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After eleven years of research, Mr. Clyde S. Stephens has completed a publication on his family entitled STEPHENS ANCESTORS AND PIONEER RELATIVES - THE STEWART, RICH, DAVENPORT, FRANKLIN, HOWARD, WEEKS, DUNCAN, MCLEOD, DEVANE, BULLOCK, TIPPETT AND OTHER FAMILIES OF THE 1800'S. Families are followed from South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama to Florida and Texas. Pioneer history is recorded in Southwest Fla. from Tampa to Naples and inland to the Peace River, plus some accounts from Texas are presented. There are 146 pages with 46 photographs, 19 family charts covering three generations each and maps and charts on pioneer communities and counties. Mr. Stephens is currently living in Panama, Panama but copies of his book can be ordered for \$15 from Carl W. Stephens, Rt. 2, Box 840, Alva, Fl. 33920 or Zola Hartman, 10174 Dogwood Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33410. The publication will also be available at the annual Stephens reunions in Castalia, in western Hardee County, Florida held every 3rd Sunday of July.

If you ordered a copy of Mr. Robert L. Thompson's book entitled PEACE RIVER: A PIONEER'S UTOPIA you are probably wondering why you haven't received it. Mr. Thompson advises that after continuous delays from the publisher (Spectator Books), he has filed a complaint with the Attorney General in Illinois and also with the Post Office Department. Hopefully this will soon be resolved and individuals will be receiving this publication.