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Quarterly society meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 AM in the Genealogy Room of the Kinder branch of the Allen Parish Libraries located at 833 4th St., Kinder, LA. Members are always willing to help visitors with research and endeavor to answer their questions.

Membership fees are \$15 per calendar year per person. This also includes an annual subscription to CROSSROADS. Single copies and back issues of the publication are available for \$3 each to anyone.

CROSSROADS is published quarterly in January, April, July and October. Queries are free to members, \$3 each for non-members and will be published as space permits. When sending in a query, please include all pertinent information such as names, dates and places along with your name and address.

We encourage and welcome contributions of genealogical and historical material pertaining to Allen Parish locations or families for inclusion in CROSSROADS. The society does not assume responsibility for accuracy of information submitted and published, nor does it assume responsibility for any copyright infringement of submitted and published material. We reserve the right to edit and/or reject material we deem not suitable for publication.

The society accepts donations of books, periodicals and other material of genealogical and historical interest relating to Allen Parish. Other suggested items include 5 generation charts, family histories, newspaper clippings, old photos, etc. These will be placed on file in the Genealogy Room at the Kinder Library for research purposes. Memorials and honorariums are also welcomed by the society and marked as such.

BOOKS PUBLISHED BY ALLEN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The following books published by the AGHS are available for purchase for the prices listed plus \$2 each for shipping and handling fees.

Rev. Paul Leeds' Congregational Church records	
"Marriages and Funerals" – 1895 -1957 - Vol. 1	\$25
Rev. Paul Leeds' Kinder Congregational Church records –1893 -1974	
Volumes 1 and 2	\$25 ea.
Rev. Paul Leeds' Bethany (Green Oak) Church records.....	\$15
Congregation Church records of Indian Village, Edna and	
Emad Communities (one vol.).....	\$15
Congregation Church records of Elton and China Communities (1 vol.)..	\$15
Congregation Church records of Iowa, LA.....	\$15
St Peter's Bayou Blue Indian Congregational Church records -1901 -1957	
(Includes St Luke's early church).....	\$15
China Cemetery, Elton, LA – (by special permission).....	\$8
LeBlanc Cemetery, Allen Parish, LA.....	\$8
Indian Village Cemetery, Kinder, LA (includes family histories).....	\$15
Sonnier Cemetery, Allen Parish, LA.....	\$8
Resthaven Cemetery, Oakdale, LA.....	\$8
Green Oak Cemetery, Kinder, LA (updated version).....	\$15
Lyles Cemetery, Oberlin, LA.....	\$6
Lyles Cemetery - Barnes Creek, Reeves, LA (with family histories).....	\$15
Liberty Cemetery, Elton, LA (close ties to Allen Parish families	
and includes family information).....	\$15
Index of Surnames in all recorded Allen Parish Cemeteries.....	\$10
St Augustine Cemetery, Basile, LA with short history	
(close ties to Allen Parish).....	\$15
Ancestor Charts – 5 generation charts – Allen Parish Ties.....	\$25
1941 Kinder High School Year Book Copy (by special order only).....	\$30
Jessie Johnson Cemetery, Kingsfarm, Kinder, LA	
(Includes photos and family history).....	\$15
Nevils Cemetery (with photos and headstone inscriptions).....	\$12
Kingrey Cemetery, Barnes Creek, Allen Parish, LA with recent	
photos and history (Old abandoned cemetery).	\$12
<i>(By Order only)</i>	

**THESE BOOKS MAKE GREAT GIFTS FOR FAMILY AND
FRIENDS!**

President's Comments:

As we embark on a new year we can not help but look back over 2008. There were good times and bad times for all of us. The hurricanes were devastating to so many. Yet we see the determination to rebuild and go forward. This is true pioneer spirit. The spirit our forbearers had when they settled this great nation and this area we call Southwest Louisiana.

May we all look deep within ourselves and find that spirit of determination and optimism. May we resolve to never lose what has kept generation after generation going and growing.

When we research our families and learn of their lives during past generations, we can sometimes only imagine the hardships they endured. However, because they did endure, we are here today enjoying our rich heritage and continuing their legacy.

Preserving the history of our families and this area of Louisiana is important. Future generations need to know as we are learning how much we have for which we can be proud and thankful. We descend from great families and reside in a terrific area.

I personally wish each AGHS member a great new year filled with joy, happiness, good health and blessings beyond measure.

Betty Sarver

Allen Genealogical and Historical Society President



A POINT TO PONDER

A champion is a dreamer
who refused to give up.

**AGHS GROUP TOURS
ALLEN PARISH LEATHERWOOD MUSEUM**

Oct. 28th the AGHS meeting included a tour of the new museum. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and informative tour conducted by Mr. Hunter Armstrong. It is very evident that he is not only filled with information but he loves the history of Allen Parish and enjoys sharing it with others.

Ms. Haddock and staff, have done a wonderful job with all the displays, continue to add to them so we look forward to another visit as a group in the future.

When you have out-of-state visitors and need ideas for entertainment during their stay, we strongly suggest you take them to the museum. You can experience the lovely lifestyle of early Allen Parish as well as the history. The video displays are fantastic. The one showing the Civil War soldier writing to his wife is so emotional and the one of the Indian Lady praying on the river bank is very heart-warming.

The museum has handicap facilities and a elevator, therefore the elderly and handicapped can enjoy the tour also.

We ended the tour with a nice lunch at a restaurant in down town Oakdale. President Betty Sarver presented Bill Fawcett with a gift from the society to show our appreciation for his years of service to the AGHS staff. It was a very nice meeting.

**ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION
LEATHERWOOD MUSEUM
MUSEUM PAGE**

The first phase of the reconstruction and renovation of the Leatherwood Museum began with doing a full inventory of all documents and artifacts found in the museum. During this time, a copy of a letter was found in a Family Bible dated 1889. The letter was written from David Dunn to his wife.



David Dunn was born in 1835 and was married at an early age. He joined the Confederate State Service in 1861 at Camp Moore in Tangipahoa Parish in Louisiana. He had already been married and had children when he joined. The following letter was written to his wife, Elizabeth Jane, on Monday evening, July 29, 1861 when he had just been "mustered" into the army.

The original letter was donated to the Camp Moore Museum in April of 1966 by his grandson Clarence Henderson.

MY DEAR WIFE,

I WILL NOW SAY TO YOU THAT WE HAVE JUST BEEN MUSTERED INTO THE CONFEDERATE STATE SERVICE FOR TWELVE MONTHS. I AM HAPPY TO SAY TO YOU THAT WE WILL SOON BE READY TO TAKE UP ARMS IN DEFENSE OF OUR LOVELY COUNTRY. DEAR WIFE I FEEL HAPPY TO SAY THAT WE ARE ALL WELL AND SEEM TO ENJOY OURSELVES. I THINK WE WILL ALL DO WELL. WE ARE WELL PLEASED WITH OUR OFFICERS AND WE ARE SORRY TO SAY THAT



SOME OF OUR BOYS HAVE BACKED OUT. I THINK THAT THEY HAVE DONE WRONG. I WOULD HAVE DIED BEFORE I WOULD HAVE BACKED OUT. YOU MAY THINK THAT I DO NOT FEEL NEAR TO YOU, BUT MY WHOLE LIFE DEPENDS UPON YOU AND SELF IN DEFENSE OF MY COUNTRY. IF GOD SPARES ME I WILL RETURN TO YOU, THAT IS IF LIFE LASTS. YOU MUST NOT TAKE ANY EXCEPTIONS TO ANYTHING THAT IS WRITTEN, BECAUSE IT IS ON MY SACHEL UPON MY LAP. IF I NEVER SEE YOU ON EARTH, MAY WE MEET WHERE THERE IS A BETTER AND BRIGHTER WORLD ABOVE, WHERE WE WILL NEVER PART AND SONG SHALL NEVER CEASE TO BE SUNG, AND MORE WHERE PARTING WILL NEVER BE ANY MORE. OUR BOYS THAT HAVE BACKED OUT HAVE NEVER SEEN THE ELEPHANT, TOO MANY MEN AND TOO MANY DRUMS BEATING, I SEE TWELVE COMPANIES DRILLING EVERY EVENING AND MORNING. AND I HOPE THAT IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE WE WILL BE DRILLING. I SEE LOTS OF COMPANIES THAT GOT THE WORD OF COMMAND PERFECT.

I HAVE NOTHING OF INTEREST TO WRITE TO YOU NOW THAN I HAVE MY PROFILE DRAWN AND WILL SEND IT TO YOU. I MUST NOW CLOSE BY SAYING TO YOU THAT YOU MUST KISS ALL THE CHILDREN FOR ME AND DEAR WIFE, YOU MUST NOT TAKE ANY THING HARD, AS ALL WILL BE BRIGHT.

I CLOSE BY SAYING TO YOU ALL IS WELL AND RIGHT WITH ME AT THIS TIME. I CLOSE: GOODBYE.

YOURS TRULY
DAVID DUNN

David Dunn came home after his term in the Confederate State Service. He died on August 24, 1869. He was 34 years old. The story that is told was that David had hunting dogs and the dogs were stolen. He figured out who took his dogs and went to the people's house that had stolen the dogs to get them back. David found his dogs and was on his way back to his house. As he and the dogs were leaving the house, David was shot in the back and killed.

The letter above has been reacted and is shown on video in the "family bedroom" in the museum. The furniture in the bedroom is from the turn of the century. The bed and dresser are a matched set. The secretary is from the early 19th century. The baby bassinet in the room was made from white oak strips and is over 100 years old.



Early 19th Century Secretary

**Matching bed and Dresser
are from the turn of the
century. They are made of
Tiger Oak.**



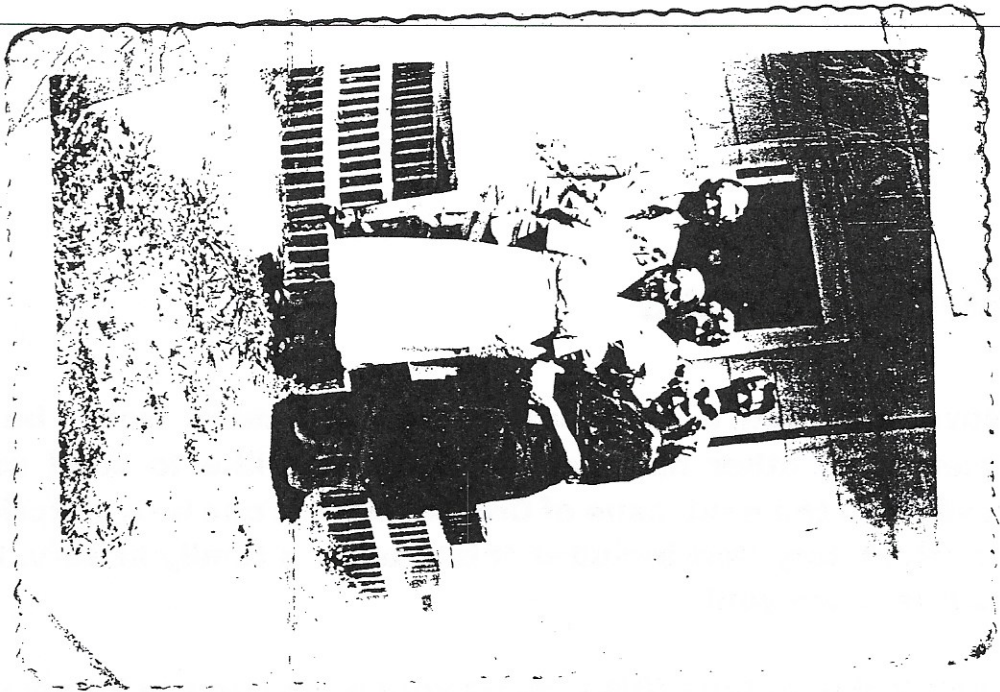
David Dunn is relevant to Allen Parish because his son, William T. Dunn, was the founder of Dunnsville. William T. Dunn donated 80 acres of land in 1885. This area became known as Dunnsville, Louisiana. It remained Dunnsville until 1911 when the area was renamed the Village of Oakdale.

The Wrinkle Family

by Fran Clemmons

John Jacob Wrinkle was my great, great, great, great, great, great grandfather born about 1720 in Germany and died in 1813. He and his wife had a son named George who was born about 1740 in Virginia, and died 1807 in Knox Co., Tennessee. He married Sophia in Virginia. They had eight children, one being John Wrinkle born about 1760. John died May 1829 in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana. He married Sarah Madden about 1780 in Mississippi Territory, daughter of Emanuel Madden and wife unknown. Sarah was born about 1760 in Natchez District, Mississippi Territory, and died 1851 in Louisiana. John and Sarah had five children, one being E. David Wrinkle, born about 1781, and died after 1860. He married Sarah Wray and they had three children, one being John Wray Wrinkle. John Wray was born about 1831 and died in about 1865 from health problems caused by months spent under siege at Vicksburg. He died in Shelby County, Texas. He had married Angeline Cox in April 1861 in Natchitoches Parish. Angeline was the daughter of Robert M.Cox and Louise Johnson Cox. She was born in August 1841. They had one son, George Robert(Bob) Wrinkle born about 1863. Bob Wrinkle was my great grandfather. He married my great grandmother , Grace Johnson, about 1887. She was born in Nov. 1871 and died in Dec. 1950. They had eight children, one being my grandmother Jennie Wrinkle Williams.

Wrinkle families appear on the earliest census records of Louisiana. They settled in the Kisatchie Bayou area of Natchitoches Parish. They owned a lot of property in this area. Following the civil war, of which John Wray and brother Abraham David were veterans, the Wrinkle family holdings in this area were sold and the families dispersed. After John Wray died, his widow, Angeline , later married Billy Cole, and settled in Kinder, Louisiana.



(L to R) James E. Wrinkle, Grace Johnson Wrinkle, Bert Wrinkle, Jimmy Wrinkle, Jennie Wrinkle



George Robert "Bob" Wrinkle--
only son of John Wray Wrinkle



Abram David Wrinkle

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler _____
 Address _____
 City, State _____
 Date _____

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. _____ on chart No. _____.

Chart No. _____
 16 Robert Henry Clemmons (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Oct 31, 1857
 m.
 d. June 21
 17 Luiza Shelton (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Dec 25, 1856
 d. Sept 9, 1908 Texas
 18 William N. Hightower (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Aug 19, 1854
 m.
 d. June 29, 1937
 19 Georgia Ann Conaway (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Aug 18, 1856
 d. April 20, 1934
 20 _____ (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 21 _____ (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. _____
 d. _____
 22 William Alexandra Wiley (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Feb 24, 1857
 m.
 d. Feb 4, 1925 Terrell Tx
 23 Francis Elizabeth Roach (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. May 14, 1854
 d. Nov 6, 1941
 24 Melvin Williams (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. in Missouri
 m. in Missouri
 d. abt 1943 in Nederland Tx.
 25 Minnie Bryant (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. in Missouri
 d. in Nederland Tx abt 1940
 26 George Robert (Bob) Wrinkle (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. abt 1863 Natchez Parish, La.
 m. abt 1887 Natchez Parish, La.
 d. in Kinder, La.
 27 Grace Johnson (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Nov 3, 1871
 d. Dec 1950 Kinder, La.
 28 Pierre Nevils Sr (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Mar 8, 1855
 m.
 d. Sept 30, 1936
 29 Elinore "Ellen" Buller (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. May 17, 1854
 d. Oct 13, 1945
 30 Asa Randal Cartrette (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Feb 29, 1860
 m. abt 1886 in SC
 d. Oct 1, 1944 Hardin County Tx.
 31 Addie Eliza Norris (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Feb 23, 1867
 d. Mar 5, 1944 Hardin County Tx

8 Burgess Clemmons (Father of No. 4)
 b. Sept 5, 1878
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. July 24, 1953
 p.d. Texas
 9 Minnie Hightower (Mother of No. 4)
 b. Nov 10, 1886
 p.b. _____
 d. Mar 8, 1922
 p.d. Terrell, Tx
 10 Manning Howell Singleton (Father of No. 5)
 b. _____
 p.b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____
 p.d. _____
 11 Francis Lula Wiley (Mother of No. 7)
 b. Jan 8, 1892
 p.b. Tenn
 d. Nov 15, 1943
 p.d. Kaufman County, Tx.
 12 Bryon Williams (Father of No. 6)
 b. Aug 16, 1897
 p.b. Springfield Mo.
 m. abt 1923
 d. Jan 17, 1979
 p.d. Kinder, La.
 13 Jennie Pearl (Jennie) Wrinkle (Mother of No. 6)
 b. Nov 3, 1905
 p.b. Kinder, La.
 d. Nov 24, 1985
 p.d. Beaumont, Texas
 14 Luke Nevils Sr. (Father of No. 7)
 b. Jun 14, 1891
 p.b. Kinder, La
 m. Nov 5, 1912
 d. Feb 25, 1965
 p.d. Kinder, La
 15 Fannie Cartrette (Mother of No. 7)
 b. Aug 9, 1893
 p.b. Long Pond, Georgia
 d. Jan 30, 1987
 p.d. Lake Charles, La

4 Dewey William Clemmons (Father of No. 2)
 b. Sept 3 1911
 p.b. Elmo Texas
 m. Sept 1933
 d. May 1987
 p.d. Waco, Texas
 1 Wayne Clemmons (Father of No. 1)
 b. Aug 4, 1945
 p.b. Terrall, Texas
 m. Dec 22, 1971 Orange, Tx.
 d. April 9, 2004
 p.d. Lake Charles, La
 5 Ruby Edna Singleton (Mother of No. 2)
 b. April 1, 1918
 p.b. Vivian, La. ?
 d. July 30, 1976
 p.d. Terrell, Texas
 7 Katy Ann Clemmons
 b. March 20, 1975
 p.b. Leavenworth, Kansas (Munson Army Hospital)
 m. Feb 14, 2003
 d. _____
 p.d. _____
 6 Bryan Eugene Williams (Father of No. 3)
 b. May 6 1924
 p.b. Fort Arthur Texas
 m. Jan 12, 1948
 d. July 2, 1990
 p.d. Alexandria, La. (VA Hosp)
 3 Francis Ellen Williams (Mother of No. 1)
 b. Dec 1, 1948
 p.b. Kinder, La.
 d. _____
 p.d. _____
 2 Mary Ellen Nevils (Mother of No. 3)
 b. October 14 1928
 p.b. Kinder, La
 d. _____
 p.d. _____
 Eddie Harrison Wellman (Spouse of No. 1)
 b. Sept 6 1968
 p.b. Merryville, La. p.d. _____

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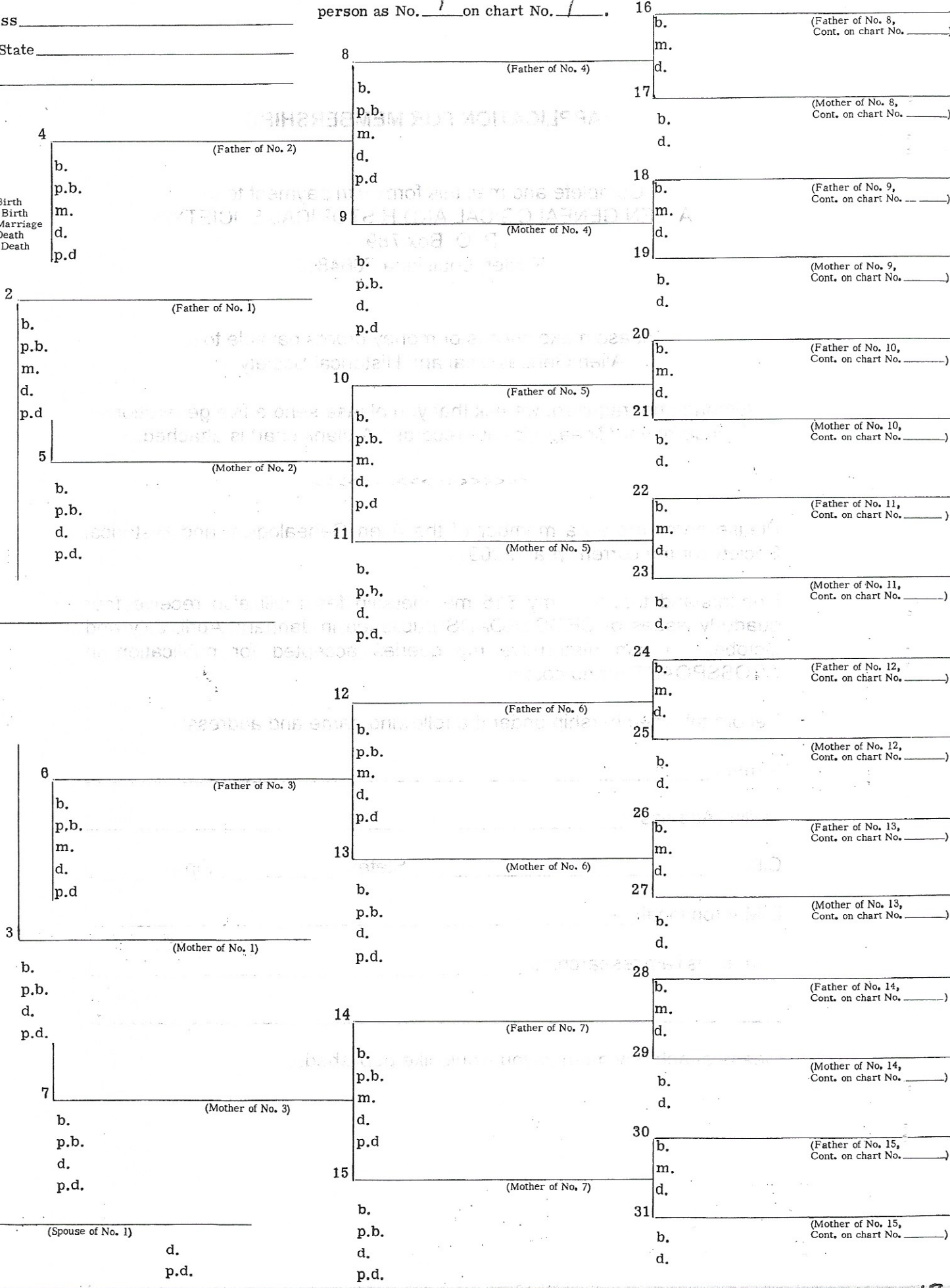
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Address _____
City, State _____
Date _____

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b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death



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