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Volumes VIII through XX

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Forward to the Surname Directory

It was my intention to publish this directory as Vol. XX, Issue 4 in our quarterly series of the *Tallahassee Genealogist*. Our quarterlies had been about 24 pages in length recently and I thought a few extra pages wouldn't make much difference and would be a nice gift for our members. Little did I know that the "few" extra pages would turn into a publication more than six times as thick as our quarterlies!

After beginning the indexing process, I came across the Cumulative Surname Index to the Tallahassee Genealogical Society Newsletter compiled by Carol Cox Bouknecht in 1988. This 31-page publication indexed surnames appearing in our Newsletters from its beginning in 1981 through Volume VII, distributed in June 1988. (The name, *TGS Newsletter*, continued through Volume X and was then changed to *The Tallahassee Genealogist*, a name which remained until 2002 when it was shortened to *Tallahassee Genealogist*.) The compiler noted: "I have not attempted to index anything other than surnames (i.e. place names, subjects, etc.), nor have I included names of current members, query submitters or other contemporary individuals such as guest speakers at meetings. If maiden names are clearly indicated in the text the individual is listed under both the maiden and married name."

Attempting to merge the indices for the first seven volumes with the next thirteen volumes, I discovered that I had exceeded the number of records (rows) allowed by my computer spreadsheet program. For that reason, I have printed two separate indices: the index for the early volumes has been reprinted on blue paper, followed by the newly-compiled index for the more recent volumes on white paper.

In the index to Volumes VIII through XX, I have included names of current members appearing in pedigree charts and have not always used their maiden AND married names. I did not include names of current members if they appeared in our membership profiles, nor did I report the surnames they were seeking. Surnames appearing in book reviews were generally omitted unless the book dealt with a specific surname and traced that surname for several generations. Authors' names were not included nor were local business listings, if they could be identified as businesses and not individuals.

While compiling the index of thousands of surnames from Volumes VIII through XX, I had to make decisions concerning what names might be omitted because they could be found in other readily-accessible publications. It was easy to omit the duplicate pedigree chart of George Lee Thurston III appearing in Volume XII, Issue 1 because it had earlier been indexed from Volume XI, Issue 4. The Testator-Testatrix Index to Leon County Will Book A (1839-1879) appeared in Volume XV, Issue 2, and the Testator-Testatrix Index to Leon County Will Book B (1879-1912) appeared in Volume XV, Issue 3. Surnames appearing in these indices had appeared or would appear in our quarterlies when Will Books A and B were abstracted over the years. Surnames from those abstracts are included in this publication.

What had not appeared previously and has not been included herein follows:

- 1860 Florida Census for Leon County, began in Vol. X, Issue 1 and continued through Vol. XII, Issue 3.

- 1867 Census of Madison County, Florida, began in Vol. XV, Issue 3 and continued through Vol. XVI, Issue 4.

- M. S. Elkin Livery Stable Ledger (1861-1864), appeared in Vol. XIII, Issue 2.

- Index of surnames in the book, <u>Yesterday's Tallahassee</u>, appeared in Vol. XII, Issue 2.

- Tallahassee City Directory 1919-20, began in Vol. X, Issue 1 and continued through Vol. XII, Issue 3.

These items are lengthy and can readily be located in libraries throughout the State of Florida.

Explanation of formats

The explanation of the format for the early volumes index appears on the first blue page. The format for Volumes VIII through XX consists of two sets of four columns each per page. In alphabetical order, the first column contains the surname, followed by the given name or initial, if available. The second column is the numeric volume number (as opposed to the Roman numeral appearing on the quarterly's cover). The third column is the issue number within that volume. The fourth column indicates the page or pages within that issue.

Because of the difficulty in deciphering and transcribing names from various sources, the same individual may appear under different spellings or with different abbreviations several times within one issue. I have tried to reproduce the names as reported in our quarterlies or as compiled in our indices. In searching the indices, please make an effort to look for every possible combination of given name and initial, as well as every conceivable surname spelling.

Acknowledgments

One cannot appreciate the final product without giving thanks to those who worked so diligently since 1981 in preparing our publications, beginning with a one-page newsletter to an eight-page quarterly to the current 24-page quarterly. Special thanks must be given to the late Carol Cox Bouknecht for compiling the consolidated index for the first seven volumes. Editors Gwendolyn B. Waldorf, Sheila Martin, and Charles Corbett also compiled annual indices which made this compiler's life much easier. To you, and all of you, "Thanks, and enjoy. May the next 20 volumes be even larger and more informative."

Richard R. Sherwin, compiler

CUMULATIVE SURNAME INDEX
TO
TALLAHASSEE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Issues 1-81 through 1-86 (Being Volumes 1 through 5)
and Volumes 6 and 7

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Mr. Cliff Burkhart, one of the incorporators and first President of the Tallahassee Genealogical Society began the Newsletter as a one-page monthly meeting announcement. It gradually grew in size to include research information and genealogical items. Mrs. Barbar Boynton was the second Editor, and with her skill and hard work it developed into an 8-page quarterly issue brimming with items from original sources and contributions from members.

The method of dating each issue is as follows:

Issue	Date		Issue	Date
1-81	undated		1-84	Jan 1984
2-81	June 1981		2-84	Apr 1984
3-81	July 1981		3-84	Jun 1984
4-81	Aug 1981		4-84	not issued
5-81	Sept 1981			
6-81	Oct 1981		1-85	not issued
			2-85	Apr 1985
1-82	Jan 1982 (flyer)		3-85	ca Feb 1986
2-82	Feb 1982		4-85	ca May 1986
3-82	Mar 1982			
4-82	Apr 1982		1-86	ca June 1986
5-82	May 1982			
6-82	June 1982		(Volume numbering began)	
7-82	July 1982		6/1	Summer 1986
8-82	Aug 1982		6/2	Fall 1986
9-82	undated		6/3	Winter 1986
			6/4	Spring 1987
1-83	Jan 1983			
2-83	Apr 1983		7/1	Aug 1987
3-83	July 1983		7/2	Nov 1987
4-83	Oct 1983		7/3	Feb 1988
			7/4	June 1988

For ease in creating a consistent indexing system, each of the earlier issues has been referred to first by year, then by issue number (e.g. 84/2 for issue 2-84 published in April 1984.)

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In several early issues there are reprints of original handwritten records. These were difficult to decipher even from the original. I apologize for any inaccuracies in those transcriptions. I would appreciate hearing about any errors or omissions you may notice, since this computer-generated index can easily be corrected. Copies of this index are available for purchase. There are also limited copies of back issues of each newsletter available for sale.