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INAUGURAL ISSUE

This is the first issue of a Truman (Trueman-Trewman, etc.) family journal. A large circulation is anticipated eventually even though the original mailing list is small.

Several letters from Truman descendants have been received the past two years by your editor as a result of a Truman entry submitted to The Genealogical Helper which appeared in the March-April 1980 issue, page 116. This issue is being sent to those persons who responded.

In addition, complimentary copies are being sent to Truman families listed in other genealogical publications, in telephone books throughout the United States, and from surname indexes.

State libraries are being sent complimentary copies, as well as other well-known genealogical libraries, and genealogical societies.

In the beginning, TRUMAN TRIBUTE will be stapled together with adequate margin for insertion in a three-ring notebook binder. Perhaps in time if circumstances warrant, a professionally-printed magazine can be produced.

Publication of this family material is entirely dependent on individual subscribers--not only from family "researchers", but also from Truman descendants who are interested in their forebears and who wish to support the work, but do not wish to be involved in actual research.

Please send in your subscriptions without delay. Your support, family material and suggestions will be joyfully received.

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The most important fact about any family tree is the quality of the current crop of fruit.

If you could see your ancestors all standing in a row,
There might be some among them whom you wouldn't care to know.
But there's quite another matter, which requires a different view -
If you could see your ancestors, would they be proud of you?



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MISCELLANEA

Howell Truman, listed on page 179 of *Roster of Soldiers from North Carolina in the American Revolution*, by North Carolina D.A.R., 1932, reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Company, 1972. Listed as a "common soldier" from "Army Accounts, Volume II, Book AA".

John Truman served as a Private in Captain John Simpson's Company, First Rifle Regiment; enlisted in Lincoln Co., Ky and served August 15, 1812 to October 14, 1812. From: *Remember the Raisin*, by G. Glenn Clift.

James W. Truman, Private in the 1846 War with Mexico. Enlisted April 7, 1847 at Louisville, Kentucky; mustered out August 2, 1848, Newport, Conn. He served in Company K, 16th Regiment, U.S. Infantry, under Col. John W. Tibbatt. From *Roster of Volunteer Officers of Soldiers From Kentucky in the War with Mexico, 1846-1847*, by Sam E. Hill, Adjutant General of Kentucky, published 1889, Frankfort, KY.

Ralph Emerson Truman, army officer; b Kansas City, MO., May 10, 1880; s. William Thomas and Henrietta (Strang) T.; student Brown's Bus. & Tech. Sch., Kansas City, 1902-03; grad. Inf. Sch., 1925, Command Gen. Staff Sch., 1928; children - (1st marriage) Henrietta Edna (Mrs. Earl G. Davidson), Louis Watson, Corbie Ralph; m 2d, Olive Lougrette Johnson, Oct. 10, 1932. With Kansas City Union Depot Co., 1904-05; sec. chief of detectives Kansas City Police Dept., 1905-16; asst. chief spl. sgt. St.L.-S.F.R.R.Co., 1920-28; spl. sgt. Nat. Bd. Fire Underwriters, Western Dist. of Mo., 1928--. Served with 20th U.S. Inf., Spanish Am. War; served on Mexican Border with 4th Mo. Inf., 1916-17; commd. 2nd lt., 1916, advanced through the grades to maj. gen., 1938, inactive, 1942; served from 1st lt. to maj., Inf., World War I, mem. Mo. Nat. Guard, 1916---. Decorated Purple Heart. Mem. Am. War Dads (nat. v.p.), Am. Legion, V.F.W., S.R., Order of Blue Goose, 40 and 8, Spanish-Am. War Vets., Mo. Peace Officers Assn. Mason (Shriner, Scottish Rite), Eagle, Sojourner Club: Officers (Kansas City, Mo., pres.). Home: 5106 Garfield Av., Kansas City, Mo. Died 1962. From *Who Was Who In America, Volume IV, 1961-68*.

Jock Curtis Truman, Art Dealer, Collector. b Minneapolis, Minn, Sept. 4, 1920. Study: Univ. Cincinnati, 38-41; Harvard Grad Sch Design, with Gabo, Albers, Kepes, Hyman Bloom, 46-50. Pos: Owner-operator, Thirty-Five River St., Inc., Boston, 50-58; asst to dir, Robert Isaacson Gallery, New York, 58-61; with Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, 61--; dir, 70--; dir, Parsons-Truman Gallery, New York, 75--. Speciality: Modern art. Collection: Modern art. Publ: Ed & publ, 57th St. Rev, 66-67. Mailing Add: 24 W. 57th St., New York NY 10019. From *Who's Who in American Art, 1976*.

John Trueman, Lieutenant, listed in "List of Original Members (Society of the Cincinnati) in the State of Maryland." From: *Yearbook of Kentucky Society Sons of the Revolution, 1913*.

Joseph Truman, New London 1666, constable 1667, d. in 1697, made his will in Sept. 1696, mentioned ch: Joseph, Thomas, Elizabeth Mary, and Ann, all perhaps b before he went thither. Joseph, New London, son of the preced. m 5 Dec. 1701 Mary Shapley, d of Benjamin. From: *Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England, Vol. IV*, by Savage.

Frances Truman, dau of Rubin Truman, married Seth Daniel on March 26, 1826. From *Kentucky Marriages, Jefferson County, 1800 to 1826 in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. XII, 1923*.

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MORRIS-TRUMAN FAMILY

by Doris Roney Bowers

The first Morris-Truman family reunion in central Illinois was held in Bloomington, Illinois, on September 6, 1931 to bring together the descendants of John Morris and his wife Elizabeth Truman who lived in Livingston County, Illinois in the 1800's. Seventy-one persons attended this first gathering. The excitement and enjoyment of those present led to plans for an annual get-together and the following year on September 3, 1932, a second reunion was held at Miller Park, Bloomington, Illinois, with 44 persons present.

Thereafter, the reunions were held at the Truman farm, Champaign County, Ill., Urbana Township, T.19 N., R.9 E., Section 13, and attendance grew to 125-130. When World War II brought about gasoline rationing, the reunion was "temporarily" suspended with expectation that it would resume after the end of the War. For some unknown reason, the reunion did not continue following V-E and V-J (Victory in Europe, Victory in Japan) days.

Miss Edna Truman prepared a family tree chart during the 1930's which she displayed on a large poster-type exhibit at the reunions. This chart is "lost"; however, some fragmentary family records have been discovered.

The reunion records and minutes books for 1931-1942 have never surfaced except for minutes of the 1931 and 1932 reunions on separate sheets. Perhaps in this interim period, they were destroyed. If the minutes book or the tree still exist, the Morris-Truman family historian and editor of this publication would very much appreciate receiving them. They would be carefully preserved for posterity and appreciated by other Morris-Truman descendants.

Several family members remember that during World War II, Edna Truman of Urbana, Illinois, wrote then President Harry S. Truman to investigate a possible connection. This editor and others remember that President Truman replied in the affirmative - or so the story goes. However, correspondence with the Truman Presidential Library does not confirm this. Nor does research in Shelby County, Kentucky confirm it. However, John Truman and Elizabeth Lee were married in Shelby County, Kentucky, and Harry S. Truman's ancestors lived in Shelby County, Kentucky, so some relationship - as yet undiscovered - would not be unlikely or absurd.

This editor made a personal visit to the Truman Presidential Library in Independence, Missouri, in July 1982. After qualifying for admittance to this research facility, ten hours were spent going through President Truman's genealogical files. Edna's letter was not there; however, the following letter was found:

Rural Route #3
Urbana, Illinois

Nov. 3, 1958

Mr. Harry S. Truman
Independence, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

I am prompted to write this letter to you since you were president of the United States and I have returned to Illinois

to live with my brother whose name is Brook Truman. I am wondering if we are descent from the same Truman family who lived in Ky. My Great Grandfather came from Clay Village, Ky and his name was John. It has been handed down to us that some of the Truman family went out west, which at that time beyond the Mississippi River was way out West. My brother being a Past Master of A.F.A.M. lodge many times at gatherings has been jokingly introduced as a distinguished Truman, or some reference to you. Always the question follows: "Are you related to the former President?"

My imagination sometimes gets the better of me in thinking I see many similar family traits.

Do you know the names of your Great Grandfather's brothers?

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Fern Truman Knowles

Fern Truman Knowles and Brook Truman were sister and brother of Edna Truman who supposedly wrote to President Harry S. Truman during World War II.

Mr. Truman's reply to Fern Knowles was not included in the file; however, the letter bears Mr. Truman's writing showing that he referred the letter to his cousin Ethel Noland, the family genealogist. Perhaps Ethel answered Fern's letter. (Ethel's files are retained by her sister who is still living in Independence, Missouri.)

After much research, Doris Roney Bowers, Great-great-granddaughter of Benjamin C. Morris and John Truman, in a desire to resume the family ties and acquaintances, set about to hold another Morris-Truman family reunion, so she collected names and addresses and sent out notices. Her sister, Avis Roney Brent, arranged for the location, a pavilion in Forrest Park, Bloomington, Illinois, and on August 26, 1979, fifty persons came. Dean Morris, Peoria, Illinois, was elected President; Doris Bowers was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Plans were made for the next reunion and although attendance has not been great since that first re-organized reunion in 1979, there are no plans for discontinuance.

The reunions are held the third Sunday in August at Forrest Park, Bloomington, Ill.

MORRIS-TRUMAN LINES

represented at reunions in Bloomington and Urbana, Illinois in 1930's and 1979-1982 are indicated with asterisk *

TRUMAN

John Truman, b 1781, married Elizabeth Lee on Dec., 22, 1818, Shelby County, Kentucky. She was born November 30, 1796. They came to Champaign Co., Illinois ca 1830.

Children:

1. Gideon Truman - married Harriet
2. Tarleton Lee Truman - married Martha Brumley *
3. Mary Truman - married Chauncey Standish *
4. Elizabeth Truman - married John O. Morris *
 b 6/24/1824 b 7/24/1824
 Shelby Co., KY presumably Columbia Co., PA

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TRUMANS - NAME INDEX TO EARLY ILLINOIS RECORDS

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- Edward D., Land Patent, R8E4, Township 22 N, Sec. 1, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Dec. 22, 1854
Taken from *Executive Record*, page 376, 1852-1856
- Edward D., Land Patent, same as above except: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 1, Feb. 8, 1855
Taken from *Executive Record*, page 394, 1852-1856
- Edward T., Land Purchase, R3E4, Township 21 N, Sec 31, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, July 5, 1855
Certificate of Purchase 4946
- Edward T., Land Purchase, same as above.
Taken from *Executive Record*, page 482, 1852-1856
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| Eleanor R., 1850 Census | Edgar County, page 135 B, line 31 |
| Elizabeth, 1850 Census | Champaign County, page 118 B, line 6 |
| Elizabeth, 1850 Census | Tazewell County, page 4 B, line 17 |
| Elizabeth J., 1850 Census | Champaign County, page 95 A, line 12 |
| George, 1855 State Census | Bureau County, Volume 5, page 150 |
| Gideon, 1850 Census | Champaign County, page 95 A, line 10 |
| H., 1840 State Census | Adams County, Volume 4, page 34 |
| H. B., age 35, b NY, 1850 Census | Whiteside County, page 385 B, line 21 |
| Hannah, 1850 Census | Coles County, page 34 A, line 26 |
| Harriet, 1850 Census | Champaign County, page 95 A, line 11 |
| Hiram M., age 26, 1850 Census | Iroquois County, page 182 B, line 1 |
| Huldah, 1850 Census | Champaign County, page 118 B, line 10 |
| Jackson, 1850 Census | Champaign County, page 118 B, line 12 |
| James, age 4, b IL, 1850 Census | Hardin County, page 24 A, line 7 |
| James, age 3, b IL, 1850 Mortality | Schedule - Vermilion Co., page 857, line 23 |
| Jane, 1850 Census | Coles County, page 34 A, line 24 |
| Jeremiah, 1830 Census | Pike County, page 228, line 9 |
| | Males: 2 between 5-10 yrs; 2 between 10-15 yrs, 1 between 30-40 yrs |
| | Females: 1 between 5-10 yrs; 1 between 15-20 yrs, 1 between 30-40 yrs |
| Jeptha, 1850 Census | Champaign County, page 118 B, line 9 |
| John, 1840 State Census | Champaign County, Volume 4, page 187 |
| John, 1850 Census | Champaign County, page 118 B, line 5 |
| John, 1850 Census | Tazewell County, page 4 B, line 16 |
| John R., 1850 Census | Edgar County, page 135 B, line 25 |
| Jonas, 1850 Census | Tazewell County, page 413, line 19 |
| Joseph, 1850 Census | St. Clair County, page 346 B, line 17 |
| Katherine, age 18, 1850 Census | Iroquois County, page 182 B, line 3 |

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Lawson W., age 14, 1850 Census Iroquois County, page 182 B, line 5
Louis, 1850 Census Edgar County, page 135 B, line 30
Louisa, age 13, b NY, in household of W. G. Crandall, 1850 Census, Kane Co., 209 B, p.31
Lyman, Land Patent, Lee County, R9E4, Township 21 N, Sec. 28, SW¼; Dec. 17, 1853,
 Filed Dec. 19, 1853; Certificate of Purchase 3827
Margarett, 1850 Census Tazewell County, page 4 B, line 14
Martha, 1850 Census DeKalb County, page 382 B, line 13
Mary, 1850 Census Coles County, page 34 A, line 22
Mary, 1850 Census Coles County, page 34 A, line 25
Nancy, 1850 Census Champaign County, page 118 B, line 8
Orphy D., age 10, b IL, 1850 Census-Whiteside County, page 385 B, line 23
Pratty, age 19, 1850 Census Iroquois County, page 182 B, line 2
Prudence, 1850 Census Edgar County, page 135 B, line 26
Rachael, 1850 Census Edgar County, page 135 B, line 28
Rutherford, Candidate for County Treasurer, Livingston County, August 1, 1842
 From *Election Returns, Vol. 51, page 57*
Sally, 1850 Census Champaign County, page 118 B, line 7
Sarah, age 74, b VA, with family of Benjamin Booth, 1850 Census
 Adams County, page 31 B, line 28
Sosophia, 1850 Census Tazewell County, page 4 B, line 15
Susan, 1850 Census Edgar County, page 135 B, line 29
Tarlton, 1850 Census Champaign County, page 98 B, line 33
Thomas, 1850 Census Coles County, page 34 A, line 27
Vincent H., 1840 State Census, Volume 2, page 14, Cook County, Chicago City, 2nd Ward
William, 1850 Census LaSalle County, page 257 A, line 24
William, 1850 Census Tazewell County, page 4 B, line 13
William, 1850 Census Tazewell County, page 4B, line 21
William A., 1840 Census LaSalle County, page 145
William H., 1850 Census DeKalb County, page 382 B, line 12
William H., b Ohio, merchant, 1850 Census -Winnebago County, page 441 A, line 15
William T., 1850 Census Champaign County, page 95 A, line 13
Z. A., age 34, b PA, 1850 Census Whiteside County, page 385 B., line 22

The above information was transcribed from the cards in the Illinois State Archives file; however, there is always chance of human error - in copying from the microfilm

INDIANA RECORDS

Mary Louise Truman, died Lafayette, Indiana, on October 15, 1939, age 32 years.
Cause of death: Multiple fracture lower vertebrae with extensive etropentoneal hemorrhage. She is buried in Section 7, Lot 90, Greenbush Cemetery, Lafayette.
(From Tippecanoe County Genealogical Society burial card file, Lafayette, Indiana)

John B. Truman is listed on page 422 as a city engineer in section "City Officers in 1908-09, of the book *Past and Present of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, 1909.*

1820 Federal Census of Indiana:

John B. Truman - Harrison County - 1-0-0-0-1-0/2-0-1-2-0
Joseph Truman - Jennings County - 3-0-0-0-1-0/0-0-0-1-0.

1830 Federal Census of Indiana:

Sarah Truman - Sullivan County, 168 (Roll No. 26)
0-1-0-0-0-0-etc./2-0-0-0-0-1-0-1

1840 Federal Census of Indiana:

Floyd County - p. 283 - John Truman 0-0-0-0-0-2-1-0-1/1-1-0-0-1-1
Jefferson Co.- p. 357 - Joseph Truman 0-0-1-1-1-0-0-1/0-0-1-0-0-0-0-1
Parke County - p. 234 - Henry Truman 1-1-0-0-1-1/1-2-1-0-0-1
p. 256 -Shelton Truman 3-2-1-0-0-1/0-2-1-0-0-0-1 (Shelton or Skelton?)
Vigo County - p. 821 - John K.Truman 1 male 30-40/1-1-0-0-0-1

1850 Federal Census of Indiana:

Cordelia Truman(?)	Parke County - District 85 - page 632
Edgar Truman	DeKalb County - Wilmington - page 524
Elizabeth Truman	Parke County - Liberty - page 367
Hiram Truman	DeKalb County - Wilmington - page 524
James Truman	Parke County - Liberty - page 367
John Truman	Parke County - Liberty - page 367
Joseph Truman	Jennings County - Vernon - page 717
Mary A. Truman	Parke County - Liberty - page 367
Matilda Truman	Parke County - Liberty - page 367
Sarah J. Truman	Parke County - District 85 - page 632
Stephen G. Truman	Jennings County - Vernon - page 717
Woodford Truman	Hendricks County - Marion - page 159
Z. Taylor Truman	Parke County - Liberty - page 367