

# Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

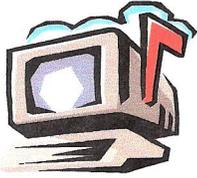
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## Enjoy Your Labor Day Weekend





## From the Editor:

Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Newsletter

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Bus service for field trip to Austin has been arranged for the Houston Deaf Senior Citizens who want to attend Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) Homecoming football game on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point, Houston at 8:30 AM. The bus will depart at 9:00 AM sharp. You are encouraged to eat breakfast before leaving home because there will be only one stop for restroom on the way to Austin. BBQ chicken lunch at Ford Building on the campus of TSD will be served at 11:30 AM. Meal ticket costs \$5.00 per person. Football game will start at 5:00 P.M. The bus will leave for Houston right away after the game is over. If you are interested in going to Austin, please let Frank Shaw know ASAP so he can get the right sized bus. You can either sign up at MMSC meeting or call Frank at 281-484-1347 before October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please send any news, information, picture or recipe that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens. **We would appreciate if you can write no more than 250 words of any news due to limited space on newsletter.** Please note that the editor may at his discretion edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors. Mail to: Houston Deaf Senior Citizens, 9954 Kirkshire Drive, Houston, TX 77089; email to [hdsnews@yahoo.com](mailto:hdsnews@yahoo.com); or fax to (281) 416-0799 or (713) 781-4576. The deadline is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Note:** If your subscription is not paid within three months from the due date, your name will be removed from our mailing list.

Thank you,

*Frank Shaw*

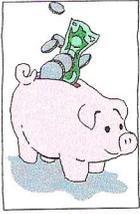


### Flash News for next Field Trip Gonzales, TX – Sept. 6th

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 7:30 AM. The bus will leave at 8:00 AM. The group will visit:

- Noah's Land of Texas: Drive through 275 acres and see more than 110 species of rare and exotic animals from throughout the world roam Central Texas grasslands and woodlands. There will be admission (optional if it is reasonable price).
- Historic Sites to Visit:
  - Old jail constructed in 1887 and used as jail until 1975.
  - Eggleston House, built 1848, carefully restored log house which is furnished with antiques revealing a picture of Texas pioneer life.
  - Gonzales Memorial Museum (if time permits).

The group will have lunch between these tours. Come and have fun together. See you on 6<sup>th</sup>.



**From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:**

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to LOVE FUND: Dewey/Doris Adams, Arlene Benham, Nellie Bishop, Karen Clifton, La Rue Clifton, Pauline/Billy Corum, Emma R. Cross, Zelma/Gus Curbello, Thelma Jo Hays, Audrey Leger-Wright, Billie/Sam Mangum, Frank Shaw, Fred/Cathy Simerka, Pernella Smith, Mary/Franklin Tippett, I. D./Floyd Wicker, and Damon Wright.

Thank you, *Tennie Sessions*, for your generous donations to LOVE FUND in Memory of Liz Sprouse, an interpreter of Austin, TX. (See details on Obituary page.)

Thank you, *Nadine & James Moore*, for your donation to LOVE FUND from the proceeds of raffle sales you organized. *Craig Adams* won a frame of "ILY" flower design. Thank you, too, *Lanier Paige*, for your donation of T-shirts to several senior citizens.

Anyone who wishes to donate \$\$\$ to LOVE FUND should please make check or money order payable to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens-Love Fund. Please mail to:

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**NEW MEMBERS:**

Welcome to our new senior citizens members: *Esther & C. Richard Brownalenoir.*

**NEW SUBSCRIBER:**

Welcome to our new subscriber: *Daryl /Sue Williamson*

**RENEWALS:**

Thank you for your renewal: *Donnell Bryan, David Bunch, Sherry Fewell, Mary/Emitte Corley, Patsy Covington, Hazel Davis, Robert/Marie Hansen (gifted by Karen Clifton), Ben Harmon, Shirley Jackson, Jesse Lauve, SR, James/Marian Seale, Fred/Helen Sellars and Doris Nell William.*

**THANK YOU NOTE:** From *Pernella Smith*

*Dear Zelma Curbello & Senior Citizens:* Thank you for the beautiful card while I had my knee surgery. Thank God, I am able to walk normally without pain. Love, Pernella.

**WHO KNEW? 'Things You Didn't Know About Things You Know Well'**

Most American currency contains microprinted messages to prevent counterfeiting:

- 1.) On the one-dollar bill, there is an owl in the upper left-hand corner of the "1" and a spider hidden at the upper right.
- 2.) The phrase "United States of America" is camouflaged within the lapel of Benjamin Franklin's jacket on the newer one-hundred-dollar bill.
- 3.) The same twenty-six states engraved across the top of the actual Lincoln Memorial are listed atop the image of the Memorial seen on the back of the five-dollar bill.

*Author by David Hoffman*

# News



News from *Frank Shaw*:

*Emory Watson* is now at Faith Memorial Nursing Home at 811 Garner #28, Pasadena, TX 77502. He would appreciate to have some visitors.

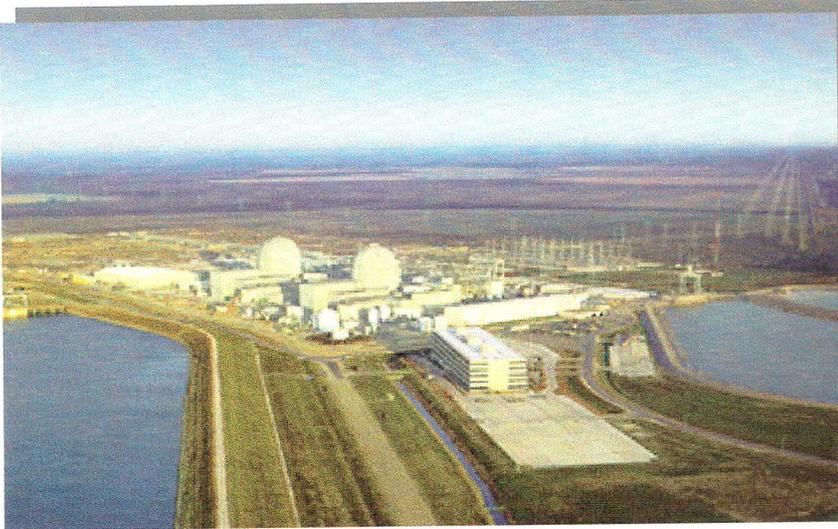
NOTES from *Billy Buza and Pat Hoffman*

For the *Class of 1956* there will be a class reunion at Texas School for the Deaf in Austin during the Homecoming football game. On October 5 the class reunion will meet at Hill's Restaurant for dinner on South Congress near HWY 290 at 5:00 PM. Please contact *Billy Buza* at (713) 921-7073 TTY, (713) 921-5322 FAX, or *Pat Hoffman* at (254) 881-7751 TTY, (254) 881-7471 FAX for more information or if you plan to attend. Billy and Pat appreciate your cooperation.

TRIP TO New Orleans: from *Marie Hays*

My daughter, Ann Wheeler, and I went to New Orleans, LA for National Frat's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference on July 7<sup>th</sup>. They gave short speeches and awards, then door prizes of \$25 dollars each up to \$400.00 to give away. I won \$25 dollars. Afterwards Ann and I went to casino and played some slots. I won \$19.25 and Ann also won \$62.00. On Sunday morning on our way home we stopped by Lake Charles and played casino again, but at this time it was no luck for either of us. We got home safely and really enjoyed our trip.

FIELD TRIP TO BAY CITY, TX from *Audrey Leger-Wright*



On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, twenty of the Houston Deaf Senior Citizens including an interpreter, Basil Reyna, had a field trip to Bay City, TX. The group toured the historic railroad and children's museum, Matagorda County Museum. After lunch at K-2 Steak House, the popular restaurant in Bay City, the Senior Citizens toured the largest nuclear plant, South Texas Project Electric Generating Station. There are only two (2) nuclear plants in Texas, which are in Bay City and Glen rose.

Sheila Ormond, the tour guide from the Vista Center, explained and showed videotape about that plant before taking us to a bus to tour the plant. There's a lake by

the plant called Plant Cooling – 45 feet deep and 7,000-acre reservoir, the largest man-made, above-ground reservoir in the world. Water is drawn into the lake from Colorado River. The Owners of that plants are Austin Energy – 16%, Central Power & Light – 25.2%, City Public Service of San Antonio – 28%, and Reliant Energy-HL&P – 30.8%. Electric power to Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Houston and surrounding areas comes from the plant. Wow! That's amazing and very interesting! On our way back home we stopped by Dairy Queen to have *ICE CREAM!* Overall, the trip was enjoyable.

### *News from Frank Shaw*

My daughter, son in law, & their 5-month-old baby girl from South Carolina came to spend a week with my wife and I. The other daughter from San Antonio stayed with us for the weekend and another daughter from Spring, TX also visited with us. We, all spoiled the new baby, our fifth grandchild. Our 13 years old granddaughter was in San Antonio and attended Sea World Camp for a week. She really had a blast of fun and only saw her new cousin for 2 days before the family went back to their home in South Carolina. They plan to come back here for Christmas.

### *NEWS from the Edgleys*

Ray and Ann Edgley took a trip to Cancun, Mexico recently. The city of Cancun is very beautiful and the water is aqua blue at the beach! Our trip was so wonderful.

### *NEWS from Karen Clifton*



*Christine McKinnon's 79<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

On August 8<sup>th</sup> Janice Caraway, Christine McKinnon's daughter, sneaked in and brought a lovely birthday cake to surprise her mother right after the general meeting of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens. Christine received some nice cards and gifts. We all ate the birthday cake, washed down with punch drinks. Unfortunately, Janice could not stay with the senior citizens to join the celebration of her mother's birthday due to her job. Christine was really surprised and enjoyed her special day. Thank you, Janice, for the delicious cake.



**Amish Miracle:** *submitted by Audrey Leger-Wright; email from Lou Leger by unknown author.*

An Amish boy and his father were visiting a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. The boy asked, "What is this, Father?" The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is." While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat old lady in a wheel chair rolled up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room.

The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small circular numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous, voluptuous 24-year-old blonde woman stepped out. The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son..... "Go get your mother."

**LIFE AFTER SIXTY:** *submitted by Hazel Richard from the newsletter of Chronicle Publishing.*

I was talking to my five-year-old grandson on the telephone. My husband is usually on the extension. My grandson asked, "Is Grandpa on the phone?" My husband was out. He is taking some extra-curricular courses at a local college, and so I replied, "No, he's at school." Whereupon my grandson said, "How come? I thought he knew everything."

## Calendar of Events



### September 4, 2001 (Tuesday)

**Positive Interaction Program (PIP)** will be held at **Woodhaven Church for the Deaf** at 9920 Long Point at 7 PM. **Mayor Brown** will be the guest of honor. Refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.



### September 4 - 6, 2001 (Tues - Thurs)

Open captioned movie, "**Atlantis: The Lost Empire**", (Rated: PG), at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer. A story of how the lost city of Atlantis in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century is discovered.



### September 6, 2001 (Thursday)

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip to **Gonzales, TX** for *historic* tours. Please be at **Woodhaven Deaf Church**, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX by 7:30 am. The bus will pick people up by 8 am. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information)



### September 7, 2001 (Friday)

**ASL Social at Goode Co. Taqueria Restaurant** 4902 Kirby (about one block south of 59 HWY) from 5 PM to 9 PM. Come and join us to meet old and new friends! Please contact Earl Johnson at (281) 487-2921 TTY / Relay TX (voice), either 711 or (800) 735-2988; Roger Spivey (email) [spivey39@ev1.net](mailto:spivey39@ev1.net) before 1<sup>st</sup> of September to make your reservation.



### September 7 - 9, 2001 (Fri - Sun)

**Illuminations Theatre with the Deaf** will have the event, **Spotlight: Deaf Films**, featuring works by *Deaf Movie Makers*, hosted by *Ann Marie Bryant* on Friday & Saturday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM, and Sunday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM at Aurora Picture Show Micro Cinema, 800 Aurora St., Houston, TX. It is near 610 North and North Main in the Heights area of Houston.



### September 11 - 13, 2001 (Tues - Thurs)

Open captioned movie, "**Jurassic Park III**", (Rated: PG-13), at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer.



### September 12, 2001 (Wednesday)

Houston Senior Citizens will have a meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX from 9 AM to 1 PM. Come and enjoy chatting with friends!



### September 18 - 20, 2001 (Tues - Thurs)

Open captioned movie, "**The Others**", (Rated: PG-13), at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer. A story about a woman and her two children are cut off from the rest of the world on a remote island mansion while her husband is off fighting in the Second World War. The longer she stays, the more she begins to suspect something strange is going on in the house.



### September 20, 2001 (Thursday)

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at **Woodhaven Baptist Church** at 9920 Long Point. There will be potluck for lunch. If you wish to bring a covered dish, please contact **Evelyn Autry** at (713) 984-8186 TTY or **Gertrude Sessions** at (281) 447-7575 TTY and let them know what you will bring.



### September 25 - 27, 2001 (Tues - Thurs)

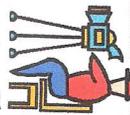
Open captioned movie, "**Kiss of the Dragon**", (Rated: R), at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer. A story about Chinese secret agent trapped in Paris.



### September 26, 2001 (Wednesday)

Houston Senior Citizens will have a meeting at **Metropolitan Multi-Service Center** at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX from 9 AM to 1 PM. Come and enjoy chatting with friends!

# September 2001

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 Labor Day Ethel Chappel 	4 PIP Meeting Quest of Honor Mayor Brown 	5	6 Gonzales Field Trip	7 ASL Social	8 Illuminations Theatre Sept 7-9 
9 Grandparents' Day Lennie Morton Beatrice Smith 	10	11	12 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	13	14 Mary Ella Redman 	15
16	17	18	19	20 S.C. Social Woodhaven 	21 Billie Mangum 	22 Roy Adams 
23 James Moore 	24 Glynn Whittemore Daril Williamson 	25	26 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	27	28 Southwest Deaf Festival Sept 28 - 29 	29 Travis Sessions 
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Social Meeting



Bible



Anniversary

## NEWS from DeafDigest:

The obituary page of the Washington Post, July 27th edition mentioned the passing of Joseph H. Ziglinski, 85, a retired military officer and a professional hypnotist. During the seventies he teamed up with *James Casey*, a deaf man, to give demonstrations of how hypnotism worked with the deaf. The late Lee Brody, a former heavy smoker, has always credited these Ziglinski-Casey hypnotic sessions for helping him quit smoking. For some reason the deaf hypnotic programs never took a foothold in the deaf community.

### **A COMMENT FROM A HARD OF HEARING MOTORCYCLE INSTRUCTOR**

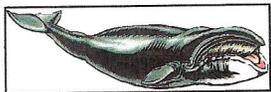


*Louis F. Caplan* of Northern Virginia, who is hard of hearing and a motorcycle safety instructor, has to say about earplugs.

He said "When I teach the Motorcycle Rider Course to hearing people I encourage them to wear earplugs. Most earplugs are not noise-proof but are geared to specific decibel ranges. I wear earplugs when I ride to protect what hearing I have left, yet while wearing them I still can hear a siren or horn honking when nearby. It blocks engine sounds, but it is the wind noise that causes most hearing damage in riders, regardless of helmet."

He also said "I still get comments such as 'you ride a motorcycle, but you're deaf.'"

### **OUR WHALES AND THE NAVY'S SONAR PROGRAM**



Are our whales becoming deaf? This is not a joke. There are concerns that the continued US Navy's continued testing of their sonar program underseas would cause deafness in whales that swim nearby.

Said one environmental protester "noise is billions of times more intense than that known to disturb whale migration and communication. Whales and dolphins depend on their sensitive hearing for survival. To put it simply, a deaf whale is a dead whale."

Sonar, by the way, is used to sniff out enemy submarines.

### **MARTHA'S VINEYARD - WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND**



All deaf historians know that deafness genes ran for many generations in Martha's Vineyard and that many island natives were either deaf or knew sign language. The last family member that carried the deafness gene died in the fifties - and Martha's Vineyard then became a typical hearing community.

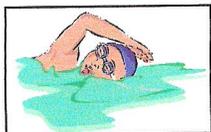
Recently over the Internet was a job posting for a sign language teacher to teach at a school in Martha's Vineyard.

Wondering if this is another case of What goes Around Comes Around?

### **DEAFHISTORY - LOOKING BACK**

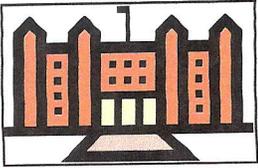
Year 1924: The first Deaflympics took place in Paris, France.

### **DEAFSPORTSNEWS**



*Terence Parkin*, the world's best deaf swimmer, is not at the Deaflympics. Why? Because he is swimming for his South African team at the World Swimming Championships taking place right now at Tokyo, Japan. Such a sense of a scheduling conflict.

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF** may be closed but its' spirit lives forever. The school alumni association will be opening its new museum on the old campus on August 4th, courtesy of the new landlords, the Unity Church.



Said proudly Bob Kellogg, the school's last superintendent "The NSD Alumni will not just go quietly into the night. I am so proud of the organization and their officers for keeping the memory of that great school alive. NSD forever!"

Do check out the museum at: <http://www.nol.org/home/NCDHH/toc.htm>

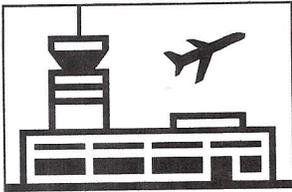
### **COULD A DEAF CYCLIST PARTICIPATE AT THE TOUR DE FRANCE?**



Lance Armstrong is the world's best cyclist and he has proved it at the Tour de France. He wears a listening device while racing, to communicate with his spotters.

Paul Wood is one of the world's best deaf cyclists. Could he possibly compete at the Tour de France? Don't know - but if his cycling skills were equal to any of these Tour participants then spotters may need to find a way to communicate with him.

### **INTERPRETED TOURS WITH BARBARA OF BARMON TOURS**



- \* 10 days in Ireland; Apr 5, 2002
- \* Holy Land & Egypt Tour, June 2002 (new)
- \* 10 days in Thailand; Aug 5, 2002
- \* Thanksgiving Cruise - Mexican Riviera; Nov 15, 2002 on Statendam Ship
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### **DEAF AWARENESS VACATION**



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\*E. Caribbean; January 2002

\*5 Yrs Special W. Carb.; July 2002

\*New England/Canada; September 2002

\*Panama Canal; November 2002

\*Hawaii; Year 2003

\*Alaska; Year 2003



# Rest in Peace



## OBITUARIES

**Mary Brigam Young** passed away on March 28, 2001 and her heart failed due to complications of sugar diabetes. She was buried in Grove Hill Memorial Park on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Vernon Donnelly, 70**, passed away on July 31, 2001. His only son, Don, Jr. and two daughters, Bertha who is impaired hearing, and Mary survive him. The memorial service was held on August 11, 2001 at 10 am in Brazoria church and he was buried somewhere in Brazoria, TX.

**Liz Sprouse, 29**, an interpreter of Austin, TX and best friend of *Tennie Sessions* was killed in car accident sometime last month in Benham, TX.

**Mabel Agnes Reverre Morton, 94**, (*Joe Morton's cousin*) passed away on August 7, 2001. The funeral service was held at Earthman Funeral Home on August 9<sup>th</sup>. She was buried in Earthman Cemetery on North I-45, Houston, TX.

**Margaret Baudoin, 53**, of Lafayette, LA, passed away on Monday, August 13, 2001 from an apparent heart attack. The service was held at 1 PM Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at Syrie Funeral Home in Lafayette, LA. Interment was held at 2 PM in Calvary Cemetery across from the Deaf Action Center of Lafayette, LA.

Houston Senior Citizens took a field trip to Johnson Space Center in Clear Lake on July 18<sup>th</sup>. They toured the space center and enjoyed it. Here is the photo of the group at the space center below:

Left to right: Travis Sessions, Montie Strother, William Hebert, Gertie Sessions, Christine McKinnon, Betty Tefler, Annie McFadden, Lanie Page, William Lambert, & Floyd Wicker.  
Kneel: Basil Reyena, an interpreter.



### THRIFTY TIP: SACHET ON OUTTA THERE!

Yes, we all enjoy the nice scent those dried flower sachets and potpourris we put in our drawers. But they could be doing more harm than good! It's a good idea to use this stuff only with articles you will be using and laundering regularly, rather than with items that you will keep stored for a longer period of time. Why? The oil from the flowers can eat away at your fabrics, and who need that?

Try placing unwrapped bar soap in your drawers. This keeps your clothes smelling fresh, and repels moths from getting into your woollies, too!

# Deaf History

**James Howe**  
**1780-1836**

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*He began drawing in margins and on scrap paper and went on to become Scotland's first animal painter.*

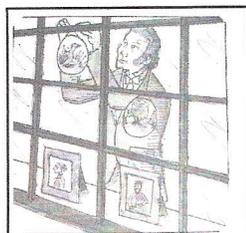
In 1815, when the British finally defeated Napoleon at Waterloo, they needed a painter to immortalize the great battle. They decided to hire James Howe, Scotland's famous artist, who had been deaf as long as anyone could remember. Howe visited the battlefield where so many men had died, and painted the battle scene vividly on a huge canvas. Today it is one of his most famous paintings.



Howe always loved to draw. When he was a little boy, he drew on every piece of paper he could find. Sometimes when his father, a minister, pulled out his papers to read his sermons at church on Sunday morning, he found James's drawings decorating the edges of his papers.

James drew everything~people, flowers, tools. But mostly he drew animals. He tried to go to school. For a while, he went to the village school in Skirling, near his home, but he quit when he was still young. He was deaf and could not understand his teacher or the other students in the small class.

At 14, he got his first opportunity to paint for money. He joined a group of house painters as an apprentice. But Howe preferred artistic painting. He quit painting houses and began to paint portraits. Finally he set up his own studio.



Then one day he painted a pony and hung it in his window. People were fascinated with the painting. The pony looked so real, almost as if it were alive. People began to ask Howe to paint other animals. Britain's Board of Agriculture asked him to paint different breeds of cattle.

When Howe died in 1836, he was famous as Scotland's first and perhaps its greatest animal painter.

Carroll, Cathryn & Mather, Susan M., *Movers & Shakers-Deaf People Who Changed the World*, 1997

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