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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF STRICKLAND RESEARCH, INC.

The Annual General Meeting of Strickland Research, Inc. will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on October 25-26, 1980. A tour of the Georgia Dept. of Archives & History is scheduled for Saturday morning followed by a two hour research session. On Sunday, we will meet at the Century Inn South (I-285 at the Riverdale Road exit - College Park, Georgia) for a luncheon, business meeting, historical program and a time for comparing genealogical notes. We hope all of our members will be able to attend. Information concerning this meeting will be mailed to each member by September 1, 1980. If you are not a member, but would like to attend, please contact:

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## GEORGIA STRICKLANDS

1840 "Heads of Families"

Submitted by David N. Strickland

## APPLING COUNTY

Abraham Strickland  
 James Strickland  
 John Strickland  
 R. Strickland (Reuben)  
 Richard Strickland

## BAKER COUNTY

Jeremiah Strickland

## BRYAN COUNTY

Wm. Stricklin

## BULLOCK COUNTY

Elijah Strickland  
 John Strickland  
 Peter Strickland  
 R. Strickland

## CAMPBELL COUNTY

Roswell Stricklin

## CARROLL COUNTY

Miles Striblin  
 Eli Strickland  
 David Stripling  
 James Stripling

## CASS COUNTY

Alexander Strickland  
 Shadrick Strickland  
 William Stripling

## CHATTOOGA COUNTY

Brinkley Strickling  
 John Strickling  
 William Strickling

## CHEROKEE COUNTY

Anthony Stribling  
 Henry Strickland

## CLARKE COUNTY

Richard Strickland

## COBB COUNTY

Elazines Stricklin  
 Nancy Stricklin  
 Simon Stricklin  
 Toderick Stricklin  
 Henry Strickland

## COWETA COUNTY

Elisha Stricklin  
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## CRAWFORD COUNTY

Rachel Strickland  
 John Stripland  
 Benjamin Striplin  
 Thomas Striplin

## DECATUR COUNTY

Ishmel Strickland  
 Noel Strickland  
 Reuben Strickland

## DEKALB COUNTY

Elizabeth Strickland  
 Irvin Strickland  
 Stacy Strickland

## EARLY COUNTY

Alexander Strickland  
 Jesse Strickland  
 Redding Strickland  
 Robert Strickland

## FAYETTE COUNTY

Cain Strickland  
 Kinchen Strickland

## FORSYTH COUNTY

Hardy Strickland  
 Henry Strickland  
 Jacob Strickland  
 Joel Strickland  
 John Strickland  
 Oliver Strickland  
 Talbot Strickland

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

Abner H. Strickland  
 Thomas F. Stribling  
 Jacob Strickland

## GWINNETT COUNTY

Mathew Strickland  
 Susan Strickland  
 Wilson Strickland  
 Oliver P. Strickler

GWINNETT continued  
 Henry Stricklin  
 Isaac Stricklin  
 Milsey Strickling

HABERSHAM COUNTY  
 Robert Stripling

HALL COUNTY  
 Ervin Strickland  
 Joseph Strickland

HANCOCK COUNTY  
 Jeptha Stricklin  
 Thomas Stricklin

HARRIS COUNTY  
 A. Striblin  
 W. H. Striblin  
 B. Stripland  
 W. B. Stripland

HEARD COUNTY  
 Loid Strickland  
 Willson Strickland

HENRY COUNTY  
 E. Strickland  
 Elijah Strickland  
 Henry Strickland  
 Isaac Strickland  
 Lee Strickland  
 Osborn Strickland  
 Rebecca Strickland  
 Sol. Strickland  
 Solomon Strickland Jr.  
 Drury Strickland

JACKSON COUNTY  
 Bennett Strickland  
 Charles Strickland  
 Edmond Strickland  
 Hardy Strickland  
 Henry Strickland  
 Madison Strickland  
 Noah Strickland  
 Richard Strickland

JASPER COUNTY  
 Allen D. Strickland  
 Barnabas Strickland

JONES COUNTY  
 Moses Stripling  
 William H. Stripling  
 William Stripling

LAURENS COUNTY  
 John Strickland

LIBERTY COUNTY  
 Abram Strickland

Lincoln County  
 Francis M. Stribling  
 Simpson Stribling

LOWNDES COUNTY  
 Abraham Strickland  
 Archibald Strickland  
 Henry Strickland  
 James Strickland  
 Richard Strickland  
 Simeon Strickland  
 Simpson Strickland  
 Stephen Strickland

MACON COUNTY  
 John Strickland  
 Thomas Strickland

MADISON COUNTY  
 Ephraim Strickland  
 Hardy Strickland  
 Hardy Strickland  
 Isaac Strickland  
 Kinchen Strickland  
 P. H. Strickland  
 Samuel Strickland  
 Solomon Strickland  
 Willis Strickland  
 Willis H. Strickland

MERIWETHER COUNTY  
 Ephraim Strickland  
 Ezekiel Strickland  
 Solomon T. Strickland  
 William Strickland

MONROE COUNTY  
 Elizabeth Striplin  
 J. Striplin  
 Henry Stricklin

MUSCOGEE COUNTY  
 J. D. Stripling

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TALBOT COUNTY  
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TATTNALL COUNTY  
Aaron Strickland  
Abraham Strickland  
Allen Strickland  
Gabriel Strickland  
Henry Strickland  
Martha Strickland  
Thomas Strickland  
Wessley Strickland  
Benjamin Stripling  
James B. Stripling

THOMAS COUNTY  
Alsey Strickland  
Elisha Strickland  
Isham Strickland

TROUP COUNTY  
Larkin Strickland

UPSON COUNTY  
Isaac Stricklin  
Cairy Stricklin (?)\*

WARE COUNTY  
James Strickland  
Levi Strickland

WAYNE COUNTY  
Aaron Strickland  
Allen Strickland  
Humphrey Strickland  
William Strickland

\*This name is sometimes listed as a resident of Upson Co.  
David Strickland was unable to locate Cairy Stricklin due  
to the condition of the microfilm.

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#### STRICKLAND PUBLICITY

We have received very good coverage in newspaper genealogical columns of Georgia, Florida and Texas. Two columnists who have mentioned our organization several times deserve our support. They are:

ELIZABETH S. ALLIGOOD - "Tracing Family Histories" ?  
News Daily of Clayton County  
138 Church Street  
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

JOEL DIXON WELLS - "Know Your Kin"  
Fayette Sun  
335 N. Glynn Street  
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214

They are most cooperative, and will gladly print any queries on Campbell, Coweta, Clayton, Fayette, Henry and surrounding counties.

## STRICKLAND WILLS IN GEORGIA

Madison County Georgia Will Book "A", page 40:

TOLBERT STRICKLAND S. 8/8/1828 Pr. 9/1/1828

mother: not named  
 brothers: Hardy Strickland; Jacob Strickland  
 nephews: John Tolbert Eberhart; Hardy Thurmond Sanders  
 nieces: Lucy Tolbert Stamps; Louisa W. Stamps; Eliza  
 Sanders; Sally Ann E. Sanders; Mary W. Sanders  
 exec: brother, Jacob Strickland; Britton Stamps  
 wit: Wilson Strickland; Kinchen (his mark) Strickland;  
 James Eberhart  
 Will attested in court by William Sanders CCO

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Meriwether County Georgia Will Book "A", page 156:

EZEKIEL STRICKLAND S. 12/27/1829 Pr. 9/2/1850

wife: Elizabeth  
 sons: Hardy; Solomon T.; Ezekiel; Ephraim; Elisha; Henry  
 daughters: Milly Woods; Eliza Grimmett; Polly Ann Morrow;  
 Amy Wyatt; Jane Holly; Elizabeth Jones  
 exec-sons: Ephraim Strickland; Solomon T. Strickland  
 slaves: Patience; Peter; Harriett; George; Nathan; Joe;  
 Charity  
 wit: Wm. L. Rush; James M. Baxter; A. J. McAfee

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Hancock County Georgia Miscellaneous Estate Records "R", p. 64:

THOMAS STRICKLAND S. 8/12/1850

nephew: Daniel Muse & his 5 children "now living":  
 1. Andrew J. Muse; 2. Morning F. Muse; 3. Elizabeth J.  
 Muse; 4. Gilly Ann C. Muse; 5. James C. D. Muse  
 wife of Daniel Muse; Elizabeth  
 exec: nephew, Daniel Muse  
 wit: Jesse Arnold; Thomas (his mark) Quinn; Arthur I. Butts

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Hancock County Georgia Miscellaneous Estate Records "Q" p. 458:

JEPHTHA STRICKLAND S. 7/25/1848

sister: Mourning  
 grand nephew: James C. D. Muse  
 grand nieces: Elizabeth I. Muse; Gillian C. Muse  
 exec: nephew, Daniel Muse  
 wit: Thomas W. Burton; J. A. Lockhart; Thomas (his mark)  
 Quinn

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## STRICKLAND MARRIAGE BONDS

OF NASH COUNTY, N. C.

## STRICKLAND BRIDES

- STRICKLAND, America - Sam(ue)l Moore, 22 Jan 1867  
m. 24 Jan 1867 by Mc Brantley  
G(eo) B. Morgan, B. H. Sorsby
- STRICKLAND, Caroline - Spencer D. Ricks, 15 Sept 1855  
m. 16 Sept 1855 by J. J. W. Taylor JP  
J(osi) J. Q. Taylor, Wm. T. Arrington
- STRICKLAND, Catharine - Berkly Cone, 23 Oct 1865  
W. D. Cone  
(widow of JOHN R. STRICKLAND)
- STRICKLAND, Charity - Elias Bergeron, 13 Dec 1851  
m. 16 Dec 1851 by Bartley C. Strick-  
land JP; Wm. B. Bergeron, G. W. Ward
- STRICKLAND, Christiana - Alexander Baker, 28 Oct 1845  
Redmund D. Wells, Wm. T. Dortch
- STRICKLAND, Delila, - Berry Earp, 23 Dec 1865  
m. 24 Dec 1865 by Mc Brantley JP  
(John Medlin), B. H. Sorsby
- STRICKLAND, Delany - Kearny Morgan, 16 Dec 1857  
Wiley Morgan, Ira Eavens
- STRICKLAND, Diletha E. - Emerson Johnson, 15 Jan 1861  
m. 17 Jan 1861 by D. H. Bunn JP  
Bryant P. Strickland, B. H. Sorsby
- STRICKLAND, Elizabeth - Matthew Strickland, 22 Dec 1856  
m. 23 Dec 1856 by W. H. Edwards MG  
Micajah (x) Perry (W), W. T. Arrington
- STRICKLAND, Elizabeth - Burriss Mecom, 16 Feb 1843  
Calvin (x) Strickland, Saml Brown CCC
- STRICKLAND, Elizabeth - William W. Poland, 15 Jan 1838  
Robt. H. Hunt, B. H. Blount
- STRICKLAND, Elizabeth - Sion Saunders, 17 Feb 1849  
Ja(me)s (x) Griffin
- STRICKLAND, Elizabeth  
Jane - James B. Oneal, 13 Apr 1860  
Joseph R. Lee, B. H. Sorsby
- STRICKLAND, Elizabeth  
M. - Wm. T. Bryant, 29 Oct 1848  
A. B. Bains Jr., J. W. Bryant

- STRICKLAND, Emma - Abijah Morgan, 15 Feb 1836  
Reubin (x) Strickland, A. Whitfield
- STRICKLAND, February - Irvin Finch, 21 May 1858  
m. 26 May 1858 by M. H. Deans JP  
M. H. Deans, B. H. Sorsby CCC
- STRICKLAND, Gilley - Dempsey Stott, 14 Dec 1830  
Stephen (x) Bailey, John Whithouse
- STRICKLAND, Harriet - Steptoe Vick, 13 May 1851  
m. 26 May 1851 by Marmaduke Ricks JP  
Collin (x) Floyd, Jno. W. Bryant CCC
- STRICKLAND, Harriet A. - Josiah John Q. Taylor, 26 Jan 1839  
Guilford H. Williams, B. H. Blount
- STRICKLAND, Linda M. - Harrington Daniel, 11 Feb 1847  
B. T. Strickland
- STRICKLAND, Lucinda - Josiah Johnson, 22 Jan 1862  
m. 23 Jan 1862 by Jeremie Johnson  
John T. Tomlinson, B. H. Sorsby
- STRICKLAND, Mahala Ann - James M. Strickland, 12 Mar 1860  
m. 15 Mar 1860 by M. H. Deans  
Rufus (x) Strickland (W), B. H. Sorsby
- STRICKLAND, Margaret - Augustus Saunders, 2 June 1863  
m. 4 June 1863 by Mc Brantley  
Ja(mes) M. (x) Strickland, B. H. Sorsby
- STRICKLAND, Margaret  
A. M. - C. M. J. Strickland, 14 Aug 1855  
m. 30 Aug 1855 by M. H. Deans  
Wm. Colson, W. T. Arrington
- STRICKLAND, Martha - Joel Evans, 22 Nov 1852  
Wright (x) Strickland, G. W. Ward CCC
- STRICKLAND, Martha J. - Lark C. Woodard, 30 May 1854  
A. F. Lewis, G. W. Ward
- STRICKLAND, Mary - Wright Morgan, 11 Nov 1848  
W. D. Strickland, Am. H. Smith DC
- STRICKLAND, Mary - James Privett, 25 Feb 1863  
m. 26 Feb 1863 by J. Johnson  
Wright (x) Strickland, B. H. Sorsby
- STRICKLAND, Mary E. - Johnathan F. Dew, 7 Oct 1844  
Josiah Vick, Wm. H. Smith
- STRICKLAND, Mary W. - David Cooper, 25 Sept 1852  
m. 16 Oct 1852 by Marmaduke Ricks JP  
Thos. J. A. Cooper, G. W. Ward CCC



- STRICKLAND, Nancy - John B. Batts, 26 June 1848  
C. J. Parker, J. W. Bryant
- STRICKLAND, Nancy - Augustin Bryant, 30 Dec 1857  
m. 31 Dec 1857 by D. H. Bunn JP  
Evan Bryant, Benja H. Sorsby
- STRICKLAND, Nancy - Evan H. Morgan, 20 Jan 1842  
Wm. Frazier
- STRICKLAND, Reany - Wm. Hogg (x), 27 Feb 1840  
James (x) Leigh, B. H. Blount
- STRICKLAND, Roena - Hilliard Perry (x), 29 Dec 1836  
A. Whitfield
- STRICKLAND, Sally - Hardy Strickland, 31 Oct 1833  
Gray (x) Morgan (W), John T. G. Whitfield
- STRICKLAND, Sarah - Kearny Morgan, 12 Feb 1866  
m. 14 Feb 1866 by Mc Brantley  
B. H. Sorsby
- STRICKLAND, Sarah M. - Henry H. Bryant, 11 Sept 1846  
Jno. B. Rice, Wm. H. Smith
- STRICKLAND, Susan - Thomas Atkinson, 17 Jan 1814  
Benja (x) Atkinson (W), Thos. J. Armstrong
- STRICKLAND, Susan - William Pitman, 10 Mar 1835  
John Pitman, Jno. G. Blount
- STRICKLAND Susan - Jimerson Pucket, 11 July 1848  
A(rchibald) H. Smith, Jno. W. Bryant
- STRICKLAND, Wm. Jane - John W. Bryant, 16 Nov 1847  
H. H. Bryant (W), F. M. Taylor
- STRICKLAND, Zilpha - Luton Lewis, 19 Sept 1839  
Saml Brown, B. H. Blount
- STRICKLIN, Patsey - Wright Morgan, 15 Dec 1827  
James Morgan, Hy Blount CCC

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The Strickland Marriage Bonds (Vol. 1, No. 2 & No. 3) were submitted by Mrs. W. E. Nickels. They were located in the Raleigh Archives, N. C., in a typed copy by The Genealogical Society, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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## FRANKLIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

## LOOSE PAPERS OF STRICKLANDS

Continued from Vol. 1 No. 2. Located on microfilm at Ga. Archives (Drawer 52 Box 64).

Abstracts of papers pertaining to JOHN GILBERT:

Guilford Co., N. C. 26 Aug 1784 - Bought "Neger fellow" named Prince from MARY HUBERDS.

Guilford Co., N. C. 21 May 1782 (3rd Monday) - MARY GILBERT & JOHN GILBERT made executors of EDWARD GILBERT'S estate.

Guilford Co., N. C. (no date) - Covenant between ROBERT CUMMINGS & his wife, ELIZABETH CUMMINGS, and JOHN & WM. GILBERT & MARY GILBERT.

Paper dated Feb 27, 1794 - \_\_\_\_\_ TAYLOR sold JOHN GILBERT a negro. wit: ISAAC STRICKLAND, ROBERT WILLIAMS, ISAAC FRIAR.

Franklin County, GA. 24 Oct 1800

To Mr. HENRY STRICKLAND,

You are hereby required & stricktly enjoined that all business being laid aside & all excuses whatsoever \_\_\_\_\_ you do in your own proper person appear at the Superior Court to be held in & for said County upon the second Monday in April next, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ truth to say between PETER SUMMERS plaintiff and Exers. of JNO. GILBERT Dec'd defendants and this subpoena is issued by request of the plaintiff. In this you will in no wise omit under the Penalty of three hundred dollars and the damages that may be sustained by your making default. Witness the Hon. CHARLES TAIT, Judge of the Superior Court in the \_\_\_\_\_ District of said State, This 24th day of October 1800.

JNO. SMITH C. S. C.

October the 10th 1809. Received of ISAAC STRICKLAND Exrs of JOHN GILBERT, Decd. the sum of nine dollars & 25¢ for my attendance of the within summons.

H. STRICKLAND

"Superior Court Subpeona - April Term 1807"

Franklin Co., GA. Will of JOHN GILBERT, signed April 6, 1803.

Wife: MARY - "the plantation & all my personal estate during her widowhood, and as my loving children become of age, to have an equal part of all the Personal Estate."

Sons: WM. & JAMES to have plantation & land on Black Creek. JOHN to have \$1,000 when he becomes of age.

Daughters: ELIZABETH & NANCY

Mother (not named)

Exec: MARY GILBERT, wife; ABNER FRANKLIN; & ISAAC STRICKLAND.

Wit: WM. BLACK & W. WILCOX, J. P.

## THE STRICKLAND OIL CONTROVERSY

by

Mrs. W. E. (Rita) Nickels

The citizens of Conroe, Texas, had never seen anything like it. Suddenly, without any warning other than scattered rumors that a big trial was brewing, their town had been invaded by a horde of pesky strangers who had taken over like a swarm of locusts. The intruders were as rapacious as locusts, too; though it wasn't food they wanted. They were after money--royalties on the oil being pumped from Conroe's recently discovered bonanza. Specifically, their attention was focused on a tract of land that had been granted in 1838 to a man named WILSON STRICKLAND.

Strickland, a pioneer who had come to Texas when it was still a part of Mexico, had arrived in 1829, and vanished in the 1840s. If he left any trace of his subsequent location or an eventual marriage, no one has ever found it. Nevertheless, each of the strangers who invaded Conroe in 1941 was bent on proving that he was a descendant of the man. The person or persons who could perform that feat were due to make a fortune, for royalties were piling up daily in the coffers of Humble Oil & Refining Company.

When the Conroe field opened in the 1930s, Humble leased the Strickland survey from a family of Vinces claiming to be the owners. Though the Vinces' title to the property was dubious, Humble had accepted it and disbursed some royalties. The company's attorneys, becoming increasingly nervous about the lease, had discontinued the Vinces' payments and advertised for Strickland heirs. The response had been overwhelming. Hundreds of "heirs" had come forward clamoring to be recognized. Finding themselves awash in a sea of unsubstantiated claims, Humble's lawyers had taken depositions from everyone and eased them out the door. That should have been the end of the matter, but, as it turned out, the drama was just beginning. Humble had opened a Pandora's box and it was too late to close the lid.

As word of a potential fortune spread, the Strickland case escalated to a cause celebre. All over the country genealogists went on the prowl for clues to the shadowy grantee's identity. Every likely source of information was consulted--courthouse records, old cemeteries, the vague and faltering memories of a corps of octogenarians. And, all the time this was going on, aspirants to the title of heir continued to besiege Humble's lawyers. The shrewder ones brought along lawyers of their own, having learned from their predecessors' experiences that enthusiasm by itself carried little clout.

At the height of the turmoil, John Vince flabbergasted everyone by filing a suit against Humble to recover his royalties. It was this climactic move that triggered the invasion of Conroe and brought matters to a head. For eleven incredible

months, a melange of witnesses, reporters, and curiosity seekers streamed through the courtroom; and, during the marathon, the long-suffering jury heard the testimony of some fifty witnesses. Only rarely was the tedium relieved by an entertaining incident like the one provided by a woman who entered the courtroom pushing a wheelbarrow containing the remnants of a coffin. In that coffin, asserted the lady as if daring anyone to contradict her, her Wilson Strickland had been buried. How this was supposed to prove her descent from Wilson the grantee is not made clear in the records. The jury didn't grasp the connection either, but they enjoyed the amusing performance.

So voluminous was the evidence submitted that an expert on forged documents was brought in to rule on its authenticity. The expert, Clark Sellers, examined the items one by one and pronounced the majority of them fraudulent. Some of the forgeries were so amateurish that they screamed of spurious origins. Letters purporting to be nineteenth century missives had been written on twentieth century stationery. "Old" documents were penned in ink much too fresh to be authentic. Falsified Bible records yielded up their secrets to infra red rays revealing particles of graphite which had been ground into the paper when the original pencil writing had been erased to make room for fictitious entries.

Forgeries such as these were easy to detect; others were more challenging. Probably the most expert of the lot was a forged tombstone belonging to some Stricklands from Georgia. The stone itself did not appear in court, having mysteriously vanished shortly before the trial began; but, its owners just happened to have a snapshot which they were happy to show to Sellers. The picture showed a large stone slab inscribed "In Memory Of Wilson Strickland," followed by the dates of birth and death (1807 & 1847). At first glance, the inscription seemed to be innocent enough, but when Sellers scrutinized it more closely he detected a slight incongruity in the lettering of the names. The Strickland appeared to be authentic, as did the first three letters of Wilson, but the remaining three letters didn't match up precisely. Was it possible that the name had been altered to make it suit the photographer's purposes?

Sellers didn't know whether a tombstone could be forged, but he decided to find out. Commandeering an old stone no one wanted, he filled the old letters with putty and carved new ones in their stead, discovering as he worked that it was surprisingly easy to cut the timeworn surface. When he was through, he tested his handiwork by photographing it from various angles and under various light conditions. Some of the pictures that resulted were remarkably convincing, certainly good enough to fool the average eye. Though the cautious Sellers later declined to label the Stricklands' snapshot an outright hoax, he did venture an opinion that the name on their stone had originally read Willis H. Strickland.

When all of the testimony had been heard and all of the evidence disposed of in one way or another, the weary jury retired to its quarters. After some deliberation it decided to award

John Vince a settlement of \$300,000. That was the end of the jury's job, arbitration of land disputes being outside its province; however, it was opined privately that none of the witnesses, be they Stricklands or Vinces, had produced firm proof of their right to claim Wilson Strickland's land. As for the Stricklands who had taken part in the trial...they went home emptyhanded and convinced in their own minds that they had been ripped off. Even in those days oil companies were suspected of being heartless villains who had no sympathy for the little man.

Who was Wilson Strickland? The question has never been answered satisfactorily due to a scarcity of information about the man. The only indisputable facts are those which are documented in the records of the Texas Archives and the General Land Office. Strickland, unmarried and evidently illiterate, came to Texas in 1829. He fought in the Texas Revolution of 1836 and was awarded a bounty grant in Kaufman County (which he promptly assigned to his comrade-in-arms John A. Greer). In 1838, he applied for and received a first class headright in Harrisburg (later Harris, now Montgomery) County.<sup>1</sup> This was the Conroe grant, as it is commonly called. To obtain it, Wilson followed the standard procedure prescribed by the Republic of Texas; appearing before the Board of Land Commissioners for Harrisburg County, he stated under oath that he was a single man who had come to Texas in 1829, hence he was entitled to one third of a league of land. A certificate to that effect was duly issued by the examining board. Numbered 423 and dated March 16, 1838, the certificate was nothing more than a permit for Wilson to select his allotted acreage from the public lands available. Before he could obtain a patent on the land, he would have to locate his tract, have it surveyed, and file a claim at the appropriate courthouse.

For reasons that are now unknown, Wilson hired a man named Allen Vince to handle these matters for him. On April 16, 1838, the two men signed a contract whereby Strickland, signing with an X, agreed to give Vince one half of the property if Vince would take care of the necessary procedures and pay all expenses involved. This Vince did, albeit slowly. Due mainly to procrastination by the surveyor, it was not until July 3, 1847, that a patent was issued by the General Land Office in Austin.

At this point the records introduce a startling development. Almost as soon as the patent was issued, Allen Vince petitioned the court of Harris County to assign the Conroe survey to him. Strickland, explained Vince, had not honored his agreement to give half of the property to Vince, nor had he paid a debt of \$200 which he owed Vince for money loaned and board furnished, a debt which had been secured by an additional lien on the Conroe tract. In view of these defaults, Vince felt he had the right to take over Strickland's land. The court agreed, but only after publishing an eight-weeks' citation in the Harris County "Telegraph" so Strickland, who was "now absent from the State and hence beyond the reach of personal service," could be advised of the charges against him. When the eight weeks were up and Strickland had not been heard from, the court ruled in favor

of the plaintiff. Now the land was Vince's, or would be as soon as he filed title to it at the Montgomery County courthouse.

Incredibly, Vince never filed a title. His failure to do so is baggling, as he was an experienced trader who had acquired modest wealth by dealing in land, livestock and slaves. Surely he must have known he was supposed to obtain a deed to his newly acquired property. Why didn't he do so? Various speculations have been offered: 1) he died unexpectedly before he had a chance to go to Conroe; 2) he put off the trip till a more convenient time and it eventually skipped his mind; 3) he simply didn't bother because the land wasn't worth the trouble.<sup>2</sup> Whatever his motives may have been, Vince didn't file title and his omission became a point of much contention at the trial in 1941.

The Strickland factions, ceasing their infighting long enough to gang up on the Vinces, charged that Allen Vince had never officially owned the land, therefore, his descendants had no business being in the courtroom. Oh yes they did, replied the Vinces; the 1847 judgment of the Harris County court was as binding as any deed. We'll see about that, countered the Stricklands; we'll request a court ruling on the validity of that old judgment.

The threat was never carried out and the question of true ownership remains unanswered to this day. Undoubtedly it would present difficulties for anyone who might wish to reopen the case, but there is no indication anyone intends to do so. Such an action would probably prove fruitless, as it is doubtful that royalties could be collected after all these years. But, curiosity about Wilson Strickland's identity runs as high as ever. Scarcely a month goes by without the General Land Office receiving at least one inquiry from some researcher who yearns to know what secrets lurk within Wilson's file. The sleuths must be disappointed to learn the file contains only four documents, none of which contain biographical data other than Wilson's statement of his marital status and date of immigration. Yet, countless researchers have poured over them and the paper has been worn thin. The General Land Office was finally compelled to laminate them to prevent their gradual destruction.

Who was WILSON STRICKLAND? Where did he come from? Where did he go? These are questions that will probably be asked for many years to come...and will probably never be answered.

#### Footnotes:

1. Headrights in Texas were divided into 4 classes, depending on the date of the applicant's arrival in Texas. First Class grants were reserved for settlers who had immigrated before 1836. They conveyed one league of land (4,428 acres) to married grantees and one third of a league (1,476 acres) to single grantees. In pioneer days, when everyone was scrambling to claim land, surveyors were not always fastidious about honoring one another's markers. This resulted in a hodgepodge of overlapping surveys that had to be straightened out tediously through the years. When all the corrections were finished, the Strickland tract was left with 495 acres.

2. This theory isn't...

wasn't especially desirable, as it was unfit for farming. Throughout its early history it remained a deserted wilderness. In 1893, a man who had acquired a deed of sorts subdivided the property and sold a few lots to some gullible buyers, but all the buyers ever did with their property was put up some cabins and cut a little timber. So far as old timers around Conroe can remember, the land served no serious purpose until oil was struck there in the thirties.

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Rita Nickels, a member from Austin, TX., spent many hours at the Texas Archives and the General Land Office researching the available documents pertaining to WILSON STRICKLAND and the Strickland oil suit. It took many more hours to put the bits and pieces together in order to write the article presented in this issue. Thank you, Rita, for sharing your research and your article with us. -NJC.

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Copies of documents submitted to Strickland Research, Inc. by Rita Nickels:

1. "Hot Documents" by Alva Johnston, Saturday Evening Post article, Feb. 8, 1947.
2. Map of Conroe oil field, showing location of Strickland property.
3. Index to Aug 11, 1941 trial held in Montgomery Co, TX.
4. Papers concerning ALLEN VINCE's petition against WILSON STRICKLAND for debts, 1847.
5. Letter dated June 23, 1939, from Conroe lawyer, J. M. CRANE to W. B. BOYD of Iredell, TX., stating the known facts about Strickland's grant and telling about some Georgians who were preparing to present evidence at the trial.
6. Photostat of original document from Board of Land Commissioners for Gonzales Co., stating Strickland claimed to have arrived in Texas in 1827.
7. Headright Certificate dated March 16, 1838.
8. Receipt signed by Secretary of the Treasury showing that WILSON STRICKLAND paid \$15.20 for government dues on the land, dated August 31, 1839.

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HELPFUL HINT:

Always use black ink when signing documents or filling out important papers. Black ink will zerox better than blue.

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WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION IN QUARTERLY PROJECTS

BIBLE RECORD: Joel Strickland of Calvary, Ga.  
(formerly Decatur Co, now Grady Co)

A copy of the family pages was made by Mrs. Edwin C. Maxwell, daughter of Mabel Strickland Jones. It was submitted to Strickland Research, Inc. by Mrs. John W. Maltbie. (3 pages)

JOEL STRICKLAND, b. 22 Dec 1838 - d. 4 Nov 1915  
m. ALMEDIA KING 7 Feb 1869  
by Rev. JOHN REEVES

ALMEDIA KING STRICKLAND, b. 16 May 1854 - d. 2 Nov 1918

PERMELIA ("MELIA") STRICKLAND, b. 4 Feb 1870  
d. 23 Sept 1900

HATTIE M. STRICKLAND, b. 19 July 1872 - d. 11 Sept 1889

LOUELLA STRICKLAND, b. 13 Oct 1874 - d. 27 March 1897  
m.          Davis  
children: MILDRED LULA DAVIS & JERRY B. DAVIS

JOHN H. STRICKLAND, b. 8 April 1877

JOSEPH C. STRICKLAND, b. 16 April 1879

ALLIE P. STRICKLAND, b. 6 July 1881 - d. 22 Sept 1900  
m.          Jones

MABEL STRICKLAND, b. 19 Feb 1884 - d. 23 Nov 1975  
m.          Jones

JAMES R. STRICKLAND, b. 1 Aug 1886 - d. 26 June 1894

ADDIE C. STRICKLAND, b. 22 Feb 1889 - "deceased unknown"

HENRY L. STRICKLAND, b. 7 April 1891 - "deceased unknown"

WILLIE F. STRICKLAND, b. 12 Nov 1893 - d. 18 Oct 1918

MURRY T. STRICKLAND, b. 15 Feb 1896 - d. 17 Aug 1974

JESSE LEE STRICKLAND, (not listed on page of births)  
"deceased - date unknown"

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Bible Records submitted during "Quarterly Project" (To be printed)

\*DAVID LLOYD STRICKLAND BIBLE, submitted by R. G. Pyle  
ISAAC STRICKLAND (Upson Co, Ga.), " by H. G. Kenney  
JOHN WASHINGTON STRICKLAND BIBLE, " " H. G. Kenney  
CARY WYLLIS STRICKLAND BIBLE, " " H. G. Kenney  
R. W. MILNER BIBLE, submitted by H. G. Kenney  
JAMES CROGGIN GREGG BIBLE, submitted by H. G. Kenney  
EDGAR JOHNSON BIBLE, " " H. G. Kenney



## STRICKLAND IMMIGRANTS

## "INDEX TO PASSENGER LISTS OF VESSELS

ARRIVING AT NEW YORK, 1820 - 1846"

National Archives Microfilm Publications Washington: 1958  
Microcopy 261 Roll 92

Abstracted by Nancy Cornell May 28, 1980

- STRICKLAND, ALFRED Age: 30 M Occupation: mechanic  
Nationality: Gr. Britain  
Last Address: Gr. Britain  
Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
Vessel: Ontario Date: 11-13-1841
- STRICKLAND, ANN Age: 4 mo. F Nationality: Gr. Britain  
Last Address: Gr. Britain  
Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
Vessel: Quebec Date: 2-1844  
Accompanied by: HENRY & JOHN
- STRICKLAND, ANN Age: 8 yrs. F Port of Entry: N. Y.  
Vessel: Carroll of Carrollton  
Date: 7-5-1843  
Accompanied by: MARY, JNO., HANNAH, ELIZTH,  
MARGT., HANNAH
- STRICKLAND, ANNE Age: 24 yrs. F Nationality: Gr. Britain  
Last Address: Gr. Britain  
Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
Vessel: North America Date: 10-28-1833  
Accompanied by: ELIZABETH, HARRIET, JOHN,  
ABRAHAM, ELIZABETH
- STRICKLAND, ELIZTH Age: 2 yrs. F Nationality: Gr. Britain  
Last Address: Gr. Britain  
Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
Vessel: Carroll of Carrollton  
Date: 7-5-1843  
Accompanied by: HANNAH, JNO., MARY, ANN,  
MARGT., HANNAH
- STRICKLAND, E. Age: 6 mo. F Nationality: Gr. Britain  
Last Address: Gr. Britain  
Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
Vessel: Oswego Date: 10-11-1841  
Accompanied by: M. & E.
- STRICKLAND, E. Age: 24 yrs. F Nationality: Gr. Britain  
Last Address: Gr. Britain  
Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
Vessel: Oswego Date: 10-11-1841  
Accompanied by: E. & M.

STRICKLAND, ELIZA Age: 33 yrs. M Nationality: Gr. Britain  
 Last Address: Gr. Britain  
 Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: Quebec Date: 2-1844

STRICKLAND, ELIZABETH Age: 1 yr. F Nationality: Gr. Britain  
 Last Address: Gr. Britain  
 Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: North America Date: 10-28-1833  
 Accompanied by: ANNE, HARRIETT, JOHN,  
 ABRAHAM, ELIZ.

STRICKLAND, HANNAH Age: 4 yrs. F Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: Carroll of Carrollton  
 Date: 7-5-1843  
 Accompanied by: ELIZTH, JNO., MARY, ANN,  
 MARGT., HANNAH

STRICKLAND, HANNAH Age: 35 yrs. F Nationality: Gr. Britain  
 Last Address: Gr. Britain  
 Destination: U. S. Port of Entry N. Y.  
 Vessel: Carroll of Carrollton  
 Date: 7-5-1843  
 Accompanied by: MARGT., ANN, MARY, JNO.,  
 HANNAH, ELIZTH

STRICKLAND, HARRIET Age: 18 F Nationality: Gr. Britain  
 Last Address: Gr. Britain  
 Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: Peter Hattrick Date: 6-15-1844

STRICKLAND, HENRY Age: 4 yrs. M Nationality: Gr. Britain  
 Last Address: Gr. Britain  
 Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: Quebec Date: 2-1844  
 Accompanied by JOHN & ANN

STRICKLAND, H. Age: 27 yrs. M Occupation: stone mason (?)  
 Nationality: Gr. Britain  
 Last Address: Gr. Britain  
 Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: Hostmaster (?) Date: (illegible)  
 (possibly 1837)

STRICKLAND, JOHN Age: 2 yrs. M Nationality: Gr. Britain  
 Last Address: Gr. Britain  
 Destination: U. S. Port of Entry N. Y.  
 Vessel: Quebec Date: 2-1844  
 Accompanied by HENRY & ANN

STRICKLAND, JNO. Age: 36 yrs. M Occupation: farmer  
 Nationality: Gr. Britain  
 Last Address: Gr. Britain  
 Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: Carroll of Carrollton  
 Date: 7-5-1843  
 Accompanied by: HANNAH, ELIZTH, MARY, ANN,  
 MARGT., HANNAH

STRICKLAND, MARGT. Age: 10 yrs. F Nationality: Gr. Britain  
 Last Address: Gr. Britain  
 Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: Carroll of Carrollton  
 Date: 7-5-1843  
 Accompanied by: ANN, MARY, JNO., HANNAH,  
 ELIZTH, HANNAH

STRICKLAND, MARY Age: 6 yrs. F Nationality: Gr. Britain  
 Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: Carroll of Carrollton  
 Date: 7-5-1843  
 Accompanied by: JNO., HANNAH, ELIZTH,  
 ANN, MARGT., HANNAH

STRICKLAND, MERCY Age: 21 F Nationality: England  
 Last Address: England  
 Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: Ebro Date: 1-1841  
 Accompanied by: WM. & ROSANNA

STRICKLAND, NATHAN Age: 36 yrs. M Occupation: mariner  
 Nationality: U. S.  
 Last Address: U. S. Destination: U. S.  
 Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: John Wells Date: 5-10-1844

STRICKLAND, ROBERT Age: 27 yrs. Occupation: shoemaker  
 Nationality: Ireland  
 Last Address: Ireland Destination: U. S.  
 Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: Rockingham Date: 8-19-1834

STRICKLAND, ROSANNA Age: Infant F Nationality: England  
 Vessel: Ebro Date: 1-1841  
 Accompanied by: WM. & MERCY

STRICKLAND, W. Age: 25 (28?) Occupation: mechanic  
 Nationality: Gr. Britain  
 Last Address: Gr. Britain  
 Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: Oswego Date: 10-11-1841  
 Accompanied by: E. & E.

STRICKLAND, W. Age: 31 yrs. M Occupation: farmer  
 Nationality: Gr. Britain  
 Last Address: Gr. Britain  
 Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: Monument Date: 3-1840

STRICKLAND, WM. Age: 21 yrs. M Occupation: mason  
 Nationality: England  
 Last Address: England  
 Destination: U. S. Port of Entry: N. Y.  
 Vessel: Ebro Date: 1-1841

## STRICKLAND REUNIONS

June 29, 1980  
Carroll County, Georgia

The descendants of Rev. William Henry Strickland (b. 1839 d. 1901) and Sarah Cornelia Dunlap Strickland met for dinner on Sunday, June 29th, in Carroll County, Georgia. There were 48 in attendance. Sarah Fulton was the oldest descendant attending, and her great grand niece was the youngest.

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The following release was sent to the Gainesville (FL) Sun, Jesup Sentinel, Kennesaw Neighbor, Atlanta Journal/Constitution, Waycross Journal/Herald, and the Blackshear Times.

## STRICKLAND REUNION

The descendants of Alfred Cutherbert Strickland -- born January 15, 1831 - died June 27, 1910, recently held their annual family reunion in Jesup, Georgia. Relatives from as far away as Denver, Colorado and Baltimore, Maryland attended the pot-luck dinner and annual election of Strickland family organization officers. The 1980-1981 officers are: President-Alice Strickland Blocker of Jesup, Georgia, Vice-President-Lois Strickland Clark of Decatur, Georgia, Secretary-Treasurer-Sidney L. Strickland of Savannah, Georgia, Chaplain-Harley Strickland of Hortense, Georgia, Publications-Malcolm Strickland of Kennesaw, Georgia, Historian-Stella Dampier of Gainesville, Florida, and Chaplain Emeritus-Alfred C. Strickland of Blackshear, Georgia. Host of the event at Jesup's Cracker Williams Recreation Center was Sidney L. Strickland. Mr. Strickland introduced Alfred C. Strickland (84) as the oldest family member present, and Brent Middleton (5 mos.), son of Mary and Larry Middleton as the youngest attendee. Seven direct descendant family lines were represented at the gathering. If you have any historical information relating to this A. C. Strickland family of Georgia, please contact Mrs. Ruby (Stella) Dampier, 303-21st St. S.E., Gainesville, Florida 32601.

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Let us know about other reunions, marriages, deaths, etc. We will gladly reprint them in Strickland Scene.

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DO YOU KNOWDIAMOND-STRICKLAND

Mrs. H. W. Persons, 1933 Buckingham Dr., Chesterfield, MO 63017: Needs any information on FRANCES DIAMOND or PEGGY DIAMOND, wife or wives of SOLOMON STRICKLAND (d. 1843 Henry Co., GA)

Any information on the above is also being sought by Nancy Cornell, 1661 Lauranceae Way, Riverdale, GA 30296.

HIGGINBOTHAM-STRICKLAND

Gary J. Higginbotham, 471 Gorenflo Ave., North Biloxi, MS 39532: WILLIAM HIGGINBOTHAM, b. ca. 1777 in Amherst Co., VA., was in S. C. in 1800; after 1804 in GA.; 1815-1819 in Madison Co., GA.; 1820-1835 in Dallas Co., AL; 1836 to after 1840 in Kemper Co., Miss. where it is believed he died. Parents: CALEB HIGGINBOTHAM & MARYANN CASH of Amherst Co., VA.

Married (1) possibly a STRICKLAND with family ties to THOMPSON C. STRICKLAND of Madison Co., GA. (Thompson & William were defendants in a court case Madison Co., GA. in April 1818)

Married (2) MARY N. \_\_\_\_\_ in Dallas Co., AL sometime between 1830-1835.

Children: NELSON HIGGINBOTHAM, EPHRAIM HIGGINBOTHAM (in Randolph Co., AL in 1850); EDWARD HIGGINBOTHAM, WILLIAM HIGGINBOTHAM (in Lauderdale Co., Miss. in 1850); probably other children.

Any information as to the marriage of WILLIAM HIGGINBOTHAM to his first wife and their children?

STRICKLAND-STANCIL-SPEIGHT

Mrs. C. E. Trapp, 455 W. 67th St., Jacksonville, FL 32208: Needs the father of WM. H. STRICKLAND. WM. m. MARY HILL PRISCILLA GANDY STANCIL. He died in Brooks Co., GA.

Also needs any information on JONATHAN SPEIGHT from Washington Co., GA. Came there from N. C. ca. 1820.

STRICKLAND-CLOUD

Mrs. Hilda Strickland Jones, 300 East Fourth Ave., Rome, GA. 30161: Who were the parents of JORDAN (JOURDAIN) STRICKLAND, b. N. C. ca. 1823 or 1824, m. LUCINDA CLOUD, b. GA. 1825. He appears in 1850 census from Marion Co., GA. Lived in Macon Co., GA., before moving to Early Co., GA. ca. 1860.

Children: JOHN WINFIELD STRICKLAND; NOEL FILMORE STRICKLAND; SARAH JANE STRICKLAND.

STRICKLAND

Sharon S. Cannon, Rt. 1 Box 2-A Apr. 7, Barboursville, VA 22923: Searching for the parents of JACOB STRICKLAND, b. N. C. in 1805, and married ELIZABETH (FINCH?), b. 1804. He is recorded in the 1830-1850 census of Nash Co., N. C. Also, his will was probated in Nash Co. in 1858.

STRICKLAND-LANIER

Mrs. Eve M. Vaughn, 12 Deal Ave., Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548: Needs information on HENRY STRICKLAND & wife, SARAH LANIER, of Lowndes Co., GA. Children: JAMES (b. ca. 1829, m. Elizabeth Dasher); ISAAC (b. ca. 1835 possibly in Effingham

Co, GA.); WILLIAM W. (b. ca. 1841 possibly in Effingham Co); SARAH L. (b. ca. 1842, m. Thomas E. Lanier on 11 Jan 1866). ISAAC was executor of his father's estate.

HENRY was in War of 1812 & Indian Wars; was a Justice of the Peace and leading personality in area of Valdosta. He owned lots of land & lived in area of Lake Park, Dasher, & in Valdosta after 1850. Need to know his parents and the burial place of HENRY & SARAH. One of his granddaughters recalls rowing in a boat on Twin Lakes. Son THOMAS deeded land to a Church of Christ in area of Dasher.

#### STRICKLAND

James E. Strickling, 5705 DeKalb Lane, Norcross, GA 30093: Needs information on the following family:

HENRY STRICKLAND (b. 1819 GA) & wife, LUCINA (Cina) b. 1818 GA. First child, FRANCIS MARION (b. 1839 GA). Lived in Cherokee Co., AL at least as early as 1860.

Are these the HENRY STRICKLAND and LUCINDA McCUNE married in Madison Co., GA in 1838? Where were they in 1840 (GA)? Where were they in 1850 (AL)? HENRY's second son was IRVIN C. (b. 1841 GA). Could HENRY be the son of the (older) IRVIN STRICKLAND of Hall Co., GA (who had sons named IRVIN & FRANCIS M. & another HENRY's age)?

#### STRICKLAND-NAYLOR-NAILOR

Ben F. Strickland, 72 Simpson Lane, Milton, FL 32570: Would like to know the relationship of the STRICKLAND & NAYLOR-NAILOR families. They seem to have had connections in Miss., N. C. & GA. FRANCES NAYLOR applied for administration of the estate of JOSEPH STRICKLAND in Natches Dist., Miss. Territory in 1808. FRANCES & JOHN NAYLOR are listed in the Spanish Census of Natches Dist. in 1792. JOSEPH, JEREMIAH, DAVID & JOHN STRICKLAND are all in the Natches Dist. (Miss. Terr.) 1800-1805.

HOLLY STRICKLAND's will in Sampson Co., NC, is witnessed by ABRAHAM NAYLOR, SR. & ABRAHAM NAYLOR, JR. in 1822.

1850 Census of Madison Co., GA shows ISAAC STRICKLAND, age 80 b. in NC, & SUSANNA NAYLOR, age 37 b. in GA. in the same household.

#### STRICKLAND-COLE

Ben F. Strickland, 72 Simpson Lane, Milton, FL 32570: Would like to correspond with anyone having a STRICKLAND-COLE connection. MARK COLE m. CLARY C. STRICKLAND, Wake Co., NC 26 Jan 1814. JOHN STRICKLAND m. PATSY COLE in Richmond Co., NC 4 March 1801; bondsman, JESSE COLE. JOHN STRICKLAND, MARK COLE, JESSE COLE are all listed in the 1816 Census of Wayne Co, MS Territory. Are those in Wake & Richmond Co, NC, and those in Wayne Co, MS Terr. the same people?

#### STRICKLAND-DUNNAM

Ben F. Strickland, 72 Simpson Lane, Milton, FL 32570: According to family tradition EBENEZER DUNNAM, son of John Peter Dunnam & Elizabeth McCants, b. 1776 in SC & d. 1846 in Greene Co, MS, was married to JENNIE STRICKLAND. Was she his 2nd wife, & was she the daughter of one of the Stricklands in the 1790 census of Horry Dist, SC? Who was his first wife?

ANCESTOR CHART FROM MEMBERSHIP  
FILES OF STRICKLAND RESEARCH, INC.  
Chart compiled by:  
Evylan S. Morrow

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8 OSBURN STRICKLAND

b 1810  
p b N C  
m 1834

4 WM WARREN STRICKLAND

b 6 Nov 1842  
p b Henry Co, GA  
m 8 Oct 1865  
d 29 March 1919  
p d Carroll Co, GA

9 JANE RAMSEY (?)

2 ECTOR MORROW STRICKLAND

b 8 Apr 1885  
p b Carroll Co, GA  
m 25 Oct 1906  
d 4 July 1959  
p d Carrollton, GA

10 REUBEN MORROW

b 1810  
p b GA  
d after 1870  
Henry Co, GA

5 ELIZABETH MORROW

b 11 Sept 1845  
p b Henry Co, GA  
d 8 May 1929  
p d Carroll Co, GA

11 CAROLINE

b 1811 GA  
d after 1870

1 EVYLAN STRICKLAND MORROW

b 29 Sept 1914  
p b Carroll Co, GA  
m 31 Dec 1933

12 THOMAS M DYER

b 1835 SC  
m 1846-1851  
d Coweta Co, GA

6 WM THOMAS DYER

b 1847  
p b Coweta Co, GA  
m 17 Sept 1864  
d 1936  
p d Coweta Co, GA

13 MATILDA BENTON

b 1828 Coweta Co, GA  
d 1850 Coweta Co, GA

3 OLA DYER

b 30 June 1885  
p b Coweta Co, GA  
d 24 Jan 1973  
p d Carrollton, GA

14 ENOCH SPINKS

m 15 Sept 1844

7 CAROLINE SPINKS

b 20 Sept 1849  
p b Jackson Co, GA  
d 2 Jan 1918  
p d Coweta Co, GA

15 NANCY GARDNER

b 1819  
d 1889 Coweta Co, GA

JAMES WM MORROW SR  
spouse of No. 1

QUARTERLY PROJECT: "NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS"

This quarter's project of "newspaper clippings" is one in which every member can become involved. Not only are we interested in old newspaper clippings, but current ones as well. Today's news will be tomorrow's genealogical "treasure."

Search your newspapers for marriages, obituaries and articles about the Stricklands and allied families. Remember to include the name of the paper, and the dateline (usually found at the top of the page). If you have old clippings you wish to keep, send us a clear zerox copy--also with dateline.

Do not write on the clipping. If an explanation is needed, please place it on a separate page.

This quarter's project will end on October 15th. Certificates of Historical Merit will be awarded at the Annual Meeting on October 26th to the members who participate.

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NEW BOOK ON GWINNETT COUNTY GEORGIA:

Gwinnett Historical Society, Inc. is publishing a new book on Gwinnett. Its title is GWINNETT COUNTY FAMILIES 1818-1968. Your editor submitted a biographical sketch on Milza Strickland of Gwinnett County and his descendants. The book will include a 30,000 name index, maps, and approximately 100 photos. The book may be ordered at a pre-publication price of \$25.00 or a publication price of \$30.00. Orders should be sent to:

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Date  
Nov 29, 1980

GWINNETT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
P. O. Box 261  
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30245

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STRICKLAND LIBRARY

New Books:

CAMPBELL COUNTY GEORGIA MARRIAGE BOOK A 1829-1842 abstracted & compiled by Nancy Cornell, Riverdale, Georgia, 1980. Paperback, 64 pages, indexed. Donated by Virginia Strickland Roberts in memory of "Our Strickland Ancestors"