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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.

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| 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. |
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| Emad Communities (one vol.)..... | \$15 |
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| (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 |

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

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Get well wishes go out to Ms. Loretta Headrick who is a resident of the Kinder Retirement & Rehabilitation Center, and Mr. Pierre Nevils who has just been admitted into the Veterans Nursing Home in Jennings, Louisiana. We miss you both and wish each of you good health.

God Bless You Both!!!

President's Comments

It's a new year with new hopes and dreams, new commitments and resolutions. It's a time for new beginnings and letting go of past mistakes and regrets. It is also a time to take inventory of our lives. Have we accomplished the things we had hoped to accomplish by this time in our lives? Were those things really that important? What really is important in our lives; God, family, friends, work, success? Only you can answer these questions, but do take time to think it over. While you are thinking, let your mind wander back to family and friends you have lost and remember what made them special to you.

We the friends and cohorts of Bill Fawcett are thinking of him today. Bill moved from this world to a better place on Dec. 19, 2010. We miss him so much. He served as secretary/treasurer of AGHS for a number of years before moving to Breaux Bridge, La. a couple of years ago. We missed him then but knew we could still be in touch by phone, email, etc. However, now his move is beyond any modern communication, but we still have our wonderful memories of a special friend.

On a personal note, I don't ever remember not having Bill in my life. From my earliest childhood memories, Bill was my friend. I love being able to remember all the wonderful memories he inscribed in my life.

Our love and prayers are with his wonderful wife, Sue, and his family. You were blessed to have Bill as your husband, father, brother and grandfather.

Betty Sarver

Allen Genealogical and Historical Society President



A POINT TO PONDER

A person's true character is revealed
by what he does when no one is watching.

from the editor.....**FRAN CLEMMONS**

The new year of 2011 has pounced upon us and is sliding by at break neck speed, especially for me. I am as the old saying goes, "always a day late and a dollar short". I wish to express my apologizes to everyone for the lateness of getting **CROSSROADS** together and mailed out to all of you. I have not been at home much since before Christmas, and seem so many personal interferences have kept me from getting things done. Please forgive me.

THE ALLEN GENEALOGICAL and HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet for the next quarterly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month which is **April 5, 2011**, at **10:00 A.M.** in the genealogy room of the Kinder branch of the Allen Parish Libraries located at 833 4th St., Kinder, Louisiana. I extend an invitation to you to come to the meeting to take part in genealogical research. Researching family trees is an unending process but very interesting and addictive. Please come take part to help us grow and learn more about our roots and local history.

As the new year 2011 has started, it is time to renew your membership. Mail your \$15.00 to **AGHS** ,at P.O. Box 789 Kinder, La. 70648. If you have already renewed your membership, disregard this notice.

In this issue of **CROSSROADS**, please note the sign up form for a one hour power point presentation on gathering and preserving family history. This presentation is **free of charge** and will be a very informative program at the Kinder Branch Library on a Saturday morning in the near future. I ask that you please fill out the form of interest and mail back to the society so that we will get an estimate of how many to prepare for. The society will send each one that responds an invitation with the exact time and date.

In Remembrance

Bill Fawcett

1929-2010

THE TOWN OF REEVES

In the year of 1911, the town of Reeves, Louisiana became the fourth incorporated town in Allen Parish signed by Governor J. J. Sanders. Governor Sanders appointed Sam Owens as mayor, David Coleman, Dallas H. Reeves, Sam J. Kent as aldermen, and Allen Martin as marshal

On April 16, 1912, the town people held their first election for city officials and elected J. B. Kent as mayor, H. H. Garden, D. Cole and S. J. Heintz as aldermen, and A. R. Nichols as marshal.

In 1915, when the next election for city officials was due, there were no candidates, so consequently the incorporation ceased.

Fifty years later on May 24, 1962, Reeves again became incorporated by Governor Jimmy Davis. The Governor Davis appointed R. H. Heintz as mayor, Floyd Reeves, Howard Blackley, and R. J. Winzor, as aldermen.

Some of the first settlers of early Reeves were Miss Sarah Lyles, John F. Havens, and John A. Bush, who owned the first store in the village. Before the store was established, the settlers hauled supplies from Lake Charles by wagons pulled by oxen.

The first post office in the area was located approximately three and one-half miles north-west of the present Reeves which lies along U.S. 190, west of Kinder along the former Gulf Coast Railroad. The post office was known as The Cole Post Office, and John A. Bush was the first postmaster.

Information for this article taken from newspaper clipping received from Reeves Town Clerk. The editors note in the clipping states the story of Reeves, Allen Parish, was taken from "The First History of Allen Parish" by Dorothy Greens Seals Hudgins, parish historian. The book was being prepared for publication. No dates were mentioned on the clipping nor the newspaper name that printed the article.

Reeves Family Cemetery, Reeves, Louisiana

The town of Reeves was named after "Hun"

Reeves, Christopher L "Hun" Aug 14 1879 - Oct 30 1955

[s/o Dallas Hardeman and Margaret A. "Maggie" (McFatter) Reeves]

This small cemetery is in the center of Reeves, Louisiana, across the street from the Reeves Baptist Church. It is only 100 feet square and boasts three huge old oak trees and an ancient cedar. There are cement park benches to sit on and even though it is in the center of town is very quiet due to the screening of azalea bushes. It is a very relaxing place to visit.

Fuselier, Wheeler Feb 1 1904 May 8 1970

On top of this grave is a bronze plaque reading:

DEVOTED TO THE CITY OF OAKDALE

ELECTED MAYOR 4 TERMS

FOUNDER AND FIRST PRESIDENT OF ALLEN STATE BANK

DEVOTED HUSBAND

There is a bronze likeness of Mr. Fuselier on this plaque

Fuselier, Jewell Reeves Aug 10 1906 Mar 20 1975

[d/o Christopher L. "Hun" and Margaret (Miller) Reeves, w/o Wheeler Fuselier]

On top of this grave is an identical plaque reading:

DEVOTED AND DEAR WIFE OF WHEELER FUSELIER

In an area set off by a family marker reading:

C.L. "Hun" Reeves Family

Reeves, Christopher L "Hun" Aug 14 1879 Oct 30 1955

[s/o Dallas Hardeman and Margaret A. "Maggie" (McFatter) Reeves]

Carter, Charles Oct 30 1900 Aug 17 1972 h/o Hazel Reeves Carter [photo]

Carter, Hazel Reeves Jul 13 1908 Feb 28 1961 w/o Charles Carter [photo]

[d/o Christopher L. "Hun" and Margaret (Miller) Reeves]

Reeves, Margaret Miller Mar 8 1885 Oct 27 1954 [photo]

[d/o George Wesley and Amanda Ophelia (Bradford) Miller, w/o

Christopher L. "Hun" Reeves]

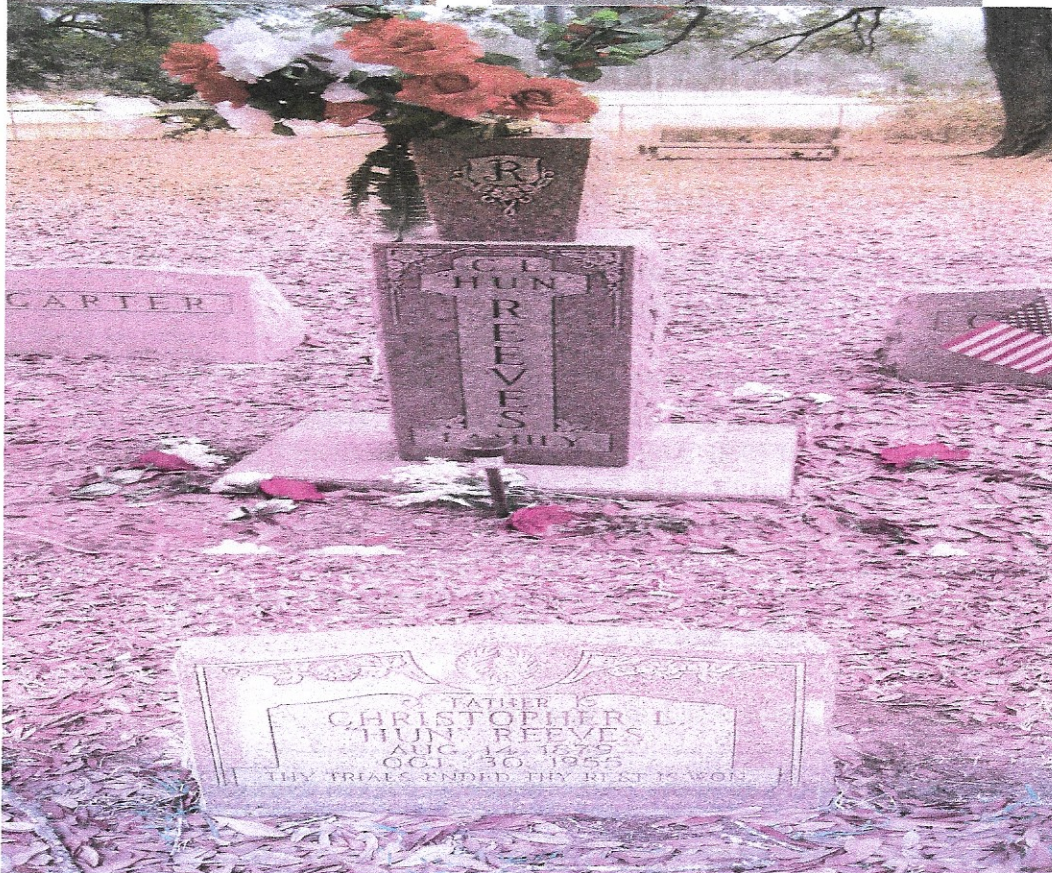
There are 2 vaults which are unmarked

Other persons known to be buried in the cemetery, but not cited on the listing:

Reeves, Floyd L. Jun 16 1911 Oct 31 1993

[CGA: s/o Christopher L. "Hun" and Margaret (Miller) Reeves, h/o Sybil Suarvy

Reeves Family Cementary



**ALLEN PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION
LEATHERWOOD MUSEUM PAGE
January 20, 2011**

The Allen Parish Tourist Commission is proud to present its most recent exhibit. We now have a collection of dolls ranging from the early 1930's to present. This doll



collection has dolls from Germany, Viet Nam, Netherlands, England and the USA. There are dolls made of saw dust called "Composite Dolls." There are dolls from the 1940's that are known as "Debutante Dolls." We have Superman, Batman and Poison Ivy Barbie. There are Native American dolls, bride dolls and character dolls such as the "Simpson Family," the Chucky doll, and Fred Flintstone. One of the dolls is from Occupied Japan.



This doll is know as a composite doll. It is made completely from saw dust and is painted.



This doll is from Occupied Japan



This is a doll from Viet Nam in traditional



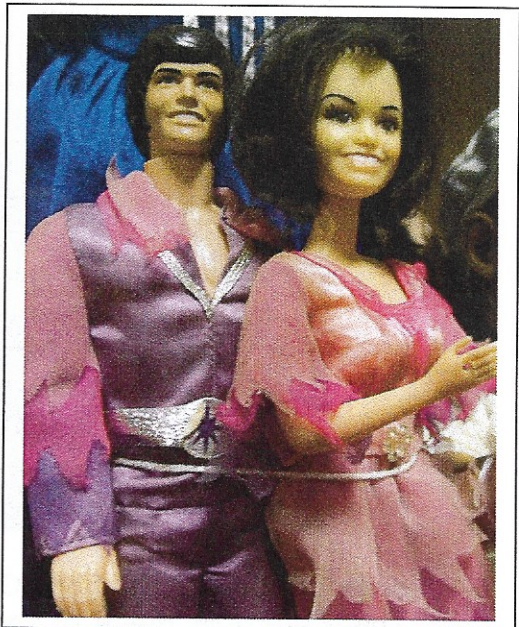
The Wicked Witch, Good Witch and the Tin Man from the Wizard of Oz.



Debutante Dolls from the 1950's



Dick Tracey and Breathless



Donnie and Marie Osmond



Barbie

These dolls bring back many memories. From porcelain to composite and vinyl, they touch the hearts of many. From character dolls to fantasy dolls, there is one here to suit every memory. Take a stroll down memory lane and spend time looking back at the past. Visit the Allen Parish Tourist Commission Leatherwood Museum.

"A Family Heritage Sequence!"

A ONE HOUR POWER POINT PRESENTATION
ON
GATHERING, PRESERVING, SUSTAINING,
AND
MAKING RELEVANT FAMILY ITEMS
SUCH AS

Country of Origin: Data, maps & photos

Family genealogy: Data & photos

Weddings, Ancestral homes, Anniversaries, etc.

Family Histories, Reunions & Family stories

**Necrology: Resisters of death, Obituaries,
Death cards & Gravestones**

This presentation by Renee Reina has been welcomed at various other meetings, libraries, and functions where people are interested in preserving their family history and memorabilia.

ALLEN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORY SOCIETY has the opportunity to have this informative program at the Kinder Branch Library on a Saturday morning in the near future.

If you are interested in attending please complete the form below so we can get an estimate of how many to prepare for and we will send you a personal invitation with the exact time and date. Hope to see you there!

NAME _____ NO. ATTENDING _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

COMMENTS (ideal time & date) _____

Please send to address on front of publication.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

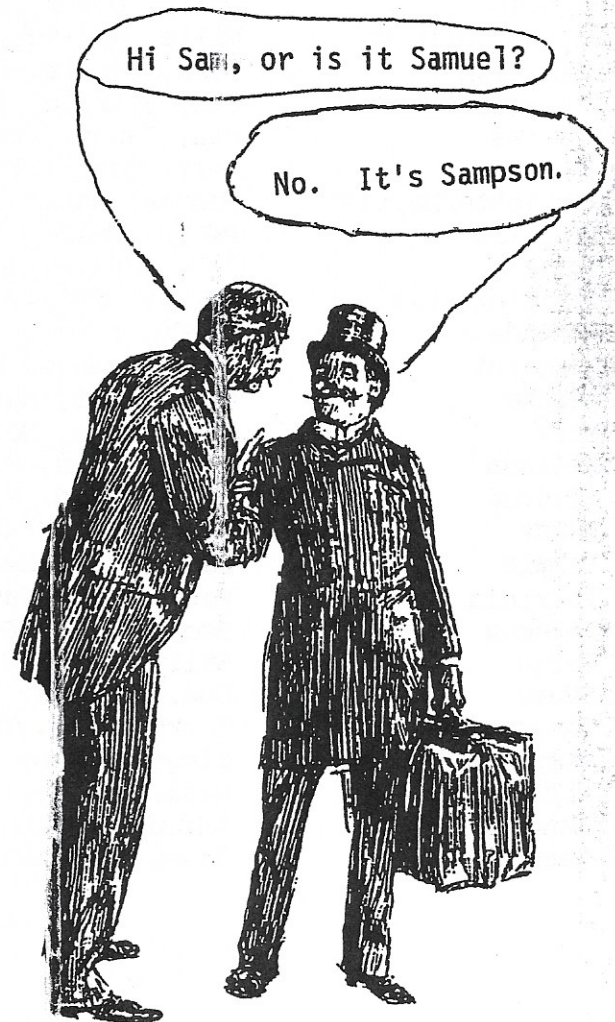
The following appeared in the July 1994, Giles County Historical Society Bulletin and bears repeating. As anyone who has ever done any genealogical research can tell you, the use of nicknames can cause a headache plus a lot of lost time and effort. Nicknames are frequently used on genealogical records and cause difficulty in identifying our ancestors. An ancestor, who had red hair, may be recorded as Hal Jones on his marriage record, Red Jones on his census record and Henry Jones on his will. It is important that we keep this in mind when searching various sources.

FEMALE NICKNAMES

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Abigail | Abbie, Abby, Gail, Nabby |
| Adelaide | Addie |
| Amanda | Manda, Mandy |
| Ann | Anne, Anna, Annie, Nan, Nanny, Nana |
| Augusta | Gussie |
| Barbara | Barb, Bab, Babs, Barby |
| Beatrice | Bea, Bee, Trissie, Trix, Trixie, Beedy |
| Bertha | Bertie, Berta, Bert |
| Bridget | Bridgit, Brigid, Bidy |
| Catherine/Katherine | Cath, Cathie, Kate, Kay, Kit, Kittie, Trina, Kathie, Kitty |
| Cathleen/Kathleen | Same as above |
| Charlotte | Lottie |
| Chloe | Clo |
| Deborah | Deb, Debby, Debbie, Dot |
| Dorothy | Dolly, Dotty, Dot |
| Eleanor/Elinor | Ellie, Nellie, Nora |
| Elizabeth | Bess, Bessie, Beth, Betsy, Betty, Eliza, Libby, Liza, Becky |
| Florence | Flo, Florrie, Floss, Flossie |
| Frances | Fan, Fanny, Fran, Frankie |
| Gertrude | Gert, Gatty, Trude, Trudy |
| Henrietta/Harriet | Hannah, Hattie, Hana, Etta, ETTY, Hat, Nettie, Hester |
| Isabella | Bella, Belle, Ib, Nib, Tibbie |
| Julia | Jill, Julie, Judy |
| Letitia/Louitia | Letty, Titia, Tishie |
| Lucinda | Cindy, Lucy |
| Margaret | Daisy, Madge, Maggie, Meg, Peg, Peggie, Rita, Midge |
| Martha | Marty, Mat, Mattie, Patsy, Patty |
| Mary | Mae, Mimie, Moll, Molly, Polly, Mari, Maria |
| Melinda | Lindy, Lynn, Mel, Linda |
| Mildred | Milly, Maud, Maudie |
| Nancy | Nan, Nanny, Pan |
| Pamela | Pam, Polly, Mel |
| Patricia | Pat, Patsy, Patty, Trit, Tricia, Tritter, Patsey |
| Rebecca | Beck, Becky, Reba |
| Sarah | Sally, Sara, Sal |
| Susan | Sue, Susanna, Susanne, Sukey, Susy, Susannah |
| Teresa | Terry, Tess, Tessie, Bessie |
| Virginia | Ginger, Ginny, Virgie |
| Wilhelmina | Mina, Willie, Minnie |
| Wanda | Winnie, Wonda, Sandy |
| Waunita | Etta, Skeeter, Skeets, Juanita, Nita, Wau |

MALE NICKNAMES

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Abraham | Abram, Abe |
| Albert | Al, Bert |
| Alexander | Alec, Alex, Sandy, Al |
| Alfred | Alf, Al Fred, Alfie |
| Andrew | Andy |
| Anthony/Antony | Tony |
| Archibald | Archie, Arch |
| Arthur | Art, Bud |
| Augustus/August | Gus, Gust, Auggie |
| Barnabas | Barney, Bart |
| Bartholomew | Bart, Bat |
| Benjamin | Ben, Benny, Benji |
| Charles | Chuck, Chick, Charlie, Charley |
| Curtis | Curk, Kurt |
| Cyrus | Cy, Cid, Cyd |
| Daniel | Dan, Danny, Dannie |
| David | Davy, Dave, Taffy, Rod |
| Edward | Ed, Eddie, Ned |
| Elias/Elijah/Elisha | Eli, Ely |
| Eugene | Gene, Pete |
| Ezekiel | Zeke, Zack |
| Frederick | Fred, Freddie, Fritz |
| Gerald | Jerry, Gene |
| Gilbert | Gill, Gil, Bert |
| Harold/Henry | Hal, Hank, Harry |
| Herbert | Bert |
| Hezekiah | Hezzie, Ky, Hezzy, Hank |
| Isaac/Isidore | Ike, Icky, Izzy |
| Jacob | Jeff, Jesse |
| John | Jack, Jock, Johnny, Johnnie |
| Joseph | Joe, Joey |
| Kenneth | Ken, Kenny |
| Lawrence/Laurence | Larry, Lorry |
| Lislie/Lester | Les |
| Louis/Lewis | Lou, Louie, Lem |
| Mathew/Mattias | Matt |
| Michael | Mike, Mickey, Mitch |
| Mitchell | Mitch, Schell, Mac |
| Montague | Monty, Hugh |
| Moses | Mose, Mo |
| Nathan/Nathaniel | Nat, Natty, Than |
| Obediah | Obed, Obie |
| Peter | Pete |
| Reginald | Reg, Reggie |
| Richard | Dick, Rick |
| Robert/Rodney | Bob, Bobbie, Rod, Roddy |
| Roger | Hodge |
| Rudolph | Ruddy, Dolph |
| Silas/Sylvester | Si, Sy, Sil Vet |
| Theodore | Ted, Teddy, The |
| William | Bill, Will, Billy, Rod |
| Zachariah | Zach, Zachy, Zack |



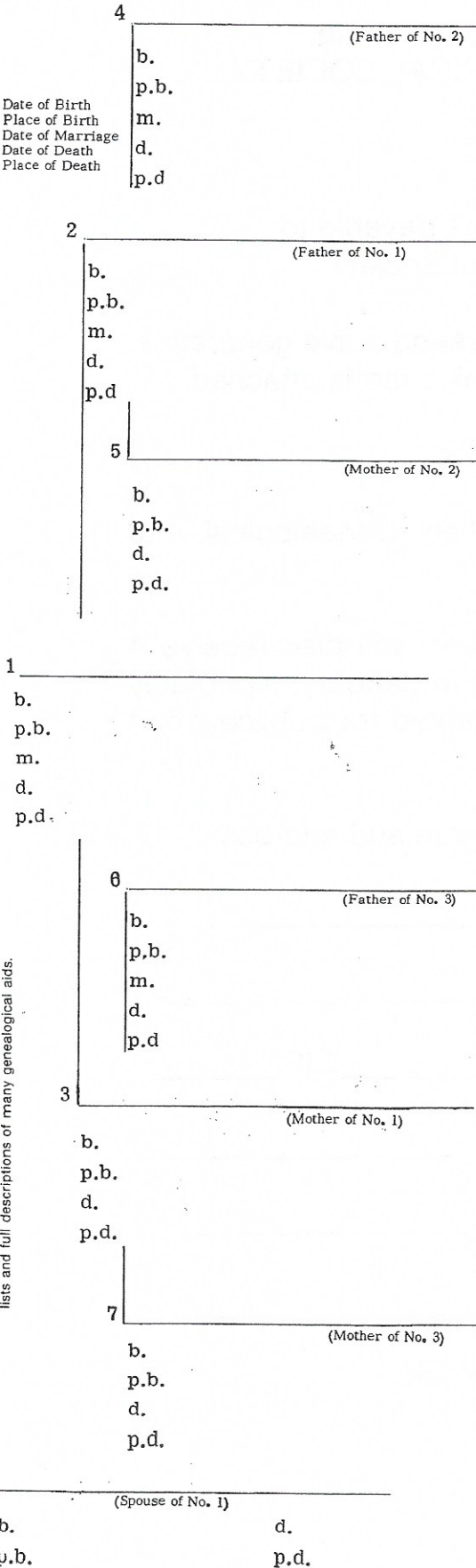
Ancestor Chart

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

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

Chart No. 1

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



16 b. _____ (Father of No. 8,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 17 b. _____ (Mother of No. 8,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 18 b. _____ (Father of No. 9,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 19 b. _____ (Mother of No. 9,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 20 b. _____ (Father of No. 10,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 21 b. _____ (Mother of No. 10,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 22 b. _____ (Father of No. 11,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 23 b. _____ (Mother of No. 11,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 24 b. _____ (Father of No. 12,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 25 b. _____ (Mother of No. 12,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 26 b. _____ (Father of No. 13,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 27 b. _____ (Mother of No. 13,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 28 b. _____ (Father of No. 14,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 29 b. _____ (Mother of No. 14,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 30 b. _____ (Father of No. 15,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____
 31 b. _____ (Mother of No. 15,
 m. _____ Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d. _____

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