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Nov. 18 1995

Mr. Bob Skinner
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Re: Your letter postmarked 13 November 1995

Dear Cousin Bob:

Enclosed, a copy of my recent letter to another searcher, Pat Bell, who lives in East Tennessee. I had helped her last year with proof of dates when her Bounds were there. She plans to take up my research. I am currently packing up my card files and Bownds data in four or five large file boxes, plus three big mailing tubes that are stuffed with county maps. She will have UPS pick them up. At present, I am keeping a notebook full of charts. They show relat- relationships, not proofs. But I have retired from publishing.

Her address is "Pat Bell, PO Box 18620, Knoxville, TN, 37928". She is working, so I don't know how much time she has.

Since you inquire, I tie in through my father, Marlin Deric Bownds, born in Uvalde Co TX 1891 to L. D. ("Ludovico Dormer") Bownds, who was born 1857 near the community of Pleasant Plains, south of Batesville in Independence Co. Ark. His first wife, Margaret Price, and child, died in childbirth. The second died leaving one daughter. My father, Marlin Deric Bownds, and other children, were born to his third wife, Susan America Theodosia Cleveland (who signed her name "S.A.T. Bownds"). I knew only his fourth wife, who had two sons: we called her "Miss Mary." After L.D. died, she re-married. I have L.D.'s leather-bound pocket notebook and his eye-glasses. The town is named "Utopia!"

I have only one sibling, also named Marlin Deric Bownds. His only child is named the same, but called "Deric", and is a college professor living in Madison, Wisc. I have two daughters and two sons, six grandsons and two grandaughters. None live here.

To back up to Independence Co. Ark., I have a copy of Thomas Bownds' gift, dated Nov. 9, 1874, of 40 acres of land to his wife Margaret Bownds "during her natural life, then to son Ludovico D. Bownds". My line splits off from yours before this.

My Bownds line was traced mostly through land records, which I was fortunate to research in person during our travels. We found Ann Bound acknowledging the sale of land by her husband John Bound, carpenter, in Northumberland Co. Virginia, 18 June 1671. The document says the land was bought from one Pope 8 Jan. 1769, and deed of sale date was 14 July 1671.

On 12 Nov. 1672. John Bound got headrights in Somerset Co. Marvland for 150 acres for importing from Virginia himself, wife Ann, and son William. Later I found land for daughter Ann. On 27 Nov. 1672. a 150 acre tract called Years Land was re-surveyed for him. Ann died 7 Aug 167?. John had a wife Mable probably by 1685. He got a Warrant 14 Mar 1687, then a Patent 7 June 1688, for "Pembridge", "adioining Lawrence Young and William Collins." In 1688, it was "in Poss. of William Bounds."

On 18 Aug 1696, four Deeds of Gift to "Runcell on Years Land Branch of Wetipiquin Creek" were mentioned. but only John Bound's was recorded. Then on 4 Oct. 1700, a Will mentioning the four Deeds of Gift was made by John Bond (sic), Executor John Jr. The Will was proved 6 Dec. 1700.

My father's family spell their name "be oh doubleyou en dee ess," and we write it "Bownds," not "Bounds". Dad said the family came from Wales. In Welch, "CWM" rhymes with broom, means a hill. I was in England last vear, looked in a northen Wales phone book. a few Bounds, no Bownds.

After my husband retired. we acquired a nice trailer and hit the road. One year we visited college room mates. I'd go fishing with him and he'd go to court houses with me. I researched the Kershner families and published its family history. Ruth Dryden and I kept the mails hot while she was working on the Bounds: I proofread, and bought 10 of her "Boundless Bounds". She had them printed in small batches when she had orders and money, so no two are exactly alike. I corrected the printed copies, kept only two.

I didn't look at the same places you did, so I have questions.

Where is Pulaski? what survey? is this the same as Francis Bounds' land patent? what year? I was about to send Pat my last copy of Dryden's Boundless Bounds. It is hard-bound, 448 pages. Is there some way you could share it?

Ruth

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Re: Bownds/Bounds records

Dear Pat:

It will give me much pleasure to send you family data. I just hope it is in shape for you to make good use of it.

In writing up family histories, I found that a good way for me to visualize the connections, and minimize errors of mixing up the families, was to use card files. The computer programs I've seen are not very flexible.

When my husband and I retired, we did a lot of traveling by car and trailer. He went to courthouses with me and I went sailing with him! At first I kept notebooks to document records, then as I began sorting out the countless Bownds, I entered data on filing cards. Before I write, I select and organize cards into groups. Families, locations, relationships, time periods, are all helpful. I remember using a guestroom bed for this, because I didn't have to put everything away from day to day. My handwriting is very small and none too legible on these cards, but the method works.

These cards are in regular cardboard file boxes about the size and shape of shoe boxes. I see five of them that might be helpful to you. Where these people lived, they left their legal records, reliable as to time and relationships. So I have organized mine by state and especially by county, for the counties are the primary governing bodies and sources of records in the U.S.A.

Then there is the steel file cabinet as tall as my nose. The top drawer is labeled "Bownds Research." The next is "Bownds Migrations". Also 12 spiral-bound notebooks, 8 1/2 by 11 inches, that I used in libraries, and a dozen two-inch looseleaf notebooks. And copies of Rev. Charles Bounds' collections. If you are still interested, I will try to find at least six more big boxes.

I wish I could be more helpful to you, but besides watching the investments and taxes, I've signed up for some things that involve me with living people. Three days a week at U of Texas, am chairman of Building and Grounds here at Westminster Manor (a retirement community), and still with St Michael's Episcopal Church since we retired to Austin 20 years ago.

You can see how much I appreciate your interest. Carry on!

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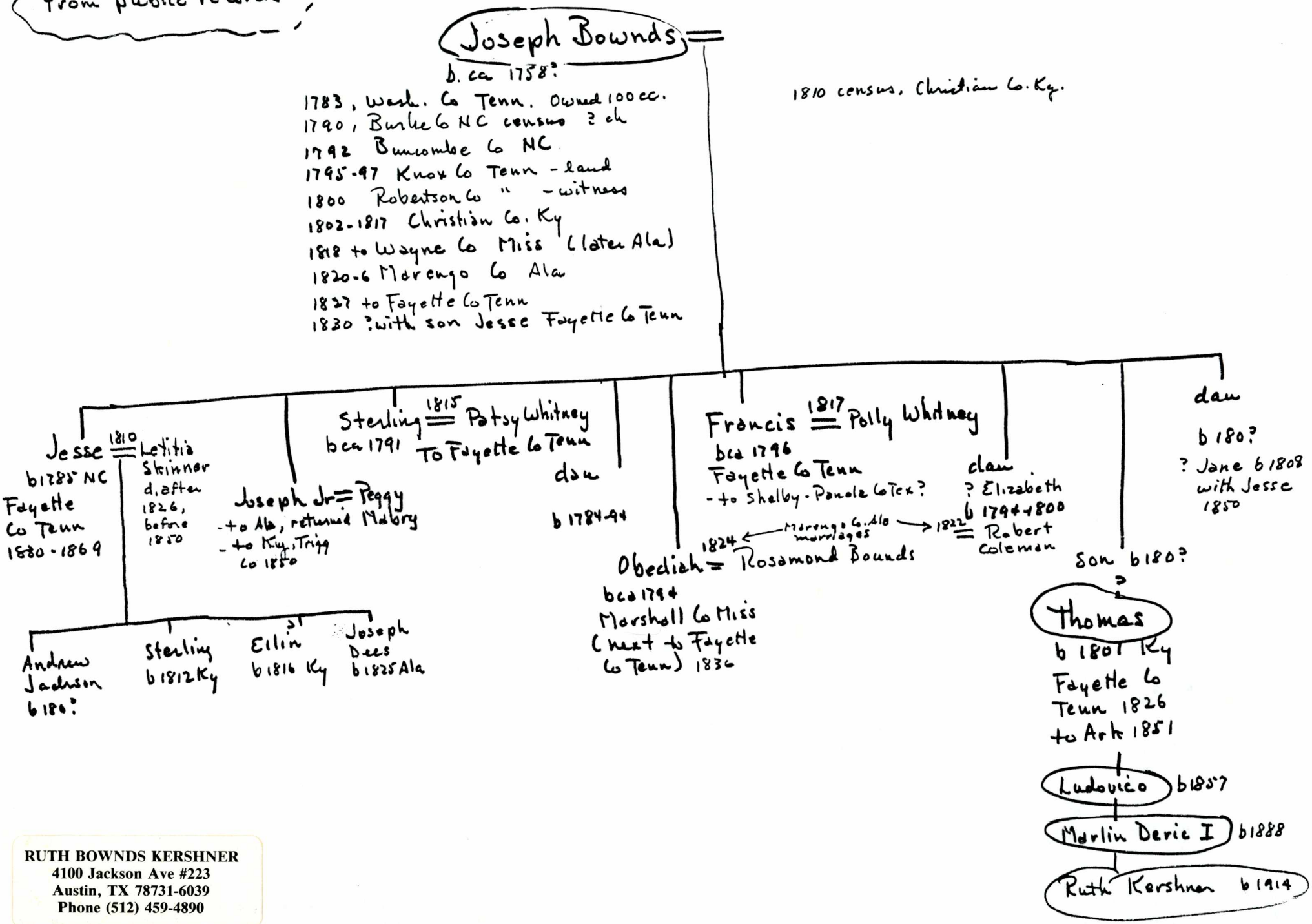
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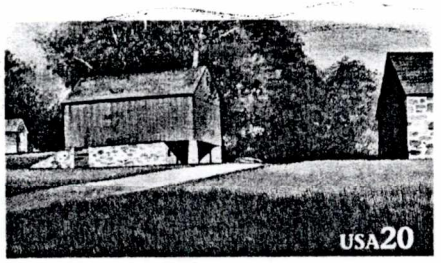
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Bownds Migrations from public records



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Ruth,

Yes I KNOW IT'S BEEN 7 years and you HAVEN'T HEARD From me & NOW you've probably gotten 3 ITEMS in the last 3 DAYS. Well BEING A SINGLE parent I DON'T have much time & SINCE I work For THE government I HAD A few DAYS off.

Well I finally ~~80~~ found a Breakthrough. I found a good Copy of the 1870 Panola Co. Census and started looking AROUND "Kaufman"s (Dwelling # 1839) Census spot. Here's what I found:

1460 Bounds, Mary	34	F. ALA.
Julia	14	B. Tx.
James	13	B. Tx
Newton	11	B. Tx
2 ? (R)	10	B. Tx.
George	7	B. Tx.

THIS proves THAT Jim F. Bounds mother IS ~~Bounds~~ THE Mary Bounds who was the wife of Pascal.

THIS will be my LAST Correspondence until I hear from you.

THANKS,
BOB

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RUTH,

One little ADDENDUM to what I sent. The J.F. Bounds living w/ Mary Bounds in 1880 w/ his NEW wife DANA. I was told her maiden name was Smith and she was the DAUGHTER of Josephus Smith.

IN 1900 I ~~found~~ haven't ~~found~~ found J. F. But I FIND ON OF Josephus Smith's SON's, James, has 3 nephews living WITH him: Pascal, 19; Wm D. 16, + Jodie 13; Bounds.

Are these J.F.'s Kids?

Be awaiting your reply.

BOB

P.S. I don't have any of the books you mentioned on your card.

From Hist. of Shelby Co., Tx 1988

From Bob Skinner to RBK 10 Nov 95 My copy

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Mv notes

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19 Nov 1995 A Flurry of Bownds Cerrespondence

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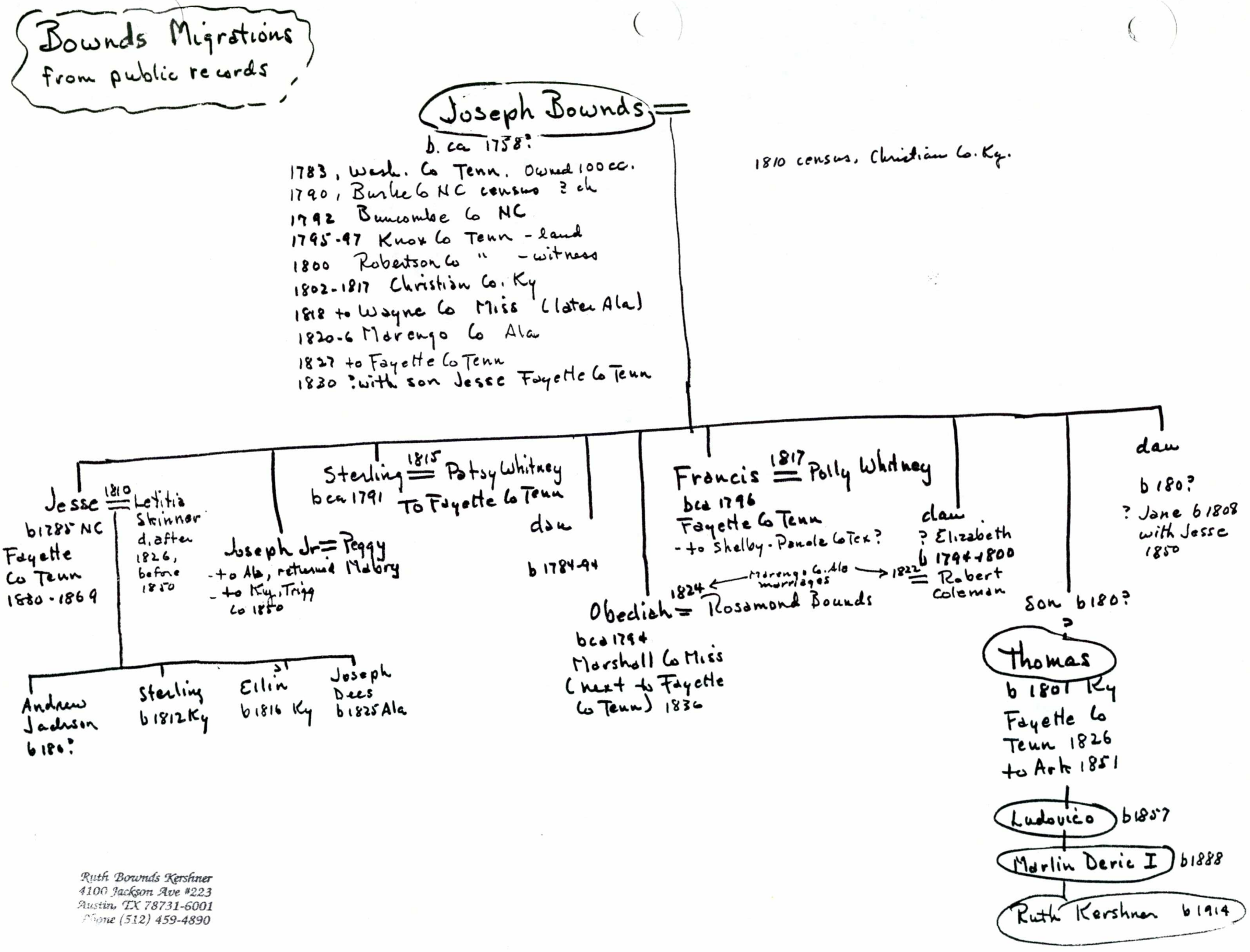
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"Bounds Family, Thomas R Bounds b 1829" newspaper column from Bob Skinner

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letter to Bob Skinner from RBK Nov 18, 1995 2 pp. mailed 20 Nov. Copy kept

Another letter to Bob Skinner 19 Nov 1995 "copy for Pat", copy to keep

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