor's note: Carl is an active member of CFGS and has contributed a number of articles for publication in *Buried Treasures*. He will be speaking at the CFGS daytime meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> about the research behind a town history.

## Ask the Expert... Spelling Variations

### Question (from Sallie Belperche):

The only reference I have for female ancestor Amy Gamblin is the third printing of her obituary (died 1826). It first appeared in a Lynchburg, VA, newspaper (which I have not located), then in a Boston publication (reference is incorrect), and finally in Virginia Genealogist. I have found errors in the third printing, so I'm not sure how much of the obituary to believe. What variant spellings should I look for to find Gamblin? I haven't found anything in the "G" indices that seems to be a variant. However, I have found Hamblin/Hamblen - in the approximate location and timeframe. Should I pursue, at least for the present time, the Hamblin/Hamblen name, while continuing to look for Gamblin or some variant? Any other possibilities I should consider?

### About our expert...

Amy Lerner Giroux, CG<sup>SM</sup> is a professional researcher, lecturer, and award-winning writer whose specialties are New York City and the Lower Hudson Valley. She has published in the *NGS Quarterly* and elsewhere, lectures at Samford University's IGHR, and is a director of the Florida State Genealogical Society. With over 18 years experience in software development and project management, Amy serves the Board for Certification of Genealogists as its webmaster.

Ed. Note: Amy is a CFGS member and has been a speaker at several CFGS Daytime meetings. She will be on the slate of speakers at the NGS Conference in September.

### Answer (from Amy Giroux):

Obituaries and death certificates are prone to errors. The informant is under emotional stress and may give the wrong information. You must have some other information about Amy's family group since you mentioned that the obituary copy in *The Virginia Genealogist* contains errors. Presumably, the obituary mentioned where she died and possibly a burial location. Have you had an opportunity to check for a death/burial record and probate for Amy? These sources may yield some new information. I would also pursue her husband's records - land, military, probate, etc. Their children's records may also point to her origins. It's possible that the children received an inheritance from her parents. If there are abstracts of wills (and the wills themselves) available for the county where she died, check for her family, associates and neighbors. In earlier days, women rarely generated records of their own. Only through the records of their male contemporaries are you apt to find mention of women.

When looking for variant spellings of a surname, I have found two online resources to be quite helpful. The first resource is the Rootsweb Mailing List for the surname. The lists are available at [lists.rootsweb.com](http://lists.rootsweb.com). These mailing lists are archived and you may search by keyword or browse the entries. I look through the archived messages to find the variations that others have encountered. For the Gamblin list there were the following variations: Gambling, Gamlin, and Gamelin. Some researchers posted Gimlin also, but there is a separate list for that surname.

The second resource that has been helpful is [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org). The search will select surnames similar to the name you enter - just be sure not to check the "Use Exact Spelling" option. For Gamblin, it came up with the same variations as Rootsweb along with two other spellings: Gamblen and Gamblyn.

The Hamblin/Hamblen name, though similar, appears to be a separate surname not a variation. Familysearch.org has quite a few entries for that surname and Rootsweb has separate lists for the two spellings you mentioned. I would hold off pursuing those records until you have exhausted Gamblin opportunities.

## Multiple men with the same name

### Question (from Sallie Belperche):

Help! I'm trying to determine the parents/siblings of several of my female Virginia ancestors. Everything I've read says to research wills, deeds, and court records. I'm in the process of doing just that. However, it's turning into a mass of papers that don't seem to help. I've copied everything I've found on the specific surnames, but haven't had any luck to date. Am I missing something in my research, or have I just not found the "right" documents? One dilemma this research has created is multiple persons with the same name (first and last names, no middle names). Does anyone have a method of determining if some of my "multiples" are the same person? I suspect that is the case, but don't want to "assume".

### Examples:

*grantee on 1785 deed,  
grantee on 1786 deed,  
married in 1767 (different county from  
deeds but close by),  
will probated 1800,  
1815-property owner of land in same  
county as 1785 & 1786 deeds,  
1815-property owner of land in same  
county (but different location than  
previous listing),  
married in 1815,  
married in 1804,  
married in adjacent county in 1799,  
married in same adjacent county in 1786,  
married in same adjacent county in 1794*

The above examples happen to be William with several variant spellings of surname (sometimes more than one spelling in same document!). How many different persons are listed above?? Help in "containing" this mess will be greatly appreciated!

### Answer (from Amy Giroux):

"The name's the same" has always been a dilemma for genealogists. When you have multiple individuals in the same area with the same name, you must collect not only the records associated with the commonly named men (or women), but also the records of their neighbors and associates. Research of this type involves a lot of documents, but to accurately reconstruct the family groups the collection of all associated documents is vital. To start, you need to analyze all of your current documents before collecting more. You may already have some of the "right" ones and your analysis will help point you towards others.

Analyze each document for the names of other individuals besides William. Determine if any names are common across the various documents. This isn't necessarily proof the Williams are the same, but it strengthens your case. Make a list of all these neighbors and associates.

If you can, try to estimate birth years for these men and create a timeline. Do the marriages record the ages of the bride and groom? Learn the laws regarding legal age for the place and timeframe of your search. Normally men could sell real property at 21. Also, most men married in their early to mid-twenties. Use these age estimates and your timeline to help in your analysis. For example, if the William who married in 1804 were in his mid-twenties, he would have been born circa 1779. Therefore, he would not be the William purchasing land in 1785-6, since he would be approximately six years old. Timelines can help determine which documents belong to which William.

Land transactions are another helpful source for commonly named men. Descriptions of the property usually contain references to adjacent neighbors. You have two deeds listed where a William (or two) has purchased land. Are the plots adjacent? Are there any common neighbors? Is there a wife mentioned in the deed? Find the dispersal of these pieces of property. A son or daughter may be the grantee on the deed of sale for that property. The sale should also have the wife's release of her rights to the property. Finding these associated names will help sort out the records for each individual.

Your list also mentions six marriages and a will. Having a wife's name is quite helpful in grouping individuals. It is possible of course, that some of these Williams married multiple times. If you know the wife's maiden name, you now have a wider group of associates that may have generated the "right" document(s).

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## Will of Henry WIRTZ - St Louis, MO, 1893

by Elaine Powell

While in St. Louis early this summer, I attended a meeting of the St. Louis Genealogical Society, where I am also a member because my mom's family settled in St. Louis in the 1850-1875-time period. The man that presented the program talked about his rescue of St. Louis court records from the 1700 & 1800's that were doomed for the trash. He and a staff of university student volunteers are cleaning and filming old court documents. Among those old documents was a probate file, 52 pages long for my third great grandfather, Henry WIRTZ. I ordered a copy of the whole probate file, which cost me a mere \$5.20. There was one page that held a wealth of family information. The contents of that will, Case number 10849, Microfilm reel number C36272 is listed below:

*I, Henry WIRTZ, of the City of St. Louis and State of Missouri, being of sound mind, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament: First. It is my wish and desire that all my just debts & funeral expenses shall be paid. Second, I give and bequeath to Rev. E. HORYNCK Rector of St. Liborius Catholic Church the sum of Fifty \$50.00 Dollars to be applied for reading of masses. Third, I give and bequeath to my son Peter WIRTZ and to my daughter Mary KURSTER, widow of John H. KURSTER each the sum of one third (1/3) of my estate. Fourth, The remainder of one those (1/3) of my estate I give and bequeath in equal share to my grand-children, namely Frederick WIRTZ, Henry WIRTZ, Theodore WIRTZ, Cecelia MEIER, wife of Herman MEIER, Bertha WILKE, wife of Edward J. WILKE & Henrietta POOL, wife of Frederick POOL and to them & their heirs and assigns forever. Fifth, To my grandson, Frederick WIRTZ, I give & bequeath all of my household furniture and a set of carpenter tools. Sixth, I hereby nominate and assign Anton REISING as Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any & all former wills by me made & I further declare this to be my last will and testament.*

Armed with the information from the will, I could not pass up the opportunity to visit the St. Louis County Library, which houses some **wonderful** genealogical materials. My time there was very short (only three hours,) so I went prepared to look up one record – the death notice of Henry WIRTZ in the microfilm records of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Since I had the name of the church from the will (St. Liborius) and I had his exact date of death (Nov. 13, 1893) from both a death certificate and the cemetery record, I found the death notice quickly by using the date index. Without that church and date info, the search would have taken many hours, since the archdiocese records are not indexed by name. Eureka! And there it was, his “real” name – Heinrich WIRTZ. He was listed as Henry Wirtz on other documents, including his will. It appeared that the church (a German Catholic church) used his real German birth name for that death record list. This knowledge will hopefully make my search for a record in Germany easier.

I also found a City of St. Louis History book that gave me detailed information about the history of St. Liborius parish, along with a photo that I copied.

See the following page for three generations of the family of Henry WIRTZ.

## Descendants of Henry Wirtz      St Louis, Missouri

- 1 Henry Wirtz      b: 1805 in Prussia      d: November 13, 1893 in St. Louis, MO  
Naturalization: December 14, 1858  
+ married unknown b: in Prussia d: Bef. 1870
- 2 Theodore WIRTZ b: Abt. 1830 in Prussia d: Bet. 1873 - 1880 in St. Louis, MO  
Naturalized: March 23, 1861  
+Wilhelmina KEISKER b: Bet. 1836 - 1838 in Hanover, Germany m: Abt. 1858  
d: December 13, 1889 in St. Louis, MO
- 3 Ida WIRTZ      b: 1859 in Missouri      d: Bef. 1911
- 3 Cecellia WIRTZ      b: 1862 in Missouri      d: Aft. 1893  
+Herman MEIER      d: Aft. 1893
- 3 Frederick P. WIRTZ      b: September 30, 1865 in St. Louis, MO  
d: November 25, 1911 in St. Louis, MO      m: February 07, 1886 in St. Louis, MO  
+Elizabeth "Lizzie" SHERLOCK      b: September 30, 1863 in County Cork, Ireland  
d: March 20, 1921 in St. Louis, MO
- 3 Bertha WIRTZ b: 1867 in Missouri      d: Aft. 1911  
+Edward J. WILKE      d: Aft. November 1893
- 3 Henry WIRTZ      b: 1869 in Missouri      d: Bef. 1911
- 3 Theodore WIRTZ      b: 1872 in Missouri
- 3 Henrietta "Hattie" WIRTZ b: 1873 in Missouri d: Aft. November 1893  
+Frederick POOL d: Aft. November 1893
- 2 Anna "Annie" WIRTZ      b: 1843 in Prussia      d: July 21, 1884 in St. Louis, MO
- 2 Peter WIRTZ      b: 1848
- 2 Mary WIRTZ      d: Aft. November 1893  
+John H. KURSTER/KURSTEN      d: Bef. November 1893

### Henry Nehrling's Gardens to be saved

By a vote of 4-3, the Orange County Commission voted to provide funding toward the purchase of Palm Gardens, the home and gardens of Henry NEHRLING. The house of heart pine and cypress and 6 acres of land are all that remain of pioneering horticulturist Henry NEHRLING'S homestead and 40-acre test gardens that he tended in the late 1800s and early 1900s when Gotha was a fledgling German settlement.

The Henry Nehrling Society has been working to raise funds and to convince the county to buy the property so it can be preserved as a museum and historic botanical garden. Nancy DECKER, associate professor of German at Rollins College in Winter Park, spoke with CFGS members at our meeting in October 2000 about the historic significance of the Nehrling property and the botanical research of Henry Nehrling. Many of the plants surrounding our Florida homes are due to his early research — caladiums, palms, bamboos, bromeliads, gloriosa lilies and many others.

CFGS member Barbara BOCHIARDY currently owns the former Nehrling home and has been active in working towards its preservation. The home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the state's list of significant historic properties.



Palm Cottage

**Funny Geography**

**Court Order - Hannah Hamblin - Hawkins County, NC? 1789**

by Sallie Belperche

The deed (1789) that prompted the court order indicates grantors as John and Hannah Hamblin of North Carolina, Hawkins county.

Deed (recorded in Prince Edward County, VA in 1785) indicates grantor as David Hamblin of county of Spencer, state of Franklin. Here again, *The Redbook* comes in handy: "Settlers on the frontier of present-day East Tennessee formed the independent State of Franklin in 1784. Lasting only four years, it failed in 1788."

*Virginia, Prince Edward County, to wit, The Commonwealth of Virginia. To Thomas Amis & John Cox Gentlemen Justices of Hawkins, Greeting. Whereas John Hamblin by his certain Indenture of bargain and Sale, bearing date the thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Nine hath sold and conveyed unto John Perkinson Two hundred and sixty two Acres of Land more or less with the appurtenances, lying and being in State of Virginia and County of Prince Edward, and whereas Hannah Hamblin wife of the said John Hamblin cannot conveniently travel to our Court of our said County of Prince Edward, to make Acknowledgment of the said Conveyance. Therefore we do give unto you, or any two or more of you power to Receive the Acknowledgment of the said Conveyance. Therefore we do give unto you, or any two or more of you power to receive the Acknowledgment which the said Hannah Hamblin shall be willing to make before you of the Conveyance aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which is hereunto Annexed - And we do therefore Command you that you do personally go to the said Hannah Hamblin and receive her acknowledgment of the, and examine her privily and apart from the said John Hamblin her husband, whether she doth the same freely and Voluntarily without his persuasions or threats, and whether she be willing that that the same should be record in our County Court of Prince Edward aforesaid, and when you have Received her Acknowledgment and Examined her as aforesaid, that you distinctly and openly Certify us thereof in our said Court under your Seals, Sending then there the said Indenture & this Writ. Witness Francis Watkins, Clerk of our said Court at the Court House the Eighteenth day of February 1789 - In the 13th year of the Commonwealth.*

*F Watkins, C C, P,E,C*

*Territory of the United States of America South of the River Ohio Hawkins County. We do Certify that we have privately examined Hannah Hamblin wife of John Hamblin & She does freely and Voluntarily Renounce & Quit any Claim of Right of Dowor that she has to the within Conveyed land and she does it without any fear or dread of her Husband or any other person whatsoever Given Under Our hands this Twelfth day of November 1790*

*Thomas Amis / John Cox*

*I Richard Mitchell do Certify that Thomas Amis & John Cox Eqrs are Justices of the Peace in and for the said County Given Under my hand at Office this 12 of November 1790*

*Richard Michell C,H,C*

*At a Court held for Prince Edward County April the 18th 1791 - This Commission with Certificate of the Execution thereon endorsed was returned and Ordered to be recorded.*

*Teste F Watkins, C C*

Source: Prince Edward County, VA, deed book 9, page 45

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This is of interest for several reasons:

- 1) women didn't have many rights, until they had to give up their dower rights
- 2) the instructions were so specific that she be examined privately to determine she wasn't giving up her dower rights under pressure. [I know this was routinely done, but the wording is so harsh.]
- 3) the geographic location - "Territory of the United States of America South of the River Ohio". Instead of checking an atlas to see where the Ohio River is, I pulled *Redbook*. Ohio - no Hawkins county, Kentucky - no Hawkins, West Virginia - no Hawkins, Tennessee - aha! - Hawkins county. But is it the correct one? Yes! In the introductory page for Tennessee, I discovered that in 1790 "Congress created the 'Territory South of the River Ohio' " [in present-day Tennessee].

Wills are also quite useful because they name family members and associates of the person. The witnesses to the will are usually related to the decedant, or they may be business associates.

Once you have analyzed your documents and made your list and timeline, it's time to research those neighbors and associates. This should dig up more references to the men named William. For instance, he should appear as an adjacent landowner on his neighbors land transactions. These other documents will supply the clues that will help you sort our your men. Only by collecting all of the documents concerning the commonly named individuals and their associates will you be able to correctly determine who is who.

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**Fairview News**

Fairview, Feb. 5, 1889

H. B. McDonald, from Virginia, and his brother M. R. McDonald, who has been for some years extensively engaged in stock raising in Wyoming Territory, arrived at our place a few days ago. Mr. McDonald brought his family from Wyoming to Virginia where they remained, with friends and kindred, till he should prepare for them here. They were to be here before this but Mr. McDonald has the sad news that his little daughter of five summers, and the youngest of five children, is seriously sick with pneumonia, so their coming is delayed indefinitely.

On last Saturday afternoon, as Dr. E. Martin was returning from Orlando in his wagon, some portion of the harness became loose as he drove up to the Livingston station. The doctor was quietly repairing the broken harness when the mule, a fine, stout fellow, became frightened from some unknown cause and ran away, breaking the wagon and scaring Mr. S. A. Robinson's horse that stood hitched to a wagon near by, causing him to run away and break his wagon up generally. Fortunately there was no one hurt.

Mrs. L. N. Giles and her infant daughter are both seriously ill and require the help of the neighbors to sit up with them at nights, they have been sick for some weeks and the family are in need of rest.

The Bible class meets at the school house ever (sic) Sunday afternoon, and grows in interest, but we need help.

The *Reporter* says Orlando is "wet and very wet," but here 'tis dry and very dry, says everybody to everybody else.

DRIFT.

*DRIFT - is possibly the name of the neighborhood newspaper or just the name of the column . Fairview was the community at what is now Silver Star & #441. It was also called Livingston & Fairvilla. This article are from the memorabilia of Elijah Martin, great grandfather of Mark Heatherington. Submitted by Claire H. Heatherington.*

## CRAB GRASS CREEK CEMETERY

Located Within The Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area  
Osceola County, Florida - Section 30 Township 27 S Range 34 E  
Compiled by: Sharon Limbrecht Lynch April 2003

NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	INFORMATION
COLLINS, Victoria A.	1 Apr 1908	22 May 1934	Dau. of Andrew Wilson CROSBY & Catherine HART; A.=Agnes; married Lee Collins; place of death: LaBelle, FL (stone marker)
CROSBY, A. W.	5 Apr 1856	8 Nov. 1930	Son of Daniel CROSBY & Harriet SIMMONS (stone marker)
CROSBY, Andrew W.	18 Mar 1900	16 Feb. 1924	Son of Andrew Wilson CROSBY & Catherine HART (stone marker)
CROSBY, Catherine	22 Mar 1863	8 May 1947	Widow; Age: 84 yrs. 1 mo. 16 days; husband: A. W. CROSBY (Catherine HART & Wilson CROSBY were married on March 5, 1882 in Conway, Orange Co., FL); place of birth: Ft. Christmas, FL; parents: John HART (NC) Frances TAYLOR (NC); informant: Raulerson; length of residence where death occurred: 43 yrs. Holopaw; buried: May 10, 1947 at Deer Park, Fla. cemetery (stone marker)
CROSBY, Lois			This may be the daughter of Kenneth CROSBY & Bertha DAVIS who lived in the Bull Creek area according to the 1920 & 1930 Census for Osceola Co.) (aluminum marker=Lois)
CUBBEDGE, "Denkem"	19 Apr 1879	19 Oct. 1918	Married; parents: not listed; place of death: Deer Park; Occupation: logging (Union Cypress Co.); informant: Mrs. Y. TINDALL, Kissimmee, Fla; Vital Statistic Death Record lists name as Dinkam CUBBAGE; genealogical research: William Robert CUBBEDGE born: April 19, 1879; buried: Deer Park (aluminum marker and wooden hitching rail with 3 wooden plaques with "Denkem" "Haughty" & year "1918")
CUBBEDGE, "Haughty"	20 Jan. 1898	27 Oct. 1918	Husband: William Robert "Denkem" CUBBEDGE; dau. of Young TINDALL & Nora SULLIVAN; Hortense "Haughty" Tindall; buried: Deer Park (aluminum marker and wooden hitching rail with 3 wooden plaques with "Denkem" "Haughty" & year "1918")
GLENN, Owen Carl	1936	1996	Aluminum & bronze grave marker
HALL, Kizzie	July 1884	26 Oct. 1923	Married Lewis H. HALL on May 26, 1906 Osceola Co., FL; dau. of Isaac Mills LANIER & Keziah "Betty" Elizabeth MILLS; informant: Ethel BRONSON, Kissimmee; place of birth: Fla.; place of death: Kissimmee; Vital Statistic Death Record lists name as Kissie Hall and parents: I. Lanier (GA) & Betty Mills (Fla.); buried: Osceola Co. (aluminum marker)
JELLISON, Donald O.	23 Nov. 1929	14 Feb. 2000	Granite headstone with "We love you" written below name & dates. There is a 10 point buck engraved in lower right corner of headstone; cremated



NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	INFORMATION
LANIER, Infant Daughter	21 Sept. 1919	21 Sept. 1919	Stillborn; parents: Corbett LANIER (Osceola Co.) & Leonora FRENCH (GA); place of death: Deer Park; Informant: Mrs. T.M. LANIER, Deer Park; buried: Deer Park (no marker)
LANIER, Isaac "Babe" Mills	4 Sept. 1854	3 April 1936	Age: 81; Married: wife listed as Betty LANIER, Deer Park (Keziah "Betty" Elizabeth MILLS); place of birth: Hernando Co., FL; parents: Isaac Mills LANIER (GA) & Catherine WATSON (GA); place of death: Deer Park; informant: wife Betty; length of residence: 16 yrs.; occupation: farmer; buried: Deer Park (aluminum marker=Babe)
LANIER, James Corbett	7 Nov. 1893	20 Feb. 1922	Age: 28; Married (Lenora FRENCH on Jan. 30, 1919, Osceola Co., FL); parents: Isaac M. LANIER (Sumpter Co., Fla.) & Caroline E. MILLS (Sumpter Co., Fla.); informant: Mrs. Julia RAULERSON, Deer Park, Fla.; name listed as Jas. Corbett Lanier on Vital Statistic Death Records; buried: Deer Park (aluminum marker=Corbett)
LANIER, Katherine	17 Mar 1816	15 Jan. 1895	Wife of Isaac Mills LANIER (Mary Catherine WATSON & Isaac Mills LANIER were married Aug. 29, 1832 at a settlement in Payne's Prairie, Alachua Co., FL) a wrought iron fence surrounds this large monument which was brought up the St. Johns River by boat from Jacksonville, then transported to this wilderness cemetery by wagon. Her husband Isaac Mills LANIER rests on the west bank of the old run of the Kissimmee River at Cornwell near Bassinger. His tombstone matches Catherine's and also has a wrought iron fence around it. Isaac was born Sept. 19, 1811 and died on May 29, 1892. His parents were Melintha MILLS & Hardy LANIER. (stone monument)
LANIER, Keziah "Betty" Elizabeth	11 Jan 1865	18 Mar 1941	Born in Dade City, FL died in Deer Park, FL; Maiden name: Mills; wife of Isaac Mills LANIER (md. 22 yrs. (ie: married about 1878) per 1900 Census Osceola Co., FL; 1910 Census Osceola Co., FL lists 10 children with 8 living; 1930 Census Osceola Co., FL lists age as 65) (aluminum marker=Betty)
LANIER, Lambert H. "Lamb"	Nov. 1891		Son of Isaac Mills LANIER & Keziah "Betty" Elizabeth Mills (aluminum marker "Lamb")
LANIER, Mary Elon	18 Sept. 1901	2 Dec. 1917	Age: 16; Parents: Isaac LANIER (Fla.) & Elizabeth MILLS (Fla.); place of death: Deer Park; informant: Elizabeth LANIER, Deer Park; buried: Deer Park, Fla. (aluminum marker=Elon)

Note from compiler: Noah Clayton RAULERSON said he and his father had buried many of these pioneers in this cemetery. Before Clayton died in 2001 he told me that there were 87 burials in this little pioneer cemetery but time had taken its toll and he could not remember all their names. He said "if you would have asked me a few years earlier, I could have given you all their names and where each of them were buried in the cemetery". The aluminum markers only had names and their birth, death and family information came from the Vital Statistics Books located at the Osceola County Historical Museum on Bass Road in Kissimmee. Most of the ones listed with "no marker" also came from these books. The headstones located at the cemetery provided the other names and dates. Genealogical research also provided family relationship information.

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**Florida State Census - 1885 Orange County, Florida**

(Film M845 Roll #10 at Orlando Library & Archives; #088971 at Family History Center.)

Page	House hold	Name	Race	Age/ Sex	Relation to head of household	Marital status	Birthplace of self/ father/ mother	Occupation
30	276	Wilson, Robt	W	64M	Head	M	Nova Scotia/Nova Scotia/Nova Scotia	Captain (sea)
30	276	Wilson, Alice M.	W	30F	Wife	M	IA/OH/OH	-
30	276	Wilson, Alice M.	W	9F	Dau	S	IA /Nova Scotia/IA	-
30	276	Wilson, Robt	W	6M	Son	S	IA /Nova Scotia/IA	
30	277	Johnson, W. G.	W	49 M	Head	M	MS/MS/MS	Teacher
30	277	Johnson, M. E.	W	34 F	Wife	M	MS/TN/TN	-
30	277	Johnson, R. W.	W	11 M	Son	S	MS/MS/MS	-
30	278	Holland, E. I.	W	50 M	Head	M	KY/KY/?	Woodwork
30	278	Holland, Amanda	W	50 F	Wife	M	KY/NY/KY	-
30	278	Holland, R. L.	W	17 M	Son	S	KY/KY/KY	Woodwork
31	278	Holland, Nate	W	21 F	Dau	S	KY/KY/KY	-
31	278	Holland, Ed. I.	W	19 M	Son	S	KY/KY/KY	-
31	278	Holland, Roberta	W	16 M	Son	S	KY/KY/KY	-
31	278	Holland, Danl	W	13 F	Dau	S	KY/KY/KY	-
31	279	Brigham, A. D.	W	28 M	Head	M	ME/ME/ME	Painter
31	279	Brigham, L. I.	W	26 F	Wife	M	VT/VT/VT	-
31	280	Crowther, H. G.	W	23 M	Head	M	MD/ ? /MD	Freght Agt RR
31	280	Crowther, F. B.	W	22 F	Wife	M	MD/MD/MD	-
31	280	Williams, Mason	W	57 MW	Head	M	MD/MD/MD	Ice Agent
31	280	Williams, Mary A.	W	53 F	Wive	M	MD/MD/MD	-
31	281	Carmichael, I. L	W	50 M	Head	M	SC/SC/SC	Blacksmith
31	281	Carmichael, Jane	W	56 F	Wife	M	NC/NC/NC	-
31	282	Hendrickson, Jonas E.	W	62 M	Head	M	NY/NY/NY	Carpenter
31	282	Hendrickson, Eliz <sup>th</sup>	W	53 F	Wife	M	ME/ME/ME	-
31	282	Hendrickson, I. N.	W	23 M	Son	S	NY/NY/NY	Carpenter
31	283	Behrendt, Gustavus?	W	58 M	Head	M	Ger/Ger/Ger	Carpenter
31	283	Behrendt, Augusta	W	40 F	Wife	M	Ger/Ger/Ger	-
31	284	Barbour, Charles	W	40 M	Head	M	Eng/Eng/Eng	Minister
31	284	Barbour, Clara	W	26 F	Wife	M	OH/VT/OH	-
31	284	Drew, Julius	W	29 M	head	M	FL/FL/FL	Lawyer
31	284	Drew, S. K.	W	25 F	Wife	M	FL/CT?/.FL	-
31	284	Drew, K. L	W	2 F	Dau	S	FL/FL/FL	-
31	284	French, N. W.	W	44 M	Head	M	OH/NH/OH	Hotel
31	284	French, Emma	W	40 M	Wife	M	Can/ME/NH	-
31	284	Tutwiler, W	W	28 M	Head	M	VA?VA?VA	Engineer
31	284	Tutwiler, Anne P.	W	20 F	Wife	M	MS/AL/MS	-

Page	House hold	Name	Race	Age/ Sex	Relation to head of household	Marital status	Birthplace of self/ father/ mother	Occupation
31	284	Claus, Anne	W	27 F	Servant	S	Can/Eng/Can	-
31	284	Proctor, Julia	W	27 F	Servant	S	VT/VT/VT	-
31	284	Horton?, Mary	W	30 F	Servant	S	Ct/CT/PA	-
31	284	Horton, Eliz <sup>th</sup>	W	33 F	Servant	S	MA/MA/MA	-
31	284	Gilbert, John	B	20 M	Servant	S	GA/GA/SC?	-
31	284	Marshall, Jesse	B	20 M	Servant	S	KY/KY/KY	-
31	284	Sanders, Chas	B	18 M	Servant	-	FL/FL/FL	-
31	284	Godding, Mary	W	40 F	Boarder	-	IL/NY/VT	-
31	285	Stephenson, Thos	W	45 M	Head	M	Can/Eng/Can	Contractor
31	285	Stephenson, Mary A.	W	42 F	Wife	M	IN/NY/OH	-
31	285	Stephenson, Hattie	W	24 F	Dau	S	Can/Can/IN	-
31	285	Stephenson, Nellie	W	18 F	Dau	S	IL/Can/IL	-
31	285	Stephenson, Herbert	W	17 M	Son	S	IL/Can/IL	-
31	285	Dean, Lettie	W	17 F	St-Dau	S	IL/NY/IN	-
31	285	Dean, George	W	15 M	St-son	S	IL/NY/IN	-
31	285	Dean, Annie	W	13 F	St-Dau	S	IL/NY/IN	-
31	285	Keech, C. C. S.	W	45 M	Bro-in-law	W	IN/NY/OH	US Mail Ser
31	285	Keech, Martha	W	62 F	Mo-in-law	W	OH/MD/Can	-
31	285	Keech, Robert	W	8 M	-	S	IL/IN/IN	-
31	285	Keech, Pearl	W	6 F	-	S	IL/IN/IN	-
31	286	Ford, A. L.	W	55?M	Head	W	OH/OH/OH	-
31	286	Gilmour?, Ruth	W	28F	-	S	OH/NY/PA	-
31	286	Barkley, Katie	W	25F	Boarder	W	OH/OH/OH	-
31	286	Barkley, Grace	W	8F	Boarder	S	KS/OH/OH	-
32	286	Barkley, Eva	W	6 F	-	S	OH/OH/OH	-
32	287	Hicks, J. H.	W	58 M	Head	M	NC/NC/VA	M.D.
32	287	Hicks, M. E.	W	50 F	Wife	M	GA/GA/NC	-
32	287	Hicks, M. B.	W	24 F	Dau	W	GA/NC/GA	-
32	287	Hicks, A. B.	W	22 F	Dau	S	NC/NC/GA	-
32	287	Hicks, C. J?	W	20 M	Son	S	GA/NC/GA	Civil Engineer
32	287	Hicks, O. A.	W	16 F	Dau	S	GA/NC/GA	-
32	287	Hicks, Cora B.	W	13 F	Dau	S	GA/NC/GA	-
32	288	Rogers, C. F.	W	29 M	Head	M	Can/Can/MA	Lawyer
32	288	Rogers, W.	W	29 F	Wife	M	Can/Can/Can	-

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## Two new books from CFGS

### *Greenwood Cemetery Historical Trail* by Steve RAJTAR

For a unique glimpse into the history of Orlando, check out this new book written by CFGS member, Steve Rajtar. Steve, as a hike leader for the Florida Trails Association, has developed a number of historical hikes in Central Florida and farther afield. One of these was a tour of the city-owned Greenwood Cemetery, which is among the oldest of Central Florida's cemeteries.

Through research into a variety of sources, Steve has documented more than 425 of the people who played a part in the history of the area and matched them up to their tombstones in Greenwood. A stroll through Greenwood with the book in hand provides a mini-history of Orlando and surrounding area.

Steve donated the manuscript to CFGS for publication and distribution. Thanks, Steve!

The book has 220 pages, 66 illustrations and is indexed. It is 8 ½ x 11" and is softcover with perfect binding. Cost is \$20.00.

An example from the book can be found (selected to complement the BUMBY family article) on the following page.

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### *Hawthorne Funeral Home Records Vol 1 (October 1954 - March 1961)*

compiled by Betty Jo STOCKTON, with date extraction and input by Susan WALTERS

Through the generosity of the Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Homes (via Tracy HUGGINS of the Ivanhoe Chapel), CFGS has been given total access to the records of the Hawthorne Funeral Home. Hawthorne was established by James HAWTHORNE in 1954, was passed to his sons in 1985 and went through several ownerships before becoming part of the Baldwin-Fairchild family of funeral homes. The files are scheduled to go into long term storage and would thus be unavailable.

These records are fantastic for the genealogical researcher. Most files contain a death certificate as well as the funeral home information sheet and often other records. On the funeral record sheet are the questions asked for the newspaper obituary - name, birthplace and date, death place and date, parents, children, other family, occupation, social security number, how long in the area and from whence they came. Often there is information on pall bearers, military service, fraternal or church affiliation, etc.

*Hawthorne Funeral Home Records - Volume 1* covers the period from October 1954 to March 1961. This includes 640 funeral records. Almost all information was extracted - only cause of death, financial data and details on coffin, etc was omitted. An example of one of the records may be seen on the following page.

The book has 216 pages and is indexed by name, locale and also has a general index. It is 8 ½ x 11" and is softcover with perfect binding. Cost is \$20.00.

An example of the records in the book follows.

Both books will be available at the FGS Conference in September, at the September CFGS meeting or may be ordered through the CFGS website or mailing address.

Sample Entry: - *Greenwood Cemetery Historical Trail* by Steve Rajtar:

**F-10**      **BUMBY**      [54" gray stele]  
2.30

*Joseph Bumby*

4/27/1843 - 2/11/1911

Joseph came to Orlando from Colchester, England, and started a warehouse on the north side of Church St. between Garland Ave. and the railroad tracks, from which he sold hay, grain, seed and fertilizer. His railroad experience from the Great Eastern Railway of London helped him become Orlando's first railroad freight and ticket agent, his store serving as the first depot in 1880-81.

Joseph Bumby built a large red brick two-story Late Victorian Commercial style store in 1884-86 across the street from his warehouse. His hardware business was legendary, and his slogan was "If you can't find it - go to Bumby's." The six Bumby sons carried on the hardware business for 55 years after Joseph's death. The building later became the home of the Buffalo Trading Company, part of the Church Street Station entertainment complex.

Two other buildings which later became part of Church Street Station are the Bumby Arcade, which included the Bumby Emporium, built in 1920, and the Bumby Annex, built in 1886. Both were on the south side of Church St. near the railroad tracks. They homesteaded a large orange grove on 160 acres east of Summerlin Ave., living in a 14-room Colonial style home on Bumby Ave.

*Mary Flowers Elderkin Bumby -*

Wife of Joseph

2/17/1846 - 5/5/1917

*Mollie Willie Dolive Bumby -*

Daughter of W.L. Dolive, wife of Alfred

4/28/1880 - 1/31/1940

*Alfred William Bumby - Son of Joseph*

6/16/1875 - 9/16/1949

Alfred worked for his father on the family farm and grove, and also in the hardware and grain business. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Rotary and the Masons.

*Charles Ernest Bumby - Son of Joseph*

1/16/1878 - 4/6/1951

Charles worked on the family farm and in the main hardware store. In 1912, he moved to the Winter Park branch of the family store to run it with his brother, Leonard.

*Harry Edward Bumby - Son of Joseph, father of Florence Bumby Fishback*

11/4/1870 - 4/11/1941

Harry worked for his father in the hardware and grain business, then moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, and Birmingham, Alabama. He returned to Orlando in 1917 and ran the Winter Garden branch of the family hardware business until he died.

*Joseph Franklin Bumby - Son of Joseph*

2/28/1881 - 7/23/1956

Joseph worked for Newton Yowell in his first dry goods store, located on Orange Ave. After six years, he left that job to work for his father in the family hardware business.

*Ethel Claire Smith Bumby -*

Wife of Joseph F., daughter  
of James Horace Smith

11/1/1885 - 4/24/1980

*Ella West Bumby - Wife of Harry,*

sister of Florence Elliot Butt

7/4/1871 - 12/18/1968

*Ada A. Bumby Yothers* - Daughter of Joseph  
3/25/1884 - 11/9/1973

A 1905 graduate of Rollins College, on December 5, 1917, she married W.W. Yothers, an entomologist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Ada worked as the secretary of the Joseph Bumby Hardware Company.

*William Walter Yothers* - Husband of Ada  
9/15/1879 - 7/10/1971

W.W. in 1911 left his government job to own an interest in the insecticide business of John Schnarr. That lasted until July of 1912, when he returned to the government. The same year, he became the secretary of the newly-organized Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He supervised the fight against the Mediterranean fruit fly, discovered in Orlando in April of 1929. After six months in Hawaii studying control methods, he found that parasites were successful instead of spray to control their flies.

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Sample entries from *Hawthorne Funeral Home Records, Vol. 1*

**Mrs. Margaret Mae MITCHELL**      Record#: 599  
Born: 20 Jun 1916 in Monks Corner, SC  
Died: 15 Feb 1961 in OMH, Orlando      Age: 44  
Gender: F    Married? M    Spouse: Robert B. Mitchell  
Father: Edward H. Singletary      Mother: Shuler Grooms  
Children: 3 daughters: Mrs. Sylvia Joyce Ward (Dayton, OH), Miss Linda F. & Miss Paula J. Mitchell (both of Orlando)  
Family: 2 brothers: Ralph Singletary (Tallahassee, FL), Norman E. Singletary (Orlando); 1 grandchild  
Occupation / Social Security #: Housewife [none]  
How Long in Area? 36 yr      From? Monks Corner, SC  
Funeral: Hawthorne Chapel      16 Feb 1961  
Cemetery: Greenwood in Orlando  
Residence: 24th St, Orlando      Religion: Baptist

**James Dee POUNDS**      Record#: 91  
Born: 27 Mar 1881 in Stone Mtn, GA  
Died: 20 Mar 1956 in Cent. FL TB Hosp.      Age: 74  
Gender: M    Married? M      Spouse: Martha W. Pounds  
Father: John Richard Pounds      Mother: Martha Lenora Carroll  
Children: 1 daughter: Mrs. Rhonda P. Liskey (Harrisburg, PA)  
Other Family: 3 brothers: W. S. Pounds & Clyde Pounds (Ocoee, FL), Hoyle Pounds (Winter Garden, FL); 2 sisters: Mrs. E. A. Clay (Tampa, FL), Mrs. E. S. Salisbury (Ocoee, FL); 2 grandsons  
Occupation / Social Security #: US Agriculture Supervisor. [266-10-3149A]  
How Long in Area? 70 yr in Ocoee & Winter Garden  
Funeral: 1st Methodist, Winter Garden      22 Mar 1956  
Cemetery: Winter Garden Cemetery in Winter Garden, FL  
Funeral Notice: Orlando Sentinel-Star 3/21-22/1956  
Notes: Order given by Mrs. Rhoda P. Liskey & Mrs. Pounds. Pallbearers: Active: Herbert, Russell, Donald, Roger, Edwin, Philip and William Pounds, Everett Clay; 32 honorary pallbearers  
Residence: Lakeview, Winter Garden FL      Religion: Methodist

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## Obituary of a Rising Star

It is with the saddest heart that I pass on the following. Please join me in remembering a great icon. The Pillsbury Dough boy died yesterday of a yeast infection and complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was only 71.

Dough boy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with flours, as long-time friend Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy, describing Dough boy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Dough boy rose quickly in show business but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times, he even still, as a crusty old man, was considered a roll model for millions.

Toward the end it was thought that he would rise again, but alas, he was no tart. Dough boy is survived by his wife, Play Dough, two children, John Dough and Jane Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about twenty minutes.



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