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┌ROBERT DURLAND-(b.1818)┐

JAMES YOUNGS DURLAND

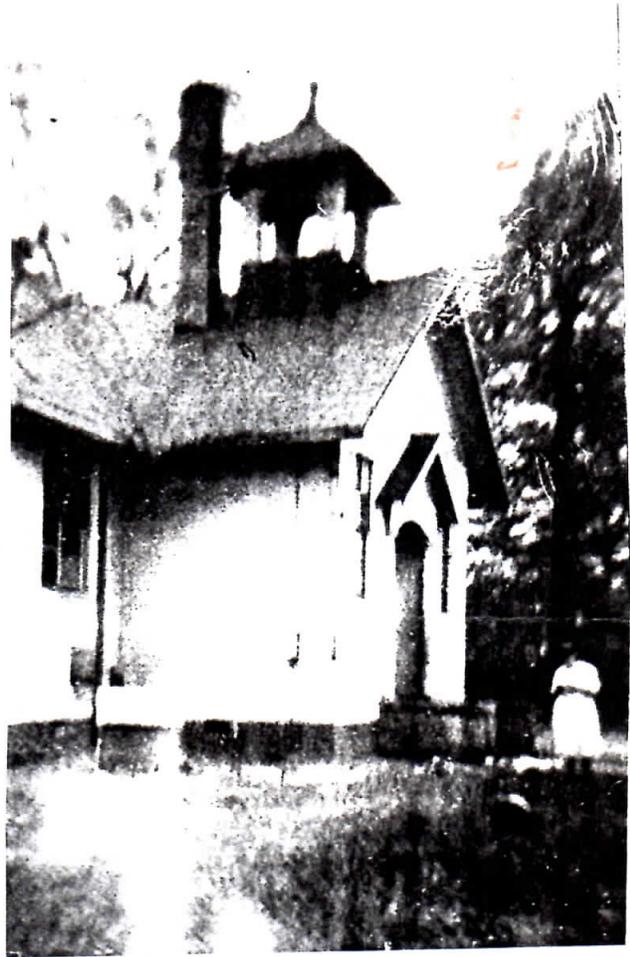
└HARRY E DURLAND-(b.1888)┘

└MARY ANN CRANE-(b.1816)┘

On December 17, 1850, James Youngs Durland, eventual father of Harry Elson and son of Robert Durland and Mary ~~Ann~~ Crane, was born on a farm in Indiana. He spent most of his life there until his father Robert sold the family farm and moved to Flora, Illinois.

While living in Seymour, Indiana, his early education was at the country school house. At the age of sixteen he entered high school and remained there until his father moved the family to Flora in hopes of becoming a merchant. However, his father ~~bought a~~ bought a farm close by and James worked on the farm during the summer of 1868.

Later he went to Dunkirk, New York to the farm of his sister and her husband Dr. G. T. Adams. After one year he returned to Flora to finish his studies.



THE DURLAND SCHOOL HOUSE IN INDIANA

In 1870 he decided to work in the store of Tonney Brothers & Durland but he was not happy away from the farm and once again returned to farming.

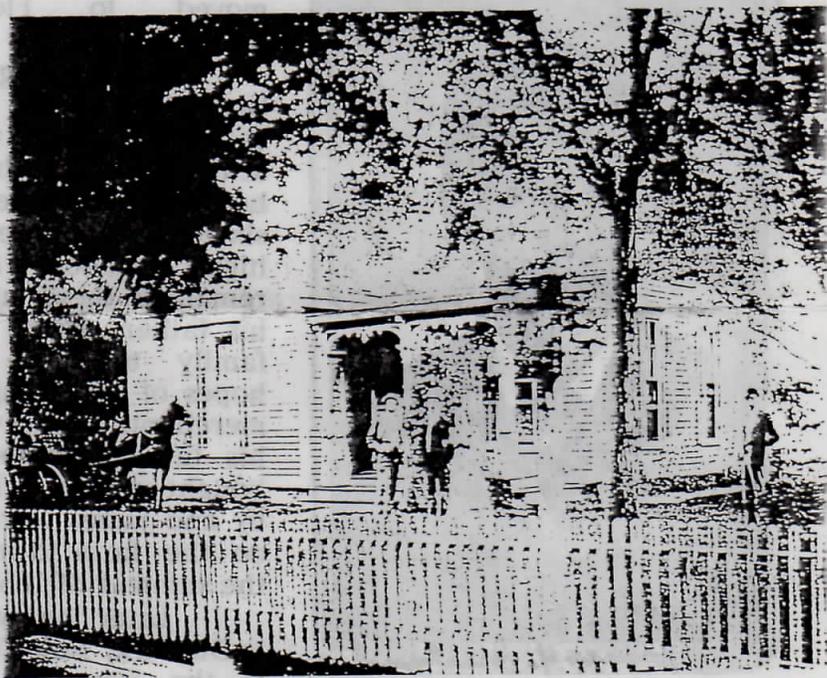
However, when his father died in 1879, leaving his mother Mary Ann Crane Durland to manage his father's investment in the hardware store, eventually, with his two brothers, he bought out his mother's interest and stayed from then on until his death. He was an important asset because of the many friends he had made within a 25 mile radius of Flora.



JAMES DURLAND ON HIS FARM



HIS GRAVESTONE IN ELMWOOD CEMETERY



THE RESIDENCE OF JAMES YOUNGS DURLAND IN FLORA

DURLAND BROS.,

DEALERS IN

HARDWARE



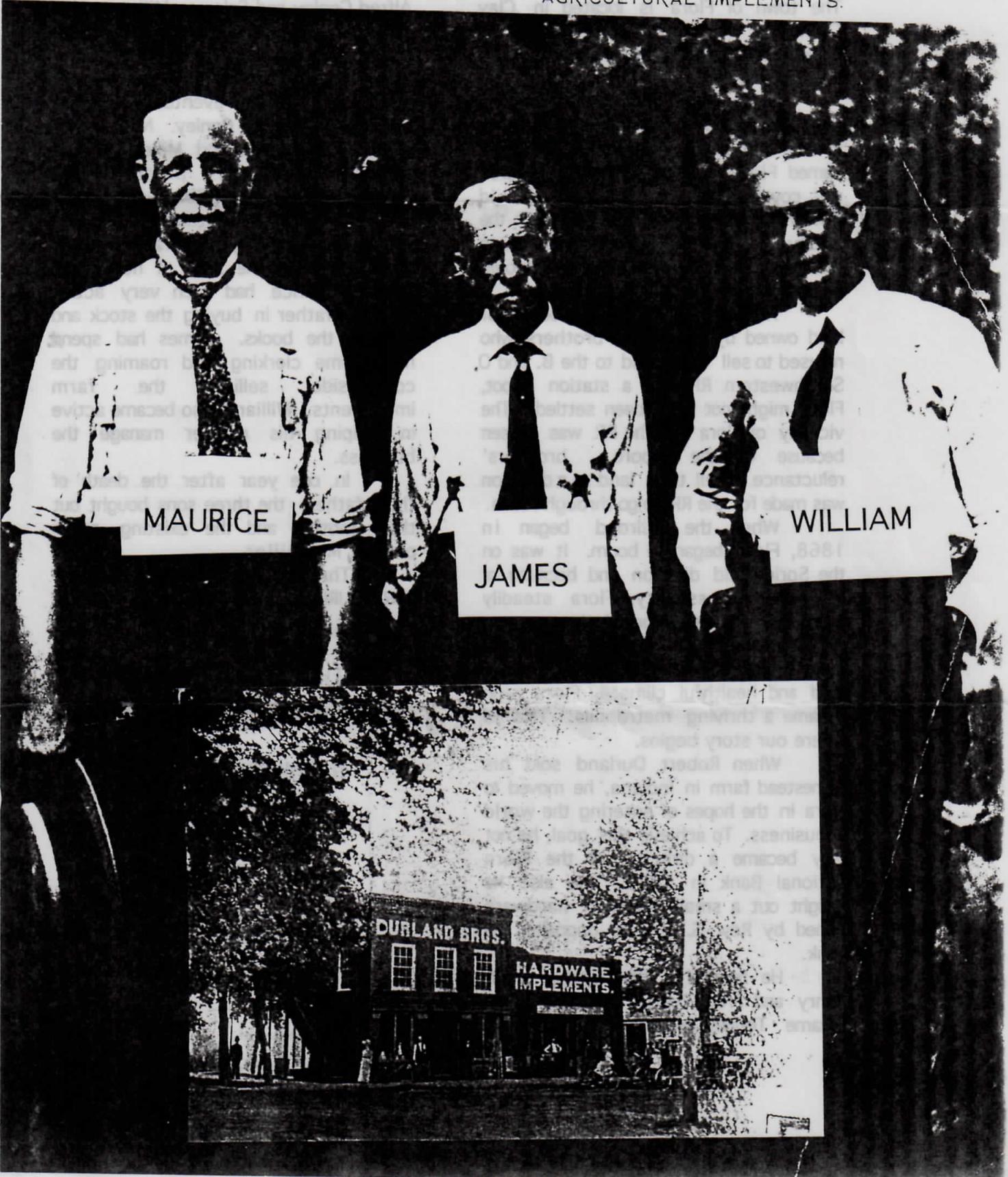
TINWARE

STOVES,

ETC. ETC.

Cor. Locust St. and North Ave.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.



"THE HARDWARE STORE"

The hardware store of Flora was not always under the ownership of the Durland Brothers. It had a long and illustrious history with several owners. The town of Flora is located in Clay County in southern Illinois which is named after the famous statesman, Henry Clay.

Flora itself was named after a daughter of one of the tradesman who it is said had a very interesting daughter named Flora. In the summer the area was covered with an abundance of wild flowers. For these two reasons, the pretty girl and the wild flowers, those who resided in the area agreed it would be appropriate for this little town.

However, if it hadn't been for land owned by the Moore brothers who refused to sell their land to the B. and O. Southwestern RR for a station depot, Flora might not have been settled. The vicinity of Flora for the RR was chosen because of the Moore brothers' reluctance to sell their land so a decision was made for the RR to go through Flora.

When the railroad began in 1868, Flora began to boom. It was on the Springfield division and because of its quick accessibility, Flora steadily advanced in trade and population.

Due to its reasonably priced land, its schools and colleges, and its mild and healthful climate, Flora soon became a thriving metropolis. This is where our story begins.

When Robert Durland sold his homestead farm in Indiana, he moved to Flora in the hopes of entering the world of business. To achieve this goal, he not only became a director of the Flora National Bank in 1872, he also he bought out a small stock of hardware owned by Rev. S. L. Era opposite the bank.

He formed a partnership with Henry and Fred Tonney and the name became Tonney Brothers and Durland.

Immediately they increased the stock and became a vital and necessary part of Flora business.

However, the Tonneys sold out to Alfred Conley and Solomon Miller and of course the style of the store changed. It now became Durland, Conley & Miller.

Another transfer in ownership took place when eventually Robert Durland bought out Conley. Now it was known as Durland and Miller and it continued under this proprietorship until Robert died in 1879.

During the settlement of his estate his wife, Mary Ann Crane Durland took over with the help of her three sons. Maurice had been very active with his father in buying the stock and keeping the books. James had spent much time clerking and roaming the countryside selling the farm implements. William also became active in helping his mother manage the business.

In one year after the death of their father, the three sons bought out their mother and the existing other partner, Mr. Miller.

Thus the hardware store became "THE DURLAND BROS."

W. R. DURLAND. J. T. DURLAND. M. G. DURLAND.

DURLAND BROS.,

ESTABLISHED 1880.

HARDWARE

AND

IMPLEMENTS,

Wagons, Buggies and Harness.

HARD and SOFT COAL.

Telephone 79.

FLORA, ILLINOIS.

THE DORLAND FAMILY
REDWOOD

Through my email, I received an inquiry from Todd Berchard in Nova Scotia, Canada, asking about my heritage. While we carried on a conversation back and forth, he asked if I knew about the newsletter with the title above. I did not so he gave me the address of the editor. As a result I wrote for a copy and finally subscribed to it.

Todd told me it was his wife who is a Durland. I asked if she is a descendant from one of the Loyalists who were true to the King at the time of the Revolution and moved to Canada. They were not sure because they had not seen the Dorland book by Cremer.

The last note that I had from Todd did tell me that his wife's father had been able to find a publisher for "Records of the DORLAND FAMILY IN AMERICA" originally published in 1898 by John Dorland Cremer, but he did not answer my question.

This is the same book which mentions the birth of Harry Elson Durland, a descendant from Samuel, son of the first immigrant. I have the information on the publisher if anyone else would like to buy it. It is printed upon order and sells for under \$50.00

Returning to the newsletter and the title of this article, one of the issues explained the title this way. "The editor's mother in law once asked what we have been doing lately...we said we had been working on the family tree...she said... it must be a Redwood by now...Since it is such a large project, the *Family Dorland Redwood* felt right for the name."

Research I had done in Holland showed that the name of DORLANT appeared for the first time in 1277. The descending pedigree tree and written material in my records become

indistinct around the year 1500. This broken line occurs just before the first ancestor arrived in 1652.

The Family Redwood newsletter of January 1997 supplied these early data submitted by Emily Dorlon Rodemann and takes up that missing period. The spelling of the name had changed from Dorlant to Dorlandt. Note that Rodemann's records show that the name is spelled the same as that of the original immigrant of 1652, Jan Gerretse DORLANDT. Obviously more research into the Holland family has been done. I'm waiting for Emily to write about the source of her research. It helps so much when one is willing to share.

FIRST GENERATION

1. Jan DORLANDT was born in 1500 in Vreeland, Holland. He married and had the following child:
 - +2 i. Jan DORLANDT Vreeland

SECOND GENERATION

2. Jan DORLANDT Vreeland was born about 1520 in Kortenhoef, Vreeland, Holland. He married about 1550 in Holland. He had the following children:
 - +3 i. Jans Janss DORLANDT Sheriff of Kortenhoef
 - 4 ii. Marten DORLANDT

THIRD GENERATION

3. Jans Janss DORLANDT Sheriff of Kortenhoef was born about 1550 in Kortenhoef, Vreeland, Holland and died after 1642 in Loenen, Holland. He married and had the following child:
 - +5 i. GerritJans DORLANDT Sheriff of Kortenhoef

FOURTH GENERATION

5. Gerrit Jans DORLANDT Sheriff of Kortenhoeve was born about 1590 in Holland. Died before 1636 in Holland. He married Annetje KIRDS about 1626 in Kortenhoeve, Holland. She was born about 1600 in Holland. She is called Annitjen (Jasper) Dirksdockter DIRK in LDS records. They had the following children:

- +8 i. Jan Gerretse DORLANDT
- 9 ii. Cornelis Gerrits DORLANDT
- 10 iii. Wouter DORLANDT
- 11 iv. Dirck DORLANDT
- 12 v. Claes Gerrits DORLANDT
- 13 vi. Lambert Janse DORLANDT



FIFTH GENERATION, Immigrant

8. Jan Gerretse DORLANDT was born in 1625 in Region of Rivers, Holland. He was a weaver by trade. He came to America in 1652 and was living in Bruklyn (Brooklyn) in 1657. He married about 1650 in Brooklyn, NY a woman who was born about 1628 in Brooklyn, NY and died in 1663/1666. They had the following children:

- 15 i. Gerret Gerretse DORLANDT
- 16 ii. Elias DORLANDT
- 17 iii. Samuel DORLANDT
- 18 iv. Christina (Syntje) DORLANDT
- 19 v. Gertrude DORLANDT

He also married Anna REMSEN in 1667 in Brooklyn, NY. They had the following children:

- 20 i. Rem DORLANDT
- 21 ii. Mary DORLANDT
- 22 iii. Anna DORLANDT
- 23 iv. Elsie DORLANDT
- 24 v. John (Jan) DORLANDT

"Records of the DORLAND FAMILY IN AMERICA" originally published in 1898 by John Dorland Cremer,

(c) SAMUEL DORLANDT.

(c) SAMUEL DORLANDT. Born about 1658; married —. He resided on Long Island and had, among children, a son—

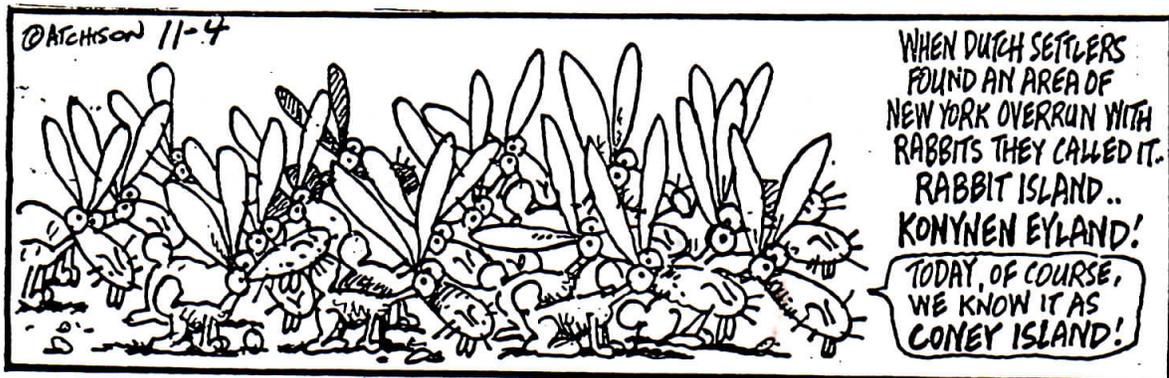
(2) SAMUEL DORLAND, JR., b. about 1680; m. Res., He stead.†

In next generation—

(3) JEREMIAH DORLAND, b. 17—; d. 17—; m. Dec. 9, 17—, 1st Presb. Ch., Phila., Pa., KATHARINE FLETCHER Res., sup., New Jersey, prob. Morris Co.† Issue (4)

- (2a) SAMUEL.
- (2b) WILLIAM.
- (2c) PETER.
- (2d) JEREMIAH, JR.†

Perhaps the DORLAND FAMILY REDWOOD will supply more interesting details in the future.



MARY ANN CRANE The Matriarch of the Robert Durland Family

Mary Ann Crane was born November 5, 1816 in Hamilton County, Ohio, the daughter of Obediah Crane and Elizabeth Schuler. Nothing is known about her mother but there are books written about the Crane family and their contributions to the history of this country.

Jasper Crane, the first Crane, was one of the original settlers of the New Haven Colony. His arrival June 4, 1639 on the Hector from London is well documented. He appears as land owner #77 on the New Haven, CT, 1641 Library of Congress Map.

From then on The Cranes are chronicled in several family books, the most famous being the "Crane Family" Volume II by Ellery Bicknell Crane.

Azariah, son of Jasper was the first Crane born in this hemisphere in 1649. Excellent records about these early Cranes read like adventure stories.

Today Crane Mountain still exists but Cranetown in New Jersey where many Cranes lived and are buried is now called another name.

Gradually the Cranes moved westward and we find Obediah, the father of Mary Ann moving to Ohio and then on to Indiana where Mary Ann was born, one of 10 children.

Her father, a farmer, while in Indiana was a member of the Legislature, but he must have had the wanderlust for he eventually died in Keokuk, Iowa.

Mary Anne, on the other hand, married Robert Durland who also had a farm and moved with him and their children to Flora, Illinois.

Mary Ann's ancestors include besides the Cranes, the families of Schuler, her mother, Meeker, her

grandmother, and further back such names as Treat, Tapp, and Gaylard.

Her lineage is a distinctive one whose stories will be told in future newsletters. For the children of today need to know their heritage, especially on the maternal side. Even though there is less documentation, there is still enough to discover through their fathers, husbands, and sons.



MARY'S MESSAGES

Many thanks to the few supporters that I have for this and forth coming issues. Their contributions have helped me a lot with the expenses. In fact I wish to give them the public mention they deserve. They are: Mitzi Griffith Sr. who was the first to send in her check immediately, Joann Larkin, Ann Cuda, Jerry Larkin Jr. and Ted Schueneman who added extra for the Schueneman-Kuhnert editions.

My son George needs special mention for all the sweat and toil he has gone through to get my Mac in working condition. He has given up and is giving me a computer which he built himself that is an IBM compatible and one which he can plug in from his office.

Kudos to Janet Smith for all the help and extra she has given me on the Schueneman book.

Harry Durland Griffith gave me some very valuable tips which I appreciate very much. If anyone else feels so inclined, please be assured that I am most happy to receive all suggestions.

I have to be honest and say this issue has not been a labor of

love. With all my computer problems and my inexperience with the workings of the program as far as writing a newsletter. this one has been a chore. I do have a manual but I find that it takes me longer to digest the printed word.

However, there were bright moments. The discovery of another family newsletter is fun. Making a new friend who is helping me unravel the DAR decision has been enlightening. I have found four Patriots of the Revolutionary War, as they call them, without even searching some I know must exist. I just checked the obvious ones.

In the past I had always discarded the DAR possibility because I thought they were racist. Now I have learned for genealogy research, if one is eligible, they are a veritable gold mine of resources. This is why I am pursuing it plus the fact that I want my descendants to know that their ancestors built this country.

So be patient with me. This newsletter will still come out in February but probably at the end of the month. The next one on FREE-ELSON will be out as promised but at the end of May.