

**RESEARCHER TURNS EDITOR**

**Answers,  
Photos  
Needed**



Mrs. P.S. Kitson, archivist in charge of the Flint, Michigan branch of the Dunham Archives, recently expressed alarm over the decline in Dunham research in progress. Speaking before a packed dishwasher and a Saint Bernard, Mrs. Kitson vows to make an all-out effort to build a better information center and to contact more Dunham descendants in all parts of the country.

Since work on other family lines has burgeoned as a result of family newsletters, the DUNHAM DISPATCH is created in the hope of reaching--and hearing from--more Dunham cousins.

Mrs. Kitson's lineage is as follows: Phyllis Barclay Kitson<sup>6</sup>, Lillyn Ferriss Barclay<sup>5</sup>, Miriam Dunham Ferriss<sup>4</sup>, Samuel E. Dunham<sup>3</sup>, Francis S. Dunham<sup>2</sup>, Ralph Dunham<sup>1</sup>.

The Dunham Genealogy (Kitson version), embracing the ancestors & descendants of Ralph & Melinda Hyde Dunham, stands at three volumes presently--with no recent growth. More information is needed, such as the answers to questions like these:

1. Ralph Dunham, of Mansfield, Conn., was the son of Jonathan & Betty Babcock Dunham. He married Melinda Hyde ca. 1810. He died in Mansfield Nov. 5, 1848. When was he born?
2. Melinda was the daughter of Sgt. Elijah Hyde (American Revolution) and Sarah Taylor Hyde. She died Feb. 28, 1855, in Rockville, Conn. Does any one know if there is a photograph of her in existence?
3. One of Ralph's younger daughters was Olive Hyde Dunham, born 1823. She married Francis L. Barrows (1818-1895) of Glastonbury, Conn. Does any one know exactly when she died or where she is buried?
4. Where do the daughters of Donald A. Dunham, Jr. live? And what are their married names?
5. Might Beth Stinson of Los Angeles have a "school picture" that she would be willing to share with her 3rd cousin once removed Phyllis Kitson? (The ones Mrs. K. took of her last summer are too pale & fuzzy to her justice. Beth is not pale and fuzzy!)