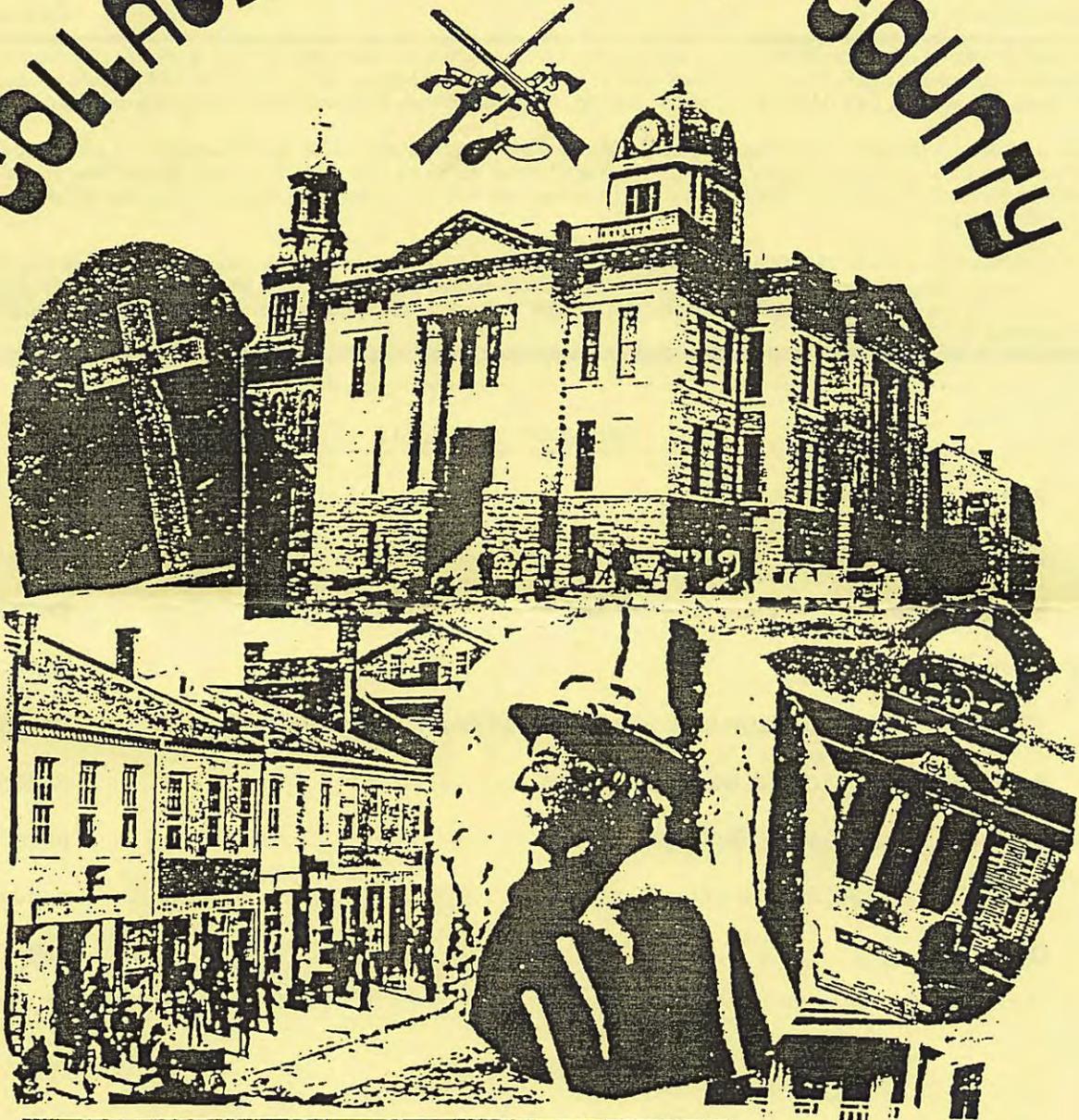


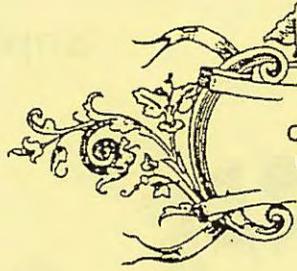
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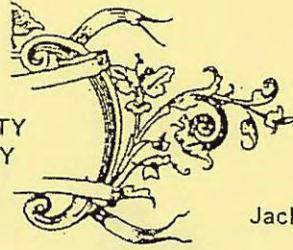
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Item	Amount	Price	Value
flour	120,000 bbls	\$ 6.00	\$720,000
lime	38,000 bbls	1.15	43,000
bacon	300,000 lbs	.07	21,000
lard	50,000 lbs	.07	3,500
hogs, dressed	150,000 lbs	.05	7,500





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From the President

Dear Cape Girardeau County Genealogical Society Members,

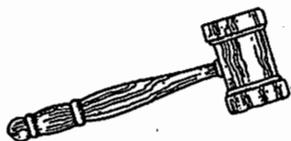
One of the most stalwart volunteers the Society has had in the last few years has been Betty Mills. Betty has indexed the Collage and many other publications, served as Corresponding Secretary, done research for many members and non-members, overseen the library, produced publications, and volunteered at the Archive Center. I can't think of too many others who have done so much for the Society. Thus, I am delighted to announce that the Society has awarded her a Life Membership. The award was presented at our July meeting. **Congratulations Betty, and thanks for all the great work!**

Vice President Dorothy Rowley has planned nearly all of the programs for this year's meetings. These include "Finding Your Civil War Ancestor," presented by Bill Eddleman on September 28, 2004; a meeting at the Red House Interpretive Center in downtown Cape Girardeau and tour presented by Jane Jackson for the November 23, 2004 meeting; "Last Hanging in Cape Girardeau County," presented by Mr. Morley Swingle on January 25, 2005; a program to be finalized for the March 22, 2005 meeting (possibly "The Enemy Among Us," by David Fiehler, about prisoners of war in our area during World War II); "Using Court Records in Genealogical Research," presented by the Cape Girardeau County Archive Center on May 24, 2005; and Members' Social on July 26, 2005. It should be a varied and interesting set of programs and I hope to see everyone there!

We still have not had anyone volunteer to head up the Library Committee, to replace Betty Mills, who has asked to be relieved of that duty after serving for the last 8 years. This involves maintaining the book list, adding and numbering new books, sorting out the library about once a month, and checking the books against the list to determine if any are missing. At present, the latter two chores have been done sporadically at our off-month meeting every two months, or as helpful members can do it. Please consider helping out the Society as Librarian. We need this job to be filled! Let me know (573-335-1507 or eddeleman@clas.net) if you can serve the Society in this capacity.

The 2005 Conference of the Missouri State Genealogical Association will feature Cyndi Howells, creator and webmaster of the very popular Cyndi's List on the internet. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia Missouri. The dates are Friday, August 12 and Saturday, August 13, 2005. Mark your calendars now for this interesting and educational meeting! At every conference numerous supporting speakers also present on a broad range of topics. An exhibitor area allows you to shop for books and hard to find genealogical materials, many with a Missouri emphasis.

Finally, thanks to those who contributed to this Collage, notably Sandy Perry for sending the Elliott/Randol letter transcriptions and Betty Mills for all the tidbits she sends for most issues of the *Collage*. We need to hear from everyone, though, so keep sending me that material!



Bill Eddleman



Letters



Richardson Mitchell Elliott and Jane Elizabeth (Randol) Elliott Family

[These are letters my great-great-grandfather, Richardson Mitchell Elliott, and his wife, Jane Elizabeth Randol, wrote to her family in Cape County after they came to Texas. Jane was the daughter of John Randol and sister to Samuel Randol, who is mentioned in one of these letters. The letters are mainly from Richardson and wife, Jane, to her family in Cape Girardeau, MO. Apparently, from is said in the letters, Jane was not a health person, but the trek to Texas seems to have improved her health to some degree. She was born December 25, 1815 (approximate year) and died December 25, 1865, at the age of 50. I have copied the letters exactly as they are written. I am not making any attempt to correct the spelling. Read phonetically. Sandra Perry; 1717 Druid Court; Fort Worth, Texas 76112-3707; 817-457-1693; e-mail: sandraperry@yahoo.com]

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 Johnson Station, Decr 19th 1851

John Randoll Esqr

Dear father I embrace the present opportunity to inform ou that we landed at our journey end on the 26t day of Nov and all well. I have bought land in Tarrant County 2 ¼ miles south of J. watson's which cost me one dollar and 25 cents per acre. I bought 640 acres. I just got here in time to get me just such a place as you and I spoke of at your house. except the mound to build my hose on I am highly pleased with the country. I would not go back to Missouri to live if M. J. Allens farm was given to me. We have the best beef here that I ever saw in my life. this is a fine country for stock we do not have to feed our cattle or hogs here in the winter and our horses will keep fat here on the range winter and summer if they are not used too hard. there is a fine prospect for a wheat crop next spring. the smallest average of the wheat crop this year was 17 bushels per acre and the largest acrage was 41 ¾ bushels per acre and the general average of the country was between 25 and 30 bushels per acre which is I am told is common in this country. land is rising very fast here unimproved land is selling from \$1 to \$2 pr acre. I honestly believe that in 5 or 10 yars my move will be worth at least five thousand dollars to me clear of all expence. I have seen the wheat raised here this year and I never saw better grained wheat in the north. I am informed by the best authority that a man may work all day in the harvest field and not swet enough to use (not readable). There is a allwas a good breeze of air here in the spring and summer. I sold my largest waggon and harness for \$120.00. horses are dull sale here owing to so many newcomers in the country. there is no difficulty in getting good titles to land here. I am done grubbing sprouting, picking up brush and rolling logs. I have as good richland as you can find in Missouri. corn is selling at \$1 per bushel, pork 5 and ½ centers per pound, cows and calves \$10. I have have bound good friend in Texas. we are staying with J. Watson until I gett myhouses ready to go into which will be in 3 or 4 days. Jane stood the trip finely. She walked about a mile ever day, she has gained 3 pounds on the trip. She is tolerable well satisfied and I expect if you were all her[e] she would be well pleased. she sends her love to Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters. Direct your letters to Johnson Station, Texas, of which J. Watson is postmaster. Its in 2 ¼ miles of my house. I am living in ¾ of a mile of S. H. Tummins. He is my nearest neighbor.

My best love and respects to you and family.
 R. M. Elliott

Letter from THOMAS B. ELLIOTT, son of RICHARDSON MITCHELL ELLIOTT and JANE ELIZABETH RANDOL.

July the 4 1852
 Tarrant County, Texas

Mr. Randol

Dear ser I take this opportunity to let you now that we are all well and hope these few lines may find you the same. We have the best crops that I ever saw in my life. Corne is thot to make from 40 to 50 bushels to the achor wheat from 20 to 40 bushels per achor we have fine prary [prairie] lands in this country. I am living in the edge of the Crose timbers [an area south of Fort Worth, probably the Kennedale area today; CROSS Timbers], one half of my land lies in the timber and the [other] in the prary. I bought 600 and 40 achors and paid for it eight hundred dollars and am well plesed with it. Land is rizeing her[e] the time ant for til it wil be high I have bought distant me a large waggon and fore yoke of oxon I shal start to hustan [Houston?] the 6 day of this month witch is about 250 miles off bying grazing witch take me about 6 weakes to make trip witch is worth 100 dollars for haling to me besides the percent n the articheles that I will by. [The probability is the city was Houston as it would have taken about that much time to reach Houston during that period.]

(signed) Thomas B. Elliott

par pinte you donte no r what I hav kill. I want you aull to take a bige laf about my murder (I killed wife Gate and at present [not readable]. Thate is aull have gote to rite.

["Par pinte" could be Pierpoint or Pairpoint. That was the name of one of his cousins in Missouri. As for the murder of his wife-the Tarrant County courthouse burned in the spring of 1874, so records are not available to ascertain to the truth of this. Thomas B. Elliott does not appear in the 1870 Tarrant County censuses, or any other state censuses that I have been able to find.]

A letter from Richardson and Jane Elliott

[According to information in the letter regarding Jason Pierpoint, it is possible this was written in early 1850s right after they came to Texas]

dear farther and mother brothers an sisters I will infore you that my helth is betor than it has bin in ten yeas I have cared [carded] an spun sevnty fore yards and I have made 30 yardes of cloth the children all grose fine tell sisters mary, jasn paront [Jason Pierpont, my great-grandfather] sucks yet and I wood be glad to se her boy all the rest of the family and I want nuten shepard to rite wether he is coming to texas this winter and wether you are going to come and se us and I want you all to wen to write to me to mention farther and mother in your leter we have good nabors and have met with friends Mr. watson lives in town 2 miles Mr. mahall in a mile an a half, mr. tumming in a half a mile mr. watson eggspecks to start to missouri in august the fifteenth and he will tell you all about us. sintha farwell for me I forgt to tell brother samuel [Samuel Randol] to tell her farwaell. I want to see you all myty bad I think if I wher in fifteen miles I wood go to my father sixe times in a year the time seme long to me I think of you all often an dream of you of seeing you all sisters tell mother not to greave for me an I want you to take care of farther and mother parpoint be a good boy. Albert, my dear brother be a good and cind to your parenes sister rachel, maria I want you to write to me of en and awl of you must lock over my writing I have bin wating get well satisfied I like texas verearell [very well] and woodant go back if you all where her nothing more at present but remain your affectant children, Richardson Elliott and Jane Elliott.

Tarrant County Texas March the 5 1855

Dear father and mother I take my pen in hand to let you now that we are all well and have injoyed good health sence we came to Texas and I hope these few lines may find you the same. We have some fertile cuntry hear in Texas that has bin the grates. Emagrtaion to this part of the cuntry this last fall that ever was none in any cuntry corne is now worth one dolear per bushel, wheat 150 cents per bushel, porke 6 dollars per hundred, cows and calves from 15 to 20 dollars, worke oxan from 60 to 80 dollars a yorke. I shall sel 5 yorke of of work steears this spring. My wheat crop looks fine. I expectt to get [s]ome of my dollars back to Jane this year. Tha eople are leaving eastern Texas fast as the old states, coming west, improved farmig and seling from 5 to 10 dollars per achor. I owne 900 and fifty achors of land. I have impove both tracts I am well please with my parte of Texas. I traveld over estern

texas last fall and came back better better satisfied than ever. Tell your friends if they want rich land to come to weztern texas. farther and mother have moved out this faul, tha live one mile from me the old people have broake vary much the old man likes the land hear fine. John Ray lives 2 miles from me. John makes and paze at the prices of things in Texas we had the coldest winter that ever has been seane in texas before. The railroad will be left out the first day of may next[?]. Soposed to run within 25 or thirty miles of me and the is no more land to be tooke up within thirty miles of this. Whether[?] if this goes in to and efect lands will be worth a Rone sum in a shorte time. [This letter was apparently written by Richardson.]

Following was a continuation of the same letter and is apparently written by Jane.

dear father and mother I now take my pen in hand to in forme your that we ar all well at presant and I hope thes few lines may find you all ingoing the same blesing father you re requested me to writ to you wonce a month but I have neglecit I have a dear lit boy to nurse an his name is albert gail I all him for brother albert I want to see you all myty bad but I can't se you all I was mity lifed up when I thought tha the time was drowing near for parpoint [her brother] to land in texas but the time rolde round and he dedent come I was sore a nuf I dremp too night before john rhyo lande her that I saw mother an she told me that parpoint wsent coming and I ask her what was the reason and she told me that he was very sick and I was in trobleb and she told me if he comes he wold come in too days for he had croste red river [Red River, the boundary of North Texas] and in too days I resieved his leter and he wrote that he wasnot a coming I was glad to hear from but was sory that he had giveout father you rote that you wod write in a few day and I havent got nare leter yet I want you and my brothers and sistere to write often you have a beter chance to write then I dough I am a pore hand to write it teakes me a good wile to write a leter I will bring my leter to a close father and mother if I could I see you I could tell you a men a things that I cant write to you we remains your effecet children until deth, sister rache [Rachel?] why dnt you wrie to me, I think [e]verey day when I will get a leter from you. hante got a rume [room?] a nouh [enough] to all to all tha I want to. Dough [do] writer sister to me I wan you to ciss [kiss] Albert for me.

Signed Richard Elliott
 Jane E. Elliott
 John Randol

another name not visible, but also looks like ___ Randol

1855

Tarrant County Texas
 June the 26 1855

Dear brother and sister I received your letter dated the 19 of April and we wer sad to hear of farther's death. [John Randol, Jane's father.]

My family are well and I hoape thes lines may find you and family the same. helth is good hear as it can be. We have not had any raine in this part of the country sence the 10 days of last June. last weake crops is lite hear this season altho we had a raine, corne is greene from the bottom to the top. the stalks is small in other country that I have ever lived. the corne would have died out the would have bin none a life not with standing I will make three or 4 hundred bushels of corne and one hundred bushels of wheate. Milfer left my house for your cuntry the first day of June. Tel Milford that the has 3 families moved in hour neighbor hood since he left hear. tel him that adaline is wel. I want you to let all the family see this letter and that will save me of writing to them as I ame a bad hand to wright. nothing more remains, your friend untel deth. Richardson Elliott.

[same letter:]

Dear brother and sister my mind much desturbe hering ov father death we heard ov his death before Milforde started back john roy [John Roy married into the Elliott/Randol family] got a leter. mr. Todley stating he was dead so Milford left hear in troble an sorrow I feel like I never shall se him eny more Samuel and Sinthy I wood be glad to se you wance more an the children. sinthy cis [kiss] your children for me and tell them ov theare uncel and aunt in Texas. Thomas, luizy, sary, austing, and lousany to write to them often. I will rite a few lines to mother if I could be with you wance more an talk with you it wod be a satisfactions mother beare your trobels as well as you can o mother you are in a loth an a desolate o mother. tell albert I say that he must be good an kind to you mother. albert write to your sister often an tell me how mother is an you so farwell tell I heare from you again. nuten sephard and mary I want to se you an children cis them for me. brother and sister write to us often and tell us how you are giten a Ing william. ____ [not readable] rachell want to se you but I cant sister cis [kiss] your litel baby for me. sister writer to me, tell me wher your living at an tell me wher mother is looking at brothr samuel rote that parpoint had give out coming to texis that he was living on the buener place pearpoint elizy if you can be enny comfret to mother stay with her I don't want you to come if mother donte want you to come brother. have you got lit ring if you hev take good cear of him brother write to me of ten eli luizy I wood be glad to se you and children sister cis your children for me tell them ov thear uncelk an aunt. brother write to me often. tell us how you are agiten a long. Robert, williams, maria I want you to write me an tell me how you are giten a long.

Mother an brothers an sisters I want you all to remember I never shall for git the day I left to come to tecse (Texas) so I will bring my leter to a close. give my love to all inquiring friendes re maxine your effectionos sister even till deth. Jane E. Elliott

Tarrant County Texas
August the (1 or 7) 1855(1)

Dear brothr I received your letter the 29 day of July and was glad to hear that you landed saft in old Cape Girardeau again sound and well and wer glad to hear that - peopl were all well. Milford, I can inform you that we have not had but one raine sense you left my house all thoe I expect to make about [20?] bushels of corne per achor tha [wille?] more people emagrate to this part of texas this fall than ever has before. I get letters from defrat parts of the world tha all speake of moveing to texas. This fall we made wheat hear this year without raine as good wheat as ever seen in my life. this is a great cuntry to raise produce with out raine. Wheat is worth one dollar and 25 to one dollar and fifty centers per bushel. Corne will be worth 1 dollar and 50 cents per bushel. the neighbors are all
[not readable].

[Looks like signature was Richardson Elliott, then below was the name:]

Tomas Elliott

[not readable] was glad to hear from you to hear that you landed back safe. will make corne and nuf to do us _____ was ar all allive an donkey [?] load. I am living with Richardson and jane. we a giten a long fine together. we want to se you. I got a letter from New York last may[?] but no good nuse in it. you did not draw anything at all. I havent bin sick one day sense you have bine gon. I want you to come home an stay with me. I send my [love?] to all of the connections. so farell [farewell] tell I hear from you againe, Adaline. [Adaline was the wife of Milford S. Randol.]

Ra (1)

jane I will take my pen in hand to let you now that I am well at this time hoping those lines may find you all the same. mother I want you and albert to write to me an tell me how you're a geiten a long. mother, you an albert most come an live with me. if you will I will dough as much for you as I can. you are dear affectionate mother. I will

write to you and albert, write to your sister often. mother, if you will come an se me you can tell _____ a thing that you cant write. Albert be a good boy to your mother and father hear you more _____ want to see mother _____ before I dye so _____ you all will _____ I hear from you againe. Jane, Mary, Randol, Albert, Randol

[not sure if the following is a part of this letter or a later part, but included with the above]

William and [only?] sister Rachel I want you to wite to me as son as you get this lter. don't for gete tell us all the newes now don't forgete sister I want to se you and william an you litelboy sis cis [kiss] your baby for me many times. sis I have a harde time senc I have bin heare. sis inever shall forgit the day that I parede [prayed?] with you all. sis I wish mother wood come an se me if she codent come an live with me. I want to se her wance more. Smauel an Sinthy [Harker Randol, Jane's brother and sister-in-law] we send our love to you an family. brother write to me often. couisan louzy say that she will write to you son then she will tell you all the ners her an sary an tomas say that they want you to write to theme. they send thar love to all ov theare connection, nuten shepard, sister mary I want you to write to me, sis, kis your children for me. Ely an louizy, jasper, maria, parpointe and Lizy[?] I want you all to write to me. cis your children for me tell them _____ theare aunt an uncel in texas. sister our children gros fast, jason pairpointe and albert gail is too fine boys. jason is four and albert is two years old the thirtieth[?] of july. he sucks yet.

[not readable] I am going to [not readable].

Your affection sister untill deth (not readable) your sister jane elliott.

December ___ 1855

Dear unckel and cousin

I take my pen in hand to inform that I am well at present and I hope that these lines may finde you both well. I have nothing of importances to rite to you. I will tel you aboute the prices of of produce such as corne and wheate and porke corne is one dollar wheat is worth one dollar and a half porke is from 4 dollars to 5 dollars pur hundred weight. corne is wroth from 12 dollars to fifteen. father has about 3 hundred bushels of corne for sail and sum wheate for sail. I donte no how much a bad crop year this was but we had no rain a taul hardly.

Unkel milford has go back well and safe. he is well and ante is too. I will tell you how much land I had got. I had one hundred and fifty achors of land. it is as good for pease of land as the is in texas I believe [turn over Albert and look]

Albert and austern. I wold like to see you both very much but I don't expect to sea you verry sune. I expect to cum back next faul with father. I shall be a glad to see you all here wonst more.

I have my house up but it wante take me long to put a cover aun the land. it is black jack barrons. it is not hard to clear I an chop off ten achors of it in a weake easy. I donte believe that I have much else to rite aboute. yes I have a fine horse. he is too years old. I ride him sumtimes. he runs fast ann the ferry. when I want him to go out and say cum here, John and he cumes to me and licks my hand for sum salt. then I tel him to give me his foot and he puts it up. _____ then I put my bridal own them. I _____ a boute my business. He travels well. I have 14 head of hogs. this is a fine _____ here in the Cross Timbers.

Nuthing more at present but rite to me sune, rite to me aul of the particulars.

good by to you both.

Thomas B. Elliott to Albert Randol and Austin Randol

September the eighteenth day 1858
Tarrant Co., Texas

Dear cousins. I take this opportunity to inform you that we are all well at this time and hoping these few lines may find yew in joying the same good blessing. I want to see yew all myity bad but i cant and au therest want to now when yew get marred I want you to cum to Texas or before, yew may think yew are tew yong but I don't know I want yew to give my best re speaks to all of my cousins. yew must because my riting my pen is bad my ink is hale my love to yew shall never fale yew. wrote to me that yew had peast [pieced] up tew quilts. I have peast up tew quilts. I expens to have a quilting but ti will be a little wors when the rail road cums I am a cumming back to Cape jirardeau. I have forgotten how it looks but I reckon it looks better than Texas as if it don't lok any better than texas I don't want to see it thoout [without] nothing but gass and postoak. hear it is fashionable for children marry hear in Texas tell all of my cousins I will write to them as soon as I can. the ugliest boys hear that I ever saw in my life. they ante but out or them that looks like a person. the girls look very well. I hafter set and card and spin and Thomas sits and laffs and just grins. I have had the chills and fever the last three or fore weeks. I am taking of medisone now [can't read] all sick [the next few words are unreadable] fiddling turn over Louisiana and see what is on the other side. want yew to write to me as soon as yew get this letter. Corn is one dollar per bushel, wheat is worth one dollar and a half a bushel. Dear cousins, I set and thinking of yew a lot and wishing that I could see yew. Cusins ___ - write to us and tell grandmother I want to see her and grandpap mity bad. Grandmother Elliott is very sick, father in ___ to dig well this winter. it has bin mity dry this year [can't read the rest] until ___ only about _____ see. I am cumming to a close. remain your effetion cousin, until death.

[Apparently the date of this letter was Sept. 18, 1854, rather than 13th. The next paragraphs have been transcribed earlier as follows:]

brothr and sister I reseived your leter the twenth of septemb I was glad to hear from you all it gives me great sations to hear from you all I was sory to hear of the death of your child. you wrote that brother milford an sary was parted. I was grieved I cant rest for think about it it trobels me I want them to live to gether a gain anto try to dough [do] better think o thear deare children tell brother milford that I want him to rite to me and give the perticlors ov theare parting. Samuel we have all bin sick we ur giten beter we have had the chils and fever about a month git about then take backsets I have something like [can't read] paine fore about tow weakes it is giten biter I sufred with it mitty [mighty] tell father that I haint got a leter from him since laste springe was a yeare a go I reseived a leter last november from parpoint I resieived a leter from sister maria the fifenth ov aprile brother I want you all to write often an don't wait for me where sister rachel lieves an I want parpaoint and [wife's name] never rote wer they do live I will write to father and mother as soon as we gitt well tell sister that I will rite sounes as I can tell sister to cis her lilly boy for me an he litel daughter an tell them of their uncel and aunt in texas bther an sistre ciss yor deare children for me I wood be glad to se yo all but I cant tell when that will be I wreon when the rail rode comes that is soposed to run in 15 miles of my house. this is very certain it is now under contract land has taken of a mity rise hear I have nine hundred and sixty achors of land and when the railroad comes I will expect 20 dollars an achor for my land. sister I send my love all in [can't read] friends I brother our cripes ov corne is sory this year it was late before it was planted and it rained untill it was dronde out but we will make a nuf to dough us we will have about sixty bushels ov wheat to sell it is wroth one dollar an a half a bushel nothing more at presant but remains your effecions brother and sister death

Richardson M Elliott
Jane E. Elliott

Chocoville Sebastian County Arkansas March the 30 1869

Dear brother

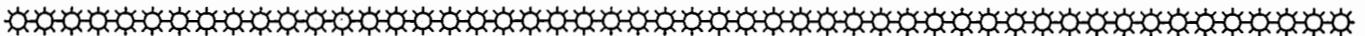
it is again my ___ - privilege to address you with pen and ink though it has been so long since I have communicated with you that I am all most at a loss in how to address you for it seemes to me all most like

addressing a stranger but hoping to form a speedy and unlimited acquaintance with you again I will endeavor to write, I suppose you are rather suprised to hear that I am in Arkansas. I moved here last fall was a year ago and am well pleased with the country. I suppose you have heard long since of the death of my wife Jane. She has been dead more than three years and I am married again to Mary A. Smith, a widow lady of thirty-eight years and without children. Milford Randol is living 1 1/2 miles from me and is very well satisfied. The connecion is generally well as far as I know. my children is all in Texas and [can't read] and are all married but Albert and Mitchell—the two youngest. We are all getting along—tolerable for poor folks. Milford is very hard run he has had a great deal of bad luch. He lost nearly all he had and has been sick-him and family and has go down very low. He has received a letter from his son Albert in Missouri and informed him that Brother Albert [can't read] Pearl ____ and sons sorry to hear though _____ and he also wrote something in regard to a division of Brother Albert's property and Milford requested me to say something about it in my letter for fear his letter which he wrote a few days ago did not get there for if there is anything for him, he needs it as bad now as he ever will, and would be glad of some information concerning that matter. I wold be truly glad to see you all once more before I die. I would be glad to see all my old friends back there who are yet alive though I suppose a great many of them are dead. I want you to write to me as soon as you get this and say to all the ret of the connections and friends to write also give my respects to inquiring friends and receive liberal share to yourself and friends.

PS our country is peaceable and quiet. I have no news of importance to write. Health is very good here. Milford is hard at work trying to make a living. he is doing the best he can though his health will not admt of constant hard labor. so I will close for this time. Write soon and often. I remain your _____

R. M.Elliott

Chicoville Post Office
Sebastian County, Arkansas



**Excerpts from the Estate File of Benijah Laugherty
Box 11 Bundle 201 Probate**



[Note: Benijah Laugherty came to the Missouri Territory before 1798. Notes in his estate state that he delivered salt to James Stephenson, Benjamin McNew, Henry Lacewell, and Charles Daniels. He started buying land in 1805. Paid 1814 and 1815 taxes on 240 acres on the Mississippi River and 280 acres on Randol Creek. On the 1803 census it shows he had 200 bushels wheat, 100 Ibs cotton, 100 pounds maple sugar, 16 horned cattle, and 2 horses. Benijah Laugherty estate dated 18 December 1816 with Rachel as administrator, leaving a wife, Rachel, 6 daughters, and 3 sons. Rachel Laugherty estate dated 11 August 1822 with Nicholas Whitelaw, administrator. Benijah Laugherty, Jr. was appointed guardian to the minors of Thomas J. and Elizabeth in 1832. Elizabeth had remarried with David Vann 30 Nov. 1822. The minors were Jefferson, Benijah, and Rachel.]

Larue article to Laugherty

This article shall oblige me to due on case to bee done in a workmen like manner as written to be of worke have often menshened that is to say a mill dome to be completely divided begining at work alone the dam with the upper side of the rock & to run strate with thate dame across the creeke & to have it level with the tope of the said rock & four inches above the sheting of the said dam sow as to bee situate & level from the upper edge of the dam to the upper edge of the stone and also _____ on both sides of the creeke to bee made with logs & filed with _____ sow high as to be sufsient to stand against any water thate may acrue & to fill the side of the fore bay from the mill house to the upper edge of the mill frame & tying with the bastend it to bee leavel with the toop of

the lower stowrey of said frame this was to be finished in March 1815 but disapointment have happened sow that it is now on demand it being for vallew received of Benijah Laugherty as witnese my hand and seal this the 8 of July 1815

William Roberts

Jabez Larue

[NOTE: Sally Laugherty md. Jabez Larue - 14 August 1814. Could she be one of 6 daughters of Benijah & Rachel Laugherty?]

We the commissioners of land claims in and for the District of Louisana for on behalf of the United States do give & grant unto Benijah Laugherty and his heirs a tract of four hundred arpents of land situate district of Cape Girardeau pr provided so much land be found vacant there, By virtue of his having inhabited & cultivated the same prior to & on the eleventh day of December year of our Lord eighteen hundred & three.

April 15, 1806

By the Board
John B. C. Lucas
James L. Donaldson

I, Joseph Waller of Cape Girardeau district satisfy hereunto that I know concerning a claim of land bought by Benijah Laugherty from David Alling & satisfy that David Alling of this district in the month of June and followed the smith trade and build a house in the settlement for that property and in fall & happened in company with Laughery and said Alling offered his headrite for sale and Laugherty payed the said Alling some money in consignee of it and payment I new the said Alling to receive some considerable amount in the above named contract and I heard Laugherty say that he had made improvement on the Bank of Mississippi and some time after and since his _____ testified & _____ June in 1805 and his widow is living on the land claiming it by that title.

his

Joseph Waller
mark

Sworn to before me the 28 day of October 1805 a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Cape Girardeau

John Byrd

I do here by certify that Benijah Laugherty came to the Cape settlement some time about June 1801 and settle on a piece of land in the summer and built a house and improved and cultivated the soil in the year of 1802. Given under my hand this 28th of October 1805 & Benijah the above improvement now consists of about forty acres under fence of which fifteen cultivated in corn and the reminder in _____ one dwelling house and two out houses

his

Joseph Waller
mark

Sworn to before me this 28 day of October 1805 in Cape Girardeau a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

John Byrd

Missouri Territory
Cape Girardeau County

Charles Demoss came before me a justice of the peace and on oath saith that about the fall of 1803 he was present at the Town of Cape Girardeau saw Louis Lorimier then Commandant take Benijah Laugherty by his hand and say that he would license to the said Laugherty his the said Laugherty head right of land where he then claim and another head right of land equal to the former _____ and in consideration of fifty dollars which he the said Lorimier said that he owed to the said Laugherty the land aforesaid was by the said Lorimier to be scured to the said Laugherty clear of all

expences this being done all accounts and demands between the parties were to be considered as settled and fullfulled.

Charles Demoss

Sworn to and subscribed
before me the 19th day
of October 1816
John Davis J. P.

Know all men by these presents that I, Benj Lafferty of District Cape Girardeau & Territory of the upper Louisiana am held & firmly bound unto Jeremiah Still of the District & Territory aforsaid in the just & full sum of Three Hundred Dollars for value received as Witness my hand and seal this 30th day of June 1801

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Benijah Lafferty doth well build & finish of a flat bottom boat sixty feet long, & fourteen wide with a small conveient fire place in said boat together with two & sufficient steering oars & two good oak oars & the said boat to be suffiently covered & finished in a good & compleat work man like manner; by the 10th day of December next insuring the date hereof then the above obligation to be void or otherwise to remain in full force & virtue in law, in witness where of I have hereunto set my hand & seal this day & date above written.

Benj Laugherty

The said Boat to
Build & launched in
the Misslssippi River
on the claim, I purchased
of Henry Hatten
Test
Edward Davis
Arthur Turner

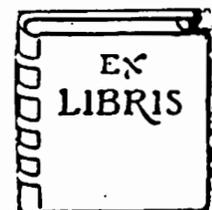
Rec'd of Jacob Campbell for Benijah Laugherty Sixteen Dollars for militia fines imposed against him in the year 1807 and 1808 and 1809 & 1810 September 4th 1816
Nathan McCarty
John Hays, Sheriff

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CAPE GIRARDEAU TERRITORIAL DISTRICT  
ST. FRANCOIS ROAD DISTRICT

20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1810

Supervision and assessment return of assessment for Roads

Cape Girardeau Quarter Sessions July term 1810

Filed 16 Jul 1810

J. W. Fervious, Clerk



[From Missouri State Archives, R-93-244]

A list of the names of the inhabitants of St. Francis Township and the number of days each man has to work on the public road.

| Name of individual      | Days |                     |    |
|-------------------------|------|---------------------|----|
|                         |      | Daniel Mayor        | 3  |
|                         |      | Henry Mayor         | 4  |
| John Alston             | 7    | Jacob Man           | 12 |
| William Anthony         | 2    | John Mausor         | 2  |
| Horace Austin           | 2    | John McCay          | 2  |
| Urban Ashabranor        | 3    | Samuel McFadin      | 10 |
| Urban Ashabraner        | 2    | James McFadin       | 5  |
| Daniel Ashabraner       | 2    | Samuel McCormak     | 3  |
| Reaner Brummet          | 4    | William Perkins     | 6  |
| James Bigers            | 6    | Joseph Parish       | 4  |
| Henry Burnley           | 4    | Jasin Pate          | 2  |
| Elijah Bittes, Junior   | 20   | John Parish         | 3  |
| Elijah Battes, Senior   | 22   | Thomas Purkins      | 3  |
| Jepthe Corneleus        | 6    | William Purkins     | 2  |
| Francis Clark           | 4    | Richard Purkins     | 2  |
| Jacob Cook              | 2    | Phillip Roberts     | 2  |
| Joseph Cook             | 3    | David Rice          | 3  |
| James Campbell          | 2    | Thomas Ring         | 2  |
| Jesse Clark             | 3    | Ezekiel Rubottom    | 7  |
| Thomas Carlin           | 2    | William Russel      | 2  |
| William Grey            | 2    | Tilmon Smith        | 9  |
| John Grant              | 5    | David Smith         | 2  |
| Jonathan Hubble, Junior | 2    | William Street      | 4  |
| Christin Hauzer         | 2    | Samuel Street       | 2  |
| Daniel Hubble           | 3    | Anthony Street      | 2  |
| Jonathan Hubble, Senior | 3    | John Strickland     | 2  |
| Matthew Hubble          | 2    | James Chilton       | 4  |
| George Jimison          | 5    | Jacob Shook         | 4  |
| Isaac Jimison           | 2    | William Savage      | 4  |
| Isaac C. Kelley         | 4    | William Smith       | 2  |
| Jacob Kelley            | 9    | Andrew Smith        | 2  |
| Charles Logan           | 9    | James Smith         | 2  |
| David Logan             | 17   | William Story       | 2  |
| Robert A. Logan         | 5    | Timothy Wrigs       | 3  |
| Jonathan Logan          | 14   | John Wilson, Senior | 18 |
| Isaac Mayer             | 5    | John Wilson, Junior | 2  |
| Henry Mausor            | 2    | Benjamin Wilson     | 2  |
| Michael Mausor          | 7    | Leonard Wilson      | 2  |



## SLAVE NARRATIVES

### GEORGE BOLLINGER

[*Editor's Note*: This man was apparently the subject of two interviews, one in which he talked about his life in slavery, and the other being about ghosts and more about life in general.]

"We lived out on de edge o' Bollinger County, 'Ole Mass's name was 'Dal Bollinger' [*Editor's Note*: Daniel Bollinger]. Ole Missus, we always called, 'Aunt Polly'. Den dey wuz young 'Massa Dave,' and young 'Missie Katie'.

My Pappy's name wuz 'Billinger' 'en my mammy wuz 'Temple'. My pappy wuz a smart man, he cud read and write. I don't know whar he learned it. An' he had de power, my daddy did. He cud break a 'Hoodoo' spell, an' he cud tell things dat happened wen he diden see it—If one a' de folks went to town he cud tell 'em jes everything dey don dere.

Dey wuz 'bout 20; mebbly 25, slaves on de place, 'en we all lived in a big, old, log house. My mammy wuz a good cook 'en she cud spin en weave. She made all de clothes we wore. Us chilluns never wore no pants—jes sumpin like a long shirt made o' homespun. We didden know nuthin' 'bout learning'. Dey wuz a church, but we didden go much, 'en we never had no kind 'er gatherin's. Dey wouldn' let de cullered folks congregate—not shu, why; even de man over at de store wouldn't let mo' den two cullud folks come in at a time.

I didden even know what money wuz. Massa' had a chest 'bout three feet long—up in a little attic. It wuz jes' full o' gold 'en silver money—no' greenback'. It wuz covered over wif rugs, 'en I never know'd what wuz in dere—we used to go up der to play sumtimes on rainy days, an Aunt Polly'd holler, 'Ef you don' cum down fum dere de ghosts 'ul git ye'. I never seed inside de chest 'till dey bury it—dat wuz in war-time. Dey put a big hand pike under it 'en de men carry it down byh de sugar grove de udder side o' de grave yard. I cud go, right now 'en show you de very spot dey bury it. 'De bes' times we-ens had wuz going fishing, an' man, did we like to fish. Allus we had Saturday afternoon off, 'lessen it war wheat harvest 'er sumthin' special like. 'En Sunday's we allus fished all day long.

One time dey wuz two hundred sojers cum to our place—dey wuz Southerners, an' dey wuz nearly starved. Mass 'tole 'em dey cud kill dat big steer. Dey shoots him 'en 'fore he drops dey wuz on him, skinnin' him. By dat time udders had a fire built 'en de men pull out dey knives 'en dey cut off hunks; dey puts 'em on a stick 'en hol's 'em over de fire a few minutes—didden give 'em time to cook thru fore dey et it. Dat ole steer didden last long. 'En 'Massa' had tgen cribs 'er corn. He tole 'em to [help] dey selves. 'Bout dat time a deespatch came; dat de 'Yankees' wuz commin'. Dey went up to meet 'em, 'an dey had a battle over at Patton. Long 'bout midnight sum of 'em came back, wounded. Aunt Polly helped 'em, but she begged 'em not to stay dere, 'er de 'Yankees' cum an' burn de house down.

Aunt Polly 'en mammy allus know'd whut to do when a body wuz ailin'. Dey allus had a bog o' yarbs hangin' under de porch. When de sojers wuz commin' we allus hid de hosses. Massa' had lots ob 'em, 'en Missie had de pudttest black mare. It's name wuz 'Kate'. Des one time de hosses musta skered 'er sumpin'—de sojers foun' 'em, an' here dey cum ridin' up past de house wid every one of our hosses.

A sojer wuz ridin' 'Black Kate'. Wen 'Missie Katie' see dat—she holler, and she ran an' grab hol' de bridles, on hand' on each side 'er his haid. De sojer put spurs to de mare, but she hung on jes' a cryin'. I kin jes see her now; de mare a rarin' and 'Missie' hangin' on a-cryin'. She hung on 'till dey reach de creek. Den she lose her grip, but she sho' did cry.

One night we had a big corn shukin'. We shucked 'till way late in de night; den sum de white men stay all night. Dey wuz a pile 'er shucks higher 'en dat door. Nex' mornin' a bunch o' 'Yankees' cum by. As dey wuz comin' thru' de yard, dey see one man runnin' to hide behin' de bar. Dey say, 'Halt', but de man keep runnin'; so dey fire—de bullet thru' his hand and he stop. Den dey say, 'If deys one man, dey's more a hidin'. Dey look roun', den de haid man say, 'Men ride thru' dat pile 'er shucks 'en \_\_\_ in dey hair. Den de sojers ask's 'em things 'en iff'n de answers didden seem good, dey hit 'em over de haid wid dere guns. I wuz standin' right here, an' I saw 'Old Mass' git hit on de haid once, den anudder time, an' he fell. I sho' thet he wuz daid, but warn't. Aunt Polly fix him up after de sojers wuz gone, but de bushwackers got him. Dey must a heard about de chest o' money he had

buried. Dey try to make him tell, but he wouldn't. Den dey put 'er rope roun' his neck an' pulls him up. Den dey lets him down; but he wouldn't tell no how—so dey finished him.

Yes, de nigger buyers ust'a cum roun' our place. It was a sight to see! Dere 'ud be mebbe five or six men a'ridin' fine hosses an a-drivin' a whole flock 'er slaves along de rode, jes' like stock, all chained togedder.

One time dere wuz Peter Smith, 'Ole Tom' Johnson, an' Fred an' Sam Daugherty: all nigger buyers—dey wuz at our place, an' dey wud all sit dar, an' us slaves had to stan' up in front o' 'em, an' dey'd bid on us. I 'members I wuz full chested an' dey laid a stick across my chest to see how straight I cud stan'. 'Old Pete' Smith wuz gonna' buy me, but my young folks begged 'Massa' not to sell me, cause we'd all played togedder—se he didden' sell me.

But dey wuz gonna buy my 'pappy' an' take him way off, but, my 'pappy' wuz smart. He had made baskets at night an' sold 'em when he cud, 'en saved de money—dat night he goes to de fireplace an' lifts up a stone, an' out o' de hole he pulls out a bag o' money an' he runs away. I ain't never seed my 'pappy' since. Las' I hurd a' him he was in 'Indiana'. When Mista Lincoln made his Proclamation (dat wuz 'fore de war wuz over), young Massa' Dave set us free. He gave us a yoke of oxen an' a wagon full o' everythin' we needed. Der wuz a feather bed 'en quilts an' meat an' purvisions—an' he sent us into de Cape—an' we been livin' roun' here ever since.

All my white folks is daid 'cept 'Missie Katie', an' do you know, some year back she cum to see me. Yessir, her car druv up, right der to de sidewalk, an' she made all her grandchillun get out an' shake han's wif me. She sho' wuz a fine woman!

'Klu Klux?' Yes, dey wuz aroun' sometime, but dey didden bother ef you mind your own business. But de darkies better not congregate; because dey shore take 'em out an' flog 'em. If dey ketch you at a neighbor's house after dark, you shore better have a pass fum yo' 'Massa'.

*[Interviewer's Note: George Bollinger and his family live in a nice one-and-one-half story house, which they own. They have always been industrious people and their home is nicely kept. George is 84 years old and seems to enjoy life. He was glad to talk over "old times", especially after he recognized me, (The "Me" being Mollie E. Smith) and recalled that he used to work in my grandfather's Tan Yard. George Bollinger is living at 330 N. Sprigg St., Cape Girardeau, Missouri.]*

### HE SAW MANY "HANTS"

*[Interviewer's Note: George Bollinger is a typical, old-time Negro who lives in Cape Girardeau. In his younger days he was big and powerful and even now at the age of 84 he is above the average in build. He owns his home and his is the last colored family to remain in this neighborhood which is rapidly being built up with modern homes.*

George has little education, unlike his wife who is much younger and uses fairly good English. He sits on his porch and thoroughly enjoys talking of the long ago with those who appreciate listening to his story.]

"Benton Hill? Sure, its hanted. I seen things and heard things there lots of times. Good gosh amighty! One night we was driving through dere and we heard something dat sound like a woman just a screaming. Old man Ousbery was with me and he wanted to stop and see what it was but I says, 'No you don't. Drive on. You don't know what dat might be.' Another time we's driving by there, and dey was a great big mule just standing cross de road and he just wouldn't move. I says, 'Just drive on and he'll get out of de way.' But he didn't. When we gets to him, he just parts right in de middle and half stands on one side and half on de other. We didn't look 'round. No, mo'—we just made dat hoss go.

"I don't know what makes dem hants round there – lessen it's de gold whats buried dere. An yhou know de spirits always come back for gold. Sure dey's money buried dere. Didn't you all know dat? Lots of folks is dug there, but dey ain't never found it. Why dey is holes 'round dere where men's been digging for dat gold.

"Dey was one man had a-what you call it? A 'vinin' rod. That points to where things is hide. But he didn't find it neither. And then out by de Maberry place, close to Gordenville – who-e-e --. I's sure enough seen things out dere lots of times. You know where dat clump of peach trees is at de corner of de fence? Dey always seems to come from right there. I worked out there for a long time. We'd get oujt to work early, sometimes 'twasn't good and day.

“One morning I’s coming along there, on a hoss I was, and I met a hossman. He looks funny to me and when he asks me something I says, ‘Git on. I ain’t talking to you!’ But he says, ‘Wait, I wants to talk to you!’ As I says, he looks funny to me and I pulls out my pistol. I always carries my gun, and I think if he makes a pass at me I’ll git him. But I goes on without looking back. Now just dat one man is all I seen, but when I gets past, dey is lots of talking like dey is six or eight men. But I didn’t look back.

“One morning I’d got out there real early, too early to go into de field and I thinks I’ll rest awhile under de tree. I had my eyes shut for a while when something bothered me. When I opened my eyes there was a lot a strange hosses standing ‘round me in a ring. I jumped up and hollered, ‘git out’. Dey turned and ran and dey run right off a steep bank on the other side of de field.

[“Did you see them down there?” he was asked.]

“Cose I never, nobody else never neither, dey wasn’t dere, dat’s why,” he answered.

“Lord, when I thinkgs of de way we used to work. Out in de field before day and work till plumb dark. My boss would say, ‘George take two men, or maybe three men, and git dat field plowed, or dat woods patch cleared’. And he know if he tell me, de work would be done.

“And I worked at anything. One time I steamboated for eight years. But what do dese young folks know ‘bout work? Nuthin’! Look at dat grandson of mine, just crossed de porch—why he’s fourteen and he can’t even use a ax. Too young? Go on with you!

“I tells you dese young folks just don’t know how to work. Dey has too much studying up here (pointing to his head and making motions like wheels going round.) When I’s his age I’s working at anything I could find. I worked on a farm and on a steamboat, I carried cross ties—just anything where I could earn money. An I save money, too. When we bought dis house I had \$2,400 saved up. And men was stronger in dem days and had better health.

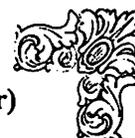
“Dese young folks want too easy living. And dey ain’t brung up to show respect to old folks like we is. If I goes down de walk and a bunch young folks is coming along, I knows I’s got to step out of de way—‘cause dey won’t give any. And if some little ones on roller skates is coming down de sidewalk—you better git off or dey’ll run right into you.

“I was tellin’ you ‘bout Miss Katie coming to see me, wasn’t I? Well just last week her boy come to see me. He’s maybe 25 or 30 year old. Somebody told him ‘bout me and he come here and he sit right dar on de porch for a hour and talk with me. He was a fine young man, he was.”

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A Case of a Tactful Justice of the Peace
(From Court Records in the County Archive Center)



Allenville, Mo. Dece. 3rd 1888

Henry R. English, Esq.

Jackson, Mo.

Dear Sir & Friend,

Please find one dollar For which pleas issue a Marriage Licince For _____ & _____ who are both of Lawful age & if not its best for them to marry as they have planted the corn before they put the fence up & unless cared for Something might be Spoiled. So take due notice thereof & govern yourself accordingly.

Truly Yours,
H. C. Hinton

Allenville, Mo. Mch 4—1889

Friend English

Please find one dollar and old man _____ sanction or consent to unite in marriage. Send the Licence to me—this girl is about 19 or 20 years old and if properly informed the corn has been planted before the fence was put.

Fraternally yours,
H.C. Hinton

QUERIES ??? QUERIES ??? QUERIES ??? QUERIES ???

QUERIES are FREE to members of the Cape Girardeau County Genealogical Society, and should be sent to: Bill Eddleman, 1831 Ricardo Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. (email: eddleman@clas.net). Please include mailing address if submitting by email.

**HENDERSON,
HAYS, NEELY**

George HENDERSON is the son of John HENDERSON of Sadsbury Township, Chester Co., PA and later Westmoreland and possibly Washington Co., PA. John was a Revolutionary War Captain from PA and died not too many years after moving to western PA. I have a good bit of information on the HENDERSON family in PA if any of your members are descended from the three families. There is currently some misinformation on John in some of the HAYS histories, and I can help with that. **Barbara L. Morey, 10161 New Buffalo Rd., Canfield, OH 44406-9196, (330) 549-2869.** E-mail: blmorey@zoominternet.net

**OSBORNE, JEWELL,
HANNAH, LEWIS**

I am on a quest to locate the family history of my father and grandfather, whom I believe lived in Whitewater, from 1900 to ca. 1909. From oral history, my father, Louis Edward OSBORNE, was b. Oct 4, 1901, his father's name was Charles Monroe OSBORNE, and my father's mother's maiden name was (I am told) JEWELL. They owned a farm near Whitewater, but when my father's mother died (in childbirth, I think), Charles Monroe OSBORNE sold the farm, and sent my father to be raised by his father or father-in-law, in Clinton, KY, ca. 1908 or 1909. Need confirmation of the maiden name of my grandmother, and her father, a Civil War veteran according to my father. I am also led to believe, by a 35-year-old letter, that my grandmother was m. twice before, her previous married name was HANNAH, her first married name was LEWIS, and she had at least one child by each husband before marrying Mr. OSBORNE. **Charles Osborne, [GET THIS FROM MEMBERSHIP LIST]**

**CRITES, DRUM,
ROBERTS**

Peter CRITES m. Mary FULBRIGHT abt. 1790 in Lincoln Co., NC. Davault CRITES was b. 1795. Looking for siblings of Davault CRITES and parents of Peter CRITES. Also researching DRUM and ROBERTS families. **Dale Dechenne, 19052 SR 23, St. John, WA 99171; (509) 648-3651.** E-mail: dddcef@stjohncable.com



Genealogical Proverbs and Quotations

There are only two lasting bequests we can give our children - one is roots, the other; wings. (Anonymous)

In all of us there is a hunger, Marrow deep, to know our heritage - to know who we are and where we came from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum, an emptiness, and the most disquieting loneliness. (Alex Haley)

When a society or a civilization perishes, one condition can always be found. They forgot where they came from. (Carl Sandburg)

The ascendant hand is what I feel most strongly; I am bound in and in with my forebears.....we are all nobly born; fortunate those who know it; blessed those who remember. (Robert Louis Stevenson)

If a man cares not for his roots, how then can he care for his branches? (Doyle M. Davis)

People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors. (Edmund Burke)

People who grow up without a sense of how yesterday has affected today are unlikely to have a strong sense of how today affects tomorrow. (Lynne V. Cheney)



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