



The Welcome Society of Pennsylvania

MISS ARMASON HARRISON
SECRETARY
316 SOUTH JUNIPER STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19107

Dear Mr. Bockstruck.

I'm enclosing a proposal form
for the Welcome Society. Since
you live at a distance in
lieu of two members sponsoring
you, you may have 3 letters
from prominent men of the community
i.e. banker, judge, minister - one of
which should be an officer of
a like hereditary society.

Incidentally, our president,
Walter Lee Sheppard is a member

of the Floor & Treasurer - and
the president - genealogist has
often attended our meetings.

Our annual meeting will
be held October 30 - should
you be bi-centennially in
our city -

all good wishes

Armasur Hanson -

13th September 1976

27 September 1976

The Membership Committee
The Welcome Society of Pennsylvania
316 South Juniper Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to write on behalf of Mr. Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck, who is submitting his papers for membership in The Welcome Society of Pennsylvania. I write as a member and past governor of the Society of Colonial Wars in Texas and as chaplain of the Sons of the American Revolution, Dallas Chapter, in which both societies Mr. Bockstruck is a member and officer.

I commend Mr. Bockstruck to you as a valuable member of our community, of his church here, and of the organizations with which he has allied himself. We feel very fortunate to have him as a co-director of the Local History and Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library. He has, perhaps more than any other, stimulated good research and given help to more engaged in local historical and genealogical research. He is an excellent representative of the library and has given excellent addresses and workshops both in our city and throughout much of the state.

He is, as you can see by his biographical notes, a member of many distinguished societies and, although a young man, has already fulfilled responsible professional and teaching positions.

I recommend him to you highly and am confident that he will be an excellent member of your society.

Yours sincerely,

Emmett M. Waits

(The Reverend) Emmett M. Waits



1783

John McClellan Marshall

3300 Daniels Apt. 4B
Dallas, Texas 75205
October 11, 1976

Dear Lloyd,

Enclosed please find the original and a copy (for your file) of my letter of this date recommending you to the Welcome Society of Pennsylvania. I was both flattered that you would ask me and pleased to do so. If I can be of service again to you in the future, please feel free to ask.

I hope that this letter will suffice. I must say that your vita was most interesting.

With best personal regards, as always, I remain

Sincerely,

Mr. Lloyd D. Bockstruck
3925-A Travis St.
Dallas, Texas 75204

Encls.

P. S. Thanks for the word on the Colonial Wars. I shall try to get that squared away.



3300 Daniels Apt. 4B
Dallas, Texas 75205
October 11, 1976

TO THE WELCOME SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA:

I have been asked by Lloyd D. Bockstruck to recommend him to you for membership, and it is a pleasure for me to have this opportunity.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mr. Bockstruck for the past three years. We met in the Dallas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and our friendship has extended beyond that initial association in the years since. As President of the Lone Star Association of the Society of the Cincinnati, I have had occasion to ask Mr. Bockstruck to employ his professional skills in behalf of persons who have sought membership in the Society, and he has done so with both a high level of skill and genuine enthusiasm for the cause of genealogical research.

It is my pleasure to recommend him to you at this time, and I hope that you will look with favor upon his application.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Judge John McClellan Marshall
President
Lone Star Association of the
Society of the Cincinnati

505 N. Swarthmore Ave.
Swarthmore, Pa. 19081
28 February 1977

Dear Mr. Bockstruck:

I have signed your application for membership in the Welcome Society and will give it and all your supporting documents to Armason Harrison.

As to the identity of Mercy, second wife of William Smith, I am baffled. We know that William was a birthright Friend and was a member, in good standing, of the Meeting when he married his first wife, Mary Croasdale.

Although births, deaths and marriage certificates were not always recorded by the Meeting, a marriage would show up in the Minutes of the Meeting. If the couple were Friends they would announce their Intentions at two Monthly Meetings and be given leave to proceed. If one of them was not a Friend, the one who was would be disciplined and probably be disowned by the Meeting.

As this second marriage was, apparently, not under the care of the Meeting it seems that Mercy was not a Quaker. A search of the Middletown M.M. Minutes for 1720 and early 1721 would show if William was disowned, but would not give the name of the bride. There is always the possibility that our William was disowned by Middletown any time after his marriage to Mary Croasdale in 1690.

Wrightstown Preparative Meeting was set up by Middletown in 1722, both the early Men's and Women's Minutes are missing. Fortunately what you are looking for would be in the Middletown Minutes.

Good hunting and let me know if you solve the problem. Good luck, too, with Mary, wife of Joel Smith.

Sincerely,

Madeline Howlone

505 N. Swarthmore Ave.
Swarthmore, Pa. 19081
13 February 1977

Mr. Lloyd D. Bockstruck
3925-A Travis Street
Dallas, Texas 75204

Dear Mr. Bockstruck:

You have done a magnificent job of proving your line of descent from William Smith of Wrightstown.

Enclosed is your Work Sheet and a final Lineage Form. When you have completed the final form will you please return both papers to me.

In gens. 8 & 9 I have added the William Smith Bible records and William Smith's birth and Will from the collections of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

In gen. 8 Nye, Hibbs-Farnsworth etc. Families, which we cite, gives Ann Hibbs' birth date as 12 September. Your date of 12th 9th month may be the correct one.

Thanks for sending me such a well documented Work Sheet. It was a pleasure to check it.

Hope you can come to the meetings of The Welcome Society.

Sincerely,

Madelene Howland

(Mrs. Charles B. Howland)

2nd Gen.

The birth certificate of my mother contains two errors. Her middle initial was not "A." She was not born on the first day of the month. Her birth occurred shortly after midnight on 2 December 1916. The attending physician had delivered a female child at a neighboring farm home and apparently confused the times of births of the two babes. Her middle initial should have been "E." for Elsie. The correct information is given on the application.

3rd Gen.

No comments.

4th Gen.

According to the printed tombstone inscriptions of Bond County, Illinois, the date of death of Ella Jane Smith is given as 1891. This is a typographical error which I regret. I have entered the correct year of 1881 on the application.

The marriage license of William Henry Blankenship and his first wife Ella Jane Smith contains an error. Apparently the clerk misinterpreted the name of the father of the bride and entered Joseph R. Smith instead of Joel R. Smith. I am inclined to believe that the applicant for the license gave the name of his prospective father-in-law as Joel R. Smith. The clerk thought the name was being given orally as Joe R. Smith and entered Joseph R. Smith accordingly. The same type of mistake seems to have occurred in the 1860 census entry for the family.

5th Gen.

The dates of death of these ancestors are not precise. No stones mark their graves in the Old Mount Nebo Cemetery in Bond County, Illinois. A government marker lies atop the grave of Joel R. Smith indicating his Civil War service. The dates for his death come from the last time he is indicated alive in his pension file and the first time his death is indicated as having occurred according to the final payment. Charlotte Ann Hasting Smith's date of death occurred after the birth of her daughter Ella Jane in 1859 and prior to the census of 1860.

6th Gen.

The states of birth of both ancestors are frequently given as North and South Carolina. The districts of their births, however, clearly indicate that both came from South Carolina. Both the Smiths and Laughlins were in South Carolina prior to the Revolution. They could have resided near the state line

and in fact migrated across it. My research does not indicate any residence in North Carolina; instead there seems to be a direct migration from South Carolina to Kentucky.

7th Gen.

It is highly probable that Mary Smith also died in Caldwell County, Kentucky after 1830. She is last listed there on the census of that year. Nonetheless, she could have accompanied her son Aaron Smith to Bond County, Illinois

8th Gen.

No comments.

9th Gen.

There is some degree of certainty that William Smith's second spouse should have been a Friend. I have yet to read the monthly meeting records of Wrightstown to see if this marriage is on record. Since there are numerous accounts, one of which claims Mercy to have been a sister to William's first wife although it is not true, of this family and not one offers documentation for her identity, her maiden name may be difficult to locate. If this information has been located and submitted to the Society, I would certainly appreciate receiving it.

VITA

Name: Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck

Address: 3925-A Travis Street, Dallas, Texas 75204

Education: Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois, 1963-67, A.B. cum laude in biology and history with a minor in psychology-education

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, 1967-69, M.A. in history

University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, 1971-73, M.S. in library science

Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, June 1973, certificate.

Employment: Processor, Department of Safety & Financial Responsibility, Office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, summer 1967.

Graduate teaching assistant, Department of History, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, 1967-69.

Secondary teacher and librarian, Mombasa Baptist High School, Mombasa, Kenya, East Africa, 1969-71. Position available through missionary journeyman program of Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Virginia.

Graduate teaching assistant, School of Library Science, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, 1972-73.

Dallas Public Library, Dallas, Texas, 1973--present.

Instructor, School of Continuing Education, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, 1974--present.

Adjunct Faculty, Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, 1974--present.

Awards: Honor Scholarship, Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois, 1963-67.
Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship Key, 1967
Greenville College Scholar, 1964

Memberships: Phi Alpha Theta (international honorary society in history)
Beta Beta Beta (national honorary society in biological sciences)
Phi Kappa Phi (university wide honorary society)
Beta Phi Mu (international honorary society in library science)
American Library Association (member of its Genealogy Committee, 1974--present)
National Genealogical Society
Illinois State Genealogical Society

Hereditary Societies: Society of Old Plymouth Colony Descendants
Society of Colonial Wars (Deputy Registrar for Texas)
Flagon & Trencher: Descendants of Colonial Tavern Keepers
Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts
Sons of the Revolution
Sons of the American Revolution (Membership Chairman, Dallas Chapter)
Society of the War of 1812 (Registrar, Texas)
Sons of Union Veterans
Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims



The Welcome Society of Pennsylvania

Lloyd Detritt Bockstruck

I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT AT A
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD THIS DAY YOU WERE
ELECTED AN Active MEMBER OF
THE SOCIETY.

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SECRETARY

June 13 1977



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MISS ARMASON HARRISON
SECRETARY
316 SOUTH JUNIPER STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19107

20 September 1977

Dear Mr. Bockstruck

I'm so very sorry that I've been so delinquent in welcoming our new members. On the 13 June 1977 the council passed your name for membership into the Welcome Society. I did send bills and a membership booklet at that time. I regret if you did not receive yours and am sending another.

The dues at a distance are \$7.00 a year with a \$10.00 initiation fee. However, you may be a life member for \$200.

Our medals are the large ones. They are \$23 suspended from a ribbon, or as a pin they are \$18.00

We have Welcome rosettes for \$2.00 -- and a stunning black and silver regimental striped tie for \$6.00.

You will eventually receive an inscribed certificate of membership. This too has been delayed due to the illness of our inscriber.

Again, your papers were beautifully done, we wish you lived nearer so that you could be active in our society. This past year your secretary has been completely out of commission -- just one hospital after another...now there will be no further excuses.

Our annual meeting will be on October 29 -- would so enjoy having you with us. Invitations will be sent soon.

With all good wishes

most sincerely

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