

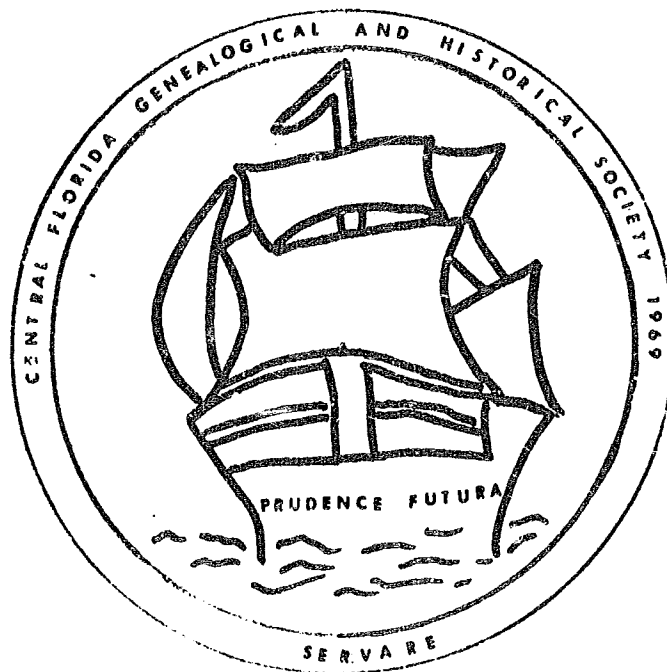
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After having been presented to the Society upon two former occasions, the Creed was officially adopted by the Board at their meeting of March 10, 1971, and is presented here with the official seal of the Society.

CREED

OUR LIVES are the gift of our many antecedents.  
OUR GOALS are to perpetuate their names and activities.  
OUR LABOR is to gather and preserve that left unto us.  
OUR LOVE to extend both backward and forward, so that  
OUR CHILDREN may feel close to their folk and their land.  
OUR DUTY is to share all gathered information, while  
OUR HOPE is to interest others and to assist each member.

'The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I  
have a goodly heritage," Psalms 16:6

## ANCESTOR HUNTING IS AN EXCITING AND REWARDING ADVENTURE

Where did your ancestor live before coming to America? When did he arrive in this country? Why did he leave his native land? Did he come alone or with other members of the family? These are important questions for the amateur genealogist who is searching for lost relatives. Where did he enter America? How did he actually arrive? Why did he settle in a certain area? Did he leave his homeland to come to a new country for adventure or for religious freedom? Did he leave his country for business pursuits or to be free from the reign of monarchs? Was he a merchant in Virginia, a seaman in the North, or a family man trying to find a house where he and his family could live together and worship God without fear of oppression?

What will you find as you search the records? Will you find an ancestor who gave his life fighting for the freedom we take so casually today? Will you find an ancestor who dared to venture into the wild new Western Territory? Will you find one who was a great statesman, physician, minister or professor? You will be proud of these great ancestors and maybe brag a little to your friends. Maybe you will find one who deserted the army, left home to evade the law, or did not prove a credit to his community. This ancestor surely does not belong in your family or my family! Oh, no! He belongs to another family by the same name! He could not belong to our family! That is impossible! We are respectable people.

The answers to these questions makes ancestor hunting an exciting adventure. We all have moments of great pride when we discover one who has given his life that we may live in peace. We have sol mn mo e ts when we read of the illnesses, hardships and sorrows our ancestors had to bear. We have moments of rejoicing if we find a long lost ancestor or we are able to connect family branches together to form the family tree. We also have moments of laughter when we read of the family escapades of long ago. Yes, ancestor hunting is an exciting and rewarding adventure. I have found it so while searching for my ancestors in America and back to Witham, England. I have had moments of rejoicing and many moments of frustration while trying to piece the Witham Family Tree together. Which branch has a twig with my name?

Recently a letter from a M aine Witham brought real rejoicing to three Witham families who are searching for their ancestors. Now letters have been mailed to California, to Iowa and back to Maine with data which will connect these three twigs to the main branch of the Witham Family Tree. Exciting? Yes. Frustrating? Yes. I still have not found my own great great grandfather Witham. I believe I will locate him soon on a branch of this tree, then I will have a twig on the Witham Family Tree.

Minnie F. Witham

1870 CENSUS

AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

The following is a list of girls attending the well-known Augusta Female Seminary at the time this census was taken. The school, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, was begun in 1842, by Rufus W. Dailey. In 1895, it was renamed for a pioneer educator and principal, and is yet today known as Mary Baldwin College. It is accredited in the Southern Association of Colleges, listed in the current College Blue Book, and is proud of its 129 years of existence with honors. Location: Staunton, Virginia.

<u>Dwg.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u> (Female, White)	<u>Born</u>
46	ALLISON, Lula	17	Tennessee
	ANDERSON, Mary	17	Alabama
	ARMSTRONG, Sallie	16	Virginia
	BAKER, Rose	16	Virginia
	BEATTIE, Mary	17	Virginia
	BELL, Allie	16	West Virginia
	BELL, Mattie	15	West Virginia
	BOYD, Alice	16	Virginia
	BOZEMAN, Mattie	18	Georgia
	BUMGARDNER, Bette	19	Virginia
	BAKER, Mary	17	Mississippi
	BAKER, Ella	16	Mississippi
	CLARK, Maria	15	So. Carolina
	CLEMENT, Lucy	17	Texas
	CLEMENT, Mollie	16	Texas
	CLOYD, Kate	18	Virginia
	COINER, Minnie	17	Virginia
	COLQUITT, Nannie	18	Georgia
	CRAWFORD, Mary	14	Virginia
	CUSHMAN, Maggie	16	Georgia
	DAVIS, Lizzie	17	Georgia
	DAVIS, Maria	16	Georgia
	DENHAM, Bessie	19	Florida
	DENHAM, Mary	17	Florida
	DENNY, Annie	16	West Virginia
	DEXTER, Florence	18	Florida
	DICKINSON, Bettie	17	Virginia
	DONNAN, Mary	16	Virginia
	DOWNING, Kate	17	Georgia
	DUDLEY, Sarah	18	Virginia
	FATIO, Minnie	17	Dist. of Col.
	FRAZIER, Anne	18	Virginia
	GOWER, Mary	17	So. Carolina
	GRAHAM, Son, (sic)	17	Virginia
	GRAY, Ida	18	West Virginia

To be concluded next issue

## SOUTHWESTERN GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

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3651 Douglas Avenue  
El Paso, Texas 79903

The Southwestern Genealogical Library is a non-profit cooperative institution, a member of the Texas State Library system.

This library specializes in census records of the United States and plans to complete their collection. They also have more than 150 reels of microfilmed books and manuscripts for issue. They invite anyone to send them rare and good genealogical books to put on film.

There is a deposit of five dollars (\$5.00) per reel to insure return of films in good condition. One film will be sent for each multiple of \$5.00 in your account. For instance, if you wish to receive two films at a time, there must be MORE THAN \$10.00 in your account. All money deposited is held in an account in the State National Bank of El Paso and will be refunded any time you desire.

To become a member of the Southwestern Genealogical Library there is a fee of \$5.00 which entitles members to have a right to all the services provided by the library. You will be able to borrow films, to ask genealogical questions (if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed), to enter FREE queries, ads, and notices in the SOUTHWESTERN GENEALOGIST, to assistance with your genealogical problems, and so forth.

You will be sent the SOUTHWESTERN GENEALOGIST free. It is a bi-monthly newsletter devoted to practical research - how to do it and where to do it--as distinguished from the usual genealogical publications.

You will also be sent a free catalog, fully indexed, of the genealogical books and manuscripts available for issue on microfilm for your usage, at the date of the printing of the catalogue. The SOUTHWESTERN GENEALOGIST will include a list of new microfilms received after the catalogue is printed.

There is a service charge of \$1.00 per film. This charge covers the cost of spooling, cleaning, inspecting, checking out, packing, mailing, etc., as well as a proportionate share of the operating costs of the library. The patron also pays the postage and insurance fees of twenty cents per film.

Some microfilm available at this time is listed below:

United States Federal Census 1790 through 1870 except for 1870 New York City and 1870 City of Philadelphia,

They also have available quite a few complete states for 1880 and several reels for some other states, but there are several states completely missing.

## CEMETERY CURIOSITIES

### PART II

Charles Coghlan was an actor. The people on Prince Edward Island, off the coast of Canada, did not plan it that way. He was a bright boy, and people for miles around donated the money for him to go to England for his higher education. Peoples' confidence seemed to be justified when Charles graduated with honors. But to everyones' dismay, he announced he was going to to be an actor! This was unthinkable and his parents told him if he did, he could never come home.

In the course of his successful career on the stage, a gypsy furtune teller told him that he would die at the height of his glory, in a town in the Southern part of the United States, but he would return to the place of his birth.

In 1898, Charles played Hamlet in Galveston, Texas. And there he died suddenly. He was buried in a cemetery in Galveston. Charles never came home. Or did he?

Eight years later came the big hurricane that devastated Galveston. The sandy cemetery was washed away. His repentant family offered a large reward for the return of his body. It now could not be found. But the sea carried him home. His coffin, covered with barnacles and moss, turned up at Prince Edwards Island, floating in the shallow water, his silver name plate still intact. And so Charles came home, and was ubried in the churchyard beside the church in which he had been baptised 67 years previously.

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On the island of Jamaica is a tombstone with the following legend: "Here lies the body of Lewis Galdy, Esquire, who died on the 22nd day of 1737 at the age of 80. He was born in Montpelier in France, which place he left because of his religion and settled on this island, where, in the great earthquake of 1672 he was swallowed up by the earth. But by the wonderful providence of God he was thrown out of the ear h and into the sea by a second shock. He continued to swim until he was seen and taken up by a boat and he was thus miraculously preserved."

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James W. Huff was buried in an old cemetery at Williamston, North Carolina, October 13, 1901. James had a fine horse, and was very fond of it. He spent much time taking care of his horse. One evening he hitched the horse to his buggy and left home. Next day he was found on a lonely country road, badly battered and quite dead. The horse was nowhere to be found, and was never seen again. Two months after James was buried, cemetery visitors noticed the outline of a horse's head on his tombstone. Every day it became plainer. And there, it is said, the horse's head remains to this day.

From Strange World by Frank Edwards, Ace Books, New York City, 1964

Mary Jane Knisley

## ARE YOU RESEARCHING IN

The Shreveport, Louisiana, area? The Shreveport Journal carries a weekly column, which may be helpful. We understand there is a nationwide circulation of this newspaper, and Queries to the column are published free. Write:

Mildred B. Watkins  
"Ancestor Hunting"  
The Shreveport Journal  
P. O. Box 1110  
Shreveport, Louisiana

The Connecticut area? Rubicam's Genealogical Research Methods and Sources gives mention of an excellent article on Connecticut research. In The American Genealogist are many family histories for Connecticut people. This is the Vol I, 1922 edition, published in New Haven, Connecticut.

England: "Every English record that has ever been published" is at:

The Peabody Institute  
1 East Mount Vernon Place  
Baltimore, Maryland

so says one of the genealogical quarterlies. It states further that the "staff will answer letters of inquiry if the questions are explicitly written and are accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope".

If Michigan is your area, the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine publishes records of Michigan and Michigan-source states. This information includes family histories, local history, queries, special features, present annual index of some 13,000 names and various guides and aids. The price is \$5.00 per year, with a free brochure and price list to their publications if you will write:

Detroit Society for Genealogical Research  
Burton Historical Collection - M  
Detroit Public Library  
5201 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan 48202

And you don't quite know where to look next. Try the Manuscript Collection of Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Ask if they have in their "signature file" (letters, diaries, etc.) the names of any of your ancestors. Their collection contains items from the most unlikely places. Perhaps they may have some item which will be of help to you!

Where is your problem area? Drop us a note on it; perhaps one of us can help you, or tell you from personal experience how to aid yourself.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE RESEARCH

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The monthly meeting of the Central Florida Genealogical and Historical Society was held March 25, at the Public Library. After a short meeting, we were entertained with a musical program, chairmanned by Mrs. Alice Rupe. Miss Betty Stuart was the soloist and she sang "Jeannie With the Light Brown Hair and Lorena." Miss Stuart was accompanied by Mrs. George Van Wormer. The other historical songs were sung by the Trebles, a singing group under the direction of Mrs. Van Wormer. This group has been singing together for three years. This group sings for the love of singing, and also to aid the Conway Methodist Church, of which they are members. This program traced the history of music in America and was very beautifully sung by Miss Stuart and the Trebles.

The April meeting will also be held at the Public Library, and will feature a program by Mrs. Marian Schuneman. She will show her slides of Williamsburg and give a commentary with them. I know this will be an entertaining and informative program which we shall all enjoy.

For our May meeting, also to be held at the Library, we will have a guest speaker, Miss Elizabeth Kieffer, archivist and historian. Miss Kieffer

was born in Maryland, graduated from Goucher College, Baltimore. She took her library training at Enoch Pratt Free Library and worked there for seven years. Miss Kieffer is a member of the National Genealogical Society, also the Pennsylvania and Maryland Genealogical Societies and the Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society. Miss Kieffer specializes in tracing families of the German Reformed Church in Pa. and Md. prior to 1770. She has published numerous articles and pamphlets in this field in local history magazines and specialized publications. We are heppily anticipating Miss Kieffer's visit with us.

At our August meeting, we will hold our annual election of officers. Any member in good standing is eligible to become an officer of our Society. If one member wishes to propose another member for an office in our Society, he must secure that person's permission before submitting his name to the nominating chairman. Having obtained permission, the member must write a note to the nominating chairman, stating his or her choice of candidate for office.

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Card Party was held at First Federal Savings and Loan Building and was an entertaining evening for those who attended. The club did not support this activity fully, although much enthusiasm was shown by members prior to the event. We hope a more concerted effort will be made in the future.

A series of lessons in How to Trace Your Family Tree has been given by Mrs. Steffens, at the Baptist Towers Auditorium. In her first lesson, Mrs. Steffens covered Methods, Sources, and Records. Starting with one's own family, read books and how to search, use indexes, bibliographies, local libraries, inter-library loans; go to official records, church records, national archives and Library of Congress.

Lesson two was concerned with census and how to obtain them.

Lesson three dealt with calendar changes and correspondence. Dates in records before 1752. Why it is necessary to write and where to write. Sample letter.

In lesson four, Mrs. Steffins talked about the Civil Records of the United States, land records, deeds, bounty land, homestead records and applications, American State records, Territorial Papers, U. S. government Survey of Public Domain. Also, military records.

Lesson five told us about research in England, Scotland and Ireland. Official depositories of records, type and scope of record. College of Arms - correct usage of Coats of Arms.

Lesson six concerned itself with a survey of resources in a selected group of states.

Reported by Pat Dietz,

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BOARD MEETINGS: 21 April, 12 May, 16 June.  
SOCIETY MEETINGS: 29 April  
27 May  
24 June