

Warren County Genealogical Society  
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MAY 1983 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS: Monthly, third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Trinity Presbyterian Church. NEXT MEETING: June 20, 1983. Potluck at 6:30. Discussion What makes a good exhibit for the fair. This is a casual meeting.

DUES ARE PAST DUE. \$5.00 Single \$7.50 Family

This Month we are proud to distribute our WARREN COUNTY SURNAME INDEX. Thanks Molly for all you did to make this possible.

On April 11th our members enjoyed lunch at the Derby Cafe, and visited the Wayne County Historical Museum at Corydon. Willa Jean's enthusiasm for this museum is shared by all who saw it. If you missed this trip, make a special effort to tour the museum this summer. (Don't miss the Derby Cafe either!) Members and guests attending were Pauline Baxendale, Willa Jean Grissom, Charlotte Hardin, Doris and Walter Lawson, Lucille Perkins, Barb Rasko, Rita Spear, Edna Van Syoc and Maude Wilkins.

NOTICE: Soundex Codes 0-2 to 0-240 (1000 names) are missing from the 1880 Illinois Census. Information on these names can be obtained from Nancy Frederick, 1209 Maple Avenue, Evanston, Ill. 60202.

QUERY: LYON Joshua LYONS and Mary LYON were married in Warren County LYONS 4 December 1856. Their children were James Harrison, Wesley, Lancaster, Gideon, Riley, Sibbie (Willard) and Bell (Baker). Seeking information on this family and their descendants. Mrs. Bob Scott, Route 2, Stuart, Iowa 50250.

A sobering thought - Did you know in the terrible Civil War casualties exceeded this nation's loss in all other wars, from the Revolution through Viet Nam? Pioneer Sons & Daughters PIONEER TRAILS-March, 1983

At the close of the American Revolution in 1783, there was a major exodus of people from the U.S., some back to Europe and many to Canada, all people who refused to forsake allegiance to Britain and the Crown. Many such Loyalists settled in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and others scattered all over Canada. In 1983 the Canadian Provinces plan to honor those Loyalists with numerous festivals and conferences. If you are interested in learning more about these events, write United Empire Loyalist Bicentennial Association for Nova Scotia, P.O. Box 456 Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, B3J 2R5. -Ringgold Roots-

DO YOU HAVE ARKANSAS ROOTS? Our member from Arkansas, Pauline Miller, has the following records and books and just might be able to help you out: Johnson Co.-Will. and abstract book, also History & marriages  
Madison Co.-1850 & 1860 census  
Vermillion Co.-1860 Census  
Searcy Co.--History  
Crawford Co.-Marriage Book  
Graves Co., Kentucky-Marriage Book

Her address is P.O. Box 87, Earle, Ark. 72331

Names from Pauline Cook Miller's pedigree charts:

- |                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Pauline Franklin Cook          | 140 Joseph Hollingsworth    |
| 2 William Perry Cook             | 141 _____ Frost             |
| 3 Frances Carrie Chappell        | 144 Thomas Cook(1704-1752)  |
| 4 Zimri Percy Cook               | 145 Mary Underwood          |
| 5 Martha A. Taylor               | 146 John Wright             |
| 6 Thomas Frank Chappell          | 147 Rachel Wells            |
| 7 Ruth Elnora Wilson             | 148 Richard Henderson       |
| 8 William R. Cook(1835-1910)     | 149 Elizabeth _____         |
| 9 Martha Ellen Cook(maiden name) | 150 Thomas Thornton         |
| 10 Francis Marion Taylor         | 151 Martha _____            |
| 11 Mary Frances Dobbs            | 272 Thomas Cook(1704-1752)  |
| 12 Elias Chappell                | 273 Mary Underwood          |
| 13 Mary (Polly) A. Harris        | 274 John Wright             |
| 14 William P. Wilson             | 275 Rachel Wells            |
| 15 Sarah Jane Gregg              | 544 Peter Cook (1674-1695)  |
| 17 Jane Cook                     | 545 Elenor Norman           |
| 18 Nathaniel Cook(1798-1873)     | 546 Alexander Underwood     |
| 19 Susannah Madden               | 547 Jane Harris             |
| 22 Augustus B. Dobbs             | 548 James Wright(1671-1707) |
| 23 Martha H. Guen                | 549 Mary Davis?             |
| 26 Edward Harris, Jr.            | 550 Joseph Wells            |
| 27 Dicey Carrington              | 551 Margaret Swanson        |
| 28 David M. Wilson               |                             |
| 29 Elizabeth Wilson(maiden name) |                             |
| 30 Francis Gregg                 |                             |
| 31 Nancy Riley                   |                             |
| 34 Joseph Cook(1799-1819)        |                             |
| 35 Mary Hollingsworth            |                             |
| 36 Thomas Cook(1770-1840)        |                             |
| 37 Keziah Henderson              |                             |
| 52 Edward Harris, Sr.            |                             |
| 53 Mary _____                    |                             |
| 54 Nathaniel Carrington          |                             |
| 55 Anna Davis                    |                             |
| 56 Francis A. Wilson             |                             |
| 57 Jane _____                    |                             |
| 60 Hugh Gregg                    |                             |
| 61 Elizabeth _____               |                             |
| 62 Hezekiah Riley                |                             |
| 63 Ruth _____                    |                             |
| 68 Joseph Cook (1763-1782)       |                             |
| 69 Mary Herbert                  |                             |
| 70 David Hollingsworth           |                             |
| 71 Catherine Nickle              |                             |
| 72 Isaac Cook (1743-1820)        |                             |
| 73 Charity Wright                |                             |
| 74 Nathaniel Henderson           |                             |
| 75 Rebecca Thornton              |                             |
| 108 John Carrington              |                             |
| 109 Mary _____                   |                             |
| 124 John Riley                   |                             |
| 125 Rachel _____                 |                             |
| 136 Isaac Cook (1743-1820)       |                             |
| 137 Charity Wright               |                             |
| 138 Walter Herbert               |                             |
| 139 Ann _____                    |                             |

Names from the pedigree chart of Paige Moore Miller

- 1 Paige Moore Miller
- 2 Hezekiah C. Miller
- 3 Maud Lee Cook
- 4 Hezekiah (Joe?) Miller
- 5 Nancy Malinda Luper
- 6 Willis Washington Cook
- 7 Missouri Ann Deckard
- 8 Matthew Miller
- 9 Sophia (Savira?) Tubbs
- 14 David M. Deckard
- 15 Lively D. Meadows
- 28 John J. Deckard
- 29 Mary Jane Alvis

Mrs. Paige Miller  
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Our WCGS member Marieta Grissom submitted this guideline from a book: Preserving Your Past, "A Painless Guide to Writing Your Autobiography and Family History", by Janice T. Dixon and Dora D. Flack, Doubleday and Co., Inc., New York, 1977.

#### WRITING YOUR HISTORY

1. Give a physical description - photos
2. Describe the inner qualities of the person
  - a. put emphasis on the human qualities of the person and the accomplishments will speak for themselves
  - b. list accomplishments of individual in chronological order
  - c. find contrasting stories for accomplishments
  - d. remember that the person is or was very human
3. Relationship with others - very seldom is a person seen alone
4. Death information - a biography is disappointing if it does not include the death scene
5. Family history must be accurate - complete, unbiased and objective
  - a. The material omitted is the subtle test of accuracy
  - b. Is it truth or hearsay?
6. Quoting -
  - a. Summarize most of the material - building so that the quote becomes the most significant part of the section
  - b. most novices quote too often and at too great a length
  - c. Type the quote on a separate sheet of paper. Cross out anything that can just as easily be summarized - Keep cutting. Summarize.
  - d. give credit to the source of quotes
7. Dialogue -
  - a. It better reveals the personality of the person.
  - b. It makes you feel you are there listening to events as they occur.
  - c. It takes the past and brings it to the present by making scenes vivid and direct.
  - d. Adds variety to a page.
  - e. Often a sentence or phrase is sufficient.
8. Avoid a superview - give the feeling of suspense.
  - a. Try to pretend you are a reporter on the scene trying to record an event.
9. How you say it
  - a. Am I trying to say too much?
  - b. Is this section necessary?
  - c. Is this material in the wrong place in the book?
  - d. Do I have enough material?
  - e. Have I approached the material with the right attitude?
10. Clarity through continuity
  - a. Devote a chapter or section to each generation  
Suggest: Section One - Great, Great-Grandparents  
Chapter 1 - Their lives  
Section Two - Great-Grandparents  
Chapter 2 - Youth and Adventures  
Chapter 3 - Mature Years  
Section Three - Grandparents  
Chapter 4 - Youth  
Chapter 5 - Middle Years  
Chapter 6 - Mature Years

Section Four - Parents

- Chapter 7 - Youth (Father)
- Chapter 8 - Youth (Mother)
- Chapter 9 - Marriage and Middle Years
- Chapter 10- Politics (Optional)
- Chapter 11- Mature Years

Section Five - Autobiography

Chapters 12 through 20

b. Each chapter deals with 2 people: husband and wife. Give brief summary of each partner.

11. Manuscript (for an autobiography)

Title Page

Preface or Introduction

Contents

Acknowledgments

Appendices

I Documents and other memorabilia

II Comments from my children

III Favorite proverbs, poems and other writings

IV Maps (of moves and/or travels)

V Family lineage

VI Index

Footnotes

The following is a list of questions given by our WCGS member Marieta Crissom. It is a series of questions you might like to follow while interviewing a person you want to add to your family history.

#### CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH

1. When and where were you born? Did you ever move? What do you remember about the house/houses you grew up in? the other buildings? trees? garden? shrubs?
2. Describe parents: physical traits or characteristics, personality occupation. What did they consider important in life? What do you know about their past?
3. Brothers and sisters: names and birthdates in relation to your own? Do you remember anything in particular about the arrival of a new brother/sister? How was the event treated?
4. What were your responsibilities at home? Before and after school, summer, etc?
5. School days: how long were you able to attend? Special events at school? Special accomplishments? What did you take for lunch? Behavior of other students? etc....
6. Religion in your home? Church, where was it? Activities?
7. Playmates--childhood friends--what did you do? Where did you play? Did you have a favorite toy or place to play?
8. Childhood diseases and other sickness in your home--you or your brothers/sisters--parents?
9. Any serious accidents or narrow escapes?
10. Favorite foods?
11. Clothing--styles, who made them? When did you get new clothes?
12. Visitors in your home: relatives and/or friends?
13. Did you ever take any trips? Where? When? Who with?
14. How did you celebrate Christmas? Tree, other decorations? Any that you particularly remember? Gifts--that you gave or received? Special baking?
15. Other holidays--how did you celebrate them? Easter, 4th of July, Thanksgiving?
16. Storms and disasters--wind, hail, snow--any that you specifically remember?
17. Neighborhood gatherings: clubs, threshing, socials, etc.
18. Fairs or other special events--Indianola, Des Moines? What preparations were necessary?
19. What do you remember of your grandparents, aunts, uncles? What were your impressions of them? Any specific events that you remember with any of them?

## ADULTHOOD

1. How did you and your spouse meet?
2. Had you dated others? Describe.
3. Describe your courtship--length, activities, where did you go? What did you do? Any special events? Any especially fun or embarrassing moments?
4. What were your impressions of your future in-laws? How did your parents feel?
5. What kind of preparations did you and your family make for your wedding? Future spouse and his/her family's preparations?
6. Describe your wedding: clothing, people involved, location, decorations, weather, gifts?
7. Describe your first home: number of rooms, size, furnishings, wallcoverings, floor coverings, whatever you can remember.
8. How did you feel as a new bride/groom? Any burnt biscuits, etc?
9. The first year: occupation, building up a new home, garden, canning, washing clothes, cooking, etc.
10. Childbirth: how did you prepare for it? Your feelings afterwards? Help in the home?
11. Child care? Foods, bathing, etc. Toys?
12. Moving? When? Where? How often? Preparations? Moving day? Settling in? Feelings about moving?
13. Visitors in your home?
14. Trips? Where? When?
15. Holiday celebrations?
16. Accidents or narrow escapes? Illnesses?
17. Storms and disasters?
18. Role of church?
19. Children in school?
20. Neighborhood gatherings?
21. Fairs and other special events?
22. Describe how you feel about the life you have lead. What message or thoughts would you like to leave for others to follow?

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