

ancestors through the information presented. That is the goal of every family newsletter, and this effort is clearly fulfilling a need for those with the Bowen surname.

THE HENSLEIGH FAMILY OF WEMBURY. Edith Pease. Order from the author at 714 Pawnee, Ft. Morgan, CO 80701. 1991. Spiral-bound cover. 287 pp. \$33.00 postpaid.

A thousand years of history and genealogy are covered in this book as the Hensleigh surname is traced through 39 generations. We follow the family from France to the shores of Cornwall and Devonshire, in southern England, where we find Wembury Parish. From there the family branches to America and New Zealand. It was in Wembury that Thomas Hensleigh, born 1798, met and married Ann Walters, born June 1805. And, in 1833, they sailed to America, settling in Pennsylvania and Iowa with their descendants branching throughout the country from these points.

The book is basically in two sections. The first is a narrative of the history of the family with many quoted letters, articles, and documents. It is an easily followed history of the family, which included prominent gentry. The second section is the Hensleigh genealogy which is indexed. Unfortunately, the index does not cover the narrative section, thus making information on specific persons difficult to locate.

Among the many descendant surnames are Black, Christensen, Cubit, Ewing, Gregory, Jones, Lydick, O'Neill, Prideux, Richards, Teuscher, Wheeler and Wilson.

As the author gathered information from many persons who live in or visited England, as well as correspondents from across the United States and in New Zealand, she has pieced together an interesting and well researched book. The author states, "Researching family history is a rewarding avocation. I am convinced that no one who shares my zip code get more interesting mail than I." She has included many of the letters which lend color and personality to the Hensleigh family and bring to life the family and their forefathers through the past thousand years.

THE WILDER CONNECTION - ELIAS WILDER, HIS DESCENDANTS AND ANTECEDENT LINEAGE (THOMAS LINE). Donald R. Davis, M.D. Order from compiler at 12131 Goddard, Overland Park, KS 66213. 1992. Hardcover. 376 pp. \$35.00 postpaid.

Little is known of the earliest Wilder, not his birth, marriage, or death dates. But we do know that he was named Nicholas and was in the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. We do not know the name of his wife, but we do know that the union resulted in one child, a son John. This book follows the line from John through Thomas Wilder, Jr., born 1618, to the present. There are 2,573 blood line descendants accounted for here through eighteen generations.

Although there is no record, Thomas Wilder is believed to have arrived in America prior to 1638. He was received as a freeman in Charleston, Massachusetts in 1640, upon marrying Anna Eames (or Johnson, for records disagree). Three generations later, Aaron Wilder, was born in 1723, in Lancaster, Massachusetts. He married (1) Priscilla Clark and (2) Mrs. Joanna Temple Crawford. It is by the second marriage that Elias Wilder was born in Killingly, Connecticut, in 1765, married in 1791, farmed and started a family in Stowe, Vermont, migrated to Ontario County, New York, in 1808, and then moved on to Ohio. His sons moved on to Illinois and the descendants migrated onward from there throughout the western United States, Canada and Australia. The descendants, numbering 1,964, are followed up to the present in this book.

Photographs and graphics are sprinkled throughout the book, lending interest and personality to the family details and generation lists. Selected bibliographies are presented, with the most recent families presented in a more detailed manner, as is to be expected. Historical events are inserted into the text to lend detail and give readers a historical perspective on the events that affected the family as it is followed through the years.

A selected bibliography and index conclude the book. The surname index contains all Wilder descendants and spouse surnames arranged alphabetically. The surname index includes but is not limited to Churchill, Clark, Davis, Gould, Hartwell, Johnson, Joy, Marshall, Merwin, Pollock, Rasmussen, Strickler, Tucker, Wakefield and Younglove.

BETTER THAN JEWELS. Jane Cox Farmer. Order from the author at P.O. Box 21292, Little Rock, AR 72221. 1992. Soft-cover. 103 pp. \$9.50 postpaid.

This interesting book contains a series of biographical sketches describing the life of the authors parents, grandparents, great grandparents and great, great grandparents. The author has divided the book into two sections, the paternal line and the maternal line. The

sketches contain factual and historical data supplemented by many personal reminiscences, especially in the sketches of her parents and grandparents. The reminiscences bring personality to the sketches that is often lacking in genealogical books.

Principal lines followed include Cox, Bushnell, Bridwell, Nunn, Brockman, Maxwell, Miller, Hammond, Sibray, Lowery, Manuel and Syberry. The Cox line goes back to Joseph, born circa 1787, who married Cynthia Brockman in 1814 in Fayette County, Kentucky. The Maxwell line is traced back to Samuel Scott, born in 1805 in Brooke County, Virginia, who married Eliza Lowery, born in 1807, in Pennsylvania.

The sketches begin from the most recent, i.e. parents, and move back in time through preceding generations. Occasional photos lend interest to the text. A table of contents and an all name index lend easy access to data concerning the families and individuals found in these descriptive biographies.

WHITLOCK FAMILY NEWSLETTER, VOL 1-11 COMPLETE (1981-1992); VOL. 12, No. 1. Peter M. Whitlock, Editor. Order from the Editor at 1232 Oriole Place, Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada V3B 5K5. 12-20 pp. each. \$10.00 (US funds) per year subscription.

In 1981, the first issue of the Whitlock Family Newsletter was officially published, growing out of a yearly Christmas letter from the Editor, who, for years, had accumulated Whitlock data as it came to him from correspondents around the world. At the end of 1984, it was decided to publish quarterly so as to disseminate the ever increasing flow of information to researchers of the Whitlock surname.

As information is sent to the Editor, it is cataloged and filed. Then, in each issue, a section is devoted to listing each item so that other interested researchers know of its availability. There are lists of certificates, reference material including census and published family information, newspaper clippings, and a large miscellaneous file that covers family group sheets, letters, and other assorted information. In addition, each issue contains articles featuring interesting Whitlocks, a page of member main lines on file, and a description of the information and interesting finds made during the quarter.

An ongoing project is a complete listing of the Whitlock marriage register. The first Whitlock male on record was married in 1414 and the register is complete to 1949 for males with the Whitlock surname. The project will concentrate on females with the Whitlock surname after the male tabulation is up to date. This is a wonderful tool for genealogists. So is the complete data base of Whitlock surnames filed by family groups.

This is not a newsletter of queries and letter to the editor. Instead it is a fact filled publication where subscribers are encouraged to order a Xerox® of any of the pages of reference material on file to use for their own research and records. Many of the family groups and the data lists are now computerized and can be requested on disk as well.

The newsletter is punched and easily placed in a binder. The main line and marriage register sections are always separated allowing them to be pulled from the rest of the newsletter and be placed together to form a complete stand-alone reference. Back issues are available and range in price from \$.50 for years 1981-1984, \$2.00 for years 1985-1987, and \$3.00 for years 1988-1992.

PIONEER FAMILIES OF BUTLER COUNTY, KENTUCKY - SOUTH OF THE GREEN RIVER. Merriel Russ Austin & Hazel Russ Rouk. Order from Merriel Russ Austin at 1717 W. Fifth Avenue, Stillwater, OK 74074. 1992. Hardcover. 615 pp. \$50.00 postpaid.

As happens so often, research on one family leads to another family and then another until many are involved, both families and researchers. This book is the result of such an undertaking. It began as research on the Russ and related families and culminated in this data filled book, which encompasses many families. Sixteen chapters containing data on predominant pioneer families of Butler County, Kentucky form the main focus of this book.

Each chapter begins with persons born in the 1700's and traces that family forward until intermarriage with another family, where lines continue to the present. Data on many of the families begins on the eastern seaboard in Virginia, North Carolina or Maryland. As the families moved westward and settled in the Butler County, KY area, they intermarried and many descendant generations continued on westward.

Any family historian with ancestors from the Butler County area should check the massive surname index to see if mention is made of kin. Principal families include Askew, Barnes, Belilies, Brown, Goodman, Grubb, Hawes, Forgy, Hope, Knight, McCoy, Peay, Pendley, Russ, Sharer, Sorrels, and Whitaker. About fifteen other surnames are included in a supplement section which gives additional information on collateral lines.

Each chapter follows a family from the progenitor to the present descendant through generation charts. No pictures or documents are