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# SKIPWORTH

A Newsletter published every once in a while

May 1990

As most of you realize, you cannot see the future. Neither can you see all of the past. Those of us who dig for genealogical data have learned that you cannot dig it all up. As soon as you think you have reached your limit, something new (or old) pops out, so the search for ancestors, historical data and facts is a never-ending one.

No sconer had the book "Skipworth" gone to press, than we began to find and to receive new information about the family. Though we pleaded earlier for such information, many naturally waited until they sent their orders for books to include their family data. Thus we are still accumulating.

In order to keep you up-to-date on what has happened in the Skipper/Skipworth family for the past 250 years or more, we have inaugurated this once-in-a-while newsletter for those of you who have purchased the book. Hopefully we will update you on all we have found since its publication, and also keep you informed on other happenings in the Skipworth family. Hopefully --so keep sending your information to us.

NANCY JANE MEEK SKIPWORTH--One of the most important finds we made was the death date of Nancy Jane Meek Skipworth, widow of Darius Skipworth. Thumbing through an old "Heritage", publication of the Muhlenberg County Genealogical Society, we found in Volume 3, Number 4, a volume we had read over and over, that Grandma Nancy Jane died May 29, 1907. Make that notation. it came from some papers found in the county clerk's office in 1934, copied, and since misplaced. Next, we must find the burial site.

DOROTHY FRAME of 406 N. Hesperia, Apt. A., Collinsville, Ill., sends us the family chart on Ross Skipworth. Ross, really named Rosco, was the son of Eli (Bud) who was the son of Darius Skipworth. Ross born July 27, 1877, married Cordelie Hodge (born Feb. 9, 1884) on Feb. 2, 1899. Both are now deceased, Ross dying July 7, 1955. Their children, according to Dorothy are:

(1) Lula, b. 12-15-1899, md. Dolphus Ford, had two daughters. d. 10-24-1940

(2) Beulah, b. 6-20-1902, md. Ezell Carver, three daughters, one son, resides at Central City (Route 2).

(3) Estel, b. 5-7-1904, d. 2-26-1922.

(4) Edna, b. 3-28-1906, md. Willie T. Carver, now lives near Rosewood-Dunmor.

(5) Ella, b. 4-20-1908, md. Archie Gaines, one daughter, lives at Bowling Green, Ky.

(6) Bessie, b. 5-29-1911, md. Earl McIntosh, five sons, one daughter, d. 1-16-1980

(7) Pearl, b. 5-20-1914, md. Minnie Brooks, one daughter, lives at Lewisburg, Ky.

(8) Marjorie, b. 2-17-1920, md. Charlie Hamby, two sons, three daughters, lives near Rosewood.

(9) Dorothy, b. 11-2-1923, md. Russell Frame, two daughters, lives at Collinsville, Ill.

Dorothy notes there are no Skipworths by name left in the Ross Skipworth line, other than Pearl, the only living son. Dorothy, the mother of two daughters, Beverly and Mary Ann, lost her husband, Russell, a native of Iowa, in 1968 in a trucking accident.

Among the children of Beulah Skipworth Carver are Jean White of Princeton, Ky. and Ruby (Mrs. James Goff) of Central City.

LARRY THOMAS of Hammond, Ind., in ordering a book, notes that his grandfather on his mother's side was a Skipworth who lived near Weir and Lone Star, but he failed to give a name. We have requested it, and will pass it along later.

DR. JOSEPH D. SKIPWORTH of Burkesville, Ky. sent a family chart with his order. He is the son of Ivo Mathis Skipworth, who was the son of Lumon Godfrey Skipworth known as Turk, who in turn was the son of Martin Skipworth, the son of Ashford, who came from Virginia, and England. These are believed to be "cousins" of the Joseph-Nathan-John lines, which came from North Carolina, but the direct connection has not yet been made. Can you help?

NOTE TO Ola Groves Wheeler in Mattoon, Ill.: Tell us who your Carver mother and Skipworth grandmother were, so we can get it in the family files.

DOLLY DENKHOFF, who formerly lived at Lebanon Junction, Ky. has moved and left us with no forwarding address. She is the great granddaughter of Ira Calloway Skipworth. She tells us that Ira's wife, Cynthia (or Synthia) Ann Jenkins was the daughter of Bob and Cynthia Jenkins. If so, there is an interesting story in Rothert's "A History of Muhlenberg County" about a skirmish between Jenkins and Isom Sheffield, which we will pass along in full. The incident occurred at the Old Muster Field, known as the Russell Old Field, which was both a drilling place for the militia and a race track for horses. It was located south of Greenville near what is today Pleasant Hill Church. The entire chapter is interesting reading, but the portion concerning Bob Jenkins is enclosed on a separate sheet.

APOLOGIES to Judy Ranes Whitten for misspelling her name in "Skipworth". She corrected our "Raines" spelling once, but like a vaccination, it didn't take, and we let it slip into the book incorrectly. Its RANES. Sorry, Judy. Judy is a descendant of Eli Skipworth, and of the Farris line with Skipworth connections.

ODELL McPHERSON SKIPWORTH of Lewisburg favors us with more information on the present-day descendants of Ira Calloway Skipworth. Odell is the wife of Aubrey Skipworth, who came from the Ira C. - Willis T. F. - Willis Thomas Richard Skipworth line. Willis' only child by his marriage to Dora O'Neal was Aubrey Skipworth. By Ethel Johnson, he fathered Anthony, Cecil Richard, Clara Bell and Juanita.

Aubrey married Ruby Odell McPherson. Their children are: Wanda Dell who married Robert Franklin Lovell; Brenda Joyce, who married James Edward Carver (son of Dayton). They have three children, Timothy Lane, Amy Richelle anmd Jonathan James; Linda Kay, who married Dwight Wells. Their child is Laura Beth; and Dora Jean, who married David Brent Danks. Their children, Zachary David and Jenny O'neal Danks.

Anthony Aaron married (1) Hazel Mae Strader, now deceased and (2) Evelyn Coursey Mohon. His children by Hazel Strader are: Katy Sue, who married Gayle Greenwood who has a son, Mitch; Patsy Ann, who died in 1964 at the age of 17; Billy Wayne, who married Nelda Wade and has two sons, Brandon Wayne and Dustin Wade; and Gayla Karen, who married Dannie Norris Luckett and has two children, Amy Cheree and Jennifer Lynn.

Clara Bell, who was not yet 38 when she died in 1965, married G. W. Brigance. Their children are: Lavonda, who married Paul Edward Mallory and has two children, Paul Byron and Allison Clare; Rita Gay, who married Mike McIntosh, and has two children, Justin Micah and Danniel Cherre; and Patricia Ann, who married Kenneth David Scott. They have one daughter, Emily Nicole.

Juanita married Kenneth Johnson and lives near Epley Station. The other child, Cecil Richard lived only nine months, dying in 1924.

J. W. SKIPWORTH, a brother of Willis R. Skipworth and grandson of Ira C. was one we failed to obtain info on for the book. Odell also sends that data along. J. W. was born April 12, 1892 at Rosewood, and married Bertha Walters on Jan. 21, 1912. They had two children, Eathel in 1915 and Dorothy May in 1923. Eathel died in 1928 and Bertha in 1934. J. W. and his daughter, Dorothy moved to St. Louis in 1934 and lived there until their deaths. There, J. W. remarried Elizabeth Bernice Lokse, who died in 1955. J. W. died in 1966. Dorothy married Charles Sullens in 1943. She had three children, Trudy, Ronald and Susan Kay.

WE WILL have more on the descendants of Ira Calloway in a later newsletter.

FROM GERTRUDE BIVIN in Tiffin, Ohio comes and interesting query. Who are the four Skipworths buried in Maple Grove Cemetery in Russellville, who died the same day? We don't know the answer, but promise to find out as soon as possible. They are Melvin C., 1923-1949; Leona B. 1927-1949; Roger 1946-1949 and Danny K., 1948-1949. All were buried Jan. 30, 1949. Cause of death at this time is not known, but we believe Melvin was the son of George, who was the son of Henry, in turn, the first son of Darius. If so, a brother to Melvin, Ernie Skipworth still lives in Todd County. More on this later. If you have info on this, we'd like to hear from you.

PICTURE OF DARIUS? Juanita Thomas of Las Vegas, Nev., descending from the Skipworths through John Love Skipworth, son of Darius, believes she now has a tintype of Darius, made available to her by her aunt, Lillie Sweeney of Madison, Tn. If so, she is going to share it, and we'll try to reproduce it so all can see. Lillie and Juanita's grandmother, Lucinda Jane Skipworth (Mrs. Sam) Walker were sisters, and along with brothers Marshall and Van, were children of John Love and Alice Mansfield Skipworth. (See Skipworth book for lineage.)

REPRINTED from the Central City, Ky. Times-Argus, early 50s:

## Ross Skipworth of Rosewood Has Vivid Memory of Stories About the Civil, War

By BOBBY ANDERSON

Rosewood—For a man' 76 years old, Ross Skipworth has, a vivid memory of Civil War taies passed on to him by his grandmother, who saw her husband and four brothers-iniaw march off in a unit to fight the cause of the Union in 1861.

Ross Skipworth is a second cousin of this writer and one of the chief reasons why the trip to Rosewood last week took us to his house. The old Skipworth homestead is about two mile north of Rosewood on a part, gravel-and-the-rest-of-the -way sandstone and dirt road. High on top of the hill, beaten by the weather for many years still stands the house. When we arrived, Ross was in the back yard shelling butterbeans and his aged wife met us at the door. Glant tears swelled in his eyes as he greeted a cousin he could scarcely remember (Mrs. Clayton Anderson, daughter of William P. Skipworth of Drakesboro, an uncle of Ross') this writer and his family. It

had been many years since he had seen any of his brother's family. "I thought you had all forgotten me," he said.

He was overcome by emotion that he had to ask names time and again to grasp them properly.

He started by telling about his family, who had lived, died and buried their families almost in this exact spot for many a year, since their coming from Virginia.

He pointed to a distant hilltop where, he said, his grandpa Darius Hill Skipworth had lived when he and his four brothers marched off to the Civil War to become a part of Co. E of the' 17th Kentucky Cavalry. Besides Darius there was Ira, Pink, Eli and Will. Pink, a semi-invalid, died in service, while being taken care of by his brothers. Grandpa Darius died in 1863 while home on furlough. Ali of the boys remained at Rosewood after the war but Will, who settled in Texas.

Among Darius' sons were Eli

Thomas, better known as Bud, who was the father of Ross, Henry, John, William P. (my grandfather) and three daughters, Mary, Martha and Susie.

Ross recalled that when his grandfather went to war, his mother was left with the seven small children to fare as best as she could. This she did, and raised the seven heaithy children on the non-too-prosperous land on which they lived.

Another of the boys, Eli, Darius' brother, married Martha Staples, daughter 'of. the famous John B. Staples, founder of the first cotton mill in Muhlenberg, near what is now Friendship Church, and later one of the first grist mills in the county, in the same vicinity.

If you should ever be on the upper reaches of Batister or Carter Creek and see this old gentleman sitting under the stretches of a giant oak tree, you will: probably recognize Ross Skipworth, one of the last of the older' families of that name. It is also likely that if you should ask him of what he was thinking, he would wave his hand about to the west and south and show you the far stretches of timberland and point to the place where his grandmother watched her husband and his four brothers march of to war. Then he will close his eyes and dream he is a wee lad again, sitting at his Grandma Jane's knee listening to the tales of the "great war."

CENTRAL CITY, кү TIMES-ARGUS EARLY 19505

SKIPWORTH: Yes, there are a few more copies of "Skipworth", a limited number still available, if you want them for gifts, or for someone who may not yet know about the availability. As stated earlier, they are now more costly, after the first introductory offer you so graciously supported. The cost is \$15, plus one dollar for postage (Total: \$16) per copy. Send to the address below. When present supply is gone, no more! We will NOT reprint.

HELSTLEY: Brenda Collier Doss, one of our best and most avid genealogists, and president of the Muhlenberg County Genealogical Society, is planning a 500-page book in the fall on the Heltsley (or Helsley-Helstley) family. It has many connecting line, of which you might be interested. If so, contact her at PO Box 46, Powderly, Ky. 42367.

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although no races have taken place there since the days of the militia muster.

The Russell Race Track and muster grounds, like every other historic place in the county, is the subject of many absurd tales. One of these pertains to the threshing of wheat. In the early times one of the methods the farmer employed to get his wheat out of the chaff was to "tramp" it out. He located a stretch of ground that would pack solid. On this he built a ring fifty to one hundred feet in diameter. After scattering his wheat on



RUINS OF THE O. C. VANLANDINGHAM, SR., RESIDENCE, PARADISE COUNTRY Standing near a number of fields used as drilling-grounds

the inner edge of this circle he walked his horse over it and thus trod out the grain. On some farms this was done on the wooden floor of the barn. At any rate, the story is told that after the Russell Race Track was finished a certain farmer brought his wheat, stock and all, to the track on a race day and scattered it over the course, and that while running the races the horses trod all the grain out of the chaff, thus relieving the raiser of that wheat of any further work except to "rake up the golden grain."

All the traditions regarding this old Muster Field teem with romance and comedy except one—the killing of Isom Sheffield by Bob Jenkins. This tragedy took place in the fall of 1842 and during the time the Regulators were hunting down the outlaws. It is said Jenkins was in sympathy with the Regulators and that Sheffield disapproved of some of their work. These two men had argued this question on several occasions, and their disagreement soon developed into enmity. Both came to the Big Muster. Jenkins was sitting on a log when Sheffield, who was approaching from the rear, either by accident of tention hit Jenkins with a sumac stick. A few sho words had passed between them an hour before, and now the provoca-

tion for a fight presented itself. After a short but fierce struggle Sheffield ran away from Jenkins, some say because he feared the many friends of Jenkins who had gathered around, while others declare he ran to get a weapon concealed in his wagon. Jenkins, highly infuriated, followed him with an open knife in his hand. When Jenkins had gotten within a few feet of his antagonist and was ready to make a stab, Sheffield tripped on a root and fell. Jenkins immediately thrust his knife into Sheffield's back, killing him instantly. Jenkins surrendered to the authorities, gave bond, and the following year was acquitted on the plea of self-defense, but some years later was shot from ambush.

After this fatal event the preachers and church people began a campaign against the meetings on the Russell Muster Field. For a year or two the races were discontinued, but soon large and reckless crowds gathered again and things went from bad to worse until 1850, when the militia musters were discontinued throughout the State.<sup>1</sup>

James Weir, in his boyhood days, saw the decline of the old militia muster, and in 1850, shortly after he wrote "Lonz Powers," saw its final fall. He frequently attended the drills on the Russell Race Track. Observations made there and at Old White Plains in Christian County suggested, it is said, much of what appears in his chapter on the old military muster. Historians generally either refer simply to the old-time military musters, or in the course of a few words vaguely suggest what they were. The following satirical description, taken from "Lonz Powers," is probably the only thing of its kind ever written, and deserves to rank among Kentucky classics:

Every nation has a memorable day-a day of songs and rejoicings. With us the fourth of July, twenty-second of February, and Christmas, are all holidays, or days of joy and pleasure. But of all the grand days in this martial old Commonwealth of ours, those set apart for militia training are (at least in the estimation of militia captains) the grandest and most exciting. If you should happen within ten miles of a militia muster on one of these eventful days, every step you took, and every object that met your gaze, would remind you of war, with its glorious and thrilling panoply, its noise and wild tumult. Boys, negroes, and men, on foot and on horseback, in cart, wagon, and carriage, single, double, and treble, are crowding from every direction and hurrying with anxious speed toward the scene where mimic battles are to be fought and won. Old shotguns, rusty rifles, long-untried fowling-pieces, cornstalks, and hickory sticks are in great demand, while the Sunday fineries, drawn from their secret hiding-places, adorn the martial forms of their proud-treading owners. Cider-wagons, ginger-cakes, apples, whisky, and all the other et ceteras of the camp, are rushing pellmell into the place of rendezvous. Arriving at the parade field,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Russell tract was first settled by John C. Russell, who moved on it about the year 1805 and remained there until 1820. After he moved to Todd County his level fields and abandoned houses were used for mustering purposes for many years. John C. Russell represented the county in the Legislature from 1807 to 1809. He was a liberal and kind-hearted man. His farm, in its day, was one of the best equipped in the county. No traces of his large log residence can now be seen. Even the ruins of the old stone milk-house head libration disappeared.

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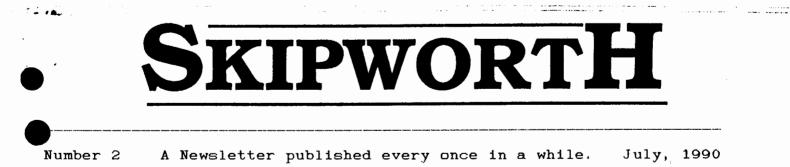
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THE SKIPWORTH TRAGEDY: Thanks to a tip from Gertrude Bivin, and letters from Billy Ray Skipworth and Ola Wheeler, we have been able to find complete details of the same-day deaths of four from the Melvin Skipworth family in Logan County, Ky. in 1949.

From the Russellville, Ky. News-Democrat, Feb. 3, 1949, this clipping:

FOUR DIE AS RESULT OF TRAIN CAR CRASH AT EPLEY STATION

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Coolidge Skipworth of Russellville, and their two-year-old son, Roger Steven Skipworth,, were killed instantly at 12:35 p.m. Sunday, when their two-door sedan was struck by a Louisville and Nashville railroad engine at Epley Station, six miles north of Russellville.

One-year-old Dannie K. Skipworth, fourth member of the family, and fourth passenger in the car, died in the Logan County Hospital at 1:00 .m. Monday as a result of injuries suffered in the crash.

The tragic accident occurred after the Skipworths had attended church at Epley Station and had taken Mike Epley to his home after the services.

The railroad tracks lie between the Lewisburg Road and the Epley home. Skipworth had driven across the tracks into the Epley driveway and was backing across the tracks toward the highway when the locomotive, pulling only a caboose, struck the car.

The front of the engine struck the car almost on center. The car was picked up by the "pilot" on the front of the engine and was still resting on the front of the locomotive, when the engineer, L. E. Sears of Russellville, stopped the train approximately 700 feet from the scene of the crash.

Mr. and Mrs. Skipworth and two-year-old Roger were dead when they were taken from the wrecked automobile. The other child, Dannie K. was rushed to the Logan Hospital, but little hope was held for his recovery at that time.

Sheriff Reuben Kemp and Coroner Joe Jackson investigated the mishap and a coroner's inquest was called early Sunday afternoon.

A veteran engineer on the L&N road, Sears told the jury that he saw the automobile along side the track as he approached the crossing. He sounded his whistle several times. He applied his brakes but could not avoid striking the auto. The speed of the train was estimated at 30 to 5 miles per hour.

The coroner's jury termed the accident unavoidable.

The locomotive and caboose left Russellville (the rest of the paragraph was unreadable).

The --- (blurred print) --- Skipworths and son were taken immediately to Richardson Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Skipworth and their two children were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Richardson Funeral Home, with Rev. Richard Humphrey in charge. Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery. Melvin Coolidge Skipworth, age 25, was born Nov. 2, 1923 in Logan County. He was the son of George and Leona Elamon Skipworth (see later paragraph about his mother). He had been employed as a carpenter. Survivors in addition to his parents include five brothers, Ernie, Marvin, Howard and Virgil all of Russellville and David of Indianapolis; three sisters --- (print blurred) ---, and Mrs. Morris Bond all of Russellville, Route 4; several aunts and uncles.

Mrs. Leona Elamon Skipworth, age 21, was born in Logan County on Dec. 10, 1927, the daughter of Willie Elamon and Susan Carneal Elamon. Her survivors, in addition to her parents include two sisters, Mrs. Mary Nell Elamon of Russellville (only one sister listed), and one half-sister, Mrs. Landell Skipworth of Russellville, Route 4; three brothers, Silas, Paul and Kenneth Elamon of Russellville; several aunts and uncles.

Roger Steven Skipworth, age 2, was born March 16, 1946. He is survived by his maternal grandmother and paternal grandparents, several aunts and uncles.

Dannie K. Skipworth, age 1, was born Jan. 8, 1948. He is also survived by his maternal grandmother, paternal grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

GENEALOGY NOTE: Melvin Skipworth was the son of George Skipworth, who was the son of Henry, first son of Darius and Nancy Jane Meek Skipworth of Rosewood.

BILLY RAY SKIPWORTH of 448 Hancock Lake Road in Russellville, Ky. is a nephew of the late Melvin Skipworth. He sends his family lineage, with the correct name of the wife of George Skipworth. The article above stated George's wife was Leona Elamon, which in fact was the deceased wife of Melvin Skipworth. George married Sallie Robertson, and from Billy Ray's letter, they were the parents of nine children. Three daughters: Erman married a Wilson and lives at Lewisburg; Jose married an Epley and is deceased and Lucille married Morris Bond and lives at Auburn. Six sons: Ernie Galloway (b. 4-9-1910) married Lindell Elamon, and both are deceased (in 1976); Virgil, deceased, has one daughter, Maybell; Howard, deceased; Marvin has two sons and lives in Russellville and David lives in Indianapolis. (Billy Ray listed only five sons.

Ernie's children include:

Billy Ray, who married Nell Lockhart, and has three children, Billy Ray, Jr., Sarah Lynn and Ronald Lee.

Betty Lou married Maynard Bobbitt (d. 2-23-1990). They had three children, Michael who died in 1980, Kenneth, married with three children and Linda Sue, who married Darrell Evans.

Jimmie Dell married Mary Vivian Check. They have two sons, Derek and Jack. Jack's first marriage gave him one son, Jason. Jimmie died March 25, 1985.

Gary Neal married Brenda Hayes. They have two sons, Bryan and Jeff. Brenda Sue married Larry Pitts. They have three sons, Kevin, Christopher and Casey. A daughter died in infancy.

All or most of these live in the Russellville area.

OLA WHEELER ofroute 2, Box 351a, Mattoon, Ill., also filled in some of the information on the tragic 1949 incident, and promise a "book" of information on her family "as soon as I can get it together". She doesn't list her mother or father, but George was her great-uncle.

KNOTT'S COMPLAINT: All Anna Mae (Skipworth) Knott wrote to tell us was that we made a mistake. Her name was left out of the "SKIPWORTH" book. Says she is Buster Skipworth's daughter, the oldest. Its wasn't a mistake, and we told her so. It was an omission, like so many were left out. But -- we couldn't put them in, unless someone told us about them. If anyone wants to contact her, try 875 Foley Drive, Vandalia, Ohio, 45377.

### Anna Brown

Greenville--Mrs. Anna Brown, 95, of Greenville, died Thursday, May 3 at 7:15 p.m. at the Muhlenberg Community Hospital.

She was born in Muhlenberg County March 1, 1895 and was a member of the First Christian Church. She was the widow of E.R. Brown.

Survivors include two sons, Ray Brown Jr. of St. Louis, Mo. and Dr. Robert M. Brown of Greenville; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the First Christian Church, with Dr. Edward Coffman officiating, assisted by Dr. Walter White. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery ANNA BROWN'S DEATH: For those of you who came from Lemuel Carver, as many Skipworths did, we want to pass along the news of the death of Anna Brown, the last surviving grandchild of Lemuel Carver. She was born Anna Leota Carver in Muhlenberg County on March 1, 1895 to Marion Washington Carver, the son of Lemuel and Mariah Moore Carver, and Marion Washington's wife, Belle Driskill Carver. Her obituary from the Central City, Ky. Times-Argus is reprinted here.

RAZORBACK SKIPWORTHS: A call recently from Edna Skipworth in Pine Bluff, Ark. fills us in on some of the Arkansas Skipworths, though it appears there is no close kinship here. Her husband is O. C. Skipworth, and his three immediate ancestors were named Ausborn Bonaparte Skipworth. More on this later, as she has promised a full chart.

THE DEATH OF VAN'S WIFE: Juanita Thomas of Las Vegas, Nev., a great great granddaughter of Darius Skipworth, gives us details on the death of her great-aunt, Minnie Strader Skipworth, wife of Van. Van, like

Marshall, Lillie (Sweeney) and Ludie (Walker), was the child of John Skipworth, who was a son of Darius, and the brother to Pink, and others of the line of Darius and Nancy Jane.

According to Juanita, Van and Minnie had five children, Bertha, Bessie, Guy, Estil and Roy. In 1924, Minnie was making lye soap. Van had asked her to wait until he was home to make the soap, but she anxious to get the chore done. At the fire under the kettle, her dress caught fire. Bertha ran to get help, but by the time she got back, it was too late. Minnie was taken to the doctor, but died shortly thereafter.

Incidentally, we have



attempted to reproduce the picture here that Lillie Sweeney sent to Juanita in tintype form, and which Juanita made copies of and sent to us. It is of Darius Hill Skipworth. It was made sometime prior to 1863, when he died of Civil War maladies, perhaps even before, since he looks younger than the 37 years he was at his death. ALICE SKIPWORTH: Have any of you ever heard of Alice Skipworth, who was a movie star in the silent picture days? There have been several mentions in various correspondence, and recently I learned that she was apparently from Kansas City, Mo., where her picture still hangs in honor. However, I have no idea from which line of Skipworths she comes. Can you help?

THE NEWSLETTER: This is the second Skipworth Newsletter to be mailed out since the publication of the book. Many of you have not acknowledged receipt, or if you care to receive future copies. I don't mind the work, I don't mind the postage of mailing out more than one hundred copies, but I don't want to waste my time and money and your time if you do not care to receive future newsletters. The third mailing will be only to those who have responded to either of the first two. If you want to continue to be on the mailing list, please let me know. Anyone who has any Skipworth information, please include it also, and I'll get to it as soon as possible. And <u>T H A N K S !</u> to all of you who have written, contributed and shown so much interest in the work on SKIPWORTH and the newsletter.

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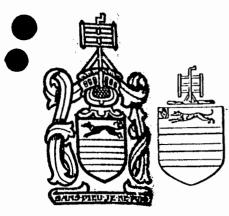


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SKIPWORTH? - SKIPWITH? - SKIPPER? -- THOSE ARE THE QUESTION ?!

Edna Skipworth, wife of O. C. Skipworth of Pine Bluff, Arkansas who herself descends from the Skipwith family, sends along interesting data on the Skipworth and Skipwith families and their origins in England. Whether this applies to the modern day Skipper - Skipworth -Skipwith families is not know, but it is very interesting and worth passing along.

From the book "The Landed Gentry", we find that the name Skipworth in England comes from the original surname, Skipwith, and was altered to Skipworth in about 1725. Some retained the original spelling, and as we know, some used "Skipper". We wonder however, if they aren't all the same. We find the same surnames in the three families, down through census and tax records, leading to the presumption that all are of the same lineage.



Today many, perhaps more than in America, Skipworths and Skipwiths abound in England. (A pair of Skipwith coat of arms replicas are re-printed here).

Permitting that Skipworth came from Skipwith, we then turn to Skipwith to learn about that name. In the same book, we learn that the name, Skipwith was once "Schypwye" in old England. The family was from the township Skipwith in Yorkshire, and descends from Robert deEstouteville, Baron of Cottingham, in the time of William the Conquerer. Robert, in the "Baronage" married Adeliza, daughter of Ivo, Count de Beaumont, and had three sons, Robert, John and Nicholas. Robert, the elder

son, acquired a great inheritance, apparently through his wife, Eneburga, daughter and heir of Hugh Fitz Baldoric, a Saxon land baron, among his holding being Schypwic or Skipwic.

From here, there exists a long line of English royalty, with "Sir" in front of names. But don't get your hopes up. Most of us can't get our children and grandchildren to say "sir" to us, so the royalty also ran out a long time ago. Let it just be remembered, that in England, many were rich, were barons, were sheriffs and were "sirred". But at least beginning with Nathan, son of the affluent Joseph Skipper in North Carolina in the 1700s, we were commoners. Evidence the poor state of affairs of Nathan when he had to go from door to door begging in Tennessee before he obtained his revolutionary war pension. (SKIPWORTH Page 10).

The affluency wore thin in Nathan's time and most of us have been struggling to revive a certain amount of it for years.

How the name got to be Skipper as in our case, and back to Skipworth again, is a good question. Hopefully, someone will give us the answer some day.

If you recall, one of the many translations of the name "Skipper" or "Skipworth" or "Skipwith" was "skeppa" which meant basket weavers.

This also is to be considered when thinking of the names' derivation. There is also the theory which exists that Skipper is just a slurred pronounciation of "Skip'orth".

Those who came from England apparently brought at least two of the derivations of the name with them -- and possibly a third.

For as Edna Skipworth notes, she is married to a Skipworth, but herself, comes form a Skipwith family. Her husband, O. C. Skipworth was born in Atoka, Okla. in 1912, the son of Ausbor Boneparte (Boney) Skipworth and Elizabeth Parker. The father was the son of the senior Ausbon Boneparte Skipworth and Martha Burnett, all of these coming from Grayson County, Texas. She carried the line no further back, so we need to find out from someone, who was the father of A. C. Skipworth, Sr., born 1850 in Tennessee and who died in 1904 (circa) in Grayson County, Texas. We know from personal research that Skippers, Skipworths and Skipwiths abounded in southern Tennessee in that period, around Maury, Lewis, Hickman and other counties, as well as in the Haywood County area. Some of these were probably the ancestors of this line.

While Mrs. Skipworth did not connect her lineage directly with the Skipwiths, she noted her maiden name was Jenkins, and her mother a Seale. Enclosed material indicates her Skipwith family was the one which left New Orleans and settled in Mississippi as cotton brokers. They would be descendants of Peyton Horatio Skipwith (b. 1805). We'll digs deeper into this line and her line as she supplies us with the connection here.

If you care to contact the Skipworth of Pine Bluff, write to them at Route 10, Box 367, Pine Bluff, Ark. 71602.

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FROM OLA WHEELER: As promised, Ola Groves Wheeler, Route 2, Box 351A, Mattoon, Ill. 61938, gives us the lineage of Fannie Skipworth, which was omitted in the book "Skipworth". Fannie was the daughter of Henry and Delilah Jenkins Skipworth, and the granddaughter of Darius and Nancy Jane Meek Skipworth, and for lack of information, was omitted from the Henry Skipworth lineage when the book was printed.

Fannie married Dotsen Warren (Dotts) Carver, son of Lemual A. Carver, Jr. and Alcy S. Travis Carver. He and Susan (Fannie) Skipworth were married Dec. 26, 1889, the first of three marriages for Dotsen. He later married Martha Swinney and Laura Holman Jones. Dotts and Fannie had six children, according to Ola. They were Bertha, Hollie Ann, Ollie, Randolph, Henrietta and Willie. It is not known for sure when Fannie died, but it was after 1900 when her baby was born, and 1902, when Dotts remarried. Dotts' death date is also not presently available. Their children:

BERTHA, called Birdie was born Oct. 23, 1890, died May 24, 1974, and married Walter T. Travis on March 7, 1907. Their children included D. W., who is deceased, but his widow, Era Belle (Whitney) still lives in Drakesboro, Ky., Naomi and Leota, plus several who died as infants.

HOLLIE and OLLIE, twins. Ollie died as an infant. See later lines on Hollie.

HENRIETTA, called Ellie, born Dec. 25, 1894 in Muhlenberg County, died July 6, 1982 in Todd County and is buried in Helstley Cemetery. She married James Ira (Bud) Brown on Dec. 30, 1911. Their children are (I) Mabel, who married Howard Stagner (son Randy); (II) Adelle, married (1), Clark Laster, (2) Rufus Slaughter, who was the father of James, Norris, Ruby (md. Theo Lacy), (III) James Dotsen (J. D.) and (IV), Christine, who married Laymond Blake.

RANDOLPH, called Dolph, born November, 1896 in Muhlenberg County. He married Helen Mae Helstley (1896-1970) On Feb. 28, 1916. They had two

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children, Lorene and a child who died as an infant.

WILLIE, the baby, was born shortly before Fannie died. His birth was on March 4, 1900. He died Jan. 31, 1981. His first marriage was to Carrie Mae Skipworth (4-12-1904 to 8-12-1924). They had two children, Glodine (md. Fred Scott) and Junior. Willie remarried Edna Skipworth, daughter of Ross Skipworth (son of Eli, grandson of Darius). Edna still resides near Rosewood (Greenville, Route 2).

Here now is the lineage of HOLLIE ANN CARVER, daughter of Dotts and Fannie, and mother of Ola Groves Wheeler, who supplied the most of the information which follows.

Hollie was born March 2, 1892 in Rosewood and reared there. She married Benjamin Franklin Groves, Jr. (1890-1974) on Dec. 22, 1910. They lived in Todd County and were farmers after their marriage. Hollie died Feb. 7, 1975, and is buried beside her husband and some of their children in the Helstley cemetery in Todd County. Her husband died in 1974. Their children are:

(1) Ola, born Sept. 24, 1911, married Roy Wheeler and lives in Mattoon, Ill. (See later notes).

(2) Earnest, 1913-1916. Buried in Slaughter cemetery.

(3) Cecil, born Jan. 13, 1915. Married Clara Boley, lives in Elkton, Ky. Four children, Shirley, John Franklin, Joe and Dennis, who was killed in action in Vietnam.

(4) Infant, unnamed.

(5) Clifton Franklin, born May 28, 1918, died Oct. 7, 1989. Married Estell Slaughter. Buried at New Harmony, Todd County. Six children, Glendall, Geraldine, Linda, Nancy, Bobby (deceased) and Phyllis.

(6) Edgar, died as infant. Buried, Slaughter cemetery.

(7) L. D. Groves, born July 21, 1921, died July 9, 1977. Married Christine Joines.

(8) Nemia, married Estill Stokes and lives in Elkton. Six children, Eddie, Randall, Ronald, Larry, Tony and Ben.

(9) Blannie Ewin, born Nov. 1, 1927, was slain Sept. 18, 1969 and is buried in Helstley cemetery. Married Dorothy Slaughter; three children, Rebecca, Dianne and Lanford.

(10) O'Neal, died as infant, 1930. Buried in Slaughter cemetery.

(11) Fred married Helen Grace and lives in Hopkinsville. One son, Mike, living in Hopkinsville.

Ola's children are, grandchildren in (), great-grandchildren in {): DOROTHY married O'Neal Laster, lives in Mattoon, Ill., (Priscilla) (Tonja, Angie) (Terry) (John David, Danny); ALTON, married (1), Martha Hardison, (2) Betty Statton, lives in Elkton; (Gayle) (Tammie, Chris) (Sandra) (Vanessa, Richard, April) (Eddie) (Debbie) (Shawn) (Dawn); CHARLES, married Barbara Hurt and lives in Hopkinsville (Tonya) (Shane), (Brandi, Bradley, Josh); JIM, married Betty Thompson and lives in Beaver Dam, (Jimmy Dean) (Brittany, Tyler) (Jennifer); MORRIS, married Sharon Tingley and lives in Mattoon, (Alicia, Hollie); SUE married Rod Clark and lives in Mattoon.

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MOVIE REVIEW: Cousin Brenda Skipworth Roberts (Clifford/Pink/Darius) in Kingsport, Tn. comes with a sort of correction on the Alice Skipworth query. "I do remember Allison Skipworth from long ago movies, but at that time, I didn't even know about genealogy, so I have no idea which line she was from. But I do believe her name was Allison and not Alice." I believe you are correct, cousin. REPLIES: From among those who replied to our question, "Do you want to continued to receive the Skipworth Newsletter", came these replies: Edna Skipworth, Arkansas: "Thanks for the newsletter", and she

submitted enough to fill another. Thanks, Edna.

Mary McElwain, Kentucky: "Thank you so much for sending me the newsletter. Sure enjoy it, also the Skipworth book". Likewise, enough good Skipworth data to keep us going.

Judith Reid, Virginia: Phone call to let us know she enjoyed and wanted to keep getting the letter.

Lillie Sweeney, 96 years young in Tennessee: Same. Enjoying it.

Gertrude Bivin, Ohio: "Great. Great. Keep up the good work. Please retain me on your list".

Sandy Short, Kentucky: "I just wanted to let you know how much I have enjoyed the new Skipworth book and supplements you compiled. Your hobby has sure been informative to all us folks. Thanks so much. . ." Thanks, little cuz, those stamps will come in handy.

Bernie Skipworth, Kentucky: Phone call. She's enjoying it all.

Lee Roy Stanley, Kentucky: "I would like to continue to receive your newsletter. Thanks so much".

Mary Martha Ranes, Indiana: "Oh, yes, for sure. Keep me on your mailing list." Mary, who wrote one of the "Eli" chapters in "Skipworth", enjoys all this so much that \$10 to help with postage, just happened to fall into her envelope. Thanks! Mary.

Brenda Skipworth Roberts, Tennessee: "I think you deserve a standing ovation for the idea".

Keith Carver, Massachussetts: Definitely, keep me on your mailing list".

Others include phone call from Ronnie Skipworth in Tennessee, and letters from Ursula Colmery, Tennessee; Juanita Thomas, Nevada; Grace Hooten, Virginia; Mildred Bowers, Michigan; L. H. Cook and Edna Carver, Kentucky; Melba Sweeney Bailey, Illinois, and many others.

And on and on it goes. Those of you who wrote can rest assured your name is eternally written in the Skipworth Book of Life, and as long as there's a newsletter (every once in a while), you'll get one.

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<u>AILING</u>: Gaither Roberson of Owensboro, Ky. fell in early July and broke his nose. Later he was hospitalized with pneumonia. He and his wife Virginia could use a little "cheer up". Why not a card to let the know you care. Address is 227 Tremont, Owensboro, Ky. 42301. Also his sister, Lillie Mae Russell fell and broke a hip. Surgery and a hip replacement put her back on her feet. She's at 3502 Maclin Lane, Apt. 1, Memphis, Tn. 38128. Both are the offsprings of Nellie Skipworth Wright, daughter of W. P. (Pink) and granddaughter of Darius.

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<u>NEW ADDRESSES</u>: Ursula Colmery, daughter of Clifford/ W. P./ Darius has recently moved into the Applachian Christian Village in Johnson City, Tenn. This new concept in Christian retirement homes was partly the work of her father, Clifford Skipworth. He and his wife, Ola were early residents there after he helped establish it. Now she becomes a second generation resident. Address is 2012 Sherwood Road, Apt. 302, Johnson City, Tn. 37601. Also Sharon Boone, granddaughter of Nellie Skipworth Roberson has a new home and new address, 10707 McCormick Road, Utica, Ky. 42376-9671. Carver descendant Mildred Travis Bowers, after many years in Michigan is returning "home" and is now residing at 105 College St., Greenville, Ky. 42345. NEW SKIPWORTH: Susan Unsel Bennett, daughter of Patty Skipworth Unsel (Fletch/W. P. / Darius) writes to tell us of a new Skipworth heir, her new daughter, Allison Patricia Bennett, their third. Born May 26, 1989 (after "SKIPWORTH" was completed). Also the Bennetts have a new address, moving from Greenacres City, Fla. to Sarasota. New address is 5161 Island Date St., Sarasota, 34232-5642 (Phone 813 379-9175).

<u>CORRECTION</u>: On Page 72 of Your "SKIPWORTH', the spelling of Wilma Jean Russell Schocke's last name was misspelled. Left the first "c" out. Also her birthdate should be April 27, 1934 instead of April 17.

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EDNA CARVER of Rosewood, Ky., daughter of Ross Skipworth, sends along data on her family worth sharing. Edna married Willie Carver, son of Dotsen Warren and Susan F. Skipworth Carver. Dotsen was the son of Lemuel A. and Alcy Travis Carver. Susan (Fannie) was the daughter of Henry C. and Delila Jenkins Skipworth. Henry was Darius's oldest son. Dotsen and Fannie had six children, Birdie, Ollie, who died as an infant, Hollie Ann, Ellie (born Henrietta), Randolph (Dolph) and Willie. Birdie married Walter Travis (parents of the late D. W. Travis of Drakesboro, Ky. as well as Glendell, Leata and Naomi); Hollie Ann married Frankie Groves, parents of Ola Groves Wheeler mentioned earlier in this issue; Ellie married James Ira (Bud) Brown; Dolph married (1) Helen Mae Heletley and (2) Lula Bell Skipworth, while Willie, the youngest married Edna Skipworth, as mentioned above. Willie died in 1981 at the age of 81. Edna's father, Ross Skipworth and his family were detailed in the first edition of this newsletter.

<u>MARY McELWAIN</u> from Henderson, Ky. helps us with the Willie Skipworth family. Willie and Frank were twins, sons of John and Martha Skipworth (born July 2, 1892). John was the son of John Joshua (known as John Pink), whose father was one of the original five Kentucky settlers, Miles Pinckney. She says: "My father was Willie from Greenville. He had twin named Frank who lived around Clifty. My dad married Ida Rager from Hopkinsville. In his first marriage, they had four children, of which I am one. The other three were John, Maglue and Lucille. They are all dead. I am the only one living from the first marriage. His second family are Sue McElroy from Clarksville, Tenn., Betty Taylor, Calhoun, Ky., Billy Joe lives in Texas. His second wife was Pearl Vincent from New Cypress. She died, and he married Lizzie Wilson from Drakesboro.

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"My mother got burned to death in Central City in 1930. My dad had two sisters, Rosie Joines, from Dunmor and Nannie Hynes from New Jersey. They are all dead now. Aunt Rosie had three children, Hubert and Leslie and Irene Joines, all from Dunmor. Aunt Nannie had three children, Katherine, Bill and Maglue."

Mary also documents that Frank had several children, including two sets of twins. He married Allie Gates, who now resides in a nursing home in Greenville. Children include Shellie, Amenell, Lady Mae, Connie, Lonnie, Ray and Frankie Lee.

Mildred Bowers also gave us information on the Willie Skipworth family.

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LINDA SKIPWORTH HURT of Harrisonburg, Va., daughter of Rodney and Virginia and granddaughter of Clifford (W. P./ Darius), sends a note, and we're happy to document her's and Tom's children for Skipworth readers. They are: Julie Carol Hurt, born July 23, 1963 in Johnson City, Tenn.; David Thomas Hurt, May 27, 1965, Johnson City and Scott Skipworth Hurt, Feb. 20, 1969 in Lincoln, Neb. "It is so wonderful to have our family and the precious pictures", Linda writes. (And thanks for the thoughtful token to help with postage, Linda.)

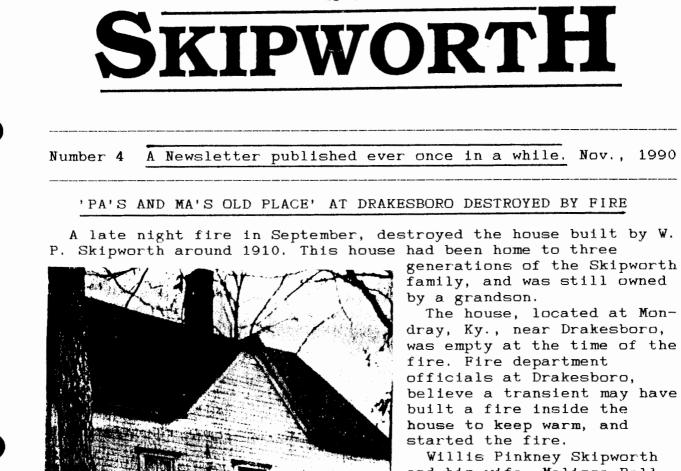
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LET'S TELL THE OTHERS: Do you have someone in your family, or do you know someone in the Skipworth lineage who has done something noteworthy recently, or deserves mention? Gotten married? Graduated? Won and award? Whatever? Or do you have something about a Skipworth family line you need to share with others? Tell us, we'll pass it along in the Skipworth Newsletter. Write to 7965 Ridgewood Road, Goodlettsville, Tenn. 37072, or call 615-876-4404. We'll tell the rest of the "Skippers" about it.

CHRISTMAS GIFT: Christmas is just around the corner. What better gift could you give a loved one than a bit of their heritage. The book "SKIPWORTH" is still barely available. The last few copies are \$15 plus postage of \$1 (\$16) mailed to any address you desire. Next Christmas will definitely be too late. Order now.

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willis Finkney Skipworth and his wife, Melissa Bell (Carver) took their family from the farm at Rosewood to Drakesboro in the early 1900s. After living in Drakesboro for a while, the family moved in the home at Mondray which Mr. Skipworth had built. Since that time, the home has been fondly referred to by the family as "Pa's and Ma's Old Place".

The last of the family to live there were the late Ethel Skipworth Rhoads Smith and Hazel Skipworth Anderson, sisters, and the two youngest children of the builder. The property is now owned by a grandson, Reginald Forest Rhoads of Clarksville, Tenn.

#### JOHN WESLEY SKIPWORTH, JAMES SKIPWORTH LINES EXPLORED

Thanks to persistance on the parts of Betty Chaney of Spring, Texas, and Edna Skipworth of Pine Bluff, Ark., with assists from this newsletter and Odell Skipworth of Lewisburg, Ky., the lines of James Skipworth and John Wesley Skipworth have been lengthened a bit.

Edna Skipworth first contacted this newsletter about the possible connection between her husband's ancestors, Osborn Boney Skipworth and the families in Muhlenberg County. Meantime, Betty was contacting Odell Skipworth in search of her ancestors, John Wesley Skipworth. Like this writer, Odell supposed the John Wesley which Betty was looking for, was the John Wesley, grandson of Ira Calloway Skipworth. This information was offered to her -but the dates did not correspond. She wanted an ancestor much older -- say in the 1820s.

We happened to mention John and Thomas Brantley Skipworth (Skipper), sons of John and Lucretia, who were also the parents of Ira, Willis, Pinckney, Eli and Darius, who came to Kentucky. "John and Thomas Brantley went to Lauderdale County, Ala.", Betty was told.

"That's mine", she excitedly told us. With that, we were able to link her lineage, which she had complete, back to John, with the info we have on the families of old Joseph, Nathan and John, then known as Skipper. The John who went to Lauderdale County, Ala. was her John Wesley, so we were all excited to have made connection with a line of the family long believed lost.

In sending material on her family, she enclosed data also that she had gathered on other Skipworths, namely James who lived in Jackson County (Gainesboro), Tenn. in the early 1800s. James, the info, shows was the forefather of the Osborne Boney Skipworth that Edna was researching. Thus, all parties came away from that exchange of information, with much more on their Skipworth lines.

John Wesley Skipworth, brother to those who moved to Kentucky, was born about 1813, married Minerva Jane Crow on Sept. 5, 1839 in Lauderdale County. He died there around 1865. He and Minerva are buried in the Hale cemetery in Lauderdale Co.

Their children includced John W., 1845; Elizabeth A., 1840; Sarah Jane, 1844; Susan M., 1851; Turner, b. ?; Henry b. ?; Emma S., 1849; Martha, 1855; Samuel Pinky, 1854, Mary R., 1853; Thomas T., 1861 and Willie T., 1865. Further info on this family is available through this newsletter, or from Betty Chaney, 16218 Chipstead Road, Spring, Texas. 77379.

Betty's grandmother was Martha Ealion Skipworth, who married Sion Polk Swinea. We are awaiting other info on Betty's family.

The lineage for Edna's family comes James B. Skipworth, through Osborne Boney (1850), Boney Ausban (or Auzman) (1887), etc. Other children of James B. and Mary Skipworth of Jackson Co., Tenn. are: Benjamin (1853); Jesse McGuire (1839); Louisa (1830); Nancy (1836); Simpson (1850) (a twin to Osborne Boney?) and Washington (1832)

James B. Skipworth was born in 1806 in North Carolina and Mary, his wife, in 1807 in Jackson Co., Tenn.

#### ERNEST, DOROTHY SKIPWORTH SUFFLING MARRIED 50 YEARS

On Oct. 20, 1990, Dorothy Skipworth and Ernest Suffling enjoyed their 50th anniversay with a dinner given by their family at Cherokee Village, Ark. According to their son, David Suffling, of Albuquerque, N. M., Dorothy and Ernest have moved to Arkansas, but no word from them on the move. Dorothy is the daughter of Raymond Skipworth, granddaughter of Willis Pinkney and great-granddaughter of Darius Hill Skipworth.

FRAME GRANDCHILDREN: Dorothy Frame, of Collinsville, Ill., daughter of Ross Skipworth, granddaughter of Eli (Bud) and great granddaugter of Darius, favors the readers of this newsletter with a list of her children and grandchildren, which of course she shared with husband Edward R. Frame. Daughter Beverly married Richard Woolridge in July 1969, and have a girl, Julie and a boy, Richard Michael. Julie is in her first year of college studying commercial art. Ricky is a senior in high school. Bev and Richard were divorced after 14 years of marriage, and she remarried Larry Fahrner this year, and lives in Belleville, Ill. Mary Ann married Robert Rader in 1977. They have two sons, Brian Keith and Scott Edward. Brian is in his last year of high school. He and Rhonda Kennedy have their first child, a daughter, born Aug. 23, 1990. Scott is in his first year of high school.

BERNIE'S OFFERING: Bernie Skipworth of Greenville, Ky. Route 3, has been one of, if not the top supporter of our efforts to document our Skipworth lineage. She now sends info on Marion's family. Marion Skipworth was a brother her her father, David Skipworth.

Marion married Bertha Sigers, and after four children, were divorced. Marion later married Elsie Arms of near Weir. They are buried in the Cherry Grove cemetery. Elsie and Marion, as Bernie recalls, had three daughters, Katie Evelyn, Margaret and Alma Nell. Katie lived in Maryland, Alma Nell in Chicago, and Margaret in one of the Carolina states, but Bernie has heard that she is deceased.

Among those of the children by the first marriage, Bernie believes Goldie lived near Central City. Annie married a DeArmond, and is buried in the Skipworth cemetery. She lived for a while with the late Bob and Alice Skipworth Greene around Dunmor and Lewisburg. If you have further info on this family, send it to us.

MA's POEMS -- In unpacking recently, I found several copies of "Ma"s Poems", published in 1983 by the grandchildren and great grandchildren of Ma, Mrs. W. P. Skipworth (1866-1944). The book contains some 100 pages of poems written by Ma in her long life here on earth, about her childhood, her family and her friends. A sample of her hand writting and a copy of her signature may be found in this handsomely bound book, along with some family pictures. If you'd like one of these books, send \$5 and one will be mailed to you.

INSIDE STORY -- There are those of you who know that my writings are not confined to genealogy alone. There's the silly side. For many years I have written a "humor" or "folksy" column for both my own newspapers and for others. In retirement, the column, INSIDE STORY is still carried by other newspapers in Kentucky and Tennessee. From this column over the years has come two books, "THE DAY I SHOT THE MULE" and "BULL SHOT", both now out of publication and no longer available. Every so often someone will ask if there is going to be another book. The answer is "probably not", but this year, we are doing something different. The 52 columns which have appeared in the newspapers in 1990 now have been re-printed and bound very unprofessionally in one volume, one column per page. They are available for public consumption, should anyone want a copy. Send \$10 and the top off your neighbor's garage, or a reasonable facsimile, and a bound copy of Inside Story, 1990 will be mailed to you.

And if you have anything you'd like to share with a Skipworth in "SKIPWORTH", mail it to us. And thanks for your support.

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#### Thoughts and poetry from Lillie Skipworth Sweeney

When we were growing we didn't know the trouble that lay ahead And as we grew, we never knew just what would be our bed; Lifelong days we chose the way To meet the sorrow that came each day; As life goes on, we try to heed, The troubles of those we love, We try to go on And hold our head up and look above And thank the Lord we still have someone to love. Our children, grandchildren, great-grandchidren and friends.

To do the things I want to do, I don't particularly enjoy thinking about all the minutes and hours I have wasted. Time is a talent and God will someday require us to give an account of the way we used this talent. Some of you who read these lines are looking back on 15 or 20 years. Some perhaps on forty or fifty years. Some day, each of us will come to the last mile, the end of the way, and we will be looking back over our days, months and years. Life has a different perspective when we are looking back. What a wonderful satisfaction we will have if we have if we have done the best with what we have had.

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#### WELCOME, LOUISE! FROM THE CLANS OF BOTH DARIUS AND ELI

There's a Skipworth now returned to the fold, thanks in part to the SKIPWORTH Newsletter. She's Louise Wright, Route 1, Box 214C, Collinsville, Ala., 35961. But, in all honesty, the bulk of the credit of the finding of Louise goes to Betty Chaney of Spring, Texas, who sent us Louise's address. Thanks, Betty, and welcome, Louise.

Louise is the descendant of both Darius Hill Skipworth and Eli Skipworth, brothers who settled the Rosewood area of Muhlenberg County, in 1842. Eli's son, John Thomas married his cousin, Sabrina, daughter of Darius and Nancy Jane on Nov. 17, 1870 in Muhlenberg County. Shortly after that, some of the Skipworths began a westward trek, ending in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas. Eli's family, as we know, settled in Missouri. Evidentally, John Thomas and Sabrina went with them. Among their children were Sam, Lewis, Clivis, Leona and Mary Alice Ann. Mary Alice became Louise's grandmother. She married George Franklin Cousins in Oregon County (Alton), Mo. She was born in 1888 and died in Madison County, Mo. in 1979.

In Louise's words, quoting her grandmother, "I was born in Paducah, Ky., and moved to Arkansas when I was a little girl". The family went west in a covered wagon pulled by oxen.

Sabrina and John Thomas are buried in Greenbrier, Ark.

Louise's mother was Alta Cousins, who married Albert L. Springfield in Missouri. Louise then married George Wright in Plant City, Fla. in 1954. She lived in Florida until they recently moved to Alabama.

Betty Chaney told us about Louise several months ago, and sent Louise's address. From there we contacted her, and now have filled her in on all the Skipworth news we know. Now, we are looking forward to meeting her when she comes to Tennessee to visit another cousin. Meanwhile if there's more you'd like to know about Louise -- more than we have space to print here, write to her, or me and we'll share information.

#### MORE SKIPWORTHS

Louise also sent a clipping she found about some Russellville, Ky. Skipworths. (Small world, isn't it?) It reads:

"J. L. Williams and Miss Emma S. Skipworth: J. L., son of James N. and Mary Ann (Springer) Williams of South Carolina and Lauderdale Co. Alabama married Miss Emma S. Skipworth, daughter of John W. Skipworth of Russellville, Ky. on Sept. 21, 1869. To Emma and J. L., eight children were born; five sons and three daughters. On Feb. 20, 1890, Emma passed away. Sons John Henry, James Turner, Lona, Bennie Taylor, Thomas Jefferson and Robert A.; daughters, Cora Lee and Lula Madora. (Note: Both Louise and I believe the Robert A., listed as a son is really a daughter, Roberta, since the original note said five boys and three girls, then listed six and two.)

A John and Ella Skipworth were listed in Logan County in 1870, but not in 1880. Also, they had one child, Bell, one year old, listed in 1870. This may not be the same John. More research on this later.

#### BETTY'S CHART

Betty Chaney also sent us additions to her chart, which takes her back to John Skipper though her great-grandfather, John Wesley, who went from Tennessee to Lauderdale Co., Ala. John Wesley was a brother to Darius, Eli, Miles Pinckney, Ira Calloway and Willis Goodman of Muhlenberg County. Her grandmother was Martha Ealian Skipworth, who married Sean Polk Swinea, the parents of William Herbert Swinea, father of Betty, who married James Byron Chaney. More on this if you want to write either me or Betty at 16218 Chipstead, Spring, Texas, 77371.

Incidentally this John Wesley was the father of 12, including Betty's grandmother Martha, John W., Elizabeth E., Sarah Jane, Susan M., Turner, Henry, Emma S. (the same as the one above?), Samuel Pinky, Mary R., Thomas T. and Willie T.

Interesting to note that this Emma S. married John L. Williams, as recorded in the note from Louise, on the same date. Now, we wonder why John Wesley was in Logan County, Ky. Did the follow his brothers in this direction later? Who has the answer? More in the next letter.

#### SHORT NOTES

SHIRLEY LOYCE JACKSON PITTMAN, daughter of A. M. Jackson and Emma Skipworth Jackson, one of the 17 surviving grandchildren of W. P. (Pink) Skipworth of Drakesboro, recently suffered a massive stroke. She was visiting her daughter, Julie Pittman in Ohio, when she became ill. She is currently hospitalized there. Get well messages or correspondence may be addressed to her at her Drakeboro, Ky. address, Box 233, and will be picked up there by her daughter, Kinley.

ROD MCMILLON, son of Brenda Skipworth McMillon Roberts, grandson of Clifford and great-grandson of Pink, has been very ill. He underwent cancer surgery at Duke University hospital. His mother reports success in the surgery. The doctors say they caught it in time.

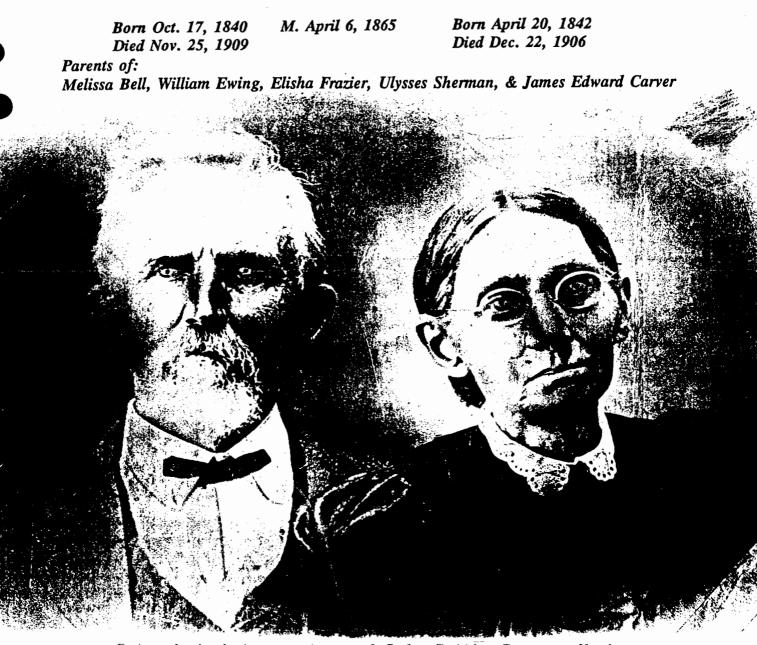
All Skipworth prayers are with Shirley, Roddy and their families.

JUDITH PROWSE REID, out of the Ira Calloway Skipworth family, now in Washington DC with the Library of Congress has been elected to the board of directors of the American Library Association's Reference and Adult Services Division. She has also served as vice president of the Library of Congress Professional Association. Among her other honors has been as a guest speaker for the National Geographic Society's annual conference. Hubby J. Norm has been on the road a lot, as a member of a presidential commission rural development. This past year he received the US Department of Agriculture's Superior Service Award, the department's second highest award. GREAT! Norm has promised a history of the Prowse family of Muhlenberg County for our other publication, ARM, which is a genealogical periodical. We look forward to that.

IN ERROR, we published the date of Marshall Skipworth's death, because it was told to us from someone's memory. Now Cousin Juanita Thomas of Las Vegas, from the John Love Skipworth line of Darius, corrects us. It was, according to official records, on April 7, 1902. He was shot to death by Rufe Everett near Greenville.

MR. PRESIDENT: While we're on that family, Juanita's son, Bud, who has been valuable to us in other research, now has been named president of his company. This happened while he was attending a board of directors meeting in San Francisco. Congratulations, Bud!

## JAMES FLETCHER CARVER--EMILY SHELTON CARVER



Retouched photo courtesy of Dale Smith, Tacoma, Wash.

<u>MARION SKIPWORTH FAMILY</u>: We're still trying to piece together the Marion Skipworth family. Marion was a brother of David Skipworth, father of Bernie who still lives at Weir, and son of Ira Calloway Skipworth. Marion married Bertha (Bythie) Sigers, and everyone tells us they had four children, but no one can name but three, Marion, Annie and Goldie -- that is if Marion is the son of Marion. Some state he is the same Marion who divorced Bertha and married Elsie Arms. Others say this is the son, Marion. At any rate, between Bernie and a new report from Odell Skipworth, we have a little more info. Annie, daughter of Bernie, married Curtis DeArmond. Curtis died many years ago, and Annie about five or six years ago. They are buried in the Skipworth cemetery. Their children were Junior, Bobby, Mildred, who married Melvin Arnold, Bonnie and two deceased, Thomas and Dorothy. Can you help further with this family?

"SKIPWORTH" BOOK, detailing the Skipworth and Carver families of Muhlenberg County and surrounding areas. Still a few available. \$15 plus \$1 for postage, but better write me now before they are gone. POETRY: Cousin Brenda Skipworth Roberts sent along a poem my mother, Hazel Skipworth Anderson wrote many years ago, in answer to another poem, entitled "The Old Steamboat". If space permits next time, I'll include "The Old Steamboat". This time, one of mom's poems I had never seen until Brenda sent it. Thanks, Brenda.

#### "ANSWER TO "THE OLD STEAMBOAT"

You say you miss the old steamboat that used to run the river; Have you forgotten a few years back? Along came Mr. Ford's Flivver.

But man was hardly satisfied, he thought to make something faster; I,too, prefer the the steamboat, for cars have caused so much disaster.

The steamboat whistle we listened to was music to our ears, But now the motorbike with noise and such has taken its place L fear.

The old show boat is also missed, and many things that used to be, That too has been replaced by turning on TV.

The pretty girls in evening gowns that used to sweep the floor, Just like the old steamboat, they seem to be no more.

You see them now in mini-skirts, if they chance to pass your way; And like the cost of living, are getting higher every day.

I doubt that steamboats run again; they've all gone up the river, Too many highways everywhere that keep on getting bigger.

I think the steamboat's gone its way, just like the passenger train, I guess they're completely out of date, and won't come this way again.

People are getting weaker but wiser, that seems to be the pace; I think that before too many years, we'll all wind up in space. by <u>Hazel Skipworth Anderson (1901-1988</u>)

By the way, some of you may be interested in a new genealogical publication we now have for western Kentucky. Six issues per year for \$7. If you'd like more information, write to me.

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#### **NECROLOGY:**

SKIPWORTH DESCENDANT SHIRLEY LOYCE JACKSON PITTMAN DIES Shirley Loyce Pittman, 69, of Drakesboro, Ky., died Friday, March 8, in the Muhlenberg Community Hospital in Greenville, Ky. She was the daughter of A. M. and Emma Skipworth Jackson of Drakesboro and Memphis, and after living many years in Memphis, returned to Drakesboro several years ago. She was the granddaughter of W. P. and Melissa Bell Carver Skipworth.

She is survived by a son, Mike Stewart of Memphis, two daughter, Julie Pittman of Columbus, Ohio and Kinley Pittman of Drakesboro.

Burial was in the Ebenezer cemetery.

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NELLIE LINHORST, EVELYN LATHAM DEATHS ALSO NOTED Two others, with Skipworth connections, also died recently. Nellie Lee Lindhorst, 70, of Greenville, Route 2, died Feb. 16. She was buried in Skipworth cemetery. Evelyn Latham, 83, of Greenville, died Jan. 1. She was the widow of Marvin Latham. Among her survivors, a brother, Kenneth Skipworth of Evansville and two sisters, Corine Hooper of Louisville, and Flowelln Whitaker of Louisville. She was buried in the Rosewood cemetery.

BIRTHS TO ACKNOWLEDGE -- To Amy and Steve Gann of Missouri, a daughter, Janie Elizabeth, on July 14, 1990 (yep, we're a little late). Amy is the daughter of Lequeta and Wayne Sweeney, granddaughter of Ethel Skipworth Rhoads Smith and great-granddaughter of W. P. and Melissa Bell Skipworth.

THE BOOK -- A couple of inquiries recently wanted to know if the book "Skipworth" is still available. Yep, and the orders have been filled. A dozen maybe, are still available, if you want one, need one, or want one to put in a yard sale. \$15 gets one to you postpaid.

MARRIAGE LICENSE FOUND -- For some who are interested in Samuel Winfield Skipworth, son of Eli, and want to know if he came back from Missouri and lived for a while in Muhlenberg County, Ky., the answer is apparently "Yes". His marriage license to Georgia A. Shelton, daughter of Wesley Shelton was found in Muhlenberg County in 1926 (April 19). He was 76, she 72. He listed his parents as Eli and Martha Staple Skipworth.

HEARD FROM -- Newest Skipworth heard from is Jorita Jones, 4316 Marilyn Drive, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52402. She's the granddaughter of Samuel Leon Skipworth, whose father was John Thomas Skipworth, son of Eli and Martha Staples Skipworth, who married his cousin, Sabrina, daughter of Darius and Nancy Jane Meek Skipworth. Write to Jorita and get acquanited. We'll have more on her line of Skipworth in later issues.





MARY SKIPWORTH FARRIS (1854-1937) at left, was the daughter of Eli and Martha Staples Skipworth, and wife of Willis Farris. She was the mother of Nelia Farris, Ollie Farris Reeves and Raymond LaVern (Vernie) Farris. She was also the grandmother of Mary Martha Ranes, currently living in Mt. Vernon, Ind. The picture was taken around 1931. Above is Ollie Farris Reeves (1882-1966), Mary Martha Ranes' mother, This picture was taken around 1955.

PROWSE FAMILY -- Judith Prowse Reid and her husband, Norman of Falls Church, Va. have written a very thorough and interesting history of the Prowse family of Muhlenberg County. It appeared in the July-August edition of ARM, a genealogy publication offered by this writer, and hopefully will appear in the Greenville, Ky. Leader-News in the near future. Judith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Spencer Prowse Sr. of near Greenville, and is an employee of the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. Mrs. Prowse was the former Elta Marie Skipworth, daughter of David Morris Skipworth and granddaughter of one of the five original Skipworth brothers who settled Muhlenberg, Ira Calloway Skipworth and his wife, Cynthia Jenkins.

JOHN WALKER of Chattanooga, Tenn. writes that he is the grandson of Ludie (Lucinda Jane) Skipworth who married Samuel Walker. That makes him a cousin of Juanita Thomas of Las Vegas and a nephew of Lillie Skipworth Sweeney of Madison, Tenn., who was born near Rosewood in 1895 and who is now pushing toward a very young 96. - st.

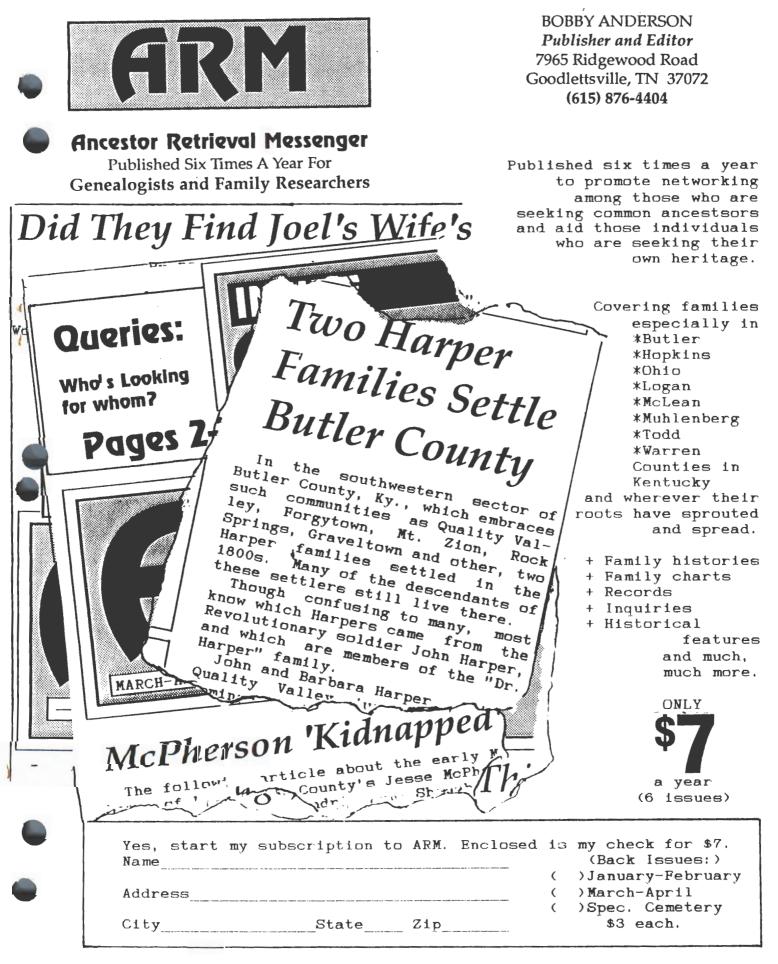
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