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March Meeting: Margie Lowe will present "Genealogy Research using Native American Indian Records"

The Cherokee Nation honored Margie Lowe, shown in the photo with Cherokee Nation Chief Chad Smith, in March 2003 with the presentation of the Gadugi Award for Leadership. Not only are her leadership and genealogy credentials impeccable, but Margie is a dynamic and entertaining speaker.

Margie Lowe is a registered citizen of the Cherokee Nation, born and raised on her father's Cherokee allotment in Washington County, OK. She is a retired teacher and has researched Indian genealogy for thirty years. Margie is an alumnus of the Intermediate Genealogy Course, Brigham Young University; the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University; and the National Institute on Genealogical Research, Washington, DC.

She has served on the boards and is a current member of the Cherokee National Historical Society, the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Trail of Tears Association and the Cherokee Cultural Society of Houston. Margie also belongs to the Association of Professional Genealogists, Friends of Clayton Library, and the Houston Genealogical Forum, and leads the Native American Researchers group.

Lineage memberships include DAR, DAC, Colonial Dames, 17th Century, and through her Cherokee ancestry, Daughters of 1812 and Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

She enjoys assisting eligible individuals in researching and applying for their tribal memberships and encourages them to become politically active with their respective Indian Nations.

Please join us in welcoming Margie Lowe on Sunday, March 28, 5:00PM, at the University Baptist Church.



Margie Lowe with Cherokee Nation Chief Chad Smith

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Last month eight BAGS members spent a profitable week at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. From the 4th through the 10th, we focused on using the world's largest resource library in the hunt for those elusive ancestors.

The first evening, we had an orientation session with Tim Bingaman, a member of the library staff. He showed us how to use the

facility, especially the 160 patron computers for the on-line catalog database searches, Internet access, and e-mail. Tim indicated that skilled linguists were available to assist our members in the foreign language records, particularly German, French, Italian, and Russian. It wasn't long before each of us was working through our "to-do" lists with the aid of computers, microfilm, microfiche, books, and CD's.



Dottie Crabb is shown at one of the 160 computers.

It wasn't all work though. We celebrated Leona Cook's Birthday over three days, winding up with Sunday lunch at the elegant Garden Cafe of the Grand America Hotel. Also on Sunday, our group attended the weekly broadcast of music and the "Spoken Word" in the Mormon Tabernacle. The choir was magnificent, as usual. We met folks from all around the world at the Library and at Temple Square. The "dusting of snow" over Temple Square proved a spectacular sight.

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Shirley Lindquist found the FHL volunteers and staff extremely knowledgeable and patient. They treated each inquiry as critical, and "walked" newcomers through the necessary steps. The foreign language help proved invaluable.

Marilynn Hughes explored the books of family histories in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building and discovered one that covered her Cantey line very well. Now if she could only find something on riverboat captains...well, maybe in Louisiana.

Dottie Crabb and Mary Martin discovered they have the Swiss Kagy families in common while waiting at the airport, but they will probably have to look at the lines further back in Europe to find a common ancestor. Mary also found a lot of information to document, that had previously come from family lore. She found more detailed information on some of her lines and clues on other things to search for. Loren Martin found a number of land records confirming other family members on his Kemp line, along with marriage dates, birth dates, and cemetery records on both his Kemp and Davidson lines.

Doug Wilson spent a good amount of time sifting through a small part of the 1660 catalog indexed references to the Wilson surname in family histories and other documents. As he says "It's not that I've run out of needles, but that's a very large haystack!"

One of the new capabilities offered at the FHL this year is to copy records found on film, by scanning and burning onto a CD. Leona Cook took advantage of that for a 60 page book she found on one of her surnames. She then added some deed and



Leona Cook, Shirley Lindquist, and Dottie Crabb shown with "Snowman"

probate records on a later day. Much more economical than paying 23 cents per page to print from film.

Polly Wilson tracked down the source of a story about her great grandfather, Alexander McGinnis, to the Warren County, Iowa History, 1878. Seems he went deer hunting in the winter of 1852 and was trapped in a blizzard, and did not have adequate clothing. He traveled seventeen hours until he found the cabin of Abel Smith. Alexander's brothers tracked him down, finding the turkeys he tied to a tree and a rifle. He had walked about forty miles, and amazingly suffered no permanent damage!

Look for additional pictures soon on the Website.
(Photos courtesy of Shirley Lindquist and an unnamed volunteer.)



Keeping warm in Salt Lake City are BAGS Members (L-R) Loren Martin, Shirley Lindquist, Leona Cook, Mary Martin, Doug Wilson, Dottie Crabb, and Polly Wilson.

In researching your Canadian ancestors, be prepared to search the records of multiple countries. You might begin with Canada, the United States, Great Britain, France, in addition to the European country of ancestral origin. While the majority of Canadian citizens can trace their roots to France and Great Britain, Canada also accepted immigrants from many other countries.

United States records relating to your Canadian ancestors include information from border crossings. These records date from 1895, when the U.S. established border posts. The border crossing records are held in the United States National Archives.

Some of the records for Canadians are contained in British archives. The British War Office has military records from the 18th and 19th centuries that include Canadian citizens.

Some of the records are duplicated in the National Archives of Canada. The Canadian Archives' address is: 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0N3, Canada. Their web-site: <http://www.archives.ca/> has many records accessible from the Internet.

The National Archives of Canada is also the place to find city directories. In fact, many directories dating before 1901 have been made available on the Internet. The National Archives of Canada also includes World War I (1914-1918) and census records.

The census records that are in the public domain include the years: 1666, 1851, 1861,

1871, 1881, 1891, and 1901. The 1666 census is a French census mostly of Montreal and Quebec.

The county records in the 1851 census are not complete.

The microfilm copies of the 1901 census were created in the 1930s, and you should be aware that some pages are unreadable. Although the 1901 census is available online, I would discourage you from using this method of research. The reason is that copies of the census pages on the Internet are not searchable by name. You have to know the location, and then search page by page. It's much less time consuming to search at a library with microfilm copies.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, vital records (births, deaths, and marriages) were recorded in the territories and provinces of Canada. These civil records are found in the individual Provincial archives. Much earlier vital records were originally recorded in churches. The original church records probably have been transferred to other locations. To locate the vital records that were in one particular church, you may have to search parish records, diocesan archives and even government archives.

Finally, a large number of free records containing passenger documents and immigration documents can be found on this web-site: <http://www.ingeneas.com/> The web-site also contains records you have to buy.



Canadian tidbit: On April 1, Nunavut Territory will celebrate its 5th anniversary. On April 1, 1999, Nunavut (meaning "our land") was created from the eastern portion of the Northwest Territory. Nunavut has four languages (Inuktitut, Inuinaqtun, English and French), an area one-fifth the size of Canada, and a population density of one person per 27 sq. miles. With a median age of 22.1 years, Nunavut's population is the youngest in Canada.

Visit <http://www.gov.nu.ca/Nunavut/> on the web for more information.



At left: Nunavut flag

Events Calendar	All meetings are held at University Baptist Church (UBC)
Monday, Mar. 22, 2004	4:30 pm BAGS Board* Meeting; Room 210, UBC * Members are encouraged to attend the Board Meetings
Sunday, Mar. 28, 2004	5:00 pm BAGS General Meeting; Great Room, UBC Margie Lowe: "Genealogy Research using Native American Indian Records"
Monday, Apr. 19, 2004	4:30 pm BAGS Board Meeting; Room 210, UBC
Sunday, Apr. 25, 2004	5:00 pm BAGS General Meeting; Great Room, UBC Loretta "Tommy" Burns showing us "Finding Aids for our Confederate Ancestors"
Wednesday, April 28, 2004	9:00 am Library trip to the Clayton Library -- meet in front of the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana. See page 7.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Texas State Genealogical Society, and the Austin Genealogical Society is pleased to invite you to attend this year's FGS/TSGS & AGS Conference in Austin, Texas. It will be held at the Austin Convention Center, September 8-11, 2004. This conference will be the premier genealogical event held in the Southwest this year. Genealogical speakers and vendors from all over the United States will be attending.

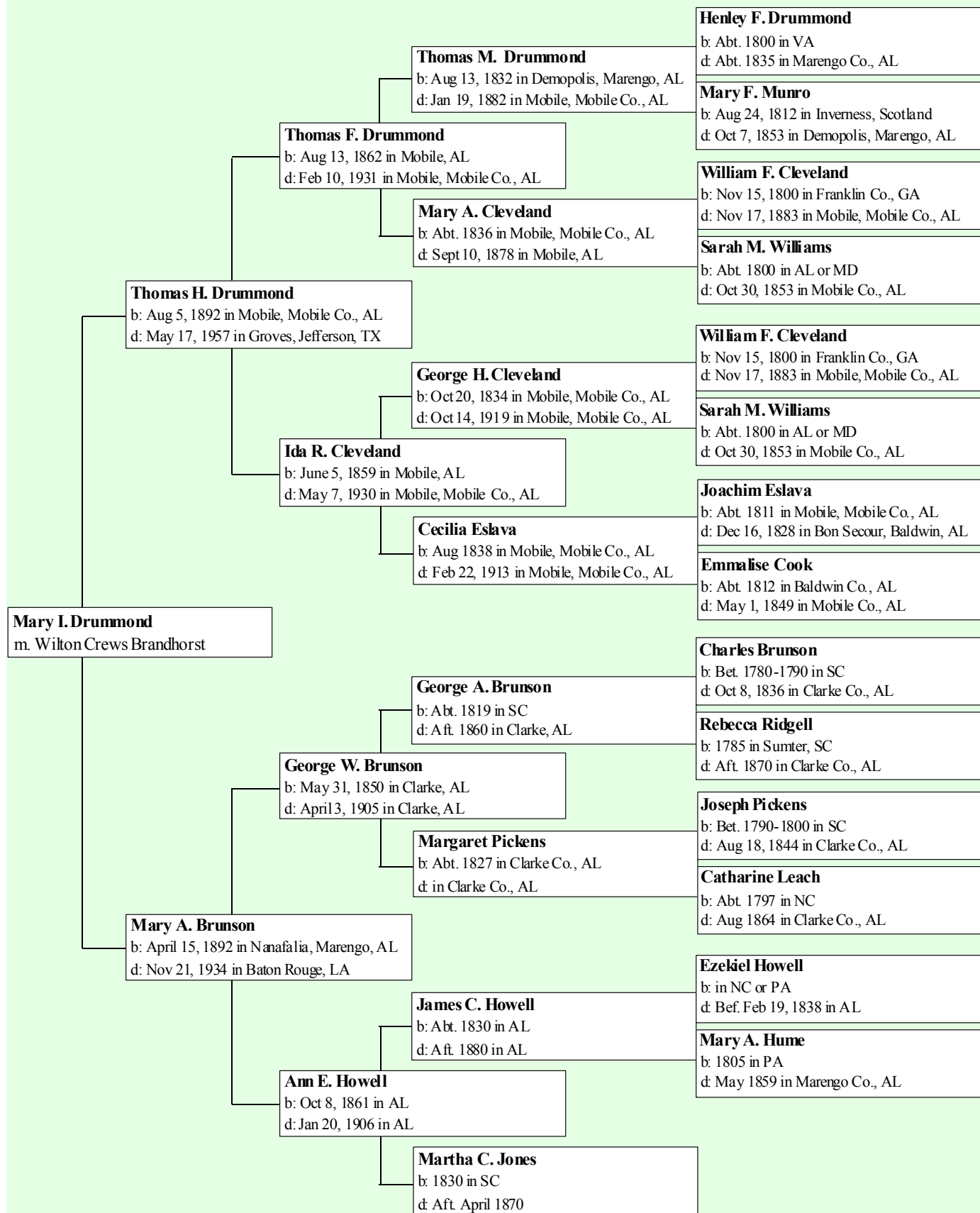
As you review the registration and program booklet you will notice a finely crafted program which meets our theme... Legends Live Forever: Researching the Past for Future Generations. It also meets many of your genealogical needs, starting with the Special Interest Day on Wednesday. This day includes something for everyone including tracks dealing with society support, the Association of Professional Genealogists, LDS Family History Centers, and sessions on the basics of research. More varied topics, over 160 of them, carry through the last session on Saturday afternoon. This program gives you the opportunity to expand your knowledge base and to pick up practical examples that will help in your research problems and family history experience.

The Federation has just finished celebrating our 27th anniversary and stands strong with more than 500 member societies. These societies represent over 500,000 genealogists across North America. The delegates from each of these societies are strongly encouraged to attend the conference, to share information about their society with others, and to take new ideas and information back to their society.

One of the really exciting things about attending a national genealogical conference is the opportunity to network with other individuals who share your passion for this subject. You will have the chance to learn from the nation's expert genealogists, visit the genealogical exhibitors, and keep up with the latest in genealogical technology advances in this ever-changing field. Plan now to join us at the 2004 FGS/TSGS & AGS Conference, Legends Live Forever: Researching the Past for Future Generations in Austin, Texas this coming September.

Visit the conference web site at <http://www.fgs.org/2004conf/FGS-2004.htm> or call 1-888-FGS-1500 toll-free. Mail: Federation of Genealogical Societies, P.O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940.

Ancestors of Mary I. Drummond (Brandhorst)



Committee News

Message from Neil Miserendino, BAGS President

The yearbooks are ready for you to pickup at the March meeting.

We want to thank Larry Barner for contributing his genealogy magazines to share with the members, a welcome addition to the BAGS lending library. The policy will be to take one or two magazines, then return them so the other members can enjoy them as well. This policy gives all members the chance to read all periodicals.

We were fortunate that our program chair Dick Warren was able to get Robert de Berardinis and Marje Harris to present a February program entitled "Problem Solving in Genealogy." The bulk of the program was spent in answering member's questions, and was thoroughly enjoyable. We thank them for coming on such short notice.

The Society is seeking a photographer. The duties are to bring a camera to the meetings and take pictures. After taking the pictures, you have to get the pictures to the newsletter editor or newsletter layout person. Call me at 281-286-8243 or send me an e-mail message at President@TXBayAreaGen.org.

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Hospitality

Wanda Yelverton wishes to thank the following people for bringing food to the February meeting:

Mary Brandhorst	Diane Kropp
David Cate	Mary Pearson
Linda Cox	Paula Sinning
Tammy Frey	Delores White
Garry Garrett	Jackie Wittschen
Dean Glenn	

Four Library Trips Planned on the Harris County Bus

Mary L. Martin, County Coordinator

Four library trips to the Clayton Library have been planned until August 2004. The scheduled trips are:

1. Wednesday, April 28, 2004
2. Tuesday, May 18, 2004
3. Tuesday, June 29, 2004
4. Tuesday, August 17, 2004

We will meet in front of the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center at 16511 Diana Street. We will depart in the county bus at 9:00 a.m. and leave the Clayton Library at 3:00 p.m. We will be back at the Community Center by 4:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch, and we will eat in the snack room at the library. There are drinks and chips in the snack room.

It is possible that we will change one of these trips to another library. I need to give the East Harris County Bus people about two weeks notice of a change. Other libraries that have been suggested are: George Memorial Library in Richmond; Tyrell Historical Library in Beaumont; Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty; and Montgomery County Library in Conroe. If you have a special interest in a library or would like to go on the bus to the libraries, please let me know at (281) 332-2435. There will also be sign up sheets in the back of the meeting room at the general meetings.

Quarterly

The Quarterly needs your input! Please submit original articles, family histories, anecdotes, queries, research tips, Letters to the Editor...just whatever you have that will be of interest to the membership. Send them to Resa Hennings at: 439 Bayou View Drive, El Lago, TX 77586 or resa@resa.us.



At the February BAGS meeting Robert de Berardinis and Marje Harris conducted a problem solving interaction with the audience. They had solutions to some problems posed to them by the BAGS meeting attendees. We appreciated their stepping in to replace our original speaker who cancelled for medical reasons.

Above: Robert de Berardinis responds to a query.



Right: BAGS President Neil Miserendino and Marje Harris listen to a problem from the audience.

**ONLINE
EXTRA**

Next Meeting



Date: Mar. 28, 2004
Time: 5:00 PM
Place: Great Room, University Baptist Church
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX
Speaker: Margie Lowe
Subject: "Genealogy Research using
Native American Indian Records"



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