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Thoughts from your editor...

by Betty Jo Stockton

“Tracing your family genealogy is like following a treasure map. Imagine a jigsaw puzzle with pieces scattered across the country. Some of them are blank; others missing, carelessly discarded over the centuries. While you never really know what you are going to stumble upon, you know half the excitement is the search” Shirley Jackson, Bakersfield, CA Memorial Library

All you genealogy old timers - do you remember the excitement of your early discoveries? Every trip to the library or courthouse led to new information and more clues to pursue. Unfortunately, after a number of years, you've found the easily available information and the digging becomes less and less fun. I started my formal research the day my daughter started kindergarten. I put her on the school bus and took the city bus into Washington, DC and the Library of Congress. That child will be 50 this spring - so I've been at it a day or two. Finding something new on any of my folks is a rare happening these days.

So what's the cure for the “genealogy slump”? Put your family on hold and take on an entirely different search. Perhaps you can help a beginner and share their excitement; or do local research for non-local folks; or find another totally unrelated project. I've taken on the latter – and am having a wonderful time in the process.

Our Society plans to participate in Pine Castle Pioneer Days in late February. The theme for the weekend is “Roots”, so it's a good match for us. With that in mind, I've decided to write a small book on the Powell Cemetery, just north of Pine Castle.

If you've never heard of the Powell Cemetery, you're in good company. I drove by it for several years of high school and never knew it was there. Only when I became a genealogist did its presence register. The cemetery is on South Orange Avenue, wedged between a self storage company and an auto detailer, opposite the Oak Water Medical complex.. There are 33 legible or semi-legible stones and several others that are now illegible. It had become rundown and covered with litter, a target for vandalism. Now Orange County has taken responsibility for upkeep on the cemetery, cleaning and mowing as well as erecting a fence and a nice sign.

Isaac Powell migrated from Georgia about 1860 and purchased 90 acres on the east side of Lake Holden. He was a farmer and probably began using a corner of his land as a family cemetery sometime before 1900, possibly for the burial of his wife or daughter. Others in the community were buried there over the years, and in 1902, Isaac deeded the area as a cemetery. Dates on existing stones range from 1877 to 1945. Through research, we have discovered at least 35 more folks buried there, for whom there are no stones or the stones are illegible..

With the wonderful resources now available online, I've been able to document almost everyone buried here. The fascinating aspect is that almost everyone in the cemetery is related to others there. This offers a portrait into the inter-connectedness in a small southern farming community. Most of these folks were farmers, with the gumption to move to Central Florida when it was still wilderness. Aaron Jernigan is believed to be the first settler in Orlando in 1843; his nephew, Aaron Moses Jernigan, and a number of his relatives are buried here. Isaac Powell had three daughters; his brother William, who settled nearby, had a number of children. They and their children married into other early families, so the “trees” are complicated. Common names are Johns, Harris, Yates, Tanner, Keen, Braddock and others. Using Ancestry, FamilySearch, Orange County land records, Carey Hand Funeral Home records, online newspapers and online trees (as clues), I've been able to uncover a wealth of information on almost everyone in the cemetery and their families. It's been necessary to research several generation backwards as well as forward to determine relationships. So far, everything I have has come from the internet and local history books that I have in the house. I will be making a trip into the library and Regional History Center to be sure I've not missed something important, but the amount available online is amazing.

I'm finding this project addictive - as genealogy used to be - and wake up every morning with something new to check into. I can't promise how good the book will be, but it's great to renew my excitement in the search for families.

Florida Confederate Pensions

The first Confederate pensions in Florida were authorized in 1885 and granted to veterans the sum of \$5.00 per month. For the next 30 years, a new Confederate pension bill was introduced at nearly every session of the Legislature. Residency requirements were added and adjusted, militia members and widows were declared eligible, various financial qualifications were added and changed, and the amount and method of distribution were changed many times.

The pension application files include both veterans' and widows' applications interfiled, although approved and denied claims are filed separately. The veteran's application generally includes his full name, date and place of birth, unit of service, date and place of enlistment, date and place of discharge, brief description of service and/or wounds, proof of service, place and length of residence in Florida, as well as other miscellaneous documentation.

The widow's application is filed with that of her husband and includes her full name, date and place of marriage, date and place of her husband's death, her place and length of residence in Florida, and proof of her husband's service. Some early applications also include the widows' date and place of birth. Confederate pensions were awarded to residents of Florida regardless of the state in which their service was rendered.

The complete pension files are posted on the Florida Memory Website and are searchable by name or location. <<http://floridamemory.com/collections/pensionfiles>> The following list is those whose pension was paid in Orange County. The format is file number, Name, Unit, Date of Pension and number of pages in the file. Note how few of them actually served from Florida.

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A03810, ALEXANDER, Joseph E., Georgia, Lucy (Hollenger), 1907, 17 pgs
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A04462, BELLAMY, John Calhoun, South Carolina, Arremetta (Frenk), 1907, 17 pg
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 A04714, CHAPMAN, John Thomas, Georgia, Susan (Meadows), 1907, 17 pgs
 A10470, CHAPMAN, Allen C., Georgia, Amanda (Mathis), 1936, 10 pgs
 A00056, CLARK, Lewis, 1st Regt Cav, Mary (Lyons), 1909, 18 pgs
 A02815, CLEMENT, Allen W., South Carolina, Kate (Lark), 1927, 09 pgs
 A04286, COHEN, William H., Georgia, G.F. (--), 1903, 15 pgs
 A08902, COLLIER, Edward Wyatt, Georgia, 1929, 13 pgs
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 A00877, DANN, Stephen, 9th Regt Inf, Priscilla (Roberson), 1904, 12 pgs
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 A01006, FERGUSON, Thomas Hall, 2nd Regt Inf, Clifford (Geiger), 1902, 16 pgs
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 D23924, SCHOLLS, William Henry, Texas, Emma (Kruger), 1932, 07 pgs
 A07111, SCRUGGS, Albert Thomas, Mississippi, 1906, 14 pgs
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 A03990, SIMMONS, John S., Mississippi, Margaret (Elliott), 1907, 17 pgs
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 A08126, SMITH, Benjamin M., Kentucky, 1907, 14 pgs
 A01010, SPEER, Arthur A., 10th Regt Inf, Henrietta (Worthington), 1898, 11 pgs
 A05875, SPITHER, James Wesley, Virginia, 1904, 16 pgs
 D21364, SPITLER, James W., Virginia, Sarah (Wise), 1919, 08 pgs
 A01385, STANNERS, Walter, South Carolina Units, Annie (Farrish), 1902, 15 pgs
 A11642, STEVENS, E.C., 1st Regt Inf, 1910, 04 pgs
 A01599, STEWART, Samuel Asa, 15th Conf Cav, Mattie (Carpenter), 1907, 17 pgs
 A06621, STEWART, David Bradwell, 8th Regt Inf, 1915, 21 pgs
 A02121, STRICKLAND, Jonathan, 8th Regt Inf, Lucy (Ayers), 1915, 14 pgs
 A11819, TANNER, Asa R., Georgia, Eliza (--), 1893, 08 pgs
 A05436, TARVER, Otis S., Georgia, 1905, 22 pgs
 A11720, TAYLOR, Lewis L., 1st Regt Cav, Joanna (--), 1899, 04 pgs
 A03699, TERRY, Alexander P., North Carolina, Elizabeth (Alexander), 1904, 13 pg

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY APPLICANT.

(FORM B.)

STATE OF FLORIDA,

On this 11th day of December, 1917, at the County of Duval, State of Florida, I, the undersigned, Judge of the Circuit Court in and for said County and State, personally interviewed Mary B. Jennings, who being by me first duly sworn, deposed and says, that the answers which she has to the following questions, contained from 1 to 17, inclusive, are true:

1. What is your name, and where and when were you born? Mary B. Jennings, born in Georgia, Va., at Point Clay, Sept. 9, 1857.

2. Are you the widow of? John B. Jennings, died March 28, 1887.

3. When and where were you married to? John B. Jennings, March 28, 1887, in Great City, Ala.

4. When and where did he die? March 28, 1905, in Great City, Ala.

5. Have you remarried since the death of your husband? There not.

6. When and in what company or companies did you husband come to the State of Florida? Early in 1884, in the St. Louis and Gulf Coast Co.

7. Did he die in that service? He did not.

8. Of what State and county are you a resident? State of Florida, County of Duval.

9. How long have you resided in this State? Since 1886, with a brief absence in 1890.

10. How long have you resided in this County? Since 1886, with a brief absence in 1890.

11. Have you lived in any other State than Florida? Yes, in Georgia, Va., for the first 4 years of my life.

12. How long have you been a resident of Florida and when you resided there? Since 1886, with a brief absence in 1890.

13. Do you own any real or personal property? Yes, a small tract of land in Duval County, Fla., and a small tract of land in Georgia, Va.

14. What is the total value of your real and personal property? About \$1000.

15. Of what does your real and personal property consist? A small tract of land in Duval County, Fla., and a small tract of land in Georgia, Va.

16. Have you any income from any source and how much yearly? None.

17. Of what is your family composed, this year and last year? Three boys, John W. Jennings, William B. Jennings, and George B. Jennings, all born in 1914, 1915, and 1916, respectively.

Family of Montgomery Thompson (1840-1903) Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV

by Ann Mohr Osisek

Our ancestor (my maternal great grandfather) Montgomery Thompson born August 1840 in (or near) Middleway, Jefferson County, Virginia (now West Virginia) was the only one in his immediate family, that “*immediate*” being his parents and siblings; to remain in what is now West Virginia. The Civil War tore families apart, especially those living in what many considered “the hot seat” of the eastern Panhandle of what was Virginia and is now West Virginia as well as the area of western Maryland in and around Washington and Frederick counties and also areas of northern VA. As was recorded in many annals of history for that time frame, brother fought against brother, north against south and in many cases, families were never the same after that point in time.

I would imagine (without being there or being able to “time travel”) that the migration of Montgomery’s parents and siblings began around 1866 sometime after the close of the Civil War. Montgomery & Laura were married on 20 December 1866 and that may be the reason that Montgomery did not leave Martinsburg or if the family left sometime late in 1865 or early 1866, his decision to eventually marry Laura played a major factor. I will continue the saga of Montgomery’s parents and siblings in another issue of *Buried Treasures* but did want to publish the obituaries of Montgomery & Laura’s children which include my maternal grandmother Elizabeth Gertrude Thompson Bowers. Many of you have seen the obituary herein contained of Edgar Raymond Thompson; I use that obituary as a great example of “clues” and “reading between the lines” when perusing an ancestor’s obituary. I have highlighted the clue that resulted in my acquiring the photograph you see here of The Sels Floto Circus Band that was probably taken between 1900 and 1915. Also included in this publication is the Family Group Sheet for Montgomery and Laura Thompson.



Montgomery Thompson & Laura Louisa Blakeney

22 Nov 2011

Father: Montgomery Thompson

M	Birth: Aug 1840 Middleway, Jefferson Co., WV	
	Burial	Apr 1903 St. Joseph's Cemetery, Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Death	14 Apr 1903 Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Occupation	Railroad Conductor
	Marriage	20 Dec 1866 Trinity Church, Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Father	Robert THOMPSON (1808-1896)
	Mother	Elizabeth HESKETT (1811-1880)

Mother Laura Louisa BLAKENEY

F	Birth	Jun 1842 Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Death	31 Dec 1913 Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Burial	Jan 1914 St. Joseph's Cemetery, Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Occupation	Homemaker
	Religion	Catholic
	Father	Andrew Joseph BLAKENEY (1804-1881)
	Mother	Elizabeth "Betsy" SHOAFSTALL (1808-1860)

Children

M	Enoch Harrison "Harry" THOMPSON	
	Birth	2 Mar 1867 Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Chr	23 Nov 1867 St. Joseph's R.C.Church, Martinsburg, WV
	Death	16 Dec 1943 Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Burial	20 Dec 1943 Rosedale Cemetery, Martinsburg, WV
	Occupation	Printer/Musician
	Religion	Enoch Harrison Thompson, son of Montgomery and Laura, Birth
	Spouse	Florence May THOMPSON (1874-1962)
	Marriage	1895
F	Infant Daughter THOMPSON	
	Birth	8 Sep 1868 Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Death	8 Sep 1868 Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Burial	
	Marriage	
M	Robert Andrew "Bob" THOMPSON	
	Birth	8 Sep 1868 Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Chr	14 Nov 1868 St. Joseph R. C. Church, Martinsburg, WV
	Burial	Mar 1940 St. Joseph's Cemetery, Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Death	25 Mar 1940 Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Occupation	Printer/Musician
	Religion	Baptism Book 1866-1904, Pg. 30 - Robert Andrew Thompson, son
	Spouse	Lottie May ZEPP (1874-1923)

	Spouse	May Alverta SCHLEUSS (1878-1950)	
M	Marriage	8 Apr 1928	Berkeley Springs, WV
	Joseph Raymond "Ray" THOMPSON		
	Birth	1 Jul 1880	Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Death	17 Jun 1937	Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Burial	19 Jun 1937	Rosedale Cemetery, Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Occupation		Printer/Musician
	Religion		Catholic/Christ Reformed Church
	Spouse	Emma Susan SNYDER (1888-1954)	
	Marriage	25 Feb 1916	Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
F	Elizabeth Gertrude "Bess" THOMPSON		
	Chr	Oct 1882	St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Martinsburg, WV
	Birth	8 Oct 1882	Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV
	Burial	Dec 1967	Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV
	Death	15 Dec 1967	Clarksburg, Harrison Co., WV
	Occupation		Homemaker/Newspaper Printing Office/Musician
	Religion		Catholic
	Spouse	James David "Jim" BOWERS (1889-1957)	
	Marriage	23 Aug 1909	St. Patrick's R.C. Church Rectory, Washington, DC
Preparer			Comments
Ann Mohr Osisek			
2155 Huron Trail			
Maitland, FL 32751-3928			
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Obituary of Elizabeth Gertrude Thompson:

Mrs. Bowers' Services Set For Thursday

Mrs. James D. (Elizabeth G.) Bowers, 85, of 1112 Charles St., died Friday evening in St. Mary's Hospital, Clarksburg. Born in Martinsburg, Berkeley County, she was a daughter of the late Montgomery and Laura Thompson. She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and Rosary Altar Society, and the Auxiliary of the International Typographical Union. Survivors include three daughters, Mother Mary Amabilis of the P. C. J. Convent in Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Arthur R. Mohr of Pottstown, Pa. and Mrs. William McGivern of Clarksburg; two sons, James D. Bowers, Jr. of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Samuel R. Bowers of Fairborn, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic church with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. R. S. Weiskircher as celebrant. Burial will be in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Rosary services will be conducted at 8 p.m. Monday at the Burdette and Lindsey Funeral Home, where friends may call after noon today.

(Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV)

Obituary of Joseph Raymond Thompson:

Thompson Funeral

The funeral of J. Raymond Thompson, 56, member of the firm of Thompson Brothers, local printers and binders, who died early Thursday afternoon, will be held Saturday at 2 from the home, 112 North High Street. The Rev. Dr. A. M. Gluck, pastor of Christ Reformed Church, of which he was a member, will conduct the services, and burial will be made in Rosedale. A son of the late Montgomery and Laura Thompson, he was born here on July 1st, 1881. He was an accomplished musician, and for nearly 20 years traveled extensively, occasionally visiting foreign countries, while connected with musical groups, circuses and minstrels. He was a member of a concert orchestra at Sumter, S.C. for a time, and played with the National Cash Register Band in Dayton, Ohio, an Army and Naval Band, and for a while was connected with the *Sells Floto Circus*. He returned to Martinsburg about 23 years ago and had since been associated with his brothers, E. Harry and Robert S. Thompson, in the printing and bookbinding business. Surviving are his widow, who was formerly Miss Emma Snyder, of Martinsburg; three children, Edgar and Misses Rebecca and Lottie Thompson at home; the two brothers previously mentioned, and one sister, Mrs. James D. Bowers, of Parkersburg.

(Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV)

Obituary of Enoch Harrison Thompson:

E. Harry Thompson - Died Local Hospital

Taken ill suddenly a week ago, E. Harry Thompson, 76, well-known printer and musician, of 411 West Burke Street, died Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Kings' Daughters Hospital of complications. The "dean" of the old school hand-typesetting printers, he was born in this city, the son of the late Montgomery and Laura Blakeney Thompson. Thompson Brothers Printing Company - the other member of the partnership, Robert A. Thompson, dying four years ago - started in 1892 first in the old Blondel Building, corner of Queen and Martin streets, and later at a building on West Martin Street. For 24 years they were located here and in the last 20 years until, all the equipment was sold to the vocational division of the local high school, at the Fulk property on South College Street. He started his printing career when about 16 or 17 on a weekly published here by John T. Riley and A. S. Golden. After learning his trade, he worked for a time in Washington and New York. He was recalled here to begin work on The World, first daily in Martinsburg, but remained with that paper only a short time before going into business for himself. As a musician, he organized the "Thompson Orchestra" which played for social functions in surrounding towns. He was also a member of the orchestra at the old "Opera House". The family orchestra was made up of himself, who played the violin; two brothers, Robert and Raymond, both now deceased, and his wife, who played the piano. He had not been active in the music field for the past 20 years, however. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Surviving are the widow - formerly Miss Florence May Thompson; one sister - Mrs. James Bowers, of Parkersburg; and a number of nephews and nieces. No announcement has been made as to services. (Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV)

Obituary of Robert A. Thompson:

Robert Andrew Thompson, 71, one of Martinsburg's most widely known citizens, died Monday morning at 9:45 in King's Daughters Hospital where he had been a patient the past eight days. The deceased had suffered all winter with a severe cold and was taken seriously ill nearly two weeks ago. Death was attributed to a growth on his lungs, caused by cold infection. He was a partner in Thompson Brothers, printers, 119 South College Street, a business formed nearly 48 years ago by the deceased and his brother E. Harry Thompson. Prior to that time he was employed in the local shops of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and later as a caller. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Surviving are one brother - E. Harry, 411 West Burke Street; a sister - Mrs. James D. Bowers, Parkersburg; his widow - Mrs. Alverta Thompson, at home; a son - Albert M. Thompson by a former marriage; and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

(Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., WV)

Stories for Our Children - Bringing Ancestors to Life

by Maryann Andrascik Forster

Mary Ann Forster writes: *Our eight grandchildren have only a few memories of their great-grandparents. In an effort to help them know more about the lives of their great grandparents, I decided to write short stories about events in the lives of my parents and my husbands' parents. I enclose these one page stories in their birthday cards and other greeting cards throughout the year. It has inspired some of the children to ask questions about the lives of their great-grandparents and to create stories about them for class projects.*

Enclosed are two of the stories I have given to my grandchildren.

A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY



AL CAPONE
(gangster)

In 1931, prior to his trial and subsequent jail sentence for tax evasion, Al Capone was believed to be entering New York city. Federal agent were stationed at all the entrance points to try to stop him.

That night, my father, Frank ANDRASCIK (b. 6 Dec 1909) and his friend Andy Yuhas were enroute from New Jersey to New York City to pick up my mother, Mary VINCEK (b. 1 July 1911). Mary was a secretary on Wall Street, and because it was Record Day, the dividends had to be hand posted in all of the accounts. This meant that the secretaries usually worked until midnight. Since the trains did not run

that late, Frank (her boyfriend) would come to drive her home.



FRANK ANDRASCIK
(my father)

Frank was driving a 1930 Model A Ford (which he bought from the dealer for \$600....no money down and \$5. a week). As he and Andy approached the Lincoln Tunnel, six plainclothes men with machine guns stepped out in front of the car and ordered the terrified men to get out of the car and lay across the hood. Not knowing who these men were, they felt sure they were being robbed.

The men with the guns, never identifying themselves, thoroughly searched Frank and Andy and then went through the whole car, pulling out the seats and anything else that gave little resistance. After what seemed like an eternity, one of the men (who was looking through Frank's wallet) yelled, "He's not Capone". They were then ordered to get out of there.. "fast".

With shaking hands, Frank and Andy threw everything back into the car and pulled away. They stopped a little further up the road to calm down and get the seats and everything back in properly.

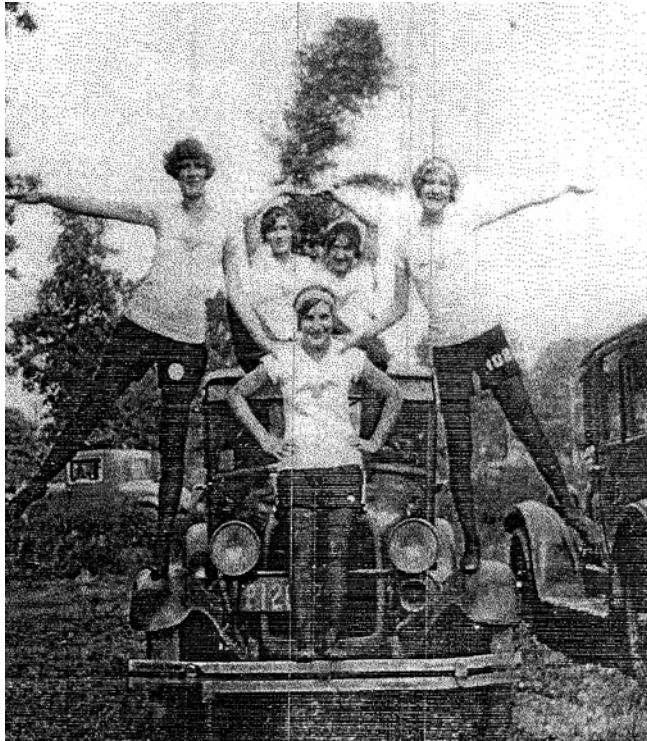
The next day the newspaper headlines read...

AL CAPONE TRIES TO GET INTO NEW YORK.

Mary Vincek Andrascik
by Maryann Andrascik Forster

My mother, Mary Vincek was born at midnight July 1, 1911 (100 years ago this year.) She married my father, Francis (Frank) Andrascik on August 20, 1933.

In the early 1930's, Mary was a secretary on Wall Street in New York. Her boss had advised her to buy utility stocks, "since people will always need utilities".



taken August, 1930.

Mary set a dollar or two aside each week, and bought "Consolidated Edison" shares of stock. I inherited those stocks after her death. I have been passing them on (a few shares at a time) to each of our eight grandchi'ldren on their birthdays. These gifts let them connect with their family history.

Mary was not athletic and never did any of the tumbling or bar work, but she traveled with the team and did take part in all the pyramid and stunt demonstrations. Since she lacked the agility of an athlete, her friends nicknamed her "Grace" and when she passed away at age 89, in 2000, I was surprised at the number of people who still called her Gracie.

May was 19 years old in this photo. The team was attending an Exhibition Competition in Whippany, NJ and some of the girls posed for photos... Mary did that well!

Mary Vincek, (standing on the right fender of the car), with 102 on her shorts. She was a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Gymnastic Team. Photo

Vietnam Memorial Education Center

Kim Peters writes: *If you know of anyone who is listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC, you may wish to share this link <<http://buildthecenter.org/>> with them. An education building is going to be built near the memorial and families and friends are encouraged to submit via email a photo of their loved one listed on the memorial wall. Go to JOIN US tab and click on PUT A FACE WITH A NAME for instructions on submitting a photo.*

Ed. Note: Out of curiosity - and to see if replying to the call for photos would put me on a list for solicitations, I uploaded a photo of my brother, Charles David Kieser, who died in the fire on the USS Forrestal in 1967, at the age of 19. I have been pleasantly surprised that the photo has been posted and there have been no emails or pleas for money. If you'd like to see how it works, go to the tab for Hometown Heroes - then in the middle of the page, click on "Visit VVMF's Virtual Memorial Wall". Type in a name or locale to locate information for anyone whose name is on the Vietnam Wall.

Homestead Record Books of Bartow County, Georgia
Edwin H. Green and Nancy C. (Smith) Green — 1879

by Blanche M. Wallace

During a recent research trip I discovered a resource that was previously unknown to me. While looking through marriage and estate books in the probate court records room, I noticed books labeled “Homestead Record Book,” each identified with a letter, beginning with “A.” (Homestead Book B is missing as is Will Book B.) I almost skipped the homestead books because I was short on time (as always). That would have been a big mistake because I found an interesting record for my 3rd great-grandmother, Nancy C. (Smith) Green, (ca 1816-1896).¹ We all know how few records are available for female ancestors so I was delighted to have found this one.

Currently, a homestead exemption usually applies to real property; however a law passed by the State of Georgia in 1878 (Revised Code of 1878) allowed for exemption of certain personal property.² The types of exempt property are listed in the code (see the illustrations below). Since Nancy’s list included some but not all of the exempt items, it can be assumed that the family owned what she listed and probably did not own the other items.

The record she left provides a bit of insight into Nancy’s personality. For unknown reasons, her husband refused to file for the tax exemption. So, Nancy took control of the situation and filed on behalf of her family. This seems to indicate that she may have been a strong-willed woman and I have to wonder if she was chastised by her husband for acting when he failed to do so. This record is also helpful because it gives additional evidence that her husband’s given name was Edwin (various records show Edward/Edmon/Edwin). It also shows that he was a member of the local militia. A complete transcription follows.

“State of Georgia, Bartow County}

Schedule of Nancy C. Green wife of Edwin H. Green

Head of her family consisting of herself, her husband and a dependant daughter with two minor children all citizens of said County and State. Claimed as exempt from levy and sale by virtue of any process whatever under the Laws of this State as specified under Section 2040 to 2049 inclusive of [illegible word] Revised Code of 1878 and the amendments thereto and as provided for in Articles 9th Section 4th Paragraph 15th Constitution of this State as revised in the year 1878. Her said Husband having failed and refused to ask for said protection.

To wit:

One farm horse or mule

One cow and Calf

Ten head of hogs

Fifty dollars worth of provisions for Self and Husband and five dollars worth for each of two minor children

Beds, Bedding and Bedstead sufficient for the family

One loom, one spinning wheel, two pair of cards and one hundred pounds of lint cotton

Common tools of trade for Self and Husband he being a farm

Equipments and arms of a Militia Soldier

Ordinary cooking utensils and table crockery

One set chairs

Wearing apparel of Self and family

*Family Bible
Religion works and school books
One horse wagon
(1000) one thousand pounds of forage and fifty bushels corn*

*Attesther
Samuel E. Crawford Nancy C. X Green
mark
File in Office Approved and Recorded July 22 1879
J. H. Howard, Ordinary”*

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Edwin Harmon Green was born about 1812, probably in North Carolina.³ He died about 1910 in Pell City, St. Clair County, Alabama.⁴ He obtained a marriage bond in Rutherford County, North Carolina, on 30 March 1839 to wed Nancy C. Smith.⁵ The bondsman was Thomas L. McEntire. His relationship to either party is unknown. Nancy was born about 1816, probably in South Carolina.⁶ She died on 23 February 1896,⁷ in Blount County, Alabama, according to family tradition.

Edwin and Nancy have not been located in the 1840 U.S. Census. In 1850 they were enumerated in the 12th Division of Cass (now Bartow) County, Georgia.⁸ Edwin (38) and Nancy (35) are shown as born in South Carolina. Their presumed children: Thomas (11), Mary A. (9), John (7), Martha (4), and Lewis (2) are shown as born in North Carolina. Edwin's occupation was brick mason. Assuming ages and birth locations of the children are correct, the family moved to Georgia about 1848.

In the 1860 U.S. census the family was still in Cass (now Bartow) County and they lived near Cassville.⁹ Edwin's age was 47 and Nancy's was 44. The children were listed as: Thomas (21), Mary A. (19), John H. (17), Martha D. (14), Richard L. (11), and twins, William L. and Nancy C. (7). In this record Ed and Thomas were born in North Carolina, Nancy, Mary A., and John H. in South Carolina, and the others in Georgia. Edwin Green was a farmer with personal property valued at \$300. No value was shown for real estate. John H. was listed as a farmer, but no occupation was given for his older brother, Thomas.

Ed was enumerated in the 42nd Senatorial District, 856th Militia District [Adairsville], Bartow County, when data was collected in 1864 for the purpose of re-organizing the Georgia Militia: "E. H. Green, 52 years 2 months [age], Farmer, born North Carolina."¹⁰

The family had moved to Gordon County, west of Bartow County, by the time of the 1870 U.S. census and lived near Calhoun.¹¹ It consisted of: Edwin (57, born North Carolina); Nancy (54, born South Carolina); Mary A. (24, born South Carolina); William (16), Nancy (16), and William Hopkins (8), all born in Georgia. Edwin and William Green were farm workers. Edwin's personal estate was valued at \$600. Only Nancy attended school within the census year.

By 1880 the family had returned to Bartow County and lived in the Little Prairie area of General Militia District 936.¹² Edwin [enumerated as Edward] was 67 and Nancy was 63. Their daughter Mary A. (38) and granddaughters Martha E. (12) and Lela (3) lived with them. Ed was a farm laborer and was unemployed during the census year. All family members were shown with the same birth places as in the 1870 census. Ed's parents were shown as born in Virginia and Nancy's parents in South Carolina. Mary A. is shown as single. It appears from the homestead record quoted above that Martha and Lela are her children.

Summary of possible birthplaces:

Edwin/Edward/Edmon (*ca* 1812): North Carolina (4 of 5 records); South Carolina (1 of 5 records);
 Nancy (*ca* 1817): South Carolina (4 of 4 records);
 Thomas (16 March 1839): North Carolina (2 of 2 records), born two weeks prior to date of marriage bond;
 Mary A. (*ca* 1841): South Carolina (3 of 4 records); this indicates the family moved there after Thomas was born;
 John H. (03 June 1843): South Carolina (2 of 2 records) and Georgia death certificate;
 Martha (*ca* 1846): North Carolina or Georgia (1 each of 2 records);
 Richard Lewis (09 September 1848): North Carolina or Ga. (1 each of 2 records);
 William (28 August 1852): Georgia, family living there 1850-1880; and
 Nancy (28 August 1852): Georgia, family living there 1850-1880.

According to family tradition, their son William came from Alabama and took Ed and Nancy there to live with him. Attempts to verify/determine their death dates and places have not been successful. Their burial places are unknown.

Corrections or additions to this material are welcomed. Please contact the author at blanchew@bellsouth.net.

ARTICLE II.

THE SHORT HOMESTEAD.

A Supplement to the
 Code of Georgia,
 1878

§355. (2010.) *Property exempt from sale.* The following property of every debtor, who is the head of a family, shall be exempt from levy and sale by virtue of any process whatever, under the laws of this State, nor shall any valid lien be created thereon, except in the manner hereinafter pointed out, but shall remain for the use and benefit of the family of the debtor:

1. Fifty acres of land, and five additional acres for each of his or her children under the age of sixteen years. This land shall include the dwelling house, if the value of such house and improvements does not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars: *Provided*, that none of the above land be within the limits of a city, town or village, and does not include any cotton or wool factory, saw or grist mill, or any other machinery propelled by water or steam, the value of which exceeds the sum of two hundred dollars: *and, provided, also*, that such land shall not derive its chief value from other cause than its adaptation to agricultural purposes; or, in lieu of the above land, real estate in a city, town or village, not exceeding five hundred dollars in value.

2. One farm horse or mule.

3. One cow and calf.

4. Ten head of hogs, and fifty dollars worth of provisions, and five dollars worth additional for each child.

5. Fifty bushels of corn, one thousand pounds of fodder, one one-horse wagon, one table and a set of chairs sufficient for the use of the family, and household and kitchen furniture not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars in value. Acts 1877, p. 19

6. Beds, bedding, and common bedsteads sufficient for the family.

7. One loom, one spinning wheel, and two pairs of cards, and one hundred pounds of lint cotton.

8. Common tools of trade of himself and wife.

9. Equipment and arms of a militia soldier, and trooper's horse.

10. Ordinary cooking utensils and table crockery.

11. Wearing apparel of himself and family.

12. Family bible, religious works, and school books.

13. Family portraits.

14. The library of a professional man, in actual practice or business, not exceeding three hundred dollars in value, and to be selected by himself.

Acts 1876, p. 35. 15. One family sewing machine; this exemption to exist whether the person owning said machine is the head of a family or not, and shall be good against all debts except the purchase money.

Acts 1874, p. 19. §356. *Short homestead subject to purchase money, etc.* Property exempted from levy and sale, as provided for in section 2040 of the Code, shall not be exempt from levy and sale for the purchase money, or State and county or municipal taxes.

Acts 1874, p. 19. Amending §2041. §357. *Compensation of Ordinary for setting apart short homestead.* The Ordinary shall receive for each schedule filed, approved, and recorded, the sum of two dollars, and for each and every plat returned by the County Surveyor, under said section, to be recorded by him in a book kept for that purpose, the further sum of one dollar.

WAIVER OF HOMESTEAD.

Acts 1875, p. 92. §358. The Act of 2d March, 1875, providing for the waiver of homestead by mortgage etc., in favor of certain debts therein specified, is omitted. The Supreme Court have opened the doors and thrown up the windows. See 56 Ga., 53, etc. The Legislature is so far outstripped that the Act is rendered useless. See also Constitution of 1877, §691.

NOTES

1. Bartow County, Georgia, Homestead Exemptions, 1874-1885, Record Book A, p. 286, entry for Nancy C. Green, 22 July 1879; Bartow County Probate Court Record Room, Cartersville.
2. N. E. Harris, *A Supplement to the Code of Georgia and the Constitution of 1877* (Macon, Georgia: J. W. Burke & Co., 1878), 73-74; digitized by Google Books (<http://books.google.com>: accessed 01 November 2011).
3. Nancy J. Cornell, *1864 Census for Re-organizing the Georgia Militia* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2000), 27 [52 years 2 months old, born North Carolina].
4. Bartow County Genealogical Society, compiler, *Bartow County Georgia Heritage Book Vol. II* (Cartersville, Georgia: The Society, 1998), 100. [Entry submitted by Hazel Anne and Byron E. Nichols.]
5. Rutherford County, North Carolina, Original Marriage Bonds, Green-Smith, 1839; County Records Collection; North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh.
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7. Eastern Cherokee Applications of the U.S. Court of Claims, 1906-1909, Record Group 75 (Bureau of Indian Affairs), Microfilm M1104, Roll 310 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration), John Calvin Green, Application No. 40176, item 14.
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12. 1880 U.S. census, Bartow County, Georgia, population schedule, Little Prairie, GMD 936, enumeration district 7, supervisor's district 1, p. 515A, dwelling 369, family 371, Edward Green; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 October 2008); citing National Archives microfilm publication T9, roll 134.

Maryland Revolutionary War Records

by Elaine Powell

<http://www.mdhs.org/explore/library/research/genealogy/genman.html>

The muster rolls of Maryland troops in the Continental service during the Revolutionary War have been published in the Maryland Archives, vol. 18. This publication is available in many libraries throughout the United States and can be purchased from the Maryland State Archives. This volume has also been reprinted by the Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD. Pension records for those Marylanders who served in the Continental Line are available from the National Archives and Record Service, Pennsylvania Ave. and 8th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20408. These same pension records are available at various libraries throughout the United States on microfilm.

A great many Marylanders served only in the Maryland Militia during the conflict. Many of the muster Rolls of the Maryland Militia were deposited at the Maryland Historical Society, but have now been transferred to the Maryland State Archives. Photostatic copies of these original rolls are available to the public for research at the Maryland Historical Society.

The six volume typescript work, "Unpublished Revolutionary Records of Maryland", by Margaret Roberts Hodges, (1941) (available at the Maryland Historical Society and the USDAR Library in Washington, DC) was largely copied from the original Muster Rolls described above. It is by no means a complete listing.

The State of Maryland, by resolution and later by legislative act, granted pensions to certain veterans and/or widows and children of veterans. A list of these pensioners has been published in the Bulletin of the Maryland Genealogical Society, vol. 4, no. 4, 1963 through vol. 7, no. 1, 1966 as well as in Brumbaugh, Maryland records...

The various counties of the state also granted financial aid to certain veterans and/or widows who were for the most part indigent. Such records can be found in the Order Books of the General Court of the county in which the veteran lived.

In 1781 the General Assembly passed a law by which land was to be appropriated "westward of Fort Cumberland" in Washington (now Allegany and Garrett) county in order to discharge the engagement of lands made to the officers and soldiers of the state. Officers were assigned four lots of fifty acres each and enlisted men one lot of fifty acres each. A list of the officers and soldiers to whom land was granted was first published by Brewer and Mayer in The Laws and Rules of the Land Office of Maryland, (1871) and later in Scharf, History of Western Maryland (1968) pp. 145-161. It was also published in Carothers, Maryland Soldiers Entitled to lands Westward of Fort Cumberland (1973). This latter publication was copied directly from the original publication. A map of these lands is available at the Maryland State Archives as well as at the Maryland Historical Society.

In no case are there records of Maryland soldiers comparable to the pension records held by the National Archives. Muster rolls and pay rolls held by the state generally reveal little or nothing more than a man's name, his rank and the company in which he served. Maryland had its share of Loyalist sympathizers and a number of men served with the Loyalist forces. There have been some few published such as Meyer and Bachman, "First Battalion of Maryland Loyalists" in the Maryland Historical Magazine, v. 68, pp. 199-210. Also in the same volume (pp. 196-198) can be found "A checklist of Loyalist Manuscripts in the Maryland Historical Society." Some of these manuscripts are copies of records held in the Canadian Archives.

Land Patent Books

by Elaine Powell

I'd like to recommend a series of books entitled Family Maps, which is a series of Land Patent Books. There The books are published county by county, state by state, for original settlers whose purchases are indexed in the U.S. Bureau of Land Management database (www.glorerecords.blm.gov/). These are one-of-a-kind, customized maps and books created by attorney, software engineer, and family historian, Gregory A. Boyd. You can see what states are currently available at <http://www.arphax.com/>. Paperback versions are available for \$31.95, spiral bound for \$38.00, and hard bound for \$51.99. However, a number of libraries have the Family Map book for the area that the library serves. And you can then make copies of the pages that pertain to your research. You can even email sales@arphax.com to find out if the county book you are looking for is available in a particular library. There is a website for each county book, so you can look to see if your ancestor's surname is listed, before you purchase the book. If you don't see a listing for the county you are researching, sign up for their periodic newsletter to find out when new counties are added.

You can locate your ancestor's Federal land purchase by simply finding them in the index, which directs you to a map of first-land-owners. And now you can learn who your ancestors' neighbors were or the history of settlement in the area of interest to you! The Family Maps books show cemeteries, road maps, waterways, railroads, and historical city-centers. The books will help you to locate land based on legal descriptions found in old documents or deeds. You can see all surnames in the county for the time period. They are especially good if you have several ancestors in one county. I purchased the books for two counties where my ancestors lived. The information I found has added a tremendous amount of information to the history of my family.

Orlando Memory

by Kim Peters

Orlando Memory (www.OrlandoMemory.info) is an online community archive hosted by the Orange County Library System. The content in the archive comes from anyone with an Orlando memory to share. It doesn't matter if the memory occurred 50 years ago or five minutes ago. It does not matter if it comes from a long time resident or someone who visited only once years ago. If it relates to the Orlando area – it belongs in Orlando memory.

Contributors may join discussions and add comments to topics or pictures posted by others. They may create topics of their own, add obituaries, share images, videos, documents, audios (including interviews), and web links.

Orlando Memory is unlike a typical online archive populated primarily with digitized print documents held by universities, libraries or historical societies. These types of items can be found on Orlando Memory, but the content on the site is determined by individuals (including staff members) who feel the item should be part of Orlando's memory.

An individual or group can create a multi-faceted mosaic about a topic – a person, an event, an organization – with images, documents, memories, audios, and even videos. Search for a long ago popular restaurant like “Ronnie’s” or “Church Street Station,” or Orlando’s own astronaut, John Young, and see what you find.

Results are divided into categories – Topics, Images, Audio, Web Links, Documents, Discussion – so be sure to check each!

Now post **your** Orlando Memories!

Ed note: If you don't have Orlando memories, see what exists for your hometown or county. It's amazing what is online!

"Final" Resting Place for Your Documents & Heirlooms

by John D. Beatty

We all know the importance of keeping our family documents in acid-free file folders and boxes and our photographs in archival-quality plastic or mylar sleeves. We have also discussed in this column the importance of labeling our photographs and cataloging and identifying our family heirlooms, such as that vase you inherited from your great-grandmother, and then maintaining an inventory of those items. We have also talked about keeping our genealogical records in good order and even publishing our family history in some form and leaving it in a genealogical library.

But what happens to all of these precious items when you die? Have you made provision for your heirlooms in your will? Some people will have younger generations interested in genealogy who they know will gladly accept heirlooms and photo albums and agree to preserve them. If so, you should first be thankful, and then formalize in writing a bequest of these items to that heir in your will. Sadly, many have no such heirs and face the prospect of having their treasured heirlooms sold at an estate sale or even thrown into a dumpster. Don't let that happen to you. Consider the alternatives while you still can. If you have no interested heirs, see if there is a library or historical society in the area where your family lived - or even a state library or historical society - that would accept your family photos, Bibles, and letters. Make arrangements to donate them while you can, or make an appropriate provision in your will for your heirlooms to go there. Digitize your family photos and family Bible pages and create a family memory book - even if it is not a full-scale genealogy - and consider donating it to a library. The peace of mind is well worth it.

[If you want to share digitized data with others, including Bible records, diaries, and personal papers, you can simply send a disk copy to the **Fort Wayne Library** Genealogy Center stating we have your permission to share the data online.]

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Photographs to be Taken of Every Arlington Grave

Cemetery officials [at Arlington National Cemetery] have never computerized the records, instead relying on an ancient and inadequate pen-and-paper record keeping system. Even worse, many of the records have been lost. Some records are reportedly kept at the cemetery but can no longer be found. Other records have been discovered off site, packed in boxes at a commercial storage facility. Army criminal investigators are now conducting an investigation.

While much has been lost, the Army is trying to correct the situation. The Army's historic Old Guard is now photographing each and every grave with an iPhone. Military officials hope they can eventually use the photos to create an online database for the public. The Old Guard plans to photograph more than 219,000 grave markers and the markers of more than 43,000 sets of cremated remains.

NOTE: The Old Guard is the unit that normally wears dress blues, white gloves and shiny black boots when escorting remains and conducting graveside military funerals. The unit is now dressing in T-shirts and flip-flops to take photographs at night. The reason for nighttime work is to both escape the heat and to not interfere with the four million people who visit the cemetery every year.

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