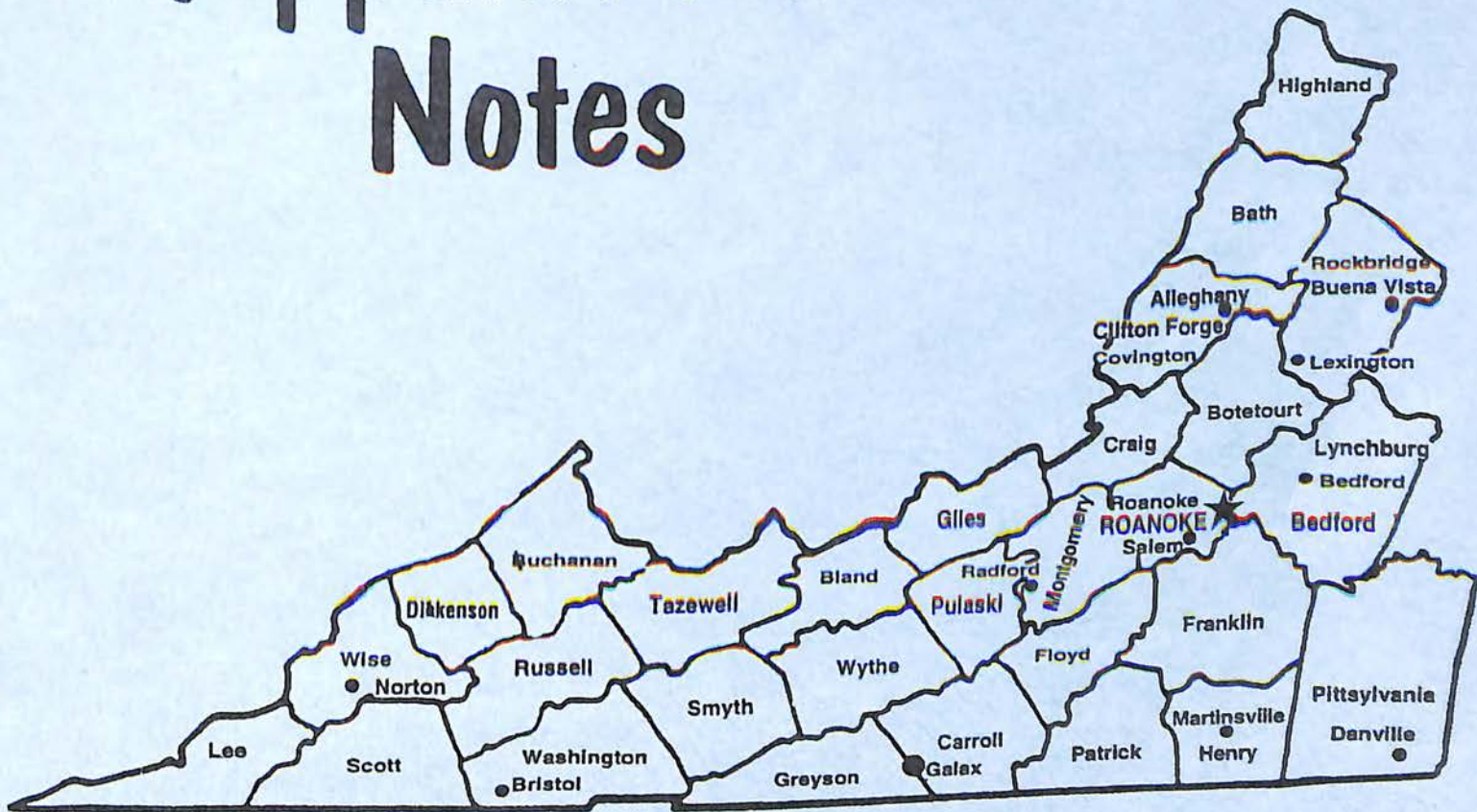




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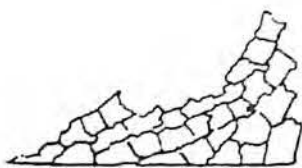
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September 21, 2002 - Roanoke Public Library, 706 S. Jefferson St., Roanoke, will host a **genealogy workshop** presented by Shelia Steele Hunt of Hunt Multimedia Genealogy. The workshop will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will include 2 lectures: "Up a Family Tree", and "How to Find Your Ancestors on the Internet". Fee is \$20 if paid before Sept. 19 (postmarked by Sept 16); if paid after Sept. 19, fee is \$27. Mail to Hunt Multimedia Genealogy, P.O. Box 3826, Kingsport, TN 37664 or pay in person to Elaine Powers, Virginia Room, Roanoke Public Library, 706 W. Jefferson St. Roanoke, VA

Due to the workshop there will be NO September SVGS Meeting

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Dear Fellow Members,

With this issue of the VAN we come to the end of the Grant Bryant Funeral Home Books. We would like to thank Lucy Bryant Hurst again for allowing us to publish her transcription of them. In future issues we will publish cemetery records from Radford, VA and transcriptions by Charles Burton. If any member has material that they would like to see published in the VAN, please send it to us.

At a recent board meeting the Society received the final accounting for the sale of Charles Burton's book, *Botetourt County, Early Settlers*. Seventy-five copies of the book were printed and all were sold. Buyers, besides members, included The Library of Virginia, The DAR Library and The Allen County Public Library. Two copies were sent to The Library of Congress for copyright purposes. After all was said and done, the Society made a profit of \$606.20. Not bad for a first attempt at publishing! This money will be used to purchase materials related to Virginia genealogical research. Mr. Burton gave the Society the rights to his material in the hope that it would be made available to researchers and any monies made would benefit the Society. I believe that we have begun to fulfill his wishes. We hope to publish another book in the coming year. The Society wishes to thank Don Martindale for overseeing this project.

Once again we are getting ready for election of officers. We need people to volunteer to hold an office. The Society cannot keep going if there are no officers. This fall we will vote on changes to the by-laws that will help the problem, but we NEED volunteers to fill vacant positions. It is YOUR Society. Please consider being a part of it.

Happy Hunting,

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RECORD OF DEATHS - BOOK 23 - GRANT-BRYANT FUNERAL HOME RECORDS Jan. 1, 1949 thru Nov. 4, 1951 - Virginia Butt, Registrar

Alls, Regina John, dau. of John and Marianna Koylouski Alls, born Unknown 07/21/1951, died 08/07/1951, buried Whitlock Cemetery, Montg. Co.

Brookman, John Henry, son of Will and Elizabeth Heslip, born Montg. Co. 08/17/1880, died 01/19/1951, married, buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem.

Burris, Missouriia Ellen, dau. of D.D. and Mary Craighead Martin, born Roanoke Co. 09/30/1871, died 02/19/1951, married George M. Burris, buried Little Hope Cemetery, Roanoke Co.

Carter, Emma Elizabeth, dau. of John and Pauline Strader Wright, born Sparty, KY 08/16/1868, died 05/01/1949, married E.D. Carter, buried Lafayette.

Dow, Felix, son of James and Fannie Taylor Dow, born Elliston 09/23/1881, died 11/04/1951, single, buried Church Cemetery, Elliston.

Gardner, William Walter, son of John W. and Sallie Deyerle, born Montg. Co. 12/19/1871, died 11/21/1950, married Nora B. Gardner, buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem.

Garlic, Walter James, son of James and Nellie Sessler Garlic, born Montg. Co. 08/22/1882, died 03/24/1949, buried Hall's Church Cemetery.

Gearheart, Emma, dau. of John P. and Unknown King, born Floyd Co. 02/29/1866, died 02/25/1951, married John Gearheart, buried Reesedale.

Graham, Ballard Lowell, son of White and Florentine Hubbard Graham, born Bedford Co. 09/21/1875, died 10/16/1950, married, buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem.

Henderson, Rebecca Hastlitine, dau. of Unknown and Martha Hutches, born Unknown 03/07/1859, died 09/22/1951, widowed, buried Village Cemetery, Elliston.

Martin, Bertha Cornelia, dau. of William and Ruth Hale DeHaven, born Elliston 04/17/1872, died 10/12/1950, widowed, buried Elliston.

McNeil, Jacob William, son of Sam and Sarah Poff McNeil, born Floyd Co. 09/22/1874, died 04/29/1951, widowed, buried McNeil Cemetery, Floyd Co.

Moore, Permie Elsie, dau. of W.H. and Ollie Blankenship Bradford, born Montg. Co. 05/28/1882, died 11/21/1950, widowed, buried Moore's Chapel, Roanoke Co.

Pendelton, Thomas Henry, son of Thomas J. and Mildren Holdren Pendleton, born Bedford Co. 09/13/1857, died 09/28/1951, widowed (Sallie Pendleton), buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem.

Pendleton, Sallie Clark, dau. of Edward J. and Cathern Martin Clark, born Floyd Co. 08/02/1860, died 03/23/1949, married Thomas J. Pendleton, buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem.

Reese, Eldridge William, son of B. Charles and Annie Blankenship Reese, born Montg. Co. 04/22/1875, died 10/25/1951, married Bessie Reese, buried Hall's Church Cemetery.

Reese, Walter Mitchell, son of Charles and Ann Murray Reese, born Montg. Co. 02/05/1880, died 02/03/1950, married Ellen Barnes Reese, buried Hall's Church Cemetery.

Reynolds, Lula, dau. of Thomas and Fannie DeHaden, born Montg. Co. 10/18/1880, died 09/17/1949, married Joshua Reynolds, buried Elliston Cemetery.

Saunders, Stella Coles, dau. of Lee and Loma Calloway Coles, born Elliston 07/11/1903, died 09/27/1951, married Charles Saunders, buried Elliston.

Steptoe, Lula Louvenia, dau. of Gilbert and Bertia Bratton Deaton, born Montg. Co. 03/18/1876, died 07/09/1950, widowed (Robert Steptoe) buried Elliston.

Steptoe, George C., son of Nelson and Unknown Steptoe, born Big Spring, VA 12/02/1875, died 01/01/1949, married Mary E. Steptoe, buried Elliston (Church).

Suter, Martin E., son of Otta Guy and Harriet Noffsinger Suter, born Ohio 08/26/1915, died 12/21/1950, married Doris Suter, buried Ravenwood, WV.

Taylor, Robert Hudson, son of William E. and Phebia Taylor, born Pulaski Co. 07/04/1899, died 01/11/1951, married Agnes Taylor, buried Mountain View Cemetery, Pulaski Co.

Wells, Burl Milburn, son of Samuel and Anne Peas Wells, born Montg. Co. 04/09/1872, died 04/30/1950, married, buried Echols Cemetery, Montg. Co.

Wells, Joseph William, son of James and Sallie Minnick Wells, born Lafayette, 01/25/1881, died 12/15/1949, divorced, buried Lafayette Cemetery.

Wheeling, John Nash, son of John and Fannie Goens Wheeling, born Montg. Co. 08/14/1870, died 08/08/1949, divorced, buried Dudley Cemetery, Ironto.

Wood, Levy J., son of Unknown and Unknown, born Floyd Co. 02/10/1864, died 02/22/1950, married Lillie Wood, buried Dudley Cemetery, Ironto.

MISSING A RELATIVE?

Of course, very few people would have the occasion to check the three sources listed below. What happened to the person that was listed as insane, deaf mute, convicted in court of a crime? The local "jail" was not equipped to take care of a prisoner convicted of a felony so they went to Richmond. Insane could have the meaning we use today, but could also cover many illness, deaf mutes, etc.

Augusta County, Virginia. Both institutions are in Staunton.

Deaf and Mute and Blind Institution: 1850 census, Starts on printed page #313, written page #625 (Ancestry.com - image 207). Ends on left hand page, no # (Ancestry.com image 210) -- right hand page (image 211) has printed #315, written #629.

1860 census. D & M & Blind (written this way on the census page. Starts left hand page (Ancestry.com image 267), right hand page (image 268) page #37, written page #793. Ends page #61, written page #797, (Ancestry.com image 271).

Western State Asylum: District #2 1850 census, Starts written page #629, printed page #316 (Ancestry.com image 211). Ends left hand page (Ancestry.com image 218), right hand page printed #319. This census give name, age, place of birth - state or county).

1860 census. Starts written page #65, printed page #80, (Ancestry.com image 276). Ends written page \$76, left hand page, (Ancestry.com image 287. This census gives name, age, occupation or marital status, state or country, and why the person is there. Insane -- ill health, fever, disapp'd love -- several of the reasons the person was there.

Henrico County, Virginia.

Penetentiary of Virginia. 1850 census City of Richmond. Starts page 339 (Ancestry.com image 205). Ends (Ancestry has the 1850 census 'unavailable' at the time I was trying to check the end). This census has name, year committed, age, occupation, state or country.

1860 Henrico, Richmond, Ward 3. Starts page #28 (Ancestry.com image 28); ends page #37, written page #48 ?. (Ancestry.com image 37) This census gives name, age, occupation, state or county, and name of crime.

RECORD OF DEATHS - BOOK 24 - GRANT- BRYANT FUNERAL HOME
RECORDS Jan. 1949 thru Jul. 1953 - W.W. Likins/Fred M. Craig, Registrars

Argabright, Emily, dau. of Hade and Betsy Poff Furrow, born Floyd Co. @1876, died 01/09/1953, widowed, buried Piedmont Cemetery.

Atkinson, Eugene, son of William R. and M. Taylor Atkinson, born Montg. 01/14/1875, died 06/30/1951, married Lena Hoback Atkinson, buried Piedmont Cemetery.

Bryson, Gordon A., son of John and Unknown Bryson, born Pulaski Co. @1867, died 04/19/1952, married Minnie Sue Bryson, buried Family Cemetery, Shawsville.

Carden, James Edgar, son of Hugh B. and Sarah Ella Carden, born Montg. Co. 12/20/1891, died 10/12/1952, married Lola H. Carden, buried Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Conner, Ettie G., dau. of James M. and Melvinia Poff Conner, born Floyd Co. 12/18/1881, died 04/07/1950, married Oman Conner, buried Barnett Cemetery, Shawsville.

Creasy, Sidney P., son of David T. and Betty Hall Creasy, born Montg. Co. 10/17/1889, died 02/17/1953, married Myrtle Creasy, buried Family Cemetery, Shawsville.

Dool, Kenneth Wayne, son of Robert Lee and Edna Hendricks Dool, born 06/17/1952, died 09/24/1952, buried Echols Cemetery, Montg. Co.

Dove, William H., son of George and Janie Lane Dove, born Montg. Co. 03/14/1882, died 05/15/1953, married Alice Dove, buried Den Hill Cemetery.

Dove(?), Stella May, dau. of Thomas and Mellie Epperly McNeil, born Floyd Co. 02/17/1913, died 02/09/1951, single, buried Den Hill Cemetery.

Edmundson, Granville Eskridge, son of David and Mary Beale Edmundson, born Montg. Co. 12/15/1871, died 01/28/1953, single, buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem.

Gardner, William Redmond, son of G. W. and Ruth McDonald Gardner, born Montg. Co. 08/16/1870, died 04/06/1952, widowed (Jerusha Moses Gardner), buried Sherwood Cemetery, Salem.

Graham, Charles Bruce, son of White and Sarah Weddle Graham, born Montg. Co. April 1882, died 04/01/1951, married Lucy Graham, buried Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Guthrie, John Benjamin, son of Wiley Guthrie and Unknown, born Floyd Co. 04/02/1856, died 01/27/1953, widowed, buried Ben Moore Cemetery, Montgomery Co.

Hodge, Geroge Earl, son of George and Mary Robinson Hodge, born Montg. Co. 04/01/1953, died 04/24/1953, buried Family Cemetery, Shawsville.

Houser, Russie K., dau. of Unknown and Unknown, born Rockbridge Co. @1900, died 01/29/1949, widowed, buried Fairview Cemetery, Roanoke.

Jennings, Virgie Idabel, dau. of Wiley and Susan Howell Hodge, born Floyd Co. 12/24/1888, died 10/02/1952, married Chester Jennings, buried Huffville Cemetery, Floyd Co.

Likins, Martha B., dau. of Andrew and Clementine Mason Boone, born Floyd Co. 09/23/1881, died 03/02/1952, married Walter W. Likins, buried Sherwood Cemetery, Salem.

Loop, Ida C., dau. of George W. and Ruth McDonald Gardner, born Montg. Co. 07/15/1862, died 04/01/1950, widowed (Joseph D. Loop), buried Family Cemetery, Shawsville.

Lucado, Hattie, dau. of John James and Lizzie Wilfred Lucado, born Montg. Co. 05/01/1881, died 01/01/1952, single, buried Family Cemetery, Shawsville.

Mooney, Guy Elven, son of Stant and Lucy Wall Mooney, born Carroll Co. 05/17/1909, died 10/24/1951, married Louemma Mooney, buried Rockford Cemetery, Radford.

Moore, Belle Everett, dau. of Richard and Emily Donall Moore, born Campbell Co. @1859, died 09/24/1952, single, buried Evergreen Cemetery, Roanoke.

Musselman, Elizabeth Sue, dau. of Unknown and Unknown, born Montg. Co. @1859, died 10/14/1952, widowed (Charles M. Musselman), buried Musselman Cemetery, Shawsville.

Norrell, Cora, dau. of John H. and Martha Jane Poter Robinson, born Montg. Co. @1887, died 08/01/1949, widowed (Charles Norrell), buried Shawsville Cemetery.

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Otey, Hatie May, dau. of James W. and Mary Jane L. Walton, born Floyd Co. 07/23/1873, died 06/24/1951, widowed (Charles D. Otey), buried Family Cemetery, Pilot.

Otey, Jessie Tildon, Jr. son of Jesse and Bettie Atkinson Otey, born Montg. Co. 11/1/1876, died 05/05/1950, married Vara Otey, buried Barnett Cemetery, Shawsville.

Pannell, Bettie, dau. of B.S. and Matilda Lovern Pannell, born Montg. Co. 07/04/1874, died 07/16/1952, single, buried Den Hill Cemetery.

Poff, Henry Luther, son of Charles and Kate Hall Poff, born Montg. Co. 04/06/1877, died 07/21/1953, married Frankie B. Poff, buried Piedmont Cemetery.

Poff, William Ivan, son of Noah and Corey McNeill Poff, born Floyd Co. 12/27/1915, died 08/13/1952, married Velma M. Poff, buried Huffville Church Cemetery, Floyd Co.

Preston, Samuel W., son of John W. and Mildred Jones Preston, born Giles Co. 06/15/1871, died 09/22/1950, married Bessie Preston, buried Family Cemetery, Shawsville.

Ratliff, Dorothy Josephine, dau. of Edward and Lillian Jones Ratliff, born VA 06/08/1952, died 06/21/1952, buried Morr's Cemetery, Shawsville.

Redd, Charles Clarence, son of John A. and Minerva Duckwiley, born Shawsville 12/11/1893, died 10/12/1950, single, buried Shawsville.

Rider, William L., son of Frank L. and Lelia Persinger, born Craig Co. 09/07/1904, died 03/22/1952, married Georgia F. Rider, buried Sherwood Cemetery, Salem.

Roberts, Lorona M. dau. of Ira and Maggie Puckett Monk, born Russell Co. 02/25/1908, died 05/25/1951, married Clayton B. Roberts, buried Sherwood Cemetery, Salem.

Robinson, William Mikel, son of Milton and Emma Robinson West, born Unknown 08/19/1949, died 09/09/1949, buried Family Cemetery, Shawsville.

Scanland, William Jackson, son of John and Sara Jane Sites Scanland, born Montg. Co. 10/08/1861, died 01/01/1953, widowed, buried East Hill Cemetery, Salem.

Setliff, Everette Lee, son of Albert and Lula Turner Setliff, born Page Co. WV 07/05/1909, died 11/05/1952, married Vivian Songer Setliff, buried Sherwood Cemetery, Salem.

Shanks, Connie Perdue, dau. of Asa and Olivia Palmer Perdue, born Floyd Co. 07/15/1883, died 02/02/1952, widowed (J.M. Shank) buried Family Cemetery, Shawsville.

Showalter, Edgar Hern, son of William T. and Lou Emma Jewell Showalter, born Shawsville 07/23/1889, died 11/21/1951, married Ida Showalter, buried Piedmont Cemetery.

Sisson, Clifford W., son of Stanley and Lydonia Miles Sisson, born Montg. Co. 07/05/1885, died 03/06/1951, married, buried Piedmont Cemetery.

Smith, William Henry, son of Jacob and Unknown Butt Smith, born Montg. Co. 06/16/1861, died 02/11/1949, widowed (Mary Elizabeth Bush), buried Mt. Union Church of God, Botetourt Co.

Smith, Charles Matthew, son of Unknown and Unknown, born Floyd Co. 09/08/1872, died 12/27/1951, married Cora Smith, buried Shawsville Cemetery.

Spangler, Mary Susin, dau. of Harvey and Elizabeth Dickerson Sowers, born VA 02/25/1856, died 06/15/1949, widowed (W.J. Spangler), buried Piedmont Cemetery.

Taylor, Maurice, son of E.H. and Nannie Mattox Taylor, born Montg. Co. 03/15/1878, died 12/28/1949, married Berta Taylor, buried Family Cemetery, Shawsville.

Tickle, Cora D., dau. of Jessie and Adaline Martin, born Montg. Co. @1894, died 02/06/1953, married J. Arthur Tickle, buried Family Cemetery, RFD, Christiansburg.

Tolley, Joseph W., son of William and Geneva Rice Tolley, born Bedford Co. 04/21/1872, died 09/22/1949, single, buried Den Hill Cemetery.

Wells, Mary Ollie, dau of Isaac and Lucinda Barnett Austin, born Montg. Co. 02/06/1872, died 12/31/1950, widowed (George Wells), buried Den Hill Cemetery.

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RECORD OF DEATHS - BOOK 25 - GRANT-BRYANT FUNERAL HOME
RECORDS Nov. 28, 1951 thru Dec 17, 1956 - Virginia B. Pendleton, Registrar

Allen, Elmer T., son of Nobb and Louisa Anderson Allen, born Montg. Co. 10/16/1875, died 09/19/1953, widowed, buried Gallail (sp) Church Cemetery.

Barnett, Fannie Craig, dau. of William A. and Lucy St. Clair Craig, born Montg. Co. 05/15/1883, died 03/05/1956, widowed (H.D. Barnett), buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem.

Barnett, Mary Northcross, dau. of Thomas F. and Ellen Davis Northcross, born Sussex Co. 06/19/1862, died 03/06/1953, widowed (Crockett Barnett), buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem.

Barnett, James Alexander, son of Unknown and Millie Francis, born Blacksburg, 02/22/1870, died 01/14/1953, widowed, buried Hall's Church Cemetery.

Boitnott, Jessie Everett, son of Jessie E. and Louise Hodges Boitnott, born Roanoke Co. 06/08/1950, died 12/14/1954, buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem.

Bolling, Allen, son of Elvara and Margaret Riddle Bolling, born Flat Gap VA 04/29/1926, died 11/04/1956, married Marie Fleming, buried Bolling Cemetery, Flat Gap, Va.

Bowles, Mary Katherine, dau. of William and Unknown Medley, born Giles Co. 10/13/1876, died 11/28/1951, widowed, buried Slusher Cemetery, Ironto.

Bryant, Lucille Ratliff, dau. of Unknown and Unknown, born Unknown 03/02/1921, died 09/23/1952, married Roy Bryant, buried Reesedale Cemetery.

Burris, George Martin, son of William and Feeby Burns Martin, born Sarah Co. NC 02/19/1872, died 10/15/1955, widowed, buried Church Cemetery, Cove Hollow.

Butt, Harry Cecil, son of Jacob Berry and Hattie Belle Cheatwood Butt, born Elliston 02/11/1899, died 08/26/1955, married Lillie Belle Butt, buried Sherwood Cemetery, Salem.

Coles, Virginia Gray, dau. of George and Mary Haynes Redman, born Smyth Co. @1895, died 05/01/1955, married Ed Coles, buried Christiansburg Cemetery.

Collins, James Luther, son of James and Bell McDow Collins, born Giles Co. 12/12/1875, died 12/19/1953, widowed, buried Clover Hollow Cemetery, Giles Co.

Duncan, Earnest Freddy, son of Virge S. and Sarah McDaniel Duncan, born Montg. Co. 07/18/1894, died 03/07/1954, married Stella G. Duncan, buried Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Roanoke.

East, Eugene Arthur, son of Richard Johnson and Mollie Ann Dove East, born 01/24/1882, died 05/27/1952, married Virgie W. East, buried Reesedale Cemetery.

Ellis, Lion Alexander, son of W.M. and Pearl Tyler Ellis, born Shawsville 04/19/1900, died 04/30/1954, married Margaret N. Ellis, buried Shawsville Cemetery.

Epperly, James Houston, son of Unknown and Alma Sowers Epperly, born Floyd Co. 08/20/1900, died 06/18/1955, married Arlie H. Epperly, buried Family Cemetery, Montg. Co.

Hall, (name Omitted on Certificate), son of David and Florentine Creasy Hall, born Montg. Co. 09/01/1879, died @05/05/1955, married Lucy Helm Hall, buried East Hill Cemetery, Elliston.

Hall, Louvenia, dau. of John(?) and Sofa Sink Slown, born Unknown 01/08/1884, died 04/16/1952, widowed, no place of burial noted.

Henson, Regina Evelyn, dau. of D.T. and Hattie Overstreet Farris, born VA 08/07/1904, died 11/10/1955, married Sidney B. Henson, buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem.

Hundley, Louvenia Catherine, dau. of Mark and Mary Frances Alls Sower, born Blacksburg 11/10/1880, died 04/24/1956, widowed, buried Hallo's Church Cemetery.

Jordon, Stella Bell, dau. of George and Elizabeth Turner Steptoe, born Elliston 10/03/1886, died 04/23/1954, separated, buried Baptist Church Cemetery, Elliston.

Kinzie, Samuel Walter, son of Samuel and Unknown Kinzie, born Giles Co. 09/17/1886, died 04/12/1952, widowed, buried Pepper Cemetery, Elliston.

McDaniel, Charlie Ross, son of Kirby and Fannie Martin McDaniel, born VA 10/22/1874, died 12/15/1955, married Lossie McDaniel, buried Echols Cemetery, Montg. Co.

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Medley, Susan, dau. of Kalb and Delila Smith Maxey, born Roanoke Co 05/23/1852, died 09/18/1952, widowed, buried Heslip Cemetery, Elliston.

Mills, Cora Netie, dau. of Hank and Alice Richards Williams, born Franklin Co. 04/24/1887, died 07/21/1954, widowed (Thomas W. Mills), buried Family Cemetery, Montgomery Co.

Moses, Arthur Benton, son of Henry A. and Mary E. Larch Moses, born Roanoke Co. 06/23/1893, died 02/08/1952, married Gladys Wells Moses, buried East Hill Cemetery, Elliston.

Pendleton, Julius White, son of Thomas and Mildred Prest(?) Pendleton, born VA 07/01/1870, died 12/17/1956, married Fannie Hall Pendleton, buried John's Cemetery, Shawsville.

Poff, Clinton Arthur, son of George C. and Ella Pucket Poff, born Roanoke Co. 04/09/1900, died 03/29/1954, married Ethel Poff, buried Fairview Cemetery, Roanoke.

Sarver, John, son of Mark and Mary Alls Sarver, born Craig Co. 11/03/1874, died 04/23/1953, married Lizzie Sarver, buried Hall's Church Cemetery.

Smith, William M., son of John Smith and Unknown, born Floyd Co. 04/05/1869, died 07/17/1956, widowed (Lousey Smith), buried Fairview Cemetery, Narrows.

Smith, George Asa, son of George E. and Josie Bond Smith, born Floyd Co. 05/20/1912, died 07/28/1953, single, buried Big Sandy Cemetery, Floyd Co.

St. Clair, Bertha Wells, dau. of John and Mary Martin Wells, born Montg. Co. 03/09/1877, died 01/22/1954, widowed, buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem.

Taylor, John Harvey, son of Michel and Nancy Bowles Taylor, born Montg. Co. 02/18/1872, died 07/12/1956, married Lelia Lara Taylor, buried Reesedale Cemetery.

Vest, James Nash, son of Floyd and Mary J. Angle Vest, born Floyd Co. 07/24/1874, died 04/12/1954, married Eliza Vest, buried Terry's Fork Cemetery, Floyd Co.

Viers, Brice Madison, son of Laye and Mary Owend Viers, born Buchanan Co. 10/27/1897, died 11/02/1952, married Ethel Viers, buried Vansant Cemetery, Vansant, VA

Wells, Risdon Leslie, son of John B. and Julia A. Richardson Wells, born Montg. Co. 09/13/1885, died 12/27/1953, single, buried Richardson Cemetery.

Wiclher, James Haden, son of James H. and Annie J. Murphy Wilcher, born Botetourt Co. 04/06/1879, died 11/09/1952, widowed (Cas E. Dooley), buried Troutville Cemetery, Troutville, VA.

Wimmer, Nellie Wisler, dau. of Joseph W. and Ruth M. Turner Wells, born Montg. Co. 04/16/1913, died 04/19/1955, divorced, buried Lafayette Cemetery.

Yopp, Lucy Ann, dau. of Cyles (Silas) and Sarah Hall Stewart, born Montg. Co. 06/04/1854, died 03/16/1953, widowed (Harvey Yopp) buried Galilee Cemetery.

What Are the Records for Castle Garden?

Prior to the opening of Ellis Island, immigrant processing was the responsibility of the state, and before 1855, there was no official center. In 1855, the State of New York began processing immigrants through the facilities at Castle Garden (previously known as Castle Clinton) in response to a massive influx of immigrants. This did not prove to be the best possible site, though, because as the new immigrants left the facilities, they were routinely exploited by con men, who sold them phony tickets to various destinations, took their money in exchange for non-existent jobs, or found other ways to part the unwary immigrant with his or her money.

No administrative lists from Castle Garden are known to have survived, but the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has microfilmed copies of passenger lists from this period. That's the good news. Now for the bad news: There is no central index to these records. NARA's "Immigrant and Passenger Arrivals: Select Catalog of NARA Microfilm Publications" lists the following for New York, New York under 'Index to Publications by Port':

- Indexes to passenger lists
- 1820-1846 [M261]
- 1897-1902 [T519]
- 1902-1943 [T621]
- 1906-1942 [T612]
- 1944-1948 [M1417] Passenger lists
- 1820-1897 [M237]
- 1897-1957 (includes crew lists) [T715] Registers of vessels, 1789-1919 [M1066]

The letter/number combination in brackets is the NARA series number. Within each series are varying numbers of films. The lists of microfilm rolls are available here.

More good news: There are efforts to post the lists online through websites like the Immigrant Ship Transcribers Guild, or Olive Tree Genealogy.

RECORD OF DEATHS - BOOK 26 - GRANT-BRYANT FUNERAL HOME
RECORDS Nov. 27, 1954 thru Jan 1, 1958 - Fred M. Craig, Registrar

Akers, Roy Cleveland, son of Mason and Willie Mae Thomas Akers, born Floyd Co. 08/28/1923, died December 1957, single, buried White Rock Cemetery, Carthage, VA

Alley, Lilly Clara, dau. of Clement and Catherine Spangler Duncan, born Floyd Co. 04/28/1884, died 03/15/1955, widowed, buried Huffville Cemetery, Floyd Co.

Altizer, Ballard E., son of Berdine and Minerva Bolen Altizer, born Floyd Co. 06/26/1885, died 07/13/1955, married Emma Altizer, buried Wheeling Cemetery, Montg. Co.

Atkinson, Bonnie Lou, dau. of Jefferson and Annie Fay Huff Atkinson, born VA 11/18/1956, died 12/07/1956, buried Barnett Cemetery, Montg. Co.

Bandy, Alonzo Edward, son of Frank and Virginia Atkinson Bandy, born Montg. Co. 08/17/1871, died 11/19/1953, married Ov Bandy, buried Sherwood Cemetery, Salem.

Bandy, Charles M., son of Frank T. and Virginia Atkinson Bandy, born Montg. Co. 03/11/1883, died 03/24/1954, divorced (Agnes Bandy), buried Sherwood Cemetery, Salem

Bandy, Mary B., dau of Ben and Martha Parrish Yates, born Roanoke Co. 01/22/1883, died 01/07/1954, widowed (John W. Bandy), buried Alleghany Cemetery.

Barnett, Nettie Loving, dau. of James and Frances Zimmerman Farrow, born Lafayette 12/18/1864, died 08/17/1957, widowed (Robert Barnett), buried Cedar Lawn, Roanoke.

Broyles, Ellen Isabell, dau. of William H. and Martha Harvey Underwood, born WV 07/01/1860, died 09/16/1953, widowed, buried Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Butt, Alice Heslep, dau. of Joseph and Anna Mundy Heslep, born Montg. Co. 08/04/1865, died 05/30/1956, widowed (Frank A. Butt), buried Sherwood Cemetery, Salem.

Claxton, Lewis, son of Peter and Amanda Norrell Claxton, born Montg. Co. 04/10/1887, died 05/09/1956, widowed, buried Shawsville.

Compton, John F., son of Elish and Nancy J. Burkland Compton, born Tazewell Co. 02/06/1869, died 02/06/1955, widowed (Amanda L. Compton), buried Piedmont Cemetery.

Conner, Saller (?) C., dau. of Hess K. and Maude Haynes Overstreet, born Roanoke Co. 07/03/1912, died 02/11/1954, married Ivan V Conner, buried Barnett Cemetery, Shawsville.

Correll, Elias Edward, son of George and Hanna Wickham Correll, born Montg. Co. 02/02/1868, died 02/11/1955, widowed, buried Correll Cemetery, Shawsville.

Cox, Avis Mildred, dau. of Ernest C. and Mattie Phillips Cox, born Floyd Co. 01/05/1914, died 10/06/1957, divorced (Thomas Goad) buried Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Craig, James William, son of William Archer and Lucy St. Clair Craig, born Montg. Co. 08/04/1872, died 11/18/1955, widowed (Fannie Whitworth), buried White Cemetery, Shawsville.

Craiger, Jack, son of John and Unknown Craiger, born VA 09/08/1895, died 11/27/1954, married Ruby Craiger, buried Craiger Cemetery, Wise Co.

Craighead, Elzora Jane, dau. of Joseph Landon and Katherine Oaks Conner, born Floyd Co. 08/06/1887, died 12/31/1954, married Peter Craighead, buried Craighead Cemetery, Copper Hill.

Dickerson, Rosa Etta, dau. of Tom and Louisa Unknown Beverly, born Shawsville 02/09/1859, died 12/04/1957, widowed (Benjamin Dickerson), buried Shawsville Cemetery.

Funk, Luema, dau. of Unknown and Unknown, born Floyd Co. 04/02/1861, died 01/01/1958, widowed (William H. Funk), buried Copper Hill Cemetery, Floyd Co.

Fuqua, Byron E., son of John P. and Bertha M. Stiff Fuqua, born Vinton 07/07/1898, died 06/19/1956, married Rachel Palmer Fuqua, buried Mt. View Cemetery, Vinton.

Gardner, Nannie Sue, dau. of George W. and Ruth McDonald Gardner, born Montg. Co. 04/10/1877, died 08/08/1956, single, buried Family Cemetery, Shawsville.

Graham, Della Stewart, dau. of Giles and Julia Creasy Stewart, born Montg. Co. 03/17/1880, died 11/24/1956, widowed (Ballard L. Graham), buried Sherwood Cemetery, Salem.

Hall, General Washington, Jr., son of General W, Jr. and Della Leprad Hall, born Elliston 12/1921, died 09/30/1957, married Frances Whorley Hall, buried Family Cemetery, Elliston.

Henderson, Betty J., dau. of Woodrow W. and Claudine F. Reese Henderson, born Montg. Co. 08/14/1945, died 02/25/1956, single, buried Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Hollandsworth, John Croy, son of Collie E. and Myrtle Moore Hollandsworth, born Floyd Co. 06/20/1930, died 09/27/1957, married Dorothy Hollandsworth, buried Den Hill Cemetery.

Howery, Maude S., dau. of John and Caldonia Tamby Sowers, born Floyd Co. 03/15/1881, died 12/20/1954, widowed (Charles Howery), buried Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Jones, William Driscoll, son of Adam and Betty Hall Jones, born Montg. Co. 04/22/1892, died 11/21/1957, married Kate Meeks Jones, buried East Hill Cemetery, Elliston.

King, Blanche H. dau. of John W. and Miranda Showalter Heslep, born Montg. Co. 12/21/1890, died 01/04/1954, widowed (George King), buried Piedmont Cemetery.

King, Dolphus Byrd, Jr. son of Dolphus B, Sr. and Sallie Mountcastle King, born Roanoke Co. 07/15/1903, died 07/01/1957, widowed, buried East Hill Cemetery, Elliston.

Lovern, Ella Jones, dau. of Aubry and Sarah Hasket Jones, born Montg. Co. 04/04/1875, died 06/15/1957, widowed (Raymond S. Lovern) buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem.

Musselman, John A., son of Charles M. and Elizabeth S. Martin Musselman, born Montg. Co. 05/10/1889, died 03/20/1955, married Cora Musselman, buried Den Hill Cemetery.

Poindexter, Eliza, daughter of Unknown and Unknown, born Amherst Co. 05/17/1888, died 05/12/1954, married Vernon Poindexter, buried Family Cemetery Ellis Creek, Montg. Co.

Raines, Robert L. son of Billie and Polly Mann Raines, born WV 12/01/1882, died 01/15/1956, widowed, buried Bradley Cemetery, Lindsie WV.

Ratliff, Unnamed dau. of Ben and Susie Ratliff, born Montg. Co. 09/23/1955, died 09/23/1955, buried Moore Cemetery, Montg. Co.

Redd, James L. son of John A. and Minerva Duckwily Redd, born Montg. Co. 02/11/1895, died 11/22/1953, married Minie C. Redd, buried Shawsville Church Cemetery.

Reed, Robert Junior, son of Robert and Lizzie Arnold Reed, born Salem 07/24/1931, died 05/10/1957, single, buried East Hill Cemetery, Salem.

Reese, Mary Lillian, dau. of Willard and Mary Conner Hall, born VA 04/22/1917, died 01/13/1954, married Russell Reese, buried Reesedale Cemetery.

Richardson, Sarah Ellen, dau. of James and Louise Scott Hamlin, born Giles Co. 06/18/1876, died 01/20/1957, married Samuel S. Richardson, buried Evergreen Cemetery, Roanoke.

Sisson, Dudley R., son of George W. and Mary Alice Boone Sisson, born Montg. Co. 06/25/1888, died 12/08/1953, married Karetta Sisson, buried Piedmont Cemetery.

Smith, Pearl Sue, dau. of Eldee and Lucy Gross Sowder, born Montg. Co. 04/27/1885, died 05/06/1957, widowed, buried Family Cemetery, Montg. Co.

Southern, Joseph Calvin, son of Calvin D. and Susie Clem Southern, born Shenandoah, VA 08/25/1925, died 12/05/1954, single, buried Methodist Cemetery, Shenandoah, VA

Taylor, Eugenia, dau. of Erastus Henry and Nannie Maddox Taylor, born Montg. Co. 03/28/1871, died 01/07/1955, single, buried Family Cemetery, Shawsville.

Taylor, Mattie S., dau of Erastus and Annie Mattox Taylor, born Montg. Co. 10/22/1874, died 12/04/1956, single, buried Family Cemetery, Shawsville.

Testerman, John O., son of Robert and Lucinda Perkins Testerman, born Russell Co. 09/14/1890, died 08/27/1953, married Laura Testerman, buried Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Vest, John Sidney, son of Floyd and Mary Jane Angle Vest, born Floyd Co. 11/26/1883, died 08/19/1957, married Maude Vest, buried Piedmont Cemetery.

Wells, Naomi Garlick, dau. of James and Unknown Garlick, born Ironto 01/01/1879, died 07/27/1957, widowed (Burl Melbourne Wells), buried Sesler Cemetery, Ironto.

Wells, Arthur W., son of John A. and Lizzie Martin Wells, born Lafayette 08/20/1874, died 11/28/1957, married Ada Oliver Wells, buried Lafayette.

Wheeling, Lewis Walter, son of Edward and Virginia Wheeling, born Montg. Co. 11/03/1881, died 01/04/1955, married Mary Edna Wheeling, buried Family Cemetery, Shawsville.

Wheeling, Oakley, son of Edward S. and Sarah Wood Wheeling, born Montg. Co. 10/27/1907, died 06/27/1955, married Macie Wheeling, buried Dudley Cemetery, Fagg

Womack, Joseph Leslie, son of Jack and Nancy Polling Womack, born Montg. Co. 12/28/1871, died 04/10/1955, married Fannie Womack, buried John Cemetery, Shawsville.

Womack, Judith Ann, dau. of Kempa and Elizabeth Davis Womack, born VA 07/26/1953, died 11/20/1953, buried Hall's Church Cemetery.

Yopp, Andrew Jackson, son of Samuel and Sarah Underwood Yopp, born Floyd Co. 08/26/1880, died 10/16/1953, married Jennie Yopp, buried Wilson Cemetery, Floyd Co.

LABELING CEMETERY PHOTOS

I take a lot of cemetery photos. It's easy to forget which cemetery a photo was taken in, so I use address labels. I print a sheet with the name of the cemetery, the town, county, and state. This way, I can quickly and easily attach the label to the back of the photo. It's so much faster than hand writing the name and address on the back.

Dianne Duncan
Kingston, WA

RECORD OF DEATHS - BOOK 27 - GRANT-BRYANT FUNERAL HOME
RECORDS Jan 1, 1958 thru Jun 16, 1959 - Fred M. Craig, Registrar

- Akers, Edward Damascus, son of Floyd and Willie Brickey Akers, born Montg. Co. 03/25/1886, died 11/16/1958, married Pearl Akers, buried Reesedale.
- Atkinson, Lewis Ferando, son of Ruben and M.D. Taylor Atkinson, born Montg. Co. 03/25/1873, died 01/18/1958, single, buried Family Cemetery, Montg. Co.
- Bandy, John Howard, son of John W. and Mary Yeatts Bandy, born Montg. Co. 09/12/1909, died 07/20/1958, married Hortense G. Bandy, buried Piedmont Cenetry.
- Bess, Howard H., Sr., son of Joseph Milton and Mary Ann Wilson Bess, born Botetourt Co. 01/27/1901, died 04/23/1958, divorced, buried Hall's Church Cemetery.
- Crotts, Theodore Lee, son of W.G. and Fannie B. Jones Crotts, born Roanoke Co. 10/09/1907, died 09/16/1958, married Neoma Crotts, buried Sherwood Cemetery, Salem.
- Dooley, Pearl A., dau. of Dallas and Pearl Hall, born Montg. Co. 09/30/1876, died 02/03/1958, widowed (Walter A. Dooley), buried Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.
- Douglas, Ernest Mackay, son of Steve and Annie Taylor Douglas, born Blue Ridge, VA 01/14/1896, died 03/26/1959, married Thelma C. Douglas, buried Crossroads Church, Craig Co.
- Dove, James Taylor, son of James T. and Laura Lane Dove, born Montg. Co. 02/25/1905, died 08/27/1958, married Virginia Opal Dove, buried Den Hill Cemetery.
- Ford, Nora Mae Coffey, dau. of John and Unknown Alexander Coffey, born Unknown 02/11/1882, died 01/09/1959, widowed (Elbert Ford), buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Bluefield, WV.
- Gardner, Frank C., son of George and Ruth McDonald Gardner, born Montg. Co. 06/07/1882, died 01/16/ 1959, married Brooks G. Gardner, buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem
- Gilbert, William Monroe, son of John D. and Lida Rakes Gilbert, born Vista, VA 04/14/1874, died 12/31/1958, married Mary Garnett Gilbert, buried Correll Cemetery, Shawsville.

Graham, Archie W., son of Jimmie and Charlotte Lane Graham, born Mont. Co. 11/05/1878, died 11/29/1958, married Ada Graham, buried Den Hill Cemetery

Harris, Janice Jean Demetrius, dau. of John Thomas and Loraine Harris Radcliff, born 10/17/1917, died 06/01/1958, buried First Baptist Church Cemetery, Elliston.

Martin, Bryant William, son of Walter and Lula Mae Akers Martin, born Roanoke Co. 08/28/1926, died 03/05/1958, married Margie Jenkins Martin, buried Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Roanoke.

Martin, Jubilee Earl, son of Daniel and Mary Craighead Martin, born Montg. Co. 12/09/1882, died 04/17/1958, single, buried Funk Cemetery, Montgomery Co.

Pendry, Orley Austin, son of Boon and Charlotte Wood Pendry, born Grayson Co. 09/07/1890, died 01/28/1958, married Ruth Hane Pendry, buried Lafayette.

Pierce, Edith R., dau. of J. and Mary Mitchell, born TN 10/29/1899, died 05/14/1959, married Sylvester E. Pierce, buried Pennville Cemetery, Pennville, NJ.

Reese, Bessie Ann. dau. of William E. and Ann Perdue Vaden, born Montg. Co. 06/16/1882, died 07/28/1958, widowed (Eldridge William Reese), buried Hall's Church Cemetery.

Richardson, Maggy Lovern, dau. of Ike and Sallie Hollins Spangler, born Montg. Co. 08/12/1891, died 01/07/1959, married Loyd M. Richardson, buried Family Cemetery, Shawsville.

Sarver, Charlie Washington, son of William Jacob and Liza Jane Lee Sarver, born Craig Co. 03/23/1887, died 09/10/1958, widowed (Dora Ann Sarver), buried Maple Grove, Ferrum, VA.

Slusher, Hillsman Moses, son of Bennett and Nancy Dickerson Slusher, born Floyd Co. 08/22/1878, died 04/09/1958, married Judy R. Slusher, buried Ballenger Cemetery, Floyd Co.

Stevens, Edward Bascom, son of Henry and Mary Cassell Stevens, born Roanoke Co. 09/11/1882, died 11/21/1958, married Dora Fox Stevens, buried East Hill Cemetery, Salem.

Topping, Edward R. son of Unknown and Unknown, born NY City 09/01/1891, died 03/23/1959, married Edna Corell Topping, buried Sherwood Cemetery, Salem.

Viars, Bulah Warden, dau. of Unknown and Lula Warden, born Pulaski Co. 02/14/1919, died 04/05/1959, married Raymond Viars, buried Rogers Cemetery, Pulaski Co.

Webster, Ida May, dau. of Arthur and Venie Hundley Vaden, born Montg. Co. 01/14/1920, died 04/21/1958, married John Webster, buried Hall's Church Cemetery.

Zimmerman, Neil Hartland, born Wilkesbarre, PA 06/1/1915, died 12/20/1958, married Margaret Heller Zimmerman, buried New Prospect Cemetery, Shroudsburg, PA.

THE FIVE-MILE RULE FOR GENEALOGISTS....

A young man couldn't go courting at night much further than five miles or he wouldn't make it back home the next morning in time for farm chores. Five miles was a long way to go, on foot, on horseback or by buggy. Young men often married young women within that five-mile radius, so look at the tax lists to see who lived within that radius. You may find the maiden name of your female ancestor.

from the "Family Tree", Oct/Nov 2000, p16A, The Odom Library, The Moultrie Public Library, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828

RECORD OF DEATHS - BOOK 28 - GRANT-BRYANT FUNERAL HOME
RECORDS Jul 1959 thru June 1960 - Fred Craig, Registrar

Akers, George Washington, son of Floyd and Willie Brickey Akers, born Ironto 09/03/1883, died 10/14/1959, widowed (Eliza B. Akers), buried Echols Cemetery, Ironto.

Alley, Henrietta, dau. of Joseph and Unknown Haley, born Lee Co. 07/09/1875, died 08/03/1959, widowed (Emory Alley), buried White Rock Cemetery, Alum Ridge, Floyd Co.

Altizer, Guy Edgar, son of Robert and Lula Reed Altizer, born Montg. Co. 08/24/1911, died 07/26/1959, married Thelma L. Altizer, buried Surface Cemetery, Riner.

Bishop, Nellie Blanche, dau. of Harry and Willie Ann Page Smith, born Rockbridge Co. 03/24/1897, died 10/28/1959, widowed, buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem.

Brammer, William Joseph, son of Ruben and Sally Bryant Brammer, born Floyd Co. 10/18/1886, died 04/30/1960, married Tonorma(?) W. Bryant Brammer, buried Jewell Cemetery, Montg. Co.

Chumbley, Linda Lee, dau. of James J. and Edna Hankley Chumbley, born Montg. Co. 07/25/1914, died 08/15/1959, divorced, buried Lafayette.

Gearheart, Turna Ann, dau. of Unknown and Sue Trump, born Montg. Co. @1875, died 08/12/1959, widowed (John H. Gearheart), buried Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Graham, Hattie White, dau. of David and Ellen Cromer Lane, born Montg. Co. 08/18/1876, died 03/10/1960, married W.M. Graham, buried Den Hill Cemetery.

Kinzie, Estelle Virginia, dau. of Charlie N. and Dora Weaver Kinzie, born Salem 06/27/1939, died 12/25/1959, single, buried Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Mills, John Hubert, son of Isaiah and Elizabeth Smith Mills, born Floyd Co. 05/11/1888, died 07/22/1959, married Henrietta H. Mills, buried Sherwood Burial Park, Salem.

Mills, Thomas Wiley, Jr., son of Thomas Wiley, Sr. and Cora Nettie Williams Mills, born Elliston 04/18/1922, died 02/15/1960, married Blanche Hendricks Mills, buried Mills Cemetery, Montgomery Co.

Norrell, John Hampton, son of Charles and Cora Robertson Norrell, born Shawsville 06/19/1897, died 02/14/1954, separated (Octavie Norrell), buried Shawsville Cemetery.

Ramsey, Nina Ann, dau. of Elias Sarver and Margaret Morris Ramsey, born Bland Co. 04/06/1898, married Otho G. Ramsey, buried Shiloh Cemetery, Bland Co.

Robinson, Rebecca Gilmore, dau. of Alexander and Frances Lee Gilmore, born Montg. Co. 09/24/1880, died 09/08/1959, widowed (William P. Robinson), buried Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Robinson, Shirley, W., son of William and Rebecca Gilmore Wilson, born Montg. Co. 01/12/1922, died 02/06/1960, married Kathleen Robinson, buried Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Sessler, Lillian McDonald, dau. of Martin and Hattie Moses McDonald, born Montg. Co. 03/14/1886, died 06/17/1960, widowed (Frank Sessler), buried Sessler Memorial Cemetery, Ironto.

Sisson, Robert Madison, son of Stanley D. and Leona Miles Sisson, born Floyd Co. 01/11/1884, died 11/07/1959, married Ora Sisson, buried Piedmont Cemetery.

Smith, Earl Roger, son of Eldridge and Peggy Ferguson Smith, born Christiansburg 01/28/1958, died 02/03/1960, buried Fairview Cemetery, Narrows.

Thompson, Rufus W., son of Stidman and Marty E. Altizer Thompson, born Floyd Co. 03/21/1871, died 03/06/1954, married Pearl S. Thompson, buried Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Wilson, Letcher, A., son of Taylor and Rosa Belle Smith Wilson, born Floyd Co. 07/04/1881, died 11/05/1959, married Neva H. Wilson, buried Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

Wymer, Dana Maria, dau. of Richard and Dorothy Crowder and Richard Wymer, born Christiansburg, 09/18/1959, died 05/26/1960, single, buried Cedar Lawn, Roanoke.

DNA study finds no difference from other American whites

Melungeon identity more nurture than nature

For generations, "Melungeon" was a pejorative that settlers in remote Appalachian villages directed toward their darker neighbors.

By CHRIS KAHN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The bright-eyed, olive-skinned "Melungeons" from the mountains of central Appalachia are of mostly European ancestry mixed with traces of American Indian, African, Middle Eastern and Asian bloodlines, according to a DNA study released today.

The study, based on hair samples from 100 unrelated women in East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia, suggests that Melungeons are genetically no different from other American whites and their identity is based largely on the shared cultural experience of living in the hardscrabble region.

"Melungeons are almost anything they want themselves to be," said geneticist Kevin Jones from the University of Virginia's College at Wise, who spent two years analyzing the samples.

Jones matched the Melungeon mitochondrial DNA, which passes through the maternal line, with genetic samples from the National Institute of Health's world gene databank. He found that 83 of the 100 women had genetic characteristics most frequently found in Europe. Six showed American Indian genetic sequences, and five showed African sequences. Six more fit in the European category but had genetic characteristics associated with people from northern India or Turkey.

"This is exactly what I expected," said Brent Kennedy of Wise, who has led a Melungeon pride movement during the past 15 years.

Instead of the traditional theory that Appalachian people are a loose mix of white, black and American Indian, Kennedy believes that they are also descended from lost Indian tribes, Spanish conquistadors, even Mediterranean slaves who fled to the mountains during Colonial times.

Kennedy said the trace amounts of Middle Eastern blood in the sample shows the "disappearing legacy" of Melungeons, many of whom intermarried to fit in with their Scots-Irish neighbors.

"What has remained of Melungeons exists only here in the mountaintops," he said.

David Henige, a free-lance historian at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, said the DNA study does little to solidify the Melungeon claim of an exotic origin.

"If my DNA was sequenced, it probably wouldn't look much different from theirs," Henige said. "We still don't know anything really about where they came from. When I was growing up, we just called them hillbillies."

Nobody knows where the word "Melungeon" originated. For generations, it was a pejorative that settlers in remote Appalachian villages directed



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Brent Kennedy (left) and his brother Richard talk during a Melungeon gathering last year in Vardy, Tenn. Brent Kennedy said the lesson people should take from the study is that everyone is mixed with a greater diversity than they know.

toward their darker neighbors. Calling someone Melungeon was enough to start fights.

"I remember once when the census takers came around, and my grandmother told me to go inside," said Connie Clark of Big Stone Gap, who has what many consider the classic Melungeon look of jet black hair, dark skin and hazel eyes. "She said, 'They don't need to see you.'"

Recently, people living in the Appalachian Mountains said they've learned to embrace their differences and now express pride in their mixed heritage.

The Melungeon Heritage Association was formed in 1998 and paid for part of Jones' study. It will unveil the results at its Fourth Union convention today in Kingsport, Tenn.

"Many people who studied the Melungeons scoffed at our claims of a Mediterranean heritage," association president Wayne Winkler said. "They said this was some story that they made up to deny being black. Well, we've proven ourselves with the DNA."

After looking at the data, Winkler and Kennedy acknowledged that there is little difference between Melungeon DNA and that of any other Caucasian in America.

But the lesson people should take from the study, Kennedy said, is that everyone is mixed with a greater diversity than they know.

Jones said he plans to publish his study sometime next year and will now focus his research on the possible genetic origins of sarcoidosis and familial Mediterranean fever — ailments found in Appalachia that are more common in the Mediterranean and the Middle East. He said treatments are effective for the fever, but doctors may not diagnose it because they don't expect to see it in Caucasian people.

On the Net:
www.wise.virginia.edu/melungeon/

SURNAME INDEX 2002

There are three steps involved in contacting the person who submitted the surname you are interested in.

1. In the "Surname List" identify the surname you are interested in and note the reference number to the left of the surname.
2. Locate the reference number in the numerical listing of members. There you will find the name of the member submitting the surname.
3. Look up the member's name in the Society Membership Directory. There you will find the member's contact information.

The Surname Index is designed to help you identify other members researching the same surnames you are. Dates and places are provided to help you determine whether or not this is the family you are interested in. Keep in mind that all dates are approximate. We try to proof read all of the information, but mistakes can "sneak in". We apologize for this. Please let us know if you find any. Contact Karen Kappesser, 514 Scalybark Drive, Blue Ridge, VA 24064; phone: (540) 977-0067; e-mail: gkkapp@roanoke.infi.net

Note from the surname list editor: In keeping with the instructions on the renewal form, everyone's entries were limited to six (6) surnames only. All surnames noted as "additions" on the form were added, corrections, where noted, were made and older, extra surnames were deleted keeping the total to six (6). Keep this in mind for next year's list. If you wish to change any or all of your surnames, please indicate which ones to the editor.

HAPPY HUNTING!!

TIP

PHOTOCOPYING DISCOLORED CLIPPINGS

Photocopy old, discolored newspaper clippings on a color copier. The copy will have a yellow background with easy-to-read black print instead of the dark gray background you get with black-and-white copies.

Pearl McDonald

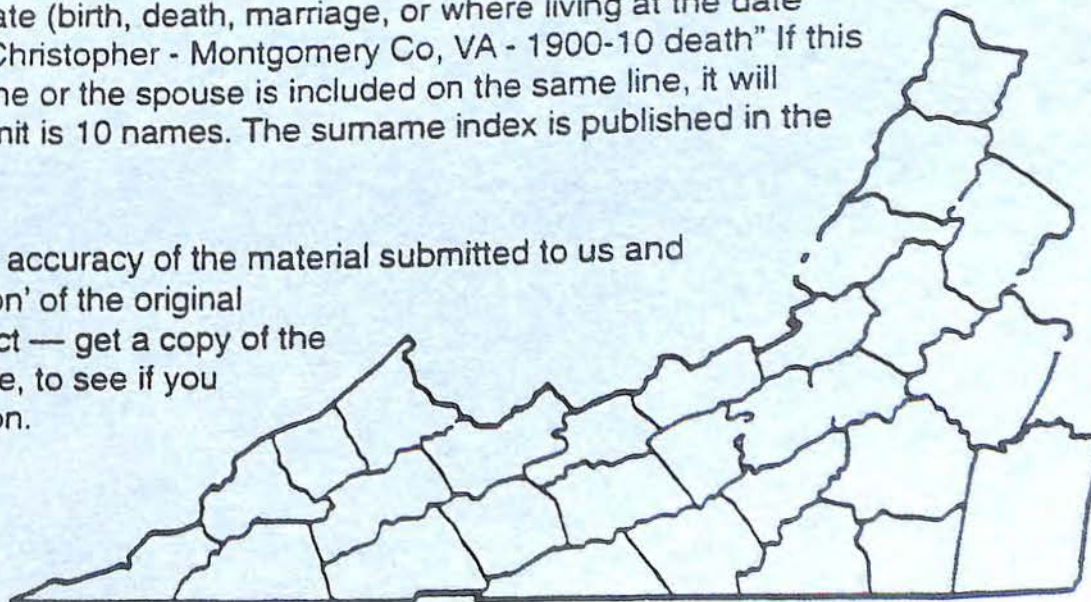
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