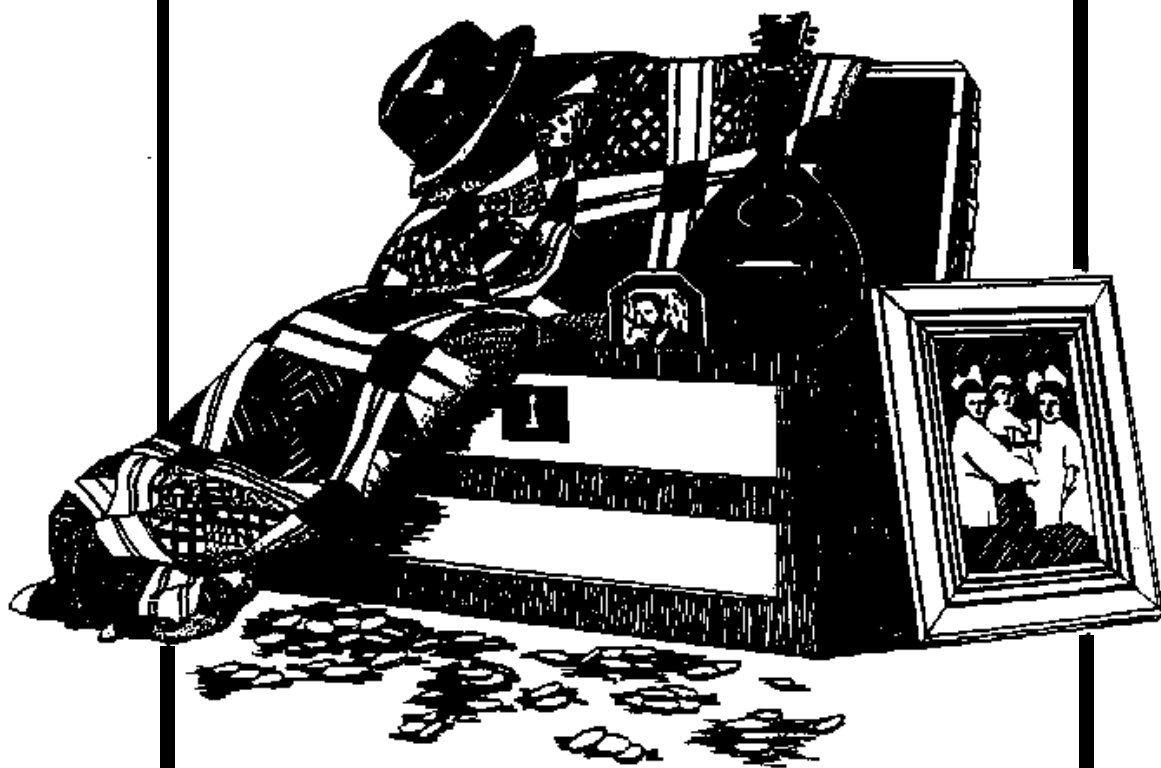


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Thoughts from your Editor

Even though this is the Fall, 2013 issue of *Buried Treasures*, it's actually being put together in February and March 2014. We normally try to get it out within a month or so of the cover date, but it didn't work that way this time. Why? It's been a really busy few months for our Society. In January, we had our very successful Family History Fair at the West Oaks Library. Lorraine AMOS did a wonderful job of organizing the event and lining up a great group of volunteers. Gregg GRONLUND, CFGS counselor & past president, is branch manager of West Oaks and provided a great venue for the event. We had more than 45 registered visitors and more who just wandered in. There were 15 or more CFGS volunteers, as well as representatives from the PastFinders of Lake County, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Jewish Genealogical Society, Daughters of the Confederacy and the Family History Center.

February saw CFGS at Pine Castle Pioneer Days and the Central Florida Fair. CFGS volunteers "manned" booths to share information on our great avocation. Bob FISHER oversaw the Pioneer Days, while Texanne Ivey BUCK handled the booth for the Fair. As always, there was a great cast of volunteers.

Carol MEAD and her cast of volunteers working with the Ask Granny® program have visited a number of senior's groups, helping folks preserve their family information for future generations.

Planning is in the final stages for our Spring Seminar on April 5th with Robert DAVIS, a wonderful speaker who seems to know everything. There will be great food, an outstanding speaker and a wonderful group of folks.

What all of these have in common is - volunteers!. These short-term projects are a great way to "get your feet wet" without committing long term. Why not offer to help with just one CFGS project - it's fun and a great way to get to know others in our group.

Lost Forever!

"It only takes three generations to lose a piece of family history", says Aaron Holt, archives technician at the National Archives Fort Worth. This quote made me stop and think. How many of us have family or friends who are almost lost to memory already? If you're like me, it is time to get serious about recording some of those memories in a format that later generations can access.

For example - my younger brother, Charles David KIESER, died in in the fire on the USS Forrestal off the coast of Viet Nam in 1967, at the age of 20. My only other sibling has developed Alzheimer's and can no longer communicate. Our parents and others of their generation are all gone; our cousins are much younger. My children were too young to remember him. Even though my grandson is named for David, he knows almost nothing about him. I'm probably the only one still living who really remembers him. I have loads of photos and memorabilia, but it is scattered in a number of places (including 10 boxes of photos and memorabilia brought from my parents' home - and still in those boxes). Unless I get busy... no one is going to know who is in those photos - or anything about David's too-short life. Oh, for a few more hours in the day - to sort through, label photos and record those memories. That project has now moved to the top of my "things to get done!" list. I hope to complete a video memorial to keep his memory alive.



David
Charles David Kieser
1946-1967

How many folks fall in that category for you? If you're among the oldest left in your family, is there anyone else to tell the stories of your parents, grandparents, siblings - or others who are no longer here to tell their own stories? Even if its very informal - just jotting down memories as you think of them or speaking into your smart phone or recorder, get those stories down! Even better, set yourself a goal of writing or recording what you remember and getting those photos labeled. Don't you wish your ancestors had done that for you?

Biography of Webster Riley BALSINGER: Husband of Katherine Lynn MARTIN

by Deborah L. Hopkins

Webster Riley BALSINGER was born on February 8, 1866, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was born to Daniel Sturgeon and Lavinia C. (RILEY) BALSINGER. His siblings were: Cyrus, Eva, Charles L., George and Daisie (b.1873-d.1946). His father fought in the Civil War for Pennsylvania and was injured in battle. He died on July 9, 1874, perhaps due to his injury, leaving Lavinia with 6 children. She was now 38, a widow, and was listed in the 1880 census as living with her parents, Cyrus and Nancy RILEY, in Wilkins, Pennsylvania. The children were all living with them. Lavinia collected Daniel's pension from the war.

Webster started working on March 24, 1870 at the age of 13, as a "Hammer Boy" at the Edgar Thompson Steel Works in Braddock, PA. He was then promoted to Office Boy, then to Clerk. He later was promoted to a Clerk at the "Plate Mill" Homestead Steel Works, and then made Clerk at the "Armor Plate Dept." at Homestead. He went on to become Engineer of Ordinance at Carnegie Steel Company. By 1905 he was Assistant to the President of Carnegie Steel, Mr. Andrew CARNEGIE.

He married Katherine Lynne (Martin) (b. 1867) on December 11, 1890, so he would have been 24 and Katherine was about 23. I believe they were married in Pittsburgh or Braddock, PA.

They had three children. Margaret Gayle was born in June, 1891, which probably indicates the Katherine was pregnant when she and Webster were married. William E. was born in November, 1893, and Ellis Corey was born in 1895. Many of the census records show a "boarder", living with the family. These women were caregivers to Katherine, as she was disabled with Parkinson's disease. My Uncle Red EMBREY, husband of Kathryn Lynn, told me Katherine had multiple sclerosis, but I believe somewhere it's written that it was Parkinson's. They also had servants.

Uncle Red also told me that Webster did not believe in owning real estate and always rented the homes they lived in. They lived in several over the years, and I will list the addresses I have at the end of this biography. They became socially prominent during his working years. They were listed in books entitled "Prominent Families in Pittsburgh" for several years.

Webster was a member of many societies, etc. in both Pittsburgh and Washington, DC. Some of these were the Country Club of Pittsburgh, the Duquesne Club, the Pilgrim's Society, the Naval Athletic Association, Fellowship Lodge No. 679, F and AM, (he was a mason), the Chevy Chase Club (Chevy Chase, MD) and the Metropolitan Club in Washington, DC.

He was very active within the Carnegie Steel Company. He was treasurer on the Library Board, created by Andrew Carnegie to establish the free library at Braddock, PA. This was the first of many libraries given to the public in the U.S. by Mr. Carnegie. This library was "for the benefit of the steel factory workers". It had many amenities, including showers where they could bathe before entering the library, after work.

Webster's work life must have been exciting. There are several references to him in historical books, such as Historic Pittsburgh – sesqui-centennial celebration in 1908. His nickname apparently was "Webb". Webster made several trips to England for Carnegie. In 1900, he applied for a passport, and stated that he had 2 fingers missing on his right hand, above the knuckle. I have to assume he lost them while working as "Hammer Boy" at the factory as a child.

I have records from Ellis Island that Webster went to England several times for Carnegie Steel. He went in 1906, in 1912 with Katherine, in 1913 and 1914. He may have made more trips, as oral history indicated they bought baby clothes back more than once for their granddaughter, Kathryn Lynn. My Uncle Red was told that on one trip, he was wired by Carnegie Steel to stay a while longer, and do some business in another country, returning on a later ship. The "Titanic" was the ship he was supposed to travel on, but took another instead because of additional business for Carnegie. I cannot find any records showing he was in Europe at the time

the Titanic sailed, so this may all be just family fiction! The records may not be available.

I was told by my mother, Mary Gayle CANNING that Webster and his wife would buy the baby clothes and a matching doll from England and bring them home for their granddaughter, Kathryn Lynn GRETHER. . They were obviously very wealthy by that time.

I must mention Ellis C. (Corey), their son. He was called “Uncle “B” by Mary Gayle and Kathryn Lynn. He was born on Nov. 12, 1893 in Braddock, PA. I cannot find much about his life, but I know he also worked at Carnegie Steel. He married Margaret Barringer COWLES sometime prior to 1920. She was from North Carolina, and her nickname was “Peggy”. Because his wife and sister were both named Margaret, his sister, Margaret Gayle may have decided to call herself Gayle M., to differentiate the two women. Margaret, Ellis’ wife, died February 16, 1981. Uncle Red and Ellis were “drinking buddies” so I assume drinking was common. The 1915 City Directory lists Ellis C. (Margt) as a salesman at Carnegie Steel Co.

Ellis and Margaret had a son named Corey Ellis, born in January 20, 1920. Corey and his wife Mary and their children lived in Fairfield, CT. Ellis inherited \$10,000 in 1934 from a family friend, last name COREY.

In 1942, Ellis registered for the draft. They lived in Bridgeville, PA, about 8 miles south of Pittsburgh. On the registration it says he was 5’-7”, weighed 140 pounds, and had brown eyes and grey hair. He was 48 years old. He was employed at the “Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co.”, located in the Carnegie Building in downtown Pittsburgh. I don’t know if he was called to duty, but I assume that most upper management at Carnegie would not be called, as they were needed in the corporation to help in the production of steel for the war effort. Ellis’ last residence was in Pittsburgh, PA (15236) and he died January 1971. His son Corey wrote to me on Dec. 14, 2006. He passed away on June 16, 2010. My mother, Mary Gayle, and her half-sister, Kathryn Lynn, often talked about Corey and liked him very much. Somewhere I have a photo of the three of them, all seated outside a mall, and they are all grey haired!

I have printed photos of the ships Webster traveled on and it must have been a very memorable way to travel, as it took quite some time to sail from New York to England and back again. I believe it took about a week or so at sea to sail from New York to England. On the trip taken with Katherine, she traveled with her companion and caregiver, the woman in the photos who is about the same age as Katherine. Her nickname was “Dode”, as Uncle Red recalls. Margaret Gayle also went on that trip, although I have not retrieved that information from the Ellis Island website yet. She does appear in the photos, particularly those on the ships, where she is obviously flirting with a man! He may well be her first husband, Mr. Grether. I will go into more detail in her biography.

Margaret Gayle married a man, possibly Harold GRETHER, (born Feb. 24, 1892), and they had a daughter, Kathryn Lynn on April 2, 1912. She divorced him and married Dr. Charles Hewson CANNING about 1916. They lived on Pacific Avenue in Atlantic City, NJ, and had a daughter named Mary Gayle CANNING (my mother) on July 24, 1919. As a result, Webster and Katherine took care of Kathryn Lynn at their homes in Pittsburgh, while my mother, Mary Gayle, lived with her mother, Margaret Gayle (sometimes she called herself Gayle M.) and father, Dr. CANNING, in Atlantic City. Her grave information is on Find A Grave <www.findagrave.com>, listed under Gayle B. CASSERLY.

From what I understand from my mother, she and her half sister, Kathryn Lynn, did not live together as sisters for several years. I feel that Webster and Katherine must have had their hands full with a young child (Kathryn Lynn) to care for, while Katherine had Parkinson’s disease and was ill. My uncle told me that “Dode” was also my Aunt Kay (Kathryn’s) nurse when she was a baby, so they did have live-in help.

Mary Gayle told me she would occasionally visit Pittsburgh and the grandparents. She said the homes were lovely, with cherished items brought back from Europe. Among them were framed glazed art tiles that were various sizes. Only one survived, and it is a painted tile of a woman in the Greek style, with a double frame of gold gilt, and surrounded by a plain wood frame, resembling a shadow box. I have restored it as much as

I can afford and it is in my home. My mother said this was one of the smaller ones, so the larger ones were probably just beautiful. She would dust them when she visited them and she would be paid !! How sweet.

The other item that was saved is a "chocolate set" that must have been purchased in Europe. There are 3 dessert or cake plates, 1 saucer, 1 cup, a creamer and a sugar, and what appears to be a very small chocolate pot. The set is marked on the back of each, an R with a crown above, and I believe the name SAXE below the R. I believe they are made of porcelain. They are a medium green and white, with gold gilt bands. Each piece contains a different cherub, beautifully painted. I imagine this was originally a set of 4 or 6. My mother loved to admire them and often told the story of losing the other things when she would notice the chocolate set. I am sure there were many beautiful things that were lost.

After Webster and Katherine died, Margaret Gayle inherited many items they owned. During the Depression, she was managing a boarding house (I always assumed in Pittsburgh, as it sounded like she was divorced again by that time). She put the things in storage, then could not afford to get them out, and lost everything except this one framed art piece. What a shame.

Webster died on November 27, 1930, in Pittsburgh, about a year after the stock market crash. His death certificate lists Erysipelas (strep infection, perhaps developed into necrotizing fasciitis) and contributory was bronco pneumonia as the causes of death. His son, Ellis, was the informant. By then, Webb was a widower.

Katherine Lynn died August 9, 1930. She is listed as Catherine M. (Martin) BALSINGER on the death index for Pittsburgh in 1930. Her death certificate lists the cause of death as bronco pneumonia, the contributory of Parkinson's disease. Apparently they both got pneumonia at the same time. Again, Ellis was the informant. Those 4 months must have been horrible for both of their children, Ellis and Margaret (Gayle).

One more thing I believe is important. I believe one of Webster's sister's (Martha) married a man named MCCANDLESS. This may be the same McCandless who was partners with Andrew Carnegie at the beginning of the Carnegie Steel Empire. I need to do more research on him too.

The home on Woodmont St. was in the area known as "Squirrel Hill" in Pittsburgh. At the time it was a very prestigious neighborhood.. It was over 2,700 square feet and had 9 rooms on 3 stories. My Uncle Red told me it had an electric refrigerator in the basement, which was unheard of in those days, as everyone had an "ice box". It would hold a block of ice, which was replaced by a delivery man when it had melted. Can you imagine living like that? Another of their rentals may have also been in Squirrel Hill.

I have been doing much of my research at a local Church of Latter Day Saints Family History Center. They have free access to Ancestry.com, and also access to their own programs where searching is unique. I recently also found out how to access death records for Pennsylvania. In doing so, I discovered a list showing the death dates of both Katherine and Webster. It appears that Katherine died on August 9, 1930 and Webster on February 16, 1930. However, there is a discrepancy in his death date. In a biography produced by Carnegie Steel, it lists his death as being on November 27, 1930. Either way, they both died the same year. Their daughter, Margaret died just 9 years later.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.	
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Eyes: <u>hazel</u>	Complexion: <u>rather dark</u>
Nose: <u>prominent</u>	Face: <u>fairly full</u>
<u>1st and 2nd of right hand cut off near first joint</u>	
IDENTIFICATION.	
<u>Pittsburg Pa. October 19, 1900</u>	
I hereby certify that I know the above-named <u>W.R. Balsinger</u>	

Description of Webster R. Balsinger, from his passport application 19 Oct 1900,
Ancestry.com

Genealogical Gems at the Orlando Public Library

compiled by Kim Peters

Genealogy Periodicals

There are about 780 titles in the genealogy periodical (GenPers) collection in the Genealogy Department at the Orlando Public Library.

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You can search PERSI at Ancestry.com or HeritageQuest Online (through your local library). HeritageQuest is available on the database computers in the Genealogy Department on the 4th Floor at the Orlando Public Library. It is also available from home and on mobile devices to Orange County residents with a valid library card and pin. To search PERSI using HeritageQuest Online,

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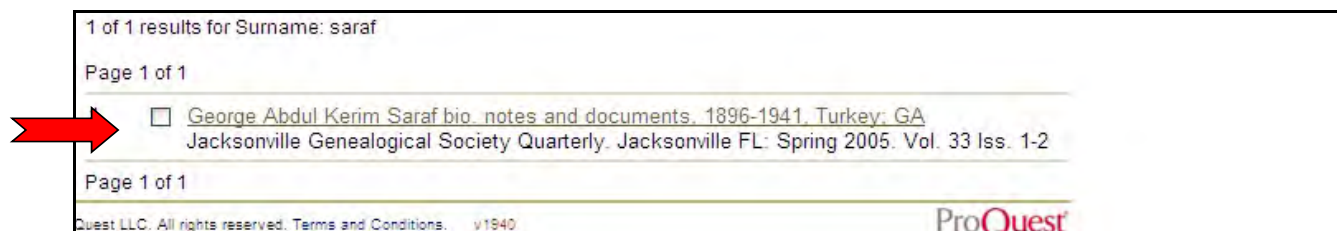
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2. Determine the category you wish to search and select that option.



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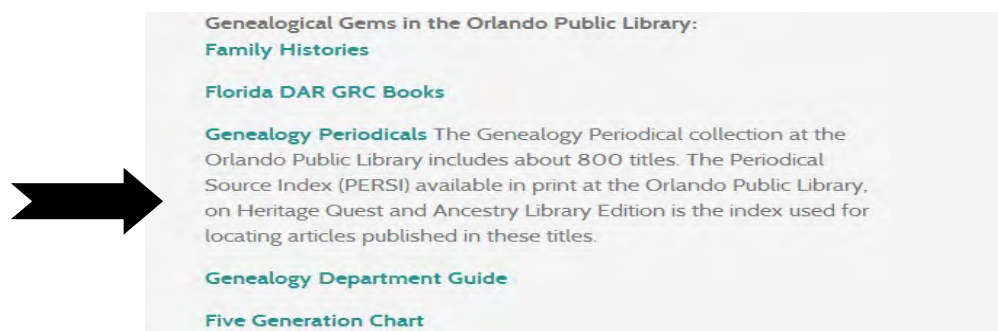
The library maintains an index of GenPer holdings at the Reference Desk on 4th floor at the Orlando Public Library. You can also access this index at OrlandoMemory.info. If the library does not own the title, you can order copies from the Allen County Public Library. To order copies, click on the title of the article in HeritageQuest and follow the link to the order form. You may order up to six articles for a fee of \$7.50 plus copy charges. (Pricing information as of 2/15/13)

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Fraternal Record	050	no	Genealogy	4B	1936,38,39,43	39-41,42,46			
Methodist History	289	no	Genealogy	1B	1997-1998 NI	35-36 NI			
Quaker History	289.6	no	Genealogy	6B	1964-82 NI	53-71 NI			
Quaker Queries	289.6	no	Genealogy	1B	1986-1988	na			
American Jewish Archives Journal	296	yes	Genealogy	0	na				
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Branches - Newsletter of The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Miami	296	yes	na	0	na				

The Cottonwood Tree

By Marguerite Ellen Morrow WULFEKUHLER (1918-1997)

I used to go visiting with my great uncle John who had a friend who lived at the top of a hill. His name was Robert NOE. He had a cottonwood tree that was the most beautiful tree. It was a wonderful, magic place.

They were two old men, my great uncle John and Robert Noe. Uncle John was tall and lean and thin; over six feet tall I heard my grandmother say. His hair was black and his mustache too - it was bushy and fell off the ends of his mouth. Robert Noe was short and round with white, white hair.

There was a wonderful wooden porch swing under the tree and various kitchen type chairs to sit on. The grass was green and thick and soft and the soft breeze smelled of flowers on the hill.

The tree was so big I had to stretch my arms four times to hug that wonderful tree. On summer evenings the fireflies loved it too. They played all evening under the cottonwood tree.

Robert Noe always brought out lemonade and fat sugar cookies from his little house beside the cottonwood tree on the hill. They were bachelors, my great uncle John and Robert Noe. That meant they didn't have wives, but I couldn't see they needed them. They had the cottonwood tree and lemonade and sugar cookies and a swing to sit on and fireflies to watch. And they never had to go to bed, though I don't remember. I was always fast asleep when my great uncle John carried me down the hill and home after we had been to visit Robert Noe and his cottonwood tree.

Note: My mother wrote this in a book (*Grandmother Remembers*) that she passed down to her children.

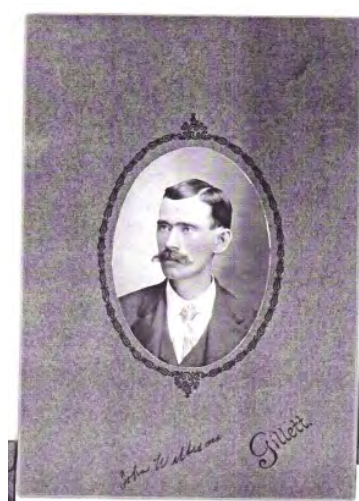
John Henry WILLIAMS (born Kentucky, 1863, died Ottumwa, Iowa, 1925) was my mother's great uncle. He lived with his niece, Hazel Margaret ELLIOTT MORROW (1895-1973), her husband, Ernest Woodfin MORROW (1896-1933), and their two children, Marguerite and Warren Riley Morrow, (1921-1982) in Ottumwa, Iowa, when my mother (Marguerite) was a child. (Ottumwa, Iowa census, 1925).

The description of John Henry is accurate, see photo. He never married, although Robert Noe, (1855-after 1930) according to 1920 and 1930 Federal Census was married to Lydia A. Noe. I am not sure why my mother never met Robert's wife, but she was probably the one making the sugar cookies.

Information complied by Ellen Wulfekuhler GILLAND. 2013



Marguerite Ellen Morrow
1921



John Henry Williams

Betty SKELTON, Daredevil Pilot June 28, 1926—August 31, 2011

by Patricia Patterson ALLEN

Betty SKELTON, a native of Pensacola, was known as the “fastest woman on Earth.” She was a three-time national aerobatics champion and set speed records in airplanes and automobiles. She died at the age of 85 at her home in The Villages.

She made her first solo flight - illegally - at age 12. She had been fascinated by the airplanes that flew over her home near the Naval Air Station and preferred model airplanes over dolls. Betty befriended a Navy Ensign who provided flying instruction and allowed her to solo in his Taylorcraft airplane which was not permitted.

After receiving her Civil Aviation Authority private pilot's license at age 16, she qualified for the Women Air force Service Pilots (WASP) program, but the minimum age was 18½ so she was forced to wait. Sadly, the program was discontinued four months before she reached the required age.

When she graduated from high school in 1944, she lied about her age to get a job with Eastern Airlines as a night clerk. During the day, she would rent planes and fly. At age 18, she received her Commercial Pilot License and was certified as a flight instructor the following year, soon joining the newly-formed Civil Air Patrol.

Since females were not admitted to the services or the airlines, air shows provided the only opportunity for her to work as a pilot, other than instructing. Her professional career began in Jacksonville at the Southeastern Air Exposition in 1946. Although she performed dozens of aerobatic tricks, her most impressive maneuver involved cutting a ribbon strung between two fishing poles with her propeller, while flying upside down 10 feet off the ground. She held the rank of Major in the CAP and became a test pilot. Besides piston-driven planes, Skelton also flew blimps, gliders, helicopters and jets.

After winning the championship in 1948, she bought a rare Pitts Special - a lightweight, open cockpit biplane designed for aerobatics. The plane was painted a dramatic red and white and Betty's Chihuahua, *Little Tinker*, outfitted with a custom-made working parachute, flew in her lap. Betty later donated her plane dubbed the “Little Stinker” – a nick-name inspired by the plane's tendency to make a ground loop on landing – to the Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian which placed the aircraft on permanent display.

A friend, Bill FRANCE, Sr., invited her to Daytona Beach during speedweek in February 1954 where she drove the pace car, then climbed into a Dodge sedan and was clocked at 105.88 on the beach sand, setting a stock car speed record for women. Skelton had discovered her second passion!

Bill FRANCE stated: “*I would venture to say there is no other woman in the world with all the attributes of this woman. The most impressive of them all is her surprising and outstanding ever-present femininity, even when tackling a man's job.*”

She set her final major land-speed record in 1965 when she topped 315 mph during one run at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah driving a jet-powered car

When NASA was training the Mercury 7 Astronauts, *LOOK MAGAZINE* asked Ms. Skelton to undergo the same rigorous physical and psychological training. She passed every test and won the respect of the Astronauts who nicknamed her 7½ ! Wearing a space suit, she appeared on the cover of *LOOK* with the headline: “Should a girl be first in space?”

When Betty married Donald FRANKMAN, they moved to Winter Haven in 1976 where she kept a seaplane docked at their lakefront home.



Almost nothing scared the gutsy aerobatics pioneer. She flew planes in violent storms and dense fog. On one occasion, the engine of a P-51 Mustang exploded in mid-air when she reached a record-breaking speed of 421 mph. A non-swimmer, she declined to bail out over Tampa Bay and brought the plane down to a safe landing. "I think I'm more afraid of snakes than I am of airplanes" she told a journalist. "I'm terrified of snakes."

Betty SKELTON was an audacious pilot and driver. She was a three-time women's international aerobatic's champion and the first female test driver in the auto industry. She broke so many barriers in the air and on land that she became known as the "First Lady of Firsts."

Genealogy Search Engines

There are several search engines that are specific to genealogy - and will sometimes find records that other searches don't. Every time I hear of a new one, or am notified of upgrade to one I've used, I try it out with my problem children, Friedrich KIESER and Valentine Stalder. Occasionally, I do find something new. A search on the updated GenealogyInTime search engine found nothing Friedrich (so what's new) but did locate two new records on Valentine Stalder. One was a 1915 newspaper clipping - a 50-years-ago column from the Redding, PA newspaper, telling of a fire in 1865 which destroyed two homes of Valentine Stalder on Washington Street. Since the family had left there for Indiana before 1860, who was in those home? Did they leave some family behind? The other was an answer to a RootsWeb query I'd posted many years ago - and told me that there were two children of Valentine Stalder buried in the Charles Evans Cemetery in Redding. I knew of one of them through the 1850 Mortality Census, but the other was a name for one of the missing children. Neither was a significant discovery, but every little piece fills in a bit more on the family.

The search engines range from free to fairly expensive, but most have a free trial or features you can access without charge.

Genealogy In Time [GenealogyInTime.com] is totally free. There is a search engine for genealogy websites and a second for online family trees. Subscribe to the free newsletter to get updates on all sorts of genealogical information.

Movavo [mocavo.com] has both a free version as well as a paid version. A search is free and gets you results, but some of the materials found are only viewable with a paid subscription (\$9.00 per month, \$80. per year). They do have a 7-day free trial. If you upload your tree to Mocavo, it will automatically search its data and send the matches to you via email. They say they will be adding new free databases at the rate of 1000 per day.

My Heritage [myheritage.com] will also allow a free search, with some results viewable; others require a paid subscription [\$119.00 billed annually]. If you upload your GedCom or create a tree using their free online Family Tree Builder, your names will be searched regularly and "Smart Matches" sent to you. A representative says they have a 7-day free trial, but I didn't find that on the website.

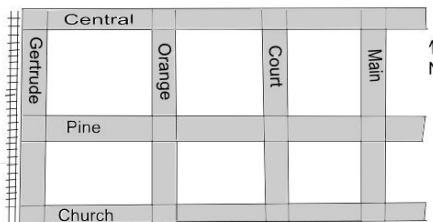
MyTrees [mytrees.com] is the newest search engine. It uses "Family Relationship Searching" to search for family trees online. Searches are free, but most data is only available to paid members (\$10 for 10 days, \$20 per month; \$120 per year). Uploading a GedCom will give you 31 days free access. Names in your tree will be searched, with results sent to you.

Don't forget **Google** [google.com] as a genealogy search engine. Put specific names in "quotes" or add ~genealogy or ~family to your search term to limit the search to genealogy. Use the Advance search to be more specific as to dates or websites. Set a Google Alert to have Google search for you and let you know what's new.

Orlando Business District in 1884

extracted by Betty Jo STOCKTON

In rummaging through the vertical files in the Genealogy Department of the Orlando Public Library, I discovered a single sheet map (made by A. CLAGUE from tax records) pinpointing the location of properties in downtown Orlando in 1884. Orlando had been incorporated as a city in June 1875, with boundaries of "1 mile due east, 1 mile due west, one mile due north [from the courthouse at Main and Central] forming a square. The boundaries were Marks Street on the North, South Street or Copeland Drive on the South, Fern Creek Avenue on the East, and Kentucky (now Orange Blossom Trail) on the West.



According to the 1886 Jacksonville Directory¹, the population of Orlando in 1884 was estimated at 1,638. By 1886, it was 3,528.

The major streets of downtown Orlando were East to West: Central, Pine and Church. North to South were: Gertrude, Orange; Court and Main [now Magnolia]

Businesses in Orlando 1864

Gertrude Street [near the railroad]

West side of Gertrude:

CHRISTOPHER's Boarding House [at Church]
THANASHAW Fruit Stand
MATHES Shoe Shop [at Church]
Joseph Bumby Feeds [at Church]
Peter MACKS' Winery [at Pine]
South Florida Railway [at Pine]
South Florida Foundry Works

East side of Gertrude:

So Florida Railway Depot [at Church]
N. C. MOTLEY Grocery [at Church]
WATERHOUSE & RUSSELL Feeds [at Pine]

Pine Street

West side of Pine:

COHN Brother's Clothes [at Church]
RANDOLPH Café [at Church]
W. C. SHERMAN, Jewel Store [at Church]
F. A. LEWTER Dry Goods/Grocery [at Church]

East side of Pine

MATHEWS Barbershop [at Church]
IVES & FEGRUSON Grocery & Express [at Church]

Orange Ave

West side of Orange

W. S. WHITE Gen. Merchandise [at Church]
BIRNBAUM Dry Goods [at Church]
ALLIGATOR JOHN'S Curio Shop
Billie WILLIAM'S Saloon
E. P. HYER Saloon
DEATRICK Tin Store
CARPENTER'S Shoe Repair
SINCLAIR & MILLER Real Estate [at Pine]
Band Stand [at Pine]

East side of Orange

PEEK & WILLIAMS Drugs [at Church]
C. A. BOONE Hardware [at Church]
J. N MCELROY Drugs
RICE Bro. Furniture
SCHULTZ Bros Dry Goods
Charleston House [hotel] [at Pine]
State Natl. Bank [at Pine]
C. G. BUTT Lawyer
Mrs HOLLOWAY Restaurant
J. H. LIVINGSTON Real Estate
Barbershop (Col)
PRICE (Bee Hive)
P. A. FOSTER Livery Stable [at Central]
W. M. OGLIVIE Hardware [at Central]

¹*Orlando section: Webb's Jacksonville and consolidated directory of the representative cities of east and south Florida*, p. 437. George Smathers Library, University of Florida.

<<http://ufdc.ufl.edu/UF00003784/00001/485j>>

Court Street

West side of Court

SMITH Jewelry Store [at Church]
Mrs KOLLOCK Boarding House [at Church]
E. A. RICHARDS Undertaker & Gunsmith
Mule Lot
Jail

East side of Court

GEER Photos
Opera House
Spot Cash
DAVIS Market
J. V. DUKE Grocery [at Pine]
Armory
City Well

Main Street

West side of Main

H. H. DERRY Wagon Works [at Church]
Dr. ROLAND
Ed SPEER
Courthouse [at Court]

East side of Main

Cemetery
English Club
Post Office
1st National Bank [at Court]
Summerlin House [hotel] [at Court]

Central Ave

North side of Central

Presbyterian Church

South side of Central

Dr HICKS Residence
COHEN's Bro Gen Store

Pine Street

North side of Pine

J. H. MOONEY Pianos & Organs
Magnolia Hotel
Dr CHAPMAN Drugs
C. F. MCQUAIG Real estate

South side of Pine

WHITE-KNOX-GRADY Insurance & Real Estate
B. B. CAMBELL's Restaurant
Chas. ROCK Bakery
A. D. BENWAY Barber
A. M. HYER Saloon
Milo COOPER Barber
O'CONNELL Paint & Signs
A. M HYERS Livery Stable
Ed GUNNBY Lawyer
Orlando Record [newspaper]
C. A. WINTER
Post Office

Church Street

North side of Church

J. A. MCDOWELL Grocery
ROLLINS Fish Market
J. S. MAIRSON Dry Goods
C. A. CARTINO Fruits
KUHLE "KKK" Candy
DELANEY & HEARD Grocery
Ed IVES Bakery
IVES & ROWLAND [bakers]
Big Tom SHINE Auctions

South side of Church

MERNEAGH Grocery
Dr J. N. BUTT Drugs
N. P. NIMO Dry Goods
CAMPBELL Pump & Wells
GREEN Front Grocery
W. P. KYLE Tin Shop
DANN's Grocery
PRICE Harness Shop
SKILLMAN Well Driving
DUCKWORTH Shoe
Scott ALLEN & Co Feeds Store

Help needed!

We need help with data input to prepare a survey of Orlando cemeteries that will be posted to our CFGS website. This survey was completed by CFGS in 1983, but never published, so there is loads of valuable information just waiting to be searched. The current format is not suitable for scanning, so the data will need to be re-typed in a format suitable for posting online. Pages will be sent to volunteers digitally. It will be typed into an Excel (or equivalent) spreadsheet that is pre-formatted to make extraction easy. If you can help with a page or two - or a large cemetery, please contact Betty Jo at <bjstock@cfl.rr.com>

Orlando... The Phenomenal City
from the foreword to the *1886 City Directory*²

Three and one half years ago. a dense forest of stately pines grew upon the site where now stands the business center of Orlando. The stranger arriving in Florida~ and journeying here and there visiting this and that city, making comparisons and drawing conclusions, is repeatedly told, "Wait until you arrive at Orlando".

This phenomenal city is situated in the center of a great orange district on the South Florida Rail road, 22 miles southwest of Sanford, and 93 miles from Tampa, at the junction of the Tavares, Orlando and Atlantic Railroad with the South Florida. Its former name was Fort Gatlin, and as far back as 1856, it became the county seat of Orange. County. It was settled by Hon J. G. SPEAR who donated four acres to the town for the site of court house, which was soon after built; a new one has been recently erected at a cost of \$840,000. The population in 1884 was estimated at 1,638 – at present it is 3,528. Orlando is situated on the apex of the peninsula. 106 feet above Lake Monroe, the water on one side flowing into the Gulf of Mexico. on the other into the Atlantic Ocean. Whatever way one may drive a beautiful lake forms a part of the landscape around which and sloping to the sandy beaches are geometrically arranged orange groves laden with golden fruit. The T. O. & A. Railroad already spoken of, was opened to the public in June, 1885. It is a broad gauge road, 32 miles in length and connects at Tavares with the Florida Railway and Navigation Company's system of roads, making direct communication with the great north and west. Pullman cars from any city can come direct to Orlando, and soon it is expected they can reach the Indian River country on the Atlantic coast.

The "tenderfoot" on arriving here sees nothing but business. He walks down Church St. from the depot. after making his way through a crowd as dense as the one on arrival of a river steamer at Jacksonville; he is surprised at the size and appearance of the stores and the amount of business done equal to a city three times its size. Reaching Orange avenue, another fashionable promenade surprises him. Turning to the left he proceeds on to Pine where another long line of stores confronts him. Right there he is in the "center of business". From this corner he can see several real estate exchanges which have done so much for and made made this city so famous. Expensively caparisoned turnouts are ready to take one free of cost to any part of the surrounding country. Messrs. SINCLAIR & MILLS, real estate men, have several horses for this purpose. An air of business seems to be breathed by all. To a non-believer in printers ink, let him visit Orlando.... Having passed several other rivals, Orlando is pressing hard the two cities of Palatka and Gainesville, who are neck and neck in the race for supremacy in population and importance.

THE CHARLESTON HOUSE.

A. M. HYER, Prop.,
Orange Ave., Corner Pine St., Orlando, Fla.

Situated on the most prominent corner in the city, in the center of business,
opposite both Banks, and near all the famous Real Estate Exchanges
for which Orlando is noted. It is within one block of the Opera
House and the various Newspaper Offices.

THE CHARLESTON
—IS THE—
LEADING HOTEL OF ORLANDO,

And commands the patronage of Commercial Travelers and Pleasure Tour-
ists generally.

Porters and Carriages Meet all Trains.

ROOMS RESERVED BY TELEGRAPH.
RATE \$3 PER DAY.

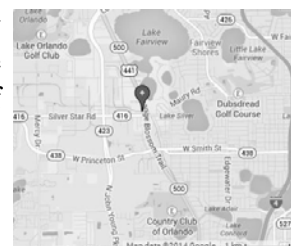
Display ad from the *1886 Orlando City Directory*

²Op cite, p. 437-8.

Fairvilla, Florida

by C. Verne DAVIS

What and where is Fairvilla you ask? Fairvilla is an unincorporated community in Orange County, Fla. and is located along U. S. Route 441 (called the Orange Blossom Trail, except now there are no orange blossoms) on the northern border of Orlando. Fairvilla is 98' above sea level and its coordinates are 28°03'44"N, -81°02'31"W, if anybody cares.



During the 80's, there was an urban legend regarding a large red apeman who was known as the "Fairvilla Gorilla", which supposedly had been sighted in the area. "It started in the west section of Orlando's merchant district, known as Fairvilla. Reports of a giant, reddish ape-man were coming in to local authorities day and night. Witnesses claimed that this strange creature would come out from the woods behind local businesses and hunt through garbage dumpsters and trash cans for scraps of food. The creature would come out mostly at night, totally oblivious to streetlights shining on it, which naturally alerted drivers as they passed by. If the astounded drivers shouted out to the creature, it would flee back into the adjacent woods."³

Well, let me tell you where it was in the summer of 1946. Go to the end of the world and take one more step, it was in the middle of nowhere. It was so small that they had "Welcome to Fairvilla" and "You are leaving Fairvilla" on the same sign. There were few houses around, some had horses, the streets were dirt, there was one street lite (a round piece of metal with a lite bulb in the middle) suspended in the middle of the intersection of Harding and Taft a block away, (we used to throw rocks at the bulb, never did hit it).

There was a local bar at the northwest corner of Rio Grand and Harding, The bar had a kiddie area for us to play. I think that's why dad (Raymond Kehlor Davis) bought the house at 1615 Harding Street. Across the street (Rio Grand) from the bar there was a large orange grove owned by Dr. Phillips; it ran from Bryn Mawr on the south to Maury Road on the north and all the way back to Lake Silver.

There was an exclusive subdivision (I don't think rich people call them subdivisions) off Maury Road on Interlocken Drive, I don't think us Fairvillians were allowed there.

The railroad tracks were a block away and you had to walk thru a swampy area to get to the tracks. There were plenty of leaches that we picked off our feet after walking thru the swampy area and used them for bait when we fished in Lake Silver. On the other side of the tracks was Continual Continental Can Company, a citrus packing house and a repair shop for the wooden crates that they put the oranges in after they picked them. When the workmen left for the day we would go to the repair shop and get the nails if they left any out 'cause we were always building stuff. Fairvilla Elementary School was three blocks away and had indoor plumbing. There was a small store (Knocksteins, was the name I think) on the corner of Fairvilla Road and Taft Street. Five blocks away, at the intersection of U.S. Route 441 and what was then called Fairvilla Road was a gas station on the north-west corner (I think that Hubbard Construction started there). On the north-east corner was a Pure Distribution Company. On the south-east corner there was a barber shop and a grocery store called "Pick and Pay". I don't remember what was on the south-west corner.

Fairvilla was where I enjoyed all the childhood diseases of the day, ringworm (I remember that mom used carbon tetrachloride to freeze the worm and kill it), mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough, florida sores, boils, poison ivy, measles, the common cold and everything else that came along.

I'll bet that you didn't know this but one of Orlando's police chiefs lived in Fairvilla. This is how I remember Fairvilla.

³Jenkins, Greg. *Chronicles of the Strange and Uncanny in Florida*., Pineapple Press., 2010., p 112-3.

James C. BALLARD - First probate packet in Orange County, FL 1871

by Betty Jo STOCKTON

FamilySearch.org has recently put Florida, Probate Records, 1784-1990 online⁴. These are images only and are not complete, but allow access to previously hard to access records. Being naturally nosy, I check into the Orange County records. The first file in Probate Packet #1 was that of James C. BALLARD, who died intestate about 1871. There were other wills probated earlier in Orange County, but they are not yet online. These packets appear to be only those of folks who died intestate. Since the BALLARD packet ran more than 100 pages, it seemed worthy of a second look.

James C. BALLARD died before May 1771, when his oldest son, Lewis M. BALLARD, started the probate process.

He appeared on the 1860 census, but was not on the 1870 unless his name was mangled by the census taker. In 1870, his wife Adeline was listed with John O. BALLARD, from Tennessee as opposed to James C. BALLARD, born 1818 in Georgia. James probably died between November, 1869 when he bought land in Orange County and July 1870, when the census was taken. No where in all these papers is his death date given - just "James C. BALLARD, deceased".

Since he died intestate (without a will), the process was complicated. James was about 52; he left a wife and 11 children, with 6 of them minors. He also had real estate in two counties, Marion and Orange, as well as personal property. James had purchased land in the area just north of Eustis (now in Lake County) November, 1869⁵. His Marion County property was just north of Orange County, near Ocala.

Census and online records show that James Clark BALLARD was born in Franklin Co, GA about 1818, probably the son of Lewis and Meeky (DOBBS) BALLARD. He married Adeline BEAL in Marion Co, FL in 1844. In 1850, James, Adeline and their 3 children lived next door to his parents in Marion Co, FL. Both were farmers. By 1860, both families were in Orange County, living in the Hawkinsville area (on the west side of the St Johns River near Deland and now a ghost town within the Ocala National Forest).

James C. BALLARD was a veteran of the Florida Indian Wars and 160 acres of his land was given to him as a result of that service. The warrant for that purchase follows this article. He purchased his first land in Marion County in 1848 in the Silver Springs area and added to that as well as to his Warrant land, which was west of Ocala⁶. It appears that he still had that land when he moved south into Orange County.

The probate packet contains lots of paper, with some too faded to be legible and in no particular order. It includes the sale of his land, some at auction including the printed notice in the local paper of the Commissioner's Sale. It has an inventory of the personal property as well as real estate. John WOFFORD was appointed guardian of the minor children.

The probate process dragged on for years - until at least 1876.

⁴ Probate packets, approx. 1869-1897. Orange County, FL.

<https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/215366?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

⁵ Orange County, FL Comptroller's Office. <http://or.occompt.com/recorder/eagleweb/docSearch.jsp>

⁶ Bureau of Land Management, Government Land Office records.
<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/search/>

The family of James C. BALLARD were⁷:

James C.⁷ BALLARD (Lewis⁶, Whorton⁵, Jesse⁴, John³, Joseph², John¹) was bom 1818 in Franklin Co, GA. He married Adaline BEAL Dec 05, 1844 in Marion Co FL. She was bon abt. 1828 in Georgia.

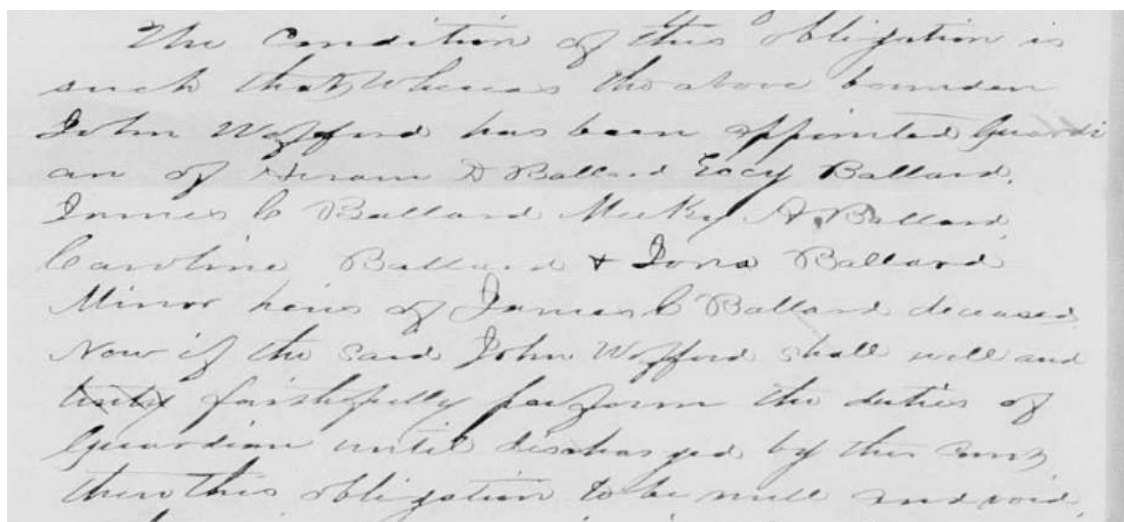
Children of James BALLARD and Adaline BEAL:

1. Lewis M. BALLARD , b. 1845, Marion Co Fl; m. Sarah ENGLISH.
- 2.. Henry Lewis BALLARD , b. 1847, Marion Co Fl.
3. Nancy Ann BALLARD, b. 1849, Marion Co Fl; m. Ezekiel HULL
4. Hiram BALLARD , b 1854, Marion Co Fl; m. Mollie E. WINDHAM.
5. Mary C. BALLARD, b 1855; m. Thomas A. HUX.
6. Excy BALLARD, b 1858; m. James H. HAMILTON.
7. James Clark BALLARD, b 1859; m. Josephine WILLIAMS.
8. Eliza BALLARD, b 1861.
9. Meeky BALLARD, b 1862.
10. Caroline BALLARD, b 1865; m. Wiley HICKS.
11. Iona BALLARD, b 1868; m. Andrew H. SLOAN

Siblings of James C. Ballard

Children of Lewis BALLARD , b 1791, Montgomery Co NC; m. Meeky DOBBS. Sep 25. 1817. Franklin Co, GA; b. abt. 1800.

- i. W. R BALLARD .
- ii. James C BALLARD, b. 1818, Franklin Co GA.
- iii. Solomon R BALLARD, b. 1820, Franklin Co GA.
- iv. Morris R. BALLARD, b. Mar 04, 1820, Franklin Co GA; d. Aug 19, 1899, Attala Co,GA.
- v. William L. BALLARD, b. 1825, Franklin Co GA; m. Sophia MORGAN, Jul 1853, Marion Co, FL.
- vi. Monner BALLARD, b. 1831, Franklin Co GA.
- vii. Mary C BALLARD, b. 1832, Franklin Co GA.
- viii. Martha C BALLARD, b. 1841, Franklin Co GA.



The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the above bounden John Wofford has been appointed Guardian of Herman D Ballard Excy Ballard, Innes b Ballard Mueky D Ballard, Caroline Ballard & Iona Ballard Minor heirs of James C Ballard deceased Now if the said John Wofford shall well and truly faithfully perform the duties of Guardian until discharged by the Court then this obligation to be null and void.

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Appointment of John Wofford as guardian of minor children of James C. Ballard, deceased.

⁷Miller, Lynne D. *Georgia Ballards.*, 2001. Available as a free digital download from FamilySearch.org/books

⁸"Florida, Probate Records, 1784-1990," FamilySearch <https://familysearch.org>. Orange Co, FL, Probate packets 1869-1897 no 1-28; image 99.

Warrant for land, based on military service in Seminole Wars, 1851⁹. James C. Ballard, The land was in Marion Co, FL, west of Ocala.

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The United States of America,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved September 28th, 1850, entitled "An Act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," Warrant No. 2957 for 160 acres, issued in favor of *James C Ballard private in Captain Grants Company Georgia Mounted Volunteers Florida War*

has been returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the *South West quarter of the South West quarter of Section Three South East quarter of the South East quarter of Section Six North East quarter of the North East quarter of Section Seven and North West quarter of the North West quarter of Section Eight in Township Fourteen South of Range Twenty East, in the District of Land subject to sale at Kivmansville Florida containing ^{here divided} the said fifty eight acres and thirty hundredths of an acre* according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Lands returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL:

Now know Ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said *James C Ballard*

the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said *James C Ballard and to his*

heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, *Millard Fillmore* PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the City of WASHINGTON, the *Fifteenth* day *August* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty one* and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the seventy- *Sixth*

BY THE PRESIDENT *Millard Fillmore*
By *Alex McCormick* Sec'y.
C. L. Terry Recorder of the General Land Office.



⁹Bureau of Land Management, patent image.

Inventory of the personal property of James C. Ballard, 1870¹⁰. (Remember this is a family with 11 children)

1	Spinning wheel	\$ 3 00
2	bed stands	2 00
3	tables	3 00
1	desks	3 00
12	chairs	9 00
1	clock dumb	00 00
2	trunks	3 00
3	baskets	2 00
1	chair	1 50
11	tin pans	2 00
2	cans	1 00
18	plates	1 00
18	cups & saucers	2 00
6	bowls	5 00
2	dishes	2 00
6	knives & forks	1 50
3	beds & clothing	-
5	mattresses	50 00
2	fire stoves	
2	Saw Irons	1 00
1	hand saw	1 00
1	drawing knife	25-
3	augers	1 00
1	saddle	3 00
2	pr hames	2 00
2	pr traces	1 50
1	half shovel plow	50
2	turn plows Yankee	4 00
2	sweeps "	2 00
3	hose	2 00
20	iron nails	
20	nails	
		1650 75
	L M Ballard	J W Bryan
	Administralr	W J Mott
		appraisers

¹⁰Florida, Probate Records, 1784-1990," images, FamilySearch.org., Orange > ***Probate packets 1869-1897***, image 12 of 1143.

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