

# Local Genealogists Attend Waco Workshop Saturday

Seven members of the Walker County Genealogical Society were in Waco Saturday to attend an all-day workshop on Alabama genealogical source materials at the Holiday Inn.

The conference was sponsored by the Central Texas Genealogical Society, with Mrs. B. W. Gandrud of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, conducting the sessions.

Those from Huntsville who were among the 135 persons attending were Mrs. T. E. Humphrey, president; Mrs. Malvin Stewart, Mrs. J. Rush Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dunnica

and Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Morgan.

Mrs. Gandrud, who has been compiling records of Alabama counties for many years, listed all of that state's counties and told what records can be found in each and where they can be located. Her work in genealogy has been proclaimed as being of the best calibre. A native of Alabama, Mrs. Gandrud has indexed all of the 1830 Alabama census records and is an outstanding authority on early families of the state.

In giving brief excerpts from old newspapers and from some of her 235 volumes, the speaker

gave pertinent facts about prominent early Alabama families who had moved to Texas, including an interesting item about the Magruder Wynne family of Huntsville.

Much valuable printed information was provided for each person at the conference by the Central Texas Genealogical Society. Dayton Kelley of Waco, president of CTGS, presided at the meeting; other officers participated on the program, including Mrs. Dudley Layne, who was chairman of the committee for the workshop.

Luncheon was served at noon to the guests assembled in the Holiday Inn dining room.

Before closing time at 4 PM, Thomas Wood of Austin gave a brief explanation of helps for genealogists developed by the Cendex Division of the Genealogic Company. He said Cendex has developed a system of phonetics, combined with automatic data processing equipment, which can easily identify the county and page number of the census where any family name in any variant spelling can be found. The use of this system can eliminate months of searching the census film, he said.

Announcement was made that the Fort Worth Genealogical Society will sponsor a workshop program October 27 at the Town Hall, Seminary South Shopping Center.