

SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
PENDLETON CHAPTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our Chapter is using its unusual potential to do good genealogical research. The reason I make this statement is the way our members have responded to a request for volunteers to do proof reading (Faith Clayton, Frances Becker,, typing (Bess Bowen), indexing (Ed Vedder) and over 300 pages of typing already done (William Allgood). Thanks to all for working on the Pickens County Cemetery project. This has been a tremendous undertaking and it will require two volumes to encompass all the data that is being obtained. Our goal is to have these two volumes available by years end. In addition to this project, a group of our local members have already started working on a cemetery census of Oconee County.

The monthly meetings have been well attended and the programs have been excellent (Bill Whitten, Chairman). We need suggestions for future programs and we hope to share our enthusiasm with many new members. You don't have to be a professional genealogist to join in the fun of lookin up the family tree. Beginners can learn a lot of basic techniques by rubbing elbows with our "Old Timers"(young in age but old in experience) as well as from the formal program.

In the near future, we will be sending out a list of the surnames being researched by our members. If we don't have your "family interest", send it to us so we can include it.

M. A. "Dan" Boone, President

MEETING SCHEDULE

19 APRIL 1983

WADE-PASCALIS FAMILIES - Speaker, Cy Shuler

E. Washington Wade migrated from Virginia to South Carolina late in the eighteenth century and settled on a land grant at Montmorenci. Later family members still reside there.

Dr. Cyril Ouvriere Pascalis came from France to New York and settled there. His grandchildren migrated to South Carolina about 1830. His interesting and unusual life will be reviewed.

17 MAY 1983

MIGRATION - Speaker, Beverly Shuler. She is Editor of the Carolina Herald and gave this talk at the last SCGS general meeting.

21 June 1983

GRAVESTONE ART AND RHETORIC - Speaker, Dr. Bruce Ezell, President of Erskine College. Slide illustrations will be used.

LOUISE EFLIN

Louise Eflin, a long time member of the Chapter, died 28 February 1983. She was a greatly loved member of the community. She was active in many community organizations, especially the Clemson Little Theatre. Her delightful personality and smile will be greatly missed as will her enthusiastic participation in nearly everything.

A TEXAS LETTER, 1853
BROCK, CLAYTON, HESTER

Contributed by
Faith Clayton

EDITOR'S NOTE - The following letter is really two letters in one. The first is from Melissa (Clayton) Hester to her sister Caroline (Clayton) Brock and the second is from Melissa's husband Henry Hester to his brother-in-law George Brock. Note that the salutation is to "Brother" but George must be a brother-in-law. The original letters lacked periods at the end of sentences and capital letters for the beginning. Your editor has taken the liberty of adding these.

April 5th., 1853
Texas, Upshur County

Dear Sister at length I take my pen to fulfil my promise to write to you. I would have written before now but I did not know where to direct my letter. I wrote to Cynthia to tell you to write to me and tell me where to send my letter but I have not heard but will write perhaps you will get it if I do not send it to the nearest postoffice. Cynthia has answered my letter but she said she had not seen you since she received my letter, therefore she had not told you. We started for Texas Oct. 6. We passed Marshall in Texas which is the first town in Texas that we came through December the first so you see that it took us two months to come. Oct. the ninth we passed Carnsville in Georgia and the 13th Gainesville and the 15th Marietta. There I saw the cars running for the first time. I can tell you it was a curiosity to me. They stopped at Marietta and I went in them. It looked like it would be pleasant riding in them. There was the finest seats all cushioned off you ever saw. The 19th we passed Van Wert and Cedartown also. 21st Jacksonville in Alabama at Coosa River just this side of Jacksonville we got a fish which was the largest I had ever seen then. It weighed sixteen pounds. 22 we passed Ashville 25th Trussville 29th Tuscaloosa November 1st Clinton and Gainesville in Alabama the seventh Hillsborough the 9th Brandon Nov 10 Jackson in Mississippi 11 Raymond 13 Port Gibson 15 Rodney which is on the bank of the Mississippi River. There I saw steamboats for the first and there I saw a woman and her children living in a house on the Mississippi River. The house floated on top of the water. I suppose it was twenty or thirty yards from the bank of the river. I went in her house and she was sitting there sewing just like she was as well contented as if she was out on land. She had three children. Her oldest was a young man who supported them by fishing and selling the fish. The next oldest is a little boy who was cooking fish for dinner. The other a little girl about the size of your little girl and all of them seemed to enjoy themselves the same as though they were not on the River. This was one thing amongst many others that looked strange to me. 18th Harrisonburg in Louisiana 24th Natchiches (Natchez?) 28th Mansfield and the next was Marshall in Texas. You wanted me to tell you about Texas. I think it is a good country if it is healthy and the people here say that it is healthy here. I have my health since I came here. I have not been much sick since I let Carolina but two days on the road. Then I was very sick. Corn and cotton grow better here than there. I do not think that any person that has been raised in Pickens would like the looks of the country if they were not to see its productions. It generally looks poor. I do not know where there is any place there that looks as poor as Texas does generally but it produces well. A great deal of land here will bring a bail

of cotton to the acre. Tell George if he wants to raise a heap of cotton I think he had better come here. Our land does not look quite as poor as the land generally does. It is said to be the best survey in Upshur. It is well timbered. We have a tolerable good spring. There is a better chance here to get good land than there. It is not thick settled here yet but we have neighbors plenty in two miles of us and this country is settling very fast. The people here are moving farther on. Occasionally people must move anyhow. As we came on it looked to me like the world was in a perfect stir. We saw so many folks moving, some coming to Texas and some coming from Texas. There is some folks that pretty nigh live on the road. As we came on we met a man and his family who said they had been on the road eleven months. They said it would not take long to get to where they were going. They said it would take them about three months longer. I thought three months was a long time to be on the road. We have settled in the woods here. There was not an acre of land cleared on the land that Mr. Hester and Gaines bought. I suppose you know that they bought land together as I have wrote it several times. We live in a half mile of Gaines. Mr. Hester is planting corn. He has planted two or three days but is not done. He allows to plant cotton but has not yet done it. I have onions peas beets cabbage lettuce and irish potatoes growing and look very well to be planted in new ground and not manured any. We bought chickens about the middle of January and I have about thirty young ones now. We are all well now. Cornelia can stand alone but she cant walk yet. Caroline when you get this write to me and tell me how you all are and what you are doing. Tell me how father and mother and Taylor and all the rest is doing. Tell me how all my acquaintances is doing. Texas is good for turnips and potatoes. I have seen as large turnips and potatoes two in Texas as ever I saw anywhere. We get potatoes as many as we want for 25cts per bushel and we got turnips for going after them as long as they were good. I have got a little cabbin to live in with a small yard fenced. I have some half dozen rose bushes growing in my yard four or five apple bushes some twenty peach bushes all of which we have planted since we came here. I think people can live here easier than there. Barnet Miller from that country came to see us a Christmas. He lives about seventy five miles below here. He says he has had good health since has been in Texas and he likes very well. He says he has no notion of going back there to live. We moved to this place a Christmas. Be sure and write to us. Tell George to write also. So I will close. Remains your affectionate sister.

Melissa Hester to Mrs. Caroline Brock

Dear Brother I have just come in from plowing though I cant let this opportunity slip without saying something to you. You said you wanted me to write you about Texas. I have not bin over it enough to say much to you about it yet though I have bin in some seven countys. I like this better than any I have bin in. I past through two counties before I settled here. Since I have bin so busey none of the country. I have cleared fifteen acres of land which I intend to plant in cotton. Though it will be late before I can git it in the land I have cleared will make planted in tize a bail to the acre waying 500 lbs. I stood in the yard the other day and shot three deer. The turkeys are plenty near though I have not hunted for them. (At this point, the copy I have is illegible for the remaining one or two sentences of the letter,

Yours H. Hester

PICKENS DISTRICT, SC - SOME RESIDENTS
6 JAN 1840 to 27DEC 1850

Compiled by
Edwin H. Vedder

The following partial list of residents of Pickens District is composed of those appointed to serve as magistrates or notary publics and also those who recommended them or went surety for them. The list was abstracted from a record in the office of the Clerk of Court of Pickens County. Unfortunately no earlier record could be found.

The names recorded after 1850 are not included because the U. S. Census from then on is much more complete.

To save space and because it was felt that the actual functions performed by these people is not as important as the fact of their residency, the several categories of appointments were combined and not identified. Also, the tabulation shows the time span during which a given name appears in the records but does not list each specific entry.

It is evident that the same person was recorded several ways especially by the use of the first and second initials instead of the full given name(s). No assumptions have been made in this regard in transcribing the record. A few of the entries could not be deciphered and were omitted rather than guess.

ABBOTT, B.	4 Apr 1842	BURGYS ?, William	20 Mar 1841
Geo. W.	14 May 1840 - 15 Mar 1847	BURNETT,	1 May 1843
J.	14 May 1840	BURT, Francis	4 Jan 1841
ADAIR, J.	4 Apr 1842		
John	14 May 1840 - 26 Feb 1848	CAMPBELL, H. E.	28 Apr 1845 - 2 Mar 1846
ADEN, J. M.	31 Mar 1846	CANTRELL, J.	23 Mar 1841
ALEXANDER, Anselem	3 Mar 1848	Wiley	11 Jan 1845
E.	16 Jan 1841 - 10 Jan 1842	CARADINE, J. B.	1 Feb 1847
E. E.	8 Jan 1845 - 17 Dec 1845	J. E. B.	3 Apr 1848
Elijah	29 Jan 1842	Jas. F.	27 Dec 1850
P.	9 Jan 1840 - 22 Jan 1846	CARON?, O. L.	5 May 1845
		CHASTAIN, William	5 Feb 1849
BAILEY, Mosley	2 Apr 1849	CHERRY, Geo. R.	4 Mar 1844 - 2 Mar 1846
BALLEW, L. L.	4 Nov 1844	CLAYTON, Bail ?	5 Oct 1846
BARTON, D.	19 Jun 1841	John	16 Jan 1841
J.	30 Nov 1841	J. B.	7 Apr 1845 - 31 Mar 1846
J. M.	22 Mar 1840 - 2 Jan 184	John B.	19 Jun 1841 - 6 Mar 1846
O. E.	2 Jan 1843 - 6 Mar 1848	COLLINGS, Elijah	30 Jan 1845
Pendleton	30 Aug 1841	COLLINS, Watson	30 Nov 1841 - 5 Feb 1849
Peter L.	27 Jan 1845	COUCH, J.	15 Mar 1841
BEACH, Laban G.	5 Mar 1843	CRAIG, A.	27 Jan 1845
BOLLES, G. A. L.	22 Apr 1843	R.	13 Nov 1848
BOON, Nathan	1 Mar 1841 - 8 Jan 1845	CRANE, Jephtha	24 Feb 1842
BORAUGHS, B.	8 Mar 1841	Jesse	23 Mar 1841
Bryan	8 Jan 1841	P.	22 Jan 1846
BOWEN, T. H.	6 Mar 1848 - 12 Oct 1850	W.	23 Mar 1841
BOYD, Warren	23 Oct 1849		
BRIGGS, A. S.	6 May 1845		
BRYCE, A.	30 Aug 1841 - 2 May 1845	DALTON, , J.	30 Aug 1841 - 22 Apr 1843
Alexander	9 Jan 1840 - 17 Oct 1843	DAVIS, Andrew	7 Mar 1842
Thomas	30 Aug 1841	B.	5 Apr 1841

DAVIS (Continued)

Elson 31 Oct 1843
 John 7 Sept 1840
 Mead L. 22 Jan 1844
 DAY, ? 14 May 1840
 Austin 15 Mar 1841
 B., Jr. 15 Mar 1841
 Benjamin, Jr. 6 Feb 1843
 DEAN, James M. 7 Jan 1840 - 3 Jan 1845
 DEARMAN, Saml. 22 Jan 1846
 DILLARD, Thom. 6 Mar 1848 - 2 Jul 1849?
 Thomas 3 Jan 1847
 DILWORTH, G. 15 Nov 1842
 George 4 Jan 1841 - 3 Apr 1843
 DOYLE, J. A. 2 Feb 1846 - 17 Jan 1849
 DURHAM, Benjamin 1 Sept 1843

 EASLEY, W. K. 4 Feb 1850
 ELLIOTT, Allen R. 24 Sept 1847
 EVATT, James A. 1 Mar 1841

 FENNELL, Hardy 2 Jan 1843
 FOWLER, David 29 Aug 1848
 G. W. 14 Dec 1846
 FRICK, H. 29 Apr 1840
 FRICKS, Joseph 29 Apr 1840
 M. 29 Apr 1840

 GAINES, B. S. 5 Jan 1845 - 6 Mar 1846
 E. G. 6 Jan 1845
 Henry L. 6 Mar 1846
 GANTT, W. S. 10 Feb 1845 - 29 Feb 1848
 GARRETT, W. J. 29 Apr 1845

 GARVIN, F. N. Mar 1840 - 6 Nov 1843
 GARY, S. A. 3 Nov 1846
 Thos. R. 3 Nov 1846
 GASTON, H. R. 9 Jan 1849
 GEARIN, John 6 Jan 1845
 GEORGE, J?. 20 Mar 1849
 GIBSON, Thomas 27 Mar 1841
 Z. 6 Mar 1848
 GILLASPIE, Jackson 16 Jan 1841
 GILSTRAP, Hardy 21 Apr 1841
 J. 21 Apr 1841
 John 22 Mar 1840
 GORDON, John C. 6 Feb 1843 - 9 Apr 1846
 John L. 6 Mar 1848
 GOSSETT, Fielder 6 Mar 1848
 GOW, Dempsey 14 Sept 1844
 GREEN, J. O. 1 Mar 1841
 GRIFFIN, E. H. 1 Feb 1847 - 6 Mar 1848
 Elihu H. 27 Jan 1845
 Green 2 Jan 1842
 Henry 2 Jan 1842 - 17 Feb 1844

GRIFFIN (continued)

Henry 2 Jan 1842 - 17 Feb 1844
 J. M. 1 Feb 1847
 Seargent 15 Nov 1841
 W. 15 May 1841 - 6 Mar 1843
 William 4 Nov 1844 - 2 Mar 1848
 GRISHAM, W. S. 24 Feb 1846
 GROGAN, W. 24 Oct 1848
 GUNTER, John 8 Mar 1841
 John A. 13 Oct 1848

 HAGOOD, B. 2 Jan 1842 - 5 Apr 1843
 HAINES, J. C. (Also see Haynes)
 31 Mar 1846
 HARBIN, T. W. 2 Jan 1843 - 12 Feb 1847
 Thos. W. 17 Oct 1843
 HARRIS, A. 16 Dec 1845
 Alexander 2 Mar 1841 - 17 Jan 1849
 HARRISON, M. 31 Oct 1843
 Martin 6 Jan 1845 - 3 Feb 1845
 HAYNES, J. C. (Also see Haines)
 8 Jan 1846
 HAYS, Rt. 18 Mar 1840
 HENDERSON, James 14 May 1840 -
 4 Feb 1846
 HENDRICK, J. O. 17 Feb 1844
 HENDRICKS, L. 31 Oct 1850
 Larkin 11 Jan 1845 - 4 Mar 1848
 HILL, A. B. 12 Feb 1847
 HINKLE, Elijah 24 Feb 1842 - 11 Feb 1846
 HOLCOMBE, W. E. 6 May 1845
 HOLT, W. E. 6 May 1845
 HUGHES, Charles 4 Feb 1846
 David 24 Oct 1848
 E. 3 Jan 1842
 Edward 7 Jan 1840 - 6 Mar 1848
 Henry 24 Oct 1842
 James 2 Feb 1846 - 24 Oct 1848
 William 2 Mar 1848
 HUMPHRIES, T. J. 2 Jan 1843 - 6 Mar 1843
 HUNT, A. J. 12 Oct 1841
 H. C. 1849
 HUNTER, A. 2 Jul 1849?
 W. 7 Mar 1842
 Wm. 1 Sept 1843
 JAMESON, W. 15 Mar 1841
 JEANS, W. 22 Jan 1844
 William 9 Nov 1841
 JENKINS, James 16 Dec 1845
 Tho. 3 Nov 1846
 JOLLY, William 12 Oct 1841
 JONES, B. 12 Feb 1847
 J. G. 6 Mar 1843
 Joshua 15 May 1841 - 26 Apr 1847

could this be Bannette Smith?

KEESE, Elijah	5 Jun 1848	MULLINAX, F.	5 Apr 1841
Thomas P.	21 Sept 1848	MURPHREE, David	6 Mar 1848
KEITH, Allen	20 Jan 1846	MYERS, John	20 Mar 1841 - 2 Apr 1845
E. A.	8 Sept 1845	MCCLANAHAN, R.	23 Mar 1841
Geo.	17 Feb 1844	MCCLURE, Saml.	7 Sept 1840 - 11 Jun 1841
J. M.	1 Jul 1844	MCDOW, George W.	5 Sept 1842 - 13 Mar 1843
Lemuel S.	20 Jan 1846	MCGEE, Benjamin	2 Feb 1841 - 12 Oct 1841
Matthew	11 Jan 1845 - 20 Jan 1846	MCKENNEY, D.	24 Oct 1842
W. D.	17 Feb 1844	NANCE, John	20 May 1845 - 6 Dec 1846
KELLEY, Z. S.	14 Oct 1850	NEAL, A. P.	6 Mar 1848
KELLY, J.	19 Jun 1841	NEWTON, W. G.	31 Mar 1846
KENNE-MORE, Elias	3 Apr 1843	NICHOLS, S.	15 Mar 1841
L. H.	3 Apr 1842	NIMMON, William	5 Apr 1843
KIRKSEY, R.	15 Nov 1841	NORRIS, Jesse W.	2 Sept 1845
KNOX, E. B.	4 Apr 1842	NORTON	(Also see Morton)
John	7 Feb 1842 - 5 Feb 1849	M. M.	2 Mar 1841 - 2 Mar 1848
LAWRENCE, K.	5 Apr 1843 - 29 Apr 1845	PARSON, W.	20 Mar 1849
LEATHEN, A.	1 Mar 1847	W. J.	13 Nov 1848
Asa	3 Feb 1845	PATTERSON, J.	2 Mar 1846
LEE, W. C.	9 Apr 1846 - 6 Mar 1848	PERKINS, J.	22 Apr 1843
Wm. C.	9 Jan 1840 - 31 Oct 1843	PHILLIPS, G. W.	14 May 1840 - 16 May 1843
William C.	4 Jan 1841 - 27 Jan 1846	PORTER, J.	2 Jul 1849?
LESTLEY, John	15 Mar 1841	Wm. C.	2 Jul 1849?
LEWIS, J. M.	5 Oct 1846	PRICE, J.	7 Jun 1841
MARTIN, Edmund	6 Nov 1843 - 5 Oct 1846	Thomas	7 Jun 1841
MASON, Francis	15 Mar 1847	PRITCHETT, A.	6 Dec 1846
MAULDIN, Naulton	17 Feb 1845	H.	2 May 1845
Rev. T. B.	4 Jan 1845 - 30 Jan 1845	William	2 Jun 1845 - 6 Dec 1846
MAYFIELD, Reuben	12 Oct 1846	PULLIAM, J. A.	2 Mar 1848
MESSER, J. H.	1 Mar 1847	QUARLES, John	2 Jan 1843
MILLER, Isaac	30 Jan 1845	RACKLEY, Reden	6 Dec 1841
John F.	2 Mar 1846	L.	6 Dec 1841
MITCHELL, M. F.	29 Apr 1845	RANKINS, J.	24 Oct 1842 - 14 Oct 1850
MOODY, B.	5 Feb 1849	REED,	(Also see Reid)
MOORE, Edward	6 Feb 1843 - 17 Dec 1845	Joseph B.	11 Jan 1845
Emery	8 Dec 1843	S. C.	1 Mar 1841 - 6 Feb 1843
F. M.	17 Dec 1845	REEDER, J. H.	13 Apr 1841
J. A.	17 Dec 1845	REID	(Also see Reed)
James	26 Apr 1847	Joseph B.	11 Jan 1845
John A.	18 Mar 1840	S. C.	15 Mar 1841 - 8 Jul 1844
MORETON, Wm. M.	11 Jun 1841	Saml.	14 Sept 1844
MORGAN, M.	24 Oct 1848	ROBINS, L. N.	2 Mar 1841
R. F.	2 Jan 1843 - 2 Feb 1846	Capt. Levi N.	30 Jan 1846
Robert F.	12 Dec 1844	ROBINSON, J.	3 Apr 1843
MORRIS, Jabez	3 Jan 1842	James	27 Jan 1840 - 15 Nov 1842
MORTON (Also see Norton)		ROCHESTER, N. P.	24 Oct 1842
B.	1 May 1843	ROTHEL, Joseph	6 Mar 1848
Wm. M.	7 Sept 1840	SAMPLES, John	15 Jan 1847
MOSLEY, E. B.	6 Mar 1848	SANDERS, James	6 Feb 1843
Leonard	27 Apr 1846	John W.	6 Feb 1843
S.	3 Jan 1842 - 31 Mar 1846		
Sam	27 Apr 1846		
Saml	1 Mar 1841 - 6 Mar 1848		
Samuel	2 Jan 1843 - 6 Jan 1845		

SANFORD, Tho.	14 Dec 1846	SUTHERLAND (Also see Southerland) -	
SARGENT, A. B.	2 Mar 1846 - 3 Mar 1848	J. K.	30 Mar 1841
Abram	5 Apr 1841	William	20 Mar 1841
SATERFIELD, Benj.	12 Oct 1850	SYMMES, John	31 Mar 1846
Bedwell	1 Mar 1841		
SHARP, F. F.	7 Jan 1850	THAYER, D.	2 Jan 1843
John	11 Jan 1845 - 14 Oct 1850	Daniel	14 May 1840 - 8 Jul 1844
SHOCKLEY, J.	5 Feb 1849	THOMAS, E.	13 Apr 1841
SINGLETON, A. R.	31 Oct 1850	John	18 Mar 1840 - 13 Apr 1841
SMITH, A.	3 Feb 1843	TOWERS, G. L.	24 Oct 1842
B. D.	2 Feb 1846	L.	9 Jan 1840
C.	17 Feb 1845	TRANUM?, Jeremiah	15 Nov 1842
G. G.	6 Feb 1843	TRIPP, Elias	4 Feb 1846
J.	8 Mar 1841	TROTTER, R.	6 Dec 1841
J. O.	7 Apr 1845		
James	6 May 1845	VAN ZANT, Geo. W.	16 May 1845
R.	4 Feb 1846		
W.	2 Jan 1843	WAKEFIELD, J.	1 Mar 1847
William	16 Mar 1841 - 3 Apr 1848	WARD, J.	6 Feb 1843
SOUTHERLAND, James (Also see Sutherland)	1 Jul 1844	WATKINS, D. M.	2 Feb 1846
STEELE, W. C.	6 Nov 1843	WHITE, A. P.	1 Apr 1845
W. D.	11 Jan 1845 - 11 Jan 1847	J. B.	1 Apr 1845 - 14 Oct 1850
Wm.	Mar 1840	WIGINGTON, D. W.	18 Mar 1844
Wm. D.	4 Jan 1841 - 30 Nov 1841	WILLIAMS, J.	12 Feb 1847
STEPHENS, Samuel	11 Jan 1847	W. S.	2 Jan 1843
STEWART, Jno.	6 Feb 1843	YOUNG, Davis	4 Jan 1841 - 3 Jan 1842
Robert	25 Jan 1841 - 20 May 1849	J.	3 Nov 1846
STRIBLING, David S.	22 Jan 1849	Joseph	23 Feb 1842 - 13 Oct 1846
Jesse	20 Jan 1840	N.	18 Mar 1840
T. M.	6 Mar 1843	Philip	1 Mar 1841 - 3 Mar 1845
Thom. M.	20 Jan 1840 - 15 May 1841	William	24 Jan 1841 - 13 Apr 1841

EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

DUNCAN FAMILY - Willis P. Duncan is researching the descendants of George W. and Sincta Duncan trying to establish his own descent from them. They lived in the Belton area. If you have information, write him at 1721 SE 11th. Ave., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

MIGRATIONS - Your attention is called to the excellent paper by Jo Hendrix in the October Carolina Herald. It discloses the migration of many Pendleton people.

MATERIAL FOR NEWSLETTER - This is a continuing plea for all members to contribute material for publication. The NEWSLETTER is insatiable. We need every bit that we can get. You all have something useful to other members. Why keep it hidden in your des? Send to or tell your Editor, Edwin H. Vedder, 11 Riverpoint Villas, Clemson, SC 29631, Phone 654-2728, what you have.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our newest Chapter members: Mr. and Mrs. Cohen Cochran, Mrs. Joyce Crowe, Mrs. Jack Hensen, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Roach, Ms. Agnes Seifert, Mr. Jim Stansell, Mr. J. H. Weems and Mr. Jay Young.

WHEN COPYING RECORDS

Copy them as they are. Do not assume that a person recorded as Bill is really William. Bill may be his actual given name.

Print, Don't write. Can you read your own writing six months later?

Get all records on a surname. Why go back to the same location later to complete your record.

Use a pencil. Don't risk defacing a public record. Also, it is easier to correct pencil notes.

For dates use the form 3 September 1940. It cannot be misunderstood.

Ancient documents are very fragile. Be very careful. Others may also find them valuable.

Old style handwriting is very difficult to transcribe accurately. Even good penmanship can be misread. Many letters, especially capitals such as M, N, W, and J, I, S, look similar.

Mixing documents is all too common. When examining records such as probate, never have two sets of documents spread out at the same time.

Faded records are always difficult. Sometimes a photo copy will be darker than the original and enhance legibility.

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