

## EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF FORT WORTH AND TARRANT COUNTY

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In March 1859 my parents, sisters and myself and an uncle, Dan Parker, landed in the small town of Fort Worth. We came in a one-horse buggy and a two-horse wagon. Our home was on the corner of Second and Rusk Streets. East and Northeast extended the prairie to the confines of the West Fork of the Trinity and to the Johnson farm.

Some time after our arrival I found some red insects crawling about near the house. The clean earth felt good to my bare feet and the insects (later found to be red ants,) seemed much excited as I walked about their home. I sat down and began throwing dirt and ants about with my hands - but not for long. A few moments later I was running and screaming with all my might. Mother met me near the house, picked me up, took me in and removed my clothing and picked ten or fifteen ants off my person. She told me afterward that I was quite a sick boy and I was kept in bed until the next morning. Later in life I became a small beekeeper, and I can assure the reader that I had rather be stung by forty bees at one time than by one of those red ants.

The next incident that I remember occurred the next January. At that time one Major Dixon was a resident of Fort Worth. He was a veteran of the War of 1812 and the battle of New Orleans, and had his special way of celebrating the anniversary. Two or three days before, he had a hole dug and two kegs of powder placed in it with two or three large rocks on top of the kegs. This powder mine, (located about where Calhoun and Weatherford Streets intersect) was to be exploded at 9 a.m. on the eighth day of January. Everyone in town was notified and warned to keep at a safe distance. At the appointed time, the mine was touched off, and with a terrific roar sent a volume of black earth high into the air which, for a few moments, looked like an opened umbrella. One of rocks sailed over our house and fell through the roof of the "smokehouse" in the back yard, knocking off the end of molasses barrel, but causing the loss of only a small amount of syrup.

Much of the water used by Fort Worth in those days came from the Cold Springs, about a mile and a half northeast of the courthouse square. Each family was provided with one or more barrels which were filled from wagons with barrels standing on end, or some form of wooden tank, the water hauler replenishing from time to time as needed. A few of the older residents had wells and some had cisterns. Sometimes the water situation became quite serious. The West Fork had a habit of going on a "rise" occasionally, and then the springs would be flooded by muddy waters of the river. Also the water barrels and uncovered cisterns were fine breeding places for mosquitoes. Cases of malarial infection became quite frequent and it was not uncommon to hear a person complain of having "the chills." All old timers can tell what that meant. In medical terms it was intermittent fever or ague. I can almost feel a "chill" coming on now as I am writing about it. An occasional attack of straight malarial fever occurred and sometimes developed such malignant symptoms as to appear to be genuine typhoid, while a full fledged case of typhoid was not unknown

in those days. At that time mosquitoes were not associated with malarial fevers or any other disease, but were regarded only as a nuisance because of their uncomfortable and unpleasant sting; now we know that mosquitoes were responsible for at least three-fourths of the diseases of that day in the town and the settlements on and near the West Fork.

As Fort Worth increased in population, the need for a better water system became apparent, and efforts finally culminated in the building of the first pumping station on the bank of the river just below the junction of the Clear Fork. I well remember that this plant had been in operation only a short time before the river went on a rampage and flooded the machinery and put the plant out of commission for a few days.

In July of 1861 a large picnic was held on the bank of the river just above the cold springs. Nearby fields supplied an abundance of nice "roasting ears" - fresh green corn, served on the cob or cut and served fried. Two paths were made down the bank to afford easy access to the springs in order to avoid confusion and possible accidents. John York, county sheriff, was appointed to see that people went down by one path and returned by the other. A. Y. Fowler, a lawyer of Fort Worth, who was addicted to whiskey drinking and possessed of a violent temper when drinking, came along one of the paths the wrong way. Reasoning with him was out of the question, so York picked him up and put him over in the right path. This enraged Fowler and he vowed vengeance upon York. Fowler was usually armed with a long bowie knife and his friends, fearing trouble, took him away from the grounds and he was not seen by the picnickers again that day.

Tarrant County had no court house at that time, and housed the officials in a small two-room brick building out in the open square a few yards west of where the courthouse was to be built. The north room was used by the county clerk and the other by the sheriff. The next day, Fowler, still drinking, met the sheriff unarmed on the street and proceeded to rain curses and threats upon him and slapped him on the cheek with his big knife. The sheriff went to his office and buckled on his revolver, the holster of which had a flap which came over the handle of the gun. This proved to be the sheriff's undoing. Shortly thereafter, Fowler walked into the office and taking the sheriff unaware, stabbed him thirteen times, York all the time trying to get his gun out of the holster. Fowler, thinking he had finished York, walked out on the porch, and as he stepped off the end and looked back, he saw the sheriff about to take aim. He put out his hand and exclaimed, "For God's sake, boys, don't let him shoot me," but the gun was fired, the bullet clipping the tip of his little finger and passing through the heart. Such was the vitality of the man that he walked around the house to the northwest corner before he fell dead. As the men were attending to York in his office, Fowler's brother, Bill, who was evidently in a conspiracy to kill the sheriff, appeared and discharged the buckshot contents of a shotgun at York, striking him in the shoulder and ranging downward. Although Fowler was dead, the sheriff still lived and was removed to the Andrews Hotel, which was then standing on the edge of a bluff near the northwest corner of the public square. He lived until three o'clock the next day and thus ended the first great tragedy Fort Worth had experienced.

Steve Smith, a colored shoemaker, had a little shop near the center of the block between Main and Houston Streets. Smith was one-legged and used a crutch. Everybody knew him and nearly everybody knew his big black cat. The cat would always be found lying nearby when Steve was at work. Jack Brinson, a prominent citizen who owned the business house at the southwest corner of Weatherford and Houston, and whose home was in old Johnson's Station, now

Arlington, entered Steve's shop one day while under the influence of too much booze. He shortly emerged with a broken arm, saying the shoemaker did it with his crutch, but never telling what led up to the accident. The most interesting thing about it was that the shoemaker and his big black cat disappeared and were never heard of again.

I believe I am safe when I say that all North Texas had nothing to compare with Fort Worth's "old swimming hole." It was situated on the Clear Fork about a quarter of a mile west of its junction with the main river, extending east and west about two hundred feet, and was fifty to eighty feet wide and in places, ten to twelve feet in depth. It had a high bank on the north side with a shelving bank about two feet high, which made it very convenient for jumping off and for diving. Its south bank was a beautiful white pebble and gravel bank gradually sloping off into deep water - no mud and no dirt. It was truly an ideal swimming hole, often called the blue hole. Many were the times on warm summer days when business was slow, merchants and others would say, "Let's go down to the blue hole and cool off."

In those days we knew no bathing suits but those our mothers presented us. We always kept a sharp lookout for ladies and when one was seen, everyone was careful to keep submerged to his shoulders or chin. It was in that beautiful blue swimming hole that I came near being the innocent cause of a tragedy. We were playing a water game of some kind and having a great time when I noticed a boy squatting in the water with his back to me. Seeing the chance for a little innocent fun, I swam cautiously up and grabbing his shoulder, jerked him backward into deep water. Expecting him to follow and try to duck me, I swam away with all my speed. After a few moments I turned back, and was horrified to see the boy bob up clawing the air and sputtering water. Immediately the picture of a drowning flashed before me. Fortunately he still had his back to me and I reached him as he was going down the second or third time. I gave him a shove that sent him to where he could touch the gravel and with a little more effort on my part he was on his hands and knees in shallow water. I then recognized him as Alec McCause, with whom I had gone to school earlier in life.

My first school teacher was named Webber and the school was in a concrete building about four blocks east of Main Street about where 4th Street now is. Mr. Webber soon gave up the school and my next was in the old Masonic building east of the square. Prof. W. W. Hudson was the teacher, who, after two terms, went to Birdville. Then came Capt. John Hanna, who taught two years and gave up teaching to enter the practice of law in Fort Worth. Next were the two Clark brothers, Madison and Randolph, who held forth about two years and retired to engage in greater educational enterprises. I have no doubt that the Clarks should have much of the credit for working up the interest which finally culminated in the present Texas Christian University.

The Johnson farm was located a little northeast of the old town. Uncle Alse Johnson was quite a character - a powerful man physically and having a voice like a fog horn. His residence stood on the top of the hill overlooking his negro quarters down on the hillside and the farm beyond. The old gentleman had a custom of getting out about four a.m. and giving his negroes instructions for the day. When the wind and weather were favorable, he could easily be heard all over the older part of the town. Some people facetiously referred to it as "whispering." "Did you hear Uncle Alse whispering to his negroes this morning?" was quite often heard. The old man's man never lacked his kind of language, and his expression was frequently vigorous and emphatic, so much so that - well, Uncle Alse was not a Sunday School teacher.

Col. Nat Terry, who lived on the farm adjoining and up the river, and Uncle Alse could never agree. They were constantly at loggerheads until a big "rise" in the river carried a good part of the Colonel's rail fencing away and lodged them against a big thicket on the southeast part of Uncle Alse's farm. It is said that, according to law, Uncle Alse could hold and keep everything the water brought down on his place, so Col. Terry was in a bad fix. His farm was exposed to the inroads of hundreds of cattle and horses roaming about. However Uncle Alse sent the Colonel word to send his wagons and negroes over and get all his fencing as soon as the ground was dry enough. This incident seemed to heal the breach and they were good friends afterwards.

Uncle Alse's son, Tobe, became a well known character in and about Fort Worth. Physically Tobe was a fine man, but facially, he was considered the ugliest man in the entire country. He was socially very popular and possessed some charm that captivated the ladies - hundreds of them fairly worshipped him. Tobe married a Miss Gardner, one of the prettiest women in the country. Col. Terry also had a son, Bill, who was addicted to booze and periodically went on a whiz that terminated in an attack of real delirium tremens. One day when the first courthouse was being erected and the second story almost finished, I saw Bill Terry run up a long ladder, almost to the top, look about a few moments, and return almost with the agility of a squirrel. When he was "in his cups" he could, and would, quote page after page of the poets - Shakespeare, Byron, Burns and others - but could not do so when sober.

A teamster was murdered on Mustang Creek, a few miles southwest of Fort Worth. Soon afterward, Sol Brag, a negro, was captured with the wagon, team and other possessions of the teamster. Brag was duly convicted and sentenced to hang, but the day before the execution, he escaped from jail. Nothing was heard of him for a year or more until he was finally found as an enlisted soldier at Fort Sill. He was returned to Fort Worth and preparations made for his hanging.

The gallows was erected in a little miniature valley between the small hills near where the long and high trestle of the MKT Railway was later built. The place was a natural amphitheater, and the hillsides covered with people of all ages and both sexes, to witness the execution. If memory does not fail me, it was in July, 1874. Tom James, the sheriff, cut the rope that held the trapdoor with one blow of the hatchet, and the man fell to his doom.

It may be difficult for anyone to realize, at this date, that Tarrant County had an abundance of game of many kinds and the waters of her streams provided great sport for the fisherman. I have seen deer literally in droves in the Cross Timbers. Until about 1870 it was no trick at all for one to go out and within one to three hours bring in a deer of some kind. My father was quite a sportsman and very fond of "The Chase," and had the name of being the best and quickest with rifle or shotgun in the county. He kept a pack of the finest deer and fox hounds until the advent of the railroads when most game disappeared.

Wild turkeys were in great abundance. In the early fall of 1868 I witnessed a scene I shall never forget. Turkeys collected on a small strip of prairie near where we lived in such numbers that they seemed to cover the ground of five or more acres. They seemed to be engaged in some kind of caucus, whether political or religious I was never able to determine. It must have been political because it broke up in a general row and free-for-all fight. The oldest gobblers appeared to be the greatest fighters. Presently a man on horseback appeared and suddenly the fighting ceased and the turkeys scurried for the brush of the Cross Timbers and the breaks of the river bottom.

My father engaged in the last big bear hunt in the county. Late in the summer of 1860, Lige Farmer of the White Settlement country, notified father that he had seen a big black bear on Silver Creek, but he was then too poor to be hunted and by waiting until late November he would be fat and in fine condition. In due time, Father was notified that the bear hunt would be on a certain day. Early one morning he and one or two other men started for Silver Creek. Dr. C. M. Peak happened to be out and asked Father to bring him one of the bear's forepaws, regarded by many in that day as a great delicacy. Not long after arriving on the scene the bear was "jumped and the chase began. Mr. Farmer had a good pack of bear dogs that knew their business. After running from one thicket to another for two or three hours, the bear, being very fat, grew tired and sometimes would stop occasionally. At last he stopped in the center of the largest and worse thicket on the creek where no one could get near him on horseback. Father managed to crawl and work his way in to a short distance from the bear. Hearing a noise from another direction, the bear started moving toward Father. In a few anxious moments an opening to favor the handling of his gun was found and the cap burst but no gun fire. The bear plunged directly toward Father, when instantly the other barrel was discharged and the bear fell dead in his tracks. Then came the arduous task of cutting a road into the bear and getting him out whole or in pieces. He weighed close to six hundred pounds and was the last one seen in that part of the country. We had bear meat at our house and Dr. Peak got his forepaw.

One season soon after the Civil War, there was the most abundant mast ever known up to that time. Pardon me, but I believe the word mast is almost obsolete and for the benefit of some, I will say that it means an abundance of acorns, pecans and all tree fruit. Oak trees were loaded with acorns and pecan trees with fine pecans. All wild animals and fowl did not lack for food. Prairie chickens by the thousands flocked to the Cross Timbers and I have seen them cover the trees as far as one could see, like black birds on a tree or haystack. I killed so many that my mother finally refused to have them brought in the house, so I had to quit shooting them.

Late in the fall of the same year a tremendous flock of the now extinct passenger pigeon came in and made a roosting place in the river bottom west of the farm and about three and a half miles east of town. Just after sundown they would begin to arrive and before dark came by thousands. From whence they came no one ever knew. The pigeons were beautiful birds of several colors. They occupied the same roosting place about two weeks, then departed for parts unknown. They were never heard of again. The passenger pigeon, once a habitant of the United States by millions, years ago vanished from the land as does a fog in the sunshine. They were not exterminated by sportsmen.

Our hounds were so trained that when we went out in the cross timbers they hunted deer only; when we went out at night, walking, they hunted only coons and wildcats, especially if we went into the river bottom. If they came across a possum they would make it climb a tree, and if no one responded to their barking, they would leave it.

The dogs were so fond of the chase that they would go hunting occasionally alone. One day noon came and not a dog on the place. Someone came along and said dogs were chasing something in the bottom, so Father and I were soon on the way to see what they were after. As we came near them, they began barking as though they had something up a tree and before we came within gunshot, we saw a big cat jump out making for a shallow cave in the bank on the lake. Mr. Burton, a neighbor, living just west of the bottom, had a big dog that had, on former occasions, come out

and bothered our dogs. He could not track a rabbit, but would worry the dogs. He was evidently the kind we called a "thoro-bred mongrel." The cat got safely to the cave and not a dog dared tackle him. But here came the big Burton dog bounding along right in and pounced onto the big cat. The next thing was a miniature cyclone of dog, cat and hair. In a very few moments the dog came out of that cave about as quick as he had entered and took off for home. He never bothered our dogs again. They knew better than to bother the cat, and Father finally shot him. I have had many good laughs since thinking of that fight and I believe the cat had justly won his freedom.

In those early days wild fowl was plentiful. In September a small duck we called teal would come in flocks of fifty or more; the mallards came later. With the first cool winds, we would hear the honk of the wild geese in flocks; thousands went on south but hundreds stopped in Tarrant County and many stayed all winter. I well remember the first goose I killed. There was only one way to get within gunshot with our old muzzle-loading short range guns and that was to walk briskly making a wide circle and gradually closing in before shooting quickly. On this occasion I circled and shot, but the range was too long for my rifle I thought. However, I soon noticed one slowly coming down and falling well outside the field.

We killed hogs by scalding and dressing in the regular way. Most of them were shot while held at bay by the dogs. One day I had elected to stay close to camp and had what was supposed to be a good revolver. A hog came from the river going toward the big thicket. I climbed up on a big fallen cottonwood tree and as the hog came alongside I tried to shoot but the gun jammed and I came very near tumbling off my perch onto the hog's back. Someone put a charge of buckshot in his head - he was a large boar and the men thought he was at least six years old - perhaps older. He had the largest set of tusks I have ever seen.

I think it was about 1870 when a gentleman named Joseph Plunsk came to Fort Worth to buy beef cattle. He was a fine man and a good sportsman. He enjoyed deer hunting but never succeeded in bringing down a deer. The last hunt in which he took part occurred in that body of oak woods lying between Fort Worth and Birdville. About a mile northeast of the Rock Island Bridge spans the West Fork, Mr. Plunsk and I took our stand. Father took the dogs to make a drive a mile or so north. Shortly a buck started toward me, but when he saw me he turned in Mr. Plunsk's direction. Again Mr. Plunsk missed his opportunity, for I put a bullet through the deer's heart and he fell within less than a hundred yards of him. We had another hunt in the same woods not long after but it was a bad day, sleeting and snowing, and I was almost freezing all the time. When a small deer trotted up within a few yards of me I fired and missed and that was the last hunt we ever had in those woods.

In the early days, every stream abounded in fish. The West Fork had catfish, drum, buffalo and perch. The smaller streams, the Clear Fork, Village and Sycamore Creeks, with the two Fossil creeks, furnished a great many trout. Seining was never a success in the West Fork because of the snags, driftwood and fallen trees. Captain Pete, a citizen of Fort Worth, and father-in-law of Major K. M. Van Zandt, was quite an expert and many times went fishing with my father.

When squirrel hunting with my cousin, M. P. (Payne) Holt, we found a pile of leaves and trash on the bank of a pond in the riverbottom which looked like a newly made grave. We scratched carefully into it and soon rolled out about a dozen eggs the size of goose eggs but shaped

like an ordinary gelatine capsule in which you used to swallow quinine. On breaking, they seemed to be fresh and the contents about like those of hen's eggs. Digging further brought more eggs but older. We found four layers, the last being next to the ground and on breaking, little alligators ran out, being about five inches in length. I carried a few of these last eggs home and put under a setting hen, but I think she ate every one of them. I should have stated they were without shells, but had the appearance of a fowl's egg with toughened gelatine in place of a shell. We took 52 from the nest. I have seen many little 'gators lying out on the bank taking a sun bath.

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Editor's Note: The date Dr. Holt wrote these recollections is not known. The following information on the Holt family was furnished by Patrick McKenna, staff member of the Genealogy Department, Dallas Public Library. Source: *Memorial and Biographical History of Dallas County, Texas*, Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago, 1892.

L. E. and Elizabeth Parker Holt were natives of Bedford County, Tennessee where they married. Coming to Texas in 1848, he farmed for two years before turning his attention to mercantile pursuits. He moved from Upshur County, Texas to Fort Worth in 1849 and continued in the mercantile business until the War. He and his brother-in-law, Daniel Parker, built the third store in Fort Worth, located on the corner of Main Street and the public square.

L. E. Holt served as a private in the War Between the States for four years. He was captured while detailed to take care of some wounded soldiers in northern Kentucky, was paroled, and exchanged and returned to service. He served in John H. Morgan's command, and while he was at home, the command was captured in Ohio and disbanded. He served the remainder of the time under General Gano's command west of the Mississippi. After the War he continued farming until his retirement when he moved to Wheeler County to live with his daughter, Almeda. His wife, Elizabeth Holt died in 1878 at the age of fifty-two years.

The Holts had three children: Pinkney, Almeda, and Daniel. Almeda married and moved to Wheeler County. Daniel married Nettie Myers and moved to Shackelford County. [Dr. Holt mentions sisters but not a brother in this article]

Pinkney Holt (born in Upshur County) went to school in Tarrant County and studied medicine there under Dr. J. D. Ray. After taking a medical course at Cincinnati, he practiced for nine years. In 1884 he took a one year course at the Physio-Medical College of Indiana in Indianapolis. After a year at Bedford, Texas, he lived at Chico three years and in Weatherford three years before moving to Dallas in 1892. He opened the Holt Sanitarium at Eighth and Lancaster Streets in Oak Cliff for the treatment of all except contagious diseases. From 1898 to at least 1900 he was in partnership with Dr. R. B. Wright. He was a member of the American Association of Physio-Medical Physicians and Surgeons.

On October 3, 1877 Dr. Holt married Miss Fannie Campbell, daughter of H. W. Campbell of Louisiana, Missouri. They had one child, Campbell. Mrs. Holt died in 1884, aged twenty years, and the doctor married secondly Miss Ellen Bumpas in 1885. His death date is not known.

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**ABSTRACTS FROM *THE FORT WORTH DEMOCRAT***

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August 9, 1873. Gen. J. M. Peers has changed the name of his far-famed house from the "Virginia" to the "Commercial" House.

Ordinance 41. City prohibiting the watering of stock out of the public wells of the city.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Tarrant County: Oath made by Charles Cowart that Rufus Wedington is absent from State. Summons to be published three successive weeks, Rufus Wedington to appear 1st Monday, 1873 to answer complaint of Charles Cowart and B. B. Paddock for the sum of \$100 due on account.

Church Directory. Baptist Church, every Sabbath at the Court Room, Elder Lockett, Pastor. Christian Church, 1st and 4th Sundays, Elder A. Clark, Pastor. Cumberland Presbyterian Church 1st Sunday each month at Masonic Hall; Rev. W. D. Wear, Pastor. Services at 10-1/2 o'clock a.m. and 8 p.m., Methodist Church, 2nd and 4th Sundays each month at Masonic Hall, Rev. J.W.B. Allen, Pastor.

Societies: Masonic, Ft. Worth Lodge No.--A.F. & A.M. meets the 1st Saturday in every month at 8 o'clock p.m. A. J. Chambers, W.M., W.P. Burts, Secretary. Fort Worth Chapter No. 58, R.A.M., meets the last Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m. R.H. King, M.E.H.P., W.P. Burts, Sec'y.

Junction City, I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 150, meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday at 8 p.m., J.F. Farman, N.G., J.J. Wood, Secy.

Encampment: Meets Tuesday after the 2nd and 4th Saturday at 8 o'clock p.m. J.H. Verder, C.P., W.D. Milliken, Scribe.

Temperance: Ft. Worth Council, Friends of Temperance, meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Notice The Incorporators of the Ft. Worth and Denver City Railway Company will meet at Ft. Worth, Texas on Tuesday, 12th day of August, A.D. 1873 for the purpose of permanently organizing the company in provisions with charter, D.C. Adams, Dan'l Stewart, Howard Schuyler, J.P. Smith, W.A. Huffman, J.M. Eddy, W.H. Lawrence, M. H. Gafa, Jno.A. McCoy, C.L. Frost, E.M. Daggett, M.B. Loyd, J.F. Ellis.

Married At residence of Mr. W.A. Wilson in this city, by Eld. J. A. Clark, Mr. Augusta Canto and Miss Ellen Saunders.

Attn. Mfrs. ! : Read Ordinance #40 recently passed by the Council of the City of Fort Worth. It exempts your capital from city taxes for ten years.

The Dallas and Longview ends of the T & P Railway drove the last spike on the 30th, establishing a through connection to Dallas, at a point 61 miles W. of Longview and 60 miles E. of Dallas. It's our turn next.

A. Cresswell is making addition to his mill. Send your grain there for the best flour.

The Fort Worth Female Academy will begin the first Monday of September, 1873, under the control of Mr. W. R. Rutland.

Fort Worth has a baseball club.

Denison. "The New South" is the name of a paper to be started at Denison.

The Texas Democrat. Suggests that Col. Bass of Sherman is a suitable man for Governor.

Elder Charles Carlton of Bonham, Fannin County, will preach at Christian Church.

August 9, 1873. The population of the county is about 13,000. Registered to vote about 1,700. Of these only 114 republican votes were cast at the November election.

The Texas New Yorker announces that Palmer's new hotel in Chicago has 6 acres of carpeting and cost altogether \$2,000,000. Chicago has 24 railroads and will have a new custom house and Post Office.

August 16, 1873. M. T. Johnson, Captain of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1. At about 1:00 o'clock on Thursday expectant crowds saw the handsome new truck arrive with Captain W. T. Field on deck.

Campground Meeting. At Sand Springs near Manning Valley on Village Creek, Tarrant County. All are invited, bring your own provisions. A. D. Gaskell, P.C.

Executors Sale: Lands of Pendleton Cheek to be sold [description given] to satisfy debts. Exrs. Desdemona and E. T. F. Cheek.

Public Speaking - Col. R.K. Cage of Houston will address the public at the Court House on Saturday at 8 o'clock on Monopolies, Conventions, Lobbies, Rail Road Bonds, etc.

Mr. Dayton will organize a brass band.

Born at Fort Worth August 1, 1873 to Capt J. C. Terrell, a son.

Died August 9, 1873 at 3 o'clock of pneumonia, Mrs. F. Chambers in her 71st year.

James Kerwin has opened a fruit and vegetable store.

The new hotel company met Tuesday to adopt the articles of association and elected W.H. Overton President, R. E. Beckham, Secretary, Locating Committee: Julian Feild, J.W. Alexander, and A.B. Fraser. Subscription Committee: W.J. Boaz, T.N. Boss and T.A. Tidball. \$15,000 is ready and a site will be secured.

Thomas J. Cockrell, late of Natchez, Miss. is now associated with the business department of the Democrat.

Mr. J.W. Brown has recently taken charge of the Ladies Ice Cream Parlor.

Mr. J.A. Clark returned from Tharp's Spring last Sunday and reported the Springs to be a pleasant resort for invalids and pleasure seekers. Mr. Clark purchased the school building at the Springs and will open a school in September.

Good Times Coming. Entertainments are planned, proceeds to go towards discharging the debt occurred in purchasing the truck for the Hook and Ladder Company.

MKT through R.S. Stevens has invited the Editors of Northern Texas to meet at Sherman on the 3rd and join an excursion to Chicago via Hannibal and return via St. Louis and Sedalia.

Among the distinguished visitors this week: Gen. J.R. Baylor of San Antonio, Col R.B. Baird of Holly Springs, Miss., R.K. Cage and Mr. Duschame of Houston, Texas.

Died, August 10, 1873, Florence, infant of LeGrande and Clara Walden.  
Aged 2 yrs., 2 mos. and 17 days. Of whooping cough.

A preliminary meeting of the Fort Worth, Cleburne and Waco Railway was held at Cleburne, Johnson County, 12 August, 1873. Members present were T.D. Lorange, N.H. Cook, N.F. Sparks, A.D. Kenard, Jas. W. Brown, Samuel Myers, C.N. Brooks, J.M.C. Wilson and Jas. E. Patton. Books to be opened for stock subscription 1st October at Flint and Chamberlain in Waco, at the store of Goolsby in Peoria, Hill County, at the District Clerk's Office in Hillsboro, and Lorange's Store in Cleburne, and at Smith and Jarvis in Fort Worth. Copies to the Cleburne Chronicle, Ft. Worth Democrat, Hillsboro Expositor, Waco Examiner, for public attention.

August 23, 1873. For the Editorial Convention., Pct. 5 met and was called to order by I. allen; Col. James Young called to chair. Dr. H. S. Broiles elected Secy. The following were elected to the County Convention: James Stewart, H.H. Porter, D.O. Portwood, J. Ledbetter, George Isbell, Thos. Dunlap, John Robinson, S.Eddy and J.J. Ingram. For School Director, George Isbell. For Justice of the Peace: J.K. Allen 20 votes, J.A. Ledbetter 24.

For the Editorial Convention at Sherman - Please notify the Denison Journal if attending.

Geo. A. Cutler, Ed. Denison Journal  
H. C. Hunt, Ed. National Index  
Dickeman and Croks - Eds. Sherman Courier  
A.B. Norton - Ed. Intelligencer  
Thompson and Brown - Eds. Sherman Democrat

Birdville The Democrats met at the Court House last Thursday and organized by calling Col. W.R. Gauze to the chair and appointing J.K. Millican Sec'y. Resolutions were offered by F.W. Ball, Esq. providing for election of County Officers by primary elections. Resolution was voted down.

The convention selected candidates for Justice of the Peace by ballot. Judge Terry and Judge Thomason were placed in nomination, so selection was made. E.M. Daggett, B.B. Paddock, J.K. Millican, C.M. Peak, M. Ozee, S.P. Greene, J.P. Smith, J.W. Chapman, J.H. Wheeler, W.T. Field, Sam Evans, W.P. Burts, and S. Tunnel were appointed to represent the precinct on the 30th.

State of Texas. To the Sheriff or Constable of Tarrant County: Oath has been made this day by Charles Cowart, that Rufus Weddington is absent from this State. Summons said Weddington is to appear the first Monday of September, 1873 to answer a complaint by Charles Cowart and B.B. Paddock for the sum of \$100 due upon account.

Announced for District Clerk: Jesse Jones and A.Y. Lester.

Mr. Green, of Lone Star Livery Stables, assisted the Editor soon after his horse and buggy ran away. One gray horse for sale.

H. C. Evans has contracted for a two story brick adjoining Holloway's stone house, on the West side of Houston.

Waxahachie Democrat. Incorporators of the Beaumont, Corsicana and Ft. Worth Rail Road met in Corsicana and organized by election the Hon. William Craft, President, J.W. Ferris, Vice-President, Alexander Beaton, Secretary, and W.B. Garrity, Treasurer.

Dallas. The Radical convention which assembled at Dallas on the 19th August 23, 1873. For the Editorial Convention at Sherman-Please notify the Denison Journal if attending.

Geo. A. Cutler Ed. Denison Journal

H. C. Hunt Ed. *National Index*

Dickeman and Crooks-Eds. Sherman Courier

A. B. Norton-Ed. *Intelligencer*

Thompson and Brown-Eds. Sherman Democrat

Ledbetter's Mill, August 16, 1873., Pct. 5 met and was called to order by J.K. Allen; Col. James Young called to chair. Dr. H.S. Broiles elected Secty. The following were elected to the County Convention: James Stewart, H.H. Porter, D.O. Portwood, J. Ledbetter, George Isbell, Thos. Dunlap, John Robinson, S. Eddy and J.J. Ingram. For Jacob Keuehler, Land Commissioner.

Notice: The Partnership between Burnett and Townsend is dissolved. Signed J. A. Townsend, June 25, 1873.

August 30, 1873. The following are the officers of the Grange organized in Fort Worth: Master, W.B. Tucker; Overseer, J.W. Flemming; Lecturer, Junius Smith; Steward, A.B. Fraser; Asst. Steward, H.King; Chaplain, J.H. Greenwood; Secretary Archibald Earle; Gatekeeper, R.K. Ceres, Mrs. Kate Wood; Pomona, Mrs. Antechnie Tucker, Flora, Mrs. Nannie Wesley; Lady Ass't Steward, Mrs. M.E. Flemming.

Pistol shots on W. side of Square, altercations between Coly Johnson and one Matherson regarding some finances. Matherson was not hit but was cut with a blade. He is at the Pacific House in dangerous condition. Johnson escaped and no arrest was made.

Democrats of Beat No. 2, Johnson Station, organized by G.W.S. Morrison to chair and appointing Capt. M. G. Brinson Sec'y. The following delegates were appointed to the County Convention at Fort Worth on the 30th. T.N. Buchanan, J.W. Morrison, W.F. Halsel, T.B. Matlock, J.L. Hutchison, John Ditto, P.H. Ford, W.D. Beal, A.K. Middleton. The convention nominated W.H. Harrison for Justice of the Peace, Beat No.2.

A Denison gentleman has lost a black, spotted, shaggy shepherd dog that answers to the name of Tassel. If found, take to Penderly & Wilson's and name your "Pisen."

Weatherford Signal. The Fort Worth papers are wrangling over who shall have the honor of first advocating the Grange Movement in Tarrant County.

The El Paso Mail Co. is arranging for a double daily from this place to Dallas. Charles Webb is in charge of the office here. The Company has also an Express Company by which express matter can be safely and speedily transported.

Notice: Admin. of the Estate of Thomas J. Cambran, Dec'd., Isaac McConnell, will sell personal property at the residence of John Robinson on Clear Fork on Saturday 12 September.

A. Gilham and J. R. Chew have been arrested and held to bail for setting fire to the store of the former and causing the late conflagration in Jefferson, Texas. The police have a letter from Chew to Gilham regarding the matter.

Sept. 6, 1873. We hear from Mr. Thomas of Parker County of an event which occurred near Cartersville last month. On the 22nd, Dave Porter, D. Short and Dugan McCormick, accompanied by a woman of ill-fame named Nancy Hill, entered Springtown, and without known provocation shot and severely wounded Mr. Laird and fled the town. On the following Saturday, a party of citizens went to the home of Mrs. Hill, the mother of Nancy, who with her four daughters keeps a bawdy house, and took away two of the women. They have not been since heard of. On the following Monday, they again visited the place, took Mrs. Hill and two of her daughters to the swamp on Salt Creek and killed them. Mrs. Hill has for some time harbored horse thieves, desperadoes and evil characters at her house and the citizens have become exasperated by the conduct of the family. Nancy Hill has been in the Parker County jail twice for infanticide and is now at large.

Estray Notice: Reported by James Grimsley, one mule, brown, 14 years old, branded "2" on left shoulder, in c/o J. S. Johnson.

Col. Donoho, who addressed our people on the subject of immigration has decided to locate Dallas. He has purchased property there and will return to Memphis to conclude his affairs.

## THE GIBSON AND ALLIED FAMILIES

Submitted by Beryl Steele Gibson

**Editor's Note:** In 1941, Allen "Joe" Gibson wrote two accounts of the Gibson families in Texas for his niece, Eva Gibson Shackelford-Howeth. Since her father (Duff Gibson) had died when she was only 11 months old, she asked her Uncle Joe to tell her something about the family. His "Diary" is a fascinating detailed account of his life from 1876 through 1954. The following is an edited version of material from both accounts. Mrs. Gibson has furnished additional information shown in brackets. She has a wealth of material on these families supplemented by impressive documentation. In addition to her own genealogical research, Mrs. Gibson can certainly be considered the "guiding light" for the Mansfield Historical Society.

Around the close of the 17th century some families of Gibsons, Reeces and Johnsons emigrated from Wales in Great Britain to settle in Iowa, Illinois and Kentucky. Barnabus Gibson (1777-1850) married Joyce Artis (1783-1850) in Grainger County, Tenn. on Nov. 7, 1800. They had 12 children. Four of the brothers, **Garrett, McNary (Mack), James M. (Jim) and Arthur** were among the group of families - Gibsons, Reeces and Smiths - who settled in Tarrant County, Texas in the 1850s.

[Family tradition says that Arthur Gibson and his nephew, William, came to Texas about 1847 to search for a site for settlement, arriving in Dallas on Christmas Day, 1849. They returned to Illinois (probably Troy) taking back a favorable report of their trip. The family groups arrived at their new home in Texas in December 1852. No account, written or oral, was preserved of the experiences of that trip. It seems strange that such an important event was not handed down to the younger generations. Martha Gibson Walker, Garrett's daughter, said that she was 9 years old and that she "walked all the way from Illinois because it was her task to drive the family's cow."]

The eight families established the Gibson community about 18 miles south of the present city of Ft. Worth and four miles north of Mansfield. At that time, Ft. Worth was nothing more than a Ranger outpost. The village of Mansfield came into being about the year 1859 when a roller mill was established there. It was named for Mr. R. S. Man and a Mr. Field who lived there then. One of the first stores opened in Mansfield was owned by the Gibsons. [The correct spelling is Feild. Ralph Man and Julian Feild built a grist mill during the winter of 1859-60 and applied for a post office in March, 1860. They named the town "Mansfeild."]

Garrett, Mack and Jim Gibson were drawn to the timber country four miles northwest of Mansfield. There they found an abundance of soft water and plenty of trees for fence rails and building material. The rich, sandy loam was ideal for corn, oats, cotton, fruits and vegetables.

Arthur Gibson and the Reece brothers settled some two and a half miles south of Mansfield on the black prairie land where they could grow wheat, corn and oats and have a better range for their cattle. They felled trees, built comfortable log houses, split rails to fence their farms and were helpful each one to his neighbor. Having common problems and interests they were bound together

one to his neighbor, by friendship and kindred ties which have distinguished the Gibson community for almost a hundred years. The Reeces, joining the Gibsons in marriage relations, were building a local empire of good citizenship and sturdy character which survives to the fifth and sixth generations.

**Garrett Gibson**, the oldest son, was born Jan. 3, 1805, in Madison Co. Ill., and died in 1875. He married **Mary "Polly" Reece** in February 1826. They had eleven children, all born before the family moved to Texas: Rebecca, Daniel, William Barnabus, James Monroe, Samuel Aaron, Thomas R., Elizabeth "Julie," Martha J., Hannah Lucinda, McNary and Benjamin F. Gibson.

Several of Garrett's sons saw service in the Confederate Army. Daniel and Thomas were killed. James was wounded as was Aaron. A musket ball in the hip made him lame for the rest of his life. He never married and died about 1884 at about age 50. [According to family stories, after Aaron was wounded, his brother, William, would not leave him, so both were captured in 1863 near Camp Bisland, La., and later paroled.]

While public school facilities were almost nill [sic] in Texas in early days, all of the Gibsons managed to pick up a fair education in the three R's - Readin' Riting and Rithmetic. Aaron seems to have been the best educated and served as community school teacher before the war. Later, when Ft. Worth became the county seat of Tarrant County, Aaron did clerical work in the courthouse. [According to an 1878 issue of the *Fort Worth Democrat*, Aaron was a candidate for the office of Tarrant County Tax Assessor, but was defeated.]

**Ben Gibson**, the youngest of Garrett's sons, was not old enough for military service, but those who survived the conflict lived out their lives as thrifty and well to do farmers. The exception was **Mack**, who entered the mercantile business in early manhood, operating one of the first stores in Mansfield. He took as partner **Andrew (Cap) Gibson**, son of Jim and Ellen Gibson. Later, Cap took to drink and Mack closed the store and retired to a life of leisure. Mack was an "intellectual and a human dynamo of wit and humor" and a high ranking official of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. He was jolly and social and a friend to all who knew him.

**McNary (Mack) Gibson** was born in 1812 in Madison Co. Ill. and died in 1866 in Mansfield. He married **Sarah Reece** in 1833. [Their children: Mary Jane, (married in Illinois and did not come to Texas,) Elizabeth, Sarah A., (married David H. "Yankee" Smith, so called because he favored the Union in the Civil War,) William Henry, (writer's father,) Lucy and James Calvin.] Only James was born in Tarrant County.

**James M. Gibson** was born in 1819 in Indiana and died in 1883. He married **Elen Halloway** in 1846. They had six children: Andrew J.(Cap), Elizabeth Thomas J., Sarah, Amanda and Sarah Lavina. The two youngest daughters were born in Tarrant County. Jim Gibson was the mechanical genius among the four brothers. He erected a log shop building near his double log residence where he made shoes and did general blacksmithing and wood craft. He furnished the community with chairs, farm implements and other necessities during and for several years after the War Between the States. Jim's age and a physical handicap in the form of a stiff knee rendered him exempt from military service.

**Arthur Barnabus Gibson** was born in 1826 in Indiana and died in 1884 in Johnson County, Texas. He married **Sarah Jane Smith** in 1847. Their children were: Mary Caroline, Sarah Elizabeth, Emily Eugenia, James Henry and William H. (twins), Amanda Lucinda, Rebecca, John Thomas, Davis Ashbury, Calvin Willus, Robert Edward Lee and Laura Ann (twins) and Eleanor Francis. With the exception of Mary, Sarah and Emily, all the children were born in Texas. Some of these had families of whom not much is known by this writer. Arthur Gibson had a very fine family, and wherever they may be scattered, we may be certain that they are carrying on the fundamentals of good citizenship.

#### THE REECE FAMILY

There were three Reece brothers - Abraham, Billy and Washington.

Abraham Reece had three sons and one daughter known to this writer: Joseph, William H., Judge and Lou. Joseph married Melissa Howard; William Henry married Elizabeth Gibson (daughter of Jim and Ellen Gibson); Lou married Joseph Smith; Judge Reece died unmarried about 1880. Mary and Sarah Reese (who married Gibsons) were Abraham's sisters.

Washington Reece and his wife, Jane Howard, had three children: Daniel R., Sallie R. and Charles. Daniel married Francis Huddleston; Sallie married Tom Smith and Charlie died about the age of 12 in 1880. This was the family with whom this writer lived after his mother's death.

#### THE JOHNSON, OLIVER AND TRUITT FAMILIES

Milam Johnson came to Shelby County, Texas about 1836. He was born in Kentucky and married Denicy (called 'Nicy) [surname not given-Ed.] in Tennessee. They established a home, reared a family and lived out their lives in Shelby County. This writer knows nothing further of Milam's family.

Rufus Alvy Johnson, brother to Milam, married a Miss Phoenix in Tennessee, and settled near Camden, Ark. They had at least six children before the mother died in childbirth. The same night one of her small children burned to death. The other children were: Amanda J., Preston, (know nothing of his family and he died many years ago,) and Synthia Lou, [writer's grandmother.]

After Alvy Johnson's double loss of his wife and child and with the responsibilities of a new born babe, as well as other children, he placed Preston and Elizabeth in the care of a well to do family named Smith, Amanda, Synthia and John with other families and came to Texas to his brother, Milam. When Amanda married Andrew Oliver, she took Synthia and John (born the night his mother died,) to live with her. Preston stayed with his uncle, Milam Johnson.

Alvy had gotten his family together again and was building a house in Shelby County when he died and again left his children to be distributed among relatives. His daughter, Elizabeth, was then 14, and after living with her sisters for two years, married Andrew Truett and moved to California. Andy turned out to be a poor provider and a heavy drinker. Neglect of his family caused Elizabeth to divorce him and take their two small children, Fannie and Willie. Another child was born a few

months after the separation, who died at the age of three weeks. Elizabeth placed Willie in the care of a wealthy family named Blythe, who had no children of their own. They gave him a fine education, but failed to teach him to work with his hands. William taught school at times, but didn't like the profession. He was intelligent and well educated but made no use of his talents other than to feed and clothe himself and enjoy his leisure hours reading fiction. He was burned to death in his hotel room in Suisune, California at about the age of fifty years.

Fannie Truitt married a man named McElfrish, who was a high ranking officer of the order of Free Masons. Fanny had a natural love for horses and since McElfrish was wealthy, she had the means to acquire a stable of fine horses. She became a famous rider and won a \$100 prize in a riding contest at the Chicago World's Fair in 1933. Since she devoted more time and attention to horsemanship than to her home and family, the situation eventually led to separation and divorce. They had one child, Mabel, who was an artist. Fanny subsequently married Thomas White in Chicago. That marriage also terminated in divorce but there were no children. Fanny gained considerable wealth and fame in her own right, but after her career was run and age began to bear down upon her, she lived up her means and died penniless, except for the value of her jewelry and trinkets which she refused to part with.

Elizabeth Johnson Truitt married a second time in California to Truman Baldwin. To that union were born three children: Ella, Charles and Ida. Ella married James Tarver of Tom Green County, Texas and was a well-known artist. Charles married Alice Haynes of Llano County, Texas and eventually settled near Ardmore, Okla. where he engaged in farming, stock raising and running a general mercantile business. Ida taught school for twelve years, beginning when she was about 16, and in the late nineties married Milton Carroll and lived in Paradise, California. There were no children. Ida survived her husband and died in 1951.

Elizabeth and Truman Baldwin moved back to Llano County, Texas, where they had a beautiful market garden which furnished the community and surrounding territory with fruits and vegetables. Their home was located in Cold Creek Canyon. The only exit from the valley was up or down the bed of the creek, which ran clear and cold the year round. This writer had the good fortune to live with the Baldwins for a time, and spent many happy days in that earthly paradise, roaming over the mountains, exploring caves and wading in the stream. In spite of the misfortunes of early life, Aunt Elizabeth Baldwin lived to enjoy a fine family and died at the ripe old age of 92 years.

Synthia Johnson married William Oliver and lived on Farmer's Creek in Montague County, Texas. They were prosperous and reared a beautiful family of high morals and orderly conduct. Almost a hundred years has produced not one blight or blot upon the Oliver family name. Synthia and her boys were "song birds" and all of them delighted in their musical art. After William Oliver's death about 1880, they left Montague County, and after visiting various spots in Texas, settled near Field Creek in Llano County.

#### WILLIAM HENRY GIBSON FAMILY

William was the next to youngest of Mack Gibson's children. His first marriage was to Elizabeth (Sis) Oliver about 1869. Their children were Mary Caroline (Mollie,) Theodore Duff and Thurman Allen Gibson [writer of this account]. Mack Gibson nicknamed all of the youngsters in the

community. They called sister Mollie "Dink"; Duff they called "Teddy" or "Teedy" and Allen "Monkey Joe." After some eight years, Mother died, leaving Father with three small children. Mollie, the oldest, went to live with Grandmother Oliver and stayed sometimes with Uncle Calvin Gibson. Duff went to Aunt Rebecca and Uncle Andrew Oliver, while Allen, the baby, was taken by Uncle Washington and Aunt Jane Reece. William Gibson set out for the great West to be a cowboy. But about every six months he would return to the old home for a week's visit with children and relatives. He would relate such thrilling stories of frontier life on a cow ranch that we thought he was the greatest man on earth.

William Henry Reece, his chum and first cousin, had met with a like misfortune in the loss of his wife, and on these trips back home they would step out together. They located a couple of "girl friends" near Cedar Hill, Texas, named Ann and Zadie Howell. The result was a double wedding, which might have brought happiness to the two Williams but to this writer it meant just another tragedy since he did not like the idea of a new mama. But after the wedding, Father took his children and his new bride to the old log hut. Mollie and Duff had become reconciled to their new mama, but after the marriage feast, this writer hid out. He was finally coaxed from under the bed with kind words and offer of apples and candy - a rare luxury for children in those days. Mollie and Duff were in school but your historian was too young to attend and was miserable at home. He threatened to run away but the dense forest surrounding Father's home frightened him. However, he would not mind his new mama and after a miserable (for him) three years, our step mother died. There were two children by that union but both died in infancy. By that time Mollie was old enough to keep house so we lived on the old home place two more years. In 1885 Father joined his first wife's people [the Olivers] in Llano County and two years later, married Mrs. Margaret Collier. We lived in Nolan County and Comanche County, before moving to Somerville County in 1892. There we stayed for three years. In 1887 Mollie eloped with William Perry Reece in Tarrant County and Brother Duff married Miss Zula Bagan a few years later.

[In 1893, Allen Gibson, then seventeen years old and without education, felt terribly embarrassed, and decided to do something about it. He broke home ties and went in search of an education. He "pursued the elusive treasure like chasing the rainbow for more than forty years, and is still after it at the age of 66." In the fall of 1897, Allen borrowed a buggy drove to Mansfield where he and Jemie Coleman were married - sitting in the buggy. The couple lived in Mansfield, Fort Worth, Abilene, Teague, and Llano [and possibly other towns] before moving to San Antonio in 1917. He wrote that he got in the habit of "gadding about" in infancy. Allen died in 1961.]

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Several of the Gibson clan have become well known figures locally. To name only a few - Benjamin, Garrett's son, served as Justice of the Peace in Mansfield for several years. His son, "Sid," was a grocer there for over 40 years. Reed Stewart, Arthur Gibson's grandson, served as Tarrant County Tax Assessor from 1950 until 1984. Many other grandchildren and great-grandchildren live in or near Mansfield. The Garrett Gibson home still stands as a reminder of the stability the Gibson family has given to the area, and the Gibson Cemetery is located northwest of Mansfield. All of the brothers, their wives, and many children, are buried there among more than 100 other graves. The exception is Sarah Jane Smith Gibson, who is buried in the historic Cumberland Presbyterian section of the Mansfield Cemetery. The Gibson Cemetery was awarded a marker from the Texas Historical Commission in 1983.





## WILLIAM D. MORGAN FAMILY BIBLE

Submitted by Wanda Morgan Pearce

This Bible is now in the possession of Robert Lee Morgan, son of Winfield Scott Morgan and grandson of Wm. D. Morgan. Information in brackets supplied by Mrs. Pearce.

### BIRTHS

William D. MORGAN was born October the 11, 1818 [Wilkes Co. North Carolina]

Elizabeth [Ellis] MORGAN was born the 16 day of March 1815

Nathaniel MORGAN was born May the 5, 1842

Lewis MORGAN was born August the 15, 1843

John MORGAN was born September the 5, 1844

Martha MORGAN was born December the 31, 1845

Jacob MORGAN was born May the 24, 1847

James MORGAN was born January the 9, 1849

Thomas Hamilton MORGAN was born June the 21, 1850

William Franklin MORGAN was born December 23, 1852

Samuel David MORGAN was born August 27, 1854

George Montgomery MORGAN was born February 16, 1857

Hannah Elizabeth MORGAN was born November the 20, 1860

Frances Marion MORGAN was born August the 12, 1880

Winfield Scott MORGAN was born July the 4, 1883 night of the --[illegible]

These be the age of all my children

William D. Morgan

### DEATHS

Lewis MORGAN died (son) Wednesday the 24 of July 1844 [Beene/Hawkins Cemetery, DeKalb Co. Ala. - Co C 1st Vid Cav]

My wife Elizabeth MORGAN died Thursday evening Sept 8 1859

Sarah MORGAN died August 22, 1878 [2nd wife of Wm. D.]

Nathaniel MORGAN died April 13th 1864

James MORGAN died April the 4th 1878

John MORGAN died January the 19, 1882 [Beene/Hawkins Cem. Co C 1st Ala Vic Cav]

Mary MORGAN died October 1881

William D. MORGAN died Friday evening February the 3, 1899 [buried Beene/Hawkins Cem., DeKalb Co. Ala]

Benjamin F. HAWKINS died April 6th 1907 [Amanda's son]

Amanda J. MORGAN died May 5th 1907 [Beene/Hawkins Cem. - 3rd wife of Wm. D.]

Sarah Josephine (Phillips) MORGAN died January 31, 1924

Francis Marion MORGAN born Aug 12, 1880 died May 9, 1942 [Beene/Hawkins Cem.]  
 Robert Lee HAWKINS born Sept. 2, 1865 - died Oct. 8, 1946 8:30 pm [Amanda's son]  
 Winfield Scott MORGAN died 2 am Monday May 16, 1977 [Beene/Hawkins Cem.]

These entries made by Gail Morgan KNUDSON, Granddaughter of Geo M. Morgan:

George M. MORGAN died Feb. 3, 1940 [Comanche, Stephens, Okla]  
 his wife Marian HAWKINS died Aug. 9, 1948  
 Samuel D. MORGAN [died May 16, 1931, Jasper, Marion Co. Tenn]  
 Martha MORGAN died Oct. 11, 1902 [DeKalb Co. Ala]  
 Thomas Hamilton MORGAN died May 13, 1918  
 Wife Sarah A. LONG MORGAN died Nov. 11, 1916  
 Hannah Morgan WHITED died Feb. 19, 1937 [Blue Ridge, Collin, Tex]

#### END OF BIBLE RECORD

There are no marriages listed in the Bible. Following are the known marriages.

William D. MORGAN married Elizabeth ELLIS ca 1841 in Ala.  
 Second wife of Wm. D. was Sarah ELLIS married 1860 DeKalb Co. Ala.  
 Third wife of Wm. D. was Amanda Jane Beene HAWKINS married 1 May 1879 DeKalb Co. Ala.  
 Thomas Hamilton MORGAN married Sarah A. LONG  
 William Franklin MORGAN married Margaret Eleanor PAINTER  
 Samuel David MORGAN married Susan PAINTER  
 George Montgomery MORGAN married Mariah HAWKINS 1878 DeKalb Co. Ala.  
 Hannah Elizabeth MORGAN married William Thomas WHITED  
 Francis Marion MORGAN married Jeanette [last name unknown]  
 Winfield Scott MORGAN married Sarah Josephine PHILLIPS

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Jacob MORGAN [5th child of Wm. D. & Elizabeth Ellis Morgan] is my Great-Grandfather. Jacob was born and raised near Valley Head, DeKalb Co. Ala. on Lookout Mountain. Jacob married Tenna Lee (Tennessee) Hawkins [1850 - 28 Jan 1896] ca 1870 in DeKalb Co. Ala. Jacob and Tenna Lee came to Texas ca 1890 with six children, all born near Valley Head. Their last child was born in Palo Pinto Co., Tex. Feb. 11, 1892. Jacob was a farmer and a blacksmith.

Tenna Lee is buried at Sturdivant Cemetery near Mineral Wells, Tex. Jacob died 7 May 1936 and is buried at Morgan Rest Cemetery, Simon, Love, Okla.

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**ARCHER BLAKE FAMILY BIBLE**

Submitted by Chester Rankin Johnson

The Bible is owned by George A. Blake of Bibb Co. Alabama. Many pages are missing, including the title, copyright, etc. Archer Blake was Mr. Johnson's great-great-grandfather.

**MARRIAGES**

*Archer and Theodocia BLAKE was married the 23rd of Sept. 1819*

**BIRTHS**

Archer BLAKE was born December 3th 1795

Theodocia BLAKE was born December 11th 1795

John BLAKE son of Archer Blake and his wife Theodecia was born July 13th, 1820.

Richard BLAKE was born March 24th, 1820

Archer H. BLAKE was born February 22nd 1824

Maria BLAKE was born February 23nd 1826

Ana BLAKE was born July 26th 1828

Rebecca BLAKE was born May 9th 1830

Rachel BLAKE was born March 6th 1832

Mary BLAKE was born February 20th 1834

**DEATHS**

Archer BLAKE died 9 June 1874

Theodocia BLAKE died Oct 20 1877

John BLAKE died Oct 13, 1883

Richard BLAKE died February 14th 1905

Archer H. BLAKE died August 9, 1892

Maria BLAKE died July 8 1910

Asa BLAKE died Nov 21 1901

Rebecca BLAKE died April 2 1914

Rachel BLAKE died Jan 30 1923

Mary Blake died Oct 11 1906

END OF BIBLE RECORD

## Additional information:

Archibald Henry Blake Sr. was a son of John Blake and Martha Moon. He was born 8 Dec 1795, Elbert Co. Ga, and died 9 June 1874, Bibb Co. Ala. On 23 Sept. 1819, he married Theodocia Pratt, (born 11 Dec. 1795 Stokes Co. N. C.; d. 20 Oct. 1877 Bibb Co. Ala.) Both are buried in the old Pratt-Wallace Cemetery.

## Their children:

1. John BLAKE, b. 13 July 1820, Bibb Co. Ala., d. 13 Oct. 1883, Bibb. Co. married 22 Aug. 1844 Dicy Jane GRIFFIN.
2. Richard BLAKE b. 24 March 1822, Bibb Co. Ala., d. 14 Feb. 1905, Bibb Co.; m/1 15 Aug 1848 Elizabeth FULTON; m/2 30 Jan. 1859 Nancy Jane CARLISLE.
3. Archibald Henry BLAKE Jr., b. 22 April 1824, Bibb Co. Ala. d. 9 Aug. 1892, Bibb Co.; m. 13 April 1856 Jane REAVIS.
4. Mariah BLAKE b. 23 Feb. 1826, Bibb Co. Ala.; d. 8 July 1910 Calhoun Co. Miss.; m. 11 Dec. 1845 Joshua West JOHNSON.
5. Asa BLAKE, b. 26 July 1828, Bibb Co. Ala., d. 21 Nov. 1901, Bell Co. Texas; m. 20 Oct. 1853 Melissa Jane PEARCE
6. Rebecca BLAKE b. 9 May 1830, Bibb Co. Ala., d. 2 April 1914 Bibb. Co., bur. Shultz Creek Cem.
7. Rachel Blake b. 6 March 1832 Bibb Co. Ala.; d. 30 Jan. 1923, Bibb Co. Ala.; (bur. Shultz Creek Cem.,) m/1 Thomas KILLOUGH; m/2 John THRASHER.
8. Mary BLAKE b. 20 Feb 1834, Bibb Co. Ala., d. 11 Oct. 1906, Jefferson Co. Ala., bur. Trussville, Jefferson Co., m. 21 July 1856 William Thomas CARLISLE.

Sources of information: Bibb Co. Ala. records - Marriage, Deed, Circuit Court, Orphans Court; U. S. Census records, Bibb Co. Ala., 1830 - 1870; *The Blakes of Bibb Co. Alabama 1814-1988* by Chester Rankin Johnson.

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CORRECTION TO THE J. W. BICKHAM FAMILY BIBLE RECORD  
[PUBLISHED IN THE NOVEMBER 1992 ISSUE OF *FOOTPRINTS*]

## Page 194:

In the listing of the children of Ralph Grier Wiley and Rosa Lee Sample, the name of a daughter, Mary Eulelia, was inadvertently omitted. She was born Nov. 8, 1911 and is the only person listed in the record who is a resident of Fort Worth. Now Mrs. Roy L. Taylor, mother of Roy J. Taylor, (who submitted the Bible record for publication,) she has lived in Fort Worth since 1929. Please note also a correction in the spelling of the name of Cyrus Reuben Sample, a son of T. H. Sample.

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## CRUMBLING RECORDS

Submitted by Christyne Lackey Barr

Genealogical researchers for years have been concerned about the deterioration and loss of early records. Records, when found, are frequently yellowed, brittle and crumble when a page is turned.

As years go by these early records continually become more valuable and harder to find. They have been destroyed by neglect and poor care, many courthouse fires caused by wood burning stoves, and two wars fought up and down the East Coast. Courthouses were usually well built buildings and were frequently taken over by the enemy to house their soldiers in time of conflict. In cold weather the available books and records were stuffed into the stoves to keep the fires going. These are the records that we need so much today. The ones that would tell us if Jeremiah was the son of Joel, or of Micajah.

But there are other records, still extant, that are not available for our use. In the Library of Congress there are some 1,000 to 3,000 books that archivists are afraid will crumble in their hands if they are opened, even for copying, according to John Sheridan, library director of the Colorado College of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. At present these irreplaceable documents are stored in climate controlled rooms, unavailable for research, and officials are hoping that scientific advances may some day allow them to be restored.

Archivists, librarians and museum workers are particularly concerned about the loss of these important materials. They blame acids used in papermaking for the deterioration of our written legacy. And the aging process has accelerated as acid rain and other pollutants in the air have increased.

Preservationists spend much time trying to stop the disintegration of rare books, research papers, early diaries of lawmakers and pioneer families. The methods may cost as much as \$100 a book to paint or spray each page with an alkaline substance or to seal them in special treated plastic that stops the paper from reacting to chemicals in the air.

It is suggested that valuable materials should never be stored in an attic or basement but should be kept in an area of moderate temperature and constant humidity. Fragile materials can be protected by placing them in photographic albums with magnetic pages or by having them laminated by commercial machines.

Improvements in the papermaking process are gradually being made as the manufacturers move from an acid to an alkaline-based process. A byproduct of the acid process is dioxin, a dangerous chemical frequently found in paper. Other harmful compounds are alum and rosin which contribute to the yellowing and brittleness of paper. Calcium carbonate, an alkaline material, is the key to the newest papermaking process. A pH balance above 7.5 with an alkaline buffer to neutralize any acid indicates an archival permanence of more than 300 years.

Industry experts estimate that 50 to 75 percent of North American papermills now can produce a neutral product using alkaline. Roger Howard, a scientist with Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada, says paper prices vary in different areas depending on a cheap supply of calcium.

Library directors estimate that they pay 10 to 20 percent more for books printed on alkaline paper. However, boosters of the new process say there should be no cost difference for using alkaline instead of acid for it is no more expensive than other good quality paper. However, many printing plants have not had enough requests for the alkaline paper to stock it, and on special order, it will probably be more expensive.

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ENOUGH, ALREADY!

ABOUT WITNESSES TO DEEDS

Editors of genealogical publications often pass on important information found in other publications to their own readers. Some give credit as to source; some do not. Repeatedly, during the past couple of years I have seen in various periodicals the "rule" about witnesses to deeds - the rule being that the first witness is always from the husband's side of the family, the next is from the wife's side of the family, that this was to protect her dower right. I have scores of early deeds from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Kentucky disproving this theory. While this may be true in some cases, I do not believe there were enough instances to warrant such a "rule" being written in stone!

Nancy Timmons Samuels

## THE TEXAS FRONTIER BATTALION

Selected, copied and compiled by Nelita Snow

NOTE: Records for the years 1875 and 1876 are presently missing. Should they be located, the material will be published in *FOOTPRINTS*.

The following excerpts are taken from letters, orders, reports, notes and other handwritten items by the officers and men of the Texas Frontier Battalion. Inasmuch as possible, all spellings, punctuation and wording are shown here as the originals were handwritten. This portion begins with January, 1877.

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Camp Hubbard, Frio Co., Texas  
January 3rd, 1877.

Maj. Jno. B. Jones  
Comdg Frontier Battalion  
Austin, Texas

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Monthly Returns of Co. "A" for the month of Dec. 1876.

Also to report that the Indians made a raid in this vicinity on the 29th.

On the 27th I sent Sgt Reyonlds with 9 men up the country to Sabinal, with instructions, if no Indians should come in to go to DeHanis and from there down the Sico, to camp. In case that the Indians came in to that Section, he was to take their trail and send a man at once to this place with the information.

On the morning of Dec 29th Capt Age of the "Minute Company" discovered a trail of Indians at his pasture four miles above Frio City. He immediately sent a man to Frio City with the information and an order for his company to turn out while he with two other white men and two Mexicans followed the trail, which led in a Southerly direction, and crossed the creek that we are camped on, about four miles above the camp. His company failed to turn out, and made sport of the report. Someone suggested that they send word to the Rangers, others said No! they had better be certain that there was a trail before they sent any word; finally they sent out a negro, who stated that the Indians had been seen early that morning, at Agee's pasture, going South, and moved across Elm Creek about Ages pen. Although it was known as early as 10 oclock in the morning, at Frio City, the negro did not come to camp until 1 o'clock in the evening. The horses were in camp and

I saddled up and was off in less than 15 minutes after the negro came in. I went up the creek and struck the trail in less than an hour. I followed it above a mile, when I met Capt Age., with about 40 horses and mules that he had recaptured from the Indians about an hour and a half before, above four miles from there. He said that he overtook them between 11 and 12 o'clock, that he skirmished with them about an hour, when he sent a Mexican to Frio City again after reinforcement and soon after that the Indians, ten in number, mounted their horses and rode off leaving their loose stock, which Age rounded up and drove back to where I met him. About that time about 20 men came up from town. I then moved on. Mr. Woodward and Mr. Magee, went with me. We found the trail of the Indians where they had gone after the fight. We followed it down a creek called the A La Dijo until night. Mr. Woodward said from the direction that they were going they would strike the Leona about ten miles below his pasture and that he had no doubt that they would go through it before day. I then decided that I would try to intercept them the next morning. I then moved on to within four miles of the pasture and halted until next morning. Mr. Woodward went on home and said that he would go around his pasture on the opposite side and would know by the time that we reached his house the next morning, if they passed out that way, and I was to examine the fence on this side on the morning of the 30th. I moved on at daylight - but found that they had not passed that way. (I will remark here that we crossed the trail the night before)--

Mr. Woodward had examined his pasture by the time that we reached his place and found no trail. It was thought then that they were still in below us and that they would pass up that day either by Woodward's pasture or by the Loma Vista, nine miles Southwest from there. I then moved on to the Loma Vista watching careful for the Trail, but did not find it. I remained there that evening, and kept a couple of men on the Loma Vista, which commanded a good view of the country. Mr. Woodward and Mafee then came on back to the Leona and looked again for the trail. When he reached his pasture one of his men had found the rail and said that he thought that it had been made that morning. Mr. Woodward then came back to where I was, and informed me. I started before day on the morning of the 31st and found the trail at 7 o'clock and followed it to Westfall's Ranche, and learned that they had passed there about midnight on the 29th. and that they were driving very hard. I knew that it was useless to follow any longer, as they had 36 hours the start, and were across the Rio Grande by that time, and did not think it prudent to attempt to follow, and returned to camp which I reached on the 1st inst.

The Indians, instead of following the A La Digo down to its mouth turned to the West and crossed the Presidio road between here and the Leona. and then crossed the Leona in Slaughter's pasture. We crossed their trail on the night of the 29th, and left it to our right, while we were expecting to find it coming up from our left.

If Capt. Age had have sent me word when he crossed the creek above camp, I could have caught the Indians easily before night. But as it is was, when he was fighting them I have had no intimation of any Indians being in the Country. A great many censure him for the way that he did, and say that he took pride in the matter and wanted his company to carry off all the honors. But since they failed to turn out until he had overtaken the Indians, and had to send the Second Courier back, he does not take so much pride in them.

There is a report of another party of Indians having passed below him within two miles of camp on the 30th. but it lacks confirmation, and I doubt it very much, as nothing more has been heard of them.

Sgt. Reynolds returned on the evening of the 2nd inst. and had heard of no Indians up the country. Although nearly all of the horses recaptured by Capt. Age belonged to Sabinal and D'Hanis, the people did not know that their horses were gone.

The health of the company is good - the horses are not gaining very much although they have good grass.

The weather has been very cold with several heavy frosts. The country South and West of us is very rough being covered with a thick chapparal generally - especially along the creeks.

I hardly know how to manage my scouting in this country. I would like to have a Scout - in the Sabinal and D'Hanis country, during the full moon each month. At the same time, wishing to follow any Indians that may pass through here across the Rio Grande, if I do not overtake them before they reach the river I fear that I will not be able to get the whole company on the trail. It might happen again as it did this time, that the Scout-up the country might not know of any Indians being in, while I might follow the trail to the river and wait for them to come up, while they not knowing that I was on a trail might not come. If I had about ten men more I could manage it very well, as I would have force enough to follow any trail that might lead out without the Scout from up the country if they should fail to get on the trail.

Mr. Woodward says that the Indians that were here in Oct. staid at New Town two days and traded horses with the Mexicans of that place.

I will do everything in my power to catch some of those Indians this winter.

Very truly yours,  
Your obt Svt  
Neal Caldwell  
Capt Co "A" Ft Batt.

P. S. I have not heard from Merritt yet - and will get only one recruit here.

Brown Dick is doing well. [refers to horse]

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Camp Hubbard,  
Frio Co., Tex.  
Jan 7th, 1877

Major Jno. B. Jones  
Comdg Front Batt.  
Austin, Tex.

Sir,

I have been requested by Thompkins and Rogers of this Company, to write to you and ask if there is any chance of their getting a couple of Winchester carbines or rifles from the State?

In fact nearly every man in the company is anxious to get a Winchester but these two are particularly anxious.

Sergeant Reynolds says that he must have one, but will wait to see if he can get one from the State, before he buys one elsewhere.

Everything is quiet here at present- although Col. Shafter reports that three parties of Indians crossed the river a few days since; nothing has been heard from them since.

I have everything in readiness to start at short notice and hope to catch them if they come this way. They will not likely commence their stealing before the next moon unless they do what the people say here they never have done, that is to raid on the dark of the moon.

I have secured only one recruit so far, although I have had several applications. I have not heard from Merritt yet, but I think he will come.

I like this Company very well. I find them easy to control and have had only two of them (Wilson and Bridges) on extra duty. Every one of them seems to think that his personal reputation as a Ranger depends on our catching a party of Indians and "getting away with them."

Please send some money by the last of this month, I have closed up my accts for the last month at 83. (dollars) I sold "Hulda" for fifty dollars.

/s/ Very Respectfully  
Your Obt.Svt.  
Neal Caldwell  
Capt Co "A" Front.Batt.

Camp Skid, Young Co. Tex.  
January the 15th, 1877

Maj. John B. Jones  
Austin, Texas

Sir, the weather was very cold until the 8th.

Lt. Campbell with 4 men left camp the 8th to arrest Ben Allen (Charged with Rape) committed in Parker County, and Scouted two days ago and marched 40 mi. Did not find Allen. Sargt. Geo. Kisinger and Corpl. Knight left camp the 11th after Allen and traveled 20 miles and back the same day (did not find Allen) total distance 40 miles.

Corpl. Lock with 4 men left camp the 10th and scouted 20 miles N. W. 11th, 2 miles N. W. and 8 miles S. E. 12th, 20 miles S. E. to camp. Total distance 56 miles. The weather has been fine since the 8th. Two men were sick.

No Indians in the country as far as heard from. The Horses all have the Distemper and are doing Badly.

/s/ G. W. Campbell,  
Lt Comdg Co. B, F.B.

Camp Hubbard, Frio Co Tex  
Jany 15th 1877

Major Jno B Jones  
Comdg Front Batt.  
Austin, Texas

Sir,

I have nothing of interest to report at this date.

No Indians have been in since those on the 29th of Dec. I am satisfied that they were the same Indians that were on the Llano and Guadalupe about the 26th and 27th of last month.

I think that they are likely to come back again next moon as they did not succeed in getting off with many horses on their last raid.

My plan for this moon is to send Sgt Reynolds with five men up the Sabinal about thirty miles above here. I want him to get there about five days before the full of the moon, and to let it be known where he can be found, Should the Indians come into that section of the country. If they come he will send a man to notify me, and he will follow on the trail as rapidly as possible.

On the 24th, I will send Corpl. Jackson and four men to Woodward's pasture on the Leona, 18 miles in a Southwest direction from here. Where they will be joined by Mr. M. Woodward with three or four men of his neighborhood, should any Indians pass that way.

The remainder of the Company will be held in readiness in Camp, and during the light or full moon will make daily patrols, Northwest and Southeast from this Camp.

Each detachment will have instructions to follow on the trail, so that if the Indians are not overtaken on this side of the Rio Grande, that I can have all the Company on hand if it becomes necessary to cross.

The health of the Company is very good, and the horses and mules are now gaining flesh, and will soon be in good condition.

T. M. Sparks left here this morning for Co. "C". He objected very much to the transfer.

I rec'd a few days since 150\$ from Genl Steele.

Everything is quiet here at prsent. Have had no call for Service by the civil authorities.  
I have the honor to be

/s/ Very Respectfully  
Your Obt Svt  
Neal Caldwell  
Capt Co. "A" Ft. Batt.

Geo. Kisinger Rept.  
Camp Skids Crk.

Arest on Ben Allen and Return to Camp on the 21st with the Prisnor Ben Allen. Sargt Kisinger Left Campbell with 1 man with the Prisnor Ben Allen on Jan 22.

I could have sold my corn for \$11.00 at the crib if I had kept it. I think winter is Broke over and corn will not rise any more. I put in this bid and if it is the best bid please let me know immediately.

/s/ Yours Respt.  
Geo. Kisinger,  
Co. B Front B.

Camp Skids Creek, You. Co. Tex.  
January the 31st 1877

Major John B. Jones  
Austin, Texas

Sir, the members of Co. B. are all well but John Shields he has newmonia very bad. Sargt Kisinger and one man went to Graham the 20th and arested Ben Allen. Charged with Rape in Parker Co. and took him to camp the 21st, the 22nd Started to Parker Co. 25th delivered Allen to Sheriff of Parker Co.

Lt. Campbell left Camp the 25th with 6 men and went to Ft. Griffin where there was a fight in Griffin the night of the 18th and J. W. Miers, Dan Barron and Wm. Bland were Killed and R. A. Jeffries Co. Atty. and W. R. Cruger Deputy Sheriff was wounded. Jeffries the Co. Atty was riot expected to live he was shot by Chas. Reed and he escaped. Whiskey was the cause of the row. Lt. Campbell came to Camp the 29th left everything quiet in Griffin. The weather has been pleasant. Since the 15th the horses are doing well. The Gunds that was shiped the 6th have not been herd from yet, there are no Indian news.

/s/ G. W. Campbell  
Lt Co "B" F B

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Fort Worth Genealogical Society has recently published a volume of Tarrant County marriages as recorded in Books 7 - 12 (1892-1900.) Therefore, these records will not continue to be published in *Footprints*.

## FAMILY BIBLE OF JOHN ANNIS LAFFERTY

Submitted by Mary Lafferty Wilson

### BIRTHS

John Annis LAFFERTY was born Sept 11 1838  
 Mary H. LIPSEY was born July 31, 1845  
 Sarah L. LAFFERTY first born of John A & M H Lafferty was born Aug 28, 1865  
 Mary E. L. LAFFERTY was born Mar 23, 1867  
 Sophronia M. LAFFERTY was born Dec 12, 1869  
 John B. LAFFERTY was born Jan 6, 1871  
 William B. LAFFERTY was born Apr 18, 1873  
 James A LAFFERTY was born Feb 16, 1875  
 Zephie LAFFERTY was born Jan 7, 1878  
 Carrie B LAFFERTY was born Feb 23, 1879  
 Margaret M LAFFERTY was born Apr 13, 1880

### MARRIAGES

Binks LAFFERTY and Sarah MILLER was married Aug 16, 1831 [parents of John Annis Lafferty]  
 William LIPSEY and Mary H. FRANCES was married Jan 30, 1830 [parents of Mary H. Lipsey]  
 John Annis LAFFERTY son of Binks and Sarah and Mary H LIPSEY was married Oct 22, 1863  
 Sarah L LAFFERTY and William B. MARTIN was married Dec 23, 1885  
 Mary E./ LAFFERTY and John A. STEGALL was married Aug. 3, 1885  
 William B LAFFERTY and Mary D McKINNEY was married Apr 19, 1896  
 Margaret M. LAFFERTY was married to Charles F. PHILLIPS June 26, 1898

### DEATHS

John Bascorn LAFFERTY died Oct 20, 1872  
 Zephie LAFFERTY died June 7, 1878  
 Carrie Bell LAFFERTY died Feb 24, 1879  
 William Binks LAFFERTY died March 7, 1909  
 John Annis LAFFERTY died Apr 26, 1911  
 Mary H. LAFFERTY died Nov 16th 1917  
 Sophronia M. LAFFERTY Nov. 4, 1918  
 Sarah L. MARTIN February 7, 1940  
 Eliza M. LAFFERTY Jan. 28, 1947  
 James A. LAFFERTY May 16, 1955  
 Margaret May LAFFERTY April 6, 1958

END OF BIBLE RECORD

## Additional information:

John Annis Lafferty was born in Arkansas, a son of Jacob Binks Lafferty and his wife Sarah Miller, and grandson of John Lafferty and Sarah Lindsey.

He settled in Young County, Texas during the 1870s where he was a rancher, a Justice of the Peace and a Minister of the Methodist Church. All but one of his children were born in Young County, Texas. Sophronia was born in Arkansas. In the early 1900s, John A., his wife Mary, and some of the younger members of the family left Texas for New Mexico. There John and Mary lived out their remaining years in Lincoln County and Chaves County.

The Bible does not include the three marriages of my father, James Annis Lafferty, to 1) Mettie B. Browning 1902; 2) common law relationship with Martina Martinez in Mexico in 1927 and 3) Josefa Lujan (Lucero) in 1935 in Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, Mexico. He produced fifteen children - the last born when he was 67 years old.

Mrs. Wilson states that one chapter of J. Shinn's *Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas*, published in 1908 is devoted to the family of pioneer John Lafferty and his descendants. Pioneer John was the son of Thomas Lafferty of Ireland, who was hung by the mountain men after the Battle of King's Mountain in 1770 in North Carolina. Marley Lafferty, son of James Annis Lafferty, owns a copy of this book.

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Mrs. Wilson also sent a copy of the following letter written to Capt. A. J. Lafferty, Felix [crossed out] Richardson, N. M. from John McCaleb Lafferty, Gurdon, Ark., dated June 4, 1911.

*It is interesting to note that, even then, there was much interest in families, their whereabouts, old letters, Bibles, etc. Hopefully, some of the information requested was found and preserved - if so, this family is most fortunate!*

Dear Cousin: It has been a long time since I heard from you. this beautiful Sabbath morn, reminds me that the Lord has been good to me all the days of my life. We have had a drouth on for 15 days and the hottest weather Ark ever had so early. Crop look fine so far, but small. Peach crop in south Ark is light. I have not found any thing about the Lafferty family of much interest since Shinn's book was published, tho, Im still trying. I think Shinn wrote that you were the only one of all my relatives who sent for the book, after all my writing them and urging. I sent the book to Albert Glenville Lafferty, Ferndale, Humboldt Co. Cal. Back in the winter, I saw in the papers he had been allowed a thousand dollars by the legislature of Cal. for supplies furnished the state in 1855. I have no idea of what the supplies consisted, unless it was buffalo and other wild game furnish state troops. I have not heard from him in a year. He has one son, his only child living. Your Sisters at Dicey Texas after one or two letters failed to answer any more of my letters

When you write tell me about them. Tell me about all the Kin. (I was at Little Rock, at Con reunion and saw one Jessie Lafferty, son of EXRA, who was son of Austin F. Lafferty - he could not tell me any thing. Yes he told me that none pof the Laffertys in Cleburne Co. sent for Col. Shinn's book which contains the only reliable history of the Lafferty family ever printed. If you are writing to any of the kin any where urge them to send for the book. In a year or two from now Shinn will have out an other book of the same kind, tho, of course it will not contain the same reading matter. Go back and ransack your memory and give me some more of your recollections of "Early Days in Ark." and what "they said" - what you heard your father and mother say - tell me what you can remember about your grand father Miller, where he came from - was he a revolutionary soldier - where did he die - where buried &c &c - has he a son or brother living now in Cleburne Co. Ark. - and is his name John Miller. Where is your fathers old family Bible Where is your grand fathers old family. Where are all the old family letters they wrote a long time ago. Where is Judge John Lindsey Laffertys old family Bible. Alas if we had all these we could learn some thing.

Write to all your brothers and sisters and try to pick up *some thing* about the old Laffertys in "Early Times in Ark."

Tell me about your boyhood days and your travels - war times - and later times. How you came to stray off away out there - how you are getting a long - how your children are getting a long - give me their names and P. O. state &c - tell them to write to me. I have two neices near Hillsboro Texas. I have two sons, our only daughter died 3 years ago. One son is a physician at Bogalusa La. with the Great Southern Mill Co. at \$250 pr month. The other son is in the Express & Baggage department of Iron Mountain R. R. at \$85 pr month - he passes here twice a day - lives in Little Rock Ark. I am still in the Railway Mail Service at \$85 pr mo. My health is good.

I hope you are in good health and that you will take time soon to write me a long letter. As ever  
Your Cousin

/s/ John McCaleb Lafferty

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#### PATTERN CATALOGUES WITH ANCESTORS IN MIND

"Authentic Patterns from the Past" is available from Amazon Vinegar and Pickling Works, 2218 East 11th St., Davenport IA 52803-3760. Another from *Victoria* magazine is called Campbell's Historic Patterns and Other Treasures." Their address: P. O. Box 400, Dept. VNN-1, Gratz, PA 17030-0400. Genealogists constantly strive to seek out facts to make our ancestors "real" - now we can know the right clothes for the right period of time. Perhaps Grandma looked very attractive in an 1810 Empire afternoon dress, but by 1836, she would have worn a full length, full skirted, long sleeved dress! [Fickle fashion!] Condensed from *Genealogical Tips*, Vol. XXIX, No. 4, 1991.

## FAMILY BIBLE OF THOMAS SMITH

Submitted by Beryl S. Gibson

### BIRTHS

Thomas SMITH was born Dec. 30, 1798  
 Mary A. McAFEE was born Sep 29, 1810  
 James SIMPSON was born Oct. 30, 1789  
 Oscar P. SMITH was born Jan 17, 1834  
 Jason T. SMITH was born Apr. 3, 1837  
 Ophelia J. SMITH was born Sept 8, 1839  
 Catherine H. SIMPSON was born June 20 1846  
 Lovie J. SIMPSON was born Aug 20, 1848

### DEATHS

Thomas SMITH died Sep. 7, 1844  
 James SIMPSON died March 31, 1858  
 Jason T. SMITH died May 5, 1861 Pensacola Fla.  
 Mary A SIMPSON died June 18 1865  
 William E. FARLEY died Jan 3, 1874  
 Oscar P. SMITH died Aug. 1876  
 Lovie J. WHITMAN died 1877  
 Nancy Pearl SMITH Sep. 11 1892  
 Orval S RAWDON Jan 5, 1896  
 [last entries in different handwriting]  
 Bennett Reuben BROWN Dec 17 1904 June 19 '64  
 Charles Edwin SMITH May 4 1920 - Oct 23 1967  
 Charles Edwin SMITH II Jan 27 1849  
 Robert Allen SMITH March 22 1951  
 Martha E. RAWDON May 21 1897 May 29, 1980

### FAMILY RECORD

Charles A. SMITH, b. Hamilton Ga Jan 13, 1832; d. Feb. 19, 1907  
 Martha A. SMITH b. Feb. 2, 1834; d. Nov. 8, 1889  
 Thomas H. SMITH b. Jan. 15, 1854; d. Feb. 4, 1920  
 Farley McAfee SMITH b. May 3, 1860; d. June 24, 1860  
 James A. SMITH b. Feb. 22, 1858; d. June 20, 1933  
 Jason Bartow SMITH b. Aug. 31, 1861; d. Sept. 11, 1929  
 Charley Farley SMITH b. Oct. 27, 1867  
 Mary Moreland SMITH b. Dec. 23, 1869  
 Daniel Paton SMITH b. Apr. 18, 1873  
 Duanna House? SMITH b. March 26, 1870  
 Stella SMITH b. June 26, 1872; d. November 16, 1959  
 Oliver Abraham SMITH b. Nov. 12, 1891

Martha Ellen SMITH b. May 21, 1897  
 Mary Ann SMITH b. Sep. 7, 1902  
 Nancy Margaret SMITH b. Aug. 29, 1917  
 Tommie SMITH b. Dec. 8, 1898,  
 Oliver P. HOUSE b. Jan. 20, 1846; d. June 2, 1926  
 Mary E. HOUSE b. July 22, 1852, Mansfield, Texas d. Nov. 21, 1889  
 Richard A. HOUSE b. Dec. 23, 1869; d. Dec. 24, 1900  
 Sam Otis HOUSE b. May 27, 1876  
 Ada Bell HOUSE b. Oct. 6, 1881  
 Mary G. HOUSE b. May 11, 1874  
 Allie Lee HOUSE b. Jan. 31, 1887  
 Maud Ellen HOUSE b. March 14, 1889  
 Mildred Ann RAWDON, b. Feb. 7, 1920, Dallas, Texas

#### MARRIAGES

J. A. SMITH and Miss Estella HOUSE were united in Holy Matrimony at the home of the Bride's father on the 21st day of December 1890

#### END OF BIBLE RECORD

#### Additional information:

Charles A. Smith married Martha A. Farley Jan. 20, 1853 in Harris Co. Ga. Their children:

1. Thomas H. Smith b. Jan. 15, 1844, Hamilton, Ga.; d. Feb. 4, 1920, Mansfield, Texas. Never married.
2. Farley McAfee Smith, b. May 3, 1860, Hamilton, Ga.; d. June 24, 1860, Mansfield, Texas. Not married.
3. James A. Smith, b. Feb. 22, 1858 Hamilton, Ga. d. June 20, 1933 Mansfield, Texas; m. Dec. 21, 1890 Stella House
4. Jason Barto Smith b. Aug. 31, 1860, Hamilton, Ga.; d. Sept. 11, 1929 Mansfield, Texas., m. June 4, 1893 Duanna House.
5. Charles Farley Smith b. Oct. 27, 1867 Hamilton, Ga., d. 1953 Mansfield, Texas. Not married.
6. Mary Moreland Smith, b. Dec. 23, 1869, Hamilton, Ga., d. 1967 Mansfield, Texas; not married.
7. Samuel P. Smith b. April 18, 1873, Hamilton, Ga.; m. Kate Helmes.

Charles Smith was fortunate to receive a college education. He was considered quite a scholar and often could be heard quoting Virgil. He helped his grandson, who became a physician, "get straightened out in the subject of Latin." He was known to everyone in Mansfield as "Uncle Charley." He and his wife are buried in the Mansfield Cemetery, Mansfield, Texas.

From the obituary of C. A. Smith:

Captain C. A. Smith died at his home February 19th, 1907. Mansfield has never lost a citizen who was more universally beloved. He was

kind to the poor, generous to the unfortunate and always kept a loyal place in his heart and home for his friends.

He was an old Confederate soldier, one of that band of heroes who will ever be held sacred by the South.

Probably a greater number of people have never gathered together here to do honor to one they loved than met at the last service at his grave. One touching incident of this service was a group of darkies who loved him and who followed the procession, mingling their tears with the rest.

The Rev. E. D. L. Tims preached the funeral sermon and the services were conducted by the Masonic order. The pall bearers from the order were: Jack Back, J. M. Elliott, Jno. Guest, J. F. Bradford, D. B. Buttrill and J. H. Page. The honorary pall bearers who were Confederate soldiers: Ewin Halsell, A. J. Dukes, T. J. Hubbard, Jno. Castevens, O. P. House and Tom Bratton.

Five sons and a daughter survive him who have the sympathy of many friends.



C. A. SMITH FAMILY  
(ca 1885)

*Left to right:* C. F. "BUMPS" SMITH, J. BARTO SMITH, J. A. (Jim) SMITH, THOMAS H. SMITH, CHARLES A. SMITH, MARTHA FARLEY SMITH, MORELAND SMITH and SAM SMITH. MAN IN BACKGROUND IS UNKNOWN.

## THRONEBERRY FAMILY BIBLE

Submitted by Wanda Morgan Pearce

This Bible, published in 1892, by World Bible House, Philadelphia, Penn., was presented to Annie Alice (Allie) Vowell Throneberry in 1904 by her father, Willian Austin Vowell. Annie Alice is my maternal great-grandmother. The original Bible pages are in the possession of Neva Parker Morgan, 5516 Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76149. Information in brackets furnished by Wanda Pearce.

### MARRIAGES

John William THRONEBERRY and Anner Alice VOWELL on June 18, 1893 at Denver TX by Rev. Bryant ROSS. Witnesses: Albert ROSS and Lee VOWELL [Denver was in Montague County, Texas]

### BIRTHS

John William THRONEBERRY born November 29th, 1869  
 Anner Alice THRONEBERRY born July 30th, 1872  
 Jessie Austin THRONEBERRY born June 18, 1894  
 Walter Louis THRONEBERRY born March 3rd, 1896  
 Dellar May THRONEBERRY born October 14, 1899  
 Willis Artis THRONEBERRY born April 20, 1901

### DEATHS

Jessie Austin THRONEBERRY died December 31, 1895. Age 1 year, 6 months and 13 days [buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Montague County, Texas]  
 [John William THRONEBERRY died March 19, 1913 buried Cornish Cemetery Jefferson Co., Okla.]  
 [Annie Alice THRONEBERRY died March 28, 1935 buried Dixie Cemetery Stephens Co. Okla.]  
 [Walter Louis THRONEBERRY died Feb. 8, 1975 buried Dixie Cemetery Stephens Co., Okla.]  
 [Della Mae Throneberry PARKER died March 16, 1984 buried Dixie Cemetery, Stephens Co., Okla.]  
 [William Artis THRONEBERRY died Dec. 9, 1979 buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Ardmore, Carter Co., Okla.]  
 William Artis THRONEBERRY married Bertha Lee WOODS Dec. 20, 1920, Ringling, Okla.

### MARRIAGES

J. C. MORGAN to Neva PARKER June 16, 1937 Hewitt, Okla.  
 Vida Bell PARKER to John Walton CLIFTON Sept. 21, 1941 on Sun. night

## BIRTHS

Ezra Daniel PARKER born April 24, 1893 Milam Co. Texas  
 Della Mae PARKER born Oct. 14, 1899 Montague Cook Co. Texas  
 Leonard Austin PARKER born July 18, 1914 Healdton, Okla.  
 Eurcell Eugene PARKER born Feb. 8, 1917 Healdton, Okla.  
 Ezra Burnell PARKER born Jan 8, 1920, Healdton, Okla.  
 Neva Mae PARKER born May 11, 1921 Wirt, Okla.  
 Vida Bell PARKER born Nov 3, 1922 Wirt, Okla.  
 Ezertt Louie PARKER born June 21, 1926 Wirt, Okla.  
 Evelyn Haline PARKER born Jan 30, 1928 Wirt, Okla.  
 Imogene PARKER born Jan 31, 1929 Wirt Okla.  
 Lloyd William PARKER born Jan 1, 1931 Fowler, Col.  
 E. D. PARKER born March 20, 1933 Healdton, Okla.  
 Marvell PARKER born Jun 29, 1935 Wilson Okla.  
 Coy Ladale PARKER born Feb 13, 1939 Wilson, Okla.

Wanda Jean MORGAN born Sept. 22, 1938  
 Oleta Sue MORGAN born Nov. 27, 1939  
 Derle Gean CLIFTON born Jan. 24, 1943

## DEATHS

Ezra Burnell PARKER died Feb. 10, 1920 age 20 days old  
 Eurcell Eugene PARKER died Aug. 6, 1929 age 11 yr, 5 mos and 29 days  
 old [both bur. Dixie Cemetery, Stephens Co. Okla.]

## END OF BIBLE RECORD

## MARRIAGES NOT LISTED IN THE BIBLE

Walter Louie THRONEBERRY married Pauline MOONEYHAM Sept. 25, 1920  
 Okla.  
 Della Mae THRONEBERRY married Ezra Daniel PARKER Oct. 27, 1912 Corn-  
 ish, Jefferson, Okla.  
 William Artis THRONEBERRY married Bertha Lee WOODS Dec. 22, 1920,  
 Ringling, Okla.

John William Throneberry and his parents, Benjamin L. and Nancy C. Ferrell Throneberry came to Tarrant County, Texas from Bedford Co. Tenn. in the spring of 1875. Benjamin, an Elder with the Primitive Baptist Church, organized and pastored churches in Tarrant, Wise, Parker and Montague Counties until his death Aug. 3, 1909. He served in the CSA and is buried at Greenbrier Cemetery near Nocona, Montague County, Texas.

Annie Alice Vowell Throneberry was born in Texas. Her father, William Austin Vowell (1836-1903) and his father (also William A.) came to Texas between 1850-60 from Jackson Co. Ark. They both served in the CSA from Texas. The elder William was born Oct. 8, 1809 in North Carolina and died Jan. 7, 1889 Wise Co. Texas.

## QUERIES

By Nancy Timmons Samuels

Editor's Note: All queries with a Texas connection will be published in *FOOTPRINTS* without charge. PLEASE REMEMBER: send one query at a time and use a separate sheet of letter-size paper for each query; do not include queries with correspondence pertaining to other business with the Society; don't forget to put your name and complete address at the top of each query sheet; use the format as shown below in listing your surnames. Happy hunting!

### 1-1-93 POST, GILLETTE

Joyce Simpson Morrell, Route 1, Box 758A, Astoria OR 97103

Need obituary, date of death, burial place, and information on the children of Hazel (Post) Gillette, who was born ca. 1889 Jackson County, Wisconsin. Her husband's name was probably Fred. They lived in Texas in 1918 (according to her mother's obituary), and in Fort Worth April 1949 (according to her brother's obituary).

### 2-1-93 BLACK, SHAW, CROSS

Stanley Dee Pruitt, 1301 Pinehurst Drive, Fort Worth TX 76134

My GG Grandfather, James Black, was born 1 May 1800 in Pennsylvania, died 22 June 1872, Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas, married 29 June 1828 to Anne Shaw, born 1808 Tennessee, died 12 September 1835, Washington. Children: William Jefferson, Grandison Deroyston, Sarah Jane, Thomas Colbert, and James Sydingham.

James Black was the maker of the original "Bowie Knife" for James Bowie in 1831. Ca. 1836 he was blinded by his father-in-law, William Shaw, was declared a ward of Hempstead County, and his estate sold at public auction. William Shaw took the children of Black to Cherokee County, Texas, ca. 1845.

One Robert Cross, born ca. 1808 Kentucky, married Ann H. (surname unknown). He bought James Black's family Bible at public auction in Hempstead County, Arkansas, on 18 February 1840. Robert Cross, wife Ann H., and children were living in Tarrant County, Texas, in 1870, was also on the 1880 census of Tarrant County. Need to contact descendants of Robert Cross.

### 3-1-93 FLINTHAM, REED, BURLISON, CLARK, INGRAM, MIZE

Larry Dwayne Shields, 4607 Cascades Drive, Wichita Falls TX 76310

Seek original copy of Pat Clark's book *The History of Clarksville and Old Red River County, Texas*, Also information on the Thomas B. (born 1807) and Charlotte Flintham, and the Clement and Sallie Reed families of Red River County, Texas.

Seek information on location of grave of William D. Clark, who died in Tarrant or a surrounding county in 1905. His father was Jonathan Clark and mother a Burlison. Son was Jasper Newton Clark of Parker County, Texas.

Seek information on the parents of Delila A. Ingram (1830-1918), wife of Zachariah P. Mize of Navarro County, Texas.

4-1-93 **CALLOWAY, BAGGETT, CORNELIUS, HALLER**

Marguerite Van Etten, 6923 Cypress Rd 13A, Plantation FL 33317

J. Wesley Calloway, born 17 April 1827, Florida, died 2 March 1888, buried Jacksboro, Jack County, Texas; married 6 April 1869 Louisa Jane Baggett, born 20 February 1844, Marion, Williamson County, Illinois; died when? where? where buried? She was daughter of James R. and Mary Ann (Biggs) Baggett. Children: Manswell K., born 16 October 1869, died 24 December 1934, buried Jacksboro, Texas, married to whom? when? where?; Florence I. Queen, born ca 1868, Jack County, Texas, married H. A. Haller 2 June 1897, Jack County. Louisa Jane (Baggett) Calloway remarried to J. C. Cornelius 4 December 1891, Jack County.

**COMMENT:** J. W. Calloway married L. J. Baggett in Jack County 6 April 1869. They are on the 1870 census of Jack County, enumerated as Wesley and Jane L. Calloway with infant son Manswell; therefore, Florence I. Queen Calloway could not have been born "ca. 1868." Wesley was enumerated as a teacher. Ida Lasater Huckabay's *Ninety-Four Years in Jack County* (page 70) mentions "Mr. Wesley Callaway who taught the first school in Jacksboro," also says that he was the father of Mrs. H. A. Waller (not Haller).

5-1-93 **JOHNSON, DEAL, EVANS, SIMMONS, CONNAWAY, ELLISON**

B. J. and Martha Deal, 907 West 3rd Street, Coleman TX 76834

Searching for descendants of John H. Johnson, born 17 January 1825, Alabama, son of William and Alcie (Ellison) Johnson. John H. moved to Winston County, Mississippi, where he married Eliza Jane Evans 17 October 1848. They came to Brown County, Texas ca. 1876 and first resided at Jordan Springs community. Children: John, William, J.D., Walter, Emily Jane and Sally.

Margaret Johnson (sister of John H.) married Alexander Deal. Their oldest son, Lewis, married Louisa Simmons. Laura Deal (only daughter of Lewis and Louisa) married William Smith Conna-way in Brown County, Texas. Would like to have information on their descendants. Have the *Johnson genealogy* back to Ireland in 1738, and will share.

6-1-93 **COLLINS, MARTIN, BEAN**

Mary Ann Conrad, 1605 Northlake Court, Arlington TX 76012

Seek names of husbands and fathers of the children of Jestan Howard Collins. She was born 2 August 1847, Jackson County, Alabama, died 9 April 1937, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas Children: George W. Larkin, Brice M., Hugh P., Nola E., and Purl L., all born Jackson County, Alabama, and all carried the Collins surname.

Who were parents of Frances F. Martin, born 9 April 1825, Franklin County, Tennessee, died 2 June 1905, Milan, Jackson County, Alabama, married ca. 1846-47 Archibald Wood Collins? A. W. and Frances were parents of Jestan Howard Collins, also of Nancy Elizabeth Bean who lived in Royce City, Texas, 1937. Will share my information.

**COMMENT:** I assume you have checked Jackson County, Alabama and Franklin County, Tennessee marriage records for Jestan's marriage. Could she have married a Collins cousin? There were many Collinses in Jackson County, Alabama, by 1830. There were also Larkins who lived in Franklin County, Tennessee, and in Paint Rock Valley, Jackson County, Alabama. Frances F. Martin must have been the third wife of Archibald W. Collins. Old biographies mention only two wives of A. W. Collins (Eliza and Malinda Reid/Reed) by whom he had ten children (five by each wife). His older sons, Bolen G., Richard W., Thomas B., Marsh R., and William Joseph Collins, were in Tarrant County by ca 1876. All lived in the Arlington-Johnson Station area.

7-1-93 **BALLARD, McCOY**

Deborah E. McVean, 1505 Canterbury Circle, Fort Worth TX 76112-3106

Seek information on Anthony T. Ballard and family. According to his only known daughter, Alberta Loueva, he was born in Kentucky and his wife (nee McCoy) was born in Missouri, birth and death dates unknown. A. T. signed his daughter's marriage license as a witness in 1895 in San Antonio. He is in the San Antonio directories from 1896 to 1903 as a wiper for the I&GN Railroad. Alberta is said to have been born in Texas in 1877. Cannot locate the family in 1880, 1900 or 1910 in Texas, nor can I find A. T. on the Bexar or surrounding counties' tax rolls. Any help greatly appreciated.

**COMMENT:** Have you also checked the Bullard families of Texas for the above-mentioned time periods?

8-1-93 **HATCHELL, JULIAN**

William D. Hatchell, 14 Encantado Loop, Santa Fe NM 87505

Would like to identify William John Hatchell, a sea captain, of Fort Worth, Texas, who died at sea, probably 1900-1910. His only daughter, Mrs. Lilas Julian, was living in April 1948, and her written statements about her father and the locale is all that I know of him. This was published in *The Irish Genealogist* V. 4, No. 5, November 1971, in a report by Sir David Goodall entitled "Hatchells of County Wexford." Mrs. Julian was corresponding with a Miss E. E. Hatchell of England, about her father and the tales told to her by an aunt about the origins of the Hatchell family in County Carlow, Ireland. If I can identify the William John Hatchell of Fort Worth, I may be able to trace him back several generations, establishing a connection between this southern U. S. family and the Anglo-Irish progenitor.

9-1-93 **JOHNSON, HUTCHINS, FERGUSON**

Delvana Youngren, 10640 Jonathan Avenue, Beaumont CA 92223

Seek information about James A. Johnson, born 24 December 1858, Fort Worth, Texas, died 21

October 1938, Arkansas; married Mary Jane Hutchins, born 1871, Banoza, Arkansas, died April 1918, LaVaca, Arkansas. Family lived in LaVaca. Children: Henry, born 28 January 1888, Wagoner, Oklahoma; Will, born 25 January 1892; and Jake, born 1 November 1901, Wakefield, Oklahoma.

Herman Melvin Ferguson, born 13 September 1923-4, Wagoner, Oklahoma, son of Alvin Melvin Ferguson (born 12 June 1893, Vivian, Oklahoma) and Myrtle Johnson Ferguson. Searching for father and mother, where buried?

10-1-93 **SPEERS/SPEARS, KNIGHT**

Mrs. Frank G. Hankins, P. O. Box 795, Bowie TX 76230

Henry A. Speers/Spears married Sarah Frances Knight ca. 1873 Hill County, Texas. They had four or five daughters and were living in the Ben Hur Community of Limestone County in 1899, where Henry A. died ca. 1900. Is his grave marked? One daughter, Susan, died young and is said to be buried near her father. What cemetery, where located? Any help on this family will be appreciated.

11-1-93 **SWEATMAN, ROBERTS, STEELE, ANDERSON, MANNING**

Leah Kendrick, 6700 Greenbriar Lane, Flower Mound TX 75028, Metro 430-0574, or J. C. Sweatman, 5450 W. Geddes Ave., Littleton CO 80123

Would like to contact Ann Roberts Anz or her brother Roberts, in regard to exchanging information on the above families who came to Navarro and Freestone Counties, Texas, probably from Georgia.

**COMMENT:** The migration path of the earliest Roberts families of Navarro County appears to have been North Carolina, to Tennessee, to Illinois, to Texas before 1850.

12-1-93 **ST. JOHN, GEER, CATON, BRANNON**

Larry Dwayne Shields, 4607 Cascades Drive, Wichita Falls TX 76310

Seek information on parents of two sisters, Azimri St. John Geer (1870-1959) and Bettie St. John Caton, of Red River County, Texas. The sisters were raised by John and Neta Brannon, after their parents died. Their father may have been Benjamin St. John, who died before 1890 in Red River County.

13-1-93 **HUGHES, EDWARDS**

Roy E. Bottoms, P.O. Box 6003, Rome GA 30162-6003

Dr. Isaac Lemon Hughes was born 20 August 1831, Laurens County, South Carolina. He graduated from the Medical College of Georgia in 1856, moved to Forsyth County, Georgia, where he practiced for twenty years, then moved to Rockwall County, Texas, where he practiced until 1900, when his wife died. He then moved to Fort Worth, Texas, and lived with his daughter, Mrs. Isaac

Butler Edwards, until his death on 30 May 1906. He was buried in the Chisholm Cemetery, Rockwall County. His son-in-law owned and operated a livestock commission business in Fort Worth. Would like to contact descendants of these families.

14-1-93 MARLOW, PATTERSON, ARNETT, WILSON, TOW, UNDERWOOD,  
CALDWELL, PHILPOT

Frank J. Henderson, 7395 Spring Drive, Roanoke TX 76262

Seek information on Ruben and Margarett (Patterson) Marlow who are buried in Coontown Cemetery, Savoy, Fannin County, Texas. He died in 1883 and she in 1901. Their children were: Martha, born 1807 [sic] Alabama; John F., born 1835 Alabama; William P., born 1837 Missouri; Jane Marlow Arnett, born 1839 Missouri; Ester, born 1841; Cynthia Marlow Wilson, born 1842 Missouri; Crawford, born 10 November 1844 Missouri; Elizabeth Marlow Tow, born 1847 Missouri; Epsy L. Marlow Underwood, born 1849 Missouri; Mariah Marlow Caldwell, born 1854 Bonham, Fannin County, Texas; Jasper Ruben, born 1 April 1855, Bonham, Texas; and Missouri Marlow Philpot, born 1861, Bonham, Texas. Margarett Patterson Marlow was one-half Choctaw.

COMMENT: Surely the oldest child, Martha, was not born in 1807!

15-1-93 WARD

Susan Ward Fleming, 718 Dune Street, Norfolk VA 13503

I seek the name Ward in land grants/patents for the Brownsville, Texas, area. Can anyone help?

16-1-93 FIELDS

Mrs. Manuella C. Staver, HC 72, Box 528A, Locust Grove VA 22508

Searching for name of father of my great-grandfather John W. Fields. According to his obituary and census records, he was born in Kentucky 1834-6 and moved to Sherman, Texas, area before 1860. He served in Martin's Regiment, Texas Cavalry, during the Civil War, and died in 1912. He had two wives and two families.

17-1-93 TARRANT, McKENZIE

Marylynne Haney, PO Box 117, San Marcos TX 78667-0117

John Tarrant, of South Carolina, was grandfather of Edward H. Tarrant. In his will he mentioned his minor grandson, the son of Samuel Tarrant, deceased. His will also mentioned his daughter Sally McKenzie. She was an aunt of Edward H. Tarrant. Was she the wife of John McKenzie, founder of McKenzie College, in Clarksville, Texas? If not, was there some other relationship?

18-1-93 ROE or RAE

Martha Rae (or Roe) Baudendistel, 2700 Gallagher Court, Las Vegas NV 89117

Does anyone have a reunion booklet, dated 23 September 1907, an account of the first gathering of all the descendants of John M. Rae [or Roe]? Does anyone have a picture of "Roseland"? Addison J. Rae [or Roe]?

**COMMENT:** This handwritten query was difficult to read, and it is not clear whether the surname is Rae or Roe.

19-1-93 **BRADFORD, KELLY, JACKSON**

Haddon S. Moats, 1912 Camelback, Lawrence KS 66047

I have handwritten, unverified notation that William Albert Bradford died 2 February 1921 or 1927 (writing illegible) in Fort Worth. Need to know his birth and death dates and where he is buried. His widow, Lela Rosalie (Kelly) remarried and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery (Lot 11, Section 31) under the name of Lela Rosalie Jackson. Her son, James Kelly Bradford, is buried near her. Need birth and death dates for him.

20-1-93 **STOKES**

Mrs. Barbara Ferrell, 1209 Carter Grove Road, Hazel Green AL 35750-9035

Seek estate settlement of Robert Paul Stokes, Sr., who died 8 May 1915 in Fort Worth. A clerk there tells me that his name is not in the Probate index. My mother-in-law states that the Shoe, Saddle and Harness Shop, located at 1430 North Main Street, had to be sold to settle the estate of R. P. Stokes.

21-1-93 **WATSON, SLATON, REED, BOLIN**

Ellen M. Crawford, 9749 East 5th Street, Tucson AZ 85748

Seek information on Watson families of Mansfield-Arlington area of Tarrant County. Particularly interested in the John J. and Louisa Watson family. Their daughter, Rachel Emma, born ca. 1865 Tarrant County, died 1903, married first in 1887 William E. Slaton and had four children: George, Maud, Lula, and Gus. She married second in 1898 William Jennings Reed, and had two daughters: Willie Irene, born 1899 and Rachel, born 1901, the latter my mother-in-law. Will Reed took his two orphan daughters to Oklahoma, where he died in 1908.

An obituary of one of Rachel Emma's sisters, Colorado City, Texas, 1936, mentions among the survivors, three brothers, John, Mitchell, and Albert Watson, and a sister, Mrs. Sarah Bolin, all of Arlington, Texas.

**COMMENT:** Members of this family are buried at Johnson Station. John J. Watson (1838-1920) is on 1860 Tarrant County tax roll. On the 1867 Voters' Register, he stated he came to the area 1849-50, which is not true. His first wife, Louisa, died 1875-78 and may be buried at Johnson Station, her grave lost. He married second on 4 July 1878 Mary J. Ketchum. She may be the same as R. J. Watson (1859-1933) buried near him. She was the mother of Alvin and perhaps other children. By Louisa, John J. had children: Francis Marion, Louisa J., Rachel E., John J., Jr.,

Mitchell, Albert H., and Sarah E. The latter married William Bowlin on 26 August 1891. One William Bowlin (no dates) is buried at Johnson Station, near J. J. Watson. My guess is that John J. Watson, Sr., was the son of Jason Watson, who arrived in Tarrant County from Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, after 1850 and before 1854. On the 1854 school census, Jason Watson had a son named John.

22-1-93 **CHILDERS, PRINCE, BLOOMER**

Gay Van Zandt, PO Box 330, Mangonui, Far North Zealand

My great-grandfather, John Thomas Childers, Sr., lived in Fort Worth around the turn of the century. He may have been born in Tennessee. He died in Amarillo, Texas. He married in Fort Worth on 2 November 1887 to Mrs. Amanda Lutishie (Prince) Bloomer, widow of Joseph A. Bloomer. She was born 27 January 1862 in Texas, daughter of William C. and Matilda L. Prince. The Prince family lived in Fort Worth around 1900, also. By her first husband, Amanda had at least one daughter, Eva Bloomer.

John Thomas Childers, Sr., and Amanda had seven children: Katie, born June 1888, married J. L. McColpin 1905, Potter County, Texas, moved to California; Edna, born 8 October 1890/91, died October 1963 Amarillo, Texas, married Robert Roy Rawlings; Jennie June, born July 1891 or January 1892, married Henry Claud McColpin 1908, Potter County, moved to California; Mary, born June 1897, married Alec Tillie or Tilley, moved to San Antonio, Texas; John Thomas, Jr., born 15 October 1899 Grapevine, Texas, died August 1874, Bakersfield, California, married 1917 Texola, Oklahoma, to Julia Bell Gipson, moved to California; Mattie, born late 1900, is said to have been a daughter who married Bramlett or Bramblett; Amanda Louise, born 21 September 1902, Fort Worth, Texas, married Walter Greenleaf, moved to California.

John Thomas, Sr., worked for the railroad. So far, the only record I have found on him is in the 1900 census. Seek any information on him, his antecedents and descendants. His wife, Amanda Lutishie, died 29 January 1917 at Fuller, Texas. I descend from their son, John Thomas, Jr.

23-1-93 **JOSEPH'S CAFE, FORT WORTH, 1920s-1930s**

Ruth Williams Cupp, PO Box 323, Charleston SC 29402

Seek information about, location of, and realistic description of the old Joseph's Cafe in Fort Worth. One description was that it was "all red velvet." My father lived in boarding houses around Third Street during World War I and up until the time he married in 1921. When he got a few bucks ahead, he would take his half-sisters to the old Joseph's Cafe.

Ed. note: Ms. Cupp is an attorney, and writes a weekly column for a Charleston newspaper.

24-1-93 **BRANSON**

John R. Walker, 3840 Arroyo Road, Fort Worth TX 76109-3411

Would like to contact family members or others familiar with the latter years of Alfred Preston

Branson, born 15 March 1838 Missouri, died 7 June 1909 Mansfield, Texas, buried Mansfield Cemetery. He is reported to have operated a mill in Mansfield. I particularly would like to have information on his physical appearance, financial condition in latter years, and when his wife died.

25-1-93 **CATE**

Mrs. Jeanne Cate Dixon, Rt. 1, Box 1536, Huntington TX 75949-9739

Seek information on siblings of SIRRUDEN BANGS CATE, who died 1903 Streator, LaSalle County, Illinois. Three of his brothers, Henry, Lorenzo and William, left Illinois, one supposedly going to Texas. Seek their families, locations, information on parents. Tradition is that they were of Dutch descent. Parents of the brothers had a farm in north Illinois, which was prairie and wilderness.

26-1-93 **HAAS**

Doris Jo Haas, 108 N. E. Brushy Mound Road, Burleson TX 76028

Our great-grandfather, William H. Haas, born 25 September 1844 Wilson County, Tennessee, died 19 October 1923 Fort Worth, Texas, is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. He served in Company G, Parson's Texas Cavalry, 1861-1865. What relation was he to the following persons, also buried in Oakwood Cemetery: Bessie H. Haas died 1903; Sue Haas died 1900; Thomas Haas died 1900; Rina Haas 1881- 1897?

27-1-93 **DAUGHERTY**

Myra Daugherty Thurman, 3407 Sinclair, Midland TX 79707

I'm looking for the woman from Fort Worth who contacted a relative of mine in Greenville, Texas. She was working on the surname Daugherty. This family had been in northeast Texas since the 1860s. Please contact.

28-1-93 **ROBINSON, ATKINS, AKINS**

Hilton Robinson, 8205 Willow Glen Court, Fort Worth TX 76134

Information needed on Joseph Robinson, born 8 March 1827 Hardin County, Tennessee, married possibly in Mississippi 14 March 1848 to Louisa Atkins/Akins, born 1 December 1820 Walton or Jefferson County, Georgia. They were in Tippah County, Mississippi, in 1850 and by ca. 1853 were in the Hood-Parker Counties area of Texas. A possible brother was Hubbard Robinson, born 1820 Tennessee, wife Olive, born 1823 Georgia, who were in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in 1850 but came to the Wood-Van Zandt Counties, Texas, area before 1860.

**COMMENT:** This must have been "Fighting Joe" Robinson, Baptist preacher, who was ordained at Weatherford 1 January 1859 by Noah Turner Byars, Samuel T. Baldwin, and J. Turner (*Texas Baptist*, 24 February 1859.) He replaced J. Turner as Weatherford pastor in October 1866, served one year. Most of his ministry was in Hood County, where he died 1 January 1881 and was buried in the Acton Cemetery. He was in Parker County in 1860 (#168-168) and in Hood County 1880

(Pct. 4, #110-93) but is not found in 1870. One Joseph Robinson, of Hood County 1870, appears not to have been this Joseph's family; however, the entire 1870 census of Hood County is very suspect! Have you checked at the Southwest Baptist Seminary Library in Fort Worth for further information about your Joseph? Texas Baptist newspapers often contained lengthy obituaries. Also, the Brazos River Baptist Association (formed before 1860) minutes could have information, or the minutes of a sister association. Association minutes will sometimes contain biographical information, incorporated in resolutions made at the time of the death of an honored member.

29-1-93 **SNELL, NETTLES, GREEN**

Clara Brown, PO Box 807, Truscott TX 79260

Seek information on, parents of, siblings of my great-grandfather, John William Snell, born 1824 Monroe or Wilcox County, Alabama, married first in Monroe County 1852 to Isabella R. V. Nettles. When did she die? Who were their children? He married second in 1860 to Beneter Green, daughter of Warren and Priscilla Green, both Georgia natives. She is enumerated as Cornelia on the 1870 census of Monroe County, Alabama. The family moved to Falls County, Texas 1875-1880, settling near Reagan. Son John Henry Snell was my grandfather. Was John William Snell's mother Elizabeth Snell who married Jacob Rickard in 1838 in Alabama? If so, need proof.

30-1-93 **EASLEY, CROSSNOE**

Jane Easley McPherson, 410 South 3rd Street, Madill OK 73446

Searching for the William Titus and Sarah E. Easley family. What was her maiden name? James Marion Easley was born 15 May 1885 in Decatur, Texas. According to the 1900 census, Sarah was born in Texas. James Marion married in McKinney, Texas, January 1924 Tinnie Lee Crossnoe, born 1 March 1908, McKinney. She lived in Rising Star, Eastland County, until her marriage.

COMMENT: In 1968 Mrs. James A. Lamm of Fort Worth (address unknown) indicated that she was a descendant of families of Pickard of Parker County, Maxeys of Wise County, and Easleys of Wise, Hill, Jack and Shackelford Counties. She also mentioned *Easley Genealogy* by James Daniel Easley. Mrs. Lamm's Easleys were from Talladega County, Alabama.

31-1-93 **PETERS**

Penny S. Broeg, 525 South Garfield Avenue, Burlington LA 52601

Seek information birth date of Joseph Dale Peters, born 1957, I think in Fort Worth.

COMMENT: The Texas State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 1100 West 49th St., Austin, Texas 78756-3191, has birth and death records from January 1, 1903, and you should be able to get a certified copy of this birth record there. Cost is about \$7.50.

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## THROCKMORTON SOJOURN OF THE JOHN HARVEY RAMSEY FAMILY

As told by Bessie S. Ramsey Thompson

Submitted by Joyce Houston Wisley  
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Early in January of the year 1897 John and Corra Ramsey with their three children, Bess, Loss [Bud] and Winnie, left their home in Comanche County [Texas] to begin a new life in Throckmorton County [Texas] where they hoped to find greater opportunities. The land was reported to be rich and cheap, grass in abundance and plenty of work for willing hearts and hands.

Preparations for this trip, which was to be made by covered wagon, had begun long before Christmas. All cattle and livestock, except two horses, were sold and all household effects disposed of which could not be loaded on the wagon. I remember very clearly the final last minute arrangements. Side boards and bows were put on the wagon and a heavy wagon sheet stretched tight over the bows to protect the family from the winter weather. A mattress was placed on the floor of the wagon bed, on top of it the feather bed and numerous quilts. Over the first bow, back of the spring seat, a quilt was fastened curtain fashion to shut out the icy winter wind from the mother and the two younger children. The baby was only six weeks old and my young mother must have felt many uncertainties as she thought of the days of travel ahead.

The journey was begun on snow covered deeply rutted roads which made the going slow and the heavily loaded wagon a heavy haul indeed for the team. Often my father would have to get down from the driver's seat to pry cakes of mud from the wheels. Occasionally, the wagon would become stuck in the mud; then it would be necessary to rest the horses and devise ways and means to get it free. Since I had reached the great age of 5 going on 6, I had the great privilege of riding up front, and in rare instances, was allowed to hold the reins, while my father pushed with all his might to help the horses pull the wagon out of a mud hole.

Our family physician, Dr. Gray, had moved from Comanche to Throckmorton [County] prior to this time, and had bought farm land and built a home four miles west of the J.O.M. ranch. His house was our destination and we arrived late one afternoon. That night, neighbors from nearly all nearby farms and ranches gathered to welcome us with warmth and sincere offers of friendship and assistance. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Daws and children, Buck Titus and Miss Iva, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson and Miss Johnny Humphries. In that hour, friendships were made which have withstood adversity, prosperity, separation and reunion, continuing through the years a golden thread through the tapestry woven of life's experiences.

Our first year in Throckmorton was a failure from a financial viewpoint. My father's ancestors for generations were farmers, and he knew no other way of life. To supplement the family income, Dad secured a contract to gather a pecan crop. The trees grew along the Clearfork of the Brazos River and the entire family spent the golden fall days under the skies. The covered

wagon was again our home and meals were cooked over a camp fire. Much of the cooking was done by my father and his brother, Dave Ramsey. Never have I eaten potatoes as delicious. Huge Idaho potatoes were peeled and sliced in rather thick slices, fried in deep fat in an iron dutch oven and when golden brown, removed from the pan, sprinkled with sugar and served piping hot. My Father was famous for the biscuits he baked in a dutch oven set in gleaming red coals with additional coals piled atop the oven lid.

The pecans were threshed from the trees with cane fishing poles, gathered each day and spread on large tarpaulins to dry before being sacked for shipping to market. Those which fell still in the burr were put aside, and after supper, all the adult members of the party would sit around in the glow of the campfire and pull the burrs from the pecans while spinning endless tall tales. Often cowboys would stop by and it was their custom to end the evening with singing hymns and popular songs of the day. Dad and Uncle Dave played the fiddle - gay, rollicking dance music. Uncle Dave's voice was a rich full tenor and he had only to hear a melody once to sing or play it perfectly. My mother had a lovely true soprano voice and she had received some musical training as a girl. Dad sang bass and it seemed to my childish ears that "this was the sweetest music this side of Heaven."

The days flew by and before we realized it, winter was upon us. About this time my parents met Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fry. Either Mr. Fry or one of the roving cowboys led us to an abandoned dugout where we stayed until after Christmas, well protected from the winter weather. This was not an ordinary dugout in any sense of the word. It had been the home of some pioneer settler and must have been 14 x 16 or 18 with a fireplace at the back of the room. The ceiling or roof was high enough to permit the six foot men to stand comfortably.

I do not remember too much of the days we spent there except that on Christmas morning I woke bright and early to find three stockings filled to the top with goodies and for my particular pleasure, a beautiful doll. My family often teasingly say, "Bess still believes in Santa Claus, " and why not! The magic of that Christmas and many others set the pattern for the wonder and excitement such memories afford me. Where did the candy, fruit and toys come from? Only a love that knew no bounds could have provided them, but in a little girl's mind, there was no doubt that Santa came down the chimney!

Soon after Christmas, we moved to a small rent house on the Titus farm and the days were filled with songs and gay laughter of young people. Mother's brothers, Jake and Bob Mangum, often visited for weeks at a time. Bob and Tom Wood, a son of Brother O. J. Wood, became fast friends. Tom was my childhood's shining knight. He was a handsome young man, with golden hair and very blue eyes. Memory holds a marvelous picture of him standing beside his horse with hat in hand chatting with mother. Tom's older brother, C. L. (Cue) Wood, often brought his guitar to join the musicals. Dad's brothers, Bill and Dave Ramsay, visited and brought their friends.

Miss Iva Titus and mother were good friends and shared dress making ideas and cooking recipes in almost daily visits. Miss Iva rode with great grace and skill and sometimes took my brother with her when she rode out to look after her cattle or horses. Since he was too young to ride behind, he was placed in her lap after she was settled on the side saddle. Her horse was a beautiful sorre; with white sox on his legs almost to his knees. Miss Iva and Bud made a veery impressive picture as they rode proudly away. It is very probable that I was more than a little

envious of this attention to my brother, and Miss Iva probably realized it, for she often took me home with her for a visit.

Years later, when I read "Alice in Wonderland," I was reminded of my visits to the Titus home, which was indeed a wonderland to me. This was my first glimpse of a gracious, charming, old-fashioned parlor. There was an Aubosson [sic] rug on the floor which had a near white background with clusters of pink roses and a hanging lamp with a ruby shade and crystal prisms which sparkled with diamond like brilliance when the lamp was lighted. There was a grand piano, a great old fashioned square one, and easels scattered about the room holding Miss Iva's paintings. The house was built around a court, the kitchen, dining room and parlor in one wing and across the court the bedrooms. All the rooms, with the exception of the parlor and front bedroom, opened onto the circular veranda.

The most impressive personality of my childhood was Miss Iva's mother who reigned over her household with great charm and dignity. I never saw her that she was not perfectly groomed and ready to welcome any visitor with complete poise. Having been reared in the traditional atmosphere of the deep South, she retained the grace and glamour of a true Southern belle in a country far removed. One of her daughters, Mrs. R. D. Daws, lived nearby and soon she and Mother became very close friends. There were three Daws children - Ermine, Turner and Sweet - who were our constant companions. The boys [Bud and Turner] remained good friends through the years, were in training together at Camp Travis during World War I, served overseas and returned to their native land, arriving simultaneously at Fort Worth to participate in the victory parade of their division.

Another daughter joined the Ramsay family on August 21, 1899. She was a beautiful baby who was given the name of Juanita by a friend of Mother's, and Adeline for my mother and her mother (Adeline Gaston Mangum.) Mother sewed beautifully and Mrs. Wood contributed many yards of sheer batiste, lace insertion and swiss embroidery which were made into garments of exquisite beauty for the new baby.

That fall, after a bale of cotton had been picked and loaded on the wagon, Dad left early one morning to haul the cotton to Albany (28 miles ) to be ginned and sold - a trip of at least two days. The first night he was gone, Winnie was sick all night, awake and crying with pain. The baby was too tiny to be left, and the distance to Dr. Gray's home (some 2-3 miles) was too far for mother to walk and carry two small children. She waited as long as she dared, then about four o'clock in the morning, she awakened my brother and me, dressed us and explained that we were to walk to Dr. Gray's and bring him immediately to examine Winnie.

Goose pimples break out all over me now as I recall the terror of that night. The deep darkness was relieved only by starlight and the eerie call of wandering coyotes was indeed terrifying as we started out. Mother's heart must have been heavy with dread as she sent her seven year old daughter and four year old son on this mission, but to us she only expressed the certainty that we would be perfectly safe. We held hands as we walked steadily toward our goal. Daylight came and with it terror we had not been able to see in the dark. Our path lay along a barbed wire fence separating two pastures. Herds of Hereford cattle became curious and came forward to investigate the two tiny people in their domain. When they came too close, we crawled under the fence into the other pasture. I do not remember how often this maneuver was repeated, but we were greatly

relieved when the Gray home came into view. As we approached the barking of the dogs aroused the Gray family. We went home with the doctor in his old fashioned buggy and, upon arrival quickly diagnosed Winnie's illness and from his worn black bag came medicine to ease the pain.

After the cotton crop was gathered, my father was hired as foreman by Mr. Wood and went to the J.O.M. ranch to live and work. Since no housing was available, we stayed on the Titus farm. As I recall the winters of my childhood, the weather was much more severe than in recent years. Snows were more frequent, and at times, ice on tanks and creeks was so thick, cowboys had to chop holes through it in order for livestock to have water. This winter must have been unusually severe, for one morning when mother opened the door to go and milk the cow and feed the chickens, the snow was about 8 - 10 inches deep. It was bitter cold; the open fire consumed enormous amounts of wood and soon the supply of chopped lengths was exhausted. Mother could not find the axe under the snow so she brought in the shortest pieces she could find, putting one end in the fire and moving the log forward as it burned. She tacked a quilt over the doorway into the kitchen and we stayed in the living room, cooking our meals at the fireplace. This was quite a lark for us children. Sweet potatoes roasted in ashes tasted even better than baked in an oven.

In our childhood, work was a happy contest, and if well done, we were rewarded, but the hardships of frontier life were accepted and taken for granted with no thought of self pity or anxiety. However, our first knowledge of personal loss came to us before we moved to the J.O.M. ranch. One bright sunny afternoon a neighbor drove up hurriedly and told my mother that someone was very ill and needed her. We were left in the care of our uncle, Jake Mangum, who maintained an outwardly cheerful attitude, but we children sensed a feeling of anxiety to such an extent that we insisted on accompanying him when he went in the late afternoon to the barn to feed the stock and milk the cows. When Mother came home, we were told that our dear friend, Miss Iva, had gone on a long journey and would not return to us. We did not realize immediately that death had claimed her.

Although we hated leaving our friends in the Titus Community, we were hardly settled in our new home when Mrs. Wood brought her youngest son, Ollie, to meet us. He was two years older than I, but soon became a good friend and constant playmate. Mrs. Wood's daughter, Louise, several years younger than Mother, was a lovely blond girl with long golden braids and blue eyes. She and Mother became friends and she was often in our home. I secretly coveted two of her possessions - one a silver charm bracelet with a heart which could be locked and unlocked by a tiny silver key and a swiss music box which played a dainty minuet. No one knew how I longed for a music box of my own!

About this time, a new family moved to Throckmorton County - the Clouds purchased ranch property on the Clear Fork and moved there with their three children - Lelia, Burt and Lillian. Lillian was about my age and was a frequent visitor in our home.

After we left the Titus school, none of our friends, except the Lusk children and an older girl, Cora Darnell, were our schoolmates. We all attended school in a one room building, 2-1/2 miles north of the ranch. Our first teacher was Miss Minnie Egg, a very worthy young woman from Brownwood. She was very tall, most dignified and a stern disciplinarian. This must have been her first experience as a teacher for she never relaxed for a moment, though she walked to and from school with us every day and lived in our home.

Mother was paid \$6.00 per month for her room, board and laundry. The washing and ironing she did for Miss Egg was worth much more. I can see her now ironing the heavy, starched duck skirts which were long and very wide at the hem. It must have required an hour of labor for each one with irons heated on the cook stove. There were voluminous starched and ruffled petticoats and linen shirt waists. I am humbled and immensely grateful as I recall the tremendous sacrifices Mother made in order that we might receive a proper foundation in education.

On Sundays, people came from miles around to attend Sunday School, which was in the afternoon following a dinner - a basket brought by each family and served on cloths spread on the ground. The children had no responsibility except perhaps occasionally to watch younger brothers and sisters while the mothers busied themselves with preparations for dinner. Cowboys and the other men gathered round to be served fried chicken and all the trimmings. Mother's coconut cream and lemon meringue pies were great favorites.

One of the most exciting memories of these years is a Christmas program followed by a tall tree, trimmed in garlands of popcorn and cranberries. When my wide little girl eyes first saw the tree, candle lit and laden with gifts, it appeared fantastically beautiful, something heavenly and the glittering star at the top symbolic of the one in the Bethlehem sky on the night Christ was born. After reading the Christmas story, "Away In The Manger" was sung by three little girls - T. K. Davidson, Ermine Daws and me. I am sure there were other songs and probably recitations, but memory only recorded the events that thrilled me most.

Each child received a bag of fruit and small carton of candy from the tree. Brother Wood gave each of us a good conduct award - a metal disk about the size of a silver dollar on which was engraved the Lord's Prayer. There were also gifts from our parents. I remember one of mine was a wool fascinator trimmed with silver bugle beads. Afterward, we went outside where a bonfire was burning brightly and watched the sparkle of Roman candles light the sky.

Do you wonder why this experience has lived so vividly in my memory through the years? I had never seen a Christmas tree before, though we had been taught from infancy the beautiful story of the birth of the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. I had never seen a bonfire or watched the glowing colorful bursts of flame shooting skyward from Roman candles. The memory of that night brings a touch of bright magic to the dreariest day - a warm glow to my heart - and a prayer of gratitude that I was born of Christian parents.

Then there were the spring and fall roundups when the men would be away for weeks at a time. The cook drove the wagon and prepared meals. Breakfast was served before daybreak - steak, thick gravy, sour dough biscuits and lots of black coffee. This menu was varied at noon by beans and some kind of dried fruit or a stew of beef and spuds. Gathering cattle in those days was hard work - pastures were large (if fenced at all) and there were no corrals or branding chutes. The cows were herded into a fence corner and the best roper on a good cutting horse rode in and cut out the calves to be roped and branded one by one.

Father had a friend named Sid McDonald who met and fell in love with Miss Louise Walden. Evidently the feeling was mutual for an engagement followed and preparations for the wedding were soon begun. Mother was chosen to bake the cake and I remember the frantic searching for pans of proper proportions in which to bake layers for a three tier cake. The atmosphere in our kitchen was

tense as the batter was mixed, poured into pans and placed in the oven. We children were cautioned to walk softly and not slam doors until the baking was over. We watched in awe as the layers were stacked to a height of fourteen or sixteen inches. When iced with glistening white frosting and decorated, we thought it was the most beautiful cake ever.

Another memory is that of the annual camp meeting when friends gathered from far and near and set up tents for a stay of two or three weeks. The camp ground was located on a creek near the J.O.M. ranch house. The first meeting was held under a brush arbor, later a tent was used and finally a tabernacle was built. Much of the food was prepared by the women, but meat was barbecued daily - a task circulated among the men. Bread was brought in from Throckmorton. Some very able men of the Christian Church conducted these services which were held at 11 am and 7 pm. There were no baby sitters in those days, so a pallet was spread on the ground for the babies, near where their parents sat. Usually they slept peacefully through the service. At the close of the meeting, a baptismal service was observed for those who were added to the church, the baptism being performed in the nearby creek. Many became charter members of the First Christian Church of Woodson.

During our stay at the ranch, Father gave mother an old fashioned parlor organ which had to be peddled as one played. It was delivered by Mr. Biggs, father of the popular sheriff of Shackelford County. When it was uncrated, Mother began to play one of her favorite hymns, "The Haven of Rest," and soon all in the room joined her in singing the beautiful and comforting words. Father played the fiddle, Cue Wood the guitar and Mother accompanied them on the organ. Many happy evenings were spent with the three of them furnishing music. Often Dave Ramsey would visit and his beautiful tenor voice added greatly to the musicals.

In the year 1902 the Ramsay family moved to the Black Ranch [in Shackelford County] where another baby girl joined the family. She was named Alma Leone, but was always called "Doll."

In the summer of 1904, my father and I attended weekend services of the camp meeting at the J.O.M. ranch. Soon afterward, we heard that Mr. Wood was planning to build a town to be located on the ranch. Friends were notified and a plat of the townsite drawn. Several families decided to take advantage of the opportunity for better school and church facilities. The town was officially designated "Woodson" and an application for a post office was granted. A building was erected to serve as a school and church. Members of the Christian Church, of which my parents were charter members, still worship in the original building, although improvements have been made.

Among the first to accept Brother Wood's invitation to share in building his dream city were Will Davidson, R. D. Daws, Ben Fry, John Brockham and of course, my father, John Ramsay. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson lived in a tent while their house was being built, as did my family. The Brockman home was on main street and they operated a general store - the first business house. Other families attracted to the location were George Eaton, William Broyles and Robert Broyles and Wyatt Reeves. Miss Kate Beaty was one of the first school teachers. After two years of schooling in Woodson, Ermine Daws, Ollie Wood and I went away to school - she to St. Mary's in Dallas, and I to T. C. U. in Fort Worth. My father, still a farmer at heart, bought land and built a home about two miles south of Woodson. While the family worked to clear the land and plant the first crop, my efforts

to conquer shorthand and typing, added to a severe case of homesickness, caused me to wish many times that I could exchange the role of student for a share in the hard work being done on the farm.

As time passed, a bank was organized and a Mr. King came from Throckmorton to serve as the first cashier. Brother Wood had his real estate office in the back room of the bank building, and it was there I received my first experience in the business world. I reported for work at seven o'clock each morning, riding my little gray pony to and from work most of the time, but my grandfather, who lived with us, occasionally took me into town in his one horse buggy. These were special days. He had a wonderful philosophy and a great heart of love which endeared him to everyone.

Sid McDonald put in a drug store next to the bank and young Dr. Turner opened an office in the back room. This young man was truly a pioneer doctor. Dad had to have emergency surgery for a hernia and Dr. Turner performed the operation using the kitchen table with mother giving the anesthetic. She also served as nurse and no patient ever recovered more rapidly.

More families came to establish new businesses. J. L. Weatherly, and the Callahans, Mrs. Weatherly's parents. Mr. Weatherly put in a telephone system and his daughters operated the switchboard. John Gilbert and sons, Scott and Victor, came from Cross Plains to open a general store across from the bank. Mr. Gilbert did not stay in Woodson, but Scott and his wife, Tillie, and Vic brought new excitement to the community and the store became a rendezvous for young and old alike.

Tillie Gilbert was a wonderfully congenial person and her little daughter, Frances, immediately won her way into everyone's heart. My brother and sisters, Bud, Winnie and Nita walked to school and often they would take Frances home to play with Doll, pulling her along in a little red wagon. Scott Gilbert owned one of the first automobiles in the county, and many times on Sunday, he would gather up all the children in the community for a ride through the countryside.

One summer day, sorrow entered the Ramsay home. After a difficult delivery a beautiful little girl was born, who lived only a few hours. Kind neighbors helped ease the shock, and friends dug the little grave, which Mr. Gilbert lined with white sheeting and fashioned a garland of mistletoe around the edge. Mother was very ill for a long time following the birth of the baby. Often as I rode to work I would meet Mrs. Daws driving out to care for Mother and while there, she made school dresses for Winnie and Nita. This willingness to help in time of trouble was the pioneer way of life and accepted as such.

After a year or so, school attendance outgrew the church building and a school was erected and two teachers employed. My brother and sisters (Loss, [Bud] Winnie and Nita) remember Mr. and Mrs. Brackett, with respect and admiration - Bud for their patient instruction in math and related subjects and Nita, being left handed, was grateful that she was not required to write with her right hand.

In 1910, Mr. King was forced to retire because of ill health. John S. Brown, whose family had ranching interests in Throckmorton County, came to serve in his place. I was given a job bookkeeping and later was promoted to assistant cashier. Mr. and Mrs. Daws leased their place and moved to Oregon, hoping the change in climate would help the health of their youngest son. Victor

Gilbert left to attend law school. Mr. Brown resigned as cashier to take over the ranch and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander who had moved to Woodson from Missouri became cashier.

In 1912, my father again felt the beckoning of distant fields. After much discussion and a trip to East Texas, he decided to move to a farm near Timpson in Shelby County. This was a heart breaking decision for my mother. She had worked hard to make the farm into a real home, planted shrubs, flowers and fruit trees, so much of herself was rooted there, but we never heard her utter a word of complaint. If tears were shed when she said goodbye to her home and friends we were never allowed to see them. The years have brought other good friends, but none so dear as those who shared the joys and sorrows of pioneer days in Throckmorton County. After my family moved to East Texas, I stayed in Woodson for over a year, and accepted with reluctance, a position at the Albany National Bank.

Thus ends the Throckmorton County interlude of the Ramsey family history. I have tried to record the experiences we shared as a pioneer family and if this effort serves to bring realization to the descendants of John and Corra Ramsay of the hardships endured and the joys and happiness as well, my work will not have been in vain.

#### END OF ACCOUNT

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John Ramsey was a son of Arthur McDow Ramsey. A. M. Ramsey's application for a pension for service during the Civil War is on file in the Texas State Archives. Dated 27 June 1909, he was then living in Woodson, Throckmorton County, Texas, and had resided in Texas since 1849.

Mrs. S. E. Hallmark (daughter) testified that her father had enlisted in the army. Mrs. I. F. Choat, (sister-in-law) stated that Ramsey had enlisted in the Confederate Army at Smyrnie Church, Harrison County, Texas, in April 1862, and served principally in Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas. She was present when he enlisted...."his wife is my sister and lived with us during the time her husband was in the army....I was present when he came home...." Both ladies were residents of Eastland County, Texas.

According to a letter from the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D. C., dated 10 Sept 1909, A. M. Ramsey, private, Company H., 14th Texas Infantry, Confederate States Army, "was enlisted February 8, 1862. On the roll for January and February 1864, last on file, he is reported transferred to Engineer Corps January 1, 1864. No later record found."

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## FAMILY BIBLE OF HENDERSON B. ALVERSON

Submitted by Mrs. Anabel Baxter  
Dublin, Texas

Elija Alverson the father of H. B. Alverson married Nansa Cook in Surd Co. North Carlina. H. B. Alverson thare onley son bornd 1816.

[5 illegible names] the above foure hlf brothers and one halef sister all bornd in Sumer Co. Alabama.

H. B. Alverson was bornd July 10, 1816 and was married on the third day of Januara 1836 to S. M. [?] Thompson. She was bornd July 31, 1818.

H. B. Alverson married drusila roberds dec 25, 1837. She was 40 years old Martch 10, 1836.

Thomas Alverson was bornd Oct 1837

M. E. Alverson was bornd february 7, 1840

M. M. Alverson was bornd Nov 3, 1841

Juda Alverson was bornd Martch 7, 1843

Jane Alverson was bornd Jun 11, 1844

Elvira Alverson was bornd Jun 13, 1846

Sala Alverson was bornd Martch 21, 1848

James S. Alverson was bornd Nov 7, 1850

Nansa Alverson was bornd Nov 7, 1850

Cata Alverson was bornd October 4, 1853

Soosan Alverson was bornd May 7, 1855

William Jessa Alverson was bornd Sept the 9th 1857

Jula Alverson was bornd May 20, 1864

## FAMILY RECORDS FROM THE BIBLE OF ELIJAH ALVERSON

Custodian: Rev. L. G. Alverson

Elijah Alverson, Born July 2nd 1785

Clarina Alverson, His wife, Born Mar 17, 1789

Chesley D. Alverson, Born Aug 10, 1810

Archibald Alverson, Born Jan 18th, 1812

John G. Alverson, Born Sept 1814

A. C. Alverson, Born April 7, 1817

William I. Alverson, Born June 1819

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Barnett F. Alverson, Born Nov 4, 1822

James M. Alverson, Born Feb 20, 1824

Reuben C. Alverson, Born Oct 30, 1820 [?]

Francis A. Alverson, Born July 29, 1832

Saroy [illeg.] Golden, Born Jan 18 [illeg.]

Clara F. C. Alverson, Born April 1st, 1857

Martha Ann Eliza, Born May 12, 1859

Mary Elizabeth Alverson, Born Jan 26, 1862

William A. Alverson, Born Feb 26, 1839

Eliza F. Alverson, Born Aug 15, 1840

Richard Alverson, Born Jan 14th. 1841

Amanda I. Alverson, Born May 25, 1846

John [illeg.] Alverson, Born April [illeg.] 1849

Reuben M. Alverson, Born Oct 10, 1850

Chesley D. Alverson, Born Feb 26, 1853  
 Sidney A. Alverson, Born Apr 1, 1855  
 George F. Alverson, Born March 12, 1836  
 Peggy A. Alverson, Born July 15, 1838  
 Sarah Francis Alverson, Born March 21st, 1841  
 General Jackson Alverson, Born Dec 22nd, 1845  
 Barnett F. Alverson, Born Dec 22nd [illeg.]  
 James C. Alverson, Born Sept 7, 1851  
 David C., son of Chesley D. & Silva Alverson, Born Apr 14, 1853  
 A. Wade Alverson, Born Oct 22nd, 1855  
 Martha E. Patterson, Born May 7 [illeg.]  
 James C. Alverson (Buck), Born May 11, 1862  
 Pinkney W. Alverson, Born May 5th, 1866  
 Henry A. Alverson, Born Sept 4th, 1868  
 Charles G. Alverson, Born June 8th, 1870  
 Ida M. Alverson, Born April 8th, 1873  
 [part of record torn here]  
 Elijah Alverson and his wife Clarana, married Mar 20, 1810  
 Archibald Alverson and his wife were married Aug 5, 1834  
 Charles Alverson and his wife were married Feb 23, 1837  
 Wesley W. Jones and Francis Alverson married Dec 16th, 1847  
 Reuben A. Alverson, Died Jan 23, 1827  
 John G. Alverson, Died Feb 22, 1830  
 William I. Alverson, Died Mar 8, 1841  
 Chesley D. Alverson, Died Jan 13, 1876  
 Eliza F. Alverson, Died July 5, 1850  
 Saray F. Alverson, Died Aug 21, 1850  
 Clary F. C. Alverson, Died Sept 11, 1853  
 Pery C. Haris, Born Dec 11, 1810  
 John D. Haris, Born May 20, 1843  
 Andrew T. Harris, Born Dec 27, 1848  
 Noey T. Harris, Born Jan 25, 1853

[End of Bible Record]

#### NOTES ON ALVERSON BIBLE RECORDS, by Nancy Timmons Samuels

The Elijah Alverson family record was submitted in typed form. Copies of two pages of the original H. B. Alverson record were submitted in reduced form, the writing very small, faded, difficult to read, complicated by the odd, phonetic spelling. This Bible was printed in 1878, by the American Bible Society, New York, so the entries were made after this date, probably per someone's memory.

"Surd" County, North Carolina, was perhaps Surry County. Of the half-brothers and sister, names illegible, one was Barnet M. Alverson, and another could be Archibald. "Sumber" County, Alabama, was perhaps Sumter County. H. B. Alverson's Thompson wife appears to be "S. M." in the Bible, born July 31, 1818. This fits the age of his wife, Sarah M., in 1860 and 1870. His indicated marriage to Drusila Roberds in 1837 is a puzzle. If she was age 40 in 1836, she was twenty years older than H. B. and could not have been the mother of most, if not all, of the children listed. Censuses suggest that Sarah M. was the mother of his children. She was living in 1870 but died by 1880.

Henderson B. Alverson lived in Alabama in the 1840s, went to Mississippi 1848-1850, and came to Texas ca. 1858, settling on the Clear Fork of the Brazos

River, in present Shackelford County, where he purchased T. E. & L. surveys 143 and 144, of 320 acres each, in 1859, deeds of record in Young County, the only organized frontier county at that time. The Clear Fork leaves the main Brazos at South Bend, Young County, and meanders back and forth, touching edges of Young, Stephens (then Buchanan), Throckmorton, and Shackelford Counties. The Alversons were enumerated on two censuses in 1860, Throckmorton and Shackelford Counties. Due to Indian troubles, worsened by the abandonment of forts at the outbreak of the Civil War, they moved back east to Tarrant County, where H. B. Alverson purchased the Archibald F. Leonard mill ca. 1863. He was still a miller there in 1870 (some years later, this mill was known as Randol's Mill). During the 1870s, Alverson sold the mill and removed to northwest Tarrant County. He died in 1910 and is buried in the Dido Cemetery. His wife is probably buried there, too, her grave not marked.

Methodist preacher Walter South, whose circuit was on the frontier at that time, kept a diary, in which he noted: July 28, 1860, "Went to my appointment at Clark's S. H. [Clark's Schoolhouse]. Found a Baptist minister in attendance, viz Bro. [George W.] Slaughter from Palo Pinto. I invited him to preach." Sabbath, July 29, 1860, [at Clark's], "Brother [Drury] Nance preached for me at 11 a.m. Took dinner with Mr. Clark. Brother S[laughter] preached in the p.m. My reason for not preaching . . . was that the community had gotten up a prejudice against me on account of my having an app't to preach at Mr. Alverson's, a man by no means popular in this community."

The children of H. B. Alverson, per a correlation of census records with the Bible record, were: (1) Thomas, b. 1837, not with the family in 1860, (2) Margaret Elizabeth, b. 1840, married by 1860 to William Henry Ledbetter, also enumerated twice in 1860, (3) M. M., b. 1841, not found 1860, (4) Martha J., b. 1843, evidently same as "Juda," married before 1870 W. E. Ballard, lived in Tarrant County 1870, was a widow in 1880, living with her father, (5) Sarah J., b. 1844, evidently same as "Jane," was not with the family in 1870, (6) Frances Elvira, b. 1846, wife of W. Cowan in Tarrant County 1870, not found in 1880, (7) Cynthia A., b. 1847, evidently same as "Sala," b. 1848, not with family in 1870, (8) James S., b. 1850 (twin), married by 1870 A. J. or O. J., perhaps nee Lasater, lived in Tarrant County 1870, not found 1880, (9) Nancy A., b. 1850 (twin), not with family in 1870. (10) Virginia Catherine, "Cata," b. 1853, was with the family in 1870, not found 1880, (11) Charlotte Susan, b. 1855, was with the family in 1870, not found 1880, (12) William Jesse H., b. 9 Sept. 1857, d. 16 Oct. 1870, buried in Parker Cemetery, in present Hurst, Texas, (13) Julia E., "Jula," b. 1864, married in Tarrant County 3 February 1881 to Charles A. Hill. In 1880, children John and Louisa Galtana, ages 9 and 4, were enumerated as grandchildren of H. B. Alverson. Cora (Mrs. Ed Walsh) and her sister, Nora, b. 1874 (Mrs. John B. Duke), were granddaughters of Alverson.

Having not seen the original, I (NTS) am uncomfortable with the herein interpretation of the Elijah Alverson record. I note that one person died three years before she was born! I also note that, although the Henderson B. Alverson record indicates he was the son of Elijah, no child by that name or initial is listed as a son born 1816. Puzzling!

Undoubtedly, this family was of the Caswell County, North Carolina, Alversons, where in 1787 James, John, and Archibald lived in Caswell District, and in 1790 James and Archibald lived in Hillsborough District, Caswell County. In 1810 Archibald, Elisha [Elijah?], and Mary Alverson were still there.

A RECORD OF GENEALOGY OF ANCESTORS AND FAMILY  
OF THE LATE ELDER JEREMIAH BURNS, WHO DIED  
AT HIS HOME NEAR GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE,  
JANUARY 7th A.D. 1861, IN THE 82nd YEAR OF HIS LIFE

Ed. note: This account, written in 1879, signed by Margaret Layne and William M. Burns, of Lexington, Lee County, Texas, the only surviving children of Rev. Jeremiah Burns and wife Levinah, was attested to in 1941, by Mrs. Anna B. Huber, Tarrant County, Texas. Copy furnished by Joetta Ross Dobbs, 2113 Hillside Drive, Salina, Kansas 67401.

#### HIS FATHER

Robert Burns, a direct descendant of Robert Burns, "Poet," was a native of Scotland, as also his wife (who was originally Margaret Pearson) but was of Irish descent, shortly after their marriage emigrated to South Carolina, then a British Colony. Was an active participant in the Revolutionary War, a "Whig" of the days of "Marion and Sumpter" and contemporary with them, raised a large family in Marion or Lawrence [Laurens] District S. C., all whose names and present whereabouts cannot now be given exactly. The names of his children, given us by Jeremiah Burns, our father, are Thomas, Jeremiah, James, and Robert, four sons, and Tebitha, Rachael, Margaret, and one daughter who died in early life, name not remembered, four daughters. (The old family records having been lost). About 1802 he moved with most of his children to Ohio and settled on the Miami River.

One of his sons, our father Jeremiah Burns (then married to our mother, whose name was Levinah Jackson) went with his father to help them move, leaving his family with his wife's father in S. C. When they reached Ohio, Grandfather Robert Burns, aforesaid, purchased lands and gave all his children a portion, our father among the rest, but when he returned to his family in S. C., his wife's people, Grandfather Ralph Jackson, opposed his going to Ohio so strenuously that he declined moving there, but soon after moved to the "Big Bend of Tennessee," now called "Middle Tennessee" and settled on Big Hospeth [sic] River, living in Bedford and other counties around. On Duck River in 1816 his first wife died, leaving 8 children, W. P. Burns, R. J. Burns, and Wm. Burns, 3 sons, and Rebecca, Margaret, Sarah M., Mary and Delilah J., 5 daughters.

He married a 2nd wife whose name was "Frances Loyd" and moved to Lauderdale County, Alabama, and about 1822 she died, leaving 3 children, viz: Caroline Rice, Rachel M. (2 daughters) and Jeremiah Loyd (1 son).

In Florence, Alabama, about the year 1823, he married a 3rd wife (Mrs. Mariah Saxton) and moved to Franklin County, Alabama. She bore him no children, but being a woman of culture (for the times) and superior talent, she was a great blessing to him in raising and training his little children. In 1831 he moved to Fayette County, West Tennessee, where in about 1834 she died.

In about 1837 he married a 4th wife, Mrs. Ann Watkins, in Lagrange, Tennessee, who bore him one child, a daughter Victoria (who died about the age of 14) and survived him, but died not long after him.

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## Record of Elder Jeremiah Burns, continued

## OUR MOTHER'S PARENTS

Ralph Jackson was Welsh and his wife, who's name was "Sarah Murphy" was English. Don't know whether they married in England before or in South Carolina after they emigrated there before the Revolutionary War, but were in that struggle as "Whigs" suffered great trials and hardships from the "Torys." Raised a large family of children, viz: Frederick, Ralph, and Nathan, 3 sons, and Levinah, Sarah, Elizabeth, Delilah, and Unity, 5 daughters, some of whom moved after marriage to Tennessee, some to Kentucky, and others remained till death in S. C. Our grandmother Jackson survived her husband about 20 years, but both of them died in South Carolina.

Lexington, Lee County, Texas  
May 28th A. D. 1879

Margaret Layne, age 72

Wm. M. Burns, age 64 [sic]

The only surviving children of  
Jeremiah Burns and 1st wife, who  
was Levinah Jackson

The above is a true copy of the record of genealogy of ancestors and family of the late Elder Jeremiah Burns.

Mrs. Anna B. Huber  
Granddaughter of W. M. Burns

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 30th day of August A. D. 1941.

Mildred Noble  
Notary Public, Tarrant County, Texas

[End of record]

## Notes by NTS:

In 1790 Robert Burns and Ralph Jackson were enumerated in Union County, South Carolina. Leah Townsend's *South Carolina Baptists, 1670-1805* (Florence, South Carolina, 1935), 248-252, gives the history of Padgetts Creek Baptist Church, in Union County, also gives complete list of members 1794-1804. This list includes Robert Burns and Ralph Jackson, and various members of their families. Pastors were John Putman, Spencer Bobo, and Thomas Greer.

*Biographical Sketches of Tennessee Baptist Ministers*, by Rev. Joseph H. Borum (Memphis, 1880), 95-98, has a sketch of Rev. Jeremiah Burns, submitted by his son, Wm. M. Burns, some of the information taken from Jeremiah's "old pocket book." Jeremiah was born 19 October 1779 in South Carolina, was converted 17 June 1802, received into the church 18 June and baptized 19 June 1802, by Rev. Thomas Green. [This would be the same as Rev. Thomas Greer, whom Townsend indicates as being pastor of Padgetts Creek Church in 1802.] The account states that Laviniah Jackson Burns died 24 February 1816, when W. M. was 8 years old. States that Jeremiah's fourth wife was Mrs. Nancy Watkins, who survived him. States that Wm. M. Burns and wife Ann B. M. Burns were baptized into Salem Baptist Church, Tippah County, Mississippi, by Elder Jeremiah Burns, pastor, in September 1842. Mentions that Jeremiah Burns was ordained by Dodget's [should be Padgetts] Creek Baptist Church in South Carolina and was a minister for 59 years. W. M. Burns mentions that he was "now in my 58th year"[ca.1872].

**ARCHER BLAKE FAMILY BIBLE**

Submitted by Chester Rankin Johnson

The editor regrets the typographical errors made in this record as published in the February 1993 issue of *Footprints*. The Bible record and accompanying notes are reprinted here with corrections underlined. The Bible is owned by George A. Black of Bibb County, Alabama. Archer Blake was Mr. Johnson's great-great-grandfather.

**MARRIAGES**

Archer and Theodocia BLAKE was married the 23rd of Sept. 1819

**BIRTHS**

Archer BLAKE was born December 8th 1795

Theodocia BLAKE was born December 11th 1795

John BLAKE son of Archer Blake and his wife Theodocia was born July 13th, 1820.

Richard BLAKE was born March 24th, 1822

Archer H. BLAKE was born April 22nd 1824

Maria BLAKE was born February 23nd 1826

Ana BLAKE was born July 26th 1828

Rebecca BLAKE was born May 9th 1830

Rachel BLAKE was born March 6th 1832

Mary BLAKE was born February 20th 1834

**DEATHS**

Archer BLAKE died 9 June 1874

Theodocia BLAKE died Oct 20 1877

John BLAKE died Oct 13, 1883

Richard BLAKE died February 14th 1905

Archer H. BLAKE died August 9, 1892

Maria BLAKE died July 8 1910

Asa BLAKE died Nov 21 1901

Rebecca BLAKE died April 2 1919

Rachel BLAKE died Jan 30 1923

Mary Blake died Oct 11 1906

END OF BIBLE RECORD

## Additional information:

Archibald Henry Blake Sr. was a son of John Blake and Martha Moon. He was born 8 Dec 1795, Elbert Co. Ga, and died 9 June 1874, Bibb Co. Ala. On 23 Sept. 1819, he married Theodocia Pratt, (born 11 Dec. 1795 Stokes Co. N. C.; d. 20 Oct. 1877 Bibb Co. Ala.) Both are buried in the old Pratt-Wallace Cemetery.

## Their children:

1. John BLAKE, b. 13 July 1820, Bibb Co. Ala., d. 13 Oct. 1883, Bibb. Co. married 22 Aug. 1844 Dicy Jane GRIFFIN.
2. Richard BLAKE b. 24 March 1822, Bibb Co. Ala., d. 14 Feb. 1905, Bibb Co.; m/1 15 Aug 1848 Elizabeth FULTON; m/2 30 Jan. 1859 Nancy Jane CARLISLE.
3. Archibald Henry BLAKE Jr., b. 22 April 1824, Bibb Co. Ala. d. 9 Aug. 1892, Bibb Co.; m. 13 April 1856 Jane REAVIS.
4. Mariah BLAKE b. 23 Feb. 1826, Bibb Co. Ala.; d. 8 July 1910 Calhoun Co. Miss.; m. 11 Dec. 1845 Joshua West JOHNSON.
5. Asa BLAKE, b. 26 July 1828, Bibb Co. Ala., d. 21 Nov. 1901, Bell Co. Texas; m. 20 Oct. 1853 Melissa Jane PEARCE
6. Rebecca BLAKE b. 9 May 1830, Bibb Co. Ala., d. 2 April 1919 Bibb. Co., bur. Shultz Creek Cem.
7. Rachel BLAKE b. 6 March 1832 Bibb Co. Ala.; d. 30 Jan. 1923, Bibb Co. Ala.; (bur. Shultz Creek Cem.,) m/1 Thomas KILLOUGH; m/2 John THRASHER.
8. Mary BLAKE b. 20 Feb 1834, Bibb Co. Ala., d. 11 Oct. 1906, Jefferson Co. Ala., bur. Trussville, Jefferson Co., m. 21 July 1856 William Thomas CARLISLE.

Sources of information: Bibb Co. Ala. records - Marriage, Deed, Circuit Court, Orphans Court; U. S. Census records, Bibb Co. Ala., 1830 - 1870; *The Blakes of Bibb Co. Alabama 1819-1988* by Chester Rankin Johnson.

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### FAMILY REUNION

**The second biennial reunion of the descendants of James Joshua (J. J.) and Priscilla (East) Scott will be held on Saturday, October 23, 1993, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Tarrant County Precinct One facility on Rendon Road in south Tarrant County. This also includes descendants of Joel and Elizabeth (Scott) East, brother of Priscilla and sister of J. J. Scott. All descendants of these two families are welcome.**

## A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO RESEARCH IN TARRANT COUNTY RECORDS

by Ken Hopkins  
Archivist, Fort Worth Public Library

One of the richest resources in Tarrant County for genealogists is the county records. The Tarrant County Courthouse, however, is not primarily a research facility. Its offices are involved in the day to day implementation of government regulation. The records are not as easily accessible as the materials at a library, historical society or archives. As a researcher, you should prepare yourself with the best information about the way the system works. The purpose of this article, therefore, is to outline some of the ins and outs of researching in Tarrant County records.

County offices will respond to genealogical inquiries by mail. (The addresses of the various offices are listed at the end of this article.) However, you must ask for specific information or request a specific document to be copied. County staff cannot do research for you. You should provide a self-addressed and stamped number 9 envelope for the response.

Payment for copies should be sent in order to avoid a time-consuming exchange of correspondence. Copies of most documents are \$1.00 a page, plus \$1.00 if you request certification. Birth and death certificates are currently \$9.00. *Your personal check or money order should be included with your inquiry.*

Extensive research requires a personal visit to the courthouse. An appointment is not necessary, but it is often a good idea to send a letter announcing the date of your impending arrival and describing the specific records you want to examine. Many of the older records are stored at off-site warehouses; delivery to the courthouse takes an average of three days. If you have limited time, you should arrange for at least some of the records to be waiting.

There are some other considerations pertaining to the timing of your visit. You should avoid the first Tuesday of every month. This day is reserved for trustee sales. The courthouse will be swarming with researchers and buyers. Any other time during the regular office hours of Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, excluding holidays, county staff will be able to assist you. It is best to arrive early in the morning, especially if you anticipate wanting a good many copies of records. Copying is done by the county staff. Requests made late in the afternoon will *not be filled until the next work day.*

The main courthouse is located at 100 Weatherford Street in downtown Fort Worth. It is handsome turn of the century architecture that you cannot miss; the building has recently been restored to much of its original splendor and is worth your examination. The Criminal Courts Building is at 401 West Belknap, which is the street north and to the west of the old courthouse. The Civil Courts Building is to the immediate west of the old courthouse and is attached by a ground level passage.

Parking is available in pay lots and at metered spaces along the streets in the vicinity of these buildings. The going rate for pay lots is \$3.50 to \$4.00 a day. Like any downtown area, this parking is taken up fairly early in the morning. An alternative is to drive to the free Tandy Parking Lot, which has its main entrance on Henderson Street just north of downtown. You can ride an underground trolley to the Tandy Center and walk one block north and two blocks east to the courthouse.

All of the county buildings must be entered through the main doors. Security systems have recently been installed. You should be prepared to walk through metal detectors similar to those at airports.

The place to start your research is Basement Room 30 in the old courthouse. It is the records room of the County Clerk's Office. Any of the six staff can assist you with the records they have or direct you to other offices if necessary. The County Clerk is the recorder for most legal documents that are basic to genealogical research. In Tarrant County these include the following:

- Birth Certificates, 1876 to Present
- Death Certificates, 1903 to Present
- Marriage Applications and Licenses, 1876 to Present
- Deed Records, 1876 to Present
- Plats, 1876 to Present
- Military Discharges for World War II

You will note that almost no records prior to 1876 exist, with the exception of a few Probate Records which will be discussed later. In 1876 the Tarrant County Courthouse burned. The records were destroyed. Only a few land deeds and similar records were refiled.

All of the records of the County Clerk are indexed. The indexes, except for those to Birth and Death Certificates, are available for browsing. They take various forms. Many of the oldest indexes have been microfilmed. Several microfilm readers are available in Room B30 for public use. Other indexes are in very large volumes, which you can ask the staff to lift for you. The last ten years of indexing has been done on computer. Currently, six computer terminals are available; there is a thirty-minute time limit for their use.

You need to be aware of special rules which apply to the indexes for Birth and Death Certificates. You are not allowed to browse in them. Instead, an application must be completed providing the date and full name, your relationship to the person and justifying your need for the record. A staff member retrieves the record. Tarrant County takes a strict interpretation of the Texas Open Records Act; it regards these records as non-public if they are less than fifty years old.

The Birth and Death Records are for residents of the county itself. Births and deaths of individuals in Fort Worth or any community within the county that had a population of 2400 or greater were not generally recorded at the courthouse. However, the County Clerk's Office has a computer link with the Texas Department of Health and can obtain certificates from anywhere in the state. The County's strict view about who has a legal right to this information still applies.

Probate Records are another record group of the County Clerk that requires extra explanation. The Probate Office is located in Room 233 of the old courthouse. Because some of the oldest probate case files were being housed temporarily at an attorney's office, they escaped the 1876 fire. The original documents are now in the County's records management center, but are available upon request. More recent records are on microfilm in the Probate Office or in book form at one of the county warehouses. They are indexed. The genealogist needs to provide an approximate date of death and the full name of the deceased. Staff can retrieve the information and make copies available for \$1.00 a page, plus an additional \$1.00 for certification.

In addition to the County Clerk's Office, there are other departments that you may wish to contact. The District Clerk is responsible for records pertaining to adoption and divorce. Adoption records are sealed; a court order is required to examine these materials. Divorce records are available to the public, but the applicant must know the year the papers were filed and the last name of both parties in the action. Indexes are computerized after 1983 and information can be found fairly easily. Older filings are in huge books and require considerable staff time to locate. Copies are \$0.50 a page for uncertified documents and \$1.00 a page for certified. The District Clerk's Office is in the Criminal Courts Building.

Another place for the genealogist to do county research is the Archives of the Tarrant County Historical Commission. The Commission is an appointed body whose principal function is to review applications for the state and national registers of historical buildings and sites. To facilitate its work over the years, the Commission has accumulated a large collection of historical documents. These are not county records per se, but they include land abstracts, city directories, newspapers, photographs and survey maps that may enhance your research. One item of particular interest is the original marriage licenses dating from 1876 to 1920; these documents were supposed to be picked up by the marriage partners, but never were. The Commission will turn the original over to a descendent for the cost of a copy. If you had an ancestor that you suspect married in Tarrant County, the possibility of finding the license alone is worth the trouble to find the Archives. It has recently moved into permanent quarters in the basement of the Civil Courts Building. It is open on Tuesday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and by appointment.

Still another place for research is the Special Collections of the University of Texas at Arlington. Years ago, a large number of county records which were no longer needed by government body, but still had historical value, were moved to the University for preservation. These records include Declarations of Intent to Naturalize, 1878 to 1906; Chattel Mortgage Records, 1876 to 1903; County and District School Board Records, 1916 to 1955; Marks and Brands Records, 1876 to 1904; Convict and Labor Records, 1885 to 1894; Notices of Intention to Marry, 1929 to 1934; and Civil and Criminal Court Dockets, 1876 to 1907. They are housed in the sixth floor of the main university library and are available Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Finally, you should visit the *Genealogy/Local History Unit of the Fort Worth Public Library*. Several of the Tarrant County records groups are available on microfilm or book form. These records include the Grantee/Grantor Index to Deed Records, 1876 to 1920; Tarrant County Tax Rolls, 1876 to 1910; and Index to Marriage Records, 1876 to 1902. The Library also has photocopies of the pre-1876 Probate Records.

All together, the resources for Tarrant County records research are plentiful. The genealogist must, however, be prepared to visit a variety of offices. He must come to the courthouse with as specific information as he can or be prepared to wade through indexes that are organized by year and name. You will often have to wait up to three days to see records if they are stored off-site. If you are looking for birth parents or seeking blindly for information on adoptions, births and deaths, you will confront the County's cautious view of what constitutes a public record. But in general, the offices of the Tarrant County Courthouse are willing and able to assist you in your genealogical research.

The following are the mailing addresses and telephone numbers for offices mentioned in this article:

County Clerk's Office  
Tarrant County Courthouse  
100 Weatherford St.  
Fort Worth, TX 76102  
(817) 884-1195

Special Collections  
University of Texas at Arlington  
University Library  
Arlington, TX 76019  
(817) 273-3393

District Clerk's Office  
Tarrant County Criminal Courts Bldg.  
401 West Belknap St.  
Fort Worth, TX 76102  
(817) 884-1870

Genealogy/Local History  
Fort Worth Public Library  
300 Taylor  
Fort Worth, TX 76102  
(817) 871-7740

Tarrant County Historical Commission  
100 Weatherford  
Fort Worth, TX 76102  
(817) 884-3271

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Compiled by Linda Bostic, Department Head

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BLOUNT COUNTY, ALABAMA MARRIAGE RECORDS. Betty Wood Thomas. Gen. 976.888ST

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**LOUISIANA**

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA RECORDS (Church and Civil). Donald J. Berberet. Gen. 976.35H

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

THE JOURNAL OF THE COMMON HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. Vols. 12, 13, 14. (1752-1757). 975.7S.

**TEXAS**

PIONEER TEXANS. Dorothy Elkins Cox. Gen. 929.2C.

**FAMILY**

JOHN GANT, CA 1713-1783, OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA. Clifford L. Gant. Gen. 929.2G.

THE JOHNSONS AND JOHNSTONES OF CORROUAUGH IN ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA. Eddis Johnson. Gen. 929.20973J

A MARTIN FAMILY SAGE. Reta M. Evans. Gen. 929.2E

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## EARLY ESTATE RECORDS, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

Compiled by Barbara Knox

(Continued from Vol. 35, No. 3)

These are the only known early Tarrant County records which were not destroyed in the 1876 courthouse fire. Because the original documents are so fragile, they have now been preserved on microfiche which are on file in the office of the Tarrant County Probate Clerk. Copies of these probate packets are also on file in the Genealogy Department of the Fort Worth Public Library. Please keep in mind that these are brief abstracts. While most of the packets have only one or two papers, several do contain a number of documents.

### Virginia E. Smith, decd.

*Will of Virginia E. Smith dated 29 December 1867.* "I wish my present husband J. G. Smith to have controll of my children and property during life provided that he does not marry if he does marry I wish him to divide my property equally between my own children and send John to his Uncle William Jackson but I do not w[torn] Jackson to have any of the property in his controll but...J. S. Smith to controll the property. If he wishes to seel this place on Marys Creek I wish him to do so but buy land [torn] the means this is sold for. I wish Mr. Smith to keep an account of the expences of the children also the proceeds of ----? and pay himself what the court allows Guardians....." /s/ Virginia E. Smith. Witnesses: John Bursey and W. C. Crawford. Proved in court by oaths of Bursey and Crawford.

28 May 1868. *J. G. Smith petitions for probate of will and letters testamentary on estate of deceased "who departed this life on the 17th day of March 1868."* Will named no person to take charge of estate [he believed decedent intended to appoint him executor.]

12 December 1870. J. G. Smith gives bond of \$2000 with sureties S. H. Puryear, W. J. Cannon? Y. D. Lewis. Citation in Jan. 1871 to executor to file his annual account returned unexecuted returned by T. B. James, Sheriff "Def't is not found in my county."

Weatherford, June 9, 1873.

Mr Nance Dr Sir I send you by to Days mail statements of a/c against the Heirs of Virginia E. Smith. How to make the statement in regard to change of property I do not know. Will be obliged to leave that for you to do. The facts are these the Marys Creek Land...valued at \$800. The property I traded for belonging [to] Yales Heirs in Weatherford was valued at same and I gave Land on Marys Creek for the Town property Even. I want this thing closed up in some way. I have the children to take care of and I want the property to help me do it. I have already expended more than twice the amt the property is worth, and the expense of clothing and schooling two of the Heirs (the youngest) only just commenced.../s/ J. G. Smith [4 pages of accounts are attached] Mentions William Jackson as second son of V. E. Smith age 18 years. "William lived with Wm. Crawford from fall of 1868 until June 1871 and has been with me since." John L. Jackson is oldest son of

V. E. Jackson. Age 20 years. Orin D. - third son of V. E. Smith born 1861 and James B. 4th son of V. E. Smith born 1865. "Orin D. and James B. are my own children by Mrs. V. E. Smith - the first was 6 years and the second 2 years of age when their mother died."

**James Estes, decd.**

Will of James Estes of Tarrant County, dated 28 January 1859. "To my present wife Polly Estes" negro girl named Vashti, one horse, ten head of sheep and \$30 worth of hogs, all household furniture except one feather bed and furniture appertaining thereto....she to have her home and support on the homestead....during her lifetime or widowhood. To son Silas Estes negro boy named Jack and one horse. To grandson, J. W. Hooker, negro girl named Alice and her increase, one cow and pair of twin calves. To daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Hart, negro girl named Esther Jane. To son Benjamin James Estes negro boy named Squire Clinton, horse and one feather bed and its furniture. Two old negroes Solomon and Fan left in care of wife during her lifetime, if they outlive her to be cared for by any one of my heirs with whom they choose to live. My other negroes, Frank, Lucinda, Charity, Angeline and Ann to heirs named. Son Silas Estes and son-in-law T. J. Hooker executors. Witnesses: Richard Bratton and Joseph Nugent. Filed 31 Oct 1864.

29 September 1864. Mary Estes conveys to heirs at law of husband, all property including land. In consideration Silas Estes "is to allow and give me the following annual allowance of provisions: one mare known as The Fair Filly, or its equivalent, also cattle belonging to estate marked crop off left ear and swallow fork in right and branded with letter S on side; and all hogs belonging to estate in the Sand mark; 10 head of sheep; beds and bedding owned by me before marriage and all that I have made since that time--all table and kitchen ware I had at time of husbands death--one yoke of oxen. Silas Estes to furnish me 600 pounds pork for year 1865 and every year thereafter during my lifetime or so long as I remain widow of my husband, and to give me negro girl named Vashti and negro man named Sol....said estate is also to build on his place a comfortable log cabin for my use during my lifetime or so long as I remain widow of said husband, unless Silas Estes should sell his place, in which event he is to provide me a comfortable home." Agreement approved by Ben J. Estes, Sarah E. Hart, Silas Estes and J. T. Hooker 20 Feb 1865.

30 September 1864. Siles Estes petitions for letters testamentary; bond \$25,000; sureties L. H. Stephens, Alexdr Chiles and S. C. Ragan.

29 November 1865. Commissioners appointed to divide property report that distribution of 330 acres of land (homestead) cannot be done without serious detriment to heirs. Heirs represent that Baalis Estes, son of deceased, died in 1857, leaving personal property, which was divided amicably among the heirs of James Estes. /s/ S. C. Ragan, Richard Bratton, Alexr Chiles.

**Elizabeth Anderson, decd.**

27 February 1860. L. W. Anderson gives bond of \$1600 as guardian of Hightower L. Anderson and Sophrona Anderson, minor heirs Elizabeth Anderson. Among account rendered by guardian: "bought for S. Anderson May 15 1862 one pair of shoes price two dollars and a half; bought Sept 1860 one Meguffeys reader, one half quire paper one half dozen pens one geography and map and one copy book. On July 7th one hoop skirt 1.40; one pair shoes 2.00; one pair hose 25 cents."

**Isaac Power, decd.**

February 1867. Mary Power, wife of Isaac Power renders inventory of property belonging to estate of Isaac and Mary Power. Warrant of appraisement issued 25 March 1867 to J. D. Hudson, M. Ozee and J. M. Tucker. Ozee excused from services by Chief Justice.

**Francis Inman, decd.**

*William Little petitions for guardianship of Rufus Inman, minor heir of Francis Inman. [Name of deceased first written as Caroline, lined through and name Frances substituted. No date and no signature.]* Bond of William Little \$2000; sureties Isaac Parker and W. R. Little. No date.

**J. C. Lynn, decd.**

1 April 1863. J. B. Hibbert petitions for administration, stating deceased departed this life 20 July 1861 with no administrator appointed.

**Charles Baker, decd.**

Will dated 23 Nov 1870 names wife Lucretia, son James Baker, son Thomas Baker, daughter Mary, son Green, two sons-in-law R. B. Rogers and Stephen McCommas. Witnessed by T. D. Newton and G. W. Rogers.

9 June 1871. Lucretia Baker, surviving widow, petitions for administration stating that deceased died in November 1870 and did not appoint executor in will. Bond as executrix \$1500; sureties James Cate and T. D. Newton. Approved 15 July 1871.

**Thomas Clark, decd.**

17 June 1865. Thomas Clark died intestate. Daniel S. Clark appointed administrator of estate in Tarrant County; bond \$5000; sureties G. Fisk, Wm McConnel and D. H. Moseley.

October 1868, Brownwood, Texas, Nancy Clark, widow, petitions to remove Daniel S. Clark appointed at former term of court, as administrator. Clark appeared and resigned the administration, and Nancy Clark was appointed in his place. Nancy Clark, Administratrix, presented inventory Dec. 28, 1868 and was allowed \$150.00 for 12 months provision. Inventory states in part: "There is a stock of cattle in Tarrant Co., consisting of 100 head more or less also 640 acres of land the title & condition of which is not now known."

**Lynn Heirs.**

15 June 1857. William Lynn petitions for guardianship of Jerome Sophia Ann Thomas Owen Martha J. Malvina Catherine Isaac and William Lynn; bond set at \$1400; sureties T. S. Lee and James Brannon. Approved 2 July 1857. [It would appear that there are 7 children although no commas separate names in this document.]

**G. W. Allen, decd.**

February 1868. Sarah Jane Allen, widow and consort, reported husband died without a will, petitions for letters of administration. Inventory and appraisement of community property taken by Wm Plummer and E. D. Coffey March 30, 1868.

**David A. Brown, decd.**

Will dated 14 March 1868; leaves wife Mary E. Brown all real estate, household and perishable property. "David Brown his mark." Attest: A. F. Edwards and D. M. Day. Mary E. Brown, widow, stated husband appointed her sole executrix in his will; petitions for administration July 1868.

**Akers, Bryon** (minor heir Telitha Everard decd)

George Akers guardian. June 24, 1860. B. F. Barkley and T. E. Cook render appraisal of his property as "90 head of stock cattle and 1 Spanish poney for a total of \$590.00." [Another document lists cattle in detail, i.e., 1 2 year old steer; 1 cow and calf, 1 yearling, etc.]

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## Helpful definitions:

Administrator - individual appointed by the court to be in charge of the settlement of a deceased person's estate.

Codicil - an addition to a last will and testament (sometimes there may be more than one.)

Decedent - a person who has died.

Devisee/legatee - person receiving real property according to a will

Dower - term used to denote the real property of her husband which a wife gains through marriage.

Deposition - written testimony of a witness to some legal action.

Executor/executrix - person named in will of the deceased to be in charge of his estate.

Inventory - a complete listing of property belonging to the estate, sometimes presented to the court by the surviving spouse, but more often done by commissioners appointed by the court for that purpose.

Relic - surviving widow of deceased husband.

Surety/security - person(s) who agree to stand good for amount of money put up as bond.

## THE TEXAS FRONTIER BATTALION

Selected, copied and compiled by Nelita Snow

The following excerpts from the Texas State Attorney General's records concern the Frontier Battalion. This organization superceded the Texas Rangers and was formed to scout for Indians, protect the frontier, capture wanted criminals and more or less act as guardians of outlying settlements. The pay was minimal, the camps were primitive, and the duty a hard life. Original spelling and wording has been left intact.

Austin, Feby 13, 1877

Mr. L. T. Brooks  
Graham

Dr Sir

You will please deliver to Lt. Campbell at the camp of Co "B" front Batt (180) one hundred & eighty bushels, good,----, corn, shelled and sacked on the 25th of March next, & (100) one hundred bushels, on the 25th of April next, at the price given in your letter of 6th inst. viz \$1.25 pr bu.

The Camp will be on Elm or Boggy, twenty or twenty five miles above Fort Belknap. Lt. Campbell will give you vouchers for the corn, which you will please accept and forward to Genl. Wm. Steele Adjt Genl, at this place for payment.

Respectfully Yours  
Jno. B. Jones  
Major frt Batt

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Major Jno B. Jones

1877 [?]

Bob Cates, of Decatur in company with a Doctor, killed Cates's cousin in giving her medicine to cause abortion a few days ago in the above named place. Cates was the guilty party of her downfall. Cates is in custody of the sheriff.

Yours &c G. W. C.  
[G. W. Campbell]

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Frio City Feby 23rd 77

Major J. B. Jones,

Sir, Please excuse the liberty I take, and devote a few moments of time, to the perusal of the following lines in which I humbly ask of you an honorable discharge from the

State Service. I know, Major, that I voluntarily enlisted for twelve months time, and feel that I am bound to serve for that length, but business, which I think urgent, impells me to make this application, and unless it meets with your favor, of course, I will remain as dutiful in the future as I have done in the past. It is not because I am dissatisfied in the least with the Company, for I have never been better satisfied since I have been ranging than I am now. I like all the boys first rate, and I am well pleased with our officers, especially Captain Colwell. In fact, all have worked agreeably ever since we have been here. I never expect to find a company conducted better any where. But my presence is needed at home and for this reason do I make this application for a discharge. My reasons for quitting are: I am now grown, and have, a sister at home who will soon be [?] from various circumstances, mostly occasioned by the late war. We both have been deprived of good school facilities. Father, who was a strong secessionist took an active part in the Confederacy, it having fallen, he fell with it. He is now so situated that he has no school near to which he can send sister, and not being able to send her off to school, I consider it my duty as the Son of an aged Parent, to render all the assistance within my power. By quitting now circumstances are such, I believe I could secure us ten months schooling, but should I fail to seize this opportunity, I fear it may be the last that shall secure to us so valuable an attainment and which I have so long cherished so highly. I could give you other reasons Maj. but I do not care to mention them in my letter.

Having expressed myself in the best manner that I know how to one of your standing, I will conclude, trusting that you will grant my humble request. For all that I have written is strictly honest. Again I ask your pardon for taking so much of your time.

Your Obt. Servt.  
R. H. Eanes

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Camp Hubbard, Frio Co. Tex.  
Feb 24th 1877

Major Jno. B. Jones  
Comdg frontier Battalion  
Austin, Tex.

Sir, I hand you herewith an application for discharge by private R. H. Eanes. I can not fully endorse his request, as the idea seems to be obtaining among the men of this command to a considerable extent that they can "quit" whenever it suits their convenience, which I think, impairs the discipline and efficiency of the Command.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully  
Your Obt Svt.  
Neal Coldwell Capt Co "A" front Batt.

Camp Skids Creek  
 Young County Tex  
 Feb 17, 1877

Maj Jno B Jones

Dear Sir, I returned from Montague County on the 16th inst. There is some Disturbance in Montague with Party;s at Berlington - one man by the name of Huett and the Murderer W. A. Rains who murdered John Grabett, M. D., with 5 unknown men in that Country.

They are some times in Montague County and some times in the indian Territory. They have run the Justice of the Peace to Montague and the County Atty A. L. Matlock and Dept Sheriff Stone can not do anything. Nor they know what to do.

I can not do anything unless I can Cross red R. after them, they have give some good citizens their papers to leave the County in ten Days. The Citizens wish me to hel Them though I di not think I can do any good unless I can follow them across red river or get Help from that Side from the U. S. troops.

I also find that the indians Have been doing some stealing on the Out side Ranches on Big Wichita. Sargt Kisinger has gone to see about it and will Return on the 21st when I will let you know what he done.

There is about two Hundred of Them with two or three U. S. Soldiers, the General Opinion of the Cow men is that they will break out Soon and go to stealing Horses. I saw Mr. Miller to Day. he thinks that the Indians will give trouble Soon on the frontier.

I would like to hear from you soon in Regard as what to do as they Have Soldiers with them.

Yours Very Respectfully  
 G W Campbell  
 Lieut. Co. B, Ft. B.

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Camp Skids  
 Young County Tex  
 Feby 17th 77

Maj. Jno. B. Jones

Dear Sir, On my return from Montague I find that Some of the Members of Co. "B" have been to Belknap and got on a drunk and shot some two hundred shot in the houses of Clark and Martin, doing considerable damage. They have conducted themselves very badly. With this exception everything is all right. I have had no trouble with the Co.. Should like to hear from you in regard to them. I will give their names. H. P. Stevens, Thos. Picket and Joe Callis.

P. S. Our gunds have not come through. They are on the road. What shall I charge for the Pistols on the payrolls.

I am V. Resptly Yours  
G. W. Campbell  
Lieut. Co. B., Frt Bat.

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Camp Skids, Feby 17, 1877

Maj. Jno B. Jones,

Dear Sir, there is two boys in the Co., N. F. Locke and James McIntire. who want a discharge, they are both weakly and not very strongly constituted - they would like to quit as they think their health is failing. I would like to hear from you on the Subject by the first if possible. I can get other men at anytime.

Most Resptly  
G. W. Campbell  
Lieut. Co. B. Ft Bat.

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Camp Skids Creek, Young Co.  
February the 28th, 1877

Major John B. Jones. Austin.

Sir, the weather has been fine until this morning it commenced raining. Sargt Kisinger with 7 men left Camp the 16th and went to the head of the Beaver there was no Indians in that country, but several Hunting Parties North of Peas River.(there was soldiers with them Indians), they are from 150 to 200 miles out N. W. Our horses are doing well. Joe Callis Deserted the night of the 24th. the Guns and Pistols came yesterday, will be issued tomorrow.

Yours Respectfully  
Lt. G. W. Campbell  
Com. Co B, Ft B.

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**ABSTRACTS FROM THE GRAHAM LEADER****(continuing 1886)**

Compiled by Barbara Knox

*The Graham Leader*, the oldest newspaper in West Texas, is still in existence. It was established as a weekly newspaper at Graham, Young County, Texas by CSA veteran Major Jonathan Webb Graves, with the motto, "Hue the line, let the chips fall where they may." Issue Number One was dated Saturday, 19 August 1876.

**March 25, 1886**

**Waco.** People throughout the state are urged to be on the lookout for a man who signs himself "A. M. Henry, Agent for People's Insurance Company, Nashville, Tenn." He visits aged people who cannot get regular insurance and talks them into a payment of from \$5 to \$15. He has skipped from Waco, but will certainly be in operation elsewhere.

**Local.** The residence of E. C. Gracy at Lisbon burned to the ground, and he and his family barely escaped with their lives. In addition to other losses, he also lost \$150 in cash which was in his pantaloons. Mr. Sam Miller, boarding there, lost all of his clothes.

**Sherman.** Judge C. C. Binkley died at his residence after an illness of several months.

To all Sheriffs: Arrest Stephen Perry and a girl with him about 16 years old, whom he probably claims as his wife. They should have reached Houston Wed. am. He is about 6 feet 4 inches tall, dark complexion, well dressed and a teacher of vocal music. /s/ J. C. Gilbraith, Sheriff Erath County.

To the Good People of Graham, Texas:

We emigrated from Mississippi to East Texas in 1866. Ten years since, we, S. J. and J. Perry began traveling and teaching music in various parts of Texas. I have been with S. J. Perry for the past two years. Our parents and most sisters and brothers are, or have been, members of the Baptist church. S. J. Perry joined the church as a young man. Now shock comes upon us - what has he done? He has left a faithful and true wife to struggle to support orphans. Friends, you may think it bad but we are now realizing it to the fullest extent. S. J. P. and wife both claim to have had a smooth time. He has unhinged all calculations as to settling in Graham. We feel as though we were wrecked. I had, until last night vouched for him. How could I think he could leave such dear ones behind and stray off with a scrap of nothing only to spend money on which he should have sent Mrs. S. J. P. to buy bread. Where is his heart? Where is he now? I can assure you in a few days he will be in a Stephenville jail. Now comes a sketch of his letter to me:

I have no charges to make against Mrs. S. J. Perry. I charge no one but myself. John I am in a close place dont you forget it. I hope you nor no other Perry will ever get in the same box. I wish

you success. I never expect to see you again on earth and prospects are gloomy for the future. John, you may wonder at my course in this a thousand times but you will never be able to solve it - I have made some mistakes in my life - mistakes that can never be corrected but I can never better the matter by writing. No explanation could satisfy anyone. As ever S. J. P.

Friends we can't help what companions and brothers do. Many thanks to the people of Graham for their kindness. I will leave soon. /s/ J. C. Perry.

April 8, 1886

Local. Mrs. John Carpenter died last Saturday, followed by her infant daughter on Sunday. John Allison, who lived 6 miles west of town, died suddenly last Friday.

To the Sheriff of Young County:

Request notice be published in 8 successive weeks' issues summoning the unknown heirs of Jacob Garret, deceased, and those interested in the estate of deceased, to appear at the next District Court in Young County to answer the petition of C. B. Raines, Jr., filed Feb. 18, 1886, regarding the settlement of the estate.

Abilene. It is expected that trains will be running over the new road from here to San Angelo in less than six months. John Nickolls, a married man, who eloped with Ella Tuitt of Hill County last February came to light a few days ago. The poor child wife was lying at the point of death when she revealed that she was the bigamous wife of Nicholls. The scoundrel has been arrested and is in jail. Mr. Tuitt is at the bedside of his wayward daughter almost heart broken over her conduct.

Waco. The four Hill County deputies sheriffs, Rawls, Brigdon, Frior and McKinney, who assaulted the Missouri Pacific conductors are now on trial.

Denison. Phil Ledrick and Charles Burckle, charged with burning the furniture house of William Ledrick, were arrested but are out on bail of \$1000 each.

April 15, 1886

Fort Worth. Orders have been issued naming this the permanent headquarters for the rangers since the railroad facilities there are considered best in the state.

"Fighting at the Fort." [lengthy article concerning problems with train strikers] On April 3, 10 am Sheriff Maddox sent out a train in an attempt to get through since the number of strikes here have prevented this - train did reach the New Orleans crossing 2 miles south of town. Later Maddox and a posse had a battle at 1 pm in which three deputies were shot as well as several strikers. The deputies were Charles Sneed, J. H. Fulford and Dick Townsend. The town is wild with excitement. Later. One half of the 3000 people gathered at Union Depot are armed. A fight between officers and strikers occurred 1 mile south of town when the officers were attempting to ride the MP freight to Alvarado and were fired on by squad of some 50 men. United States Marshal Cabell will leave for Fort Worth with a large force of deputies to defend the T&P property. Businesses are prostrated and streets almost deserted - but calm among the strikers. Gov. Ireland, Lt. Gov. Gibbs, Adj. Gen.

King, Atty Gen. Templeton and Chief Quartermaster Sickles are here. Frank Pearce, a wounded striker, is dead.

At 1 pm on April 5 a freight train with 14 cars and caboose left in charge of 25 deputies and sheriff Jim Courtright. No strikers have been seen around depots today. Another train of 18 cars, in charge of the Dallas Light Guards, left at 12:15 going south. At 1:40 a box of dynamite was discovered in an old house near the Union Depot. The total disappearance of all strikers and Knights of Labor has caused much talk. On April 6 all trains were moving without interruption and a group of citizens met with the Knights to work out a settlement. Gov. Ireland will leave for Austin this evening.

S. J. Perry and the girl with whom he eloped were arrested in Mississippi a few days ago and brought back to Erath County.

April 22, 1886

Fort Worth. Tarrant County Farmers Alliance is making arrangements to establish a cotton yard and a \$100,000 flour mill.

Local. Howard Erskine Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Norris died April 19th. He was an only child. C. B. Benson returned from Stonewall County Tuesday last. The colony is in good condition and he and his family will move there soon.

S. J. Perry was released from custody in Mississippi, there being no proof to justify his retention. The girl with whom he eloped was returned to her father.

April 29, 1886

Abilene. The town was greatly shocked by the news of the accidental death of Dr. T. L. Taylor. He and some companions started for Spring Creek carrying guns and fishing gear. As they came near the creek, the wagon rolled over a large stone, causing the accidental discharge of a gun killing Dr. Taylor who was driving the wagon.

Cameron. Henry and Ab Ford, under suspicion for some time for horse stealing from L. Lucks, were arrested by Sheriff Lipscomb. The Sheriff should receive much credit for tracking them down in Coleman County.

Bonham. Sheriff Evans arrested an old respected citizen, W. C. Joynes, for a murder in Burleson County in 1869. Joynes declined explanation but it appears he has been living here under an alias and his real name is J. C. Joynes.

Albany. Brice Sterrett and Miss Laura Rockwell were married on the 18th at the home of the bride's father.

Local. Mr. Pierce, aged 73 years, died at his home near Graham, last Friday. Mr. William Peck and Mrs. Mittie Duke were married at the home of the bride's brother on April 18th.

Palestine. Capt. Rinaldo Hotchkiss, aged 67, died at Sterns Hotel at 1 pm. He was a veteran of the battle of San Jacinto, and while his few living comrades were celebrating in Dallas, all businesses here are closed and in mourning.

Dallas. Many veterans attended the Semi-Centennial San Jacinto Day Celebration. One veteran was 106 years of age. Lone Star and United States flags were everywhere. Children carried them in both hands, maidens wherever might be most becoming and veterans in lapels. A large parade was held downtown. Among the many participants were: mounted policemen, veterans, the school board directors, representatives of other schools, Legion of Honor, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor, Dallas Female Academy, many citizens on foot and in carriages, the express company and the fire department - all under the direction of Col. John Henry Brown. Many wives insisted on marching with their husbands although carriages had been provided. Houston's Artillery had the same number of pieces that his famous father had at San Jacinto. One star of the parade was Hendricks, the horse for fire department engine #2. He was old, but "anxious to be of service." Decorated with floral wreaths he took his place in line. A large crowd assembled at the park after the parade where the welcome address was given by Col. Crawford with response from Col. DeMorse. Col. J. H. Brown gave a stirring address comparing Texas today with Texas in 1836. A banner of silk and satin made by the ladies of Dallas was presented to Col. A. L. Martin. Col. Walter P. Lane gave the speech of thanks. All veterans and other visitors were well pleased with Dallas and its hospitality.

#### May 6, 1886

Fort Worth. A. A. Steagal, recently sentenced to hang by a Clay County jury, for a crime of extreme heinousness, is in jail here.

Throckmorton. Mrs. Florence Fore died Dec. 23, 1884 after a short illness. She was born May 20, 1861 and married J. S. Fore Dec. 23, 1880. She leaves 4 children and many friends to mourn.

Local. William Price and Miss Minta Shumaker were married last Thursday by Rev. J. M. Barcus.

The Democratic State Convention will be held in Galveston - date to be announced later. Marion Martin says he knows of no plan elect him governor. [Martin served as Lt. Gov. 1882-84. He was a resident of Navarro County.]

Wichita Falls. Fire destroyed the ice house and contents, including 100 kegs of beer.

#### May 13, 1886

Local. All persons indebted to the late John A. Eddleman are asked to come in and settle with Mrs. H. E. Eddleman. Mrs. J. H. Randolph, who has been ill for several weeks, died last Thursday and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Fort Worth. A mass meeting of delegates of the Knights of Labor and Farmers Alliance of Tarrant County was held at Daggett's on the 11th inst. and the two was fused under the name of the People's Party.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

By Christyne Barr

**HE WORE A PINK CARNATION.** 1992. Nan Overton West. Softbound, 178 pp. including full name index. West Printing Company, 4207 34th St., Lubbock TX 79410.

This is a delightful story of the life of Dr. Melvin Carmell Overton (called "MCO") who was a pioneer physician and builder of Lubbock in West Texas. His daughter, Nan West, wrote the story so that her four children might know more about their grandfather who died when they were quite small. M. C. Overton was born in 1878 in Union County, Tennessee, one of seven children of Buck and Sue Overton. He graduated in 1902 from the Medical School at Louisville, Ky. in its first four-year class. After a classmate from Haskell, Texas wrote glowing letters about the opportunities for young doctors, his father borrowed \$100.00 so that his doctor son might "Go West." On the way, he stopped in Fort Worth long enough to pass the examination of the Texas Board of Medical Examiners. He liked the looks of the "raw frontier village" of Lubbock and decided to settle there. The one doctor soon departed leaving "MCO" as the only doctor within a 100 mile radius (although he did have the town barber to take care of the "blood letting.") He became the first president of the Lubbock-Crosby Medical Society when it organized in 1909. In 1925, Dr. Overton gave up his general practice to concentrate on pediatrics. He retired from the medical profession in 1954 after 54 years of dedicated service. In 1979, the Methodist Hospital where he had practiced for 40 years named the remodeled pediatric unit in his honor. Over the years, "MCO" was busy on other fronts - he helped design the first sewer system for Lubbock; worked for the establishment of Texas Technological College, which opened in 1925 and was an active churchman and philanthropist, giving generously of his time and money. He and his wife especially liked to help young people and did so by supporting numerous scholarships for students at Texas Tech and McMurry College in Abilene as well as providing assistance to many other institutions including the University of Louisville Medical School. The title of the book stems from Dr. Overton's custom of wearing a pink carnation in his lapel - his trademark. Mrs. West has drawn from many sources to provide a graphic picture of her father's life and its impact on countless people.

**SAMUEL AND ELIZABETH (SLOAN) SNODDY With Some Related Families: Hall, McCorkle, Mitchell, Morrison, Purviance.** 1992. John Hale Stutesman, 305 Spruce Street, San Francisco, CA 94118. Hard cover, full name index, 93+ pp. \$21.00 postpaid from author.

This is the compiler's fourth book dealing with his ancestors who emigrated westward from Colonial America. Samuel Snoddy was born in 1720 in Ireland and died in 1806 in Iredell County, North Carolina. He married Elizabeth Sloan ca 1748 in Ireland. Tradition says they immigrated to America ca 1748 but the first official mention of Samuel is in 1768 per the tax rolls of Rowan County, North Carolina. He entered a claim for formal title to the land he occupied and was issued

a warrant to survey 600 acres on the Big Branch of Elk Shoal Creek on Christmas Day of that year. Samuel was too old to fight in the War for Independence, but his three eldest sons, five sons-in-law and a future son-in-law were all in the "Carolina Line." Although the family is said to have had 14 children, only 12 can be documented, and a chapter is devoted to each. The children were: William, Eleanor, Sarah, Elizabeth, Margaret, John, Fergus, Mary, Agnes, Martha, Samuel and Thomas. Six of the twelve moved to slave-free areas of Indiana and Ohio in the belief that slavery was evil, but the 1800 census of Iredell County shows Samuel with nine slaves. The author has provided careful documentation, making this another excellent family history. Anyone interested in these surnames will want to see it.

**SMITH-MOBLEY-CAREY AND ALLIED FAMILIES.** Descendants of Joseph Smith, James Mobley, Michael Carey. 1992. Alice Carey Walter. Hard cover, 268 pp. plus full name index. Timbercreek Ltd., Rt. 1, Box 242, Miami, OK 74354.

Dedicated to her mother, Mary Jane Smith, "who had a sense of family," and to her son, Bryan Lee Walter, "who made this book possible," Mrs. Walter has written a loving story of these families and their descendants. Artimacy (called Artie,) the daughter of Pelick Lewis, married Joseph Smith in 1853. Their son, Pelick Smith, was born in 1854 in Cass County, Missouri. When he was about grown, he was offered a job as cattle driver by Joseph Mobley who was on his way to Texas with his family. In 1877, Pelick Smith married the Mobley's attractive brunette daughter, Carma, in Travis County, Texas. Their first child, Mary Jane, was born the next year in Hill County, Texas. Mary Jane was married to William Michael Carey, and the writer states, "Papa was 56 years old when I was born and he always seemed old to me. I regretted not having memories of earlier and happier times. But I remember sitting on the front porch on summer nights and Papa would tell us about the stars, the Big Dipper, the Little Dipper, the Milky Way, and so on." Alice Carey married Woodrow James Walter in Abilene, Texas. They have one son, Bryan Lee, and make their home in Fort Worth, Texas. There are three sections for each of the three surnames, a Descendant's chart, Relatives Chart and a Genealogy Format through several generations. The author has given the reader a concise description of each of these and how to use them.

**QUAKERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.** Wateree and Bush River, Cane Creek, Piney Grove and Charleston Meetings. Reprinted in consolidated format 1991, edited by the Rev. S. Emmett Lucas, Jr. Southern Historical Press, 275 West Broad, Greenville, SC 29601. Soft cover, 150 pp. full name index.

The material in this small book consists of early records taken from three sources: "The Annals of Newberry [County, S.C.]" by O'Neill and Chapman, (1892); "Historic Camden, S. C." by Kirkland and Kennedy (1905); and Hinshaw's "Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Vol. I, North Carolina." (1936.) Also included from Hinshaw's volume are the Minutes containing births, marriages and deaths for Bush River, Cane Creek, Piney Grove and Charleston Monthly Meetings in South Carolina and Wrightsboro, Georgia Meeting. *The Friends' oldest settlement was in the vicinity of Camden.* The first known settler was James Ousley who obtained a land grant in 1733. This compilation provides extremely valuable information on numerous Quaker families which will not be found elsewhere.

**REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS IN KENTUCKY.** Reprint 1992. Southern Historical Press, 275 W. Broad, Greenville, SC. 2961. Hard cover, 206 pp., full name index.

This book was originally compiled in 1896 by Anderson Chenault Quisenberry from the "Year Book, Kentucky Society, Sons of the American Revolution," Louisville, Ky. Early settlers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky were from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and the Carolinas, and nearly all of the adult males saw service in the Revolutionary War. As early as 1876, the Continental Congress began to provide pensions for disabled veterans, but the vast number of applicants alarmed Congress who feared the treasury would become bankrupt. It was therefore necessary to restrict the benefits to those who had served for a minimum of six months. Pensioners in Kentucky numbered about 3,000, with pensions being granted to veterans as well as their widows. There are two lists for pensioners: a full name index and an alphabetical index, giving age, rank, service line, amount of pension given and home county. Many of the old heroes who were entitled to do so never registered for a pension. They said they could support themselves and would not seem dependent, even for a portion of their bread. The book also contains a roll of Officers of the Virginia Line who received land bounties and a list of the Illinois Regiment who served under George Rogers Clark in the Northwest Campaign.

**"FIRST CENSUS" OF KENTUCKY, 1790.** Revised Edition. Reprint 1992. Southern Historical Press, 275 West Broad, Greenville, SC 29601. 6 x 9, hardcover, 181 pp.

The 1790 census for the District of Kentucky was destroyed in 1812 when the British burned the capitol in Washington. The entire area of the present Commonwealth of Kentucky, in 1790, was made up of only nine counties. This "first census" as reconstructed from tax lists was originally done by Charles B. Heinemann in 1940. Included in this reprint are the 1787 and 1788 Fayette County tax lists not given in the original publication. Names as taken from tax lists are alphabetized, giving name of county of residence and date of tax list.

**BARTHOLOMEW'S CHILDREN, A Southern Ball Family.** 1992. 8 x 11, hard cover. Acid free paper, full name index. Henry Fletcher Ball, Jr. \$30.00, plus \$3.00 P&H (Texas residents add \$2.33 tax). Order from author, 3120 Bellaire Dr. West, Fort Worth, TX 76109.

In August 1669, a little flotilla left London and on the first of November, made port in Barbados of the West Indies. After several delays, it later landed at the confluence of the Charles and Ashley Rivers, in present-day South Carolina, where on Albemarle Point, a site for a townsite had been selected. One of the passengers was Affra Harleson, daughter of a prominent English family, who turned her back on a life of ease to go to Carolina, accompanied only by one indentured servant, John Neal. She may have sailed because she was pledged to the captain's mate, John Coming, a step-son of William Ball of Devonshire. The couple evidently married during the voyage for they settled at Oyster Poynt across the Ashley River. John was a mariner in the service of the Lords Proprietors, eventually obtaining command of his own ship. When he died in 1695, Affra inherited extensive properties. In her will, she gave half of the estate to her nephew, John Harleson of Ireland and the other half to John's nephew, Elias Ball, of Devonshire. There were several Ball families in the colony, but this story centers on William Ball, Sr. In 1700 he and his wife, Margaret Sampson and son, William Ball, Jr., arrived in Charles Town. William soon established himself

as a successful planter, his holdings eventually passing on to his son, Bartholomew. Bartholomew Ball married Elizabeth Henlen and had eight children. The book is divided into two parts - each with a separate full name index. The first part is a narrative account of the family. Some 3,000 descendants (living in Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas) have been identified down to the present time. The second part of the book contains family group listings of these descendants of William Ball, Sr. Documentation is impressive. For those who have a connection with this family, the book will be a real treasure.

**DURST AND DARST FAMILIES OF AMERICA.** Sanford Charles Gladden. 1969. 1027 pp. hard cover, full name index. Donated by the Boulder Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 3246, Boulder, CO 80307, and may be ordered from that Society.

This book was given in memory of the compiler who was descended from Rebecca Darst of Gallia and Megs Counties, Ohio, a daughter of John Darst of Shenandoah (Dunmore) County, VA. In 1945, while teaching in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, Mr. Gladden gathered a great many records concerning his families from court houses in Augusta, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties. This was compiled into a short history of the family. Some years later he expanded the earlier compilation with more source material and additional information from descendants. The name "Derst" can be found with other spellings, such as "Dust," "Darst" and "Durst." Families with these names have been traced as they migrated from Pennsylvania, to Maryland or Virginia, and on to South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Ohio, Missouri and Texas. Detailed instructions on the best way to utilize the material presented has been provided by the compiler.

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The Fort Worth Genealogical Society acknowledges with great appreciation these volumes which have been placed in the Genealogy Department of the Fort Worth Public Library. A special thanks to Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr., President and Publisher of Southern Historical Press, Inc. for his donation of a number of reprints and new editions of valuable genealogical and historical source material for Kentucky, Georgia and South Carolina. They will be reviewed as space permits. In addition, the *Georgia Genealogical Magazine*, edited by Rev. Lucas, has been added to our exchange list.

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### FAMILY REUNION

The Pruitt/Black Family Reunion will be held June 11 - 13, 1993, at the Quality Inn, 801 S. 4th St., Waco, Texas. For motel reservations call 1-800-ASK-WACO. James Black, the blacksmith from Washington, Arkansas, made the famous Jim Bowie knife. Anyone interested in these families should contact Mike Pruitt, 124 Bent Tree Trail, Burleson, TX 76028 for more information. His father, Stanley Dee Pruitt, is a long time member of FWGS.

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## SOME TEXAS POSTOFFICES IN 1890

Compiled by Barbara Knox

According to the 1890 edition of *The Texas State Gazetteer and Business Directory*, on file at the Texas State Archives, these towns/postoffices were then in existence. If time has caused their disappearance, the listing of the citizens may be helpful in locating lost ancestors.

**FOSSILL.** A discontinued postoffice in Tarrant county. Send mail to Watauga.

**FOSTER.** In Fort Bend county, 7 miles northwest of Richmond, the county seat. Has 3 grist mills and cotton gins. Population, 60. Mail daily. J. C. HUNKEN, postmaster. Mason BRISCOE, general store, mill and gin; R. P. BRISCOE, live stock; Wm BRISCOE, general store; J. M. CASSILL, carpenter; J. A. DAVIS, live stock; J. A. GIBSON, physician; J. C. HUNKEN, general store, grist mill and gin; Joel McCREARY, general store; G. L. SEAREY, blacksmith; F. STUART, B. F. live stock; E. W. WHITE, general store and live stock.

**FOSTERVILLE.** Postoffice in Anderson county 18-1/2 miles northwest of Palestine, and 15 from Nechesville, the nearest shipping point. Population, 40. J. M. EMERSON, postmaster. EMERSON & GORE, general store; J. M. GORE, live stock; Rev. Henry GREEN (Baptist,); J. A. MILLER, Justice of Peace; T. F. MILNER, grist mill and gin; Rufus O'QUIN, saw mill and gin; P. A. PAGITT, blacksmith; Rev. T. M. SWEENEY (Methodist) and M. b. WELBURN, physician.

**FOWLER.** Postoffice in Bosque County, 148 miles northeast of Austin, 16 northeast of Meridian, the county seat. Population, 25. A. G. McMAHAN, postmaster. J. E. DYER, mill and gin; Alexander HOLT, blacksmith; J. A. WINFREY, physician.

**FRANKFORD.** Postoffice in Collin County, 22 miles southwest of McKinney, the county seat. Has steam grist mill and cotton gin, 3 churches and a district school. Exports cotton and grain. Population 83. Mail daily. S. M. PHILLIPS, postmaster. Rev. ALLEN (Reformer); J. B. BARLOW and H. T. KYLE, physicians; Rev. S. B. CAMPBELL (Presbyterian); S. T. HAMMOND, general store; H. A. HUMPHREYS, teacher; R. L. KILLINGSWORTH, blacksmith; Rev. J. B. MINNIS (Methodist); R. A. MORAN, corn mill.

**FRANKLIN.** County seat of Robertson County 13 miles northeast of Hearne. 3 churches, good schools, a fine court house, a private bank, good hotels, grist mills and gins and a weekly newspaper, the *Central Texan*. OVERALL'S celebrated mineral springs are located here and are among the best in the State. Population 1,000. E. REYNOLDS, postmaster. A. P. ALLDAY and Wm. B. BRIGGS, Joseph H. ALSOBROOK, hardware; Lemuel BARTON, sheriff; John E. BISHOP, county attorney; David BORDEN, constable; Charles S. BRIGANCE, lawyer; Wm. W. BRIGGS, physician; Thomas BROWN, general store; John F. BUTLER, blacksmith; George D. CAMPBELL, barber; CAMPBELL & COHRON, attorneys-at-law and land agents; Samuel E. CARRINGTON, physician; John T. CARTER, grist mill and gin; G. R. DUNN, county judge;

James I. GALLOWAY, tax collector; Wm. L. GLASS, general store; Robert S. GLASS and George M. ABNEY, druggists and physicians; James H. GRIFFIN, justice of peace; Rev. J. W. HORN (Methodist); Mary L. HUNTER, dry goods; S. P. HURLEY & Bro. (Sidney P. and Edgar P.) general store and liquors; Hammet B. HURT, grocer; Mrs. M. A. HURT, milliner; Dr. W. H. CAIN, prop. International Hotel; Henry J. JACKSON, assessor; Wm. H. and Samuel E. KEELAND, meats; Fred E. KING, well borer; Theodore O. KIRBY and John L. BETHEL, carpenters; Mathew G. and John F. LANE, grist mill and gin; Miss Lena LARUE, music teacher; Alfred LEIGHTY, railroad and exp. agent; Paul H. LEONARD, county clerk; Fred J. MILLER, saloon; John MORGAN, carpenter; Samuel E. O'NEAL, livery; Robert H. RHEA, blacksmith; C. F. SCOTT, lawyer; Jasper SCOTT, mason; Thomas J. SIMMONS and John E. CRAWFORD, lawyers; James R. TAYLOR, physician; Rev. B. B. WILLIAMS (Baptist); Wm. H. WILSON, county surveyor.

**FRED.** Postoffice in Tyler County, 25 miles southeast of Woodville, the county seat and 10 miles from Hyatt, the nearest railroad station. Beaumont is the nearest banking point. Population, 30. Mail semi-weekly. J. A. HOOKS and A. SHEFFIELD, general store.

**FREDERICKSBURGH.** County seat of Gillespie County, 85 miles from Austin, and 22 miles from Comfort, present shipping point. Catholic, 2 Lutheran and 2 Methodist churches; 2 steam grist mills, bank and 2 weekly newspapers, the *Wochenblatt* and the *News*. Population, 1200. Mail daily. Mrs. R. FROST, postmaster; Wm. ARHELGER, wheelwright; A. BASSE, general store; B. BLUM, general store; A. O. COOLEY, lawyer; D. C. DARROCH, physician; Charles EISENLOHER, drugs; J. T. ESTES, lawyer, Paul HANISCH, drugs; Charles HENKE, stone mason; Wm. JORDON, tailor; A. KEIDEL, physician; John KNOPP, general store; Anton MAIER, grocer; B. MECKEL, cooper; A. PFEIL, blacksmith; Otto SCHMIDT, hotel; Felix VANDER STUCKEN, grist mill; George WAHRMUND, county judge; W. WEYRICH, blacksmith.

**FREDONIA.** Postoffice in Mason County, 16 miles northeast of Mason, the county seat and banking point. 3 churches, school, steam grist mill and cotton gin. Population, 65. J. C. CALHOUN, postmaster. Rev. J. R. BORDEN (Methodist); L. M. DINEN, general store; Wm. McCLELLAN, blacksmith; R. G. MORGAN, carpenter and notary; Rev. T. G. THOMAS (Baptist); W. N. VAUGHN, physician; J. A. WILLIAMS, grist mill and gin.

**FREELAND.** Postoffice in Johnson County, 170 miles northeast of Austin and 13 miles southwest of Cleburne, the county seat. Population, 25. Mail semi-weekly.

**FREEMAN.** Rural postoffice in Panola County, 16 miles southwest of Carthage, the county seat. A. G. WATKINS, postmaster.

**FRELSBURGH.** Village in Colorado County, 12 miles north of Columbus, the county seat. Settled in 1835. Four steam grist mills, steam saw mill, 5 cotton gins, 3 churches and a district school. Population, 300. E. KOLLMAN postmaster. B. J. FEHRENKAMP, physician; Rev. F. GERSTMANN; Conrad HENNECKE, shoemaker; E. KILLMANN, general store; Frank KRENECK, harnessmaker; Adam LEYENDECKER, Justice of the Peace; Edwin A. MALSCH, lawyer; R. E. MALSCH, general store; Wm. MOELLER, grist mill and gin; B. H. NEAL, physician; D. POPHARKEN, general store; John SCHULTE, blacksmith; Frank WALLER, cane, grist and gin mills; D. VOGELSANG, saw and grist mill and gin; H. WOBBE, cane mill.

**FREMONT.** Postoffice in Parker County, 9 miles north of Weatherford, the county seat. Population, 53. Newton M. HOWARD, postmaster; J. M. BAXTER, grocer; HOWARD, physician; J. N. HOWARD, stationery; LEE, physician; H. J. SMITH, blacksmith.

**FRESNO.** Postoffice in Collingsworth County (unorganized) 30 miles from Childress, the nearest shipping point. Population of vicinity, 150. Mail weekly. P. W. MYERS, postmaster. W. H. BUSH, John ELLIOTT, Wm and S. S. FORBES, A. A. WYATT, live stock; Rev. W. Y. LEALE (Methodist).

**FREYBURG.** Recently established postoffice in Fayette County.

**FRIENDSHIP.** Postoffice in Harrison County, 18 miles northwest of Marshall, the county seat, and nine miles from Longview, the usual banking point. Mail semi-weekly. G. W. LAGROM, postmaster.

**FRIO TOWN.** Post "village" in Frio County, formerly the county seat, 17 miles northwest of Pearsall, present county seat. Population, 100. Mail tri-weekly. John I. BARNES, postmaster and physician; KILGOUR & BARNES, general store.

**FROSA.** Postoffice in Limestone County, 15 miles northwest of Groesbeck, the county seat. Population, 70. Mrs. J. E. BUTTOLPH, postmaster. M. E. BULLARD, W. E. SCOTT, C. B. WARD, live stock; George BUSBY, grist mill and gin; De BARDE, blacksmith; J. B. RILEY, notary and live stock.

**FROST.** Town 21 miles west of Corsicana, the county seat. Two churches, a steam grist mill and cotton gin. Population, 150. W. J. WATKINS, postmaster. J. F. ACRED, general store; E. R. BOLDING, general store; J. H. GALBREATH, general store; W. B. JONES, grist mill and gin; R. KNOX, physician; W. M. MOSELY, physician; G. P. UTLEY, drugs.

**FULBRIGHT.** Postoffice in Red River County, 14 miles southwest of Clarksville, the county seat. Settled in 1880. Steam grist mills and gins, Presbyterian, Methodist, Christian and Baptist churches and a district school. Population, 200. Mail tri-weekly. J. L. FULBRIGHT, postmaster. HANCOCK & HORN, cotton gin; E. K. HORN, groceries and hardware; HUSTON & SIMMONS, dry goods and groceries; T. W. LASSITER, notary.

**FULP.** Postoffice in Fannin County, 8 miles northwest of Bonham, the county seat. Population, 15. A. J. Duckworth, postmaster. E. S. DIXON, grist mill and gin.

### FAMILY REUNION

The CHEN(N)AULT/SHINAULT/SHINALL REUNION ASSOCIATION will hold its 44th annual reunion at the Holiday Inn, 318 West Durango, San Antonio, Texas 78204 on July 16, 17, 18, 1993. Reservations must be made with the hotel by June 16th in order to receive reunion rates. Contact Frankie Miller, 9006 Colchester, San Antonio 78250 or Deurene Oates Morgan, 1118 Curlew Ct., San Antonio, Texas 78213-2009; Phone 1-210-344-4626.

## LIFE ON THE TEXAS FRONTIER

Permelia A. Frazier was a daughter of William and Sarah (Bayless) Jackson. She and her husband, J. D. Frazier, moved to Texas in the 1870s. These letters, written to her family in Coldwater, Mississippi, give an interesting picture of life on the Texas frontier during that time. They have been published in *Tate Trails*, and are reprinted here with the permission of both the Tate County Mississippi Genealogical and Historical Society and the owner, Mrs. Leroy Gaines. Spelling and punctuation have been retained, but paragraphs have been used for easier reading.

Nov the 7th 1874

Dunville Denton cty Texas

Dear Mother, Brothers, and Sisters

I take this opportunity of writing to you all at once; and at the same time answering the kind letter, written to us my Ma, and Frances. I was glad that you were all still living and that ma was in such good health. I am sorry to hear that Mr. Wooten has become afflicted, I hope he will soon recover. Mr. Frazier and myself are enjoying tolerable good health at present, my health has been better here than it was in Miss. I was laid up one week last spring with the ----? outside of that, I dont think I've laid up over four days all put together, I've never had a Doctor to see me, and have taken but little medicine. I have done my own washing and housework, but I like a gooddeal of being stowt yet, There is not a doubt in my mind, but what Texas is a greatdeal healthier than Miss. especially Western Texas, the Doctors can't depend upon their Profession for a livelihood no where that we have lived yet

we lived right on the bluff of Red River until June in Montague County two miles from Burlington, Mr. Frazier sold his crop the first of June for a horse, the weather set in dry just after that, and the man he sold too, did not more than make the rent on it. We moved to Burlington, then, and lived in town about two months. Mr. Frazier could always hear who wanted work done, while there, and he needed time any way to look round at the country, he traded the horse he got for his crop, and the gray horse we brought from Miss. for one hundred and sixty acres of land in Wise county, we moved down to the place in August it had no improvement on it only a cabin with the roof on it, we had to chink a daub it make a chimney to it and lay a floor in it. I think we have good land, it is black sandy land, it is a pretty level scope of country for several miles around, and I think bids fair to be a place of some importance some day or other. Mr. Holden had lumber hauled last sumer close to the corner of our land to build a store house but the dry weather cut the crops short and he is not having any thing more done with it yet

it is tolerable thickly settled around us, but the most of them are new settlers, this being the first year their lands were cultivated they made but very little and the people there are not able to hire work done, and we have to depend on our work now, for bread and meat, and so three weeks ago today we hitched out mules to the wagon and struck out for some of the older counties to try to get work to procure rations to do us until we can make a crop. we are stopping now in Denton county,

Mr Frazier has a job of splitting rails for a man at 125 cts per hundred, he is about finishing them this evening, he is to be paid in corn at 75 cts bushel. we have also been picking some cotton here at one dollar per hundred, cotton is about all picked out now. I dont know where Mr Frazier will go to get his next job of work to do yet he is going this evening to hunt some more work. Times are very hard here it is almost impossible to get money for work at all.

If you know of any of my old friends or any of your neighbors that wish to come to Texas tell them, if they are able to run themselves one year, after they get here it will do for them to go out into the new counties, because if they have the money, they can get corn at 75 cts bushel at Decatur just 15 miles from where we live, it takes but very little feed for a horse there even in the winter. Cattle need no feed at all the grass is knee high there now and perfectly green in the timber. There is no large prairies in that section, timber is plenty, Land is offered at 250 [2.50] and 3 dollars per acre for unimproved and 4 to 5 for improved, horses or mules trade very well in some cases for land, If there are any persons with families that wish come here and are not able to run themselves tell them to stop in some of the old counties or to go down into the Brazos country where there is plenty made, and stay the first year any way, and not to go so far west as we did the first year. tell them all not to go to Montague county for corn was one dollar per bushel there in August and they had it all gathered there then, last winter it was 150. Game tolerable plenty down in Wise, deer, and turkeys. there is wild cattle there too Just two miles from us, on west fork, there is only two men in the neighborhood that is allowed to kill them, but they generally divide with the neighbors.

Bug? wanted me to write all about texas, and to tell which it was that I didnt like the wild people, or the wide game I am very fond venizen and turkey too, and so far as society is concerned it is just as good here in places as it is any where Ive had good neighbors every where Ive lived. The Echols family, at Burlington, who are from Alabama, mrs Hodges, and Lavett, from Missouri were just as kind to me, and I loved them like relatives, and number of others. I am not acquainted with many in wise, yet. Doctor Roberts, and family live right in sight of us, they are clever nice people, they just moved from Tishamingo county Miss last March was one year ago, I feel myself right at home with them, There are a good many churches scattered about, there is a Methodist church about two miles from where we live....

Bug? you wrote to me that Bill had been to the Hotsprings, but you did not write whether he had improved any or not. You also wrote that the land was sold, and did not write what it brought, I dont know that I remember what Pa gave for it. I would like to know a little something about it if I am in Texas, Ma I dont know how to write you an order for my part, I dont have the initials of Campbells name, I dont know whether is Clerk of the Probate Court now, or whether the name of the court has changed.....

Give my best love and respects to all, Mr. Frazier joins in sending his best respects, it would take one month to write all I wish to write, You may direct your letters to Decatur weel get through work and get back home maby by the time a letter can come. Dallas is the nearest point on the railroad distance about 60 miles, 60 miles is a short distance here when the roads are any thing like good, I expect to come back to see you all if I ever get able. I want Ma to pay herself out of my part, she has the note, she knows what is right and I want her to send me the balance, and send the note with it

I remain your affectionate relative until death

Permelia A Frazier

Thursday May the 27 '75  
Decatur Wise Co Tex

Dear Mother, Sister and relatives. We received your letters mailed May the 15th on yesterday morning and was glad to hear that you were all well once more. we also received one from Mr. Moore at the same time, stating that his family were all in tolerable good health but himself and his health was very bad. this leaves us both in tolerable good health. there is no sickness in the neighborhood that I know of.

I am sorry that I have no news of importance to write. the indians have not been out in Wise yet since we have been here. there was a squad of them out in Jack Co about a week ago. the rangers killed five of them including one squaw and got their scalps, the indians have shields made of Buffalo rawhides.

Farmers are very backward with their crops for a few miles around here; on account of the grasshoppers eating up corn and every thing that was planted, they eat up my garden a month ago, all but the irish potatoes. Mr. Frazier had to plant over most all of his corn, down at John Henry Marsy (?) two miles from here, the grasshoppers did not trouble it but we had a hailstorm and powerful rain, which drowned the most of it out, he has planted it over, the weather has been so dry it is just now comeing up. he did not plant his new ground here at home until last week. the grasshoppers were so bad, they would have eat it up. Dr Rogers right here at us had to plant the second time the grasshoppers eat up his first planting. Mr. Morris a mile and a half from here, has planted the third time, the pests have left here now their wings grew out all at once, and every day last week and week before about twelve oclock in the day, we could see them rising up in the breeze which was from the south and going north. they rose very high, their wings glittered in the sun like silver. It is reported that they are eating up grass and every thing in Arkansas and Missouri they did not damage the wheat crop which is very promising they say the yeald will not be less than 20 bushels per acre. Mr. Martin speaks of starting his reaper saturday.

We have had plenty of rain for the last four or five days, we had a shower this morning, the corn and cotton we planted last week is comeing up fast. I must being this to a close, as Mr. Frazier wants to write some. I wrote to Sis some time after I wrote to you last, I expect you have heard of it by this time. I told her to send you word that we was well. Ma I did not want you to send any of your money, I dont deserve any. I hope if nothing happens I will get to come back to see you all next fall, that 5 dollar bill Mr Worton enclosed in his letter came all right, you asked me to tell you if I liked Texas better than I do Miss. I am not able to say positively yet, but I think I do, I dont think I would be satisfied to live in Miss at all now give my best love to all the family and relatives, friends &C

I remain your affectionate daughter P A. Frazier

Mr Wooten

Sir orders came all right I am going to the office tomorrow to get the money if any thing should happen that I dont get it I will not mail this letter so if you get this letter you know that I got it all right We feel under many obligations to you for the trouble you have put your self to on our account if you will just pay us a visit I will return as mutch of it as I can by showing you the country I have nothing of interest to write So nothing more at present give my love to all Write soon

Yours respectfully /s/ J.D. Frazier

## QUERIES AND COMMENTS

By Nancy Timmons Samuels

All queries with a Texas connection will be published in *Footprints* without charge. Please send one query at a time and use a separate sheet of letter-size paper for each query. Do not include queries with correspondence pertaining to other Society business. Don't forget to put your name and complete address at the top of each query sheet. Please use the format as shown below in listing your surnames.

1-2-93        **UNION CEMETERY, Bowie County, Texas**  
Betty Echman, 63 Upper Valley Road, Christiana, PA 17509

Seek information on persons buried in the Old Union Cemetery at Simms, Bowie County, Texas. Has this cemetery been documented and/or published?

2-2-93        **PLESCIA, PETTA, RINGLER, SCOTT**  
Josie Plescia Vaughn, 11300 Newtown Road, Nevada City, CA 95959

Seek information on my uncle, Jack Plescia and wife Lannie Petta, who lived for many years at 1717 South Henderson Street, in Fort Worth. He owned an Italian restaurant on the Weatherford Highway, in the Westland community. Their three children were Sam Plescia, Mary Louise Ringler and Vivian Scott. Uncle Jack died in September, 1968. Would like to have his obituary, if available, and copy of his marriage record; he married in 1915, and I have a picture of the wedding party.

3-2-93        **McKNIGHT, GILMER, DONAGHUE, JONES**  
Juanita M. Moston, 641 Starlight Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81504-4219

Seek information on my father's relatives who lived in Fort Worth at the turn of the century. W. D. Gilmer, born 17 May 1840, married Helen Josephine McKnight, born 1856 (where?), died 15 June 1915 in a drowning accident in Fort Worth. She was sister of D. A. McKnight of Pulaski, Tennessee. Their children were (1) William Jackson Gilmer, b. 3 February 1874, died December 1941, (2) Robert Houston Gilmer, last known address 1715 Pennsylvania Avenue, Fort Worth, (3) Fannie Dodge Gilmer Donaghue, born 9 June 1893, died 1946, (4) Mae Gilmer Jones, my grandmother, born when?, married when?, Charles Henry Jones, born 16 December 1874 where?, died 29 December 1947 in California. Of their children, my father, William Price Jones, was born 13 April 1904 in Fort Worth, and his sister, Lillian Pauline Jones, was born 16 August 1899, also in Fort Worth.

4-2-93 **MASSEY**

H. E. Massey, 3743 La Madera, El Monte, CA 91732

Am trying to locate and purchase some "Massey" genealogical books written by Judge Frank Massey, 5757 Monterrey Rd, Fort Worth, Texas. Several letters written have been returned. returned.

**Comment:** Judge Massey was a longtime member of FWGS. I believe he is now deceased. I have been told that some, if not all, of his work is at the Fort Worth Library.

5-2-93 **WOOD**

Lana S. Arey, 360 E. Woodlark Street, Lancaster, CA 933535

Seek information about my grandfather, H. M. Wood, born possibly 1900 in Red River County, Texas, lived in the Dallas-Fort Worth area between 1924 and 1946, was married three times, last wife's name was Winnie.

6-2-93 **DRAKE**

Carole W. Weimer, 3001 Bird Haven Loop, Cool, CA 95614

Seek information about my grandfather, John M. Drake, who died in River Oaks, Fort Worth, at age of 93, on 29 January 1969. Does anyone have information about his burial place, an obituary, etc.?

7-2-93 **BRANDON**

Dolores Brandon Miller, 1813 N. Whaley Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32503

Trying to locate burial place of my great-great-grandmother, Frances Brandon, who died in Tarrant County on 10 February 1880.

**Comment:** She was the wife of James A. Brandon; they were ages 63 and 60, respectively, on the 1870 census of Tarrant County. I would guess that she is buried in Rehoboth Cemetery, north of Mansfield, in Tarrant County, where there is a broken stone only partially legible: Brandon [broken], born March 4, 1810, died [broken]. The birth year fits the age of Frances of the 1870 census. Her husband is on the 1880 census, but she is not.

8-2-93 **CLEVINGER**

Edwin L. Thornton, P. O. Box 222, Robinson, KS 66532

Need death date, burial place, and obituary of Mrs. Freddie Clevenger, who lived in or near Keller, Tarrant County, Texas in 1955. Her husband was James Franklin Clevenger who died 25 June 1955 at the Wichita Falls State Hospital, Wichita Falls, Texas, and is buried in the hospital cemetery. He was age 87 when he died. I do not know his wife's birth date, death date, or place of burial.

**Comment:** I do not find record of her burial in the Bourland Cemetery in Keller.

9-2-93 **FOLLOWELL**

Mary Lou Bell, P. O. Box 15, Alma, IL 62807

Seek information and census records on the surname Followell in Wise County around 1880.

10-2-93 **LEWIS**

Beulah Likins, P. O. Box 1224, Cache, OK 73527

My grandmother, Eva Lou Lewis, born 5 January 1893 somewhere in Texas, was the daughter of Martha Lewis from Barber, Arkansas. Need her birth record.

**Comment:** Texas did not keep birth records as early as 1893.

11-2-93 **FINCH, WARNER**

Joanna Ford, 3447 Curve Road, Delaware, OH 43015

Samuel Finch and wife, nee Lucy J. Warner, came from Ohio to Texas after 1870. Where in Texas? He was a U. S. Marshall around 1880. Need information on him.

12-2-93 **JOHNSON, BRASHER**

Donna Johnson-Moses, 541 North Rice, Hamilton, TX 76531-1225

Seek information on, antecedents of, Jacob Riley Johnson, born 4 April 1868, in Somerset, Pulaski County, Kentucky, married America Josephine Brasher, born 12 May 1872 Hopkins County, Texas. When did he come to Texas? When and where did he marry? Of their six children, Joseph Carl Johnson was my grandfather and was the third child.

13-2-93 **SCRIBNER, McCUBBINS, WARREN, FORTUNE, KENDALL, NIPPERT**

Diane Scannell, 11317 West 1st Street, Wichita, KS 67212-5435

Seek burial information, obituaries, etc., of the following persons all of whom died in the Grapevine-Fort Worth area. Julius Scribner, died 3 July 1922, his wife Olive "Ollie" Kendall Scribner, died 13 September 1928; Mattie May Scribner Fortune, died 3 September 1921 (daughter of Julius and Ollie and wife of Edward Lee Fortune); Violet Fortune McCubbins, died 25 August 1982 (daughter of Mattie and Edward Fortune and wife of John A. McCubbins); Albert Scribner, died 26 June 1926 (son of Julius and Ollie); Evie Scribner Warren, died 1961 (daughter of Julius and Ollie, and wife of Frank Warren, said to be buried at Lonesome Dove); and Cecelia Nippert Scribner, died 18 December 1992 (widow of Tommie P. Scribner).

**Comment:** There are Scribners and Fortunes buried in the Grapevine Cemetery but none of the names you mention, unless their graves are unmarked. Evie Scribner Warren is not buried at Lonesome Dove, unless her grave is unmarked. You might contact Mr. John E. Riggs, who in 1989 lived at 2690 Alice Way, Pinole, CA 94564, and was trying to get information on Scribners in the Grapevine area.

**14-2-93      TEETERS, BIRDWELL, McCARTY, BEARD**

Ethel Holmes, P. O. Box 397, Tolar, TX 76476

Would appreciate any information on the above surnames. Especially interested in Eldridge Harmon Teeters, born 1892 Texas, married Lela May McCarty, born 1908 Texas. He was son of James Teeters, born ca 1870 Missouri, and wife Elizabeth Andrew Birdwell, born ca 1870 Texas. Lela May's parents were Thomas Andrew McCarty and Eliza Ann Beard, both born ca 1870.

**Comment:** Mrs. Jean Park Hazlewood, 3624 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, TX 76107, is a Teeter descendant.

**15-2-93      PUTNAM**

Nancy Timmons Samuels, 4783 Lubbock Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76115-3026

Who was A. B. (or A. P. ) Putnam, who had a boarding house for railroad workers in Callahan County, Texas, in 1880, when the Texas and Pacific Railroad was being built westward? He came to Texas ca 1874-75 from Georgia. He was born ca 1844 in Georgia, his father born Kentucky and mother born Georgia. His wife was M. A., born ca 1860 in Georgia. Their children were: Janie, Howard, John L. and Daniel H. Putnam. Was A. B. (or A. P.) a descendant of either Ezekiel or Thomas Putnam, who went from Pendleton District, South Carolina to Warren County, Kentucky, then to Hall County, Georgia by ca 1818? I believe that the town of Putnam, in eastern Callahan County, Texas, derived its name from this man, *The Handbook of Texas* notwithstanding.

**16-2-93      IRWIN, ROE, TOMLINSON**

Carol Ann Williams, 406 Silvermine Road, New Canaan, CT 06840

Seek any information on J. B. Irwin and wife Sarah Roe, born ca 1880. Their daughter, Alice Virginia Irwin, born 1902, married Harold A. Tomlinson on 15 November 1917 in Dallas, Texas.

**17-2-93      YOUNG, HICKS**

Deborah Tillman, H C 2, Box 3, Fieldton, TX 79326

Need any information on Wade Robert Young and wife, Annie Avo Hicks. Believe he was born in Tennessee and came to the Fort Worth area.

**18-2-93      CLEMENTS**

Douglas W. Ellison, P. O. Box 466, Medora, ND 58645

Seek burial information, obituary, etc., on Mary Ann Clements, who died in Fort Worth, Texas, on 21 June 1917 at age of 67 years.

**19-2-93      COLLUP, ALLEN**

James L. King, AAFES EDA, Unit 20702, Box 618, APO AE 09143-0003

Seek information on one of my ancestors, George Washington Collup, born 1812, died before 1900 Tarrant County, Texas. His wife was Mary Ann Allen, born 1823, also died before 1900. Need death dates and burial place for them.

**Comment:** In 1880 George W. Collup Sr. lived outside Fort Worth in Precinct 1. He lived next to his married son, George W. Collup Jr. (See ED 91, p. 9, household numbers 66-71 and 66-72). The son was also enumerated in Precinct 7 (ED 98, p. 5, household number 44-46). According to the census, the family came directly from Virginia to Tarrant County 1878-1880.

20-2-93      **SHIELDS, DAMRON, McCLAIN**

Larry Dwayne Shields, 4607 Cascades Drive, Wichita Falls, TX 76310

Seek information on antecedents and descendants of George Shields, who died 3 March 1862 Grayson County, Texas. His wife was Nancy Damron, daughter of Moses Damron (born 6 June 1799) and Susanna McClain (born 1806).

**Comment:** There were several Moses Damrons. I suspect that a younger Moses, of Fannin County, Texas, in 1850, to Jack County before 1860, was related to yours. Thomas F. Horton's *Jack County History* (ca 1933), tells of an event, during Indian times, when Moses Dameron [sic] of Jack County and others were improving "the place where Jesse Shields now lives on the old Gertrude road near the bridge on North Creek."

21-2-93      **WARD, JOLLEY**

Rob Yoder, P. O. Box 170717, Arlington, TX 76003

Need exact location of the Ward-Jolley Cemetery in Fannin County, Texas, said to be five miles northwest of Honey Grove.

22-2-93      **SCOTT, KILLOUGH, EAST**

M. Ben Gantt, 12319 Perthshire, Houston, TX 77024

Seek information on death date and place of burial of Martin Phillip Scott, born ca 1805-1810 Livingston County, Kentucky, married ca 1830 Elizabeth C. Killough, born 24 January 1815 in Kentucky or Tennessee, died 8 May 1886, buried Crowley Cemetery, Tarrant County, Texas. They came to Panola County, Texas in 1847, and to Tarrant County in 1856, settling in the Kennedale-Everman area. Tradition indicates he died in "South Texas" after attending the wedding of their daughter, Elizabeth L. Scott, who married Joel East in 1869 in Lavaca County, Texas.

**Comment:** I do not find Martin P. Scott or his son, James J. Scott (who married Priscilla East) on the 1855-1856 tax rolls of Tarrant County. Both patented land in their names in 1859, and both appear on the 1860 tax roll of Tarrant County. Martin P. is not on the 1870 Tarrant County census, so perhaps it is true that he died in "South Texas." Calvin and James East were in Tarrant County by 1860 (per tax rolls) but evidently moved on before 1870.

23-2-93      **HUDSPETH, GENTRY, MARLOWE**

Peggy M. Shine, 2120 Briar Lane, La Marque, TX 77568

Seek information on my great-great-grandparents, Joseph B. Hudspeth, born 16 November 1846 in Georgia, died 22 March 1922, in Montgomery County, Texas, married ca 1868 Mary E. Marlow, born Alabama ca 1848, died 22 September 1899 Wharton County, Texas. Lived in Upshur County, Texas, then to Parker County by 1880. May have had brothers H. S., B. A., J., and E. E. Hudspeth.

Also seek information on my great-grandmother, Era Gentry, born November 1879 in Tennessee or Kentucky, died 1903 Wharton County, Texas, married James Thomas Hudspeth on 6 April 1898, had one son, Cody Hudspeth.

24-2-93 **BABB, CLAMPITT, MOURNING**

Richard A. Babb, 1324 Edgecliff Road, Fort Worth, TX 76134

Anxious to correspond with anyone researching the above families. Will answer all inquiries. Sharing is caring.

25-2-93 **OLD NORTHWEST TEXAS, NAVARRO COUNTY, 1846-1860**

Roger A. Bartlett, 2415 Vista Lane, Austin, TX 78703-2343

Would like to acquire the 2-volumes of *Old Northwest Texas, Navarro County, 1846-1860*, by Nancy Timmons Samuels and Barbara Roach Knox, published by the Fort Worth Genealogical Society in 1980-81 and now unavailable. Will anyone sell his or her set? How much?

26-2-93 **OLD NORTHWEST TEXAS, NAVARRO COUNTY, 1846-1860**

Connie C. Anderson, 50 Huntington Beach Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80921

Also seeks to acquire the 2-volume set (see above).

27-2-93 **VANLANDINGHAM, HOLLINGSWORTH, NEWMAN**

Lavinia Nance, 8218 Black Oak Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Seek information on any of these: Isaac Nathaniel Vanlandingham, born perhaps ca 1869 in Georgia, is said to have died at age 24-27 of malaria, in or near Hughes Springs, Cass County, Texas, married (when? where?) Ida L. Hollingsworth, born 1869 Arkansas. Lived in Cass County by 1890. Had daughter, Lena Vanlandingham, born 1890 Hughes Springs, Texas, (married George Washington Newman) and a son, Turner Vanlandingham, born 1892.

Isaac's known siblings were a sister Ophelia, who died 1886 (where?), and a brother, James, born 15 October 1860, died 15 September 1931. James's death certificate states he was born in Macon, Georgia, gives his father's name as John Vanlandingham, but does not give mother's name.

28-2-93 **NEWMAN, SMITH, BOX, RIX, EDDINGTON**

Lavinia Nance, 8218 Black Oak Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Seek information on any of these: John H. Newman, born 1816 in South Carolina or Holland, married 12 March 1846, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, Nancy Smith, born 1829 Alabama or South Carolina. Their son, William Baxter or Bailey Newman, was born 4 May 1855 Alabama, died 11 June 1934, buried Rose Hill, Tyler, Smith County, Texas, married (when? where?) Mary "Mollie" Box, born 17 October 1850 Alabama, died 2 January 1926, also buried Rose Hill, Tyler, Texas. Her death certificate gives her father as H. J. Rix [sic] and her mother as Mary Eddington.

29-2-93 **ELLIS McHENRY, LOVELADY, WOOTEN**

Lavinia Nance, 8218 Black Oak Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Seek information on the following, especially Ellis-McHenry connections: Benjamin Ellis Jr., who married Hannah McHenry, both buried Houston County, Texas. Their son, Charles McHenry Ellis, born 14 January 1817, died 30 January 1880, Houston County, Texas, married in Moxubee County, Mississippi, Elizabeth Lovelady (1819-1863). Byantha W. Ellis (son of Charles and Elizabeth) was born 12 March 1838 Alabama, died 23 October 1887, married Louisa Elizabeth Wooten, born 4 March 1842 Carroll County, Mississippi, died 8 March 1890, both buried Center Hill, Lovelady, Houston County, Texas. Louisa was daughter of Hardy H. and Judith Wooten. Ellises, Loveladys and Wootens all buried at Center Hill.

30-2-93      **SCOTT, KELLY, ELLIS**

Lavinia Nancy, 8218 Black Oak Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Seek parents and siblings of M. Taylor Scott, born 1848 Mississippi, died (when? where?), married (when? where?) Martha or Mary Jane Kelly, born 1857 Mississippi, died 12 August 1901, buried Center Hill cemetery, Lovelady, Houston County, Texas. Their daughter, Flora Ellen Scott, born 16 January 1882, died 21 May 1950 Jacksonville, Texas, married Charles Hardy Ellis, born 2 June 1866 Center Hill, Houston County, Texas, died August 1960 Jacksonville, Texas, both buried Center Hill, Lovelady, Texas.

31-2-93      **SMITH, COBB, HOWARD**

Leland K. Smith, P. O. Box 952, Richfield Springs, NY 13439

Am compiling a family history on the descendants of David Smith (1761-1837, Rhode Island and Vermont). Seek information on descendants of his granddaughter, Ellen Sophia Howard, born 1822 Vermont, died 1891 Denison, Texas, married 1843 Roswell Lyman Cobb, born 1817 Vermont, died 1901 Michigan. An obituary and a biographical sketch of Roswell Cobb states that he, his wife Ellen, and daughters Myra and Alice Ellen are all buried at Denison, Texas, home of son Charles S. Cobb. In 1901 five children were living, including Lyman D., Horace H., and William H. Cobb of Fort Worth, Texas. Would like to have information on these three sons and their families.

32-2-93      **FLOWERS, BEDLE/VEDLE, REED, WOOD**

Deurene Oates Morgan, 1118 Curlew Court, San Antonio, TX 78213-2009

Need to contact Flowers-Woods descendants. Mary P. Flowers, married 2nd John E. Bedle/Vedle after 1818 in Williamsburg District, South Carolina. James Leonard Flowers and wife Nancy J. Reed, whose children were Mary S., Elizabeth A.E., John A., and James J. Flowers, enumerated on the Pinetucky, Perry County, Alabama, 1850 census. Who did their two daughters marry and where did they go after leaving Alabama? Was John A. Flowers, age 26, born Alabama, of Houston County, Texas, in 1870 living next to James Leonard Flowers, the son of the latter? James Leonard Flowers was age 60 and Percilla Ann Wood Flowers was age 22, from Perry County, Alabama. [Ed. note: Evidently Percilla Ann Wood Flowers was wife of John A. Flowers, although the query does not state this.]

33-2-93      **KING, NORTON, ROTAN**

Deurene Oates Morgan, 1118 Curlew Court, San Antonio, TX 78213-2009

Need proof that Peter Johnson King, born ca 1813-1817, was son of Nicholas and Nancy A.

(Norton) King. They left Lawrence County, Alabama ca 1833 and settled in Yalobusha County, Mississippi. Peter Johnson King married Mary Ann Rotan ca 1838, moved to Tyler County, Texas, before 1850, lived in Polk County, Texas in 1860, in McLennan County 1870 and Hill County 1880. Nancy Ann King was born 14 August 1841 in Yalobusha County, Mississippi [presumably daughter of Peter Johnson King].

34-2-93      **WALDROP, GILBERT, McGOUGH, ROBERTSON**

Debra Waldrop, 10452 Township Road, Live Oak, CA 95953

Will be happy to exchange information with anyone researching Waldrops, any spelling, time, place. Also anyone researching Gilberts, McGoughs, Robasons/Robertsons of Eastland County, Texas.

35-2-93      **ROE**

Martha E. Baudendistel, 2700 Gallagher Court, Las Vegas NV 89117

Would like to locate a picture of Roseland, a large two-story home, with a tall turret-type structure extending high above the roof top, the home of Addison John Roe of Fort Worth, where the Roe family had a reunion in 1907. Have an old picture of the place, but it is very poor in quality. Does anyone have a better picture?

**Comment:** Mrs. Baudendistel sent a Xeroxed copy of the Roe Reunion booklet, which will be placed in the Genealogy Department of the Fort Worth Public Library. It is a marvelous story of a family's reunion and their travels from Texas to California, Oregon, Washington and across to North Dakota. It was a gathering of the children of John M. Roe, whose oldest sons, Addison John and Theodore Hart Roe, were living in Fort Worth by 1880 and were lumber dealers. A younger son, Jonathan, was also here. All were born in New York.

36-2-93      **PRUITT, SHAW, BLACK**

Mike Pruitt, 124 Bent Tree Trail, Burleson, TX 76028

My father is Stanley Dee Pruitt, longtime FWGS member. We would like any information on the family of John Pruitt, b. ca 1811, probably in South Carolina, married Artemissa Shaw, born ca 1819 Georgia; lived in Alabama, Mississippi (possibly Hancock County), and came to Limestone County, Texas, around 1860. Had nine children: (1) Rebecca A., born ca 1838 Alabama, (2) Francis Marion, born ca 1842 Alabama, (3) John, born ca 1844 Alabama, (4) Louisa J., born ca 1846 Alabama, (5) Robert James, born 5 March 1849 Mississippi, (6) Milton Ebenezer, born 11 November 1853 Mississippi, (7) Benjamin, born ca 1857 Mississippi, (8) William, born ca 1859 Mississippi, and (9) James, born ca 1861 Texas. We have information on Robert and Milton and seek data on the other children. Robert, our ancestor, married Martha Elizabeth Black in Cherokee County, Texas, on 20 November 1868. [Ed. note: See Black, Shaw, Cross query in February 1993 *Footprints*]

37-2-93      **HAM, THOMPSON, BOWEN**

Clara Brown, P. O. Box 807, Truscott, TX 79260

Seek information on Lycurgus L. Ham, who is listed as the youngest of nine children of B. L. Ham (b. 1813) in a biographical sketch of his son-in-law, Henry J. Thompson of Tarrant County (Lewis

Publishing Company's 1895 *History of Tarrant and Parker Counties*). The name Lycurgus has never appeared in any of our records (census, legal documents, etc.) as a child of B. L. Ham. Was he a son by a second wife? If so, who was his mother? Where was B. L. Ham in 1870? He came to Texas in 1836, fought in the Revolution, married 1838 Dorcas Matilda Bowen, lived in Navarro County 1850, went to Jack County ca 1854 where he and wife were divorced in 1862. Matilda was still in Jack County in 1870 but B. L. was not, nor was he in Ellis County, where he died. The Thompson biography indicated that B. L. Ham died in November 1879, age 68 years.

**Comment:** Lewis Publishing Company's books, and others of similar nature, known as "mug books" or "vanity" books, are always suspect, as they are based upon tradition, faulty memories and hearsay. When Mrs. Knox and I were working on the Navarro volumes (see queries 25 and 26, this issue), we found an estate record in Ellis County, which indicated that B. L. Ham was born 16 October 1813 and died 16 November 1874. We followed him on the tax rolls, 1846 and after, and found he lived in Navarro County until ca 1855, then went to Jack County. He went to Ellis County later, probably because a daughter married into the Farrar family of that county. There is much contradictory data about this family. One source stated that Dorcas Matilda had 11 children by B. L. Ham; we found indications of 10 children, per censuses. Jack County divorce records show B. L. Ham vs. D. M. Ham 30 January 1862, then Dorcas M. Ham vs. Berry L. Ham 18 September 1862. Finding B. L. on the 1870 census might be very helpful. If he married a second time, the son, Lycurgus, could be listed; he certainly was not a son by Dorcas Matilda. I wonder if the Mrs. Mary J. Ham who married Ephraim Goss in Ellis County 9 October 1884, could have been the second Mrs. B. L. Ham?

38-2-93      **STERLING, COOK, BULLARD, DUFF, PLUMLEE, SNOW, KAISBY, ARTER**  
Charlotte Pitman, S. 724 Ferrall, Spokane, WA 99202

Would like to exchange information on the following: Alexander Sterling, b. ca 1820 Virginia or Scotland, m. 1851 in Richmond, Virginia to Emily Jane Cook, and had son John Cook Sterling, b. 1854 Virginia, d. 1906 Parker County, Texas, m. 1879 Parker County to Alyse Bullard. John C. and Alyse had children: (1) Matilda Elizabeth, b. 1880, m/1 Joe Plumlee, m/2 Charlie D. Duff, (2) Elsie, b. 1881, (3) Emmoline, b. 1883, (4) Nathan, b. 1886, (5) James K. Polk, b. 1891. Nathan Marvin Bullard, b. 1822 Illinois, m. 1851 Matilda Elizabeth (surname unknown), had daughter Alyse Bullard, b. 1852 Illinois, d. 1900 Parker County, Texas, m. 1879 John Cook Sterling.

Charlie D. Duff, b. 1880 Fannin County, Texas, m. 1904 Matilda (Sterling) Plumlee. His mother was Martha Ann (Snow) Moore, who was enumerated in her father's household in June 1880 as Martha Moore. Charlie D. Duff was born a month later, 18 July 1880; was he born out of wedlock? Martha evidently married several times, m. Kaisby and Arter (4th husband).

**Comment:** If you haven't already done so, you need to contact Mrs. Jo Ann Biffle Sterling, 808 Northwest 48th Street, Lawton, OK 73505, whose husband is son of the above mentioned James K. Polk Sterling. She states that Wright Bullard and wife, Elizabeth, were parents of Nathan Marvin, lived Jefferson County, Illinois 1840, Wayne County, Illinois 1850; that Nathan Marvin was born in Tennessee and married ca 1846, that he and wife Matilda Elizabeth both died in Erath County, Texas. This is correct, as both are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, northwest of Lingleville.

**ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK.....**

Merle Ganier has, for many years, been one of our most talented "footprinters." It is with much regret that we accept her decision to step down as Query Editor and Book Reviewer due to health problems. To say that she will be missed is an understatement! Nancy Timmons Samuels will continue with Queries and Comments and Christyne Barr will be responsible for book reviews.

We encourage you to submit your queries as well as other material for publication in *Footprints*. Bible records (with a short biographical sketch of the family) are especially welcome. Remember that, because of our exchange program, and out-of-state members, *Footprints* has readers throughout the country.

And speaking of exchange quarterlies, we would like to welcome some new ones. In Texas, publications from genealogical societies in Cherokee County, Henderson County, Hill County, Hopkins County and Johnson County. In Mississippi, the Tate County Genealogical and Historical Society's *Tate Trails*, and as mentioned elsewhere, *The Georgia Genealogical Magazine*.

According to an article in a recent issue of *McCall's Magazine*, some 17 million Americans will participate in family reunions this year. Is yours one of them? Please let us have the information so that it can be published in *Footprints* or the *Newsletter*. Speaking for myself, Cousin Charley and clan are gearing up for the annual Hodge reunion in Kentucky on Labor Day weekend.

The Society extends sincere sympathy to Rosalie Gregg, long-time member, in the loss of her husband.

And finally, for all of you who have written, called, or asked in person: unfortunately, the Fort Worth Genealogical Society is not sponsoring a workshop this year. Plans are now being made for a "really big show" next year. Details later!

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**ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK.....**

The date for the 1994 Spring Workshop is Saturday, April 23rd. If you have ancestors in North Carolina, and most of us do, you won't want to miss hearing our guest speaker, Jo White Linn. A Surname Index will be available. More details later.

As of January 1, 1994, Society dues will increase to \$18.00 for single memberships and \$20.00 for family. If paid before that date, cost will be \$15.00 and \$18.00, respectively.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Society advertises a number of reels of microfilm for sale. All of these are available, but, because of unforeseen circumstances, there may be a delay of a few weeks in filling some orders. This situation is only temporary, and we appreciate your patience and understanding.

Congratulations to the new Hamilton County (Texas) Genealogical Society. FWGS member, Carliane Pittman, is their president, and reports a most successful "first" workshop.

Do you have a Civil War ancestor? The U. S. Army Military History Institute is collecting photographs of all Civil War soldiers. They will return your original with a complimentary 8x10 copy should you allow them to borrow it. Contact Michael J. Winey, Curator, Department of the Army, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013. Be sure to include name, rank, unit, dates of birth and death. (Thanks to Merle Ganier for bringing this to our attention).

The importance of queries cannot be stressed too strongly. Remember that *Footprints* has a wide circulation. Many times we hear from people who noticed a query in a back issue. To quote Richard Babb, local FWGS member, "Sharing is caring." All Texas-related queries are printed without charge.

Over the years, no one has contributed more material for publication in this journal than Nancy Timmons Samuels, and we are fortunate that she continues to do so. In addition, as Research Chairman, she is responsible for many new memberships through her voluminous correspondence with people all over the United States.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to my friend, Weldon Clark, for his assistance with the production of *Footprints*. Although not a member of FWGS, he is the person who does all kinds of last minute details so that we make the printer's deadline. Weldon has had many years of experience as an editor and we very much appreciate his advice.

Barbara Knox, Editor

## IRISH FAMILY HISTORY CENTRES

Contributed by Patrick McKenna

After many years of trying to assemble complicated and far-strewn Irish records, we now have the Family History Centres (note the British Isles spelling is "Centre.") These records are in the Republic of Ireland (southern Ireland but we include here Northern Ireland equivalents, as well, to simplify your search. These Centres have been created by the Irish Government, and the goal is to computerize all Irish records so that eventually, no matter where one is within Ireland, information by electronic message is available from records elsewhere within the country. The Government is paying individuals to copy data (on a county wide basis) from parish church registers, gravestones, newspaper columns and court records. These Centres are non-profit, and prices for information range from very cheap to expensive. (Mine came at no charge at all.) It depends on the repository. Those from Northern Ireland are for-profit, but it is still cheaper than making a trip there. Each works independently; we have yet to see just how good they will be. Note that some counties share a Centre, some have more than one. Northern Ireland counties are denoted by an asterick. In Ireland, the word "County" is shown first, followed by the name, not "County so-and-so."

This listing shows the Research Centre's name, address, whether collection (in 1993) is Full Service (completely on computer,) Partial Service or Minimum Service, current contact person and telephone number, if known. Of course, always include INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS when writing to foreign places.

If you don't know the county, address inquiries to the umbrella organization for the Centres:

### IRISH FAMILY HISTORY CO-OPERATIVE

1 Clarendon Park, North,  
Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland

or

GENEALOGY OFFICE,  
2 Kildare St.,  
Dublin 2, Ireland

- \*ANTRIM/DOWN/  
BELFAST      Ulster Historical Foundation 64 Balmoral Ave.,  
Belfast, Northern Ireland; Full Svc., John Walsh, 084-681365
- \*ARMAGH/  
                  Armagh Records Centre, Ara Coeli, Armagh, BT61,  
7QY Northern Ire., Partial Svc.; G. McParland, 08061-522981
- CARLOW      County Carlow Heritage Soc., Athy Rd., Carlow Ireland, Partial Svc.
- CAVAN      Cavan Heritage and Genealogy Centre, c/o Co. Cavan Library,  
Cavan Ire., Partial Svc.; T. Sullivan, M. Sullivan, 049-61094
- CLARE      Clare Genealogy Centre, Corofin, County Clare, Ireland, Full Svc.,  
G. Kennedy, 065-27955
- CORK, NORTH      Mallow Heritage Centre, Parish Centre, 27/27 Bank Place,  
Mallow, Co. Cork, Ire., Partial Svc.; S. Daly, 022

- CORK, S. W. Cork Heritage Centre, Bandon, Co. Cork; Partial Svc.
- \*DERRY The Genealogical Centre Inner City Trust, 14 Bishop St.,  
Derry, Northern Ireland; Partial Svc. Brian Mitchell; 080504-269792
- DONEGAL Donegal Genealogy Committee, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, Ireland;  
Partial Svc. -----
- \*DOWN (*See under ANTRIM, above*)
- DUBLIN CITY St. Audeon's Heritage Centre, High St., Dublin 8, Ireland;  
Minimal Svc. -----
- and  
DUBLIN CITY Dublin Heritage Group, 2nd Floor, Cumberland House, Fenian St.,  
Dublin 2, Ireland; Minimal Svc.; F. Hanrahan 01-619000;  
B. Teeling 01-593315
- DUBLIN NORTH Fingall Heritage Centre., Carnegie Library, Swords, Co. Dublin;  
Minimal Svc.; B. Marks, 01-405376
- DUBLIN SOUTH Dun Laoghaire Heritage Centre, Moran Park House, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin;  
Minimal Svc.; E. Malone 01-2806961
- \*FERMANAGH/  
TYRONE Irish World, 26 Market Square, Dungannon, County Tyrone BT70  
1AB Northern Ire.; Full Svc., Eoin Kerr; 0808687-24187
- GALWAY EAST Woodford Heritage Centre, Main St., Woodford, Co. Galway; Partial Svc.;  
L. Canning; 0509-49004
- GALWAY WEST Co. Galway Family History Society, 34, Upper Abbeygate St., Galway,  
Ireland; Partial Svc.; N. Silke; 091-22029; M. Mannion; 091-22020
- KERRY Kerry Diocesan Genealogy Centre, Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland;  
Partial Svc.
- also  
KERRY Kerry Genealogy, Co. Kerry Library, Tralee, Co. Kerry, Partial Svc.,  
K. Browne-066-21200
- KILDARE Kildare Genealogy Committee, Co. Library, Newbridge, Co. Kildare;  
Partial Svc., M. Kavanagh; 045-31109
- KILKENNY Kilkenny Archeological Society, Rothe House, Parliament St., Kilkenny, Ire.  
Partial Svc.; M. Flood; 056-22893
- LAOIS/OFFALY Family History Research Centre, Charleville Rd., Tullamore, Co. Offaly;  
Full Svc.; J. Kearney, 0506-21421

- LEITRIM** Leitrim Heritage Centre, Co. Library, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim; Full Svc.; S. O'Sullivan 078-44012
- LIMERICK** Limerick Archives, The Granary, Michael St., Limerick, Ireland; Full Svc.; C. O'Mahony 061-40777
- LONGFORD** Longford Genealogical Centre c/o VEC, Battery Rd., Longford, Ire., Partial Svc., J. Flynn & R. Rawall 043-45052
- LOUTH** (see *MEATH below*)
- MAYO NORTH** Mayo North Family History Research Centre, The Boreen, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo, Ire., Full Svc.; S. Kellett; 096-31112; B. McGreevy 096-31809
- MAYO SOUTH** Family Research Centre, The Town Hall, Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo, Ire.; Partial Svc.; G. Delaney 092-40108
- MEATH/LOUTH** Meath Heritage Centre, Trim, Co. Meath, Ireland; Partial Svc.; N. French; 046-36633
- MONAGHAN** Monaghan Ancestral Research, 6 Tully, Monaghan, Ire.; Full Svc.; T. McMahon 047-82304
- OFFANY** (see *LAOIS above*)
- ROSCOMMON** Heritage and Genealogy Centre, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon, Ire.; Full Svc., F. Beirne & E. McGowan 078-33380
- SLIGO** Heritage and Genealogical Centre, Stephen's St., Sligo, Ire.; Full Svc.; A. Kelly 071-43728
- TIPPERARY NORTH** Nenagh District Heritage Centre, Governor's House, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, Ire.; Partial Svc.; N. Murphy and N. O'Meara 067-32633
- TIPPERARY SOUTH** Bru Boru Heritage Centre, Rock of Cashel, Co. Tipperary, Partial Svc.; U. O'Murchu: 062-61122
- **TYRONE** (See *ARMAGH and FERMANAGH above*)
- WATERFORD** Waterford Heritage Survey, St. John's College, Co. Waterford, Ire.; Full Svc; M. O'Connor 051-73711
- WESTMEATH** Dun-Na-Si Heritage Centre, Moate, Co. Westmeath, Ire.; Partial Svc.; F. F. Bracken 0902-81183; C. Flaherty 044-40004
- WEXFORD** Tagoat Community Development Co., Tagoat, Rosslare, Co. Wexford, Ire.; Partial Svc; P. Stafford 053-31177

**WICKLOW** Wicklow Heritage Centre, Court House, Wicklow, Ire.; Partial Svc., J. Kavanagh 0404-67324 Ext. 126

The above Centres will act on behalf of all other Heritage or Community Centres within their county which are involved in genealogy or family and local history and will direct inquiries accordingly. In addition to the above, all a part of the National Genealogy Project (of Southern Ireland,) there are some research agencies to whom you may write:

Ulster Historical Foundation (already noted above)  
68 Balmoral Ave.  
Belfast BT9 YNY  
Tel. (084) 681365

Gorry Research Genealogists  
16 Hume St., Dublin 2  
Tel. (01) 616601

Hibernian Research Company Ltd.  
Windsor House, 22 Windsor Rd.  
Rathmines, Dublin 6  
Tel: (01) 966522  
Fax: (01) 691822

Henry McDowell, F.I.G.R.S.  
Celbridge Lodge, Celbridge,  
Co. Kildare,  
Tel. (01) 288347

Irish Heritage Association  
162A Kinsway, Dunmurry  
Belfast BT17 9AD  
Tel: (084) 629595

Cork Family History  
The Almshouse, Church Square  
Kinsale, Co. Cork, Ireland

Divelina Publications  
30 Brighton Gardens  
Terenure, Dublin 6, Ireland

Send \$5.00 per family group and details for a preliminary evaluation. Also for an extra \$5.00 you may participate in a Register of Irish Emigrants (REI.) Divelina Publications is assimilating from Irish descendants world-wide information on their emigrant Irish ancestors, to create a data bank and extraction service. This is just beginning and all contributions are most welcome.

Finally, all of the Irish History Centres listed at the beginning of this article welcome all Irish data from Irish-American descendants to add to their county data bases.

## BIBLE RECORD OF LEIGHTON E. HOLT

Contributed by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Holt  
El Centro, California

Editor's Note: Leighton Holt and Elizabeth Parker Holt were the parents of Pinkney Holt, whose early recollections of Fort Worth and Tarrant County appeared in the February 1993 issue of *Footprints*. Additional information is shown in brackets.

### MARRIAGES

Leighton E. and Elizabeth HOLT was married Sept 24th 1848 [Upshur Co. Texas]  
P. HOLT and Fannie [Francis Evaline] CAMPBELL were married by the Rev. Mr. Sizemore at 7-1/2 oclock P M Oct 3rd 1877 (Dido Texas)

### BIRTHS

Leighton E. HOLT was bornd March 24th 1824  
Elizabeth HOLT was bornd August 24 1821  
Mary H. HOLT was bornd July 11th 1849  
Almeda was bornd April 8th 1857 [died Wheeler Co. Texas]  
[different handwriting]  
Jane HOLT was bornd April 28, 1851  
Elijah HOLT was bornd May 22 1852  
David HOLT was bornd May 12 1854  
Pink HOLT was Borne June 1st 1855 [Upshur Co. Texas; d. 22 Jan. 1947 El Centro, Calif.]  
F. E. HOLT, wife of P. HOLT was born Aug. 4th 1856  
Almeda was borned April 8th 1857  
Dan. HOLT [Daniel called Dink] was born August 11, 1862 [died Shackelford Co. Texas]  
Rosa Lou, daughter of Pink and Fannie HOLT was born on Friday September 5th 1879  
Albany, Texas  
Campbell [Lloyd] son of Pink and Fannie E. Holt was born Jan. 26th 1884 [Bedford, Tarrant Co. Texas; d. 18 Sept. 1963 Oceanside, Calif.]

### DEATHS

Mary H. HOLT Departed this life Oct 17th 1850  
Jane HOLT Departed this life May 28th 1851 [Upshur Co. Tex.]  
Elijah HOLT Departed this life October 1852 [Upshur Co. Tex.]  
David HOLT Departed this life June 20th 1854 [Upshur Co. Tex.]  
Vira daughter of J. S. and Almeda HOLT departed this life Oct 5th 1877 at 3 oclock A M  
Aged 1 yr 1 mo 28 da  
Mrs. Elizabeth HOLT departed this life May 11th 1878 Aged 56 yr 8 mo 23 da.  
Rose Lou HOLT departed this life Oct. 19th 1882 aged 3 years, one month and 14 days.

Fannie E. wife of Pink HOLT departed this life Feb. 10th 1884 aged 27 years six mo and six days.  
 Rosa Lou HOLT Departed this life On Thursday October 19th 1882 Age 3 yr 1 mo. 14 da. Bedford  
 Tex. [this entry is a duplicate but made on a separate page and in a different handwriting]

### END OF BIBLE RECORD

### CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO PINKNEY HOLT'S "EARLY RECOLLECTIONS" IN FEB., 1993 FOOTPRINTS

"Alex McCause" (p. 3) was Alex McCann.

"Madison and Randolph Clark" (p. 3) were Addison and Randolph Clark, brothers, who were Christian ministers, who moved to Hood County before 1880.

"Tobe Johnson" (p. 4) was Henry Clay Johnson, early Fort Worth livery stable owner. He married Miss Virginia Montgomery Gardner.

"Captain Pete" (p. 6) was Richard Peete. His daughters, Minerva and Mattie, were first and second of the three wives of K. M. Van Zandt.

"Joseph Plunsk" (p. 6) was probably Jacob Plunk, of Denton County.

"My cousin M. P. (Payne) Holt" (p. 6) is buried in the Dido Cemetery and was son of William W. and Louisa Troseler Holt, early Tarrant County settlers.

Leighton E. and Elizabeth (Parker) Holt did not come to Tarrant County in 1849. They were still in Upshur County in 1850. The 1867 Tarrant County Voter's Register shows L. E. Holt, b. Tennessee, arrived in the county 1858-1859. Pinkney's "Memoirs" state they came in March 1859. The 1860 Tarrant County Tax Roll has "Parker & Holt" owners of two town lots in Fort Worth, valued at \$1000.

Elizabeth (Parker) Holt probably died in Tarrant County, or perhaps in Shackelford County, if the family moved there by 1878. They were in Albany in 1880, where Leighton (a widower) and sons Dink and Pink were in the grocery business. Pink was married and had an infant daughter. One Susan Parker was living in his household. Their sister Almeda and husband, James S. Holt, were also living in Shackelford County in 1880. See the census, ED 178, households 35-37, 89-93, and 89-94. Son "Dink" (Daniel) was still single in 1880.

Elizabeth (Parker) Holt would not have died in Wheeler County, Texas, as some have speculated. There were few, if any, settlers there in 1878 (when she died), the county was not organized and was attached to Clay County "for judicial purposes." Around 1889 there was a group of Shackelford County citizens who removed to Wheeler County. This is likely when James S. and Almeda (Holt) Holt moved there, perhaps taking her father with them.

Millie Jones Porter's *Memory Cups of Panhandle Pioneers* (Clarendon Press, Clarendon, Texas, 1945), pp. 491-492, 500, mentions J. M. (John) and Jim Shelton, brothers, who went to Wheeler County in 1889. Jim Shelton came down with measles and was taken to the home of Jim S. Holt, who had married his cousin, Amanda [Almeda] and moved to Wheeler County.

## GANTT, LOCHRIDGE, SCOTT, AND SMALL FAMILY BIBLES

Ed. note: The Bible records of the Gantt, Lochridge, Scott, and Small families, together with other data pertaining to them, were submitted by FWGS member H. O. Lochridge, 4913 Reynolds Road, Fort Worth, TX 76180. They are the family records of three daughters and one son of Tarrant County early settlers, James Joshua Scott and wife Priscilla P. East. For continuity, we have begun with the obituaries of the parents, as published in Fort Worth and Vernon, Texas, newspapers. Editorial notes are enclosed in brackets.

### DEATH OF J. J. SCOTT [SR.] DIES AT HIS HOME OLD RESIDENT OF TARRANT COUNTY

[Abstracted] J. J. Scott, who lived on the Fort Worth-Alvarado road, nine miles south of Fort Worth, died June 17 [1905], age 72 years. Was pioneer settler and had lived here over half a century. Served in CSA four years. Served as County Commissioner of Precinct 1. Leaves wife, nearly a year his senior, being age 73, and four children:

Mrs. Mary Gant, who lives near the old home.

Mrs. Martha Lochridge, Canyon City, Texas.

J. M. Scott, who lives near the old home.

Mrs. Laura Small, of Burleson.

The funeral will be from the residence Monday morning; burial in the Crowley Cemetery. The Masons will be in charge.

### IN MEMORY OF J. J. SCOTT

[Memorial, abstracted] Our brother, J. J. Scott, who was a charter member of Deer Creek Lodge No. 510, . . . copy to the *Fort Worth Citizen* for publication and a copy in the minutes of the lodge. Done by order of Deer Creek Lodge No. 510 AF&AM. [Signed] W. G. McQuery, S. D. Beasley, C. P. Graves.

### DEATH OF J. J. SCOTT

[Abstracted] Old resident, prominent citizen of Tarrant County, died at home on 17th June, age 72 years, [illeg.] months and 13 days. Settled 1856. Married Miss Priscilla East in July 1860. Leaves wife, four months his senior, and four children: Mary Gant of near the old homestead, Martha Lochridge of Canyon City, Martin Scott who lives adjacent the old homestead, and Laura Small of Burleson. Also 25 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Also 1 brother and 3 sisters. He joined the army in July 1862, Griffins Battalion, went to the Texas coast, was in three engagements, of which one was the retaking of Galveston. In 1888 he was elected County Commissioner, serving two terms. Burial with Masonic honors.

### GRANDMA SCOTT ILL

[Vernon paper] . . . ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Small, on West Wilbarger Street. Among those attending her bedside are: Mr. and Mrs. L. N.

Lochridge and two daughters of Iowa Park, Mrs. J. M. Scott and daughter of Waxahachie, Mrs. M. E. Gantt and daughter of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Small of Harrold, Mrs. Guy Ash and daughter of Fort Worth, Mrs. Joel East of Everman.

**PRISCILLA SCOTT, PIONEER  
CITIZEN WHO DIED FRIDAY [PICTURE]**

[Abstracted] Mrs. Priscilla Scott, 87 years old, resident of Tarrant County 61 years, died Friday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. M. A. Small, in Vernon, Texas. She was a native of Natches, Mississippi . . . married J. J. Scott. For 50 years made their home on land now Barron Field. Survivors: Three daughters, Mrs. M. E. Gantt of Everman, Mrs. L. N. Lochridge of Iowa Park, Mrs. M. A. Small of Vernon, a daughter-in-law Mrs. Martin Scott of Waxahachie, one brother Joel East of Everman, 26 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Funeral to be at 2 PM Sunday at the residence of Mrs. Gantt 10 miles south of Fort Worth, on the Burleson road. Rev. W. A. Pool will conduct services. Burial in the family plot, Crowley Cemetery.

**MRS. SCOTT DIED FRIDAY**

[Vernon paper] Mrs. P. C. Scott died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Small . . . victim of senility and nervous breakdown . . . had been in bed about 12 days. The body shipped to Fort Worth on Saturday for burial. She was age 86, survived by . . . Funeral to be conducted at the home on West Wilbarger Street [Vernon]. Mrs. Small accompanied the body to Crowley, Texas.

**BLACK BORDERED FUNERAL NOTICE**

Died April 18, 1919, Mrs. Priscilla Scott. Born July 4, 1832; aged 86 years, 9 months, 14 days. Services at the residence of daughter, Mrs. M. A. Small, on West Wilbarger Street, Saturday morning April 19 at 9:30 by Rev. W. T. Rouse. Interment Crowley, Texas, April 20. Vernon, Texas, April 18, 1919.

**BIBLE RECORD OF  
JOHN T. AND MARY E. GANTT**

Ed. note: This record is currently in the possession of M. Ben Gantt of Houston, Texas. The title page shows the publisher as J. A. Wilmore & Co., 43 & 45 Centre St., New York, 1890. "Mrs. M. E. Gantt, 2704 May St., Fort Worth, Texas" is written on one of the front blank pages. Submitted by H. O. Lochridge.

**BIRTHS:**

John Thomas Gantt	was born	Feb 27th 1850
Mary Elizabeth Gantt	" "	Aug 29th 1861
James Luther Gantt	" "	Feb 24th 1878
John Walter Gantt	" "	Oct 25th 1879
Thomas Albert Gantt	" "	Feb 23rd 1881
Emma Priscilla Gantt	" "	Nov 21st 1883
Charles Auther Gantt	" "	Jan 28th 1885
Nancy Elizabeth Gantt	" "	Feb 7th 1887
Martin Benjamin Gantt	" "	April 8th 1891
Martha Esther Gantt	" "	Jan 1st 1893

**MARRIAGES:**

John Thomas Gantt of Tarrant County Texas and Mary Elizabeth Scott of Tarrant County Texas on the 12th day of April 1877, at the house of Bride, by Rev. Henery Renfro. H. R. Isbell and Miss Martha E. Clark, witnesses.

[NB--Henry Robert Isbell, b. July 1855, son of Robert Gilbert Isbell and Elizabeth Jane Gantt, was a nephew of John Thomas Gantt, though only about five years younger. Martha E. Clark, b. ca. 1862 was cousin of Mary Elizabeth Scott and daughter of W. A. Clark, Jr. and Jamima East. Both were granddaughters of James East and Elizabeth Smith. Henry Robert Isbell married Martha E. Clark on 5 July 1882. Rev. Henry C. Renfro was a Missionary Baptist minister in the Burleson-Alvarado area.]

[Note: Inserted in the Bible is a page of births and deaths, in four or five different handwritings, all different from the original record. It includes all of the former data, plus the following:]

**MARRIAGES:**

John Walter Gantt - Julia de Steiger Dec 20, 1902  
 Thos Albert Gantt - Lela Russell Sept 11, 1904  
 James Luther Gantt - Minnie Ozee Jan 28, 1907  
 Chas Arthur Gantt - Anna Cronin Aug 17th 1918  
 M. Ben Gantt - Pansy Withers Dec 15th 1920  
 Martha Esther Gantt - J. C. Curtis Dec 31, 1921  
 Chas Arthur Gantt - Lillian Halbert July 5, 1930

**DEATHS:**

John Thomas Gantt Feb 11, 1902  
 Nancy Elizabeth Gantt July 9, 1922  
 John Walter Gantt July 21, 1922  
 Anna Cronin Gantt Sept 16th 1928  
 Mary Elizabeth Gantt Oct 28, 1929  
 Thomas Albert Gantt Dec 4, 1937  
 James Luther Gantt Feb 25, 1940  
 James Claude Curtis Sept 30, 1940 Born 1882  
 Pansy Withers Gantt Aug 7, 1953  
 Emma Priscilla Gantt May 11, 1962  
 Martin Benjamin Gantt Feb 3rd 1966  
 Charles Arthur Gantt April 22nd 1967

**BIBLE RECORD OF  
 LEWIS N. AND MARTHA J. LOCHRIDGE**

Ed. note: This one-page record was submitted by H. O. Lochridge. The publisher was J. A. Wilmore & Co., New York [n.d.]. The record is in two different handwritings. Number-dates are as they appear in the record.

**PARENTS:**

Lewis N. Lochridge Born 9/7/1858 Bartow Co., Ga. Died July 30, 1936 [could be 1930] Iowa Park, Texas.  
 Martha J. Lochridge Born 2/25/1866 Tarrant Co., Texas. Died Oct 22, 1922 Iowa Park, Texas.  
 They were Married 4/14/1887

Lochridge Bible, continued.

CHILDREN:

- Jimmie Lewis Born 5/12/1888 Tarrant Co., Texas. Died 1-2-48.  
Married Gertrude Denny, July 1916
- Laura May Born 7/5/1889 Tarrant Co., Texas. Died July '47.  
Married L. K. Middleton, Dec 1910
- Martha Alice Born 2/24/1891. Died 6/19/1891
- Charles Franklin Born 8/26/1892 Tarrant Co., Texas. Died 3-16-1952.  
Married Johnnie King, July 1914
- Robert Napoleon Born 11/8/1893 Tarrant Co., Texas.  
Married R. D. C. Raybourn, Nov 1916
- Oscar Eugene Born 8/25/1895 Tarrant Co., Texas. Died 6-1-1957.  
Married Lottie Denny, Nov 1919
- Allie Agnes Born 9/5/1897 Tarrant Co., Texas. Died 12-24-1951.  
Married R. H. Morse, Sept 1914
- Prudence P. Born 4/15/1902 Tarrant Co., Texas. Died 5/17/1903.

[NB--The handwriting on this record is very small and difficult to read, in some places. No typed copy was submitted with it, to aid in interpretation. For verification, one may contact Mr. H. O. Lochridge.]

The Bible Records of James Martin Scott and wife Mittie Hudson, and of Morton Amos Small and wife Laura C. Scott, will be in the November, 1993, issue of *Footprints*.

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INTERESTING OBITUARY

Contributed by Martha Coleman, 206 S. 88th Ave., Yakima, WA 98909, this obituary (with picture) appeared in the *Yakima Herald-Republic*, Yakima, Washington. She notes that the address of Shaw and Sons Funeral Chapel is 201 N. 2nd Street, Yakima, WA 98901.

Mrs. Lou Wilkins  
Shaw & Sons Memorial Chapel

YAKIMA -- Mrs. Lou Wilkins, 103 of Yakima, died Friday, April 16, 1993 at the Summitview Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Wilkins was born at Mansfield, TX, on December 21, 1889 to Mr. & Mrs. David Hamilton Roberts. She married Arlando T. Wilkins in Texas on November 11, 1906. They came to Yakima in 1928. Mrs. Wilkins had always been a homemaker and her life had been her family. She had been through many hardships in her life, though she never gave up and set a good example in all things.

Mrs. Wilkins is survived by 3 sons, Leonard Wilkins of Springfield, MO, J. H. Wilkins of Naches, and Roy Wilkins of Yakima; 2 daughters, Beatrice Rockwell of Seaside, OR and Fay Roberts of Renton; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Ralph, in 1935 and by her husband, Arlando, in 1938, also by 3 sisters and 4 brothers.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11:30 A.M. in the Shaw and Sons Chapel. Burial will be at Terrace Heights Memorial Park.

## FAMILY BIBLE RECORD OF THOMAS JEFFERSON ERCANBRACK

Contributed by Norma Haynes Hickson  
Fort Worth, Texas

This data was taken from family record sheets in T. J. Ercanbrack's family Bible by his son, H. F. Ercanbrack, who did not own it, but had borrowed it. No publisher's information was given. Another family member obtained the information, apparently orally, and made a typed copy ca 1959. This contributor received a copy of the typescript in 1986. The Bible was lost by fire many years ago.

Apparently some of the original record was difficult to read and it is doubtful that exact language and spellings have been retained. There are discrepancies in some entries, probably because they were made long after the events took place or because of the difficulty in reading the handwriting. However, since this is the ONLY Bible record which has come to light on the Ercanbrack family, facts which could be proven have been, and those which could not continue to claim this Bible record as source. This is an exact transcript of the typewritten copy. Comments by original copier are enclosed in brackets. Mrs. Hickson's end notes provide further clarification of entries.

[Names and dates taken from old Bible of THOMAS IRVING (changed middle name to JEFFERSON) ERCANBRACK. Information came from H. F. (Hugh Ford) ERCANBRACK, son of T. J. ERCANBRACK.]

T. J. ERCANBRACK, father and mother, was married by his father. Both were preachers.<sup>1</sup>

Lorenzo ERCANBRACK and Adaline FREEMAN were married in Warren, N. Y. by the Rev. Henry ERCANBRACK, April 3, 1834.

L. ERCANBRACK and H. L. FREEMAN --- Coyate Springs, Dec. 3, 1853 [Probably when married]<sup>2</sup>

W. W. ERCANBRACK and Refe [may have been wife] were married at Davilla, Texas 30 Dec 187\_.<sup>3</sup>

Eugene A. ERCANBRACK and Sarah A. CHERRY were married Jan. 20, 1866.<sup>4</sup>

[Foot Note - T. Ervin ERCANBRACK had name Fords. Father to Jefferson. This must be Hugh Ford son of Thomas Irving who changed middle name to Jefferson].<sup>5</sup>

Lorenzo ERCANBRACK was born in the town of ---- Feb. 1, 1816

Adeline FREEMAN was born in Warren, N. Y. July 24, 1814

William W. ERCANBRACK was born in Warren, N. Y. May 28, 1835

Rosaletta Amelia ERCANBRACK was born in Teascenope, Miss. [probably Tishomingo, Miss.] on Sept. 25, 1859. [Another Rose ERCANBRACK said see foot note below but Ford couldn't make it out.]<sup>6</sup>

[Something about Cyland ERCANBRACK - not sure of spelling of first name - Ford said it was partly torn out.] Born April 14, 1862 in Attala Co. Miss.

Lelia Ada ERCANBRACK born July 22, 1864

Alphonso Southerland ERCANBRACK born in ---- Tex. [think it was Winchester, Texas] Dec. 18, 1869<sup>7</sup>

Alphonso Winn ERCANBRACK was born at Winchester, Tex. Dec. 24, 1870

John Theddu ERCANBRACK died in Fayette [Miss. marked through and Tex. written in] of measles Nov. 28, 1847 age 16 months, 16 days<sup>8</sup>

Lelia Ada ERCANBRACK died in Fayette Co. Tex. July 14, 1868

Alphonso Southerland died in Tex. Sept. 1869 [see endnote 7]

Mrs. Adeline ERCANBRACK departed this life Aug. 4, 1851. Her disease was Cholera. She was buried on some Island somewhere in N. Y.<sup>9</sup>

Thomas Irving ERCANBRACK was born in Richfields, N. Y. May 6, 1837. He died Jan. 22, 1931 at 9 O'clock on Thursday.

Ernest Guy ERCANBRACK was born in Winchester, Tex. July 10, 1876

Eugene Albert ERCANBRACK was born in Mt. Carmel Co. Ill. May 6, 1843

John Theddu ERCANBRACK was born in Varoo Co. Miss. July 12, 1846 [probably Yazoo Co.]

John Lorenzo ERCANBRACK was born in Grand Gulf, Miss. on Sept. 29, 1848

Sarah Elizabeth ERCANBRACK [torn out]<sup>10</sup>

Roseletha Annetea ERCANBRACK was born in Middelton, Miss. Jan. 15, 1854<sup>11</sup>

William Wallace ERCANBRACK was born at Crystal Springs, Copiah Co. Miss. Dec. 10, 1856

Miss Bessie Chance was born Aug. 25, 1887 in Milam Co. Tex. Died Nov. 17, 1896<sup>12</sup>

H. L. Freeman was born in Warren, N. Y. Oct. 3, 1834 [this must be Adeline's sister]<sup>13</sup>

Mrs. Jessie Mumphord married T. J. ERCANBRACK Sept. 7, 1887. Her children were:

Alma, born Sept. 4, 1888

Raymond, born March 1, 1889. Was killed in action with the 2nd Div. [?] July 19, 1918

Howard, born June 14, 1894

H. G., born Jan. 3, 1898, died May 19, 1960

Ruby, born Feb. 18, 1900

H. F. born Sept. 1, 1902

Bee BLYTHE was born April 20, 1905. married Ford ERCANBRACK Feb. 19, 1923. Had two children: Lois Loren and Audie Aleta.

## END OF TYPESCRIPT OF BIBLE RECORD

### ENDNOTES

1. This refers to T. J.'s parents, Lorenzo Ercanbrack and Adeline Freeman. However, they were not married by Lorenzo's father - who was indeed a Methodist preacher - but by Lorenzo's uncle, Henry Ercanbrack, also a Methodist preacher. Since this information is given in the next statement in the Bible, it is not clear as to why this discrepancy was made.
2. Record of Lorenzo's second marriage to his first wife's sister. Copiah County, Miss. marriage records indicate they married 3 October 1852.
3. Refers to his first wife, Rebecca Sampler; married 1878.
4. Her Civil War pension application says Jan. 30, but 20 is likely correct. The Copiah County, Miss. records were burned in 1892, so there is no record of this marriage other than this Bible.

5. This appears to refer to a relative named Jefferson Ford. Family history states that another Freeman sister married a Hugh Ford.
6. Another Rosaetha is listed later; she apparently died before this Rosaetha was born.
7. Evidently a typographical error. His birth year is 1868. Note that he died 17 Sept 1869.
8. This child did die in Mississippi because the family was there until at least 1869.
9. Family legend says she was returning from taking T. J. to New York to enter school. It is not known what river the ship was traversing, but there were some woodcutters on shore who were hired to bury Adeline and her baby. In a letter written in 1960, H. F. Ercanbrack stated that a newspaper obituary existed at one time, but was destroyed in one of the many home fires. I feel sure such an obituary did exist, because Lorenzo Ercanbrack was a relatively prominent Methodist minister for many years in and around the Jackson, Mississippi area.
10. A family history done in the 1950s gives this child's date of birth as 11 February 1850, but gives no source. Family legend says that Adeline had her youngest child with her on the New York journey and that the child died from a fall from her berth and was buried at the same time as her mother. If so, her death would have occurred in August 1851. This child is not shown in the 1860 or later pertinent census records, which lends credibility to the legend.
11. Apparently this child died, sometime before 1859, when another daughter was given almost the same name. She is not found on 1860 or later census records.
12. This daughter of Roseletha Amelia Ercanbrack Chance, and granddaughter of Lorenzo Ercanbrack, shares a common gravestone with her grandparents in the cemetery at Sharp, Texas. Year of birth on the tombstone is 1886.
13. Indeed she was. Possibly she came from the family home in Warren, Herkimer County, New York, to Mississippi to care for the small children left by the death of her sister, Adeline, whereupon Lorenzo Ercanbrack took her for his second wife.

It is interesting to note that neither the deaths of Lorenzo Ercanbrack and his 2nd wife, Helen Freeman nor the births of T. J. Ercanbrack's children by his first wife, Martha Cisco are shown. This leads me to conclude that the Bible was originally Lorenzo's, and after his death in 1898 (and his 2nd wife's death in 1900) it came into T. J. Ercanbrack's possession.

Lorenzo Ercanbrack's children by 1st wife Adeline Freeman: William Wallace(1), Thomas Jefferson, Eugene Albert, John Thaddeus, John Lorenzo and Sarah Elizabeth. Lorenzo Ercanbrack's children by 2nd wife Helen Freeman: Rosaetha Anneta, William Wallace (2), Rosaetha Amelia, Cyland, Lelia Ada, Alfonso Southerland, Alfonso Winn and Earnest Guy.

Eugene Albert Ercanbrack was this contributor's great-great grandfather. His father was Lorenzo Ercanbrack, a Methodist circuit rider preacher, and shown as a school teacher in the 1880 census of Lee County, Texas. Lorenzo's father, John P. Ercanbrack, was also a Methodist circuit rider preacher from 1817 until his death in Michigan in 1851. His ancestor, Philip Adam Ercanbrack, served in the Revolutionary War in New York State and has numerous DAR registered descendants.

## CIVIL WAR STORY TOLD BY VETERAN

Contributed by Norma Haynes Hickson

This letter was originally written ca 1914. It was reprinted in the *Bryan Daily Eagle*, Bryan, Texas, byline Tommy Holbein, in 1962, during Bryan's Centennial celebration.

On Sunday, May 27, there will be a reunion of the Ercanbrack family of Bryan, to be held at Hansel Park. The following letter was written to the *Dallas Morning News* by Thomas J. Ercanbrack, a great-uncle of Mrs. James W. Lisenbe of San Antonio. She will be on hand for the reunion, along with many other descendants of the Rev. Lorenzo Ercanbrack and Adaline Freeman Ercanbrack.

The letter describes some of the things that happened to Thomas Ercanbrack during his service in the Civil War.

To the *Dallas Morning News*:

I am an old Confederate veteran, and as I see so many writings to the *News*, the best paper in Texas, I thought I would send my mite, too.

I landed in Texas in 1855 before the town of Denton was laid off. It was almost in a wilderness. In 1857 I married Miss Martha Cisco and lived about the town until the war broke out. I could write a great many things about those early days, but my tale would be too long.

Sufficient to say, the 12th day of March, 1861, I mounted my horse, left my wife and two children at her father's and rode 160 miles to Old Camp Cooper on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River and joined Old Buck Barry's Company in Henry McCullough's First Mounted Rifles. I was elected as a corporal. We were scattered in companies and detachments from the Rio Grande River to Red River to keep the Indians back.

In July, I was sent with nine men to guard a train of wagons 60 miles to another point toward Red River, and on our return, were attacked by 65 Comanche Indians. They fought us until about 3 in the afternoon, when one of the boys shot the chief and they left us about four miles from a little detachment at the head of the Little Wichita.

We were a forlorn looking set when they left us. Five of our horses were killed. Mine was killed first. I was hopping from being hit with a spent ball in the hip and six of my men badly wounded and the five horses that were left all wounded.

One had eight bullets in him but brought in two wounded men. Just as soon as we had rested and eaten, I got a fresh horse and with two men, rode 35 miles in four hours to Camp Cooper for the

doctor. One of the boys died at sunup the next morning. The rest all got well. Although I was in three other tight fights, that was the closest fight I was ever in. Col. McCullough was down about San Antonio and when he got the news, he sent Old Buck word to make a sergeant out of me, which he did.

The next worse fight I was in, we were ordered down to Fort Mason to be mustered out in the fall of 1862, and conscripts were put in our places. Our company and Captain Bogas's company were together. We had stopped for dinner in Long Valley about 25 miles north of Fort Mason, when a bunch of Indians came through the lower end of the valley.

One of them had a white woman's dress on and we thought it was a white woman they had ~~prisoner~~ and every man in both companies, as soon as he could catch and saddle his horse, took after them. They got at least a mile start of us, and when they saw we were going to catch them, they roped the best horses they were driving and we had to run them down.

We finally overtook them about sun-down at a big bluff. They jumped off their horses and ran in and we ran in as far as we could on our horses, until we found it was an Indian who had on the dress, and then we got out as soon as we could. Buck and six of his men and one of Bogas' lieutenants were in the fight and everyone of us but Old Buck got badly wounded.

Old Buck got several arrows in his horse. I got my horse badly wounded and got so badly wounded myself that after lying six weeks in the hospital, I went home with an arrow spike in my hip; the doctors couldn't find it, and which I carried four years before I got it cut out. And I am still hopping from the effects of it yet.

I see in Wilbager's Texas History where Sergeant Ebronbrack was wounded several times in that fight. That was me, though my name was spelled wrong. It's ERCANBRACK.

In the fall of 1887, I moved to Bell County where I have lived ever since, with the exception of three years that I lived in Milam County. I lived about 10 years in Bell County when I lost my wife. She had ten children.

About 10 years afterward, I married a widow, a Mrs. Harris, who was the daughter of Jesse Mumford, an old Mexican War veteran. We have eight children, seven of them alive, while only three of my first children are living. On May 6, I was 77 years old. I have belonged to the Methodist Church nearly 50 years, and don't expect it will be long until I shall hear the roll call up Yonder and I am trying to be ready to go any time.

If there are any of my comrades from Company C above, I wish they would write to me and if they know what ever went with Portor Simmons, the greatest hand to throw a rock I ever saw, I would like to know.

T. J. Ercanbrack,  
Route 3,  
Buckholts,  
Milam County, Texas

## Comments from contributor:

Thomas Irving Ercanbrack was born 6 May 1837 in Richfields Springs, N. Y. , the second child of Lorenzo Ercanbrack and Adeline Freeman. Family legend states he married very young a Sarah Bird and had one daughter, but separated after a few months and never knew the child. He does not mention this in the article. He married Martha Jane Cisco, the first wife referred to, ca 1858. Family tales, census, birth and death records indicate he and Martha had 11 children, rather than 10. She died ca 1878 and T. J. is enumerated on the 1880 census of Bell County as a widower. He married Mrs. Jessie Mumford Harris, (daughter of Jesse Mumford and Elizie Dooley) 11 Sept. 1887 in Bell County, Texas. She had three small children when they married. T. J. died 22 Jan 1931 and is buried in the Donaho Cemetery, Donaho, Texas. His tombstone reads "Corp. T. J. Ercanbrack, Co. C, 1st Tx Cavalry." Apparently the promotion to sergeant mentioned in his letter was never recorded! I believe his tombstone was erected as part of the WPA program of the Depression era in which graves of Civil War soldiers were marked.

The book referred to is *Indian Depredations in Texas* by W. J. Wilbarger, pp. 442-445.

A description of T. J. Ercanbrack is found in the family section of Jesse Mumford in a book on Donaho, Texas (Clayton Research Library, Houston, Texas.) "Mr. Ercanbrack was a farmer, a Latin scholar, Indian fighter, Civil War veteran, and one of the most colorful characters in the community. He and his two wives are buried in the Donaho Cemetery and their graves are marked."

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### SUGGESTIONS FOR FAMILY REUNIONS

If you don't have a video camera available, consider renting one just for the reunion. Think how important an interview with some of the older family members will be in later years. Descendants will be able to see and hear Aunt Susie tell family stories. Much better than a tape recorder - but we did a lot with them, too.

It's always nice to have name tags. If you know in advance who's coming, you can make them ahead of time, or let every person do his own. And by all means, have a register of some kind, so you can get complete names and addresses.

Be sure to include children in your planning. After all, they may grow up to be avid genealogists. Consider arts and crafts or a magic show. At our reunion, the children always give a "show" in the evening - using their own ideas. The only thing we supplied was lots of applause!

Always ask everyone to bring photographs and other items to share. One year a distant cousin gave me a number of old photographs, saying, "You know who they all are, so you keep them." And yes, I did know all of them! [Editor]

## RESEARCH IN THE TARRANT COUNTY ARCHIVES

By Dee Barker, Director

The Tarrant County Archives were established by the Commissioners Court in May 1976 at the request of Bennett Smith, then chairman of the Tarrant County Historical Commission. The Texas Legislature provides that it is the duty of the Historical Commission to preserve the heritage of the county. The legislation further states that the Commission may operate and manage a facility owned by the county, and collect items in the name of the Commission. The Tarrant County Historical Commission collects and maintains the contents, and operates and manages the Tarrant County Archives, which is housed in the Civil Courts Building.

The purpose of the Archives is not only to preserve the heritage of the county, but also to serve as a research center for Tarrant County history. Duties of the Historical Commission are varied and demand constant research. Therefore, it is necessary for extensive research files to be readily at hand and available to the Commission in its own work environment. The Archives, however, is much more than a workplace for the Commission. It is a public facility, open to the public for research of local history and is extensively used by all facets of the community.

Texas legislation also specifies private collections as inclusive in the items the Commission may collect and maintain. These are extremely valuable, and the Commission is appreciative of donations of documents and photographs from individuals. They will be maintained as archives, using proper archival storage materials and systems.

Examples of items which may be found in the Archives:

Copies of all applications for Texas Historical Markers of subjects in Tarrant County with backup documentation. These are the only files which contain backup documentation, which is extensive.

Maps showing the location of the Historical Markers within Tarrant County.

Maps showing location of cemeteries and burial sites in Tarrant County. These may be viewed, but not copied, for protection of the sites. A copy was given to the Texas Highway Department and is used when planning right-of-ways and other construction work.

Retired School Bonds. These have information on early Tarrant County school districts and are official documents released from the state.

Originals of Tarrant County marriage certificates, dating from 1876. Copies of these certificates may be obtained.

Corps of Engineer Report of the Archaeological and Historical Investigation of Joe Pool Lake a multi-volume set.

Environmental Impact Statement for Runways of the D/FW Airport.

Fort Worth City Directories - many old directories.

Tarrant County Historical Commission Reference Files. These are files of varied information which we use in our research and which are also available to the public for research. Material consists primarily of information on Tarrant County: communities, schools,

cemeteries, churches, organizations, museums, lakes, etc. There are also biographical files of some Tarrant County residents.

**Other Maps.** Numerous maps are on file, among them: A copy of all early Tarrant County maps held by the General Land Office which is available for viewing; the plat for Birdville which was submitted to the state to establish the county seat. Various city maps, lake maps. The Commission has copies of the 1893 Tarrant County map for sale. Other maps will be provided for sale as donations build the fund which will enable the Commission to have masters made for copy purposes.

Many private collections have been donated to the Tarrant County Archives by companies and individuals. Among them are:

U. S. Title Land Records - abstracts and partial abstracts from U. S. Title Company. These give the history of many land surveys in Tarrant County. Many contain probate records, such as adoptions, mental commitments, etc.

Stewart Title Land Records - abstracts and partial abstracts from records from the Stewart Title Company.

Westbrook Hotel records - all records of the old Westbrook hotel - ledgers, registration cards, bookkeeping records, etc.

Montgomery Ward catalogs dating from the 1930s - the only complete set known to exist. History of Texas Electric.

Texas Wesleyan University Centennial Album

An excellent collection of old picture postcards of Tarrant County scenes.

Halbower/Umbenhour collection on baseball (Texas League, Fort Worth Cats,) railroad pamphlets, Greenwall Opera House, Majestic Theater, the original Billy Rose Casa Manana, etc. Includes photographs.

Receipts from Turner and Dingee

Copies of the quarterlies of the Mid Cities Genealogical Society and the Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Several DAR scrapbooks

**The B. B. Paddock Collection.** This is confined to documents with some exceptions. The Archives houses several items which belonged to Mr. Paddock, among them his metal rolltop desk, his safe (which earlier belonged to Howard Peak,) an old printing press he used in his business and his wonderful large dictionary which contains many words not seen in today's versions.

Numerous other private collections of various subjects.

**Photograph Collection.** Hundreds of photographs from private sources which include early local buildings such as the Spring Palace, Texas Wesleyan College, the courthouses, the Grunewald pavilion and street scenes. There are also photographs of early residents and family life. The collection of photographer Weinburg contains many aviation photographs.

On microfilm:

*Dallas Herald* 1855 - 1885

*Fort Worth Press* 1926 - 1944

*Commercial Recorder* 1932 - 1961

Sanborn Insurance Maps (six reels, from 1885, dates vary by location)

*Colleyville Citizen* and *Colleyville Pictorial Press*

Diary of Hyde Jennings

Diary of Jonathan Baker

Federal Writer's Project

"Early Days in Fort Worth" by J. C. Terrell

City Directories 1877 - 1920

E. P. Daggett Store ledger

Cemetery records as compiled by the DAR - cemeteries are Birdville, Benbrook, Mary's Creek, East Oakwood, Azle, Kennedale, Hudson, Everman, Johnson Station and Crowley. The Bohemian

*History of Texas - Fort Worth and the Texas Northwest* by B. B. Paddock

*Our City Dallas* by Justin F. Kimball

*History and Reminiscence of Denton* by Ed Bates

*Memorial and Biographical History of Ellis County, Texas*, Lewis Publishing Company 1892.

*Grand Prairie* by James K. Greer

*History of Parker County and the Double Log Cabin* by G. A. Holland

*History of Wise County* by Cliff D. Cates

*A History of Greater Dallas* by Philip Linsley

*Dallas County, A Record of its Pioneers and Progress* by John H. Cochran

*Centennial History of Wise County 1853 - 1963* by Mary Cates Moore

Abstracts of Land Titles of Texas

*History of Texas* by Louis J. Wortham

Editor's Note: Please remember that these examples are only a very small part of the vast collections housed in the Tarrant County Archives. At present, it is open to the public on Tuesdays from 9:00 - 3:00.



5 Carnegie Public Library, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Photograph courtesy Patrick McKenna

According to Paul Campbell, this Library was built in 1901 on property donated to the City of

## EARLY ESTATE RECORDS, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

Compiled by Barbara Knox

(Continued from Vol. 36, No. 2)

The following abstracts were made from copies of the original records which are housed in the Genealogy Department, Fort Worth Public Library. For the most part, only one or two papers are in each probate packet.

**Henry L. BURCHAM, decd.**

Will, dated 5 February 1861, names Lavonea A. BURCHAM and wife Mary BURCHAM. D. L. Hall executor. D. L. HALL and Peter HALL witnesses. [no date as to probate]

**Mary E. ICE, decd.**

Died ca 6 June 1868. 1 April 1869. John S. HUDGINS administrator; \$500 bond; estate amounts to ca \$350.00; petitioner is legal husband of A. N. HUDGINS, daughter and only heir of deceased.

**Jonathan J. MARTIN, decd.**

20 July 1868. Inventory and appraisal submitted by Nancy MARTIN, widow, valued at \$1517.00. "Not included was a stock of cattle which the daughter of MARTIN took to the frontier of Texas previous to his death of which know nothing or whether any can be found." Approved 2 Oct 1868.

**James HENDERSON, decd.**

Jan. 1869. A. FITZGERALD states that James HAYS, age 15 and Ned HENDERSON, age 13, minors who "live with him are anxious for petitioner to be appointed guardian as their father is dead." Children Jane HENDERSON, a freed woman by two husbands, both deceased.

**Theo A. BELL, decd.**

17 May 1869. Mrs. Laura Ann BELL petitions for administration; S. TERRY & James H. SMITH appraisers.

**William G. KELLY, decd.**

1 May 1869. A. G. WALKER, agent for D. W. ROLAND petitions for administration. Packet contains note that KELLY owed Henry SNADEN for: 1 pacing horse \$50.00; 1-1/2 mo work \$30 - Extry work \$10 - Total \$105.00.

**Sam C. SEALY, decd.**

2 June 1869. Jane C. SEALY surviving wife. Inventory included 1 old gray mare \$20; buggy and harness \$1000; iron wagon \$100; 2 wooden wagons \$150; W. F. ADAMS and F. L. HARTMAN appraisers 29 May 1869.

**Henry B. ALVERSON decd.**

3 Sept 1869. Sarah M. ALVERSON wife. J. D. PARKER, T. H. HANLEY and D. C. HARRISON appointed appraisers same date.

**W. J. MORRISON, decd.**

13 Jan. 1870. Juda MORRISON, widow. T. B. WOOD, B. N. WILKISON and W. W. BUCKNER appointed appraisers.

**Harvey HAWKINS, decd.**

Will dated 26 May 1855. Mary A. E. HAWKINS "loving wife and good step mother" to have all perishable property - oldest children have their part "as I was able to do - they left before they were grown and have not even begun to help me pay for their raising I have a perfect rite to do as I please with my own property." Property to be equally divided among sons [by second marriage] Charles, Harvey, Samuel and Elliot HAWKINS. Wit: J. M. GILLY, John H. ELLIOTT, E. R. MINGUS. Charles H. HAWKINS petitions for administration Jan. 1870.

**Benjamin LEWIS, decd.**

25 January 1870. J. TUNNELL gives accounting of estate.

**Ephrem RICHARDSON, decd.**

5 March 1870. G. W. HARDIN and James T. HARDIN appointed appraisers.

**Claudius JONES, decd.**

28 March 1870. Andrew BLACKMAN guardian for Claudius J. C. JONES, minor; \$200 bond; A. H. BOYD and R. EASLY securities.

**Sarah L. HUDGINS, decd.**

20 April 1870. Inventory and appraisal by G. NANCY, S. B. MURPHY and W. H. OVERTON. E. N. HUDGINS, surviving husband, administrator; bond \$3317 (total value of land) A. NEWTON and B. B. HOWEL securities. 2 Dec 1870.

**Davis BLOCKER, decd.**

Will, dated 31 Jan 1870, leaves wife Ruthey and youngest child, Davis, \$10; remainder of estate to four oldest children: Elizabeth J. BALES; William L. BLOCKER, Rebecca BOSWELL and Michael KELL. One feather bed, pillows and sheet; 1 bed stead; horses and hogs to be equally divided. Wm. L. BLOCKER and Wm E. POWELL executors "to make fair distribution;" wife to have all household furniture not named in will. Wit: John G. BULLA and G. L. BILLINGTON.

**Lewis GANT, decd.**

25 Feb 1870. W. W. DUNN petitions for administration; bond \$1000; W. W. DUNN, F. L. HARTMAN and D. R. HAMNER securities. Appraisal Feb 11, 1870 by D. H. HAMNER, F. L. HARTMAN, G. S. FARMER.

**Nancy CHISM, decd.**

29 Dec 1870. E. W. CHISM surviving husband. Appraisal by J. B. BOYD and T. P. YOUNGBLOOD includes 80 acres land Dallas Co. (\$200); wagon irons \$15, stock logs \$5, household and kitchen furniture \$25.

**Alexander ALLEN, decd.**

22 Jan. 1871. W. R. ALLEN by atty, G. NANCE, petitions for administration. Died 18 Nov 1870.

**Angella (Angeletta) JENKINS, minor.**

5 Oct 1871. Samuel A. WOODS petitions for guardianship as uncle of Angella; states parents are deceased and estate of some \$700 belonging to her is in Missouri. Angella presently lives with him in Tarrant County.

**Michael JAMES, decd.**

November 1871. Elias TEAGUE, James SMITH and William NICHOLS appointed appraisers: Susan JAMES, surviving widow.

**R. A. O'NEALL, [female] decd.**

Died 22 July 1871. W. M. O'NEALL admr; \$3200 bond; J. H. ONEAL, J. H. Syllender and M. ONEAL appraisers 27 Dec 1871.

**Oliver W. HARRIS, decd. (of Denton Co. Texas.)**

August 1866. J. T. HARRIS, administrator; Sarah C., Eli B., Susan B and William H. minor heirs; \$200 set apart by court for one year maintenance for them. County Court of Denton County. John A. MUGG petitions for guardianship Oct. 1866. James T. HARRIS appointed administrator by Denton County Court March 1871. H. O. THROOP gives annual guardian's report. C. B. McDONALD admr in Tarrant County. 2 Nov 1872.

**J. M. MILLARD, decd.**

13 July 1872. G. E. BUSHING? administrator pro tem; bond \$10,000; E. N. JENKINS and J. M. SIMPSON securities. Sarah C. MILLARD, administratrix, bond \$5,000; G. E. BUSHING and E. N. JENKINS securities 2 Sept 1872. Report of property sale made at District Court 15 July 1871.

**John B. YORK, decd.**

Sept. 29, 1876. Mrs. Julia A. YORK surviving widow. O. L. YORK, W. J. YORK, Antonio YORK, Texana YORK, Grizzell YORK, John YORK, Mary YORK, sole heirs. [no records regarding disposal of estate.]

**M. A. HARMON, minor heir.**

22 January 1877. R. F. POPE and wife, M. A. POPE petition for settlement of estate of deceased from Thomas HARMON, guardian of M. A. HARMON, minor, now M. A. POPE, married R. F. POPE on [blank] date. \$175.00 paid "in full settlement."

**Nancy SHELLY, decd.**

A. W. OVERTON, admr, files annual reports for 1874, 1875, 1876 and 1877; public adm. of Marion Co. Mo. has about \$2400 worth of notes; final settlement includes bill from Davis & CRAWFORD for one coffin and case - \$45. July 23, 1874. Notice given in newspaper for persons interested in estate to appear at next court term 13 June 1878.

**Charles TURNER, decd.**

24 July 1878. John TURNER guardian of George, Amanda and Carrie TURNER, minor heirs. Packet contains copies of many tax receipts, bills for clothing and supplies; inventory shows property in Haskell, Denton, Hood, Jack and Tarrant Counties. Stephen TERRY appointed guardian 26 Mar 1879; bond \$6000; C. H. PEAK security. Court appoints John HERSHFIELD, Ephraim DAGGETT Sr. and Robert TURNER "auditorial board" to bring to court papers related to estate.

**Constant DODSON decd.**

Will dated 15 July 1872. "By way of advancement to my children by former wife" Sarah L. CLICK, Margaret M. EVANS, Jonathan E. DODSON, Joel J. DODSON, Nancy P. CHAPMAN - each \$580 in money or property...." Heirs named: son Jerome C. DODSON; beloved wife Lavinia F. Dodson; children by her, Virginia, Lidy, Martha, William B. and Thomas T. "property given to last wife was acquired by my industry since 1st wife's death." Wife executrix with no bond required. 15 July 1872. wit: Junius W. SMITH and W. P. BURTS; recorded 30 July 1877.

**Harvey HAWKINS, decd.**

Will dated 27 May 1855. "I don't want now administration on my estate I want my wife and 3 of our youngest children to have benefit of what little property I leave." Wit: J. M. Gilly, John H. ELLIOT and E. R. MINGUS. Charles H. HAWKINS petitions for administration "as one of heirs" stating that will was made 6 May 1855, naming no executor. [No follow-up on settlement of estate.]

**A. P. RYAN, decd.**

20 Aug 1880. Bills from various firms, notes, etc. No legal papers.

**J. W. WALKER, decd.**

January 1882. Account of yield of cotton and corn crops (\$411.35) and outlay for expenses such as lumber, wire and staples, board of hands, and a well rope (90 cents) amounting to \$125.35.

**Mrs. A. P. (Josephine) RYAN (widow of J. S. HERSHFIELD)**

7 Feb 1882. Bills, assessment of taxes, insurance payments. No other papers.

**Samuel FRAMER decd.**

April 28, 1882. P. E. COLEMAN petitions for guardianship of William & Mary FRAMER, orphans.

**John M. MONAHAN, decd.**

Jan. 26 1882. John SHEEHAN, nephew of deceased, petitions for probate of will in Tarrant County since he is legatee of real estate in the State of Texas. Will dated 8 Oct 1875, Louisville, Ky, names sister Ellen and husband Eli SLAKE of Williamsport Wash Co. Md., their children, John M., Charles T., Thomas E., Eliza F. DUFFY, Mary Jane DUGAN and Genevieve STAKE; children of deceased sister Mary McILHENEY (Charles T. and John); Helen L. TURNER, (granddaughter deceased sister Mary McILHENEY,) niece Letitia McILHENEY (for support of deceased's half brother Milton); Charles T. McILHENEY, John M. and Frances SHEEHAN, children of deceased sister Mary McILHENEY; remainder in trust for nephew Edward MINAHAM (who changed his name) until age 25. MONAHAM died 10 Dec 1881 in Kentucky.

**Cullen W. DUFF, decd.**

Resident of Tarrant County, DUFF died March 1876 while on a trip to Kentucky. 20 Aug. 1876. P. A. COVINGTON petitions for administration as relative of deceased; bond \$18,000; W. B. OVERTON and P. ZEILOR securities. Several documents in 1880s summoning administrator to appear in court and report on estate.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

By Christyne Barr

**HISTORY OF THE OLD CHERAWS**, Right Rev. Alexander Gregg, D. D., *The State Company* 1925. Reprint 1991. Hard cover, 629 pp. plus every name index. The Southern Historical Press, Inc., 275 West Broad Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601. Reprint includes a 100-page Addenda by John J. Dargan, pub. 1905.

The author gives an indepth story of the earliest days of this area with details of the Indians tribes, the first white settlements, the establishment of governing bodies, schools, and events which led to the Revolutionary War. He describes subsequent progress, civil changes and growth of the country after the War. Also there are sketches of families as well as individuals, extending from 1730 to 1810. The book, with its 630 pages, has been called "a mine of historic information."

South Carolina, when first known to the colonists, is said to have contained not less than 28 tribes of Indians. Along the Peedee and its tributaries one tribe, still identified by name, was known as the Saras, or Saraws, later called Charrows, Charraws, and Cheraws. In one extant record, the explorer, John Lederer, wrote in 1669, "I departed from Watery (Wateree River) and keeping a west course for nearly 30 miles, I came to Sara."

The Addenda, which takes the reader to the year 1880, contains sketches of Dr. Gregg, who became Bishop of Texas of the Episcopal Church, and the persons for whom the counties were named: Georgetown for King George II; Marlboro for the Duke of Marlboro; Chesterfield for Lord Chesterfield, a celebrated writer; Florence, named by Gen. W. W. Harllee for his daughter. (Gen. Harllee constructed the long railroad from Wilmington to Columbia, was Lt. Governor of the State and signed the Ordinance of Secession); Williamsburg and Orangeburg, named for William of Orange, (a prince of Holland who came to the throne of England in his 39th year); Horry for the two colonels, Peter and Hugh, both of whom won high distinction for patriotic service fighting with General Marion. Marion County was named for "the Swamp Fox," General Francis Marion. "Write, therefore, the name of Francis Marion high on the roll of the State's worthies, magnificent in war, peerless in patriotic work, unsurpassed in brilliancy and magnanimity."

**THE GEORGIA BLACK BOOK**. Robert Scott Davis, Jr. 1982. Reprint 1992. Hard cover, 402 pp. plus every name index. Southern Historical Press, 275 West Broad Street, Greenville, S. C. 29601.

When first looking at this book, one does a "double take!" Described as being of "Morbid, Macabre, and Sometimes Disgusting Records of Genealogical Value!", it begins with a list from Proclamation Book H, 1754-1794 describing pardons granted to horse thieves whom early courts were required to sentence to death by hanging. But apparently, the early governors recognized that, while Georgia had plenty of horses, the colony had a great need for people of most any kind!

Another chapter refers to the Georgia Land Lotteries held from 1810 to 1836 and the system of frauds developed to obtain extra "draws." One rule was that "every widow whose husband was killed in the wars with Great Britain or the Indians was entitled to an extra draw," or "Any idiot or lunatic entitled to a draw had to be represented by a guardian."

Georgia was the first state to have a penitentiary, built in 1817. All information on each convict, up to 1850, is included. George Homes Harty wrote, "I was born on a short street in Milledgeville, Georgia, which had a penitentiary at one end and a cemetery at the other, and the name of the street was Liberty!"

The chapter, "Murders, Murderers and Murder Victims 1823-1869," gives "On the 2nd day of the present month John W. Davis murdered John B. Nelson of DeKalb County. Davis is over 50 years of age, 5 ft. 6 or 7 inches tall, stout, round faced, swarthy complexion, dark hair, a little grey with some balding, and a shaking of the limbs at times as if affected of palsey. Issued 8 April 1825. "On the 17th instant, Daniel R. Coleman was murdered in Sumpter County by Jeremiah Thompson. Thompson is 22 or 23 years of age, 5 ft. 4 or 5 inches tall, round shoulders, bow legged, thin visage, dark complexion, yellow eyes, brown hair, no beard, and subject to intoxication." Issued 27 Nov. 1835.

Pre-Civil War records show that in Georgia the murder of a black, even a slave by his master, was taken seriously and the offender received severe punishment - although not as severe as a white who had murdered another white.

The final chapter, "Other Sources Equally Disgusting," lists cases of bastardy, children of convicts, divorces and deserters during the Civil War.

The author won awards in high school for his writing, and, as a cadet colonel in his junior ROTC, microfilmed a project placed in a time capsule to be opened in 200 years. Research on this project brought him in contact with the Georgia Department of Archives and History which in turn led to his interest in historical preservation.

**ROSTER OF THE VOLUNTEER OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS FROM KENTUCKY IN THE WAR OF 1812-1815.** A Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Kentucky, Frankfort, Ky. 1891. Reprint 1992 Southern Historical Press. Hard cover, 307 pp. plus every name (new) index.

This book was reprinted from the original which has been preserved in the library of the Filson Club, Louisville, Kentucky. Military records were incomplete and scattered and the roster preserved those which were available at that time, nearly 80 years after the conflict.

When the War of 1812 began, Kentucky had a total population of only 400,000, and of these, 25,126 men enlisted, some 1200 of whom were killed in action. These men are listed by company, with name, rank and date of enlistment, and in some cases, the name of the person for whom the soldier was a substitute.

**HISTORY OF WARE COUNTY, GEORGIA.** Laura Singleton Walker, J. W. Burke Co. 1934. Reprinted 1974 Southern Historical Press, Inc.; Revised Edition 1990 compiled by Marcia Eloise McDonald Black, 704 pp. illust. new every name index. Order from Marcia Black, P. O. Box 8632, Greenville, S. C. 29604.

The story begins with Indian and Spanish history, the creation of Ware County in 1824, early churches, school and county officials, and includes names of persons participating in the Georgia Land Lottery of 1826. Many fascinating stories are told of the early settlers, and Chapter XXI, in celebration of 100 years of history, describes the "beautiful and highly dramatic pageant staged at the baseball park and participated in by more than 800 boys and girls and men and women." (Dec. 15, 1924.) The original volume contains a number of biographies of county residents from 1824-1890. The last 128 pages (added) are devoted to information on the families of McDonald, Deen, Thompson, Rouse, McSwain, Britt, Lott, Davis, Wilson, Daniel and McDaniel.

**CERTIFICATE BOOK OF THE VIRGINIA LAND COMMISSION 1779-1780.** Reprinted from the 1923 Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society with new material added 1981 and reprinted 1992 by the Southern Historical Press, Inc. Hard cover, 331 pp. incl. every name index.

"The Doomsday Book of the conquest of Kentucky," commonly called the "Certificate Book" was in the possession of the clerk of the Fayette County Court and was the official record kept by the clerk of the Commission which heard proof of claims in settlements and preemptions rights by early settlers in Kentucky. Certificates were then issued to the proven claimants which answered in lieu of deeds.

Proving a claim sometimes was difficult, for a settler would build a cabin, raise a crop and return to Virginia for his family. Another pioneer, finding the same desirable spot at a later time, and not knowing of the previous claimant, would build his cabin. In 1779, the Legislature of Virginia appointed a Commission to go to Kentucky and sit as a Court, to hear proof and quit the titles by issuing certificates to the rightful claimants. When such right was established, he was given a certificate for 400 acres, and if desired, a preemption right for 1000 additional acreage adjoining his land. A fee of ten shillings was required for each 100 acres covered by the certificate and an additional ten shillings for the clerk who issued the certificate.

Listed are names of persons who made claims with descriptions of the land they received and its location. A listing of locations, i.e., Craig's station Garrard Co., and water courses is also given. There is a special biography of Martinette Viley Witherspoon (1851-1923) and her family, who was Vice President of the Kentucky Historical Society at the time of her death.

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, Deed Books 1, 2, and 3.** Compiled by Lucille C. Payne and Neil G. Payne. 1991, 1992. 218 pp. incl. full name index. soft cover. Southern Historical Press.

George III was King of England when Pittsylvania County was formed in 1767 from Halifax County and named for William Pitt. It is interesting to note that three generations of the Tenstall have served a total of 83 years in the office of clerk of the court.

The book contains abstracts of deeds, sales and other information for the years 1765 - 1774. In addition to the sellers, buyers and witnesses, names of adjoining property owners are given as well as many roads and water courses. The original county seat, Peytonsburg, a thriving town around 1761, no longer exists and not everyone is in agreement as to its actual location. [Reviewed by editor]

**OUR BLACKBURN BRANCH 1759-1989: Family History and Descendants of James A. Blackburn of Alabama with emphasis on Joel Blackburn & Anna Fry.** Compiled by Drusilla Cochran Sheldon, Suzy Brown Burt, Euple Blackburn Walker and Erlene Harwell Tackett. Hard Cover. 590 pages. 1990.

This handsome volume begins with James A. Blackburn, who was born 1759, perhaps in England and died before 1831 in Alabama. The compilers have not been able to establish all of the facts concerning this first generation, but the book really gains momentum with James's sons, especially Joel and James. After service in the War of 1812, Joel Blackburn married Anna Fry in Clinton, Tennessee, and in 1816, moved to Blount County, Alabama. As the parents of fourteen children, Joel and Anna ensured that the compilers would have numerous lines to research!

James Blackburn also served in the War of 1812. He remained in Tennessee until the 1830s.

moved to Mississippi and finally settled in Texas. He was married twice, but only his second wife, Louisa McDaniel, has been documented. Louisa and James were the parents of ten children.

Every chapter includes careful documentation of sources and there are numerous family pictures. The index includes all Blackburns listed by first name and others by family name. Certainly this very carefully researched genealogy will be a gold mine of information for anyone interested in the Blackburn and allied families. [reviewed by Linda Bostic]

**Editor's Note:** Drusilla C. Sheldon donated a copy of this book to the Society in 1991. This was brought to our attention only recently, and we apologize for the delay in review. It may be seen in the Genealogy Department of the Fort Worth Public Library.

**THE 1833 LAND LOTTERY OF GEORGIA AND OTHER MISSING NAMES OF WINNERS IN THE GEORGIA LAND LOTTERIES.** Robert S. Davis, Jr. 64 pp. soft cover, every name index. 1992. Southern Historical Press.

Bob Davis is the author of countless articles for numerous genealogical societies, in addition to a number of books on Georgia records and research. His *Georgia Genealogical Workbook*, published in 1987, gives a summary of the history of Georgia's land lotteries and the qualifications for each.

This book contains some 1500 names from the 1833 lottery not previously published. Also shown are a few lots more than thirty lots omitted from the original drawing of the 1820 Land Lottery and a few lots left over from previous land lotteries.

One word of caution concerning the index. It is extremely difficult to read and a magnifying glass will be of great help. However, this book contains very valuable material which should benefit all Georgia researchers. [reviewed by editor]

**LOGAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEED ABSTRACTS 1792-1813.** Joyce Martin Murray, 2921 Daniel, Dallas, Texas 75205. Henington Publishing Company, Wolfe City, Texas. Soft cover, 176 pp. including name and place index.

Logan County, created in 1792 from Lincoln County, originally covered a large portion of southwestern Kentucky. This volume includes abstracts of Deed Books A1, A, B and C.

The largest number of settlers came to this area from Virginia as Virginia made land grants to her officers and soldiers of the American Revolution. However, many others came from North and South Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania and the Mississippi Territories.

The type in the book is rather small but easily read. Mrs. Murray has carefully chosen the information she has included, giving the source, i.e., Power of Attorney, Indenture, Bill of Sale etc. as well as the original page number. The place index gives not only the names of counties and towns, but includes rivers and creeks, meeting houses and taverns. There is also a slave index.

This is Joyce Murray's tenth volume in a series of deed abstracts in Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas.

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## Old Soldier Spanned Three Centuries

### MACARTHUR WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD

Ed. note: The above headline to an article in the *Waco Herald-Tribune*, date not included but probably in the 1950s, contributed by Shirley Brittain Cawyer, Stephenville, Texas. The article (quoted below) also includes a picture, with the caption, "Isaac Brock Before His Death, Old Soldier Never Died . . . Just Faded Away." The author was Ernie Makovy, Staff Writer.

The tombstone . . . you can barely read its writing: "Isaac Brock, Born March 1, 1787, Died Sept. 3, 1909, Aged 122 years, 6 months and 2 days."

Now the famous words: Old soldiers never die. They just fade away.

Brock never lived to hear Gen. Douglas MacArthur utter that news. But had he, he would have known its truth, wisdom and prophesy.

For Brock was an old soldier, turned down by the Confederate Army in 1861 at the age of 74, but one who was later hired by another man as an Army blacksmith.

He was more than just a soldier, though. He loved horses and would not ride them to town because he wanted to save them.

He was also a pretty spry old man, marrying an 18-year-old girl in 1851 at the age of 64 and then fathering 12 children.

That was his second marriage. Little is known of his first wife, except that she bore him four children and died at an early age.

And even when he was well past the 100-year-old mark, Brock considered a 35-mile hike from his China Spring home to Waco nothing more than a casual stroll. He made his last such hike when he was 120 and he probably would have made more if he hadn't gone blind.

Even the fittest of today's generation may find those stories hard to believe. But they're true, as are several others.

At one time in his younger days, Brock hiked to Texas from North Carolina, where he was born, and twice when he was in his 80s he got into fights.

Old-timers recall one was with his 80-some-odd-year-old landlord, John McCann, and began over a political argument. The other was with a much younger man named Granger. No need to say who won them.

With his high temper went other characteristics: generosity, kindness, energy and skill.

The late Mrs. Sallie Ballard, one of Brock's 16 offspring, used to say he was "always doing something for other people." But he never forgot his own family. "He made all the furniture we ever had," Mrs. Ballard once recalled of her father. "He carved the chairs out of wood and made seats of hickory bark, for them, over in East Texas. He made his own plows, too. I remember watching him break the ground with those plows hitched to a yoke of oxen."

When Mrs. Ballard, who was born during the Civil War, was eight years old, she walked with the rest of the Brock family from Smith County, near Tyler, to their new home at China Spring.

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They walked because Brock had loaded the oxen-drawn wagon with household goods, including the hickory-bottomed chairs.

"Papa traded his land in Smith County for two yoke of oxen, a wagon and two mares," Mrs. Ballard recalled several years ago. "We moved to McLennan County with them. I don't know how long it took, I can't remember. We camped out by the way."

But Brock was a fast walker, and he always used his horses to draw wagon loads of cotton to town instead of riding them.

"When he had cotton to take to town, he would let the boys load it on the wagon, tell them to come on when they got it ready. He'd walk ahead and make the arrangements. When they got to town, there he would be," Mrs. Ballard said.

Brock wasn't rich; in fact he was downright poor. He couldn't write his own name and he never went to school a day in his life. Somehow, he always had enough to feed his family, though, Mrs. Ballard said.

One of the most unique traits about him was that he was one of few people who could ever say they lived in three different centuries, the 18th, 19th and the 20th.

He was born in the North Carolina mountains in 1787, the year the constitutional convention was assembled to lay the ground floor for the United States of America. He was two years old then George Washington became the first president of the United States.

In the Carolinas he learned coal mining and became a mighty hunter, bringing to mind Mrs. Ballard's story of how Brock provided deer and other other meat for an entire Tar Heel community of 14 families.

He hunted with a flintlock musket, carried a large powder horn on his shoulder and used a miner's lantern as a "shiner" to blind the game.

From North Carolina he made his way to Texas in 1820, thirty-three years old and still a bachelor, a time 16 years before the Texas Revolution. What part he played in that revolution, if any, is not known.

Eventually he made it to Tyler, married and had four children before his wife died. By 1851 he was in Central Texas and married Miss Sarah Sparks, an 18-year-old girl from Alabama. He was 64 at the time and in the [remainder of the article is missing].

**Note:** China Springs is in McLennan County, Texas, near the Bosque County line. Isaac Brock is buried in the cemetery there. One Isaac Brock was in Rusk County, Texas, in 1846 (per tax roll), but Mrs. Cawyer has not found a man by that name on the 1850 census of Texas. She found that Mrs. Edward C. Brannon (nee Sue Ann Reid) was admitted to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Aaron Estes Chapter, in 1965, as a descendant of Isaac Brock, through his son James Brock, who was born 12 September 1853 near Tyler, Texas, died 17 March 1922 China Springs, Texas, married Matilda Roach on 14 July 1885. Mrs. Cawyer's daughter-in-law is a Brock descendant of that area but does not know whether she is of this family. She (Mrs. Cawyer) would appreciate any information about Isaac Brock's descendants. Contact her at 185 Brittain Circle, Stephenville, Texas, 78401.

## QUERIES AND COMMENTS

By Nancy Timmons Samuels

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1-3-93      **RIDDLE, MEYERS, TURNER**  
Peggy Meyers Pearce, 2025 Los Altos, Clovis, CA 93611-5345

My grandparents were Wayne Riddle and Mary E. Turner who lived in Abilene, Texas. She died in July 1987 in Abilene and he died several years earlier, also in Abilene. They had four children: Faye Aileen Riddle (my mother), born 17 November 1923, probably in Abilene, married Robert H. Meyers during World War II, probably in 1944 when he was in the Air Force and stationed there. I believe my mother had brothers E. W. and Joy Riddle and a sister named Patty Riddle. E. W. (?) may have died ca. 1961 in Dallas, and Joy died in April 1981 in Fort Worth. Would appreciate any information on these people, as I know very little about them.

2-3-93      **ROBINSON, EITLEMAN/EDDLEMAN**  
S. Robyn Hamilton, 755 Grove, Abilene, TX 79605

Am researching the Robinson family. The obituary of my great-grandfather [name not given] stated that he had a sister, Lillian Eitleman, who was living in Tarrant County as of 18 February 1933. There is no death record for a Lillian Eitleman there, but there is one for Lilly Eddleman, who died 12 July 1957. Would like to obtain her obituary.

**Comment:** Edleman/Eddleman was an Anglicization of Eitleman. They were an early family in Parker County, Texas, some moving west to Young and Stephens Counties. In 1986 Betty Hammil, of Abilene, was working on Eddlemans in connection with her Kelly family.

3-3-93      **FAGAN**  
Susan Hawkins, 301 E. Hackberry, Whitewright, TX 75491

I am researching the surname Fagan. They lived in your area. [Tarrant County?] I am secretary for the Tri-County Genealogical Society.

4-3-93      **DELANCEY**  
Mrs. Shirley Jowers, 1307 Victor Drive, Memphis, TN 38122

Need information about my great-grandfather and family; he was Robert Houston DeLancy and wife, Mary. They had children Henry, Thomas and Viola DeLancey. They moved from Tipton County, Tennessee to Greenville, Texas, possibly ca 1908, where he purchased land. They next

moved to Waco, Texas and are said to have lived in Fort Worth. Some of the family are said to have moved to Tyler, Texas and died there. A picture of him taken in 1938 has only the word "Texas" written on the back. Need any kind of information about these people and connections.

5-3-93 **WORLD WAR II, UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAM (FROGMEN)**

Robert M. Deets, 4101 South Maple, Broken Arrow, OK 74011

The 50-year anniversary reunion for Underwater Demolition Team #6 is being planned. Trying to locate all members of the team, which trained at Camp Perry, Virginia, Fort Pierce, Florida, and Maui, Hawaii, did combat missions at Saipan, Guam, Peleliu and the Phillipines in 1944. One of our group was US Navy Lt. F. M. Stevenson of Arlington, Texas. [Ed. Note: We gave Stevenson's address to Mr. Deets.]

6-3-93 **MONTGOMERY, REEDE, DACHTLER, ATWOOD**

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Seek information on my mother's sister, Bertha Jacobina Reede, born 20 May 1894, Bowdle, Edmunds County, South Dakota; said to have died 15 January 1930. Bertha married Clyde Montgomery and had a daughter, Evelyn Montgomery, who married an Atwood and lived in Fort Worth. Bertha married second Andrew Dachtler, probably in South Dakota, and moved to Wichita Falls, Texas. Did she have more children? Need information about any of these people.

7-3-93 **SHERWOOD, SCROGGINS, MOORE, ELROD**

Steven T. Sherwood, 316 Homestead Circle, Kennesaw, GA 30144

Jeremiah Sherwood, born 1802, married 1823 Sarah Elrod. Their son, John Wesley Sherwood, born 1832, married 1853 in Texas Tabitha Ann Scroggins, (born 1832 Illinois). Their son, Thomas Albert Sherwood, (born Texas 1873, died 1914 in Texas), married 1908, Madill, Oklahoma, Mildred Edna Moore, (born 1892 Arkansas, died 1931, Tulsa, Oklahoma). Her parents were Nimrod Moore, born in Texas (when? where?), married (when? where?) Mary A. -----?, born Arkansas (when? where?); died 1950s Terrel, Oklahoma. Need parents of Tabitha Ann Scroggins and Nimrod Moore, also maiden name of Nimrod's wife, Mary A., and her parents.

8-3-93 **CLEMMONS, CLEMONS**

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Searching for burial place of Rufus Clemmons/Clemons, who died 14 January 1921. A Dallas paper dated 17 January 1921 stated that he was believed to be buried in the Lake Worth area of Tarrant County. Other relatives lived in the same locality. Any help appreciated.

9-3-93 **PETERS, PETTER**

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Seek contact with persons working on Czech ancestors in Texas. Joseph Petter, born 1831, wife Johanna, born 1830, came to Galveston on the ship *Brenan* in May 1871; were Austrian-Czech. We feel sure they settled somewhere in south central Texas.

10-3-93 MALLORY, DAUGHERTY  
 Ruby Curry, 520 E. Mansfield Cardinal Road, Kennedale, TX 76060

Searching for father of my cousin, Billy Raymond Mallory, who never knew until he was 42 years old, that he was raised by a stepfather. His mother finally told him that his father was William (Bill) Merle Daugherty. If living, this man would now be around 70 years old. In 1943-44, he was stationed at Fort Wolters in Mineral Wells, Texas. Could there be anyone who would remember him or have a picture of him? In 1964, when Billy Mallory was in service, a man came to see his parents. One relative told Billy that he believed it was Mr. Daugherty, but Billy's mother never told him about the visit. She did tell him that the man was from Ohio, although someone else said he was from Houston. The Sunday, June 17, 1990, issue of *The Weatherford Democrat* had a feature article about Billy and his search for his father. Any leads will be appreciated.

11-3-93 ADAMS, SOWELL/SEWELL, SHEEN, GOSSIT, KYLE, DAVIES  
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Seek parents of John Quincy Adams, born 3 June 1833 Alabama or Arkansas, died 12 April 1902 Sonora, Sutton County, Texas; married ca 1855 Parker County, Texas, Mary Ann Sheen, born 24 April 1840 in England; died 7 March 1925 Alpine, Brewster County, Texas. His mother was married to James Sowell/Sewell and had a son, James Sowell/Sewell, Jr., born in Arkansas ca 1836. The latter married Sarah Gossitt, was living in Kimball County, Texas, in 1860, and was soon after killed by Indians. John Q. Adams's mother, Mrs. Sowell/Sewell, may have been living in Parker County in 1907, as my grandparents (Annie Laura Adams and Walter Porter Kyle) were married there that year. John and Mary Ann (Davies) Sheen, both born in Wales, lived in Parker County before 1860. Their daughter, Mary Ann, married John Q. Adams, and had 11 children, born in Parker, Throckmorton, Comanche and Coleman Counties. Does anyone working on the Sowell/Sewell line have any information about John Q. Adams and his parents?

**Comment:** Your John Q. Adams was not the J. Adams on the 1860 census of Parker County. Your John was in Throckmorton County in 1860 living at Camp Cooper. John Sheen was enumerated in Brown County in 1860, with Camp Colorado post office. A daughter, Elizabeth Sheen, married 17 April 1858, at Fort Belknap (Young County) William Bevans, possibly a soldier. Another daughter, Margaret J., married James J. Callan, soldier; they were enumerated in her father's household in 1860. I suspect these people were "camp followers," and tracing them through sparsely-settled western Texas, which had few organized counties during this period, is difficult. Camp Colorado was first established in that part of Brown County which became Mills County, was later moved to Mukewater Creek, Coleman County, and became that county's hub of settlement ca 1857-1860s. From 1862-64 Captain J. J. Callan had a company of Texas Rangers at the post. John Adams, John Sheen and James H. Sewell are on the 1854-1855 tax rolls of Tarrant County, which included people of unorganized Parker County. They had 320-acre pre-emptions in Parker County, but all were patented by others, not themselves. They are not on the 1860 census of Parker County but had moved west several years prior. Joseph C. McConnell's *West Texas Frontier*, re Coleman County, mentions early settlers John Sheen, William Bevers and J. J. Callan. States that William Bevans Jr. was first child born, 26 September 1860 and that his father, William Bevans Sr. died in 1861. Also states that J. J. Callan and Margaret Sheen were the first persons married in the county, that Callan opened a store on the Jim Ned, about one mile southwest of the post, and also taught a school in his home there.

12-3-93 AYRES, BARR

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Seek information on the following: my great-great grandfather, J. P. or J. H. Ayres, possibly James Henderson Ayres; also my grandfather, Clinton S. Barr, born Winchester, Virginia 10 March 1848, died 30 August 1927, Fort Worth, Texas; married Pauline Louise Ayres in Fort Worth 24 July 1884. She was born 22 Nov. 1861 in Fort Worth and died there 2 March 1930; both buried Oakwood Cemetery. Had six children the youngest of whom was my father, Oscar Lee Barr, born 12 May 1898 in Fort Worth.

**Comment:** The Ayres family was in Tarrant County by 1849. In 1850 Benjamin Patton Ayres, father of James H. and others, was enumerated as a resident of Ellis County, which was an error of the census taker; he actually lived in Tarrant County. He came from Shelby County, Tennessee to Shelby County, Texas, then to Tarrant County. Clinton Barr lived with his brother, William Barr, in Fort Worth in 1880; both were dairymen. They evidently arrived from Virginia ca 1874. See 1880 census, ED 90, p. 40, #345-355.

13-3-93 STRICKLAND

Mrs. Kyle Kincaid, 13031 NE 202 Place, Woodinville, WA 98072

I am a descendant of George Milligan Strickland who was a Texas cattleman during 1870s-1890s, but this is all I know. My great-grandfather died in Pasco, County, Florida in 1921. Does anyone have information about him in Texas?

14-3-93 ZORNES, ZORN, ZORNS

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Would like to correspond with anyone interested in the Zorn/Zornes families of Cooke and Wichita Counties, Texas. My great-grandfather, Samuel F. Zornes and family, and my grandfather, Albert Miles Zornes and family, were living together in Cooke County in 1900, Precinct 3. I found them in 1910 living just over the border in Oklahoma. The family lived in Wichita Falls for many years and that is where my grandfather is buried. My father was born 29 October 1904 in Valley View, Texas, presumably the one in Cooke County, and some of his siblings were born at Himmings, Texas. Where was that?

15-3-93 BURROW, McDANIEL, TRAMMEL, GROFF

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James Sutton Burrow, b. ca 1856 Tennessee, married ca 1880-81, probably in Wise County, Cordelia McDaniel, daughter of Elijah T. and Ascineh (Trammel) McDaniel of Wise County. Seek record of this marriage. Who were James S. Burrow's parents and siblings? He had a brother or cousin named Bill Burrow who moved to Claude, Texas. Were parents Jarrell James Burrow, born 1818, and wife Matilda Nelson/Madison/Melson, who married November 1838 in Lincoln County, Tennessee? James Sutton Burrow married second in Denton County, Texas, M. M. Groff on 25 November 1888.

16-3-93 PRITCHARD, PRIOR/PRYOR, HUGHES

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Need information on two families who moved to Tarrant County in the late 1800s. James Marion Pritchard, William and Nancy Jane (Pritchard) Prior/Pryor, Henry and Martha "Patsy" (Pritchard) Hughes, John Pritchard, Dick Pritchard, Artimus Pritchard, Henry J. Pritchard, James M. and Malinda (Pritchard) Hughes, and Charles Pritchard. One of the Pritchard men was known as "Bud." Children of William and Nancy Jane (Pritchard) Prior/Pryor were: Henry, Mary E., Sarah J., Walter, Margaret and Pleasant D. Prior/Pryor.

17-3-93 SHANNON, SANDERS, HOLDER, HOOT/HOWTEN, LYONS, EATHERLY, VOSS

Caryl Morris, 1103 North 10th, Longview, TX 75601

Need information about Phronia Souqia (misspelled) Hoot/Howten, born 12 Dec 1883 Marshall, Texas; died 27 April 1867 Fort Worth, Texas, dau. of Jacob Andres Hoot and wife Mary Jane Lyons. She is said to have been full blood Cherokee. She married/1 Mr. Holder (had Clarence who died as infant); married/2 Roland Shannon, born 1870 Bradley County, Tennessee (had daughter Edna Mae Shannon), married/3 George Sanders (had child Jimedith Sanders, born 1916, married Jack York.) Edna Mae Shannon was born 1903 Fort Worth, Texas, died 1967 Paris, Texas, married Jim Eatherly, who was born 1894, Lamar County, Texas.

Comment: Was Phronia's full name Sophronia Sequoia?

18-3-93 WATT, ELLIS

Dale H. Watt, 2631 East 22nd St., Tulsa OK 74114

My Watt relatives in Texas consisted of my aunt Ethel, married to Leroy Ellis and their two children (born in Cleburne, Texas,) Lois and Merrill, both in the music business. Also my cousin, Frank Hedden Watt, of Waco, Texas, now deceased, who wrote two books in 1941 on our Watt family, both in the Library of Congress. One is entitled *John Watt, Pioneer*. Will appreciate correspondence with any one working on our Watt family.

19-3-93 HAMMOND

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There were a number of Hammond/Hammon lines in Texas. I am searching for Ezekiel Hammon(d), born August 1825, also known as "Zeke" or "E." Hammond. I think he came to Texas ca 1861. Welcome any help.

20-3-93 PIPKIN

Leona Orton Pipkin, 1432 Baldwin Court, Naperville, IL 60565

My father-in-law, Frederich ("Fred") Taylor Pipkin, is said to be buried at Grapevine, Texas. His daughter wrote that he died in Keller, Texas, and was buried at Grapevine. Neither the Foust Funeral Home in Grapevine nor the Bourland Cemetery at Keller has any record of burial. The Texas Department of Health can find no death record, which was ca 1950. Need his death date and place of burial.

**21-3-93      LANDERS, KERBY**

Jean Heaps, 1810 County Road 45, Mt. Hope, AL 35651

Seek information on Gilbert Landers, born ca 1872 Lawrence County, Alabama, son of Robert L. Landers and Malissa Jane Patrick Kerby Landers. He went to Texas sometime in the 1890s taking his mother with him, and had no further contact with the family. He had a brother, Granville, and a sister, Virginia ("Jennie.") I am the granddaughter of Granville Landers.

**22-3-93      ANGIER/ANGER/ANGERS, ADAMS**

W. Thomas Angers, 116 Teche Drive, Lafayette, LA 70503

Seek information on John Angier who married Abigail Adams in 1831 in Austin. Who were his parents? Where was he born? Did he have any children? Would like to hear from any direct descendants.

**23-3-93      OWEN, KNIGHT**

Marceline Wilkerson, 712 Denson Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055

Seek information on, obituaries for, Callie Mae (Knight) Owen, born 28 September 1899 Cullman County, Alabama, died 14 March 1967 Fort Worth-Dallas area of Texas. Also her son, Glenn Owen, born ca 1925 Cullman County, Alabama, died August 1979, Fort Worth-Dallas area. Who were Glenn's wife and children? He married twice. By first wife had two sons and one daughter. Two other children of Callie Mae's live in that area. Arnold Owen, said to live in Weatherford or Arlington, and Brenda Carol Owen, said to be a dentist in that area. Not known whether she is married.

**24-3-93      ELLIOTT, McNAIRY, WILLIAMS, SHADDEN, PHILLIPS**

Anita Jones Adler, 3604 Falcon Drive, Fort Worth TX 76119

Seek information on family of Edward F. Elliott and wife Sara "Sallie" McNairy, who were in Hopkins County, Texas in 1870 and in Hill County in 1880. Unable to locate them after this date. Edward's parents were William Elliott and wife Mary "Polly" Williams of Rusk County, Texas. His siblings were: John J., Lewis/Louis, Thomas J., Eliza who married Shadden and Permelia who married Phillips.

**25-3-93      POTEET, COOPER, HUGHES, BUTLER**

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Seek information on ancestors and descendants of the following: William Poteet, born Virginia, died 1840-1850 in Tennessee; married first Sarah Cooper (5 children,) married second Elizabeth Hughes (6 children.) Came to Texas ca 1870. Also Allen M. Butler, born 2 December 1801 Kentucky; died 6 September 1875 in Salado, Bell County, Texas.

**26-3-93      MOORE, RAMPY**

Ann Poteet Radde, 312 Cedar Creek Court, Fort Worth, TX 76103-1017

Seek information on ancestors and descendants of: James Christopher Moore, born 8 October 1835

Athens, Georgia, died 20 June 1920, Holland, Bell County, Texas, married 21 December 1856 Martha Jane Rampy, born 29 February 1836 LaGrange, Georgia, died 13 March 1920, Holland, Bell County, Texas. She was daughter of Henry Rampy, born 1797 South Carolina, died 1877 Alabama.

27-3-93 **ULMER, MILEY, MILLS**

Ann Poteet Radde, 312 Cedar Creek Court, Fort Worth, TX 76103-1017

Seek information on ancestors and descendants of: Franklin Ulmer, born 13 June 1807 Orangeburg County, South Carolina, married Mary Miley. Their son, William Adam Ulmer, came to Texas and served in the Civil War from Henderson County. Also: Isaac L. Mills, born 1807 perhaps in South Carolina, was on the 1840 census of Leon County, Florida, and on the 1850 census of Jasper County, Mississippi, a widower. He came to Texas and served in the Civil War from Texas.

28-3-93 **GREEN, NEELEY, WOLF**

Ann Poteet Radde, 312 Cedar Creek Court, Fort Worth, TX 76103-1017

Seek information on ancestors and descendants of: Needham Green, born 23 August 1783 Wake County, North Carolina, died 24 February 1864. His son, Pleasant Green, born 13 February 1810 Tennessee, came to Texas, married Polly Wolf on 5 December 1841 in San Augustine County, served in the Mexican War 4 July 1846 in San Antonio. Pleasant's son, James C. Green, born 25 December 1835, died 10 September 1925, Lampasas County, Texas, fought in the Civil War. Andrew Neeley, born 4 September 1804, died 3 February 1869, was father of Martha Emily Neeley, born 30 June 1843, Carrol County, Tennessee, died 6 October 1886 Lampasas County, Texas, married James C. Green.

**Comment:** Was James C. Green born six years before his parents married?

29-3-93 **OTTINGER, WILHOITE**

Michael Ottinger, 37 Neptune Drive, Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Seek date and circumstances surrounding death of Ambrose Ottinger, resident of Fannin County ca 1860. His widow, nee Susannah Wilhoite, sold land in 1862 and returned to Tennessee.

**Comment:** John Wesley Ottinger (1867-1943) and wife Nancy Saline (1872-1925) settled west of present Roanoke, Denton County, near old Elizabethtown, in the late 1800s; both are buried in the Elizabethtown Cemetery. Descendants still live in the area. Perhaps they were related?

30-3-93 **THOMPSON, STRONG**

Betty Rolwing Darnell, 204 Hartford Drive, Mt. Washington, KY 40047

Seek information about Cyrus B. Thompson in Texas. He was born 1805-1810 in Christian County, Kentucky, son of John Thompson Jr. and Jane Goodin Strong. The will of John Jr. in 1833, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, lists Cyrus B. "of Louisiana." But an 1868 letter from an aunt in Bienville Parish, Louisiana, says, "Cyrus Thompson died away from home on some trading exposition...he lived in the state of Texas." Is he on the 1860 census of Texas?

**31-3-93      JACKSON, DODSON, COLVIN**

Joel F. Jackson, 84 Pecan Circle, Jackson, TN 38301-7641

Seek information on descendants of persons who moved to the Fort Worth-Ennis area around 1870-1880: Mary (Jackson) Dodson, Rena (Jackson) Colvin and Stanley Dodson.

**Comment:** You don't say where these people came from. One Dodson family came to this area from Cherokee County, Texas. Colvins were in both Tarrant and Ellis Counties.

**32-3-93      CLARK, WORD, HINKLE, NELSON, CARR, BEAVER**

Elmo A. Clark, 8143 W. Sweetwater, Peoria, AZ 85381

Seek ancestors and connections of William A. Clark of Floyd, Hunt County, Texas, born 1851, and Cinthia Finnette Word, died 1890, buried Clinton Cemetery, Hunt County. This family also connected with Hinkle, Nelson, --inkle [illeg.,] Carr and Beaver families.

**33-3-93      YOUNG, MATLOCK, MORROW, SANDERS, CLEMMER, WILSON**

Hal McCawley, 130 Beach Park Blvd., Foster City, CA 94404-2708

John David Young, born 1808 North Carolina, married 1828 Monroe County, Tennessee, Anna Clemmer, born 1812 North Carolina; had children born Monroe and Polk Counties, Tennessee: Mary, David Alexander, Harriet, John and George. Most of the children became original settlers 1850-1860 in Parker and Jack Counties, Texas. David Alexander Young, born 1834 Tennessee, married 1854 in Polk County, Tennessee, Manerva Matlock, born 1835. Their son, William Jason Young, born 1857, Tennessee, married 1879, Jack County, Texas, Mary Katy Sanders, born 1861 Missouri. In the 1870s in Jack County, the Sanders family included widowed mother Leah Wilson Sanders and siblings Mary Katie, Charlie Benjamin, John Will and James Albert, all born 1847-1861 in Missouri.

**Comment:** I find no evidence that any of these people were in Parker or Jack Counties "1850-1860" or even in 1870, nor were they in Tarrant or Wise Counties. They were in Parker County by 1880, living in Pct. 2, Springtown area (see ED 136, #'s 135-135 and 214-214.) The above query does not mention the Morrow connection. George Morrow married Harriet Young, who (by 1880) was a widow with four children, living in Parker County, according to Mrs. William H. King of Fort Worth (in 1964). Thomas D. and Mary Matilda (Young) Hamilton evidently arrived in Texas after 1870 and before 1873. The late Mrs. Ira G. Davenport (nee Ava Hamilton) was their granddaughter. She went into DAR through the Clemmer line, which connected with Hoffmans of Lincoln County, North Carolina. David Alexander Young may have been in Texas ca 1863, per the child-ladder of the 1880 census, but he was not in Parker or Jack Counties.

**34-3-93      VANCE, LEDBETTER, WATSON**

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Seeking the family of my great-grandmother, Beverly Lu Vance, born 1865 in Texas, married 18 January 1880 in Graham, Young County, Texas, to Porter E. Ledbetter, my great-grandfather. Her only child, my grandfather [name not given] was born in November 1884. Porter married second Mary S. Watson in 1894 and had a son, Eugene Ledbetter, born 1898. What happened to Lu

Vance? Find no tombstone or record of her in Graham. Who were her parents? One Louise Vance, age 5, was living with James and Mary Vance in Plano, Collin County, Texas, in 1870. One Major J. G. Vance "formerly of Graham, died at his home in Seymour (Baylor County)," per abstracts from *The Graham Leader* in *Footprints* (Feb. 1990). Was he the same as James of Plano in 1870?

**Comment:** Lou Vance married in 1879, not 1880. Yes, J. G. and James Vance were the same. J. G. Vance was member of Farmersville Masonic Lodge No. 214, Collin County (see *FWGS Bulletin*, Jan. 1966). By 1880, he (enumerated as James G.) and wife Mary were living in Pct. 4 of Palo Pinto County, in the area where the Texas and Pacific Railroad was being constructed. There were numerous "tent cities" of workers and he was listed as a carpenter. He evidently returned to Young County, where some of his married children lived, then moved on to Baylor County where he died 1883. His son, James "Jim" Vance, was arrested in Knox County in 1889 and held in jail on three charges, was also wanted in Young County. He was acquitted at trial in Young County. (See *Graham Leader* May 16 and Oct. 24, 1889). In 1880, James G. and Mary were ages 51 and 47, respectively, he born in Missouri, his father born Kentucky and mother born Maryland. A grandson, Wylie A. Risenhoover, age 12, was living with them. I suspect the family lived in the Upper Tonk Valley-Medlan Chapel area in Young County. Risenhoovers later lived in the area, and Rebecca Vance married David P. Thomas, son of Elder D. P. Thomas Sr., Primitive Baptist minister of Medlan Chapel. Also John A. and Laura (or Sarah) Vance Franklin lived in that area, as well as in Parker County. The Ledbetters were descendants of Reverend Arthur Ledbetter, early Baptist of Dallas County. Isaac Anderson Ledbetter (father of Porter E.) was his eldest son. Another son, Arthur Brooks Ledbetter, lived in Hood County in 1870, as did the Franklins, and both families were in Young County by 1880. I believe the husband of Mrs. Barbara Ledbetter is a descendant of A. B. Ledbetter. She is Archivist at Fort Belknap and is a historian, but not a genealogist.

35-3-93 **HUDSON, RAY, PUGH, MIDDLETON, COOMBES**

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Seek grave locations, obituaries, any information on Isaiah Banks Hudson and wife Jemima R. He was born 18 December 1821, Garrard County, Kentucky, died 8 January 1897, Tarrant County, Texas, married in Kentucky 31 August 1841 Jemima R. Hudson [Ed. Note: Was her maiden name Hudson?] She was born 3 October 1823, Garrard County, Kentucky, died 13 July 1876 near Fort Worth, Texas. They came to Texas from Davidson County, Tennessee in 1856. Children: Mrs. Margaret Ray, Lynn Banks Hudson, Dr. Commodore P. Hudson, Mrs. H. C. Pugh, William T. Hudson, Benjamin T. Hudson, Nicholas Schooler Hudson, Andrew J. Hudson, Christopher C. Hudson, Mrs. Holland W. Middleton, Mrs. Zachariah Coombes.

**Comment:** This family settled in the Rock Creek community. In 1860 the postoffice was in Johnson County, and the name was later changed to Caddo Grove. Rock Creek School was within Tarrant County, but many people of this area were buried in Caddo Grove Cemetery. I would guess that Jemima Hudson, and possibly Isaiah Banks Hudson, is buried there. The Hudsons were enumerated on the 1860 and 1870 censuses of Johnson County. I believe the daughter, Margaret, was married to George W. Jackson in Johnson County 10 July 1860, and lived next to her father, per the census. The son, Benjamin T., was probably Benjamin F., who married Ada Formwalt, a Hood County girl. There may have been a relationship to the Jennings family, since three young

people of that name lived with I. B. Hudson in 1860, and one of the same name lived with the Jacksons, all born in Kentucky. Reuben B. and C. P. Hudson, Johnson County 1860, born Kentucky, were perhaps siblings of I. B. Hudson. Zachariah Ellis Coombes, Jr., (*Coombes* is the correct spelling) was the husband of Susan L. Hudson. His father, Z. E. Sr., was a teacher at the Brazos Agency (or Lower Indian Reserve) in Young County and was the author of "Diary of a Frontiersman, 1858-1859."

36-3-93      O'SHIELDS, WINSCOTT, WILSON, ANSTED, FARMER, CISCO, ELSNER  
William G. Bailie, P. O. Box 201, Spartanburg, SC 29304

Seek information on the James Henry O'Shields family of Fort Worth and their burials in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. He was born ca 1848 Laurens County, South Carolina, died 8 December 1930 in Fort Worth, married Dallas County, Texas 1868, Charlotte Temple Winscott, born 27 Jan 1848 Kentucky, died 23 December 1930. She was daughter of J. E. and Sarah R. (Wilson) Winscott. Children: (1) John J., born 1869; (2) Edward W.; (3) Annie May, born 5 July 1872 Collin County, Texas, died 29 June 1964, Altus, Jackson County, Oklahoma, married 1 June 1889 Richard Petty Ansted; (4) Charlie M., born 7 May 1874, died 28 Mar 1956, buried Mt. Olivet Cemetery, married Nancy Ann Farmer; (5) William M., born 1876, died in infancy; (6) E. Bell, born 19 February 1878, died ca 1962, married Al Cisco; (7) Ada Pearl, born 21 July 1880, died ca 1943; (8) D. Richard, born 15 September 1882; (9) Andrew E., born 6 April 1884, died ca 1940s; (10) Sarah R., born 9 April 1887, married George J. Elsner. Need marriage records of any of these, also seek descendants. Richard Petty Ansted was born 7 December 1871 in Hill County, died 28 November 1959 Elmer, Jackson County, Oklahoma. He and wife, Annie May, buried Boggy Cemetery, Olustee, Oklahoma. Who were his parents?

**Comment:** In 1870 two young Amstead men, Patterson and John, ages 19 and 18, born Mississippi, lived in Hill County, in the household of Benjamin McConifer.

37-3-93      THORNTON, RIEGER, GLENN, MITCHELL, DAVIDSON  
Mrs. Donene Allen, HCR 5, Box 891, Burnet, TX 78611

Need information on my maternal grandmother and her parents. She was Elizabeth Ann (Lizzy, Betsy) Thornton, born 6 February 1872 Texas; died 11 November 1950 Odessa, Ector County, Texas; married 16 August 1894 John Mitchell Rieger, born 13 November 1868, Limestone County, Texas, died 29 August 1948 Stephens County, Texas. Both attended Add-Ran College in Hood County, 1890-1894, were married in Dallas, lived Comanche, Texas, where they taught school. He then read law and passed the bar exam in 1895. Had four children: Goodson H., Herman T., Hazel Beth and Johnnie Allene Rieger. Lizzie Thornton Rieger had a brother, James William Thornton, born 23 February 1875, died 7 February 1839, Eddie, Texas, buried Granbury, Hood County, m/1 Nellie Glenn (1876-1919), daughter C. B. and Mary James Glenn; m/2 Georgia. He was a druggist. He is buried in the Glenn family plot by his first wife. The father of Lizzie and James William Thornton may have been J. W. Thornton. John Mitchell Rieger was son of John R. and Annie Eliza (Mitchell) Reiger (married Parker County 5 May 1859) and grandson of David Mitchell and wife, Eliza Gardner Davidson.

**Comment:** I find one Thornton who had children of the above ages in 1880. He was Hance C. Thornton of Pct. 7, Tarrant County, age 52, born Kentucky. His family enumerated by initials

only: wife S. C., age 36, born Tenn; daughter E. A., age 8 and son J. W. age 6, both born Texas. These initials fit names and ages of Lizzie and brother James William. Pct. 7 was the south central part of the county. Mrs. Charles E. Carruth, P. O. Box 22, Knickerbocker, TX 76939, has researched the Mitchell family.

38-3-93 **BROWN, MIDDLETON, BREWER, JOHNSON**

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Need to know when and where Emily T. (Brown) Middleton married Joshua Brewer. She was born Emily T. Brown June 1852, Aberdeen, Monroe County, Mississippi; died 13 January 1895 Cuero, Dewitt County, Texas. She married D. W. "Bill" Middleton, probably in Center, Shelby County, Texas, and had 3 children: Margarette (1870-1956); Mary Elizabeth (1876-1945); and James Drury Middleton (1873-1948). She m/2 Joshua Brewer before 1877, as his third wife. They had 5 children: Rufus Steven (1877-1938); Julie Annie (1889-1966); Nancy Saddle (1883-1945); Addie Emmaline (1886-1953) and Mattie Ella Brewer who died 1957. Children born Denton, Palo Pinto and Bastrop Counties, Texas. Julie Annie, my mother, married James Hardy Johnson 6 March 1895 in Cuero, Dewitt County, Texas. She died in 1966 in Abilene and he died 1931 at Lawn, Taylor County, Texas.

39-3-93 **BREWER, KEEKLUM, MOORE, MIDDLETON**

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Joshua Brewer, born Indiana, m/1 Mary Elizabeth Keeklum in Illinois, had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Brewer, born 1857 Greenup, Illinois. Joshua m/2 Katie (or Kathlene), Moore in Illinois ca 1857. They had 4 sons and 1 daughter: John A. H. Brewer, born 1860 Denton County, Texas, died 14 November 1938 Brown County, Texas; William Alford Brewer, born 1863, died 1 November 1939 Brown County; Thomas Jefferson Brewer, born 1865, died 8 December 1944 Brown County; Edmond Andrew Brewer, born 1866 Brown County, died 11 March 1944 Shep, Texas; Sarah Rosette Brewer, born 1869, died Brown County. Joshua m/3 Mrs. Emily T. (Brown) Middleton, widow of D. W. Middleton, and had 5 more children. (See above query.)

**Comment:** Joshua Brewer moved all around. Have you looked for his marriage to Emily in Shelby County? In 1860 he and wife Katie lived in Montague County; she was evidently widow Moore when they married, as 2 young Moore children were in their household. He and Emily were living in Pct. 2 of Eastland County in 1880, her 3 Middleton children enumerated as Brewer. He was a railroad laborer and was likely one of many workers who followed the railroad being built west through Palo Pinto, Eastland and Callahan Counties at that time. Emily's father, Thomas Brown, was living with them in 1880. In 1973, Bernice M. Jump, Box 298, Necedah, Wisconsin 54646, was working on these Brewers and Browns. D. W. Middleton was Drewry William, son of D. C. and Frances Middleton of Shelby County 1850.

40-3-93 **EADS, MURRAY, CHARLES**

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Seek names of parents and first husband of Alpha Oretta Eads, born Denison, Texas, 3 March 1856. She and a brother, John, age 3, were taken by a grandmother from Denison to Missouri after their mother died and father's death in Civil War. Alpha m/1 Mr. Murray and had sons, Al and Ed

Murray; She m/2 Joseph Warren Charles, born 5 July 1845 Des Moines, Iowa, and had children: Warren Lillard, Anna, Wesley Mallick and Effie Maxine. Family moved to Creek County, Oklahoma.

41-3-93 **TURNER, HADLOCK, DAGGETT**

Robin D. Nelson, 1005 Beaumont Drive, Casper WY 82601

Would like to obtain birth certificate of my great-great-grandmother Maude Ermina Turner, born 29 June 1885 in Fort Worth. Her father was Charles James Turner and I believe his father was Charles Turner. Charles was son of Zachariat Turner, who was in the Revolutionary War. I remember my grandmother, Mrs. Adelaide Hadlock, telling me that the family lived in Fort Worth and I have a picture of the R. L. Turner and Brother Undertaker's there. The family was with a firm called Turner and Daggett, merchants.

**Comment:** You have skipped a generation. Zachariat Turner (RWS) was the father of Robert Turner (who married Nancy Hames). They were parents of Charles Turner who married Amanda Adams, both of whom are buried in Pioneer Rest Cemetery, Fort Worth. Charles and Amanda were parents of your Charles James Turner who married Sadie Elizabeth Askins in 1882. Robert L. (R. L.) was a brother of your Charles James Turner. The 1877 city directory shows R. L. Turner, merchant, at corner of 1st and Burnett Streets. E. M. Turner was a clerk; he was Ephraim Merrill Turner, another brother (no doubt named for E. M. Daggett.) In 1880 Robert L. Turner was enumerated as owner of a Livery Stable on Throckmorton Street. Your Charles Turner Jr. was enumerated as a clerk. The storefront of the picture you sent shows R. L. and Chas. Turner props. of R. L. Turner & Bro. Undertakers and Dealers in Mahogany, Rosewood, Walnuts & Metalic [sic] Coffins & Caskets. The Turners, Daggetts and a number of other families came to Tarrant County from Shelby County. Many of their descendants joined Mary Isham Keith Chapter DAR (organized 1898), in Fort Worth, going in on either the Turner or Hames lines. Mrs. Lorene Reves, Rt. 1, Box 12, Lockney, TX 79241 was (in 1988) working on the Eph Merrill Turner family.

42-3-93 **WASHBURN, COVINGTON, RAYBURN**

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Trying to find William Washburn. His father, Samuel, came to Texas 1836 and William in 1837. William was a circuit lawyer; was in Fannin County in 1840 in that part which became Grayson County. Samuel was killed by Indians in 1838, and William was killed in 1858 at West Fork crossing of the Tarrant River. Need to get proof of marriages in Johnson County, Texas (as published in *Footprints*) for Susan Raburn and Josiah Covington who married 1855, and for her son, William B. Raburn who married Mary Ann Washburn 19 July 1860.

**Comment:** Josiah Covington and [Mrs.] Susan Rayborn [sic] married 5 September 1855 (Johnson County, Book 1, p. 16). William B. Rayburn and Mary Ann Washburn's marriage is in Book 1, p. 152. There is no Tarrant River; this must refer to the West Fork of the Trinity River.

There are some contradictions, among early writers, about the Washburns who were killed by Indians. One article stated that *Mr.* Washburn was killed at the West Fork crossing of the Trinity River with a man name Brown, also mentioned that Washburn's father was killed by Indians 15 years earlier.

Wilbarger (1889), quoting Judge J. P. Simpson, who in turn quoted W. A. Carter's small book, *History of Fannin County*, stated that in 1838 two companies were organized under Captains Robert Sloan and N. L. Journey. They ranged west as far as where Bird's Fort was later established [Tarrant County]. They started home and on the third night camped on Bois d'Arc near [what was later] Orangeville, where they learned that Indians had killed and scalped William Washburn. Evidently, it was Samuel, the father, who was killed in 1838, borne out by deed and other records re his estate in Grayson County, also deed records in Young County quit claims re a headright certificate "granted to the heirs of Samuel Washburn"). Orangeville, in southwest Fannin County, was settled by Samuel G. Washburn, Jonathan Anthony [Samuel's son-in-law] and others ca 1836-37, per *The Handbook of Texas*, but the town was not established until 1859.

Ida Lassater Huckabay's *Ninety-Four Years in Jack County* (1949) states that "Mr. Washburn and three others were killed by Indians during the Reservation Fight in Young County." This would have been in May 1859.

W. C. Kutch's reminiscences (1922), as quoted in Thomas Horton's *History of Jack County* (1932) states that "In December 1857, Washburn and Nelson started from Cooke County to Fort Belknap with a load of Christmas goods....to sell to the soldiers....The Indians killed both of them...This was on Flat Creek, near the old Grapevine Springs." Numerous places were called "Grapevine Springs." This must have been Flat Creek, in southwest Cooke County, which flows into Grasshopper Creek, which joins Clear Creek in Denton County.

Joseph Carroll McConnell's *West Texas Frontier* (1939) states that Washburn [again, no given name mentioned] was alone on the Fort Belknap-Preston road in 1853 and was murdered by Indians near the Cottonwood Spring on Little Salt Creek. This would have been in Young County.

This Mr. Washburn, who was killed by Indians in the 1850s, is presumed to have been William. If he was still alive in 1850, I have never found him on that census or on a tax roll, nor have I found Mary Ann (said to be his daughter) in 1850. In 1860 she was with her uncle, Josiah M. Washburn, in Johnson County, where she married. Josiah did not marry until late 1850, yet, on the 1855 Grayson County school census, he had 2 males and 1 female school-age children in his household. He did not have any school-age children of his own then, so perhaps Mary Ann was the female. His mother, Mary, also had school-age children listed (1 male and 2 females) who were probably grandchildren. And so the plot thickens!

43-3-93 MURRAY, MURPHY

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My grandmother, Dicy Burns Murray, married John (Pat) Murphy July 5, 1890 in Tarrant County. According to their marriage certificate she was "Mrs. D. C. Murray" and they were married at St. Andrews Church in Fort Worth by Joseph De Forrest. The family is listed in the Fort Worth City Directory from 1890 through 1897. The 1900 census shows my grandmother as widow keeping a boarding house and working as a laundress. Family stories say that Mr. Murphy died aboard a ship (where and when?) Would like to know details concerning his death and if he was buried in Fort Worth. I have no knowledge of who he worked for or what kind of ship it may have been. Would also like to know names of parents of my grandmother. Any help greatly appreciated.







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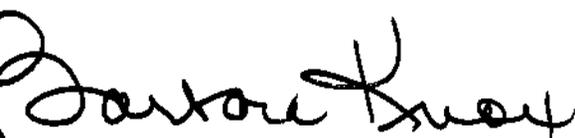
Mattie Blain, long time member of FWGS, passed away in Dallas July 31, 1993. As Cemetery Records Chairman, long before the age of the computer, Mattie spent countless hours in the library setting up the cemetery record file and updating it as necessary. She and Roy moved to Kaufman several years ago, but Mattie continued to keep up with Society activities. We extend sympathy to her family.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Richard J. Huston, local FWGS member, who passed away in July.

Don't forget that your 1994 dues will be less if paid before the first of the year. Individual memberships are \$18.00 (\$15.00 prior to January 1st). Because of the dues increase, the cost of a single issue of *Footprints* will now be \$5.00.

Time really flies - it seems like only yesterday when FWGS (with Weldon Hudson in charge) hosted a most successful Conference in the States for the National Genealogical Society -the first ever in the Lone Star State. The Conference returns to Texas next year, so plan now to spend June 1 - 4, 1994 in Houston. You will hear outstanding speakers, meet lots of people, have the opportunity to research in numerous area depositories, and all in all, have a real good time!

Plans are well underway for our Spring Workshop, April 23, 1994. Guest speaker Jo White Linn will lecture on North Carolina research. I want to emphasize that this series of lectures will be completely different from those presented in Mesquite earlier this year. The Workshop will be held at Holiday Inn North on Meachum Boulevard in Fort Worth. Anyone interested in having a vendor's table should contact Weldon Hudson, at the Society's address. Charge is \$15.00 per table. Additional information later.



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## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AT UTA: A RICH HISTORICAL TREASURE

By Dr. Gerald D. Saxon  
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Genealogists often ask me to tell them about the "genealogical resources" we have in the Special Collections Division of The University of Texas at Arlington Libraries. My answer is always the same and may be a bit disappointing to them. I say that every item we own - from books to maps, archives collections to serials - is a potential genealogy source, and I strongly believe this to be true. Genealogists use the same sources as other researchers; only the questions they ask of these resources are different. With this philosophy as my guiding principle, I jumped at the suggestion of writing an article for *Footprints* in hopes of informing the members of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society, as well as other interested persons, of the extraordinary collection we have at UTA. Because of space restrictions, I will concentrate primarily on the Tarrant County resources in Special Collections.

Before I turn to some of our Tarrant County materials, however, I want to briefly discuss some of the basic details of our division. Begun in 1967, the Special Collections Division now holds approximately 25,000 books, 5,500 historical maps, 6,000 linear feet of manuscript and archival collections, and literally thousands of broadsides, graphics, pieces of sheet music and periodicals. The focus of this material is Texas; the Mexican-American War of 1846-48; the cartographic history of Texas, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Greater Southwest; and Mexico from 1810-1920. The division is located on the sixth floor of UTA's Central Library and is open to the public. The division's hours are M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sat., 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; closed Sundays. For directions to UTA and the library, please call (817) 273-3393. There is a public parking garage directly behind the Central Library. All items in the division must be used in Special Collections' reading areas and cannot be taken from the premises.

Access to most of the division's holdings is through the library's online public access catalog called LUIS (Library User Information System), essentially an electronic card catalog. The catalog can be searched from any of the LUIS terminals in the University's three libraries, which include the Central Library, the Art and Architecture Library and the Science and Engineering Library. A researcher can search LUIS by author, title, subject, call number and keyword. LUIS is a powerful and easy-to-use tool which guides users to UTA's resources. LUIS also includes a number of periodical databases which can be searched online as well. Library staff are happy to instruct patrons on the use of LUIS.

If online catalogs aren't your cup of tea and your questions and research are focused on Texas, then come directly to Special Collections for assistance. In Special Collections, you will find a beautifully appointed facility with a knowledgeable and friendly permanent staff of ten and nine student employees. The division's collections are strong in Texas history in general and Tarrant

County history in particular. Perhaps the one collection which gets the heaviest use in the division is the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* Collection. Not surprisingly, it is also the largest collection the division holds.

In 1984 the *Star-Telegram* donated to UTA more than one million photographs, negatives, clippings, maps, newspapers and index cards. The newspaper's archives reflect, among other things, the history of Fort Worth, West Texas, the Texas oil business, and social, political and economic life in the state. According to manuscripts expert and appraiser Kenneth Rendell, the *Star-Telegram* archives "is the finest such collection on Texas history available to researchers."

It includes:

- \* 380 early black and white photographs, both originals and copies, dated 1878-1925. Among the subjects included are Fort Worth buildings, people, street scenes, businesses and homes, as well as scenes from other Texas towns.
- \* 180,000 black and white photographs dated 1926-1960s. Approximately 50% of these are news service wire photographs covering diverse national and international topics and people. The other 50% are photos taken by *Star-Telegram* photographers covering local and regional news.
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- \* 513,000 newspaper clippings dated 1920-1960 and clippings on the Vietnam War dating into the early 1970s. The majority of the clippings are of major news articles of local or statewide interest, covering everything from accidents to zoos.

The *Star-Telegram* archives is open to the public. Researchers interested in examining photographs and negatives, however, are encouraged to call Betsey Hudon, the collection's photograph curator, and make an appointment. Mrs. Hudon's phone number is (817) 273-3393. There are two restrictions pertaining to photographs that have been placed in the collection. First, UTA cannot reproduce for researchers photos dated after 1955--such arrangements must be made directly with the *Star-Telegram* library. Second, copyright restrictions prohibit UTA from reproducing any wire photos. Researchers must make arrangements with the wire services in order to reproduce these.

Complementing the *Star-Telegram* collection is that of the *Fort Worth News Tribune*, a collection which includes 47 linear feet of material. This Collection dates from 1969, the year the newspaper was founded, until 1989, the year the paper ceased publication. It includes the newspaper clipping files and photograph files used by reporters. These files reflect local news of Fort Worth, with special emphasis on politics, legal issues, social functions and historical articles.

Similar in some ways to the Fort Worth newspaper collections discussed above is the William Jary Collection. This includes 17 linear feet of newspaper clippings, brochures, pamphlets, photographs, maps, posters, correspondence and scrapbooks. Among the prominent topics covered in the Jary Collection are aviation, business and economics, Camp Bowie, homes and buildings, families, social affairs, cultural events, schools, parks and specific events which have occurred in

early Fort Worth. In addition, the collection contains biographical information about prominent Fort Worth individuals. Jary was in the public relations business in Fort Worth and spent more than forty years building this collection.

In addition to the newspaper archives, the division holds a number of archival and manuscript collections which reflect the rich history of Cowtown and its people. Among these are:

- \* George Washington Armstrong Papers, c. 1915-1976 (100 linear feet), includes business and personal correspondence, financial records, legal documents, research notes and published writings of Mr. Armstrong and his family. Armstrong was a successful business man and prominent political figure in Texas. He served as a Tarrant County Judge from 1894-1899. He went on to found Texas Steel and the Fort Worth Gas Company (now Lone Star Gas).
- \* C. C. Cummings Collection, c. 1900 (10 inches), includes research material collected or created by Cummings for an unpublished history of Fort Worth and Peters Colony titled "Historic Outline of Tarrant County and Peters Colony." This typescript consists of thirty-seven chapters and "embraces the first folks and the first facts" of the region. Cummings came to Fort Worth in 1873 where he practiced law for more than thirty-one years. He served as Tarrant County Judge from 1876-1880.
- \* Fort Worth Driving Club Records, 1905-1915 (2 inches), includes letters, financial and legal documents, minute books, membership list, and petition for the club. It was organized in 1905 by a group of Fort Worth residents and rented horse stalls, issued stock to its members and sponsored horse and automobile races.
- \* Julia Kathryn Garrett Collection, c. 1960-1972 (1 foot), includes typescript of Garrett's book, *Fort Worth: A Frontier Triumph*, published by the Encino Press of Austin in 1972. The collection also includes an unpublished portion of the history which covers the years 1873-1874. Garrett, a native of Fort Worth, taught in the Fort Worth schools and at Texas Wesleyan College for forty-five years.
- \* Buckley Burton Paddock Papers, 1864-1946 (2 feet), includes correspondence, legal and financial records, photographs and artifacts pertaining to early Fort Worth "master builder" Paddock. Paddock came to Fort Worth from Mississippi in 1872. A tireless Fort Worth and Tarrant County promoter, he was editor of the *Fort Worth Democrat*, mayor of the city (1892-1900), state representative (1881-1883, 1913-1915), founder of the fire and water departments and author of four books on Fort Worth and West Texas history.
- \* Tarrant County, Texas, Collection, 1840-1971 (4 inches), includes photocopies of manuscripts and documents pertaining to the founding of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. Among these items are correspondence, legal documents, muster rolls, military reports, election results, Indian agency reports, broadsides, newspaper articles, and excerpts from books and journals. The collection is divided into the topics of Indians, transportation, Peters Colony, politics, Civil War, military and miscellaneous. The bulk of the items date from 1840-1865.

- \* Will S. Wood, Jr. Photograph Collection c. 1947-1968 (7 feet), includes black and white photographs taken by Wood, a commercial photographer in Fort Worth. Among the subjects depicted are meetings of professional organizations, fraternal groups, business organizations, business products, construction sites, college groups, schools, families and children.
  
- \* WPA, National Writers' Project, Fort Worth City Guide Records, 1932-1954 (13 feet), includes correspondence, maps, manuscripts, research notes, and literary works collected or created by the Fort Worth office of the National Writers' Project. The Project was established in 1935 by presidential order as part of the Professional and Service Division of the Works Progress Administration (WPA). In 1936, a district office was established in Fort Worth, and research writing, and editing of the Fort Worth City Guide was begun. The guide was not completed, however, before the office closed in 1941. This collection consists primarily of research notes and drafts compiled from 1936-1941. Also included are instructional manuals and correspondence relating to the writing of the guide. Although not completed and published, the information collected provides a comprehensive history of Fort Worth and Tarrant County from Indian occupation to 1940.

The collections discussed above are only a few of the rich holdings the UTA Special Collections Division has on the Fort Worth and Tarrant County area. In addition to archival collections, of course, are books, city directories, maps and microfilm which can be found in the division.

I would like to extend an invitation to readers of this article to visit UTA and use our resources. We are collecting these historical materials so they can be used - and you are invited to do just that. If you have any questions about the division, the library, or the university, please feel free to call me at (817) 273-3393.

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## BIBLE RECORD OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS McDUFF

Contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Buster C. McDuff  
8278 Longford Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76116

After Christopher C. McDuff died in 1923, this Bible was passed on to his granddaughter, Miss Daisy Jones. It is probable that she and her mother, Eliza, added later dates. The Bible is currently in the care of Rudolph Curry McDuff of Hillsboro, Texas. This family is descended from Richard McDuff and Elizabeth Stroud of Alabama and Georgia. and their son, James Franklin McDuff, who moved to Texas shortly after the Civil War. The McDuffs will be happy to hear from anyone researching these lines.

### MARRIAGES

Christopher Columbus McDuff and Louisa Jane Richards was Married March the 4 1866  
Robert S Martin and Etta V McDuff were married Jan 8th 1889  
Wm H Hodge and Verilla McDuff were married Dec 21st 1892  
James W McDuff and Kate Files were married Sept 3rd 1893  
William R. McDuff and Sallie D. Davis were married July 16, 1899  
Eliza C McDuff and Fred Jones were married August 9 1903  
Rudolph McDuff married Jessie Lee Smith Apr 12  
Bettie McDuff wife of Hard McDuff Died Apr 11, 1938

### BIRTHS

James T Richards was born Oct 3rd 1818  
Mrs. Fatima J. Richards was borned Sept 8th 1825  
Columbus M. Richards was borned Sept. 3, 1845  
William T. Richards was borned Febury 18th 1847  
Louisa Jane Richards was borned Oct. 18, 1849  
Willis Benjamin Richards was bornd February 3, 1853

Wanda McDuff was bornd April 11, 1901, daughter of J. W. McDuff  
James Walton McDuff was bornd Nov. 3 1910, son of J. W. McDuff  
Rudolph McDuff, son of Cury McDuff, was bornd Apr. 1923  
Geo McDuff was born Jan. 8, 1932

C. C. McDuff was bornd Decmbr the 5 1846  
Louisa Jane [Richards] McDuff was bornd Oct. the 18 1849  
Ella Virginia McDuff was bornd Oct. the 25, 1867 [Tuscaloosa Co. Ala]<sup>1</sup>  
James Willis McDuff was bornd Feb. the 24 1870 [Tuscaloosa Co. Ala]<sup>2</sup>  
Varilla McDuff was bornd June the 15 1873 [Tuscaloosa Co. Ala]; Died May 31, 1860 [Fort Worth, Texas]<sup>3</sup>  
William Richards McDuff was bornd March the 19, 1876 [Tuscaloosa Co. Ala]<sup>4</sup>

Eliza Celesta McDuff was born August 6, 1882 [Hill Co. Texas]<sup>5</sup>  
 Sylvester Elston McDuff was born Sept. 25th 1887 [Hill Co. Texas]<sup>6</sup>  
 Richard Curry McDuff was born Jan. 3, 1895. Died June 21, 1958. [Hill Co. Texas]<sup>7</sup>

Fredrick Dale Jones was born June 23 1911  
 Daisy Jones was born April 23, 1916  
 Fred Q. Jones was born June 3, 1879  
 Elinor Gayle Jones, daughter of Dale & Kathryne Jones was born Feb. 29, 1936  
 Linda Carol, daughter of Dale & Rose Jones, borned April 15, 1948  
 Barbara Dale Jones was born Apr. 1, 1951  
 Dale Jones & Kathryne Jones was married April 12, 1930  
 Dale Jones & Rose [Newmann] married July 4th 1946 [his second marriage]  
 Jimmy Fred Jones borned Oct. 28, 1956

Sylvester Elston McDuff and Mazie Louise Pool were married Oct. 11, 1911  
 Richard Curry McDuff and Ona Jackson Ford were married Nov. 4, 1916  
 Harold McDuff and Inez Powell was married Dec. 31, 1935. Daughter Sallie was born Oct. 11, 1941. Donna Jean Mar. 18, 1944.

Irene McDuff was married June 5, 1934 to Arthur Tuck.  
 Oleta Hodge was married to John Baldwin June 5, 1935. Daughter, Nancy, was born Nov. 24, 1937  
 [Undescipherable]...Daughter. [Mc]Duff was...Nov 5 1933...dell Hudspeth  
 [Daughters?] Jarrell .... born Jan 22 1937 ....ry Lee Aug 30 1940  
 Jack son of S. E. was married Aug. 21, 1948 to Nell Moye

James F. McDuff was born April 22, 1827  
 Eliza F. McDuff was born March 26, 1826  
 Christopher Columbus McDuff was born Dec. 5, 1846  
 William M. McDuff was born Feb 8 1849  
 E. A. McDuff was born March 7th 1851  
 R. A. McDuff was born April 12, 1853 [bur. Crosbyton Texas]  
 J. T. McDuff was born Sept 27 1855  
 S. H. McDuff was born June 15, 1858  
 Sarah F. McDuff was born Nov 16 1860  
 Harden F. McDuff was born May 2 1863  
 John C. McDuff was born March 17 1866  
 L. C. McDuff was born Feb. 11, 1872

#### Grandparents

Richard McDuff was born May 9 1790  
 Elizabeth [Stroud] McDuff was born May 26, 1798

James Whitson [father of Elizabeth McDuff] was born March 10, 1787  
 Elizabeth [Tony] Whitson was born Nov. 15, 1793

## DEATHS

Elizabeth A. Edmunds died Feb. 5th 1891 [married Gus Edmunds]  
 James F. McDuff died December 14, 1895 [bur. Grandview, Tex]  
 Eliza McDuff died Feb 7, 1907 (bur. Grandview Tex.)  
 C. C. McDuff died October 15, 1923 Monday 3:30 p.m. [bur. Grandview]  
 Mrs. Louisa Jane McDuff died June 12, 1927 [bur. Grandview, Texas]  
 W. M. McDuff died Jan. 31, 1923 [bur. Grandview]  
 John McDuff died Mar. 20, 1946  
 Richard McDuff d. June 29, 1876 [date on widow's application for Pension War of 1812 is June 29, 1875. Born May 9, 1790. Bur Walker Co. Ala.]  
 James Whitson Died March 29, 1841  
 Elizabeth Whitson died Aug. 1866  
 R. A. McDuff died Oct. 31, 1927  
 Ella V. Martin d. Oct. 21, 1936  
 W. R. McDuff died Dec. 16, 1941  
 Sallie F. Elmore died March 5, 1946 [bur Itasca, Texas]  
 L. C. McDuff died Oct 3, 1946

William T. Richards died Nov. 23 1869  
 James T. Richards died Aug. the 1, 1854  
 C. M. Richards died July 13, 1881  
 F. J. Richards died Feb 20 1912  
 W. B. Ricards [sic] died June 5, 1914  
 Other Lee McDuff, son of J. W. McDuff died August 26, 1894  
 Mrs. Sallie D. McDuff, wife of Wm. R. McDuff died March 20th 1917  
 Charles Oswald McDuff, son of Curry McDuff, died Nov. 11, 1922  
 J. W. McDuff died Nov. 12, 1926  
 Elston McDuff, son of Sylvester McDuff, died July 12th 1932  
 Richard Curry McDuff died June 2, 1958 [father of Rudolph Curry McDuff who now owns this Bible]  
 Fred Jones died Nov. 29, 1953 [bur. Grandview, Texas]  
 Harold McDuff died June 17, 1963  
 Walton McDuff died Dec. 6, 1963  
 Winnie Hunt killed June 11, 1964  
 [Curry] Ona Ford McDuff died Sept. 10, 1969  
 [S. E.] Maizie Pool McDuff died Oct. 26, 1969  
 S. E. McDuff died Feb. 5, 1970  
 Fred] Eliza McDuff Jones died Aug. 1, 1972

END OF RECORD

## END NOTES

1. Ella Virginia McDuff m. Jan. 8, 1889 Robert Sidney Martin (b. 30 June 1867 Birmingham, Ala). **Children:** Belzora, Roxie, Betty, Eulah, W. Travis, Elma, Grace, Charlie, Robert and John Martin.
2. James Willis McDuff married Kate Files Sept. 3, 1893.

3. Varilla McDuff m. Dec. 21, 1892, Grandview, Texas, William Henry Hodge (b. Nov. 7, 1867, Athens, Texas; d. June 4, 1933). Children: Magnus C., Winnie Jane, James Robert, Aurelia Jewel and Oleta Mary Hodge.
4. William Richards McDuff m/1 16 July 1899 Sallie D. Davis (d. 20 March 1917, Hill Co. Texas.); m/2 Nettie Wilbanks. Children: Frank, Harold, Willie Mae, Maurice, Irene and Alfred McDuff.
5. Elizabeth Celesta McDuff m. 9 August 1903 Fred Q. Jones (1879-1953). Both bur. Grandview, Texas. Children: Fredric Dale (decd( and Daisy Jones.
6. Sylvesta Elston McDuff m. 11 Oct. 1911 Mazie Louise Pool (d. 1969). Children: Elston McDuff (decd), Marion McDuff, and Jack McDuff.
7. Richard Curry McDuff m. 4 Nov. 1916 Ona Jackson Ford (1896-1969). Children: Charles Oswald McDuff (d. inf), Rudolph Cuffy McDuff and George Glen McDuff.

Children of James Franklin McDuff and wife, Elizabeth Whitson:

1. Christopher Columbus McDuff m. Louisa Jane Richards, dau. James T. Richards and Fatima Jane Stanley.
2. William M. McDuff m. Sarah Edmonds
3. Elizabeth A. (Betty) McDuff m. A. N. (Gus) Edmonds
4. Richard Arnold (Dick) McDuff m. Martha Laurel Appling (grandparents of Buster G. McDuff)
5. Sidney H. McDuff m. Hester - remained in Alabama
6. Sarah Frances (Sally) McDuff m. as his 2d wife John Elmore
7. John C. McDuff m. Kitty May---; remained in Alabama
8. James Thomas McDuff m. Alice Hortense Cole; remained in Alabama
9. Hardin Franklin McDuff m. Sarah E. Bagwell; bur. Fort Worth, Texas
10. Licius Clement McDuff m/1 Lizzie Deacon; m/2 Willie Nellie Gray; bur. Fort Worth, Texas.

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### ANNOUNCING 1994 KETTENRING REUNION

The Kettenring (variant spellings - Ketering, Kettering, Ketron, Catron, Cattron, Caterlig, Cattering, etc.) and allied families will have a reunion on 19 June 1994 in Sullivan County, Tennessee. Place has not yet been established. Plan now to attend. A few allied families: Hicks, Bishop, Rhea, Larkey, Brashear(s), Brassier, Marquardt (Marquard and Marquard), Sluss, Bohannon, Vinnirick, Zimmer, Metzeli, Faul.

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## FREE FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS

(South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Texas)

Compiled and submitted by Norma Jean Gibson Haynes Hickson  
Fort Worth, Texas

Editor's Note: Mrs. Hickson is the great-great-great-granddaughter of William Free and Judith Seigler. She states that the material has been copied exactly as recorded in the Bibles, but births, marriages and deaths are listed together for convenience in reading, since the entries in the original records were intermingled. Compiler's comments are enclosed in brackets with additional clarification appearing in End Notes.

### BIBLE #1

Title Page: "Alexander's Stereotype Edition...The New Testament of Our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, translated out of The Original Greek; and with The Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised...Philadelphia: Stereotyped and published by C. Alexandar & Co., Athenian Buildings, Franklin Place, and sold by all the principal booksellers in the United States....1834"  
[last number of year difficult to read]

### Births

Jno Free<sup>2</sup>

William Free was born April 12<sup>th</sup> 1787<sup>3</sup>

Judith F. Siglar his wife was born August 28<sup>th</sup> 1788<sup>4</sup>

Gorge Free June 24<sup>th</sup> 1811<sup>5</sup>

Jemima C. Free was born January 4, 1813

Malachio O. Free, January 8<sup>th</sup> 1816

David W. Free was born July 22, 1819

Isaiah K. Free was born July 9, 1822

Nancy Greathouse was born February 16, 1827<sup>6</sup>

James Gindmon Free was born February 15, 1861<sup>7</sup>

The daughter of David Free and getsus Free was born the 16 of August 1862

Judith Kisiah Free

William Young the son of M. O. Free and Barbra Free was born October 30, 1845

Marian Malichi was born March the 1, 1853, the son of M. O. Free and Winey Free<sup>8</sup>

Duter of Barba Free, Martha A. B. Free was born November 18<sup>th</sup> 1838

William Batholitz Free was born June the 15, 1845<sup>9</sup>

Mary Ann D. Free was born March 29, 1828<sup>10</sup>

Westley Greenberry Free was born February 24, 1851<sup>11</sup>

Mary Coviser Judith Free was born February 23, 1853<sup>12</sup>

Nancy Elizabeth Cethsada Free was born March 2, 1857<sup>13</sup>

Marthy M. Free was born the 21 of Sept 1866<sup>14</sup>

The son of Mary A. D. Kenady and William Kenody, William Andrew Cory Kenody, was  
September 9, 1855

Samuel Washington Crawford Free was born January the 7, 1848, the son of Jemima C. Free<sup>15</sup>

Marriages

William Free & Judith Segler married the 27 day August the 1810  
 Isaiah K., Free and Nancy Greathouse was married September the 30, 1849<sup>16</sup>  
 Malachi O. Free and Barbra Young the 1837 November 29 was married<sup>17</sup>  
 The 1 of January David W. Free and Marth E. Stoveall was married the year 1844<sup>18</sup>  
 William Kenody and Mary Ann Deborah Free was married December the 7, 1854

Deaths

William Free departed this life upon friday morning 29th August-1841-of "Bilius Congestive Fever"  
 age 54 yr 4 no 8 da  
 Judith F. Free departed this life on the 15th Sept 1841 of Bilius congestion fever, aged 53 years &  
 17 days  
 David W. Free Departed this life May the 11, 1862  
 Isiah K. Free Departed this life August the 1, one thousand, 1862<sup>19</sup>  
 Gorgia Free Departed January 12, 1814  
 My Mother Departed, Mary Powell, January 7 the 1840<sup>20</sup>  
 Marthy M. Free Departed this life Feb the 11, 1867

## END OF BIBLE RECORD

[There are at least 5 different handwritings noted. The entries of the births of William, wife Judith, births of their children, death of first child George, and death of William's presumed mother, Mary Powell, appear to be the same handwriting. A second hand records only the deaths of William and Judith.

A third handwriting records the births of the children of Isiah Free and Nancy Greathouse, births of David Free's children, deaths of Isiah and David Free, marriage of Mary Ann D. Free and William Kenady, birth of their son, William Andrew and birth of Jemima's son, Samuel Washington Crawford Free. Possibly these entries were made by David Free's two wives.

Yet a different handwriting records the family of Malachi O. Free. Other notations were unlike the handwriting of any of the entries mentioned].

BIBLE #2

Title Page: "The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: Translated out of the original Greek and with the former translations diligently compared and revised...New York....[illegible] for the American Bible Society....1844"

[On the cover page]: Barbra Free departed this life November 15 of 1847.<sup>21</sup>

## END OF BIBLE RECORD

BIBLE #3 - Bible of William Batholitz Free and Elizabeth M. Widden<sup>22</sup>

Title Page: "The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ....Translated out of the Original Greek and with the former translations diligently compared and revised....New York: American Bible Society, Instituted in the year MDCCCXVI....1864"

Births

Martha M. Free was born April 21, 1865<sup>23</sup>  
 William Jasper Free was born October 2, 1866  
 John Thomas Free was born No. the 5, 1868  
 Mity Frances was born Apr 4, 1871  
 Nancy L. Free was born Feb the 17 [or 7] 1873  
 Ocolona Free was born Jan the 9, 1875  
 Noah Tillery Free born July 4 1877  
 Mary L. Free was born Feb the 18, 1879  
 Ida Free, daughter of Wm & Elizabeth Free was born 25 Feb 1880  
 Joseph K. Free was born June the 4, 1882  
 Baby was born Aug the 14, 1887<sup>24</sup>  
 Arthur B. Free was born Oct 10, 1889

Marriages

William B. Free and Elisabeth M. Whidden was married Dec 23, 1863

Deaths

Martha Malvina Free departed this life Feb 11, 1866<sup>25</sup>  
 David W. Free departed this life May 11, 1862  
 William J. Free Departed this life Apr 23, 1870  
 Mity Frances departed this life Sept 11, 1871

END OF BIBLE RECORD

BIBLE #4 - The Bible of Isiah K. Free and Nancy Greathouse<sup>26</sup>

Title Page: "New York: American Bible Society, 1857. The Holy Bible containing the Old and New Testaments."

[The front cover of the Bible has writing unreadable because of wear and water damage, except for  
 "...was bornd Sept 1838....Greathouse was bornd April....Mary Caroline dau of Isac and  
 Mary....was born the 11 of June...."]<sup>27</sup>

Title Page of the New Testament section: "The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Translated out of the original Greek, and with the former translations diligently compared and revised. New York: American Bible Society, Instituted in the year MDCCCXVI...1856."

Written on the front and back of this title page are these entries:

Mary Louisa Juda Free marrid Casida  
 The 1 chile name Nancy Ann Emeh (?) Casida was borned August the 19, 1895  
 William Alson Tillery and Marry Pauline Tillery was borned May the 5  
 in the year of 1898<sup>28</sup>

## FAMILY RECORD

### Births<sup>29</sup>

W. Free born April 12, 1787  
 Judith F. Free August 28, 1788  
 Jorge Free born June 24, 1811  
 Jemima Z. Free born Janary the 4, 1813  
 Malichi O. Free was born Janary the 8, 1816  
 David W. Free July 22, 1819  
 Isaiah K. Free July 7, 1822  
 Mary Ann D. Free March 22, 1828  
 Jhonnie [sic] Isaiah Tillery was borned the 15 day of Febrary 1889<sup>30</sup>  
 Nancy Free was bornd february the 16: 1827<sup>31</sup>  
 Wesley Greenberry Free was bornd february 24: 1851<sup>32</sup>  
 Mary Louisa Judith Free was bornd Febrary the 23: 1853  
 Nancy Elizabeth Cathsady Free was bornd Marth the 2: 1857  
 William Alson Free was bornd May the 22: 1860<sup>33</sup>  
 Leathery Ann Tillery was Borned the 26th day of June 1888<sup>34</sup>  
 Green B. Free and Martha Dawson the wife of G. B. Free:  
   The first chile name Emer Albert Free was Brnd Dide [born dead?]  
   The 2 chile Lewis Emer Free was bornd February 15, 1872  
   Della Catharine was Bornd April the 10, 1875  
   Jinnetta Christine was bornd April the 13, 1877

### Marriages<sup>35</sup>

Isaiah K. Free and Nancy Greathouse was married September 30, 1849  
 in the year 1881 Al Free and Mary J. Arrington was married 21 August<sup>36</sup> and the  
 21 of May their daughter Lila May  
 On the 1884, 18 of April William Charles was bornd

### Deaths<sup>37</sup>

Mary Greathouse Departed this life the 8th of November 1872<sup>38</sup>  
 Nancy Free Died the 26th day of April 1887<sup>39</sup>

BIBLE #5 William Alson Free and Mary Jane Arrington<sup>40</sup>  
Title page is missing, so the date is unknown.

#### Parents' Names

Husband, William Alson Free was born May 22nd 1860  
Wife, Mary Jane Free was born Nov 4th 1857  
Married 20th of August 1881 in Barbor Co Ala by Rev W. R. Jenkins

#### Marriages

Mr. W. F. Meads and Miss Lilley May Free were married Feb the 9 1902  
Mr. W. C. Free and Miss Ida Bice were married July the 16, 1905<sup>41</sup>  
Mr. Arther Free and Bessie Bice were married Nov 19, 1909  
Mr. Gusie Free and Miss Myrtle Bice were married Dec. 21, 1910  
Mr. Moses Free and Miss Annie Murphy were married Dec 25, 1914

#### Children's Names

Lillie May Free was borne in the year of our Lord May 21st 1882  
William Charley Free was born in the year April 18, 1884  
Arther Lee Free was born in the year of our Lord Oct 12th 1886  
Ernest Isaiah Free was born in the year of our Lord March 5th 1889  
Thomas Augustus Free was born in the year of our Lord Feb 2nd 1891  
Henry Moses Free was born in the year of our Lord August 10th 1893  
Ora Pauline Free was borned 8 of Feb 1907<sup>42</sup>

#### Deaths

Earnest Isiah Free Died Feb 7, 1909  
William Alson Free died October 27, 1929<sup>43</sup>  
Mary Jane Free died February 6, 1939

Written by Rev. S. R. McClung our Pastor<sup>44</sup>

End of Bible Record

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## END NOTES

1. My assumption is that this Bible originally belonged to William Free and Judith Seigler. After her death, it probably passed on to son David, still living in the family home and the next one to marry (1844). Son Malachi, already married, was in Georgia at the time of his parents' death. Family data continued to be entered by David's two wives (he died in 1862). His son, William Batholitz, married in 1863 and the Bible probably passed on to him. Since William and his wife had their own Bible (Bible #3), no further entries were made in this Bible. Present owner of the Bible is Woodrow Free, Brenham, Texas, great-great-grandson of William Free and Judith Seigler and grandson of William Batholitz Free.
2. It is not known to whom this first entry refers; however, it is assumed that this is William's brother, John Free, born in either 1785 or 1790 (census records differ).
3. William Free and all of his children were born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, where he lived his entire life.
4. Judith's father was George Seigler (mother's name not known), and she, too, called Fairfield County her home. Her father is not shown in the 1790 census for that county, so she may not have been born there.
5. Gorge (sic, George), Jemima, Malachi, David, Isiah and Mary Ann D. were the children of William Free and Judith Seigler. All other births are annotated.

William and his brother John were indentured to Adam Free in 1797, their supposed grandfather, whose only KNOWN son was George Free! It appears that William named his first child after this "uncle." (I have assumed that William Free's father was Thomas Free of the 1790 census. However, William did not name any of his sons Thomas).

6. Nancy Greathouse was the wife of Isiah Free.
7. This child is not identified in the Bible. He could have been Malachi's or David's. Neither of these families have been located in the 1870 census; unable to verify enumeration of this child with either of their families. There is no James Free in later census records, nor do family descendants know of him, hence it is assumed that he died as a child.
8. Winnie Hill was Malachi O. Free's second wife.
9. Only child of David Free and wife/1 Martha Stovall.
10. She married William Kenada (various other spellings).
11. Son of Isiah Free and Nancy Greathouse.
12. Daughter of Isiah Free and Nancy Greathouse.
13. Daughter of Isiah Free and Nancy Greathouse.
14. First child of William Batholitz Free and Elizabeth Malvina Whidden. This Bible record differs from dates of birth (21 Apr 1865) and death (11 Feb 1867) in her parents' Bible.
15. Jemima Free did not marry. Her illegitimate son, Samuel Washington Crawford Free, was born in Crawford Co., Ga. He appears to have used the name "William S. Free" in his adult years. Jemima is not enumerated in the 1870 census, either in Ga. or Ala. with her son, so it is presumed she died between 1860-70.
16. Marriage record in Crawford County, Ga.

17. They married in Fairfield Co. S. C. - no marriage records for that time period. Barbra Young d. 15 Nov 1847; he m/2 Winnie Hill ca 1848.
18. They married in Fairfield County, S. C. Martha Stovall d. ca. 1850-59 and David m/2 Ann Phillips (as her second husband). Possibly her full name was Elizabeth Ann as she is called "Getsus" in the Bible record. She had a son, William, from her first marriage. David and Ann had one child (dau) identified by the Bible record, born after David was killed in the Civil War. James Gindmon Free, b. 15 Feb 1861, is possibly their child. Entry of his birth is just prior to that of their identified daughter.
19. Isiah Free died in Florida just a few months after enlisting in the Civil War. His body was sent home and buried in Greenville, Butler County, Ala. Sometime in the early 1900s, the cemetery land was needed for a public building and the cemetery was moved. The Confederate remains were combined in a mass grave and a monument erected.
20. I believe this reference is to William's mother, not Judith's. Judith's father died in 1808 and his will makes reference only to his children, not to a wife, so she was presumably deceased at the time. Powell is most likely Mary Free's maiden name, as women were commonly referred to by their maiden name in legal documents in Colonial times. She married first Thomas Free (according to census and court records, the presumed son of Adam Free), and had known sons William and John. She was a widow by 1797, remarried John Spillars, and by 1803 was again a widow with another son, James Spillars. It is possible, of course, that Powell was a married name, as she would have been a relatively young woman in 1803. If she did not remarry, she was likely in the household of one of her children in later census records, and then died before the 1840 census.
21. A note written on the cover page states this entry (also on the cover page) was the only writing in "this old Bible." However, there are other entries, unreadable, which have to do with a death in 1920 and a birth or death in 1912. Possibly this was the Bible of Malachi Free and his first wife, Barbra Young, and for some reason came into the possession of his brother David's descendants. Woodrow Free, Brenham, Texas, great-great grandson of William Free and Judith Seigler, is the present owner of the Bible.
22. William Batholitz Free was the only child of David W. Free and Martha Stovall. All the birth entries are their children. His father David's date of death is entered, but not his mother's. Probably no one remembered, as she died when William was 4-5 years old, and his father died when he was a teenager. The present owner of this Bible is Woodrow Free, Brenham, Texas, grandson of William B. Free.
23. Bible #1 records her date of birth as 21 Sept 1886.
24. This was Charlie C. Free.
25. Bible #1 recorded her date of death as 11 Feb 1867.
26. The present owner of this Bible is Ruth Weaver, Navasota, Texas, great-granddaughter of Isiah K. Free and granddaughter of William Alson Free, youngest child of Isiah and Nancy. William Alson was the likely custodian of his mother's Bible after her death as he was still with her in Alabama at the time. Nancy's other son, Greenberry, was already in Texas. This Bible has descended through the youngest child's line.
- Nancy Free died in 1887. A number of entries were made in the Bible after her death, presumably the wife of William Alson Free. When William A. and Mary Jane Free acquired their own Bible, no further entries regarding their family were made in this Bible.
27. This entry aligns with information from other sources regarding the birthdate of Isaac Greathouse and his wife Mary, and the birthdate of their daughter, Mary Caroline. Nancy was Isaac's eldest sibling and married before him. Why this entry was made in her Bible and no others regarding her seven other siblings remains a mystery.

28. These are the twin children of Isiah's daughter, Nancy Elizabeth, who married James Tillery ca 1887. The 1900 Montgomery County, Texas census shows her to have a daughter, Esther, b. Feb. 1892 and son, Andrew, b. Feb. 1893. These children's births were not recorded in this Bible.
  29. William and Judith (parents of Isiah K. Free) and their children's births are also recorded in this Bible—George, Jemima, Malachi, David, Isiah, and Mary Ann Deborah. Not all of Isiah Free and Nancy Greathouse's grandchildren are recorded. Son Greenberry m/2 Louisa Dawson and had two more daughters. Son William Alson had four more children. His last child was my grandfather, Arthur Lee Free, b. 1886.
  30. This is the second child of Nancy Elizabeth Free and James Tillery. This birth is recorded twice in the Bible, different handwritings.
  31. Nancy Greathouse was the wife of Isiah Free. His name is spelled interchangeably "Isiah" and Isaiah."
  32. First child of Isiah Free and Nancy Greathouse.
  33. Last child of Isiah Free and Nancy Greathouse. My great-grandfather!
  34. First child of Nancy Elizabeth Free and James Tillery. This birth is recorded twice in different handwritings.
  35. William Alson's marriage is the only one of their children's marriages which is recorded! Green's first marriage is referred to when listing the births of their children, but his second marriage is not recorded, nor the births of the children of that marriage. The marriage record of daughter, Nancy Elizabeth, is also not recorded, although her two children's birth dates are!
  36. Marriage records of Barbour Co. Ala. indicate they were married 22 August 1881.
  37. Isiah's death is not recorded!
  38. The mother of Nancy Greathouse Free.
  39. Her husband had been dead 25 years! She was a young woman with four small children when he died; unusual that she did not remarry but raised her family alone. However, she was surrounded by her extended Greathouse family.
  40. This Bible is in the possession of Ruth Weaver, Navasota, Texas, granddaughter of William Alson Free and Mary Jane Arrington. Her mother, Lilly, was their first child and only daughter.
  41. Three Bice sisters, Ida, Bessie, and Myrtle, married three Free brothers.
  42. Ora Pauline was their first grandchild, daughter of Charles Free and Ida Bice. Her birth is the only grandchild recorded.
  43. The handwriting of the death of William Alson and Mary Jane is not that of Pastor McClung. This data was likely added by daughter Lily Free Meads, the Bible custodian after Mary Jane's death.
  44. The last child, Henry Moses Free, was born in Texas; the others in Alabama. Hence, I presume Pastor McClung was William Free's pastor after the family came to Texas. Their dates of birth and those of their children were written on a very worn piece of paper folded and enclosed inside the Bible. Their Bible may not have been acquired until around 1902 after their first child married. They had Pastor McClung copy the information from this paper into the Bible.
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## CROSSLAND AND MONTGOMERY OBITUARIES

Editor's Note: Martha Coleman has sent two more obituaries from the *Yakima [Washington] Herald Republic* issue of September 30, 1993, pertaining to native Texans. Mrs. Coleman is a member of The Yakima Valley Genealogy Society and writes that she enjoys work with family history and still considers Texas her home state.

### OBITUARY.

Theopa Laval Crosslin, 83, of Yakima, died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1993, at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital.

Theopa was born on November 20, 1909, in Wetherford [sic] Texas to Laval M. Piester and Lora Gilbert. She was married in Texas and raised her family in Texas, Arizona and finally Washington where she settled in Yakima in 1949. Theopa had attended Yakima Business College, worked in various warehouses in the fruit industry, worked as a bookkeeper at Randle Brewer in Yakima and then as a Nurses Aid at St. Elizabeth Hospital, where she retired at the age of 64. She enjoyed reading, quilting, sewing for her children, as well as making dolls and doll clothes.

Theopa is survived by two sons, Martin "Tom" Crosslin of Longview, Texas, Kenneth and Dorothy Crosslin of Yakima; two daughters, Barbara Crosslin of Yakima and Judy Sweetland of Wickenburg, Az.; one brother Benjamin C. Piester of Brownsville, Tex; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lucille and Herman Wharton of Mineral Wells, Tex. and Gloria and Charles "Bill" Smith of Jacksboro, Tx.; several grand and great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 3 brothers 3 sisters and 2 grandsons.

Graveside services will be held at Tahoma Cemetery in Yakima on Friday, October 1, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. under the direction of Shaw and Sons Funeral Directors in Yakima.

### OBITUARY.

Jeff Montgomery, 95, a longtime resident of Yakima, went home to be with our Lord on Tuesday, September 28, 1993 in Central Convalescent Center.

He was born January 25, 1898 the son of Al and Mollie (Phillips) Montgomery in Sulpher [sic] Springs, Texas where he was raised and educated. On December 24, 1922 he and Grace Raibourn were married in Henryetta [sic] Oklahoma and together they lived in various parts of California, Oklahoma and for a short time in Idaho. Prior to moving to the Yakima Valley in 1949 he had been employed in the construction field and helped build military bases throughout the Western States. He later was employed by various orchards in the Yakima Valley and the Washington State Department of Highways as a gardener.

Jeff was a longtime member of Church of God Prophecy Church where he served as a Sunday School teacher and board member. He loved traveling and camping.

His surviving family includes his wife, Grace of Yakima, two sons, Lloyd of Oregon and Robert of Virginia; six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Harold in 1924 and Bruce in 1957; one brother Henry Allen; two sisters, Clara Farr and Stella Bowman.

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## GANTT, LOCHRIDGE, SCOTT, AND SMALL FAMILY BIBLES

Ed. note: Continued from Vol. 36, No. 3 (August 1993), in which was published the Gantt and Lochridge Bible records, together with miscellaneous obituaries, et cetera, pertaining to James Joshua and Priscilla P. (East) Scott, early settlers in Tarrant County. These records were submitted by H. O. Lochridge, 4913 Reynolds Road, Fort Worth, TX 76180. Editorial notes are enclosed in brackets.

### BIBLE OF JAMES MARTIN & MITTIE (HUDSON) SCOTT, WITH HUDSON CONNECTIONS

Published 1890 by Talty, Morgan & Co., No. 651 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

Presented to Mittie Scott by J. Martin Scott, Burleson, Texas.

[Handwritten on blank page] J. Martin and Mittie Scott's book. This book was given to me by my husband about the year 1896. At my death, I want this book given to my son J. J. Scott, who in turn will give it to his son, Philip. It is my wish that this book remain in the Scott family. /s/ Mittie Scott, Oct. 8, 1945

At my death this book shall be given to my oldest son Martin Philip Scott. In turn, it will be given to John Terry Scott and then to my first grandson, Weston Crady Scott. /s/ P. M. Scott, Nov. 23, 1990.

This Bible was rebound and mended for Phil and Helen Scott by Mary Gene Smith Drummond, Helen's artistic and talented aunt, 1980. /s/ PMS

#### MARRIAGES:

James M. Scott and Mittie Hudson were married Sept 3rd 1893, Sunday Evening at 7 O'ck P.M.

J. J. Scott and Millie Pirena Cantrell were married on Nov 1, 1922, Wednesday, 8 P.M., Waxahachie, Tex.

Johanna Corrinne Scott married Norman Sherwood Stuckey on Sept 5, 1947.

Philip Martin Scott married Helen Mary Hausman on Jan 27, 1951.

#### BIRTHS:

Julia Mabell Scott was Born June 10th 1894, Sunday. Died Feb 3rd 1961.

John J. Scott was Born January 21st 1896 on Tuesday.

Died Oct. 2, 1965.

Utie Myrtle Scott was Born June 23rd 1898 on Thursday. Died September 1988. Restland, Dallas, Tex [burial place?]

Rurie Marie Scott was Born January 7th 1902 on Teausday. Died May 28, 1978.

Corinne Scott was born April 22nd 1913, 12:15 O'clock A.M. Tuesday.

#### DEATHS:

John Dixon Hudson died on September 8th 1908, Tuesday between 7 & 8 O'ck P.M.

J. Martin Scott died Feby 11, 1918, Monday about 2:15 A.M.

Winnie Stokes Hudson died on April 9, 1918, Tuesday 7 P.M.

Marie Scott Rust, May 27, 1948, Saturday.

Corrine Scott died on October the 4th 1922 at 3:15 P.M., Wednesday. Age 9 years, 5 months and 12 days. Sweet little bud for earth too fair, Has gone to Heaven to blossom there.

## MEMORANDUM:

James Martin Scott was Born Sept 2nd 1869.

Mittie Scott, nee Hudson, was Born December 21st 1871. Died 12-8-1953.

Rena Belle Turner was Born November 8th 1886.

[Handwritten on blank, lower part of p. 1026 of the Bible]:

Feb-7-1861. J. D. Hudson and Winnie Traylor were married. Witnessed by Jessie Teague, Maria Traylor, Washington Traylor, James M. Jones.

J. D. Hudson was born Jan 5 A.D. 1835. Died Sept 8 at 7:30 P.M. 1908.

Winnie Stokes Hudson was born May 28th A.D. 1839. Died April 9, 1918 at Clarendon [Texas].

William K. Hudson, 1st son, was born Nov 29 A.D. 1861 on Friday 2 O'clock A.M.

John A. C. Hudson, 2nd son, was in Nov 6th A.D. 1863 on Friday 2 O'clock P.M.

Howell Washington Traylor, 3rd son, was born Mar 22 A.D. 1866 on Thursday 10 O'clock P.M. Died Dec 1, 1925.

Maria J. Hudson, 1st daughter, was born Feb 17, 1867 on Wednesday 4 O'ck P.M.

Mary Armitie, 2nd daughter, was born Dec 21st 1871. Died Dec 8, 1953.

Arra Belle Hudson, b. 7-14-1874, d. 8-19-1878)

Ary Mae Hudson, b. 7-14-1874, d. 8-25-1878 ) 1st burials in Hudson Cemetery,  
near Kennedale.

[Ed. note: The last two entries, above, were sent by Mr. Lochridge, as they were at the bottom of the page and were cut-off on the Xerox copy of the original. I am certain that in the *original* record they were not shown as above. One should never, ever use numbers to indicate months, and Bible records should be copied *exactly* as written, if at all possible.]

[Another handwritten page, the writing of several different persons]:

Jenneta Snyder, mother of J. D. Hudson, departed this life on Oct 26, 1878.

Rena Scott wife of J. J. was born in Waxahachie, April 17th 1899. Died in Corpus Christi, Tex. Feb 10, 1987. Millie Pirena Cantrell Scott.

Joann Corrinne Scott 1st child of J. J. and Rena was born Aug 1st 1923.

Philip Martin 2nd child was born on Aug 4, 1924.

Norman Sherwood Stuckey died Dec 14, 1992.

David Sherwood Stuckey, born Dec. 12, 1954, son of Joan & Norman.

Scott Sherwood Stuckey, born May 17, 1956, son of Joan & Norman.

Martin Philip Scott born April 9, 1955, son of Phil & Helen.

John Terry Scott, born Aug 4, 1956, son of Phil & Helen.

Helen Mary Hausman Scott, born Dec 5, 1929.

Scott Sherwood Stuckey married Tamara Nicolette Sax Feb. 20, 1993.

Martin Philip Scott & Caroline Jean Fouts were married Sept 3, 1978, divorced 1986.

John Terry Scott & Judy Lynn Davis were married July 31, 1982.

Martin Philip Scott & Hope Stewart Rugo married April 7, 1990.

Weston Crady Scott, born June 1, 1987, son of John & Judy Scott.

Courtney Rene Scott, born Dec 11, 1989, daughter of John & Judy Scott.

Judy Lyne Davis Scott, born Aug 31, 1956.

Hope Stewart Rugo Scott, born Feb 23, 1958.

Philip Thomas Scott, born Sept 18, 1992. Son of Martin & Hope Scott.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

Waxahachie, Texas, Feb. 11, 1918. Died this morning at 3:00 O'clock at home on East University Street, J. Martin Scott, age 48 years. Funeral tomorrow at 1:30. Interment in City Cemetery.

## OBITUARY

[Waxahachie newspaper, abstracted] J. Martin Scott died early today of heart failure. . . . Funeral at the family residence at 1:30 P.M. Tuesday. Burial in city cemetery with Masonic honors. Rev. G. H. Hogan will conduct services. The survivors: Wife and five children--J. J. Scott of Love Field, recently in service; Mrs. Mabel Hurt of Lindale, Texas; Misses Uta, Marie, and Corrine Scott of this city. J. Martin Scott formerly lived in Everman, Tarrant County, where he has landed interests now. He moved to Waxahachie about ten years ago to educate his children. . . . Out of town relatives and friends who will be present: Dr. W. K. Hudson of Goen, Alabama; Mrs. Lockridge of Iowa Park, Mrs. Laura Small of Vernon; Mrs. J. J. Scott of Fort Worth [mother]; Dr. Lum Hudson of Cedar Hill; Wash Hudson of Mansfield; Walter Gant of San Marcos; Mrs. Emma Gant of Port Arthur; Ben Gant of Galveston; Jim Scott of Fort Worth; Mrs. Dave Estes of Fort Worth; Mrs Earl [illeg.] of Tankersley, Texas.

## OBITUARY

[Fort Worth newspaper, abstracted] J. W. [sic] Scott, son of Mrs. J. J. Scott of Fort Worth, died Monday morning at his home in Waxahachie. He was born in Tarrant County and lived in Fort Worth a number of years. . . . He is survived by his widow, his mother Mrs. J. J. Scott of Fort Worth, four daughters, Mrs. Hurt of Dallas, Uta, Marie and Corrine Scott of Waxahachie; three sisters, Mrs. M. E. Gant of Fort Worth, Mrs. Louis Lockeridge of Iowa Park, Mrs. M. A. Small of Vernon, Texas. Funeral at the residence 163 East University Avenue, Waxahachie, Texas, Tuesday afternoon at 2 O'clock.

## OBITUARY

[Fort Worth newspaper, abstracted] Miss Corrine Scott, age 9, died at the family residence 1423 South Jennings Avenue at 4 O'clock Wednesday afternoon [1922]. Survivors: Mother Mrs. J. M. Scott, brother J. J. Scott, sister Miss Marie Scott, all of Fort Worth, sister Mrs. Jim Miller of Waxahachie, sister Mrs. E. D. Hurt of Dallas. Funeral from residence of Mrs. Miller in Waxahachie Thursday afternoon at 4:30.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

Died at family home in Fort Worth yesterday afternoon at 3:30 O'clock, Corrinne Scott, age 9 years, 5 months, 12 days, daughter of Mrs. J. Martin Scott. Services at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Houston Miller, Jr., at Newton Apts. on Parks Street, this (Thursday) afternoon at 4:30. Interment in city cemetery. Waxahachie, Thursday, Oct. 5, 1922.

## OBITUARY [1908]

[Fort Worth newspaper, abstracted] John D. Hudson of Tarrant County died at home near Mansfield on September 8, aged 73 years, 8 months, 3 days. He was born in Mississippi, came with his parents to Shelby County, Texas in 1838 and to Tarrant County in 1855. Joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1855. Married Feb. 7, 1861 Miss Winnie Traylor. They had seven children, of whom five are still living: Dr. W. K. Hudson of Okla; Dr. J. C. Scott of Hermleigh [Texas]; Mrs. Maria Ferguson; Mrs. Mittie Scott. Burial will be by the Masons at Hudson Cemetery. Rev. E. D. L. Tims officiating at Hudson tabernacle. Mr. Hudson was one of the few remaining "old settlers" . . . .

## OBITUARY [1908]

[Fort Worth paper, abstracted] John D. Hudson, born Mississippi January 25, 1835 [Bible says b. Jan. 5], died September 8, 1908, age 73 years . . . to Texas

1838 . . . married Miss Winnie Traylor in 1861. Had seven children (2 deceased). Living are: Dr. W. K., Dr. J. C., and W. T. Hudson, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Scott. At age 21 he professed religion and joined the Methodist Church. . . .

**BIBLE OF MORTON AMOS & LAURA C. (SCOTT) SMALL  
WITH SMALL FAMILY CONNECTIONS**

Published by J. Wilmore & Co., New York, 1891. [This record consists of five original Bible pages, plus two handwritten insert pages, also handwritten and typed Small family data and history].

**BIRTHS (2 original pp.):**

Morton Amos Small, Born April 12, 1866.  
 Laura Cornelia Small, Born Sept. 27, 1872.  
 Lillie Ethel Small, Born July 22, 1892.  
 Roger Prentice Small, Born Oct. 23, 1893.  
 Mary Alice Small, Born Jan. 5, 1896.  
 Minnie Ellen Small, Born July 21, 1897.  
 James Ray Small, Born July 18, 1899.  
 Roy Calvin Small, Born December 15, 1901  
 Bessie May Small, Born September 28, 1903.

**MARRIAGES:**

Morton A. Small and Laura C. Scott married Nov. 5, 1891.  
 J. Nicholas Miller and Lillie E. Small married Feb. 28, 1913.  
 Guy A. Ash and M. Ellen Small married Dec. 21, 1913.  
 Roger P. Small and Lela A. Rich married Dec. 16, 1914.  
 [Insert page]  
 ---hur E. Thomas and Bessie Mae Small married June 28, 1924.  
 Calvin Small and ----ee Berrier married Dec. 11, 1927.  
 J. Ray Small and --rene White married Jan. 20, 1935.  
 ---man Bruce Frogge and Charlotte P. Ash married Apr. 15, 1934.  
 Roger P. Small and --ttie Stephens married Aug. 3, 1926.

[Ed. note: Parts of the above insert page were unreadable, due to poor Xerox copy of the original.]

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Ruth Catherine Miller, Born June 6, 1914.  
 Charlotte Priscilla Ash, Born Feb. 12, 1915.  
 James Nicholas Miller, Jr., Born June 11, 1915.  
 Scott Reed Small, Born Sept. 28, 1915.  
 Esther Virginia Ash, Born May 30, 1916.  
 Laura Jewel Small, Born August 15, 1918.  
 Philo Mae Miller, Born Nov. 2, 1918.  
 [Insert page]  
 Jack Miller, Born Oct. 29, 1927.  
 Samyee Grace Miller, Born April 16, 1929.  
 Laura Frances Thomas, Born June 13, 1925.  
 Ralph Cullen Thomas, Born Aug. 1, 1926. Married Mary Lou Walker Dec. 13, 1943.  
 Ray [or Roy] Edward Thomas, Born Feb. 14, 1929.  
 Ave [?] Maye Thomas, Born Dec. 13, 1931.  
 Bobbie Morton Small, Born Oct. 16, 1928.  
 Royce Mae Small, Born Dec. 3, 1933.

Charles Calvin Small, Born May 28, 1923.

Marylyn Rae Small, Born Oct. 26, 1936. Died Dec. 23, 1936.

Linda Gayle Frogge, Born Sept. 8, 1938.

#### DEATHS:

Scott Reed Small died June 17, 1917, age 20 months.

Esther Virginia Ash died Feb. 23, 1919, age 2 years, 8 mos., 24 days.

Joyce Leona Small died July 12, 1921, age 26 days.

Mira Small died June 23, 1920.

[Handwritten insert page. Appears to be a different writing from that of the other two insert pages. This same information also appears on a typed version, with several variations and/or contradictions, noted below in parentheses.]

R. C. Small, born Oct. 12, 1821. Died May 17, 1909.

Mary A. Small (Mary A. Ware Small), Born Jan. 28, 1828. Died Oct. 5, 1876.

Frances Isabel Small, Born Apr. 1, 1848 (Jan. 28, 1848). Died Mar. 4 (May 17), 1910.

Alfred Small, Born June 4, 1850. Died Feb. 1, 1940.

Mira Small, Born Feb. 17, 1852. Died June 23, 1920.

Carrie Small Allrd (Allred), Born July 11, 1854. Died Dec. 5, 1934.

Betty (Bettie) Small Ozee, Born May 27, 1857. Died June 29, 1889.

George Small, Born Dec. 31, 1859. Died Oct. 8 (Oct. 3), 1894.

J. A. (Joe) Small, Born Nov. 29, 1862. Died Aug. 22, 1939.

M. A. (Morton) Small, Born Apr. 12, 1866. (Died Sept. 25, 1942).

Ella Small, Born July 12, 1868. Died Nov. 20, 1870.

#### SMALL FAMILY HISTORY

[A typed page, headed Amarillo, Texas, Nov. 30, 1909. Copy of history written by Isabel Small, eldest daughter of R. C. Small. Abstracted.]

R. C. Small, born Oct. 12, 1821, Lincoln County, Tennessee. Lived there until age 21. To Talladega County, Alabama, for two or three years. To Newton County, Mississippi. Lived with brother Robert Small until 1846, when he married on Dec. 31st to Mary A. Ware. They lived in Newton and Scott Counties, Mississippi, until Oct. 1869, then to Henderson County, Texas, for one year. Then to Cross Timbers, Tarrant County, 12 miles south of Fort Worth. There for 12 years. Then to the prairie, 8 miles south of Fort Worth, where he died May 17, 1909. Buried Forest Hill graveyard near Forest Hill Church.

His father's name was Amos Small, who lived to be an old man and was married four times. Three wives died leaving children. Fourth wife survived him. Had 14 children. The mother of R. C. Small died when he was about 4 years old. Mary A. Small [wife of R. C.] died Oct. 5, 1876, suddenly, of appoplexy [sic]. She and R. C. were members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Their two oldest daughters lived with him until he died [1909]. He is buried by his wife. Mary A. Ware was daughter of Joseph and Candacy Ware.

Children: Isabel [the writer], Alfred, Mrs. Carrie, Bettie, George, Joe, Morton, and Ella. This was written by their eldest daughter, Isabel Small.

This ends the Gantt, Lochridge, Scott, and Small Family Bible Records, published in two parts, August and November 1993 issues of FOOTPRINTS.

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<i>Abilene</i> [Texas] <i>Reporter News</i> [Sunday]	4 - 6 weeks
<i>Advertising Age</i>	1958+
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<i>Anchorage Daily News</i> [Sunday]	4-6 weeks
<i>Arizona Republic</i> [Sunday]	4-6 weeks
<i>Arlington News</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>Atlanta Journal and Constitution</i> [Sunday]	4-6 weeks
<i>Austin</i> [Texas] <i>American-Statesman</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>Barron's</i>	1940+
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<i>Billboard</i>	1970+
<i>Boston Globe</i> [Sunday]	4-6 Weeks
<i>Business Press</i>	1988+
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* <i>Carlyle Weekly Reveille</i> [Carlyle, Ill.]	1860-1863
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<i>Christian Science Monitor</i>	1971+
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<i>El Cosmopolitan</i> [Kansas City, Missouri]	1914-1919
<i>Daily Oklahoman/Sunday Oklahoman</i>	4-6 weeks
<b>Dallas Business Journal</b>	1988+
<i>Dallas-Fort Worth Business Journal</i>	1982-1988
<i>Dallas Morning News</i>	1938-1965; 1987+
<i>Denton</i> [Texas] <i>Record-Chronicle</i> [Sunday]	4-6 weeks
<i>Denver Post</i> [Sunday]	4-6 weeks
<i>Detroit Free Press</i> [Sunday]	4-6 weeks
<i>El Dia</i>	4-6 weeks

<i>El Paso [Texas] Times</i>	4-6 weeks
* <i>Fayette Observer [Fayetteville, Tenn.]</i>	1887-1901
<i>Federal Jobs Digest</i>	6 weeks
<i>Fort Worth Commercial Recorder</i>	2 years + current year
<i>Fort Worth Daily Democrat</i>	1881
<i>Fort Worth Daily Democrat and Advance</i>	1881-1882
<i>Fort Worth Daily Gazette</i>	1883-1892
<i>Fort Worth Democrat</i>	1873-1881
<i>Fort Worth Gazette</i>	1891-1896
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<i>Fort Worth Record</i>	1912-1925
<i>Fort Worth Record and Register</i>	1903-1912
<i>Fort Worth Record-Telegram</i>	1925-1931
<i>Fort Worth Register</i>	1897; 1899-1902
<i>Fort Worth Standard</i>	1875-1877
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<i>Honolulu Star Bulletin [Sunday]</i>	4-6 weeks
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<i>El Informador Hispano</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>Investor's Business Daily</i>	1 year plus current year
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<i>Kansas City Star [Sunday]</i>	4-6 weeks
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<i>Los Angeles Times</i>	1985+
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<i>Mexico City News [Sunday]</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>Miami Herald [Sunday]</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>Mid-Cities News [Tarrant County - Sunday]</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>National Business Employment Weekly</i>	1 year + current year
<i>New Orleans Times-Picayune [Sunday]</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>New York Times [late city edition]</i>	1851+
<i>Odessa [Texas] American [Sunday]</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>Orlando Sentinel [Sunday]</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>Philadelphia Inquirer [Sunday]</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>Polynesian [Honolulu, Hawaii]</i>	1846-1857

<i>St. Louis Post Dispatch</i> [Sunday]	4-6 weeks
<i>San Angelo</i> [Texas] <i>Standard Times</i> [Sunday]	4-6 weeks
<i>San Antonio</i> [Texas] <i>Express News</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>San Diego Union</i> [Sunday]	4-6 weeks
<i>San Francisco Chronicle</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>Seattle Times</i> [Sunday]	4-6 weeks
<i>Shorthorn</i>	1985+
<i>El Sol De Texas</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>Sporting News</i>	1982+
<i>Stars and Stripes, The National Tribune</i>	1982+
<i>Tennessean</i> [Sunday]	4-6 weeks
<i>Texan Telephone</i> [Canton, Texas]	1884-1886
<i>Texas Catholic</i>	1952-1971; 1983-1985
<i>Texas Christian Advocate</i> [Galveston, Texas]	1857-1858; 1859-1917
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<i>Texas Wesleyan Banner</i> [Houston, Texas]	1850-1852
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<i>Tulsa</i> [Oklahoma] <i>Tribune/World</i> [Sunday]	4-6 weeks
<i>Tyler</i> [Texas] <i>Morning Telegraph</i> [Sunday]	4-6 weeks
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<i>Variety</i>	1984+
* <i>Virginia Gazette</i>	1736-1779
<i>Women's Wear Daily</i>	3 years + current year
<i>Waco</i> [Texas] <i>Tribune-Herald</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>Wall Street Journal</i> [Eastern Ed.]	1956+
<i>Wall Street Journal</i> [Southwest Ed.]	1 year + current year
<i>Washington Post</i>	4-6 weeks
<i>West Texas Reporter</i> [Graham, Texas]	1912-1915
<i>Wichita Falls</i> [Texas] <i>Times Record News</i> [Sunday]	4-6 weeks
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**ABSTRACTS FROM THE FORT WORTH DEMOCRAT**

Continued from Vol. 36, No. 2, 1993

Abstracted by Nelita Snow

September 13, 1873.

Dallas. Reports are that 54 deaths from yellow fever have occurred in Shreveport - the city is in a panic. Rigid quarantines have been established at Jefferson, Longview and Dallas.

Fort Worth. Many voters have asked us to publish the Report of the Grand Jury in reference to the condition of County affairs and County officers. Our efforts to see the document have failed. His Honor Judge Hart and the District Clerk do not record the report and it is under the Clerk's lock and key but voters have a right to know what has become of their money.

The Fort Worth Post will make its appearance about the 1st October. Messrs. E.M. Daggett and L.R. Brown, late Associate Editor of the Epitomist, will have management of what we presume will be a Republican journal.

Santanta and Big Tree are at Fort Gibson. They will go to Fort Sill in October and from thence to their reservation.

A. G. Walker has filed for the office of District Clerk of Tarrant County.

Professors Ryan and Rolla are in Waxahachie. Elder Bantau will preach at the Christian Church Sunday, 11 a.m. and at night.

Waxahachie has a town clock. Let's have one in Fort Worth.

Announcements for public office: A. G. Walker Jr. for Surveyor; G. W. Joplin and Col. A. Harris for County Sheriff.

Strayed or Stolen: A bay horse, formerly belonging to P. Cheek, dimly branded PC left shoulder; reward for information from P. J. Norwood.

Cattle trade between the southern ports of Texas and Havana is attracting attention. Claims of 33% are made for shipping from Brazos, Santiago and Havana.

Col. Dahomey, Editor of the *North Texan* in Bonham, and the Senator from that District called on Wednesday.

Mr. Watkins's little child was run over by a buggy and seriously injured. Drivers, be careful. R.A. King of Richmond, Mo. has gone to Erath County but will return to make his home here.

**Estray Notices.** J.W. Brannon, one bay mare, 14 hands high, 5-6 years old, branded U-V left thigh, also a stickling colt; Jesse Jones, Precinct One, claybank horse 9 years old, branded R left side. 13-1/2 hands high, blazed face; Emmett V. Tiler, one bay horse, 14 hands high, 8 years old, no brand, left hind foot white, saddle marked. Appr. \$35.

September 20, 1873. More Indian outrages. Mr. N. H. Wilson gave particulars of the killing of Mr. Howell Walker and his 10 year old son at Thurman Springs, 12 mi S.W. of Jacksboro on last Saturday. The Walkers and Mr. Mortimer Stevens came upon a party of 37 Indians at the Spring. Mr. Stevens escaped; the Walkers killed and mutilated. Same night, Indians surrounded the home of Mr. Burnett, 10 mi. S. of Jacksboro but Mr. Burnett and his gun drove them off. Letters from Jacksboro say the country is full of the red devils.

Mansfield. A shooting occurred between Mr. Brently and Mr. Brady without effect. Brently is out on bail and will appear at the next term of District Court.

Sherman. Editors' Convention was held on the 10th and Col. DeMorse of Clarksville Standard was chosen President. 26 papers were represented. The next meeting is to be held in Dallas in September, 1874.

Fort Worth. The firm of Reid and Campbell has been dissolved. Rev. Mr. Drane of Memphis will preach tomorrow. The bowling alley has been renamed and repaired and will open September 20th. J. N. Bohart.

September 27, 1873. The Honorable Richard Coke will speak today at the Court House. Professor W. B. Clark has organized a dancing class for ladies and gents. Ladies meet Saturday a.m. and p.m. and gents alternate evenings. A soiree will be given Wed. p.m.

**Estray Notices:** By L. P. Gonsey, one iron gray mare 4 years old, 14-1/2 hands high, branded one side S D on left shoulder. Appr. \$30. J. W. Brannon one bay mare 11 hands high, 5-6 years old branded UV left thigh, also a suckling colt.

**Notice:** Jeff Kennedy withdrawing as partner of Spencer and Pearce Livery..

**Capt. Downs** of the Waco Examiner and Judge Coke visited us. The Judge was on his North Texas tour. Capt. B. J. Smith of Georgia visited us in February and returned on Wednesday. He brings discouraging accounts of prospects in the older States,

October 4, 1873. Grapevine. Zacil Hall reports that he is not a candidate for Clerk.

Marshall. Future prospects of the Denver City Railway will be a main feeder to the T & P and will be shortest route to Denver and the Rocky Mountains.

Fort Worth. G.B.S. Crews, formerly sheriff of Wise County, has announced as a candidate for Sheriff at the December election. B.F. Wall, M.D. McCall, G.W. Joplin, Col. A.Harris and M. T. Johnson are the other candidates. Candidates for District Clerk: G.Nance, Dan Parker, A.G. Walker, Jesse Jones, A.Y. Lester. For County Surveyor, A.G. Walker, Jr.; School Director, T.B. Matlock; Justice of the Peace, W.W. McGinnis of Beat No. 3.

The Honorable John Henry Brown will speak at the Court House on the 23rd in support of the Democratic Party.

St. Louis. The Temperance Messenger succeeds the Temperance Monthly. Well written articles. Aaron S. Bretz, Publisher.

State of Texas to the Sheriff of Tarrant County. Oath by L.R. Dumas that C.D. Johnson is a transient person and is summoned to appear the first Monday of November, 1873 on complaint for the sum of 56.62 cents gold, due by account.

Manchester, England Guardian.: Americans are relic hunters and are scouring the Old World for curiosities and pay fabulous prices for them.

October 11, 1873.

Fort Worth. Mr. John Kastle has obtained the use of the upper story of the Court House for two years and will make it ready for use for public entertainment, concerts, parties, etc. It is to be plastered, painted and fitted up. This will prove quite a convenience.

Weatherford. The concert given by Mrs. Ellison and her pupils was a grand success.

Waco. Col. N.L. Horton of Missouri is now a citizen of Bell County, friend of Col. W.R. Gause.

Captain Jack, Boston Charlie, Black Jim and Schonchin were executed on the 3rd. A reprieve was granted Boncho and Stolux. This is the closing scene in the Modoc tragedy.

Fort Worth. Mr. McLemore's residence caught fire and the Hook and Ladder Company rendered some service. A haystack at M.G. Ellis's caught fire but no damage.

J.A. Curry certifies that he joined the Loyd League in Dallas County in 1866 and belonged to the Lodge at Centre Springs on Tarrant County. L.W. Jones, who ran for Justice of the Peace, Beat 4 supposedly belonged to a lodge at Grand Prarie,[sic] He ran for Justice of the Peace 1866-67 and if he ever left that Lodge I did not know it.

Mr. F.G. Bransford has succeeded in getting up a fine club for the Democrats. Norwood's Dairy has become one of the permanent features of Fort Worth. The Hook and Ladder Company gave another elegant entertainment. Proceeds will go to build a truck house.

Denison. The Journal copied an entire article from the Democrat and credits it to the Epitomist. The Epitomist suspended publication some weeks ago. The same paper complains of discourteous treatment by one Brad Robinson, a conductor on the MK & T Railroad. And another by the name of Hall.

El Paso. Stage forage stacks caught fire but the Hook and Ladder saved the stables. Among the citizens helping were J.S. Godwin and R. King.

(to be continued)

**SELECTED OBITUARIES OF METHODIST MINISTERS  
SERVING IN THE NORTH TEXAS AND CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCES**

Taken from *Parish Partners*  
Compiled by Johnnie Patterson Allen

Editor's Note: When Mrs. Allen donated a copy of *Parish Partners* to the Society, she suggested that some of the information on older ministers might be used in *Footprints*. We appreciate her generosity. The following material has been edited because of space restrictions. Abbreviations used: NWTCM-Northwest Texas Conference Minutes; CTJC - Central Texas Conference Journal; NWTCJ-Northwest Texas Conference Journal; TMCY -Texas Methodist Centennial Yearbook.

ADDISON, Oscar M., minister, pioneer circuit rider; b. 20 Nov. 1820, Baltimore Md; d. Oct. 1897; bur. Eulogy, Texas; m/1 Miss Mary F. Hines (d. ca 1872); m/2 1879 Mrs. T. H. Smith, Johnson Co. Texas. two sons not known by which wife; served War for Texas Independence; also CSA veteran. Served East Texas, Texas, Northwest Texas, Conferences 1836-1889. Source: NWTCM 1898, pp. 42-45.

ALLISON, Joseph Bailey. Minister, b. 29 Jan. 1828, Smith Co. Tenn.; d. 25 May 1883, Waco, Texas. m. 23 Dec. 1847, Smith County, Tenn. Martha J. Timberlake. Only child mentioned is Rev. A. A. Allison. Vet. Mexican War and CSA. Source: NWTCM 1883, pp. 349-351.

ANNIS, Jerome, minister, b. 22 May 1807, New Hampshire; m. 1824 Miss ---- Clifford. No children mentioned. Served PA, AR, NW Tx Conf. ca 1832-1870; d. 28 Sept. 1870; bur. Waxahachie, Texas. Source: NWTCM 1871 p. 158.

BARCUS, Edward Rosman [Reaman or Rosemond] Sr. minister, educator; b. 19 July 1825, Belmont, Ohio; son Jesse & Anne Rosman Barcus; m. July 1852 Mary Frances Smith in Clarksville, Tenn. (she d. 1922). 13 children, 3 sons ministers. Served Ark. and NW Tex. Conferences 1863-1891; d. 30 Aug. 1896, bur. Stanford Chapel Cem. near Waco, Tex. Source: NWTCM 1896, pp. 182-184.

BISHOP, Horace, minister, b. 19 Aug. 1843, Montgomery Co. Va., son William Phelps Bishop & Lavinia Schoolfield, d. 12, March 1933, San Angelo Texas.; m. 11 April 1872 Sally Powell, Hearne, Tex. dau. Thomas D. & Tabitha Powell (d. ca 1922). Ch: Mmes. H. E. Jackson, R. W. Baird and L. G. Tong. Both bur., Restland Mem. Park, Dallas, Texas. Served: NW TX, Cen. Tx. Conf. 1868-1933. Source: CTJC's 1923, p. 64; 1933, pp. 47-48.

BOND, James Morgan, minister; b. 16 July 1842, Hickory Co. MO. s. Joseph & Martha Rebecca Bond; m/1 1868 Woodville, Tyler Co. Tex. Nanie Stewart. Two daughters not named; Nanie d. 1871; m/2 28 Oct. 1874 Davisville, Angelina Co. Tex. Josephine Davis (d. 1935). Ch: Rev. James Marvin Bond, 5 daus & 3 sons not named. Serv. NW TX, Cen Tx Conf. 1869-1915. CSA Vet. d. 17 Aug 1915; bur. Weatherford, Tex. Source: CTCJ 1915, pp. 53-55.

BOONE, Elijah Floyd, minister, b. 5 Sept. 1845, Bedford Co. Tenn. s. Howard & Elizabeth Floyd Boone; d. 16 July 1928 Fort Worth, Texas.; m. 15 May 1866, Mattie Jane Wherry. Four sons and 6 daughters. Served E. TX, NW TX, Cen. Tex. Conf. 1868-1911. Source: CTJC 1928 pp. 88-89.

BRASWELL, John Harwell, minister, b. 16 April 1858, Gwinnett Co. Ga, son George & Minerva Braswell; m. 26 Dec. 1878, Center, Ga., Mary Louise Culver (1862-1953). Children: Sam. M. Braswell, Mmes. Stella Gollihar, Lena Blackburn and Vivian Cole. Two other ch not named. Served N AL, NW Tex, Cen Tex Conf 1886-1920; d. 16 Aug. 1933 Canyon, Texas. Source: CTCJ 1933, p. 52, 1953, p. 129.

CALLOWAY, John James, minister, b. 22 July 1857, Pinckneyville, Ala.; son W. B. & Kathryn Calloway; m. 30 Sept 1880 Emma Slaughter. Ch: Oscar, Monnie, and Mmes. John J. Strickland, Mable Harris & Ed Holman. Served: TX, NW Tx Cen Tx Conf. 1891-1914. d. 23 Jan 1916, Cresson, TX. Source: CTCJ 1916, pp. 75-76.

CAMPBELL, James, minister-editor. b. 21 March 1852 Union Parish La., son T. Alexander & Louisiana Campbell; m. Oct. 1879 Amantha Elizabeth Starley, b. 9 Sept 1855, Springfield, Limestone Co. Tex; dau. Dr. Silas Fletcher & Margaret Forces Starley, d. ca 1923; Children: James S., Robert S., Mary Campbell & Mmes. R. M. Farrar, John J. Haythe and 3 who d. infancy. Served E. Tex. NW Tex, Cen. Tex. Conf. 1873-1915; d. 14 Nov 1922 Weatherford, Tex. Source: CTCJ 1922, pp. 88-90; 1924, p. 87.

CARPENTER, John. minister-farmer, b. 10 Aug. 1810, Brunswick Co. Va., lived Allen Co. Ky before coming to Tex. 1852; m. 1830 Elizabeth Horn. No children mentioned. Served TX, NW TX Conf. ca 1855-1874. Served as local preacher 14 years. D. on farm near Belton, Tex. 21 Dec. 1898. Elizabeth d. ca 1892, both bur. Belton, Tex. Source: NWTC Minutes 1899, pp. 94-95.

CARTER, J. C., minister, b. 12 Oct. 1847 Giles Co. Tenn. ; m/1 Sept. 1875 Mary Richardson. Children: Marvin, Jim, Dr. H. C. and Cora Carter Mitchell. Mary d. 1909; m/2 Mrs. Mattie Thomas, Carlton, Texas. Served ME Church S. ca 1874-1885, conf. not stated; NW TX Conf. 1886-1909. D. 21 April 1925 Iredell, Tx. Source: CTCJ 1925, pp. 87-88.

CLARK, John A. minister-colporteur, [distributor of Bibles, religious tracts and books] b. 1 June 1853; son L. L. & Elvina Clark; wife's name not recorded & no mention of children. Served NW TX Conf. 1879?-1882. D. 4 July 1882 bur. Jack Co. Tex. Source: NWTC Minutes 1882, p. 326.

COLLIE, D. L., minister, b. ca 1853 Ky.? m. 18 Sept. 1877, Sallie C. Morris (1859-1921). Children: Morris W., Owen P. Collie & Mmes P. L. King, Lewis A. Root, J. F. Nail/Nall, Ed. W. Haight, J. F. Garrison, Katherine Collie Horn. Served: Ky, Denver, NW Tex, Cen. Tex. Conf., 1873-1927. D. 8 Nov 1932, Elizabethtown, Ky. Both bur. Ft. Worth, Texas. Source: CTCJ 1921. pp. 46-47. 1932, p. 65.

COX, J. Fred. minister, b. 12 April 1838, Washington Co. Tex; s. Euclid M. Cox; m. 23 March 1862, Ft. Worth, Texas, Mollie Vannoy, b. 1834. Four sons and 2 daus not named except Rev. E. V. Cox. Served: TX & NW TX Confs. 1860-1891. CSA Vet. D. 21 May 1891, Ft. Worth, Tex; bur. Hillsboro, Texas. Mollie d. 25 Dec. 1933. Source: NWTCM 1891; pp. 41-43; TMCY 1934, p. 537.

CRAWFORD, William H. minister. b. 11 Sept. 1859 Shelbyville, Tenn.; m. 23 Dec. ca 1883 Lizzie Harlan, Kilgore, Tex. Ch: William Harlan, J. K., B. Ward, Lois, Katherine and Mrs. H. M. Buttrill. 3 ch. not named d. childhood. Served: E. TX NW TX Cen. Tex Conf. 1879-1914. D. 18 July 1931, Midlothian, Tx. Lizzie d. 30 Jan. 1946. Source: CTCJ 1931; pp. 52,53; 1946, p. 170.

CURRY, Willian Nathaniel, minister-farmer, b. ca. 1860; d. 26 July 1938, Mansfield, Texas; m. 13 Feb. 1879 Ida Mae Sanders (1862-1935). Ch: Sadie, Elizabeth, Pauline, Bertie Lou, Nelms Curry and 2 sons not named. Served: NW TX & Cen. Tx. Conf. 1893-1927. Source: CTCJ 1935, p. 66; 1938, pp. 66-67.

DANIEL, Charles Ware, minister, b. 29 July 1855, North Carolina; d. 19 March 1943, Ft. Worth, Tex; bur. Kennedale, Tex.; m/1 8 June 1879 Tehuacana, Texas, Mary Elizabeth Ratliff (b. 15 June 1861, Hillsboro, Texas). Children: Charles, Jr., & Mmes. Louis Louckx and Mabel Ward. Mary d. 5 April 1826, Fort Worth, Tex; bur Mt. Olivet Cem.; he m/2 Nov. 1931 Mrs. E. J. Maxwell (d. 23 Aug. 1948). No children by 2nd marriage. Served NW Tx & Cen. TX Conf. 1897-1922. Source: CTCJ's 1926, p. 92; 1943, p. 135; 1949, p. 164.

DAVIS, Andrew, minister-missionary, b. 10 March 1827, Jonesborough, Tex., near the Red River, s. Daniel & Nancy McKelvey Davis; d. 1906, bur. Waxahachie, Tex.; m. 1848 Maria S. Linn, dau. Benjamin Linn. Served E. TX, NW TX Confs. 1844-. Source: NWT CJ 1906, pp. 31-32.

DAVIS, Charles, sailor-missionary Am. Bible Soc. agent-minister., b. 17 March 1840, near London, England; m. 1871, London, Janet Anna Susan Charlotte Lowe. Ch: Mrs. M. L. Pardo and Mrs. Nami Woods. Charles d. 21 Aug. 1905, Charlotte d. 8/18 Jan. 1925, Cameron, Tex. both bur. Oakwood Cem., Waco, Tex. Source: NWT CJ 1905, pp. 26-27; CTCJ 1925, pp. 89-90.

DAVIS, James J., minister, b. 27 Dec. 1839, Ga.; m/1 8 Feb 1860 Frances S. Calhoun. Four sons & 3 daus., not named; Frances d. 22 April 1877; m/2 Oct. 1878 Susanna Anderson Barekman (Mrs. S. L.) b. 1851. Ch: three daus, (not named); Fred W. Davis & Mrs. Don King. James d. 29 March 1909, Stephenville, Tex; Susanna d. 1934, both bur. West End Cem., Stephenville, Tex. Source: NWT CJ, 1909, pp. 38-40; TMCY 1934, p. 537.

DODSON, Joseph Birchfield, minister, b. 11 Nov. 1856, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; son Rev. N. C. & Julia Ann Dodson; d. 22 July 1919, Dallas, Tex; bur. Thurber, Tex.; m/1 Nancy Jane Baker. Ch: J. L. Dodson & Mmes. James Lease, Mattie Golden, Ruel Newkirk, John Bishop; m/2 1891 Olivia Vineyard, Belgrade, Mo. Ch: C. F. & O. L. Dodson; m/3 21 May 1898 Amy Lee Vineyard (1878-1962, bur. Sweetwater, Tex.) Served: St. Louis, N TX, NW Tx, Cen TX Conf. 1892-1919. Source: CTCJ's 1919, pp. 44-45; 1962, p. 187.

DOSS, William Hughes, minister, b. ca 1850 Tenn?; d. 3 Sept. 1948, bur. Abilene, Tex.; m. 1878 Belle Porter (b. ca 1853 Va.; d. 20 May 1931 Ballinger, Tex). Children: Aubrey K., Louise Doss and Mrs. B. B. Ruffin; 5 ch. died not named. Served TN, Cen. TX Conf. 1875-1918. Source: CTCJ's 1931, pp. 56-57; 1949 p. 166.

DUNCAN, Jerome, minister-college president; b. 14 Oct 1860, Stewart Co. Tenn; son Rev. Thomas J. Duncan; d. 22 July 1913, Fort Worth, Texas; bur. Hillsboro, Texas; m/1 1885

Clarksville, Tenn. Sarah Holmes (d. 1888); m/2 15 Sept 1891, Mattie Reagan, dau. Rev. R. A. Reagan. One son & two daus. Served TN, NW TX, Cen. TX Conf. 1899-1913. Wife d. 1936. Source: CTCJ's 1913, pp. 39-42; 1936, p. 63.

DUNCAN, Thomas J. minister, b. 27 May 1839, Montgomery Co. Tenn. No mention of wife or children. Served TN, Los Angeles, NW TX Confs. 1866-1893; d. 27 Jan. 1904 Ennis Tex; bur. Nashville, Tenn. Source: NW TX CJ 1904, pp. 26-27, CTCJ 1916, p. 17.

ELDER, J. B., minister, b. 12 Dec. 1856, Rutherford Co. Tenn.; fath & gr-fath Cumberland Presbyterian preachers; m. 22 Feb 1880 Levana Jenkins.; d. 28 Feb. 1899 Weatherford, Texas. Three children, names not given. Source: NW TX CM 1899, pp. 95-97.

ELLIS, D. C., minister-teacher, b. 5 Sept. 1855, Blount Co. Ala., s. Rev. Jeremiah & Nancy Ellis; d. 16 Dec. 1926, Waxahachie, Texas; m. 3 Aug 1884, Italy, Tex, Mary Caroline Ward (1864-1924). Children: John A., Stephen M?, F. P. Ellis. Served NW TX, Cen. TX Conf. 1888-ca 1915? Both bur. Italy or Waxahachie, Texas [conflicting data]. Source: CTCJ's 1924, p. 84; 1927, pp. 77-78.

ELLIS, Stephen B., minister, b. 17 July 1853, Ala.; son Rev. Jeremiah & Nancy Ellis; d. 10 Aug. 1896; m. 8 Oct. 1884, Ennis, Tex., Fannie Evans, b. Brookville, Miss. 1848, dau. John W. & Cornelia Evans (d. 18 June 1924). One son died infancy. Served NW TX Conf. 1877-1896. He & wife bur. Ennis, Tex. Source: NWTC 1896, pp. 180-182; CTCJ 1924, pp. 86-87.

EVANS, Columbus Asbury, minister, b. 13 Nov. 1851, Harpersville, Ala., son G. Henry & S. J. Moore; d. 26 Aug. 1922, Fort Worth, Tex., bur. Greenwood Cem.; m/1 9 Oct 1873, in Miss. Mary C. Harrell. Children: Walter E., Amos K., E. O., Harry H., Sidney M. Evans. Mary d. 1877; m/2 14 May 1887/88 Sealy Tex. Eugenia Alice Silliman, dau. A. F. Silliman. Children: Coleman A., Silliman, Henry Moore and Kathleen Evans Neal. Served TX, NW TX, Cen. TX Conf. 1883-1918. Eugenia d. 23 Dec. 1927. Source: CTCJ's 1922, pp. 84-86; 1927, pp. 81-82.

FLOURNOY, Robert Willis, minister, b. 13 March 1828 Louisville, Ga., m/1 Mrs. Sykes of Albany, Ga. One daughter; m/2 18 Oct 1860 Sarah Campbell. Served FL, S GA, LA NW TX Confs ca 1859-1877. He d., 9 April 1877; bur. Waco, Tex. Source: NWTCM 1877, pp. 411-412.

FORD, William Bradford, minister, b. 12 Feb. 1860, Floyd Co. Ga.; son Arthur Ford; m. 17 Oct. 1889 Seymour, Texas Hayden Boone. 5 children. Served: GA NW TX Confs. ca 1880-1902. He d. 28 April 1902, Glen Rose, Tex (killed in cyclone). Source: NWTCJ 1902, pp. 28-29.

GALLAGHER, Charles E., minister, b. 26 Jan. 1847, Chester Dist. SC, son John W. & Katherine Gallagher; d. 30 Jan. 1922, Godley, Tex.; m/2 8 Jan 1868, Margaret Hogge. Six sons, five daus. Margaret d. 1898; m/2 25 June 1901 Flora Bruce (1864-1953). Both bur. Cleburne, Tex. Serv. NW TX CEN TX Conf. 1886-1911. Mason & CSA Vet. Source: CTCJ's 1922, pp. 78-79; 1953., p. 131.

## BOOK REVIEWS

By Christyne (Mrs. Willard) Barr

**CEMETERIES OF MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Vol. III, Joyce Meyer for the Madison County Genealogical Society, 1986. 156 pp. soft cover, index.**

This volume lists cemeteries in five townships in Madison County, giving names, dates and any other information given on the tombstones. It is noted that many stones had fallen, making it necessary to unearth them in order to read the inscriptions. Many inscriptions are fast becoming illegible. A plat map of the county is also shown.

Cemeteries included are Nix, St. Paul's, Oaklawn, Marine City, Smart-Hagler, Moller-Moeller, Bartlett, Spangle and Phelps.

**CEMETERIES OF MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Vol. V. Madison County Genealogical Society. 1989. Soft cover, 137 pp. not including everyname index.**

The Society's stated goal is to have in print all the cemeteries in Madison County, Illinois. This volume includes five townships with seven cemetery listings. An added feature is a recap of cemeteries as published in the preceeding four volumes with corrections/additions to thirteen of the 92 cemeteries. Reproduction of the plat maps of the county are helpful in locating specific cemeteries.

The cemetery listing begins with the Confederate Cemetery located in Alton Township. There is one lone marker in this cemetery, twenty feet square and six feet high, topped by a stone obelisk forty feet tall. On the sides of the base are four large bronze plaques which contain the names of the 1354 Confederate soldiers buried there.

Everyone who has participated in a project such as this is well aware of the countless hours of work involved. Debbi Girth Geer, chairman of the Madison County Genealogical Society, and her volunteers are to be commended for their dedication in preserving these records.

**DESCENDANTS OF ADAM WAGGONER, c1745-1785, VIRGINIA and ALLIED FAMILIES OF MORROW, NEAL, STEELE, HORNBECK, HARDWICK. Howard and Shirley Hornbeck, 101 Rainbow Drive, #643, Livingston, Texas 77351. 1993. Soft cover, 58 pp., everyname index.**

Adam Waggoner died in Montgomery County, Virginia in 1785. This volume gives a listing of his descendants from the first generation through the tenth generation, ending with Andrew Gary Hornbeck, son of Howard Andrew and Christian Cole Hornbeck, born 21 December 1990 in New Jersey. Supplemental documentation is provided with information from census records, probate records, tax lists, etc.

The authors will welcome updated information on any of these families. The title page states that the book is not copyrighted and anyone interested is welcome to copy any part of the book without permission, provided credit is given to the author. A nice gesture!

**PARISH PARTNERS.** Compiled by Johnnie Patterson Allen. Soft bound. 102 pp. Index. Order from compiler, 7521 Acapulco Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76112. \$20.00 including postage and tax where applicable.

This volume contains abstracts of obituaries of conference members and spouses found in *typed Minutes and Journals of the Northwest Texas Conference 1867-1909, Methodist Episcopal Church South and Central Texas Conference Journals, 1910-1992*. Original materials may be found in the United Methodist Archives Center, Eunice and James L. West Library, Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas. (See ad in August, 1993 *Footprints*). Also see pages 203-205, this issue of *Footprints*, for obituaries of ministers deceased by 1860, printed with Mrs. Allen's very kind permission.

**A FEW DESCENDANTS OF JOHN AND ELIZABETH SIMPSON SMITH.** Carolyn Reeves Ericson, compiler, 1614 Redbud Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961-2936. Hard cover. 299 pp. index.

John Smith was born 23 January 1752 in Virginia and died 12 March 1816 in Bedford County, Tennessee. He and his wife had nine children, seven of whom left descendants. The family moved from South Carolina to Middle Tennessee, some to Alabama, others to Missouri and Texas. One of the daughters, Ruth Smith Brown, was one of the first ten white women in Tarrant County, Texas. She and her family played an important role in the early days of settlement of Dallas, Denton and Tarrant Counties.

The many allied families (See ad in August 1993 *Footprints*) are included in a master index which gives names of cemeteries, county of residence, schools attended and state of residence for all persons listed.

Carolyn Ericson has compiled an outstanding genealogy of these Smith descendants. Anyone who is interested in any of the surnames will want to consult this volume.

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## QUERIES AND COMMENTS

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All queries with a Texas connection will be published in *Footprints* without charge. Please send one query at a time and use a separate sheet of letter-size paper for each query with your name and address at the top of each sheet. Do not include queries with correspondence pertaining to other Society business. Deadline for queries for February 1994 issue is January 1, 1994.

1-4-93            **KELLY, TURNER**

Robin D. Nelson, 1005 Beaumont Drive, Casper, WY 82601

Seek information about **Guy Kelly**, b. 1884 Lampasas County, Texas, d. 30 November 1952, bur. Rose Hill Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, m. 1903 **Maude Turner**, b. 29 June 1885 Fort Worth, Texas, d. Oklahoma City (when?). Lived in Fort Worth in 1905. [See query in August 1993 *Footprints*]

2-4-93            **SPEIGHT, SPARKS, BODENHEIMER**

H. Y. Rowe, 1124 West Elm, El Dorado, AR 71730

Seek information on the name of the paternal great-grandfather of **Mrs. R. S. Sparks** and **Mrs. J. E. Bodenheimer**, both daughters of **Seth Speight** of El Dorado, Oklahoma, and both long time residents of Fort Worth, prior to their deaths.

3-4-93            **ERVIN, CARDWELL**

Doris J. Holder, 824 Walter Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76114

Seek information on **James Minner Ervin**, b. 1885 Arkansas, d. 1907, probably in Delta County, Texas, but cannot find record of it. He m. **Lucy Jane Cardwell** on 9 August 1890 in Paris, Lamar County, Texas. She was b. 29 July 1872 in Kentucky, d. 27 February 1939 Delta County, Texas. Her parents were **Jim** and **Fannie Jane Cardwell**.

4-4-93            **JOHNSON, BOMER**

June Ahrens, 3946 Marks Place, Fort Worth, TX 76116

Need information on my grandfather, **Sanford William Johnson**, probably b. Ireland. Married previously and with family somewhere in Texas. Married my grandmother, **Irene "Rena" Bommer** and was living in a section house in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, when my mother was born. My mother,

Willie Belle Johnson, was b. 1914; on her birth certificate, her father's age was given as 45; he worked for the railroad. They lived in Texarkana in 1916. Later he was a night watchman for Clem's Lumber Company in Dallas, Texas, also had a boarding house for men on Elm Street in Dallas. About 1924, he left on the train to visit children by previous marriage and was never heard from again.

5-4-93 CARPENTER

Elizabeth Hyde, 1011 Hermosa Drive, Central Point, OR 97502

Seek names of children, information on, **Conrad Carpenter**, of Honey Grove, Fannin County, Texas, 1840-1900. Family probably from Kentucky.

6-4-93 FULLER, CRADDOCK, PERRY

Mrs. Robert J. Fuller, Rt. 1, Box 129-B, Starr Road, Grand Saline, TX 75140

What happened to Martha (L. S.?) Craddock and **T. J. Perry** after they m. in Ellis County 2 February 1875? It is believed that her sister was **Eliza Ligon Craddock Fuller**, wife of **Augustus S. Fuller**, who signed marriage license, stating that both parties were over age 21. **Fullers** lived Ellis County 1880, Pct. 2. Where were the **Perrys**?

7-4-93 HENDRICKS, CROCKETT

Hugh G. Williams, 604 Gen 626 Road, Paragould, AR 72450

Trying to locate Mrs. **Gladys Hendricks** of Granbury, Texas, said to be a distant cousin of mine on the **Crockett** side. My great-grandfather was a second cousin of **Colonel David Crockett**, per tradition.

8-4-93 BROWN, TURNER, McCAIN, BONHAM

Weldon Hudson, 2807 Cedar Park Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76118

Like to correspond with anyone related to the following: **Mathew and Mary Brown**, of Travis County, Texas, 1850, probably lived in south part of county. He was age 43, b. Ohio; Mary was age 40, b. Tennessee. Children in 1850 were **William H.** (age 18), **Catherine** (17), **Jacob** (15), **James** (13), **Elizabeth** (11), **Margaret** (9), **Jane** (6), **Susan** (4), and **Sarah** (age 1). **Mathew Brown** m. on 19 October 1869 Mrs. **Paumelia Turner** in Travis County; they lived in Williamson County in 1880. Of his children: **William H.** m. 7 November 1860 Mrs. **Elizabeth McCain** and **Sarah** m. 16 February 1875 **William Bonham**; marriages in Travis County.

9-4-93 WOOD

Lana Wood Ary, 360 East Woodlark St., Lancaster CA 93535

Is anyone working on my **Wood** line? My grandfather was **Hoida Martin Wood**, b. 4 March 1900, Red River County, Texas. I know little about him. I was told that he may have married again and

stayed in the Fort Worth area. May have lived there 1920s to 1946; may have d. August 1946. Can anyone help?

10-4-93      **WARD, TOPPING**  
Byron Greco, Box 518, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Seek information on **John K. Ward**, a U. S. Marshal, who was killed in an ambush near Madill, Oklahoma, while taking a prisoner to court hearing from Yantez, Texas. This was about 1900. He was working with another marshal, **John Topping**, who was also killed in the ambush.

11-4-93      **STEWART, TEDDER**  
William E. Leeper, 221 Cottonwood, San Angelo, TX 76901

In 1970 in *Footprints* (Vol. 13, No. 1) there was a **Tedder Bible** record, submitted by **Frances Stewart** of Denton, Texas. Have been unable to locate this lady. Believe these **Tedders** (of the Bible record) may have been related to the line of my maternal great-grandmother who was a **Tedder**. Does anyone know Mrs. Stewart's present residence?

**COMMENT:** To my knowledge, Mrs. Stewart has not been a member of FWGS since the early 1970s. Perhaps some of our readers will know of her.

12-4-93      **MEYERS, TAYLOR, BLACK**  
Marjorie L. Thomas, 20318 NE 265th St., Battle Ground, WA 98604-6912

Searching for parents of my great-grandmother, **Frances Corene Meyers**, called "Fannie" (possibly adopted from **Taylor**), b. January 1847 Cass County, Texas; m. in Lampasas, Texas, 11 June 1865 to **William Sheridan Black**. He was b. ca 1846 in Alabama, served in the Civil War and **Texas Rangers** 1862-1865. Both buried at Mullin, Texas. They had 5 children [6 are named] **Bina, Anna, Morgan, Allie, Sam** and **William**.

13-4-93      **LEWIS, PATTERSON, POPE, VARNER, O'NEAL**  
Linda Martin, Rt. 1, Box 553, Azle, TX 76020

Seek information on, parents of, **Holly Lewis**, b. 27 May 1884, possibly in Arkansas. She had brother, **William Dave Lewis**, who is buried in Tarrant County, Texas. It is said that **Holly's** mother died when she was a baby and other people raised her. She m. **Thomas Ben Varner** and d. 4 January 1957 in Tarrant County, is buried beside her husband in Parker County. Only information we have is from names written on the backs of her pictures: **Lucinda Lewis; Mary Ellen Lewis**, 31 March 1893, Dover, Ark.; **R. L. Lewis**, Argenta, Ark.; **H. E. Lewis**, Arkinda, Ark. One picture is signed, "your niece **Mrs. Ora Pope**, Sparda, Ark." Other names mentioned were **Willie Patterson, Minnie Patterson** and **Walter O'Neal**. Some of these may have settled in Parker County, Texas.

**COMMENT:** Dover is in Pope County, Arkansas. "Sparda" was likely Spadra, a small community in Johnson County, Arkansas, down near the Arkansas River.

14-4-93 RANSBOTTOM/RANSPOT, O'DEVY, HEIFRIN, KEITH, BROCK, PETERS,  
VARNER, CARAWAY, GROGAN

Linda Martin, Rt. 1, Box 553, Azle, TX 76020

Like to exchange information on any of the following: **Henry Ranspot** (formerly **Ransbottom**) b. 1824 Ireland, d. 19 March 1902 Parker County, Texas; m. **Mary O'Devy**, b. 1829 Green County, Ireland, d. 12 October 1914 Parker County, Texas. They had 5 sons, one of whom **Dr. Richard Robert Ranspot**, b. 19 October 1866 in Michigan, m. in Parker County, Texas 6 January 1897 **Rosa Mae Heifrin**, b. 16 February 1876, daughter of **George Nathan Heifrin** and wife **Martha Virginia Keith**. **George N. Heifrin** was son of **Caleb Heifrin** and wife **Frances Miranda Brock**. **Martha Virginia Keith** was daughter of **William G. Keith** and wife **Nancy A. W. Peters**.

**Thomas Benjamin Varner**, b. 4 October 1873 Alabama or Mississippi, d. 26 August 1939 Parker County, Texas, m. **Holly Lewis** [see above query, #13]. He had a sister, **Mary Elizabeth Varner**, b. 28 January 1878 Alabama or Mississippi, d. 4 January 1957 Parker County, Texas, m. **John C. Caraway**, b. 1 September 1876 Hood County, Texas. Parents of **Thomas Benjamin** and **Mary Elizabeth Varner** were **Sam Varner** and wife **Sarah Elizabeth Grogan**.

**COMMENT:** **Mrs. Lucille Garner**, Jacksboro, Texas, may be able to help on the **Keith/Kieth** line. Also see *The History of Jack County, Texas* (1986), p. 517, for a **Keith** biographical sketch. These **Keiths** were from Franklin County, Tennessee. In 1974, **Mrs. George B. Tims, Jr.**, 5570 Sul Ross Lane, Beaumont, Texas 77706, was working on **Keith, Brooks, Heifrin, Cherry**, etc. lines. She contributed a Bible record, published in *Yellowed Pages*, Beaumont, Texas, Vol. IV, No. 4, p. 192 which included the family record of **G. N. and wife M. V. Keith**. This family lived in **Graham**, Young County, Texas, in 1876; in **Black Springs (Oran)**, Palo Pinto County 1878; in **Graham** 1880, he enumerated as a surveyor; in **Weatherford**, Parker County by 1885. The **Caraways** were early settlers in the **Paluxy River** area of **Hood-Erath** Counties.

15-4-93 McGLOTHLIN, DODSON, SMITH, TURNIDGE, STUBBLEFIELD

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Seek information, exchange data on the following: **John N. McGlothlin**, b. ca 1836 Missouri (middle name thought to have been **Nicholas**), son of **William A. and Jane (Turnidge) McGlothlin** who m. 1833 in Ray County, Missouri, came from Lafayette County, Missouri to Grayson County, Texas by 1849, and to Palo Pinto County ca 1858. **John N. McGlothlin** d. ca 1862, is said to be buried at Azle, Texas. He m. **Sarah Ann Dodson**, b. November 1844 McMinnville, Tennessee, daughter of **Nicholas Perkins Dodson** and wife **Martha Stubblefield**, who came to Smith County, Texas by 1850 and to Palo Pinto County by 1858, where they lived near **William A. McGlothlin**. What happened to these families after the Civil War? Not found in Palo Pinto County.

After the death of **John N. McGlothlin**, **Sarah Ann** m/2 **Hilliard Bonapart Smith** and removed to Stephenville, Erath County. They are on the 1880 census and her son, **Edward Nicholas McGlothlin** (b. 1862) was living with them. **H. B. and Sarah Ann Smith** are both buried in West End Cemetery, Stephenville; she d. 1928.

Siblings of **John N. McGlothlin** were **Benjamin Franklin** (m. ca 1858 **Martha**), **William Alexander**, **George Washington**, **Nancy S.** (perhaps d. young), and **Burrell McGlothlin**.

**COMMENT:** Dodson Prairie, in Palo Pinto County, derives its name from the above family. McConnell's *The West Texas Frontier* (c1930s) erroneously calls N. P. Dodson "Nathan P." They settled on the headwaters of Eagle Creek, later moving to Nelson Spring before 1860. William McGlothlin likely lived in the Kyle Mountain area in 1860. J. H. Dillahunt's old store ledger for 1857-58 period lists Ben and Neal McGlothlin as having accounts with him. I suggest that this Neal McGlothlin was one and the same as your John N., your tradition notwithstanding.

16-4-93 **MITCHELL, NICHOLS, SHIVE, CALLAHAN**  
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Need to find the following: Andrew H. Mitchell m. Minerva Ann Nichols [no other information given]. Joseph Critten Shive m. Frances J. S. Callahan and had children: Andrew Mitchell, Dicie Ambecilla, Genoa Sylvia, Sylvester, Laurie, George Rufus, Millie, Vida May, Nancy Delania, Ila Grove, Flora P., and a baby (name unknown) Shive. Some of the Shive family lived in Denison, Texas and Joseph was said to have sold out in Kentucky and went to Texas, no date available.

**COMMENT:** No dates were given in the query. Her enclosed FGS shows Joseph Shive d. 1935 Metcalf County, Kentucky, also shows children b. Metcalf County 1876-ca 1894.

17-4-93 **SHERWOOD, SCROGGINS, LANE, MOORE**  
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Seek death dates and burial place of John Wesley Sherwood and wife Tabitha Ann Scroggins, who m. 3 February 1853 in Kaufman County, Texas, lived in Kaufman County 1860 and 1870 and Rockwall County 1880. He d. before 1900 and she after 1900. She lived in Van Zandt County 1900, in household of her son Thomas Albert Sherwood, my grandfather. Where was Thomas Albert buried, Texas or Oklahoma? He was b. 1873, m/1 Emma Lane, m/2 Millie Edna Moore (my ancestress), daughter of Nimrod and Mary A. Moore of Texas. Who were these Moores? Need information. Jeremiah and Sarah (Elrod) Sherwood, parents of John Wesley, are buried in Mount Zion Cemetery, Rockwall County, Texas. [See Mr. Sherwood's query in August, 1993 *Footprints*].

18-4-93 **TRUAX, HAIGHT, HARDEN**  
Tricia Truax, Long Branch Estates, Lake Trail, Dahlonega, GA 30533

Seek information on Truax families of Shelby and Tarrant Counties, Texas. Leander Truax, b. 1823, possibly Swanton, Vermont; m. ca 1840 Martha Harden, b. ca 1822 Kentucky. He d. ca 1849, she after 1850 (she was widow living Shelby County 1850). Their son, Leander Truax, b. Wilford/Wilfred Truax, b. 1847 Shelby County, Texas, d. 14 December 1914 Fort Worth, Texas, m. Mary Elizabeth Haight, b. 1846 Rockford, Illinois, d. 8 May 1928 Fort Worth, Texas. He and Mary Elizabeth had 12 children, many of whom m. in Tarrant County.

**COMMENT:** Tarrant County received a number of early settlers from Shelby County, Texas; however, I believe your family must have remained in Shelby County, or elsewhere in Texas, until the 1870s. In 1880 they lived in Pct. 7, of Tarrant County (south central part of county). The mother, Martha, was age 28, b. NC, per 1850 census. She lived near one John D. Harding, age

31, b. NC, who was listed as **J. D. Harden** on the 1854 Shelby County School Census; also near **Sion Harding**, age 75, b. NC. (see 1850 census, Nos. 338, 339 and 341). Although Martha had schoolage children in 1854, she does not appear on the school census. The **Truax** and **Truitt** (also an early family in Tarrant County), families of early Shelby County, have been confused by some record searchers. For example, on the 1846 poll list of Shelby County, **A. M. Truax** was actually **A. M. Truitt**, and **Leander Truett** was actually **Leander Truax**. One must be wary of accepting printed sources as absolute proof. **D. S. Haight**, on the 1854 school census, was likely the father of **Mary Elizabeth**.

19-4-93 **EASTER**

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My great-grandfather, **Thomas L. Easter**, is buried in Grapevine in a cemetery which bears his name. His wife, **Charity**, is also buried there. Need to know her maiden name. My daughter and I visited the cemetery last July, and the only marker legible was that of **Charity**. Were others of the family buried there? I cannot locate any marriage records for Tarrant County between 1860 and 1876, or an 1860 census for the county, or any probate records for the years around 1862.

**COMMENT:** *Cushman's Cemeteries of Northeast Tarrant County* (1981), p. 237, has a short sketch about the **Easter Family Cemetery**, which indicates that all markers were of native stone and apparently none were legible. The court house fire of March 1876 destroyed most of the records. All marriages prior to that time are lost. There is no 1860 census for Tarrant County; it was lost, either in Washington, D. C. or perhaps never made its way there. FWGS began publishing the extant estate records in the November 1974 issue of *Footprints*. The introduction, written by editor **Mildred Bagley Smith**, gives thorough background information as to the status of these records. The only record of the **Thomas Easter** estate is in the May, 1978 issue, p. 65. **Joshua Cook** petitioned to administer the estate [n.d.]; inventory of community property of **Thomas Easter**, deceased, and **Charity Easter**, showed ownership of 400 acres of the **Thomas Easter** survey and 160 acres of the **J. A. Freeman** survey. It was filed 12 June 1866. If you will contact me (NTS) directly, I may be able to help you with some information on this family, although not much is known. In 1972, a grandson lived in Graham, Texas, and a granddaughter lived in Cuba, Missouri.

20-4-93 **TIMMONS, BELL, LEA**

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In the old Bible of **Noah Lea** (1781-1861) and wife **Hannah** (1790-1868) was a clipping about Mrs. **Sardenia A. Timmons**, b. Cherokee County, Georgia, 2 July 1844, d. Lafayette, Alabama, 17 March 1897, daughter of **W. M.** and **Elizabeth Bell**. She m. 14 August 1864 **Rev. R. A. Timmons**, D. D. of the North Alabama Conference, M. E. Church South. No indication as to if or how she or her husband may have been related to the **Leas**. Was this **R. A. Timmons** the brother of **Rev. D. F. C. Timmons** (b. 1847 Heard County, Georgia; of East Texas Conference late 1880s) and half-brother to **Collingsworth Timmons**, some of whose family lived around Childress, Wichita Falls, and Prairie Hill (Limestone Co.) Texas? Believe these men may have been descendants of **Abijah and Sabra (Turner) Timmons**, who lived in Morgan County, Georgia, in 1820. Any information appreciated.

21-4-93 HOLT, PARKER, BUMPAS, MYERS, TROSELER, EDDY, HARRIS,  
COOMBS, EDWARDS, SHANKLE, YOUNG

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Seeking information on parents of **Leighton E. Holt** and/or **William W. ("Billy") Holt**. **Leighton E. Holt** was b. Bedford County, Tennessee 24 March 1824, moved to Upshur County, Texas in 1850, to Tarrant County in late 1850s, died in Texas in early 1900s. He m. **Elizabeth Parker** and had 7 children, of whom 4 died in infancy; the other 3 were: **Pinckney Holt** who m/1 **Martha Ellen Bumpas** and m/2 **Fannie Evaline Campbell**; **Almeda Holt** who m. **James S. Holt**; and **Dan Holt** who m. **Nettie Myers**.

**William W. ("Billy") Holt** was b. Bedford County, Tennessee 27 March 1820, came to Texas and lived in Fort Worth in the 1840s [sic]. He m. **Louise Troseler** and had 10 children: **Leadwick** who m. **Mary Eddy**; **Elizabeth** who m. **Stephen S. Harris**; **W. L. ("Leight")** who m. **Rebecca Coombs** and **Carrie Edwards**; **Sadie**; **Mary P.** who m. **Isaac Parker**; **Martha** who d. in infancy; **M. Payne**; **Dempsey Spencer** who m. **Florence Marilda Shankle**; **Ella** who m. **James B. Young** and **Beauregard** who d. at age 17.

COMMENT: I find no evidence of **William W. Holt** "in Fort Worth in the 1840s." He is not on the Tarrant County tax rolls in 1850s, nor in 1860. **Leighton E. Holt** was the only **Holt** on the 1860 tax roll. Neither he nor **William W. Holt** are on the 1870 census, the latter having died ca 1868. In 1870 four of **William W. Holt's** children were living in the **Henderson B. Alverson** household. **Molly Holt**, widow of **Leadrick**, was living in the **Eddy** household. **Elizabeth Holt** and husband, **Stephen L. Harris**, were here in 1870, also 1880, enumerated as **S. L. Harris**. **Louisa** is not on any Tarrant County census, unless by 1870 she was the wife of **H. B. Alverson**, her younger **Holt** children living with them. In 1870 they were enumerated as **H. P.** [sic] and **L.** or **S.** [initial not clear] **Alverson**. Perhaps she was **Louisa**, not **Sarah** (his known wife, whose death date is not known). If so, she may have been the third wife of **Alverson**; see *Footprints*, May 1993 issue. In 1880, **W. L.** and **Carrie Holt** were enumerated (Pct. 5), and two **Campbell** nieces were living with them. They could have been the **L. W.** and **C. Holt** of the 1870 census, but a comparison of the two households (1870 and 1880) does not quite "add up." The **Eddys** were in Tarrant County by 1854. The **Coombes** were a Dallas County family but had lived on the frontier in the 1850s and were in Johnson County by 1860, moving to Dallas from there. The **Bumpases** were a Dallas County family.

It seems likely that **Elizabeth Parker** was the daughter of **Elijah Parker**, of Upshur County 1850 (enumerated as **E. Parker** on the census and as **Elijah** on the 1854 school census), who was a neighbor to **Leighton Holt** and wife (**Elizabeth**) and to **William Holt**. **Elijah** had a son, **D. Parker**, age 18, b. Tennessee, who was most likely **Elizabeth's** brother, **Daniel Parker**, who later became District Clerk of Tarrant County. I would guess that these **Parkers** were also from **Bedford County, Tennessee**, as one **Elijah Parker** there in 1840 was age 30-40, and his four youngest children (2 males and 2 females) fit the age groupings of the four older children still at home in 1850 (2 males and 2 females). Likewise, in **Bedford County, Tennessee**, in 1840 was an older **Elijah Parker**, age 70-80, who could have been the father.

22-4-93 BURKHARD, CLOCK/CLACK/CLARK  
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Seek information on **James Bascom Burkhart**, b. April 1859, Texas County, Mo. Came with family to McLennan County, Texas prior to 1870. His first wife, **Mary Isabell Wilson** d. 1891 McLennan County. He is enumerated in the 1900 Tarrant County, Texas census with wife/2 **Cora Belle Lumpkin** and children: **Willie, Mary Alafare, Rose, Lizzie, Ida and Burtie**. Living next door was his sister's family, **Susan Burkhart**, husband/2 **Harvey Davis**, and children: **Arthur, Salee, Leatti and Missouri Clock (Clack or Clark)** from first marriage.

On 1910 Oklahoma census [county not given] **Cora Belle L. Burkhart** had been married to a **Mr. Smith** for five years and had **Burkhart** children in her household. So, **James Bascom Burkhart** died in early 1900s. When and where did he die and where is he buried? I have found death records for two **J. B. Burkharts** in Texas. Neither was my **James "Bas" Burkhart**. One was in **Parker [County?]** and the other in **San Antonio**.

It is possible that descendants of these **Clock (Clack or Clark)** children could shed some light on the **Burkhart** mystery.

23-4-93 SWINDELL, GRANT, ROBINSON  
 Peggy A. White, 109 Underwood Dr., Hopkinsville, Ky. 42240

Seeking information on **Margaret Matilda Robinson Swindell**, born Alabama Oct. 1840; died Lamar County, Texas Dec. 1926. Believe parents were **John Robinson** and **Rebecca Grant**. Also believe she had a brother, **Joe Robinson**, born Alabama ca 1849, who was living in **Rains County, Texas** in 1910. All information appreciated. Will reimburse envelope, postage and copies and will answer all letters pertaining to these families.

24-4-93 MAGRUDER, WILLIAMS, POWELL  
 Cleve L. Kennedy, 2847 Titleist Drive, Salem VA 24153-6801

Seek information on: Family of **Dr. George W. Magruder**, who was son of **Dr. William Willson Magruder** and wife **Mary Susan Williams**. **Dr. George Magruder** m. **Kate Powell**, daughter of **Col. Humphrey Powell** of Middleburg, Loudon County, Virginia, and had five children: **Lizzie, George B., Hunter B., Nannie L. and Raleigh C. Magruder**. **Dr. George W.** died in Fort Worth, Texas, at home, 403 East Weatherford Street, on 19 July 1891, victim of a stroke. In 1891 four children were still at home, and one, **Hunter B.**, worked in a drugstore in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The 1900 census shows widow **Kate** and daughter, **Lizzie**, living at the Fort Worth address, along with two servants. The son, **George B.**, wife **Mary** and two sons, **Phillip S. and George B. Jr.**, were living in Wichita Falls in 1900. Other children are unaccounted for; what happened to them?

25-4-93 ELLIOTT, BLACKWELL  
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Who were parents and siblings of **Lula E. Elliott**, born Hillsboro, Hill County, Texas ca 1866? She m. **Alexander B. Blackwell** on 4 June 1885 in Hood County, Texas (he may have been called "**Bucky**"). They lived in Clay County, Texas in 1910.

26-4-93      **CULP**  
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Have recently come into possession of a query written in 1960 by Mrs. Charles Little, of Fort Worth, to the Filson Club in Kentucky, in which she mentions having the old family Bible of Josiah Chaplin Culp, who was b. 1776 Culpeper, Virginia and m. 1817 in Barren County, Kentucky Frances G. Shirley. They had eleven children, according to Mrs. Little. I need this information, but attempts to reach her at the address given at that time have been unsuccessful. Any information appreciated.

**COMMENT:** Wilma Blewett Little (Mrs. Charles A.) was for many years a member of FWGS, also member of Mary Isham Keith Chapter, DAR, Fort Worth. She died in November 1991. Her established DAR lines were Blewett, Skiles, Harris, Yates, Williams, Hamilton and Highsmith, also Thomas Shirley of Virginia. Her DAR number was 454710. Perhaps some of our readers may know something about her research.

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*IT'S RELATIVE!*

*I like to know about people --*

*Who they are and where they've been:*

*Grandparents, aunts and uncles*

*Way back yonder, and now and then --*

*In-law relations, the cussin' cuzzins --*

*But most emphatically,*

*My favorite "kissin" kin!"*

*Jenna V. Stephenson Ownbey*

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