

## EDITOR'S PAGE

**Spring Seminar Update:** We are pleased to see so many early registrations for our North Carolina Seminar, featuring Jo White Linn as guest speaker. Remember that space will be limited and the same applies to space which has been reserved for vendors. Don't forget to send along your entries for the Surname Directory which will be available on the day of the seminar -April 23, 1994. Cost for registration before April 10th is \$22.00 and after that date and at the door \$27.00. This does include lunch. One of our Kansas members writes, "I've been to two of her workshops and they were great - she is entertaining as well as very knowledgeable." And indeed she is!

**Family Reunions:** It may be early in the year, but sometimes planning ahead pays off. If you would like some new ideas, you may have a free copy of the Coca-Cola Family Reunion Planner, by calling 1-800-254 FMLY. A sample copy of *Reunions Magazine*, may be obtained by sending \$2 for shipping and handling to Reunions Magazine, P. O. Box 11727, Milwaukee, Wis. 53211-0727.

**Deep Appreciation:** To all of you who have submitted Bible records and/or other materials for publication. Please don't stop sending. If your records have not yet been published, please be assured that they will have a place in an upcoming issue. Special thanks to my good friend, Patrick McKenna.

**Plan to attend:** The National Genealogical Society's Conference in the States: Exploring a Nation of Immigrants - Houston Style June 1 - 4, 1994, in Houston. And if you want to plan ahead, next year's Conference is scheduled for May 3 - 6 in San Diego.

*The Fort Worth Genealogical Society  
extends sincere sympathy  
to two local long-time members*

*Louise Moxley  
in the loss of her husband, Bob  
and  
Eloise Coats  
in the loss of her husband, Terry*

## THE TEXAS BAPTIST HISTORICAL COLLECTION

By Dr. Alan J. Lefever, Archivist

The Texas Baptist Historical Collection was established in 1933 as the official depository of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and serves as a resource center for Baptist historians, researchers, writers and genealogists. The cornerstone of the Collection is the personal papers of J. M. Carroll. Carroll, one of the earliest Texas Baptist historians, collected rare and out of print material dealing with Texas Baptist churches and associations. He also accumulated a large amount of biographical material concerning Baptist ministers who had served in Texas. From Carroll's personal papers, the Collection has grown to include over 3,500 linear feet of material.

The Collection includes personal papers of many Texas Baptist leaders including George W. Truett, B. H. Carroll, J. M. Carroll, L. R. Scarborough, W. B. Bagby, J. Frank Norris, D. D. Tidwell and T. B. Maston. The personal papers contained in the Collection give researchers a rare glimpse into the history of Texas Baptists through the eyes of the men that made it.

The Church minutes and histories of hundreds of Texas Baptist churches are also housed in the Collection. Many of these minutes are stored on microfilm while other churches have also deposited their original minutes in the Collection for safe keeping. The Collection has preserved the most complete collection of Texas Baptist associational minutes including minutes from Primitive Baptists, Baptist Missionary Association, Black Baptists and the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The annual reports of state organizations such as the Baptist General Association of Texas, the Baptist State Convention, the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas and the Baptist General Convention of Texas are also part of the Collection.

Throughout the history of Texas Baptists' work, numerous Baptist newspapers have chronicled their endeavors. The Collection has preserved many of these newspapers both on microfilm and hard copy. These papers include the *Baptist Standard* since 1892; *Texas Baptist*, 1855-1861; *Texas Baptist Herald*, 1866-1886; *Texas Baptist*, 1876-1886; and *Texas Baptist and Herald*, 1886-1906.

The most extensive portion of the Collection of interest to genealogists is the biographical material which has been assembled over the years. Church histories, newspapers and other resources have been indexed to aid in locating information on ministers who have served in the state of Texas. Today the Collection has over 300,000 biographical entries in this index. Although the biographical data contained in the Collection is extensive, the Collection staff is constantly working to accumulate more information concerning Baptist ministers who have labored in Texas. Often with the help of genealogists the Collection has discovered new information concerning Texas Baptists.

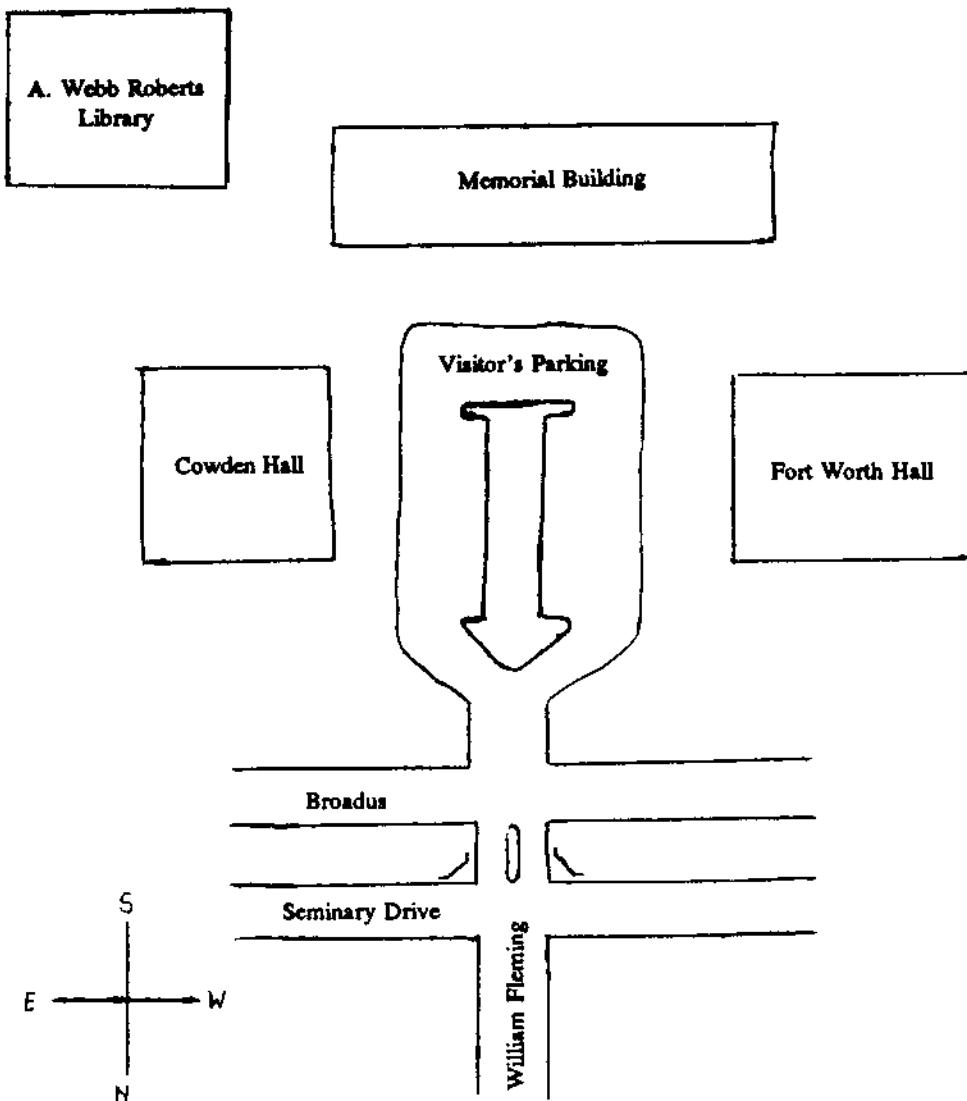
Alan Lefever serves as Archivist. Lefever has a PhD. in Church History and specializes in Texas Baptist history. Naomi Harmon serves as secretary and Keith Wills and Megan Collesel as Research Assistants. The staff is always happy to assist researchers in any way possible.

The Collection also supports the work of the Texas Baptist Historical Society. The Society is dedicated to the preservation of Texas Baptist history. Anyone interested in joining the Society may contact the Collection staff.

The Collection will answer requests in person, by phone or mail. There is no charge for the research services of the staff. However, there is a \$.10 per copy charge for any material that is photocopied. There is also a charge for those wanting reproductions of photographs held in the Collection - \$8.50 for 8" x 10", \$6.50 for 5" x 7" and \$3.50 for wallet size.

The Collection is located in the Archives Department on the second floor of A. Webb Roberts Library on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2001 West Seminary Drive, Fort Worth, Texas. The mailing address is: Texas Baptist Historical Collection, P. O. Box 22000, Fort Worth, Texas 76122-2490 and the phone number is (817) 923-1921, ext. 3330.

The Archives is open 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except during school holidays. The map shown below will assist interested persons in locating the Collection.



## THE TEXAS FRONTIER BATTALION

Selected and compiled by Nelita Snow

The Frontier Battalion superceded the Texas Rangers and was formed to scout for Indians, protect the frontier, capture wanted criminals and protect the outlying settlements. Pay was minimal, camps primitive and the duty a hard life.

Adjutant General's Records, Record Group 401,  
Correspondence of the Frontier Battalion

This material consists of letters and documents, addressed variously as: "To the Commander of the Frontier Battalion," or to "Any Captain", or to a specific Captain. A few are addressed "To Any Sheriff." These letters, arrest warrants, telegrams and other documents are in Numbered Boxes which contain numbered folders, all designated RG 401.

Some are not dated but range approximately from 1871 through 1884. These numbered folders are then listed alphabetically; however, some of the documents were out of order. They are written exactly in the order as found. The spelling is as it appears in each document.

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Box 1160-Folder 26

Jacksboro, Texas

Description of: Wm. Mitchell & Mlt. Graves, Murders of S. H and J. D. Truitt. Mitchell is about 24 years old and about six feet high, Swarthy complexion, dark blue eyes, dark auburn hair. Milt Grav is about 5 feet and 4 inches high, fair skin, black eyes and Blak hair about 18 years old. J. M. Pruitt

Description of H A Anderson. Said Henderson is about 5 ft. 8 inches in height about 20 years of age. Active well made man. Light complected has a mould about his face. Very large ears inclined to flop. Blue eyes. Smooth face.

Special to the Members of the W.D. A. (Note: Western Detective Association). Case 67: \$25 Reward for Horse Stealing - Description: of Charles A. Johnson; he is about 26 years old, 6 feet high, weighs 170 #, Dark Complexion, hair cut close and a little Kinkey, little mustache & Imperial Colored Black, thick liped (sic), slim and tall, walks and talks fast, a little hard to understand. Probably touched with Darker - Claims to be a Wheelwright-Carpenter & Wagon-maker, uses the words- "you see", "you see" - says he is a Marylander, has lived in Pleasanton, Paola, Kans., &

New Home, Bates Co., Mo., is a Northern or Eastern Man; he is sharp and quick, is intimately acquainted with two theiving women at Pleasonton, Kans.

Case 79: \$25 Reward ! Escaped from Penetentiary, Lewis D. Fulton, heavy, burly looking fellow about 23 years old, light complexion, little stooped shouldered, weight about 180 #, 5 feet 10 inches high, small grey eyes, his head, large, pug nose, think he has a mole on one cheek; his hands is somewhat crippled from playing baseball.

Lewis F. Fulton was seen at Schell City, Mo., between the 10th & 14th inst, in company with one Waterbury, 6 feet high light complexion, hair a little curly. The latter is also wanted by the authority's in Ill. but no Reward. If Fulton is caught, guard him close or he will escape.

Case 80: \$90 Reward ! Stolen on the night of July 9th, 1878. Two mares. One is a bay, little sunburnt, about 7 years old, 15 hands high, plain tug marks, shod all around and in fair order. Had on small, black flat saddle with iron stirrups, wide at the bottom. Headstall of the bridle is double with round cheek pieces, flat nearly new snaffle bits. One gray mare 8 years old, about 14 or 5 Hnds high, blind in left eye, shod - old saddle with new fenders. Twenty dollars each, will be paid by the owners for the mares and \$25.00 for the thieves.

Our Circular of 20th inst was unavoidable delayed a few days. July 23rd, 1873.  
Also named as wanted: James E, Maddox , friends of a S.W. Texas family named Linton.  
Edgar Jones broke jail at Paris, Mo and is lose.

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From: Western Detective Association:

Fugitives from Tarrant County (1872-1874)

H. G. Briggs, about 25 or 26 years old, slender made, weights 135 lbs, is a good pensman, worked at one time in Atty. Genls. Office in Austin, fair skin, blue eyes.

Sam Stockton, Light complexion, bushy, sandy hair, about 23 years old, heavy set, about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, weighs 175 pounds, small scar on upper lip, I think on right side of lip.

Milton Askew about 20 years old, light complexion, front teeth broad and wide a part, he is a cow boy, is from Wise County. \$500 Reward from that County for him.

Frank Moseley about 30 years old, black or auburn hair (curley), pop eyes, light blue eyes about 6 feet high weighs about 165 pounds.

J. R. Thomas, Light complexion, light hair, blue eyes about 25 years old about 5 feet six inches high.

Wm. Lisenby weighs 150 pounds stout made, 18 or 19 years old, smooth face light complexion, blue or light eyes.

List of those against whom indictments have been filed in Kinney Co. Texas

John Staggs, charged with theft of a mare.

Thomas Doran, Assault with intent to murder

C. B. Edwin and James Deaton, Driving cattle out of County without authority.

J. S. Jones, Obtaining money under false pretenses.

C. B. Edwin, if not arrested in time for the August Term of Court ----  
or have him for the incoming month, first Monday in Sept. 1877.

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Names of Parties Interested in Stealing in Kimble and Joining Counties as given by Ben Anderson:

\$10,000 Reward

OMAHA TRAIN ROBBERS, William Heffridge alias Bill Heffery, 5'8" or 9" high, 145/150, 28 to 30 years old, light brown hair, light beard and mustach, front tooth gone. Tattoo on hand and dancing girl tattooed on arm.

Sam Bass 5' 7 or 8" inches high, 140 or 150 pounds 23 to 25 years old, described as quite young and boyish looking, dark complexion. Hair black and cut short, mustach cut short. Beard black, thin and not very stiff, has very white teeth, shows his front teeth when laughing, is slow talker and dont talk much drinks very little does not use Tobacco is called a Texas man.

Jack Davis 5 feet 11 inches high some think 6 feet, 190 pounds, 30 years old, large heavy, Broad shouldered man, brown eyes, dark hair and beard, mustach not very heavy, slow in his walk and has habit of walking with his hands behind his back. Talks and drinks a great deal. Rode a dunn colored horse with a glass eye.

James Perry 5 feet 9 inches high 30 or 35 years old, sandy or Red hair with a little gray in it. Sandy beard and mustach, chin beard quite long, Red or Florid complexion. Blue eyes, full round face which gets very red when he has been drinking. Talks a great deal.

Tom Nixon 5 feet 8 inches high, 140 to 150 pounds, 25 years old, Light Hair and Beard, not very long or heavy. Blue eyes was riding a horse with a W and a heart Brand.

E. M. Mossman, Supt U.P.R.R.  
Omaha, Neb.

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\$500 Chas. H. Foulk, Description: 41 years old 6 feet high 180 pounds, Brown hair, light col'd goatee about 3 or 4 inches long which covers chin pretty well, long face, thin cheeks, high cheek bones. Blue eyes, scar on right side of upper lip, large shot lodged in back part of one of his hands,

Box 1160-Folder 27 A-B

The State of Texas: To Any Officer of the Frontier Forces of said State:

You are hereby Commanded to take the Body of Parsons Acres and James Elmore, if to be found in your County, and them safely keep, so that you have them at the Honorable District Court of said County and State, to be begun and holden within and for DeWitt County, at the Court House thereof, on the first Monday in August, A.D., 1874, then and there to answer an indictment exhibited against them, and filed in said Court, on the 8 day of August, A.D., 1872, charging them with : Assault with intent to Murder.

Witness, H. B. Boston, Clk. of Dist Ct, DeWitt County.

17 June, A.D. 1874 /s/ H. B. Boston

Do. Beeville, Bee County, H. W. Wilson, Clk Ct. 10 Dec 1878

James Adams, White, charged with Murder Town of LaGrange, Aug 2, 1878

The  
State of Texas, To any Sheriff or peace officer of the State of Texas ! Greeting!

You are hereby commanded to take the body of Pablo Alejo, if to be found in the State of Texas, and him safely keep to that you bring him before the Honorable District Court of El Paso County, State of Texas, now in session at the town of Ysleta, in said County, then and there to answer the State of Texas on a charge of Theft of Cattle, profferred against him by indictment presented to said District Court now in session by the Grand Jury of said El Paso County.

Herein fail not, but of this with due return make as the law directs.

Witness, Manuel E. Flores, Clk Dist Ct, El Paso County 16 Mch 1881.

Hugh Anderson, wanted in DeWitt County, theft of a Colt, 30 Sept 1870

William Arnold Jr, Allen Arnold and Arch Arnold wanted in Town of Lampasas for Murder, 4th March 1877 H. D. Walker, Clk of said Ct. Oct 9 1876

D. Bailey and Zack Griffers (Griffen ?) wanted in Lampasas for theft of cattle, 4 March 1877

Press Bailey, wanted in Fort Worth, charged with Murder November, 1874

Daid P. Baker, wanted in Lockhart, Caldwell County, for Murder Seotember, 1874

Bee County, from District Court to the State of Texas, Rafael Balderas for Theft of a Colt, 21 September, 1879

James Bales wanted in Lampasas for Theft of Cattle, 9 Oct 1876

E. C. Balton wanted in Mount Pleasant, as he unlawfully and feloniously with his express malice aforethought, with a certain shotgun - loaded and charged with gun powder and leaden shots, in the house of him the said Balton had and held, make an assault upon one Silas Osborn a reasonable creature in Peace of God and our said State - and the said E. C. Bolton did then and there shoot off

and discharge said gun at to and against the said Osborn on the side and abdomen three mortal wounds of which said wounds the said Osborn then and there died.

I. Cherry, Clk of Dist Ct. Titus County  
24 June 1874

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Juan Barillo and Antonio Garcia wanted in Victoria County for Theft of Horses, 18 January, 1878

*Henry Bell*, wanted in Bee County for theft over \$20. 10 Dec 1878

James Benson wantd in Kerrville, Theft of Horse, near Packsaddle Mountain in Llano County.

Calvin Berlin, wanted in Bee County for Theft of a Gelding 19 Sept 1878

A. J. Berry, wanted in Lampasas County, Theft of Neat cattle 4 March, 1877

Jim Bekkis (Beddis) wanted in Burleson County, Theft of one cattle, Nov 8, 1898

*John Biggs*, wanted in Caldwell for Theft of a Cow, Sept 1, 1874

James G. Borders wanted for Murder in Coryelle 10 June, 1874

E. C. Bowen wanted for Theft of a Mare in Lampasas.

James W Boyles wanted for Murder in Milam County, 8 July, 1874

James Brown, wanted for Theft of Money in Bee County 10 Dec 1878

M. J. Buckingham, wanted for Theft of a Horse, in Bee County, 10 Dec 1878

Alf Burcher wanted for Theft of Cattle, in Hays County 29 Sept 1881

Robert Burns wanted in Bee County for Swindling, 18 Feb 1875

Charles Burt wanted in Atascosa County, charged with Assault with Intent to Commit Murder

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Box 1160-Folder 28 C-D

Wm. Cain wanted in Comanche, for Disturbing the Inhabitants of the Town of Comanche. 4 Oct 1874

Matt Cain wanted in Travis County for Betting at Monte 4 January 1880

(to be continued)

## RUMSEY LAWRENCE MERRILL FAMILY BIBLE

Submitted by Mrs. James B. Lewellen, Fort Worth, Texas

### GRANDPARENTS

Q. H. Merrill born 1/3/1850 near Ladonia died 3/3/32 Dallas, Texas  
L. D. Huckabay born 10/5/1858 Georgia died 10/1/1887 Ladonia, Tex.  
J. M. Cope born 2/17/1846 Tenn.  
M. E. Johnson born 11/19/1854 Georgia

### PARENTS

R. L. Merrill born 12/5/1874 Ladonia, Tex. died 9/29/1927 Sulphur, Okla.  
J. [Jessie] R. Cope born 2/2/1878 Tex. died Nov. 30, 1910 Sulphur, Okla.  
they were married 7/25/1897 at White Cut S. H. Lamar Co. Tex.

### CHILDREN

Olga L. Merrill born 8/27/1898 Ladonia, Tex.  
Willie Inez Merrill born 1/17/1901 Ladonia, Tex. died June 10, 1981 married 11/27/1919 Ray Freeman  
Gerald L. Merrill born 7/12/1909  
Geraldine E. Merrill born 7/12/1909 died March 30, 1976 married 7/25/1925 Hal. Edward LaPlace  
Maymie L. Merrill born 9/4/1913 died 10/16/1913  
Mildred O. Merrill born 3/21/1918  
Eveline Marie Merrill born 6/6/1920

Hal. Edward LaPlace and Geraldine Elizabeth Merrill were married July 25, 1925 at Dallas, Texas

### CHILDREN

Marjorie Lynell born 5/5/26 Dallas  
Mary Love born 10/27/27 Dallas

Hal. Jr. born 4/---

### MISCELLANEOUS

R. L. Merrill and Maymie E. Phillips was married on June 5th 1912 and of this union were borned Maymie Lee Merrill, Mildred Odell Merrill and Eveline Marie Merrill. This marriage was solemnized in Sulphur, Murray County, Okla. and the birth place of Maymie E. Phillips was near Cummings, Ga. being a daughter of W. N. and Odell Phillips.

### PARENTS

George V. Claytor  
Willie Inez Merrill born 1/17/1901 Ladonia  
They were married May 10, 1924 at Corona, Calif.

### CHILDREN

Merrilyn Georgine born 7/29/25 Corona, Calif.  
Carol Grace born 2/6/29 Corona

**QUINCY HILLIARD MERRILL FAMILY BIBLE****MARRIAGES**

Quincy H. Merrill and Lou D. Huckabay was married Nov the twentieth A.D. eighteen hundred and seventy three three miles North of Greenville Hunt County, Texas by Rev. F. M. Robertson

Lawrence Merrill and Jessye R. Cope were married July 25, 1897 near Paris

Q. H. Merrill and Minnie Davis were married Feb 1 1889 near Ladonia, Tx.

Matty E. Merrill and Lee Smart were married Dec. 23, 1898 near Ladonia

Della A. Merrill and Fred LaPlace married in Shreveport La July 1900

Hilra Merrill and Pierce Davis married in Pittsbu[rgh?] Jan 20 1902

Hilliard T. Merrill & Jannie Terry married Nov. 25, 1911

Mattye Merrill and B. L. Sanders married Jan. 11, 1908

R. L. Merrill & Mamie E. Phillips married June 5, 1912

Mattye M. Sanders & Giles W. Garner married June 22, 1940

Della LaPlace & Robert Fuqah married Feb 1, 1919

**BIRTHS**

Rumsey L. Merrill was born December the fifth A. D. 1874 in Fannin County Texas near Bonham

Mattie Eudora Merrill was born December the third A. D. 1976 in Fannin County Texas

Della Agnes Merrill was born February the eleventh A.D. 1879 in Fannin County Texas

Hillira (Hilra) Merrill was born January the 22 A.D. 1882 in FT [sic]

Little Cleveland Merrill was born Dec. 17, 1884 at Ladonia, Tex

Gerald & Geraldyn Merrill born July 12, 1909

Homer W. Merrill was born April 29, 1890 in Delta County at Pecan Gap

Hilliard T. Merrill was born March 29, 1892

Beuford Merrill Oct. 19 1894 near Ladonia in Fannin Co. Tx.

Olga Lynne Merrill was born Aug 27-98

Inez Merrill was born on Jan 17, 1901 near Ladonia

Merrill LaPlace was born Oct 31, 1901 near Ladonia

Ed Haldane LaPlace was born in Ladonia Sept 7-1903

Donald LaPlace born May 10-1906

Hilra's baby born Aug. 31-1904

Hattie Lou Davis born Aug. 22, 1908

Mamie Lee Merrill born Sept 4, 1913

Hilton Merrill born Aug. 12, 1912

Fred Merrill born June 16, 1914

Lydia Belle Merrill was born Nov 8, 1916 at Sulphur, Okla.

Mildred Odell Merrill was born Mar. 1918 at Sulphur, Okla.

Edna Louise Merrill was born Nov. 8, 1917 in La J[unta?] Colo.

Dorothy Merrill born Nov 8-1919

W. Loyd Merrill born 1920

Evelyn Marie Merrill born June 6, 1920

## DEATHS

Mrs. Lou Merrill died Oct. 1-- 1887

Little Cleveland Merrill died Mar 15, 1889 "Gone to rest with mama"

Mrs. Minnie Merrill died June 1, 1895 "Gone Home"

Little sweet Beuford Merrill died Jul 16, 1895 "Gone to meet his mama"

Fred LaPlace died Nov. 25, 1906

Hilra's baby died Aug 31-1904

Olga Merrill died June 29, 1908

Hattie Lou Davis died Aug 24, 1908

Jessie R. Merrill died Nov 30, 1910

Mamie Lee Merrill died Oct. 16, 1913

Babe Merrill died Dec 1-1922 "My sweet Brother how I loved you"

[Babe was nickname for Hilliard T. Merrill]

Rumsey Lawrence Merrill (darling)--died Sept. 29, 1927

Q. H. Merrill my darling papa passed away Mar. 3, 1932

Hilra M. Davis my darling sister passed away Mar. 9-19-- at 6:15 PM at Plainview

## END OF BIBLE RECORD

The Bible of Quincy Hilliard Merrill is in the possession of Mrs. Lewellen's cousin, Nancy LaPlace Johnson, who lives in Dallas County, Texas. The Bible of Rumsey Lawrence Merrill, Mrs. Lewellen's grandfather, is in her possession. It was found many years ago in a barn - front and back mutilated by rats! Mrs. Lewellen writes that she has used information from these records as documented proof for her membership in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Her mother, Mildred O. Merrill Giles, added later death dates - 1976 and 1981.

Quincy was a son of Wiley Boothe Merrill and Martha Ann Hilliard. Wiley was living in Texas in 1836 and received land grants in Red River, Lamar and Fannin Counties. A portion of land which he inherited was donated for the Bowie County Courthouse (built in 1891).

Quiney Hilliard Merrill m/1 Lou D. Huckabee and had six children: Rumsey Lawrence, Hilra, Mattie Eudora, Della Agnes, Homer and Cleveland. He m/2 Minnie Davis by whom he had one child, Hilliard "Babe" T. Merrill. Quincy was a son of Wiley Booth Merrill and Martha Ann Hilliard. Wiley was living in Texas in 1836 and received land grants in Red River, Lamar and Fannin Counties. He donated land for the Bowie County Courthouse which was built in 1891.

Rumsey Lawrence Merrill m/1 Jessie Cope and had four children: Olga L., Willie Inez and twins, Gerald Lawrence and Geraldine Elizabeth. They moved from Ladonia, Texas to Sulphur, Indian Territory (Oklahoma) in 1906 where Jessie died. Lawrence m/2 Maymie Estella Phillips and had three more children: Maymie Lee, Mildred Odell and Evelyn Marie. Lawrence served as Mayor of Sulphur at one time.

Other names listed in the Bibles are grandchildren, their husbands or wives.

## BIBLE RECORD OF BENJAMIN FORMAN

Editor's Note: This Bible was published 1867 by the American Bible Society. The record was copied 24 March 1967 by Mrs. Stanley C. Smith. At that time, the Bible was in possession of Mrs. Juddie (Lewis) Watkins of New Salem, Rusk County, Texas. She was the widow of John Lee Watkins who is entered in this record as William L. Watkins.

### BIRTHS

Benj. Forman was born Dec 13th 1813

E. [Elizabeth] M. Forman was born July 26th 1820 [dau Nathan & Sarah Bagley]

J. W. Forman was born Feb 22 1835

Sarah E. Forman was born 16th Sept 1836

John H. Forman was born Dec. 18th 1839

N. S. [Nathan Sumner] Forman was born May 10th 1841

W. A. B. Forman was born Nov. 19th 1842

J. P. D. Forman was born Oct. 5th 1844

Elminer S. Forman was born Nov. 9th 1846

Martha S. Forman was born July 18th 1848 [did not marry]

Mary F. [Frances] Forman was born Sept. 30th 1850.

Bathena A. Forman was born May 7th 1852

Mancy E. Forman was born June 15th 1854

Laura M. Forman was born August 19th 1857

### DEATHS

Miner E. Watkins died Oct. 16th 1871 [or Oct. 10th]

aged 4 years 1 month and 15 days old

John Watkins died March the 31 1859

[in pencil] Borned March 16 1794

Ander Co [Anderson Co. N. C.?]

Alla [Talledga Co. Ala.?]

John Ratcliff Watkins departed this life Jan. 8th 1897 aged 36 years 9 months and twelve days

### MARRIAGES

John R. Watkins and Mary F. Forman were married Dec 4th 1866

### BIRTHS

Elminer Elizabeth Watkins was born Sept. 1st 1867

Martha W. Watkins was born Dec. 27th 1869

William L. Watkins was born the 16th day of December 1874

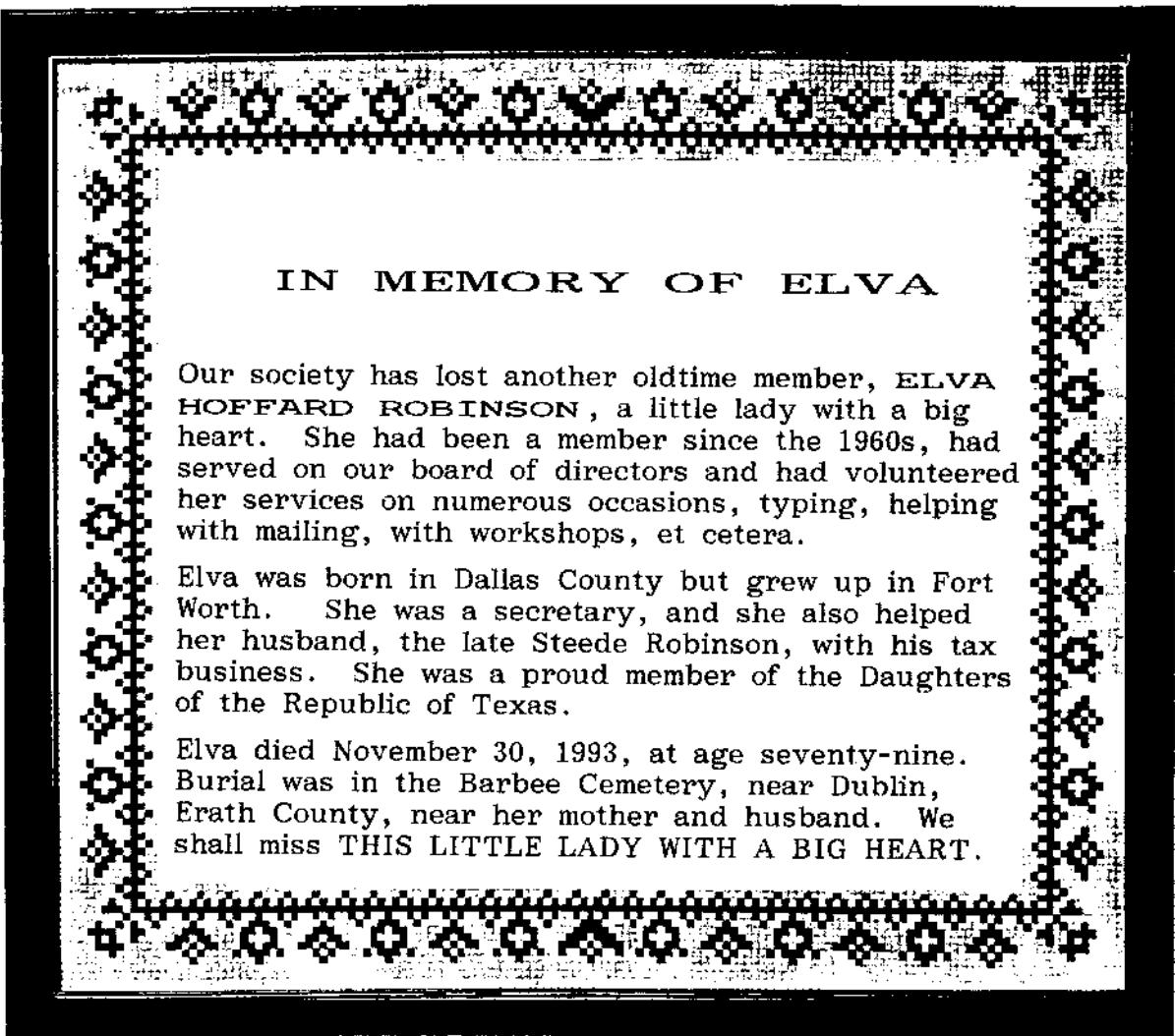
John Watkins was borned in Anderson Co. N. C. November the 16 1794

Abstract of newspaper clippings found in Bible:

N. S. Forman, born Talladega County, Alabama 10 May 1841, died at New Salem Texas at home of his nephew J. L. Watkins 17 July 1906. He came to Texas with his parents in 1850 and settled near New Salem. Joined Confederate Army 1862. Pvt. Capt. Doty's Co. E, 28th Regt. of Vol. Cav. for short time, was dismounted and served in Randal's Brigade for short time, then transferred to Walker's Brigade of Infantry. Late in 1862 transferred to Co. B. 11th Texas Reg. Inf., discharged 1865. [Rusk County News, Henderson, Texas. Wednesday morning August 15, 1906]

T. J. Heath, Jr., son of T. J. Heath Sr., died at residence of Mrs. E. S. Caisson in New Salem Nov. 3, 1888. He was born at New Salem Oct. 26, 1852. His mother died several years ago [father still living, but ill.] Buried Cool Springs burying ground. [Name of newspaper not on obituary.]

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### IN MEMORY OF ELVA

Our society has lost another oldtime member, **ELVA HOFFARD ROBINSON**, a little lady with a big heart. She had been a member since the 1960s, had served on our board of directors and had volunteered her services on numerous occasions, typing, helping with mailing, with workshops, et cetera.

Elva was born in Dallas County but grew up in Fort Worth. She was a secretary, and she also helped her husband, the late Steede Robinson, with his tax business. She was a proud member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Elva died November 30, 1993, at age seventy-nine. Burial was in the Barbee Cemetery, near Dublin, Erath County, near her mother and husband. We shall miss **THIS LITTLE LADY WITH A BIG HEART**.

## FAMILY BIBLE RECORD OF KOSSUTH BARRY

Submitted by Mary Lee Keith, Carrollton, Texas

Editor's Note: Mrs. Keith's mother, Vera Barry Kemp, was the last member of her family and died July 8, 1993. She loved Central Texas and its history very much, as did all the Barry family. James Buckner Barry, father of Kossuth Barry died at Walnut Springs, Texas, in December, 1906. A detailed account of this Barry family may be found in *Old Northwest Texas - Navarro County, 1846 - 1860*, Vol. I-B, compiled by Nancy Timmons Samuels and Barbara Roach Knox, published by FWGS in 1981.

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This certifies that Kossuth Barry and Miss Martha America Sneider were united by Rev. J. R. Clark in Holy Matrimony at Cleburne, Texas on the twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord 1870. In presence of Mr. and Mrs. Snider, Their family and a host of friends.

### Page 2

#### MARRIAGES

John Buckner Barry, the only surviving Heir of Kossuth & Martha A. Barry and Fannie May Pearce (daughter of A. C. and Margaret Pearce) were united by Rev. J. P. Grace in Holy Matrimony at the home of the Bride's parents in Bosque County, Texas, near Walnut Springs on the Nineteenth day of Oct. In the year of our Lord 1892, in the presence of their families and friends.

Vera Annapolis Barry & Dennis Edwin Kemp, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Kemp [Leila Delamore Stamps] were married October 8, 1918 at Methodist Church, Walnut Springs, Texas.

Harold Buckner Barry & Johnny Anderson were married November [19], 1919 at [Bosque County, Texas]

Pearce Kossuth Barry and Bonnie Peek were married October [21] 1939 at Dallas, Texas.

Mary Lee Kemp and John Wilbur Keith were married at Naval Air Base Chapel in Corpus Christi, July 20, 1943

Joseph Barry Kemp and Allene Fay Brooks were married at Austin, Texas, May 6, 1950.

Dennis Edwin Kemp Jr. and Bobbie Dawn Bone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet G. Bone of Austin, were married at The Church of the Good Shepherd at Corpus Christi, December 31, 1957.

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#### BIRTHS

Kossuth Barry borned January Seventh 1850

Martha (Mattie) America Barry Borned Sept. 9, 1852 Their children

John Buckner Barry Borned 15th January 1871

William Henry Barry borned 29th June 1874

Fannie May Barry (nee Pearce) born 8th Oct 1873

John Buckner and Fannie May Barry's children

Date of births

Vera Anapolis Barry Borned 12th Oct 1893

Pearce Kossuth Barry Borned 12 April 1896

Harold Buckner Barry Borned First Dec 1898

Jno. Buckner Barry borned Jan. 21st 1921  
Mary Lee Kemp borned Feb 20 1921  
Charles Edwin Barry borned Sept the 29 1924  
Dennis Edwin Kemp borned April the 3rd 1925  
Joe Barry Kemp borned Feb 16th 1928  
[Vera Barry Kemp added a note that Charles was son of Harold and Johnny Barry, as was John Buckner Barry]

#### DEATHS

William Henry Barry died 15th August 1876 in Cleburne [Texas]  
Martha [America] Barry [first wife of Kossuth Barry] died July 12 A. D. 1915 and body laid in the Barry Cemetery.  
Kossuth Barry was married to his 2nd wife Miss Lulu GREEN on the 8th day of Dec A. D. 1916  
Fanny May Barry Jan. the 10 1940  
Jno. B. Barry was married again to Mrs. Nettie M. McDaniel (nee Miss Nettie Hadley) Jan the 12th 1941  
Mrs. Nettie Barry died April [12?] 1954  
Dennis Edwin Kemp died February 16, 1954  
John Buckner Barry died April 30, 1960

#### MEMORANDA

Johnnie Buckner Barry Jr [son of H. B. and wife Johnnie Anderson Barry] was borned 23 Jan 1921  
Mary Lee Kemp [daughter of Dennis E. Kemp and wife Vera Barry Kemp was borned Feb 20, A. D. 1921  
Mary Lee Kemp [daughter of Dennis E. Kemp and wife Vera Barry Kemp] was borned Feb. 20, A.D. 1921.  
Dennis Edwin Kemp son of Dennis and Vera Kemp was born April 3, 1925  
Younger son Joe Barry Kemp was born Feb 16 1928  
Charles Barry son of Harold and Johnnie was born Sept 29 1924

#### END OF BIBLE RECORD

Mr. Koss Barry, one of Bosque County's oldest pioneer citizens, died Saturday evening Feb. 24, 1945 at his ranch home about four miles southwest of Walnut Springs. He had been in ill health for the past two years, but only during the past two weeks had his condition been considered critical.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. R. R. Willingham, pastor of the Walnut Springs Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. J. B. Bolton, pastor of the Walnut Springs Baptist Church, followed by interment in the Barry Cemetery.

Son of the late Col. and Mrs. Buck Barry, he was born in Corsicana, Texas January 7, 1850 and was 95 years old when he died. He moved to Bosque County with his parents when he was six years old. For many years he was a breeder of Aberdeen-Angus cattle and had one of the best herds in the state, having won many prizes at cattle shows. Survivors included his wife, one son, Johnnie Barry of Walnut Springs, three grandchildren: Harold Barry of Pecos, Pearce Barry of Dallas and Mrs. D. E. Kemp of Corpus Christi, two sisters Mrs. J. A. Shelton and Mrs. Walter Worley of Mosheim.

Koss Barry was a devoted husband and a kind and indulgent father and a tender brother and to his friends the soul of fellowship. But the greatest of all was he as a man. And as a man it is that those who knew him best most love to contemplate him. Though he is gone his record has been made and will remain with us as a lasting treasure. [from obituary]

## SELECTED OBITUARIES OF METHODIST MINISTERS SERVING IN NORTH TEXAS AND CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCES

Abstracted from *Parish Partners* by Johnnie Patterson Allen  
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Editor's Note: A copy of *Parish Partners* may be found in the Genealogy Department, Fort Worth Public Library. Obituaries for both ministers and wives are given. The compiler states in the Preface that the book was done to aid genealogists who seek information concerning Methodist ministers in northwest Texas from 1867 - 1909 and readers are encouraged to submit additional biographical information to the United Methodist Archives Center in Fort Worth. Abbreviations used include: NTC - North Texas Conference; NWTCJ -Northwest Texas Conference Journal; NWTCM - Northwest Texas Conference Minutes; CTCJ - Central Texas Conference Journal; nnl - names not listed; nl - not listed.

**GALLOWAY**, Robert Vincent, minister, b. 22 May 1844, Kosciusko, Miss.; s. Thomas Galloway, an exhorter; m/1 1872 Mrs. Calvert of Calvert, Tex.; 1 dau. nnl; m/2 17 Jan. 1877 **Matilda** Antionette McClendon. Served NW TX, Cen. TX. Conf. 1876-1907; d. 30 Dec. 1911, Aquilla, Tex.; bur. Walnut Springs, Tex.; Matilda d. 1933. Source: CTCJ 1912, pp. 35-37; Texas Methodist Yearbook 1934, p. 537.

**GASKELL**, Alfred Douglas, minister-teacher-M.D., b. 3 Dec. 1804 Humphries Co. Tenn., s. Evan & Nancy Gaskell; m. 1845 Louise Kid of Parkersville, Ala. Children: Minnie Gaskell, J. E. Gaskell & 1 son nnl. Served AL, MS, LA & E TX Confs as local preacher ca 1824-1866 & TX, & NW TX Conf. 1867-1884 as conf. member; d. 14 Jan. 1884 Abilene, Tex.; bur. Waxahachie, TX. Source: NWTCM 1884 pp. 440-442.

**GLASS**, Hiram M., minister-teacher-college president, b. 11 June 1828 near Huntsville, Ala.; no mention of wife or ch. Served TX, NW TX Confs. 1855-1892. Pioneer preacher, CSA Vet., hero of yellow fever epidemic 1864 Galveston, Tex.; d. in old Confederate Home, Austin, Tex. 1918; place burial not given. Source: CTCJ 1918, pp. 44-45.

**GRAVES**, GEORGE W., minister, b. 04 July 1839 Copiah Co. Miss.; m. 23 May 1866, Rockvale, Burnet Co. Tex. Mary P. Fowler. Serv: TX NW TX Confs. 1860-1893; d. 11 June 1893. Source: NWTCM 1893, pp. 179-180.

**GRAVES**, W. F., minister, b. 1 April 1843, Washington Co. Ky.; m/1 fall 1868 Lois Spencer. No ch. She d. ca 1869; m/2 July 1879 Mary Lomax. Served St. Louis Mo., NW TX Confs. 1867-1890. CSA Vet.; d. 4 Feb 1917 Meridian, Tex.; Bur. Meridian. Source: CTCJ 1917 pp. 46-47.

**GRAVIS**, PETER. minister-writer. b. 6 July 1828 Nashville, Tenn.; m. Mary Wright. Ch 10 nnl. Served TX NW TX Confs. 1859-1902? CSA Vet. Mason; d. 18 Jan. 1902 Zephyr, Tex; bur. Comanche, Tex. Source: NWTCJ 1902, pp. 23-24.

**HARALSON**, JEROME. minister, b. 1 Nov. 1845 near Holly Springs, Miss.; m. 6 Oct. 1869 Marietta McKendree. No ch mentioned. Serv White River, NW TX Confs. 1870-1899; d. 30 May 1920 Jacksonville, Tex; bur. Jacksonville. Source: CTCJ 1920, pp. 44-45.

HARRIS, IRVIN FLOYD, minister, b. 13 Aug 1859 Overton Co. Tenn; m. wife's name not given. Ch: Earl E., W. E., Albert E., GHarris & Mmes. Mabel Hodge, Maude Ely & Mildred Barrett. Served AR NW TX, Cen TX Confs. 1887-1909; d. 18 May 1946 Ft. Worth, Tex; bur. Waxahachie, Tex.; wife d. ca 1946-47. Source: CTCJ's 1946, p. 172; 1947, p. 168.

HARRIS, JESSE JAY, minister-missionary, b. 23 June 1827 Hall Co. Ga.; m/1 22 Sept 1844, Exar W. Turner: 10 ch. not named; m/2 Fannie Bird. 2 ch nnl. Served N Ga NW Tx Confs. ca 1875-1890. CSA Vet.; d. 27 Dec 1903 Terrell, Tex; bur Meridian Tx. Source: NWTCJ 1904 pp. 28-29.

HENDERSON, WILLIAM W. minister, b. 21 Nov. 1848, Scott Co. Ark; m/1 1971 Sarah Smith (d. 1872); m/2 ca 1879 Mattie Walkup. 6 ch nnl. Serv: Little Rock, NW TX Conf. 1876-1892; d. 14 Feb 1893 Arkadelphia, Ark.; bur. Arkadelphia; Mattie d. ca 1891, bur. Belton, Tex. Source: NWTCM 1893, p. 175.

HENRY, H. BASCOM, minister, b. 6 June 1851 near Falcom, Columbia Co. Ark; m/1 March 1880 Mamie Lynn Stockton, dau. Rev. W.R.D. Stockton. Ch: Jim S., H. B. Jr., M. L. N. Y. & Willena Henry. Mamie d. 24 July 1892 Liberty Hill, Tex; bur. Belton, Tex; H. H. m/2 ca 5 July 1894 Mary Bennett b. 24 Feb 1855, Union Co. Ill.. dau William Walter & Mary Hobbs Bennett; no ch. Serv NW TX & Cen TX Confs. 1875-1916; d. 19 May 1931 San Antonio, Tex; bur. San Antonio. Mary d. 24 Feb. 1925 San Antonio; bur. Belton, Tex. Source: CTCJ 1925, pp. 91-92; 1931 pp. 48-50.

HINES, T. W. minister, b. 28 Feb 1836-likely Miss.; m. 10 Sept 1856 Jennie Smith. No mention ch. Serv MS, TX & NW TX Confs. ca 1862-1881; d. 15 Sept 1881; bur. Weatherford, Tex. Source: CTCJ 1916, p. 16; Texas Christian Advocate, 1 Oct 1881.

HOLMES, DAVID THOMAS. minister. b 16 June 1832 Green Co. Ga.; m/1 20 Sept 1855 Rachel R. EcCless who d. short time later; no ch; m/2 03 Feb 1858 Martha E. Tignee. 6 sons 5 daus not named; m/3 12 Sept 1893 Mrs. Emily E. Baker. Serv: GA, KS, Fl. AR. NW Tx Confs 1853-1893. d. 16 June 1905 Hamilton TX; bur. Hamilton. [source not given]

HOSMER, JAMES TAYLOR, minister-missionary-teacher, b. 1 Oct 1848, Tuscaloosa Co. Ala.; m. 1884 Mary Mitchell. 3 sons nnl. Serv: NW Tx Conf. 1879-1893; d. 4 Aug. 1893, bur. Greer Co. Texas which became Greer Co. Okla. 1896. Source: NWTCM 1893 pp. 180-181.

JOHNSON, JAMES M. minister b. 21 Nov 1817 McCracken Co. Ky.; m ca 1837 Nancy Johnson. Ch: John, James, Samuel & William Johnson. Nancy d. 10 July 1868 Stephenville, Tex.; J. M. m/2 3 Dec 1868 Mary J. Poe. Ch: 3 sons, 1 dau nnl. Serv: TX & NW TX Confs ca 1849-1873.; d. 18 Feb 1891, Oak Dale, Erath Co. Tex.; bur. Stephenville, Tex. Source: NWTCM 1891, pp. 41-43.

JONES, JAMES M. minister. b. 14 June 1819 Morgan Co. Ala.; no mention of wife of ch. Serv AR, TX NW TX Conf. 1848-1882; d. 15 Sept 1893; bur. Parker Co. Tex. Source: NWTCM 1893, p. 182.

JONES, W.V., minister b. 22 Dec 1847 Miss.; m. 8 Dec 1864 Vina/Viney Cain b. 18 Nov. 1847 Red. River Co. Tex., dau. Bowlan Cain. Ch: Will V., Guy, Stella Jones & Mrs. R. R. Goodman

& 4 nnl. Serv: NWT TX Cen. TX Conf. 1870-ca 1906; d. 22 Dec. 1925; Viney d. 5 July 1925 Iredell, Tex.; both bur. Iredell. Source: CTCJ 1925, pp. 92-93; 1926, p. 85.

KEISTLER, WILLIAM L., minister, b. 03 March 1836 Lincoln Co. NC; m. 1865 Miss Adams? 5 ch nnl. Serv Memphis, and N MS Conf. years nl; NW TX Conf. 1871-1875; d. June 1878; bur. Rice/Chatfield, Tex. Source: NWTCM 1878, pp. 47-48; TX Christian Advocate July 1878.

KEMP, BENJAMIN A., minister-teacher, b. ca 1823 MD; no mention wife or ch. Serv TX & NW TX Conf 1854-1870?; d. 09 Dec. 1873 Gatesville, Tex.; bur. Gatesville. Source: NWTCM 1874, p. 260.

KINCHELOE, GEORGE W. minister, b 23 Nov 1855 Belleville, Wood Co. Va.; m. 17 Dec 1885 Lucy Morris, dau Rev. Samuel Morris and Virginia C. Wade. Ch: George Kincheloe & Mrs. Emma Virginia Todd. Serv: NW TX & Cen. TX Conf. 1898-1925; d. 12 Jan. 1934 Corsicana, Tex. where bur.; Lucy d. 25 Aug 1945. Source: TMCY 1934, pp. 532-533; CTCJ 1945 p. 158; 1916 pp. 68-69.

LAMBDIN, WILLIAM McKENDREE, minister, b. 16 Jan 1811 Va., son Rev. Lambdin, a member of Pittsburg Conf.; name of wife nl; names and number ch nl. Serv: TX & NW TX Confs. 1857-1867; d. 11 Sept 1867 Waco, Tex.; bur. Waco. Source: NWTCM 1867, pp. 43-45; Thrall's *History of Methodists in Texas*. p. 176. Gravestone.

LANE, JAMES STERLING. minister-college president., b. 27 Feb 1818 Morgan Co. Ga; no mention wife or ch. Serv: GA, AL, TX NW Tx Confs. 1837-1882. Instrumental in founding of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.; d. 8 Dec 1882, bur. Georgetown. NWTCM 1883, pp. 348-349.

LITTLEPAGE, SAMUEL CARPENTER., minister b 16 Aug 1833 Alleghany Co. Va; m/1 01 June 1859 Fannie Kidd (d. ca Aug 1860); 1 son; m/2 1862; m/3 7 Aug 1883, Mrs. Mary H. Maloney Serv: MO St. Louis, NW TX Conf. 1854-1904; d. 15 April 1915 Alvarado, Tex.; bur. Oakwood Cem. Waco. Tex. Source: CTCJ 1915, pp. 52-52.

LLOYD, WILLIAM FRANKLIN, minister-college president., b. 25 Nov. 1855 Taylor Co. Ga; m. ca 1875 Jessie Grace. 6 sons 3 daus nnl. Serv: So. GA, Ky, IN, W Va, NW TX 1875 ca 1911; d. 13 Nov 1913, Stephenville, TX. Bur Stephenville. Source: CTCJ 1914 pp. 45-46.

LONG, ABE, minister-mail carrier-Texas Ranger, b. 23 Oct 1836 Mo.; m. 1872 Hillsboro, Tex. Mrs. Sarah Snead. No ch mentioned. Serv: TX AR NW TX Confs 1881-1899. CSA Vet; d. 30 April 1922 Granbury, Tex.; Sarah d. 28 June 1904; both bur. Glen Cove Cem. Coleman Co. Tex. Source: CTCJ 1922, pp. 80-81.

MACKEY, JAMES, minister, b. 08 March 1838, Washington Co. Ark.; m. 29 May 1860 Elizabeth Taylor. Ch: 5 nnl. Serv: AR White River, Little Rock NW TX Confs. 1853-1893. CSA Vet; d. 21 May 1893; Elizabeth d. 05 July 1919; both bur. Oakwood Cem. Waco, Tex. Source: NWTCM 1893, pp. 177-179; gravestone.

MILLS, MARION, minister, b. 20 Jan 1840 Jefferson Co. FL; m. 07 Nov 1868 McLennan Co.

Tex. Sarah Ann Herring. Ch: 10 nnl & Mrs. E. P. Newsom. Serv CSA; Serv NW TX Conf 1875-1899; d. 08 Sept 1910 Copperas Cove Tex.; Sarah d. 24 July 1919; both bur. Copperas Cove. Source: CTCJ 1910 pp. 27-28; 1919, p. 48.

MORRISS, SAMUEL. minister, b. 23 March 1826 Sevier Co Ark; m. 24 Oct 1855 Ouachita Co. Ark. Virginia C. Wade; Serv AR NW TX Confs. 1848-1894; d. 15 Sept 1916, Bardwell, Tex.; bur. Corsicana, Tex; Virginia d. 26 Nov 1871, Cherokee Co. Tex. Source: CTCJ 1916 PP. 68-69.

MOSS, WILLIAM HENRY, minister, b. 01 Aug 1836 Wilkes Co. Ga.; wife's name not given; no ch mentioned. Served GA LA E TX N TX, NW TX Confs. 1856-1902; d. 1912, bur. Hubbard Tex. Wife d. 1935. Source: CTCJ's 1912 pp. 37-39; 1935, p. 66.

MUSSETT, JOHN P., minister, b. 09 Feb 1844 Monroe Co. Mo., s. Rev. Alvin Mussett; parents died and he was reared by grandfather John Phillips; m/1 01 Nov. 1866 Lucinda C. Powers who d. 1880 Mt. Calm, Tex; m/2 12 April 1881 near McGregor, Tex. Mrs. A. L. Perry; d. 19 Aug 1922; bur. Ft. Worth, Tex; wife d. ca. 1922. Source : CTCJ 1991, p. 270; W TX CJ 1956 p. 66.

PARKER, JOSEPH, minister, b. 10 Nov. 1814, Rutherford Co. NC; m. 1849 Eleanor Eaddy. Names & no. ch. not given; Serv SC & NW TX Confs. 1842-1882. d. 04 March 1882, bur. San Saba, Tex. Source: NW TX CM 1882, pp. 327-328.

POWELL, JOHN, minister-merchant, b. 23 March 1813 England; m. Elizabeth Hines. Serv: AR, MO, TX & NW TX Confs. 1836-1866; superenumerary 1866-1890; d. 12 July 1900 Alvarado, Tex; Elizabeth d. 1885 Jacksboro, Tex; both bur. Jacksboro. John came to U.S. 1817 and father disowned him when he became a Methodist; he was vet of Mexican War and a Mason. Source: NWTXCM 1900, pp. 151-153.

PRICE, WILLIAM, minister, b. 08 June 1827, Jasper, Marion Co. Tenn.; m. 03 Dec 1850 Frances C. Fly in Talabusha, Miss. 8 ch nnl. Serv: Memphis, NW TX Confs. 1849-1894; d. 1899 Weatherford, Tex. where bur. Source: NWTCM 1899, pp. 97-99.

RAY, FOUNTAIN P. minister, b. 12 Sept 1830 Tenn.; m/1 15 Nov 1856 Ellis Co. Tex. Miss M. E. Reagor: 8 ch nnl; wife d. ca 1870; m/2 ca 1870-71, Ellis Co. Tex. Mrs. E. H. Robinson. 6 ch nnl. Serv: TX NW TX Confs. 1854-1894; d. 13 Dec 1904 Waxahachie, Tex.; wife d. ca. 1936; Source: NWTCJ 1905, pp. 27-28; CTCJ 1937, p. 71.

REESE, JERE, minister, b. 10 Sept. 1822 Ga.; no mention wf or ch; rec lic to preach 1849 in Ga., but yrs service in Ga. not given. Serv NW TX Conf. 1881-1891; d. 12 May 1894 Granbury, Tex.; bur. Cleburne, Tex. Source: NWTCM 1894, p. 62.

SNEED, JOSEPH P., minister-pioneer Texas circuit rider, b ca 1804 Tenn.; no mention wife or ch. Serv: MS LA AR, TX & NW TX Confs. ca 1838-1880. Helped lay foundation of Methodism in Texas; d. 21 Nov. 1881 Milam Co. Tex.; bur. Ft. Sullivan, Tex. Source: Henry Thrall's *History of Methodism in Texas*, pp. 239-240; p. 393, See also *The Methodist Excitement in Texas* pp. 55-58.

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Abilene Daily Reporter	Apr 1904 - Nov 1905; Apr 1907 - Dec 1910
Abilene Morning News [on reel with Temple]	1931 50th Anniversary edition
Abilene The Taylor County News	Mar 1885 - Mar 1899
Arlington Daily News	Apr - June 1967 - Jan. 1971-1989
Arlington News	Apr 1989 - current date
Arlington Journal	June 1901 - Dec 1905; Jan 1907 - Dec 1917
Austin American	[Jan 1945 - Dec 1949]; Jan 1971-Nov 1973
Austin American Statesman	Dec. 1973 - Sept. 1976; 1978 - current date
Austin City Gazette	Oct. 30, 1839 - Aug. 1842
Austin The Daily Bulletin	[Nov. 27, 1841 - Jan. 18, 1842] Roll G
Austin Daily State Journal	Feb 1870 - June 1872
Austin The Daily Texian	Jan 11, 13, 18, Feb. 2, 1842; Roll G
Austin Intelligencer Echo [on reel with Dallas The Norton's Union Intelligencer]	Oct. 21, 1874 - Apr 12, 1875
Austin The New Era	July 30, 1845; Roll 1
Austin The State Gazette	1849-1861; 1868-1869
Austin Statesman	July 1871 - Dec. 1949; Jan. 1971 - Nov. 1973
Austin The Texas Gazette	[Sept. 25, 1829 - Jan. 15, 1831] Roll A
Austin The Texas Observer	1954 - 1992 [Shelved with periodicals]
Austin The Texas Sentinel	[Jan. 15, 1840 - Nov. 11, 1841] Roll F
Austin The Western Advocate	June 14, 1843; Roll H
Beaumont Bee	May 1886 - Dec. 1913
Bellville The Texas Countryman	July 28, 1860 - Oct. 29, 1869
Brann's Iconoclast [See Waco Brann's Iconoclast]	
Brazoria The Advocate of the People's Rights	Feb. 22, 1834; Mar. 27, 1834; Roll A
Brazoria The Brazos Courier	[Dec. 3, 1839 - Dec 22, 1849] Roll E
Brazoria The Constitution Advocate and Texas Public Advertiser	Sept 5, 1832; Roll A
Brazoria The Texas Gazette and Brazoria Commercial Advertiser	July 23, 1832; Roll A

Brazoria The People	Apr 18, 1838; Roll D
Brazoria The Texas Republican	[July 5, 1834 - Mar 9, 1836] Roll B
Brenham Banner	Feb. 28, Aug 4, Dec 21, 1871; [semi-weekly]; Jan 25, June 7, July 12, Dec 11, 1873; Jan - Dec 1875
Brenham Daily Banner	[Oct 5, 1876 - Oct 1903; Jan 1 - Dec 21, 1905], 1912
Brenham Daily Banner Press	[Jan 1913 - Dec 1919]
Brenham Daily Evening Banner	Jan 1, 1876
Brenham Southern Banner	Nov 5, 1868
Brenham Texas Ranger	Feb 7; Aug 28, 1857; Feb 27, 1859; Dec. 17, 1860
Brenham Weekly Banner	[Jan 1907 - Dec 1912]
Brownsville Daily Ranchero	Sept 1866 - Oct 1870
Cameron Herald	Jan 1919 - Dec 1920
Canyon City News	Mar 1903 - Sept 1910
Canyon News	Jan 1927 - Dec 1930
Canyon The Randall County News	Oct 7, 1910 - Dec 1926
Canyon The Stayer	Sept 1901 - Dec 1902
Carthage The Panola Watchman	July 1873 - Sept 1881; Jan 1896 - Dec 1898; Jan 1903 - Dec 1904; Apr 1905 - Dec 1911; Jan 1920 - Dec 1921
Clarksville The Northern Standard	Aug 20, 1842 - Dec 6, 1888
Corpus Christi Caller [Daily]	[June 10, 1848-Aug 3, 1850] Roll H
Corpus Christi Caller & Daily Herald	June, Sept 15-30, 1967; Jan-Dec 1978
Corpus Christi Daily Herald	Dec 1911 - 1912; 1914
Corpus Christi Gazette	Apr 8, 1910 - May 27, 1910
Corpus Christi The Nueces Valley	Jan 1846; Roll I
Corpus Christi The Ranchero	Oct 3, 1857 - June 1858; Aug 1870 - Dec 19, 1874
Corpus Christi The Ranchero Extra	Oct 27, 1859 - July 13, 1861; Dec 11, 1862 - Nov. 5, 1863
Corpus Christi Ranchero	Aug 19, 1862
Santa Margarita Ed.	Dec. 17, 1863 - Dec. 24, 1863
Corpus Christi Star	Sept 19, 1848 - Sept 8, 1849
Corpus Christi Weekly Caller	1883 - 1908; 1911, 1914
Corsicana Daily Sun	Apr 1 - Sept 30, 1911
Dallas Daily Commercial	Feb 4, 1874 - Aug 31, 1874
Dallas Daily Commercial Record	1867 -Jan 1984; Jan 1989 - Dec 1990
Dallas Cowboy Insider	Sept 1968 - May 1972
Dallas Down town News	Jan 1977 - 1988
Dallas El Sol de Texas	Sept 30, 1966-Sept 24, 1971; Jan 1979; 1981-Dec 1990
Dallas Evening Journal	Apr 1914 - May 1938; Jan 1940 - Mar 1942
Dallas Evening School News	Feb 1922 - Oct 1940
Dallas Express	Jan 11, 1919 - Dec 1928; Sept 22, 1934-Dec. 1963; Jan 1965-Dec 1970
Dallas Forum	May 1 - June 16, 1961
Dallas Liberation Front Digest	Feb 27, 1969 - Mar 1970
Dallas Mercury	Sept 1883 - May 1887
Dallas Morning News	Oct 1885 - current date
Dallas The Observer	1981 - 1984

Dallas News	Aug 1970 - 1971
[Underground Newspaper Collection]	
Dallas Notes	June 1, 1968 - Feb 6, 1971
[Underground Newspaper Collection]	
Dallas Saturday Night	Nov 8, 1919 - Jan 29, 1921
Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News	Jan 1909 - Dec 1940
Dallas Star Post	Jan 1959 - June 4, 1960
Dallas The Big D Shopping News	Nov 12, 1958 - Dec 1963
Dallas The Iconoclast	July 23, 1971 - Mar 4, 1977
[Underground Newspaper Collection]	
Dallas The Laborer	Apr 1904 - Nov 25, 1911
Dallas The Northside People	Aug 7, 1989 - current date
Dallas The Norton's Union Intelligence	Sept 1871 - 1893; 1875-1876; 1882-1883; 1885; 1887; Aug 1891
Dallas The Notes From the Underground	Mar 17, 1967 - May 16, 1968
[Underground Newspaper Collection]	
Dallas The Oak Cliff Star Tribune	June 5, 1957 - Dec. 26, 1958
Dallas The Oak Cliff Tribune	Aug 27, 1953 - Aug. 31, 1959, July 11-Dec 29, 1960; July 2, 1961-Dec 1970
Dallas The Pleasant Grove News	Sept 1951 - Sept 1952
Dallas The Post Tribune	Mar 1962 - current date
Dallas The Southern Mercury	Apr - May 13, 1887
Dallas The Sunday Mercury	Jan 1882 - Aug 1883
Dallas The Texas Tribune Bowling News	Nov 21, 1959 - Dec 21, 1963
Dallas The Texas Courier	Dec 5, 1924 - Jan 2, 1925
[on reel with 100 percent American]	
Dallas The Texas Tribune	Dec. 19, 1953 - Dec. 22, 1962
Dallas The Texas Sandwich	June 1894 - June 1895
Dallas The Texas 100 Percent American	Mar 9, 1922 - Nov 28, 1924
Dallas Times Herald	Dec 1855 - current date
[no paper 1886-Jan-Oct]	
Dallas The Tribune Italiana	Dec 1917 - June 1940
Dallas The W. Lee O'Daniel News	July 4, 1944 - Jan 14, 1947
Dallas The Wildcat	Oct 1974 - May 1975
[Woodrow Wilson High School]	
Dallas The Woodrow Wilson News	1964 - 1971; 1930 - 1956
Decatur News	June 12, 1893-Dec 1909; Jan 1915-Dec 13, 1934
[Shelved under Wise County]	
Democratic Telegraph & Texas Register	June 28, 1847 - Jan 21, 1853
[Shelved with Telegraph & Texas Register]	
Denison Daily Cresset	Apr 1, 1875 - Dec 1877
Denison Sunday Gazetteer	Apr 29, 1883 - Apr 15, 1900
El Paso Times	Apr 11, 1883 - Jan 29, 1931
Fort Worth Daily Democrat	June 25, 1876 - Feb. 2, 1882
Fort Worth Daily Gazette	Jan 2, 1883 - Dec 1890
Fort Worth Democrat	Jan 25, 1873 - June 24, 1876
Fort Worth Democrat Advance	Feb 3, 1882 - June 30, 1882

Fort Worth Gazette	Apr 1, 1891 - Apr 1896
Fort Worth Record	Nov 20, 1903 - Oct 15, 1909
Fort Worth Star Telegram [Evening Ed. only]	Dec 29, 1932 - Dec 1943
Fort Worth Star-Telegram [morning Ed. only]	Jan 16, 1972 - current date
Galveston The Civilian and Galveston Gazette	Oct 19, 1838; Nov 11, 1840; June 1, 1844 - Jan 1, 1854; Apr 21, Aug 14, Nov, 6, 1847; Nov 23, 1852; July 8, 1865; Roll D
Galveston The Commercial Intelligencer	July 27, 1838; Roll D
Galveston The Daily Advertiser	Feb 26, 1842; Roll G
Galveston Daily News	Apr 30, 1842; Roll G; Feb 21, 1865-Feb. 1917
Galveston The Galvestonian	Apr 3, 1840; Mar 31, 1841; Roll G
Galveston The Texas Times	Nov 6, 7, 30, 1842; Apr 24, 1843; Roll G
Galveston Tri-Weekly News	Dec 1855 - Jan 1857; Nov 1860 - Dec 11, 1867; May 31, 1869 - Dec 1873
Galveston The Weekly Galvestonian	May 8, 1841; Roll G
Galveston The Weekly News	Feb 24, 1844 [Nov. 15, 1845 - Nov 18, 1953] Roll H
Garland Daily News	Jan 1953 - current date
Garland News	Sept 20, 1907 - Dec 1952
Grand Prairie Daily News	Oct 1966 - current date
Grand Prairie Daily News Texan	Oct 1958 - Sept 1966
Grand Prairie Texan	[Nov 1908-Dec 1932]; Jan 1953-Sept 1958
Harlingen The Valley Evening Monitor	Sept 15-30, 1967; Sept 15-30, 1968
Houston Chronicle	Oct 15, 1901 - Dec 1986
Houston Daily Post	[Feb 23, 1881 - June 1884]; [Mar 1887-Dec 1906]
Houston Daily Times	Sept 11- Dec 25; Dec 27-30, 1868; Jan 1-April 21, Apr 23-May 30, June 1-July 3, July 6 - Sept 18, 1869; Sept 10, Sept 12-16, Oct 12, Nov 22, 1870; Jan 24, Apr 29, 1871
Houston Gazette	Aug 25, Sept 22, Nov 10, Dec 22, 1849
Houston, The Houstonian	Aug 16, 18, 20, 1841; Roll G
Houston The Morning Star	Apr 1839 - Oct 26, 1844
Houston The National Intelligencer	Mar 1 - July 4, 1839; Roll D
Houston Post	June 1977 - current date
Houston The Texas Wesleyan Banner	Apr 17, 1850 - Jan 3, 1852
Houston The Texian Democrat	Jan 20, Mar 16, May 15, June 19, 26, 1844; Roll H
Houston The Weekly Houstonian	May 27, July 22, 1841; Roll G
Houston The Weekly Telegraph	Jan 1856 - Dec 1860
Houston The Weekly Times	Apr 9, 1840; Roll G
Houston Union	Sept 2-Oct 7, Oct 15 - Dec 26, 1868; Jan 2, Jan 6-July 2, July 15 - Nov 13, 1869
Huntsville The Patriot	July 14, 1846; Roll I
Indianola Bulletin	Feb 1852 - May 24, 1854
Irving Daily News	Oct 1966 - current date
Irving News	Jan 1956 - Oct 1960
Irving Daily News Texan	Oct 1960 - Sept 1966

Irving News Citizen	Jan 1955 - Nov 1955
Irving News Record	Jan 8, 1954 - Oct 13, 1960
Italy News Record	Jan - Feb 1945; Jan 1946 - Dec 1951; 1953; Jan 1955 - Dec 1957
LaGrange Intelligencer	Feb 11, 1844 - June 20, 1846; Roll H
Lubbock Avalanche Journal	Jan 1, 1964 - Jan 15, 1964
McKinney-Courier Gazette	Jan 1955 - Dec 1963
McKinney-Weekly Democratic Gazette	Jan 1955 - Dec 1963
Marshall The Harrison Flag	[July 10, 1858 - Jan 1861; Nov 5, 1865-Jan 4, 1868]
Marshall Messinger	June 23, 1877 - Dec 1910
Marshall The Texas Republican	May 26, 1849 - June 4, 1869
Marshall Tri-Weekly Herald	Apr 20, 1875 - Dec 1885
Matagorda Bulletin	[Aug 9, 1837 - Mar 7, 1838]; Roll C
Matagorda The Colorado Gazette and Advertiser	[Apr 10, 1839 - Jan 10, 1842; Roll E
Matagorda The Colorado Herald	Aug 26, Sept 2, Nov 7, 28, 1846; Roll I
Maragorda The Weekly Dispatch	[Jan 6, 1844 - Dec 6, 1844] Roll H
Matamoras The American Flag	Sept 29, 1847; Roll I
Matamoras The Daily Ranchero	May 24, 1865 - June 16, 1866
[on reel with Brownsville Daily Ranchero]	
Milford Press	Oct 1939 - Dec 1944
Mineola Monitor	Apr 22, 1944
[on reel with Temple Daily Telegram]	
Mission Times	Jan 12, 1940
Nacogdoches The Daily Phone	July 24, 1899 - June 8, 1900
Nacogdoches The Daily Sentinel	Jan 15, 1900 - Dec 1923
Nacogdoches The Gaceta de Texas	May 25, 1813; Roll A
Nacogdoches El Mexicano	June 19, 1819; Roll A
Nacogdoches The Texas and Emigrant Guide	Dec 19, 1835; Dec 26, 1835; Roll C
Nacogdoches The Texas Chronicle	Feb 28, 1838
Nacogdoches Times	Apr 22, 1848 - Aug 4, 1849
Nacogdoches Weekly Sentinel	Jan 1900 - Dec 1923
Norton's Union Intelligencer	
[see Dallas the Norton's Union Intelligencer]	
Northern Standard [see Clarksville]	
Northside People [see Dallas Northside People]	
Oak Cliff Tribune [See Dallas Oak Cliff Tribune]	
Panola Watchman [See Carthage]	
Park Cities News	Nov 1968 - current date
Park Cities People	Sept 1981 - 1990
Plano Daily Star Courier	1974 - current date
Pleasant Grove News [see Dallas Pleasant Grove News]	
Richardson Daily News	Aug 17, 1963 - current date
Richardson Digest	Jan 5, 1966 - Dec 1966
Richardson Echo	Jan 17, 1920 - Dec 1964
Richmond Telescope	[Apr 27, 1839 - Apr 4, 1840] Roll D
San Angelo Standard	M

San Antonio Alamo Express	Aug 18, 1860 - May 5, 1861
San Antonio Express	[July 1868 - Jan. 18, 1874]
San Antonio Express News	Jan 1993 - current date
San Antonio Herald	[Apr 3, 1855 - May 6, 1874]
San Antonio Light	Jan 1976 - Jan 28, 1993
San Antonio Semi-Weekly News	Jan 22, 1862; Oct 1863-Apr 1865
San Augustine The Journal and Advertiser	Nov 9, 1810; June 4, 1840; [Mar 11, 1841- May 20, 1841; Roll F
San Augustine The Red-lander	[Sept 9, 1841 - Apr 2, 1846] Roll F
San Felipe de Austin	
The Mexican Citizen	[March 17, 1831 - May 26, 1831; Roll A
San Luis Advocate	[Sept 14, 1840 - June 17, 1841] Roll G
San Saba News	July 26 - Aug 30, 1889
[on reel with Terrell Texas Star]	
Seguin Record	Aug 6 - Sept 3, 1889
[on reel with Terrell Texas Star]	
Sherman Courier	Jan 31 - Feb 7, 1890
[on reel with Terrell Texas Star]	
Sipe Springs Cyclone	Dec 5, 19, 26, 1889; Jan. 2, 23, 30, 1890
[on reel with Terrell Texas Star]	
Snyder The Scurry County Citizen	Aug 3, 1889
[on reel with Terrell Texas Star]	
Sulphur Springs The Weekly Gazette	July 5, Sept 6, Oct 4, 11, Nov 8, 1889
[on reel with Terrell Texas Star]	
Sweetwater Avenger	Oct 22, Dec 17, 1943; Jan 7 - May 19, July 14, Aug 4 - Sept 8, 1944
Taylor County News [see Abilene]	
Taylor Weekly Texan	July 26, 1889; Jan 24, Feb 21, 1890
[on reel with Terrell Texas Star]	
Telegraph and Texas Register	Aug 11, 1838 - June 21, 1847
Houston Ed.	
Telegraph and Texas Register	Oct 10, 1835 - July 28, 1838
Harrisburg Ed.	
Temple Daily Telegram	June 21, 1950
Temple Saturday Sun	Aug 10, 17, 24, Nov 9, 16, 1889
[on reel with Terrell Texas Star]	
Temple Times	Mar 15, 1895
[on reel with Terrell Texas Star]	
Terrell Texas Star	July 6, 27, Aug 10, 31, Nov 2, 1889
[on reel with Misc. Newspapers]	
Terrell Texas Star	Jan 4 - Mar 1, 1890
[on reel with Terrell Times Star]	
Terrell The Daily Transcript	Jan 3, 1900 - Dec 31, 1902; Jan 5, 1904 - Dec 28, 1923
Terrell Times	Mar 11, 1887; July 12, Aug 23, Dec 13, 1889; Jan 30, 1890
[on reel with Terrell Texas Star]	

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## LETTER FROM CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS

Submitted by Spencer A. Waters, Moulton, Alabama

Published in the Moulton, Alabama newspaper on Friday, Aug. 7, 1874

Oakgrove, Coryell Co. Texas  
April 15th, 1874

Mr. L. C. McVay:

Dear Sir: As this is a very rainy day and I have nothing to do, will write you a short letter. Yesterday, by some crook or other, the Moulton paper fell into my hands, and looking over it I saw your name and others once well known to me. Some 45 years ago I went to school to a gentleman bearing the same name. I suppose you are the man, if so you will remember me before you get through with this letter. I am the son of Wm. Pruitt, once lived on Elam creek and then on the Rice place. The first Horse Mill ever in Lawrence co. Ala., was at my fathers place and McBride had a store at the same place. In the same paper I saw D. L. Dinsmore's name. I once went to school to a Mr. Dinsmore and he must be my old teacher. Dr. Simms, D. Hodges, Levi Warren, I. N. Owen, D. Lynch and J. B. Speake are names very familiar to me. I suppose but few of my old acquaintances are there now; gone off or dead. I lived with Craddock and Edmundson in Moulton in the year 1833 and 1834 and with Wm. H. Prince, in Oakville, in 1835. I made two crops on the P. Craddock place on Elam creek.

I moved to Desota co. Miss. and remained there 17 years, then to Drew co. Ark. and lived 15 years--thence to the Lone Star State and have resided here over 4 years. I live in this county near the Bell co., about 31° de. north latitude and 96-1/4 de west longitude, and 1000 feet about the level of the Gulf; 30 miles southwest of Waco, 20 miles southeast of Gatesville, both county towns and nice business places and building up fast. Waco has a railroad. This is one of the best counties I ever lived in. Our lands are black and rich. No sand except in a very few places. Our soil will average 3 feet and some places 8 feet.

This is decidedly the best country for wheat, corn and the grasses I ever saw, and cotton grows very well here. Fruit not so good as in Alabama, vegetables fine in good seasons. Have less rain here than in some other countries. Wheat will average 18 bushels to the acre, corn 30, oats 70, cotton half bale, hay four tons. Wheat will go to 40 bushels, corn 100 and cotton 2-1/2 bales to the acre occasionally on good soil but are in extreme cases. We have the finest grasses in the world; have five varieties which remains green from Spring to Spring except some very severe spells.

Our stock does fine all the year round, and grass ponys will do as much work as your best fed horses. Timber is scarce--oaks and cedars however, are fine. We have fine rock for houses, chimneys and fencing and a short distance west is the place where the Star State got her marble slab which stands No. 2 at Washington city. As to water, we have an abundance of the best, our streams are clear and swift. Mostly soft and Limestone water. This is a beautiful high rolling prairie

country, with branches creeks and small rivers. Very little mud but it is sticky for a short time after a rain. We have what is called Northeners--not bad--but a blessing; they purify the air and make it healthy. It is seldom we have sultry nights and days--always a breeze and sleeping is so pleasant. The scenery is grand. No language can describe it. 100 settlements can be seen from one of those peaks.

We have 125 families in 4 miles of my house, all moved here since 1868; 8 of the Carries, school mates of mine, once lived in Moulton--Talmage's widow is one of them; 3 of old Esq. McDonald's children, uncle. Jno. Preuit and Mrs. Harman B. Galloway live close to me and have seen many others from Ala.

I have traveled six months in Texas; have been in 55 counties, and stuck my stake near the S.E. corner of Coryell Co. Taking into consideration wood, water, rock and health, I prefer the southern portion of this county and the northern part of Bell. I have been here 5 winters and 6 summers.

I was 54 and my wife 52 years old when we moved to this county; and now we are 30 lbs heavier. Our children are stout and healthy, and but little sickness in the country. We are in a White Man's country, and white men govern it--but few negroes here and we don't want them here. Land has gone up from 3 to 40 per cent within 4 years, and is still rising. Good uplands, water and timber, unimproved at \$4 to \$6 per acre, cash in hard money--improved, little or none for sale.

I can take a fish out of water and kill a deer running. My uncle Jno. Pruitt is the rise of 71 years, has a fine Morgan horse and two gray Hounds and if you could see them after a muleeard rabbit and him after the dogs, hat in hand and yelling near every jump, you would think him a boy. He is port and stout; eyes good and shoots a rifle without specks. Our money is mostly gold. You have this published in the Moulton paper.

Yours as ever, J. M. PREUIT. [the surname is spelled PRUITT in the body of the letter]

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Item from the same paper:

Theodore Parker married in April 1836 Miss Lydia D. Cabot, of Newton, with whom he had plighted troth five years previously. The following resolutions are entered in his journal on his wedding day: 1. - Never, except for the best of causes, to oppose my wife's will. 2-To discharge all services for her sake, freely. 3-Never to scold. 4-Never to look cross at her. 5-Never to weary her with commands. 6-To promote her piety. 7-To bear her burdens. 8-To overlook her foibles. 9-To love, cherish and ever defend her. 10-To remember her always and affectionately in my prayers; thus, God willing, we shall be blessed.

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**EARLY RECORDS FROM PROCTOR METHODIST CHURCH  
COMANCHE COUNTY, TEXAS**

Submitted by Weldon Hudson

Proctor is located in Comanche County, on U. S. Highway 377 about halfway between the towns of Dublin and Comanche. The church was organized sometime between 1st Quarter Conference on Feb. 4, 1892 and 2nd Q. C. on May 7, 1892. It grew and served the community well, but when rural communities, such as Proctor, began to dwindle in population, the church membership was also affected. Therefore, the Methodist Conference chose to discontinue its existence on Sunday, June 4, 1993. The following miscellaneous information was taken from official records at the church at that time. The first 39 members were received by V. J. Marton, the organizing pastor.

	NAME	BY LETTER	REMOVED	DEATH
1.	J. E. Groom	"	Jan. 8, 1894	
2.	Edwin Friend	"		1897
3.	H. N. Friend	"		1900
4.	Malinda Stone	"		1893
5.	J. L. Bates	"	Jan. 1895	
6.	Mrs. R. L. Bates	"	"	
7.	Miss Cordia Painter	"	"	
8.	Cora Painter	"	"	
9.	Ollin Painter	"	"	
10.	Mrs. R. M. St. Clair	"	1894	
12.	Miss R. L. St. Clair	"	"	
13.	Miss Mary E. St. Clair	"	"	
14.	A Dr. Wallace	"	"	
15.	Mrs. G. Wallace	"		
16.	Miss Lula Wallace	"		
17.	A. J. McMurry	"	June 21, 1895	
18.	Mrs. Fanny E. Fulsfar?	"		
19.	J. W. Reed	"		
20.	Mrs. J. Reice	"		
21.	W. V. Frost	"	Jan 13, 1900	
22.	L. Lee	"	Oct 15, 1893	
23.	Mary Lee	"	"	
24.	? Lee	"	"	
25.	Jane Lee	"	"	
26.	Lizzy Thirrde	"	Withdrawn	
27.	M. H. Cook	"	May 4, 1894	
28.	Mrs. Elizabeth Cook	"	"	
29.	J. J. Stanger	"		

	NAME	BY LETTER	REMOVED	DEATH
30.	Miss Sallie Stanger	"		
31.	Mrs. Drusilla Wilson	"		May 4, 1894
32.	Mrs. Betty McGee	"		Mar 2, 1894
33.	Mrs. M. E. Jenkins	"		May 1898
34.	Mrs. Sallie Grimes	"		
35.	Ida T. Grimes	"		June 17, 1894
36.	Emma Bell	"		June 21, 1895
37.	Anna More	"		
38.	W. T. Timmins	"		May 4, 1894
39.	Mrs. Cally Cook	"		Withdrawn
40.	T. S. Ewell	"		
41.	H. L. Jamison	"		Sept. 20, 1893
42.	D. H. Witherspoon	Feb. 5, 1893		Dec. 30, 1899
43.	J. E. DeWitt	"		May 11, 1898
44.	S. J. DeWitt	"		"
45.	A. W. Scott	Transfer		April 1, 1894
46.	F. L. Scott	"		"
47.	M. M. Scott	"		"
48.	T. M. Scott	"		"
49.	J. M. Scott	"		"
50.	N. E. Scott	"		"
51.	James T. Longino	July 1, 1893		Jan. 8, 1894
52.	Winey P. Longino	"		"
53.	William Longino	"		"
54.	J. W. Justus	Aug. 27, 1893		June 12, 1894
55.	A. M. Justus	"		"
56.	H. W. McGuire	"		"
57.	Alice Brown	--		"
58.	Alice McGuire	Aug. 29, 1893		Feb. 12, 1897
59.	[no. skipped]			
60.	Otis Bisco	"		Jan. 21, 1895
61.	Charley DeWitt	"		May 11, 1898
62.	Elizabeth Witherspoon	Sept. 2, 1893		Dec. 30, 1899
63.	Margaret James	Oct. 27, 1893	--	
64.	J. B. Smith	"		
65.	Ellen Smith	"		
66.	E. C. Hackler	"		
67.	Andrew Tisdale	Jan. 8, 1894		
68.	Nora Tisdale	"		
69.	Bessie DeWitt	"		
70.	Mattie Starks	April 22, 1894		
71.	Mrs. Jennie Hollars	"		Dec. 13, 1894
72.	David C. Johnson	May 4, 1894		
73.	Ida Johnson	"		
74.	William D. Frost	"		

## INFANT BAPTISMS

NAME	PARENTS	BY WHOM	DATE
D. F. Johnson	David and Ida Johnson	E. A. Bailey	Oct 7, 1894
James E. Bridges	---& Tammy Bridges	E. A. Bailey	Oct 7, 1894
Cordelia Witherspoon	D. H. & J. E. Witherspoon	E. A. Bailey	Oct 7, 1894
Mildred Smith	J. R. & Ellen Smith	J. C. Hollis	Sep 22, 1895
Vera Smith	J. R. & Ellen Smith	J. C. Hollis	Sep 22, 1895
Spencer Green Hudson	M. H. & Clara Hudson	E. A. Smith	Dec 30, 1895
Carry Stewart	J. C. & Maggie Stewart	C. A. Evans	Aug 29, 1897
Julia Beyett Baker	Rev. J. M. & Almira Baker	Rev. E. F. Boone	Oct 22, 1899
Henry Earl Bell	Wm S. & Mattie Bell	Rev. C. D. Wes	Aug 1900
Glattis Bell	"	"	"
J. B. Smith	Jas. B. & Ellen Smith	Rev. B. R. Bolton	Jul 30, 1895
Eddie Louise Gray	Ed & Lettie Gray	Rev. J. J. Canafax	Mar 4, 1896
K. D. Callan	George & Winnie Callan	"	April 1, 1906
Clyde Neal	C. F. & Luna Neal	W. J. Lemmons	Aug 30, 1907
Rachel Neal	"	"	"
Ruth Neal	"	"	"
Ora Kelley	U. G. & Lula Kelley	"	"
Edward Lee Bradley	George & Eva Bradley	B. R. Bolton	May 27, 1905
J. B. Smith	Jas. B. & Ellen Smith	"	Jun 30, 1905
Chas. Ewing Purvis	G. W. & Maggie Purvis	J. G. Putman	Aug 11, 1907
Rupert Purvis	"	"	"
K. D. Callan	George & Winnie Callan	J. J. Canafax	May 1, 1906
Rice Gilstrap	M. C. & M. M. Gilstrap	Jas. H. Clark	Jun 30, 1908
Mattie Ray	Mattie Ray	"	"
Cladagh Duke	H. H. & Elvie Duke	"	Oct 17, 1908
Lela May Clark	J. H. & Lela Clark	"	Mar 7, 1909
Dountice Collan	G. P. & Lula Collan	"	"
J. P. Mays	Perry & Florence Mays	"	July 25, 1909
Opal & Fred Hodges	J. P. & Emma Hodges	"	Aug. 9, 1909
Gertrude Corrogan	J. A. & Elsie Corrogan	"	Aug. 22, 1909
Amous Corrogan	J. A. & Elsie Corrogan	"	Aug. 22, 1909
Laurence Hancock	T. B. & Ora Hancock	"	"
Viola Hancock	"	"	"
William Hancock	"	"	"
Humy Hancock	"	"	"
J. D. McCan	Mike & Tilda McCan	"	"
Jessie McCan	Mike & Tilda McCan	"	Aug 22, 1909
Alvie McCan	"	"	"
Katie Wilner Cook	Chas. H. & Kate Cook	"	"
Hoyle Chambers	Clarence & Amzonia Chambers	"	"
Wilmer Dexter Thornton	A. G. & Lula Thornton	"	"
Lathager Green	Lathager & Eula Green	"	Mar 6, 1910
Marion Green	Lathager & Eula Green	Jas. H. Clark	"
Gladys Johnson	David C. & Ida Johnson	"	"
John Johnson	"	"	"
Tessie Claunch	W. R. & Della Claunch	"	Jan 28, 1910
Maud McMussy	S. E. & Emma McMussy	"	"
Ruth McMussy	"	"	"
Lena McMussy	"	"	"
Ola McMussy	"	"	"
Hubert Hancock	Will & Effie Hancock	"	"

NAME	PARENTS	BY WHOM	DATE
Hubert Hancock	Will & Effie Hancock	"	"
David Luker	W. A. & Julia Luker	J. H. Putman	Apr 17, 1910
Mable Elizabeth Walling	D. P. & Flornie Walling	J. H. Clark	17 May 1910
Chambers M. Collan	Geo. P. & Winnie L. Collan	"	"
Mike LeRoy Alexander	Wm D & Maggie Alexander	"	"
Masene Alexander	"	"	May 5, 1910
Elizabeth Alexander	"	"	"
Mable Elizabeth Walling	D. P. & Florine Waling	"	June 19, 1910
Willie Anna Gormon	Billie & Sallie Gormon	"	Aug. 4, 1910
Hellen Emma Purvis	Geo. & Maggie Purvis	"	Sept. 18, 1910
Lena Bee Purvis	"	"	"
Creta Fae Mayes	Jas. & Emma Mayes	"	"
Cleo Handcock	Joe & Anna Handcock	"	Aug. 13, 1910
Velma Handcock	"	"	"
Temperance Belle Friend	W. F. & Carrie Friend	J. W. Childers	Feb. 5, 1911
W. J. Carrigan	J. A. & Mrs. E. Carrigan	"	Mar. 26, 1911
Frances Garner	D. C. & Mrs. Garner	"	Aug. 10, 1911
Pauline Garner	"	"	"
Velma Garner	"	"	"
Preston Garner	"	"	"
Meda Clarice Ewing	A. K. & Pearl Ewing	"	Aug. 22, 1911
Lona D. Ewing	"	"	"
Milton Wayne Hancock	Thos. B. & Ora Hancock	"	July 28, 1912
Paul Ross Culwell	James W. & Anzona Culwell	"	Aug. 25, 1912
Marguise Wayne Gormon	W. W. & Sallie Gormon	"	June 1912
Walter Marvin Gormon	"	"	Nov. 1, 1914
Larine Carrigan	J. A. & Mrs. E. Carrigan	T. G. Story	1915
Genie Hancock	Thos. B. & Ora Hancock	"	1916
Beatrice C. Gorman	W. W. & Mrs. Gorman	"	June 1918
Morris Lee Kight	W. L. & Mrs. Kight	"	March 22, 1920

### Marriages

Willie Chambers and Miss Evie Jones 5 Dec 1906 at 7 p.m. by Raymond R. Hubert Proctor Pastor

L. T. Greece & Miss Eula Croft 29 Dec 1906 at 8 p.m. by Raymond Hubert

J. T. Tunnell & Mrs. Susan C. Flowers 25 Aug 1907 by Raymond Hubert

H. U. Ewing & Miss Jewel Burleson 10 Dec 1907 5 p.m. by J. H. Clark, Proctor Circuit

Mr. G. H. Hay & Miss Ella Hare 30 Sept 1908 4 p.m.

Mr. Cleveland Hoff & Miss Lucy Clemons Aug 1909 6 p.m. by J. H. Clark

Chas H. Bryson & Miss Mattie Basy 5 Jan 1910 Proctor, Tex

Edward Whisenant & Miss Hettie Porterfield 7 Dec. 1910 3 p.m. J. W. Childers, Pastor M.E.C.S. Proctor

Leonard Anderson & Miss Carrie Caffey 27 Dec 1910 7 p.m. by J. W. Childers, Proctor Pastor

Ira Bennett 7 Miss Stella Collingsworth 19 April 1911 by J. W. Childers, Pastor, Proctor

R. A. Carroway & Miss Mollie C. Williams 30 July 1911 5 p.m.

Milton E. Garner & Dicie B. Roch 15 Dec 1916 3 p.m. by W. E. Hudnall, Proctor Pastor

### EARLY PASTORS

V. H. Marton, J. T. Longino, J. L. Hollis, M. H. Hudson, J. W. Fort, J. M. Baker, J. H. Watts, J. C. Carter, J. W. Bowden, F. M. Neal, J. J. Canafax, Raymond R. Hubert, Jas. H. Clark, Jas. W. Childers. T. J. Story was pastor in November 1914, the time the first record book ended.

## ONLY A FEW PEOPLE REMEMBER FORT WORTH'S NAME SAKE GENERAL WILLIAM JENKINS WORTH

Editor's note: The following is abstracted from an article in the Dallas Morning News, Saturday, November 27, 1993, written by Bill Marvel, staff writer.

Question: Who is buried at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Broadway in New York? Not Ulysses S. Grant, Not King Tut. Not Jimmy Hoffa (as far as anyone knows). Beneath the soot-stained, 51-foot, bronze-encrusted granite obelisk lies the body of General William Jenkins Worth. Hero of the War of 1812, the Seminole campaign and the Mexican War, first Commandant of Cadets at West Point and builder of the Alamo, General Worth was the person for whom Fort Worth was named.

The city of New York wishes more people knew about the general and his monument. Seven years ago the city's parks department established an Adopt-A-Monument program to encourage public-spirited residents to pay for the renovation and upkeep of statues, fountains and other civic memorials. Under the program which became a model for similar campaigns in Dallas and other cities, 20 statues and monuments were put up for "adoption." Eighteen of those 20 monuments have been adopted. In addition, 20 other monuments that were not included in the original program have been adopted.

But not General Worth.

Those who erected the New York monument in 1857 would be horrified by this state of neglect. The general was the Norman Schwarzkopf of his era, according to Henry Nass, a New Yorker who has taken on the monument as a personal cause. "He was as well-known in his day," says Mr. Nass, who programs special events and competitions. "After his death, he was one of the very few public figures to lie in state in the City Hall building. Another was General Grant." Unfortunately, the general never had much to do with his namesake city. He was dying of cholera in San Antonio when a subordinate established an outpost on the banks of the West Fork of the Trinity River and named it after him. He never saw the place.

Even his name sake seems to have been largely indifferent to the condition of his final resting place. There was a \$1,000 donation from the Bass family. And Fort Worth businessman and amateur historian, Bill Turner, also donated \$1,000. But Mr. Turner, perhaps the general's most indefatigable Texas booster, died in July [1993].

Today, passing New Yorkers pay General Worth's tomb hardly a glance. To be fair, the monument has some competition for attention. Although it dominates its own little island, Worth Square, it stands across the street from Madison Square Park, which boasts a flagpole dedicated to the soldiers of World War I, a pretzel-shaped hunk of abstract steel sculpture and statues of President Chester A. Arthur, Adm. David Glasgow Farragut, hero of the Union Navy, Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of State, William Seward, and U. S. Sen. Roscoe Conkling.

Tourists are always coming along and standing with their backs to the New York-born general's tomb to snap pictures of the world-famous Flatiron Building, a giant wedge of granite that rises just down the block.

The Worth Monument itself would be more photogenic but for the missing sections of cast-iron fence that give it a gap-toothed look. The fence is formed of rows of replicas of a ceremonial sword once presented to the general by the State of New York, linked by ribbons and garlands of oak leaves. Traffic fumes have stained the monument stone dingy gray, except for lighter patches where parts department workers have scrubbed off graffiti. Decades of rain have washed across the bronze sculptures on the monument's base, leaving them streaked and discolored.

"We have raised \$60,000," says Phyllis Cohen, who manages the Adopt-A-Monument program for the Municipal Art Society. "What's hard is the other \$40,000. We'd love to find a donor who has allegiances to both Fort Worth and New York." Most of the money has come from a New York foundation interested in preserving 19th century works. Then there is the Bass donation and the money from the late Mr. Turner, for a plaque celebrating the general's exploits.

According to his son, Lynn, Mr. Turner, a former college history teacher, who founded Allied Fence Company, had never heard of General Worth until 13 years ago when a collector offered him a letter signed by the general. My dad said, "Who the hell is General Worth?" and that's what set him off. It was like a second childhood."

Bill Turner plunged into research and before he died, had made himself a General Worth expert, collector, fund raiser and publicist. People who walked into the Allied Fence office [in Fort Worth] always got a short history lesson on the general's career and importance and an appeal for donations. Mr. Turner helped track down the general's uniform, ceremonial swords, portrait, field desk and other memorabilia for display in Fort Worth's Museum of Science and History. He also commissioned a commemorative plaque for downtown Fort Worth. He even suggested that New York transfer title to the monument to the City of Fort Worth, which would pay for its upkeep and maintenance. When that failed, he asked for permission to make a cast of the bronze-relief sculpture on the front of the monument so a copy could be made for the general's namesake city. Permission denied. Mr. Turner's death left General Worth's cause in the hands of New Yorkers such as Henry Nass and Duke Covone.

The latter passes the monument every day on his way to his family's Christmas ornament business. After he saw it from an office window, he stopped by to read the plaque. "It wasn't until then that I knew who was buried there," he says. He wrote a letter to other building tenants encouraging them to donate money for restoration. "I got an OK response, but I'd like to see better." Mr. Nass, the New Yorker who's become an advocate for the Worth monument, has this theory. "The only problem is that General Worth's position in our history is not politically correct. The roster of battles carved on the general's obelisk would certainly not win him any laurels these days for ethnic or racial sensitivity. He fought the Mexicans at Chaputepec, Mexico City and Veracruz and the Seminole Indians in Florida.

"Twenty years from now, General Schwarzkopf may not be in such good reput either, if we have good relations with Iraq." But his country asked him to do a job and he did it well." [As did, by all accounts, General Worth!]

ABSTRACTS FROM *THE GRAHAM LEADER*

(Continued From Vol. 36, No. 2)

Compiled by Barbara Knox

In 1876, Major J. W. Graves, a CSA veteran, with much newspaper experience, moved to Graham, Young County, Texas, where he began publication of a weekly newspaper called *The Graham Leader*. The first issue was printed in August 1876 - the first paper published that far west in Texas. It is still in existence today.

Thursday, June 10, 1886

San Antonio. News of Marshal Jackmann's death at New Braunsfel has been received with profound regret by his brother officers. Cause of death was Bright's disease.

McKinney. A petition signed by about 150 voters is on file in the County Clerk's office. Petition is to divide Collin County as follows: cut off beginning at the south east corner of Collin County running north to the north boundary of James Osgood survey, west to Pilot Grove Creek and down creek to Rockwall County line and east to beginning - this to be a portion of Rockwall County. A decision will be made shortly regarding the proposed division.

Dallas. Arrangements are pending for the funeral of L. M. Lewis which will be held under Masonic, Knights of Honor and Legion of Honor rites. Representatives of various ex-Confederate associations in Dallas will meet to take appropriate action. Gen. Lewis was vice president of the ex-Confederate Missourians and a large attendance is expected. Services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church.

Albany. Mr. Spence, the laundry man, lost his baby as it slept in its crib. Mrs. Spence accidentally turned over a lamp which ignited the bedclothes and burned the child to death. She is expecting another another child, and remains in critical condition.

Austin. M. H. Hancock was arrested and jailed today for the murder of his wife. Hancock is a carpenter and appears to be a quiet and well mannered person.

June 17, 1886

Local. Harry Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Johnson, died last Saturday and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery Sunday morning. Joe Akin and Miss Lizzie Graham have returned home from Georgetown University.

The family of Elder J. H. Cason received a surprise visit from members of the congregation who brought with them canned goods, dry goods and many other gifts. In the absence of the pastor, Mrs. Cason expressed sincere thanks to everyone for both the gifts and for the social occasion at the parsonage which was enjoyed by all present.

Dallas. O. J. Posey, Sweetwater postmaster, was arrested yesterday afternoon at a local establishment. When he suddenly disappeared on April 3rd, over \$700 was found to be missing. Posey said he left Sweetwater for Fort Worth and while on the train his mind failed him and he could not remember anything until a few days ago when he found himself in Memphis dressed in the height of fashion. He was wearing a hat from a Florida store and he thought he might have been in that state. He said he was starting back to Sweetwater when arrested. He is in jail with a bond of \$1,000.

June 24, 1886

Weatherford. A terrible storm over the city Saturday evening demolished the Methodist church and parsonage, unroofed the Opera House, jail and McGeehe's stable and damaged various other houses.

Montague. A surveying party on the Missouri Pacific Railroad extending from Gainesville, are about four miles this side of St. Jo. It is surmised they will run from here on to Jacksboro and Graham City.

July 1, 1886

Longview. R. C. DeGraffenreid has declared himself a candidate for Congress.

Midland. The second sale of town lots on the 18th resulted in disposing of \$12,795.00 worth of town property.

Denton. Mrs. Leona Lyles, wife of G. G. Lyles, a saloon keeper here, accosted W. B. Roberts and accused him of slandering her. When he refused to sign a libel, she drew a revolver and fired five shots, three fatal, and he died in minutes. Mrs. Lyles surrendered to the sheriff, and walked with him to the courthouse, where "at this writing she sits there cool and sedate" watching the process of the coroner's investigation. Roberts was 30 years old, married and leaves a wife and two children. He was formerly deputy sheriff of this county. Mrs. Lyles is about 22 years old, blond, and has a husband and two little girls.

Later. A crowded courtroom witnessed the trial of Mrs. Lyles. A number of witnesses testified clearly that she had been "fouly slandered without a shadow of cause." Judge Piner ruled, that because other facts might come out, he must set bail at \$500. This decision brought a round of applause from the audience and it was evident from the expressed sentiment that Mrs. Lyles could easily have given \$100,000 bond in less than 24 hours. Her attorneys managed the case very well.

July 6, 1886

Houston. H. McConnell of Liberty, Texas, was robbed of \$65.00 at the Capitol Hotel while he was sleeping, but the robber was traced by means of a torn \$20 bill and the money recovered.

Fort Worth. Jeff Riggle, a trusted officer of the railroad company, and esteemed citizen, is suffering mental derangement. He armed himself and boarded a train to leave the city, but Sheriff Maddox and others disarmed him and returned him to his residence where he is under medical treatment.

Alvarado. A shooting occurred five miles south of town last Saturday when W. Ligon and Dr. M. T. Mix had an argument over a family feud. Ligon received a bullet wound in his leg.

Quanah. T. K. S. Singleton, desperado, was shot and killed by Deputy Sheriff Joseph Nelson. He was a former member of John Wesley Hardin's gang and was wanted in Coryell County for the murder of a Mr. Moore in 1883.

Ballenger. A public sale of town lots far exceeded anything like it in the state. Every state in the union was represented with \$106,000 raised.

July 13, 1886

Henrietta. A terrible tragedy has occurred in Clay County. Three men known as Doc Thompson, Sterling Dawson and Tock Douthett have surrendered to the sheriff. They and others had been working on a wire fence for Neal Butcher, manager of the Clay County Land & Cattle Company. The fence was on land in dispute between Butcher and the Smith brothers, Lewis, Elmer and James. The men claim the Smiths came out in a wagon and opened fire on them with double barrel shot guns, and when they returned fire, two of the Smiths were killed and one badly wounded.

Palestine. John Newsom, "a quiet peaceable young man of good parentage," shot and killed Randolph Hassell at a barbecue on the 4th inst. Hassell had violently ejected Newsom from the barbecue grounds [no reason given] and meeting him outside, threatened to kill him, whereupon Newsom drew his pistol and fired four shots, killing Hassell instantly.

Tyler. Mrs. L. L. House, a lady in high social standing and greatly esteemed in the community, died on the 1st inst.

According to the Hunt Chronicle, Marion Martin is the people's candidate for governor, a true friend of farmers, a true friend of Christianity and a true friend of temperance. He is for more schools and churches and fewer saloons. Martin is also supported by the Bonham News and Johnson County Review.

Local. H. T. Shumaker, accompanied by his wife and daughter, left last Monday for a visit to Hood and Johnson Counties. John Pohlman and Miss Christiana Doss were married on the 1st inst. by Rev. G. W. Black.

Jacksboro. The Summer Normal School opened last Monday with Prof. W. J. Crocker of Calvert as principal and a large number of teachers in attendance.

Big Springs. County Sheriff and Tax Collector, R. W. Morrow, departed town leaving his bondsmen to settle a deficiency of about \$6,000 with the state and county. After he had been gone for several days, suspicions were raised, and his safe examined. In it was found a letter of consolation to his bondsmen.

Dallas. The *Texas Baptist* and *Texas Baptist Herald* will now be published as *The Baptist Herald*. Dr. Hayden purchased the *Herald* for \$10,000 and employed Mr. Link, former proprietor of the *Herald*, to travel in the interest of the consolidated paper.

July 22, 1886

Longview. City Marshal Tabler, who shot and killed County Attorney Teague, had his preliminary trial Thursday. He waived examination and was placed under a \$1500 bond for his appearance at District Court on the 19th.

Longview. Mr. James Fuller, familiarly called "Uncle Jimmie," departed this life, aged 76 years, at his home near Pine Tree on Monday last.

Waco. John Jackson and Alvin Manning were arraigned before a Justice of the Peace for burglarizing the residence of John's father, W. D. Jackson. A painful scene took place when the young man's sister, "a young girl of refinement," testified against him while he sat sullen and defiant. He was placed under \$800 bond and remanded to jail. He cannot give bond except with his father's aid. Manning was discharged.

Fisher County. Conditions in this new county are deplorable. Most of the people are newcomers and have invested all their money in homes, depending on the fruits of their labor to make a living. The first crops have failed, grass is dead, and cattle and work horses are dying of starvation.

B. N. Thomas writes *The Leader* from Hill County, Texas:

"Since my many friends have wanted to know conditions in this part of the country, I am sending an answer through the paper. I found good crops in Wise County, but conditions very dry in Weatherford and Cleburne. Hundreds of wagons are traveling east in search of food and water and are camped by the dozen at watering places. I feel sorry for them, especially the pale and haggard women. I say to readers in Young County: do not come east now or this fall - immigrants here now propose to pick cotton at 40 cents a hundred and board themselves and have rented all available land for another year." [Editor encourages persons contemplating going east in search of work to take heed of information in this letter].

Local. Deputy Marshals Gadman and Johnson found a still on Henry Boozer's farm located at the mouth of the Clear Fork of the Brazos last Saturday night. He and two sons, Newt and Jim, were arrested and brought in tonight. They gave bond of \$500 each for appearance on the 27th inst.

Local. At a meeting of the County Democratic Convention, D. C. Brooks and Robert Holman were elected delegates to the State Convention, with A. B. Medlan and L. T. Davis as alternates.

Local. George Carmack and Miss Sallie Walsh were married by Elder Russell at the bride's mother's home last evening.

Local. Still no rain and stock water very scarce with cattle dying. Very little water in Salt Creek above town. Stop press to announce that it is now raining and the old cow rejoiceth!

Denison. The editor of the *Gazetteer* was flogged by an irate candidate last week. There are a good many occupations more pleasant than running a newspaper.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

By Mrs. Willard (Christyne) Barr

**RICHART, RICHHART, RITSCHARD, A Swiss-German Family From 1500 until 1993.**  
Bettye Anderson Richhart, 4016 Diamond Loch West, North Richland Hills, Texas 76180.  
Branch-Smith, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas. Hardbound, 177 pages, illustrated, every-name index.

Christian Ritschhart, born in the canton of Bern, Switzerland in 1709, his wife Magdalena, and their five children, with Magdalena's eighty-year-old mother emigrated to the American Colonies in 1750.

In the year of emigration, Christian started a record called the "Hauss Buch" [House Book] listing birth dates and much other family information. It states that he and his "beloved wife" Magdalena Wolff journeyed to Amsoldingen to be married on January 9, 1733, and that Magdalena died in Shenandoah County, Virginia on October 4, 1766. The complete book can be found on microfilm at the Family History Center in Salt Lake City and a partial translation can be found at the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

Christian, of the second generation of the Richhart family, purchased 1000 acres of land in Ohio in 1797, before statehood in 1800. The area became Ross County with Chillicothe as the capitol until 1816, when Columbus was named the capitol. Part of the land is still occupied today by some descendants of the family.

On January 22, 1902, Clarence Leon Richhart was born in Moweaqua, Shelby County, Ill., son of Levi William Richhart and Lela Armfield Plyler. Because he hated his name, he became known as just "Rich." The family moved to Fort Worth, Texas, in 1922, where Rich attended Central High School and started a school newspaper known as the "Pantherette."

In 1924 Rich was married to Marie Lucille Girdwood whom he had met in the gym of the Central Methodist Church. He was coach of the girls' basketball team of which Lucille was a member. They were the parents of James Kenneth Richhart, who married Bettye Lou Anderson, and Karl Edward Richhart, who married Judith Elizabeth Lyons.

For 47 years Rich worked as a reporter for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. As he grew older, people described him as "eccentric," but Rich had always been eccentric, he never worried about what others thought, did his own thing and enjoyed every minute of it. He died December 20, 1985.

Editor's Note: This is an outstanding family history. The compiler has used information from records both here and abroad, all of which is carefully documented. An excellent photographic section enhances the biographical material, and detailed explanatory notes are provided as a guide for easy identification of individuals named.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN AND AMY COX ALLEN WITH ALLIED LINES. Lester M. Allen, 917 Forest Hill Drive, Greensboro, N. C. 27410. 1087. Salisbury Printing Co., Salisbury, N. C. Hardcover, 524 pp. including illustrations and every name index. Order from compiler.

John Allen, who was an "Irish Friend," migrated to Chester County, Penn. from Dublin, Ireland in 1713. He and his wife, Amy, were the parents of nine children.

As was his father, John Allen, the young son, John Allen, was also a mason and stone layer and continued his trade in the new country. He also built one of the first grist mills in the area.

Over a period of years, descendants of the family spread south to North Carolina and Alabama and west to Indiana and Ohio. Later generations continued on to Nebraska, South Dakota and finally covered most states by the present time.

Eighty-nine pages in the book cover the every name index of the Allen and Cox families. In addition to names and dates, much interesting information is given in little stories and family incidents.

One such story is about Daisey Victoria Fowler, 1880-1949, who at the age of 15 married Clarence Wade Teague. The couple obviously had a warm place in their hearts for children, for when "Aunt Becky" ran off with a fieldhand, they took care of the little black child the mother had abandoned. He became a New York attorney.

A letter, signed Charity Phillips, formerly Alan, written 7th month 31-1824, from Indiana State, Orange County, says, "My son Nathan got bit by a rattle snake a few weeks past three times. He was bad for a while tho he has got well. I may inform you that I have lately got married to a man of the name of William Phillips. Joel has been gon seven years and no telling where he is or whether living or not. I concluded I would wait no longer so I made a choice of another mate. I hope in love we may agree so that he will not part from me."

Millard H. Bodenheimer wrote of his grandfather, John Allen, born 1850, in Alamance, North Carolina, "He always had a close walk with God in his prayers. When I was only three or four years old, he took me and my twin brother to the old log feed barn. He said, 'Little fellows, get on your knees and we will pray to God.' I had never remembered hearing of God before, but I never forgot the experience. John Allen was known in the community of Snow Camp, N. C. for his prayers singing about the Lord."

OKLAHOMBRES REVISITED. Thomas R. (Dick) Holland. 1992. 256 pages, including 16 page section of illustrations and an every name index. Gift of Dorothy Holland, Arlington, Texas, for the author in memory of his brother, Ledlie R. Holland.

This book tells the story of Evitte Dumas Nix, U. S. Marshall of Oklahoma Territory in the 1890s, his lawmen, the outlaws they fought and the people they fought for. In 1893, when the U. S. Department of Justice was searching for an "outlaw catcher," there were nearly 25 applicants for the job for which Col. Evitte Dumas Nix of Guthrie, Oklahoma Territory was the choice.

Col. Nix perceived his job to be one of organizational and executive ability where his carefully chosen deputies went forward day by day, week by week and month by month in every part of the Territory. Instead of sporadic forays when fresh crimes were committed, the deputies watched the actions of the various gangs and were able to anticipate their movements. At the end of three and a half years in office, some 47 outlaws had been hung and over 50,000 other lawbreakers had been arrested and incarcerated. Col. Nix was able to report a peaceful and ordered Territory where not a single major criminal was at large in the area.

Evitte Dumas Nix was the grandson of Riley Nix and Mary Ann Alexander whose home was on a large cotton and tobacco farm in South Carolina. In 1837 they moved to Weakly County, Tenn. where eight of their twelve children were born. Simpson Socrates (called "Crate"), the third son, and father of E. D. Nix, was born in 1841. Some ten years later the family moved to Calloway County, Kentucky, where they were neighbors of the Holland family. Rebecca Elizabeth "Becky" Holland and "Crate" Nix were childhood playmates and eventually fell in love and married in 1860. Their first child, Evitte Dumas, was born in September, 1861.

"Olahombres" Col. Nix's account of his life as U. S. Marshal the early days of Oklahoma, first appeared in the "Daily Oklahoman" as a serial under the title of "Bring 'Em In Dead." The book led to hundreds of public appearances, including the Texas Centennial Exposition in 1936, TV's "We The People," "You Are There," and various "Cavalcade" programs. He even made a movie with Gene Autry. His death occurred in 1946 at the age of 84 in Riverside, California, and he is buried in Paducah, Kentucky.

ERATH COUNTY, TEXAS MARRIAGE RECORDS, Vol. III (1900-1908), copied and compiled by Marilyn Giesecke Mills, 900 Glen Rose Road, Stephenville, Texas. 76401. 115 pages including surname index.

Anyone searching for ancestors during this time period in this part of Texas will certainly want to consult this book. The records are taken from Marriage Record Books I, J, and K, housed at the Erath County Courthouse in Stephenville, Texas. Information includes names of bride and groom, date, witnesses and minister. In a few cases, licenses were not returned, probably because of oversight. Mrs. Mills states that some entries were very hard to decipher and she has listed alternate possibilities in some cases. She suggests checking every possible spelling of the name being sought and asks that she be notified of any errors in order to include the corrections in future printings.

"A.K.A." (Also Known As) by Sandi Garrett. Cherokee Woman Publishing 35 pp. Soft cover. Order from the compiler, P. O. Box 48, Spavinaw, Okla. 74366. \$15.00, including shipping and handling.

Included in this small book is the story of the Cherokee Woman as told in a poem by the author, followed by a copy of a document presented to the Amovey Council session on the 2nd of May 1817 by Nancy Ward, a member of the Wolf Clan, Cherokee Nation East, and a grandmother of Ms. Garrett. There are stories of the emigration of the Cherokees as many families moved across the Mississippi into Arkansas. All the warriors who moved voluntarily were promised a rifle, ammunition, a blanket, a brass kettle and a beaver trap. The Cherokee Census of 1896 gives the

birthplace for both native and adopted Cherokee citizens. The Guion Miller Rolls, taken between 1906 and 1910, were to show who was eligible to share in the million dollars in payments between the United States and the Eastern Cherokees in the treaties of 1835-36 and 1845. To Speckled Snake, all it meant was, "Move a little farther, you are too near me."

The writer has dedicated the book to her grandmother, Kate Carden Scott, and her grandfather, John O. L. Scott, "who passed on the Cherokee blood that runs through my veins and gave me the heritage that I am so proud of."

**CHEROKEE & PIONEER ANCESTRY ANI-YUN-WI-YA (REAL PEOPLE)**. by Sandi Garrett. Cherokee Woman Publishing, P. O. Box 48, Spavinaw, Okla. 74366. Soft cover, 146 pp. including illustrations, every name index. \$20.00 including shipping and handling.

This second book concerns Mrs. Garrett's personal family history. It contains the "Ancestor Tree" of the Scott, Bean, Harlan, Starr, Sanders, Fields, Emory, Adair and other families. Also given are censuses, treaties and maps showing the migration of the tribes. Many official documents are reproduced. The author recommends several books as recommended reading for Cherokee researchers. Anyone interested may send an SASE for verification of their family before purchasing the book. The index contains approximately 700 names which have been cross-indexed.

**ONLY THE NAMES REMAIN, Vol. 1, Flint District**. Sandi Garrett, P. O. Box 48, Spavinaw, Okla. 74366. Phone 918/589-2236. 116 pp. soft cover, spiral binding, index. \$15.00 including shipping and handling.

The author has dedicated this book to her great-great-grandfather, Liver (Oo-wa-lah) Flint #8, who lost his home in the forced removal of the tribes from their land east of the Mississippi River to the Indian Territory now called Oklahoma. Thousands of men, women and children died on the infamous "Trail of Tears."

She explains the linking of the Drennen Roll (1851) and the Guion Miller Applications (1906-1910). At the time of the Drennen Roll, most of the Cherokees did not have a white name and many did not have a last name, but during the Civil War, the census takers decided that everyone should have a white name. The book contains the original names of the individuals as well as the white names given to them.

An example of some of the interesting facts given about individuals is the one concerning Sequoyah. Also known as George Guess, he spent over ten years completing his eighty-five symbol "Cherokee alphabet." After coming to the Cherokee Nation West, he later visited the "Texas Cherokees" to teach them the alphabet.

## QUERIES AND COMMENTS

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1-1-94      **PERRY, MERRICK**

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**Jeremiah Perry** and wife, **Jane Merrick**, were both born in Tennessee, died in Texas. He died February 1853, Greenville, Hunt County, Texas, per court minutes. When and where did Jane die? Minor children were **Luranz, Amarada, Artemisia, Mary Ann and Josephine**. **G. A. Quinn** was appointed their guardian and **Josephine** was living in his household in 1860. Where were the others?

2-1-94      **CANNON, CRUMBE, HARRISON, LATIMER, MYRICK**

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Seek identity of A. Crumbe, whose name appears on Tarrant County District Court Case 54, re the estate of **Carter Cannon**, "A. Crumbe vs. D. C. Harrison," administrator. Apparently, only the index to the case survives. **Carter C. Cannon** was born ca 1794 Greenville County, SC, died 27 April 1875, Tarrant County, Texas. His wife, **Sarah** (perhaps nee **Latimer**), died before 1875. Known Cannon children: (1) **Martha "Patsy,"** born 1817 SC, married **John S. Barns**; (2) **John R.,** born 1824 SC, married "S. A.", he once listed occupation as "gambler;" (3) **Elijah C.,** born 1825 TN, m. **Ophelia Myrick?**; (4) **Nancy R.,** born 1833 Miss., m. **DeWitt Clinton Harrison**; (5) **Elizabeth "Lizzie,"** born 1836 Miss., m/1 **Mr. Watson**, m/2 **William Goin Jr.**; (6) **James**, born 1837 Miss., may have died young. There may have been two or three other daughters, born ca 1815, 1820 and 1822 in SC. Does anyone know anything about **James** or the possible other daughters?

3-1-94      **PITMAN, PITTMAN, ROWLAND, CUTHBESTON, COPP**

Carlian Massingill Pittman, P. O. Box 1682, Burleson, TX 76097

Seek information on **Levi** and **Martha Copp Pitman**, who lived in Carroll County, MO in 1850, with one child, **James Perry Pitman**, age 2, and **Harriett Pitman**, age 62. Cannot find them on 1860 census. In 1870 **James Perry Pitman** lived in Cooke County, Texas; his wife was **Sarah E. Rowland**. By 1880 he lived in Jasper County, MO, with two children, **William R.,** age 8, and **Amanda**, age 2; his wife was **Mary Cuthbeston**. He died 28 April 1935, Montague County, Texas.

4-1-94 **SHIPMAN, WYATT, LANDERS**

Nancy Hengst, P. O. Box 20, Hamilton, TX 76531

Seek parents of **Murphy Wells Shipman**, born ca 1835 Perry County, Tenn., died Coryell County, Texas. In 1860 Lincoln County, TN, he was age 18, living in the household of **Felix S. Landers**. **Murphy W.** married **Rebecca E. Wyatt**, born ca 1837 NC, sister of **Nancy Wyatt**, and had three children: (1) **Anderson Lafayette Shipman**, born 1855 Upshur County, Texas, (2) **Robert Franklin Shipman**, born 1858 Upshur County, and **John William Shipman**, born 1862 Coryell County, Texas. Like to correspond with anyone researching the Shipmans.

**COMMENT:** I suspect your **Murphy Wells Shipman** was of some relation to the numerous Shipmans and Landers of Hood, Somervell and Erath Counties, 1860s-1880s. In the early 1960s, **Glenda Bozeman**, of Fort Worth, indicated that she was a descendant of **Sarah Ann Shipman**, born 1803 Tennessee or Kentucky, died 1890 Somervell County, Texas, daughter of **Daniel Shipman, Jr.** She married ca 1820 in Tennessee **Abel Landers**, born 1794 Tennessee, son of **Christopher and Phoebe (Lee) Landers**. I do not know where Mrs. Bozeman now resides. In 1987, Mrs. **Frances (Landers) Isbell**, Rt. 2, Box 359, Madisonville, Texas 77864, indicated that she is a descendant of the same family, through Able and **Sarah Ann's** son, **Charles S. Landers**, who lived in Parker County in 1860. She may know something of your Shipman connection. There were a number of **Daniel Shipmans**. One was a Baptist minister, who lived in Newton County, Arkansas, in 1860 but soon moved to the Paluxy area of Erath-Hood-Somervell Counties, Texas, pastored Poney Creek, Paluxy and other churches, and died in August 1880 in Somervell County. He is on the 1880 census, as are at least five of his children.

5-1-94 **MASSINGILL, MASSENGILL, MASSENGALE, GANN**

Carlian Massingill Pittman, P. O. Box 1682, Burleson, TX 76097

Seek parents of **George Washington Massingill**, born 15 April 1794 Greene County, Tennessee, died 28 July 1884 Angelina County, Texas, married in Greene County, Tennessee 15 July 1817 to **Mary Ann "Polly" Gann**. Moved to Henderson County, Tennessee, served in War of 1812, settled in Nacogdoches County, Texas in 1837, in that part now Angelina County. Was his father **William Massengale**, who was in the Watauga Settlement, Virginia [Tennessee]?

6-1-94 **HENDRIX, HENDRICKS, DUKE**

Hilton Robinson, 8205 Willow Glen Court, Fort Worth, TX 76134-4810

Need information on **William Morton Hendrix/Hendricks**, born April 1851 Mississippi, married 1872 Yalobusha County, Mississippi, **Martha Ann Helen Duke**. They moved to Johnson County, Texas between 1880-1888, are on the 1900 census. Seek location of graves of both. Their children were: **Annie, William Morton, Adelia Eliza, Lena Lee, Pearl Myrtle, Samuel E.** (who went to California) and **John J.**

**COMMENT:** One **Moten Hendrix** (Dec. 14, 1876-Feb. 18, 1910) is buried at Grange Hall Cemetery, Johnson County.

7-1-94        **MARTIN, JACKSON, GREEN, McNIEL, GRIGGS, HEATH, VANN, DUDLEY**  
Linda Martin, Rt 1, Box 553, Azle, TX 76020

Seek correspondence with any working on above surnames. My great-great-grandfather, Alfred Mathew Martin, born 1844, married Mary Livy Heath, born 1845. Their birthplaces unknown. They had five sons and one daughter, of whom: Edward Martin married Martha Vann, and James Alfred Martin (my great-grandfather), b. 13 July 1872 Texas, died 18 June 1942 Oklahoma, buried Parker County, Texas; m/1 Nancy Elizabeth Jackson born 1863 Cooke County, Texas, died 27 July 1914 Parker County, Texas; m/2 in Oklahoma 2 October 1925 Mrs. Martha (Vann) Martin, widow of his brother. James Alfred and Nancy Martin had a son, LeeLoo Alfred Martin, born 8 May 1903 Oklahoma, died 29 November 1982 Parker County, Texas, married Callie McNeil, born 6 May 1911, Wise County, Texas, died 13 April 1987 Parker County.

Abraham J. Jackson married Talitha Green in Cook County, Texas 17 May 1860, were parents of Nancy Elizabeth Jackson, born 1863.

Willis Franklin McNeil and wife, Maude Dudley, both died Parker County, buried Wise County, were parents of Callie McNeil, born 1911, Wise County. Callie's great-grandparents [her grandparents not given] were John M. McNeil, born 24 January 1830, Georgia, died 23 June 1879 Denton County, Texas, married 4 May 1851 Collin County, Texas, Rebecca Griggs, born 8 April 1836, perhaps Missouri, died 17 May 1884 Denton County, Texas.

**COMMENT:** See query of Jonnie Woolf in February 1990 *Footprints*, comments re McNeil, Griggs and Smith. Abraham and Talitha Jackson, of Cooke County 1860, lived with Moses A. and Anna (Hyatt) Jackson (who were in Denton County by 1870) and James Jackson lived with them. Abraham and James were born in Alabama and Moses in Illinois. This Moses named a daughter Charlotte, b. ca 1863 Cook Co. In Parker Co. 1880 were Andrew and Charlotte Jackson, ages 62 and 54, respectively, both born Georgia. Another Moses Jackson, age 31, born Illinois, was also in Parker Co. in 1880; his wife said to be Emily Roberts. Jean Park Hazlewood, 3624 Guadalupe, Fort Worth 76116, may know something of these and other Jacksons of Parker County. She is also a Martin researcher, having information on Parker County Martins, who came from Illinois. I note that your Alfred Mathew Martin, of Parker County 1880, indicates he was born in Texas, his parents born in Illinois. Mrs. Jessye Ann High's book on *John Finley: Fighting Jack, 1760-1839, and His Descendants* (1976), in the Fort Worth Public Library, has information on Jacksons. Shadrach and Prudence (Finley) Jackson were parents of Moses Andrew Jackson, who married Anna Hyatt and lived in Cooke County 1860. Shadrack Jackson's sister, Charlotte, married Thomas Finley, brother of Prudence. They were children of Lowe Jackson of NC, Tenn., and Madison Co. Ill., who died 1850, survived by 15 children from two or three marriages (per Mrs. High).

8-1-94        **LONG, GOUDBY, GOTTY, GUTTY, HUGO, PATRICK, EUBANKS, CASEY, CORBETT, GRIDER**

Linda Johnson Burgess, 620 Antioch Road, Powder Springs, GA 30073

Seek information on Robert F. Long, Sr., born Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA, died Fort Worth, Texas (birth and death dates not known), married ca 1871, probably in Ohio to Mina "Minnie" Goudby/Gotty/Gutty, born 9 March 1850 Hamburg, Germany, died 1942 Dallas, Texas,

buried Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth. Family came from Youngstown, Ohio, to Fort Worth ca 1875. **Robert** left his family ca 1880 and was gone a long time (Minnie enumerated 1880 as a widow); he returned to find she had married **Abraham John Hugo**. Did Robert remarry and have other children? Minnie lived in Dallas. She had three **Long** children and three **Hugo** children: (1) **Robert Frederick Henry Long, Jr.**, born 1872 Ohio, who married **Mollie Patrick** and **Ella Eubanks**; (2) **William Peter Joseph Long**, born 1875 Ohio, married **Mary Casey**, (3) **Annie J. Long**, born October 1879; (4) **Lillian May Hugo**, born 1882 Tarrant County, married **Will Corbett**; (5) **Addie Alma Reka Hugo**, married Mr. Grider; (6) **Abraham John Hugo, Jr.**.

**COMMENT:** 1880 Tarrant County census (Fort Worth) shows Minnie, widow, a wash woman, with three children, the oldest (Robert) born in New Jersey. Could she have married in New Jersey?

9-1-94        **WARDLOW**

Elizabeth Waters Harris, 1215 Vivienne Street, Weatherford, TX 76086-6026

Seek information on my great-grandfather, **Milton Wardlow**, who lived in Texas. His wife said to have been **Elizabeth Wardlow**. His daughter, **Lucinda Elizabeth Wardlow**, married in Ellis County, Texas 12 April 1896. [Name of husband not given.]

10-1-94        **SIMPSON, HENSHAW, McCUE, McMILLAN**

Harrell D. Simpson, P. O. Box 490, Dawson, TX 76639

Seek information on, names of parents of, **Robert Sterling Simpson**, born 5 March 1822 Danville, VA, died 19 August 1882, Caldwell, Burleson County, Texas. His wife was **Rebecca Catherine Henshaw**, born ca 1823 Tenn. They were on the 1860 census of Burleson County, ages 38 and 37 respectively. Children: (1) **George Washington**, age 16, born Ala.; (2) **John Tyler**, age 13, born Ala.; (3) **Mary**, age 10, born La.; (4) **Martha**, age 8, born Texas; (5) **Henry**, age 4, born Texas; and (6) **Kathleen**, age 2, born Texas. **John Tyler Simpson** was my grandfather. He married **Elizabeth** [surname not given] on 14 October 1880; she born 27 June 1861 Pontotoc (Oxford County) Miss. My father, **Charles Henry Simpson**, born 1894, Burnet, Texas, married 1917 in Llano, to **Jane McCue McMillan**.

11-1-94        **McCoy**

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**Luke McCoy** or **Luther Delmar McCoy** (same person), wife **Annie**, and their five children are on the 1920 census of Tarrant County (living in Fort Worth). He was a detective for the San Antonio Police Department and sought criminals across the U. S. during World War I. He died in 1929 in San Antonio. Seek any information about them.

12-1-94        **CROCKETT**

Hugh G. Williams, Rt 4, Box 120 E, Paragould, AR 72450-9804

My grandmother was **Lelah Crockett**, daughter of **Henry G. Crockett**, who was either a son of one of **David Crockett**'s brothers or a grandson. I have been told that **Henry G. Crockett** was a second cousin to **Col. Davy Crockett**. Need information on the **Crocketts**. **Mrs. Gladys Hendricks**, of Granbury, Texas, is said to have information. Would like to contact her.

13-1-94 **STEWART**

Frances S. Haas, 834 Millwood Drive, Salina, KS 67401-5129

**Dr. Cantley W. Stewart**, born ca 1825, was age 35 in 1860 Schuyler County, MO census. His wife was **Lucy Ann** and they had five children, born 1846-1855. According to Goodspeed's 1888 *History of Missouri*, p. 722, he practiced medicine in Lancaster, Missouri, until 1862 and later went to Texas, "where he died two years ago" (ca 1886). He was a brother to my great-grandfather. Need to find out where he was in Texas.

14-1-94 **MASSEY, SMITH**

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

Seeking information about my great-grandfather, **Joseph Massey, Sr.**, born 1808 NC or SC. Lived Fayette County, Ala. 1830, in Attala County, Miss., 1840 and 1850, in Calcasieu Parish, La. 1860, in Blanco County, Texas 1870 and in Menard County, Texas 1880. He was married twice, name of first wife unknown. Second wife was **Louisa Margreta** (perhaps Smith), born 1828 Miss. There were nine children by the first wife: **William, Stephen, Sarah A.E., Drury B., Matthew M. C., Margaret E., Henry G., Samantha T., and Gallaway Massey**. By Louisa he had four sons: **John T.** (born 1851), **George Montgomery** (born 1856), **Joseph B.**, and **James B. Massey**. Both **Joseph, Sr.**, and his son, **George**, were Methodist ministers. Especially need to know names of parents of **Joseph, Sr.**, and the name of his first wife.

15-1-94 **TUBBS, TERRY, JACKSON, RANDALL, CLAUNCH, SIKES, SEALS, KING, BAKER, BRANDT**

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Researching the above surnames. Would like to correspond with others on these lines.

16-1-94 **ERVINE, ERWIN, IRVIN, IRWIN, IRVING, HERRIN, NUNNALLY, LOWE**

Morton L. Ervin, P. O. Box 11, Port Ewen, NY 12466

Only information found about my great-great-grandfather, **James Ervin**, is from the 1880 census of Palo Pinto County, Texas, (Irving" on census). A son, **Andrew J.** (age 17), in the household, was my great-grandfather. Unable to locate family on any other census. **James Ervin** was born ca 1825 in Ark., married **Sarah Herrin**, born ca 1830 in Ala. According to family tradition, he, at one time, owned a large ranch around Fort Worth. His son, Andrew, said to have been born at Turner, Texas, in 1862, supposedly in Tarrant County. Most of my **Ervins** ended up in Scurry County; Andrew died Roswell, N. M. in 1946. On the 1850 census of Upshur County, Texas, are **J. Ervin** and wife **S.**, ages 24 and 19, born Ark. and Ala., respectively, married within the year. Were they my **James** and **Sarah**? Children were (per 1880 census): (1) **Andrew Jackson**, born 25 Feb. 1862, died 23 Nov 1946, Roswell, N. M., married ca 1892 **Sarah Amanda Nunnally**; (2) **Mollie M.**, born 26 Nov. 1867, died 20 Jan. 1920, Goldthwaite, Texas, married **Jim V. Lowe**, (3) **Sarah J.**, born ca 1870, and (4) **Malora**, born ca 1872. Searching for family's residences in Texas, parents' names, birth, marriage, death dates and burial place of **James** and **Sarah**.

**COMMENT:** If the **J. and S. Ervin**, of Upshur County 1850, were your **James and Sarah**, he was likely related to those **Ervins** in the preceding household (#228) in which resided an older female,

**S. Ervin**, age 45, and a number of young **Ervin** teenagers. Many Upshur County people did come west by 1860, especially to Tarrant, Parker, Erath and Palo Pinto Counties. I assume you have checked the 1860 census of Upshur to see if any of these **Ervin**s were still there? The 1860 census of Tarrant County is lost; however, there is one **Jas.** or **Jos.** **Ervin** on the 1860 tax roll, taxed for 160 acres. If he was your **James**, he was not in the county in 1870. I know of no town or community in Tarrant County called "Turner," and I cannot find this name in any old atlases. In 1880, your **James Ervin**, enumerated as **Irving**, lived in Pct. 3 (southwest part) Palo Pinto County. Along the southern part of the county, in Pct. 3 and Pct. 4 (the southeast part), the Texas & Pacific Railroad was being built westward, and large "tent cities" appear on the 1880 censuses of Palo Pinto, Eastland and Callahan Counties, housing railroad workers, many of whom were transients, following the railroad. You don't mention a daughter, **Nancy Ervin**. She married **Joseph R. Johnson** in Palo Pinto County 12 Sept. 1877, and in 1880 they were living with **James** and **Sarah**, enumerated as son-in-law and daughter, she born ca 1850 in Texas. Although your **Sarah** is enumerated in 1880 as "Sarah E.", I would still obtain the Confederate Pension Application of Mrs. **Sarah F. Irvin** (#31716) of Scurry County, since you state that many of your family ended up there. According to the pension index, her application contains "unusual or additional information." The **J. E.** and **Sarah Irvin**, who are buried in East Side Cemetery at Santo, Palo Pinto County, were not yours. He was **John E. Irvin** who lived in Johnson County in 1880, later going to Palo Pinto County.

17-1-94      **MILLER, WOCHER, PEELER**

Richard Miller, 19 Devon Way, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706-3006

My wife's grandmother was **Miriam C. Miller**, born 1875 in Fort Worth, daughter of a railroad engineer and a Scottish mother, their names unknown. When the couple married, presumably in Fort Worth, her parents returned to Scotland. **Miriam**'s parents died when she was young, are said to be buried in Waco. **Miriam** spent part of her childhood in a convent. She married **F. W. Wocher**, an architect in Fort Worth, from Kansas City, Mo. They moved to New York City, where my wife's father, the oldest child, was born in 1895, when **Miriam** was age 20. The Miller children were: (1) **Miriam**, the oldest, b. 1875; (2) **Inez**, who lived with the **Wochers** after they moved to Yonkers, NY; (3) **Wallace**, born Fort Worth; and (4) **Roy**, born in Pecos. The mother died soon after **Roy**'s birth and the father died three months later. **Roy** was reared by friends of his parents in Fort Worth, **Dan** and **Louella Peeler**. Seek information about any of these people. Need names of **Miriam**'s parents.

**COMMENT:** Ferdinand Wocher married **Miriam Miller** 5 Feb 1895. There are no **Millers** on the 1880 census of Tarrant County who had children with the above-mentioned names. Also no **Millers** with children with these names on any of the 1880 censuses of counties through which the Texas and Pacific Railroad was being built westward at that time - Parker, Palo Pinto, Eastland and Callahan Counties. If the parents lived in Pecos when **Roy** was born, and the mother died soon after, it seems odd that she and the father are buried in Waco.

18-1-94      **MELTON, ROSE, CHRISTIAN, FRANKLIN, BOWLING, BOXLEY, STOUT**  
Toni Barnes Suniga, 4791 Fuschia Way, Oakley, CA 94561

Seek information on any of this family and its connections: **Seaborn J. Melton**, son of **Seaborn** and **Sarah (Franklin) Melton**, was born 13 Feb 1833 Putnam Co. Ga., died 10 Feb 1893

Collinsville, Grayson County, Texas; married in Columbia Co. Ark., 8 March 1866, Sarah E. Rose, born 14 Oct. 1847 Upson Co. Ga., dau. of William "Flairday" and Susan T. (Christian) Rose. Had 8 children, all born Texas, except the oldest: (1) William Seab (dau) born 1 June 1867 Ark., m. after 1883 W. S. Bowling; (2) Franklin, born 30 Oct. 1868, died 15 Mar. 1870; (3) Mattie Meed, born 21 Sept. 1871, married 1883 George Bowling; (4) Musa, born 25 June 1874, died 1923, married 1895 William Guy Boxley; (5) Lea L. (dau) born 10 Jan. 1878, died 1 Jan. 1901; (6) Viva Vivian, born 16 April 1880 Collinsville, Texas, died 3 June 1966, Fresno, Cal., married 26 Sept. 1897, Collinsville, Will TenBrook Stout; (7) Junior "Junia," born 16 Jan. 1883, married 1899-1900 Bama ----; (8) Otto Jefferson, b. 1 Jan. 1887. Would especially like to contact descendants of the Boxleys and George Bowling.

19-1-94      **KNIGHT, DAWSON, TURNER, WEST, DOHERTY**

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**William Knight (Sr?)** b. 1748, lived Amherst County, VA., but was in Franklin Co. Tenn. 1820-1840. His children believed to include **Betsey Knight** and **William Knight (Jr.?)** d. 1824, lived Amherst Co. **William (Jr.?)** married Margaret Dawson in 1796. Among his children was **William Henry Knight**, born ca 1797, died ca 1865, married three times; m/1 ca 1826 (wife's name unknown), m/2 1839 **Eliza Turner**, m/3 Malinda ---ca 1855. Moved to Pike Co. Mo. ca 1849. By first two wives, **William Henry Knight** had eight children, born Va., including **William Frank Knight** (b. 1829) and **Henry Clay Knight** (b. 1831), who was a Texas Ranger and Confederate 2nd Lt. **William Frank Knight** married **Henrietta** (surname unknown) ca 1858 and had at least six children, probably born Pike County, Mo. The family moved to Brownwood, Brown County, Texas, by 1880. A son, **John Knight**, born 1867, died ca 1935, married 1890 in Brownwood, **Ollie E. West**, born 1871, died 1953. They had four children, including **Olive Virginia Knight Doherty** (b. 1907), grandmother of Commander Doherty, who has much information on these **Knight** families.

**COMMENT:** I question whether the **William Knight (Sr?)** b. 1748, was the same as the **William** of Franklin Co. Tenn. The latter **William** was born 1750-60, married 11 Nov. 1783 **Temperance Bibb** in Amherst Co. Va. (per marriage bond, with consent of his father, **John Knight**, and her mother, **Sarah Bibb**), came to Franklin Co. Tenn. in 1818 (per a biographical sketch of one of his sons), made his will in October 1828, naming his children, and died in Franklin County ca 1832 (his will of record in Franklin County). He is on the 1830 census, age 70-80. In 1828 he made deposition that he resided in Franklin County, was a citizen of Amherst Co. Va. in 1776 and was well acquainted with **Joseph Newman** and knew the same **Joseph** served in the Revolutionary War. One of this **William Knight**'s daughters married a **Newman** and one married a **Bibb**. His sons, **James** and **John** were executors of the estate and were still reporting to the county court in 1843. All, or most, of the children were still in Franklin Co. in 1840. In 1830, one other **William Knight** was there, age 50-60 (b. 1770-1780); he was not a son of "old **William**" of Franklin County.













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"Volunteers are like Coke - They're the real thing.  
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It just so happened that our Spring Seminar took place on the last day of National Volunteer Week. All organizations such as FWGS depend on volunteers, and volunteer teamwork made April 23rd a very special day. In addition to those thanked in the May Newsletter, I would like to express special appreciation to: **Merle Ganier** for her help with publicity; **Christyne and Allen Barr (The Barr Company)** for providing over 150 notepads for seminar participants; **Weldon Clark** who created two very professional signs, (one of which was a gift to the speaker); and **Weldon Hudson** who contributed some very unexpected door prizes - over 100 caps with the logo, "Genealogy is My Hobby - I Collect Ancestors." I believe that everyone who attended this seminar benefitted from hearing Jo White Linn's lectures.

You may still have time to make plans to attend some of the sessions of the 2nd Annual Genealogical Institute of Texas July 25 - 29 in Richardson, Texas. A wide selection of courses is provided with outstanding instructors such as George K. Schweitzer, Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, Robert Scott Davis, Jr., Desmond Walls Allen, Mary McCampbell Bell, Arlene H. Eakle and Patricia Law Hatcher, to name only a few. For more information, write to the Genealogical Institute of Texas, P. O. 79904-Box 118 - Dallas, Texas 75379. Phone (214) 233-9248.

The German-Texas Heritage Society will hold its 1994 annual meeting September 9, 10 and 11 at the Sunday House Convention Center in Fredericksburg, Texas. If you are interested in participating call or write for program and registration material: Teresa Chavez, GTHS, PO Box 684171, Austin, TX 78768 or call (512) 482-0927.

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### ***IN MEMORIUM***

#### ***WILLIAM ALBERT SATTERWHITE, JR.***

***1907 - 1994***

*W. A. Satterwhite was born September 23, 1907 in Keller, Texas, the son of William Albert Satterwhite, Sr. and Emma Georgena Hodge. In 1931, he married Gladys Maude Piper and to that union were born two daughters, Gladys Elizabeth and Carolyn.*

*He once said (as we all do) that he "started this genealogy thing too late in life." I believe his interest really began to grow after he lost both his wife and mother in 1977. I first heard his name while researching in Kaufman County. He was the one "to talk to" about Gray's Prairie Cemetery, and when I called him, I learned that was certainly a true statement.*

*W. A. was an active member of FWGS for nearly ten years, serving on the Board of Directors as Corresponding Secretary, 2nd Vice President and President in 1986-1987. He also played a very active role in helping with the mailing of Footprints. Although he was unable to attend meetings during the last several years, he continued to keep up with Society activities and continue his own research on a limited scale.*

*W. A. and I shared a common ancestor - a great-great-grandfather in Kentucky. It was not a very close relationship since he was descended from a son of the first marriage and I from a daughter of the second marriage. However, it was always good to compare notes as we searched for more documentation on the early generations of this family.*

*Mr. Satterwhite will be missed by all of us who had the opportunity to know him and work with him in the Society.*

*Barbara Knox*



# The Oregon Trail Project

*A project of the Idaho Genealogical Society*

## NEWS RELEASE: For Immediate Release

**Contact:** Jane Walls Golden

**Phone:** (208) 384-0542

## Genealogical Society Offers Oregon Trail Certificate

The Oregon Trail Project is issuing special certificates to anyone whose ancestors came west via the Oregon Trail between the years 1811 and 1911.

"This is a tribute to those hardy pioneers who came overland by wagon, handcart or foot along the Oregon Trail," said Jane Walls Golden, chairperson of the Oregon Trail Project. "Entire families, with all their worldly possessions in tow, left homes and loved ones to follow an inner voice that promised a better life 'out west'."

Recognizing descendants of Oregon Trail travelers commemorates the sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) of the peak year of westerly migration, Golden explained.

"People began to head west of the Missouri River in 1811 using the Old Platte Road," she said. "But the exodus was at its height in 1843, and the Old Platte Road then became known as the Oregon Trail."

To qualify for an Oregon Trail certificate, Golden said applicants must prove direct descent from a person who traveled any part of the Oregon Trail between 1811 and 1911. To receive an application or more information, write to the Oregon Trail Project at 4620 Overland Rd., #206, Boise, Idaho 83705. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The Oregon Trail Project of Idaho is a non-profit organization dedicated to collecting, archiving and publishing data about the Oregon Trail.

## THE TEXAS FRONTIER BATTALION

(Continuing from Vol. 37, No. 1)

Selected, copied and compiled by Nelita Snow

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Wm. Cail wanted in Comanche, for Disturbing the Inhabitants of the Town of Comanche. 4 Oct 1874

Matt Cain wanted in Travis County for Betting at Monte 4 January 1880

Charles R. Cannon wanted in Hays County for Theft of Oxen 29 Sept 1881

Tip Carter wanted in County of Lampasas for Theft of Cattle, 9 October, 1876

Jas. Chalk wanted in Lampassas for Theft of \$100.00 9 October, 1876

Wm. Coleman wanted in Tom Green for Murder 16 March, 1878

Wm. Coleman and Jesse Davidson wanted in Victoria County for Murder, 13 May, 1878

John Coy wanted in Atascosa County for Assault with Intent to Murder John Bell, 8 October, 1874

Jonas Robinson and Thos. Winters. 8 October, 1874 wanted in DeWitt County for Horse Stealing. 3 April 1867

Jas. Crosson and W. A. Rathburn wanted in DeWitt County for Horse Stealing, 3 April 1874

Janes Crosson and W. A. Rathburn also wanted for Theft of a Mule 4 Apr 1877

Hamp Davidson wanted in Goliad County for Theft of a Pistol valued at \$25.00, 8 Sept 1878

Ben Davis wanted in Hillsboro for Assault with Intent to Murder 3 Oct 1874

Wm. Davis wanted in Milam County for Theft of a Beef Steer, 27 May 1874

John Dawson and Jesse Grayham wanted in Precinct 3, Burnet County for disturbing the peace. 24 May 1878. Written testimony given by Letha Bell and Wm. Kinchloe 24 May 1879

William Deal, wanted in Menard County for Theft of a Pistol. 8 March 1878

Geo. Dehaney (Dehoney) wanted by Lampasas County for Murder. 4 March 1877

A. J. Demark, J. T. Bratton, J. H. Clements, Jas. Clements, R. R. Randle, B. J. Pridgeon, J. Duderstadt, A. P. Allen, F. Duderstadt, George Formwell (Ternell ?), Thomas Caffald, I. Irevin, R. Myers, L. C. Day, G. M. Harris, M. N. Noles, J. C. Tylor, R. P. Taylor, A. C. Day, W. R. Taylor, J. J. Saunders, Jas. Goodrich, W. O. Harrison, E. J. Hines, Jesus Martinus, J. W. Glover, are wanted in DeWitt County charged with Riot. 11 April, 1874

Samuel Denson alias Sam Denson wanted in Lampasas for Murder 4 March 1877

John Denton, Stephen Cowen, Gip Clements are wanted in the Town of Comanche for wilfully opposing and resisting a Peace Officer to wit: J. W. Greene, Marshall of the Town of Comanche in attempting to arrest J. W. Hardin, who was guilty of Misconduct.. 18 October, 1874

Bill Diehl, charged with Attempting to Kill Bart Bauman. Menard County.

William Dill wanted by the City of Dallas for Theft. 15 June 1874

Cicero Dominguez, wanted in Bee County for Theft of a Mare. 16 December, 1878

Thomas Doran and M. W. Priest wanted in Caldwell County for Robbery, 31 December, 1877

Thomas Drake wanted in Victoria, charged with Assault to Murder, 20 June 1874  
(Supposed to be in Coleman or Brown Counties)

Richard Dublin wanted in Gatesville for Murder, --October, 1874

Maximo Duran, wanted in Ysleta, El Paso County for theft of cattle. 16 March 1881

L. P. Dykes wanted in Bee County for Theft of Hogs. 28 Dec 1876

Box 1160-Folder 29 E-F

John Eliot wanted in Kimble County for Felony Theft, May 7, 1877

James Elmore and Parsons Acres wanted in DeWitt County for Assault with Intent to Murder 17 June, 1874

M. B. Evans, wanted in Eastland County, charged by M. B. Evans 9 Dec 1876 with Disturbing the Peace by loud and vociferous talking, cursing and swearing in a public place.

James Farr wanted in Williamson County for Theft of a Gelding 27 April, 1878

George Floyd wanted in Williamson County, as he Committed the Offence of Theft of one horse, one Saddle & Bridle, the property of the said W. C. Weatherford. 30 October, 1877

Joseph Foster, wanted in DeWitt County for exhibiting a Monte Bank, 17 June, 1874.

Frank France, wanted in DeWitt County for Theft of a Mare and Colt, 17 June, 1874

Box 1160-Folder 30 G-H

M. H. Galbreath wanted in Bosque County for Rape. February, 1874

Gambrell wanted in Waco for Theft of a Sorrel Mare, March, 1876

Narciso Garland wanted in Bee County, Assault With Intent to Murder. 7 June 1878

A.J. Garrett, wanted in Bee County for Assault With Intent to Murder, 16 February, 1876

David Glenn, wanted in Hillsboro for Theft of a Beef Steer, 4 August, 1874

Jesse Grayham wanted in Burnet County, unlawfully carrying weapons, as described in the Testimony of Letha Bell and Wm. Kinchloe. 24 May, 1878

Isaac N. Green wanted in Paris, Texas for unlawful Killing and Murdering one ----Colo. \* 8 Sept 1874

Joseph Griner and Francisco Tafoya (Indian), called "Pancho" wanted in Tom Green County for Murder and Assault to Murder, 31 July 1878

Eugene Glasscock wanted in Lee County for Theft of Neat Cattle. 25 April, 1881

Ferdinand Haak wanted in DeWitt County for Murder 17 June, 1874

Anderson Hagan (col) wanted in Victoria County for Theft of Cattle, 18 January, 1878

John Hampton wanted in Atascosa County for Assault and Attempted Murder of one William C. Bell. 8 October, 1874. Bail fixed at \$1,000.

John Hampton wanted in Atascosa County for Assault with Intent to Murder one Jerry Woods. Bail fixed at \$500. 8 October, 1874

Wanted in Williamson County, J. T. Hardin, for Theft of a Gelding. January, 1879

John W. Hardin wanted in DeWitt County for Carrying a Pistol. 17 June, 1874

John Hardin wanted in Hillsboro for Murder, 4 August, 1874

George H. Harras (Doctor Harras) wanted in DeWitt County for Assault With Intent to Murder. 8 April, 1874 (Talks through his nose. Nose broken.)

Wesley Harris wanted in Caldwell County for Theft of a Steer, 30 July, 1874

Monroe Harrison wanted in Lavaca County for the Murder of Henry Griffith, 1st January, 1877

Case Hart and John Williams, wanted in Hopkins County, for Committing the Crime of Murder in and Upon one James Alexander. 4 May, 1874

James Henry wanted in Bee County for Theft of a Colt, 1 May 1875

John Hensly and Charles Jones, and W. D. Taliaferro wanted in Titus County charged with: "They unlawfully and with force and arms of their malice aforethought conspired together and acting together, aiding, abetting and assisting each other an assault did make in and upon the body of one J. S. Clifton and they the said W. D. Taliaferro and the said John Hensley and the said Charles Jones with a certain pistol and a certain knife---did strike, wound, cut and thrust the said Clifton with the felonious and malicious intent of them the said W. D. Taliaferro and the said John Hensly and the said Charles Jones to Kill and Murder him, the said Clifton. 28 February, 1873

H. M. Horn wanted in San Jacinto County for Theft of one Wagon and One Mule, the Property of J. W. Shrader. 22 September, 1874

T. J. Holly, wanted in Bee County for Theft of a Gelding. 19 September, 1876

Wanted in Bee County, W. H. H. Holly, Theft of a Mare, 19 September, 1876

DeWitt County, James Harper, Horse Stealing. 17 June, 1874

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Lampasas County, Lee Ivy, Theft of a Gelding, 4 March, 1877

Victoria County, W. L. Jacobs, Assault to Murder, 18 January, 1878

Comanche County, Wm. Jefferson and Clark C. Turner, Murder, 18 June, 1874

Charles Johnson, Dallas County, Robbery, 15 June, 1874

George Johnson, DeWitt County, Murder, 17 June, 1874

William Jolliffe, DeWitt County, Theft of a Horse, 17 June, 1874

N. P. Jones, DeWitt County, Assault with Intent to Murder, 17 June, 1874

J. C. Jordan and V. L. Turpin, Fayette County, Theft of a Gelding, 5 March, 1878

(to be continued)

## DANIEL BLAKELY NORWOOD FAMILY BIBLE

Submitted by Shirley Brittain Cawyer, Stephenville, Texas

The Bible is in the possession of Elwanda Lassetter Poteet, great-granddaughter of Daniel Norwood, of Ringgold, Georgia. Notes and corrections are enclosed in brackets.

### BIRTHS

Sarah L Norwood was born Sept 22nd 1853 [in North Carolina, daughter of George Washington Morris and Temperance Griffin Morris]

D. B. Norwood was Born Nov 5th A. D. 1852 [in Cobb Co. Ga.]

Mary M. Norwood was Born Dec 12 A. D. 1851 [in Gordon Co. Ga.]

J. W. [James William] Norwood was Born Aug 1st A. D. 1872 [in Dekalb Co. Ala.]

S. J. [Samuel Jeremiah] Norwood was Born Feb 17th A. D. 1878 [in DeKalb Co. Ala.]

T. J. [Thomas Jasper] Norwood was Born Feb 15th A. D. 1878 [in Dekalb Co. Ala.]

Pernecy E. [Elizabeth] Norwood was Born Sept 8th A. D. 1880 [in Dekalb Co. Ala.]

Susan M. [Melinda] Norwood was Born Mar 1st A. D. 1882 [in Dekalb Co. Ala]

Marth Mary F. [Frances] Norwood was Born Jan 11th A. D. 1885 [in Jackson Co. Ala.]

Pirena T. [Temperance, called Tempy] was Born Sept 26th A. D. 1886 [in Jackson Co. Ala.]

George I. [Irving] Norwood was born Oct 4th A. D. 1888 [in Jackson Co. Ala.]

Ella & Della Norwood was Born July 20th A. D. 1890 [in Jackson Co. Ala.]

Calvin W. [Washington] Norwood was Born May 27th A. D. 1892 [in Jackson Co. Ala.]

John A. [Anderson]? and Allie R. [Rebecca] was born Oct. 24th A. D. 1896 [in Jackson Co. Ala.]

### MARRIAGES

D. B. Norwood & Mary M. Wootten was married Nov. 2nd A. D. 1871

First wife [married in Dekalb Co. Ala.]

D. B. Norwood & Sarah L. Morris was married Feb 17th 1884 Second wife

[married in Dekalb Co. Ala.]

S. J. Norwood family below

Samuel J. Norwood & Eula L. Chastain was married July 19 1896 [Jackson Co. Ala]

Perrenie A Norwood and Jesse M. Lassetter were married Sept 17 1916 [Dekalb Co. Ala]

Henry Norwood and Essie L. Sparks were married Aug. 16, 1920 [Jackson Co. Ala.]

Lucy J. Norwood and Robert Angland were married May 10 1924 [Jackson Co. Ala]

Charlie L. Norwood and Lula Mae Duncan were married Feb. 3, 1924 [Jackson Co. Ala.]

Samuel Arthur Norwood and Jewell Clemmer were married June 8th 1935 Jewell born Dec 4 1915  
[in Walker Co. Ga.]

## DEATHS

Mary M. Norwood Departed this Life March the 5th A. D. 1882 1st wife of D. B. Norwood

Samuel Norwood and Pernecia F. [Pernecia Fatima Frances House] Norwood Departed this Life on Sept 4th 1896 Aged 81 & 78

George I. Norwood Departed this Life July 27th A. D. 1890

D. B. Norwood Departed this Life on the 1st day of February 1905

Blessed are they that die in the Lord from henceforth, yea sayeth the Spirit for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them

[Daniel Norwood gave land for Old Shady Grove Church and Cemetery in Jackson Co. Ala.]

Ella Norwood Departed This Life the 11th day of Sept A. D. 1905

P. Tempy Norwood Departed this Life the 16th day of December A. D. 1905

S. L. Norwood Died April the 22 1908

M. F. Norwood McCoy died September 16, 1909

Elizabeth Norwood Kay died Aug. 22, 1916

Mathew G Kay died March 1, 1944

T. J. Norwood Died Jan the 30 A. D. 1919

John A. Norwood Departed this life on May 31, 1926 age 29

Samuel Jeremiah Norwood died April 12, 1948 age 72

Eulah Lee Chastain Norwood died April 14, 1951 age 76

Charlie Leroy Norwood died Jan 30, 1965 in Texas [died and buried in Henderson Co. Texas]

S J Norwood Family Record Jackson Co. Ala.

Samuel J Norwood was borned the year of our Lord Feb 17, 1876

Eulah Lee Chastain Norwood was Borned the year of our Lord Sept 19 1874

Daniel Henry Norwood was borned in the year of our Lord Dec 26 1897

Perrenie Angeline Norwood was Borned in the year of our Lord August 18 1899

Charlie Leroy Norwood was Borned in the year of our Lord Dec 2 1901

Lucy Jane Norwood was Borned in the year of our Lord August 21 1904

Samuel Arthur Norwood was Borned in the year of our Lord April 8 1907

Mary Annie Olleavie [Olivia] Norwood was Borned in the year of our Lord Jan 22 1909

Calloekee Loudell Norwood was borned in the year of our Lord Jan the 7 1911

Rosie May Belle Norwood was borned in the year of our Lord 29 March 1913

Maloy Jeremiah Norwood was borned Dec the 19 1920 [WWII veteran and Purple Heart recipient.

Died 17 Nov 1983 and buried in East Tawas, Mi.]

END OF BIBLE RECORD

**FAMILY BIBLE RECORD OF JAMES HAROLD BALLARD**

Submitted by Shirley Brittain Cawyer, Stephenville, Texas

The Bible is in possession of Wilson Family, Decatur, Georgia

James Harold Ballard b. April 12, 1816 m. September 22 1841 Rebecca Shipman b. 1815

**CHILDREN**

Reuben Wesley Ballard b. October 28 1842

Martha Jane Ballard b. December 12, 1845

Hannah Mae Ballard b. December 27, 1848

Edward Shipman Ballard b. 1849

Andrew Jackson McMinn Ballard b. April 8, 1851

**MARRIAGES**

Reuben Wesley Ballard m. February 22, 1865 in New Berne, North Carolina

Sarah Elizabeth Pittman b. 1848

Martha Jane Ballard m. January 1, 1874 John C. Kitchen b. August 31, 1852

Hannah Mae Ballard m. January 24, 1870 John McDuffie Wilson b. March 11, 1840

Edward Shipman Ballard m. 1st March 10, 1867 Jane Elizabeth Nicholson

Andrew Jackson McMinn Ballard m. 1st November 19, 1885 Addie Melissa Cole 2nd September 6, 1893 Rebecca Annette Forman

**BIBLE RECORD OF REUBEN WESLEY BALLARD**

This Bible is in the possession of Mrs. Allene (Browning) Foster, West Pelizer, S. C. Information was compiled by Elizabeth Ballard Murphy for Hudson Berry Chapter D.A.R., Anderson, S. C. in 1971.

Reuben Wesley Ballard b. October 28, 1842 m. February 22, 1865 Sarah Elizabeth Pittman b. Oct. 10, 1840

**CHILDREN**

John H. Ballard b. December 2, 1867; d in infancy

Annetta Victoria Ballard b. December 15, 1869

James Wesley Ballard b. May 29, 1874

Sarah Rebecca Ballard b. July 2, 1877

Andrew Jackson Ballard b. November 26, 1879

Gertrude Lillian Ballard b. February 2, 1883; d. 1885

Mattie M. Ballard b. June 6, 1884; d. 1885  
Maggie E. Ballard b. June 2, 1886; d. 1890  
Willie A. Ballard b. May 5, 1889; d. 1890

Additional Ballard Bible records - copied from a small Bible now in the possession of Mrs. Carrie Ballard Morgan, West Asheville, North Carolina.

Reuben Henry Ballard b. February 4, 1790; d. January 28, 1880 m. 1st December 10, 1812 Martha Arnold b. August 11, 1789; d. November 13, 1867  
Both are buried in family plot old home place Mills River section, Henderson County, North Carolina.

#### Children

Nancy G. Ballard b. July 19, 1813  
Thomas A. Ballard b. April 16, 1815  
James Harold Ballard b. April 12, 1816  
John J. Ballard b. August 15, 1817  
Margaret (Peggy) Ballard b. December 25, 1818  
William H. Ballard b. July 7, 1820  
Fedilla Ballard b. April 13, 1822  
Caroline Matilda Ballard b. November 26, 1823  
Elias T. Ballard b. February 1826

2nd marriage April 15, 1869 to Sarah Elizabeth Hazen b. June 21, 18--[sic]  
Children

George Glazener Ballard b. January 19, 1870  
Reuben King Ballard b. March 30, 1871  
Mary Elizabeth Ballard b. November 21, 1873

[from same Bible]

Elias T. Ballard b. Feb. 19, 1826 m. November 18, 1847 Lydia M. Thompson b. January 27, 1832

#### Children:

Reuben T. Ballard b. January 12, 1849  
Sarah Ann Melinda Ballard b. December 12, 1850  
Amantha Caroline Ballard b. March 8, 1852  
John Franklin Ballard b. May 2, 1854  
Thomas Jefferson Ballard b. September 27, 1856  
Margaret Jane Ballard b. December 28, 1858

END OF BIBLE RECORD

## BIBLE OF JACOB CICERO SHUFFLER

Submitted by B. B. Shuffler

Ed. Note: Published in 1895, the subsequent entries were made by Jacob Cicero Shuffler on 4 January 1917; it is all in his handwriting. The original is held by Elizabeth Clem, of Mequon, Wisconsin. It was copied by her mother, Edith Pickett Geer.

## Written on flyleaf:

This is the property of J. C. Shuffler & was born March 16, 1834  
M. E. Shuffler, Nee Thompson, was born June 19, 1835 and departed this life  
March 30, 1901

J. C. Shuffler and Mary E. Thompson were married August 28, 1856 and to this union were born ten children five have gone on to the other world two died in infancy the three others were grown and married 4 girls and one boy are still living 3 grown boys are dead

J. C. & M. E. Shuffler were converted and joined the Baptist church in 1866 & were baptized by R. Moody, pastor of old Smyrna church Burke County, N. C.

## Birth Record:

C. M. Shuffler was born August 5, 1858

Sarah Alice Shuffler was born July 11, 1860

J. C. Shuffler Jr. was born Febr 14, 1862

Sophia Catherine Shuffler was born April 5, 1868

Emma Etta Shuffler was born September 2, 1870

J. L. Shuffler was born April 30, 1866

Augustus Filmore Shuffler was born September 14, 1872

Hattie Lieuellen Shuffler was born August 14, 1874

Baby sister was born & died 187- [date cut off in copy editor received]

## Notes made by Mrs. Geer, who copied the Bible:

C. M. was Columbus Martin, Henderson's grandfather. Emma was my mother. J. L.'s name was Joseph Lee. Also, I don't know why grandpa didn't include the name of the first child, Mary Joe, who died in infancy, but was certainly not forgotten, as she was mentioned often in my childhood. The youngest child was still-born.

## Notes submitted by Mr. B. B. Shuffler:

Henderson was Ralph Henderson Shuffler, founder and publisher of *The Odessa American*, later Director of U. of T. Institute of Texan Cultures, San Antonio. Elizabeth Clem is a cellist in the Milwaukee Symphony.

Jacob Cicero Shuffler and wife were born and married in the Upper Creek Township of Burke County, North Carolina. He served in Company E, 58th North Carolina Regiment, Palmer's Brigade, Stenenson's Division, Lee's Corps in Army of Tennessee, C.S.A., and took a rifle ball in a leg above the knee at the Battle of

**Jacob Cicero Shuffler Bible, continued**

Bentonville, N. C., on 19 March 1865. He moved his family to Texas in 1884, settling on a farm adjacent to the present Big Spring Cemetery, near Garland, in Dallas County. He died at Olney, Young County, Texas, on 11 May 1925. He and his wife are buried in the Big Spring Cemetery, near Garland.

My grandfather, Columbus Martin Shuffler, the eldest son, had come to Texas in 1882, with friends Bob Carlton and John Rabb. He was a teacher in Wise, Denton, and Dallas Counties before becoming a Methodist Minister in 1892.

Mary Eliza Thompson Shuffler died 30 March 1901 in Dallas County. She was the daughter of Isaac and Mary Thompson.

Columbus Martin Shuffler died 30 October 1911, in Childress, Texas. He married Hulda Henderson, who was born 28 October 1868 at Pilot Point, Denton County Texas, died 9 August 1962 Arlington, Texas. Both are buried at Olney, Young County, Texas.

[Ed. note: See Mr. B. B. Shuffler's Henderson query in this issue.]

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**CAMPBELL FAMILY REUNION**

**June 24-26, 1994 - Fredericksburg, Texas**

**Headquarters: Best Western Sunday House  
501 E. Main  
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624**

The Reunion Committee is planning an outdoor barbecue as well as other events. The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday evening. Fredericksburg was founded in 1846 by 120 German colonists and German heritage is strong in the architecture, food and music in this unique small town. This is the place to sample schnitzels, sauerbraten, potato dumplings and German pastries.

**For information on the Campbell Family Association and the Reunion write to:**

**Sheila Gregson,  
2315 Spring Hill  
Dallas, Texas 75228.**

**FAMILY BIBLE RECORD OF W. A. EDMONDS**  
of Fayette County, Alabama

Submitted by Noliah B. McDuff  
Fort Worth, Texas

William A. Edmonds was the father of Augustus Newell "Gus" Edmonds who m/1 Elizabeth A. "Bettie" McDuff, daughter of James Franklin McDuff and Eliza Whitson McDuff. Gus m/2 Amanda Davis and m/3 Lee Maugle. The A. N. Edmonds family lived in Hill County, Texas near Itasca, in the early 1900s. Gus, Bettie and Amanda are buried in Grandview, Texas. The Bible is in the possession of Glen Edmonds, 25 Cambridge Road, Hueytown, Alabama 35023.

**BIRTHS**

Wm. A. Edmonds was born the 14th of October 1814  
Mary F. Edmonds his wife was born the 27th Sept 1823  
John A. Edmonds was born 1st day of November 1841 [son]  
Sarah Catharine Edmonds was born 18th Aprile 1844 [dau]  
Augustus Newell Edmonds was born the 9th of May 1846 [son]  
Mary Frances Edmonds was born the 20th of Aprile 1848 [dau]  
Martha Ann Edmonds was born 24th July 1850 [dau]  
Elizabeth Menervay Edmonds was born 18th March 1852 [dau]  
Amy Timy was born the 3rd of August 1854 [name also shown as "Anny Fatima" who married  
Wm. Stanley in 1874 in Fayette Co. Ala].  
Charles William Edmonds was born the 30th July 1858 [son]  
Elvira Christian Edmonds was born at 6 o'clock Monday morning the 14th of May 1860 [dau]  
James Hill Edmonds was born on Friday Feby 28th 1862 [son]  
Exa Sephroni [Sophroniaca] Edmonds was born Tuesday 26th of July 1868 [dau - called Josephine]

**DEATHS**

Martha Ann Edmonds died the 2nd of Aprile 1855 age 4 years 8 m 8 d  
Mary F. Edmonds wife of W. A. Edmonds departed this life at 20 minutes after 10 o'clock Sabbath  
the 15 of Feb 1880 Age 56 years 6 mon & 12 days  
W. A. Edmonds Departed this life 10 minutes before 1 o'clock Feb the 8 1902 age 87 years 3 mo  
and 2 days  
Ella C Edmonds Departed this life 4:35 am Oct 18th 1934 age 74 yr 5 m 7 days [she is listed as  
Elvira Christian Edmonds in the birth record]

**MARRIAGES**

Wm. A. Edmonds and Mary F. Appling was marryed the 5th of Nov 1840  
Mary F Edmonds, daughter of W. A. & Mary F. Edmonds his wife and their 4th child was marryed  
to C. M. Richards Nov. 5 187<sub>5</sub> [not legible]  
Mary F. Edmonds was marryed to Wiley Bagwell the 1st day March 1869

END OF BIBLE RECORD

The following article was first published in the Fayette Alabama News, date not given. It was reprinted in The Itasca, Texas News sometime before 1920.

"Editor News. I, William A. Edmonds, am the great-grandson of John Edmonds, who was born and reared in Wales and came to America in 1732/3. He was banished for dogging a pet deer belonging to one of the princesses, at 16 years of age. He settled at Jamestown, Va. where he married at the age of 20 years, and raised his family. He and his oldest son, [Harry] were engaged in the fight with the Indians at Braddock's defeat. Harry was killed in this conflict, but his father came out unhurt. Harry was 17 years old when he fell. John had four other sons and one daughter. Frank [the oldest] Sidney, William - commonly called Buck - and John, who was my grandfather. These four sons passed through the revolutionary war unhurt. The daughter married Mathew Cox.

The above history was given to me by my grandfather, when I was about twelve years old, with a request that, if I lived to raise a family, to let my children know the origin of the Edmonds family in the United States. I have seen and read in my great-grandfather's bible. I have seen his handwriting. He used "o" in spelling his name as I do.

I was raised in Oglethorpe county Va., moved to Tuskaloosa county Ala. in 1848 and in the fall of the same year, moved to Fayette county where I have lived ever since. I was elected tax collector to Fayette county in 1851 which office I held by re-election until 1864 when I was disfranchised until 1874. I was re-elected tax collector in 1874, holding said office until April 1878, and I can say with clear conscience before the world, wherever the name of Edmonds is known, that during the 17 years of my official work, I never defrauded the county or tax payor out of one dime knowingly. I claim kin with every other Edmonds in the United States, provided he is truthful, honest, industrious and strictly sober. If he lacks those traits of character, he is not as near me as he otherwise might be.

I am today 76 years 10 months and 17 days old. September 1st 1891. If any of the readers of The News can give their lineage let them do as I have done. - William A. Edmonds."

[From Itasca paper]

"Regarding the ancestral showing of the above named parties, we desire to say that William A. Edmonds is the father of Mr. A. N. Edmonds, living near Itasca and a man of known integrity throughout all of his dealing as a good citizen neighbor and Christian, and we regard the family history as meritorious and should be appreciated by all the lineal descendants."

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**RESEARCH TIP:** This is the time of year that one may expect libraries and court houses to be inundated by genealogists. But don't forget to do your homework before you leave. A good research trip requires good advance planning. Update and analyze your files, and make a list of all records and names to be searched in a specific area. Be sure to check hours facilities are open. Take only duplicate files with you, along with a tape recorder and/or video camera. Cemetery visits will be more productive if you take materials for rubbings to use in reading old stones.

## ERATH COUNTY, TEXAS

## MEMBERSHIP PURVES METHODIST CHURCH

Submitted by Weldon Hudson

The Purves community is located about ten miles east of Proctor in Erath County, Texas.

NAME	RECEIVED	REMOVED
John W. Currier	No date	June 27, 1909
Newton E. Currier	"	"
James F. Hogan	"	"
Mrs. Julia Hogan	"	
Mrs. Nannie Goodwin	"	
Wm T. Hancock	"	1911
John R. Smoot	"	
Mrs. Sarah E. Smoot	"	
Mrs. May Candle	"	
Lillie Turnbow	"	
Mrs. Bashaby Whisenant	"	

[These 12 names are shown as listed by M. H. Hudson. No dates were given; however, he served in this area ca 1895/96].

Mrs. M. A. Hancock	No date	
Mrs. Mary E. Haley,	"	
L. G. Baldwin	"	Oct. 10, 1816
Mrs. Emma Baldwin	July 29, 1902	1909
Mary Elma Hancock	July 27, 1907	
Mrs. Eula Banks	"	June 27, 1907
Mrs. Effie Hancock	"	
Lewis Whisenant	"	
Mrs. Lillie Smith	"	Mach 30, 1907
Mrs. Pearl Hancock	July 27, 1903	
Mrs. Ella Coppedge	"	
J. J. Case	"	
Mrs. M. D. Case	"	
Maud Case	"	
Nellie T. Coppedge	"	Feb. 16, 1910
Geppie? Hancock	--	
S. D. McCachue	--	March 24, 1907
Mrs. E. D. McCachue		
B. E. McMurry	March 16, 1904	Nov. 18, 1916
Mrs. Emma McMurry	March 16, 1904	"

NAME	RECEIVED	DISMISSED
H. C. Jones	Aug. 21, 1904	
Lillie P. Chambers	"	
Zola Chambers	"	
Mrs. Sudie Hancock	"	
Mrs. Edna Ascue	"	
Miss Jeffie Case	"	
Richard Currier	"	
Mrs. Mary Caudle	"	
Willie Hancock	"	
Mrs. Alice Warrie?	"	June 27, 1909
Mrs. Cordelia Ballard	"	
Mary Coppedge	"	1911
Ab Currier	"	June 29, 1909
Nora E. Hancock	Sept. 16, 1904	
Mrs. Amzonia Chambers	Oct. 30, 1904	March 1911
T. C. Chambers	"	"
S. F. Chambers	"	"
J. S. Lincoln	"	
Mrs. J. S. Lincoln	"	
Henry F. Morehead	Sept. 20, 1905	June 27, 1909
W. R. Cook	"	
Mrs. Martha J. Cook	"	
Martie Copeland	"	Feb. 14, 1907
Mrs. Maggie Copeland	"	"
W. R. Claunch	Oct. 23, 1905	
Mrs. Della Claunch	"	
Lizzie Claunch	"	July 15, 1909
Beulah Claunch	"	
Mrs. Goella McAnally	Jan. 29, 1907	Nov. 1908
Mrs. Elizabeth Reagan	March 24, 1907	
Mrs. Florence Reagan	"	
Mrs. M. A. Foster	April 28, 1907	Feb. 16, 1910
Maggie Cook	"	
Mrs. Nannie Goodwin		
Mrs. Lula Dove	June 23, 1907	
Joe Hancock	July 29, 1907	
Mrs. Anna Hancock	"	
W. W. Stutts	July 30, 1907	July 7, 1908
Mrs. Elvie Stutts	"	"
Guy Claunch	Aug 3, 1907	
Guy McMurry	"	
J. A. Glazier	"	
Mrs. M. J. Glazier	"	
Oscar Claunch	Jan 26, 1908	
A. G. Thornton	Jan 26, 1908	June 6, 1910

NAME	RECEIVED	DISMISSED
Mrs. Loula Thornton	Jan. 26, 1908	June 6, 1910
Elder Thornton	Jan. 26, 1906	June 6, 1910
Henry C. Thornton	"	"
Chas. B. Cook	"	
Kate Cook	"	
Munford Garrett	Mar. 28, 1909	Feb. 16, 1910
Emma Garrett	"	"
J. W. Culwell	July 16, 1909	Mar. 1911
Vera Culwell	"	"
Sim Coppedge	Aug. 12, 1910	
Mary A. Foster	"	
Earnest Goodwin	Aug. 13, 1910	
Jim Coppedge	"	
Lena McMurry	"	Nov. 8, 1916
Leota Goodwin	Aug. 3, 1913	
Iva Whisenant	"	
Esther Creamer	"	
S. P. Creamer	1911	
Mrs. S. P. Creamer	"	
Mrs. Della Baker	Aug. 1912	
Earnest Reagan	"	
Mrs. M. A. Foster	Apr. 1913	

### MEXICO METHODIST CHURCH

This community is said to have been located east of Proctor near the Comanche-Erath County line. These names and dates were entered in the book for Proctor, Edna Hill and Purvus.

Berry Calvin	1909
Mrs. Gracie Bettis	
James R. Currier	
Mrs. Levia? Curb	
Wm. A. Dunlap	
Mrs. Wm. A. Dunlap	
Samuel Wesley Dunlap	Aug. 17, 1911
Mrs. Delia Dunlap	
Thomas B. Hancock	
Mrs. Ora Hancock	
William A. Hancock	Aug. 16, 1911
Wm. M. Hancock	July 28, 1912
Mrs. Wm. M. Hancock	"
Mrs. Laura Hayes	
Mrs. May Higginbotham	

NAME	DATE RECEIVED	DISMISSED
James Mayes	Feb. 12, 1911	Sept. 12, 1913
Mrs. Emma Mayes	"	"
R. M. Richardson		
Mrs. R. M. Richardson		
John Richardson		
Times Richardson		
Idella Richardson		
Clara Richardson	July 26, 1912	
Minor Richardson	July 28, 1912	
Mrs. Ethel Richardson	July 26, 1912	
Henry Dunlap	"	
Arlen Dunlap	"	
Will T. Gandy	"	
Mrs. Willie Gandy	"	
Viola Hancock	"	
Zella Hancock	"	
Roy Hayes	July 28, 1912	
Maggie Hayes	"	
Nettie Hayes	"	
Burt Hayes	Aug. 20, 1912	
Willie Ewing	July 28, 1912	
Lillie Ewing	"	
Arthur W. Brazill	Aug. 20, 1912	
Roy Dunlap	Aug. 24, 1913	

## MARRIAGES MEXICO CHURCH

Charley Henery and Tinnie Vann Dec. 5 1917 by E. C. Lambert  
 John Richardson and Miss Ethel Beard July 7, 1912

## BIRTH

Milton Wayne Hancock, son of Thos. B. and Mrs. Ora Hancock 25 July 1912

## INFANT BAPTISMS GRAHAM CHAPEL

Chas. Ewing Purvis	George W. and Maggie B. Purvis	Aug. 11, 1907
Rupert Purvis	"	"
David Luker	W. A. and Julia M. Luker	Aug. 1, 1911
Burette Luker	"	"
Dorothy Purvis	George W. and Maggie B. Purvis	Aug. 14, 1921
Geo. W. Purvis, Jr.	"	Sept. 24, 1917

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Terrell Tribune	Jan. 1, 1964 - Dec. 31, 1965, 1967
Terrell Twice-A-Week Transcript	Jan. 5, 1902 - Dec. 30, 1904
Terrell Weekly Transcript	Jan. 7, 1910 - Dec. 27, 1912; Jan. 1914 - Dec. 28, 1917
The Texas Christian Advocate	1857, 1859-1861; 1872-1917
Texas Observer	
	(See Austin The Texas Observer)
Texas Wesleyan Banner	Apr. 1850 - Jan. 1852
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*Throckmorton Times	Aug. 16, 23, 1889
Troy Enterprise	July 26, Aug. 9, 1889
*Tyler The Weekly Democrat & Reporter	July 20, 1889
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*Uvalde News	Dec. 16, 1886; July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 1889
*Valley News	Aug. 29, 1889
*Van Alstyne News	Aug. 2, 23, 1889
Velasco Herald	Apr. 21, 1837; Roll C
*Victoria Advocate	Jan. 8, April 2, 1887
*Victoria Review	Jan. 8, 1890
Victoria The Texian Advocate	Nov. 12, 1846 - Jan. 11, 1850
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*Waco Advance	Feb. 17, 1887
Waco The Brann's Iconoclast	Feb. 1895 - May 1898
Waco Daily Examiner	Nov. 12, 1881 - Apr 29, 1883
Waco Evening News	Jan. 2, 1893 - Sept. 19, 1894
*Waco The Texas Baptist Herald	Feb. 11, May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 1886
Waco Times Herald	Jan. 1898 - Dec. 1910
*Waco Weekly Plaindealer	July 27, Aug. 31, 1889
Washington American	Nov. 1 - Dec. 21, 1855; Jan 4 - Dec 17; Dec. 30, 1856; Jan 13 - June 2, 16, 30, Aug 18, 1857
Washington Texas Ranger	Oct 12, 1849; Oct. 6, 1852; Mar 11, 25, April 11, 25, May 26, June 2 - 23, July 7, 14, Aug. 13 - Nov 26, Mar 16, Mar 30 - Apr 6, Apr 20 - May 11, May 25 - 24, Sept 8, 15, Sept 21 - Oct 19, 28; Nov 9, 18, 23; Dec. 28, 1854, Jan. 23; Feb 3, Apr 7, Apr 21 - May
Dec 15 - 29, 1853; Jan 5 - June 29, July 13 - Aug	

Washington The National Vindicator	5, May 17 - 24, June 7, 16 - 30, July 14, 28, Aug, 2, Aug 11 - Oct 13, 27; Nov 10, 29; Dec. 8 - 29, 1855; Jan 5 - Feb 2, Feb 16 - Mar 2, 1856
Washington The Texas Emigrant	[Nov. 25, 1843 - Apr 20, 1844] Roll H
Washington The Texian and Brazos Farmer	Aug 3, 1839; Roll F
*Waxahachie The Ellis County Mirror	Jan 28, 1843; Apr 15, 1843; Roll G
*Waxahachie Enterprise	July 31, Aug. 21, Sept. 4, 1889; Feb. 12, 1890; Mar. 1, 8, 1893
*Weatherford Constitution	July 12, 19, 26, 1889
Weatherford Democrat (Mission Times)	Jan. 1, 8, 1890
*Weatherford The Parker County News	[Apr 11, 1895 - Nov 19, 1896] Aug 11, 1939 (with
*Weimar Mercury	Feb. 21, 1890
*Whitewright The Plow & Hammer	Jan 4, Aug 11, Dec 21, 28, 1889
*Whitney Messenger	Aug. 3, 17, 31, 1889; Jan. 17, 25, 1890
*Wills Point Chronicle	Aug. 14, 21, Nov. 6, 13, 1889; Feb. 26, Mar 5, 1890
Wise County Messenger	Sept. 5, 1889
*Woodville The Eurika	Mar 26, 1880 - Dec. 25, 1930; Jan. 7, 1932 - Dec. 1974
	Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Nov. 2, 1889

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Black Economic Times	1993 -
Dallas Community Leader	1989
Dallas Examiner	1990-
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Dallas Independent Press	1969-1970
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Dallas Vanguard	1987
Dallas Weekly	1983-

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Good Hope News	1990-1992
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Minority Opportunity News	1992-
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Dallas Express	Jan. 10, 1900
Independent Houston	Jan. 27, 1900
Huntsville Star	Jan. 26, 1900
Item - Dallas, Texas	Jan. 27, 1900
Oil City Afro-American (Corsicana, TX)	Jan. 27, 1900
Paul Quinn Weekly (Paul Quinn College, Waco)	Jan. 27, 1900
Western Star - Houston, Texas	Jan. 27, 1900

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Editor's Note: According to the *Texas Almanac*, the following newspapers were in publication in Texas in 1867:

Houston (Harris County) - the Telegraph, Journal, Merchants' Transcript, Christian Advocate and Baptist Herald  
 Galveston (Galveston County) - Civilian and Gazeteer, News, Bulletin  
 Richmond (Fort Bend County) - Signal  
 Rusk (Cherokee County) - Texas Observer  
 Brownsville (Cameron County) - Rio Grand Courier and Ranchero  
 Bellville (Austin County) - Texas Countryman  
 Palestine (Anderson County) - Trinity News and Trinity Advocate  
 Waco (McClellan County) - Semi-Weekly Register and Republican  
 Liberty (Liberty County) - Liberty Gazette  
 San Antonio (Bexar County) - San Antonio Ledger, Herald, San Antonio Express, Free Press  
 Henderson (Rusk County) - Henderson Times  
 La Grange (Fayette County) - New Era and Democrat  
 Jefferson (Marion County) - Commercial Bulletin and Jimplicute [sic]; Christian Companion (Baptist) and Evangelical Register (Presbyterian)  
 Corpus Christi (Nueces County) - Corpus Christi Advertiser  
 Tyler (Smith County) - Tyler Weekly Index and Tyler Reporter and Journal  
 Bastrop (Bastrop County) - Bastrop Advertiser and Christian Philanthropist  
 Marshall (Harrison County) - Texas Republican and Harrison Flag

Victoria (Victoria County) - Victoria Advocate  
Clarksville (Red River County) - The Standard  
Columbus (Colorado County) - The Citizen  
Brenham (Washington County) - Brenham Inquirer and Southern Banner  
Quitman (Wood County) - Quitman Clipper  
Navasota (Washington County) - Texas Ranger  
Kaufman (Kaufman County) - Texas Star  
Anderson (Grimes County) - Central Texas Record  
Austin (Travis County) - State Gazette and Southern Intelligencer  
Crockett (Houston County) - Crockett Sentinel  
Indianola (Calhoun County) - Indianola Times  
Lavaca (Calhoun County) - Lavaca Commercial  
Huntsville (Walker County) - Item  
Gonzales (Gonzales County) - Inquirer  
Goliad (Goliad County) - Intelligencer  
New Braunfels (Comal County) - Zeitung (German)  
Dallas (Dallas County) - Herald  
Paris (Lamar County) - Press  
McKinney (Collin County) - Messenger and Inquirer  
Nacogdoches (Nacogdoches County) - Nacogdoches Chronicle  
Fairfield (Freestone County) - Pioneer  
Seguin (Guadalupe County) - Western Texian  
San Augustine (San Augustine County) - Red Land Express  
Sulphur Springs (Hopkins County) - Texas Ranger  
Livingston (Polk County) - Argus  
Corsicana (Navarro County) - Observer

"In addition to the above, there are, we believe, the Advertiser published at Anderson; the Times at Brownsville; The Convention at Corpus Christi, The Quid Nunc at Crockett and the Lone Star at Navisota, but we have no papers to refer to names of publishers."

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## THE COOPER FAMILY'S MOVE TO TEXAS

Contributed by Mrs. William E. Roberts  
Fort Worth, Texas

William Hamilton Cooper was a son of Senator Hamilton Cooper and grandson of Captain Robert S. Cooper and Jane Hamilton of Chester County, South Carolina. His family headed the "ox wagon caravan" from Mississippi to Texas in 1869. This account of the journey was written in 1945 by William's son, Joseph Hamilton Cooper.

The Civil War, which ended in the year 1866, had succeeded in bringing wrack and ruin to the "solid South." Discontent prevailed, especially in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. My father, William Hamilton Cooper, was one among the many Southerners to take an active part in the rehabilitation of land and property. He was a village blacksmith by trade and operated a first-class shop at his place in the Monterey community in Rankin County, near Jackson, Mississippi. Father was also a partner with his father-in-law, German Berry, in a mercantile establishment. During the War, the Southern soldiers burned Father's shop. It was typical of the way the soldiers destroyed the country and happened this way.

The family home, a large two-story frame structure, was frequently used as a place for Southern soldiers to secure lodging. Without any guests the house was usually full with my grandfather, father and mother, and several children in the family. This particular night, however, the house was filled to overflowing. A Southern general named Taylor and his entire staff were overnight lodgers. After the evening meal, another group of Southern soldiers approached my father seeking a place to stay. Father courteously stated that his home was already over-crowded and they would have to go elsewhere. This greatly displeased the soldiers and they threatened to stay anyhow. Their boldness and rude insistence aroused General Taylor to immediate action and he ordered his staff to protect our home. The blacksmith shop was about a mile from the house. The soldiers went to the shop, camped for the night, and before leaving the next morning, in revenge, set the shop property on fire. Father knew nothing of his loss until he reached there to begin his day's work. Not only did he lose his shop, but the war had completely wrecked the mercantile business.

After the war, Father established himself in another blacksmith shop, but it was nothing compared to his former one. Many people passed by moving from Alabama and Georgia stating they were "Texas bound," and they probably gave Father the moving spirit. His desire mounted as travelers stopped to secure repair work on their horses' shoes and on their equipment, and would talk so eagerly of the wonderful land of Texas.

Father had made two previous trips to Texas and had become interested in the prospects of the land. Inspired by the moving neighbors of other states, he began to talk of going to Texas. He discussed his plans with Uncle Jack Berry and Uncle Tom Pierce. This idea stuck in their minds until finally they decided that all should made the move. I was then 15 years old (now, in 1945, I am 91 years old), which fact dates the beginning of this story - seventy-six years ago.

Having come to the final decision, moving arrangements were started. Property, both personal and real estate, was put up on the market and sold. Plans were made for securing wagons and teams in which to make the journey. The most common work animal during those days was the ox, so Father, Uncle Jack and Uncle Tom equipped themselves with wagons and teams of oxen - two yoke of oxen to each of the three covered wagons. They also had a horse-drawn hack and buggy.

The "ox-wagon caravan" consisted of the following persons: William H. and Sarah Berry Cooper, their children, Eliza Jane, Ellen, Sallie, Joe, Johnnie, Willie and their widowed daughter Colon Cooper Evans and her infant daughter, Hattie; Jack and Lou Berry and their children, Lizzie and Mollie; Tom and Lou Berry Pierce and their children, Davie and Mary C.; Mary Berry, Billie Hill, Albert Rushing, Murrel Haley and John Turner.

Dramatic action surrounded the beginning of the journey. When my sister, Liza Jane, told her fiance, Ed Griffin, good bye, she fainted and fell in his arms, which very much embarrassed my mother, a very modest woman, both by nature and by training. However, on December 1, 1869 we climbed in the wagons and buggy and were soon on our way to Texas. Although I do not recall the exact route and all the roads which we traveled, I am quite sure we went on the old "Natchez Trace" part of the way.

Our first day's journey ended in the Marroh community approximately six miles from our home. We spent the night with Uncle Pleas Berry. There was little sleeping done that night for we realized that our visit was short and that it would be a long time before we would see them again. Most of the night was spent in joyous reminiscence and in telling enthusiastically of our plans to settle in Texas.

The second day of our traveling was considerably delayed when Eliza Jane's fiance, Ed Griffin, and his father overtook our caravan. It had been planned for Ed to come to Texas in the fall of the succeeding year, at which time he and Eliza Jane would be married. After the caravan had started, Ed's father learned of this arrangement and heartily disapproved of his son going to Texas. So Ed mounted his steed and overtook us at Bruam's Station on the Pearl River where we had stopped for the night. Ed insisted that Eliza Jane and he get married then and there. There was much excitement and stir for preachers were scarce in the community and it was necessary for us to travel for miles to secure one to perform the ceremony. The necessary delay had naturally rested our teams, making the third day's journey cover more miles with less fatigue.

The fourth day found us all realizing that we had left many loved ones and familiar places which were so dear to us. The fact that we might never return to them again made our hearts heavy, and our conversation that day reflected this melancholy and nostalgia.

Most of the journey was accomplished successfully and pleasantly because of the unusually good weather for that time of year. I did a great deal of horseback riding, changing with others in the wagon when I would get tired. My old dog, Rowleigh, followed me to Texas. Uke, another dog, also started the trip.

The sixth day's journey held happy anticipation for us children when we learned that we would camp at the Mississippi River - indeed a larger stream than any of the children had ever seen.

We arrived at the river rather early on the afternoon of December 6, 1869, but were too late to be ferried across, so we camped that night on the banks near the small town of Rodney. The remainder of the afternoon we children stood at the water's edge watching the steamboats go up and down the river. All of our caravan enjoyed talking to the people of the caravans who were migrating from Alabama and Georgia, and who had also pitched camp there for the night.

Although the next morning dawned fair and pretty, the problem of crossing the great stretch of water confronted us. The river was two miles wide there, and the only possible way for us to cross was by a ferry boat, operated by hand oars, which could ferry only one wagon and team at a time. Uncle Tom Pierce was the first to cross. It was necessary to go two miles up stream and the same distance down the river to make the proper crossing and landing. Without any interference or accident, it took him approximately three hours to cross to the other side. Uncle Jack Berry and his wagon, the second to cross, landed in about the same time with equal ease.

"It's a long lane that has no turning." The next in line for crossing were the hack and buggy which were partnership rigs. All of the members of the caravan, except Uncle Tom Pierce, John Turner and Uncle Jack Berry who had already crossed, Murrell Haley and I had been left with Pappy's [William Cooper] wagon and team. The boat sailed along with all ease of movement until the turn was made to go down stream. From a distance I could see some disturbance. The members of the crew were tearing the tops off the hack and buggy, but I didn't know the meaning of it until I got the story later. A strong wind raged and they were having quite a struggle. The water came into the boat and nearly washed some of the children overboard. The ferryman was a white man and the steersman at the rear of the boat was a confident old Negro. The wind caused the ferryman to lose his nerve and he quit pulling on his oars. The old Darkey kept struggling along begging the ferryman to continue to pull. Up stream a short distance was another old Darkey fishing. The steersman said, "We kin make it if'n I kin make that fisherman hear." The people aboard began to call very loud and excitedly and to fire their guns. Having been called on before for similar help, the old fisherman immediately came to their rescue.

This struggle on the Mississippi took up the remainder of our day, and again it was too late for the ferry to make another trip, so Haley and I were left alone to camp that night without money, food or other supplies. The old fisherman took me across the river to get some money from my father to buy our supper and breakfast, and to secure feed for our team. The women folk were much alarmed at my crossing over and begged Pappy not to permit me to return. However, Pappy's confidence in the old Darkey made him let me return. The entire crowd made up quite a purse for the old Negro who had saved our lives and helped us boys.

The next morning found Haley and me ready to go across in Pappy's wagon. Haley, being a good teamster, was charged with driving the team. After yoking the steers and getting them hooked to the wagon, he removed all the ropes and put them in the wagon. Some bystanders of the other caravans asked, "Do you expect to drive those oxen down that steep bluff and onto the boat without ropes?" When Haley replied with an emphatic "Yes," the people ran to their camps and reported the amazing news. Haley had a large audience and a very much excited one. He, having a love for the spectacular, took even more chances than were necessary, but crossed without any difficulty. It was late in the day when we finally reached the other side and found ourselves with our families in the State of Louisiana.

After an enjoyable meal, at which time we laughed over the experiences of the preceding day, we began our trip again. This time we traveled over a road parallel to the Mississippi River for several miles. The country was low and swampy, and it was the desire of everyone in the caravan to get through this low country before the inevitable rains began. However, a heavy, continuous downpour forced us to camp there for the next few nights, only 12 miles from where we had crossed the river. It was always necessary for us to stop and pitch camp several hours before dark so that we could get a supply of wood for use in heating water for bathing and for cooking. It took considerable time each night to stretch our tents. Because of the heavy rains of the night before, which would wet our wood, it was often impossible for us to prepare breakfast, so we would break camp and resume our journey without morning nourishment.

On December 9th, we passed through the small town of Morris, Louisiana, which overhung the banks of the Mississippi River. The heavy downpour of the preceding days had caused several of the houses to cave off into the river. It was here that I had my first taste of beer. This particular day Billie Hill, Albert Rushing and I were riding horseback and stopped at Morris to eat at a small lunch counter. The attendant served each of us a glass of beer. Timidly, but wonderingly, I tasted mine. I said nothing but the initial taste has lasted me until this day, and I have no desire for a second one. Another new experience for me came about by our going into a small dilapidated building overhanging the river. A passing observation would cause one to believe that it would topple over any minute. While we were looking at the river from the first floor, the sound of masculine voices came from upstairs. It was obvious that the men were drinking and carousing. One man, quite inebriated, was saying, "When I die, I want to be buried underneath that old oak. It's my favorite tree. I want you to leave my casket open and put a jug of whiskey at my head so I can take a swig every morning." Hearty laughter followed. Judging from the insecurity of the building, I figured he might not get his wish, but that he might come to an untimely end before the break of a new day.

After leaving this little town we overtook the wagons, which were making slow progress over the muddy, slippery roads. We camped only a few miles from Morris, and after much difficulty in starting a fire, ate a nourishing breakfast and began another day's journey over almost impassable roads, going, it seemed, from one river bottom to another.

The eleventh day found us still traveling in downpouring rains. We came to a bayou across which a levee had been built for crossing purposes. It was badly worn and very slanting because of constant usage. Uncle Tom Pierce again went first. His wagon began to slip and it pulled team and all overboard into the very deep water. With much difficulty he managed to get his wheel oxen to hold the wagon and keep it from sinking. The teams from the other wagons pulled Uncle Tom's wagon back to the top of the levee. It took several hours for us to work on the road and levee and make it possible for the other vehicles to cross without similar trouble.

The twelfth day found us still traveling in mosquito-inhabited swamps which were sparsely settled. Occasionally we would come to a hill on which there would be a house. The fact that the rain had stopped made camping that night a bit more pleasant than it had been for some time.

The morning of the thirteenth seemed to offer more promise - there being no rain and drier roads. We learned, however, that not only bad roads would make us camp for the night. We met a man peddling pork just outside a small Louisiana town. Wanting some fresh meat, we purchased

some, and as a result of eating it, we were all sick. Fortunately, Father, having studied two years in medical college, was able to administer to our physical ailments. However, all of us felt much more like camping than traveling, hence, we spent another miserable night in the swamps among the owls and pigs.

The fourteenth day found us still deeper in the great swamps. If we could only have time to hunt, we would have enjoyed some real sport, for there were many evidences of wild game. On only one occasion, when we stopped to rest our teams, did we do any hunting. Billie Hill, Albert Rushing, Murrell Haley and I went on a deer hunt, and although we saw several, we never got within good shooting range. It was on this day's journey that we missed old Uke, one of the two dogs that started the trip with us. Later we learned from correspondence with the ~~folk~~ in Mississippi that old Uke had gone back home. Evidently he had swum the Mississippi on his way back. The fifteenth day of our journey brought us to the old Red River, which we crossed at Alexandria, Louisiana. The stream was shallow and we were able to ford it. Although Alexandria wasn't very large, it was the largest town we had come through since we reached Louisiana.

The succeeding days took us through less swampy country and there were more houses, but it was still not very thickly settled. One night Haley met up with an old acquaintance. When we were asleep he carefully gathered up all his belongings and left without disturbing any of us. He had not told us of his desire to leave our caravan and we never saw or heard of him again. He was an excellent teamster and had served his purpose well. Billie Hill took his place as driver for my father, and although he did well, he was not Haley's equal.

Another member of our company broke ranks with us but under far different circumstances. John Turner, Uncle Jack Berry's aide, met a man in Louisiana who offered him a job. John wanted it. He submitted the proposition to Uncle Jack who immediately gave him his release.

At St. Maurice, Louisiana, we met a group of gypsies who insisted on telling our fortunes. They told Mother that one of her daughters had married on this trip and predicted that within the next six years, Liza Jane would be seen by her. Sure enough, Pappy went back to Mississippi six years later and Liza Jane and Ed returned with him to Texas.

The town of Mansfield, Louisiana was of considerable interest to us. The Battle of Mansfield was fought here during the Civil War, and there were still battle scars in the town. The tops of trees had been shot out; carcasses of horses were strewn all over the ground. We spent Christmas Day near Mansfield. We had few toys and fire works and missed the activities we usually enjoyed at that time, but we had our egg nog. I made some fire works by pushing the pith out of corn cobs and loading the holes with gun powder and wads of wet paper. When one of my crackers failed to explode, I proceeded to blow it and very suddenly it went off - I went to Texas with a sore face.

Between Keatchie, Louisiana and Marshall, Texas we saw many Negroes no doubt slaves of wealthy plantation owners. This was the time of the carpet baggers and the Negroes had been given considerable authority. In many places they held offices and this later caused much strife between the whites and the Negroes. Fortunately, we had no unpleasant encounters with them.

The journey from Keatchie to Texas is vague in my mind, but I still remember how happy we were when we reached our goal. The first village we came to in Texas was called by two very contrasting names - Elysian Fields and Lick Skillet. We camped several miles from there and went the next day into Harrison County.

On January 1, 1870, we reached the home of Major Watts Webb near the town of Marshall, Texas. Major Webb, a former resident of Mississippi, was a friend of my father. When Pappy was a young man he had worked for him. Major Webb and his wife had come by boat to Texas and he had secured Pappy's services to bring his Negroes overland. The next day we went some eight or ten miles to the home of Pappy's sister, Mrs. William Brittain, where we stayed for a few days until we could make arrangements for our home.

Our original plan was to settle near Wortham in Freestone County, Texas, but we decided to make a crop in Harrison County and proceed westward the next year. The following fall Uncle Jack Berry sold his crop and moved to Wortham, but we stayed on and gathered ours. Pappy's severe illness caused us to remain in Harrison County through another crop year.

The year 1870 was an outstanding one for our family. It marked three important events - our arrival in Texas, a marriage and a death. Aunt Mary Berry married Major Webb's son, John. Later they moved to Shelby County where they lived until their deaths. Later in the same year Uncle Tom Pierce was taken seriously ill with cancer. Despite the efforts of the physician in Marshall little improvement was shown. He returned to Mississippi for medical and surgical aid, but he died there a few months later. His family, wife Lou Berry Pierce, son Davie, and daughter, Mary C., moved to Wortham with Uncle Jack Berry.

In 1872 Pappy became interested in settling in Shelby County, so in the winter of that year we moved to Center where most of my immediate family have spent their lives.

The only survivors of our trip to Texas [in 1945] are Lizzie Berry Jones of Wortham, Texas, Hattie Evans Sanford of Center, Texas, and myself, Joseph Hamilton Cooper. My wife, Catherine, died in 1932 at Center. I make my home with my son J. W. (Jodie) Cooper, in Lufkin, Texas. With many happy memories crowding my heart over a period of 91 years - and my days are numbered now - I remember with pride this ox-wagon caravan which led into a fertile country and fruitful years for me.

/s/ Joseph Hamilton Cooper - May 6, 1945.

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## NEWS FROM THE FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Ken Hopkins

There have been a number of changes in the Genealogy/Local History Unit lately of which I would like to make you aware. In February, Linda Bostic transferred to head the Wedgewood branch library. I am now the manager of Genealogy as well as the Archives. Max Hill, Tom Kellam and Cornelia Pim staff the unit.

We are taking a new look at our department. If you analyze our collection, it is obvious that in past decades the typical researcher in our library could trace his lineage through Texas and Southern history back to colonial times. She sought memberships in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Daughters of the American Revolution. As a result, the Genealogy collection emphasizes particular states and time periods.

The Library today, however, serves a growing number of patrons who are first generation Texans with non-Southern roots, the children of recent immigrants, adoptees seeking their birthparents, and members of ethnic minority groups. To assist these new patrons, the Genealogy unit must buy materials on states that previously were not in demand, and it must seek information on the Black, Hispanic, Eastern and Southern European families that was unavailable just a few years ago. Moreover, Genealogy must develop this new part of its collection without sacrificing the more traditional areas of research.

One way to expand the collection quickly and cost effectively is reliance on new formats. Genealogists are familiar with books, serials and roll microfilm. An increasing amount of materials, however, are only in other forms. For example, we have spent a large portion of the Genealogy budget during the last few years on microfiche. This microfiche, which is housed in the row of black cabinets behind the Genealogy desk, comprises genealogies from the Library of Congress, local histories, primary sources and genealogical serials. We have added literally thousands of titles to our collection in this format.

CD-Rom is another new format. The Fort Worth Genealogical Society generously bought eighteen disks containing millions of pieces of data about marriages in southern and midwestern states, the Social Security Death Benefit Index and a national phone directory. These materials have proved useful to a steady stream of patrons, even though the unit has only one computer with a CD-Rom drive. We recently ordered updates for materials that the Society purchased. Moreover, there are other products such as the 1993 International Genealogical Index and many of the census indexes already on the market that we are considering as future purchases.

Internet is a new word that you will hear frequently in coming months. This is a massive computer network that the Fort Worth Public Library recently joined. Once online later this year, Library staff, and eventually patrons, will be able to search the computer catalogs of the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library and many other libraries with huge genealogy collections

as well as correspond via electronic mail with thousands of Internet subscribers. Genealogical newsletters frequently tout the research value of Internet, and you, too, will be able to participate.

These new formats make available information that would otherwise be impossible for the Fort Worth Public Library to obtain. Yet, many researchers are unaware of the materials and are reluctant to ask about them. Using the new formats requires some understanding of a computer, either the Library's main computer catalog or the CD-Rom computer. The Genealogy staff, however, can teach any patron the basic skills in a few minutes. Once they become familiar tools, these new materials will greatly enhance your research.

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## CIVIL WAR LETTERS

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These letters were written by James Bobbitt Stephenson to his wife, Malinda [Margaret Malinda Henderson]. James was born in Campbell County, Kentucky, Oct. 25, 1823, a son of Reuben Stephenson and Sarah Mann. He first settled in Titus County, Texas, near Mount Pleasant, before moving to Erath County ca. 1857 for a year, "leaving to avoid having his family scalped by Indians." After he left, his closest neighbor's family was killed by Indians. The family then settled in the Enon (Everman) and Forest Hill communities of Tarrant County. James stated several times that he did not know whether he would ever see his home and family again - a fear which came true. He died on his way home September 10, 1864, and was buried near Sabine Pass.

The Stephenson's son, William Henderson, [no doubt the "William" referred to in the letters] was born at Crowley, Texas. James Lonnie Bobbitt Stephenson owned the family farm at Forest Hill. His widow, Ethel Horton Stephenson, died in 1994, aged almost 103 years. There are many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren living in the Fort Worth Metroplex area. Among them are Mary Jane Collier Shaw (who provided these letters) in Alvarado, Texas; Ward Collier in Forest Hill and Mary Helen Myatt in Fort Worth.

Beaumont, Jefferson County Texas July 27th 1863

Dear wife and children I availe myself of the present oportunity of dropyng you a few lines to inform you that I am in tolerable good health at the presant and hope this will find you all well and doing as well as you can. I have had a long and tedious trip. I was 7 days getting to Milican and there we staid one day then we taken pasage on the cars to Houston Landed there that day about 2 oclok. There we got transportation on board a steam boat to liberty in Liberty County, there we staid 3 days then we got on a car and come here. I don't know when we will leave here, the boat will probiley be here to night. if so we will go down on it, if not we will wait here until she comes. I have wrote 2 letters to you, one I sent by Doct Houston one by Simon Johnson in them I told you that I learned the boys at the Pass was nearly all sick. I met Mr. Slack and White and otheres here, they say the boyes are well. The boys I told you about being dead is so. Mark Evans, Charley Hunt and Guinn ---- [sic].

I did think that I would write considerable but I will write agan when I see the Boyes and give you a fuller account of affairs. Generally try to do as well as possible tell William to be a better boy, tell Margaret to not be so bad, tell Jackson and Eugenia Howdy for me. may God Bless you all  
Malinda Stephenson /s/ James B. Stephenson

[on back] write to me as soon as you can - Direct to Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas. My eyes have been very soar ever since I left Home though they are a little better today. J. V. Ozee is well.

Sabine Pass, Jefferson County, Texas Aug. 4th 1863

Dear wife and children I embrace the present opportunity of dropping you a few lines in order to let you know that I am in tolerable good health at present and have enjoyed tolerable health since I left home except sore eyes....though they are some better. I landed here on the 28th of July had a tedious and expensive trip so it cost me about 40 dollars to get here and have not had enough to eat since I have been here only one day we have a plenty of corn bread not sifted and the beef we get is good enough if we get enough of it. The sugar we drawed is very good. This is anything but a pleasant life to live. The health in camp is improving James and Pearson is well though James looks pale James Simpson is able to attend to his duties he looks bad. The war news at present is unfavorable. This Batt is quite low spirited on account of the present prospects. The most of them talk as though we are gone up for 90 days or more. Our money is worth but little in this country. I saw one mellen at Hemstid that weighed 75 lbs and sold there at \$5.

J. V. Ozee is well. It has been raining here for 2 days past and is raining to day The black clouds disappeared a few days though they say they are in sight now. this is a very low prairie country. The muskets is not as bad as they have been Court martial has been in session here this week they sentenced one man to the guard house for 30 days with a ball and chain to his leg of 30 lbs for insulting a soldiers wife that is here in camps this is a nice place for a nice woman-- So I must close soon tell William that I want him to do all he can to help get a long and not be so trifling I do not know that I will ever get back home I want you all to do the best you can Ma kiss all the children and tell them that's for me write when convenient

Direct to Beaumont Texas

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May god Bless and Heaven own you

yours most Respectively

/s/ James B Stephenson

Milican Texas Sept 8th 1863

Dear wife I seat myself this one more time to drop you a few lines to let you know that I am still on times side of eternity and am not in the best of health though so as to be about I have a very bad sore eyes at present and have had for 4 days. We was ordered to Bonham and got this far on our way and news came that the yankees was trying to take Sabine Cty and we was immediately ordered back to that place. There was an extra train sent from Houston after us and the Command started for the Sabine Pass last night about 10 o'clock and our boys went back with sad hearts. The canonading was headed to Beaumont yesterday. Up to 11 o'clock no particulars. I fear they have taken the place.

there was only about 3 companies left there when we left 9 Gun Boats is said to be there. I will write again as soon as I can hear from the affairs again. I am detailed to stay here with the Hospital Triads until things are more settled I guess I will be ordered down in a few days. I suppose the reason I was left here was on the account of my eyes being so sore. Well Ma as I am in no fix for writing I must close soon I would be glad to see you all but I guess it will be a long while first do the best you can for yourselves tell Mary that Pearson requested me to write her a letter for him

when he started and I toald him that I would so consider this to her to for I am nearly Blinded can scarsley see to write and if I was to spile an other sheet I could not say more than I have said in this

I have never received a word from you since Doct Barton got back here your letter you sent by him was dated Aug. 6th W. T. Scarbrough is as fat as a Hog James is tolerable well James Simpson is well J V Ozee is not verry well the Boyes was all sad when they started Back I will write again in a day or 2 I have no Postage stamp I will have to send my letters without Paying so I remain your affectionate companion until death /s/ James B Stephenson

Houston, Texas Oct 4th 1863

Dear wife I embrace the presant oportunity of droping you a few lines to let you now that I am still on times side of eternity and in tolerable good health except rheumatism in my joints. I am for a soldier doing verry well have not been with the command since the night of the 8th of last month If nothing happens I will start from here tomorrow for the command I have no war news worth writing about I left Milican the 27th of Sept and when the cars stoped at Navasota brother Jack came into the cars and soon discovered me and knew me. He came to where I was sitting and handed his hand. I struck hands with him but did not now him at first though I soon recognized him. We then set together all the way to this place. He staid here 2 days. He and a man by the name of Smith came down to buy goods. They bought 3000 dols worth of goods and medisson. Jackson is discharged. He thinks he will have to go again. He told me a good deal about the folks in Titus [County]. Brother Williams daughter Susan is married to a man by the name of Sparkes Jefferson Cochran is dead and Mr William Welch? is dead and his widow married again. David Riddle is married to Miss Sparkes.

W. D. Old accidently kiled himself at Snow Hill and his widow and W. C. Bart is married. The old man Wardlows negro boy was hung by a mob for going into a young lady and disturbing her strats [?] all right Thomas R Hill was with Jack he is on Magruders Staff John Riddle is also there Is a good many on the Staff that I knew in Titus [County]

Well Ma as for coming home I don't have any idea if I will ever come or not I have never made an effort to get off nor I dont know that I will I am not fit for camp duty but guess I will have to stand it as long as I can see to walk around Id like to see you and all the children Tell the children to be good children and I will try to come home some day. Tell Jack to be a pirty? boy and do good Kiss the little ones for me Tell Margaret to not be so rite onery God Bless you all So I remain yours affectionately /s/ J B Stephenson

To Malinda Stephenson and Family

P. S. I have no stamps you will have to pay all the postage until I can get stamps there is none in Houston to sell

Fort Manhassett Texas May 13, 1864

Respected wife & children I embrace the present oportunity of droping you a few lines to let you now that I am yet alive and able to write though not in the best of health yet. I am proud that I am

as well as I am. I wrote you a few lines while I was at Calcasieu (Kisca Shu) Pass and told you that we had a fight with the yanks and flogged them and captured 2 boats and their crew. We captured 160 prisoners or thereabout and 15 guns and considerable small arms and quartermasters supplies the provisions and clothing have been divided among the men that was engaged in the fight. I would like to write considerable about it but I am not in trim sufficient to write much

I think that I will give you a drawing of the 2 contending parties some time if I ever feel like it. It was a small fight but hotly contested for one hour & 20 minutes when the feds were forced to yield to the force of our armies. Our men fought like veterans indeed. They behaved well my position I held enabled me by the help of my spectacles to see all that part until the battle was half over then I had to press forward with the others to gather up the wounded I went twice through the cross fire. The cannon balls whised just over my head and the grap and canister fell on both sides of me but I trusted in God and feared it not but little we have lost in killed & wounded in the fight 17 & 11 of that number dead, 2 of our CO & 5 of our Batt, our first Sergeant Jones & Archibald Sprinkle.

I am so down to learn from your letters the awful condition of affairs at home or in our country O that God would cause the eavels of the day to cease. would to God could come home to see you and my dear children. I would cheerfully give 10 thousand dols if I had it to be at home one month.

But God only knows whether I'll ever be permitted to visit you and the children. May God Bless you all. Put your trust in God and pray for better times and if you think you can't live there you must move where it rains more so you can raise a garden and get bread. I think the taxes must be quite high I fear they are going to swindle you out of more than half the amount for I know that what property we have can't come to 93 dols. I want you to get M Ozee to go to the assessor and take a list of the property that I have to pay taxes on and the amount or valuation of each appraisal and what per cent is to be paid and send it to me. I sent you 52 dols by Houston Young. I reckon you have it ere this time I could have sent you 50 more as easy as not but I did not think or dream of such a tax as you speak of. I hope you will get the money to pay it up but I have not enough property to pay that tax May God help us and save us.

Tell Simson that J. W. went through the battle safe and sound and him and me was left near the field of Battle at the hospitale to take care of the wounded. I got back to the command today I came over with some wounded of ours and yanks. I left James at Calcasieu Hospital 3 days ago, he will be on in 2 or 3 days if he don't get taken prisoner.

I am in fine health except slight rheumatic pains. It is getting dark and I must close  
Hoping you are all well, give my respects to Ozee, Hignits and all the friends.  
Farewell J. B. Stephenson

## QUERIES AND COMMENTS

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1-2-94        **JOHNSON, PIERSON, MORROW**

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Searching for ancestors of **William Johnson**, born Alabama 27 February 1865, died 11 June 1947, and wife, **Liza T. Pierson**, born Alabama 29 August 1871, died 7 January 1959, both buried Travis County, Texas. Children: **Mary, Nan, Eva, James, Thomas, Lee Roy and Herman Jett**. My mother was **Nan Johnson** who married **Samuel Morrow**.

2-2-94        **GRAHAM**

Lee Ann Jones, P. O. Box 122, Carthage, TX 75633. Phone (903) 693-9272

Desperately seeking any information about **Patricia F. Graham**, who gave birth to a baby girl on Christmas Day 1951 in a Fort Worth hospital, probably All Saints Hospital. Please call collect or write to above address.

3-2-94        **HAMMOCK, HAMMACK, BURGE, OGILVIE**

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Seek information on my grandfather **William M. Hammock/Hammack**, possibly born Arkansas ca. 1857, married in Independence, Arkansas, **Nancy Amanda Burge**, born 1856 in Arkansas, daughter of **Anderson** and **Nancy (Ogilvie) Burge**. Hammock was a Presbyterian minister and farmer. He is said to have left home to preach ca. 1900 and never returned; about that time, **Nancy Amanda** was living in Denton, Texas. Children: (1) **Annie**, born 1875 Arkansas; (2) **John**, born 1876 Arkansas; (3) **George**, born 1877 Arkansas; (4) **Elisha Virgil**, born 1888 Little Rock, Arkansas; and (5) **Pearl D.**, born 1896 Denton County, Texas.

**COMMENT:** I note a considerable difference in the children's ages--11 years between the 3rd and 4th child and 8 years between the 4th and 5th child.

4-2-94        **LONG**

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My grandfather was **George Long**, who lived in Arkansas in 1900. That census indicates that he

was born in Texas. His age in 1880 would have been about fourteen years. In 1880, one **James Long** and wife, **Martha**, residing in Upshur County, Texas, had a son **George**, who was age 14. Was this my family? I do not know the names of any of my **George Long's** siblings.

5-2-94      **OLD NORTHWEST TEXAS, NAVARRO COUNTY, 1846-1860**

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Would like to purchase the above 2 volumes, now out of print, compiled by **Nancy Timmons Samuels** and **Barbara Roach Knox**, published by the Fort Worth Genealogical Society in 1981. Any persons who would like to sell theirs, please contact me.

6-2-94      **STRAWN, DIXSON, NEWMAN**

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**William M.** and **Dora D. Strawn** lived in Coleman, Texas in 1900 and were in Abilene, Texas, by 1910. Children: (1) **Ester J.**, born 1890; (2) **Henry W.**, born 1895; (3) **Thomas J.**, born 1897; (4) **Elizabeth Emily**, born 1900. By 1920 **Dora D. Strawn** was married to **James V. Newman** and lived in Cottle County, Texas, her son, **Henry Strawn**, with her. Daughter **Elizabeth Emily Strawn**, married **Thomas George Dixson** ca. 1918. Their son, **Jacob W. Dixson**, was born in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1919. They divorced. Whom did she marry? Will exchange information on any of this **Strawn** family.

7-2-94      **YARBROUGH, SPEER, COKER, DUMAS**

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**C. Perry Yarbrough** and **Melvina Ann Speer** married 20 January 1859 in Smith County, Texas. Have not located them in 1860, 1870 or 1880. Where were they? She was daughter of **John and Elizabeth (Coker) Speer**. The autobiography of their grandson, **John Speer**, a Texas judge, states: "Melvina Speer and Perry Yarbrough lived many years at Mansville [sic], died there and are buried there. Their children were Stephen, J. R. "Dick," Elizabeth "Lizzie," Lang, and William. Lizzie married D. A. Dumas about 1885 and died a year or so later. Dumas, a very old man, lived at Tolar, Hood County, Texas, in 1939." Mansville is in southeast Tarrant County. I seek information on the descendants of **Perry** and **Melvina Yarbrough**.

**COMMENT:** The town to which you refer is Mansfield, in southeast Tarrant County near the Johnson County line.

8-2-94      **SHOOK, VINSON, BROWN**

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Seek information on **Benjamin Sumler Shook**, born 1864, Illinois, whose parents died when he was age 12. Moved to Texas ca. 1880 and married 1909/1910 **Martha Ida Melvinie Vinson**. Need their marriage record. Their children: **Lena Mae**, born 26 July 1910, and **Irene Abby**, born 19 September 1914. Parents died at Burleson and are buried at Rendon, Tarrant County, Texas.

**COMMENT:** The daughter, **Irene**, must have married **Andrew Brown**, as he and **Irene Brown** are buried in the Rendon Cemetery near **Benjamin S. and Martha Ida Shook**.

9-2-94 **GOODMAN, AVERY, ASHWORTH**

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Seek information on **Thomas Aaron Goodman**, born April 1868 in Arkansas, son of **Aaron and John Ella (Avery) Goodman**. The mother was born ca. 1842. When was **Aaron** born? He may have been son of **Willis and Keziah (Ashworth) Goodman**. Any information will be greatly appreciated.

10-2-94 **LOCK, CRYER, BOYKIN**

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Seek information on **George A. Lock**, whose family came to Texas from Tennessee in the 1800s. He is said to have had a brother, **Robert Lock**, who married perhaps **Susan A. Cryer**. He may have also had a brother, **William Lock**. The family settled around Calvert, Texas. Later my grandfather, **George**, came to Angelina County and married **Eliza Boykin**. They had ten children, the youngest being my father, **Archie Lock**.

11-2-94 **CHALK, TURNAGE, SCOTT, HYMAN**

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*The Chalk Family of England and America, 1066-1942*, was published in 1942 by **Mrs. Minna (Chalk) Scott Hyman**. Information contained in it indicates that the author's relatives, **William and Nancy (Chalk) Turnage**, were my ancestors. The account of their family agrees in a large measure with the account compiled by Turnage family historians, but there are a number of differences which I am attempting to reconcile. Mrs. Hyman's book does not provide references or sources. She and her first husband, **William Thomas Scott**, moved from Mitchell County, Texas to Fort Worth in 1898, and I assume that this is where most of her work was done. I would like to locate her research notes and documents collected in preparing her book. Perhaps she left them to a library or they may be in the hands of her descendants. Does anyone know? I will be in Texas in June, seeking clues that might lead me to her original research.

**COMMENT:** Mrs. Scott and her second husband may have moved to Mitchell County, as I note that her book indicates she lived in Hyman, Texas in 1942. This town is in Mitchell County. **Mrs. Minna Chalk Hyman** was the second Regent of Mary Isham Keith Chapter, DAR, of Fort Worth, serving from 1902 to 1905. Since it has been 54 years since her book was published, I doubt that her research notes are still extant.

12-2-94 **DENNIS, YARBOROUGH, YARBAEE**

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Seek information on parents, siblings, etc., of **Calvin Willis Dennis (W. C. Dennis)**, born 21 September 1844 Texas, died 8 December 1905, Johnston County, Oklahoma; married 6 July 1890 in Texas to **Lenora Frances Yarborough (Yarbree)**, born 17 January 1868 Texas, died 16 January 1917, Johnston County, Oklahoma. **W. C. Dennis** had a brother, **Sharp (Shakespeare) Dennis**, two daughters, **Ethel and Delia Dennis**. Supposedly, the two **Dennis** brothers were in eastern Texas before going to Oklahoma ca. 1893.

13-2-94 McGEHEE, WILCHECK

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Like to locate descendants of J. B. McGehee (Megee, McGhee), born 1902 Wse or Eastland County, Texas. Parents were John H. McGehee, born 1873 Arkansas, and Sophia Barbara Wilcheck, born 1877 Missouri. They lived in Eastland County in 1900, at Bridgeport, Wise County in 1910 and at Rising Star, Eastland County in 1920. J.B. married young and his wife died soon after marriage. He then married Juanita (surname unknown) and had two children. They later divorced and she was living in Amarillo, Texas at a later date. What happened to J. B.?

**COMMENT:** In 1936, one Otho H. McGehee and wife, Frances, lived at 601 Blundell Street, Ranger, Texas. George O. and Laura Edna McGehee, born 1879 and 1890, respectively, are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Cisco, Texas. You might send a query to Jeane Pruett, P. O. Box 99, Ranger, Texas 76470, for her "Pilgrims to Pioneers" column, which is published weekly in the *Eastland Telegram*, *Ranger Times* and *Cisco Press*. Perhaps some of the locals may know what happened to your J. B. McGehee.

14-2-94 HAMLET/HAMBLETT, ROWAN/ROWEN, BRYAN, JOHNSTON, KING, DOUGLAS, BRYAN, BLAKELY, CALLAWAY

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Seek descendants of above families with Virginia, Alabama, Arkansas and Missouri backgrounds, who moved to Texas. An old letter written in 1894 to Martha Adelaine (Hamlet) Douglas from Temple, Bell County, Texas, also indicates Rogers, Texas, and mentions "your Aunt Sarah Blakely, Mollie, Billie." The signature looks like "Mary Willis" but the surname could be "Miller." Martha Adelaine (Hamlet) Douglas was daughter of Greenberry Hamlet and Elizabeth Rowan, and granddaughter of Turner Hamlet and Hettie King.

Also need information on descendants of John Wesley Bryan and wife, Verlina Callaway, who married in 1833. Believe they moved to Texas, as did Robert Johnston (born 1807) and wife Hannah Bryan.

15-2-94 CLARK, SUMMERS, LACK, JARRED

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Seek information on descendants of William D. Clark (died 1905). His first wife, Sallie Summers, died 1855, leaving three children (1) Janie, (2) John, born 1845 and (3) Jasper Newton, born 1850. William D. Clark married again and had daughter (4) Sallie, born 1868. Who was his second wife?

Who was the wife of Nathan Jarred, born ca 1807, died 30 August 1875, buried in Soda Springs Cemetery, Parker County, Texas? His daughter, Mary Lucinda Jarred, married James Thomas Lack, born 1817, died 1870. Who were parents of James Thomas Lack?

Ed. Note: Mr. Shields is also seeking to purchase the following books: *Historical Sketch of Parker County and Weatherford, Texas*, by H. Smythe (1877), *History of Johnson County, Texas*, by Viola Block (1970), *History of Navarro County, Texas*, by Annie Carpenter Love (1933), *History of Titus*

*County, Texas*, by Traylor Russell (1965), *History of Titus County, Texas 1846-1960*, by Richard Loyall Jurney (1961) and *West Texas Frontier*, by Joseph Carroll McConnell, 2 vols. (1933 and 1939). He seeks first editions or reprints.

**16-2-94      WARE, WILLIAMS**

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**James Allen Ware**, born 29 February 1840 in Southwest City, Missouri, died 10 May 1885, in Wilbarger County, Texas, married **Sarah A. Williams**, born 22 August 1845 in Illinois, died 28 March 1902 in Missouri. Their children: (1) **John Merritt**, born 10 February 1865; (2) **Mary E. "Mollie,"** born 1 May 1867; (3) **Sarah Zouria**, born 9 August 1869; (4) **James D. "Dick,"** born 27 July 1872, worked with father in Wilbarger and Cooke Counties; (5) **Laura Jane**, born 23 June 1874 and (6) **Maud**, born 29 May 1881 Cooke or Wilbarger County.

The daughter, **Laura Jane**, wrote: "We were there [in Wilbarger County] only three months, when my father got killed. He was hauling cordwood and he made the frame of green timber and went down a hill in front and the front standards bent. And him, wood and all, went down. And the wagon ran over his neck and jaws, killing him instantly. My brother, Dick, was on the wood, he jumped off, ran to the creek, got his hat full of water and washed [father's] face but he never moved. He was the first man died in Wilbarger County. The 10th of May [1885] and every time I would start to cry my nose would bleed, clear on until he was buried. Mother sent a telegram to my married brother, **John Merrit Ware**, but he came too late for the funeral, drove day and night. We moved back to Cooke County."

Was **James Allen Ware** the first man who died in Wilbarger County? If so, was there an account of his death in some record, newspaper, etc.?

**COMMENT:** Claims of "firsts"---first child born, first child died, first couple married, first settler, etc.--usually turn out to be untrue. Such things are difficult to document, and (in genealogy) documentation is "the name of the game."

**17-2-94      BAKER, JAMESON, McWILLIAMS**

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**Davidson "David" Lee Baker**, born 15 August 1819 in Christian or Caldwell County, Kentucky, married first **Mary McWilliams** and had children: (1) **James M.**, born 1846; (2) **John C.**, born 1848; (3) **William B.**, born 1850 and (4) **Samuel M.**, born 1858. **David Baker** married second in Columbia County, Arkansas, 8 December 1858 to **Martha J. Jameson** and had children: (5) **Permelia**, born 1861; (6) **Nancy**, born 1863; (7) **Lee Davidson**, born 1865; (8) **Adeline**, born 1867; (9) **Thomas**, born 1868; (10) **Marinda**, born 1869; (11) **Henry**, born 1870; (12) **Frances**, born 1872; (13) **Benjamin**, born 1874; (14) **Martha**, born 1876 and (15) **Sallie**, born 1878.

**David Baker** developed lip cancer, and in 1883 sold his Arkansas land and moved to Texas, where he died on 6 May 1884. Where did he die and where is he buried? He had cousins and relatives in Titus and adjacent counties in Texas.

Seek contact with descendants of David Baker's second set of children (Nos. 5--15), who were totally lost track of by the first set. I have extensive information on #4 child, **Samuel M. Baker** and have uncovered David's lineage.

18-2-94      **HOGGARD, FLETCHER, WILEY, SHULTS**

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Seek to locate and correspond with **Ruth Fletcher Wiley**, who wrote a biography of the **James Hoggard** family, published in some book (see enclosed page). This **James Hoggard** was brother of my ancestor, **William Calvin Hoggard**. Any information will be appreciated.

**COMMENT:** The page enclosed is from *History of Parker County* (1980), published by the Parker County Historical Commission. You might inquire of the Parker County Genealogy Society, P. O. Box 201, Weatherford, Texas 76086, to see if they know Mrs. Wiley's address. **James** and **William Hoggard** were early Peters Colonists, listed on Barksdale's roster in 1845. They lived in present Dallas County but moved before 1850 to Navarro County, where they received Mercer's Colony grants in the 1850s, which they evidently sold, as both grants were patented by others. By 1860, they were living in Parker County, Newburg Post Office. **William Hoggard** had married in Navarro County 20 September 1848 **Perlina Shults** (per marriage record). A biographical sketch of the **Hoggards** may be found in *Navarro County, 1846-1860*, Vol. 1-B, pp. 461-462, published in 1981 by the Fort Worth Genealogical Society, Nancy Timmons Samuels and Barbara Roach Knox, compilers.

19-2-94      **ZINN, WALKER**

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Seek information about **Jacob Albert (J.A.) Zinn**, with wife **Sarah**, five children, and three slaves, who came from Mississippi, possibly in the fall of 1849, and located fourteen miles from Jefferson, Texas. He became a Cumberland Presbyterian minister and was also an educator. About 1852 he moved his family to Daingerfield, where he was associated with Daingerfield College. He then moved to Kentuckytown, Grayson County, to help establish a private college, and there his eighth child, **James McReynolds Zinn**, was born in 1854. He was later associated with Larissa College in Cherokee County. In 1858 the family located at White Settlement "at the mouth of Silver Creek, near Fort Worth," when the third eldest son (**Rubin Burrow Zinn**) was about age fifteen. In 1861, J. A. joined the Confederacy, was said to have been a Chaplain in Hood's Brigade. The **Zinn** family lived in Lafayette and Cass Counties, Missouri, for several years after the war, then returned to Fort Worth, Texas, 12 May 1873.

One of the sons, **Jacob Albert Zinn III**, married **Cornelia Ann Walker** in Tarrant County on 17 January 1868. They attended Willow Springs (later called Watauga Cumberland Presbyterian Church); the church is still located at 205 Rusk Street, in present Watauga.

**Jacob Albert (J. A.) Zinn** died 22 June 1887. His wife, **Sarah**, died 20 October 1891. Both were buried at Pioneer Rest Cemetery, Fort Worth.

**COMMENT:** I do not find this family on the 1850 census of Cass County, Texas, the 1850-1870 tax rolls of Tarrant County, the 1870 census, or the 1880 census of Tarrant County. If **J. A.** and **Sarah**

are buried at Pioneer Rest, evidently their graves are not marked (per DAR cemetery records), but other Zinns are buried there. In 1880 Robert D. and Thomas J. Zinn lived in Pct. 4, Tarrant County. The former, whose wife was nee Leonard, is buried in the Birdville Cemetery.

20-2-94      **HENDERSON, SHUFFLER, PARMAN**

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I had a query in the November 1992 *Footprints* regarding my grandmother, Hulda Henderson, born 28 October 1868 Denton County, Texas, died 9 August 1962, married Columbus Martin Shuffler, born 5 August 1858 Burke County, NC, died 30 October 1911 Childress, Texas; both buried Olney, Young County, Texas. Hulda was the daughter of John and Margaret M. Henderson, of Denton County 1870 and Wise County 1880. John Henderson was born 1842 in Missouri, son of John and Sarah (Parman) Henderson. The father died after 1857 in Grayson County, Texas, and the mother lived in Denton County by 1860. I still need the marriage date/record of Hulda Henderson and Columbus M. Shuffler, also the burial information on John and Margaret M. Henderson, also information on Sarah Henderson of Pilot Point, Denton County.

21-2-94      **GAINES, REECE, WILSON, SIMPSON**

David Vowell, 2311 Elm Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243

Seek information on any of these: Frank Gaines born 1835 NC, married to Manuela by 1880, per census of Maverick County, Texas, with children: Joseph, Alice, Henry, Marcos and Caroline. Need names of his parents and siblings.

The Maxwell Reece family and children: Max, Fannie and John William, the latter who married Rhoda Ann Wilson and lived in Fannin County, Texas, in 1900. Need name of Maxwell's wife and his siblings.

The John Robert Simpson family; he was born 1858 Texas, lived in Grayson County, Texas in 1870 and 1880. Wife was Cynthia, maiden name unknown. In 1880 they had one child, Johnny H. Simpson. Need names of John's parents, his wife, and his siblings.

22-2-94      **RUSHING, WALKER, WALTERS**

Marsha L. Brownback, Route 1, Box 179, Parker, KS 66072

Can anyone furnish me with obituaries of the following persons who died in Fort Worth, Texas? Weaver Rushing who died 1963 or 1964; Beulah Mabel (nee Walker) Walters who died 26 May 1968.

23-2-94      **COLE, WHITEHEAD, STANTON**

Walter Stephen Cole, Jr., Route 3, Box 459, Hayesville, NC 28904

I was born 6-9-1931 in Taft, San Patricio County, Texas. My younger brother and I were reared there. Our father, Walter Stephen Cole, Sr., left us when my brother was very young and we never heard from him again. I seek information about him, whether he is still living or not, and if living where he may reside at present. He is said to have been born in the Fort Worth area and married my mother, Mamie Jane Whitehead in the late 1920s in the San Patricio area of south

Texas. She was the daughter of William T. and Viola (Stanton) Whitehead, who lived on a farm outside Taft, Texas. I grew up in the Taft/Sinton area and joined the US Air Force in the late 1940s, retiring in 1971, living in NC, and have gone back to Texas only a couple of times in the last thirty years. Can anyone give me any information about my father, his parents, *siblings*, etc.?

24-2-94      **McCOLLOUGH, MURRAY, BROWN**  
Laquita Armstrong, HC 62, Box 238, Durant, OK 74701

My grandfather, **Jim Murray**, married Allie (Alice) McCollough in Tennessee. They lived in Milam County, Texas but their last child was born in Ellis County, Texas. By 1900, Allie had been married to **John Brown** for four years and her youngest child (by Jim Murray) was six years old. Jim had to have died or they were divorced between 1883 and 1886. Need to know what happened to **Jim Murray**.

25-2-94      **EDENS, HATCHER**  
Mary Virginia Ozier, 701 NW Arlington, Lawton, OK 73507-6830

Can anyone furnish me with obituaries of the following persons who died in **Fort Worth, Texas**? **Frances Pauline Edens** (nee **Hatcher**), wife of **Jack Cloyd Edens**, daughter of **R. M. and Virgie Hatcher**, died 7 October 1970; and **R. M. (Robert M.) Hatcher**, husband of **Virgie Hatcher**, died 16 March 1958, survived by sons **R. M.** and **Carl** and daughter **Pauline Edens**.

26-2-94      **ROTHLIS**  
Mrs. Lila Lewis, P. O. Box 4278, Wales, UT 84667

**John Rothlis** was an immigrant from Switzerland in 1867 and he indicated on the 1900 census that he was naturalized in 1870. He lived in Tarrant County, Texas in 1900 and 1910 and owned his farm. He was married twice. I am searching for the following persons believed to have died in Tarrant County: **John Rothlis** who died 1910-1920; **Orzela F. Rothlis** who died before 1895; **Sarah Ella Rothlis** who died in 1931. John had five known children: **Maudie, Albert Fred, Henry, Charles**, who died June 1965, and **William**, who died November 1967. Need to find obituary or death record for **John Rothlis**, to find out when he died and where buried. Need information on any of this family and their connections.

**COMMENT:** **Sarah Ella** was nee **Chase** and appears to have been the second wife, *who he married* on 6 May 1896 in Tarrant County. He also married **Maria Louisa Ch-----[illeg]** on 20 August 1887. Perhaps **Sarah Ella** was his third wife?

27-2-94      **BROWN, BRAGG, SORREY**  
Michael W. Brown, 507 Tech Street, Paragould, AR 72450

Seeking descendants of **Albert Bruce Brown** and wife **Cora A. Bragg**, who were married in 1898 in Lawrence County, Arkansas and moved to Sherman, Grayson County, Texas before 1910. He died in Sherman in 1927. **Cora** moved to the Fort Worth area in the 1940s; she died there on 29 November 1958 and was buried beside her husband in the West Hill Cemetery, Sherman, Texas.

The obituary of **Albert Bruce Brown**, in Sherman in 1927, listed children **Mrs. Lex Sorrey**

(Lillian?) of Tucson, Arizona, Ralph Brown of California and Nancy Lee Brown of Sherman. Would like to have obituary of Cora A. Brown to see who her survivors were and were located, so I may locate some of my cousins.

28-2-94      **ROBERTS, BREWSTER**

James P. Brewster, 49 S. Lake Shore Drive, Ransom Canyon, TX 79366

Evan G. Roberts and wife Susannah Brewster lived in Navarro County, Texas. I am persuaded by overwhelming coincidence (but need some hard evidence) that Susannah Brewster was part of my Brewster line, as the Jesse Brewster family also resided in Navarro County from about 1851 and at least beyond 1880.

**COMMENT:** Both families came from Illinois, probably Montgomery County, as that is where Evan G. Roberts and Susannah Brewster were married in 1832. I would certainly check estate records in Illinois and in Texas. In Navarro County, J. H. Brewster was administrator of the estate of Jesse Brewster in 1882. Also, in 1876, John W. Mann was executor of the estate of Milla J. Brewster. These estate records might furnish clues as to relationships, etc. Susannah Brewster Roberts was born in 1807 in Tennessee (per 1850 census), born Illinois (per 1860 census), the latter probably correct. She was about twelve years older than Jesse Brewster, who was probably her brother. The Robertses came to Texas in the 1840s, and the Brewsters likely came to Navarro County ca. 1851 because these relatives were already there.

29-2-94      **CARROLL, SUTTON, ALMOND**

Diana Carroll, 326 Imperial Beech Blvd., Imperial Beach, CA 91932

My families lived in the Grapevine area of Tarrant County. I seek information about them, burial places, etc., as I know little about them, nothing of their lives. Any help will be gratefully appreciated.

Samuel F. Carroll and wife, Maggie Rita Sutton, apparently from Tennessee, lived between Grapevine and Fort Worth from 1904-1926. Their children were: (1) Mary Alta, born 11 October 1904 Hermleigh, Scurry County, Texas; (2) Jessie Albert, born 6 January 1906 Fort Worth, (3) Maudie Alma, born 23 February 1908 Fort Worth; (4) James Arthur, born 7 July 1910; (5) Edna Mae, born 16 January 1913; (6) Johnnie Lee, born 23 February 1915; (7) A. B., born 28 November 1917, Fort Worth; (8) Marvin Laverne, born 27 November 1919, Grapevine; (9) & (10) Twins, born November 1926, buried Grapevine. Would like to know the twins' names and where buried.

Joseph Sutton and wife Mildred, both buried Grapevine. Their children (not in exact order of birth): (1) Joseph, died December 1968, buried Grapevine; (2) Robert, born March 1888, buried Grapevine; (3) Maggie Rita, married Samuel F. Carroll; (4) James R., born 10 March 1885, died February 1969, buried Grapevine; (5) Ben, born March 1894, buried Grapevine; (6) Thomas, born 1896, buried Grapevine; (7) Virginia "Virgee" became an Almond by marriage, also buried Grapevine.

**COMMENT:** I'm sorry to report that I find no Suttons or Carrolls, or an Almond, of the names mentioned, who are buried in the Grapevine Cemetery, per Evelyn Cushman's *Northeast Tarrant*

*County Cemeteries* (1981), nor do I find any of them mentioned in the *Grapevine Area History* (1979). Perhaps some of our readers will know something of these families.

30-2-94      **McCRACKEN**

Mary Gonshor, P. O. Box 331, Cyril OK 73029-0331

Am interested in information about my great-great uncle, **David P. McCracken**, who was living in Montague County at the time.

**COMMENT:** The query does not mention when Mr. McCracken lived in Montague County, or what his age might have been. The **Anson McCracken** family were early Peters Colonists, who lived in Dallas County by 1850, to Tarrant County before 1860 and descendants may be found (by 1880) in any number of western counties, Parker, Palo Pinto, Jack, Young, etc. See query about this family in *Footprints*, May 1991.

31-2-94      **WILLIAMS, ISAACS, WARE, FIELDS, ELLIS**

Lu Waters, 2516 Regency Drive, Magnolia AR 71753

Seek information on **Thomas Williams**, born ca. 1753 Tennessee or Georgia, near the state line, married ca. 1778 **Mary Priscilla Brooks** (ca. 1751-1834). They had at least six children: (1) **William "Bill"** (1803-1894) who married **Mary Isaacs**; (2) **Leonard Houston** (1783-1854) who married **Nancy Isaacs**; (3) **Brooks** (1791-1818) who married **Mary "Polly" Ellis**; (4) **Mary Naomi** (1797-1848) who married **John William Ware**; (5) **Mary "Polly"** (1805-1868) who married **William Fields** and (6) **John "Cherokee" Williams** (1789-1832). Children all born Tennessee or Georgia. The family left southeast Tennessee about 1817, went to southern Missouri, then to Arkansas around Morrilton where they bought land, then to Hempstead County, Arkansas and recorded the sale of this land. Then on to Rusk County, Texas, just north of Nacogdoches and established **Williams Settlement**. I am a 4th great-granddaughter of Thomas and Mary Priscilla Brooks Williams.

**COMMENT:** I question that there were two daughters named Mary. There are a number of persons who have worked on this line of Williamses--**Jeane Pruitt**, PO Box 99, Ranger, TX 76470; **Stanley Dee Pruitt**, 1301 Pinehurst Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76134; **Anita Jones Adler**, 3604 Falcon Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76119; **Beverly Littlefield**, PO Box 52808, Lafayette, LA 70505 and many others. **William Williams** is said to have married second **Cinderella Hines**. **Leonard H. Williams** is said to have married second **Jane Ware**. **Brooks Williams** is said to have died in 1836 in what is now Cherokee County, Texas. **Naomi Williams** is said to have married first **William Ware**, married second **William Burton** or **Barton**, and married third **James J. Ware**. **Mary "Polly" Williams** married **William Elliott**.

I do not know whether there has been any kind of documented "agreement" among researchers about this family. **Thomas Williams**, son of **Leonard H. Williams**, is buried in the **Merriman Cemetery**, Eastland County, Texas. His tombstone indicates that he was born in Texas 1 March 1821; thus, his birth pre-dates that of the infant daughter of **Jane Long**, "The Mother of Texas" (per tradition), whose infant was said to have been the "first white child born in Texas," named **Mary James Long**, born 21 December 1821.

32-2-94                    **OVERTON, JENNINGS, DUNLAP, PETTIGREW, HARKNESS**  
Nan Overton West, 4822 72nd Street, Lubbock, TX 79424

Need information for family history to be published in fall of 1994 on Overton, Jennings, Dunlap, Pettigrew and Harkness families. Seeking ancestors of W. H. Overton, councilman in Fort Worth in 1874 and William (?) Overton of Dallas, founder of Republic National Bank. Were they related?

**COMMENT:** In 1870 W. H. Overton and son, A. W., were merchants in Fort Worth. By 1880 Benjamin F. Overton, possibly a sibling of W. H., was in Tarrant County from Missouri. At about where present South Hulen Street crosses Bellaire Drive South was the crux of the old Caswell Overton (Cass) Edwards Ranch. Cass was the son of Lemuel James Edwards and wife Elizabeth Overton (b. 1812), daughter and eldest child of Aaron Overton, one of Dallas County's earliest settlers. Aaron's youngest daughter, Martha, married John B. Robinson in Dallas County in 1850; he was later a miller in Tarrant County. The Edwards, Willburn, Burke, and Robinson families, formerly or briefly of Dallas County, settled (after 1850) along the Clear Fork of the Trinity River in southwest Tarrant County. Edward Willburn's wife, Nancy, was also a daughter of Aaron Overton, as was Mary Burke (widow of Evan Burke). The Burke Cemetery is on Bryant Irvin Road in Fort Worth.

**Aaron Overton**, born ca 1789, and sons, **William Perry** and **Caswell C.**, arrived in Dallas County in late 1844. He and **W. P.** are on the 1845 tax roll of Robertson County; they lived in that part of Dallas County which came out of old Robertson County (never mind that the *Handy Book* states that Dallas County came wholly out of Nacogdoches County), in the later Oak Cliff area. All three men are on the 1846 and following tax rolls of Dallas County. By 1848, **John W. Overton** appeared; he was of an age to have been a sibling of **Aaron Overton**, and in 1850 lived next to **Edward Wilburn** (whose wife was a daughter of **Aaron**). **John W.** was enumerated as a millwright and **Aaron** as a farmer, birth states of both given as North Carolina. **John W.**'s son, **Jesse Overton**, was born ca. 1830 in Illinois (per the 1850 census); Connor's *Peters Colony of Texas* errs in stating that **Jesse** was born in Mississippi.

**W. H. Overton** of Tarrant County 1870, was born ca. 1818 in Kentucky. His son, **A. W.**, was born in Missouri, had lived in Texas ca. 1866, was back in Missouri by 1869, and had returned to Texas by 1870, likely bringing his father the last time. By 1880, **W. H.** was deceased; his widow lived on Rusk Street in Fort Worth. **Benjamin F. Overton**, born ca 1811 in Kentucky, came to Tarrant County from Missouri 1878-1880, with a much younger wife. He and **W. H.** may have been siblings.

Others of the area, showing Kentucky backgrounds and Overton connections were: **Dudley W. Overton** and wife, **Dulcenia Nall**, natives of Kentucky, went to Lewis County, Missouri, where their daughter, **Sarah E. Overton**, married 1857 **George W. Givens**, were in Texas briefly, then California, finally settling in Dallas County, Texas, in 1873. **Dudley** and **Dulcenia** died at their home in Dallas County. Lewis County, Missouri, is just across the river from Adams County, Illinois. **William H. Davis**, of Fort Worth, was born 1820 Muhlenburg County, Ky., married 1853 Callaway County, Missouri, to **Sarah Ellen Peyton**, daughter of **John** and **----(Overton) Peyton**, natives of Kentucky.









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When researching at the National Archives - Southwest Region, keep in mind that as of July 2, 1994, their new hours are: Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the FIRST Saturday of the month - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Saturday opening is for one year. If enough volunteers are available to keep up with the anticipated number of patrons, the opening might be extended for another year. The Archives are located at 501 West Felix in Fort Worth. Their phone is 817/334-5525.

We received a letter recently from Virginia Knox in Bath, Ohio, regarding a limited edition of the "World Book of Knoxes." Reservation price was only \$29.50, "a 25% savings over the regular price." and we were assured that "Warren Knox" was included in the book. No mention of just what information about him was given. It also noted that William Knox was the original immigrant to America, which was interesting, since our (documented) original immigrant was John Knox. My son-in-law received the same letter with only the surname changed. As the late Pat Chadwell Jackson used to say, "Let the buyer beware!"

The Society receives many flyers advertising new books, but it is our policy not to review any book unless a copy has been donated to the Society. We are pleased to review all such donations or place a free advertisement in *Footprints*. If an advertisement is desired, we must have camera ready copy. All books are placed in the Genealogy and Local History Department of the Fort Worth Public Library for use by their patrons.

A repeat of good advice from Nancy Timmons Samuels about witnesses to deeds. "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!"

*The Fort Worth Genealogical Society  
extends sincere sympathy to Board member*

*Anita Adler*

*in the recent loss of her mother*

## DIARY OF A METHODIST CIRCUIT RIDER

Submitted by Drusilla Cochran Sheldon  
Corpus Christi, Texas

Milton Koger Little, oldest son of Reuben Lafayette Little and Lucinda Parsons, was born 6 October 1852 in Blount County, Ala., and was known as Koger. On 26 February 1874, he married Drusilla Blackburn - the same year he was licensed to preach. Koger and Drusilla moved to Texas in 1876 where in 1879 he was admitted "on trial" to the Northwest Conference of the Methodist Church. For nearly half a century he was an active pastor and presiding elder, filling church appointments throughout northwest Texas. During his ministry in Fort Worth about 1889, Rev. Little staked out the campus and turned one of the first shovels of dirt for the Methodist College which was first known as Polytechnic College and is now Texas Wesleyan University. As a circuit rider in the Panhandle in 1890-94, he covered what is now 55 counties in Texas and Oklahoma.

This 1891 diary was kept by Rev. Little when he was Presiding Elder of the Vernon District. In 1994 it is owned by his grandson, Dr. Ira McGrady Cochran, Jr., and was transcribed by his granddaughter, Drusilla Sheldon. *Supplemental information is contained in brackets.*

January, 1891

Thurs. 1, Ther. 38 Weather, Sand Storm. Drove home from Harrold [Wilbargar County]. Had a fine Q.C. [Quarterly Conference]. Many were Happy, and several at Alter. The Lord was in this work. We need a Church house here. 16 miles

Fri, 2, Ther. 28 Weather, Cold & Clear. Left home early for my first trip to Greer County (Okla) [organized as Greer Co. Texas 1886. To Okla. by court decision 1890]. Took dinner at Doans [Wilbarger County]. This is an old dilapidated town and one of the first in this county. Red River is one mile wide. I drove to Navajo. [Post Office 1887-1905. Navajo school still in existence.] 40 m

Sat. 3, Ther. 40 Weather, Cold E.W. [East Wind?] This is time of 1st Q.C. for finished work. Had a fine cong[regation]. Preached at 11 from 2. Kings 4 ch. At night from Matt 11 - 28. One penitent. Had a fine Q.C. 12 m

Sun. 4, Ther. 38 Weather, Clear. Preached at 11 AM from Mark 1.1-2. Took a cue to build first parsonage in Greer County. Had a fine audience at night. Text 1 K[ings] 14 - 13. Three penitents at alter. The spirit seems to have honored the service. 8 m

Mon. 5, Ther. 37 Weather, Clear. Drove out with Bro. Tery [W. H. Terry] and bought a Quar. Sec. of fine land. Took dinner with Bro. Hiram[?]. Drove to Rev. J. T. Hosmer's. He is one of our best men. He is in bad health. [He died 4 Aug 1893]. But few men have done more for the church. 28 m

Tues. 6. Ther. 40 Weather, Cloudy. Rose early and had a fine religious service. I started for Turkey Creek where we hold Q.C. for Duke Mission [Jackson County, Okla.] Eat dinner with Bro. Mills and drove to Bro. Kizziar's, brother of our Rev. J. W. where I spend night. 12 m

Wed. 7. Ther. 54, Weather, Foggy This is a fine Valley of land, and will be valuable someday. Preached at 11 AM from Rom. 12. 2. Had a good service. Held the Q.C. in afternoon. Small attendance. A good rain is falling. 7 m

Thur. 8. Ther. 53, Weather, Still raining I drove to Mangum [Greer County, Okla.] crossing Salt Fork. I found it fordable and the roads very heavy. Spent afternoon and night at Bro. Allerys. His wife can make a weary itinerant feel at home. Bro. Dickey [D. H. Dickey] is out on his work. 14 m

Fri. 9. Ther. 56 Weather, Raining I spend the day with George Allen and family near Mangum. Preached at M. at night from 1.K. 14. 13. Small cong. Mangum is a small town. I spend the night at Bro. Powers. He is not religious. 4 m

Sat. 10. Ther. 30 Weather, Snowing We took out on a 6 inch snow this morning. This is the largest in the history of Greer Co. I spend the day in reading. Hope it will be clear tomorrow. This is Q.C. day at H. O. \_\_\_\_\_ and it is not safe to travel.

Sun. 11. Ther. 28 Weather Clear I rise early and wade the snow 2 miles to feed my horses. Feed is scarce and it takes mind call to provide for stock. No services. The day is spent in reading. Quanah \_\_\_\_\_ 2 m

Mon. 12. Ther. 28 Weather, Clear N.W. I rise early and set out for ?\_\_\_\_guin 25 miles, hoping to reach home tomorrow. I rest tonight with Bro. Hayse whose door is always open to an itinerant. They made me feel at home. 25 m

Tues. 13. Ther. 26 Weather, Clear S.W. I started early for home at Vernon 45 miles. The snow is deep and roads heavy. I reach home at sunset to find my good wife ready to receive me with a kiss of welcome which sends a thrill of joy through my soul. 45 m

Wed. 14. Ther. 28 Weather, Cloudy S.W. How comfortable I am at home resting. Home Sweet home. All the family treat me like a visitor. I answer many letters. In evening it rains, later it snows.

Thur. 15. Ther. 31 Weather, Snowing This day was spent at home with my family. How I often think of the days I spent in my study while in stations (?working). Bro. & Sister Haralson dined with us today. We love them. [Jerome Haralson was first Presiding Elder Vernon District, NW Conference. Died 1920, buried at Jacksonville, Texas].

Fri. 16. Ther. 30 Weather, Snowing On account of the snow I am forced to make my trip to Seymour on the train. Spent a pleasant afternoon at Wichita Falls [Wichita County]. Got to Seymour [Baylor County] at 8 PM. I rest at the parsonage. 101 m

Sat. 17. Ther. 45 Weather, Clear Preached today in the Methodist Church at Seymour. Text

Matt. 5 - 13. Spent the night with Bro. Schutly[?] an old friend. 13 miles in the county. This is a good town but has out-built itself. 6 m

Sun. 18. Ther. 34. Weather, Clear. Had a fine congregation. Text Matt. 11 - 28. Fine Sacramental Service. Drove 8 miles and administered sacrament. Preached at night at S[eymour]. Text Luke 13 -5. Fine audience. 19 m

Mon. 19. Ther. 40 Weather, Clear. I drove to Benjamin [Knox County] today. Preached tonight from 1 K. 14 - 13. Had some liberty. No conversions. Why is this? Oh for a revival of religion. 38 m

Tues. 20. Ther. 45 Weather, Raining Spent last night with Bro. Kunan. Preached at 11 AM in Court House. Text 2 Cor. 6:17. The Lord was with us in great power. Bro. Dickey [D. H. Dickey] preached tonight. We had a fine sacramental service.

Wed. 21. Ther. 46 Weather, Clear. Drove to Seymour from Benjamin where I hold their 1st Q.C. Bro. Dickey was with me and we had a nice trip. The Q.C. was well attended. 35 m

Thurs. 22. Ther. 38 Weather, Clear I took train early this morning for my home at Vernon. This is the only night I will have at home for three weeks. Surely no one enjoys home more than I. 101 m

Fri. 23. Ther. 30 Weather, Cloudy I came to the plains today. This is the prettiest country I ever looked upon, and ever will again. Reached Claude [Armstrong County] at 11. This is a town of 400 people. 148 m

Sat. 24. Ther. 28 Weather, Clear. Claude. I preached to a small crowd at 11. Matt. 5:13. The Q.C. was not well attended. I find smallpox here which will keep some away. P[reached] at night 1 K 14:13.

Sun. 25. Ther. 30 Weather, Cold Claude. I had a small audience today. Had some liberty and a fine sacramental service. Text Luke 13:5. Bro. Mc- preached at night. 4 m

Mon. 26. Ther. 31 Weather, Clear. Washburn [Armstrong County]. I have stopped at this hotel for the night as there is no other. This is the first time in life I have ever been compelled to sit where men are allowed to play cards. Several of us promised never to stop at this house again. I have enjoyed the day. Praise God for His blessings. 18 m

Tues. 27. Ther. 36 Weather, (?) Mobeetie [Wheeler County] - Drove from Miami [Roberts County] today. Have had a pleasant day at Bro Lindermans. We have a small church here, although this is an old town no church has ever been able to keep a pastor. Had good service last night. Will preach Court House [Wheeler County] tomorrow. 20 m

Wed. 28. Ther. 38 Weather, Clear. Mobeetie:- Had a fine audience at Court House at 11 AM. The Q.C. was well attended. \$10 for miss[ions] was reported. The first col[lection] in the Dist. Linderman is doing well.

Thur. 29. Ther. 36 Weather, Clear. Miami. Spent the morning at Mobeetie. Drove to Miami after noon. Preach at night to 50 persons in sitting room at depot. Good attention, and I hope good was done. Will leave at 8:30 PM for Amarillo. 83 m

Fri. 30. Ther. 30 Weather, Snowing. Amarillo:- Had a rough night, as I could not sleep on account of an abscess on my lip. Spent the day in answering correspondence. This is a good town.

Sat. 31. Ther. 28 Weather, Cold. Amarillo, Tex. Preached at 11 A.M. Had a good Q.C. Our church has much promise here. We need a consecrated membership to repenth this people of sin. 4 m

[Accumulated total of travel 852, but figures given add to 790.]

### February 1891

Sun. 1. Ther. Weather, Amarillo. My lip is still very sore. Preached at 11 AM. Good service. Dr/DV Hayes(?) will preach at night. Slept not for three nights. Hope to be able to go to Plainview tomorrow.

Mon. 2. Ther. 30 Weather, Clear. Amarillo. I was unable to go to Plainview today. I have never suffered so much. How much I hate to miss these two appointments but must succumb. God bless Bros. Morris [John R. Morris was Presiding Elder, Weatherford Dist. in 1899] and Ford [W. B. Ford].

Tues. 3. Ther. 12 Weather, COLD Vernon: - Left Amarillo for home. Suffered much on the way, but was too sick to be away from home. Found all well. Thank God for his protection to my family. 173 m

Wed. 4. Ther. Weather, Clear At home. Weather good. Am some better. "Grippe" [flu] is not a nice thing.

Thur. 5. Ther. Weather, Cold At home.

Fri. 6. Ther. Weather, Clear I am not so well today.

Sat. 7. Ther. Weather, Cold Am able to walk out today.

Sun. 8. Ther. Weather, Very cold Bro. Jordan preached a good sermon from Prov. 22-23. My old friend Dr. Kirby preached a sweet sermon at night on Prayer.

Mon. 9. Ther. Weather, COLD We are taking subscriptions for Dist. parsonage.

Tues. 10. Ther. Weather, Better My wife is quite sick.

Wed. 11 The pastors of Vernon begin a protracted meeting. Good interest. 32 m

Thur. 12. Our parsonage work is moving on nicely.

Fri. 13 Had a fine service tonight.

Sat. 14 My wife is now convalescing. Precious woman. How it pains me to see her suffer.

Sun. 15 Worshiped at Farmers Valley [Wilbarger County] today with Bro. Odom [J. D. Odom]. Had a good day. 20 m

Mon. 16. Went to the country for my horses. Preached tonight in Vernon. Acts 9- 16 m

Tues. 17. The Evangelist Robinson. He is a fine preacher.

Wed. 18. The College [Vernon Wesleyan College] trustees give a lot for Dist. Parsonage and I spent this day in putting out trees.

Thru. 19. We put in some good work today on the sub[scriptions] for parsonage.

Fri. 20. The meeting is growing in interest. Many conversions.

Sat. 21. This is Q.C. at illi [Perhaps Chillicothe in Hardeman County]. Had a good service. Text \_\_\_\_\_. 14 m

Sun. 22. Preached on the doctrine of repentance. Fine congregation. 14 m

Mon. 23. The first lumber for Dist. Parsonage was hauled this evening.

Tues. 24. Ther. Weather, Windy Spent the day arranging a garden.

Wed. 25. Ther. Weather, Norther This is a disagreeable day.

Thur. 26. Ther. Weather, Cold This is the coldest morning of the season. I go to Kirkland [Childress County] this evening. 50 m

Fri. 27. Kirkland Had a good Q.C. today. Bro Terry has done a fine work. 4 m

Sat. 28. Ther. Weather, Cold Quarterly Conf at Quannah [Hardeman County] today. Small attendance on account of cold. Henson [J. R. Henson] has done good work. 30 m

### March, 1891

Sun. 1. Ther. Weather, Pleasant Had a fine service. Preached twice.  
Text Luke 13:5 1 K. 13:14 6 accessins(?)

Mon. 2. Ther. Weather, Good Came home. 30 m

Tues. 3. Ther. Weather, Bad Spent day at home.

Wed. 4. Ther. Weather, Cold Held Margaret [Foard County] Q.C. Had a good service. Bro. Gibson [A. W. Gibson?] is doing well. 20 m

Thur. 5. Work on Dist Parsonage.

Fri. 6. Work on Parsonage.

Sat. 7. Ther. Weather, Snowing This was the time for Q.D. at Vernon, but no services today.

Sun. 8. Ther. Weather, Cold Preached twice. Texts 2 Pet 1:5 Isaiah 48:16

Mon. 9. Ther. Weather, Pleasant Held Q.C. at 8 PM. Good report. 106 members reported. Had a good revival.

Tues. 10. Ther. Weather, Windy Work on parsonage. Dined at Murchisons. [E. T. Murchison].

Wed. 11. Ther. Weather, Cold This is Q.C. day at Farmers Valley. Odom is doing well. Fine cong[regation]. 20 m

Thur. 12. Ther. Weather, Snowing This has been a cold day, snow 4 inches deep.

Fri. 13. At home. Made a good hand on parsonage building.

Sat. 14. Q.C. at Richland [Navarro County]. Bro. Rodgers has a hard work. Small attendance. 18 m

(to be continued)



Rev. M. K. Little

## GENEALOGICAL MATERIALS AT THE AMON CARTER MUSEUM FORT WORTH, TEXAS

By Milan R. Hughston, Librarian

Those of you who think of the Amon Carter Museum as the place to see The Swimming Hole, Dash for the Timber, and other treasures of American art and photography, may be surprised to learn that it is also an excellent local resource for genealogists. Since its founding in 1961, the Museum has been a major center for the study and interpretation of American art through its collections, special exhibitions, education programs, community events, and publications. The Museum's library collections are of special interest to genealogists.

Any serious study of American art must also involve American history. As a result, efforts were made early on to develop a library that would permit curators, scholars, and the public to look at American art through the history of America. Therefore, the Museum's first administrators and librarians comprehensively collected materials to make this possible. In addition to exhibition catalogues and studies on artists, many secondary research materials were acquired, including newspapers on microfilm. The collection contains around 5000 reels of American newspapers published west of the Mississippi prior to 1900. There are exceptions, though, since long runs of New York, Washington, D. C. and New Orleans newspapers are included. In building the collection, effort was made not to duplicate material that can be found in the Fort Worth Public Library or Texas Christian University.

Another large microfiche collection of interest to genealogists is the city directory collection. This includes American city directories based on Dorothea N. Spear's *Bibliography of American Directories through 1860*. It is an excellent source of information on individuals and businesses before 1860, and is national in scope. Remember that the cutoff date is 1860.

The Museum library also has the American Antiquarian Society's *Dictionary Catalogue of American Books 17th through 19th Centuries*. The AAS in Worcester, Massachusetts is one of the country's leading local history and genealogical libraries, and this multi-volume set is useful for verification of the publication of many early family histories.

Although the Museum does not attempt to serve as the "local history center," we do have a number of materials to aid research in Texas and local history. The Library contains many hard-to-find Texas county histories, in addition to a large number of rare western titles microfilmed from the collections of Yale University's Western Americana collection. Over the years, we have managed to accumulate a fair number of Fort Worth-related materials that we have conveniently labelled our Fort Worth box. Researchers continue to find this of value when looking for turn-of-the-century and later Fort Worth information. The demand for this kind of information further emphasizes the need for a center devoted to the study of Fort Worth and local history.

The Amon Carter Museum Library encourages use. We are available by appointment

Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Photocopy machines and microform readers and printers are available for researchers at modest cost. Printed materials do not circulate outside the building (but microforms are available through interlibrary loan). The Museum is located in the Cultural District at 3501 Camp Bowie Boulevard, and our telephone number is 738-1933. Remember to call first, because space is limited, and we want to be able to provide you with the maximum amount of time and help.

I know that most of you are frequent patrons of the Museum and its exhibition-related activities. We welcome you to now become acquainted with some of the other resources that we have available.

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Editor's Note: The following is a partial listing of Texas newspapers which may be seen on microfilm at the Museum's library. Please remember that the collection holds publications from other states as well. An index is available, which may be consulted for a complete listing.

#### Abilene

THE GOSSIP Dec. 31, 1891 (Vol. 1, No. 1)  
THE ABILENE REPORTER (w) - [July 26, 1888 - Dec. 28, 1903]  
THE ABILENE REPORTER (twice/wk) - [Jan. 19, 1897 - June 18, 1897]  
THE TAYLOR COUNTY NEWS (w) - [March 20, 1885 - March 24, 1893]

#### Albany

ALBANY NEWS - June 18, 1909 - Aug. 4, 1911

#### Alpine

ALPINE AVALANCHE - June 22, 1904 - Sept. 19, 1906; Sept. 26, 1906 - April 3, 1907  
[There are later issues of this paper not given here because of space]

#### Austin

DAILY BULLETIN (d) - [Nov. 27, 1841 - Jan. 18, 1842]  
THE CAMPAIGN INTELLIGENCER (w) - [June 11, 1859 - July 23, 1859]  
AUSTIN CITY GAZETTE (w) - [Oct. 30, 1839 - Aug. 17, 1842]  
THE SOUTHERN INTELLIGENCER (w) - [Nov. 19, 1856 - May 8, 1861]  
THE WEEKLY SOUTHERN INTELLIGENCER (w) [Title varies] - [July 7, 1865 - June 6, 1867]  
THE SOUTHERN INTELLIGENCER TRI-WEEKLY - [June 22, 1857 - Nov. 28, 1857]; Feb. 21, 1866  
THE SOUTHERN INTELLIGENCER WAR EDITION - Nov. 6, 1861  
THE SOUTH-WESTERN AMERICAN (w, tri-w) - [Dec. 21, 1849 - Oct. 8, 1853]  
STATE GAZETTE (w, tw, d) - [Jan. 1861 - Sept. 16, 1862]  
STATE GAZETTE APPENDIX - [Nov. 20, 1855 - Nov. 27, 1857]  
STATE GAZETTE, FOR THE CAMPAIGN - June 24, 1857 - July 1, 1857; July 8, 1857 - Aug. 1, 1857  
DAILY STATE JOURNAL (D) - July 31, 1870 - Jan. 19, 1871; Jan. 10, 1872 - June 18, 1872  
AUSTIN STATESMAN (w) - [July 26, 1871 - Dec. 1899]  
TEXAS NATIONAL REGISTER (w) [Dec. 7, 1844 - Jan. 10, 1846] [published at Washington, Texas]; Dec. 7, 1844 - Oct. 9, 1845  
TEXAS WEEKLY NEWS (w) - Jan. 16, 1886

Bastrop

THE BASTROP ADVERTISER (w) [title varies] - [May 27, 1854 - Dec. 21, 1901]

Beaumont

THE BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE (w) - Nov. 6, 1880 - Oct. 29, 1881; Jan. 1, 1898 - Dec. 31, 1898

Beeville

THE BEEVILLE BEE (w) - [May 27, 1886 - May 25, 1900]

BEEVILLE WEEKLY PICAYUNE - [July 1, 1892 - Dec. 9, 1892]; [Dec. 15, 1894 - Dec. 25, 1902]

Brazoria

BRAZOS COURIER (w) - [Dec. 3, 1839 - Dec. 22, 1840]

TEXAS PLANTER (w) - [July 28, 1852 - Sept. 20, 1854]

THE TEXAS REPUBLICAN (w) - [July 5, 1854 - March 9, 1836]

Brenham

BRENHAM BANNER [title varies] (sem-w) Feb. 28, 1871 - July 28, 1871; Aug. 4, 1871 - Oct. 3, 1871

BRENHAM BANNER (w) [title varies] [Oct. 12, 1871 - Dec. 21, 1871]; [Jan. 25, 1873 - Dec. 11, 1873]; [Jan. 1, 1875 - Dec. 24, 1875]

April 6, 1877 - May 25, 1877; July 5, 1878 - Aug. 9, 1878; Jan. 2, 1890 - Dec. 31, 1891; Jan. 19, 1893; [March 9, 1893 - April 20, 1893]; Dec. 20, 1894

BRENHAM DAILY BANNER (d) [title varies] - [Oct. 5, 1876 - Dec. 23, 1899]

THE SOUTHERN BANNER - Nov. 5, 1868

Brownwood

BROWNWOOD BULLETIN (w) - [May 17, 1894 - Dec. 19, 1895]

THE DAILY BROWNWOOD BULLETIN (d) - May 16, 1894 - May 19, 1894; April 15, 1904 - April 16, 1904

Burnet

BURNET BULLETIN (w) - [March 7, 1874 - Dec. 21, 1882]; [Oct. 20, 1898 - Dec. 21, 1905]

Caldwell

CALDWELL NEWS-CHRONICLE (w) - May 20, 1897 - Dec. 26, 1902

Cameron

THE CAMERON HERALD (w) - Jan. 3, 1895 - Dec. 12, 1895; [Jan. 3, 1901 - Nov. 10, 1904]

Canton

THE TEXAN-TELEPHONE (w) - [Nov. 1, 1884 - Feb. 6, 1886]

THE CANTON TELEPHONE (w) - [Feb. 13, 1886 - Dec. 21, 1894]

Carthage

THE PANOLA WATCHMAN (w) - [July 2, 1873 - Sept. 7, 1881]; [Jan. 1, 1896 - Dec. 28, 1898]; [Jan. 7, 1903 - Dec. 21, 1904]

**Centerville**

LEON PIONEER (w) [June 9, 1852 - June 13, 1855]

**Clarksville**

NORTHERN STANDARD - [Aug. 20, 1842 - Mar. 26, 1853]

THE STANDARD - [April 2, 1853 - Dec. 6, 1888]

**Cleburne**

CLEBURNE CHRONICLE (w) - [Oct. 24, 1868 - Sept. 19, 1874]

CLEBURNE DINNER-BELL (w) April 12, 1898

THE ENTERPRISE [title varies] (tri-w) - [July 1, 1890 - June 19, 1894]

DAILY ENTERPRISE (d) - [Nov. 6, 1894 - Sept. 24, 1896]

JOHNSON COUNTY REVIEW (w) - [April 3, 1891 - April 18, 1892]

CLEBURNE DAILY REVIEW [title varies] (d) - Aug. 1, 1897 - Sept. 21, 1897

**Corsicana**

NAVARRO EXPRESS (w) - Oct. 29, 1859 - Dec. 17, 1859; Jan. 7, 1860 - Nov. 21, 1861

**Crockett**

THE CROCKETT COURIER (w) [title varies] - [Jan. 31, 1890 - Jan. 21, 1904]

**Denison**

DENISON DAILY CRESSET (d) - [April 1, 1875 - Aug. 31, 1877]; name changed to:

DENISON DAILY HERALD (d) - [Sept. 3, 1877 - Dec. 30, 1878]

THE SUNDAY GAZETTEER (w) - [April 29, 1883 - April 5, 1903]

**Gainesville**

THE GAINESVILLE DAILY HESPERIAN (d) [title varies] - [Jan. 1, 1888 - Dec. 30, 1897]

**Graham**

THE GRAHAM LEADER (w) - [Aug. 26, 1876 - Dec. 25, 1896]

**Granbury**

THE GRANBURY NEWS (w) - [Sept. 3, 1891 - Aug. 1, 1895]; [June 3, 1897 - May 31, 1900];  
[Jan. 9, 1902 - Dec. 25, 1902]

THE GRANBURY NEWS JUNIOR - Oct. 12, 1905

**Henrietta**

HENRIETTA INDEPENDENT (w) - [Nov. 18, 1892 - Dec. 25, 1903]

**Jacksonville**

JACKSONVILLE BANNER (w) - [June 26, 1890 - Dec. 20, 1895]

**Kountz**

THE KOUNTZ TIMES (w) - April 9, 1891; April 23, 1892 - May 28, 1892

**Lockhart**

CALDWELL COUNTY REGISTER (w) June 25, 1881; May 6, 1882

THE LOCKHART COURIER [1889?] Vol. VII, No. 1) This is an undated paper, published by the local druggist, John B. Holt. Some advertisements are dated 1889.

LOCKHART NEWS-ECHO (w) - Feb. 22, 1878

LOCKHART REGISTER (w) - [Dec. 21, 1883 - Dec. 16, 1887]; [Jan. 4, 1889 - Oct. 3, 1890]; [July 1, 1892 - Dec. 22, 1893]; Aug. 9, 1895; [May 8, 1896 - Oct. 27, 1905]

**McKinney**

THE DEMOCRAT (w) - [Feb. 7, 1884 - Jan. 30, 1890]; [Feb. 2, 1893 - Dec. 27, 1900]

**Marshall**

HARRISON FLAG (w) -[July 10, 1858 - Jan. 12, 1861]; [Nov. 5, 1865 - Jan. 4, 1868]

MARSHALL TRI-WEEKLY HERALD - [April 20, 1875 - Dec. 31, 1885]

MARSHALL MESSENGER [title varies] (w, sw,d) - [June 23, 1877 - Nov. 22, 1889]; [Jan. 1, 1892 - Dec. 31, 1899]

TEXAS REPUBLICAN (w) - [May 26, 1949 - June 4, 1969]

**Mason**

THE MASON NEWS (w) (title varies)

[May 1, 1886 - Dec. 21, 1900]

**Palestine**

TRINITY ADVOCATE (w) - Dec. 10, 1853; May 20, 1857

**Palo Pinto**

PALO PINTO COUNTY STAR - [Oct. 10, 1891 - Dec. 15, 1905]

**Quanah**

QUANAH CHIEF (w) - [Feb. 25, 1892 - Feb. 22, 1894]

QUANAH TRIBUNE (w) - [Jan. 3, 1895 - May 27, 1897]

QUANAH TRIBUNE-CHIEF (w) - [June 3, 1897 - June 22, 1899]

**San Angelo**

SAN ANGELO WEEKLY STANDARD (w) - [May 3, 1884 - May 26, 1906]

**Waxahachie**

WAXAHACHIE ENTERPRISE (w) - Feb. 19, 1875 - Feb. 19, 1876

**Weatherford**

WEATHERFORD DEMOCRAT (w) - [March 28, 1895 - Jan. 14, 1897]

SECOND ANNUAL RURAL LIFE AND INDUSTRIAL EDITION...WEATHERFORD AND PARKER COUNTY.

Aug. 1929

WEATHERFORD DEMOCRAT CENTENNIAL EDITION - July 23, 1956

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## RAILROAD'S 50-YEAR SERVICE BUTTON TO GO TO G. G. WILLINGHAM TODAY

Submitted by Mrs. Opal M. Specht  
Kingman, Kansas

Editor's Note: This article appeared in the morning edition of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Saturday, May 29, 1937. Glenn G. Willingham was Mrs. Specht's great-uncle and was married to Mary Cox, a sister of her grandmother, Katie Cox Reel. Mary and Glenn died in Tarrant County, as did at least one of their children, Carter Glen Willingham. Mary's mother, Lucy Cox, also died in Tarrant County and is buried in Altus, Oklahoma.

The first 50-year service button ever awarded by the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway Company in this district will belong to G. G. Willingham of 924 Lipscomb Street today at 1 p.m. Willingham, 70, will not officially round out his 50 years of continuous service with the company until Monday but he gets a break from the calendar. Monday is Memorial Day and will be observed by the auditing department of the railroad in which Willingham is an employee.

The 50-year record goes to the Fort Worth and Denver but Willingham revealed yesterday that he worked for the Santa Fe five years before joining his present company. "I landed my first railroad job at the age of 15 when I was hired by the Santa Fe to do odd jobs at Crowley," he said. "I have been directly connected with the railroad work ever since."

Willingham's first job with the Fort Worth and Denver was that of freight agent in Alvord in 1887. In 1888 he was transferred to Giles where he served as agent until 1896. Giles during this time was the largest stock shipping point in the United States, the pioneer railroader declared. It was at this period that cattle were being purchased for stocking the Northern States and Canada.

From 1896 until 1905 Willingham served as a relief agent. During this time he was stationed at Chillicothe, Quanah, Childress, Clarendon, Washburn and Amarillo. In 1906 he was transferred to the auditing department of the Fort Worth office where he has served since.

One of the things he remembers best in his long career was a snowstorm which struck Washburn on Jan. 1, 1898. "It was one of the worst storms that ever hit the Panhandle," he said. "I don't know how deep the snow was but I do know that in some places it turned to ice and remained until March. The railroad was of no use for about 15 days."

Although Willingham admits that the idea of being retired on a pension does not sound bad, he says he will miss the work. "When a person has done one thing for 50 years it becomes quite a habit," he said. Fishing and hunting will absorb some of his time and he may go into business for himself in a few years. "I am figuring on being around for quite awhile yet," he said. "Most of my relatives have died between 80 and 85, which would leave me lots of time."

**JEREMIAH GREEN FAMILY BIBLE**

Submitted by Shirley Britton Cawyer  
Stephenville, Texas

In 1993 this Bible was owned by Mrs. Roy R. Clark, Candler, North Carolina. Birthdates for Jeremiah and Katherine Hagaman Green's family were copied from the original Bible owned by Otis Green, Asheville, N. C.

**BIRTHS**

Jeremiah Green was born the 16th day of June 1782

Katharine Hagaman was born the 24th day of December 1786

Wiseman Green was born the 8th day of August 1805 [m. Mary ----]

Wilson Green was born the 5th day of June 1807

Susannah Green was both the 12 day March 1809 [m. Daniel Rice]

Selinda Green was born the 14th day of February 1811 [m. Holtzclaw]

Temperance Green was born the 1st day of October 1812 [m. Samuel Clark]

Wesly Green was born the 22 day of April 1810 [died 27 April 1885; m/1 Susan Morgan; m/2 Grace Morgan, sister to Susan]

S. Williams Green was born the 14th day of March 1816 [m. Martha (Patsy) Morgan, sister to Susan Morgan]

Lydia Green was born the 13th day May 1818 [m. Adolphus Jones]

Washington Green was born the 5th July 1820

Rebecca Green was born the 18th June 1822 [d. 24 June 1874; m. William F. Clark]

Fanny Green was born 7th August 1824 [m. Israel Wilson]

Whitehead Green was born the 11th day of September 1826 [m. Polly Morgan]

Jane Green was born the 11th September 1828 [m. Elijah Morgan]

Jeremiah Green was born the 11th November 1830 [m. Carolina Morgan]

Katharine Green was born the 28 May 1833

Elminya C. Green was born November 7th 1858

**DEATHS**

Katharine Green Departed this Life January 18 day 1834

Jeremiah Green Departed this life 1844 [18 August]

Catharin Green Departed this life September 14 day 1871 age 84 years 9 months 10 days

**MARRIAGES**

Jeremiah & Katharine Green was married October 21 day 1804

Jeremiah Greene and Caroline Morgan was married November the 26 day A. D. 1857

## Additional information:

Will Book A. p. 98, Buncombe County, North Carolina. Jeremiah Green's will proved October 1844. To be buried on plantation where youngest child is buried. Lived on Pole Creek. Youngest sons, White and Jeremiah Green, Jr. mentioned.

Will Book B, p. 63, Buncombe County, North Carolina. Katherine Green's will [recorded date not given] To be buried by husband, Jeremiah, on farm where she now lives. Mentions Mrs. Susannah Rice, wife of Daniel Rice, Temperance Clark, wife of Samuel Clark; Lydia Jones, wife of Adolphus Jones; Fannie Wilson, wife of Israel Wilson; Rebecca Clark, wife of William Clark; Jane Morgan, wife of Elijah Morgan; daughter Selinda Holtzclas heretofore provided for. Sons mentioned but not by name.

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**FAMILY BIBLE RECORD OF DANIEL JARRETT**

Submitted by Shirley Britton Cawyer

In 1963, the Bible was owned by Sadie Jennings Goode Jarrett, (Mrs. J. N. Garrett) a descendant of Noah Jarrett and Elizabeth Israel.

Daniel Jarrett born 18 December 1747

Mary C. Jarrett born 9 February 1753

John Jarrett born 8 May 1773

Mary Jarrett born 23 June 1775

Daniel Jarrett, Jr. born 20 March 1777

Moses Jarrett born 17 January 1779

Rachel Jarrett 5 January 1782

Joanna [Susanna?] Jarrett born 2 September 1784

Catherine Jarrett born 23 November 1783

Aaron Jarrett born 11 October 1788

Noah Jarrett born 28 May 1791

Daughter [evidently still-born]

Leah Jarrett born 9 August 1795

James G. Patton born 16 September 1818

wife Mary C. Patton born 5 July 182-

Sarah A. Patton born 10 March 1823

Daniel Jarrett died 11 February 1822

Mary C. Jarrett died 19 Feb 1850

Daniel Patton died 24 March 1838

Rachel Patton died 7 May 1837

Catherine Jarrett died 3 September 1895

Noah Jarrett married Elizabeth Israel [no date given]

END OF BIBLE RECORD

## JEHU WILLIAMS LETTER, 1881

Letter from Jehu Williams, Desdemona Post Office, 10 April 1881, to his brother, William Williams, Coffeyburg [Coffey], Davis [Daviess] County, Missouri. Original letter was owned by Mrs. J. Forest Brown, Wichita, Kansas, in 1968, when she sent a copy to Nancy Timmons Samuels, Fort Worth, Texas.

Desdemona Texas Apr the 10 1881

Dear Brother,

I will drop you a few lines in answer to your most kind & wellcom letter which came to hand some time ago but have neglected to answer sooner. I was glad to hear you all was well & doing well this leaves all well and I hope will find you all the same well I dont know that I have anything interesting we have had a cold winter & a late spring but it is verry dry & we need rain now

My corn is up and oats up I have not planted cotton yet the grass is good now but stock watter is scarce now and the ground dry they are lotts of stock hear now concidern the winter lots of horses died with the blind staggers but it has made horses high price the cattle did not die this winter much some yearlings died with blackleg but the health of the people is allways tolorable good.

it is no use to give stock prices for they verry much grain corn is 50 cts per bushel wheat at sowin time \$1.25 oats 50 cts per bushel

I sold my place last fall and now I have bought again about 5 miles from whar I sold. I sold because I had no water & had to hall & now I have a good well that affords planty of water

You ast me to come and go to a Dinner but it is a little to far for me althoug I would like to come up & take dinner with you I would like for you all to come to see me you ar bettr sittuated then I am I will send you one of my pictures & I expect that is as near as you will see me untill you come to see me send me your pictures in return to this I Remain as ever your Brother untill death, Jehu Williams & family good by

What has become of Till you dont say anything about her send her picture with yours.

Notes by NTS:

Mrs. Brown stated that Edward Williams, b. 28 February 1798 in Kentucky, d. 15 August 1855 in Missouri, married Sarah Elizabeth Gibson, and had at least seven children, including William, to whom the letter was written, Jehu, who wrote the letter, John, Louisa, Samuel, Edmond, and Henry Williams. She knew nothing of Jehu, except that he was in Texas by 1880. She stated that he (Jehu) was b. 2 April 1821 in Kentucky and that his parents had married 15 December 1817 in Clay County, Kentucky.

Desdemona, in Eastland County, near the Erath County line, was in Precinct 8 in 1880. Precinct 8 of Erath County bordered Precinct 8 of Eastland County. Jehu's first farm was likely in Erath County, and he was probably the J. H. Williams of Precinct 8, Erath County, in 1880, ED 150, #242-266. He was enumerated as age 49, b. Indiana, parents b. Virginia, and wife Elizabeth was age 43, b. Kentucky, parents b. Kentucky. Three young children were still at home: Nancy L., age 13, b. Missouri, Mollie T., age 7, b. Missouri, and Charles U?, age 4, b. Texas. G. W. Williams, obviously an older son, lived next neighbor, #243-267, with wife,

Jehu Williams Letter, 1881, comments continued.

Margret J. and daughter Lena. George W. Williams had married Margaret Lewis in Erath County, 3 November 1878.

Buried in the Desdemona Garden of Memories are:

Jehu Williams, born April 9, 1831, died August 15, 1898

Elizabeth, wife of Jehu Williams, born January 11, 1837, died Sept. 23, 1911

Jehu served in Company E [or M], 2nd Missouri Cavalry. [US Army or CSA?]

Mrs. Brown gave Jehu's birthdate as 2 April 1821. His tombstone indicates 9 April 1831. The 1880 census of J. H. and Elizabeth indicate their birth years as 1831 and 1837, respectively.

I (NTS) would appreciate having more information on this Williams family.

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#### RESEARCH IN OTHER STATES:

MASSACHUSETTS: State Archives has all vital records 1841-1890 on file, including adoptions and illegitimate births. They are open to the public. Write them at the State House, Boston, MA 02113.

Georgia: The Department of Archives, 330 Capitol Avenue, S.E., Atlanta, GA 30334, has a booklet about Georgia marriage records, "Documenting Marriages in Georgia, Colonial Period through 1900." It's free for the asking.

New Jersey: The Bureau of Vital Statistics has suspended processing genealogical requests indefinitely. It is suggested that anyone needing research done contact the New Jersey State Archives (1-609-292-6260) for possible help.

Ohio: Information concerning original Ohio Land Records may be obtained by writing to: Auditor - State of Ohio, State Land Office, P. O. Box 1140, Columbus, OH 43266-0040.

*North Texas Trail Tracers*  
North Texas Genealogical Association  
Wichita Falls, Texas

Kentucky: The Department for Libraries and Archives' Archival Services Branch will require an \$8 pre-paid non-refundable research fee for all requests from out of state patrons. Request forms, which must be used for submission of research requests, are free of charge. Requests for general information about holdings, services and availability of material will be answered free of charge.

*The Family Tree, Ellen Payne*  
Odom Library, Moultrie, Georgia

**BIBLE RECORD OF JESSE T. AND LAVINIA YOUNG ISRAEL**

Submitted by Shirley Britton Cawyer  
Stephenville, Texas

The Bible record was passed down to William Lafayette Israel, a son of Jesse T. Israel, who, in turn, handed it down to his daughter, Ollie Eldo Israel Penland, who passed it on to the present owner, Dr. Kenneth D. Israel.

**FAMILY RECORD [First page]**

Jesse T. Israel was born June 2th 1824  
Leviny Young was born Sept. the 11th 1830  
W. L. Israel was born January the 18th day 1848  
Lemuel Young Israel was born January the 5th 1851  
Mary E. Israel was born February the 23th 1853  
Rachel M. Israel was born May the 24th 1855  
Miriam S. Israel was born Aprile the 25th 1857  
Sariann H. Israel was born January the 9th 1860  
Emily L. Israel was born February the 17th 1862  
Laury T. Israel was born November the 10th 1866

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Sary Ann Israel Died March the 7th 1864

**FAMILY RECORD**

Eva Ldo Israel was born August the 24th 1869  
Russel Lonzo Israel was born december the 9, 1871

**FAMILY RECORD [Third page]**

William Israel was married Janary the 18th 1872  
Mary Israel was married January 25th 1874  
Lemuel Israel was married January the 26th 1876  
Rachel Israel was married February the 4, 1877  
Miriam Israel was married October the 1st 1878  
S. M. Morgan, Jr. and Emily L. Israel were married Jan. the 7th 1880  
Laura Israel was maried May the 6, 1883  
Emily L. Morgan was maried May the 7, 1885

**FAMILY RECORD [Fourth Page]**

Miriam Young died July the 7th 1878  
S. M. Morgan, Jr. died Jan. the 4, 1882  
Rachel M. Morgan died Jan. the 8th 1882  
Emily Clark Died March 24th 1887  
Eva Israel was married February the 13th 1889  
Lonzo Israel was  
Lemuel Young Dyed September the 30, 1889

END OF BIBLE RECORD

Lemuel Young Israel, son of Jesse T. and Lavina Grace Young Israel, was born January 5, 1851 and died January 30, 1931. He married Eliza Jane Warren in Buncombe County, N. C. January 26, 1876. They lived on a farm on South Hominy Creek on land which Lemuel had inherited from his father, Jesse T. Israel. Lemuel was a farmer, merchant and preacher and at one time, was minister for White Rock Baptist Church in Candler, N. C., a church he helped to organize. Lemuel and Eliza are buried there. Their children: Cleo Israel, Nina Israel, William Turner Israel.

William Lafayette Israel married Rachel Elizabeth Howell. He died 6 February 1914 and she on 17 February 1937. Both are buried at Piney Mountain Methodist Church Cemetery. The couple had twenty children: Otto Lucius, Sena Etta, Zenas Watson, Coucy Mettie, Mary Isabella, Ollie Eldo, Leona Mattie, George, Fidellio, Thomas Jesse, Joseph Clinton, Julia Ann, Zannia Maude, Norma Levina, Lane Brittain, Lillie Edna, James Otho, Herbert Pingre, Frank Ray and Pinkney Rayborne.

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**PIERRE CHASTAIN FAMILY ASSOCIATION****19TH ANNUAL REUNION**

**October 21 - 23, 1994  
Econo-Lodge (I-55 N.)  
Jackson, Mississippi**

**For more information about the reunion, contact: Herschel Chastain, 312 Knight Road, Sumrall, MS 39482.**

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### CAPTAIN ALBERT G. HERVEY LETTER - 1865

Letter from Captain Albert G. Hervey to his wife, Martha Joyner Hervey, in Navarro County, Texas. Capt. Hervey was originally mustered into Confederate service as a part of B. D. McKie's Squadron, Walker's Division which eventually became a part of Parson's Cavalry Brigade. His observations on the war situation are interesting since General Lee surrendered on April 9, 1865. Copy of letter is in family files of editor.

Camp Coldsprings Feb 28th 1865

Dear Matt

As Lieut Tate leaves for home in a day or two I will write you a few lines though I have no news of int. to write you more than peace rumours still afloat but I dont seen any foundation for them true there may be Commissioners sent to confer with the Lincoln Govt yet I cannot believe that Govt will make or accede to any propositions favorable to the South at this time from the fact that they claim great advantages of this time last year which they claim from Shermans successful march through Georgia but we cannot look upon it as they do

We were very much relieved when Sherman withdrew his Army from the centre to the border of that State even at the Cost of Savannah they have not in their possession as much of the Territory in Arkansas & Louisiana by many Thousand Square miles they have withdrawn from Brownsville Tex which leaves them considerably worsted in the Trans Miss Dept and about the same in Missouri

On the other side they have lost largely in Tenn and Miss. Ky & Georgia they have gained nothing around Richmond & Petersburg taking everything into consideration I think we are in far better condition than we were last year. Our army is better armed & disciplined than ever before. Our Brig is by far in a better condition than last year I think it is one of the most efficient Brigs in this Dept. we have brave and willing men. I trust peace may be made soon that we may all once more return to our happy homes to live in peace and happiness with loved ones, without interruption not for 50 days but forever how my heart swells in anticipation of that happy event. We should guard against peace rumours and not suffer our selves to be too much exalted in our feelings for fear the reaction should make us the more unhappy in disappointment.

I was agreeably surprised this evening when I was handed a letter from my Dear little wife by the kindness of Charlie [Cheesman] it is the first line from you since I left home [on furlough] but I attributed to no fault of yours my Dear, you have recd mine by Johnny Baird before now I have written two one by John Westbrook.

I regret exceedingly to hear that you are suffering from Cold I hope you are fully recovered before this time. You have no idea my Darling little Wife how anxious I feel about you and our dear children would to God that you could know or that I had language to express my love for you. You say I will think you have grown young by the tenor of your letters you cannot write too much love for me if we are getting old our hearts are still young and can more fully appreciate true worth we have lived together long enough to fully know each other & when man and wife can love so truly

My health is very good no serious sickness in the Camp. Lieut Drake is sick. W. F. Stokes has been having 3rd day Chills since he returned to the Comd.

We get along very well here have had plenty good Bacon potatoes &c no flour we move from this Camp to morrow to get nearer forage we go 8 miles in the direction of Waverly, if the Yankees dont make a move soon I think we will work our way out toward the Brazos it is not yet certain where we will go when we leave this Country peace rumours still come in not reliable otherwise all seems to be quiet

I want you to send me Dave [his slave] as soon as you can it goes hard with me to get through all my duties & cook & attend to my Horse I would not want him but that I know he is not of much advantage there

I will not have time to write Harry [their oldest son] by Lieut Tate as I am now writing by a pine torch he will start by daylight tomorrow morning you must find out when he leaves and write by him. I was very proud to receive a letter from my Boy it does very well he will improve I am very proud of my little Boys and Girls it make me very proud to know that they are learning so rapidly and trust they will not tire but continue to improve that they may make themselves useful in the future. One thing I desire very much that is to give them all a good education if we can give them nothing more.

If Harry has to go into the Service he will most assuredly go in my Co If I live I think I would have no difficulty in getting him assigned here but there is no law as yet putting 167 year old Boys into the Service and I hope that we may never be under the necessity of calling them out  
I think you plan is a good one in regard to farming the 120 acres of Corn will Bread the family if it turns out well and keep 2 or 3 Horses very well

Geo Hogan will not get off home until the absenteed under the order report back, it is pretty tight on men absent without leave I report eleven on that list today the men are too careless.  
Say to Mollie Hodge that I regret very much that I cant be at her wedding but I think it would suit better if she would exchange with Betty Street and marry the old man instead of George. Billy Street dont like the idea of Betty's marrying the old man. I would like to have been at home to enjoy the chases with them and to kill some of the deer while the River was full

If this letter is black attribute it to pine Smoke from the torch. Has Calvin ever wrote in regard to the poney you said nothing about her whether she gave you trouble or not write me by every chance I must close as my torch is about gone  
my regards to our friends and many kisses and much love to our dear Children and many to your dear self my Darling little Wife

Your devoted husband /s/ A. G. Hervey

The Herveys were married in 1848 in Hardeman County, Tennessee. He was a son of Onie Sypit Hervey and Ann Holt, and Martha's parents were Henry Joyner and Cynthia Gardner Persons. The family moved to Navarro County in 1852 and settled on Graves Creek. There were six children: Robert Henry (Harry), Horace (died in Tenn.); Mary Elizabeth, Charles Albert, Anna Joyner and Calvin Clayton. Calvin was born in 1870 and died in 1874. His mother presumably never recovered from childbirth, since she died in 1872. Capt. Hervey died in 1904 in Navarro County, Texas.

## NEWS FROM FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Ken Hopkins  
Manager, Genealogy/Local History

The Genealogy unit has computer databases on CD-Rom that can be helpful to your research. These databases include marriage records, a national telephone directory and the Social Security Death Benefit index. They are easy to use, but a bit of explanation is in order.

CD-Rom stands for "Compact Disk - Read Only Memory." It is a plastic disk approximately five inches in diameter, similar to a small phonograph record, and is played on a special drive connected to a personal computer. A disk contains millions of pieces of data recorded electronically and cannot be erased or written over. When the computer is engaged, a screen appears that describes the contents of the database and the proper commands to proceed. By using the keyboard of the computer, a researcher can scroll through the data or search for a particular name or other information.

The State Marriage Indexes are for fifteen Southern and Midwestern states. They utilize data purchased from the Hunting for Bears, Inc., a private firm that has researched marriage records for over thirty years. The inclusive dates range from 1739 to 1949; however, information for any particular location may be much more restricted. The marriages for Tarrant County, Texas, comprise only those from 1876 to 1880, and all counties are not included. For example, only 84 counties in Texas are represented.

Nonetheless, these indexes can be useful. The genealogist can search widely requesting all instances of a surname in the database or very specifically for a known bride or groom in a particular county. The information provided on the database includes the name of the bride and groom and the date and location of the marriage. One frustrating aspect of this CD-Rom is that each marriage is listed twice - once under the bride's name and once under the groom's name - so the researcher wades through redundant data taking up his precious time at the computer. Another unfortunate feature is that the original source of the information is not defined, although we can assume that they are county court records.

Additional marriage indexes are on order. These CD-Rom use data from the Liahona Research, Inc. The marriages are prior to 1850 and are from the states of Georgia, Arkansas, California, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Texas, Illinois and Indiana. The exact nature of the information is unknown since the disks have not yet arrived at the Library.

Phone Disc, USA, is a second type of CD-Rom database. It is a national telephone directory. Originally produced in 1992, the publisher claims that it represents 75 to 80 percent of the residential and business telephones in the United States. The data is not actually from telephone directories, which are protected by federal copyright. Instead, the vendor has compiled information from various sources, including mailing lists and public utility lists. Given the nature of the sources, it is not surprising that some information is old. The Library has recently ordered an update.

The researcher can search this database in a variety of ways. He can search for all instances of a surname or for a specific person. He can limit his search to a particular state, zipcode, town or even street. The database provides the full name, address and telephone number. The business portion of the database allows the researcher to look up data by the name and type of business as well as by the street address.

Patrons use the Phone Disc successfully despite its limitations. Uses so far include finding names of old army buddies for a reunion, aiding in search for birth parents and locating companies to contact about a product that a patron had invented.

The Social Security Death Benefits Index is a database of information released by the Social Security Administration. To be included on the database an individual had to meet the following criteria: 1) Have a Social Security number; 2) Receive SS benefits prior to death or 3) Have a spouse or children who received Survivor Benefits. The dates for the information are from 1962 to 1992. The database lists the name of the SS holder, the SS number, the birth and death dates, a two-digit residency code, the Zipcode of the legal residence of SS holder and the Zipcode where the last payment was received.

Armed with this information, the researcher can apply at the Social Security Administration for the original benefits application for \$7.00. Unlike the living, the deceased do not have a federal right to privacy so you can obtain a copy of the file. It includes the SS holder's application, which contains, among other information, his name, date and place of birth, and the names of his parents. Accompanying the application may be other documents such as military records and birth, marriage and death certificates.

There are difficulties with the way individuals are listed in this database. The information is under the name legally registered with the Social Security Administration. Only the first and last names are given, so that if you are looking for William Jones, you have a lot of data to cull through. If the SS holder went only by a nickname or changed the spelling of his name informally, your search is also complicated. Women's maiden names are rarely in the database. Also, the state where a person lived his "whole life" may not have been the state where he received his Social Security number; you may have to broaden on that account.

Besides those described above, the Fort Worth Public Library also has other CD-Roms. Already available are the pre-1790 American tax lists, Linked Pedigrees and Master Name Index to DC-Rom published by Automated Archives. We have on order the land records from Arkansas, Florida and Louisiana, and mortality records for Texas. Of course, we are looking for other CD-Roms. They are a promising technology and we can expect more and more to be published in the near future.

Patrons are invited to try out these materials. Their use is on a first come - first serve basis, although we limit usage to an hour if other patrons are waiting. There is a sign-up sheet at the Genealogy desk. Staff is pleased to discuss in more detail the contents of these materials and to instruct you in the use of the computer. A warning - the information on the databases is only as good as the original sources. Therefore, you should always try to locate independent confirmation.

## NEW ACQUISITIONS IN THE GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Compiled by Nelita Snow

### FAMILY

ABEL FAMILY HISTORY: THE DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE ABEL. Richard M. Armstrong. 929.2A  
THREE HUNDRED YEARS OF TYLERS. James Seaton Tyler 929.2T  
A REVISED HISTORY OF JOEL AND REBECCA (Vrooman) WALLACE and THEIR DESCENDANTS. Anita Wallace. 929.2W.  
BIG MAMA MILLWEE'S FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM. Robert A. Millwee. 929.2M  
CIVILIZERS: THE DuVALS OF TEXAS, Roy L. Swift. 929.2S  
DOWDELL'S VOLUNTEERS, 37TH ALABAMA INFANTRY. Rex Miller. 973.7461M  
CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS AND HIS DESCENDANTS. S.F. Tillman. 929.2T  
OUR FRENCH-CANADIAN ANCESTORS, v.17; Lebel, Gerard. 071.4L  
ANCESTRY OF THOMAS LEWIS AND HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH MARSHALL OF SACO, MAINE. 929.2D  
ROSTER OF THE PATRIOTS IN THE BATTLE OF MOORE'S CREEK BRIDGE. Moss, Bobby. 973.3456  
THE HERNDON-HUNT AND ALLIED FAMILIES. Edna Hilliard White Wood. 929.2W  
AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL NOTES. E.L. Brown 92.B.  
THE ROGERS LINE. Eme O'Dell Banister. 929.2B  
CASTLEBERRY AND ALLIED FAMILIES. Jesse Wendell Castleberry. 929.2C

### GEORGIA

GEORGIA BEALLS AND THEIR KINFOLKS. Cummins, Bertie Lillian. 929.2 C

### ILLINOIS

DEATH RECORD BOOK I, December 1877-June 1908, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 977.3875D

### KENTUCKY

MARION COUNTY, KENTUCKY MARRIAGES EARLY-1872. Dianna F. Bertram. 976.951B.  
KENTUCKY ANCESTRY: A guide to genealogical and historical research. Hogan, Roseann R. 976.9H

### NEW JERSEY

SOUTH JERSEY CHURCH RECORDS. 1750-1900 2 Vols. Jeanne M. Hammell. 974.9H

### NEW YORK

ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK. PROBATE RECORDS. Anjou, Gustave. Probate Records in the office of the surrogate, and in the County Clerk's Office. 2 Vols. 974.734A

### RHODE ISLAND

BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND'S EARLY SETTLERS. Dorothy Saunders. 974.55S

TENNESSEE

DICKSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, COUNTY COURT MINUTES, 1816-1828 AND WITNESS DOCKET. Wells, Carol. 976.844W

RHEA COUNTY, TENNESSEE COURTS AND QUARTER SESSIONS. Broyles, Bettye

TEXAS

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FROM LIMESTONE, FREESTONE AND LEON COUNTIES, TEXAS. 976.42

INDEX TO OBITUARY NOTICES/THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE. Linda Bennett. 976.4141B

LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS CENSUS 1880,1900,1910. Dorothy Hughes 976.4847H

VIRGINIA

FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA DEEDS, 1778-1785. Gott, John K. 975.5275

TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS OF ALEXANDRIA, VA. Pippenger, W.E. 975.5296P

WEST VIRGINIA

SMITHFIELD LUTHERAN REGISTER 1792-1826. Smith, George M. 975.499S

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**THE TEXAS REPUBLICAN.** Marshall, Texas. July 13, 1849. EFFICIENT DRAGOONS. We are gratified to learn that the Dragoons stationed between the Brazos and Trinity, under the command of Capt. Arnold, have proved themselves to be fully as efficient as the rangers that proceeded them. During the period that they have been stationed on the Brazos, the settlers have enjoyed a complete immunity from Indian depredations. Not a single horse has been stolen, and Capt. Arnold has actually compelled the Wichitas to restore about forty horses that had been stolen from the frontier settlers a year or two since. Several of the chiefs of the Wichitas lately visited the camp of the Dragoons and assured Capt. Arnold that their warriors should not be permitted to commit any depredations in the frontier settlements. They express great anxiety to remain at peace with the whites. These treacherous savages have their haunts in the Wichita mountains of Arkansas, and have been in the habit of making forays into the settlements between the Trinity and the Brazos. Nothing but the fear that the dragoons would carry fire and sword through the villages could have induced them to sue for peace. The report that was received here a few weeks since that fifteen horses had been stolen from the camp of Capt. Arnold is incorrect. Dr. Luckett informs us that the report originated from the fact that fifteen or twenty horses took a stampede and strayed toward the Bosque, but they were recovered a day or two afterwards. The dragoons have not had a single horse stolen by the Indians since they have been stationed on the frontier. We learn that Capt. Arnold intends to remove his camp from the Brazos to the west branch of the Trinity at a large and beautiful spring of clear wholesome water. The country around the spring is exceedingly fertile and abounds in excellent pasturage. It will doubtless become the seat of extensive and flourishing settlements.

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**THE TEXAS FRONTIER BATTALION**  
(Continuing with 1875 records)

Selected, copied and compiled by Nelita Snow

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 written.

1st Sergt J. S. Hartman  
Lost Valley, Jany 3d, 1875

Enclosed you will find all the Pay Certificates of all of Co. "B" except Sergt. F. A. Lichlyter, who received both certificates.

Co. "B" Sergt.

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Jan. 3, 1875  
Camp near Jacksboro  
To Genl Wm. Steele, Adj't Genl., Austin

Sir, --report the reduction of this battalion--I leave this place for Dallas where I will arrange subsistence for Companies A, B, C, and E to the first April.

Capt. Kenney leaves for Austin and will require seven-eight days. I will meet him there on 10th. Reduction of forces complete and outstanding business closed by then.

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29 Jan'y, 1875  
To the State of Texas

E. G. Nicholson of Hamilton County notifies that his attorney of record is J. J. Tobin of Travis County. Said Atty is to sign all receipts for him as required by the paying officer of the Frontier Battm., Texas State Troops, for claims belonging to him (Nicholson) as follows: the final account of Charles H. Dickinson of Co. E., J. M. Clark of Co. F., C. Y. Pool of Co. A., and J. V. Atkinson of Co. A., the same being for pay due them for military services in said Battalion from the 1st day of September, 1874 to the dates of their respective discharges. Wit: L. N. Beavesh(?) and

by L. N. Beavesh (?) and Edward Wolffartte (?) Note: Edward Wolffartte was Clk of Dist. Ct., Jack Co.

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Hdqtrs, Co. A., Fr. Bn.

Feby 1st, 1875

Special Order No. 1: No cartridges will be issued after this date except to Scouts and they shall be returned, on the return of Scout.

Horses must be with Hobbles or sidelines in daytime after this date. J. F. Wilson, 2nd Lt. Co. A.

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Camp Saline

Mason County, Feb'y 1, 1875

Major Jno. B. Jones, Sir:

Feby 4, 1875.: Special Order No. 12

....Sundry parties of Indians recently residing in Mexico, will probably cross the frontier of this State in their route to the Reservations which have been assigned to them by the United States.

....all Texas State Troops shall allow them to pass and shall prevent interference on the part of the Citizens of the Counties through which they may pass....And all Peace Officers of Counties on their line of March are requested to prevent any interference with these Indians in their peaceable transit through their jurisdictions.

/s/ Wm. Steele, Adj Genl.,  
State of Texas

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Camp Saline, Mason Co., Feb. 1, 1875

Major Jno. B. Jones, Sir,

I have the honor to report to you that during this moon there has been perfect quiet all along the line....I have been without corn for about 15 days..the roads were in condition, impossible to haul the corn...it is a boggy country, where the teamsters could not get back to the black land or come on with it. Consequently my horses have been doing badly. Several of them are very sickm with some disease affecting them like epizootic - I am fearful of its takinga strong hold among them.

I expect corn today by my own wagon which I started to San Saba eight days ago after 51 bushels which was left at Batnett's. Your favor by H. G. Lee with money to pay for corn and transportation was received for which I am much obliged.

/s/ D. W. Roberts, 2nd Lt. Co. D.

P.S. My wagon has returned from San Saba, bringing news of the Indians having stolen Horses on Richland Creek 15 miles North of San Saba Town on the 30th Jan'y., went up the Brady by Cow Gap.

Mud Creek, Colman Co Texas  
Feb the 7th 1875

Capt. M. M. Kinney.

Sir, You will please send me five Pistols. One of the five Nickleplated. Also one Pair of Pistols the Same as Capt. Maultby.

Your Obe. Serv.  
/s/ Lt. B. S. Foster  
Com Co E F. B.

The pistols are for the men belonging to the Comp.

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Feby 8th, 1875  
Special Order No. 3  
Stephens County, Feby 11th, 1875

After this date anyone found on guard without his gun and pistol and his horse saddled while on guard in day time, will be placed on extra duty for 1st offence and for 2nd will be discharged.

/s/ J. F. Wilson 2nd Lt.  
Co. A, F.B.

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Headquarters Co. "A"  
Stephens County  
Feby 8th 1875

Special Order No. 2: After this date no member of the Company shall go out hunting without permission. No. member of the Company shall leave Camp for any purpose after this date without permission.

Special Order No. 4., Feby 8, 1875, Co. A.

After this date, any member having his horse in or out of the Company without permision will be discharged.

/s/ J. T. Wilson 2nd Lt. Co. A., F.B.

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Austin, Texas  
February 9th, 1875  
Lieutenant J. T. Wilson  
Com. of Co. A, Front Batt  
Camp in Stephens Co.

Lieutenant: I have handed in my resignation of the Office of Quarter Master of the Frontier

Battalion and tomorrow I cease to have any connection with the office beyond settling up outstanding accounts....give my parting respects to all the boys. With many pleasant recollections of our rough service in the summer of 1874, and wishing you every success. I am yours respectfully,

/s/ Martin M. Kenney  
Capt. & Q. M. Front. Batt.

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Camp Saline, 14 Feby 1875

Major Jno. B. Jones,  
Comdg. Frontier Bat.

Sir, I have the honor to report that all has been quiet since the 1st this month. Nick Colston, who lives on Copperas Creek tributary of Llano was shot at his rancho when putting (sic) his horse in the stable. Only slightly wounded in the hip. The parties that did it are unknown - there was some moccasin tracks and shoe tracks also found nearby, but the sign was rather bogus for Indians. I did not go to see anything about it as it was a week before I knew it. Colston lives 35 miles West of here.

My horses are doing badly - on account of the disease I mentioned in my last report. It is some kind of fever and in consequences of it I will not be able to scout the Moon. I have bought corn to replace the corn Gay was to deliver - at some figures it is splendid corn.

My rations are holding out very well. I may have to get a little more flour than I have on hand. The citizens in this section are ready to do anything by Petition or otherwise that can be effected for the continuance of the Battalion(sic).

Yours respectfully, D. W. Roberts  
2nd Lieut Comdg. Co. D., Fr. Bat.

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Camp on the Little Sabine  
Feby 12, 1875

Capt. M. M. Kinney, Quartermaster  
Frontier Battalion

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find vouchers for fifteen dollars cash that was advanced to L. R. Kelso by you while he was on detached service with escort. We have only enough flour to last us until the 1st March. The men will not eat Pilot Bread while in Camp.--We prefer vinegar in place of pickles as it can be used in cooking.

The pack saddles you ordered sent to D. Doole we still have in camp - if the Companies are recruited to their full number, I suppose you will need them all. No Indian depredations as yet during this Moon.

N. H. Murray, 1st Serg. D Co.

## ABSTRACTS FROM THE GRAHAM LEADER

Compiled by Barbara Knox

In 1876, Major J. W. Graves, a CSA veteran, moved to Graham, in Young County, Texas, and began publication of a weekly newspaper. It was the first newspaper to be published that far west in Texas, and it is still in existence today..

### September 8, 1886

Cleburne. The Honorable B. D. Simpson, county judge, and Mayor Gilluin, appeal to citizens to meet at the court house next Monday night to take steps toward raising funds for the destitute people in the drought stricken areas.

Temple. Most of the machinery for the cotton compress is in place and it will be ready for work on October 1st. Contractor B. D. Lee has begun work on a \$15,000 brick hotel to be completed by January 1st, and in a few days, work will begin on a \$5,000 brick market house and City Hall. Nearly \$200,000 worth of improvements are being done here. Many brick houses would do credit to cities like Waco and Fort Worth.

Center. The alleged murderer (Dan Mitchell) of Rev. James M. Truitt of Timpson is in the Nacogdoches jail. Examining trail was postponed because of his illness. It has been reported that the prisoner was identified by Mrs. Truitt, which may be in error. There is a \$1000 reward for his conviction. Since Mitchell could not raise bail, he was returned to jail.

### September 15, 1886

Gainesville. Bill Davis was arrested here by Dept. U. S. Marshal Johnson for cattle stealing in McLennan county.

Jefferson. Charles Postlewait, long time resident, was found insensible in his room at the Brooks House Friday morning. Despite every medical attention, he died the next day. He has been in feeble health for sometime. He was a member of the first company of volunteers raised here for the late war and returned here after it was over to work as a dry goods clerk until his health failed. He was about 47 years old, unmarried and from one of the best families in New Orleans. He was a true and brave soldier and a faithful friend.

### September 22, 1886

Hearne. John Bishop accidentally shot and killed John Suggs while showing Suggs his pistol. Bishop was frantic with grief and attempted suicide but was restrained by friends.

Glen Rose. Bob Wheatly and horse were drowned Sunday in an attempt to cross the Brazos River near here.

Palo Pinto. E. Whatley was shot and badly wounded by J. L. Cunningham - a result of an old feud.

Dallas. J. S. Moore, a honest hardworking carpenter, has inherited \$30,000 from an uncle who died recently. He is on his way north to collect the money.

Rusk. Burnett and Mulkey, Texas evangelists, closed a most successful meeting last night. 156 penitents and over 56 conversions. It was considered very good for the town and county.

Texarkana. Mrs. F. M. Leatherman died at her home on the 8th.

Palestine. Mrs. Jennie Gee, wife of Peter Gee, died on the 8th.

### September 29, 1886

Marshall. A deadly conflict took place at the Capitol Hotel this morning between L. L. Teague, his son, Lattimore, both of Longview, and George W. Tabler, Marshal of Longview. Tabler was shot in his hip and 3 - 4 times in his head. L. L. Teague escaped unhurt and Lattimore had wound in arm. This was a sequel to a tragedy some months ago between Jeff Teague, county attorney of Gregg County, father and son respectively of the two Teagues above mentioned, in which Mr. Tabler killed Jeff Teague and was himself wounded. Mr. Tabler arrived in Marshall yesterday to appear as a witness in the Tillery case and the Teagues came in on the early morning train, registering at the Capitol Hotel. Teague and his son were arrested and taken before Squire Case and released on bond of \$5000 each. The body of Mr. Tabler was returned to Longview.

Texas News. Crosby County was organized on the 11th inst with Maryetta chosen as county seat. Officials: G. M. Swink, judge, Frank Lester, attorney, Paris Cox, county and district clerk, T. A. Lewis, treasurer, F. S. Franklin, sheriff, H. C. Smith assessor and George M. Hunt surveyor.

Waco. The whole city is in mourning for the "lady of Waco" - Mrs. Catherine H. Ross, wife of Capt. Shapley P. Ross and mother of Gen. L. S. Ross, nominee for Governor of Texas. She died peacefully last night in her sleep - aged 74. She and her husband settled in Waco in 1848, and her daughter, Kate, (Mrs. Tom Padgett) was the first white child born here.

### October 6, 1886

Local. Mrs. Galleger, mother of Mrs. C. L. Hunt, died Wednesday last with scarcely a moment's warning. She was a member of the Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer's Presbyterian Church in New Orleans. Capt. J. B. Farrar came in Sunday from his ranch in Throckmorton County on his way home to Ellis County. His horses were frightened and he was thrown from his buggy, receiving a sharp cut over one eye, but was able to continue his journey. H. B. White and Mrs. Lucy Irvin were married on Thursday the 30th ult., at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Brown, 4 miles west of Graham.

### October 20, 1886

Galveston. The town of Sabine Pass was entirely washed away by a terrific storm Tuesday night. Over 50 lives were lost out of a population of 200 - from some of the leading families.

Ranger. J. M. Rice and Miss Jennie Peck were married Sunday the 10th inst. at the home of the bride's father, Col. A. B. Peck.

Elgin. Sheriff Hornsby of Travis County, arrested a man named Hancock here on charge of allegedly murdering his wife last Christmas.

Navasota. The slaughter house belonging to Gus Nash was destroyed by fire. Upon the ruins was a warning for him to leave town within 15 days. This may refer to the disappearance of stock in the vicinity recently.

October 27, 1886

Dallas. The Texas State Fair Association ordered 100 extra stalls erected to meet the increased demand of horse entries, The finest yet entered are those belonging to former Lt. Governor Marion Martin of Navarro County.

Dallas. Rev. S. A. Hayden filed suit against J. J. Belford to gain possession of the printing offices for the *Baptist Herald* and *Texas Baptist*.

November 10, 1886.

Clarksville. An appeal is made to the survivors of Walker's Texas Division to aid their old commander who is homeless and unable to work. The *Standard* will receive any contributions. Walker's "Gray Hounds" should come up liberally for their old leader.

Local. John H. Propps, former citizen of Graham, has been elected sheriff of Baylor County. Ware Benge, former Young County resident, has been elected Treasurer. Sheriff Wallace arrived last Monday with William Davis and John Henderson, escaped prisoners from the McCullough County jail. Rev. W. T. Compere of Farmer has temporarily moved to Hubbard City in Hill County.

Austin. A charter was filed today of the Southern Kansas Railroad Company of Texas. The line is projected to run from Fort Worth to New Mexico through the counties of Tarrant, Parker, Wise, Young, Archer, Throckmorton, Baylor, Wilbarger, Knox, Hardeman, Cottle, Childress, Hall, Donley, Armstrong, Carson, Randall, Potter and Oldham. Authorized capitol is said to be \$3,000,000.

Gainesville. A shooting took place near St. Jo, in Montague County, between two men named Barrett and Price which left Price seriously wounded. Barrett fled to the Indian Territory. The outcome of the election was said to have been the cause.

December 1, 1886

Albany. Stephens County citizens thank the relief committee of Shackelford County and Rev. John Brown for furnishing seed to the settlers. Rev. Brown has done good work for the drought stricken portion of Texas. Reports are still coming in of the bad conditions in West Texas where "rain hasn't fallen in some places for 14 months." Surviving cattle are parched and starving and settlers are

selling their farms for a fraction of the estimated cost and leaving in poverty. Texas congressmen are asking the government for help.

Palestine. Hon. John H. Reagan left for Washington tonight. Neither Mackey or Terrell have a walk-over for U. S. Senate. Reagan has 27 letters - 18 give him 1st choice and the rest are for 2nd.

Austin. Several lawyers and U. S. Commissioner Ruggles have questioned the commissioner of the general land office, preparatory to instituting a suit regarding 230 acres of land on which a part of the city of Fort Worth is built, including the Union Depot. The original headright grant was to Thomas F. Rutledge and transferred to John Childress. The tract in controversy was laid off in lots and sold by E. M. Daggett, deceased. It appears that Daggett had no legal title and from the investigation here today supported by legal documents from Tarrant County, the view will be upheld by the courts but which of five claimants, among whom are the Rutledge and Childress heirs, will win is uncertain. The property is valued at over \$2,000,000.

Whitesboro. Rev. B. P. Barnum, reformed infidel of Elmo, Texas, preached at the Baptist Church last night. He has been a lecturer on infidelity for over 30 years, was converted Oct. 5 and joined the Baptist Church.

December 8, 1887.

Wills Point. Several years ago an old man named Godfrey living in Van Zandt County died suddenly. It was well known that he had buried a large amount of gold - some \$3000 - \$4000 - and his sudden death prevented his family from knowing its location. The place was eventually rented to J. L. Aston, who later purchased other property, paying in 20 dollar gold pieces. The Godfrey heirs claim Aston showed a man the coffee pot in which the money was buried and told him where it was found. The heirs will sue and the lawyers will have a fat time since both sides are very well off and will fight to the bitter end.

Decatur. Mrs. Lancaster, landlady of the Lancaster House, shot and badly wounded a boarder, R. A. Ferguson - allegedly protecting herself from unjust assault. Ferguson claims he entered a room to visit a sick child and was shot by Mr. Lancaster. Witnesses say he had been drinking. Both the Lancasters have been arrested.

Austin. Robert G. West, son of the late Justice West of the U. S. Supreme Court, was married to Mrs. Emma Lewis Grant, daughter of Dr. R. E. Grant at the South Presbyterian Church. A great many valuable and beautiful gifts were received.

Waco. In July 1885, Dr. J. W. Leach of DeLeon in Comanche County, shot and killed Constable J. A. Martin. Leach was drinking at the time and the constable was taking him home. He received a sentence of 14 years in the penitentiary. An appeal was confirmed about 10 days ago. Mrs. Leach went to Austin with a petition and Governor Ireland issued a stay of the sentence. Leach was kept in jail and his wife and a number of doctors stated that he was insane and had been for some time. The jury recommended that he be placed under restraint and sent to Terrell. The man is the picture of "a crazy man" and has consumption as well, from which he will probably die.

Weatherford. Postmaster Johnson reports mail was cut open last Thursday evening and a number of registered packages gone. The crime was not discovered until the train was some miles west. Every effort is being made to find the guilty parties.

Local. Jesse Morrison, formerly citizen of this county, visited from Mullin, Brown County, recently. Rev. J. H. Cason moved to Jacksboro but will continue to fill the Baptist pulpit here. Rev. J. M. Barcus, pastor of the Methodist Church, has been returned for another year. Jim Melton, former sheriff, is now the host of the Albany House in Albany. Charley Bigham is studying law under C. W. Jackson. Graham now has three law students. W. T. Bunker died at his home in Goose Neck Bend last Monday night of cancer. He was a former sheriff of the county and leaves a wife and five children.

#### December 15, 1886

Dallas. Col. George Noble, general manager of the T&P Railroad died unexpectedly Saturday night at the Bazel House. He was taken sick last week, but not thought to be very bad. He was 56 years old, a native of Pennsylvania. No railroad man was ever so admired and respected as he. He leaves his wife and children, Mrs. M. A. McDonald, oldest daughter, Miss Alice and two sons, Lawrence and Hall. The funeral will take place at the First Presbyterian Church tomorrow at 10 a.m.

#### December 29, 1886

Fort Worth. Max Elser, leading business man, has been installed as cashier of the City National Bank in place of G. R. Newton, deceased. The City Council of Fort Worth has determined that a City Hall shall be built at a cost of \$50,000 - \$75,000 - excluding the cost of the lot.

Weatherford. W. J. Eddleman was accidentally shot on December 25th. Eddleman, A. D. Oliver and C. D. Harnett were hunting quail and started back to town about sundown. Oliver, depot agent, was in a hurry to get to his job, so he was riding in a buggy with W. H. Eddleman, brother to victim, leaving his companions to return at their leisure. Within two miles of town, the dog came to a point and little Willie Maddox, the driver, slammed his foot on the brake, causing a gun to accidentally discharge, hitting Eddleman in the head. He died the next morning. He was a well known citizen in this part of the state, having been one of the earliest settlers.

Local. Dunlap Crozier and Miss Allie Wiley were married last Sunday at the residence of the bride's uncle, Judge H. D. Williams. Susie Jowel, youngest child and only daughter of J. R. Jowell, has died as a result of burns received when her clothing caught fire while standing in front of the fire last Monday night. She had returned only a few days since from Tharp Springs school. Several friends met at the residence of E. S. Cusenbary and spend time conversing, reading and playing dominoes until dinner was announced when they did justice to one of the best meals ever prepared on Fish Creek by Mrs. Kate Cushenbarry (sic). Mrs. Martha Barret married Mr. Jones of Jack County at the residence of S. L. Spencer in Farmer Sunday morning.

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## SELECTED OBITUARIES OF METHODIST MINISTERS SERVING IN NORTH TEXAS AND CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCES

The editor again expresses appreciation to Johnnie Patterson Allen for permission to publish material contained in *Parish Partners*. Please remember that only obituaries for early Methodist ministers were selected. The book may be seen in the Genealogy and Local History Department, Fort Worth Public Library. Abbreviations used: NTC - North Texas Conference; NWTCJ - Northwest Texas Conference Journal; NWTM - Northwest Texas Conference Minutes; TMCY - Texas Methodist Centennial Yearbook; WTC - West Texas Conference; CTJC - Central Texas Conference Journal.

**AKIN/AIKIN, JOHN E.**, minister, b. Ky. Served NW TX Conf. 1875-1877; d. Fort Worth, Tex. 1877; bur. Graham, Tex. Source: NW TX Conf. Min. 1877, p. 412.

**ALSUP**, Benjamin Franklin, minister, b. 3 July 1861, Polk Co. Mo.; m/1 [wife's name not given]; ch: Maye Alsup; m/2 29 Feb. 1888, Virginia Lee Bond. Ch: Alice Alsup, John F. Alsup, Mrs. L. M. Hall, Mrs. D. C. Stark. Served: NW & CEN TX Confs. 1906-1928.; d. 6 July 1928; Virginia d. 17 June 1952; both bur. Fort Worth, Tex. Source: CTCJ 1928, pp. 84-85; 1953, p. 127.

**ANDREWS**, Allen Lewellyn, minister, b. 22 Jan. 1868, Columbus, Miss; m. 4 Nov. 1890, Madison, Ala., Hassie Martin; Ch: William B., Allen S., Allen L. Jr., Julian Lee, John Holt, Virginia Hudson, Lila Elizabeth, Ruth. Served: N AL, AL, CEN TX Conf. 1887-1917; A. L., Hassie & William B. killed auto accident 28 Dec. 1917, Fort Worth, Tex., bur. Ft. Worth. Source: CTCJ 1918 p. 44, 47-50.

**ARMSTRONG**, Christopher C., minister, b. 1 Dec. 1848 Jefferson City, Mo.; m/1 1868 Mary F. Dudley (d. ca 1869); 1 ch d. birth; m/2 1871 Fannie Burgess (d. ca 1880); m/3 ca 1882 Miss Hallie Waring. Served: SW MO, Western WV, NW TX Conf. 1871-1888. d. 11 April 1895; bur. Albany, Tex. Source: NWTM 1895, pp. 124-125.

**BARCUS**, John M., minister, b. 1862; m. 1885 Belton, Tex., Mary McCrary. Ch: Shelton, James, John, Allie, Helen, Margaret, Frances, Louise. Served: NW TX, CENT TX Conf. 1882-1928.; d. 12 June 1928; Mary d. ca 1941; bur. Greenwood Cem., Fort Worth, Tex. Source: CTCJ's 1928, pp. 85-87; 1942, p. 111.

**GORDON, ARCHEY WATSON**, minister, b. 9 May 1883, Bono, Johnson Co., Tex., s. Clyes Monroe and Louisa Gordon; m. 15 Nov. 1914 Evelina Messenger, b. 15 June 1887, Prattsville, Ark. Ch: Marshall, Grady, Glenn Gordon and Mrs. J. Clark Pollard, 1 dau. decd. not named. He died 21 Oct 1959 Eugene, Ore. and Evelina d. 30 Nov. 1961, Eugene, Ore., both bur. Burleson, Tex. Source: CTCJ's 1960, pp. 51, 162; 1962, p. 188.

**GRANT**, James M., minister, b. 13 May 1826 Tenn.; d. 1 Oct. 1894; m/1 May 1859 Sarah Swan of Ark. (d. ca June 1859); m/2 ca 1870 Lucy A. Dingle, Huntsville, Ark. Ch: Endora Grant Leveridge. Served: AR, NW TX Confs. 1860-1884. Source: NW TX CM 1894, p. 63.

GRIFFITH, Walter, minister-businessman. b. 1861 Montgomery Co. {?} m/1 11 May 1881/82 Bell Co. Tex. Beula/Bulah Walker. Ch: Mamie White & 3 who d., names not given, Bulah d. 18 Aug. 1916, Malone, Tex; bur. Frost [Navarro Co. Tex]; m/2 Willie Kelt. He d. 22 March 1932, Corsicana, Tex., auto accident; bur. Barry, Tex.; Willie d. ca 1941. Source: CTCJ'S 1916, p.. 80; pp. 56-57; 1941, p. 146.

HARRIS, JAMES LEE, minister-teacher-Ark. State Rep., b. 20 Oct. 1883 Lead Hill, Ark., s. David Bascom & Cora B. Harris; m. 6 June 1920, Edna Earle Pasley. Ch: James L. Harris. Served: N TX, CEN. TX Conf. 1923-1951. d. 1 Aug 1956 near Weatherford, Tex; Edna d. 15 July 1987; both bur. East Greenwood Cem. Weatherford, Tex. Source: CTCJs 1957, pp. 154-155; 1988, pp. 239-240.

HARRISON, EDWARD TATE, minister-businessman-pres. Training School, b. 22 Nov 1865 Summerfield, Ala.; m. 6 April 1898 Groesbeck, Tex., Mary Oliver. Ch: son and dau. not named. Served: NW TX Conf. 1891-1900. d. 13 July 1909 Groesbeck, bur. Faulkenbury Cem. Wife d. 16 July 1949. Source: NWTCJ 1909, pp. 41-42; CTCJ 1950, p. 123.

HENDRICKSON, JEFFERSON DAVIS, minister. b. 13 Oct. 1861, Bell Co. Tex.; m. 9 Oct. 1887 [name wf not given]. One adopted dau, name not given. Served: NW TX & CEN TX Conf. 1893-1931. d. 28 Dec 1950 Cisco, Tex.; wife d. ca 1936; both bur. Cisco. Source: CTCJ's 1951, p. 109, 1937, p. 71.

HIGHTOWER, EMMETT, minister, b. 31 March 1866, Cass Co. Tex; s. Isaac O. & Rebecca A. Hightower; m. 21 Sept 1892 Ruth Dysart. Ch: Paul Allison, Emmett Dysart, Frank Chapman, Ruth, Mary. Served: NW TX CEN TX Conf. 1885-1929; d. 9 Oct. 1929, Breckenridge, Tex; bur. Georgetown, Tex. Source: CTCJ's 1929, pp. 85-86.

HINER, JAMES. minister & Judge Hood Co. Tex.; m. wf's name not given; several ch. not named; Served: NW TX CONF. as a local preacher ca 1854? Conf. membership yrs not listed; d. 1883, bur. Granbury, Tex. Source: NW TX Conf. Minutes 1883, pp. 347-348.

HOLT, John W., minister, b. 10 Sept. 1859; m/1 13 April 1888, Alvin, Tex., Arsene ---; Ch: John K., William Penn, Joseph Y., & Lucy D. Overall. Served NW TX Conf. 1885-1929. Arsene d. 20 Feb. 1925 Los Angeles, Cal; m/2 [not named who died 1939]. He d. 5 Sept 1933; bur. Rose mound Cem. Waco, Tex. Source: CTCJ's 1925, pp. 90-91; 1933, p. 56; 1939, p. 26.

LIPSCOMB, ALBIN PROVINE, minister, b. 28 Nov. 1865, Lebanon, Tenn; m. 5 Oct 1893 Minnie C. McCloud, dau. Rev. J. M. McCloud. No ch mentioned. Served: TN, NW TX Conf. 1870-1909. d. 5 Jan. 1835 Bryson, Tex; Minnie d. 13 Jan 1954 Graham, Tex. bur. Cottonwood Cem. near Bryson. Source; CTCJ 1935, pp. 63-64; 1954, pp. 131-132.

LITTLE, MILTON K. minister, b. 1852; m. 26 Feb. 1873, Drusilla Blackburn, b. 31 Dec. 1851 near Birmingham, Ala., dau. Rev. J. J. & Eliza Blackburn. Ch: Rev. Charles Little, A. W. Little & Mmes. J. D. Young, I. H. Cochran, C. I. Saunderson. Served: NW TX & Cen TX Confs. 1879-1922. d. April 1842; bur. Greenwood Cem. Fort Worth, Tex; Drusilla d. 5 Feb. 1922. Source CTCJ's 1922, pp. 91-92; 1942, p. 113. [Ed. note: See M. K. Little's diary, this issue]

MACUNE, CHARLES W., minister-physician-medical missionary-printer, b. 20 May 1851 Wis.; m. 1 Sept. 1875 Burnet, Tex., Sarah M. S. Vickery. Ch: Dr. J. W., Rev. Dennis, Charles, Catherine Macune, Mrs. J. S. Johnson. Served: NW TX CEN TX Conf. 1903-1914; d. 3 Nov. 1940 Ft. Worth, Texas; Sarah d. 23 Feb. 1928; both bur. Ft. Worth, Tex. Source: CTCJ'S 1928, pp. 11, 98; 1940, p. 127.

MAXWELL, E. J., minister, b. 31 Dec. 1854, Murry Co. Tenn.; m. 27 Feb 1877, Mollie Guinn. 3 adopted ch. Served: NW TX CEN TX Conf. 1889-1919. d. 10 Oct. 1922, bur. Kennedale, Tex. Source: CTCJ 1922, p. 90.

McCULLOUGH, WILTON STERLING PRICE.. minister-teacher-lawyer, b. 4 April 1864 Wayne Co. Mo.; m/1 June 1892 Louie May Kestler: 4 ch, 1 d. inf.; m/2 13 Nov 1900 Melissa Louella Kezziar. Serv: NW TX, Indian Mission, CEN TX Conf. 1889-1929. d. 21 Aug. 1936, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Melissa d. 11 Nov. 1963 Bridgeport, Tex; both bur. Mt. Olivet Cem., Ft. Worth Tex. Source; CTCJ's 1936, p. 61; 1964, pp. 181-182.

MOSS, WILLIAM WALKER, minister, b. 16 Oct 1865 Byhalia, Miss.; m. Oct. 1893 Josephine Fletcher Wynn. ChL Walter E., & Robert L. Moss & Mmes. W. Karl Berry & Sam B. McAlister. Served: N MS., St. Louis, NW TX, CEN. TX Conf. 1887-1935. d. 25 May 1957; Josephine d. 8 July 1966; both bur. Hubbard, Tex. Source: CTCJ's 1957, p. 168; 1967, pp. 225-226.

REESE, RUFUS L., minister, b. 10 May 1869, Grant Co. Ark.; m. Jan. 1894 Ada Douglas Moore. Ch: R. Pearce, H. W., & Mmes. S. B. Johnston, I. N. Wortham, W. P. Tarpley. Served: Little Rock, W OK, FL; CEN TX Confs. 1900-1919; d. 30 Aug. 1935 Abilene, Tex; Ada d. 18 Nov. 1959, Denver, Col.; both bur. Cedar Hill Cem. Abilene, Tex. Source: CTCJ's 1935, p. 65; 1960, p. 170.

SANSOM, John Wesley, minister-farmer-merchant, b. 31 Dec 1848, Tyler Co. Tex; s. Rev. William Sansom; no mention wife or ch. Served: NW TX Conf. 1875-1896; d. 27 May 1896, Hubbard, Tex. where bur. Source: NW TX CM 1896, pp. 178-180.

SIMPSON, Charles Edward, minister, b. 25 Feb 1866, Fairfield, Tex; m. 22 July 1896 Eddy, Tex. Bessie Walkup. dau. J. W. Walkup. Ch: John Edward and Hartzell Simpson; Mmes. Bessie Jo Johnson & Winnie Mae Garner. Served: TX, NW TX, CENT TX Confs. 1892-1933. d. 14 July 1945, Itasca, Tex.; Bessie d. 18 July 1957 Austin, Tex. both bur. Itasca. Source: CTCJ's 1945, p. 162; 1958, p. 179.

TOOLEY, Richard J., minister-evangelist, b. 18 Jan. 1864, Griffin, Ga.; m. 1 Dec., 1887, Grandview, Texas, Vannie Swain. Ch: William Bond, Clement Baird, Roy F., Adrian, Ruth Tooley & Mmes. George Stoops and Cullen Credille. Served: NW TX & CEN TX Confs. 1892-1922. d. 2 Jan 1925 Weatherford, Texas; Vannie d. 24 Nov. 1925 Waxahachie, Texas; both bur. Grandview, Tex. Source: CTCJ 1925, p. 86, 1926, p. 99.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

By Mrs. Willard Barr

The editor regrets the delay in publication of these reviews. The Fort Worth Genealogical Society extends deep appreciation to the donors of these books which may be seen in the Genealogical and Local History Department of the Fort Worth Public Library.

**ONLY THE NAMES REMAIN Volume 2 (CANADIAN, DISPUTED & ILLINOIS DISTRICTS.)** Sandi Garrett. Cherokee Woman Publishing, P. O. Box 48, Spavinaw, Okla. 74366. Soft cover. \$15.00.

This book is the second in Ms. Garrett's series on the Cherokee Indians. (See February 1994 issue of *Footprints*). She plans to publish several more, all of which should be helpful to those with Indian ancestors.

The author states in the introduction, "I feel like the linking of the Drennen Roll and the Guion Miller Applications will aid many people who are trying to find their ancestors. At the time of the Drennen Roll (1851) most of the Cherokees did not have a white name and many did not have a last name. This only came about during the Civil War or when a census taker needed to have a white name." There is an explanation of these documents in addition to the listing of names.

**GENEALOGY OF RICHARD McDUFF.** Buster C. McDuff. 8278 Longford Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Soft bound. Every name index. \$5.00. Order from the compiler.

The author is of the opinion that his documented ancestor, Richard McDuff, born in 1790, was the son of one William Mackleduff who was in Newberry County S. C. in 1786. The name had many spellings, McKleduff, McElduff and Mackleduff, but after the Revolutionary War, the accepted spelling seemed to be McDuff.

The story is told is a folksy way which makes it seem almost as if the writer were talking to you in person. In speaking of his grandfather, Richard Arnold McDuff, "When the weather was nice, Grandpa always got dressed for church early on Sunday mornings and would walk to church greeting the people he met along the way, even stopping by their homes. In those days almost everyone went to some church. Dad said that when Uncle Bud presided at the Lord's Supper, he (Bud) would get choked up with emotion. He was very tender-hearted and a strong Christian."

Describing his grandmother, "She was a hard working woman who was soft-spoken and a very fine lady. She dipped snuff and when she came to visit us, she would mix cocoa and sugar for my sister, Dorothy, and they would sit together and Dorothy would dip the cocoa and sugar mixture while Grandma would dip snuff."

**A FEW DESCENDANTS OF JOHN AND ELIZABETH SIMPSON SMITH.** Carolyn Ericson. Ericson Books, 1614 Redbud Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961-2926. Hard Cover. Illustrated. 229 pp. incl. index.

This story begins with one John Smith, born 1752 in Virginia who married 1772, Elizabeth Simpson in Bedford County, Tenn. He, his wife and son, John, Jr., all died in March 1816, presumably from the "cold plague." Concerning three daughters:

Rachel Smith, born 1776, married Capt. Lewis Medlin and died in 1846 in Denton County, Texas. Mary Smith, born 1785, married to Robert Medlin, brother to Lewis, and they, too, moved to Denton County.

Ruth Smith, born 1791, died 31 Dec. 1883 in Fort Worth, Texas. Ruth became the bride of William Brown in 1808 and three of their children were born in S. C. before their move to Tennessee. Ruth discovered that William had another wife and several children in another county and sued for divorce. She and one daughter migrated to the Peters Colony in Tarrant County, Texas prior to 1848, and was issued a land certificate for 640 acres in 1850. She received an additional 320 acres south of the west fork of the Trinity River.

According to Mary Daggett Lake's *Tarrant County's First Hundred Families*, "Ruth Smith Brown, 'the mother of them all,' lived with her children in Fort Worth for many years. At one time there were representatives of five generations living together in one family here--Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Samuel Loving, Mrs. H. C. Holloway, Mrs. A. S. Dingee and Mrs. Dingee's eldest child, Ann, now Mrs. Cox."

The 10th generation of descendants of John Smith begins with Justin Taylor Richards, son of Kimberly Ann Newling and Ronny Richards, born June 7, 1989.

The compiler states that research done by the late Pearl Foster O'Donnell encouraged her to continue her research on her Smith family and not let John Smith "rest in peace." (See advertisement in November 1992 *Footprints* for allied families).

**THE WARD FAMILY IN TEXAS.** R. G. (Rob) Yoder. P. O. Box 170717, Arlington, Texas. Soft Cover. 66 pp. Illustrated. \$15.00.

The book is a chronological listing of nine generations of the Ward family in Texas. The compiler considers it a "first edition" to encourage all family members to submit additional biographies, photographs and genealogies for inclusion in future publications.

The first Ward to come to America was John J., "Jack" Ward, born in 1769 in England or Ireland, who married Mary "Polly" Madole, born in Ireland or Kentucky, died 1851, Macon County, Ill. John died in Logan County, Ky. in 1811. The second generation begins with Jeremiah L. "Jerry" Ward, born 1788 in S. C., m/1 Dolly Derington; m/2 Nancy Freeman. Jeremiah died in 1853 in Fannin County, Texas.

Head of the third generation was William Michael Ward, (1826-1915), of Tarrant County, Texas;

fourth generation, Thomas Jasper Ward (1865/67-1906), buried Fannin County, Texas. Fifth generation, Mary Louella Ward, (1886-1962), who married John Edward Irons; both buried at Oakwood, Leon County, Texas. In the sixth generation, another daughter, Nellie May Irons (1908-1978) married Eddie Floyd Johnson. Floyd Gerald Johnson, of the seventh generation, married Joyce Schneider. He died in 1982 in Dallas and is buried in Oakwood, Leon County, Texas. The head of the eighth generation is James Michael Johnson, born 1957 in Port Sulpher, La. His daughter, Jamie Lynn Johnson, born 1986, Tyler, Texas, begins the ninth generation.

The photographs of family members have been identified to make it easy to match them with the pertinent genealogical material. One would hope that Mr. Yoder's Ward family would heed his request for additional information to be used in future publications.

**PARISH PARTNERS.** Johnnie Patterson Allen. 7521 Acapulco Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76112. Soft cover, spiral binding. 102 pp. including index. \$20.00 (tax and postage included where applicable). Order from the compiler. (See advertisement in *Footprints*, August 1993).

Mrs. Allen is a ten-year volunteer researcher for the Central Texas United Methodist Archives Center, Eunice and James L. West Library, Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas. She has compiled obituaries of Conference members and spouses taken from typed minutes and journals of the Northwest Texas Conference, 1867-1909; Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Central Texas Conference Journals, 1910-1992.

The writer's four-fold purpose in writing the book was to aid genealogists seeking information about relatives who were early-day Methodist preachers, to help pastors and church historians prepare church histories, to ask readers for additional information, and to encourage them to supply material about the spread of Methodism across northwest and central Texas from 1834-1954, since very little data is available during those years.

**LOGAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEED ABSTRACTS 1813-1819.** Joyce Martin Murray, 2921 Daniel, Dallas, Texas 75205. 198 pp. Soft cover. \$30.00. Order from compiler.

Logan County was created in 1792 from a part of Lincoln County, Kentucky. As settlement increased, others counties were formed - Christian and Warren (1797); Muhlenberg, Livingston and Henderson (1799); Allen (1815, changed to Simpson in 1819) and Todd (1820). Abstracts were taken from Deed Books, D, E, F, and G. Most of the properties described lie within the bounds of the original Logan County.

Included is an every name index, a place index, which gives the names of neighbors living in the same area, and an index describing slave transactions. One Emancipation Certificate reads, "18 Jan 1819, Jane McReynolds, widow & Executrix of Samuel McReynolds, Deed and Mary Belle McReynolds, daughter & heir of Samuel, emancipate and discharge from our service our servant man Jacob and bind selves for \$1000 to defend his freedom. Wit: Archibald McReynolds and Joseph McReynolds."

Mrs. Murray continues to publish valuable material from deed records not only in Kentucky, but also Tennessee and Texas. Anyone doing research in western Kentucky will want to see this book.

**VAL VERDE COUNTY CEMETERIES. 1879 - 1989.** Westlawn, Masonic, Sacred Heart, Oaklawn, Plus Carta Valley and Whitehead Memorial Museum. Val Verde County Genealogy Society of Texas, Del Rio, Texas, Billie Ruth Coleman, Project Chairman, 205 Avondale, Del Rio, Texas 78840. 288 pp. soft cover. Spiral binder.

An alphabetical listing of all persons buried in the above named cemeteries gives the birth and death dates, section, block and lot number for each individual. Additional information includes inscriptions and kind of marker as well as other data. Directions and maps to aid in locating the individual cemeteries are included.

The Whitehead Memorial Museum is an interesting place to visit to learn about the history of Val Verde County. There are two graves and two markers there for historical preservation.

Westlawn Cemetery contains 3,319 marked graves and 290 unmarked. Famed Judge Roy Bean and his son, Sam Bean, were originally buried there, but their remains were moved to the Museum in 1964. The Sacred Heart Cemetery, (Catholic) adjoins Westlawn and has a total of 782 graves, 24 unmarked. Carta Valley at Edwards, Texas, is located on land donated by R. A. Winn for a community cemetery, and contains only 92 graves. The Masonic Cemetery in Del Rio, contains 884 graves plus nine unmarked. Oaklawn Cemetery has a total of 1,280 graves - all marked.

**CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, ALABAMA.** Spencer A. Waters, 16325 Market St., Moulton, Ala. 35650. Soft Cover. 216 pages, including surname index.

The author states that, "No war is fought more often than the Civil War. There is an inexplicable fascination about the War Between the States, and the men who fought in it. The names of more Generals who served in it can be quoted than in any other war."

At the May 1861 Term, in Moulton, Alabama, the Court requested citizens of Lawrence County to levy a tax to support the families of Volunteers who were in actual service of the Confederate States who might need assistance. Under "Listings of Destitute Soldiers" the families, names of men and situation are given: "Thompson Gailey - wife & 4 children, no corn or meat for 8 mos. Wiley Jones - dead, wife & 4 children destitute. John A. King - wife and 4 children, destitute. pd. \$30 to Aug. 1863. Wm. W. Kent - wife & 4 children, destitute, pd. \$30 to Aug. 1863 (marked out and noted Deserted). Other interesting material includes "Fate of the Lawrence County Volunteers," "War History by J. A. Haynes," and "Miscellaneous Short Accounts from Newspapers." In the latter, there are some references to Texas residents.

The book's cover shows a crossed musket drawing taken from the bas-relief carving on a marble tombstone in the Cemetery at Rock Springs Presbyterian Church, Mt. Hope, Alabama. The grave so marked is that of one William N. Almon who served as a private in Company A., 11th Regiment of Alabama Cavalry.

**CREVELING FAMILY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY.** Louis G. Creveling. Col. A. F. Ret., Pinehurst, N. C. Hard Cover. Herb Eaton Historical Publications, Charlotte, N. C. 369 pp. Illustrated. Index. Order from the author.

After his retirement in 1976, and subsequent move to Pinehurst, Colonel Creveling met a neighbor, Alfred C. Gearhart, whose grandmother's maiden name was Creveling. The family tree left by his grandfather and research done by Mr. Gearhart's sister created the basis from which this genealogy was developed.

This lineage is traced from Johannes and Christiana Creveling who came to this country from the Netherlands in the mid-18th century with at least four of their children. They landed at Hoboken, New Jersey, and moved inland to Hunterdon County, where the family has been known for many generations. It is believed that the family originally may have been French where the name was spelled *Crivling*. Joachlin Crivling's name appears on a monument near Lyons, France. In the Netherlands, another spelling was *Greveling*. Some 4000 descendants of Johannes and Christiana are included - the only family by this name found in America.

The family history preceding the genealogical tables is very interesting, and complete indexes make it easy to locate an individual. However, the small type used makes for difficult reading.

#### **HUDSON IMMIGRANTS AND THE GEOGRAPHY OF EARLY SETTLEMENT.** Betty Jo Hudson and Phillip Wayne Rhodes.

One Edward Hobson came to Virginia on the *Bona Nova* ca 1619. He was followed in the next few years by a number of the family whose names were spelled in a variety of ways, including Hodgdon, Hodgeson, Hodghon, Hodgekins, Hodgston, Hudgson and eventually, Hudson. Edward Hudson was one of the 15 persons who received land patents on the south side of the James River. Those receiving these early grants were later known as "Ancient Planters." The book contains several pages of detailed maps showing rivers in sections of Virginia, Maryland and other states along the Atlantic. The reader or Hudson researcher will enjoy the fascinating stories about the Hudson families and their neighbors as well as an account of Colonial day history.

#### **HUDSONS OF THE SOUTH IN THE 1790 CENSUS.** Malcolm Hudson.

The first United States Census was taken only seven years after the close of the War for Independence. Prior to that time, there were only fragmentary lists of the inhabitants of the American colonies. In 1790 there were 17 states; however, only eight of them were a part of the United States. When the British burned the nation's capitol in the War of 1812, the records of four of those eight states (Delaware, Georgia, New Jersey and Virginia) were lost. The remaining states for the 1790 census were Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and South Carolina. Many names have been found for those lost states from property tax records and other records for the period 1780 - 1790.

This book was compiled especially for the beginner genealogist. As indicated by the title, information about the Hudson/Hutson families as found in the 1790 census is given, plus interesting stories about many of the people. There are also very short histories of six southern states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Missouri and Mississippi.

**HUDSON RECORDS OF VIRGINIA.** Donald Claire Hart. 4 Vols.

Material in these volumes concern the existing land, property, wills and estate records found for many of the Hudson-Hutson residents of Virginia, beginning with their earliest recordings and continuing through the year 1850. Records found in West Virginia are included since that state was a part of Virginia until 1861/63.

The books are divided alphabetically by county, each containing material from original documents, with references given by microfilm number or other recognized sources for grants and surveys, deeds, estate records, and some wills and other court records.

Volume I covers Accomack County through Chesterfield County; Volume II - Culpepper County through King George; Volume III - King and Queen County through Northumberland County and Volume IV - Nottaway County through York County.

The books contain many handwritten wills giving much information about the individuals who made them. Some are difficult to read without a knowledge of handwriting of that period and some did not reproduce very well. Robert Hudson, of Mecklenberg County, in his will dated 11 April 1796, left land, money, household furniture, etc. to his children and "I lend to my beloved wife my house and land that I now tend about the house and the use of my orchards during her natural life."

In addition to source materials, many historical incidents as well as family stories add color and give the reader a better understanding of life during this early period.

**HUDSON MARRIAGES IN VIRGINIA.** Malcolm H. Hudson.

Information was taken from various county, church, Bible and family records. All names listed are those with the surname Hudson, male or female, followed by the marriage partner, date, county and parent, with additional information given in brief in some cases. "Ann m. Robert Taylor 1747 (Essex Co?) Bride was the daughter of William Hudson Sr. and Judith E. Billington. She was also a sister of Mary Hudson, first wife of this same Robert Taylor. Groom was son of Robert Taylor, Sr., a surveyor." This would be a real "find" but some entries read only "Caleb B. m. Ann N. Ragland, May 1823, Halifax Co." The name Elizabeth was certainly a popular one in the Hudson family for there are over two pages of Elizabeth Hudsons. Fortunately, many of them do have a bit more identification.

**HUDSON MARRIAGES IN NORTH CAROLINA.** William A. Shull, Jr., compiler, Cleve Hudson, editor.

This booklet not only contains marriages of Hudsons and Hutsons, but also Hodsons and Hodgsons, since, according to the compiler, in North Carolina and Virginia, records of Hudsons may be found under any of these spellings.

There are about 1200 names in the index, including many surnames other than Hudson. Marriages are listed alphabetically by the given name of the Hudson involved, male or female, date, name of

marriage partner and name of county. Because names of married daughters are so often hard to find this information can be very helpful.

#### **HUDSON RECORDS OF NORTH CAROLINA.** Vol. I. Donald Claire Hart.

All counties in North Carolina are listed alphabetically, giving date formed and name of earlier precincts or counties from which they were created. Also provided for each county are small maps micro film numbers plus Deed Books. Record of wills left by Hudson families provide interesting reading.

#### **HUDSON-HUTSON MARRIAGES IN TEXAS.** A. D. Hudson and Weldon I. Hudson.

The booklet is divided into two sections with the Hudson names appearing first, followed by Hutson names. Resources used were published marriage records, microfilm records and original courthouse records. Area covered includes most of east, central and south Texas, the panhandle area and several western counties. Name of Hudson, spouse, date and county are given. For many names only initials are given with "F" or "M" denoting male or female. Since most of the entries were copied from marriage records where full names must have been given, it would have been helpful if the full name had been included. There is also an index for Hudson spouses.

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The Hudson family played a very important part in the early years of Virginia and North Carolina. All researchers who have ties to this line should be grateful to the many members of the Hudson Family Association who have recognized the importance of publishing these records. The books were donated by Weldon Hudson, a past president of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. All Hudson/Hutson researchers will appreciate the opportunity to see them. The address of the Hudson Family Association is 232 Loop Drive, Slidell, La. 70458.

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#### **PITTMAN (All Spellings) FAMILY REUNION**

**Saturday, October 15, 1994**

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All queries with a Texas connection will be published 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 complete address at the top of each sheet. Please do not include queries with correspondence pertaining to other Society business.

1-3-94        **CARNAHAN, WOODRUFF, ROBINSON, SHEA**

Mrs. Joyce A. Prickett, HCR #2, Box 4770, Trinity Center, CA 96091-9502

I am tracing the above surnames in your area of Texas. Will be needing help on abstracting records from your county. Is anyone, locally, working on these lines?

2-3-94        **BOYDSTON, BOYDSTUN**

Lane Anderson, PO Box 356, Merlin, OR 97532

Have recently found that some of my ancestors were early settlers in Tarrant County. They were the **Boydstones**. Like to exchange with anyone working on this family.

**Comment:** If your ancestor was **Jacob Boydston**, a Peters Colonist, he did not live in Tarrant County, although he was enumerated as living here in 1850. This was an error of the census taker. He lived in Dallas and/or Ellis County, probably in the Mountain Creek Valley or Cedar Hill area. In Tarrant County, only **Bartlett** and **H. T. Boydston** appear in the 1850s and were on the 1860 tax roll; both patented land in the White Settlement area. One **J. B. Boydston** arrived in the 1870s and was still here in 1880, living in southeast Tarrant County. All of these show Illinois and Missouri backgrounds.

3-3-94        **MARTIN, JONES**

William Jones Martin, 2511 College St., SE, Decatur, AL 35601-5315

Will exchange north Alabama and south Tennessee research for Tarrant County research of 1910 census. Seek information on **John William Martin**, born 1874 Lincoln County, Tennessee, died 1960s in a nursing home in Fort Worth. He married **Miss Effie Jones** ca. 1909-1910 in Weatherford or Fort Worth. They had no children. When he became of age for Social Security, he wrote his younger brother's (**Garland Martin**) daughter in Alabama and asked for the family Bible in order to prove his age. It was sent to him but was never returned. One of **Effie's** nieces wrote **Garland's** daughter when **John William** and **Effie Martin** died, but her name and address has been lost. I have several letters, five from Weatherford and one from Fort Worth, from **John William Martin**, written to relatives in Alabama 1954-1958, in which he tells of our particular

Martin family oral history. He wrote that he first came to Fort Worth in 1909. He was a first cousin to my grandfather, **William Arch Martin**.

4-3-94        **RANDLE, BELL**

Emma Dennis Tubbs, 1217 Cozby E., Fort Worth TX 76126

Seek information on parents, siblings, etc. of **Newton Randle**, born 1850 in Mississippi. Wife was **Amanda Bell**, born 1848 Texas, died ca. 1894. They lived in Caldwell, Bastrop, and Wharton Counties. Children: **Laura Emma, Paul, Ed, Ella** and others. Will exchange information.

5-3-94        **LEE**

Dora Springer, 2741 So. 16th St., Abilene, TX 79605

Where is **Rufus Lee** buried? He was a druggist in Fort Worth in the 1940s. He died in 1949. Am not sure of the full date.

6-3-94        **ANDREWS, RAY**

Bob Andrews, 6 Polk Road, Moreland, GA 30259

Seek information on my great-great grandfather, **Benjamin F. Andrews** and his descendants. He was born 1827 in England and died in Birdville, near Fort Worth, Texas, in 1894. He first settled in Dallas around 1846-47 with his first wife, nee **Mary Ray**, who was from Illinois. Their children were: **William P., Angeline, Benjamin**, and I think these were hers also, **T. J. and John**. **Benjamin F. Andrews** married second to **Caroline**, who was from Ohio. Their children were: **Lorenzo D., Martha, Alford and Charlie**. My phone number is (404) 253-8023.

**COMMENT:** **B. F. Andrews** was b. 21 March 1826 Lincolnshire, England, d. 2 July 1894, bur. Birdville Cemetery. He came to Dallas County in 1847, with the large **Ray** family contingent, and to Tarrant County by ca. 1852. His father, **John**, and brothers **T. J. and Jabez B. Andrews**, also arrived in Tarrant County by 1852. **John** and **Hannah Andrews** were the parents; **John** died ca. 1856 and is probably buried at Birdville, his grave either unmarked or lost; **Hannah** died 1860 and is buried at Birdville, her grave simply marked "Grandma Andrews died 1860," with "H. A. 1860" on the footstone. Both of **B. F. Andrews'** wives are buried at Birdville; **Mary** died 1868; she was the mother of at least nine of his children, **Alford** being the youngest. **B. F. Andrews** married second 11 July 1869 **Caroline Burgoon** (sister of **Anna Maria**, wife of his brother, **Jabez B. Andrews**). The only known child of this second marriage was **Charles H. Andrews**, b. 3 April 1874, who lived on the old home place near Birdville; he and wife buried in the Birdville Cemetery. If there were other children by **B. F.**'s second marriage, apparently they did not survive. The brother, **Jabez B. Andrews**, lived in the Grapevine area and many of his family are buried there.

**Mary (Ray) Andrews'** brother, **William N. Ray**, also came to Tarrant County. He had married **Lucinda Hart** in Dallas County. In Tarrant County, he acquired Scrip land (160 acres, Abstract No. 1353). He and his wife are likely buried in the old, lost, vandalized **Ray-Manship Cemetery**; their markers (according to a 1956 DAR survey) reading: **W. W. [sic] Ray, 1826-1884**, and **L. J.**

**Ray**, 1832-1886. The parents of these Rays were **Robert** and **Mary Ray**, who came to Dallas County in 1847 with their eleven children, some of whom were already married.

Mr. Andrews, I (NTS) can help you further with these families, if you will comply with my request to you made on 14 July 1994. This would save me some time and keep me from "carrying coals to Newcastle."

7-3-94        **HUTCHINSON, McGOWAN, MILLER, WOMMACK, BEATY, WHITFIELD**  
Ruth Ann Hutchinson Hutto, P. O. Box 421505, Del Rio, TX 78842-1505

Names researching: **David Crockett Hutchinson** and **Martha Ann McGowan**, of Tennessee and perhaps Texas. Rev. Ebenezer McGowan, born London, to USA 1874 [sic], died in Tennessee 1850. **William B. Miller**, **Martha Ann Wommack**, **Anna Vesta Beaty**, **Andrew Whitfield Beaty** of Tennessee, Mississippi and Texas.

COMMENT: Rev. McGowan must have come to USA 1784?

8-3-94        **LEWIS, MORRIS, JOHNSON** (Lewis research papers)  
Chester R. Johnson, PO Box 582, Hurst, TX 76053

Trying to locate the original research papers and letters that **William Terrell Lewis** used to compile **The Genealogy of The Lewis Family In America** (1892). I was told many years ago that they were "given to a library." The author died in 1893 in Perryville, Winston County, Mississippi. He had only two daughters, none of whose descendants have been located. I have checked with the Public Library in Louisville, Winston County, Mississippi, with the Central Mississippi Library Association and with the State Archives, to no avail. The State Archives has papers on two other books that Mr. Lewis wrote. In 1859 my great-grandfather, **Joshua West Johnson**, sent Mr. Lewis our **Lewis-Morris-Johnson** connections. I believe these papers or letters would have much more information than what was printed in the book. The book's data stops with my family in 1859, and only eight of Joshua's thirteen children were born at that time. The Civil War began soon after, and contact was not continued. In 1859 **Joshua West Johnson** lived in Bibb County, Alabama.

9-3-94        **EVANS**  
Nancy Timmons Samuels, 4783 Lubbock Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76115-3026

Can anyone in Oklahoma help? Need identification of **J. G. Evans**, subject of an article, ca. 1952, in an Oklahoma newspaper, date and place missing. He was 100 years old in 1952 and is said to have lived to age 104. Per the article, he was reared in Pickens County, Georgia, came to "40 miles north of Fort Worth, Texas" when he was age twenty-five (ca. 1877), went to Oklahoma 1889, lived at Norman, Holdenville and Shawnee. His address in 1952 was 1214 North Beard Street (what town?). The article mentions that he had five daughters and one son, who helped him celebrate his 100th birthday, but their names are not distinguishable among the guests listed. A picture he sent to relatives in Georgia was signed, "Uncle Jim," so his name must have been **James G. Evans**. Could his middle name have been **Garner**? Was he a descendant of **Cain Evans**, who

married **Elizabeth Garner** in Hall County, Georgia, in 1826, went to Cherokee County, Georgia, where he married second in 1857 to **Mary King**? Need information about **J. G. Evans**, his family, parents, siblings, etc.

10-3-94        **MOORE, ROGERS, BLANTON, WHITE, PRIGMORE**

Sue-Beall Blanton Shaffer, 140 FM 1830, Argyle, TX 76226 (new address)

Need help re these families: **John L. Moore**, wife **Sarah Jane**, of Red River County, Texas 1841, to Collin County before 1857. In 1860 **Sarah Jane** (widow) lived in Collin County, next neighbor to **Clayton Rogers**. Known children of **John L.** and **Sarah Jane Moore** were (1) **Matilda F.**; (2) **Ann M.**; (3) **Mary Elizabeth** who married **Joseph M. Blanton**, lived Collin County 1870, her mother living with them; (4) **William**; (5) **Penelope** who m. Mr. **Prigmore** and died in Tarrant County in 1923; (6) **Jefferson**; and (7) **Lucius**.

**Andrew M. Moore** (brother of **John L.**) married **Sarah Elizabeth White**, lived in Collin County 1850, had daughter **Florence**. His mother, **Frances B. Moore**, lived with them. In 1857 **Andrew M. Moore** was elected City Marshal, Dallas, Texas.

In 1860 **Joseph M. Blanton** lived with the **B. L. Rogers** family in Collin County. **Clayton Rogers** gave land [when?] in Collin County to **Frances B. Moore**. She, in turn, gave the same land "to my daughter-in-law **Sarah Jane Moore**, wife of my son **John L. Moore**."

11-3-94        **GIVENS, FRANKLIN**

George Givens, 4605 NE Jamestown Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64064 (new address).

Need help with following families: **Nancy Givens**, b. ca 1810 SC, lived at Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, in 1870, with two sons and a daughter. The son **John** was **John N. Givens** who, with his family, lived in Fort Worth in 1900. He was b. 18 April 1838 in SC, died 14 July 1907, buried Glen Rose Cemetery, Somervell County, Texas. In 1910 his widow, **Bethenia**, lived with her son-in-law, **Thomas Owens**, in Tarrant County. **George Givens** (son of **Nancy**) was my great-grandfather, **George W. Givens**. He married **Rose Ella Franklin**, date and place unknown. Her death certificate and obituary give her birth as 13 September 1859 and death 16 June 1940; these dates on her tombstone in Dallas. No information re her birthplace or names of her parents. In 1880 **Nancy Givens** lived in Johnson County, Texas, and in her household were **G. W. Givens** (33 SC), **Ella** (18 Tenn, parents b. Tenn), **Franklin** (4 Tex), and **Nancy** (6 Tex). This **G. W.** was my great-grandfather; their son (my grandfather) **Harry Lewis Givens**, was b. 2 April 1883, Caddo Grove, Johnson County, Texas. There was also a son, **Mose Franklin Givens**, b. 21 May 1884.

**COMMENT:** **John N. Givens** was living on Weatherford Street, Fort Worth in 1880. He had married in Tarrant County, 26 April 1877, Miss **B. E. Churchwell**. In 1880, he was 41 and wife 31, b. SC and Tennessee, respectively. Their children, **Walter**, age 1, and **Ada**, age 6/12, b. January. **Walter's** name is marked through with notation "dead." He should be on the 1880 Mortality Schedule. The daughter, **Ada**, married **T. A. Owens** in Tarrant County 8 September 1898.

**G. W. Givens** married **R. E. Franklin** in Tarrant County 19 July 1877. In 1880, she was age 18 (b. 1859, per your records), and **G. W.** was age 33. The children with them in 1880 must have been his by a previous marriage, for they were too old to have been born 1877 or after. Perhaps the son **Franklin** died young and **G. W.** named another son (by **Ella**) **Moses Franklin**, b. 1884. I would look for a previous marriage, possibly in Titus County.

12-9-94      **STERLING, COOK, BULLARD, PLUMLEE, DUFF**

Charlotte Pitman, 724 So. Ferrall, Spokane, Wa 99202

Seek information on **Alexander Sterling**, born 1820 Virginia, married 18 January 1851 in Henrico County, Virginia, to **Emily Jane Cook**, born 7 December 1829 in Maryland. They had at least one son and probably other children, names not known. The son was **John Cook Sterling**, born 17 December 1854, Richmond, Virginia, married 16 October 1879 in Parker County, Texas, to **Alyse Bullard**, born 1852 in Illinois. Their children were: (1) **Matilda Elizabeth**, born 12 January 1881, Weatherford, Texas, married first **Joe Plumlee** and had one daughter, **Lula May**, born 1898 Texas; married second **Charley D. Duff**, died 3 November 1956 Ellensburg, Washington; (2) **Elsie**, born 18 May 1880, Parker County, Texas; died 3 March 1965; (3) **Emmoline**, born July 1883 Parker County, died 1960 Parker County; (4) **Nathan**, born 27 November 1886, Parker County, died 29 October 1920; and (5) **James K. (Polk)**, born 8 March 1891 Parker County, married 31 December 1912 in Maquie, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, to **Minnie Felma Fannie Witt**.

**COMMENT:** I question some of your dates. **John** and **Alyse** married in October 1879, had their first child seven months later, and their second child less than eight months after that. Was 3 November 1956 the death date of **Matilda Elizabeth** or her second husband, **Charley D. Duff**? With your query in May 1994 *Footprints*, I gave you the address of Mrs. **Sterling** in Oklahoma. You might also contact **Mary Nell Bullard**, of Snyder, Texas, if you have not already done so. I do not have her address at hand, but she is retired from the Scurry County Library, so a letter to her, care of the library in Snyder, should reach her.

13-3-94      **SEXTON**

Mrs. June Blanshan, 731 Roosevelt Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537

Trying to locate descendants of my great-aunt **Thena (Mrs. Sam) Sexton**, who lived in Fort Worth at 1000 Valley Street about 1948. Another address she had was 2522 Gould Avenue. Am not sure which was her last known address. She had five or six children, including **Minyard, Paul, Joe, Clarence** and possibly daughters **Caroline** and **Ida Sexton**. Would like to find out about this family group.

14-3-94      **EWERS, a.k.a. BRENT**

Mrs. Olivia Loff, 44 Jeffers Road, Plainsboro, NJ 08536

Am researching for a book about the "Tarzan" films. One of the "Janes" has been difficult to trace. She was **Jean Ewers**, born in Houston 11 September 1929 but apparently grew up in Fort Worth. Her screen name was **Eve Brent**, and she was in films when **George Scott** played the part of

Tarzan. Their film was shown in Fort Worth in 1958, and the movie was attended by her relatives there, per the Fort Worth Press, July 13, 1958. The article reported that her parents were Wallace S. and Laura Ewers of 4124 Donalee, Fort Worth, and her father operated the Poly Business Service at 2731 Rosedale. They attended Polytechnic Presbyterian Church. Their daughter, Jean (Eve Brent) attended Paschal and Poly High Schools, also TWC. Seek family background information, relatives, etc.

15-3-94      **KILLAM, MAGRUDER, GROESBECK**

David T. Killam, 1415 Harmony Lane, Carrollton TX 75006

Have relatives in Cleburne, Fort Worth, Dallas, Laredo and Harlingen, Texas. My wife's great-uncle, **Abraham Groesbeeck**, founded the town of Groesbeck, near Mexia. Seek information on **Groesbeeck, Groesbeck, Killam and Magruder** families.

16-3-94      **WHITE**

Janet Beahen, 40216 Adaho Ave., N., Cryshal, MN 55427-1447

Seek exact death date and obituary for **Harold White**, who was born in Minnesota, 27 May 1908 and died ca. February 1975 in or near Wichita Falls, Texas.

17-3-94      **WELCH, JOHNSON, BRYAN**

Judy Engelhart, P. O. Box 159, Silverthorne, Col. 80498-0159

My great-grandfather, **Baron Trenck Welch**, was born in Fort Worth 26 November 1889. His wife was **Rosalee Johnson**. His parents names were **John Benjamin Welch and Anna Bryan**. Want information about him.

18-3-94      **RED, CASTLES, SMITH, WADE**

Gale F. Red, 3316 Cedar Mtn. Dr., Belleville, IL 62221-6606

**Elisha Red** was born in 1812 in that part of the Mississippi Territory which became Alabama. He married **Sarah Castles** in Greene Co. Ala., exact date unknown since there was no return on the license (date of license Nov. 1836). They were living in Newton County, Miss., with a young son, my great-grandfather, **Thomas James Red**, in 1840, per census. At the close of the Civil War, they moved to Wortham, Texas. Three generations of Reds are buried in the **Red Cemetery** just outside Wortham, in what is known as the Bethel Community.

**Robert Smith** and his wife, **Nancy Ann Wells**, came to Navarro County, Texas from **Shelby County, Alabama**. One of their sons, **John Nofflet Smith**, married in 1865, in Navarro County, **Frances Wade**. Their children were: **Stella, Margaret Gordon, Richard Allen, Minnie, Elmer Wade and Ella**. **Ella Smith** married **Franklin S. Red**. I would like to correspond with anyone working on these lines.

Editor's Note: Mr. Red is very interested in obtaining a copy of the two-volume **OLD NORTHWEST TEXAS - NAVARRO COUNTY**, compiled by **Nancy Timmons Samuels and Barbara Reach Knox**, published by the Fort Worth Genealogical Society and now out of print.











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East Texas researchers will be interested in this announcement. The East Texas Research Center is the new name of the former Special Collections Department in the Steen Library at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. The name change emphasizes the Center's major purposes of acquiring, preserving, and providing research assistance for materials relating to East Texas and East Texans. In addition the Center serves as the Regional Historical Resource Depository for Nacogdoches and the seven adjacent counties. For more information contact Linda Cheves Nicklas, Special Collections Librarian, Box 13055, SFA Station, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962-3055. Phone: (409) 568-4100.

We have been pleased with your response to the articles published concerning the location of various Tarrant County records. Information on additional repositories will appear in future issues. However, remember that it is important for you to contribute material for publication. One of the most interesting Bible records published last year was from a non-member of the Society. Please check your files to see if you have a Bible record or other material which might be of interest to other researchers. And don't forget your queries!

*The Fort Worth Genealogical Society  
extends sincere sympathy to  
Past President  
Olyve Hallmark Abbott  
in the loss of her husband  
Thomas J. Abbott, Jr.*

## DIARY OF A FRONTIER PREACHER

(continued from Vol. 37, No. 3)

Submitted by Drucilla Cochran Sheldon  
Corpus Christi, Texas

Rev. Milton Koger Little was an active pastor and presiding elder throughout northwest Texas for nearly half a century. This 1891 diary was kept when he served as Presiding Elder of the Vernon District. In 1994 the diary was owned by his grandson, Dr. Irad McGrady Cochran Jr., and has been transcribed by his granddaughter, Drusilla Cochran Sheldon.

March 1891

Sun. 15. We had a full house today. My family were out with me. Several occasions. 18 m

Mon. 16. We push work on parsonage. 8 m.

Tues. 17. Strong wind today. We work on well. Found plenty of water. Rained [rained?] into parsonage. Thank God for a home. 8 m

Wed. 18. Drove to Greer today. Bro. Haralson [Jerome Haralson] went with me. He preached a good sermon at Frazier [Later "washed away" and succeeded by Altus] at night. 35 m

Thur. 19. Weather good.

Fri. 20. Q. C. at Frazier today. Fine attendance. Many local preachers.

Sat. 21. Q. C. at Duke [Jackson County, Okla.; Greer Co. until 1907]. Bro. Derrick [W. A. Derrick] needs to stir his people up. 12 m

Sun. 22. Palm Sunday. Preached at 11 A. M. at H. S. House at 3 P. M. at Frazier and Bro. Haralson at night at min ?. 30 m

Mon. 23. It is raining today. How good the Almighty is to us poor mortals. 9 m

Tues. 24. Navajo [East Jackson County. Town no longer in existence]. Still raining. I assist in the organization of a townsite company. Hampton is to be the new town [Hampton Post Office April-Oct. 1891 only]. 8 m

Wed. 25. Ther. Weather, Cold Navajo. I drive over into the Comanche Nation [Comanche Indian Lands became Tillman County 1907]. This is a fine country. 20 m

Thur. 26. I spend the day near Navajo. We lay out the new town. We put a prohibition clause in the charter. 8 m

Fri. 27. Ther. Weather, Fine I drive to Frazier and preach at 11 A.M. Had a good service. Drive to Mangum this afternoon. 40 m

Sat. 28 Had a good Q.C. at Mangum. Tom Duncan [*Thomas Duncan, first Methodist minister at Dickens*]. has done good work. Thank God for Conscientious pastors. 4 m

Sun. 29 Easter Sunday Mangum. The Lord was with us in power here. Preached twice today. Mark 1:2, Luke 13:5. 4 m

Mon. 30. At Home Rose early and drove 70 miles today. Found my family well. Thanks God for a wife that is consecrated to God. She is always at her post. 70 m

Tues. 31. Ther. Weather, Good I spent the day in planting out shrubbery. I want to make the Dist. Parsonage comfortable. 10 m

April, 1891

Wed. 1. Ther. Weather, WIND This has been a day that tries men and houses. Never in the history of this county has such a sand storm been seen. 4 m

Thur. 2. Ther. Weather, Good Vernon How we enjoy a calm after storm. I finish up my work on yard today. 8 m

Fri. 3. Ther. Weather, Good Seymour Drove here today, on way to Benjamin Miss[ion]. Had a pleasant day. 45 m

Sat. 4. Ther. Weather, Cool Whill Flat, Knox County. Had a good day. The Lord was with us in great power. Good Q.C. Text 2 C. 32: 20 m

Sun. 5. - First Sunday of Month Preached at 11 A.M. Acts 9. Drove to Seymour and held Love Feast at 4 P.M. No spiritual power in this church. Preached at night 2 Pet. 1:5. Secret [?sacrament] 20 m

Mon. 6. Seymour Spent the day in town. Tried to settle trouble between Pastor and S.S. [Sunday School] Supt.

Tues. 7. Vernon Drove home today. Will have part of two days with my family. 45 m

Wed. 8. I need several days here that I may plant garden. 8 m

Thur. 9 Childress Am on way to Collingsworth County for Q.C. 60 m

Fri. 10. Wellington [*Collingsworth County*] I have ridden all day on a wagon. This is a fine country. Stop with Elliott. 40 m

Sat. 11. Preached at 11. Rom. 12:9. Had a fine service. 10 m

Sun. 12. Bro. Brice Bap(tist) min(ister) preached at 11 A.M. as it was his day. Preached at Fresno [Collingsworth County] at 4 P.M. and (?)adsect. Luke 7:47. 8 m

Mon. 13. Memphis [Hall County] Drove here from Wellington. Rough country. 25 m

Tues. 14. Washburn [Armstrong County] Finest Q.C. of the year today at Memphis. This is to be one of the best charges of the Dist. I rest here tonight and go to Panhandle tomorrow. 80 m

Wed. 15. Ther. Weather, Rain Pan-handle City [Carson County] Spent the day in reading and writing. How nice it would have been to have spent the day with my family. We had quite a storm today. 16 m

Thur. 16. Ther. Weather, Nice Pan-handle Preached at 11 at Court House. Text Luke 6:47-48. Bro. Jackson [B. F. Jackson] has had quite an accessin this quarter. Night 1 K 14:13. 16 m

Fri. 17. Clarendon [Donley County] Had a pleasant day with Bro. McCarver [G. S. McCarver] Will remain over Sunday and preach for these people. Our Dist. Conf. is approaching and we must arrange for it. 50 m

Sat. 18. Ther. Weather, Rain Clarendon We were confined most of the day as it is raining. This is a very ungodly town. We need a deep work of grace here.

Sun. 19. Clarendon We had a small audience today, but a very profitable service. Text Matt. 11:28, Luke 13:5

Mon. 20. Vernon I run home today to spend two days with my family before going to the plains. Home sweet home. To one who has previously been here this is quite a privilege. 115 m

Tues. 21 Vernon I spend the day "rounding up." My wife has kept all things in fine shape. Precious woman. 8 m

Wed 22. Amarillo Left home this morning. Will be gone until the 15th of May. 173 m

Thur. 23. Amarillo I spend this day with Bro. Jackson [B. F Jackson]. He is quite sick. Hope he will be able to go to Tulia tomorrow.

Fri. 24. Tulia [Swisher Co.] We had a nice drive today. Oh what a beautiful country. In a few years the church will prosper. 50 m

Sat. 25. Tulia Had a good Q.C. Bro. Morris is doing well.

Sun. 26. Tulia Large congregation at 11 A.M. Bro Jackson preached a good sermon at night.

Mon. 27. Plainview [Hale County] Had a nice drive today. Bro. Morris and wife and children made the trip pleasant. I spend a few days with him in his nice house. 30 m

Tues. 28. Plainview I rest today at this place. 9 m

Wed. 29. Plainview Preached here tonight. Have spent day in writing letters. 9 m

Thur. 30. Plainview Preached again tonight. Had a good service. 20 m

May. 1891

Fri. 1. Della Plains [*unable to locate this town. Probably in Floyd Co.*] Bro. Morris drove me down here this morning. How kind. 30 m

Sat. 2. Floyd City [*possibly Floydada, Floyd County*]. Had an interesting Q.C. this afternoon. Bro. Ford has done a good work.

Sun. 3. Floyd City This has been a good day for this town.

Mon. 4. Matador [*Motley County*] Bro. Ford drove me to this place today. A small town and rough country. 40 m

Tues. 5. Childress [*Childress County*] Came on mail hack. Had a rough ride. Motley County is a poor section of country. 65 m

Wed. 6. Childress I have spent this day vigorously resting.

Thur. 7. Childress Have been writing and reading today. Wish so much to be at home with my family.

Fri. 8. Childress Another day spent here. Will go tomorrow for the camp meeting at Scotts.

Sat. 9. Scotts Had a good Q.C. The night service was rained out. Bro. Terry [*W. H. Terry*] is doing a good work. 18 m

Sun. 10. Scotts This has been a cold wet day and no service until afternoon. 18 m

Mon. 11. Childress Have spent the day here for Q.C. tonight. Had a fine meeting. Bro. Henson [*J. R. Henson*] sick. His work well up.

Tues. 12. Vernon Home again after near a month's absence. All well. Praise the Lord. 30 m

Wed. 13. Ft. Worth Looking after some College [*Vernon Wesleyan College?*] business. 164 m

Thur. 14. Ft. Worth Spent the day in Dist. Conf. here. Bro. Nelms is happy as a presiding officer. [*W.L. Nelms was Presiding Elder, Georgetown Dist. 1899*]

Fri. 15. Vernon Ran home today. How sweet to be with my family tonight. 164 m

Sat. 16. Thalia Had a fine meeting here today. Bro. Gibson doing a fine work. 22 m

Sun. 17. Thalia [Foard County] This was a good day for this church. Fine audience. 22 m

Mon. 18. Vernon I spend the day gardening.

Tues. 19. Vernon The day was spent in writing.

Wed. 20. Ansly [unable to locate] This is Bro. Trimble's [J. H. Trimble?] 3rd Q.C. Had a good day. 40 m

Thur. 21. Vernon I find myself prostrate today and Dr. Dadson prescribing.

Fri. 22. Vernon Am better today.

Sat. 23. Vernon This is Bro. Jordans [C. D. Jordan] Q.C. and the morning service was good.

Sun. 24. Vernon The largest communion service I ever saw.

Mon. 25. Wanderers Creek 19 of us go out for a few days rest and sport. 28 m

Tues. 26. Grosbuck(?) Creek Had a nice day but for a little episode with a mad bull. Had to shoot him 5 times. 14 m

Wed. 27. Grosbuck Creek We had a nice day fishing. All have enjoyed it much.

Thur. 28. Vernon We drove home today. Had a nice drive and all seem happy. 30 m

Fri. 29. Big Valley [unable to locate] We are here at the Q.C. 20 m

Sat. 30. Big Valley Had a good day. Large crowd and good interest. 6 m

Sun. 31. Chillicothe [Hardeman County] Had a good sacramental service tonight. Lord help Bro. Odom. 12 m

June, 1891

Mon. 1. Vernon We came home today. Pease River very high. 18 m

Tues. 2. Vernon Put in a good day in garden. 4 m

Wed. 3. Vernon Rested and read today. 18 m

Thur. 4. At Home We are having fine rains. Wheat harvest commenced. 8 m

Fri. 5. At Home Day spent with my family. The storm of last night has destroyed thousands of bus. of wheat. 18 m

Sat. 6. White Rose [unable to locate] Bro. Rodgers Q.C. Had a small attendance. I fear many of our people will desecrate the Sabbath tomorrow. 20 m

Sun. 7. White Rose Reapers are running all over this county. Had a fine sacramental service. 20 m

Mon. 8. At Home I rest and read. 8 m

Tues. 9. At Home Bro. J. M. Barcus came today, and is well pleased with the college prospect. [Elected President of Vernon Wesleyan College; however, the college never opened.] 8 m

Wed. 10. At Home The water is still high, and it will be impossible to get to Clarendon, the place for the Dist. Conf. 10 m

Thur. 11. Ft. Worth On the way to the Dist. Conf. at Waxahachie. 173 m

Fri. 12. Waxahachie Spent the day at Bro. Armstrong's Dist. Conf. 40 m

Sat. 13. Waxahachie Saw many old friends and spent a pleasant day.

Sun. 14. Waxahachie This was a good day here. Bro. Haralson preached well.

Mon. 15. Ft. Worth On my way home. Went to the revival services today at Mo. Ave. [Missouri Ave. Methodist Church] 40 m

Tues. 16. At Home Just arrived and find all well. Will have but one day at home. 173 m

NO MORE ENTRIES  
[Milage figures add to 3,649 miles.]



Rev. Milton Koger Little  
1852 - 1942

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Milton Koger Little, the oldest son of Reuben Lafayette and Lucinda Parsons Little, was born 6 Oct 1852 in Remlap, Blount County, Alabama, and was known as Koger, M. K., Brother Little, and by some of his grandchildren, Baugh. On 26 Feb 1872, Koger married Drusilla Blackburn, the third of eight children of Joel J. and Nancy Eliza Hancock Blackburn. M. K. was licensed to preach in 1874 and he and Drusilla moved to Texas in 1876, probably first to Hamilton County. Three years later he was admitted "on trial" to the Northwest Conference of the Methodist Church.

Quoting from Rev. Little's obituary in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.... "In his half century of service as a minister, Rev. M. Little received 4,400 members and performed 440 marriage ceremonies. The number converted under his preaching could hardly be estimated." The birth places of his children gives an indication of the scope of his service. Felix Edwin was born in Hamilton (1877), Berns in Thornton (1879), Kate in Corsicana (1881), Charles in Dallas (1883), Lula in Lanham (1888 at her maternal grandparents' at the time he was pastor in Waxahachie), and Wilson in Vernon (1892). Koger was Presiding Elder for the Vernon District (1890-1893), Abilene District (1894?) and Gatesville District (1914?). Among other churches he served were Waco in 1920 and Grapevine in 1902, to which place this granddaughter moved exactly fifty years later.

Drusilla Blackburn Little died 5 Feb. 1922. From her obituary in the *Texas Christian Advocate*.... "In 1890 their appointment was to the Vernon District. This vast territory had to be traveled almost entirely by private conveyance, which made it necessary that her husband should be away from home for weeks...and sometimes for a month or more at a time.... During these years she had to stay alone with her little children and almost the entire care of them and the household fell to her lot. Her practical common sense, her untiring energy and economical administration of her home affairs made it possible for her husband to do this pioneer work without embarrassment on the meager salaries provided at that time.... The fact that she raised five to be refined, cultured, educated Christian men and women is a more eloquent tribute than mere words can express to her fidelity and skill as a mother."

Koger Little retired from active ministry in 1922, the same year his beloved wife died, but he never fully retired from actively serving the Lord and the Church. He was often called upon to baptize babies of the family or friends, to perform marriages and to preach. When he died 14 April 1942 at the age of 89, he left a half-finished sermon on his desk. He had wanted to be prepared so that the next time he was invited to preach it would be ready.

Rev. Little, his wife, Drusilla, and three of their children, Charles, Lula and Wilson, are buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, Texas.

## LARGEST SLAVE HOLDERS IN TEXAS IN 1860

Submitted by Patrick McKenna

This record was taken from *An Empire for Slavery... The Peculiar Institution in Texas, 1821-1865*, by Randolph B. Campbell, published by the Louisiana State University Press, 1989.

<u>County</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Birth State</u>	<u>Slaves</u>	<u>Imp. acreage</u>
Anderson	F. S. Jackson	51	Va.	119	1,200
Austin County <sup>1</sup>	L. W. Groce	54	Ga.	129	1,200
	P. M. Cuney	52	La.	105	550
	J. E. Kirby	40	Ga.	139	2,800
	A. T. Oliver	40	Ga.	103	1,500
	T. C. Chitt	48	Ga.	100	850
	E. A. Glover <sup>2</sup>			159	1,700
Brazoria	Joel Spencer	65	SC	102	650
	David G. Mills	46	Ky	344	2,500
	John G. McNeil	58	Ky	176	1,550
	Abner Jackson	50	Va	286	2,500
	Sarah Mims <sup>3</sup>	55	Ala	103	700
	Levi Jorgan	66	Ga	134	600
	William H. Kennedy	22	S.C.	124	975
	Hamlin Bass	54	Ga.	213	1,450
	John A. Wharton	29	Tenn.	133	700
	Aaron Coffee <sup>4</sup>	27	Miss	157	1,153
Brazos	Thomas D. Wilson	47	Tenn.	105	1,000
Burleson	William Davis	55	Ga.	121	899
Cass	Willis Whitaker, Sr.	61	S. C.	142	1,000
	Reece Hughes	47	Tenn.	147	2,000
Colorado	John H. Crisp	63	N. C.	146	800
	H. D. Rhodes	41	Ala.	103	585
	John Mathews	63	Va.	140	800
	William J. Harbert	37	Ala.	123	830
Falls	Churchill Jones	54	Va.	127	1,200
Fort Bend	J. D. Waters <sup>5</sup>	n/a	n/a/	216	1,400
	C. W. Buckley	45	N. C.	108	1,000
	James Simonton &	38	N. C.		
	Theophilus Simonton <sup>6</sup>	33	N. C.	105	975
	W. J. Kyle <sup>7</sup> &	50	Tenn.		
	B. F. Terry <sup>8</sup>	39	Ky.	105	1,100
	L. M. Stroud	42	Ga.	112	300
Freestone	W. M. Bonner	76	N. C.	112	150

<u>County</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Birth State</u>	<u>Slaves</u>	<u>Imp. Acreage</u>
Grayson	J. E. Hudson	62	S. C.	105	250
Grimes	George Stonum	74	Va.	115	100
	Thomas E. Blackshear	57	Ga.	123	900
Harrison	William T. Scott	49	Miss.	104	2,010
Lavaca	W. G. L. Foley	79	N. C.	124	600
Limestone	L. A. Stroud <sup>9</sup>	45	Ga.	100	600
Marion	Rebecca Hagerty <sup>10</sup>	45	Ga.	103	n/a
Matagorda	James B. Hawkins	46	N. C.	101	800
	W. G. Warren	55	N. C.	111	800
Montgomery	G. Wood	68	Ga.	105	650
	George Goldthwaite <sup>11</sup>	n/a	n/a	102	700
Nacogdoches	John J. Hayter	70	Va.	150	1,500
Navarro	Anderson Ingraham	61	Ga.	126	900
Polk	Byrd M. Grace	47	Ga.	114	500
	E. J. Carrington	61	Va.	103	500
Red River	James M. Hopkins &	54	Ky.		
	R. M. Hopkins <sup>12</sup>	51	Ky.	139	1,200
Robertson	B. F. Hammond	40	Ala.	106	500
	Reuben Anderson	66	Ga.	100	950
Rusk	John Pruitt	56	Tenn.	105	1,500
San Augustine	William Garrett	49	Tenn.	132	800
Trinity	F. B. Sublett	30	Texas	117	120
Walker	Joshua A. Thomason	49	Ga.	128	950
Washington	Gabriel Felder	63	S. C.	130	850
	Asa Hoxey	60	Ga.	103	1,075
Wharton	Albert C. Horton <sup>13</sup>	60	Ga.	167	1,400
	R. H. D. Sewell <sup>14</sup>	n/a	n/a	123	750
	M. G. Stith	46	Va.	118	1,160
	John C. Clark <sup>15</sup>	62	S. C.	116	500
	David G. Stevens	55	Ala.	109	1,200

1. Austin County presents special difficulties in determining the number of slaves owned by large planters because the census enumerator placed multiple numbers of bondsmen of the same age and sex on the same line. Page 5 of the slave schedule, for example, reported 270 slaves on 80 lines.
2. E. A. Glover does not appear in Schedule 1 for any county in Texas. He was either not a resident of Texas or not in the state when the census was taken.
3. The Mims plantation and slaves appear in the name of Alexander Mims, the thirty-year-old son of Sarah Mims. She was the actual owner, however, and the property was in her name on the tax rolls, Brazoria County, 1860.
4. Aaron Coffee reported only 25 slaves in his own name, but he was the administrator of the estate of his parents, Thomas J. and Melinda Coffee, which had an additional 132 slaves.
5. J. D. Waters was not present at the census of 1860, but he appeared in the 1850 census as a forty-year-old planter from South Carolina. His plantation was being managed in 1860 by thirty-eight-year old J. P. Waters from South Carolina.

6. James Simonton and Theophilus Simonton operated as partners.
7. William J. Kyle also appeared in the census for Brazoria County in 1860. He had real property valued at \$112,500 and personal property valued at \$65,750. He and Terry had seventy-five slaves in Brazoria County and a plantation with six hundred improved acres that produced three thousand bushels of corn, fifty bales of cotton, and two hundred hogsheads of sugar. Thus, Kyle and Terry were almost large enough to appear on this list for both Brazoria and Fort Bend counties.
8. William J. Kyle and B. F. Terry operated as partners.
9. Stroud and his wife owned one hundred slaves. He was also the agent for an estate having seventy slaves. [Editor's Note: Logan A. Stroud was born in Georgia in 1814. He came to Robertson County, Texas in 1837 and moved to Limestone County in 1844. He remained at home until he was thirty years old, and after his father's death, provided for her mother until her death in 1864. He married Jane E. Harlan in 1842, a daughter of Joseph Harlan and Nancy Craig, natives of South Carolina].
10. Hagerty's plantation was not listed on those pages of the agricultural schedule that were microfilmed. Apparently, the originals were lost. They are not with the Marion County agricultural schedule in the Texas State Archives.
11. George Goldthwaite was a thirty-year-old lawyer from South Carolina who lived in Houston. He reported only \$3,000 in real and \$1,000 in personal property. Although the census listed the slaves on the Montgomery County plantation in his name and tax rolls indicate that he paid taxes on them, he may well have been only the agent for an absentee owner.
12. James E. Hopkins and R. M. Hopkins operated as partners.
13. Albert C. Horton was reported on Schedule 1 as a resident of Matagorda County. His plantation and slaves were in Wharton County.
14. R. H. D. Sewell was not listed in Schedule 1 for any county in Texas.
15. John C. Clark had two plantations that were reported separately in the census of Wharton County.

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#### SOME HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

Contributed by Christyne Barr

**ADMINISTRATOR** - Court appointed person who administers or manages estate of one who has died, usually without leaving a will.

**APPRAISAL** - estimated value

**DOWER** - a widow's right to a specified portion of her deceased husband's lands which he owned during their marriage

**ESTATE** - property to which a person has title, also used to describe the property itself, real or personal.

**EXECUTOR** - a person named in a will to carry out the wishes of the deceased, frequently a member of the family.

**FEE SIMPLE** - absolute ownership

**HEIR** - one to whom property passes by law

**INTESTATE** - the deceased left no will

**LEGATEE** - person receiving land through terms of a will

**NUNCUPATIVE WILL** - a will which is given orally in the presence of several people

**PRIMOGENITURE** - first-born son with exclusive rights of inheritance

**PROBATE** - legal proceeding relating to estate of deceased person

**RELICT** - surviving wife (widow)

**TESTATOR** - a person who makes a valid will

**WILL** - legal paper describing how a person desires his estate to be divided at the time of his death

## FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE

Compiled By Nelita Snow

The following lists are located in Record Group 401, Folder 1080, within the Frontier Battalion records in the Texas State Archives, Austin, Texas. Lists are by counties and dates given are sometimes earlier than the organization of the Frontier Battalion, but fell within the jurisdiction of the Texas Rangers.

Note: A/Murder or A/M - Assault to Murder or Kill  
 A/Kill or A/K - Assault to or with intent to kill  
 M - Murder

### NAVARRO COUNTY

Only the year of offense and year of indictment are given in this record.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>YR COMMITTED</u>	<u>YR INDICTED</u>
Jones, Wm. (Colored)	Theft of money		
McMillan, Geo.	Bale of corn	-	-
Brown, John	Bale of corn	-	-
Allen, W. A.	M	74	74
Martin, N. B.	Selling Mortgaged ppty.	73	74
Bunham, David	Theft of Mule	74	74
Lawrence, Sam	Theft of saddle	73	74
McDaniel, John	Theft of yearling	73	74
Loupe, R. S.	Theft of oxen	73	74
Jeffers, James	Theft of mules	73	74
Sheats, A. D.	Theft of beef	73	74
Baptister, John	A/W/I/M	74	74
Stroud, Benton	Theft of Heifer	74	74
Stroud, J. R.	Theft of Oxen	74	74
Crabtree, J. W.	False Swearing	74	74
Farrar, Robt	Theft of Beef	75	75
Farrar, Tom	Theft of Beef	75	75
O'Keef, John	Theft of Beef	75	75
Rushing, Alfred	Theft of Cattle	75	75
Rushing Alfred	Theft of Cattle(2 inds.)	75	75
Polk, John	Theft of Cattle	75	75
Polk, John	Theft of Beef(2 inds)	75	75
Horn, Enoch	Theft of gelding	75	75
Curtis, Bil	Theft of gelding	75	75
Cain, David	Obtaining money under false pretences	75	75

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>YR COMMITTED</u>	<u>YR INDICTED</u>
Meador, Thos.	Theft of Beef	74	75
Hickey, Thos.	Forgery	74	75
York, Frank	Theft of Beef	75	75
Lee, John	Burglary	75	75
Elder, James	M	75	75
Haley, Jas. H.	Obt. money under false pretences	75	75
White, Ras	Theft of gelding	74	75
Adams, Geo. W.	Perjury	75	75
Barry, Adam Colored	Uttering forged instrument		75
Byers, Edmund	Theft from house	75	75
Pool, S. T.	A/W/I/M	75	75
Fraziel, Sarah A.	Incest	75	75
Kimbrell, Ike	Theft of Ox	75	75
Tickle, Geo.	Theft of Ox	75	75
Floyd, Jno. T.	Perjury	75	75
Sims, Dan	Theft from house	75	75
McMott, Jesse	Theft from house	75	75
Crawford, Bob	Threatening life of another	75	75
Crawford, Bob	Theft of cattle	75	75
Ross, Dan	Theft of gelding	75	75
Chapman, Lewis	Swindling	75	75
Parish, Alec	Theft of gelding	75	75
do	Theft of Beef(3 cases)	76	76
Smith, Thos.	Theft of Cattle(3 cases)	76	76
Swink, James	Theft of cow	76	76
Lish, Robert	Theft of corn	76	76
Burrus, Jack	Theft of cow(4 cases)	76	76
Moore, West	A/W/I/M	76	76
Hamilton, Cain	Theft from house	76	76
Jackson, Henry	Theft of hog	76	76
Young, Caleb	Theft of Beef	76	76
Lanning, Toney	Theft of mare	76	76
Walker, Amos	Theft of mare	76	76
Walker, Amos	Theft of mules	76	76
Walker, Amos	A/W/I/M	76	76
Swinker, Henry	M(3 Inds.)	76	76

HOOD COUNTY

Cornelious, Wm.	Theft of Cattle	Nov. 73
Michell, Wm.)	Murder	Mch 74
Graves, Mit.)		
Faucett, Wm.	A/M	July 74
6 ft. dark hair and eyes, 25 years		

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>YR COMMITTED</u>
Middleton, John 5' 8 dark hair and eyes, 28 yrs. Talks loud.	Theft horses (3 inds.)	July 74
Smith, Jack 5 ft 6, black hair and eyes, says is 1/2 Cherokee	Theft from house	Nov. 74
Nelson, Geo.)		
Mathews, Joe	A/M	Dec. 74
Welchell, Edward	Theft of cattle (2 cases)	n.d.
Wise, Henry 5 ft 6, dark hair and eyes	Theft from house	n.d.
Logan, Wm.	Theft of cattle	n.d.
White, W. W.	Attempt to bribe auditor	n.d.
Bassett, Jack & Bassett, Reuben	Theft of cattle	n.d.
Ary, Thos. 18 yrs	M	June 76

JOHNSON COUNTY

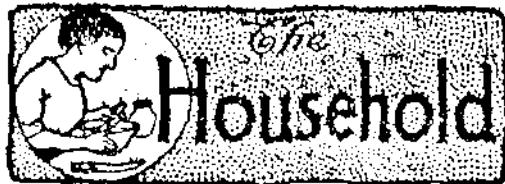
<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>
Thomas J. G. 5 ft 8, light complexion & hair, blue eyes	A/M	10/71	12/71
Long, Jos. 6 ft Sallow comp. 160#	Theft	9/71	12/71
Gatewood, Jas.	A/M	1/72	4/72
Spears, Levi	A/M	2/72	4/72
Thomas Jas. Y. Light complexion and hair, blue eyes	Theft	4/72	4/72
Williams, James	Theft	6/72	8/72
Haynes, George	Burglary	7/72	8/72
Jones, J. E. 5" 6 Fair comp.	Theft	7/72	8/72
Walters, Bill J. 6 ft Negro 180#	M	12/72	12/72
Smith, Wm. Mulatto 160#	Theft	12/72	12/72
Collace, Thos.	Theft	12/72	12/72
Thomas, Js. Y.	Theft	12/72	12/72
Bryant, Jno. 5'9, fair comp. 20 yrs	Theft	3/73	4/73
Hamilton, Mack	M	5/69	8/73 in Ark
Brown, Thos. O. 5 ft 8 Fair complexion, blue eyes	A/M	7/73	8/73
Powers, Thomas	Theft	--	8/73
Wilson, Albert 6 ft Black hair/eyes	Theft (2)	6/73	8/73

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>
Fish, John	A/M	7/73	8/73
McGee, John and H.	A/M	7/73	8/73
Brothers, both 6 ft., with fair complexion, grey eyes			
Pierce, Jos. 5 ft 10, fair 160#	Theft	12/73	12/73
Hargrow, B.L.	A/M	6/74	8/74
6 ft 8, fair, 150#			
Hinton J. C. &	Theft	7/74	8/74
Fisher W. T.			
Walker, D. N.	A/M	8/74	8/74
5 ft 8, Black hair and said to be in Mason County			
Harkey, Ross	Theft	8/74	8/74
Futhey, G. W.	Illegal Marriage	6/74	8/74
Harrison, J. D.	Theft	6/74	8/74
fair, light hair			
Donohoo, J. C.	Theft	6/74	8/74
5 ft 8, lt. hair, blue eyes			
Walker, Nels Negro	Theft	6/74	8/74
Sandy, Harrison	Theft	7/74	8/74
West, Eldridge	Theft	7/74	8/74
5 ft 10, dark comp.			
Duke, Kit fair comp	Theft	7/74	8/74
Wilkerson, Ward - 6 ft dark hair and	Theft	7/74	8/74
Franks, Jno blue eyes 19 yrs			
Austin, James 5 9, light comp.	Theft	6/74	8/74
McClendon, L. A.	Theft	1/74	8/74
6 ft, florid complexion, blue eyes			
Gatewood, P. M.	Swindlng	6/74	8/74
6 ft, fair comp, light hair, quick spoken, walks erect			
Trussell, J.	Theft	5/74	8/74
Jordan, T. W.	Theft	5/74	8/74
Patrick, E.	Theft	6/74	8/74
Melton, Harry	A/M	5/74	8/74
6 ft, fair complexion, red hair			
Moody, Jo	Theft	8/74	8/74
6 ft, florid complexion, dark hair, grey eyes, 160#			
Stephens, Con	Theft	8/74	8/74
Hall, D. N.	A/M	4/75	4/75
6 ft, fair, light hair			
Norwood, Albert Negro, 190#	Theft	4/75	4/75
Parker, Lafayette	A/M	1/75	4/75
5 ft light hair, fair			
Jones, Clem	A/M	4/75	4/75
Shadrick, R. M.	Theft	6/75	--

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ALICE HENDERSON BELL LETTER  
 To Semi-Weekly Farm News  
 28 September 1914

From newspaper clipping, sent to Nancy Timmons Samuels by Robert C. Campbell, Tucson, Arizona, in 1981. Written by Alice E. Bell, the article appeared in the Semi-Weekly Farm News' "The Household" column. She tells of her trip back to her old childhood home in Texas.



From Quay County, New Mexico.

I will take advantage of being an old-timer to pay you a visit. Since I wrote before I have lost my right hand and arm. Had a good left hand left, so had to learn over how to write and do many things that one has to do. Being old, I suppose it is harder for me than if young, though I was determined to do everything I could, and my friends are surprised that I can keep house for myself and husband. Can cut and make my own clothes and do so many things. Things are never so bad but what they could be worse. Had it been my foot I could not have gone on my trip "back yonder" alone. I am interested in the letters Mr. Ballew got started. A good fairy in the shape of a dear woman wanted me to go and made it possible for me to spend six of the happiest weeks of my life. My "back yonder" doesn't mean one of the old States, nor even the piney woods of East Texas, though I was born near Palestine, Texas, sixty-one years ago. All of my early memories cling around some springs and log cabins in a rough and mountainous country, where the father and mother and a few good neighbors made our world, where we carded and spun, wove our cloth and made our clothes without the help of sewing machines. The fathers looked after the stock and guarded the homes from the ever roving bands of Indians, and we gathered wild plums, grapes, black haws and pecans in season. And the

Methodist circuit rider came to preach in the homes, and we two oldest girls were sent away to stay with some friends to go to school. We had a log house and split log benches, with holes and sticks for legs. We had Blue Back Spelling Books, which I think has no equal. Each word led up to sound, and even the little ones would be chosen first in a spelling match. And McGuffey's Readers were so sensible, too. The 4th of June I boarded the train for my trip. Went to Oklahoma to see a daughter. She and her four bright boys were at the depot to meet and take me the six miles to their home. The next place was Kaufman County, Texas, to see my brother's family. Then back to Stephenville. A sister met me there, and after seeing a few old friends drove around over the town and it seemed strange to think when I first knew the town it was a small village, built up mostly of log houses. Sister took me to her home, and one day we went to see an old uncle and aunt, who live alone. I enjoyed the visit so much, even the good water out of the gourd dipper. Time slipped by so fast I realized I could not see all I wanted to if I kept my promise to the good man at home to be back in six weeks. My good brother and a neighbor said they would take their families for a rest and an outing and go with me to the old dripping springs and we would meet two other sisters. I had not been there for forty-seven years. I will always feel grateful to them for the trip, and the rest they did not get. It reminded me of Samantha Allen's pleasure exertions. We were up early, the wagons loaded

with camping equipment, the start made at sunrise. The road had been changed and the trip was long, though every minute was enjoyed. We finally got there about 1 o'clock and one sister and her family were there. We spent the afternoon finding where the old houses had stood and wading in the water, and I, the old grandma, waded where I had waded as a child. I left with the sister. We met to go to see other friends and relatives, we went to our old home where our own children spent their first years, and a dear girlhood friend who was a near neighbor for years and who was always ready to help in sickness. Another visit with my sister to see one of our childhood friends. We had not seen her since before she had married. Change was writ-

ten on everything. They were old, too, the children all gone from the home. We were all wrinkled and gray. She was a small woman whom I expected to be large, and I a large woman where she looked for a thin one. One of my sisters came home with me. We got here [rest of line illeg., where folded]

May the news continue to give news and letters which have been a comfort and pleasure in our home for twenty-six years. We have been in New Mexico that long.--Mrs Alice E. Bell, Nara Visa, Quay Co., N. M.

That is a beautiful and interesting letter, Mrs. Bell. Old scenes of childhood days always make one feel sad and yet happy. But you did not tell us how you lost your arm.--Editor.

#### Notes by NTS:

Alice Henderson Bell's "back yonder" was the rocks and rills of southwest Palo Pinto County, the Palo Pinto Mountains and Ioni Creek, and Lake Creek, and northwest Erath County, west of Hannibal on Rush Creek, rugged country settled by rugged individuals as early as 1854-55. Her father was Captain John B. Henderson, b. 11 December 1824 in SC, d. 26 April 1910, buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Merkel, Texas. Her mother was Sarah Thornton, b. 15 November 1835 in Alabama, d. 22 December 1913, in Merkel. They came to Anderson County, Texas ca. 1850-51, were there in 1855 (per tax roll), and to Rush Creek by 1860. They lived on the Jim Brown ranch, north of Strawn, in the mid-1860s, were still in the area in 1871, and by 1880 were back in Erath County on Rush Creek.

Walter C. Cochran, son of another early settler of southwest Palo Pinto County, was a teenager in the 1860s. In the early 1930s, he compiled a history of early days and Indian troubles of the area, in which he stated that when Indians were bad, men were afraid to travel, but Capt. Henderson made more night rides to Weatherford and Stephenville after doctors than any other man in the country. Cochran also stated that it was a "mistake that Goodnight and Loving made the first cattle drive to Pecos in 1866." He said "the first was made in the fall of 1865 by Capt. John Henderson and the Wylie brothers, Bob, Henry and Tom, that Bob Wylie was in charge of a herd of 1000 head, which they sold at Fort Sumner." He said the outfit made the trip back down the Pecos and back to Palo Pinto County in an ox wagon. That "old Irb Bell, now of El Paso, claims to be the only one living who made that long trip. . . he is in his 88th year." Cochran stated that in the fall of 1868, Henderson, with Wylie Johnson and Nath Blackwell, started from Jim Brown's ranch with another herd of 1000 cattle, bound for Colorado.

Alice Elizabeth Henderson, 2nd child of Capt. John B., was b. 26 January 1853 in Anderson County, Texas, and died 21 May 1918 in Dalhart, Dallam County, Texas. She m. in Palo Pinto County 22 November 1870 to William Asbury Bell, b. 11 May 1838 Henry County, Missouri, d. 14 July 1927 Nara Visa, New Mexico, where both are buried. He was the son of Valentine and Margaret (Houx) Bell, early settlers on Ioni. In 1880 William and Alice were still in Palo Pinto County, but by 1886 they were in Lincoln County, New Mexico, in that part which became Chaves County in 1887 and Quay County in 1903. They had nine children.

## BIBLE RECORD OF WILLIAM FORD & REBECCA TIPPETT

Submitted by Leila Ford Evett  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The following is copied from a Bible that belonged to William Ford which is currently in the possession of Andrew Jackson Boman, Wichita, Kansas. It is believed that William Ford presented Bibles to his children with family information recorded, since this Bible once belonged to Andrew Jackson Ford's sister, Amy, who married James Taylor, and entries of that family are recorded. A Bible with much the same information was in the James Henry Ford family. After the death of the eldest daughter, Ollie Dearinger, this Bible passed to my father, William Alfred Ford, and in turn, upon his death, to Johnny Mathis Ford, the next living oldest son.

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 MDCCCCXVI. 1872.

This book is the Property of William Ford

### FAMILY RECORD BIRTHS

William Ford was bornd June 15 A. D. 1802  
Rebecca Tippet, his wife, was bornd Sept 14 A. D. 1807  
Mary L. Ford was bornd Oct 11 A. D. 1823  
George W. Ford was bornd Sept 2 A.D. 1825  
John T. Ford was bornd Oct 29 A.D. 1827  
Rebecca E. Ford was bornd Nov 21 A.D. 1829  
Martha J. Ford was bornd Sept 5 A.D. 1833  
William M. Ford was bornd Feb 6 A.D. 1836  
James H. Ford was Bornd Sept 4, A.D. 1838  
Andrew J. Ford was bornd Sept 19 A.D. 1842  
Sarah Ann Ford was bornd Jan 18 A.D. 1844  
Amy E. Ford was bornd Mar 1 A.D. 1846  
Rachel A. Ford was bornd Jan 27 A. D. 1850

William Garland Taylor was born December 7, 1869  
George Washington Taylor was born April the 4th 1871  
Mary Jane Taylor was born May the 4th 1873  
Martha Ann Taylor was born January the 19th 1876  
Nancy Rebecca Taylor was born Feb 28 A.D. 1878 and departed this life Nov the 20 A.D. 1879  
John Tippet Taylor was born Feb [illeg] A.D. 1880  
Rachel [torn] Idilla Taylor was born Oct 14 A.D. 1882

Sarah Allis Taylor was born August 3 A.D. 1885 and died Sept 27 A.D. 1886  
Rufus Henry Taylor was born August 22 [torn]

## MARRIAGES

William and Rebecca Ford was married Dec 24 A.D. 1822  
James Taylor and A. E. Taylor was married February 28th 1869  
William Nathaniel Stringfield was born May 26 A.D. 1867 [sic]

## Deaths

R. E. Ford departed this life May 17 A.D. 1859  
William M. departed this life Nov [blur] A. D. 1858  
M. L. Ford departed March 12 A.D. 1863  
John T. Ford departed life Dec. [blur] 1862  
G. W. Ford departed this life July 18 A.D. 1881  
Annie [Annis?] Ford, his daughter July A.D. 1881  
Rebecca Ford, Escort of William Ford departed this life Septem 14 A.D. 1879  
William Ford, Husband of Rebecca Ford, departed this life March the 10th 1885  
William G. Taylor died February the 19th 1888  
R. A. Marcum died May the 26th 1887  
M. J. Deans born Sept 5, 1833 Died April 29th 1907

END OF BIBLE RECORD

## Additional information not contained in Bible:

William Ford and Rebecca Tippett were both born in North Carolina (census record) but were living in Warren County, Tenn. in 1830, with their first four children. The remaining children were born in Arkansas. It is believed they were there prior to the formation of Benton County. Rebecca died on her birthday, and is buried in the Snoderly Cemetery in Benton County. William died at the home of his son, James Henry, in Macon County, Mo., and is interred in Old Chariton Cemetery near Callao, Macon County. He shares a stone with daughter Mary Lavera, and her husband Alfred Bealmear.

Mary Lavera Ford was married to Alfred Bealmear in Benton County Ark. 3 Sept 1840. She died in Macon Co. Mo. 12 March 1863 and is buried in the Old Chariton Cemetery in Macon County.

George Winchester Ford was married to Mary Jane Wilson. He and his daughter died on a trip to Texas, and are reported to be buried in Arlington, Texas, but this has not been proved.

John Tippett was married to Bethany Gentry, daughter of Cain Gentry and Martha Philpot. They were parents of six children, the youngest being born after John's death at the Battle of Prairie Grove, Ark., 7 December 1862. Bethany and her mother moved from Benton County, Ark. to Grayson County, Texas, and on to Erath County, Texas.

Rebecca Emeline Ford died 27 May 1859. No further information.

Martha Jane Ford married William "Billy" E. Deans ca 1855. He was the son of Reuben and Catherine Deans both born in North Carolina. She is buried in Tuck Chapel, Benton County, Ark.

William M. Ford went to Texas (believed Grayson County) at an early age; reportedly died there.

In the spring of 1860, James Henry Ford, my grandfather, rode a mule to visit his sister, Mary Lavera and brother-in-law, Alfred Bealmear, in Macon County, Mo. While there, he met and married Margaret Murley, daughter of Sanford and Sinty Murley. They were married 19 August 1860 by Elder Alfred Bealmear (James's brother-in-law) of Primitive Baptist Church. James died 5 August 1912 and is interred in new Chariton Cemetery, Macon County.

Andrew Jackson Ford married Mary Ann Deans, a daughter of William E. Deans and his first wife, a Miss Moore, on 17 April 1864. In 1861 he had enlisted in the Confederate Army serving with the 15th Arkansas Infantry. He was paroled 4 July 1863, due to injury. He is interred in Snoderly Cemetery, Benton County, Ark.

Sarah Ann Ford was married 21 Sept 1866, Benton County, Ark. to Albert Stringfield. After his death, she married Thomas Wallas Marcum 1 Oct 1876. She died 22 Feb 1929 and is interred in Old Chariton Cemetery, Macon County, Mo.

Amy Elizabeth "Lizzie" Ford married James W. Taylor in Benton County, Ark. 28 Feb 1869. She died 3 Feb 1926 and is interred in the Snoderly Cemetery, Benton County. James Taylor was an elder in the Primitive Baptist Church as was Alfred Bealmear.

Rachel Ary Ford married Blevin Marcum in 1877. She died 26 May 1887 at Silo in Indian Territory, presently in Bryan County, Okla. and is interred in the Gardner Cemetery.

In 1880 (per census) William Ford was enumerated as living in the household of George Winchester Ford, Barry County, Mo.

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#### BOOK REVIEW

**DIARY IN GRAY.** Civil War Letters and Diary of Jared Young Sanders. Edited and Annotated by Mary Elizabeth Sanders. Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society, P. O. Box 82060, Baton Rouge, La. 70884.2060. Soft Cover. 113 pp. including every name index. \$12.50 postpaid.

Jared Young Sanders was born 8 March 1791, Chester County, SC, the eldest child of William Gunnell Sanders and Mary Young Sanders. The family moved to Mississippi, but William purchased property in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. Jared Young Sanders lived there, presumably working as overseer of the holdings. He married Rachel Nixon Hulick in 1818 and had four sons and three daughters.

This book contains a transcript of the diary which Jared Sanders kept during the Civil War. Letters to family and friends make for interesting reading. Most of this correspondence quoted, as well as the original diary, are included in the Sanders Papers, housed at the Louisiana State University Archives in Baton Rouge. The compiler has added a great deal of supplemental information which adds to the value of this volume.

## STEWART-JENKINS BIBLE

Submitted by Leila Ford Evett  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The Holy Bible containing the Old and New Testaments. Translated out of the Original Tongues and with the former translations diligently compared and revised. New York American Bible Society, instituted in the year MDCCCXVI. 1847.

[First page is beyond copying. Evan A. Stewart, son of Hamilton and Elizabeth Stewart, was born 14 Nov 1794 in Surry County, N. C. Nancy Bell Jenkins was born in 1800 in Kentucky. They were married about 1819 in either Jackson County, Ala., where her parents lived, or Franklin County, Tenn., where Evan's parents were living].

## FAMILY RECORD

## BIRTHS

Elizabeth Ann Stewart was born June 8, 1820  
William Hamilton Stewart was born January the 18th 1823  
Richard Stewart was born December the 13th 1824  
Joseph Stewart was born March the 19th 1826  
Anthony Stewart was born November the 12th 1828  
Joshua Stewart was born March the 2nd 1830  
Mary Jane Stewart was born April the 8th 1832  
John Stewart was born November 25th 1834  
Thomas Evan Stewart was born March 31st 1836  
Lorenzo Stewart was born March 25th 1845  
  
Elizabeth C. Stewart was born July the 9th 1847  
*Mary Elizabeth Stewart was born October the [?] 1845*  
Nancy Jane Stewart was born February the 7th 1847  
Evan Stewart was born May the 11th 1852

[It is believed the last four births were grandchildren].

## DEATHS

Samantha Jane Stewart  
[illegible]

END OF BIBLE RECORD

## Additional information:

Joshua Stewart, my great-grandfather, and a Civil War veteran, married Mary Stutzman in 1849 in Franklin County, Ark. He moved to Texas from Polk County, Mo. in 1875, and was living at

Grapevine, Tarrant County, in 1880, per census. He moved to Indian Territory around the turn of the century, residing in what is now Grady County, Okla., and is buried there in Bailey Cemetery.

Elizabeth Ann Stewart married Jesse Hayden in Polk County, Mo. and died there in 1793.

William Hamilton Stewart married Frances? He died 13 October 1848.

Richard Stewart drowned in Pomme de Terre River, Polk County, Mo. He was then an elderly man.

Joseph E. Stewart died 13 March 1865 while in CSA and is interred in Dallas County, Mo.

Anthony Stewart came to Texas with his brother, Joshua, after the Civil War. He married Rachel Lacey, the daughter of Nathan Haggard Lacey and Margaret Carr. He died in 1885 and is buried in Connell Cemetery, Brown County, Texas.

Mary Jane Stewart married/1 Thomas E. Williams and married/2 Nathan H. Lacey. She died in Oklahoma Territory 12 May 1904 and is buried in the Kiowa Cemetery, Roger Mills County, Okla.

John W. Stewart married Amanda Wainscott 6 Jan 1853. He died on the battlefield at Grenada, Miss. 12 December 1862.

Thomas Evan Stewart married his cousin, Clarissa Stewart, daughter of John and Melinda Stewart of Benton County, Mo. He died in May 1876 in Polk County, Mo. and is buried there in the Payne Cemetery.

Francis Marion Stewart married Rebecca Jane Zumwalt 4 August 1858 in Polk County, Mo., where he lived all his life except for service in CSA. He died New Year's Day 1920 and is buried in the Mt. Olive Cemetery, Polk County.

Lorenzo Stewart also served in CSA and in 1863 was shot by Union soldiers when he attempted to claim his horse. He is buried on the Evan Stewart farm, as is his mother, Nancy Jenkins Stewart, who died in 1865.

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#### BOOK REVIEW

ONLY THE NAMES REMAIN, Vol. 3. (Saline District & Cherokee Orphanage). Sandi Garrett, P. O. Box 48, Spavinaw, OK. 74366. 119 pages. Soft cover. Spiral binding. \$15.00 postpaid.

The author states that many researchers have been able to find members of their families from information contained in her earlier volumes, "A.K.A." (also known as) and the first two volumes of this series. Eventually, all of the Drennen Roll (1851) will be represented along with the numbers able to be linked to the Guion-Miller Applications (1910). Coming publications will cover the Goingsnake district, the Delaware district and the Tahlequah and Skin Bayou districts. Researchers with Indian ties will want to see these books. [editor]

**OLD LETTERS, 1875**  
**From Ennis, Ellis County, Texas**

Miss Maggie Beard, Ennis, Texas, to her cousin, Josephine Ashford, Milam County.

Ennis Ellis County Tex June 14th 1875

Dear Cousin Joe

Though many months has passed since I wrote to any of you, yet you were not forgotten for during this long period of silence in fancy I often visited you and would have visited you in person if I could. We have passed through many changes and trials since I last wrote you and I have been sick so much that I could hardly ever collect my thoughts enough to write. My health is better at the present than it has been in 2 years for which I know you will rejoice with me and thank the Great Giver of all good who has been so kind to me. I wish I had something new and interesting to write you but I do not get to visit much nor have any visitors and so I do not hear much though we have quite an interesting little town there is something to do here all the time. Preaching Picnics Grange meetings Concerts and most anything else you could mention. There was a Sunday School Picnic here the first of May which was a very nice little affair some 4 or 4 hundred people present but last Saturday there was another Picnic 8 miles from [here] and almost all Ennis went or at least most of the young people. We did not attend. There was 8 or 10 Sunday Schools expected to be present. I have not heard the particulars about it as I have seen no one from there. Uncle Jim Ashford has just returned from out west been out there to look at the country. Went so far as Burnet Co. I have not seen him but hear he is well pleased and he wants to move as soon as he sells his place here I presume he may move there.

Julia has written her lovers name and showed it to me. It is Mr. Hudgins a horrid name I think. Don't you? But they say he is good and that is better than a pretty name. Sister Fannie said she would stay with some before long. If the people I live with move west this fall I may go with them if I do not I will have to hunt another home I shall regret exceedingly to part with them for I love them dearly they have been as brother and sister to me I have lived with them nearly one year. O, cousin Jo why dont some of you come to see us. Give much love to Aunt Sarah, Nerva and all the others for me. I think of you all so often and wish to see you. Tell Alex I think he might write to me if his girls did not take up so much of his time. Nerve, too, I would love to hear from her pen. Give much love to all of them for me.

Must close for the present. Please write soon to your affectionate Cousin.

Maggie Beard

Miss Julia E. Miller, Ennis, Texas, to her cousin, Miss Minerva Ashford, Milam County, Texas.

Ennis Ellis Co Texas June the 16 1875

Miss Mirnervie Ashford

My Dear Cousin I will answer your kind letter. You must forgive me for not answering it sooner. I would have answered but had no envelope. I think you can forgive me. I guess you thought I had forgotten but I will never forget you. I want to see you all so bad. We are all well.

I am staying with Ma and Sister in Ennis. Sister lives with Mr. Thomas and he went out west to look at the country and they wanted Ma to keep house for them while they was gone so I am staying with them. Cousin Charles Ashford has moved out West. There is a good many going to the Western Countrys to live. Ma talks like she might go too, but I like Ellis Co as good as any. We got a letter from Aunt Peggie Dollar some time ago. They are all well. I will tell you they post office. It is Knights Prairie, Hamilton Co Illinois. They live a long way. It is very dry hear the crops look fine and so does the garens it rained two weeks ago but need it now very bad the wheat and cotton crops are fine everyboddie is cutting their wheat I have forgot how much it has made to the acre. Mr Alexander has a very sick babe they are our near neighbor Ma and Sister have just been their we have not heard from Madison in so long but think we will get a letter soon We have just got a letter from My Miller kin to day I had not herd from them in long time I have not seen Sister Fannie in a week she come to see Cousin Charles leave. She lieves on Grove Creek now with Jim Ashford. I forgot to tell you that Cousin Charles little boy the babe died it died in April and was sick two weeks that was one thing that made them go out West they thought it was helthier than hear Cousin Millia Chapmans husband is very low with consumption dont think he will ever recover he looks so bad Aunt Nancy Ashford is staying with her. Well I will stop as I have written all I know tell Cousin Joe I think she might write to me Tell your Ma to write you must write soon as you get this for I want to hear from you all soon So I remain your devoted cousin

Julia E. Miller

The originals of these letters were in the possession of Mrs. Joy Shaw Sirois, of Brownwood, Texas, in 1975, who wrote that she had inherited them with the Ashford Bible from her grandmother, Rhoda Ann Lavinia Ashford Rose. She stated that in 1875 the Ashford sisters, Josephine and Minerva, probably lived at Davila in Milam County. Some background given by Mrs. Sirois:

Michael and Mary (Chappell) Ashford lived in Tishimingo County, Mississippi in 1850. They had eleven children, all of whom grew up and married, and many came to Texas, several to Ellis County. Their youngest child, my great-grandfather, Robert Payne Ashford settled in Bell County, Texas, and later was in Milam County, where he died. His wife was Sarah Ann Gurley; she is the "Aunt Sarah" mentioned in the letters. "Alex" is the brother to Josephine and Minerva.

Harriet Ashford, daughter of Michael and Mary, married 25 January 1842 to William Beard and had several children; she evidently married second to Mr. Miller. In February 1850, Harriet's husband, William Beard and three of their children, Mary (age 3), Adam (age unknown), and William (age 8 months) all died within eleven days of each other. Surviving were Harriet, the mother, Margaret (Maggie, of the letter), and Adrian, a son, age seven. Also dying in February 1850 was a cousin, Mary Connor. Julia E. Miller, to whom Maggie wrote, was Maggie's sister. [End, Mrs. Sirois' notes.]

Ed. notes: Julia and Maggie must have been half-sisters. Julia E. Miller married John Goodman (or Goodwin) in Ellis County 16 March 1876, and in 1880 her mother, Harriet Miller and Maggie Beard lived with them, enumerated as mother-in-law and sister-in-law, in the Ennis area [ED 49, Pt. 3, #424-424]. "Cousin Jim" Ashford must have been James Ashford, a widower with three children in 1870 Ellis County. By 1880 he was gone from the county, only his son, William (age 16) remaining. "Cousin Charles" may have been Charles Stewart Ashford who married Virginia Kendall; they did move west. "Cousin Millia Chapman" may have been Melissa, wife of William Chapman, of Ellis County 1870 and 1880. Melissa was nee Butler. One John Connor married Mollie D. Ashford in Ellis County 18 April 1869.

## NEWS FROM THE FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Kenneth N. Hopkins  
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A question that I am often asked by genealogists, particularly those who have accumulated cabinets full of documentation, is how do you preserve your family papers. Family papers are the old letters, legal documents, photographs, scrapbooks and memorabilia that have been passed down from ancestors. They also include the pedigree charts, family group sheets, photocopies from books and research notes that you have painstakingly gathered.

These materials and papers are valuable to you and to posterity. You probably plan to write a family history. After you have finished, you should pass the original documentation to your children, or perhaps place it at a genealogical archives, such as the Fort Worth Public Library, so that other researchers can benefit from your work. There are some steps that you should take to make these papers more useful.

First, be a careful researcher. Every item in your family papers should be identified, completely and legibly on the document. Identification includes the title, author, publisher, date of publication, volume and page number if the material is copied from a book or article. A government document or a unpublished manuscript needs to have the original source described, whether it is an archives, government agency or other location. A researcher interested in the material should be able to relocate the original in order to double check your information. Remember, nothing is less useful and more frustrating than an unidentified document.

Second, be organized. You should develop a filing system for your papers and stick with it. The system need not be elaborate. You may wish to keep records in three-ring binders or in file folders and a cabinet. There should be a logical scheme - all the papers pertaining to one line here, to another line there, for example. As a collection of family papers grows larger, you will need a more sophisticated scheme. Using the archivist's terminology, you will need to develop series and subseries. For example:

### Hopkins Family

- A. Pedigree Charts
- B. Family Group Sheets
- C. Census Records
- D. Birth and Death Certificates
- E. Correspondence with Relatives
- F. Miscellaneous Research Notes

### Tarkington Family

- A. Pedigree Charts
- B. ....

You should include an explanation of your organizational scheme along with the papers, so that a future researcher can easily understand your thinking.

Third, weed and transfer to the best media. To keep your records organized it is best periodically to weed the collection. Remove unnecessary duplicates. Transcribe your rough notes to bond paper (at least 50 percent rag content) then dispose of yellow pads and loose scraps of note paper. Newspaper clippings, fax paper, and any other kinds of cheap paper should be photocopied because the original is not durable, will eventually fade, and the acid content will damage other documents. Reel to reel tapes should be transferred to audio cassettes and film to video cassettes. Cassettes are easier to house and care for.

Fourth, consider using acid-free storage materials. Archival boxes, file folders, sheet protectors and other such materials will prolong the life of your papers. They protect the papers from excessive light, moisture, dust and careless handling. There is a variety of containers that can be obtained through the mail from archival suppliers or possibly obtained by special order from office suppliers.

Do not overstuff folders because the simple process of removing and replacing a document will damage it. One-half inch of material in a folder is a good rule of thumb. Label your folders in pencil. Some inks, especially those from inexpensive ballpoints, contain acid that will eat away paper.

Be especially protective of photographs. A good product is Mylar D polyester sleeves that the photographs can be slipped into. The sleeves are transparent so there is no need to remove the photograph and handle it directly. Do not write on the back of photos with a pen -- you will cause an impression on the front. Instead, write lightly with a No. 2 pencil on the edge of the photo. Better yet, you can buy a special pen that will write permanently on the Mylar sleeve.

Fifth, protect computer media. Many of you have adopted the computer as a tool in your genealogical research. Although it has a look of permanence to it, computer data actually requires preservation. Your hard disk eventually will crash and all the data will be lost unless you have regularly backed it up on floppy diskettes. These diskettes should be write-protected and stored away. All of your diskettes should be labelled carefully and stored in their sleeves. They should be kept away from extreme heat, moisture, and magnetic sources such as the telephone.

Sixth, be careful about cleaning and mending your paper records. At some time in your research career, there will be original documents that have become soiled or damaged. Your natural desire will be to clean and mend them. There are products available to do this - gum erasers, soft brushes and paper cleaner. Remove the loose dirt from a larger collection with a vacuum cleaner with a stocking secured to the end of the hose.

Never use regular mending tape or other household tapes on documents that you want to preserve. These kinds of tape yellow over time and leave a sticky residue that damages the paper. There is an archivally safe tape, called Document Repair Tape. Also do not laminate documents because the heat used in the lamination process will damage the paper. The alternative is to encapsulate fragile documents in Milar D Sleeves, which serve as a transparent, protective envelope.

If any of your records ever get damp, dry them thoroughly by leaving them in a well ventilated area. If mold and mildew do get into your papers or books, the best practical advice is to stay away from chemicals. You can do a good job by exposing the materials to direct sunlight. Then, using the brushes and erasers, remove the residue.

Seventh, storage of your records. The enemies of your paper preservation are the following:

- Direct sunlight
- Heat
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RULING ON WINFIELD SCOTT CASE(From *Dallas Morning News*, March 22, 1913)

Fort Worth. What is known as the Winfield Scott will case, involving property valued at \$3,000,000, was decided today by the Court of Civil Appeals in favor of Mrs. Georgia Scott Townsend of Denver, the daughter of the testator, who brought the suit contesting *the will*.

The court's decree handed down today, merely affirmed the decision of the District Court, which had awarded a verdict in favor of Mrs. Townsend. The opinion of the Court of Appeals covered forty-two pages and was written by Judge Irby Dunklin, the other two Justices concurring. It is said that the administrators of the estate will appeal from this decision to a higher court.

By the terms of the will of Winfield Scott, the Fort Worth capitalist, cattleman and cotton oil mill owner, the greater portion of the property was left to his minor son, Winfield Scott, Jr., while his only daughter by his first marriage, Mrs. Scott Townsend, received but a small part of the estate. She contested the will, charging undue influence, and the jury of the Forty Eighth District Court decided in her favor last June. The amount of property owned in this city by Winfield Scott at the time of his death created unusual interest in the case here.

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## SOME CIVIL WAR EXPERIENCES OF CAPTAIN T. C. TERRELL

Capt. Terrell wrote this account January 20, 1899. A copy is in the Library at the Amon G. Carter Museum Library, Fort Worth, Texas, and a handwritten note states that it was copied in 1977 from the files of the R. E. Lee Camp #158, United Confederate Veterans, Fort Worth.

I raised my company "F", Waller's Battalion Cavalry, in Fort Worth, Texas early in 1862. H. C. Johnson, B. F. Arthur and James Bradner, Lieutenants. Loaded two wagons with provisions and reported to La Fayette, La., to Lieut. Col. Ed Waller and joined the other five companies, thus constituting six companies, known through the war as Wallers Battalion, attached to Gen. Tom Green's Brigade. We had no arms, but in a short time supplied ourselves from the enemy. About a week after we were sworn in, the other five companies lost their horses in the Mississippi River bottom, the enemy capturing them, and I did picket service for three or four months on the river. The men saved their arms, all the companies being remounted, we did cavalry service near New Iberia, La., engaging in various skirmishes and repulsing a naval attack on Avery's Island. In 1863 was in the Banks campaign, and assisted in the capture of Brashier City, La. [Bossier City?] capturing over \$1,000,000 army stores there. The enemy thought they had destroyed all the small boats but we managed to collect a number, and 300 of our men went in these boats by Grand Lake, to the enemy's rear, and captured, without loss to us, his entire camp, killing 2 of the enemy & a Negro woman together with said army stores with 1360 prisoners. I, with Maj. Rountree, Maj. Boone, and Capt. Blair, from the top of an uncompleted sugar mill chimney, three miles off, witnessed the battle and heard the yell of our men. Capt. (now. Gov.) Sayers, with one section of his artillery, from a mound on the opposite side of the bayou, gave the signal at daylight for the charge. I was for a short time put in command of the city and left with Maj. Rountree (being relieved) on cartel of exchange and we delivered to E. J. Davis's (afterwards Governor of Texas) regiment, these prisoners, the U. S. 2nd Regt. Cav. Delivered prisoners at Bootsy's station on Mississippi river above New Orleans. With my company and other troops we supported the Val Verde Battery on the right at Camp Bisland fight. This battery was commanded by now Governor Jo Sayers who was badly wounded. I received a slight flesh wound. My fine horse was killed in this fight. Capt. Simms, son of Commodore Simms, our great sea captain, aided me to escape by riding a few miles on one of his caissons, of Simms Battery. Having a game leg from an old hurt, I would but for this kindness, have been taken prisoner.

At Tanner's Lane, near Chaneyville, La., our battalion ambushed and cut off one-third more of the enemy's cavalry (heavy horses) than our number -- say 300. They cut their way through us, wounding by saber three of my men in my immediate presence; Sam Jefferson through the neck, Jennings over the hand, and Dave Thomas, now alive and of this county, through the lung. I detailed McKee and Lee to move Thomas from the field to a house hard by, and they both were taken prisoners. We captured eight of the enemy, killing several, held the ground for a short time. We lost none killed. In this action our Maj. H. H. Boone, in single combat, killed the commanding colonel, almost severing his neck from the body. This is the only hand to hand fight I ever saw. My company being near the center at Yellow Bayou, I led the skirmish line in the charge. I had but one man wounded--Joe Henderson, our late sheriff; but the company on my right, Capt. Woodward, was nearly annihilated, they being in a turning row, good road, and kept in close order,

the enemy concentrated a fire on it, believing it to be the head of a strong column. I was complimented in general orders, for leading the [incomplete]. This is known as Gen. Wharton's fight, and it was believed, and I believe that he was drunk at the time. I strike this out by request of Col. J. P. Smith, but others differ with him. The day after the fight I went to Gen. Polignac to procure horses, whose riders, Sisk, Frank and Mark Ellison had killed two days before. He told me that it was not his fight, and that Gen. Wharton could easily see that his (Polignac's) division, was not in supporting distance. The 2 Ellisons belonged to my Co.

In the spring of 1865 our command, with Col. Brown's regiment, Brown commanding, captured in Clay county, Texas, about 400 confederated organized deserters, and marched them down as far as Robertson County, Texas, and there we disbanded and returned home. I was paroled at Austin, Texas, Aug. 22, 1865.

In the summer of 1863 we were encamped just north of the little town of Pattersonville, La. the enemy being in force at Brashier city. They had the Diana, a tin clad steamer, with double engines, protected with railroad rails, and manned by about 300 men, with one 24 lb. pivot gun and 4 12 pounders. She was a terror to all that region. Under command of Maj. H. H. Boone, with gallant Capt. Jo. (now Gov.) Sayers, with two sections of his battery, we being about 425 strong, boldly attacked this gunboat just above Pattersonville, she having entered the bayou at Grand Lake. A lucky shot from one of Sayers' guns cut the tiller rope, which caused her to steer wild in the narrow bayou. The fight lasted two or three miles. Even six shooters were used with great effect, so as to prevent the enemy from manning his guns. Some of our men waded in the bayou to get better shots. The enemy surrendered and tied up on the opposite side of the bayou. Many negroes escaped in the woods. We captured about 200 men and about 300 stand of arms, many of the barrels of guns being bent, beside sabers, and strange to say, breast plates. While the fight was progressing Col. Ed Waller appeared and took command. By his invitation I went with him in a small boat to receive the surrendered. James A. Walker, of this county, now dead, would have been the first to board her, but he attempted to enter a small square window from the limb of a tree, and was disgusted by seeing a man, who had been sick, mixed up with feathers by one of Sayers' six pounders; so a private, whose name I do not remember, Col. Waller and myself were the first to get on the boat deck, the private getting on first. The Federal captain had been shot early in the action, directly through the heart. He was a fine looking man. A few days before the action Maj. Boone and myself had met him on a cartel of exchange (2 miles above Brashier City on West side). The Lieutenant was badly wounded and offered to surrender to me. I motioned him to Waller, who remarked "D--- your sword. I want to raise steam here." (for the enemy had other boats at Brashier city, a few miles off). The Lieutenant remarked: "I hope the man's arm may be palsied who helps you." The deck presented a fearful sight, covered with the dead and dying, and many wounded. I do not exaggerate when I say there was not three feet square on the port side of the boat that was not struck by our small arms. We must have killed and wounded at least fifty of them. In the saloon the furniture was riddled. I was placed in command of the boat, and easily found fireman, engineer and pilot and had her three miles towards our camp; was relieved by Capt. Fonett, of the La. Yellow Jacket battalion of infantry. James A. Walker got the eight day boat's clock with a bag full of coffee and other good things. The clock is now in Parker County. I, with a detail of about forty men, delivered the prisoners to the Yellow Jacket battalion, three miles off; so it was 12 o'clock at night before we returned to camp. Walker had a magnificent supper for us including real coffee.

/s/ T. C. Terrell

## ABSTRACTS FROM THE GRAHAM LEADER

Compiled by Barbara Knox

*The Graham Leader*, west Texas's oldest newspaper, is still in existence. With the motto, "Hue the line, let the chips fall where they may," it was established as a weekly newspaper at Graham, Young County, Texas, in August 1876 by CSA veteran, Major J. W. Graves. When he moved to the frontier there was not a newspaper that far west in Texas. Young County had been one of the few earlier-organized western counties in the mid-1850s, but was disorganized during the late 1860s due to the Civil War and Indian depredations. When the county was reorganized, the new town of Graham became the county seat. In later years, Graves mentioned having given several well-known Texans their start, including James S. Hogg (later Governor of Texas), Martin Crane (later Attorney General of Texas), William Ramsey (later a noted barrister), and Alonzo Scurlock (later owner of Cleburne (Johnson County) *Chronicle*. [Extracted from the original history of this paper written by Nancy Timmons Samuels as published in *Footprints* in 1986].

January 6, 1887

Waco. Governor-Elect Ross will leave for Austin on Monday, Jan. 17th, the day before inauguration. He will be escorted by the Waco Light Infantry and a large crowd of ladies and gentlemen. A special train will be chartered for the occasion.

Breckenridge. While E. W. Davenport, editor of the *Breckenridge Texian*, has been in Washington City, his wife has carried on the duties of editor with a marked improvement in the paper since he left!

Local. C. W. Blackmer of Montrose, California, who has been visiting his brother-in-law, George Glasgow for the past two weeks, is now on a tour of the panhandle country. Col. O. E. Finley returned last Monday from Washington City where he has been working to prevent the removal of the Federal Court from Graham. He has assurances from several Congressmen that the issue will not be acted on during this session. John Reynolds of Belknap sports the best new buggy in Young County. Will Blakeley came in Thursday night from Wichita, Kansas, and will visit his many old friends in this county.

Palo Pinto. Miss Susie W. Jowell, daughter of J. R. and M. J. Jowell, died suddenly at Graham December 18, 1886. She was born July 13, 1870.

Ferris, Ellis County. Albert L. Cook, age 14, large for his age, left home October 26th [1886] and his whereabouts are unknown. He was last seen in Corsicana on November 5th. Any information will be thankfully received by his father, J. N. Cook of Ferris.

January 13, 1887

Austin. A portion of central Texas was shaken yesterday by an earthquake which was the first ever known in Texas. It lasted six seconds at Bastrop, but the rumbling was scarcely audible. Pictures were shaken from the walls in Giddings and other small towns 25 - 40 miles east of here were

affected. A lady now living here, formerly a resident of South Carolina, said she felt the tremor here and having experienced the great shock in Charleston, felt it was definitely an earthquake.

Palo Pinto. Doc Lewis, ex-treasurer of this county, who defaulted and skipped in 1885, was arrested in Pennsylvania by Sheriff Owens.

Abilene. Sheriff Scarborough of Jones County last night arrested and jailed S. S. Henslee. He is charged with a murder committed in Nacogdoches County in 1859 - 28 years ago. He has lived in Jones County for the past three years and has a wife and several children in that county. His son, aged 16, has stated that his father did the act to save his brother.

Fort Worth. Lt. Gov. T. B. Wheeler and A. W. DeBerry, secretary of state under Ex-Gov. Coke, have formed a law partnership with offices at their respective residences - Cisco and Fort Worth.

Henrietta. Honorable P. M. Stine, Judge of this Judicial District, and Miss Lula Hurt, daughter of Judge J. M. Hurt, were married December 30th.

Local. The late cold spell has iced over Salt Creek so that the young folks are enjoying skating and many ladies and gentlemen can be seen skating in the afternoon and on moonlight evenings. J. B. Norris and L. J. Bower are building ice houses and have put up 75 -199 tons of ice. Zack Horton has returned to East Texas. Dave Kramer has sold his interest in the livery stable to his brother Brent and will visit his native state of Ohio.

#### January 20, 1887

Granbury. Fire at the college on the morning of the 11th inst. resulted in a loss of \$35,000 with insurance of only \$25,000.

San Antonio. John Kreutzer arrived today from El Paso and reports wide spread small pox epidemic there for several weeks, which has not been reported to the press.

Local. The dance last Friday night at Judge Bob Arnold's was enjoyed by all. Richard Adams of Cleburne is visiting the family of Sheriff Wallace. James Lancaster, a former resident, died the first of the month at Bowie. John, Will and Sam McCall of Weatherford (sons of Col. J.L.L. McCall) were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Martyn last Thursday night en route to their father's ranch in Knox County. Rev. Mr. Henderson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church here for the last year, will leave for a larger church in Denton. There is considerable "courting" in February with District Court on first Monday, County Court same time and Commissioners' Court on second Monday.

#### January 27, 1887

Mineral Wells. A cyclone passed over this city at 4 a.m. destroying residences of D. Lewis and Abe Howlind and doing great damage to other property. Loss is estimated at \$2000-\$2500. No lives were lost but some miraculous escapes were reported.

Local. A hunting party comprised of Messrs. Street, Bell and Will Beckham left last Thursday for Childress County where they expect to find an abundance of game. Judge and Mrs. Montgomery

returned from Johnson County last Friday - their son died before they reached him. They wish to thank Rev. Mr. Phillips, at whose home Frank died, Judge McKensie and others for their kindness and assistance. Mrs. Dr. LeGrand, who has been very sick for nearly three months has recovered enough to sit up and Dr. James has pronounced her out of danger. H. S. Eichelberger, who has been confined to his room for several weeks, is able to be up and about. Last Tuesday, a large congregation gathered at the Presbyterian Church to witness the marriage of G. H. Crozier and Miss Bertha Roane. From the County Line: Mr. Kindrick is the happiest man in Young County - he is the father of a 7-1/2 pound boy and 7-1/2 pound girl! Mat Goldston and Miss Victoria Barrett were married in Farmer at the residence of Sam Spencer, the bride's uncle, on Sunday evening. More miles of railroad will be built in Texas during the present year than any previous and the Panhandle will receive her share of the boom.

Obituary. Frank M. Montgomery died at the residence of the undersigned in Johnson County on January 15th of paracarditis after an illness of 14 days. He was born in Missouri April 29, 1861; his parents moved to Illinois in 1863 and to Texas in 1873. He came to live with me on December 16 last and I found him to be an exemplary young man of correct habits and pleasant disposition. His death was a severe blow to his aged parents who live in Graham and more so because of their failure to arrive until after his funeral. He was buried in the Caddo Cemetery two miles west of Joshua. L. L. Phillips.

February 3, 1887

Cisco. Miss Clara Barton, of Washington, D. C., President of the American Red Cross Association, and Dr. J. B. Hubbell, general field agent, arrived here this afternoon to do a firsthand evaluation of the destitute condition of the country. They left for a day in Albany after which they will return here to tour by private conveyance.

Austin. Comptroller J. D. McCall has appointed Col. Stephen H. Darden, chief clerk. Col. Darden was comptroller under Governor Coke for seven years, was a member of Hood's Brigade, the Confederate Congress and the Texas Legislature.

Dallas. The most severe fire in years hit this morning in a block of buildings on Commerce Street west of the depot. Suffering damage were four of Dallas's large wholesale houses, namely, T. L. Marsalis & Co., Hopkins & Co., E. M. Tillman and J. S. Armstrong & Brother.

Local. Filed for Divorce: J. L. Baker vs. Lucy Baker; Ed Brown vs. Mamie Brown; M. C. Simpson vs. Lucy Simpson; Levina Breans vs. J. B. Breans; Mary Wright vs. Harvey Wright. Baylor Crawford, druggist in Palo Pinto, visited his brother, J. L. Crawford Thursday. Miss Lida Cason will open a private school for girls on February 7th. Tuition will be \$1.50 per month for primary grades and \$1.00 for higher grades. Mrs. J. Lang and little daughter, Fannie, of Weatherford, with Miss Dora McGahey of Corsicana, visited relatives at the H-L Ranch in this county. J. C. Loving of Jack County says the condition of range cattle is the best in ten years.

Weatherford. H. S. Sisk, county sheriff, arrested a Mr. Bradley on charge of possession of counterfeit money. Bradley had left this county some time ago supposedly to visit a southern state, instead going to St. Louis and New York. His baggage was searched and two packages of counterfeit bills were found.

February 10, 1887

Decatur. Tom Gerren, Deputy U. S. Marshal, came in from Jackboro with two men supposed to have robbed the Fort Worth and Denver train. J. C. Carpenter, who was robbed, recognized one of them. The Marshal left for Fort Worth with his prisoners on the afternoon train.

Local. The biggest social event of the season took place last night at the home of Judge B. F. Williams with a reception and supper party given by the citizens of Graham for Capt. M. O. Hall and party (Fort Worth western engineers). A special feature was the presentation of a large cake made by Mrs. G. B. Jewell, and inscribed "Capt. Hall & Party." Judge Williams made a speech expressing the respect of the city for the Captain and his party and wishing them a pleasant journey.

Waco. The will of Peter McClelland is being contested by his son. The original will, made in 1881, devised the entire estate (\$300,000) to his son on restriction that he should not take profits and revenues until 25 years after the death of the testator. The executors would invest monies as they saw fit during that time. A codicil executed in 1883, just before McClelland's death, provided that the executors retain the property during the natural life of the son. Young Peter is contesting that his father was of unsound mind when the codicil was made and that the restrictions in the original will are invalid because by term of devise he should be vested with fee simple to all property.

February 17, 1887

Gilmer. A shooting here resulted in instant death of Tom Grimmer and severe wounding of Cull and Bill Rogers.

San Antonio. The San Antonio Rifles have begun to drill twice a week for the national encampment at Washington next spring. Banks here report a considerable quantity of counterfeit silver in circulation.

Dallas. The two fairs here have been consolidated into the Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition with a capital stock of \$200,000. It is expected that this will be the greatest Fair and Exposition in the whole country equal to the St. Louis Fair and scarcely less great than the New Orleans Exposition.

Palestine. Announcement has been made of the candidacy of Major W. H. Marlin of Athens for the 2d Congressional District seat. He served as District Attorney of this county for seven years and it is safe to say that "Old Howdy" is mighty close to the people. Judge J. I. Perkins of Rusk is the only man who could prevent Anderson County from going solid for Marlin. Perkins formerly served as District Attorney and District Judge of this county. It is almost certain that Col. Nunn of Crockett and Judge Collard of Franklin will also run. Senator John Young Gooch has not stated his plans, and if Judge S. A. Wilson decided to quit the court of appeals for congress, it would greatly hamper Perkins' chances.

Fort Worth. Jim Courtright was killed in front of the White Elephant Salon by Luke Short, a gambler. Short is in jail as is Charles Bull, said to have been in on a scheme with Courtright to murder Short. It seems that Courtright was using his detective agency to squeeze money out of

Short and other gamblers. Short refused to pay on a recently inaugurated Keno game which led to threats and blackmail by detectives. They met to talk things over and Short thought things had been settled when Courtright pulled his gun. According to witnesses, Short shot him in self defense.

February 24, 1887

Gainesville. Len Allen shot and instantly killed Henry Thurmond just across Red River from Burlington. There had been bad blood between them for two years. Allen had refused Thurmond the hospitality of his house, and when he returned home to find him there, he ordered him away not to return. Thurmond tried to shoot Allen who got behind a door and subsequently shot Thurmond. He is not yet under arrest but is willing to surrender. Witnesses say he acted in self defense.

Tyler. A national bank organized here with a capital of \$100,000 will be ready for business within a few days.

Local. Mrs. Harriet K. Dunkin died at the residence of her son-in-law, C. P. Henson, at Double Mountain, Stonewall County, in her 64th year. She was well known in Graham and loved by all who knew her.

Around the State. Mrs. Joseph E. Johnson died recently at her residence in Washington City. Hon. J. W. Barnes, late Secretary of State, has begun his law practice in Blanco. There is a scramble to fill Reagan's shoes. In Dallas, the east wall of the St. George hotel fell, crushing in the roof of Thompson's Variety Theater. Damage was heavy but no one was hurt.

Henrietta. Trial was held for John McCall, charged as one of the parties who robbed the Fort Worth and Denver train about two months ago. Testifying witnesses were W. T. Waggoner, J. T. Carpenter, J. B. Duncan, Claude Ayres, W. W. Garvin, W. D. Spivey and George Kuykendall. Witnesses for the state could not identify Cole definitely, although some said he looked like one of the men who was outside the train. Kuykendall, Spivey and Garvin, witnesses for the defense, testified that they saw Cole near Weatherford on the day of the robbery and that many others also knew of this. Case was dismissed.

In Memorium. Mrs. Nellie E. Lamar, daughter of J. W. and S. C. Graves was born June 14, 1966. She moved to Haskell a few months after her marriage to J. P. Lamar, where the two expected to have a long and happy married life. But on February 17th, the death angel entered the happy home. Earth is poorer but heaven richer since she went away, leaving a large group of friends and relatives to mourn.

Weatherford. Rev. S. C. Ellis, age 79, of Whitt, in the north part of the county has committed suicide by hanging himself. His wife became alarmed when he did not return and called out a search party which found him only a few minutes after he died. There seems to be no reason for such an act and he was not of unsound mind. His has lived here for a long time and was loved and respected by all who knew him. His son, Rev. C. H. Ellis, was presiding elder of this district for several years until last November.

March 10, 1887

Local. Jesse Fore left for Knox County last Saturday. J. R. Harris left for Fort Worth and points east and will buy a big stock of groceries while gone. An election will be held on Tuesday, April 5th, for five Trustees of the Graham Public Schools. The Old Board has done well for four years and it would be wise to elect them again if they are willing to serve again. George B. Kirby came in from Scurry County last Thursday where he has been cow punching for the last year and says cattle are doing well in spite of a scarcity of grass.

Collin County. It seems that an investigation should be made into the delay in the discovery of the deficiency in payments from the late Collector Oglesby. Some \$4,000 is owed the county and about \$36,000 is due the state.

March 17, 1887

Around the State. A sash, door and blind factory is being built at Corsicana, and a new national bank will open there May 1st with a capital of \$100,000. Grayson County will have a new jail costing \$80,000. P. J. Hennessey, Sergeant-at-arms in the State Senate, has been arrested on charges of forgery. He was dismissed from his post and assistant sergeant Brewer elected in his place. Tom Varnell's trial in Hillsboro has been set for the 28th of this month for the murder of Mr. Land in 1883.

Local. Sheriff Wallace returned from Dallas last Saturday with John Crow, who has been indicted for the murder of Mr. Licht last year. Out of town attorneys attending this session of Federal Court have been R. B. Truly, Eastland, W. T. Andrews, Throckmorton, J. N. Haney and B. G. Bidwell, Weatherford, R. C. Crane, Fisher County. W. F. Dillon and wife, of Shreveport are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Crawford. A fire in Tonk Valley Monday night resulted in total loss of Mrs. Holly's house, kitchen and smoke house. No one was at home at the time of the fire.

March 24, 1887

Around the State: Several beds of pure anthracite coal have been discovered in Jack County. Alex Cole was killed in Coleman County while plundering a store house. Nolan County has collected 66% of taxes which is pretty good for a drought stricken country. Scaffolding in a well in Denison gave way causing two men to fall 60 feet to the bottom. A. W. Shelton was killed instantly and Frank Paul has serious injuries. The oldest married couple in Lampasas County is John Stanley, 85 and his wife, Edna, 83. They have 182 lineal descendants.

Seymour. Mr. Bud Turner was waylaid and killed about two miles from here last Wednesday about dark by four unknown men. Mr. Lazerone was in the buggy with him but was not hurt. The buggy had a number of bullet holes and both horses were injured.

Denton. The town of Aubrey, in this county, was entirely burned up last Tuesday night. Only the hotel, gin and blacksmith shop are left.

Local. David Kramer left last week with his children to go to his mother in Ohio. He is one of the oldest settlers in this county and we hope he will return.

(to be continued)

## QUERIES AND COMMENTS

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Queries are free if they have a Texas connection. In submitting queries, please use a page for each one, and include your name and complete address on each page. Please do not include a query with other Society correspondence.

1-4-94        **MULLINS** (World War II, Navy CASU-13 Unit)  
David C. Wiley, 3100 Sixth Avenue South, Great Falls, MT 59405

Navy World War II veterans of CASU-13 Unit are trying to locate members in preparation for a reunion next year. One man being sought is "Moon" Mullins from Texas. No one can remember his real first name or what town he was from. His service included time between 1943 and 1945 on the island of Espiritu Santo. He would now be about 70 years old. Can anyone help?

2-4-94        **BOZARTH, BRACKENRIDGE, CAPP, COPLANA, CORNELIUS, EMMONS, FORTE, REED, STINSON, WALLENDER, WOODWARD**  
Patrick McKenna, Genealogy Section, Dallas Public Library, 1515 Young St., Dallas, TX 75201

The Estes Cemetery, between Mansfield and Grand Prairie (near Webb), Tarrant County, Texas, has gravestones with the above surnames, about whom nothing is known. The James Estes Memorial Cemetery, Inc., wants early data on these families for its historical records. Please share with us what you know.

3-4-94        **FARMER, DOWNING, CLEVENGER, COOK, WEEKS**  
Anna B. Clevenger, 1625 N. W. 27th, Lawton, OK 73505-3946

**John Farmer**, b. 1793 Kentucky, had children: **Sarah, John, Rowena, Louise** (who married **Thornton Downing** in Fannin County, Texas 15 September 1858), and **Lecretia/Laura J.** (who married **T. Jefferson Clevenger** in Fannin County 27 January 1859).

**James A. Cook**, b. ca 1856 Texas, married in Henderson County, Texas, 21 January 1877 **Mary Ann I. Weeks**. Had daughters **Daisy Ann Cook**, b. 15 August 1878 and **Edna Alexander Cook**, b. 1884. Seek information on all of above.

4-4-94        **BRADSHAW, DILLARD**  
Sandra Kay Warwick, 1114 Parr, Amarillo, TX 79106

Seeking information on siblings and antecedents of my grandparents, **Harvey Hollis Bradshaw**, born 7 May 1897 Anna, Texas, married **Judy Elizabeth Dillard**, born 29 August 1899 Wharton County, Texas. Does anyone have the 1900 census for Wharton County and Anna? I am confined to a wheelchair and cannot research microfilm at the library. I am trying to work up a family genealogy for my first grandchild.

5-4-94        **JOLLY, GOOCH, TOLAR, BRANTLEY**

Henry Harrison Lawrence III, 3311 Clabern Drive, Amarillo, TX 79121-1011. Phone (806) 352-8562.

Seek **Jolly** information. **William James Jolly**, born Mississippi 29 September 1834, came to Bryan, Texas about 1850 and married **Mary C. Tolar**. He served in the Confederate Army. Had four children: **John Franklin**, **William Coleman (Coley)**, **Julia**, and **Virginia Lumpkin (Jennie) Jolly**. **Coley Jolly** was b. 27 October 1867, d. 2 May 1921, married **Martha Jane Brantley** 8 December 1889. **Jennie Jolly**, b. 17 June 1875, Bryan, Texas, d. 24 September 1964, married **Benjamin Franklin Gooch** 13 April 1896.

6-4-94        **CREVELING**

Louis Gregory Creveling, 40 Oak Hills Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374-9503

Wish to contact anyone who has **Creveling** surname or **Creveling** ancestor. All of this surname are related and descend from one family that settled in western NJ about 250 years ago. There are **Crevelings** in Plano, Fredericksburg, Houston, Dallas and elsewhere in Texas who have not contacted me. I have published one book and am working on another with approximately 8,000 known relatives.

Editor's note: Col. Creveling's book was reviewed in the August issue of *Footprints*. His address was inadvertently omitted. Please note it as shown above if you have information on this family.

7-4-94        **HULEN, HEIDELBERG**

Wanda K. Ellerbee, 6541 Cliffside Drive, Fort Worth TX 76180-8045

Seek information on **Thomas H. Hulen, Jr.**, who married in Barbour County, Alabama in 1868 **Mary P. Heidelberg**. Moved to Limestone County, Texas about 1879. Would like information on the **Hulen** family in Barbour County, Alabama and Marion County, South Carolina.

8-4-94        **BEAM, DAVIDSON, BROWN**

Nancy Beam Pexa, 12805 Portland Avenue South, Burnsville, MN 55337

Seek information on **Silas W. and Martha (Mattie) Davidson Beam** family, who lived in Williamson County, Texas in 1900. He was a carpenter, lunchstand owner and dairyman in Austin, per the 1896 City Directory. Both died 1903 and are supposedly buried in Pioneer Rest Cemetery in Fort Worth. Their children were: **Wade, Ross, Mary, Emmett Robert** and my grandfather, **Hugh Lawson Beam**. Grandfather married **Mary Florence Brown** in Athens, Texas, 31 December 1908. He died 6 February 1963 in Huntington Park, California, but grandmother is still living.

**COMMENT:** I do not find Silas or Martha Beam buried in Pioneer Rest Cemetery.

9-4-94        **STEWART**

Doris Stewart, 435 Brooks Street, Mercedes, TX 78570

Seek siblings and antecedents of **Stewart** father and son. **William Franklin Stewart** came from Scotland/Ireland to Kentucky, did some traveling through Oklahoma and settled in Texas. His wife was **Caroline** (maiden name unknown). Their son, **James Calvin Stewart**, was b. 11 February 1852 in Bonham, Texas. Did he have brothers and sisters?

**COMMENT:** **Wm F. Stuart** (age 21 b. SC), wife **Caroline** (age 23, b. Tenn) and son **Terney/Ferney G.** (age 1, b. Texas) were in Fannin County, Texas in 1850, HH #392. He was enumerated as a miller.

10-4-94        **BRANSON, BRANTLEY, ESTES, MOORE, CLARK**

Mary L. Hackmann, Route 4, Box 213, Troy, MO 63379

Seek information on these families of the Mansfield area of Tarrant County, Texas. I received some information from the late Mrs. **Beryl Gibson** of the Mansfield Historical Society, which she said came from a **Carol Moore**. Am interested in information on **A. P. Branson**.

**COMMENT:** One **J. H. (John) Estes** married **Mary A. Moore** 12 August 1877 in Tarrant County. In 1880 he was age 27, b. Alabama and she age 32, b. Texas. They had a son, **John H.**, age 11 months. **Moore** children (**Sarah E.**, 12, b. Texas and **Jesse**, 10, b. Texas) were in their household, so **Mary A.** must have been a widow in 1877 when she married **John Estes**. They lived in east central Tarrant County, Pct. 2. I do not know whether this **John H.** was of any relation to the **James and Silas Estes** group who came to Kaufman County, Texas, by 1850 and to Tarrant County by 1854, were from Missouri; they also used the given name "John H." A later **Estes** family from Alabama was that of **Thomas I. Estes**, b. 1846 NC and wife, **Sophia A.**, their children born in Alabama and Texas in the 1870s and 1880s. They were in Fort Worth by 1900 and several of their children married here. In 1990, **Mrs. Earl Choate**, 16732 E. Wyoming, #201, Aurora, CO 80017, was working on this line.

11-4-94        **SEEKING BOOKS**

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Would like to purchase the following out-of-print books: *Navarro County, 1846-1860*, 2 vols, by **Nancy Timmons Samuels** and **Barbara Roach Knox**, published 1981 by the Fort Worth Genealogical Society, and *A History of Grayson County, Texas*, published in 1979 by the Grayson County Pioneer Historical Village.

12-4-94        **KNIGHT**

Betty Knight Perceval, PO Box 5112 BWB, Niceville, FL 32578

Need information on ancestry of **William F. Knight**, b. 1829 Albemarle County, Virginia, moved to Missouri, was there 1861, and then moved to Brownwood, Brown County, Texas. Died 1909.

**COMMENT:** See Query No. 19, *Footprints*, February 1994.

## 13-4-94 LEAKE, CROWLEY

Alta Daniel, 4105 Engleman, Fort Worth, TX 76137, phone (817) 232-3333

**Edna Leake**, b. ca 1828 Kentucky, married in Dallas County, Texas, 19 April 1849 to **Benjamin F. Crowley** and lived in Tarrant County 1850. Seek proof that she was daughter of **Anthony M. Leake** of Dallas County.

## 14-4-94 HARVEY, CAMERON, HARRIS, GORDON, SOUTHWARD, HILLYER, HUGHES

Rena Young, 4320 Rector Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76133. Phone (817) 923-8454

Searching for descendants of **Archer** and **Lucy (Harvey) Cameron**; she b. ca 1816 Georgia or Alabama. All seven of their children came from Choctaw County, Mississippi to Texas 1874-1875 and settled in Montague and Cooke Counties. Children: (1) **Alice Wade**, who m. **Hughes**; (2) **Zelda Bell**, who m. **Harris** - their descendants are traced; (3) **Mary**, who m. **Gordon** and had a dau, **Bell Gordon**, who m. **Southward**; (4) **Cynthia**, who m. **Hillyer**; (5) **Rufus K.**; (6) **Thomas** and (7) **Nancy Cameron**, who never married. **Lucy Harvey** was daughter of **Thomas Harvey**, of Mississippi, said to have been a Choctaw Indian. Her brother, **Bill Harvey**, also came to Texas with ten children ca 1874-1875.

## 15-4-94 BOX, PARKER

Alice Box Akins, 2816 Sunday Trail, Hollywood, CA 90068-2050

Seek parents, siblings, place of marriage and exact birthplace in South Carolina of **Reuben Franklin Box**, b. 8 December 1808, d. 7 July 1854 Sonoma County, California; m. 1 September 1836 (Greensboro, Mississippi?) to **Lucy Elizabeth Parker**, b. 13 December 1817 Alabama, d. 29 December 1893, Kenwood, Sonoma County, California. They lived around Chickasaw County, Mississippi 1838-ca1846, had five or six children born in Mississippi; were in Navarro County, Texas ca 1846-1851 and in Glen Ellen, Sonoma County, California 1851-1854. He was the second Tax Assessor for Sonoma County and was a Mason. Have a diary kept by **J. E. Chism**, which tells of the trek made by families (including the Boxes) from Texas, across Mexico to the Pacific, and by barque up to San Francisco in 1851.

## 16-4-94 TATE

Martha Jo Southernwood, 1734 Arlington Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78415-4408

**Alfred C. Tate**, b. 14 November 1797; d. 31 August 1867, probably Grimes County, Texas. Would like record, obituary, or whatever, re his death and burial.

## 17-4-94 THOMAS

Dave Thomas, 1715 The Woods Drive, El Cajon, CA 92019-3671

**Austin Brundage "Jack" Thomas**, b. 29 December 1853, d. 16 March 1936, settled in the Arlington, Tarrant County, area in the 1870s or 1880s. Would like to contact some of his descendants.

**COMMENT:** I find no person by this name on the 1870 or 1880 Tarrant County census.

18-4-94      **DOWNEY**

Mr. Lindbergh E. Downey, 1808 Club View Street, Wichita Falls, TX 76302

Need information about **James Walter Downey** and his parents. He was b. 12 September 1871 in Fannin County, Texas. He had a sister, **Mollie Downey**, b. 1879 in Weatherford, Texas.

**COMMENT:** I find no **Downeys** in Parker County in 1880.

19-4-94      **KING**

Hollis G. Graham, PO Box 1113, Brackettville, TX 78832

My grandfather, **Fletcher Asbury King**, lived along the Red River and died in the Chickasaw Indian sector, now Marshall County, Oklahoma, in October 1891. It is possible that he was part Indian. According to family tradition, he worked in a school or mission of some kind at Kingston, Oklahoma. Does anyone in your area do Indian research at the Fort Worth Federal Archives?

20-4-94      **BARTON, BARNES, JOHNSON, OAKES**

Mrs. Maggie King, 265 Echo Lane, Huffman, TX 77336. Phone (713) 324-4778

**John Bowden Barton** married **Martha Ann Barnes**, daughter of **Robert Samuel and Elizabeth (Oakes) Barnes**. **Martha Ann** died in 1889, and he married second to **Georgia Johnson** in Bosque County, Texas. He and **Martha Ann** had four children: (1) **Charles Barton** who moved to Haskell; (2) **Gohlston Barton** who stayed with his father; (3) **Jack Munro Barton** (my father), born Morgan, Texas 11 June 1886; he was three years old when his mother died; (4) **Sam Barton**, the youngest, settled in Iredale, Texas. **John Bowden Barton** and second wife moved to Galveston about 1906. My father, **Jack Munroe**, left home about the same time, but not with his father. After World War I, my father settled in Connecticut and returned to Texas in 1944; he married very late in life. A **Mr. Albert Barnes**, of the Fort Worth area, now deceased, wrote letters about the family to the Bosque County Library, which has shared them with me. **Albert's** grandmother was a sister to **Martha Ann Barnes**. In one of his letters he mentioned his son. Does anyone know anything about these families, or the whereabouts of any of **Albert's** family?

21-4-94      **SCOTT, PATTERSON, RUFNER**

Doris Ruth Rufner Dunlap, 411 Walnut St., Duncanville, TX 75116

**Larkin and Louise Jane (Patterson) Scott** came from Tennessee to Texas, along with other relatives. He is buried in Highland Cemetery, Collin County, along with his brother, **Reuben**, and wife, **Harriet**. **Larkin's** children: (1) **Walter G.**, b. 14 Oct 1843 Illinois, married **Martha Patterson** in Perry County, Illinois, came to Texas with others to work on the capitol in Austin (per tradition); (2) **Wilson F.**, of Collin County; (3) **Sarah J.**; (4) **Nancy C.** and (5) **Stephen D. Scott**. **Walter** was called "Long Walter." His children were: **Joseph W.**, **William Walter**, **Helen A.**, **Martha J.**, and my grandmother, **Della Myrtle**, who married **John Fred Rufner** in Tarrant County. Were **Martha Patterson** and her mother-in-law, **Louise Jane Patterson**, related? Will share information.

**COMMENT:** **John F. Rufner** m. **Della M. Scott** in Tarrant County 28 April 1895.

22-4-95      **SMITH, BUTLER, SAVAGE, PEARCE, MILLER, KESSLER, HAVERTY**  
Tonie Rynes Uzzell, 4301 Raleigh Court, Midland, TX 79707

Trying to trace my great-grandparent's families. **Nora Smith** born 1863 Illinois, daughter of **James Smith** and **Margaret Butler**. Known siblings **Charles C.**, **Abigail Ellen "Abbie" Savage**, **Lawrence** married to **Sophia S.**; **James C.**; **Mary A.**; **Winnefred** and **Margaret**. **Nora** was married to **John Dawson Pearce** born 1859 Georgia. **J. D.** was the son of **John** and **Elizabeth Pearce**. Siblings were **John William "Jim," James Dawson, Margaret Maggie Miller, S. Lee, Minnie Bernice Kessler Haverty, Franklin Edgar "Frank," Nannie, Jesse Curtis, "Cotton," Robert Lee**. Children of **James Dawson** married in Tarrant County, Texas. **Nelvie Robert Dawson** and **Nora Yarbarough**. He had another daughter **Annie Evans**. Need help locating anyone researching these individuals. Would like to exchange. COMMENT: Because of my uncertainty in interpreting the above query, it is published above exactly as received, punctuation and all.

23-4-94      **FERGUSON**

Clancy C. Ferguson, 1303 Langford, College Station, TX 77840-4329

Seek information on death and family of **John Lee Ferguson**, born 12 May 1884, Butler County, Kansas; believed to have died 25 September 1965, Wichita Falls, Texas. Last known address (1956) was on McKinley Street, Akron, Ohio. Was sewing machine repairman. Had two daughters, **Juanita** and **Betty** and moved to Fort Worth, Texas, in late 1950s to be with **Juanita**. Had brother, **Oscar A. Ferguson** (1874-1938), of Anadarko, Oklahoma.

24-4-94      **FRANKS, LINDSEY, CHANEY, BRYAN, O'DONNELL, SKOOG**

Gloria Franks Troegel, 5345 Sussex Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71108-3335

**William H.** and **Tabitha (Chaney) Franks**, of Hardin County, Tenn. had son, **John B. Franks**, b. ca. 1854, who married ca 1876 **Jenny Bryan** (dau. **William** and **Margaret (Lindsey) Bryan**, born 26 March 1855 Tenn.; died 3 June 1927 Los Angeles, Cal). **John B.** and **Jenny Franks** had seven children: (1) **Fagan F.**, of Sherman, Texas; (2) **Lola**, married name unknown, of Muskogee, Okla.; (3) **Chappelle O'Donnell**, of Los Angeles; (4) **Grady**, of Los Angeles; (5) **Birdie Skogg**, of El Campo, Tex.; (6) **Roy R.**, of Throckmorton, Tex. and (7) **Hardin Horace**, of Shreveport, La., born 13 March 1895, died 18 March 1957 (my father). Seek information about this family, also information about **Jenny Bryan Franks**.

25-4-94      **BRUMFIELD, CHAMBERLIN, BEARDEN**

Mrs. Tammie Chada, 2330 West Oklahoma, Guthrie, OK 73044

Seek descendants of **Floid and Ida Mae (Brumfield) Chamberlin**. He was born 20 December 1900, died 15 February 1976; she was born 14 July 1904, died 23 August 1982. **Ida Mae** is my great half aunt. Her mother, **Ollie Bearden**, is my great-grandmother. I was told all my life that my grandfather, **Luther Leon Brumfield**, was an orphan. I am also trying to locate the grave site of great aunt **Elvira Brumfield**, born 5 January 1918, died 22 February 1918, who is buried in an Arlington, Texas, cemetery.

COMMENT: The above query lacks clarity. Rather than misinterpret it, it is quoted as received, with little editing.











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