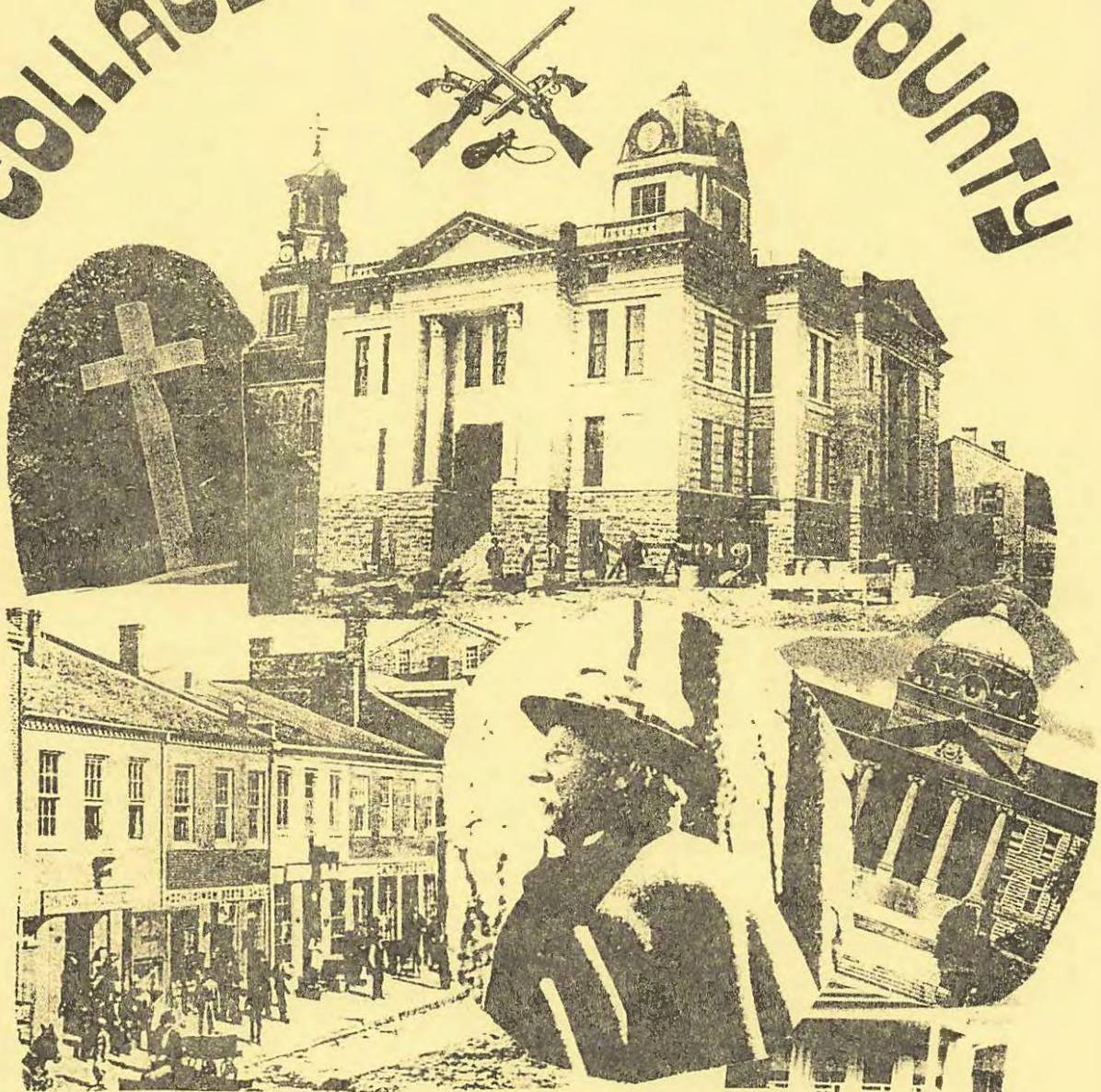


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COLLAGE OF CAPE COUNTY



CAPE GIRARDEAU EXPORTS 1874

Item	Amount	Price	Value
flour	120,000 bbls	\$ 6.00	\$720,000
lime	38,000 bbls	1.15	43,000
bacon	300,000 lbs	.07	21,000
lard	50,000 lbs	.07	3,500
hogs, dressed	150,000 lbs	.05	7,500



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The Cape Girardeau County Genealogy Society organized in May 1970, a non-profit organization. Its primary purpose is education in the field of genealogy. Membership is open to individuals upon payment of the annual dues of \$5.00 per year or a couple for \$7.50 per year beginning in May.

The CGCGS Library is located in the "Genealogy Room" at Riverside Regional Library, 204 Union, Jackson, Missouri. Meetings are held bi-monthly, January, March, May, July, September and November on the fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. also at Riverside Regional Library.

CGCGS publishes a quarterly, COLLAGE OF CAPE COUNTY, in March, June, September and January, sent free to members. All members are encouraged to submit articles for publication in the COLLAGE OF CAPE COUNTY.

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* PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *

Greetings:

Clinton Underlich, one of the organizers of CGCGS in 1970, spoke on "German Immigration" at the September meeting. A record number of members and guests were present for the very informative and interesting program.

The November meeting focused on the Civil War Era. Several members read communications, showed artifacts and told of incidents involving their ancestors during that period of time. Several items were on display for members to examine.

A Nominating Committee has been appointed to select officers for the next term of office (May 1984 - May 1986). Members of that committee are: Sharon Sanders, Elroy Kinder and Mary Lee Rasmussen. If you have any suggestions please contact any one of the committee members.

A new year is upon us and we hope it will bring all that you seek for the coming months. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

* Ellen Jean Adams, President *

GENEALOGICAL BEATITUDES

Blessed are the great-grandfathers who saved embarkation and citizenship papers,
For they tell when they came.

Blessed are great-grandmothers, who hoarded newspaper clippings and old letters,
For these tell the story of their time.

Blessed are all grandfathers who filed every legal document,
For this provided the proof.

Blessed are the grandmothers, who preserved family Bibles and diaries,
For this is our heritage.

Blessed are fathers who elect officials that answer letters of inquiry,
For to some they are the only link to the past.

Blessed are the mothers, who relate family tradition and legend to the family,
For one of her children will surely remember.

Blessed are the relatives who fill in family sheets with extra data,
For to them we owe the family history.

Blessed is any family whose member strives for the preservation of records,
For theirs is a labor of love.

Author Unknown

Taken from minutes of the 1979 Convention of the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington.

NEW PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

1880 Cape Girardeau County, Missouri Federal Census (indexed). \$25.00

1900 Cape Girardeau County, Missouri Federal Census (indexed). \$25.00

See page 15 of this quarterly for ordering information of CGCGS publication. (Add a \$2.00 charge per book for mailing of the above census books.)

News Release from:
JAMES C. KIRKPATRICK
SECRETARY OF STATE
State Capitol
Jefferson City, Missouri
Contact: Tom Briggs
Telephone (314) 751-3279

FOR STATEWIDE RELEASE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1983

(Jefferson City)--Secretary of State James C. Kirkpatrick today announced his Archives Division is cooperating with the State Court Administrator's office and Probate and Circuit Court Divisions in each county to ease local record storage space and cost problems and to insure the preservation of all historically-valuable records.

In response to Missouri Supreme Court Administrative Rule No. 8 issued earlier this year, Archives is working closely with local counties to identify records of enduring value and to insure their preservation by microfilming.

The Archives' staff has recently completed a survey of six counties and identified records of permanent value. The survey was conducted in order to determine the approximate cost of preserving vital county records throughout the state.

Kirkpatrick stated that a specific budget appropriation based on the costs of the six counties will be requested when the legislature convenes in January to allow the Archives Division to work with all 114 counties and the City of St. Louis.

"Efforts must be made immediately," Kirkpatrick emphasized, "to preserve Missouri's colorful history for future generations. Historical records, such as the famous Dred Scott decision, could be lost if each county's records are not properly catalogued and preserved."

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According to "SHOW ME" STATE GENEALOGICAL NEWS, October/November/December, 1983, their editor contacted Tom Briggs and learned:

1. The six counties surveyed were Boone, Cole, Callaway, Audrain, St. Charles and Moniteau.
2. Records identified are Probate and Circuit Court.
3. It is planned the Archives will do the microfilming and return the records to the county.
4. The larger and wealthier counties are not included as they have their own microfilming services.

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WILL OF JOHN HOSS (HANS)

In the name of God Amen: I, John Hoss of German Township, Cape Girardeau District, Upper Louisiana, being of sound mind and memory and understanding but considering the uncertainty of this life, thankful, do make this my last will and testament in the following manner Viz; I recommend my soul unto the hand of God and my body to the earth to be buried in a christian manner and as touching such worldly estate where with it hath pleased God to help me with in this life--I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following manner.

First: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Elizabeth, all my land, household and kitchen furniture, my farming utensils, horses, cattle, hogs, during her natural life--concerning the land it is my will that she inhabit and cultivate the improved land for her support and raising up my small family and as my boys come of age it is my will that they settle upon the land, the plantation to be divided among them equally after the death of my wife--it is my will that the personal property such as my house and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, horses, cattle and hogs be sold at public auction and the money divided among my children, the girls receiving an equal sum with my sons, no more, no less.

Item: I give and bequeath to my three daughters, Margaret Hoss, Maria Hoss and Barbara Haise one spinning wheel each and each of them a feather bed, and each of them a dutch oven, and each of them two cows. I likewise constitute, make and ordain Elizabeth, my wife, and Peter Statler to be the sole executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testament, will engagements, bequest and executors by me in any ways before named. Will and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming, this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereto met my hand and seal this 9th day of February, 1809, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

Signed: John (X) Hoss
His Mark

Witness: S. Weilberg
G D H

LIST OF ACQUISITIONS

America: The Nabr(e)y Experience	Children of Benjamin--History of the
Ancestors and Descendants of Abraham	Shrum Family
(Braun) Brown, The Miller	Deaths (1837-1930) St. Vincent's
Ancestors and Descendants of Jacob	Catholic Church, Cape Girardeau, MO
(Braun) Brown, The Wagonmaker	Descendants of Christ Bohnsack, The
1880 Cape Girardeau County, MO	Folklore, Legends and Mysteries in
Federal Census (Book Form)	Southeast Missouri
1900 Cape Girardeau County, MO	Marriage Records of Perry Co. MO
Federal Census (Book Form)	Marriages (1827-1930) St. Vincent's
Cemetery Records of the Old Section of	Catholic Church, Cape Girardeau, MO
Greeley Cemetery, Reynolds Co. MO	1870 Perry County, MO Federal Census
Taylor Family History	

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LETTER FROM WILLIAM HILL

to

Joel and Hannah Ferguson

William Hill, son of Ezekiel and Rachel Hill, married Sarah Wilkinson, daughter of James and Hannah Sheppard Wilkinson. William was appointed Clerk of Old Bethel Baptist Church and held the office until 1847 when he went to Camden, Arkansas. His family joined him months later. The following letter was written to his mother-in-law and her husband in 1852.

* * * * *

State of Arkansas, Oshiata County
at Camden, November the 24, 1852

Deare Father and Mother, it is with sorrow and troblele that I have to relate such offle newes Sarah is no more shes dead dead and gon She died on lasts Sunday morning about 7 o'clock the 21st of the present inste She has left me and five deare little children to morme her abcent She lay sick for 14 weekes which she boore with grate patient and with the firmness of a Chrisian and as a soulger of the cross of Christ She died without a struggle and in hear rite senses she she didnt talk with me but verry little I had hear deacentiley barried by the side of hear deare little babey.

O Deare Father and Mother the lonthsness hours that I see and O the trobble that I feel I am heare four hundred mildes from aney of my near connection or friendes no friende, to talke with to chire a trbble mined on a friende to take my children two. hear request on hear deth bed was for me to take hear children bck to ther people as soon as I could which I intends to do if the Lords letts me live but it will be the 1st of January before I possibly can get off for I have not the monney to bare my exespeansis with I intend to sell my waggon for a mutch as I can and sainge up my buisiness as well as I can and get a board of a steem boate and you thare by water it is all the way that I can go with my little children it is the quickist and bist way that I can

Deare Father and Mother my selfe and children ar all well but Ezekiel Jackson he has the chills and feavers every oher day it doant seame to hirt him mutch for he eates very hartey every mecl in the day I hoope these few lians will finde you all well

Deare Father and Mother I could write maney things but you can juge what sorte of afare I am in for writing I will say to you that I am a roudnd and on dun forever but I have no doiet that any loss is he gaine for I am satisfied that hear spirret is ne injoying the sweet smiles of hear besed Jesus in younders wirlde for hear hoape continued firme and shure. So it is now late in the nighte and I must come to a clouse I hoope that we will meat a gaine free to face and then we can talke about all this thinges may the Lorde bless you and all his deare peopple every whear is the sincear perays of your on wirthy son un tell death so fare you all well

William Hill to Joel and Hannah Ferguson

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Note. . . After Sarah's death, the story is that Joel and Hannah (Sheppard, Wilkinson) Ferguson sent slaves and a wagon to Arkansas to bring back William and his five children.

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GUERRILLAS BURNED HAMBURG CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CIVIL WAR

In the early 40s, possibly about 1842, a small band of Catholics and homeseekers left the Tywappity bottoms, where the first church of the Catholic denomination was founded in Scott County in 1839, because of the low lands and ill health and struck for the hilly country, settling near what is now New Hamburg. In the company were Ludwig Pfefferkorn and wife, John Martin and wife, Martin Bisher and wife, John Glaus and wife. These people sent work back to the old country and soon thereafter there arrived Adam Dirnberger, John Firsch, Andrew Schoen, John and Mike Leible and Conrad Schoen. Katrine Dirnberger, a daughter of Adam, later married Vincent Heisserer. These last arrivals from the old world landed at New Orleans and were on their way up the Mississippi, headed for St. Louis, then quite a prosperous trading post. When they got to Commerce the ice in the river stopped their trip and while waiting for a chance to resume their water voyage, they wandered to New Hamburg and decided to make that town their home.

The place was first called Hamburg, but when the people learned there was already a Hamburg in Missouri they put New in front of it.

The first church was built in 1847 and it still stands in the yard a short distance from the fine rock structure that was erected later. The first burial was that of Mrs. Donatus Scherer, who died October 5, 1847.

The parish of St. Lawrence the Martyr was organized in 1848, when three acres of land were deeded to Bishop Kendrick for the use of the Catholics of the vicinity. In 1851 Father James Stehle removed to New Hamburg, but in the following year left the parish and the care of the little congregation devolved on Father Leo of Benton and his successors, Boetzkes and Tuerk.

In 1857 work was started on the massive stone church that towers high above the hills of the parish. The building is 60x120 and the walls of a portion of the structure are the same that were built in 1858-62. It was necessary to have lime for the construction of the stone work, so a kiln was started on a farm that was later owned by M. Legrand, three miles from the church. Rocks were hauled in ox carts from quarries some five or six miles distant.

The church was nearing completion, the walls were up, it was under roof and flooring and other material was stacked inside and within a few weeks the parish would be the possessor of a church that would be their joy and pride. But the Civil War was on and New Hamburg was on the border line between North and South and property was confiscated and people had to flee for safety.

One morning in 1862 the town was stirred by the cry of "fire". The citizens rushed out of their homes and found that the work of four years of toil and sacrifice was being destroyed, the Guerillas having set fire to the splendid structure. The building was gutted by fire, but the walls were solid and unharmed, and there was no debt on the church, they looked forward to the time when they could rebuild. And the work of reconstruction was soon started.

The beautiful stone church is the oldest church in Scott County, if not in Southeast Missouri, that is being used.

SCOTT COUNTY DEMOCRAT. "Neighbor Day" Issue, September, 1936.

EDITOR'S NOTE: According to HISTORY OF ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH by Rev. Hubert J. Eggeman, the land for the church was donated by Wendolin Bucher and the present church is a replica of the church at Schirrhein, France (home village of the Alsatian settler, except for the inside. Also, Mrs. Donatus (Sophia Stuppy) Scherer was the second burial in the cemetery; Mrs. Mary Hahn being the first. She died May 14, 1847.

LETTERS IN POST OFFICE - 1819

The following is a list of letters remaining in the post office at Jackson, MO, September 30, 1819.

Allen, W. Barnibas
Akims, George
Anderson or Sloan
Anny, Louis
Acre, Henry
Anderson, B. Lemmy
Bishops & Members of the Methodist Church
Barclay, Francis Dr. (5)
Black, John
Briant, Daniel
Blair, William
Blacker, James
Bess, Jacob
Costner, Peter
Costner, Andrew
Griddle, Edward
Chester, Ezra
Doty, James
Daniel, John
Duncan, Turner (2)
Davis, Mar. Miss
Donovan, William (2)
Edmunds, James
English, Robert
Franks, Rebecca
Fisher, John
Foster, Isaac
Green, Parish
Gilles, Thomas
Glascock, Charnold
Gosey, Michael
Gordon, Robert (2)
Harber, Levi
Harty, Dennis
Hill, Ezekiel
Hood, John
Higginbotton, George
Hooser, Walter

Hewes, William
Hawkins, James (2)
Heely, Thomas Dr.
Haskins, Limurd (3)
Jenkins, H. James
Jiles, Thomas
Jiles, Joseph
King, Silas
Kinder, John
Kinder, Henry
Kearly, Henry or William
Lucus, B.C. John (Honorable)
Laugherty, Rachell
Larimore, Samuel
Miller, Joseph
Murry, Ezekiel
Madden, Moses
Montgomery, John
Malone, Thomas
McCay, John (2)
Mennifee, Richard
Myers, John
Phillips, Samuel
Redfield, Ruced
Ricord, Cunifort
Seubaugh, Joseph
Scott, John
Spencer, James
Shoolse, David
Stimon, Lacru
Stroder, Alexander
Steel, C. David
Sifford, Louis
Thornburg, Peter
Finley, Katharine or Mary Wood
Violet, Gerrett
Wolf, Elizabeth
Wilson, G. John Capt.
Yancey, Sanford (2)

MISSOURI HERALD. October 2, 1819.

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AN OLD ALBUM
by
Catherine Bock

This is a transcription of the entries made in an autograph album belonging to Elma Cox Wooten, mother of Lorena Wooten Bush of Hot Springs, one of our members. Mrs. Bush found the book in a trunk long after her mother's death. Recently she loaned it to Catharine Bock who prepared it for publication, along with added genealogy notes. Other than omitting duplications, no corrections or changes of any kind have been made in the album's contents.

Presented to Elma Cox by her Aunt F.S.
1886 Gates, Tenn.

Dear Elma:
May you live in hapiness and sorrow
far away.
May you have plenty for a rainy day,
And when you settle in life
May you get a good husband
And make a good wife.

is the wishes of your true friend
Lucinda E. Clinton

Elma Cox - Dear Neice
Know the world deceiveth
Trust on Him who safely giveth
Fix not on the world thy trust.
She feeds us but she turn to dust.
And the bare earth or kingly throne
Alike may serve to die up on.
Curve, Lauderdale Co., Tennessee
Nanie Carter

To Elma April the 22, 1887
remember me when this you see
Nollie N B
Dever J. P. Dev

Cape City Jan. 25th 1887
Miss Elma Cox
Remember me when it goes well with thee
From your true friend and cousin
H. E. Poe

Tennie Carter
Remember me my cousin dear
Though we be parted many a year
I never can forget the happy day
in which we met
Forever your Cosin
Hattie Sutton

de 12, 1886

Remember me when far away
Remember me when called astray
And if the grave be first my bed
Remember me when I am dead
Written by your friend
Malisa E. Hitt

Miss Elma
If a person should ask a Person
In there album to write
If a person should refuse a Person
Why should a person fight
Your friend
Mary Longan

Elma
Remember me as your true Cousin
Your affectionately
N.F.S.

Remember me when this you see
when other dayes shall come
who sleep in her narow home.
William Penn

Elma
When the golden sun is sinking low in
the West oh think of me
My darling the one that loves you best
Mary Pewett

January the 22 1887
To Elma
As the blessed angles turn the pages
of your years
God grant they write the good with
smiles
And blot the ills with tears
Your true Uncle Smith Hitt

January the 21st 1887

To Elma

When over these lines a look you cast
and thy fond heart broods over the past
and memory turns to days gone bye,
breathe then for me one gentle sign.

Truly your Aunt
Minerva A. Hitt

Dear Elma,
Farewell
And if forever - still forever
Fare thee well

Your true friend
Ida Holder

Elma

May thy troubles be few, thy pleasures
many
is the wish of your Aunt Tennie Sutton
Yatse, (Gates) Lauderdale County Tenn.
Dec. 12, 1886

Written for Elma to remember me by
John Cox
Milburn, Tex. Jan 13th 1887 (89?)

To Elma:

"Love is a little golden clasp
That joins two friends together
And if you do not break that clasp
We shall be friends forever!"

Truly your Cousin,
Linda Williams

When days are dark
and friends are few
remember me and I will you.

Your friend
Elmina C. Randol

When this you see remember me though
many miles apart we be.

Your aunt
C. Williams

Miss Elma

Passing through lifes field of action
Lest we part before the end
Take within your little album
This memento from a friend

Very Truly Your Friend
Alice Looney

To

Cousin Elma -

In your golden chain of friendship
Regard me a link

Elma Williams
Jan. the 4, 1887

Jackson, Mo.

To Elma

I once had a heart so kind and true
It fled from me and went to you
Trust this heart as I have done
For you have two and I have none

Your Friend
Ellis Martin

Nov. the 22, 1887

Jan. 10

1887

Dear Elma,

"There is another album
Filled with leaves of spotless white
Where no name is ever tarnished
But forever pure and bright.
In the Book of Life, God's Album,
May your name be penned with care
And may all who here have written
Write their names forever there".

Your friend
Jennie Williams

Elma

Remember me from this you see
Though in this world I may not be
And to my grave you may be led
Remember me when I am dead

Your friend
Lizzie Nooulsey (?)

April 25th 1887

Dear Elma

If a wish of my can be of worth
Be it most freely given -
A pleasant happy home on earth
A future home in heaven.

Ever your Cousin
Dora Williams

Jan. the 4 - 1887

Dear Elma

"May their be just clouds enough over
your life

To cause a glorious sunset
Your Loving Cousin
Rosalie

Milburn, Tex.
Dec. 6th 1890

Jan. 18th 1887

Dear Sister

May heaven depart and guard you though
life is prayer of your Sister

Yours truly
Eudora Cox

Cape Mo.

Miss Elma Cox May the 22 1892
Where'er hills and hedges divide us then
look on this leaf and think of your true
friend who will forever last
When you are reflecting on the past with
a throbbing heart turn to this dull leaf
and think of your ever lasting friend.
D. F. Hall

Wm C. Sutton

Clyde Sutton

When the golden sun is setting and your
mind from care is free an while of others
you are thinking please think of me,
Cousin Elma
Jan. the 29-1887 Cousin Louisa Lewis

Miss Elma Cox Jan the 15, 1887
When days are dark
and friends are few
Remember me and
I will you.
Yours Truly
H.C. Tisdale

To Elma Honey Grove Texas
You ask a line from me. May your lot in
life be as pleasant and happy as falls
to frail mortality
And in the end may you reach that heaven
of Eternal rest is the fond wish of
Your Mother.
this is May the 8, 1887

Elma Jan. the 28 1887
"Today we are with each other
tomorrow we may be parted
And that is the saddest of all ends
for some will be broken hearted
but we trust that God knows best of all
Written by uncle
Greer D. Hitt

Dear Cousin Dec. 13th 1867
With these think of me
Though in some foreign land you be
and Oh forget me not I pray
Although so many miles away.
Gates, Tenn. Fannie Sutton

Dear Elma,

Happy did we meet,
Happy have we been,
Happy did we part,
Happy meet again

Your friend
Millie Norris

May the 25, 1887

Let joy and peace ever attend you in
life.

Your friend,
Jan. 8th 1887 A.E. Randol, Jackson, Mo.

Miss Elma
When on this page you chance to look
Just think of me and close the book
Yours Truly,
T. M. White
July 20, 189

Elma Cox
Often in the future if the future I
live to see, I shall think of Elma and
especially think of thee
Lulia M. Randol

To Miss Elma,
May your joys be as deep as the ocean
And your sorrows as light as its foam
Your true friend
Ella Woodhouse
June 13th 1888

Miss Elma Cox Jan. the 15 1889 (??)
It is sweet to love but oh how bitter to
(love) a boy and can't get him
Written by a friend
L. I. Hitt

To Elma
If the leaves in your album are yellow
with age and the words that I write look
dim on the page and still remember me
Your friend
Ida Barnett

Elma Cox
Accept this as a token of Love and
Endearment
Mr. and Mrs. J.F. McLain
Jackson, Mo. Jan. 27-1887

Elma
When this you see remember me.
1887 Jan the 29
Lousianna Williams

When the golden sun is setting and your
mind from care is free
And while of others you are thinking
Please think of me

Written by Cousin
Elmelina C. Davis

Elma,

The path of virtue and that path alone
Leads to the land where sorrow is
unknown

Your friend
Jessie

To cousin Elma

Remember me when far way
Remember me on the parting day
and if the grave be first my bed
remember me when I am dead

Written by Your Cousin
Nicy H. Morrow

Dear Elma

May your life be long and happy
May your sorrows be but few
May you find a house in heaven
When your earthly task is through
Is the wishes of a friend.

Yours Affectionately
Hattie Nix

April the 25 '87

To Elma

If wisdom's ways you wisely seek
Five things observe with care
Of whom you speak, to whom you speak
And How - and when - and where.

Your Father
Z. T. Cox

To Elma

When far away and friend you view
Remember me and I will you.

From a friend
Mary E. Lewis

Jan the 29 1887

Dear Elma

When we are sitting all alone
Reflecting on the past
Remember that you have
A friend that will forever last

Your true cousin
Ida Williams

Jan. 29th 1887

To Miss Elma

May your cares fly away
Like dewdrops before the sun
And when you have nothing else to do,
Just think of Joe for fun

J. G. Lewis

Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Jan. 29th - 1887

Elma

Friendship has a power
To soothe affection in your darkest hour.
Your friend
Lizzie

G. EhernSchneider

John S. Lewis

May success attend you in your daily
pursuits.

That each day may be a living monument
of time spent in a useful manner. And
when you are called from earth your
record will be a shining light at the
settlement bar.

Your respect (fully)
Chas. T. Lewis

This Jan. 29, '87

To Elma

"Dark eyed, dark hair little pet
May your life be free from care
And tears of grief your eyes ne'er wet,
Is a cousin's faithful prayer"

Yours truly,
F. B. Looney

Jackson, Mo.

Elma Dear it almost breaks my heart, to
think the time has come that we must part.

Ever your friend
Mary Lewis

To Elma

Remember me when far away
And only half awake
Remember me on your wedding day
And send a slice of cake.

Your Friend,
J. M. Collins

Feb. 18, 1892

When absent friends thy thought engage
Think of the one who signs the page.

GENEALOGY NOTES

Elma Cox, born 1872 near Jackson, was the oldest child of Z. Taylor and Lizzie (Hitt) Cox. Taylor was born in Macon Co., Missouri, the son of Moses E. and Mary (Campbell) Cox; Lizzie was from Cape County, the daughter of Bradford and Cynthia (Williams) Hitt. The Coxes moved around a great deal, but by 1887 were back in this county visiting Lizzie's mother and other relatives, and Elma was collecting autographs.

The three earliest signatures in Elma's album - they are dated Dec. 12 and 13, 1886 - were of Taylor Cox's aunt, Tennie (Campbell) Sutton, and her daughters, Hattie and Fannie Sutton. Also signing was another Cox aunt, Nannie (Campbell) Carter and her daughter, Tennie Carter, along with "Cousin" H. F. S., Wm C. Sutton and Clyde Sutton, all of Lauderdale County, Tennessee.

Where the Coxes spent Christmas, 1886, is not known, but Elma's first Cape County autographs signed Jan. 4, 1887, were of "Cousins" Elma (Jennie?) and Dora Williams. Later that month Dora's four sisters also signed the book: Cynthia E. (Mrs. J. Frank McLain), Louesa (Mrs. John S. Lewis), Jennie (Elma?) who would become Mrs. Joe Guild Lewis, and Ida, the future Mrs. John A. Sadler. All were daughters of S. Van Buren and Louisiana (Randol) Williams, he being a brother of Cynthia (Williams) Hitt, Elma Cox's grandmother.

Other Williams kin appearing in the album were "Cousins" Linda Williams, M. E. (Martha) Poe, Elmeline C. Davis and Nicy M. Morrow, daughters of the Williams brothers, Francis M., Jacob, Jasper, and Thomas H. B., respectively. Elma's grand aunts who autographed were C. (Charlotte) Williams, wife of Francis M., and Louisiana, wife of S. Van Buren Williams.

Interspersed among the Williamses were six Lewis names, members of the Joseph C. Lewis family: C. T. (Charles) and wife, Mary (Pepper) Lewis, John S. and wife, Louesa (Williams) Lewis, J. G. (Joe Guild) Lewis and Mary E. Lewis, the future Mrs. George Schrock. All of the Lewis' signatures, and many of the Williams' were entered on January 29, 1887, which seems to have been the day the folks gathered for a farewell to the Taylor Coxes. One Lewis wife wrote: "Elma --- the time has come that we must part".

Prior to this date (above) Elma Cox's uncles, Smith and Greer D. Hitt - her mother's brothers - had signed her little book, as did Smith's wife, Minerva (Statler) Hitt. Malisa E. Hitt called herself "friend" but she was more - she was also Elma's second cousin for their grandfathers, Henry B. Hitt and Bradford D. Hitt, were brothers. "Friend" L. I. (Louisa Isabel) Hitt was a little closer kin to Elma since it was her father, Russell J. Hitt, who was Bradford's brother. (Louisa married William B. Ross and lived well into her nineties).

First cousin to L. I., first cousin once-removed to Elma, was "friend" Elmina C. Randol (nee Hitt). Her father Robert D. Hitt, was another one of Bradford's brothers. "Friend" A. E. (Anson Elmore) Randol was a wee bit related because his father, Samuel Harker Randol, was the son of John Randol, Jr. and Mary Hitt, a sister to Elma's great-grandfather, William Hitt, which meant Elma and A. E. were second cousins - one-time removed. (In 1893 he married Lou N. Talley and moved to Arkansas.) Rosalie Randol was the same kind of cousin as A. E. except the kinship came about thru Williamses, her grand-father, William Wesley Williams, being a brother to Lizzie (Hitt) Cox's grandfather, Isaac Smith Williams.

Julia (Lula?) R. Randol who signed the album seems to have been one Randol not related to the album's owner! She was the daughter of Rudolph whose parents were Samuel and Belveretta (Gollher) Randol, Samuel being son of Abraham. Those Looneys, P. B. (Pressly) and Alice, were half Randol for their mother was Rachel R., daughter of John R. and Mary (Hitt) Randol, therefore Elma's second cousins once-removed. "Friend" W. W. Collins (unrelated) was also half Randol, his mother being Eliza J., daughter of William C. Randol who was the son of Anthony.

John (Johnston) Cox - he signed later in Wilburn, Texas - was born in Cape County in 1866 to Moses E. Cox and his second wife Caroline (Randol) Penn, the daughter of Jeremiah and "Polly" (Hart) Randol. John was Elma's uncle being a half-brother to Taylor Cox. (Around 1876 all the Coxes went to Texas and three of Caroline's four Penn sons went along). One of the Penn sons must have been father of the boy, apparently quite young, who wrote some lines and signed his name: William A. Penn.

Although she did not call herself "Cousin" M. C. (Mary Catharine) Tisdale was Elma Cox's third, for their great grandfathers were the Hitt brothers, "Benny" and "Billy", sons of John and Frances (Banks) Hitt. Incidentally, M. C. married Thomas H. Lewis, and the writer of these NOTES is one of her children.

George - the G. was for George - Ehem(ren) Schneider grew up in the area east - southeast of Jackson. Probably he was working for a Hitt, a Randol, or a Williams in January, 1887 when Elma asked for his autograph. (G. is buried in Salem churchyard). Of the remaining fifteen unidentified names in the album, most are thought to have been "friends" in other states, Ida Holder a possible exception.

A. E. Randol's page in the album is worthy of mention. It is a Spencerian pen - picture of a fancy-feathered bird perched on a tree branch and looking up into the foliage which contains the word FRIENDSHIP. On the limb below is name, date, and place, while over to the side is his personal wish written in delicate script - all very artistic.

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Who were parents of Robert Morrison English b 3 May 1837, married 20 Dec 1866 Clarabelle Louisa Statham. Listed in home of John P. and Nancy Fennymore English 1850. John m Nancy in 1847. A John English married Jane Adaline Morrison 17 Feb 1831. Robert in home of Thomas W. English 1860. A Thomas married Mary Morrison in 1840. Robert had daughter named Mary Adaline. All in Cape Girardeau co. Any information on English and allied families of this county appreciated.

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Would like to correspond with persons working on Prueitt (family tradition says this Prueitt spelling must be used), Stafford families of Stoddard and Dunklin counties. Does anyone know the connection of my Webb Hayden (Cape Girardeau census 1820) with Elizabeth Hayden (Perry County census 1830)? Need parents of Mary Walls Sullinger married in Cape Girardeau about 1840. Would like to exchange with descendants of Lemuel Fortner and Millie Fortner.

Dora Stafford Robinson
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WELCH

Would like information on Isaac Nance b 1828 NC. Married 1849 in Cape Girardeau Co to Sarah Williford. Children were William Sanford and Sarah. Is he the same Isaac who divorced Martha Ann in Bollinger Co in 1882? Isaac Nance was m 1882 to Josephine Welch in Bollinger Co and had children Adam, Cora and William. Are they all the same man? Was his father Thomas Nance?

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