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President's Message

I read several Internet genealogy newsletters each month. Below is a quote from Gary Mokotoff, the editor of *Avotaynu the Journal of Jewish Genealogy*. I feel that his comments are important to all of us.

"*Ancestry Magazine* recently polled a number of persons active in American genealogy about how they perceived genealogical research to be in 10 years. Here was my reply:

I predict genealogy will become very boring in the next ten years. More and more, from the comfort of your home, you will be able to access the records of your ancestors on the Internet. No more fighting with archivists, no more standing on line at the copying machine, no more writing letters that produce responses in weeks or months, no more pouring through frame after frame of microfilm looking for that one record that will take you back another generation. Just hop on the Internet and find billions of records - most of them indexed - that will guide you through your family history in days, a task that used to take years.

Using these online databases is quite amazing - especially if you have a high speed access line such as DSL or a cable modem."

He then gave several examples of the difference in old research and new. I agree with him on the fact that research will be easier but strongly disagree that genealogy will be boring. The Internet only allows us to find secondary information more quickly. It points us to the primary information which we need to document our findings. The Internet cannot give us the joy of visiting the cemetery of a great grandparent, walking the land of an ancestor or retracing their journey as they moved from place to place, it only makes it easier to find where these places and documents are.

The advent of the automobile did not make travel boring; it enhanced travel and gave us the ability to go more places. The Internet should do the same for genealogy. Maybe Mr. Mokotoff would find it more interesting if he could do away with paper records and go back to reading stone tablets.

The Internet is here to stay -- make the most of it and continue to find genealogy research to be an enjoyable experience. Boredom is in the eye of the bored.

Genealogy gives us old ancestors, new relatives, and friends in a like pursuit. I hope to see each of you soon...

Sim Seckbach

Thoughts from Your Editor

Editing *Buried Treasures* is an interesting proposition, as it is written for two somewhat contradictory groups. As the quarterly of the Central Florida Genealogical Society, the only genealogical group in the immediate area, we should be collecting and publishing information on Central Florida — no other group is doing so. Those researching Florida ancestors are depending on us to provide the local records.

On the other hand, most of our members are transplanted Floridians and have little interest in Florida genealogy. Even those who are natives have more non-Florida ancestors than local folks. Central Florida was not well settled until after the Civil War — in fact the 1840 US Census had not a soul in all of Mosquito County other than the 73 military personnel at New Smyrna and Fort Pierce. It is unlikely there will be more than 6-7 generations of Floridians in anyone's pedigree.

So editing this publication is a balancing act — trying to please both groups of readers. Perhaps you've noticed that there is an attempt to provide for both groups — with original Florida records as well as information from the rest of the world. As editor, I've tried to find or research an event or group that might interest our readers — such as the Donner Party in this issue. There will also be groups of Florida records — the 1885 Census, Territorial records, etc. It will never please everyone, but it is my goal as editor to provide something of interest to each reader in each issue.

To be sure that happens, why not send in an article on a subject that interests you? You may notice in this issue that the Florida folks have been busy, so there are more articles on Florida matters. How about those of you from Ohio, or Pennsylvania, or California? Don't you have some interesting records or families? I'm sure there are subjects that you've already researched, and on which you have a head start. We need diaries, letters, wills, obituaries, pedigrees, stories, queries and lots more. Check the list on the back cover of this issue for more ideas. There will be more coming in the next issue.

My job is to edit (not to write) each issue of *Buried Treasures*. I need your input. If you feel you don't write well enough for publication, write in your own words (just be sure the facts are correct) and I'll be glad to edit, spellcheck and add punctuation if needed. Send by either snail mail or Email or deliver to a meeting. I'll be looking for something from you!

Betty Jo



One hundred fifty six years ago this month (October 1846), a group of emigrants to California met with one of the most remembered tragedies in Western history. The 87 members of the Donner Party serve as a horrible example of the perils of western migration.

The group of emigrants who were later known as the Donner Party did not begin as a single group. Two brothers, George and Jacob Donner, and James Frazier Reed set out from Springfield, Illinois, with their large families in the spring of 1846. They traveled with the large group of emigrants under the captainship of Col. Russell. When they reached the headwaters of the Sweetwater River, the party split, with most of the emigrants on the Trail who were headed to California via the Hastings Cut-off, forming a company under the leadership of George Donner.

According to the PBS Special¹ “the Donners and the Reeds made a lavish entourage, 32 men, women and children in all, counting the Reeds's two hired servants and the seven teamsters who had answered George Donner's add to drive the big wagons. But the most extravagant luxury was the Reeds' family wagon, a two-story affair with a built-in iron stove, spring-cushioned seats and bunks for sleeping. It took eight oxen to pull the mammoth ark that 12-year-old Virginia Reed called ‘the pioneer palace car.’ No one had ever seen anything like it.”

The group decided to take a new route through the Rocky and Sierra Nevada Mountains. Lansford Hastings, a lawyer and western promoter, had developed and published a new and shorter trail west called the Hastings Shortcut. The Donner party did not know it had been plotted on maps but had never been tried. Hastings promised to meet the group at Bridger's settlement to lead them from there, but had instead gone ahead with another party, leaving written instructions on how to find the trail. They followed his instructions and trail, but within two weeks, Hastings met them to tell them that the trail was impassible and suggested another route. Hacking a new trail through dense undergrowth, it took the

¹PBS Special - The Donner Party: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/donner/abprogram.html>

The Donner Party revisited

by Betty Jo Stockton

Donner party a month, rather than the week they had expected, to reach the Great Salt Lake. It was not a shortcut but was actually longer and much more difficult. At Salt Lake, they found another note from Hastings telling them it would take two days to cross the Salt Plain. Instead it took 5 days — during which their oxen bolted, many wagons (including the Donner's) had to be abandoned and all were near dead of thirst. Realizing that they did not have enough provisions to take the whole party the rest of the way, William McCutcheon and Charles Stanton volunteered to ride ahead to California for help. Weeks behind schedule and desperately short of food, the Donner Party did not reach the mountains of California until late October. Charles Stanton did reach help and came back with seven mule loads of food, but it was not enough to save the group. Before the party could reach the pass, they were stopped by the first blizzard of what would prove to be the worst winter in the history of the Sierra Nevada.

The Donner Party was trapped on the eastern side of the Sierra Mountains with little food or shelter. Of the 87 men, women and children in the Donner Party, only 46 survived. It was more than five months before the first relief party could get through to them. A group of the healthiest members attempted to go over the pass in December, but lost many members on their 6-week trek and resorted to cannibalism of their dead in order to keep themselves alive long enough to reach help. It was January 31st before they found anyone to form a rescue party — then several more weeks before the weather allowed a rescue team to set out. It was not until the end of April that the last of the survivors were brought out of the mountains.

Members of the Donner Party:

DONNER Family:

George DONNER'S Family

George Donner; 60. Died

Tamzene Eustis Donner; 44. 2nd Wife of George Donner. Died

Elitha Cumi Donner; 13. Rescued

Leanna Charita Donner; 11. Rescued

Frances Eustis Donner; 6. Rescued

Georgia Ann Donner; 4. Rescued

Eliza Poor Donner; 3. Rescued

Jacob DONNER's Family

Jacob "Jake" Donner; 56. Died
Elizabeth "Betsy" Donner; 45 Died
Solomon Elijah Hook; 14. Rescued [stepson]
William Hook, Jr.; 12. Rescued [stepson]
George Donner, "Jr." 9. Rescued
Mary Donner; 7. Rescued
Isaac Donner; 5. Rescued
Samuel Donner; 4. Died
Lewis Donner; 3. Died
Teamsters: Noah James, 16. Rescued
Samuel Shoemaker; 25. Died
John Denton; 28. Rescued

REED PARTY

James Frazier Reed, 45. Banished, later led rescue party.
Margaret "Margret" Reed; 32. Rescued
Virginia Elizabeth Backenstoe Reed; 13. Rescued [stepdaughter]
Martha "Patti" Reed; 8. Rescued
James Frazier Reed, Jr, "Jimmy"; 5. Rescued
Thomas "Tommy" Reed; 3. Rescued
Sarah Keyes; 70? Died early in trip.
Baylis Williams; 25. A hired hand of the Reeds. Died
Eliza Williams; 31. A cook and servant / Baylis' sister. Rescued
Milford "Milt" Elliot; 25. Friend of the Reeds. Died
Walter Herron; 25. Left early, traveling with banished Mr. Reed.
James Smith; 25. Died
Hiram Owens Miller; Aged 29. Left early, but returned with rescue parties.

GRAVES PARTY

Franklin Ward Graves; 57. Died
Elizabeth Cooper Graves; 45. Rescued, died enroute
Sarah Graves; 21. Survived *
Jay Fosdick; 23. Died
Mary Graves; 19. Survived*
William Cooper Graves; 17. Rescued
Eleanor Graves; 14. Rescued
Lovina Graves; 12. Rescued
Nancy Blaisdell Graves; 8. Rescued
Johnathon B. (Blaisdell?) Graves; 7. Rescued but died enroute
Franklin Ward Graves, Jr; 5. Rescued but died enroute
Elizabeth Graves; 1. Rescued died enroute
John Snyder; 25. Teamster for the Graves Family.
Killed in fight with James Reed

EDDY PARTY

William H. Eddy; 28. Survived *
Eleanor Priscilla Eddy; 25. Died
James Eddy; 3. Died
Margaret Eddy; 1. Died

MURPHY PARTY

MURPHY Family

Lavina Jackson Murphy, 36. Died.
John Landrum Murphy, 16. Died
Meriam "Mary" Murphy, 14. Rescued
Lemuel Murphy, 12. Died
William Green Murphy, 10. Rescued
Simon Peter Murphy, 8. Rescued

FOSTER Family

William McFadden Foster, 28. Survived* and returned with rescue party.
Sarah Ann Charlotte (Murphy) Foster 19. Survived*
Jeremy George Foster, aged 3 Died

PIKE Family

William Montgomery Pike. Died
Harriet Frances (Murphy) Pike 18. Survived *
Naomi Levina Pike, 12. Rescued
Catherine Pike, 1. Died

BREEN PARTY

Patrick Breen, Sr., 51. Rescued
Margaret "Peggy" Bulgar Breen, 40. Rescued.
John Breen, 14. Rescued.
Edward Breen, 13. Rescued.
Patrick Breen, Jr., 8. Rescued.
Simon Preston Breen, 8. Rescued
James Frederick Breen, 5. Rescued.
Peter Breen, 3. Rescued.
Margaret Isabella Breen, 1. Rescued.
Patrick Doolan, 35. Died

KESEBERG PARTY

Johann Ludwig Christian Keseberg 32. Rescued
Elisabeth Phillipine Christian Keseberg 23. Rescued
Ada Keseberg, aged 3. Rescued but died enroute
Lewis Keseberg, Jr, aged 1. Died
Mr. Hardkoop, aged 60? Died early in trip.

* survived - part of the group who attempted to hike out over the pass during December.

This information was extracted in part from the website:

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Newspaper article gives first news of disaster

California Star February 13, 1847

Distressing News. by Capt. J.A. Sutter's launch which arrived here a few days since from Fort Sacramento— we received a letter from a friend at that place, containing a most distressing account of the situation of the emigrants in the mountains, who were prevented from crossing them by the snow, — and of a party of eleven who attempted to come into the valley on foot. The writer, who is well qualified to judge, is of the opinion that the whole party might have reached the California valley before the first fall of snow, if the men had exerted themselves as they should have done. Nothing but a contrary and contentious disposition on the part of some of the men belonging to the party prevented them from getting in as soon as any of the first companies.

The follow particulars we extracted from the letter: *The company is composed of twenty three waggons, and is a part of Col. Russell's company, that left the rendezvous on Indian Creek near the Missouri line on the 13th day of May last. They arrived at Fort Bridger in good time, some two weeks earlier than the last company on the road. From that point they took the new road by the south end of the Great Salt Lake, which was then being marked out by some seventy five waggons with Messrs. Hastings and Headspath as pilots.*

They followed on in the train until they were near the "Weber River canon," and within some 4 or 5 days travel of the leading waggons, when they stopped and sent on three men, (Messrs. Reed, Stanton and Pike) to the first company, (with which I was then travelling in company,) to request Mr. Hastings to go back and show them the pack trail from the Red Fork of Weber River to the Lake. Mr. H. went back and showed them the trail, and then returned to our company, all of which time we remained in camp, waiting for Mr. Hastings to show us the rout.

They then commenced making the new road over the Lake on the pack trail, so as to avoid the Weber river canon, and Mr. Reed and others, who left the company, and came in for assistance, informed me that they were sixteen days making the road, as the men would not work one quarter of their time. Had they gone on the road that we had made for them, they would have easily overtaken us before we reached the old road on Mary's river. They were then but some 4 of 5 days travel behind the first waggons, which were travelling slow, on account of being obliged to make an entire new rout for several hundred miles through heavy sage and over mountains, and delayed four days by the guides hunting out passes in the mountains, and these waggons arrived at the settlement about the first of October.

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Had they gone around the old road, the north end of the great Salt Lake, they would have been in the first of September.

After crossing the long drive of 75 miles without water or grass, and suffering much from loss of oxen, they sent on two men (Messrs. Stanton and McCutcher.) They left the company recruiting on the second long drive of 35 miles, and came in to Capt. J. A. Sutter's Fort, and asked for assistance. Capt. Sutter in his usual prompt and generous manner, furnished them with 7 of his best mules and two of his favorite Indian vaqueros, and all of the flour and beef that they wanted. Mr. C.S. Stanton, a young gentlemen from Syracuse, New York, although he had no interest in the company, took charge of the vaqueros and provisions, and returned to the company. Afterwards, Mr. Reed came in almost exhausted from starvation; he was supplied with a still larger number of horses and mules and all the provisions he could take. He returned as far as the Bear river valley, and found snow so deep, that he could not get to the company. He cached the provisions at that place and returned.

Since that time (the middle of November,) we heard nothing of the company, until last week, when a messenger was sent down from Capt. Wm. Johnson's settlement, with the astounding information that five women and two men had arrived at that point entirely naked, their feet frost bitten— and informed them that the company arrived within three miles of the small log cabin near Trucky's Lake on the east side of the mountains, and found the snow so deep that they could not travel, and fearing starvation, sixteen of the strongest, (11 males and 5 females) agreed to start for the settlement on foot. Scantly clothed and provided with provisions they commenced that horrid journey over the mountains that Napoleon's fete on the Alps was child's play compared with.

After wandering about a number of days bewildered in the snow, their provisions gave out, and long hunger made it necessary to resort to that horrid recourse casting lots to see who should give up life, that their bodies might be used for food for the remainder.

But at this time the weaker began to die which rendered it unnecessary to take life, and as they died the company went into camp and made meat of the dead bodies of their companions. After travelling thirty days, 7 out of the 16 arrived within 15 miles of Capt. Johnson's, the first house of the California settlements; and most singular to relate, all the females that started, 5 women came in safe, and but two of the men, and one of them was brought in on the back of an Indian.

Nine of the men died and seven of them were eaten by their companions— The first person that died was Mr. C.S. Stanton, the young man who so generously returned to the company with Capt. Sutter's two Indian vaqueros and provisions; his body was left on the snow. The last two that died was Capt. Sutter's two Indian vaqueros and their bodies were used as food by the seven that came in. The company left behind, numbers sixty odd souls; ten men, the balance women and children. They are in camp about 100 miles from Johnson's, the first house after leaving the mountains, or 150 from fort Sacramento. Those who have come in say that Capt. Sutter's seven mules were stolen by the Indians a few days after they reached the company, and that when they had left, the company had provisions sufficient to last them until the middle of February.

The party that came in, were at one time 36 hours in a snow storm without fire; they had but three quilts in the company. I could state several most horrid circumstances connected with this affair: such as one of the women being obliged to eat part of the body of her father and brother, another saw her husband's heart cooked &c; which would be more suitable for a hangmans journal than the columns of a family newspaper. I have not had the satisfaction of seeing any one of the party that has arrived; but when I do, I will get more of the particulars and sent them to you.

As soon as we received the information we drew up the appeal of which I enclose you a copy, calling a meeting in the armory of the Fort, explained the object of the meeting and solicited the names of all that would go. We were only able to raise seven here,— they started this morning for Johnson's to join the party raised there. Capt. J.A. Sutter in his usual generous manner ordered his overseer to give this brave band of men, all the provisions they could carry. They took as much beef, bread, and sugar, as they thought they could carry and started in good spirits on their long and perilous trip. Capt. Kern the commander of the Sacramento District, will go up as far as Johnson's to-morrow to assist in starting the party, and may go as far as the Bear River Valley.

Orlando Lake Eola Historical Trail

By Steve Rajtar

This is one of a series of walking trails established in the communities of Central Florida to make it easy to learn about the history and architecture of our state. To begin this 6.7-mile loop trail, park on the street on Garland Ave. just north of SR 50, one street east of I-4.

As do most historical trails in Florida, this route winds through the streets of “downtown”, with stories of the buildings which remain and the memorable ones which no longer stand. The first site on this trail is the 1903 Colonial Revival home of Judge John M. Cheney (after whom Old Cheney Highway is named), which has now been converted to a bank. It’s interesting to see the present uses of buildings which have been around for so long.

The trail heads south on Orange Ave., covers the nearby blocks of Central Blvd. and Pine and Church Sts., heads north on Court St., then loops around Lake Eola before returning to the start. Emphasis is on the older business buildings of downtown Orlando, but there are also several churches and older homes included in the total 255 points of interest.

The trail passes by the sites of over 120 buildings which have been replaced over the years, and the hike plan tells the stories of their owners and the important events which took place inside of them. Sixteen were hotels that accommodated travelers through Orlando in the early years. Now after several decades of having essentially no downtown accommodations, the city is experiencing a building boom with new hotels and apartments dominating the scene.

One area, developed in the 1970s as “Church Street Station”, is full of history that has little to do with the eating, entertainment and shopping establishments that drew in tourists from around the world. As they pass by the original buildings, hikers will read that Vivaldi’s Restaurant used to be the South Florida Foundry, which manufactured iron pipe and locomotive wheels. Rosie O-Grady’s Goodtime Emporium began as the Orlando Hotel, the Cheyenne Saloon as the Purcell Country Store selling riding clothing and equipment, Lili Marelene’s Restaurant was the 1922 Strand Hotel, and the site of Phineas Phogg’s Balloon Works began as Joseph Bumby’s warehouse, from which he sold hay, grain, fertilizer, and tickets on the train that still runs by it. The area is being redeveloped under new ownership, but the stories of the early development of Orlando will remain.

About a block away, but far from tourists’ eyes, is Pine St., which formed the real “downtown” in 19th Century Orlando. Pine St. itself was constructed of sand in 1881 and three years later was the site of a major fire which destroyed nearly all of its wooden structures. The city adopted a building code requiring brick or masonry, resulting in some of the city’s most interesting commercial buildings. These include the Lartigue (1884), Curtis (1888), Giles-Ellis (1886), Knox-Bacon (1884), Knox (c. 1890) and Hansen (1886) Buildings, which treat the hiker to a visual display of interesting brick and stone work.

The area around Lake Eola, with its signature large lighted fountain, has changed greatly since the days when it was the home of a horse track, zoo and the city fairgrounds. As the trail loops around it, hikers pass a large stone monument and garden commemorating friendship with Taiwan, a fountain erected in 1913 with figures of a duck, frogs and a bittern, a bust of Simon Bolivar, monuments honoring the veterans of World War II, World War I and the Civil War, a stone thanking the Musselwhite family, who along with Jacob Summerlin, donated the land around the lake to be used as a park, and the Reeves Monument. Erected in 1939, that tablet is dedicated to Orlando Reeves, who kept watch for his army unit one night in 1835, when what he thought was a floating log turned out to be an Indian who killed him with an arrow. He was buried in “Orlando’s Grave”, which many believe is the origin of the name of the city.

Those who walk this route will learn about many men who played important roles in the settlement of Orlando, several of whom are immortalized in the city’s street names (including Bumby, Summerlin and Shine). The histories of the past and present churches are told, and hikers can follow the succession of schools, city halls, courthouses and train stations that have served the growing population.

This is an easy walk, but it can take all day if you read the history of each of the sites. You’ll want to do just that, as downtown Orlando is a fascinating place full of stories of the early days.

For a free copy of this and over 150 additional hike plans, email: rajtar@aol.com or write to Steve Rajtar, 1614 Bimini Dr, Orlando, FL 32806

Find this and other historic trail guides at: <http://www.geocities.com/krdvry/florida.html>

Genealogy, A Hidden Compulsion

by A. G. Conlin

“I’ve recently signed up to complete my Bachelor’s Degree scant months after joining CFGS. One of my recent papers toward that end concerned my beginnings in genealogy. It might make for interesting reading for beginners.”

As a first generation Irish-American, my earliest memories of family are similar to the beginning of genealogy. Genealogy can be traced to ancient times as evidenced by the family lineage given in Genesis, the first book of the *Bible’s* Old Testament. Events as depicted in Genesis occurred before the invention of writing. Biblical events, or the Jewish family lineage, were most assuredly passed on by oral tradition. Since the 18th century, genealogy has developed into a discipline encompassing elements of sociology, history, medicine and law. While genealogy in the 21st century does not have the same impact as during the feudalistic Middle Ages, there are still social groups where one’s genealogy is of importance. One’s religion, as the Mormons, or one’s national traditions, as with the “Royal Family” of Great Britain, still place importance on genealogy.

My family history, or genealogy, began with oral traditions and histories² told at family gatherings, reunions and with spontaneous stories of family members. While these stories continued the family tradition, it more importantly kept the memories of my predecessors alive and on a personal basis. American history and world events became a personal experience when seen through the eyes of a family member. My family made several cross-country trips to accompany my father to new assignments at new Army posts. During these trips, I can hearken back to several stopovers at libraries, courthouses and the National Archives at Washington, D.C. We were hunting for evidence of my grandfather who, according to family oral tradition, departed for the Yukon Gold Rush shortly after arriving in Canada. After my parents passed away and my children achieved an age of understanding, I began the family tradition anew. Retelling the family history helped in the healing process. A question from one of my children, “where did grandpa and great grandma come to America?” triggered a hidden compulsion. I had to know the answer, which led to further research and the beginning of a long journey. This simple question had captured my psyche; was addictive to my intellect and eventually led to an enhanced sense of identity.

I had acquired the skills and knowledge required in beginning a genealogical project during the last 10 years in federal law enforcement by conducting numerous tactical research and analysis projects. My initial project assessment was that genealogy is an exercise in research and analysis where the people don’t move from country to country or try and hide by changing their name or other personal identifiers. I rapidly learned that circumstances could inadvertently alter someone’s identity; that there is a cornucopia of written records and copious amounts of background data that are required in documenting or revealing new “family secrets”. Accompany me on a journey to a discovery of at least one half brother, a grandfather that was denied entry into the U.S., a family interest in the U.S. Nuclear Testing Program and an US-Canada border that kept moving. It is a personal journey through 20th century America and world events that enlivens the past and makes historical events more than just words on a page.

My initial assessment identified my father as the primary subject of the genealogy study. The evaluation of documents on hand - my birth certificate and U.S. Air Force retirement documentation (DD-214) - provided minimal assistance. However, I had reliable information for my father’s name, date of birth and place of birth. This also included the identical data for my mother. During this preliminary assessment, I realized that organization, documentation of sources and a research plan were essential to success. I initiated a genealogy project journal that included my initial documentation, list of resources and types of records or documentation provided and a log for correspondence and contacts. While I had basic identification information for my father, I quickly realized there was more available. I created my first list of resources, which included the appropriate state agencies for vital records such as birth and death records in New York, Vermont and Nebraska.

While my father is the primary subject, it is efficient to request vital records and documentation from each source for all your known subjects at the same time. Concurrently, I gathered genealogy resource data at the library, local bookstores and on the Internet. I pursued my preliminary assessment by identifying each resource, the type of information available and where or how it was available.

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² The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language: Fourth Edition. 2000.

<http://www.bartleby.com/61/64/G0076400.html>

I enrolled and completed an on-line genealogy course, *A Basic Guide to Genealogy; Unpuzzling Your Past*, given by the author Emily Anne Croom at the Barnes & Nobel University website. Ms. Croom's books³ on genealogy and her on-line class reinforced my initial perceptions of the project and revealed new available assets. Revisiting my initial research strategy, I modified my research organizational plan to include a wider range of applicable record and documentation resources, created a detailed list of needed records and documentation and created preliminary analysis criteria for discovered facts.

My organizational planning included selecting methods of storing records and documents, identifying the best materials for maintaining these records and documents and the most efficient organization for easy record or document access and retrieval. Three ring binders were selected for ease of expansion. I selected non-acid document protectors and paper supplies that resist document deterioration for filing and storing all documentation. The original set of three 3-ring binders was functionally divided into: Binder 1 for the research plan, resource list and correspondence or contact list; Binder 2 consisted of acquired records or documents such as photocopies of census entries, birth, death and marriage certificates and Binder 3 was comprised of genealogical and historical background information. The binders quickly grew to twelve in number but can still be classified in the three functional areas. As I am first generation Irish in America, an understanding of U.S. immigration and naturalization requirements was critical to my research. Consequently, a separate binder for U.S. Immigration history⁴ was immediately required. This binder included a brief synopsis of U.S. Immigration law from 1790 to the present along with a list of records and documents available through the

³ My Emily Anne Croom referenced books are:

1. *Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy*, F&W Publications, Inc., 4th Ed. August 2001, ISBN 1558705562. 2. *The Genealogist's Companion and SourceBook*, F&W Publications, Inc. April 1994, ISBN 1558703314. 3. *The Sleuth Book for Genealogists: Strategies for More Successful Family History Research*, F&W Publications, Inc, March 2000, ISBN 1558705325.

⁴ U.S. Immigration historical information was extracted from the U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service website at: <http://www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphics/aboutins/history/articles/oview.htm>. The information at this website was initially published by the historian Marian L. Smith in *A Historical Guide to the U.S. Government*, edited by George T. Kurian. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998.

U.S. National Archives and Record Administration (NARA) and the Mormon's Family History Center research guides. The synopsis included the "Alien and Sedition Acts" of 1798, which had altered immigration law as initially set forth in the Immigration Act of 1790. The "Alien and Sedition Acts" were repealed in 1802. Further alterations to immigration and naturalization law followed in 1862 with less stringent requirements for naturalization for those U.S. male military Civil War veterans. This lessening of naturalization requirements continued in 1894 and 1919 for male U.S. military veterans.

The citizenship status of women prior to 1922 was of special interest in my family history. The citizenship of a woman was determined by the citizenship of their spouse. Prior to 1922, if a woman divorced an American citizen they were in jeopardy of losing their U.S. citizenship. My father, born in Burnley, England and accompanying my grandmother, immigrated to the U.S. via Canada with their U.S. port of entry somewhere in New York. However, Grandmother and father entered the U.S. alone. According to family oral history, my grandfather departed for the Yukon Gold Rush shortly after his arrival into Canada. The question remained, where did they first enter the U.S.?

Family oral history provided some guidance -- the immigration rosters at Ellis Island would be of no use. I had discovered separate documentation maintained by NARA that is referred to as the "St. Albans" lists. The St. Albans list originally referred only to those immigrants entering from Canada through the St. Albans, Vermont port of entry. In today's amateur-laden genealogy environment, the St. Albans list refers to a group of NARA microfilms that encompasses all U. S. immigrants arriving into the U.S. through Canada. These NARA microfilms include Soundex indexes and photocopies of original records not only for the St. Albans, VT, port of entry but also Detroit, MI, and ports of entry along the US/Canadian border. These records could provide the photocopy of the actual border-crossing card filled in by one's own ancestor. This card could list the date of arrival into the U.S., their state of health, ship name, name and location of nearest relative and who accompanied the ancestor. I eventually found the record of entry for my grandfather, Michael Conlon, among the St. Albans, VT, records of 1907 where he was denied entry due to alcoholism. Some family secrets are best left secret to immediate descendants. I'm not sure my father would have been able to cope with that knowledge.

to be continued...

Looking for and finding my grandfather, Edwin Creel

by Alice Creel Ball

On a lovely fall day in West Virginia, I had been to Charleston and was returning to Ravenswood but decided to stop in the library in Ripley (Jackson County).

In the small room for genealogy in the library, I looked around and up on a top shelf I saw a book that said Clay County. I said to myself I had a Granddad that had lived there. So I removed the book on Clay County and started reading. I was surprised to find a Creel in the index. I turned to the pages and found an article sent in by Jerry Stover, also a picture of Granddad Creel with his logging crew. Another page had almost the same information. I found on the cover sheet that the man who submitted these articles was Jerry Stover, a teacher at the Clay High School. I called the school and received his home number and talked with him. He was pleased to hear from me and said his mother would be tickled to hear from me, as this gentleman was the Great Stepgrandson of Edwin Creel and his mother was the Great Stepdaughter of my grandfather. We exchanged family information and I promised that the following spring I would return and visit them. I did return and drove out there for lunch. Their house was 4 miles up on a 5 mile mountain. Hazel Stover gave me a large painting of my Grandfather as well as one of my half-brother as a baby, with their baby Alma who died as a baby. They also gave me a cuff link that was from the Odd Fellows and some baby pictures that were of me.

This trip was pleasing as I only remembered seeing Granddad Creel at my age of 9. He had built his house on the side of a hill and his vegetable garden was terraced.

The following is an article his daughter, Lulu Mae Creel Nolf wrote about him in 1950. She was the sister of my father Samuel Henry Creel.

My father was not of the sporty type. But he loved to sing and would sing all the time. If he had a coat on, he had a song book of some kind in his pocket; if not he had one stuck in his hip pocket. If he was out at night, walking or riding, he sang all the way home. They said when he sang the hymn 'Ninety and Nine' at night, they could hear him from one ridge across to the other. He sang as second tenor in the church choir until a few weeks before he passed away, at the age of 82. A group in which he sang, sang at his funeral.

My mother was an invalid for a number of years and passed away when I was 14 years of age. I remember very little of her, only that she had the most beautiful hands. I have a faded tintype of her, and her hands are very lovely in the picture. Mama also had a lovely voice and was a great reader. She would read aloud in the evening to Papa, and all of us children would sit and listen.

Later on in our correspondence, Hazel mailed me pictures of Granddad Edwin with his twin brother Edmund, and a picture of Grandfather's father, (My Great Grandfather) John Anthony Buckner Creel.

Queries:

SMITH / WALKER / McHERD

I am searching for the parents of Barney SMITH, who was born 27 May 1789 in NC and died 23 Apr 1841 in Knox Co, TN. He married Sarah WALKER, daughter of James Reuben WALKER and Sarah McHERD on 10 Aug 1819 in Burke Co, NC. I have much information on this family and descendants up to the present that I will share. Rose Hogan (address below)

HODGES / McCLAIN

I am seeking the maiden name of Leonora, who married Joseph H. HODGES about 1885. Joseph HODGES, born in Knox Co, TN c. 1858 was the son of Jesse HODGES and Sarah E. McCLAIN. Joseph & Leonora HODGES were living in a boarding house at 205 W. Fair St, Atlanta, GA in 1914; he was working for the L & N Railroad. Their children were possibly named Joseph and Alene. I will share any information that I have.

Contact: Rose Hogan at rosehogan@juno.com or via CFGS - member #741.

Abstracts of Pre-Civil War Circuit Court Records, Orange County, Florida

Abstracted by William Morgan

3 November 1856

Fall Term convened, but court adjourned til following day because presiding judge had not yet arrived.

4 November 1856

Court reconvened by Judge William A. Forward, Clerk Arthur Ginn, and Sheriff Stewart.

A Grand Jury consisting of the following men was empanelled:

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| John L. Stewart | John Tanner | Charles Newton |
| William M. Tyler | Isaac Winegard | Samuel W. Stewart |
| James Yates | A.J. Vaughn | William B. Yates |
| E.M. Sowell | James R. Stewart | George W. Self |
| I.N. Rutland | John B. Patrick | James G. Speer |

The case of Silas Niblack v. H.E. Osteen dismissed at defendant's costs.

In the case of Needham Yates v. Aaron Jernigan, the following Petit Jury was empanelled to hear arguments:

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| D.A. Newton | William B. Cowan | John Patrick |
| Robert Fewox | William B. Hull | John G. Benton |
| Thomas H. Harris | Robert Barnhart | Thomas Hull |
| Thomas T. Hull | William S. Delk | Jones Curray |

The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. Plaintiff ordered to pay court costs of \$3.50, but protested that the verdict was "contrary to law and the weight of the evidence."

The same jury heard arguments in the case of John B. Patrick v. Aaron Jernigan. They awarded plaintiff damages of \$306.72 plus costs of \$10.68.

Clerk assessed damages in the following cases:

John D. Sheldon, Adm. of the Estate of William Campbell v. William O. Simmons, \$43.55 plus costs of \$3.65.

John D. Sheldon, Adm. of the Estate of William Campbell v. William Riley Lee, \$18.32 plus costs of \$3.65.

John D. Sheldon, Adm. of the Estate of William Campbell v. John Tanner, \$10.62 plus costs of \$3.65.

John D. Sheldon, Adm. of the Estate of William Campbell v. Vincent R. Lee, \$14.78 plus costs of \$3.65.

Due to the absence of the state's solicitor, the following cases were continued to next term:

State of Florida v. Simon Wilson, charges of adultery and fornication.

State of Florida v. C.L. Brayton.

Following cases continued to next term:

Paul B. Canova v. Jesse Byrd.

John D. Sheldon, Administrator of the Estate of William Campbell v. Algernon S. Speer.

John D. Sheldon, Administrator of the Estate of William Campbell v. Elias Jernigan.

John D. Sheldon, Administrator of the Estate of William Campbell v. George Hughey.

Samuel B. Thompson v. John Patrick.

6 April 1857

Spring Term convened by Judge William A. Forward, Solicitor J.B. Dawkins, Clerk Arthur Ginn, and Sheriff J.C. Stewart.

7 April 1857

A Grand Jury consisting of the following men was empanelled:

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| James G. Speer | Thomas Hughey | William B. Hull | T. B. Stewart | B. F. Hull |
| James Yates | George M. Hughey | H.H. Hodges | William B. Yates | I. N. Rutland |

The Grand Jury returned an indictment on charges of assault and battery in the case of State of Florida v. Lewis Hawkins. Defendant pled guilty, and the following Petit Jury was empanelled to assess punishment:

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| James R. Stewart | John Tanner | Thomas Hull |
| M.A. Stewart | George Newton | Aaron Jernigan |
| William Shivey | John Hughey | John Patrick |
| Isaac Winegard | John Cowan | Augustus J. Vaughn |

The jury fined the defendant \$5.00 plus \$50.15 in costs.

The Grand Jury also returned the following indictments:

State of Florida v. Wiley Byrd, charge of assault with intent to kill.

State of Florida v. Isaac Jernigan, charge of keeping a disorderly house.

In the case of State of Florida v. Simon Wilson, charges of adultery and fornication were dropped when defendant produced a Hernando County record of his marriage to the woman in question.

In the case of Paul B. Canova v. Jesse Byrd, the following Petit Jury was empanelled to hear arguments:

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| Robert Barnhart | Robert Fewox | Henry J. Kirby |
| Peter Buchan | William C. Goolsby | C. Lassitter |
| William B. Cowan | George Simmons | George W. Self |
| William S. Delk | Thomas H. Harris | John G. Benton |

In the case of Madison Post v. Isaac Jernigan, alias Isaac Jennigan, damages were awarded plaintiff in the amount of \$164.71 plus \$4.40 in costs, payable 1 January 1858.

In the case of John D. Sheldon, Executor of the Estate of William Campbell v. Aaron Jernigan, plaintiff awarded damages of \$57.93 plus costs of \$4.70.

In the case of John D. Sheldon, Executor of the Estate of William Campbell v. Algernon S. Speer, plaintiff awarded damages of \$85.00.

In the case of John D. Sheldon, Executor of the Estate of William Campbell v. George M. Hughey, the following Petit Jury was empanelled to hear arguments:

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| Robert Barnhart | Robert Fewox | Henry J. Kirby |
| Peter Buchan | William C. Goolsby | Campbell Lassitter |
| William B. Cowan | George Simmons | George W. Self |
| William S. Delk | Thomas H. Harris | John G. Benton |

Jury awarded damages of \$29.74 to plaintiff.

2 November 1857

Fall Term convened at Orlando, but court was adjourned til following day because the presiding judge had not yet arrived.

3 November 1857

Court reconvened by Judge Benjamin A. Putnam, Acting Clerk James P. Hughey (for absent Clerk Arthur Ginn), Solicitor J.B. Dawkins, and Sheriff Jonathan C. Stewart.

A Grand Jury consisting of the following men was empanelled:

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| Peter Buchan | John Patrick | John Tanner |
| Asa Emanuel | A.J. Vaughn | Amos Newton |
| William S. Delk | Matthew A. Stewart | James G. Speer |
| Samuel Hodges | B.F. Hull | Samuel W. Stewart |
| J.J. Clayton | Frederick McLaughlin | William B. Cowen |

The Grand Jury returned an indictment for assault with intent to kill in the case of State of Florida v. Daniel L. Gore.

In the case of Converse Parkhurst v. Algernon S. Speer, defendant reported dead.

The case of Mitchell Brownlee v. Nicholas Shepard, Aaron Jernigan, and Jacob Smith dismissed for want of prosecution.

Following cases continued til next term:
Bruce Campbell, et al v. John D. Sheldon.

Samuel B. Thompson v. John Patrick.

In the case of State of Florida v. Wiley Byrd, defendant failed to appear to answer charge of assault with intent to kill. Sureties Isaac N. Rutland and Henry H. Hodges to forfeit bond.

In the case of State of Florida v. Isaac Jernigan, Solicitor motioned to quash indictment on charge of keeping a disorderly house.

In the case of State of Florida v. C.L. Brayton, Solicitor motioned to dismiss.

In the case of Claghorn and Cunningham v. Robert Barnhart, defendant acknowledged debt of \$177.39 with interest from 8 April 1857, plus costs of \$3.49, payable on 1 January 1858.

Following cases continued to next term:
Washington M. Ives, Assignee of D.C. Prescott v. George C. Tippins.

Miller and Warren v. James G. Speer.
Augustus L. Curruthers v. James Yates and Needham Yates.

5 April 1858 Spring Term convened, but court was adjourned because the presiding judge had not yet arrived.

6 April 1858 Presiding judge failed to arrive, so court adjourned until Fall Term.

1 November 1858

Fall Term convened. Calvin Gillis presented his appointment as Deputy Solicitor, signed by James B. Dawkins on 29 October 1858. Court was adjourned, because the presiding judge had not yet arrived.

2 November 1858

Court reconvened by Judge Benjamin A. Putnam, Deputy Solicitor Calvin Gillis, Clerk James P. Hughey, and Sheriff Jonathan C. Stewart.

A Grand Jury consisting of the following men was empanelled:

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| John L. Stewart | F.M. Chapman | Robert Barnhart |
| William S. Murphy | Charles A. Robinson | William B. Hull |
| Charles Newton | John J. Stewart | Robert Ivey |
| C.B. Mosely | George W. Simmons | B.F. Hull |
| Lewis Robinson | Samuel W. Stewart | John Ivey |

The Grand Jury returned an indictment on charges of assault and battery in the case of State of Florida v. Jackson Clayton.

In the case of Washington M. Ives, Assignee of Darling C. Prescott v. George C. Tippins, clerk assessed damages of \$176.25 plus \$2.35 in costs.

In the case of Miller and Warren v. James G. Speer, clerk assessed damages of \$228.09 plus \$3.55 in costs. Plaintiff was trading firm of merchants James Miller and Lindsey Warren.

The case of State of Florida v. Wiley Byrd on charges of assault with intent to kill transferred to the Absentee Docket upon receipt of affidavit of defendant's sureties Isaac N. Rutland and Henry H. Hodges.

Witnesses discharged in the case of State of Florida v. Daniel L. Gore on charge of assault with intent to kill.

In the case of Samuel B. Thompson v. John Patrick, damages to be assessed at next term.

The case of Augustus L. Carruthers v. James Yates and Needham Yates dismissed at defendant's costs.

James P. Hughey appointed to examine testimony in the case of George C. Tippins v. Sarah A. Tippins.

Following cases continued to next term:

Converse Parkhurst, Survivor v. Arthur Ginn, Administrator of the Estate of Algernon S. Speer.

John Copeland v. Robert Barnhart.

Spencer T. Thomas v. William O. Simmons.

David G. Leigh v. Thomas H. Harris and Permelia Harris, Administratrix of the Estate of W.J. Kilgore.

James P. Hughey, Administrator of the Estate of George M. Hughey v. John Patrick.

At the close of the term, the Grand Jury presented the following for the court record:

State of Florida

County of Orange

The Grand Jurors, chosen, selected, and sworn as the Grand Inquest of said county, at the close of their labors, beg leave to make the following presentment.

From the past history, the present appearances, and future prospects of this county, as well as for the more rigid execution of our criminal laws, we recommend our county commissioners to delay no time in securing the erection of a good, substantial, and safe jail at some point within the boundaries of our county, wither at the courthouse or elsewhere as they in their wisdom may deem fit; and that our Senator and Representative be instructed and requested to secure a law from the state for this purpose.

And, whereas by virtue of the present law of this state regulating the time of holding the regular terms of the circuit courts for this county works a manifest inconvenience to the judge presiding as well as the members of the Bar who desire to attend the session thereof, we therefore recommend our Senator and Representative to remedy the evil complained of in so far as the same can be done.

We tender our acknowledgment to His Honor, Judge Putnam, for the energy, urbanity, and dignity which mark his official character; and to Calvin Gillis, Esquire, Deputy Solicitor, for his kind attentions to [illegible] and ask that an order may be entered for the publication of these presentments in the Jacksonville newspapers.

Sinkholes in Central Florida

by Carl Patterson



Lakes abound in the Central Florida area and would have been an incentive for early settlers in their choice of land on which to settle. Many are likely to have been the result of sinkholes, which seem to be unique to this area. Are the lakes in your area the aftereffects of sinkholes? Here's what CFGS member Carl Patterson has found about the lakes around his home area of Windermere and the Central Florida area.

It has been suggested that some of the lakes could have been formed from sink holes. Depths of the lakes vary from 19 feet in Lake Louise to 40 feet in Lake Palmer, with reports of some holes as deep as 60 feet. When aerial or topographical maps are viewed, a number of small circular lakes, ponds and holes can be seen, many of which probably were formed as sinkholes. The suggested concentration in this central Florida region of sinkholes is a path from Windermere to Winter Park, a southwest-northeast direction. This lineation in the Orlando-Seminole County area often is related to fractures in the underlying limestone as solutions of the limestone occurs more readily along the fractures, and sinkhole formations tend to be aligned in the general direction of the fracture pattern. As the lineations in the area are aligned roughly parallel to the ancient Wicomico 100 foot shoreline and also to the current eastern shoreline of Florida, it is likely that most of the limitations are related to ancient shorelines that formed during higher stands of the Atlantic Ocean. Sinkholes are so numerous in the area that they can be aligned in any direction and it is likely that fractures are not a predominant factor affecting the location of such holes. Irregularities in the surface of the limestone and in the confining layers overlying the limestone probably are the most significant factors.

The Sinkhole Research Institute at the University of Central Florida reported in September, 1988, that an average of 11 new sinkholes are found in the Orlando area each year. Three to four hundred Floridians are affected by new sink holes each year and the chance that a sinkhole will swallow the home of a typical person in Winter Park, Wekiwa Springs or Windermere over the next 20 years is 1 in 100,000.

In 1952, it was reported that 104 sinkholes have been found in the Butler Chain, and 10 have been recorded in the town of Windermere. The state has a data base and local records have been examined,. A hole was reported in May-June 1964 on Lot 177 along South Lake Butler Blvd at Wauseon Bay. It opened again in May 1969 -- both times on a vacant lot - but now built upon. On April 25, 1979, a hole opened along Park Ave just west of the school. On May 14, 1980 John Nabers found one on his lot between Lake Bessie and his house, off Highland Ave. On May 31, 1989 a hole appeared in Lake Butler about 40 feet off the shore of the John Luff house. In 1993 cracks were seen on a house at 726 Magnolia. In 1998, the house at 316 Palm belonging to Betty Pounds, had serious cracks and settling, many truck loads of grout were poured and finally the decision was made to remove the house. Photographs are at the Town office. In June 2000, a hole appeared on a vacant lot at 2937 Butler Bay on Crescent Lake and was filled in.

Earthquakes, another natural happening, are not likely but have been felt in the area. Shocks were felt in the Orlando area on March 26, 1953, on October 27, 1953 and December 4, 1975. None have been felt in 27 years. Orange County is in an area with no reasonable expectancy of earthquake damage.

Did you know?

In 1845, 90 per cent of the population of Florida lived in rural areas. In 1995, more than 90 per cent of the population live in urban areas.

Announcing - Two new books from CFGS

Greenwood Cemetery, Volume 2 - Sections K-W

Hot off the presses — the long awaited Greenwood Cemetery, Volume 2 was picked up at Kinko's on Tuesday afternoon and sent to the FSGS Conference on Wednesday (and will be at the November CFGS meetings.) A product of more than 12 months effort, the volume covers sections K-W and completes the "lettered" sections of Greenwood Cemetery. There are more than 6000 names in this volume, including many of the old Orlando families. It also includes the American Legion section, the Spanish American War section, Babyland #1, "pauper's and stranger's rows" and two African-American sections. With the full cooperation of Ruth Kursman and her staff at Greenwood, CFGS volunteers were able to glean office records to include owners of lots, family notes, and a variety of other information found in office files.

Many CFGS volunteers have worked on this volume. These include Evie Buchanan, Caiti Cook, Rose Hogan, Jane Keller, Diane Kennedy, Lynne Knorr, Barbara LeMay, Joan McGrath, Emma Minshew, Marie Santry, Betty Jo Stockton, JoAnne Telkamp, Susan Walters and Verna Williams. Paul Enchelmayer and Mary Phillips were of great help in setting up the project. A "core crew" consisting of Diane Kennedy, Lynne Knorr, Jo Telkamp, Verna Williams and your editor put in literally hundreds of hours on this project — extracting, walking stones and proofreading over an extended period. Thanks to all of these folks.

The volume is 310 pages and includes an every name index. It is 8½ x 11", softcover with plastic overlay and velo bound. It will sell for \$20.00 until January 1, 2003 and \$22.00 thereafter.

Both of these books may be ordered from: Central Florida Genealogical Society, Inc., P. O. Box 536309, Orlando, FL 32853-6309 or through the CFGS website at: www.cfgs.org/pubs. There is a \$2.00 charge for shipping the first book in an order, with \$1.00 for each additional book in the same order. Florida residents, please add 6% tax.

Still around 43 years later...

In January, 1951, the *Around the Town* column of the *Orlando Sentinel* had an article about the 1907 Orlando city directory. The columnist, Hanley Pogue, listed the businesses and people who were still in Orlando 43 years later.

The businesses were: Dickson-Ives, Curtis & O'Neal, Robinson Photographers, Lawton Printing Co, Dolive Real Estate, Hanson Shoe Repair and Bumby Hardware. [Ed. Note: none

Miller's 1907 Orlando City Directory



ORANGE AVENUE, LOOKING NORTH

A reprint of the *Miller's Orlando City Directory, February, 1907*, this volume includes all the information found in that original printing. A 23 page index listing every name, business, organization, street and lake has been added. At this point in Orlando's history, there were 13 lakes in the city limits, 4 restaurants, 4 saloons, 3 carriage manufacturers and 2 palmetto factories. "It is a cosmopolitan city of many resources and attractions... the entire atmosphere savors of popularity and unlimited growth."

The volume is a reprint of the entire original volume (including photographs) and includes a detailed index. It is 81 pages, 8½ x 11", softcover with plastic overlay and tape binding. The cost is \$15.00.

of these are listed in the current Orlando phone book.] The people listed were: Mayor William Beardall and brothers, Hal & Jack, A. L. Beck, Miss Bolen, Grace Boone, H. Bourne, Wm. S. Branch, Albert Branham, Mary Branham, T. C. Brannon, Thomas Brodwater, Lawrence Brown, Wm. F. Campbell, J. M. Caruthers, Lula Chance, Julia Chapman, Joe & Donald Cheney, J. M. Cook, George Crawford, W. M. Davis, the Delaney sisters [Alma, Claudia & Eunice],

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BOOTY HIDDEN IN STOCKING

Magistrate Pool Decides the Feat Impossible and Discharges Servant Girl Accused of Theft.

Sarah Bolson, a flaxen-haired German girl, nineteen years old, of 27 Columbia Street, was a prisoner in the Harlem Police Court yesterday, charged with the larceny of 35 cents' worth of groceries and other articles. The complainant was a Mrs. Henry, wife of a lawyer who lives at 69 East Eighty-seventh Street. She employed the girl as a servant several months ago. Mrs. Henry, who is an attractive brunette, conducted her case in an oratorical style which interested Magistrate Pool and the spectators.

She said that she had attended the theatre last Saturday afternoon. She suspected her maid of stealing, and the inspiration came to her that if she should go home very early she might catch the girl "red-handed." She returned quite early. On the person of Miss Bolson she found the following articles: One-half turnip, valued at 1 cent; one parsnip, 1 cent; one cake of soap, 4 cents; one bottle of ammonia, 5 cents; one package of sugar, 4 cents; one spool of thread, 5 cents; two handkerchiefs, 10 cents; one box of washing powder, 5 cents. Total, 35 cents.

"What charge do you wish to prefer—grand or petty larceny?" asked Magistrate Pool.

"If it is all the same to you, Judge," said Mrs. Henry, "I would like to make it grand larceny."

"I cannot do that," said the Magistrate, "but let us hear some evidence. You said that you found the articles on her person. Now, what articles and on what part of the defendant's person did you find the articles?"

"I found the spool of thread, the box of washing powder, and the two handkerchiefs in her stocking," triumphantly replied Mrs. Henry.

"Were the stockings of wool or cotton?" asked the Magistrate.

"I don't see what difference that makes," said Mrs. Henry.

"All the difference in the world," said Magistrate Pool. "A woolen stocking will stretch, while a cotton stocking will tear when such articles are placed in it."

"They were woolen, I guess," said Mrs. Henry. "The articles were in it, anyway. I saw them there."

"Did Miss Bolson wear garters, and, if she did, were the articles above or below the garters," asked the Magistrate.

"She wore red and white elastic garters, and the articles were below the garter."

"How is it possible for a woman to have gotten such things below the garter?" said Magistrate Pool, in his best Magisterial tone.

"Easy enough," said Mrs. Henry. "If you wish, I will show you," making a grab for her skirt and holding it a little raised, waiting for the Magistrate's answer.

"I have no objection," said the Magistrate, bending forward.

"But I object," said Miss Bolson's counsel.

Orlandoans of 1951 continued...

Lois & Jenkins Dolive, Myrtle Dollins, E. G. Duckworth, Buford Duke, Miss Else, Beulah Evans, Archie Field, George Field, Marcus Floyd, Rev. M. Fox, Bernice French, Jessie Gard, Norma Gettier, Leroy Giles, Anna Estelle Giles, E. H. Gore, Milia Gross, Joel Guernsey, Mary Guernsey, Emma Hainer, Jim Hammond, Fons A. Hathaway, Mary Holden, Paul Horn, Florence Howard, Florida Howard, S. Waters Howe, Earl Hulett, Al Hubbel, Hatabel Hyer, S. E. Ives, Jr., M. L. Ivey, Dennis Jernigan, Josephine Keller, Miss Kirmer, W. E. Kinney, Mary Kissam, Elizabeth Knox, Carl Kuhl, Francis Larson, Ben Lawton, Rita Lawton, Frances Leake, Belle Leake, Harry P. Leu, Lockhart girls [Corrine, Dolly, Davida, Sophia, Helen & Ruth], Baxter Long, W. E. Long, Rosa Lumsden, Mrs. D. B. Manley, Montgomery Martin, Madge Matthews, DeWitt Miller, Eunice Murphy, Frank Myers, Manual Myers, Charles McDowall, C. S. McEwen, J. S. McEwan, Agnes Newell, Florence Newkirk, Wilbur Newman, Alice Nicholson, Mabelle O'Neal, Nellie O'Neil, M. O. Overstreet, Agnes & Willie Person, Miss E. Porter, Clara Preston, Helen Putnam, the Robinsons [Mary, Fannie, Randolph, T. P., Claire, Edith & Eloise], Olga & Bertha Rock, Mary Scruggs, Lilla Shine, Billy Smith, Frank Smith, Marian Smith, Spellman sisters, Ethel Starkey, Lottie Swearingen, Jack Tanner, Eva Taylor, Addie Thompson, Harry Waters, S. Y. Way, Reba White, Claude White, Dr. A. B. Whitman, Alice Whitman, Lillian Wilmott, N. P. Yowell. [*Orlando Sentinel*, 5 Jan 1951]

"Objection sustained," said Magistrate Pool.

Then ensued a long discussion between the Magistrate and Mrs. Henry as to how the goods were identified. Mrs. Henry further stated that Miss Bolson was caught by her wearing her husband's slippers.

"What size were those slippers?" asked Magistrate Pool.

"I believe they were 7½," replied Mrs. Henry.

"Did the girl have your husband's consent to wear the slippers?"

"Certainly she did not. My husband would not do such a thing," said Mrs. Henry.

"I don't know," said the Magistrate; "the girl is pretty and husbands are uncertain."

"I am positive that my husband would have nothing to do with that girl, much less give his consent to her to wear his slippers. The idea!"

"How do you know your husband never gave his consent to the defendant to wear his slippers? I mean, how did you know of your own knowledge?" asked the Magistrate.

"I object," said Mrs. Henry.

"Objection sustained," said Magistrate Pool.

Finally Magistrate Pool said that he thought it was impossible for a girl to place such bulky articles in a cotton stocking, much less to move about with them, in view of the resulting friction, and he said he would give her the benefit of the doubt and discharge her.

Mrs. Henry was indignant.

CFGs member Amy Giroux sent this article with the comment; "I found the attached article in the New York Times, 13 December 1898, page 8, column 4. I thought it was funny and shows how times have changed."

Christmas at Livingston, FL - 1892



The people of Livingston and vicinity, were treated to a highly enjoyable Christmas entertainment and tree Saturday evening December 24th at the school house.

It was gotten up entirely by a committee of six, consisting of Mr. Wm. Martin, teacher, Mrs. Wm. Giles, Mrs. J.S. Gardner, Miss Mattie Martin, and the Misses Satie and Birdie Campin. When the door was opened for admission such a vision of fairy land greeted their view, as was never seen by many of them before. Exclamations of delight were universal. The whole interior of the building was beautifully trimmed with moss, evergreens and roses in profusion, while from the ceiling were suspended many beautiful and oddly shaped Chinese lanterns. The tree was ablaze with light from many colored candles, while from every branch and twig hung presents of every description. A table beside the tree was loaded with parcels, lovely chinaware, beautiful baskets, vases, fancy bottles and many things too numerous to mention.

The entertainment consisted of a short address from the Rev. Mr. Case, of Boston, solos, duets, recitation and dialogues. The pupils recited in concert very a pleasing address of welcome, written for the occasion by one of the parents. Miss Grace A. Campin showed much skill in playing the violin.

At the close of the last chorus, "Christmas is Here," a shouting and ringing of bells were heard outside, and in walked, to the great surprise of all, a veritable Santa Claus, with snowy beard and hair. Although the character was assumed to be a young man well known to all, no one recognized him, his mask and portly dimensions deceiving all.

He announced that on his arrival in Orlando, he had received a telegram from Mr. Martin to come to Livingston and distribute some presents from the tree, and surely Santa Claus gave with liberality as no one was overlooked; everyone received not only one, but many presents, and besides these, bags of candy and nuts were given to each. One of the patrons of the school kindly sent a sack of apples which was also distributed to all.

Christmas of 1892 will long be remembered by all the residents of Livingston.

[newspaper clipping - Title of newspaper not given]

Submitted by Claire Hughes Heatherington. These newspaper items were amongst momentos saved by Mark Heatherington's ancestors. This section of Orange County was centered at what is now Silver Star & Highway 441 (Orange Blossom Trail). The area had the names Fairview, Livingston & finally Fairvilla. When this "news" was written the area was rural, abounding with farms and dairies. Today, 2002, it is nearly all industrial. Mark Heatherington, whose great-grandfather was the aforementioned Dr. Elijah Martin, still lives on the Shader Rd. family property and Dr. Martin's farm style house is rented out.

Did you know?

Orange County was originally named Mosquito County. It was formed on 29 Dec 1824 and extended from just south of Saint Augustine to what is now Alachua County [Gainesville area] and as far south as Monroe County [Everglades area]. The county seat was New Smyrna. In 1830, there was a population of 733 — 15 households with 657 slaves and 15 "free persons of color." By 1840, there were no permanent residents — only the 73 military personnel at Fort Pierce and New Smyrna.

Florida State Census - 1885 Orange County, Florida

City of Orlando

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

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| 24 | 214 | Salins, Agnes | Mu | 23 F | Head | W | VA/VA/VA | - |
| 24 | 214 | Sallins, F. L. | Mu | 5 M | Son | S | FL/VA/VA | - |
| 24 | 215 | Haudon, Cora | W | 19 F | Head | S | FL/FL/SC | - |
| 24 | 215 | Mobly, Martha | W | 60 F | Head | W | SC/ NC/ NC | - |
| 24 | 215 | Mobly, Thos | W | 2 M | Son | S | FL/FL/SC | - |
| 24 | 215 | Scanton?, Alfield | W | 22 F | Boarder | S | FL/FL/GA | - |
| 24 | 216 | Jenkins, M. C. | B | 31? M | Head | M | FL/FL/VA | Cook |
| 24 | 216 | Jenkins, Emma | B | 40 F | Wife | M | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 24 | 216 | Anderson, Bella | Mu | 23 F | Boarder | M | IN/IN/IN | - |
| 24 | 216 | Jamison?, Wm | B | 7 M | Boarder | S | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 24 | 216 | Anderson, Ralph | Mu | 1/12 M | Boarder | S | FL/FL/IN | born May |
| 24 | 217 | Jones, G. J. | Mu | 32 M | Head | S | GA/GA/GA | Store Keeper |
| 24 | 217 | Thomas, Daniel | Mu | 24M | Head | M | AL/AL/AL | Cook |
| 24 | 217 | Thomas, Mary J. | Mu | 20 F | Wife | M | AL/AL/AL | - |
| 24 | 218 | Thomas, H. K. | Mu | 22 M | Head | M | AL/AL/AL | Brickmason |
| 24 | 218 | Thomas, Mary M. | Mu | 17 F | Wife | M | AL/AL/AL | - |
| 24 | 219 | Williams, Robt. | B | 40 M | Head | M | FL/FL/FL | Drayman |
| 24 | 219 | Williams, Alice | B | 38 F | Wife | M | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 24 | 219 | Williams, Joe | B | 19 M | Son | S | FL/FL/FL | Whitewasher |
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| 25 | 219 | Williams, Matthew | B | 11 M | Son | S | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 25 | 220 | Arnott, Allen | B | 24 M | Head | M | GA/GA/GA | Grocery Store |
| 25 | 220 | Arnott, Laura | B | 21 F | Wife | M | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 25 | 221 | Washington, Jeremiah | B | 46 M | Head | M | NC/NC/NC | Brickmason |
| 25 | 221 | Washington, Susanah | B | 27 F | Wife | M | SC/SC/SC | - |
| 25 | 222 | Davis, Lot | B | 25 F | Head | M | NC/NC/NC | Laborer |
| 25 | 222 | Davis, Rebecca | B | 29 F | Wife | M | NC/NC/NC | - |
| 25 | 222 | Washington, Fred K. | Mu | 11 M | Stepson | S | NC/NC/NC | - |
| 25 | 222 | Williams, Charity | B | 60 F | Boarder | W | NC/NC/NC | - |
| 25 | 222 | Love, Edward | B | 30 M | Boarder | S | FL/NC/NC | - |
| 25 | 222 | Dickson, Calvin | B | 28 M | Boarder | S | FL/NC/NC | - |
| 25 | 223 | Bartlet, Elias | B | 24 M | Head | M | GA/GA/GA | Laborer |
| 25 | 223 | Bartlet, Melinda | B | 22 F | Wife | M | GA/GA/GA | - |
| 25 | 223 | Bartlet, Nora | B | 6 F | Dau | S | FL/GA/GA | - |
| 25 | 223 | Alexander, Clarence | B | 14 M | Boarder | S | FL/GA/GA | Laborer |
| 25 | 223 | Edwards, Mary | B | 35 F | Sis-in-law | M | GA/GA/GA | - |
| 25 | 223 | Edwards, Gabriel | B | 28 M | Bro-in-law | M | NC/GA/GA | Laborer |
| 25 | 223 | Canada, Westly | B | 13 M | Bro-in-law | S | FL/GA/GA | Waiter |

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| 25 | 223 | Canada, Indiana | B | 8 F | ditto | S | FL/GA/GA | - |
| 25 | 223 | Edwards, Wm B. | B | 3 M | Stepson | S | FL/GA/GA | - |
| 25 | 223 | Edwards, Janie | B | 4/12 F | ditto | S | FL/GA/GA | born March |
| 25 | 224 | Bryan, Wm. | B | 37 M | Head | M | W.Indies/W.I./W.I. | Plasterer |
| 25 | 224 | Bryan, Cary | B | 36 F | Wife | M | GA/GA/GA | - |
| 25 | 224 | Simkins, Catherine | B | 28 F | - | W | FL/SC/FL | - |
| 25 | 224 | Thomas, Lucy | Mu | 15 F | - | S | FL/GA/SC | - |
| 25 | 224 | Thomas, Charity | Mu | 38 F | - | W | SC/SC/SC | - |
| 25 | 224 | Bradley, J. M. | B | 38 M | - | S | SC/SC/SC | - |
| 25 | 225 | Brown, H. M. | B | 25 M | Head | M | SC/SC/SC | Mechanic |
| 25 | 225 | Brown, Frances | B | 29 F | Wife | M | NC/NC/NC | - |
| 25 | 225 | Paris, Bennett | B | 16 M | Stepson | S | FL/FL/NC | Mechanic |
| 25 | 225 | Cooper, Eliza | B | 12 F | Niece | S | FL/FL/NC | - |
| 25 | 225 | Shaw, Niel | B | 39 M | Head | M | AL/AL/AL | Drayman? |
| 25 | 225 | Shaw, Clara | B | 27 F | Wife | M | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 25 | 225 | Shaw, Emanuel | B | 2/12 M | Son | S | FL/FL/FL | born April |
| 25 | 225 | Walker, John | B | 9 M | Nephew | S | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 25 | 226 | Williams, Hack? | B | 29 M | Head | M | FL/SC/SC | Laborer |
| 25 | 226 | Williams, Bel | B | 25 F | Wife | M | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 25 | 226 | Williams, Nelly | B | 7 F | Dau | S | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 25 | 226 | Williams, Fonia | B | 3 F | Dau | S | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 25 | 226 | Williams, Adger | B | 1 M | Son | S | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 25 | 227 | Jewett, Daniel | B | 30 M | Head | M | FL/FL/FL | Laborer |
| 25 | 227 | Jewett, Mary | B | 28 F | Wife | M | SC/SC/SC | - |
| 25 | 227 | Jewett, Victoria | B | 8 F | Dau | S | FL/FL/SC | - |
| 25 | 227 | Jewett, Daniel | B | 7 M | Son | S | FL/FL/SC | - |
| 25 | 227 | Jewett, Isaac | B | 6 M | Son | S | FL/FL/SC | - |
| 25 | 228 | Collins, Abram | B | 28 M | Head | M | FL/FL/FL | Minister |
| 25 | 228 | Collins, Matilda | B | 24 F | Wife | M | SC/SC/SC | - |
| 25 | 229 | Thurman?, Arina | Mu | 24 F | Head | M | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 25 | 229 | Thurman?, James W. | Mu | 5/12 M | - | - | FL/FL/FL | born Feb |
| 25 | 229 | Robinson, Sumpter | Mu | 21 M | - | S | SC/SC/SC | - |

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| 26 | 229 | Goldwire, Ben | Mu | 30 M | - | S | FL/FL/FL | Laborer |
| 26 | 230 | Langston, George | B | 40 M | Head | M | NC/NC/NC | Laborer |
| 26 | 230 | Langston, Frances | Mu | 39 F | Wife | M | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 26 | 230 | Langston, Thomas | Mu | 14 M | Son | S | FL/NC/FL | - |
| 26 | 230 | Langston, Stephen | Mu | 12 M | Son | S | FL/NC/FL | - |
| 26 | 230 | Langston, Charlie | Mu | 10 M | Son | S | FL/NC/FL | - |
| 26 | 230 | Langston, Andrew | Mu | 8 M | Son | S | FL/NC/FL | - |
| 26 | 230 | Langston, Minnie | Mu | 6 F | Dau | S | FL/NC/FL | - |
| 26 | 230 | Langston, Fred | Mu | 4 M | Son | S | FL/NC/FL | - |
| 26 | 230 | Langston, Baby | Mu | 1/12 M | Son | S | FL/NC/FL | - |

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| 26 | 231 | Harley, Sarah | Mu | 35 F | Wife | M | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 26 | 231 | Harley, Katie | Mu | 18 F | Dau | S | FL/FL/FL | Teacher |
| 26 | 231 | Harley, William | Mu | 11 M | Son | S | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 26 | 231 | Harley, Fanny | Mu | 6 F | Dau | S | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 26 | 231 | Harley, Hugh A. | Mu | 4 M | Son | S | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 26 | 231 | Harley, Baby | Mu | 1 M | Son | S | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 26 | 232 | McDonald, Van | B | 45 M | Head | M | FL/FL/FL | Laborer |
| 26 | 232 | McDonald, Francis | B | 38 F | Wife | M | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 26 | 232 | Pingstone?, Robt. | B | 60 M | - | W | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 26 | 233 | Scott, C. J. | B | 41 M | Head | M | FL/GA/GA | Minister |
| 26 | 233 | Scott, Maria | B | 44 F | Wife | M | FL/VA/VA | - |
| 26 | 233 | Scott, Maggie | B | 14 F | Dau | S | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 26 | 233 | Scott, Hannah | B | 12 F | Dau | S | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 26 | 233 | Scott, Alice | B | 10 F | Dau | S | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 26 | 234 | Charlton, Rosata | Mu | 27 F | Head | M | SC/SC/SC | - |
| 26 | 234 | Charlton, Handy | Mu | 35 M | Husband | M | SC/SC/SC | - |
| 26 | 234 | Charlton, Annie | Mu | 12 F | Dau | S | SC/SC/SC | - |
| 26 | 234 | Charlton, Lena | Mu | 9 F | Dau | S | SC/SC/SC | - |
| 26 | 234 | Charlton, Sally | Mu | 7 F | Dau | S | SC/SC/SC | - |
| 26 | 234 | Charlton, Alice | Mu | 4 F | Dau | S | SC/SC/SC | - |
| 26 | 234 | Charlton, Lucy | Mu | 2 F | Dau | S | SC/SC/SC | - |
| 26 | 234 | Charlton, Rosalie | Mu | 9/12 F | Dau | S | FL/SC/SC | - |
| 26 | 234 | Pillon?, Charity | Mu | 48 F | Boarder | W | TN/TN/VA | - |
| 26 | 234 | Hudson, Clara | Mu | 26 F | Boarder | S | FL/FL/FL | - |
| 26 | 235 | Chapman, Allan | B | 38 M | Head | M | GA/SC/FL | |
| 26 | 235 | Chapman, Minnie | B | 39 F | Wife | M | GA/GA/GA | |
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