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## ARK-LA-TEX GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

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The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association is a Section 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Louisiana.

The purpose of this organization is:

- To collect, preserve and make available genealogical documents and records
- To encourage an interest in genealogy and to sponsor educational programs for its development
- To promote the Shreveport/Bossier City area as having significant resources for genealogical and historical research
- To compile and publish a quarterly publication, *The Genie*, composed of records of genealogical and historical importance, helpful research information, and ancestral queries.



The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association meets on the second Saturday of each month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Randle T. Moore Center, 3101 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA.

The membership year is from January 1 through December 31 and dues are \$20.00 annually for individual or same household family memberships. Dues for those members joining in the last half of the year (July 1 - December 31) are \$10.00. Membership renewals are due by January 31 at the "whole year" annual rate. Payment may be made online through PayPal, by regular mail, or at regular meetings. Refer to our website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~laaltga/join.htm> for details.

**Statement of Publication:** *The Genie* is published on a quarterly basis and distributed electronically as a pdf document to members and subscribing institutions that have provided an email address. The Association also participates in an exchange agreement with other organizations that publish similar genealogical publications. Those publications that are received are donated to the Broadmoor Branch Genealogy Department of the Shreve Memorial Library.

We welcome family history and genealogy research articles and records, especially those that are likely to be of an interest to others. Some examples are family pedigree charts, cemetery surveys/records, family and community histories, and transcribed courthouse records. We also accept articles describing a genealogical "brick wall," as well as queries. All submitted material should be typed or very plainly written and sent to our mailing address or emailed to our editor. Please note that *The Genie* cannot be responsible for errors or inaccuracies, but will hasten to publish correction.

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## President's Message

The Story Tellers.....We are the Chosen.

*My feelings are in each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. To me, doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before*

*We are the story tellers of the tribe. All tribes have one.  
We have been called as it were by our genes.  
Those who have gone before cry out to us: Tell our story.  
So, we do. In finding them, we somehow find ourselves...<sup>1</sup>*

Does this speak to you? I am not certain that there is only "one" chosen within a family, but in some way if we are seen as researchers in our family history, we "become" the chosen. Of course our family members think that we should know all of the details about everyone for the last two centuries. If you are one of the chosen, you probably "do" genealogy for a variety of reasons: to keep loved ones in the forefront of your mind, to learn about history, to discover why your parents loved visiting the old homestead, to solve a mystery, to get answers to questions you always wanted to know, etc. One person told me he worked on genealogy research because it kept him off the streets. Another friend said it gives my parents something to talk about besides their health. I can relate to that!

We at Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association want to continue to try to provide encouragement, education and guidance to the "chosen" in our membership. If you would like to join us in this endeavor, please consider volunteering to serve on one of our committees: Education, Publicity, Publications (*The Genie*) and Programs. We welcome you!

Glenda Efferson Bernard

<sup>1</sup> Attributed to: Della M Cummings Wright, rewritten by her granddaughter, Della JoAnn McGinnis Johnson (1943).. For the complete article, see: <http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/PolandBorderSurnames/2006-04/1144598840>

## The Vice President's Message

*Bonnie Beran - Vice President*

It has been an exciting year for our association. The Board of Directors have worked diligently throughout the year to plan our meetings and events. We have all benefitted from the presentations and information. This quarter in July, we started off with three informative "Hornbook" sessions. First, we heard from Peggy LaCour on "Gutenberg to Google." She gave a thorough description and explanation of using the Broadmoor Library's technology and genealogy department. Next, Sonja Webb spoke on the usefulness of incorporating the Flip Pal, Vupoint and a smart phone. All of these, are a portable way to scan documents and add convenience to your research at the court house or library. Glenda Bernard educated us on locating original documents for free. She showed us we can achieve this by using resources such as: [ChroniclingAmerica.loc.gov](http://ChroniclingAmerica.loc.gov), [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) and MyHeritage Library Edition. All of these will be useful tools in furthering our research endeavors.

The annual August seminar was constructive and informative for all the attendees. Mr. Charles Gardes, a forensic genealogist from Texas, was our speaker. Mr. Gardes presented in a timely and well-prepared manner. He expounded on tracing your civilian ancestors of the Civil War by using sources such as: "Conducting Business with the Confederacy: Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens of Business Firms," "Records of the Commissioner of Claims (Southern Claims Commission)" and "Union Provost Marshall's Files of Papers Relating to Individual Citizens." Most of these can be found on NARA or [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org). He also educated the audience on the topic of "Beginner German Genealogy." Mr. Gardes explained how this can be a tedious endeavor, but with the right steps, achieving success can happen in a day! Everyone gleaned new ideas and tips to enhance their personal research.

For the month of September, our speaker was Mr. Mike Montgomery. As a retired history teacher from Bossier Parish Community College, he is knowledgeable of American history. He discussed "Colonization of America and Settlement of Louisiana." It was interesting to hear how Europeans influenced the colonization of America and settlement/culture of Louisiana. Many members with French and Spanish ancestry had questions of intrigue for our speaker. This topic seemed to spark new enthusiasm for some members to trace their Louisiana roots further.

Lastly, I want to thank all members who contribute their time and knowledge in the Ark-LA-Tex Genealogical Association. If you want to volunteer to serve in any capacity, we are always looking for fresh ideas and input. Please tell our President, Glenda Bernard, or any board member.

## PERIODICAL EXCHANGE REVIEW

*Compiled by Linda D. Scott*

September 2015

The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association is part of an exchange program with other genealogical societies across the nation. The idea is to obtain newsletters and bulletins from these various societies in exchange for a copy of this association's publication, *The Genie*. This very successful endeavor benefits genealogists who visit the Broadmoor Branch of the Shreve Memorial Library in Shreveport, Louisiana. The items discussed in this article, along with many others, are found on a rotating magazine rack to one's right upon entering the Genealogy Department as well as on the shelf directly behind the rack.

The purpose of this article is to acquaint the reader with several publications which may be of interest in research. Generally speaking, one can find more data about the person of interest if research is covered in his locale before searching nationwide. For example, regional articles may provide an early church roster with just the name needed while a magazine showcased to reach statewide readers may not include such detail.

This review highlights several exchange publications that are in the library at this time. Numerous exchange copies have been deposited recently into the library's collection. Some interesting ones include:

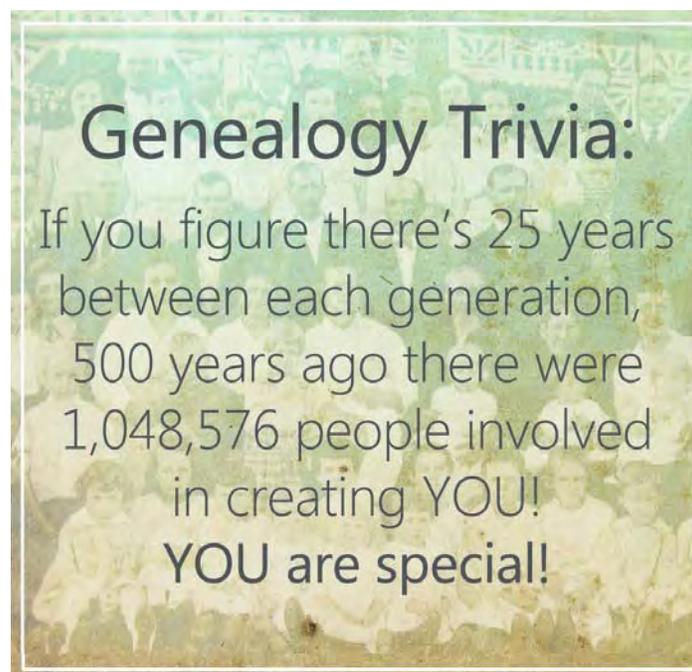
***Legacies and Legends*** (Winn Parish, LA), Vol. 19, #1, July 2015 is published by Winn Parish Genealogical and Historical Association. This volume lists the name of persons who helped bring Winn Parish from the 1980's into the future such as sheriffs, district attorneys, clerks of court and recorders, medical doctors, dentists, members of the Board of Health and one familiar legend of Jackson Parish as well. This Jackson Parish legend was of James H. Davis of the Beech Springs community. He grew up very poor, but after plowing with a mule in the fields one day he walked the railroad and hopped a train to Pineville. With help from many people who loaned James money, he graduated from Louisiana College and paid his debts. In time, James H. Davis became governor of the state and was known as Jimmie Davis. He was the same man who grew up on the sharecropper's cabin and knew the hardships and heartaches of poverty. To many people, Jimmie Davis is known for his beloved song, "You Are My Sunshine." Jimmie loved the fact that the Jimmie Davis Tabernacle built on his old family homestead was a place where people of all religions can worship God in song.

***Hopkins County Heritage*** (Sulphur Springs, TX), Vol. 32, #2 June 2015 is published by Hopkins County Genealogical Society. It has information on the oldest military award whose roots go back to the American Revolution. Before this beloved medal became a part of our military history, George Washington in 1782 created the Badge of Military Merit. This honor was only documented to have been awarded three times before it was no longer used for about 150 years. In 1931, General Douglas MacArthur ordered a new design and the Purple Heart as we know it, was born with a purple heart surrounded a silhouette of George Washington. This article takes an in-depth approach into the history of the award and how one can research whether their ancestor received it. Purple Hearts are awarded to those who were wounded or killed in action. Generally one should start with discharge papers or separation documents found

at the county level. Also the National Archives in St. Louis could be contacted at their website [www.archives.gov/st-louis/](http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/) or the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO. 63131. Organizations and websites which help Purple Heart recipients and their families are the county level VSO (Veterans Service Officer) records, Ancestry.com and Fold3.com. The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) – [www.purpleheart.org](http://www.purpleheart.org) and Purple Hearts Reunited at [www.purpleheartsreunited.org](http://www.purpleheartsreunited.org) are two other possibilities to find records. It is not unusual that some records are not available because the Purple Heart was often awarded to the soldier on the field.

*KinFolks*, Vol. 39, #2, May 2015, is a very nice publication of the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society, Inc. It features an interesting article about Janet Mary Riley of New Orleans. Ms. Riley received a scholarship to attend Ursuline College in that city. While there, the nuns encouraged her to further her education. She received a master's degree in library science and became employed at Loyola University of the South as a librarian. While working she enrolled in Loyola's law school at night and in 1953 was admitted to the bar. A huge problem arose in that because she was a female, no one would hire her. In 1955 she wrote a textbook to a course she was teaching, Louisiana Community Property; Cases and Materials on Louisiana Property and Marriage in 1971. That book became the standard text of every law school in the state of Louisiana!

To highlight Women's History Month, *Kinfolks* shared this biographical talk by Dr. Janet Allured. She brings the reader to the conclusion that with several years of lobbying and public speaking, the Louisiana legislature passed a law that ended male control of the matrimonial regimes. Ms. Riley had worked tirelessly in feminist organizations around the state to try to inform the public on her belief that this law needed to be put to rest. It went into effect in 1980 after Ms. Riley retired from Loyola in 1977. She died in 2007.



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*Contributed by Brenda Randall*

**CATALOGUE OF DISCS**

**ORGANIZED BY**

**LOUISIANA PARISHES, SURROUNDING**

**& VARIOUS OTHER STATES**

**OBITUARIES, WEDDINGS, BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS,  
REUNIONS, NEWSPAPERS, FUNERAL HOMES, HISTORICAL  
ARTICLES, MEMORIALS, CEMETERY LISTINGS,  
COLLECTIONS**

**This is Part 3 of 3**

(Union Parish – Washington DC)

**Part 1 was published in *The Genie* 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, March 2015**

**Part 2 was published in *The Genie* 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, June 2015**

This is an index to CDs that are available at the main desk in the Genealogy Department, Broadmoor Library. If you find something you would like to look at, ask for the disc or discs you wish to peruse.

The records on these discs contain dates ranging from 1800's to 2013 and are arranged in Adobe searchable files. The name typed into the search box does not need to be limited to the name of the deceased. It may also include family members, pallbearers, pastors, etc.

If there is no search box, press the “Control button + letter F” to access the Adobe search feature.

Poor conditions of some of the material makes it “unsearchable” via Adobe feature, so you might wish to also manually scroll (alphabetically) through areas which interest you.

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## LOUISIANA PARISHES

**Avoyelles**

**Beauregard**

**Bienville**

**Bossier**

**Caddo**

**Calcasieu**

**Caldwell**

**Catahoula**

**Claiborne**

**Concordia**

DeSoto

East Carroll

Franklin

Grant

LaSalle

Lincoln

Madison

Morehouse

Natchitoches

Ouachita

Rapides

Red River

Richland

Sabine

St. Landry

Tensas

Union

Vernon

Webster

West Carroll

Winn

## Discs 027 & 028

East Baton Rouge

East Feliciana

Pointe Coupe

Tangipahoa

## OTHER STATES

Alabama

Arkansas

Arizona

California

Colorado

Florida

Hawaii

Idaho

Illinois

Indiana

Kentucky

Maryland

Michigan

Mississippi

Missouri

New Mexico

New York

North Carolina

Oklahoma

Oregon

Pennsylvania

Tennessee

Texas

Virginia

Washington, D.C.

**UNION PARISH**

*Farmerville is the parish seat and is served by the Farmerville Gazette. Bernice, Lillie, Marion, Junction City, Downsville, and Spearsville are parish communities. Neighboring parishes are Claiborne (W), Morehouse (E), Lincoln (SW), and Ouachita (SE). To the north are Union County and Ashley County, Arkansas. Kilpatrick, Memorial, Farrar, and Paradise funeral homes provide mortuary services. Researchers might look in the Ruston (Lincoln Parish) Daily Leader, Monroe (Ouachita Parish) News-Star, as well as those in nearby Arkansas.*

**Bernice Banner News**

Jul – Dec 2010	Disc 016
Jan – Sep 2011	Disc 018

**Farmerville Gazette**

Aug 2006 – Dec 2008	Disc 002
Jan – Mar 2009	Disc 002
Apr – Jun 2009	Disc 003
Aug 2006 – Jun 2009	Disc 004
Jul – Sep 2009	Disc 005
Aug 2006 – Dec 2009	Disc 010
Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2006-2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

**Farrar Funeral Home (Farmerville, La)**

Dec 2008 – Mar 2009	Disc 002
Apr – Jun 2009	Disc 003
Dec 2008 – Jun 2009	Disc 004
Jul – Sep 2009	Disc 005
Dec 2008 – Dec 2009	Disc 010
Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

**Kilpatrick Funeral Home (Farmerville, Ruston, Monroe, West Monroe, La)**  
See Ouachita Parish for listing.

**VERNON PARISH**

*Leesville is the parish seat; Fort Polk has a significant impact on the parish. Other towns include Boyce, DeRidder, Hornbeck, Rosepine, New Llano, Pitkin, and Anacoco. Vernon is bordered by the parishes of Natchitoches (N), Rapides (E), Beauregard (S), and Newton County, TX. Leesville Daily Leader is a daily newspaper that serves this area. Funeral homes in the area include Hixson, Heritage Rowe, Jeans, and Labby Memorial.*

**Leesville Daily Leader**

Apr – Jun 2009	Disc 003
Apr – Jun 2009	Disc 004
Jul – Sep 2009	Disc 005
Apr – Dec 2009	Disc 007
Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2010	Disc 016
Apr – Dec 2009	Disc 017
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

**Labby F.H. (Leesville & DeRidder,La)**

Apr – Jun 2009	Disc 003
Jul - Sep 2009	Disc 005
Apr – Dec 2009	Disc 007
Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
Jan – Dec 2010	Disc 016
Apr – Dec 2009	Disc 017
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

Hixson Funeral Home (Leesville, Deridder, La)      See Beauregard Parish for listing.

**Heritage Rowe F.H. (Leesville, La)**

Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
Apr – Dec 2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021

**WEBSTER PARISH**

*Minden (parish seat), Springhill, and Cullen are the three major communities in Webster parish. Adjacent parishes are Claiborne (E), Bienville (SE), and Bossier (W); its northern neighbors are Lafayette (N) and Columbia (NE) counties in Arkansas.*

*The Minden Press Herald and the Springhill Press are the two major newspapers in the Bailey Mortuary is the major funeral home, but there are others: Lewis (Springhill), Benevolent, Kennon and Sons, Miller, and Serenity.*

Minden Press Herald

1980's – 2005	Disc 027
Sep 2007 – Dec 2008	Disc 001
Jan – Mar 2009	Disc 002
Apr – Jun 2009	Disc 003
Jan – Jun 2009	Disc 004
Sep 2007 – Dec 2008	Disc 004
Jul – Sep 2009	Disc 005
2002 – 2005	Disc 008
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021

NWLA Website: See Bossier Parish for listing.

Springhill Press (Springhill, La)

2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

Bailey Mortuary (Springhill, Haynesville, Plain Dealing, Cotton Valley, La and Magnolia, Junction City, El Dorado, Arkansas)

Dec 2009 – Mar 2009	Disc 002
Apr – Jun 2009	Disc 003
Dec 2008 – Jun 2009	Disc 004
Jul – Sep 2009	Disc 005
Dec 2008 – Dec 2009	Disc 008
Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

Lewis F.H. (Springhill, La & Magnolia, Ar)

Dec 2009 – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
Nov 2009 – Dec 2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

**WEST CARROLL PARISH**

*Oak Grove is the parish seat; Epps, Forest, Kilbourne, and Pioneer also communities. The northern border is Chicot County, Arkansas; East Carroll (E), Richland (S), and Morehouse (W) are other borders. News is found in the West Carroll Gazette. Cox, Brown-Holley, and Brannum funeral homes serve the parish.*

West Carroll Gazette (Oak Grove, La)

2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

Brown Holly Funeral Home (Oak Grove & Rayville, La) See Richland Parish for listing.

Cox Funeral Home (Oak Grove, Lake Providence, Delhi, Bastrop, La)

Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2003 – 2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

**WINN PARISH**

*Winnfield is the parish seat, with other towns being Atlanta, Calvin, Sikes, Tullos, and Dodson. The Winnfield Enterprise is the weekly newspaper. Periodically, its pages include a reprint of a front page of the Enterprise from years past; obituaries were often found there. Researchers might also look in nearby parishes for information: Natchitoches (W), Grant (S), and Jackson (N). Riser and Sons and Southern funeral homes serve the residents.*

Winnfield News-American

1951 – 1988	Disc 027
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Winn Parish Enterprise (Winnfield, LA)

1930's – 1980's	Disc 027
2009 -2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

Southern F.H. (Winnfield & Jonesboro La)

Nov 2008 – Mar 2009	Disc 002
Apr – Jun 2009	Disc 003
Nov 2008 – Jun 2009	Disc 004
2007 – 2008	Disc 004
Jul – Sep 2009	Disc 005

Southern F.H. (Winnfield & Jonesboro La) (*continued*)

Nov 2008 – Dec 2009	Disc 007
Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
May 2004 – Dec 2007	Disc 016
2008 – 2010	Disc 016
Nov 2008 – Dec 2009	Disc 017
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

Winnfield Funeral Home: See Caddo Parish for listing.

### **THE FOLLOWING MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES**

States that border Louisiana—Arkansas, Texas and Mississippi—as well as locations outside our immediate area often provide good research opportunities. On occasion, obituaries and other newsworthy items have been shared with this genealogical community. To that end, those items are available in very limited amounts from various dates, but they are valuable.

#### **ARKANSAS**

*Southern Arkansas counties that might provide information for researchers include:*

*Miller (Texarkana), Lafayette (Lewisville), Union (El Dorado, Junction City), Ashley (Crossett), Chicot (Lake Village), Columbia (Magnolia)*

*Available to the researcher is information from Bailey Mortuary in El Dorado, AR, and Lewis Funeral Home in Magnolia, AR/Springhill, LA. The researcher should look for this information among the entries for Webster Parish, LA.*

Bailey Mortuary F.H. (El Dorado, Ark) Listing found under Webster Parish, La.  
Lewis F.H. (Magnolia, AR & Springhill, La) Listing found under Webster Parish, La.

<u>Arkansas Democrat-Gazette</u>	Various Dates	Disc 028
<u>Batesville Daily Guard</u>	Various Dates	Disc 028
<u>Fordyce News-Advocate</u>	Various Dates	Disc 028
<u>Hope Star</u>	Various Dates	Disc 028
<u>Magnolia Banner News</u>	Various Dates	Disc 028
<u>Magnolia The Observer</u>	Various Dates	Disc 028
Miscellaneous Arkansas Obits	Various Dates	Disc 028
<u>Nevada County Picayune</u>	Various Dates	Disc 028
<u>Texarkana Gazette</u>	Various Dates	Disc 028

**MISSISSIPPI**

*To our east is Louisiana's neighbor, the State of Mississippi. Generous contributors have occasionally provided obituaries from various counties. Information available is from the following counties:*

*Adams (Natchez), Claiborne (Port Gibson), Hinds (Jackson – county seat and state capital), Lee (Tupelo), Pike (Mc Comb), Pontotoc (Pontotoc), Simpson (Magee), Union (New Albany), Wilkinson (Woodville)*

**Jackson Clarion – Ledger**

Misc dates 1980's–1998	Disc 019
Misc dates 1995 – 1998	Disc 020
Misc dates	Disc 028

**Magee Courier (Magee, Ms)**

Misc dates 1990 – 2005	Disc 020
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**McComb Enterprise Journal (McComb)**

Misc dates from 1980's	Disc 020
Misc dates	Disc 028

**Natchez Democrat (Natchez, Ms)**

Misc dates 1990, 1992, 12 Jul 2002	Disc 020
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**Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal (Tupelo, Ms)**

Feb – Dec 2009	Disc 010
Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
Jan – Oct 2013	Disc 022

**New Albany Gazette (New Albany, Ms)**

Jan – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2008 – 2011	Disc 020

**New Albany News Exchange (New Albany, Ms)**

Jan – Dec 2009	Disc 010
Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 010
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
Jan – Nov 2013	Disc 022

Pontotoc Progress (Pontotoc, Ms)

2010 – 2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
Jan – Sep 2013	Disc 022

Port Gibson Reveille (Port Gibson, Ms)

Misc dates	Disc 020
Misc dates	Disc 028

Woodville Republican (Woodville, Ms)

Misc dates 1990's	Disc 020
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Mississippi obits found in various locations and dates	Disc 020
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## United Funeral Home (New Albany, Ms)

Oct 2008 – Dec 2009	Disc 010
Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

**TENNESSEE**

*By traveling north on I-30 from Arkansas the researcher will enter the county seat of Shelby County, TN, Memphis. Its newspaper is the Commercial Appeal; a variety of information from the 1980's.*

Commercial Appeal (Memphis, Tn)

Misc dates 1980	Disc 020
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**TEXAS**

*The Ark-La-Tex includes East Texas counties such as:*

*Bowie, Harrison (Marshall), Panola (Carthage), Red River, Rusk, Cass, Marion (Jefferson), Camp (Pittsburg), Kaufman (Kaufman), Henderson (Mabank). Counties near Toledo Bend Reservoir such as Newton, Sabine, Shelby (Center) are borders to western parts of Louisiana such as Sabine and Vernon parishes.*

## East Texas Obits

1994 – 2000	Disc 027
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Kaufman Herald (Kaufman, Tx)

Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2009 – 2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

Mabank Monitor (Mabank, Tx)

Jan – Dec 2009	Disc 013
Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2009 – 2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

## Miscellaneous Texas Obits

Various dates	Disc 028
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Panola Watchman (Carthage, TX)

1996 - 2003	Disc 028
Jan – Dec 2000	Disc 001
Apr – Jun 2009	Disc 003
Apr – Jun 2009	Disc 004
Jul – Sep 2009	Disc 005
Apr – Dec 2009	Disc 007
1996 – 2001, 2003	Disc 009
Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2010	Disc 016
Apr – Dec 2009	Disc 017

Suburbia News (Seagoville, TX)

2010 – 2013	Disc 022
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## Downs Funeral Home (Marshall, Tx)

Jul – Dec 2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

## Erman Smith F.H. (Pittsburg, Tx)

24 Feb 2008 – 1 Jan 2012	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021

## Hawthorne Funeral Home (Carthage, Tx)

Jun – Dec 2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

## Haggard Funeral Home (Jefferson, Tx)

Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018

## Jimmerson – Lipsey F.H. (Carthage, Tx)

Apr – Jun 2009	Disc 003
Jul – Sep 2009	Disc 005
Apr – Dec 2009	Disc 007
Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2010	Disc 016
Apr – Dec 2009	Disc 017
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

## Mangum Funeral Home (Center, Tx)

Jan – Jun 2010	Disc 015
Jan 2008 – Dec 2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

## Sullivan Funeral Home (Marshall, Tx)

Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Aug 2009 – Dec 2010	Disc 016

## Watson Funeral Home (Center, Tx)

Jan – Mar 2010	Disc 013
Apr – Jun 2010	Disc 015
2010	Disc 016
2011	Disc 018
2012	Disc 021
2013	Disc 022

**VIRGINIA**

*The Old Dominion is known as Virginia to most of us; it is a haven for the serious genealogist. An expensive trip can be avoided if one can use the information from Farrar Funeral Home in South Hill, Mecklenburg County, VA, obituaries from 2011 are available.*

Farrar Funeral Home (South Hill, Va)

2011

Disc 018

**LOUISIANA & MISCELLANEOUS**

Baton Rouge <u>Advocate</u> (East Baton Rouge Parish)	1980's	Disc 027
Hammond <u>Daily Star</u>	1980's – 2010's	Disc 027
North LA Obits	1936 – 1986	Disc 027
NW LA Obits	1845 – 1919	Disc 027
Pointe Coupe <u>Banner</u>	1990	Disc 027
<u>St. Francisville Democrat</u> (East Feliciana Parish)	2011 – 2012	Disc 027
<u>Pine Country Backroads</u>	1999	Disc 028

**THESE ARE FAMILY COLLECTIONS WHICH INCLUDE VARIOUS STATES AND SURNAMERS,  
PLUS PICTURES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.**

Weaver Collection	1956 – 2012	Disc 027
Womack Collection	1908 – 2001	Disc 027

**MISCELLANEOUS STATES & VARIOUS DATES**

ALABAMA	<u>People's Advocate</u> (Columbiana)	Disc 028
	<u>Shelby County Reporter</u> (Columbiana)	Disc 028
	<u>Chronicle</u> (Columbiana)	Disc 028
ARIZONA	<u>White Mountain Independent</u> (Show Low)	Disc 028
CALIFORNIA	<u>Los Angeles Times</u>	Disc 028
	<u>Orange County Register</u>	Disc 028
COLORADO	<u>Mineral County Miner</u> (Crede)	Disc 028
	<u>Ski-Hi Stampede</u> (Monte Vista)	Disc 028
	Monte Vista <u>Journal</u>	Disc 028
	Pagosa Springs <u>Sun</u>	Disc 028

	<u>Post Independent</u> (Glenwood Springs)	Disc 028
	<u>Pueblo Chieftain</u>	Disc 028
	<u>Sagoache County Crescent</u>	Disc 028
	<u>South Fork Tines</u>	Disc 028
	<u>Valley Courier Record</u> (Alamosa)	Disc 028
FLORIDA	<u>Northwest Florida Daily News</u> (Destin)	Disc 028
HAWAII	<u>Honolulu Star-Bulletin</u>	Disc 028
IDAHO	(State Vital Records) – Boise	Disc 028
ILLINOIS	<u>Daily Republican</u> (Marion)	Disc 028
INDIANA	<u>Clarion News</u> (Corydon)	Disc 028
	<u>Poultry Press</u> (Connersville)	Disc 028
KENTUCKY	(Unknown newspaper) (Richmond)	Disc 028
MARYLAND	<u>The Dundalk Eagle</u> (Dundalk)	Disc 028
MICHIGAN	<u>Bellevue Gazette</u> (Eaton County)	Disc 028
MISSOURI	<u>Daily American Republic</u> (Poplar Bluff)	Disc 028
NEW MEXICO	<u>Alamagorda Daily News</u> (Alamagorda)	Disc 028
NEW YORK	<u>Associated Press</u>	Disc 028
NORTH CAROLINA	(Unknown newspaper) (Winston-Salem)	Disc 028
OKLAHOMA	(State Vital Records) (Oklahoma City)	Disc 028
	<u>Christian Chronicle</u> (Oklahoma City)	Disc 028
OREGON	<u>The Oregonian</u> (Portland)	Disc 028
PENNSYLVANIA	<u>Pittsburg Sun-Telegraph</u> (Pittsburg)	Disc 028
	(Article) “Railway Officials in America – 1906”	Disc 028
TENNESSEE	<u>Commercial Appeal</u> (Memphis)	Disc 028
WASHINGTON D.C.	<u>Washington Post</u>	Disc 028



*“Preserve your  
memories, keep them  
well, what you forget  
you can never retell.”*

*– Louisa May Alcott*



## Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association Genealogy Seminar *Contributed by Jim Johnson*

The annual seminar hosted by the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association on August 8, 2015 was a huge success. Forensic genealogist Charlie Gardes was the featured speaker, enlightening the audience with a wealth of knowledge on numerous genealogy topics. Also, we were proud to have representatives from Barnes and Noble Booksellers with us again this year hosting the book fair which offered an excellent selection of genealogy and history books for sale.



The first lecture was "What Did You Do in the War, GrGrandpa? - Tracing Your Civilian Ancestor in the Civil War South." This lecture explored numerous record sources that could provide information on the civilian ancestor including personal letters, diaries, newspapers and manuscript collections. Additionally, Mr. Gardes discussed other lesser used records such as Confederate papers related to business

interests, records of the Southern Claims Commission, amnesty papers and the records of the provost marshal's office. He explained each set of records in detail including where to find the records and examples of what may be found.

The second lecture was "Made in the U.S.A. - Beginning German Genealogy." Mr. Gardes emphasized that finding your German ancestors generally requires an exhaustive search of U.S. records prior to researching German records. He explained that knowing the birth place or home town in Germany is essential prior to beginning a search of German records. That vital information may be found among several U.S. record sources, such as census records, the ancestor's travel passport if issued, church records, as well as naturalization documents. Mr. Gardes explained that 1906 is the bench mark year for determining the authority and location of naturalization records. Pre-1906 records may sometimes be found at the appropriate county or parish courthouse or state archives, while post-1906 records are the responsibility of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, formerly known as the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Once the birth place or home town in Germany is known, then German records, such as civil registration records and church records can be searched. Those records may be difficult to read without at least some basic understanding of German writing and may require translation.

The next lecture was "Meet Me at the Raccoon Lodge - Researching in the International Order of Hoo-Hoo and other Fraternal Organization Records." Mr. Gardes highlighted the value of researching these organizations and described the kinds of information to be found. This lecture included a short video clip of a 50's television episode of Jackie Gleason's Honeymooners that centered around the show's Ralph Kramden and Ed Norton and their membership in the Raccoon Lodge. This was followed by a similar clip of a cartoon episode of the Flintstones and their

involvement in the Water Buffalo Lodge. Fraternal organizations existed as far back as ancient Greece. This lecture addressed two types of fraternal organizations: those of a secret order and those benevolent societies that offered life insurance to its members. Some organizations had their own cemeteries, while some others sold gravestones. The gravestones of deceased members commonly display the symbol of the organization the person belonged to. Organizational records contain information that might not be found in other records. Examples are membership applications, biographical information for those that served as officers, meeting minutes, record of a member's death, and occupations.

In the final lecture, "It's a Gusher!!!," Mr. Gardes, challenged the audience to find clues to identify possible heirs in a complex probate case that he previously helped resolve in East Texas. The estate involved a tract of land that's value increased significantly from the sale of oil and gas rights coupled with the rich discovery of lignite mineral deposits. The deceased land owner was survived by a widow but had no children. Prior to his death, he carefully crafted a will that gave his wife a percentage and the remainder of the estate to be dispersed to the descendants of his grand parents excepting for some cousins he deemed unworthy of a share. After an enthusiastic response from audience with suggestions that had already been tried, Mr. Gardes described the methods he used to find the rightful heirs to the estate, which included the analysis of social security, census, and vital records.

This year's seminar brought attendees from all over the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. Many laudatory comments have since been received about the speaker and his lectures, as well as the hospitality provided by our members. Mr. Gardes did a wonderful job of illustrating how researching alternative records in addition to primary sources can add 'flesh to the bones' of our ancestors.



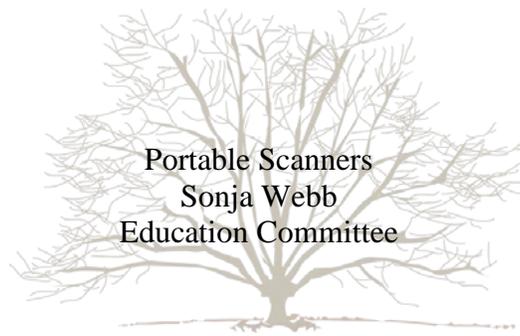
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Portable scanners are exciting technology tools for the family historian. They are compact and easily fit into a satchel for carrying to any research site. Most libraries and courthouses permit their use. There are a few courthouses that bar them only because they want the patron to use a computer to access document abstracts for purchase. When visiting a courthouse introduce the clerk to your devices and explain how they function. In most cases permission is granted for use. State archives and the National Archives do not permit usage. Nothing is allowed in the archives but paper and pencil much less a scanner of any type.

I have used the following three scanners in libraries and courthouses, and found them to be remarkably successful tools. I never leave home without them when doing family history research.

### **Flip Pal**

The Flip Pal looks like a small flat bed scanner, but is smaller, compact and easily carried in one hand. It is powered by four AA batteries and uses a SD memory card for storage of scanned items and comes with a SD adapter that plugs into a USB port on a computer. The scanning area is the size of a 4 X 6 photo. This is **the** scanner one brings to a relative's house to scan that box of old photos. The Flip Pal can scan small objects like old coins, medals, or patches. With this scanner one can scan photos, books, fragile letters and documents.



Remove the lid flip the scanner over to scan mounted pictures, maps, or large books. Larger items require multiple overlapping scans. EasyStitch software is included with the scanner. After scanning a large item, load the multiple scanned items into your computer, open the software and let the stitching software do its magic by "stitching" the multiple scans together which will create a single whole document. This type of scanning works well with large ledger books found in courthouses.

Remove the lid flip the scanner over to scan photo albums without removing any pictures, thus avoiding any damage to a photo. This method of scanning an album will make a family member less wary of you scanning their treasured photos.

One only needs to push one button to begin a scan that quickly appears in a viewfinder. The viewfinder allows the user to see what has scanned and determine if any adjustments are needed.

The Flip Pal portable scanner is an outstanding investment that makes it easier to collect the pictures and documents wanted for family records.

Shop: Flip Pal at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) \$149.99 or [www.ShopFamilyTree.com](http://www.ShopFamilyTree.com) \$149.99.

### VuPoint Magic Wand

The Magic Wand has a rechargeable Lithium polymer battery. It is held with one hand as it is slowly but steadfastly glided over a document or picture. The Wand scans a page as wide as 8<sup>1/2</sup>" and up to 125" in length. The device is perfect for scanning newspapers and legal size documents.



Scanned items are stored on a micro SD card. The micro card can be removed and placed in a micro SD adapter that insets into a card reader or computer supported SD slot. For many the easiest method will be to connect the wand directly to the computer with the included cable. The wand shows up like a hard drive. The wand scans in high resolution, black & white or color. After a completed scan the items appear in a 1.5" viewfinder.



After several scans it is best to connect the wand to a computer to review the scanned items. The wand will take a bit of practice if using for the first time. So, always check what has been scanned before replacing any books or documents.

The wand can scan photos, documents, fabrics, and mounted pictures. Scanning mounted items will take a little practice. The wand is lightweight and easy to learn.

A separate carrying case and dock can be purchased for the Magic Wand.

Shop: Amazon for various models and prices; older models are cheaper but will not have the viewfinder.

### SmartPhone

Using the smartphone's built in camera with Bluetooth can give the researcher quite a bit of flexibility to grab a picture of a document or copy a photo. The phone and the necessary small gear make it easy to transport the equipment in a tote bag, purse or satchel. There are scanner apps available to use for scanning, but the camera on an iPhone works just fine. The accessories that connect to the phone are separate purchases.

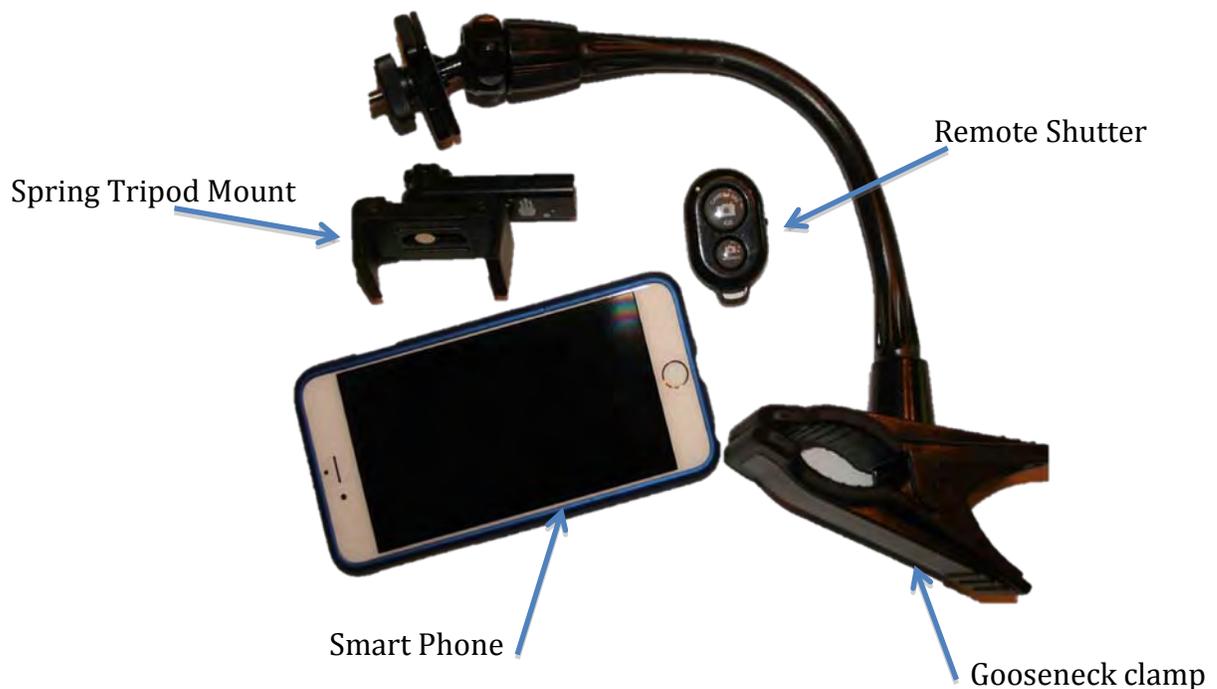


The phone and gear are useful for taking pictures of microfilm pages.

Pictures are taken with a remote shutter that connects via Bluetooth. The phone is attached to a spring tripod mount and the mount is screwed on a “gooseneck” clamp. The clamp is attached to a table or the side of a microfilm reader. The clamp will easily bend for positioning for photographing.

Using this simple gear, one can take pictures of photos, documents, and objects that are on a table or bend the clamp to a microfilm reader. It’s a creative tool.

Shop: Amazon Smartphone Photo Accessories



## *TRASH to TREASURE*

*Prepared by Brenda Custer Randall from a newspaper passed along to Friends of Genealogy (FOG) from Shirley Heath Weaver, then via Janine Johnson Dunlap to Lise' Taylor at Shreve Memorial Library's Broadmoor Genealogy Department. Lise' tried to share it, unsuccessfully, in its deplorable condition with various permanent locales. I, of course, wanted to look for obits. I found so much more interesting stuff! The paper is literally in pieces, but I have attempted to sort through the 100 or so claims (by 100 or so different people) presented to the county board. Obits have been posted to FindAGrave.com. Italics were added by me.*

*Please purchase old newspapers when attending estate or garage sales! They are usually priced about a quarter, but might be worth "millions" to someone looking for a long-lost relative. I will reimburse you and will type up results.*

### THE ANADARKO TRIBUNE

Official Paper of Anadarko and Caddo County

Anadarko, Oklahoma

Thursday, April 21, 1921 (Excerpts)

News from the Courthouse:

County Judge's Office--Marriage Licenses

April 11—Frank C. Hamblet, 34, Cement, Ok.; Mrs. Czedia I. Danels, 36, Lawton.

April 15—A. C. Norman, 42, Chickasha; Mrs. Lela M. Hudgens, 42, Chickasha.

April 15—Thomas Gabehart, 50, Gracemont; Mrs. Winnie Adams, 32, Gracemont.  
(Married April 15 by Judge Case.)

April 18—Jesse Bandy, 21, Fort Cobb; Miss Fay Whaley, 18, Fort Cobb.  
(Married April 18 by Judge Case.)

April 19—Harry H. Logsdon, 21, Meteor; Miss Pearl Williams, 19, Pocasset.  
(Married April 19 by Judge Case.)

April 19—Brown Griffith, 21, Fort Cobb; Miss Thelma Sprow, 18, Fort Cobb.

April 19—Carl Curnutt, 21, Hydro; Miss Gladys Hart, 17, Hydro.

**A REAL CADDO COUNTY DOG:**

Belongs to an Indian and is Valued at Three Thousand Dollars on the Assessment Rolls. "Jess", an English Pitt, owned by Mr. J. W. Phillips of Cement, is valued at \$3000 on the assessment rolls of Caddo County and is insured for the same amount by the New York Stock Insurance Company. The owner is a Cherokee Indian.

Says *The Apache Review*, April 15: Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ralls of St. Cloud, Florida, arrived Saturday, and will make Apache their future home. Mrs. Ralls is the mother of our townsman, Mr. W. W. Waterman, in whose home the couple are [sic] domiciled pending the purchase of a residence.

VARIOUS NOTES: C. E. Miller has purchased the residence of Jesse Pahdoco at Apache and will occupy it.

G. F. Warner of Apache has disposed of his store to O. W. Kerr of Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. Warner retains the machinery and harness departments.

Miss Nezzie Leathers spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Andrew Moore.

Mrs. C. Ross Hume returned Friday morning from Guthrie, where she attended the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Younkin, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Bray and Mrs. William Oliver and baby Dorothy drove to Lawton Sunday evening.

Joe Baroff went to Guthrie Sunday afternoon and Henry Sutter followed him Monday morning. They were to be a part of the team to put on 14<sup>th</sup> degree Masonic work.

F. A. Thompson of Oklahoma City was here Monday in the interest of the R. G. Dunn Mercantile Company. This concern is presumed to know the financial rating of every business of any importance in this country.

Misses Lucile and Effie McPherson and Leonard Thompson and Misses Fay and Alta Karns and Pete Keever attended Christian Endeavor at Broxton Sunday night.

Donald Calvin, wife and son Buel were guests of his parents, J. E. Calvin and wife at South Pioneer.

Miss Madge Hall of Duncan visited at the homes of her brothers, Messrs. Blaine and Howard Hall of Spring Valley last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Keever entertained the following at dinner Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rowlett and children; Leonard Keever, wife and daughter Helen; W. S. Keever and family; B. H. Berndsen, wife and brother, Joe Westerman of South Pioneer.

The following were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Metzger home: Mr. and Mrs. Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Dickey, Olton Cook, Merl Robertson, Lee Dickey, Vera Murphy, Gladys Little and Miss Nance.

Roy Porch is shelling corn today.

Goldie Motsenbocker was home from school last Thursday and Friday.

#### DEATH of CAPTAIN GROODY:

Through the kindness of Mr. Joseph Dinkler, we have been made aware of the death of Captain Thomas Groody, who for many years was a resident of this city. Captain Groody was born in New York City February 6, 1843; died at Barnes, Washington County, Ks., April 11, 1921, aged 78 years, 2 mos. and 5 days. Funeral services were held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Shannon, April 15, 1921, at 1:30 p.m. G.A.R. services were held at the cemetery at Washington, Ks., at 4 p.m.

Captain Groody served his country in a New York infantry regiment, enlisting early and staying until the conflict had ended. His service was with the Army of the Potomac. He came west soon after the close of the war. He lived for many years in Washington, Ks., and was one of the early settlers of Caddo county. He was a member of the Grand Army Post at Anadarko, whose name was changed to William McKinley on the tragic death of that patriot, soldier and statesman. Mr. Groody was living alone while we knew him. He loved Nature. One of his passions was fishing. He was popular with his William McKinley Post comrades, and all of them who are yet living will join the writer in lamenting his death. The captain left here some three or four years ago for Washington County, Kansas. His health was failing, and he wished to be with his children who live there, one of whom is a son, O. N. Groody, whose home is in the town of Washington.

### COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS *(summarized)*

Board met April 5, 1921. Present, John T. Blackmore, chairman; D. C. Nixon, commissioner, W. H. Sisson, commissioner, and J. M. Clifford, county clerk. Official bonds for the following presented to the board and approved: R. A. Tolle as clerk of Boone township, C. E. Caulk as clerk of Sickles township, J. R. Mayberry as clerk of Cedar township, W. A. Firquain as treasurer of Caddo township, G. R. Shelton as treasurer of Beaver township, and Pioneer Construction Company of Kansas City, Missouri. Also presented and approved were reports of M. E. Stout as justice of the peace for district No. 4, report of John P. Logan as justice of the peace for district No. 6, and H. A. Arends as justice of the peace for Anadarko. Resignation of L. German as treasurer of Caddo township and W. A. Firquain's appointment to fill such vacancy was approved.

### RED STONE MISSION and VICINITY

Wednesday, April 6, many hearts were saddened by the message that reached us of the death of Paul Kicking Bird, who died at his father's home at Mount Scott on April 5. Paul had been failing for some time with tuberculosis. He left Red Stone nearly a month ago, driving his own car to Mount Scott, remaining there until death came. He was a Christian, and we are told he died trusting Jesus for his soul's salvation. He was buried at Mount Scott cemetery on April 6. His wife, two small sons and father survive him.

*(Tobacco industry moved west, too!)* "Oklahoma-Kentucky Tobacco Co. Factory, No. 2, District of Okla." is the way the sign at F. B. Minnix's place of business on East Broadway reads. The Tribune representative asked him how he came to have "District No. 2" in view of his having started after so many other factories were in operation. He answered that the reason lay in the fact that the original No. 2 had dropped out, thus affording him the chance to drop in. And his factory is in good running order for the manufacture of chewing and smoking tobacco, and he knows how to operate the business, too.

### STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CADDO County, District Court *(summarized)*:

Ola Colbert, Plaintiff, vs. Roy Colbert, Defendant. "Said defendant, Roy Colbert, will take notice that he has been sued in the above named court upon a petition for divorce, and must answer the petition filed therein by said plaintiff on or before the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, A. D. 1921, or said petition will be taken as true, and a judgment for said plaintiff in said action for divorce will be rendered accordingly." Signed by R. U. Livesay and attested by Guy R. Gillett, Court Clerk.

Breaking Down My Brick Wall  
*My Journey to Finding the Family Of Margaret Isabelle Ferris*  
By Elaine Johnson

I have been trying to find the parents and siblings of my gg grandmother Margaret Isabelle Ferris Roush since 1999. She was born June 6, 1840 in Indiana.

My knowledge of her started with her marriage to Isaac Miller Roush on March 21, 1858 in Sandusky County, Ohio. I have done a lot of research on these two including going to Sandusky County, Ohio (where they married and lived for a while); Wood County, Ohio (where they also lived for a while); and Lake County, Michigan (where she died Dec. 20, 1909). My problem has always been that Ferris is a common name and there are so many ways to spell "Ferris" that I couldn't prove anything. I have accumulated a lot of information about them, but I still had no clues about how long her family was in Indiana (or where in Indiana) - and when or if they had moved to Ohio where she married. Her marriage record, death record, and obituary do not list her parents/siblings or where she was born other than "Indiana". Researching her children did not provide any clues, and my few remaining older family members knew less than I did about her.

In October 2014, I finally found where she was born. Margaret and Isaac Roush had separated in 1893. She stayed in Lake County, Michigan and he moved to Linn County, Oregon where he bought land from the government. I have known about the land in Oregon for years, but every time I checked the Bureau of Land Management website,<sup>1</sup> the document was not available. Last year I was looking at it again and realized that there was a comment that said: *"To request more information about how to order a certified copy of this patent, you may e-mail [BLM\\_OR\\_SO\\_Land\\_Office\\_Mail@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_OR_SO_Land_Office_Mail@blm.gov)."* I did that and they emailed me a copy of the document the same day. From the document I learned that he had bought the land under the Homestead Act. I immediately requested the records from the National Archives.<sup>2</sup>

When I received the records, I found that Isaac had died before the homestead claim was completed and that Margaret had pursued the claim. She had to file her own application for the homestead claim. There were no hints as to the names of her parents, but in the application she said she was born in LaGrange County, Indiana. This is the first document I have ever found that said anything more than "Indiana" as her place of birth.

I have known for years that my only chance of finding her with her parents was the 1850 census. By 1860, she was married and should have been with her husband – although I have never found them on the 1860 census. After I got the information, I searched the 1850 census for "Ferris" in specifically "LaGrange County, Indiana". The only Ferris family was in Milford, LaGrange County, Indiana: David Phares (age 35, born Ohio), Mary Phares (age 31, born Ohio), Sarah Phares (age 13, born Ohio), Benjamin Phares (age 11, born Ohio), **MARGARET PHARES (AGE 10, born Indiana)**, James Phares (age 7, born Indiana), Worden Phares (age 3, born Indiana) and Rhoda Phares (age 0, born Indiana). (I found them as Farris/Ferris in subsequent records).

Margaret "Phares" was the right name and age to be my gg grandmother, born in Indiana, and in the county where she stated that she was born. It seemed to be a good fit - and I was about 90% sure I had found her family. I continued to look for this family on the internet and it appears that it might be David Ferris and Mary Borden or Wallin. This conclusion was based on the second marriage record and death record for their son Warren Ferris. His marriage record says "Borden," but his death record says "Wallin."

There are no online family trees for this family. I found a couple of queries that indicated that David Ferris died Oct. 27, 1855 and was buried in Wright Cemetery in Steuben County, Indiana. Mary was said to have remarried to James Falkner in 1857. Unfortunately, the queries were posted years ago and I cannot find the person that posted the information. I did find a marriage record for a Mary Farris and James Faulkner on familysearch.org.<sup>3</sup> They married Aug. 3, 1857 in LaGrange County, Indiana. The following information appears to confirm that it is the right Mary Ferris.

I found James Falkner and Mary Ferris Falkner on the 1860 census in LaGrange County. All of the children listed with them had the surname of "Falkner," but the first names and ages matched the names and ages of the "Phares" children from the 1850 census. So it appears that they were most likely the children of David and Mary Ferris listed with their stepfather's surname. There was also an additional child - George Falkner - born about 1853, before David Ferris supposedly died. I was pretty sure he was a "Ferris" also.

But there was a problem with the 1860 census (and that is why I was only 90% sure about the information I had found): There was a **Margaret Falkner, age 20** listed with them. This is the right first name and age for my gg grandmother. But if I had the right family, then Margaret should not be listed with them. She should have been with her husband, Isaac Roush. Perhaps she was home for some reason, and they just listed them all as Falkner. That is certainly not impossible, but it made me wonder if this was the right family.

I also found James and Mary Ferris Falkner in LaGrange County in 1870 with daughters Eliza (age 12) and Celestia (age 9). These were the two reported daughters of James Falkner and Mary Ferris Falkner. In 1880 Mary Ferris Falkner (a widow) was living with her daughter Celestia Coombs and her family in Steuben County, Indiana. According to online family trees, Celestia Falkner Coombs divorced Charlie Coombs and married second William Krause. Mary Ferris Falkner apparently died in 1881 and was buried in Wright Cemetery, Steuben County, Indiana.

Based on Margaret's statement that she was born in LaGrange County, Indiana, I suspected this was the family of Margaret Ferris Roush. But how could I prove it? I was not having a lot of luck with David and Mary Ferris, so I decided I needed to see what I could find out about the children.

The Margaret Ferris listed on the 1850 census, had an older sister named Sarah, born about 1837 in Ohio; an older brother named Benjamin, born about 1839 in Ohio; a younger brother named James, born about 1843 in Indiana; a younger brother named Worden (Warren), born about 1847 in Indiana; and a younger sister named Rhoda, born about 1850 in Indiana. Subsequent records had the name Evina/Elvira instead of Rhoda. The 1860 census also showed a younger brother named George, born about 1853 in Indiana.

**Research for Warren Ferris:** Of the names listed above, Warren was the easiest to find. He married Julia Story on March 20, 1870 in LaGrange County, Indiana. They had 10 children: David, George Walter, John, Benjamin, Alice, Jason, Dea, Ida Mae, Sarah, and Clyde. Julia Story Ferris died June 19, 1886 in Steuben County, Indiana. After her death Warren married Katie Stroh on Jan. 5, 1895. Their marriage record showed his parents as David Ferris and Mary *Borden*. Warren Ferris died July 11, 1918, and is buried in Wright Cemetery, Steuben County, Indiana. His death certificate says his mother was Mary *Wallin*. I wonder if a prior marriage might be involved.

For several months, I was unable to locate any additional information on the other children listed in 1850 or 1860.

**Research for James William Ferris:** Because I have never been able to find Isaac and Margaret Ferris Roush on the 1860 census, I decided to take another look at their 1870 census. I remembered a technique where you research known neighbors to see if you can use them to locate a missing ancestor on a different census. I was looking specifically at the neighbors to see if I could use them to locate Isaac and Margaret on the 1860 census. I thought if I could find them in 1860, it might prove – or disprove the Margaret Falkner I found in 1860 in LaGrange County, Indiana. I discovered a James Ferris living next door to them. This James Ferris was married to Lydda, and they had no children. He was born about 1843 making his age about 3 years younger than Margaret. His place of birth was listed as Ohio, but subsequent census records for James showed that he was born in Indiana. Based on proximity, age and state of birth, I had a theory that James Ferris living next door to Isaac and Margaret Ferris Roush in 1870 was the brother of Margaret.

I continued to research this James Ferris. He married Lydia Leffler on July 15, 1870 in Wood County, Ohio. They were living in Sandusky County, Ohio in 1880. James and Lydia Ferris had 8 children: Michael, Robert, Mary, Sadie, Charles, Anna, Lucy and Henry. Additional research showed that he had served during the Civil War in Company E, 49th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He died Oct. 28, 1886 in Marshall County, Kansas and was buried in Frankfort Cemetery, Marshall County, Kansas. Unfortunately, the death records in Kansas don't start until 1911 so I cannot obtain his death record. But his widow Lydia Ferris filed for a pension. So I requested the pension records.

The pension records do not mention Margaret Ferris Roush, but at one point Lydia stated that her husband (James Ferris) was treated by Dr. Roush (Margaret's husband Isaac Roush was a doctor).

The pension records also contained a statement by Lydia Ferris that said: "Claimant made his home with **his sister, Sarah Stall** in PO Rising Sun, Sandusky County, Ohio and after discharge he came to his sister's where he made his home till about a year before our marriage."

Margaret Ferris (listed on the 1850 census) had a sister named Sarah. Using the name Sarah Stall and the fact that she lived in Sandusky County, Ohio. I started researching her.

**Research for Sarah Ferris Stahl:** First I just did a quick search of the 1870 census, but could not find a Sarah Stall in Sandusky County. Since I was pretty sure that her maiden name was Sarah Ferris, I then I used familysearch.org to search for Sarah Ferris and "Stall" and found Sarah Ferris and Michael *Stahl*. It was on a death certificate for Nealy Stahl who died Nov. 6, 1943 in Scott Township, Sandusky County, Ohio. Parents were listed as Michael Stahl and Sarah Ferris.

Further research for Sarah Ferris Stahl showed that she married Michael Stahl on Oct. 8, 1863 in Hancock County, Ohio. Her name on the marriage record was Sarah *Ferace*. Parents were not listed.

I then looked at the 1870 census again and found Michael and Sarah Stahl living in Sandusky County, Ohio. George Farris, aged 16, born in Indiana was living with them. (*Was he the same George that was listed on the 1860 census in LaGrange County, Indiana?*)

In 1880 Michael and Sarah Stahl were living in Sandusky County, Ohio and had a Cornelius Stahl (age 7) living with them. He was listed as an "adopted son".

In 1900 they were living in Sandusky County, Ohio. Included in the household were: Michael Stahl (age 63, married 43 years), wife Sarah E. Stahl (born June 1837, age 62, married 43 years, 0 children born, 0 children still living, born Ohio), son-in-law Frederick Ritter (age 25), **daughter Sada M. Ritter** (born Sept. 1879, age 20, married 5 years), son Michael D. Ritter (age 4), Grandson Louis Stahl (age 2).

Note that the 1900 census record says that Sarah E. Stahl was the **mother of 0 children**. The 1880 census says Cornelius Stahl was an adopted son. Was Sada also adopted??

I found a couple of family trees that showed Sarah Ellen Stahl was born June 30, 1837 in LaGrange County, Indiana (no parents were listed). All census records say she was born in Ohio. But it appeared that someone was aware of a connection to LaGrange County. She died May 11, 1909 and was buried in Trinity Cemetery, Sandusky County, Ohio.

I found her death record on familysearch.org. It said she was born in Ohio (but, not what county) and there was a problem. I was expecting to see David Farris and Mary (?) as her parents. Her death record does not list her father, but lists her mother as Elizabeth Tidarick. So, once again, I was wondering if I had the right family.

After further research, I think there is a strong possibility that the name of her mother on her death certificate is an error. It would not be the first time I have seen that happen. (i.e. my great grandfather's death certificate has his grandmother listed as his mother, My great grandmother's death certificate has her husband as her father -- it depends on who gives the information.) If it is an error, I wonder how Elizabeth Tidarick fits into the family.

I requested Sarah Stahl's obituary<sup>4</sup> which did not show anything other than the date that she died from pneumonia and that the funeral was held at Trinity Church. No survivors were listed. Since her obituary did not prove anything, I then requested her probate records. Her husband died before she did. Since she apparently had only "adopted children," I hoped that her siblings might be mentioned. Specifically I was hoping for some mention of Margaret Roush.

**Research on George Ferris:** While I waited for Sarah's probate records, I turned my attention to George Ferris who was living with Michael and Sarah Stahl in 1870 in Sandusky County, Ohio. I wanted to see if he was related. Note that there was no George Ferris on the 1850 census in LaGrange County, Indiana, but there was a George "Falkner" on the 1860 census. He was born about 1853 (before the reported death of David Ferris and second marriage of Mary Ferris), so I believed he was the son of David and Mary Ferris. The 16 year old George living with Michael and Sarah Ferris Stahl in 1870 was the right age AND he was born in Indiana. I was feeling more certain that this was the same family that was living in LaGrange County, Indiana in 1850 and 1860.

I searched for "George Ferris" on familysearch.org and found a marriage for a George Ferris and Clara Baird on Feb. 25, 1879 in Sandusky County, Ohio. Since the marriage took place in Sandusky County, I investigated further to see if it was the right George Ferris. In 1880 I found a George Ferris (age 26), wife Clara (age 16), daughter Sarah (age 9/12) in Sandusky County, Ohio.

I also searched for George Ferris and Clara Baird together on familysearch.org. I found the death record for Sadie M. Ritter, which listed Frederick Ritter as her spouse and George Ferris and Clarise Baird as her parents. Note that Sadie M. Ritter and her husband Frederick Ritter were living with Michael and Sarah Stahl in 1900 (she was listed as their daughter -- did they raise her?). Michael

Stahl gave permission for her to marry Frederick Ritter on March 18, 1895 in Sandusky County, Ohio. Her name on her marriage record was Sadie M. Ferris – she was aged 15.

This makes me think that something happened to George and Clara and that possibly Sadie was living with her Aunt. I suspect that they died while Sadie was young, but so far I have not been able to determine what happened to George and Clara. Based on the combination of facts above, I felt certain that this was the same George Ferris that was living with Michael and Sarah Stahl in 1870 -- married to Clara Baird with a daughter Sadie May Ferris (Stahl).

All these names: Sarah, James, Warren, and George (and their ages) match the family that was found in 1850 and 1860 in LaGrange County, Indiana. I was almost certain that they were the same family. But were they the siblings of Margaret Ferris Roush? So far, I had found nothing on Benjamin. With regard to Rhoda/Evenia, I did find an Elvira Ferris with a son Jonas Bonebarger that had ties to LaGrange County, Indiana. But I had not found anything to prove that it might be the right one. And I had found nothing that actually proved that these were Margaret's siblings.

Then I received the probate records of Sarah Ferris Stahl and **I FINALLY HAD PROOF THAT I HAD FOUND THE RIGHT FAMILY!!!** Included in the probate records was a list of her heirs:

- Warren Ferris, brother, Angola, Indiana.
- Heirs of George Ferris: Sadie M. Ritter, niece, Kansas, O.
- Heirs of Will Ferris (*James William Ferris*): Michael Ferris, nephew, Frankfort, Kansas; Sadie Ferris, niece, Frankfort, Kansas; Mary Ferris, niece, Frankfort, Kansas; Robert Ferris, nephew, Frankfort, Kansas.
- Lest Krause, half sister, Winn, Michigan.
- **MARGARET ROUSH, sister, Michigan**
- Elvira Bonebarger, sister, Garrett, Indiana.

*Note that Benjamin Ferris is not mentioned. He may have died young, or at least before 1909 with no heirs.*

**Also note the married name of Elvira.** I had actually found her previously, and suspected that it might be her, but had nothing to prove that she was the one I was looking for. She married Fred Bohnenberger on April 30, 1871 in LaGrange County, Indiana. They had two children: Eve, born 1873 in Indiana and Jonas born in Jackson, Seneca County, Ohio in 1879. They were listed on the 1880 census (as Bonabarger) in Jackson, Seneca County, Ohio. I don't know what became of Fred. but Elvira was a widow by 1900 and died May 11, 1916 in Garrett, DeKalb County, Indiana. The name on her death record was Bonebarger. The marriage record and the tombstone for Jonas also say Bonebarger.

The fact that Celestia (Falkner) Krause was listed as the half sister of Sarah Ferris Stahl, indicates to me that Mary Ferris Falkner (married to David Ferris and James Falkner) was probably the mother of the rest of them (listed as brothers and sisters - not HALF brothers and sisters). This is what

makes me think the name Elizabeth Tidarick as Sarah Stahl's mother might be an error. Hopefully I will be able to prove that sometime in the future.

Since I know for certain that this is the family of Margaret Ferris Roush, I know that I have found her in 1860 (as Margaret Falkner). She must have been at home. I still have not been able to locate her husband Isaac Roush in 1860. I need to find out when and where he went to school to become a doctor. Maybe that is why I can't find him in 1860.

If you have never tried to research homestead claims, it proved to be a gold mine for me. I'm not sure how many people would find the same circumstance (where the wife continued the claim after the death of her husband). But I am so happy I found it. Until then I had absolutely no clues to work with. After years of searching and many trips, I still had no specific place and no specific names that I could research. Finding one clue changed everything.

The technique of researching neighbors to locate your ancestor is a well known genealogy principle. I had not previously tried this with Isaac and Margaret Roush because I had a lot of information on them and had found them on every other census record. It did bother me that I could not find them in 1860, but after many years of searching just assumed they had gotten "skipped". I don't recall if I had ever noticed that James Ferris was living next door to them. I know that I had searched for "Ferris" years ago in Sandusky County and Wood County, Ohio. I remember that I found a few, but could not determine anything that proved they were related to Margaret.

This has been 16 years in the making, -- butting my head up against a wall -- and being disappointed at every turn -- trying to find the family of Margaret Ferris Roush, (who lived in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan). Who knew that a homestead in Oregon would provide the clue to help me unravel this? I cannot begin to describe how excited I was to see her name in the probate records of Sarah Ferris Stahl. It was the first time in sixteen years that I had seen her name in connection with anybody except her husband and children. For the last few months I had highly suspected that this was her family, but proof is the name of the game in genealogy.

I know without question that I have found her siblings and probably the names of her parents. But there are some discrepancies with regard to her parents (especially her mother). I have actually found very little information regarding her parents and I know that I still have a lot of work to do. So while I have successfully broken down one brick wall -- here's hoping I haven't found my next one. I really want to be able to go further back on this family. Hopefully it won't take me another 16 years.



*These are links to some online resources that I used to solve the mystery of the family of my gg grandmother.*

<sup>1</sup> **Bureau of Land Management (BLM):** <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/default.aspx> They provide access to Federal land conveyance records for the Public Land States, including images. I have known about the website for the Bureau of Land Management for years. I have searched it many times for land records of my ancestors and have been able to obtain the image of many patent records. In the case of Isaac Roush, I knew from a couple of different sources that he had bought land from the government in Oregon. I could search and find the patent information on the BLM website, but when I clicked on the image, it always said that no image was available. The second paragraph said that “you may not order a certified copy of this patent from our site.....But I had never noticed the continuation of the paragraph that said “To request more information about how to order a certified copy of this patent, you may e-mail [BLM\\_OR\\_SO\\_Land\\_Office\\_Mail@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_OR_SO_Land_Office_Mail@blm.gov).” I did that and their response was almost immediate. I received copies of the images on the same day that I contacted them. Those documents showed that the land was bought under the Homestead Act of May 20, 1862. Because I knew that there was an application process for Homesteads, I asked the person that sent me the records if they had that too. Their response was “we only have the images of the patent. The application files are at the National Archives in Washington D.C.”

<sup>2</sup> **National Archives and Record Administration (NARA)** After I received the land documents showing that the land was gotten under the Homestead Act of 1862, I ordered the records from NARA. To obtain Homestead land records use NATF Form 84. The following link allows you to either order online (which I did) or download the form and mail it to them. <http://www.archives.gov/contact/inquire-form.html#84> (The cost in Oct. 2014 was \$50.00) The document that I received was 60 pages long and contained a lot of genealogical information: applications by both Isaac and Margaret Roush; statements by people that knew them and their circumstances; land description; hand written documents by Isaac M. Roush as he was filing for his land; a description of the improvements made on the land; and a hand drawn map of the land showing the location of the cabin, timber, etc. Of course, the most important piece of information in all of this was the place of birth of Margaret Ferris Roush.

I also requested the Civil War pension records of James W. Ferris through the NARA. I ordered **Pre WWI Records** from the NARA website. <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/pre-ww-1-records.html> Again, you can either order online or download the form NATF 86 and mail it to them. (Cost in June 2015 was \$80.00) I received 100 pages and LOTS of genealogical information. The most important to me was the information regarding his sister Sarah Stahl.

<sup>3</sup> [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org): After I had some names to work with, much of my research on the siblings of Margaret Roush was done on Ancestry.com (census records, etc) and my favorite website familysearch.org . They have done so much work adding original documents. I love finding actual marriage and death records.

<sup>4</sup> [Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center](http://www.rutherfordbhayes.org) I do a lot of research in the state of Ohio. The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center has an index to 3,000,000 obituaries, death & marriage notices & other sources from Ohio from the 1810s to the present day. When I find new information in Ohio, this is one of the first places I go to. The index showed that Sarah Stahl had an obituary AND a probate file. I ordered both.

# Ahnentafel of Marion Udell "Tex" Pockrus

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## Generation 1

1. **Marion Udell "Tex" POCKRUS**: born 25 Oct 1931 in Lawton, Comanche Co., Oklahoma; died 5 Oct 2012 in home, Highland, Utah, Utah.

## Generation 2

2. **Osceola Jim "Jim" POCKRUS**: born 17 Mar 1887 in Stringtown, Atoka Co., Indian Territory, Oklahoma; married 17 Jun 1907 in Tecumseh, Pottawatomie Co., Oklahoma; died 9 Jan 1965 in , Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., California.

3. **Mary Etta RULE**: born 12 Sep 1891 in Belleville, St. Clair Co., Illinois; died 4 Nov 1968 in Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., California.

## Generation 3

4. **Rufus Melton "Reuben" POCKRUS**: born 10 Sep 1866 in Bossier Parish, Louisiana; married 28 Dec 1884 in Johnson Co., Arkansas; died 1 Oct 1928 in Cleveland Co., Arkansas.

5. **Virginia HANCOCK**: born 19 Dec 1867 in Limestone Co., Alabama; died Nov 1906 in Tecumseh, Pottawatomie Co., Oklahoma.

6. **James Edward RULE**: born 5 May 1866 in St. Jacob, Madison Co., Illinois; married 3 Jul 1890 in St Clair Co., Illinois; died 17 Jun 1925 in Lawton, Comanche Co., Oklahoma.

7. **Susan Amanda LYNCH**: born 12 Apr 1872 in Pike Co., Illinois; died 24 May 1898 in Belleville, St. Clair Co., Illinois.

## Generation 4

8. **John Thompson "Thomas" "Thomas Tom" POCKRUS**: born 1841 in Prob. Talladega, Alabama, United States; died bef 21 Nov 1874 in Shreveport, Bossier, Louisiana, United States.

9. **Mary Jane (DRAKE)(TERRY)**: born 1826 in , Tennessee; died abt 1872 in Louisiana.

10. **Elijah O. HANCOCK**: born 27 Jun 1838 in Georgia; married 8 Sep 1861 in Tallapoosa Co., Alabama; died 22 Feb 1896 in Tecumseh, Pottawatomie Co., Oklahoma.

11. **Frances Jane HOLT**: born 1845 in Tallapoosa Co., Alabama; died Jul 1905 in Tulsa, Tulsa Co., Oklahoma.

12. **Joseph Mc Adam RULE**: born 4 Feb 1834 in St. Jacob, Madison Co., Illinois; married 31 May 1855 in Madison Co., Illinois; died 1 Jul 1911 in Reeb's Station, St. Clair Co., Illinois.

13. **Mary Ann GEIGER**: born 21 Jul 1836 in Madison Co., Illinois; died 3 Aug 1912 in Reeb's Station, St. Clair Co., Illinois.

14. **Robert LYNCH**: born 15 Aug 1838 in Pike Co., Illinois; married 17 Aug 1864 in White Co., Illinois; died 5 Feb 1904 in Belleville, St. Clair Co., Illinois.

15. **Mary Ann PUNTNEY**: born 19 Jun 1834 in White Co., Illinois; died 10 Dec 1924 in St. Clair Co., Illinois.

## Generation 5

16. **John F. POCKRUS**: born 1812 in South Carolina; married abt 1835 in of Tennessee or Alabama; died aft 1898 in Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

17. **Margaret COCHRAN**: born 1817 in Tennessee; died bef 1880 in Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

20. **Isom HANCOCK**: born 1789 (ae 61-1850) in Randolph Co., North Carolina, British North America; married abt 1832 in Georgia; died.

21. **Elizabeth M. (HANCOCK)**: born 1812 in Georgia; died aft 1870 in Elmore Co., Alabama.

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22. **Perry HOLT**: born 1820 in Edgefield District., North Carolina, United States; married 31 Aug 1840 in Chambers Co., Alabama; died Oct 1875 or Nov 1875 in Elmore Co., Alabama.
23. **Serena ARANT**: born 1824 in South Carolina; died bet 1872 and 1874 in . Elmore or Macon . Alabama.
24. **Aaron RULE**: born Mar 1794 in Sumner Co., Tennessee; married 10 Feb 1816 in Sumner Co., Tennessee; died 29 Mar 1873 in . St. Jacobs, Madison Co., IL.
25. **Elizabeth Jane "Betsy" MCADAMS**: born abt 1795 in Sumner Co., Tn; died 15 Oct 1847 in Madison Co., Illinois.
26. **Moses GEIGER**: born abt 1807 in Jefferson Co., Tennessee; married 1 Jan 1829 in ., Madison Co., IL; died abt 1846 in Madison Co., Illinois.
27. **Permelia HARRISON**: born abt 1809 in Indiana; died 1889.
28. **James LYNCH (Linch)**: born abt 1815; married <1836> in Illinois.
29. **Mrs. LYNCH Mrs.**: born abt 1819 in Tennessee or Virginia.
30. **Aquilla Mitchell McDowell PUNTNEY**: born 26 Oct 1797 in Logan Co., Kentucky; married 16 Sep 1819 in Warren Co., Kentucky; died 12 Feb 1879 in Burnt Prairie Twp. White Co., Illinois.
31. **Margaret Alcey "Biddie" EWING**: born 1799 in Virginia; died 27 Dec 1869 in Burnt Prairie Twp. White Co., Illinois.

## Generation 6

32. **Father (may be Franklin) POCKRUS**: born abt 1787 in Virginia; married.
33. **Mrs. Mother of John F. POCKRUS**: born abt 1791 in Georgia.
34. **James COCHRAN**: born bet 1773 and 1775 in Virginia; died aft 1833.
35. **Nancy Smith HENDERSON**: born 1775 in North Carolina.
40. **Isaiah HANCOCK**: born 12 Aug 1760 in . Halifax, Virginia; married; died 12 Jul/Sep 1839 in . Muhlenberg, Kentucky.
41. **Cassandra "Cassie" DEANE**: born abt 1760 in Melenburg, Kentucky; died 1835.
44. **John A. HOLT**: born abt 1771 in Virginia; married abt 1799 in (probably) Edgefield Co., South Carolina; died 23 Sep 1853 in Chambers Co., Alabama.
45. **Michel (HOLT)**: born 1785 in South Carolina; died 24 Oct 1859 in Chambers Co., Alabama.
46. **John Allen "Allen" ARANT**: born 8 Mar 1808 in . Lincoln., Georgia; married in Upson, Georgia, United States; died 5 Feb 1888 in Centerville, Leon, Texas.
47. **Elizabeth FERGUSON**: born in Upson Co., Georgia, British North America; died bef 1880 in Centerville, Leon, Texas.
48. **Henry RUYLE II**: born abt 1754 in Hampshire Co., Virginia; married 1776; died 1856.
49. **Margaret Lucinda "Peggy" "Lucy" LEROY**: born 1758 in Pennsylvania; died 1810 in Virginia.
50. **William Gordon MCADAMS**: born 1760 in York Co., Pennsylvania; married abt 1790 in Orange Co., North Carolina; died 4 Sep 1843 in Madison Co., Illinois.
51. **Mary HENDRICKS**: born 1762 in . York, Pennsylvania; died 1820 in Illinois.
52. **Johannes George GEIGER Jr.**: born 3 Feb 1777 in Mannheim Twp, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania; married 5 Feb 1798 in Jefferson Co., Tennessee; died 17 Apr 1826 in Marine Township, Madison Co., Illinois.
53. **Susanna CREEK**: born 1763 in Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania; died 8 Apr 1856 in Marine Township, Madison Co., Illinois.
54. **Joseph HARRISON**: born abt 1784 in of Indiana.

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56. **William LINCH/LYNCH (Linch)**: born abt 1770 in Ireland; married in Ireland or Pennsylvania; died bef 1850 in Pike Co., Illinois.
57. **Margaret** : born 1769 in Ireland; died 26 Sep 1854 in Pike Co., Illinois.
60. **Samuel PUNTNEY**: born abt 1772 in probably Baltimore Co., Maryland; died in Logan Co., Kentucky or Illinois.
61. **Mrs. Samuel PUNTNEY**: born abt 1775 in Maryland, or (of Logan Co., Kentucky); died in Kentucky or Illinois.
62. **EWING**: born abt 1775 in Virginia; married abt 1795 in Virginia.

## Generation 7

68. **James COCHRAN Sr**: born abt 1748 in Virginia; married bef 1773.
69. **Mrs. COCHRAN**: born abt 1755 in Florida.
70. **Mr. HENDERSON**: died bef 1820 in , Abbeville, South Carolina.
71. **Margaret** .
80. **John ""J"" HANCOCK Jr.**: born 12 Jun 1743 in Able, Halifax, Virginia; married 1759 in . , Virginia, United States of America; died Mar 1788 in Southern Divsion , Randolph Co., North Carolina.
81. **Sarah AUGUSTINE**: born abt 1744 in Surry/ Sussex Co., Virginia; died 27 Mar 1821 in Harrison, Floyd, Indiana.
82. **Charles DEAN**: married.
83. **Ursula** .
88. **James Michael HOLT Sr.**: born 1754 in Montgomery County, North Carolina, USA; married 1779 in Halifax, Halifax, North Carolina; died 1837 in ,Hardeman Co.,Tennessee,USA.
89. **Lydia READ**: born 1752 in Dixon, Halifax, North Carolina; died 1816 in , Wilson, Tennessee, United States.
92. **Peter ARANDT Jr.**: born abt 1765 in of Chesterfield District, South Carolina.
93. **Millie (Arant)**: born abt 1770.
96. **Henry RUYLE I**: born 1715 in Alsace Lorraine; died Jul 1790 in Sumner Co., Tennessee.
97. **Catherine (Ruyle)**: born abt 1735 in Virginia; died abt 1808 in Sumner Co., Tennessee.
98. **Mr. LEROY**.
100. **Joseph MCADAMS**: born abt 1735 in Ayre, Ayre, Scotland.
101. **Sarah (Mc Adams)**: born abt 1739; died 1791 in Orange, North Carolina.
102. **Daniel HENDRICKS**: born 20 Feb 1744 in Reading Twp, York Pennsylvania.
104. **Johann George GEIGER**: born 9 Jun 1748 in Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania; married abt 1774 in Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania; died abt Dec 1826 in Jefferson Co., Tennessee.
105. **Barbara KLINE**: born in Clay Twp, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania; died bef 1793.
106. **Johannes CREEK**: born bet 1730 and 1740 in of Shenandoah Co., Virginia; married 26 Oct 1762 in Maytown, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania; died bet 1780 and 1782 in Shanandoah Co., Virginia.
107. **Rebecca CREEK**: born abt 1841 in , Gibson, Indiana; died 1799 in Greenbrier Co., Virginia.
108. **Anthony HARRISON**: born 18 Mar 1763 in Westmoreland, Virginia; died 1842 in Madison Co., Illinois.
120. **Joseph PUNTNEY**: born abt 1728 in probably Baltimore Co., Maryland; married abt 1771 in Baltimore Co., Maryland.

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121. **Mrs.Sarah PUNTNEY**: born abt 1736 in probably Baltimore Co., Maryland.

### Generation 8

160. **John D. HANCOCK**: born abt 1714 in Granville Co., North Carolina; married in Westmoreland, Virginia or Able Parish VA; died Mar 1788 in Moore Co., North Carolina, United States.

161. **Susanna BRIDGES**: born abt 1713 in Albermarle, Surry, Virginia; died.

176. **Thomas HOLT Jr.**: born 1728 in Isle of Wight, Virginia; married 1750 in Surry Co., Virginia; died 14 Dec 1793 in Halifax Co., Virginia.

177. **Ann ARRINGTON**: born 1724 in Southampton Co., Virginia; died 14 Dec 1793 in Halifax Co., North Carolina.

178. **Moses READ**.

179. **Elizabeth "Betty" PENDRY**: born abt 1724 in Halifax, North Carolina.

184. **ARANT**.

192. **Mr. RUYLE**: born abt 1710.

200. **MCADAMS**: born abt 1710 in of Ayre, Ayre, Scotland.

201. **Sarah SLOSS**: born abt 1714; died abt 1791 in Orange Co. (?), North Carolina.

204. **Samuel HENDRICKS**: born 1715 in Menallen Twp, York Co, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.; died May 1782.

208. **Christian GEIGER**: born 6 Dec 1710 in Wurttemberg, Germany; married 18 Mar 1738/9 in Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania; died 6 May 1779 in Warwick Twp, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

209. **Anna Maria ESKUCHIN**: born 3 Dec 1711 or 31 Dec 1711; died bef 23 Oct 1752.

210. **Michael KLINE**.

211. **Dorthea** .

212. **KRICK**.

214. **Richmond CREEK**: born 1812; married bef 1835 in Gibson Co., Indiana.

215. **Nancy** : born 1817 in Indiana.

216. **HARRISON**: born in Tennessee.

### Generation 9

322. **William BRIDGES**: married.

323. **Susannah** .

352. **Capt Thomas HOLT**: married 1727 in Surry Co., Virginia; died 1788 in Southampton Co., Virginia.

353. **Virginia Ann NEWSOM**: born in of Surry Co., Virginia.

356. **Harmon READ**.

357. **Ann** .

408. **Jacobus James HENDRICKS**: born abt 1665 in , Chester, PA; died 1739 in Pennsborough Twp. , Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

429. **Jane GAGE**: married 1799.

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## Generation 10

704. **William HOLT**: born bet 1664 and 1670 in Hogg Island. Surry Co., Virginia; married bef 1692 in Surry Co. Virginia; died bef 18 May 1726 in Lawnes Creek. Surry Co. Virginia.

705. **Elizabeth SEWARD**: born 1670 in Lawnes Creek Parish. Surry Co., Virginia; died bef 21 Sep 1737 in Isle of Wythe Co. Virginia.

706. **Thomas NEWSOM**.

707. **Elizabeth CRAWFORD**.

816. **Albertus HENDRICKSON**.

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### You Know You're a Genealogist if...

- You know you're a genealogist if the top item on your Christmas list is a genealogy subscription!
- You know you're a genealogist if the highlight of your last trip was a cemetery visit.
- You might be a genealogist if dead people are more interesting to you than the living.
- You know you're a genealogist if a scanner and archival storage containers are more exciting gifts than jewelry (female) or football tickets (male).
- You know you're a genealogist if you know what inst. and ult. stand for.
- You know you're a genealogist if your vacation bucket list includes Fort Wayne, Salt Lake City, and Washington, D.C. (hopefully all in the same year).
- You know you're a genealogist if there is a courthouse programmed into your GPS.
- You know you're a genealogist if you've ever had your photo taken in front of a tombstone and you were actually smiling!
- You know you're a genealogist if you know more about the past than the present.
- You know you're a genealogist if you have no problem substituting your great grandmother's maiden name for your mother's (in answer to a security question).
- You know you're hopelessly hooked on genealogy if you say "Honey, I'll just be a few minutes on the computer," and then find yourself awestruck by the sunrise.

## Following Footsteps: Dorcas Jane

by: Nancye Dean Allison

Unless the stars and planets are aligned in unimaginable ways, we all hit a wall eventually in our genealogy research. It didn't take me long to hit the first one, which started a domino effect ... another one in my family ... two in my husband's family tree ... and, well, you know how that goes, I'm sure.

My first brick wall came when researching my 2nd great grandmother, Dorcas Jane Alexander Dean. Dorcas Jane is a family legend and my personal heroine. The Dean family history was compiled and written by Addie Swafford Dean, the wife of one of my grandfather's cousins. "Aunt" Addie, as she was known to almost all the family and unrelated people I knew growing up, made genealogy research of the "**Deane/Dean and Related Families**" and the Swafford family her life's work. In the 1940's and 1950's, she corresponded, traveled, and even hired a professional genealogist to help her complete her work. It's an amazing tribute to her tenacity, and is regarded as the be-and-end-all of the story of our families. The information therein has been placed on the internet for posterity by family members on their respective family trees. However, as I began to pore over the Dean book while building my family tree on Ancestry.com, all the puzzle pieces did not appear to fit. At least, not to me.

According to our family lore, Dorcas Jane was born in 1822, in Benton County, Alabama (now Calhoun County). Sometimes, her birthplace is listed as in Benton County, Georgia. Her parents were Albert (or Albertus) Alexander and Martha Barksdale. Dorcas' son, Albert Allen Dean, my great grandfather, is quoted in Henry Chambers' "**The History of Louisiana**", volume 2, as saying that he was the grandson of Abraham Alexander, the author of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. This document is significant in American history as it was the forerunner to the Declaration of Independence, and a source of great pride in our family that we were descended from such a great man. So, you might imagine what a heretic I am turning out to be in my family since I cannot find proof of Dorcas Jane's connection to Abraham Alexander. I am not even certain that Albert(us) and Martha were her parents. Furthermore, the only Martha Barksdale I have found in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia or Alabama, died a single woman. The information in Aunt Addie's book is not conclusive. She writes that Dorcas' father *could* have been this Alexander or that one. She goes to Dorcas' granddaughter who says that her mother told her that she *believed* Dorcas' mother was Martha Barksdale. Also, family lore has it that Dorcas was a descendant of the Creek or Cherokee Indian tribe of North Carolina. Again, a dead-end. Lore isn't proof in my book ... but it doesn't get in the way of a great story. So, the research goes on.

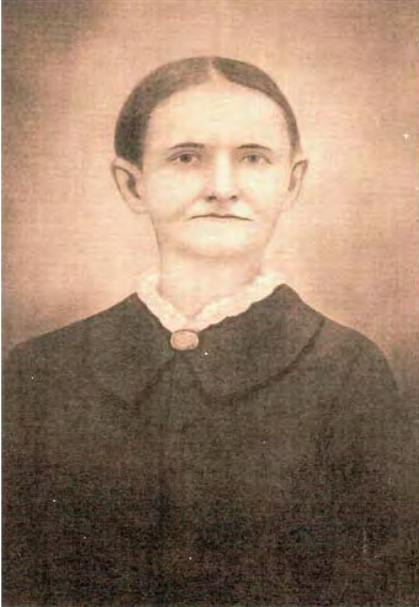
Dorcas Jane is a relative I would love to have known. One of the great stories about her takes place as she was moving her young children from Mississippi to Louisiana in the late 1850's. Her husband, A.B.C. Dean, and his brother, George Washington Dean, had gone ahead to build a home in the "wilderness" that was the Catahoula area of Louisiana. There was a smallpox epidemic at the time, though it isn't clear whether it was in Mississippi or across the river. Nevertheless, the harbor-master at Vicksburg was not letting any passengers cross the ferry. Dorcas was a rather short woman, but, as it turns out, a little feisty, too. She held her own with the harbor-master until he let her, her sister-in-law, Adeline, and the wagons carrying their children and belongings, cross the river that day. This makes her my heroine in my book, even if it is just a family tale!

In January, 2016, I have a trip planned to the family research library in Salt Lake City, Utah. I can't tell you how excited I am to go there and spend some time finding the missing pieces to the puzzle that is my Alexander family. There are other brick walls I can work on if I am unsuccessful with the Alexanders; but, I've been following her footsteps for years now, so Dorcas Jane is first on my list.

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*Surnames: Alexander, Dean, Johnston, Harper, Price White, Seamans, Rorex, Smith, Dunavant*

DORCAS JANE: continued . . . . .



**Dorcas Jane Alexander Dean  
(1822-1903)**

Of the traditions handed down in the family of Dorcas Jane and Allen Burkett Carleton (A.B.C.) Dean, there is a story that Dorcas was disinherited by her father when she married, and was never allowed to return to her father's home. However, Dorcas Jane's sister, Frances, was also disowned for the same offense! Frances married John Brown, who was "like a son" to her father, and worked and possibly lived on the Alexander's land. It's hard to imagine that both daughters were treated this way, though it may be an indication of why the research meets the brick wall.

Addie S. Dean's research located an Albert Alexander in Benton County, Alabama, in the 1840 census. In "The Deane/Dean and Allied Families", Addie states that the 1840 census lists one white male, 20-30 yrs. of age; one white female, 10-15 yrs. of age; one white female, 15-20 yrs. of age, but no wife. It is presumed that these people were John Brown, Frances Alexander, Dorcas Jane Alexander, and that Mr. Alexander was a widower. Though not solid proof, this seems to indicate that this is Dorcas' family. Naming conventions of the time frequently called for the first son to be named after the grandfathers. My great grandfather was Albert

Allen Dean. His grandfathers were Albert Alexander and Allen Burkett Carleton Dean. So far so good! His older sisters were Sarah Ida (for Sarah Dean, ABC's mother), Mary Rebecca, Eliza Jane, and Martha Glover. But, the question remains ... who is Dorcas Jane's mother? The illusive Martha Barksdale, perhaps? Do we trust the memory of her great granddaughter and stories repeated for generations? Hopefully, all will be revealed after the visit to the library in Salt Lake City in January!

Dorcas and ABC Dean built their first home in Louisiana about 1855 near the town of Olla, where they raised four girls and four boys. They lived there for about ten years before moving to Flagon Bayou, near Catahoula Lake, in Rapides Parish. It was said to have been a log house on a hill with 11 large logs to the ceiling, notched with pegs. In 1885, ABC Dean retired from farming on Bayou Flagon. The last years of ABC and Dorcas' lives were spent at Fairmount Landing on the Red River between Boyce, Rapides Ph., LA and Colfax, Grant Ph., LA. This was the home place of their son, Albert Allen Dean and wife Clara Price Dean, my great grandparents. Fairmount Landing was a steamboat landing serving the boats that carried goods and services along Red River. There was a warehouse, a general store, a doctor's office, a meat market, a wood yard, a blacksmith's shop, the family home and garden, and a cabin for ABC and Dorcas Jane, built to her specifications.

On May 11, 1897, ABC Dean died at the age of 81. In January, 1903, Dorcas Jane Alexander Dean passed away. Not long ago, a fellow genealogist from Grant Parish posted Dorcas' obituary. I love the way it reads, and that it gives me more footsteps to follow.

*The Colfax Chronicle* of Saturday, January 31, 1903,

## DIED

At the residence of her son, A.A. Dean at Fairmount, Louisiana, on Sunday, January 25, 1903.

Mrs. Dorcas Jane Dean, widow of A.B.C. Dean, born November 22, 1822, departed this life, aged 80 yrs. 2 mos., 3 days. Mrs. Dean lived in a cottage within 40-50 yards of the house of her son, whose family and himself always waited on her with the greatest care and filial love. By some unknown accident while alone for a short while and trying to get a match off the mantelpiece, she fell in the fire and was badly burned, before being discovered, that she died a few hours later. While her injuries, from the burn, were not such as would have caused death to most persons, still in her enfeebled condition and great age, the shock and excitement was more than she could stand.

Mrs. Dean was born Dorcas Jane Alexander in the state of Alabama. She was left without her mother when quite young and was principally raised and educated at the home of her uncle, Allen Barksdale of Laurens, SC. She married A.B.C. Dean July 27, 1842 and lived in Alabama until about 1846, when they moved to Panola County, Mississippi, where they lived until November 1854, when they moved to Catahoula Parish, LA, where they lived until December 1866. They then moved to Rapides Parish where they lived until January 1885, when they came to make their home [at Fairmount] where both remained until their death. It was ever the constant and earnest effort of Mr. Dean and his wife and children to make and keep his venerable parents comfortable and happy and they did all they could to gratify their every wish in life.

The deceased never made any profession of religion but was of a lovely disposition and if anyone ever lived a Christian life without making the profession, she did so. For a long time she bore with pain and blindness without a murmur or complaint and was always kind and considerate of others. There are a number of things we might say but at the request of the family, we write a simple death notice in keeping with the modest character of the departed, only mentioning that her grandfather, Abram Alexander, was the president of the first Mecklenburg convention in 1776, that led up to the Declaration of Independence.

Her children are A.A. Dean and Mrs. [Eliza] Dickerson of Fairmount; F. B. Dean, who resides on Cane River near Colfax; G.M. Dean of Tioga and B.C. Dean of Boyce. Mrs. Dean resided on Big Creek near the site of the present town of Pollock and had a great many friends in Grant and Rapides Parishes.

The Chronicle sympathizes with the family in the loss and tragic death of their aged ancestor.

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*Dorcas had small shoes, but big footsteps for me to follow. There is so much more to be learned about the story of her life. Like Addie S. Dean, it's my life's work.*

*Nancye Dean Allison*

The following two stories emphasize how much fun it is to find stories about items that you may have in your possession, and show how it is never beyond hope to figure out these mysteries. As Charles Gardes said at the seminar in August, these types of stories “add flesh to the bones” of your ancestors. Do you have any stories that you would like to share in *The Genie*?

## WHAT HAPPENED TO “BOB”?

By Brenda Custer Randall



Several years ago, I shared with the ALTGA family the picture of a young man we dubbed “Bob.” He had only partial arms and legs. The postcard was among the many family pictures left by my parents and included a small card pinned to it with what appeared to be the initials “R. O. C.” My grandfather was Riley Oscar Custer. Apparently the post card was of interest to him. It’s possible he attended a carnival at which this man was performing since the Custer path to Louisiana included Champaign County, IL, and counties in Arkansas. Either my mother or Grandmother “Nannie” (Nancy Bell McWilliams) identified it with Grandpa’s initials as something of his. One can only have extreme respect for the accomplishments of this man.

While in Salt Lake City, the “resident expert” in handwriting collaborated with others at the library. They deemed it possible that this could be “R. O. C.”.

I also wrote to several genealogical groups in the Davenport, Iowa, area, including the Scott County Iowa Genealogy Society for help. The postcard was printed by a company there. Their information was somewhat generic about the company, but nothing about the man in the picture.

Recently I received an email from Linda Barchman, former corresponding secretary for Scott County Iowa Genealogy Society. Linda remembered my inquiry and shared the “Story of Bob”, as posted recently on Facebook by Davenport Iowa History’s page. It states:

“This photograph of Albert A. Pilgrim, quad amputee, was supplied by the Commercial Photographic Co. of Davenport. Albert (A.K.A. Alfred, Willie or Billy) Pilgrim was born in 1880. At birth, Albert’s umbilical cord was wrapped about his limbs in such a way that at the age of one year both arms and both legs had to be amputated near the knee and the elbow. He entered the show business around the age of 9, some say with Barnum, where part of his act was to load and shoot a long arm rifle with accuracy. He continued to make his living in traveling circuses and carnivals where he was an accomplished marksman in the “side shows.” In the off season he would hand-write greeting cards, gentleman’s calling cards and he penned elaborate drawings. The zenith of his show business career came in 1915 when he signed a one-year contract to appear in the Joy Zone at the Panama Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco. Albert married Isabel Fry in 1904 and was the father of two daughters. Albert died in Southern Oregon while on tour performing with a carnival. He is buried in the Pacific Coast Showman’s Association, Section L, at Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles, CA.”

Note: After reading more about this extraordinary man, I had another thought. I believe that Albert wrote my grandfather's initials on that card! Albert spent his off-time lettering business cards, etc. so it's quite possible that's what happened.

This [link](#) contains additional pictures.

## Golden Cordial

By Elaine Johnson

I have had a piece of paper for many years that belonged to my gg grandfather Isaac Miller Roush. He was the husband of Margaret Isabelle Ferris, subject of the article about Breaking Down Brick Walls in this issue. I found the paper after my grandmother died in 1999. Her sister had sent it to her with a letter telling her that it was found in their mother's papers. Their mother was my great grandmother Amanda, daughter of Isaac and Margaret Roush. In the letter my grandmother's sister said that she "knew it was grandpa's, but I have no idea what it was," and said that if my grandmother did not want it, to just burn it. My grandmother (who got me interested in genealogy) never mentioned it to me and I have no idea if she knew what it was, but she did keep it. I kept it too, even though I did not know what it was.

After I wrote the story about finding the family of my gg grandmother Margaret Isabelle Ferris Roush, I shared it with my mother's cousins. One of them responded with this story:

"My goodness, what a convoluted journey and what a wonderful surprise!!! I have always wondered about Great Grandma Roush. I remember being told that her husband was a doctor and that he developed a tincture or whatever that was called "Golden Cordial" and that one time he was at a train wreck helping pull people out and that one poor fellow had massive burns and was going to be left to die, and great grandpa Roush said, "it can't hurt to bathe him in this liquid," (his golden cordial) and that the fellow lived and did quite well. I would have absolutely no idea how one would prove any of those beliefs.

The piece of paper that I have looks like a medical recipe. It is entitled "Golden Cordial" and signed by Dr. I. M. Roush. The paper is very fragile and taped together. The handwriting and signature match other papers that I have that he wrote, so I know he wrote this. I sent a scan of it to my mother's cousin. She was very pleased to get the recipe and apparent confirmation of the story. And I was so excited to get the story about what it was. The Golden Cordial recipe has gone from being an odd scrap of paper with uncertain meaning to a real artifact -- all because of a story that was held in someone's head until now.

Golden Cordial.  
 Raw Linseed oil  $\frac{1}{2}$  gal  
 Gum Camphor 1 oz  
 Sulphuric 1 oz  
 Oil Sassafras 1 oz  
 Oil Organum 1 oz.  
 Dr. I. M. Roush.

DANIEL AND SUSAN (HUEY) COLVIN'S OTHER GRANDDAUGHTER:  
SUSAN (JOHNSON) KOONCE  
*Contributed by Marleta Childs*

As I was growing up, I had always heard that one set of my paternal great great grandparents was Rev. James Carroll "Jim" Koonce, a Baptist minister, and Susan (sometimes called Susannah) C. Johnson. Since the couple had twelve children, they left numerous descendants in the East Texas area.<sup>1</sup> When I began researching my family tree a number of years ago, I interviewed my grandparents as well as a number of Koonce relatives to find out more about my ancestors. Everyone said Susan's maiden name was Johnson, she was born and raised in Louisiana, and her father was John Johnson. In addition, several kinfolks informed me that she had brothers named Dan and John Johnson.



So I began trying to locate kin in the Pelican State. After placing a query in the genealogical column in the Shreveport newspaper, I received responses from several individuals. But everyone who replied insisted that Susan's maiden name was Colvin. Why?

Their information came from the book, Colvin and Allied Families. The authors, Ethelle and Baker Colvin, list the names of the children of Daniel and Susan (Huey) Colvin as Jephtha Colvin, Daniel Colvin, Jr., Susan Colvin (married James Koonse), and Sarah Colvin (married John Johnson).<sup>2</sup>

However, the conclusion that Susan Koonse/Koonce was Daniel and Susan Colvin's daughter is in error.

The Colvin book transcribes verbatim only a few pages of Susan (Huey) Colvin's succession records, dated 29 January 1841. On that date, Daniel Colvin, Sr., petitioned the Union Parish probate court, regarding the estate of his deceased wife, Susan Huey, who left a substantial amount of property. As the Colvin book shows, Daniel named her heirs as "Jephtha Colvin, Daniel Colvin, Jr., and Susan Coonse (sic), the wife of James Coonse, John Johnson, aged about 22 years, Daniel Johnson aged about 20 years, Dorcas Johnson wife of Martin Turner aged about 15 years, Betsey Johnson aged about 12 years, representing the mother Sarah Colvin dec. late wife of Bob (sic) Johnson and daughter of your petitioner and said Susan Colvin, Decd...."<sup>3</sup> Although Susan's name is first in the list of Sarah (Colvin) Johnson's children, most researchers misunderstood the wording and assumed Susan Koonce was Daniel and Susan Colvin's daughter.

A misconception certainly arose from another succession document transcribed in the Colvin book. The authors list the heirs in this record as "Jephtha Colvin, Daniel Colvin, Jr., Susan Coonse (sic) the wife of James Coonse, and Sarah Colvin, alias the wife of Bob Johnson now dead, and represented by her children, as follows John Johnson aged about 22 years, Dorcas Johnson wife of Martin Turner, Daniel Johnson aged about 20 years, Betsy Johnson aged about 12 years...."<sup>4</sup> Because of the manner in which the individuals are named in this transcription, it appears that Susan is a child of Daniel and Susan (Huey) Colvin. Susan's name should have appeared after Sarah's name and in Sarah's list of heirs. Regardless of the confusion due to these two documents, several other records prove Susan was the couple's granddaughter.

Susan's relationship to Sarah (Colvin) Johnson is confirmed in a second set of succession records that were not included in the Colvin book. According to these documents, Daniel Colvin, Sr., petitioned the Union Parish probate court on 1 January 1842 to sell his late wife's property so the

Jeptha Colvin, and Susan Koonce (*sic*), the wife of James Koonce, John Johnson, aged about 22 years, Daniel Johnson aged about 20 years, Dorcas Johnson wife of Martin Turner aged about 15 years, Betsey Johnson aged about 13 years, representing Sarah Colvin decd. late wife of John Johnson and daughter of your petitioner and said Susan Colvin decd.”<sup>5</sup>

The sale was held on 5 February 1842 at the residence of Daniel Colvin, Sr. Parish Judge John Taylor officiated at the event. The proceeds were to go to the heirs, which Taylor named as being “Daniel Colvin, Sr., husband of aforesaid Susan Huey, decd. and partner in community, Jeptha Colvin and Daniel Colvin, issue of said Daniel Colvin, Sr., and Susan Huey, decd. also John Johnson, Daniel Johnson of age and Elizabeth Johnson a minor represented by her Under Tutor John Stow....The said John Johnson, Daniel Johnson and Elizabeth Johnson representing their mother Sarah Colvin, deceased daughter of Susan Huey, decd. and Daniel Colvin, Sr. Also Dorcas Johnson wife of Martin Turner and Susan Johnson wife of James Koonce who likewise descendants from and representing their mother Sarah Colvin, decd....”<sup>6</sup> The records show Susan Koonce, along with her siblings, received a share of the estate as heirs of Sarah Colvin.<sup>7</sup>

In addition to the succession records, two other documents prove that Susan was the daughter of John and Sarah (Colvin) Johnson. One is a marriage record located in a deed book. John and Sarah first married on 13 July 1815.<sup>8</sup> But because the ceremony had been performed by a parish judge, doubt arose as to its validity. So John and Sarah were remarried by a justice of the peace on 8 September 1817. The second marriage record states: “On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1815, they intermarried before the Honorable Oliver T. Morgan, Parish Judge of the Parish of Ouachita, and that from their union they have had issue, to wit, Susannah, born on the eighth day of May 1816....”<sup>9</sup> In addition, John and Sarah “acknowledge their aforesaid child, Susannah, as the legitimate issue of their union....”<sup>10</sup>

*Parish of Ouachita set.*

Before me *Thyebick Kirkpatrick* one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the Parish of Ouachita duly authorized to celebrate marriages, the eighth day of September 1817 appeared *John Johnson* & *Sarah* daughter of *Daniel Colvin*, residents of the Parish aforesaid. who declare, that on the seventh day of August 1815, they intermarried before the Honorable *Oliver T. Morgan*, Parish Judge of the Parish of Ouachita; and that from their union they have had issue, to wit, *Susannah* born on the eighth day of May 1816.

The other document re-enforcing Susan's parentage is the sale of John Johnson's land after his death. On 17 January 1846, "John Johnson, Susan Johnson authorized and empowered by her husband James Koonce, Darcus (sic) Johnson authorized and empowered by her husband Martin J. Turner, Daniel Johnson, and Elizabeth Johnson her husband Henry Colvin deceased, heirs of the late John Johnson..." sold their father's land in Jackson Parish to Wooten Richardson.<sup>11</sup>

State of Louisiana, This Indenture made between  
 Heirs of Jackson finds this Seventeenth day of  
 January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand  
 Eight Hundred and forty six, between John  
 Johnson, Susan Johnson authorized and Empowered  
 by her husband James Koonce, Darcus Johnson  
 authorized and Empowered by her husband Mar-  
 tin J. Turner, Daniel Johnson and Elizabeth Johnson  
 her husband Henry Colvin deceased, Heirs of the  
 late John Johnson of the first part, and Wooten Rich-  
 ardson of the second part, all of the Parish of  
 Jackson and State of Louisiana, witnesses

These various documents prove Koonce family tradition was correct. Susan's father was John Johnson and she had brothers named Dan and John Johnson. The same records also show that her mother was Sarah Colvin and her grandparents were Daniel and Susan (Huey) Colvin.

About 1848, Susan Koonce and her family, along with her brother, Daniel Johnson and his family, moved to Nacogdoches County, Texas, where they appear on the 1850 census.<sup>12</sup> About 1872, the Koonces moved from Nacogdoches County to neighboring Shelby County, where they remained for the rest of their lives.<sup>13</sup> James C. Koonce died in 1889 and Susan died on 6 March 1904. Both are buried in White Rock Cemetery in Shelby County, Texas.<sup>14</sup>

End notes:

<sup>1</sup>For details about the Koonce family, see Maurine Childs Parker, "Koonce, Rev. James C. Family," Family history article F632 in Shelby County Historical Commission, *History of Shelby County Texas* (Dallas, Texas: Curtis Media Corporation, 1988), pp. 626-627; or Maurine Childs Parker, "Koonce, Rev. James C. Family," Family history article F565 in The Nacogdoches County Genealogical Society, *Nacogdoches County Families* (Dallas, Texas: Curtis Media Corporation, 1985), p. 404.

<sup>2</sup>Ethelle and Baker Colvin, *Colvin and Allied Families* (El Dorado, Arkansas: Hurley Printing & Stationery Company, 1965), p. 317.

<sup>3</sup>Colvin, pp. 317-318.

<sup>4</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 318. The first set of documents pertaining to Susan (Huey) Colvin's estate, including the ones in the Colvin book, can be found in Union Parish, Louisiana, Succession Book A, pp. 103-111. A verbatim transcription of all the documents is available online at

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/la/union/court/colvin-susan-huey.txt> and <http://files.usgwarchives.net/la/state/wills/afriamer/colvin.txt>. Researchers should be aware there are some mistakes, due to typographical error or difficulty in reading the handwriting, in the online records.

<sup>5</sup>Succession of Susan Huey Colvin, Union Parish, Louisiana, Succession Book A, p. 132. A transcription of all the documents pertaining to the estate in Union Parish, Louisiana, Succession Book A, pp. 132-144, can be found online at <http://files.usgwarchives.net/la/union/court/colvin-susan-huey.txt>. Again, researchers should be aware there are some mistakes in the online records.

<sup>6</sup>Union Parish Succession Book A, p. 136.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid., p.138.

<sup>8</sup>Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, Conveyance Record, Volume C, p. 220.

<sup>9</sup>Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, Conveyance Record, Volume D, p. 379.

<sup>10</sup>Ibid.

<sup>11</sup>Jackson Parish, Louisiana, Conveyance Records, Volume C, p. 20.

<sup>12</sup>1850 U. S. census, Nacogdoches County, Texas, population schedule, p. 58 (stamped), dwelling 68, family 68, J. C. and Susana Koonce; NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 913. (Since I used microfilm in public libraries for my research a number of years ago, I decided to look at the censuses on Ancestry.com. I discovered that to pull up the 1850 census for the Koonces, one has to put in the name L. C. Roonce or Susana Roonce since the indexer misread the Koonce surname.); 1850 U. S. census, Nacogdoches County, Texas, population schedule, p. 63 (stamped), dwelling 137, family 137, Daniel Johnson; NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 913.

<sup>13</sup>1860 U. S. census, Nacogdoches County, Texas, population schedule, Melrose Post Office, p. 173, dwelling 796, family 780, James C. and Susan C. Koonce; NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 1301; 1870 U. S. census, Nacogdoches County, Texas, population schedule, Melrose Post Office, p. 499 (stamped) A and B, dwelling 214, family 219, James C. and Susan Koonce; NARA microfilm publication M593, reel 1599; 1880 U. S. census, Shelby County, Texas, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 93, p. 105D, dwelling 62, family 62, A. (sic) C. and Susan Koonce; NARA microfilm publication T9, reel 1326.

<sup>14</sup>James Carroll Koonce, website, *Findagrave.com* (<http://www.findagrave.com>: accessed 1 September 2015); Susan C. Johnson Koonce, website, *Findagrave.com* (<http://www.findagrave.com>: accessed 1 September 2015). On the website, Susan's birthplace is given as Tennessee, but that is her husband's birthplace. Census records show she was born in Louisiana.