

# American Association Cites Huntsville Library

The American Library Association has sent a letter complimenting the Huntsville Public Library on the number of genealogical books it has.

The letter came to Mrs. T. E. Humphrey, one of the library's volunteer workers, after she had sent a report to the National DAR, an organization which stresses that each chapter try to build a genealogical section in their local library.

Mrs. Humphrey said there is intense interest in genealogical research, and the library here has numerous visitors, some from out of town, out of the county and out of the state, who come to use the 390 books the library here has on genealogy.

Many of these books have been carefully selected and purchased by the Walker County Genealogical Society; others have been donated by members, from their own private libraries; and some have been given by non-members as memorial gifts.

These books are being arranged by states alphabetically, with the volumes of general interest and those of particular families being placed on other shelves in the section.

All of the southern states are included, together with some foreign volumes and 12 volumes of the 1790 census. Information for beginners can be found on how to start research, how to write letters asking for information and how to use research aids. There is a DAR Patriotic Index, surveys of

church and land records, lists of pensioners, and American marriage records. Also included in the general section are bound quarterly magazines, not pertaining to any particular state.

The local Genealogical Society is purchasing all of the Texas census, starting with 1880. This project is half finished. The 1850 census of some of the counties in Mississippi, Alabama, and Arkansas and a special census of Texas during the Civil War have been bought or donated. There are 14 volumes of Mississippi cemetery and Bible records, some Bible and cemetery records of Kentucky, stub indents of South Carolina, and some land grants and abstracts of wills.

Another project of the Genealogical Society is binding the genealogical quarterly magazines on different states. The group also has many rolls of microfilm and two readers.

The society was organized in June 1965 at the home of Mrs. Humphrey by a group of local women having a mutual interest in genealogy. Those present discussed working materials, including ancestor charts, family group sheets,

census and relationship charts, books and genealogical magazines.

Each member began filling out a pedigree chart, lists of family names and the states in which these ancestors lived, and the names of genealogical books and quarterly magazines in her own library.

It would be helpful to those at the library who select the In Memoriam books if the donors would specify the particular states and/or counties in which they are interested.