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## FAMILY HISTORY OF JAMES GARRETT PILKINTON

(This family history was given to our association by Mrs. Louise Grisham, who is related to the Pilkinton's on her father's side. Her cousin Carol Jones Young wrote this article.)

Thousands of emigrants from the eastern and northern states flocked to the Mississippi Territory to claim new lands opened up by the Louisiana Purchase of 1803 and the relinquishment of western lands by the State of Georgia. Amite County, Mississippi was formed in 1809. The newcomers to this area were merchants, missionaries, planters and traders. Among this group of emigrants was young Jessie Pilkinton. As early as 1816, he was listed on the tax rolls of Amite County and by summer of the same year he had chosen a bride. On the tenth day of July 1816, he married Margaret Longmire, the daughter of William Longmire, Senior and Nancy Goode.

Jesse Pilkinton established a residence on Beaver Creek near the Longmire claim. He earned a living acting as a tutor to the children of the Amite area, including those of Jacob Curry, another pioneer land owner. Jesse paid taxes here for several years and in 1820, he was enumerated in the Federal Census of Amite County, Mississippi. By this date in time, he and Margaret had two baby boys born to them, William W., born in 1817, and James Garrett, who first breathed the cold January air in 1819. This family as a unit would not last long.

Research does not reveal what became of Jesse. It can be assumed that he died for Margaret Longmire Pilkinton married a second time to Arthur Burrows in 1823. During this marriage Margaret bore two girls, Martha Ann and Francis Catherine. When Arthur Burrows died, Margaret married a third time to George Phillips.

In 1842 Margaret L.P.B. Phillips chose to give her son, James, a share of her belongings, presumably because he was past his majority. She probably felt that he would make use of the ox team and wagon. The slaves would help to clear the native land of trees and vegetation. She now owned 579 acres that her father, William Longmire, Senior, had given to her as a share in his estate. Once cleared, the land could be used as pasture or farm tracts.

Like most young men, James Garrett was inclined to look about at the young ladies of the community. It wasn't long before he noticed a very special girl, Elizabeth Jones. Elizabeth was the orphaned grand-daughter of Moses and Temperance Robinson, the child of their daughter, Hepsibah, who had married James Jones. Born the fifth of February, 1823, Elizabeth was four years younger than James Pilkinton. On the twenty-fourth day of July, 1844, they were joined in matrimony. Following their marriage, James and Elizabeth stayed in Amite County near the relatives. It was probably around this time in her life that Elizabeth acquired the affectionate name of Betsy. She would be called by this name for many years.

While still a young girl Betsy had joined the New Providence Baptist Church. Years later when they left Amite County, she would carry with her a church letter stating that she was a member in full fellowship and encouraged to join a church of the same faith in her new place of residence. With her faithful devotion to God and home it was only natural that one of their first purchases as a couple would be a large Bible. The one they chose was printed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1844 for the American and Foreign Bible Society. Eventually they would enter and record many events of their marriage in this particular Bible. One of the first entries was the birth of their daughter, born in November of 1845. She was given the name of Isadore Jane.

Then in July of 1847, Amanda was born. By March of 1849, they were the parents of three girls, when baby, Erin, was born. Each birth was carefully entered on the Family page of the large Bible.

Betsy Pilkinton was an energetic woman and an attentive mother. As a child she had learned, like most girls of that day, to take cotton, card it, and spin it into thread on a spinning wheel. She could then weave the thread into strips of cloth. These strips would be used to make clothing for her family. Other items she needed for her home could be purchased when they arrived from Natchez by freight.

Family tradition indicates that James Garrett Pilkinton studied to become a physician. He would have to give up his studies when his health failed. It was never determined what the nature of the illness was that caused him to change his plans, however, later in life he suffered from asthma. After giving up his plan to become a physician, he worked as an overseer on a plantation. Perhaps it was this experience that taught James G. to appreciate the life of a planter. In January 1851, he and Betsy were making plans to migrate to the northwestern section of Louisiana. It's possible that they were enticed by the good reports they received from Elizabeth's sister, Matilda Currey. She and her husband, Dudley Currey, had settled in Bossier Parish, Louisiana before 1843. They were engaged in planting cotton along the fertile Red River Valley and during this period cotton was a very profitable crop.

By April the migration was under way. It would not be an easy trip for they would have to bring with them all that they owned including several slaves. They left Natchez, Mississippi, by water and arrived in Bossier (then called Cane City) when their eldest child was but five years of age. Early accounts of river travel indicate that the route was difficult. Most travelers knew of the risks on the mighty Mississippi River. When these adventurers entered the Red River, they discovered that it too was treacherous due to logs and sand bars which moved or shifted continually. Near Coushatta, Louisiana, to a point north of Shreveport, the river was clogged with a log jam. Travel was possible by going through Loggy Bayou, into Lake Bisteneau and Swan Lake on the east side of the river and re-entering the Red through Willow Chute Bayou. Eventually they would settle in the hill land not far from the Red River in Section 30 Township 20 Range 12. (Northwest District of Bossier Parish, Louisiana.)

The move seems to have ushered in a dismal period in the lives of this couple. In 1850, Martha Ann Burrows, now the wife of John Davis and half-sister to James Garrett Pilkinton died. She must have been very dear to him for he named his fourth daughter, Martha Ann, after her. The baby would live only one and one-half years in this new place. By 1852, when they had been in North Louisiana for a brief time, his mother, Margaret Phillips, died in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. Her succession papers do not state that James returned in person to St. Landry Parish, he did, however, make an accounting for two slaves that he had removed to Bossier Parish. Not only did he lose loved ones he also stated that one of his slaves had died and the other had run away. These particular slaves were a donation from his grandfather, William Longmire, Senior. Prime field hands at that time were an asset and the monetary loss was great.

J. G. did have a zest for life though. Shortly before Thanksgiving of 1853, his circumstances had improved and a joyous event occurred. On the eleventh of November a Pilkinton son was born. They named him Richard Ellison. He grew as a lad in Bossier Parish and as a young man he would marry, first to Mary Savilla Woodward and later to Anne Elizabeth Hodges. By the first wife, he had a son, Augustine Moody Burt and to the second union was

born seven children: (A) Mary H., 1878-1880; (B) Lizzie Erin, 1880-1880; (C) James Ellison, 1884-1962; (D) John Cunyus, 1886-1899; (E) William Lawrence, 1889-1941; (F) Ruby Mae, 1892-1898; (G) Annie Lee, 1894, who is still living and residing in Many, Louisiana.

The years between 1854 and 1859 saw even more changes. Sad days again when Amanda and Erin died. This country was still sparsely settled and doctors were few and far away. Elizabeth strongly believed that God would heal their hearts and bless them with more children. In fact, four more sons came to them: (1) James Garrett, Jr., born the twenty-seventh of February 1856. When he was twenty-three years old, he married Alice Lott. Their children were: William Roney, Kate, Ida Lavinia, James Wesley and Eula. (2) Louis Steel, born the sixth of April 1858. He would go on to marry three times. The first marriage was to Laura Morris Sorrels on 22 Dec 1881, second to Cassie Thomas on 29 Dec 1888, and third to Lydia Young on 12 Feb 1911. Louis fathered eleven children: (A) Katie Lou, 1882-1884; (B) William Thomas, 1884-1930; (C) Birdie, 1887-1930; (D) Viola Bell, 1890-1974; (E) Robert Lee, 1892-1917; (F) Lidia Pearl, 1894-1979; Walter Ivy, 1895-1899; (H) Ludie May, 1898-; (I) Mary Emma, 1901-1910; (J) Louis Leslie, 1906-; (K) Harvey Gray, 1912-.

The other sons born to James Garrett and Elizabeth were (3) Charles Mercer, born 1860 and (4) Laurence Washington, born March of 1862, during the Civil War. He died a single man in his twenties and he was buried on the home place near Linton, Louisiana. Charles Mercer did not see his sixth year.

The war years would take its toll on J. G. Pilkinton and his earthly accumulations. All monies on hand were in Treasury notes of the late Confederate States of America and any slaves he had owned were freed by the Emancipation Proclamation issued by the President of the United States. His land wasn't worth much and his personal property very little. Even though life was a struggle during these days, that didn't keep J. G. and Betsy from being industrious. They seemed to have considered idleness an evil and continued to work their land and eke out a living. In 1864, when James Garrett and Betsy were in their forties, daughter Emma Frances, made her appearance. Sweet Emma would grow to write letters to distant kin and keep the family in touch with absent relatives. She married Bunion Coker. Her descendants are unknown at this time. She died at an early age and it is believed that she is buried in the Rocky Mount Presbyterian Cemetery at Rocky Mount, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

There is no doubt that James Garrett Pilkinton had led an active life, filled with many interesting circumstances and events, but the strangest happening in his life occurred around 1871. For years he had been afflicted with asthma and this ailment would be very disabling at certain times. One such occasion took place and he failed to rally from this episode. Each day he grew weaker until he lapsed into what must have been complete state of lifelessness. He did not speak or respond to family members. Dr. Moody Burt of Benton, a practicing physician of the Linton and Midway communities, was called to his bedside. He could not see any signs of life from Mr. Pilkinton, so he told the family to send for their neighbors and to proceed to "lay him out" for burial. This meant that Mr. Pilkinton would be bathed, shaved, if necessary and placed in the "roper" position for a corpse. During this "laying out" time someone would go for a coffin or be called on to make one and the grave would be dug. Mr. P. B. Perrin, Jim McCaa and Floyd Allen, their nearest neighbors, sat up during the night with the supposed corpse. Early the next morning the family invited Mr. Perrin and Mr. McCaa



in to breakfast. Mr. Floyd Allen told the balance of the story to J. T. Manry, a long time writer for the Bossier Banner and an occasional contributor to the Shreveport Journal. Mr. Manry in an article dated 1931, quoted Floyd Allen: "After Mr. Perrin and Mr. McCaa left the room, I noticed a movement of Mr. Pilkinton's hand extended from the winding sheet, and Mr. Pilkinton said 'Floyd, light my pipe.' Buster, I lit a shuck, dashing out through the window and into the dining room. At first the family and other watchers refused to believe me, but upon entering the room they found the supposed corpse a very live man!" His daughter Isadore was said to have gone to the cowpen and returned with fresh milk which greatly revived him. After a period of convalescence, James Garrett Pilkinton, the "supposed" corpse, returned to health and lived another 16 to 20 years.

Isadore Jane (Mrs. Grisham's great-grandmother) the oldest daughter of J. G. and Betsy was married in June 1866 to William W. Jones, just a short while after he had returned from the Civil War. William had enlisted with Company B 28th Louisiana Regiment as a private. He fought in the engagements at Mansfield, Grand Ecore and Pleasant Hill, Louisiana. For several years after his marriage he farmed land adjacent to his father-in-law. It was on this land that he and Isadore became the parents of six children: (A) Elizabeth Elmina, 1867-1965; (B) William Madison, 1869-1945; (C) James Leonzes, 1871-1927; (D) John Garrett, 1873-1950; (E) Mary Emma, 1875-1962; (F) Mattie Ann, 1877-1940.

Once more James Garrett Pilkinton, this quiet, unassuming man, had to perform a duty that was cast upon him, when Isadore lost her husband, to pneumonia, during the Christmas season in 1878. William's untimely death caused James Garret to prepare for yet another year of farming. There was tenderness and sympathy in his nature and a duty, as a father, he would plant additional crops and do what he could for Isadore's young family.

The 1880 census of Bossier Parish, Louisiana indicates that James G. was still farming at the age of 61 years. He owned about 160 acres of land, the usual livestock and farming utensils. He enjoyed a good reputation, participated in community services and appeared to be a successful farmer. His small cotton crop could be ginned up the road at Lay's gin. It was common practice to move the cotton by buggy to the bridge near Bellevue, where the Bodcau Navigation, operated by Mr. J. W. Onley would carry it to Shreveport. From there cotton could be shipped to New Orleans for \$1.50 a bale. Steamers made the trip up and down the river weekly now that the log jam had been removed.

In a few years J. G. Pilkinton was feeble and he would suffer for some time before his earthly pilgrimage was over. He died at home near Linton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana on the fifth day of August, 1887 and his remains were lowered into a final resting place on his own land set aside for a burial ground. Elizabeth, his devoted wife of 43 years, lived on until 1917. Upon her death, she was buried beside her husband in the family cemetery.

This narrative does not end here. For generations, their descendants would continue to live in or near Bossier Parish. Most would continue to farm and carry on a practice that began with their ancestor over 150 years ago. Many make an annual trek to the site of the old homestead and burial ground. Perhaps these trips will renew in all of us a desire to share the story of our descent from this brave and noble man.

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"WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER, LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER."



# Quia Caelibus

THAT THE RITE OF



WAS CELEBRATED BETWEEN

*A. P. Barbarn of Lake Stose*  
*and H. C. Vance of Albany*  
*on Jan 2 18 1857 at Louis Vance*  
*by Quia Caelibus*

Witness: {



## BARHAM-NANCE BIBLE

(This Bible record was given to the Association by a member in Benton, LA Mrs. Louise Grisham. Names and dates in parenthesis are from an older Bible of the Barham family and from Mrs. Grisham. Basically the information was the same except the new version used only initials and added the Blair family. All the dates were the same. The newer version was written by Harriet Ida (Ider) Barham who married George E. Blair. Leak Store and Albany are assumed to be in Hempstead Co., AR. This Bible was published by B. F. Johnson & Co., Richmond, VA. The Barham's were Jack Grisham's ancestors and were married in Hempstead Co., AR.)

### MARRIAGES

W.P. Barham was (William Porter) was married to H.C. Nance (Harriet Caldwell) Jan 18-1854

Charles H. (Henry) Barham was married to M. A. Sparks Sept 3-1873

H.I. (Harriet Ider) was married to G.E. (George) Dec 13-1896

### BIRTHS

W.P. (William Porter) Barham  
Oct 19-1829  
H.C. (Harriet Caldwell) Nance  
borned Jan 5-1834  
C.H. (Charles Henry) Barham  
borned Oct 26-1854  
Infant Feb 5-1856  
Susan Anne Barham borned  
March 19-1857  
W.H. (William Hayes) Barham  
Mary (Lucinda) Barham borned  
Feb 8-1860  
James (Lewis) Barham borned  
Jan 9-1862

Nancy (Catherine) Barham borned  
Sept 16-1864  
J.M. (Joseph Monroe) Barham borned  
June 13-1867  
D.W. (David Witter) Barham borned  
Apr 5-1869  
J.N. (John Nathaniel) Barham borned  
Oct 20-1871  
H.I. (Harriet Ider/Ida) Barham  
borned Apr 15-1874  
Lucile Blair borned  
Mar 12-1898  
Lyle Blair borned  
June 13th-1901

Sharon Dean Blair borned  
Oct 11-1939

### DEATHS

D.W. (David Witter) Barham died  
July 17-1875  
Susan Barham (b 1797) died  
Feb 3-1871  
William Barham (b 1797) died  
Aug 25-1875

Infant died  
Feb 5, 1856  
W.P. (William Porter) Barham  
died Mar 14-1908  
H.C. (Harriet Caldwell) Barham  
died Apr 16-1909

N.M. Blair  
died May 1-1908

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Name of Compiler Louise J. Grisham  
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Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Date of Birth  
 p.b. Place of Birth  
 m. Date of Marriage  
 d. Date of Death  
 p.d. Place of Death

4 James Leonzes Jones  
 (Father of No. 2)  
 b. 27 Jan 1871  
 p.b. Linton, Bossier Par., LA  
 m. 23 Feb 1892  
 d. 27 Dec 1927  
 p.d. Linton, Bossier Par., LA

2 Jesse Earl Jones  
 (Father of No. 1)  
 b. 17 May 1894  
 p.b. Linton, Bossier Par., LA  
 m. 22 Dec 1912  
 d. 26 May 1978  
 p.d. Shreveport, Caddo Par., LA

5 Louisa Ida Currey  
 (Mother of No. 2)  
 b. 13 Apr 1876  
 p.b. Linton, Bossier Par., LA  
 d. 23 Jan 1923  
 p.d. Linton, Bossier Par., LA

1 Nellie Louise Jones  
 b. 16 Oct 1930  
 p.b. Benton, Bossier Par., LA  
 m. 12 Mar 1949  
 d.  
 p.d.

6 George Whitfield Bryan  
 (Father of No. 3)  
 b. 30 Nov 1858  
 p.b. Stewart Co., GA  
 m.  
 d. 17 Sep 1917  
 p.d. Linton, Bossier Par., LA

3 Georgia Magnolia Bryan (Maggie)  
 (Mother of No. 1)  
 b. 24 Jan 1896  
 p.b. Henderson, Rusk Co., TX  
 d. 19 Feb 1962  
 p.d. Shreveport, Caddo Par., LA

7 Minnie Lee Trotman  
 (Mother of No. 3)  
 b. 4 Mar 1866  
 p.b. Stewart Co., GA  
 d. 15 Jul 1941  
 p.d. Shreveport, Caddo Par., LA

Jack Nathaniel Grisham  
 (Spouse of No. 1)  
 b. 29 Sep 1928  
 d.  
 p.b. Shreveport, LA p.d.

8 William Jones  
 (Father of No. 4)  
 b. 24 May 1844  
 p.b. AL  
 m. 6 Feb 1866  
 d. 21 Dec 1878  
 p.d. Linton, Bossier Par., LA

9 Isadora Jane Pilkinton  
 (Mother of No. 4)  
 b. 10 Nov 1845  
 p.b. Amite Co., MS  
 d. 25 Nov 1938  
 p.d. Linton, Bossier Par., LA

10 Peter Horry Currey  
 (Father of No. 5)  
 b. 4 Feb 1849  
 p.b. Linton, Bossier Par., LA  
 m.  
 d. 12 Feb 1898  
 p.d. Linton, Bossier Par., LA

11 Mary Elizabeth Shaver  
 (Mother of No. 5)  
 b. 22 Jan 1858  
 p.b.  
 d. 21 Mar 1936  
 p.d. Bossier Parish, LA

12 Whitfield Clement Bryan  
 (Father of No. 6)  
 b. 17 Aug 1836  
 p.b. Stewart Co., GA  
 m. 11 Feb 1857  
 d. 19 Mar 1913  
 p.d. Stewart Co., GA

13 Margaret Love Guyton  
 (Mother of No. 6)  
 b. 7 Feb 1839  
 p.b. Laurens Co., GA  
 d. 4 Jun 1892  
 p.d.

14 Thomas Trotman, Jr.  
 (Father of No. 7)  
 b. 1 Feb 1832  
 p.b.  
 m. (4) 21 Jan 1852 (52)  
 d. 29 Mar 1912  
 p.d. Parrott, Terrell Co., GA

15 Frances Jane Ross Jones  
 (Mother of No. 7)  
 b. 25 Jul 1835  
 p.b.  
 d. 5 Jul 1899  
 p.d. GA Bur: Parrott Cemetery

16 James M. Jones  
 (Father of No. 6,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

17 Elmina  
 (Mother of No. 6,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

18 James Garrett Pilkinton  
 (Father of No. 9,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

19 Elizabeth Hepzeba Jones  
 (Mother of No. 9,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

20 Dudley Currey  
 b. 5 Feb 1823  
 d. 8 Aug 1917 LA

21 Matilda C. Jones  
 (Mother of No. 10,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

22 Robert W. Shaver  
 (Father of No. 11,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

23 Mary  
 (Mother of No. 11,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

24 Loverd Bryan  
 b. 13 Oct 1804 Lumpkin Co., GA  
 m. 31 Jan 1826  
 d. 15 Aug 1887 Lumpkin, GA

25 Elizabeth Wyche  
 (Mother of No. 12,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

26 Moses Guyton II  
 (Father of No. 13,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

27 Mary Ann Love  
 (Mother of No. 13,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

28 Thomas Trotman  
 (Father of No. 14,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

29 Christiana Hobbs  
 (Mother of No. 14,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

30 James M. Jones  
 (Father of No. 15,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

31 Elizabeth F. Ross  
 (Mother of No. 15,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b. 17 Sep 1804  
 d. 9 Dec 1891 near Brooklyn, GA

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b. Date of Birth  
p.b. Place of Birth  
m. Date of Marriage  
d. Date of Death  
p.d. Place of Death

4 James Nathaniel Grisham

(Father of No. 2)

b. 29 Jan 1875

p.b. Marion, Union Par., LA

m. 9 Feb 1896

d. 20 Feb 1967

p.d. Hope, Hempstead Co., AR

2 Hollis Bland Grisham

(Father of No. 1)

b. 2 Aug 1901

p.b. Stamps, Lafayette Co., AR

m. 20 Jun 1923

d. 13 Apr 1945

p.d. Shreveport, Caddo Par., LA

5 Ollie Ann Shurtleff

(Mother of No. 2)

b. 15 Mar 1877

p.b. Lafayette Co., AR

d. 20 Jun 1943

p.d. Stamps, Lafayette Co., AR

1 Jack Nathaniel Grisham

b. 29 Sep 1928

p.b. Shreveport, LA

m. 12 Mar 1949

d.

p.d.

6 John Nathaniel Barham

(Father of No. 3)

b. 20 Oct 1871

p.b. AR

m.

d. 20 Jun 1944

p.d. Benton, Bossier Par., LA

3 Edna Lea Barham

(Mother of No. 1)

b. 3 Jun 1903

p.b. Stamps, Lafayette Co., AR

d. 19 Oct 1985

p.d. Shreveport, Caddo Par., LA

7 Sallie Jane Pirtle

(Mother of No. 3)

b. 1872

p.b.

d. 1917

p.d. AR

Nellie Louise Jones

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. 16 Oct 1930

p.b. Benton, LA

p.d.

8 James Blain Gresham

(Father of No. 4)

b. 18 Feb 1843

p.b. TN

m. 22 Jan 1874

d. 19 Apr 1915

p.d. OK

9 Harriet Rebecca Mitchell

(Mother of No. 4)

b. 22 Jan 1858

p.b.

d. 7 Jun 1912

p.d.

10 Samuel Caric White Shurtleff

(Father of No. 5)

b. 12 Apr 1847

p.b. Washington Co., MO

m. 8 Jan 1868

d. 7 May 1909

p.d. Stamps, Lafayette Co., AR

11 Mary Frances Williams

(Mother of No. 5)

b. 20 May 1850

p.b. Fayette Co., TN

d. 13 Jun 1911

p.d. Stamps, Lafayette Co., AR

12 William Porter Barham

(Father of No. 6)

b. 19 Oct 1829

p.b. KY

m. 18 Jan 1854

d. 14 Mar 1908

p.d. AR

13 Harriet Caldwell Nance

(Mother of No. 6)

b. 5 Jan 1834

p.b.

d. 16 Apr 1909

p.d. AR

16 Thomas P. Gresham

b. 21 May 1795 NC

m.

d. 27 Nov 1857 AR

17 Mary Hester

(Mother of No. 6)

b. 25 Aug 1804

d. 20 Sep 1885

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b.

m.

d.

19

b.

d.

20 Oliver Shurtleff

b. 14 Feb 1804 Canada

m. 25 Feb 1845

d. 23 Jul 1873 MO

21 Eliza Wells

(Mother of No. 10)

b. 24 Oct 1819 VA

d. 21 Feb 1901 AR

22 Tennessee Williams

b.

m.

d.

23

b.

d.

24 William Barham

b. 1797 NC

m.

d. 25 Aug 1875 AR

25 Susan Fortner

(Mother of No. 12)

b. NC

d. 3 Feb 1871 AR

26 Lewis Nance

b. 25 Dec 1780?

m.

d. 27 Nov 1856?

27 Anna Hays

(Mother of No. 13)

b. 19 Apr 1800?

d. Feb 1862? AR

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b.

m.

d.

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b.

d.

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b.

m.

d.

31

b.

d.

# CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA BIRTH RECORDS, BOOK A, 1880-1882

(Extracted from microfilm in Shreve Memorial Library, Shreveport, Louisiana by Betty Jon Gorman. Continued from Volume 26, Second Quarter 1992, No. 2.)

DATE RECORDED - NAME OF CHILD - COLOR - SEX - DATE OF BIRTH - TIME  
NAME OF FATHER - AGE - NATIVITY - OCCUPATION  
NAME OF MOTHER - AGE - NATIVITY - OCCUPATION

October 1880-Page 18

1	Oscar Thomas	W M	Aug 23	4 A.M.
	Wm. F. Thomas	25 B	New Orleans	Carpenter
	Annie D. Thomas	21 B	New Orleans	Housewife
5	Edith A. Weaver	W F	Aug 8	7 A.M.
	A. B. Weaver	33 B	Virginia	Insurance Agent
	Edith R. Weaver	20 B	Shreveport, LA	Housewife
6	Minford G. Pickett	W M	Jul 14, 1879	9 A.M.
	Jas. B. Pickett	38 B	Louisiana	Planter
	Kate Jones Pickett	34 B	Louisiana	Housewife
6	Allie B. Wilson	W F	Dec 23, 1879	4 P.M.
	Allen V. Wilson	27 B	Louisiana	Saddler
	Theresa M. Wilson	23 B	Louisiana	Housewife
7	Maggie Minch	W F	Feb 5	12 A.M.
	M. Minch	48 B	Germany	Laborer
	Katherine Minch	38 B	U. S.	Housewife
11	Charles D. Gill	W M	Oct 7	3 P. M.
	Jno. L. Gill	38	Alabama	Drummer
	Alice W. Gill	30	Ireland	Housewife
11	Arthur H. Downs	W M	Mar 17	8:30 A.M.
	Wiley Downs	25 B	Georgia	Machinist
	Virginia Hough Downs	23 B	Louisiana	Housewife
11	Kate Daughtery	W F	Sep 16, 1879	2 P.M.
	F. A. Daughtery	34 B	Louisiana	Merchant
	Catherine Wheaton Daughtery	25 B	Alabama	Housewife
11	Frank Carrara	W M	Feb 26, 1879	6 A.M.
	Louis Carrara	24 B	Italy	Fruitier
	Caroline Diego Carrara	25 B	Italy	Housewife
11	Joseph Carrara	W M	Jun 7	3 P.M.
	Louis Carrara	24 B	Italy	Fruitier
	Caroline Diego Carrara	25 B	Italy	Housewife
11	Annie Couners	W F	Feb 5	7 P.M.
	Martin Couners	40 B	Ireland	Laborer
	Bridget S. Couners	30 B	Ireland	Housewife
11	Wm. Andreola	W M	Oct 25, 1879	12 P.M.
	C. Andreola	41 B	Italy	Drayman
	Susan Andreola	31 B	NYS	Housewife

11	Ben Johnson	B M	Sep 5	12 P.M.
	Peter Johnson	42 B Georgia		Mechanic
	Georgia Johnson	25 B Louisiana		Housewife
12	Harriet Ophelia Noble	Mu F	Aug 22	6 P.M.
	Nathius Mullins	B Terra Incognita		Laundress
13	Mattie Lee Alston	W F	Aug 10	
	C. W. Alston	B Mississippi		Cotton Clerk
	Lucy G. Alston	B Louisiana		Housewife
12	Henry Wheaton Morris	W M	Sep 12	11:30 A.M.
	Jas. L. Morris	42 B Pennsylvania		Hatter
	Fannie C. Morris	38 B NYS		Housewife
13	Mattie Fink	W F	Jul 29, 1879	9 A.M.
	Joseph F. Fink	36 B Germany		Bricklayer
	Josephine Fink	25 B Louisiana		Housewife
12	Mattie D. McCoy	W F	Dec 30, 1879	5 A.M.
	Jas. McCoy	33 B Mississippi		Butcher
	Lessie F. McCoy	23 B Louisiana		Housewife
12	Manton M. McRady	W M	Aug 7, 1879	12 A.M.
	Jas. W. McRady	32 B Tennessee		Sanitary Officer
	Sallie F. McRady	28 B Tennessee		Housewife
12	Henry J. Haag	W M	Sep 10	5:30 P.M.
	Henry Haag	30 B Germany		Bar Tender
	Josephine S. Haag	19 B Louisiana		Housewife
13	Wm. Bagley	W M	Jun 5	12:30 P.M.
	Wm. H. Bagley	27 B Louisiana		Policeman
	Isabella D. Bagley	23 B Louisiana		Housewife
15	Boudinot D. Wylie	W M	Apr 28	11 A.M.
	Wm. D. Wylie	42 B Ohio		Lawyer
	Emma W. Wylie	39 B Illinois		Housewife
15	Albert S. Prescott	W M	Feb 23, 1879	10 A.M.
	J. Howard Prescott	32 B Mississippi		Accountant
	May B. Prescott	39 B Mississippi		Housewife
16	Solomon Loeb	W M	Jul 14	2 A.M.
	Herman Loeb	25 B Germany		Merchant
	Tillie B. Loeb	22 B Louisiana		Housewife
16	Kellam	W F	Aug 30	1 P.M.
	Robt. F. Kellam	35 B Georgia		Corn Merchant
	Rosa J. Kellam	25 B Louisiana		Housewife
16	Bessie Holmes	W F		
	B. A. Holmes	31 B Georgia		House Broker
	Kate B. Holmes	26 B Louisiana		Housewife
17	Leonard H. Kneipp	W M	Oct 24, 1879	7 A.M.
	Henry Kneipp	30 B Germany		Baker
	Dolly Kneipp	22 B Louisiana		Housewife

19	M. S. Sokolesky	W M	Feb 18	2 A.M.
	L. Sokolesky	26 B	Germany	Merchant
	Hallie Sokolesky	21 B	Louisiana	Housewife
19	(No Name)	B M	Oct 17	3 A.M.
	Mathew Gill	37 B	Georgia	Laborer
	Ann Gill	32 B	Georgia	Housewife
29	John Chamliss	B M	Jul 5	3 A.M.
	L. W. Chamliss	24 B	Louisiana	Blacksmith
	Dora Chamliss	18 B	Louisiana	Housewife

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6	Eugene Bergis	B M	Jul 30, 1878	5 A.M.
	Eugene Bergis	36 B	Maryland	Drayman
	Minerva Bergis	26 B	Ft. Worth	Housewife
13	Clarence S. Piggott	W M	Apr 18	5 A.M.
	E. J. Piggott	32 B	N J	Merchant
	Clara Piggott	26 B	M"	Housewife

January 1881-Page 19

11	Jas Adair Lynn	W M	Nov 7, 1880	11 A.M.
	A. A. Lynn, M.D.	43 B	Tennessee	Physician
	Susan Winter Lynn	31 B	Mississippi	Housewife
19	(No Name)	B M	Jan 18	6 P.M.
	George Purry	39 B	Alabama	
	Carrie Purry	26 B	Louisiana	

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10	Gertrude F. Sokalesky	W F	Feb 1	12 A.M.
	Sam P Sokalesky	30 B	Prufman Europa	Merchant
	Bertha Sokalesky	22 B	Mississippi	Housewife
11	May Bell Carver	W F	Jan 18	4 P.M.
	W. Hilliam	32 B	Mississippi	Cotton Buyer
	Lucy M. Carver	26 B	Louisiana	
17	James A. McCoy	W M	Jan 12	10 P.M.
	Jas. A. McCoy	53 B	Mississippi	Butcher
	Lessie McCoy	25 B	Louisiana	Housewife
18	Chas. A. Barker	W M	Feb 10	10 A.M.
	Bradford P. Barker	45 B	Texas	Painter
	Christana Barker	38 B	Alabama	Housewife

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3	J	W M	Feb 28	9 A.M.
	J. J. Wilson	33 B	Georgia	Engineer
	Billie Wilson	27 B	Louisiana	Housewife
16	Wm. Bauzman (Boazman)	W M	Nov 15, 1880	12 A.M.
	W. R. Boazman	31 B	Shreveport	Liveryman
	Cornelia Boazman	25 B	Louisiana	Housewife
17	Mable F. Robertson	W F	Mar 8	9 P.M.
	J. R. Robertson	33 B	Texas	Dry Goods Merchant
	E. C. Robertson	24 B	Louisiana	Housewife



18	Amanaido Guyneman	W F	Jul 27, 1879	10 P.M.
	Augustus Guyneman	33 B	South Carolina	Accountant
	Alice Guyneman	43 B	Louisiana	Housewife

May 1881-Page 20

11	Howard B. Doll	W M	Mar 16	4 P.M.
	H. F. Doll	33 B	Pennsylvania	Merchant
	Lula Doll	25 B	Texas	Housewife
23	J. H. Leman	W M	Apr 28	6:30 P.M.
	E. J. Leman	39 B	France	Merchant
	Carrie Leman	33 B	New Orleans	Housewife

June 1881-Page 20

20	(No Name)	B M	Jun 6	7 A.M.
	Chum Harris	30 B	Georgia	Laborer
	Mattie Harris	21 B	Alabama	Housewife

July 1881-Page 20

24	Sam'l Johnson	W M	Jul 16	5 A.M.
	Sam'l B. Johnson	34 B	Texas	Printer
	Mary E. Johnson	25 B	Louisiana	Housewife

August 1881-Page 20

24	Catherine Brauer	W F	Aug 18	10 A.M.
	W. Brauer	40 B	Germany	Baker
	Christiana Brauer	26 B	Germany	Housewife

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5	Henry Hunsicker	W M	Sep 5	8 A.M.
	Henry Hunsicker	22 B	Louisiana	Clerk
	Mary E. Hunsicker	23 B	England	Housewife
9	Bertha Hess	W F	Sep 8	1 P.M.
	E. L. Hess	36 B	Prussia	Rabbi
	Elka Hess	33 B	Poland	Housewife

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24	Jno. E. Zader	W M	Sep 25	6 P.M.
	Jno. E. Zader	35 B	Kentucky	Engineer
	Rosane Zader	27 B	Louisiana	Housewife
26	Wm. H. Coke	W M	Sep 16	9 A.M.
	H. Coke	38 B	Kentucky	Carpenter
	Laura Coke	37 B	Kentucky	Housewife
27	W. C. Kerley	W M	Oct 1	6 A.M.
	J. Kerley	26 B	Louisiana	Bookkeeper
	A. E. Kerley	23 B	Alabama	Housewife

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15	(No Name)	W M	Oct 10	12:30 P.M.
	H. Rangagnac	27 B	France	Saloon Keeper
	R. Rengagnac	22 F	Shreveport	Housewife

Matt S. Kerley	W M	Nov 3	4 A.M.
Sidney N. Kerley	30 B	Louisiana	Corn Merchant
Lizzie Hampton Kerley	28 B	Kentucky	Housewife
(Registered August 1889)			

#### January 1882-Page 21

22	Annie M. Richards	W F	Aug 28, 1881	4 P.M.
	Chas. F. Richards	36 B	France	Sadoler (?)
	Julie M. Richards	23 B	Kentucky	Housewife
30	James Enright	W M	Jan 26	4 A.M.
	Jno. T. Enright	34 B	Kentucky	Tinner
	Nannie Enright	23 B	Louisiana	Housewife

#### February 1882-Page 21

7	Joseph Brooks Phelps	W M	Jan 12	1 A.M.
	E. Phelps	41 B	Prapin (?)	Merchant
	Julia Brooks Phelps	28 B	NY	Housewife
27	Sidney M. Johnson	B M	Nov 23, 1881	2:30 A.M.
	Wm. E. Johnson	39 B	Richmond, Virginia	Barber
	Ann Eliza Johnson	24 B	Maryland	Housewife

#### April 1882-Page 21

20	Arthur Herold	W M	Feb 3	3 A.M.
	Simon Herold	47 B	Bavaria	Merchant
	Rosa Herold	27 B	NY	Housewife

#### May 1882-Page 21

6	Claud Morris	W F	Jan 21	11:30 P.M.
	Jas. L. Morris	46 B	Pennsylvania	Merchant
	Fannie Morris	41 B	Mississippi	Housewife

#### June 1882-Page 21

26	Mary Lilly Stone	W F	Feb 17	1 A.M.
	Leslie Stone	30 B	Massachusetts	Merchant
	Hallie Stone	30 B	Kentucky	Housewife

#### August 1882-Page 21

25	Marie E. Hutchens	W F	Jul 19	3 A.M.
	C. W. Hutchins	26 B	New Orleans, LA	Printer
	L. A. Hutchins	23 B	Kentucky	Housewife

#### September 1882-Page 21

7	Mary Frances Carver	W F	Aug 9	5 A.M.
	J. H. Carver	34 B	Mississippi	Cotton Buyer
	Lucy G. Carver	29 B	Louisiana	Housewife

#### October 1882-Page 21

29	Christina Thoman	W F	Sep 27	3 P.M.
	Wm. F. Thoman	27 B	New Orleans, La	Carpenter
	Annie Thoman	22 B	New York City	Housewife

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# Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler N. Marie K. Taylor  
 Address 3506 Junior Place  
 City, State Shreveport, La., 71119  
 Date April 15, 1993

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Date of Birth  
 p.b. Place of Birth  
 m. Date of Marriage  
 d. Date of Death  
 p.d. Place of Death

## 4 William Crockett Kellogg

(Father of No. 2)  
 b. 5 Apr. 1863  
 p.b. Flatonia, TX. (Fayette)  
 m. 23 Sept. 1884  
 d. 15 Mar. 1936  
 p.d. Gonzales Co., TX

## 2 William Winston Kellogg

(Father of No. 1)  
 b. 8 Feb. 1894  
 p.b. Cheapside, TX  
 m. 15 Dec. 1914  
 d. 21 May 1971  
 p.d. Uvalde, TX

## 5 Lou Emma Whitehead

(Mother of No. 2)  
 b. 26 Aug. 1868  
 p.b. Wilson Co., TX  
 d. Oct. 1951  
 p.d. Gonzales Co., TX

## 1 Naomi Marie Kellogg Taylor

b. 19 Apr. 1920  
 p.b. Gonzales Co., TX  
 m.  
 d.  
 p.d.

## Pierce

## 6 George Washington Vickers

(Father of No. 3)  
 b. 11 Apr. 1861  
 p.b. Nevada Co., Ark.  
 m. 18 Oct. 1893  
 d. 29 Oct. 1937  
 p.d. Wrightsboro, TX

## 3 Naomi Vickers

(Mother of No. 1)  
 b. 26 Mar. 1896  
 p.b. Gonzales Co., TX  
 d. Living Uvalde TX  
 p.d.

## 7 Mary Altimira Cook

(Mother of No. 3)  
 b. 4 Mar. 1872  
 p.b. Hempstead Co., Ark.  
 m. 24 May 1952  
 d. Wrightsboro, TX  
 p.d. Gonzales Co.

## Robert A. Taylor, Sr.

(Spouse of No. 1)  
 b. 6 June 1919  
 p.b. San Antonio, TX  
 d.  
 p.d.

## 8 John Benjamin Kellogg III

(Father of No. 4)  
 b. 18 Mar. 1836  
 p.b. Dewitt Co., TX.  
 m. 1859 Gonz. Co., TX  
 d. 1882  
 p.d. Westoff, TX

## 9 Alcinda Elizabeth Breeding

(Mother of No. 4)  
 b. 5 Sept. 1844  
 p.b. Fayette Co., TX.  
 d. 30 June 1922  
 p.d. TX

## 10 William Austin Whitehead

(Father of No. 5)  
 b. ca 1831 N.C.  
 p.b.  
 m.  
 d. Nopal (near Yorktown) TX  
 p.d.

## 11 Sarah Batchelor

(Mother of No. 5)  
 b. ca 1840  
 p.b. Nash Co. N.C.  
 d.  
 p.d.

## 12 James Jemison Vickers

(Father of No. 6)  
 b. 13 Oct. 1838  
 p.b. Leon Co., FL.  
 m. 11 Jan. 1855 Bienville Par.  
 d. 1 Apr. 1900  
 p.d. Wrightsboro, TX.

## 13 Liza Jane Melvin

(Mother of No. 6)  
 b. 1837  
 p.b. Miss.  
 d.  
 p.d. Texarkana

## 14 Lewis Dawson Cook

(Father of No. 7)  
 b. 22 Mar. 1846  
 p.b. Henry Co., Ga.  
 m. 21 Oct. 1869  
 d. 10 Aug. 1912  
 p.d.

## 15 Martha Isabella McCollum

(Mother of No. 7)  
 b. 27 May 1854  
 p.b. AL.  
 d. 24 May 1930  
 p.d. Nixon, TX

## 16 John Benjamin Kellogg, Jr.

(Father of No. 8)  
 b. 1817  
 m. 1835  
 d. 6 Mar. 1836 at Alamo

## 17 Sidney Gaston Miller, wid.

(Mother of No. 8)  
 b. 1816 Ky.  
 d. 1836 Gonz. Co. Tx.

## 18 James Breeding

(Father of No. 9)  
 b. 1825 Ky  
 m. 1843 AL  
 d. 1860 Flatonia, TX.

## 19 Francis Adeline O'Bar

(Mother of No. 9)  
 b. 1829 AL  
 d.

## 20 Whitehead

(Father of No. 10)  
 b. N.C.  
 m.  
 d.

## 21

(Mother of No. 10)  
 b.  
 m.  
 d.

## 22 Reuben B. Batchelor

(Father of No. 11)  
 b. 1802  
 m.  
 d. 1853

## 23 Zilla Ann Pridgen

(Mother of No. 11)  
 b. 1810 N.C.  
 d. 1902 Dewitt Co., TX

## 24 James Jackson Vickers

(Father of No. 12)  
 b. 1806 Burk Co.  
 m.

## 25 Sarah M. Jemison

(Mother of No. 12)  
 b. 1810  
 m.

## 26 Joshua Melvin

(Father of No. 13)  
 b. Bladen Co., N.C.  
 m.

## 27

(Mother of No. 13)  
 b. 1854 Bienville Par. La.  
 m.

## 28 John Cook

(Father of No. 14)  
 b. 1791 Ga.  
 m. 1826 Henry Co.  
 d. 1875 Henry Co., Ga.

## 29 Mary Lang

(Mother of No. 14)  
 b.  
 m.

## 30 Ambrose Burrous McCollum

(Father of No. 15)  
 b. 1819 AL  
 m.

## 31 Altimara Payne

(Mother of No. 15)  
 b. 1877 Nevada Co., Ark.  
 m. 1820 TN  
 d. 1871 Ark.

# BULL CEMETERY

Yazoo County, Mississippi

19 Jun 1984

(Mr. John P. Frazier of Pittsburg, Texas, and a member of our Associations for many years submitted the following information. Bull Cemetery may be found by leaving Benton, MS on Hwy 16, southeast for about 7.0 miles. Cemetery is on the left side of the highway on a small hill.)

EXUM Sue Virginia, 17 Jun 1884, 22 Apr 1974.  
Mary Ellen, 29 Jul 1876, 11 Sep 1939.

LEDBETTER Martha Ann, 11 Nov 1824, 28 Jan 1907, w/o Richard Ledbetter. "To a dear Saviour, my spirit turns for rest; My peace is of thy favor, my pillow on they breast".  
Richard, 1 May 1810, 28 Aug 1877.  
Nancy, 11 Aug 1863, 23 Oct 1867.  
William, 22 May 1850, 18 Oct 1855.  
John M., 22 Jul 1845, 15 Aug 1846.

EXUM Infant, d/o K. W. & S. V. Exum, born & died 29 Jul 1876.  
Annie L., 3 Oct 1878, 7 Jun 1879, d/o K. W. & S. V. Exum. "Sleep on sweet Annie, and take thy rest; God called thee home, He thought it best".  
Kinchen W., 30 Apr 1848, 28 Jul 1909-WOW Emblem. "His was a life of honesty, truth and kindness".  
Susan Ledbetter, 8 Jun 1853, 7 Oct 1927. "Having finished life's duty she now sweetly rests."

BULL J. C., 5 Jul 1860, 5 Oct 1866, s/o D. & S. Bull. "He is not dead, but sleepeth."

KING David, 28 Apr 1813, 19 Aug 1839. (OBL)

BULL Lydia, 18 Sep 1814, 25 Jul 1850, aged 36 yrs, consort of J. C. Bull.  
J. C., died 10 Dec 1892 aged 81 yrs 10 mos 24 days. "Gone but not forgotten."

BRISTER Lydia King, 14 Nov 1859, 16 Dec 1905, aged 46 yrs 1 mo 2 days, w/o E. H. Brister. "Sleep on dear wife, and take thy rest, God called thee home, He thought it best."

HENDRICKS \*Mary Bull, 25 Jan 1835, 2 Apr 1863, d/o J. C. & Lydia Hendricks.  
\*Willie, 2 Apr 1863, 1 Sep 1867.  
Infant son of W. A. & Mary Hendricks, died 14 Jun 1856.  
John F., Co E, 30 Mississippi Inf., CSA.  
Daniel F., 16 Oct 1846, 27 Nov 1859, aged 13 yrs 1 mo 14 days, s/o D. W. & Mary Hendricks.  
Mary S., 25 Jun 1856, 24 Aug 1857, aged 1 yr 1 mo 30 days, d/o J. F. and M. B. Hendricks.  
Mary, 20 Apr 1813, 16 Nov 1854, aged 41 yrs 6 mos 21 days, w/o D. W. Hendricks.  
Susan O., 5 Oct 1848, 5 Sep 1853, aged 4 yrs 11 mos, d/o D. W. & Mary Hendricks.  
James C., 30 Dec 1830, 13 Dec 1842, aged 11 yrs 11 mos 17 days, s/o D. W. & Mary Hendricks.

BULL Lovey, 10 Apr 1777, 9 Dec 1850, in the 73rd yr of her age, w/o Jas. H. Bull.  
Jas. H., born in N.C. 23 Jun 1780, died 25 Aug 1840 in the 61st yr of his age.

HENDRICKS Susan J., 25 Oct 1840, 22 Jun 1842. "In memory of."  
J. M., 3 Dec 1835, 29 Jul 1846. "In memory of."  
Susan, 7 Dec 1803, 25 May 1853, w/o John M. Hendricks.  
John M., Who was born in Loudon Co., VA, 24 Nov 1797, died 9 Jul 1855, aged 57 yrs 7 mos 15 days. "In memory of."

ELAM John Murray, 22 Jun 1887, 3 Oct 1887, s/o S. H. & Anna Elam.  
Charlie L., 10 Dec 1888, 30 Dec 1906, age 18 yrs 28 days, s/o S. H. & Anna Elam.

EXUM Kinchen Williams, 17 Jun 1893, 10 Jan 1939.

DANIEL In memory of Little Snow, died 4 Nov 1901, age 2 yrs 9 mos 1 day.  
Treasured s/o J. C. & L. F. Daniel.  
John C., 6 Dec 1866, 17 Jun 1900. (Erected by the WOW)

BATTAILE \*\*Jane Taliaferro, 24 Aug 1851, 28 Aug 1851, Youngest d/o Wm. & Mary Battaile.  
\*\*Mary, 26 Mar 1826, 1 Sep 1851, aged 25 yrs 5 mos 5 days, w/o Wm. Battaile. "In memory of"  
\*\*Susan Hay, 9 Aug 1845, 22 Aug 1849, Eldest d/o Wm. & Mary Battaile.

BULL William M., 4 Jun 1816, 29 Oct 1843.

PEPPER \*Zedekiah C., 18 Sep 1849, 11 Dec 1849, aged 2 mos 23 days.  
\*Samuel C., 18 Jul 1853, 3 Jul 1854, aged 11 mos 15 days. (Children of E. & R. Pepper)  
Rachael West, 23 Dec 1823, 13 Dec 1874, w/o Elisha Pepper.  
Elisha, 20 Jun 1820, 15 Jan 1885.

CAMPBELL Letitia, 16 Sep 1788, 12 Nov 1867, w/o James Campbell. (Marker broken, laying on the ground)  
Angelina, 24 Jul 1828, 5 Jan 1851, w/o J. A. Campbell. "Why should we mourn departed friends, or shake at death's alarm."  
Emeline, died 16 Mar 1871, aged 26 yrs, d/o T. A. & Mary A. Campbell. (Farewell my friends, weep not for me, we soon shall meet in eternity."

GRANTHAM Florence, 5 Apr 1870, 5 Jul 1899, w/o S. T. Grantham. "Sacred to the memory of. She was a kind and affectionate wife, a fond mother, and a friend to all."

FUGATE P. M., 22 Sep 1848, Mar 1851. "In Memory of."  
W. H. 1 Nov 1850, Aug 1852. "In Memory of."

HOLLIDAY Frances E., 6 Oct 1831, 24 Sep 1845, aged 13 yrs 11 mos 18 days.

MEEK Ann, 29 Oct 1850, 13 Aug 1856, aged 5 yrs 10 mos 18 days.

FUGATE \*E. R., 25 Oct 1830, 23 May 1886, Mother-(Eastern Star Emblem)  
\*E. H., 23 Jun 1815, 5 Nov 1876, Father (Masonic Emblem. "In Memory of."

WILKINS Vaughan, 21 Nov 1895, 26 Oct 1900, s/o W. A. & L. F.

MOORE Tom, 1889-1943, s/o T. M. & Donie B. Moore.  
Elva, 23 Jun 1884, 30 Jul 1968.

BULL Massie Lydia, 16 Aug 1877, 12 Sep 1966, d/o D. K. & Susan Ellison Bull.  
 James Ellison, 12 Feb 1880, 16 Jan 1969, s/o D. K. & Susan Ellison Bull.  
 Edna Broadfoot, 11 Sep 1901, (Only date), w/o J. E. Bull.

CAMPBELL James Augustus, 22 Jun 1819, 15 Jun 1907.  
 Docie E., 26 Oct 1830, 23 Jan 1886, w/o J. A. Campbell.

LEDBETTER Chas. P., 15 Nov 1895, 22 Aug 1939.  
 Dick, 16 May 1897, 28 Nov 1897, s/o C. P. & M. C. Ledbetter. (Marker broken, deteriorating and laying on the ground.)  
 Maggie C., 23 Feb 1877, 15 Jul 1900, w/o C. P. Ledbetter.  
 Chas. P., 30 Sep 1858, 22 Mar 1930.  
 (Two graves marked only by flower urns.)

PEPPER William J., 5 Feb 1829, 1 Sep 1859 aged 30 yrs 6 mos 26 days.  
 George L., died 26 Jun 1859 aged 2 yrs 5 mos, s/o Z. & M. R. Pepper.  
 Ezeriah B., 6 May 1823, 4 Aug 1854, aged 31 yrs 2 mos 28 days  
 (Masonic Emblem.)

NOTES: 1. (OBL) - David King, 28 Apr 1813, 19 Aug 1839.  
 2. Furnished by: John P. Frazier, 611 Cypress St., Pittsburg, TX 75686. Ph: 903-856-3756.

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#### NO YELLOW FEVER AT GREENWOOD

There was considerable excitement in Marshall yesterday growing out of a report that there was yellow fever in Greenwood. Doctors Ashton, Hilliard and Ford from Shreveport checked it out.

Editor: R. W. Louchery

(Taken from the Tri-Weekly Herald, Harrison County, Texas, September 21, 1878.  
 Submitted by Jimmy Oliphant.)

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#### FINE WATERMELONS

For several years Mr. B. M. Baldwin of this County has had the reputation of raising the finest watermelons brought to this market. All of them large and some of them of prodigious size. Last Sunday was a week ago the editor of this paper and family regaled themselves on one that tipped the scales at 61 pounds. It was beautiful in appearance and rich and luscious to the taste.

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## IS YOUR NAME SMITH?

(The following information is furnished by Peggy BASENFELDER. She copied it from Prodigy. It originally came from Elmer D. LINC of Bremerton, WA. Brazos Genealogist, Brazos, TX.)

### SMITH-TRANSLATIONS

Arabic	KHADDAD	Hindustani	LOHAR, SUMAR
Bulgarian	KOVAC	Icelandic	SMIOTR
Cornish	ANGOVE	Irish Gaelic	GOUGH, GOFF
Croatian	KOVAC	Italian	FERRARO
Czech	KOVAR	Kurdistan	HASINGER
Cymric	GOF	Lapp	SIRJO
Danish	SMED	Lithuanian	KALEJS
Dutch	SMID, SMIDT	Magyar	KOVACS
Estonian	KALEVI	Manx	GAWN
Finnish	RAUTIO, SEPPANAN	Neo-Latin	SMITHIUS, SMITHUS
Flemish	De SMET	Norwegian	SMID
French	LEFEVRE, LEFEBVRE, LE FEVERS	Persian	AHANGAR
Gaelic	GOW	Portuguese	FERREIRO
Gaulish	GOBANNITIO	Rumanian	COVATIU
German	SCHMITZ, SCHMITT, SCHMID	Russian	KIZNETZOV
Greek	SMITON	Sanskrit	KARMARA
Gypsy	PETULENGRO	Slavic	KOVAC
Hebrew	ZILLAI, KHARASH	Spanish	HERRERA
		Swedish	SMED
		Turkish	TEMIRZI
		Welsh	GOFF, GOWAN

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### ANCESTORS

If you could see your ancestors  
 All standing in a row,  
 I expect you would find there  
 One or two you wouldn't care to know.  
 Because in climbing family trees  
 One always meets a few  
 Who get there by irregular steps  
 As such folks always do.  
 If you should meet your ancestors  
 All standing in a row,  
 You would surely find there one or two  
 Whom you would be proud to know.  
 But here's another question,  
 Which requires a different view.  
 If you should meet your ancestors  
 Would they be proud of you?

....The Genealogical Forum of Elmhurst, IL

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## GEER FAMILY BIBLE, LETTERS AND COURT RECORDS

(The following Bible Record, Letters and Court Records of Connecticut, Ohio, Vermont and Michigan were submitted by Alice B. Whitehead, a member of Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association.)

### BIRTHS

Born August 30th 1781-Nathaniel Geer	Johanna Geer, daughter of Amos and
Born August 4th 1782-Hannah Geer	Dollie Geer Aug 11, 1815
Born June 2nd 1787-Joseph Geer	Herman Geer b Oct 25 1818
Born July 23rd AD 1789 -Amos C. Geer	Ezra Geer b July 30 1820
Born March 7th 1792-Silva Ann Geer	Anna Geer b Sep 20 1822
Born November 28th 1794-Abigail Geer	Gerard F. Geer b Sept 11 1825
Born June 21st 1798-Joseph W. Geer	_____ Geer b Aug 28 1827
	_____ Geer b Nov 24 1829
	David Geer b Jul 11 1832
	Elizabeth E. Geer b May 1832

(This portion of the records were very unreadable.)

### DEATHS

Died on the 12th of May 1786, Hannah Geer wife of Ezra Geer.  
Joseph W. Geer died Sept 25th 1792 aged five years.  
Silva Ann Geer died March 27th 1812 aged 20 years.  
Ezra Geer died July 6th 1824 aged 67 years, the 12th of January 1785.  
Silva Ann Geer, Daughter of Amos and Dolly Geer died Sept the 14 1897.  
Anna Geer died Jun 4 1823.  
Abner Geer died Oct 3, 1847.  
Dolly Geer, wife of Amos C. Geer died Sept the 1, 1849.  
Abigail Geer wife of Ezra Geer died Sept the 8, 1858.  
Hannah Geer daughter of Ezra and Hannah Geer died Sept the 1, 1842.

### MARRIAGES

Married on the 5th of Sept 1779 Ezra Geer aged 22 years to Hannah Conners aged 15 years.  
Married on the 7th of Sept 1786 Ezra Geer to Abigail Warner.  
Married on the 27th of Sept 1816 Amos C. Geer aged 27 years to Dolly Thompson aged 18 years.  
Married on the 5 of October 1849 Amos C. Geer to Harriet Chapin.

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Kent, Litchfield Co., Ct.  
Nov. 3, 1851

Dear Sir:

I have examined the marriage records of this town & do not find recorded thereon the marriage of Ezra Geer to Abigail Warner, but find the following record made thereon-

"Susannah, daughter to Ezra Geer & Elizabeth his wife was born March the

1st 1751.

Sarah daughter to the above named persons was born September 12th 1752.  
Margaret daughter to the above named persons was born September 10th 1754.  
Hannah daughter to the above named persons was born April the 3, 1755.  
(No son to the above named persons was born: January the 12th, 1757-)  
John son to the above named persons was born April the 2, 1759-  
Elizabeth daughter to the above named persons was born Decem the 2 1760-  
Elias son to the above named persons was born March the 8th, 1762-  
Alphens son to the above named persons was born January 28th 1763-  
Elijah son to the above named persons was born July the 8th, 1765-  
(David son to the above named persons was born Decem. the 6th, 1766.)  
(Patience daughter to the above named persons was born July 21st, 1768.)  
Garner son to the above named persons was born Decem. the 20th, 1772.  
Elizabeth daughter to the above named persons departed this life Feb'ry  
the 6th A.D., 1773."

The above is the only record I find on the marriage records of this town  
relating to Ezra Geer & Abigail Warner-

Very Respectfully Yours

RUFUS FULLER

B. B. CHAPMAN, Esq.  
Elysa  
Lorain Co.  
Ohio

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Montrose, July 14th., 1852

Mr. Chapman, Sir, my Father David Geer received your letter of June 22 a few days since and wishes me to write in answer to it and give the information you desire as he is feble and not able to write much. Father says he well remembers his brother Ezra going to the War and while on the Island were driven back by the enemy and his brother Elijah lost his Napsack of clothing while fleeing before the enemy and sent home for more close and his Parents sent him more he being a Malishaman did not draw cloths from the States he also remembers well his returning from the war and his marriages was well acquainted with both his wives. Ezrah lived near his Father in the town of Kent he attended the funeral of his first wife Hannah Connors his second wife was Abigail Warner of Washington he lived in the same house with his second wife that he did with his first wife opposite his Father whear his first wife died. Father remembers Ezrah going back and returning again from the War never saw him in the Army but was nowing to his going to and returning from the War. Father remembers Amos C. saw him at his Fathers. Ezrah Geer in Vermont after Amos was married saw his wife did not see Joseph W. he was way from home at the time has seen them both when small boy these are the sons of Abigail Warner his second wife. Father says if you wish for any further information from him you can write him he will do what he can he is an old man will be 86 in December is quite feble what further information you may wish from him should be attended to soo life is unsirtein he is old and may drop away suddenly. Pleas direct your letter to David Geer Montrose.

B. B. Chapman

Written by request of my Father

Respectfully yours, A. L. Tark--

P. S. Father wishes, Amos or Joseph to write him and let him know whear they live and how they get along, give him a long letter. Father and one sister is

all that are living of his Fathers family of 15 children.

A. L. T.

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and there on the 12th. of May, 1786 his said wife Hannah died and on the 7th day of September 1786 in the town of Washington in said Litchfield County, Conneticut he married Abigail Warner and continued to reside in said town of Kent until the year 1792 when he removed to the State of Vermont where he died at the time & place as before stated and at his death left as his widow the said Abigail Geer who continued to reside in said town of Richmond and State of Vermont until the year 1832 when with this declosant she removed to the township of Avon, Lorain County, State of Ohio where on the Eighth day of September in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty eight she died and was a widow at the death having not intermarried after the death of her said husband Ezra Geer and at her death left as her only surviving children Amos C. Geer this declosant and Joseph W. Geer now a resident of the State of Michigan. That the family record herewith presented was formerly in the possession of the said Ezra Geer and after his death was left in the possession of said Abigail Geer his widow and since her death has been kept in the possession of this declosant and is in the handwriting of the declosant & so much of it as relates to the Marriage of said Ezra Geer and the births of his children was drawn off from an old family second then in the possession of said Ezra Geer about the year 1818 and was done at his request and the other entries have been made by the declosant as they have happened. That for a confirmation of many of the statements in the foregoing declarations he refers the Court of Pentions to the Hon. Norton L. Townshand Member of the House of Representatives from said Lorain County Ohio who was personally acquainted with said Abigail Geer & all the \_\_\_\_\_ whose testimony is hereto attached declosant further says that of the 7th July 1838 entitled "Au act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows"

State of Ohio  
Lorain County

On this 18th day of November A.D. 1851 before the Court of Common Pleas of the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Amos C. Geer a resident of the township of Norwalk, Huron County & State of Ohio and late a resident of Avon, Lorain County. This aged sixty two year who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress--?-July 7, 1838 entitled "Au act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" That he is one of the surviving children of Abigail Geer deceased who was the widow of Ezra Geer who was a Revolutionary Soldier of the United States and died in the town of Richmond, County of Chittenden and State of Vermont on the 16th. day of July A.D. 1824. That said Ezra Geer was born in the town of Kent in the County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut on the 12th day of January A.D. 1757 and in the year 1795 then residing in said Litchfield County & State of Connecticut entered the Military Service of the United States and joined the army at Boston and was in the service at the battle of Long Island in 1776 --?--then in a Regiment commanded by Col. Miller and was also in the engagement at \_\_\_\_\_? and continued in the service until the year 1779 when he went to the town of Norwick and State of Massachusetts & resides and there married Hannah Connor and the next year 1780 there residing in said town of Norwick enlisted into the Massachusetts Line and served in Col. Jacksons Regiment in said Masachusetts Line until the close of the War. That his services were mostly as a private except in the early part of his service he did some duties

as a black smith that after the close of the War he moved back to the aforesaid town of Kent at Litchfield County, Connecticut that one of the enlistments of said Ezra Geer into the Connecticut service he thinks he resided in the town of Sharon in said Litchfield County, Connecticut.

Subscribed and Sworn to in open Court, December 18, 1851 before me.

AMOS C. GEER

M. R. KEITH, Clerk of  
--?-- Common Pleas

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Washington City Decem 2nd. /87  
Hon. --?-- of Representation

I hereby certify that I was a resident of the town of Avon, Lorain County, Ohio in A.D. 1838 and was personally acquainted with Abigail Geer mentioned in the above declaration. I am also acquainted with Amos C. Geer the declarant and with Uriel Thompson and the other witness & know them to be persons on whose testimony the witness whose reliance may be placed.

NORTON S. TOWNSHEND

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### "THE FAMILY RECORD-KEEPER"

"The Family Record-Keeper" is a very special person. Many hold old family items simply because no one else wanted them. Others spend long hours in research. All have in common the desire to preserve information for future generations. Do not overlook the "Family Record-Keeper" and do not wait or put it off too long or you could lose this valuable source of information. Contact this person in your family and arrange for a visit or an interview NOW! Always ask about Family Bibles, old letters, pictures, etc.

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### "GONE TO TEXAS"

Until a few years ago, the outside world knew very little about Texas; and a great deal of that little was merely invented history and unsubstantiated romance. Texas was formerly regarded as the home of the murderous Indian, and the refuge of the equally murderous criminal, who had escaped from justice in the older States. Before the Civil War, when a murder was committed, or when a Sunday school superintendent appropriated funds from the bank of which he was cashier, newspaper accounts of such indiscretions invariably ended with the laconic announcement, "Gone to Texas". When researching family history, one frequently encounters a notation next to the name of an ancestor such as "Gone to Texas, no further record" or merely the initials "G.T.T.", which means "Gone to Texas".

Submitted by Jimmy Oliphant

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## SOUTER & TURNIPSEED FAMILY BIBLE

(Submitted by Mrs. James B. Griffith of Taylor, Arkansas)

George Wesley Souter and Miss Pricilla Turnipseed married in South Carolina and moved to Fayette County, Georgia in 1848, and were engaged in farming until 1871, at which time they moved to Columbia County, Arkansas.

To this union were born the following children:

- John T. Souter
- Mary Ann Souter
- Hilliard George Souter
- Fannie Souter
- William W. Souter
- Jeff Souter
- Jake Souter

After Pricilla's death he was married to Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

John T. Souter married Miss Mollie Williamson

Their children are:

- J. A. W. Souter
- Hattie Souter-Mrs. A. M. Kirkpatrick
- Maggie Souter-Mrs. C. E. Wilburn
- Thomas Souter
- Arthur Souter

Mary Ann Souter married Augustus Nipper: After his death she married G. Snider.

Their children are:

- John West Nipper-deceased
- Parker Nipper-deceased
- Ed Nipper-deceased
- Lynn Nipper-deceased
- Emma Nipper-Mrs. Newt Knight-deceased
- Frank Snider
- Willie Snider-deceased
- Ida Snider-Mrs. Ben Bellar-deceased

Hilliard Souter married Miss Jane Ruff.

Their children are:

- A. D. W. Souter
- Maggie Souter-Mrs. Henry Whaley-deceased
- W. F. Souter
- Walter Souter
- Georgia Souter-Mrs. M. K. Rogers

Fannie Souter married Rev. J. G. Elder of Spalding County, Georgia. They did not come to Arkansas. Their family lives in Georgia.



William W. Souter married Mattie Reeves.  
Their children are:

Beulah Souter-Mrs. T. E. Hearn-deceased  
Effie Souter-Mrs. L. A. King-deceased  
Irene Souter-Mrs. Clarence Hayes-deceased  
Claudia Souter, Mrs. G. T. Pickler  
Eddie Souter-deceased

Jeff Souter married Sallie Snider.  
Their children are:

Ernest Souter-deceased  
Teopholis T. Souter  
Zeke Souter-deceased  
John Souter  
Lillie Souter-Mrs. Lee Wilkins  
Lula Souter-Mrs. Lewis Pope-deceased  
Hilliard Souter

Jake Souter married Miss Emma Yeates.  
Their children are:

Lizzie Souter-Mrs. Clayton Franks  
Pricillia Souter-Mrs. Wade Franks  
George W. Souter-deceased  
Hilliard Souter-deceased  
Lester Souter  
Essie Souter  
Ila Souter-Mrs. Ed Franks  
Elberta Souter

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(Taken from a small item perhaps in a Dear Abby column. Part of the title and name and date of paper is missing)

DEAR NEEDS: The child of your parent's brother or sister is your first cousin. However, your first cousin's child is NOT your second cousin, but your first cousin ONCE REMOVED. The child of your first cousin once removed is your first cousin TWICE REMOVED, and HIS child is your first cousin three times removed.

Your second cousin is your grandparent's brother's (or sister's) grandchild. That second cousin's child is your second cousin once removed, his child your second cousin twice removed, and so on.

And your third cousin? It's your great-grandparent's brother's (or sister's) great grandchild. The third cousin's child is your third cousin once removed, his child is your third cousin twice removed.

The grandchild of your brother or sister is your grandnephew or grand-niece.

The sister or brother of your grandparent is your great-aunt or great-uncle.

The sister or brother of your great-grandparents is your great-grand-aunt or great-grand-uncle.

Whew! Isn't this grand" Or is it great?

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## 1809 CENSUS OF TRINIDAD, TEXAS

Submitted by Fern Ainsworth

1. Don Barrnardo de Espallier, born New Orleans, 36, Married, Farmer, formerly resided in Louisiana, emigrated February 1804.  
His wife, Dona Maria Candida Grande, born Nacogdoches, 19, formerly resided Nacogdoches, emigrated February 1804.  
His son, Jose Berrnardo, born Trinidad, 2.  
Another, Blas Felipe, born Trinidad, 1 mo.
2. Don Geronimo Herrn (ande)s, born Havana, 29, married, Farmer, former residence Louisiana, emigrated beginning 1808.  
His wife, Dona Isabel de Racal, born Natchitoches, 19, formerly resided Natchitoches, emigrated beginning 1808.  
His son, Jose Silvestre, born Nacogdoches, 3.  
Another, Jose Man'l, born Trinidad, 1.
3. Don Mig'l Quin, born Ireland, 21, Bachelor, Farmer, formerly resided Upper Louisiana, emigrated October 1805.
4. Don Juan Meguin, Born Ireland, 35, married, farmer, formerly resided Upper Louisiana, emigrated December 1805  
His wife, Sara Burxer, born United States, 28, formerly resided Upper Louisiana, emigrated December 1805.  
His son, Jose, born Nacogdoches, 3.  
Another, Juan, born Trinidad, 15 mo.  
His daughter, Maria, born Louisiana, 6.  
Another, Ann (?), born Louisiana, 4.
5. Jose Quiroz, born Illinois, 28, married, farmer, formerly resided Louisiana, emigrated March 1808.  
His wife, Celeste Ruberson, born United States, 25, formerly resided Louisiana.  
His son, Jose Angolico, born Atascocito, 18 mo.  
His daughter, Angelica, born Opelousas, 4.
6. Carlos Trahan, born Opelousas, 20, married, farmer, formerly resided Louisiana, emigrated March 1808.  
His wife, Celeste Leesuhene, born Opelousas, 24, formerly resided Louisiana, emigrated March 1808.  
His son, Salanxe, born Opelousas, 7.  
Another, Carlos, born Opelousas, 2.  
His daughter, Celeste, born Opelousas, 10.  
Another, Celesia, born Opelousas, 3.
7. Santiago Fierr, born Louisiana, 27, married, carpenter, formerly resided in Louisiana, emigrated June 1806.  
His wife, Anna Calaxan, born Opelousas, 19, formerly resided Louisiana.  
His son, Jose Ignacio, born Trinidad, 14 mo.  
His daughter, Maria Loreto, born Louisiana, 4.
8. Pedro Cruz, born Adalisco, 60, married farmer, former residence Bexar, emigrated January 1806.  
His wife, Juana Ma. Amador, born Bexar, 25, former residence Bexar, emigrated January 1806.  
His son, Jose Antonio, born Bahia, 18, Bachelor.  
Another, Estanislao, born Bexar, 7.  
His daughter, Maria Sesaria, born Bexar, 9.

9. Jose Borrego, born Bexar, 36, married, herdsman, formerly resided Bexar.  
emigrated January 1805  
His wife, Ma. Manuela Ramona, born Bexar, 20, formerly resided Bexar.  
emigrated January 1805.  
His daughter, Maria Silesia, born Trinidad, 3.
10. Juan Sii, born United States, 37, Bachelor, farmer, formerly resided Louisiana, emigrated March 1806.
11. Feredicte Ecstozman, born Germany, 60, married farmer, formerly resided in Louisiana, emigrated March 1806.  
His wife, Catalina Bonete, born United States, 38, formerly resided in Louisiana.  
His son, Xorge, born Louisiana, 22, Bachelor, farmer, formerly resided in Louisiana.  
Another, Enrique, born Louisiana, 15, Bachelor, farmer, formerly resided in Louisiana.  
Another, Juan, born Louisiana, 11, Bachelor, formerly resided in Louisiana.  
Another, Pedro, born Louisiana, 8, Bachelor, formerly resided in Louisiana.  
Another, Jose Anto, born Atascocito, 2.  
His daughter, Margarita, born Louisiana, 5.
12. Jose Man'l Casanova, born Bexas, 39, married, farmer, formerly resided in Bexar, emigrated January 1806.  
His wife, Maria del Carmen, born Orcoquisac, 26, formerly resided in Bexar.  
Emigrated January 1806.
13. Dn. Jose Miguel de Sosa, born Acambaro, 31, Bachelor, farmer, formerly resided in Acambaro, emigrated January 1807.
14. Jose Luis Duran, born Bexar, 30, married, farmer, formerly resided Bexar, emigrated January 1806.  
His wife, Guadalupe Travieso, born Bexar, 25, married, formerly resided Bexar, emigrated January 1806.  
His son, Manuel, born Bexar, 8.  
Another, Augustin, born Bexar, 7.
15. Jose Man'l Lugo, born Guadalaxara, 34, married, farmer, formerly resided Bexar, emigrated May 1806.  
His wife, Encarnacion Perez, born Bexar, 14, formerly resided Bexar, emigrated beginning 1808.
16. Don Pedro Lartigue, born France, 53, married, farmer, formerly resided Louisiana, emigrated Beginning 1806.  
His son, Julian, born New Orleans, 18, Bachelor.  
Another, Francisco, born New Orleans, 15, Bachelor.
17. Vincente Micheli, born Italy, 45, Widower, farmer, formerly resided Nacogdoches, emigrated beginning 1806.  
His son, born Italy, 15, bachelor.
18. Franco. Travieso, born Bexar, 50, widower, farmer, formerly resided Bexar.  
Emigrated January 1806  
His son, Jose Antonio, born Bexar, 5.
19. Santiago McLoughlan, born United States, 52, married, farmer, formerly resided Louisiana, emigrated October 1808.  
His wife, Martha Thompson, born Louisiana, 30, formerly resided Louisiana, emigrated October 1808.

His daughter, Quecta, born Louisiana, 11.  
Another, Rebeca, born Louisiana, 9.

20. Enrique Seridan, born Germany, 54, married, farmer, formerly resided in Louisiana, emigrated December 1805.  
His wife, Christina Hensch, born Germany, 54, farmer, formerly resided in Louisiana, emigrated December 1805.  
His son, Jacova, born United States, 21, bachelor, farmer, formerly resided Louisiana, emigrated December 1805.  
Another, Juan, born United States, 15, bachelor, farmer, formerly resided Louisiana, emigrated December 1805.  
His daughter, Isabel, born United States, 22, single.  
Another, Ana, born United States, 21, Single.  
Another, Sara, born United States, 17, Single.
21. Juan Lunn, born Natchez, 30, married, farmer, formerly resided Nacogdoches, emigrated June 1807  
His wife, Rebeca Cheridan, born United States, 24, married, formerly resided Louisiana, emigrated December 1805.
22. Don Hugo Coyle, born Ireland, 46, bachelor, surveyor, emigrated December 1805.
23. Zedo (Zadock) Charman (Harmon), born United States, 63, married, farmer, formerly resided Nacogdoches, emigrated March 1807.  
His wife, Betsy (Elizabeth) Clark, born United States, 54, formerly resided Nacogdoches, emigrated March 1807.
24. Elisha Nelson, born United States, 40, married, farmer, formerly resided Louisiana, emigrated March 1807.  
His wife, Yhan Harman, born United States, 32, formerly resided Louisiana, emigrated March 1807.  
His daughter, Betsi, born Louisiana, 12, Single.  
Another, Poyi (Mary), born Louisiana, 10, Single.  
Another, Ana, born Louisiana, 8.  
Another, Sally (Sarah), born Nacogdoches, 4.  
Another, Patsy (Margaret), born Nacogdoches, 2.
25. Pedro Patterson, born United States, 29, bachelor, carpenter, formerly resided Nacogdoches, emigrated August 1808.
26. Guillermo Burxer, born United States, 38, bachelor, stone-mason, formerly resided in Nacogdoches, emigrated August 1808.
27. Juan Malroni, born Ireland, 40, bachelor, farmer, formerly resided Nacogdoches, emigrated Beginning 1807.
28. Cilas Luci, born United States, 35, bachelor, farmer, formerly resided Nacogdoches, emigrated beginning 1807.
29. Bautista Canaliano, born Canada, 34, bachelor, carpenter, formerly resided Atascocito, emigrated end of 1807.

(Others locating prior to abandonment of Colonization Plan 1809)

Jose Leal	at Trinidad	Jacobo Dast	at Trinidad
Juan Macfale	at Trinidad	Joshua Ris	at Trinidad
Jaime Mirlan	at Trinidad	Jose Alderete	deceased
Jose Giru	at Trinidad	Francisco Gomes	deceased
Luis Grande	at Trinidad	Jose Anto. Esquibel	at
Pedro Brase	at Trinidad		Nacogdoches

Franco. Oranday	at Nacogdoches	Franco. Sancerman	absent
Bernabe Trebino	retired	Francisco Arduar	Attakapas
Andres Gonzales	deceased	Santiago Fil	absent
Miguel Hernandez	At Attakapas	Enrique Paradiz	absent
Maria Ydlefonso		Mordic Richar	not yet
Juarez	Expelled		arrived
Diego Samoro	Left	Geronimo Hernandez	Living at
Miguel Megui	Prisoner at		Bexar
	Nacogdoches	Remigo Erandrique	Expelled
Santiago Maconolte	Absent	Juan Oyales	Expelled
Juan Dabis	Absent	(Census was taken by	
Juan Carlos (alias el		Antonio Saenz)	
Jamonero)	Absent	Villa Trinidad de Salcedo.	

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## RAPIDES POST MILITIA

Rapides Parish, Louisiana-April 1788

Submitted by James M. Hilton  
Fairbanks, Louisiana

The following militia roll for the month of April 1788 was taken from the Papales Procedentes de la Isla de Cuba, Archivo General de Indies, Legajo 211, Folio 793, Microfilm Copy, Alexandria Genealogical Library and Museum, 503 Washington St., Alexandria, LA 71301.

"State of Review of the (Militia) of the Post of Rapides for the (month) of April 1788."

### RIFLEMEN

Vincent Porier  
Michel de Ville  
Louis Huer  
Gratien Couillard  
Joseph Renois  
Pierre Tourence  
Francois Martin  
Pierre Denou  
Languedoc  
Phillipe  
Bte. Martin  
Jn Louis de Ville

Louis de Ville  
Valentine de Ville  
Jn Bte. Huer  
Francois Huet  
Pepin  
Jn Bertol  
Joseph Seigne  
Joseph Fruges  
Pierre Parens  
Antoine Doyen  
Louis Renous  
Joseph Marie

### AMERICANS

Matthew Graye  
Adam Hooffman  
Jacques Cedre  
Simon Graye  
David Graye  
Richard Her (Earl)  
Leonard D'Elson files  
Guim Meglaen  
Jn Meglaen

Martin Maglean  
Rober Meckim  
Robinson  
Guillame Marie  
Louis La Prarie  
Michel La Prarie  
Baptiste Bellgarde  
Celestin Bissinte

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# LETTERS FROM THREE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER BROTHERS

## EDITED WITH NOTES BY WESLEY THURMAN LEEPER

Enterprise, Camp Meridian, Mississippi  
November 7, 1863 (1)

Dear Father:

I once more have the pleasant opportunity of sending you another letter and deem it my duty (2)

This leaves me well and hope that these few lines may find you enjoying the same blessing. I have no news to write to you, only that I received a letter from Brother Burrel (3), and he was well and doing well. I have just landed here and pitched my tent exactly in the same place where it was when Henry Penney (4) left us. This is the third time we have camped at this place.

I have not yet heard anything from Brother James (5) since the first of October last. He was on his way to Grandfather's (6). I have been looking for a letter from him ever since that time.

I have no news from General Bragg's army recently, except that a small shelling is going on.

I present Sister Martha (7) with a ring that you will find enclosed within this letter, and also Sister Narcissus (8) with one. Sister Martha has the one with the initials of my name on it because it is too small for Sis (9).

We have heard flattering news (10) from Arkansas. The last that we heard from there we heard that General Short, the Federal, had evacuated Little Rock (11). This is good. General E. Kirby Smith (12) arrived at this place, and told this invaluable news, if it be so. And he also says that there is not so much deserting as reported, but he has not much better chance to know any more than you about this, for seeing it yourself is the only way to test matters these days, for I do not believe any thing that I hear and only half that I see. Things are so deranged that it is impossible to believe.

Pa, I wish that you would write to me and tell me if Henry Penney has met with a cool reception at home, and what he is doing, also B. P. W. Hays-the business they are in, and whose staff they claim to be on. Also McDonald Comer and M. V. Nash (13).

We are all anxious to know and hear from them, and what sort of a tale they told. We expect they told a favorable tale for themselves, but we want to know whether it is believed by the people at home. You need not look for our company home unless they come like they (14) did, for they knocked the remainder of us out of a furlough by deserting (15).

I will bring this non-interesting letter to a close by asking you to give my respects to all inquiring friends and relatives and all the family. I remain yours.

(Signed) N. A. Park

### NOTES

This letter was written by Newton Alexander Park to his father, James Alexander Park, of Paraclifta, Arkansas.

- (1) Meridian is on the main line of the Illinois Central Railway (1950), 96.1 miles due east of Jackson, Mississippi.
- (2) Newton was always considerate of his parents. Refer again to his attitude on gambling, as evidenced by his letters of January 13, 1863, and February 26, 1863.
- (3) Burrel Josephus Park, another brother.
- (4) Henry Penney had been a very close friend, and had been mentioned several times in previous letters. He deserted at Meridian September 6, 1863.
- (5) James Monroe Park, an older brother, who had been wounded in the battle of Chickamauga, Georgia, September 18-21, 1863.
- (6) One of his grandfathers lived near Oxford, Mississippi. In his letter of October 3, 1863, Newton stated that James had left to visit in the home of his grandfather.
- (7) Martha Ann Park, a younger sister, then 13½ years old.
- (8) Harriett Narcissus Park, another sister, then slightly over 18 years old.
- (9) A nick-name for Narcissus.
- (10) Possibly he meant encouraging news.
- (11) This report must have been in error, for on September 10, 1863, General Sterling Price, with about 8,000 Confederates, evacuated Little Rock and fell back to the southwestern part of the State of Arkansas, holding a line from Monticello through Camden and Arkadelphia, and on into Indian Territory (now the State of Oklahoma). The Honorable Will Steel, member of the Texarkana Bar, says that after the State Capitol was moved to Washington (Near Hope), Arkansas, the state officials living there became alarmed, and moved temporarily to Paraclifta. There they took up their residence, just off the courtyard square, and the house they briefly occupied was thereafter referred to by residents of the town as "the White House."
- (12) In charge of the Trans-Mississippi Department, with headquarters in Shreveport, Louisiana.
- (13) All of the names omitted in this paragraph are plainly visible in the original letters, but are omitted here for reason that all those named were from families prominent in 1950, and by mentioning them we might cause a "brawl" even at this late date. (He later entered the names in the spaces.)
- (14) The men whose names we have omitted.
- (15) Desertion was a serious offense, and was usually punishable by death.

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Camp near Chattanooga, Tennessee (1)  
November 10, 1863

Dear Brother:

I received your letter yesterday which found me well, and I hope these few lines may find you well. I was glad to hear from home.

I have no news to write to you of much importance. We are having a hard time here now. We don't get any meat now. We get bread, rice, and sugar, and have to stand picket (2) every other day. Our pickets are in two hundred yards of one another now, and we advance a little every day. They shell us pretty hard some times, but we get in to our holes. There was four men left our company the other day for the other side of the Mississippi River (3).

Newton, I want you to send me the next letters you get from home. It looks like they don't care anything for me, or they would write. I have never received but two letters from home yet (4).

The Captain will write to Palmer on the other side, and I want you to let me know whether you get this letter or not.

Tell John Holman (4½) that William is well. I have not heard from Floyd Coker (5) and Merit Stovall (6) in several days. All the rest of the boys is well that you are acquainted with.

I must close. Write as soon as you get this letter.

(Signed) B. J. Park

#### NOTES

This letter was written by Burrel Josephus Park to his brother, Newton Alexander Park. At the time of writing Burrel was in camp near Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Newton was in camp near Meridian, Mississippi. We last heard from Burrel Park on October 15, 1863, at which time he was in camp near Chattanooga, Tennessee, the same point from which this letter was written.

On September 2, 1863, the Confederates gave up Knoxville, Tennessee, to the Union forces under Burnside, and on September 9, 1863, Bragg and his Confederates evacuated Chattanooga, falling back to cover the railroad to Atlanta. Bragg retired to Lafayette, Georgia (1950: On the Central of Georgia Railway, 27.0 miles from Chattanooga). When Bragg evacuated Chattanooga, Crittenden's Union Army marched in and occupied the city without a fight.

The battle of Chickamauga, Georgia (see Newton Park's letter of October 3, 1863) was fought on September 19 and 20, 1863, resulting in a Confederate victory, but at tremendous cost. Following the battle the Union forces retreated back to Chattanooga.

On September 24, 1863, Bragg moved his army forward to invade Chattanooga, holding the heights above the town and a line across the valley of Chattanooga Creek. It was from this point that Burrel Park's letter of October 15, 1863, and also this letter was written.

(1) Chattanooga was an important railway center-vital to both the North and the South.

(2) This refers to guard duty. Sometimes the pickets were so close they carried on conversations with enemy pickets, frequently warning each other not to advance beyond a certain point!

(3) This was just a nice way of saying that some of the men had deserted.

(4) Poor boy! Letters from home were eagerly sought, and poor Burrel thought he was being sorely neglected.

(4½) John C. Holman-3rd Corporal in Company "G".

(5) Floyd Coker was a close friend. In his letter of October 15, 1863, Burrel stated that Floyd was near Chattanooga with him, and was sick with chills and fever.

(6) Merit Stovall died on November 19, 1863. This is recorded in Burrel Park's letter of December 5, 1863.

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Enterprise, Meridian, Mississippi  
November 22, 1863 (1)

Dear Father and Mother:

As Mr. Crawford starts home in the morning, I will write you a few lines to let you know how I am. My health is not very good. I have the chills, but am able to go about.

I have not heard from James (2) since the 25th of October. He was at Grandfather's and was receiving the best of attention (3). He also wrote that he had suffered a great deal with his arm (4), but was mending a little then.

I received a letter from Burrel (5) which I will enclose to you. I have no late news from Calhoun (6).

We finished our house yesterday and moved into it. We was just a week



in building it. I think we will live fine this winter if we are not run out (7). We get plenty of potatoes, beef, and bread (8).

It is now time for preaching (9) and I must close. Give my love to all inquiring friends, so no more at present, but remain your wishful son.

(Signed) Newton A. Park

P. S. I expect you will think we are short of clothing, but we have plenty. When you write, write about everything-all the neighbors and home affairs-all the news in general (10).

(Signed) Newton A. Park

#### NOTES

This letter was written by Newton Alexander Park to his father and mother James Alexander Park and Eda Park.

(1) Meridian, Mississippi.

(2) James Monroe Park, his older brother.

(3) ?

(4) James was wounded for the second time in the battle of Chickamauga, Georgia, September 18-21, 1863.

(5) Burrel Josephus Park, another brother. The letter referred to Burrel's letter to Newton, dated November 10, 1863.

(6) Calhoun County, Mississippi, where some of his relatives lived. (Oxford).

(7) He was hungry for news from home.

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Tunnel Hill, Georgia (1)

December 5, 1863 (1)

Dear Sis:

I have again seated myself to write you a few lines. My health is very good, but I have bad news to communicate to you.

Merit Stovall (2) is dead. He died on the 19th of November. Floyd Coker (3) is getting better.

Dear Sister, I have not time to write you a letter as the man who will take this leaves in a short time.

You must write to me as often as you can. Direct your letters to B. J. Park, Company "K", 19th Regiment Arkansas Volunteers, Liddell's Brigade, Cleburne's Division (4), Bragg's Army, Tennessee.

Give my love to Pa and Mother and all the rest of the family.

Your affectionate brother,

(Signed) B. J. Park

#### NOTES

This letter was written by Burrel Josephus Park to his younger sister, Harriett Narcissus Park.

(1) Tunnel Hill is located on the NC & St. Louis Railroad between Dalton, Georgia and Ringgold, Georgia, approximately 35 miles from Chattanooga, Tennessee. (Also called "Buzzard's Roost").

(2) Merit Stovall and Floyd Coker had been close friends of Burrell's for a long time. No doubt he grieved at the passing of Merit.

(3) Maj. General Pat. B. Cleburne was later killed in the battle of Franklin, Tennessee, November 30, 1864. John Wesley Leeper, later to marry Burrel Park's sister, Harriett Narcissus Park, was also present in the battle of Franklin and saw General Cleburne's body taken off the field near the breast-

works after the battle.

(4) On February 24, 1864, General Bragg became Chief-of-Staff to President Jefferson Davis.

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Camp near Dalton, Georgia (1)

February 4, 1864

Dear Sister:

I seat myself to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well, hoping these few lines may find you enjoying the same blessing.

I will not write a long letter as I wrote to father the other day in answer to the one he sent by Dock Cochran. I have nothing strange (2) to write to you. The boys are all well at this time. Lieutenant Wood (3) is gone on furlough to Mississippi. He was well when he left. Captain Herndon (4) is well, and so is Mr. White. I have not heard from Floyd Coker (5) in a month. He was not well. He was at his fathers.

I received a letter from Jim (6) the other day. His arm was not well (7). I heard from Newton (8) today. He is well.

There was a man shot in the First Arkansas Regiment last week for deserting. We all had to go to see the shooting (9). Sis, I hope you will never see such a thing. I hope none of my brothers will come to that end (10). I never want to see another one shot as long as I stay in the army (11).

Sis, I wish you could be here to see us drill. We had a big drill last Thursday. I wish you could have seen it. It was all of Hardee's Corps (12). More men than you ever saw, I reckon. It was the prettiest thing I ever saw.

Today was set apart for a sham fight (13), but it has been raining all day. Our Division (14) and General Cheatham's (14) was to fight Walker's (15) and Bate's (16). I wish you could see it.

Tell Lum (17) to be a good boy and learn fast, and not think too much about the girls. The Georgia girls call the little boys "shin plasters" (18). They say the reason they do it is because they are just "makeshifts". They can't get any men (19) to wait on them (20).

I will quit my foolishness, Sis. It looks like you have forgotten me, or you would write to me. I have never received but two letters from you. It looks like you could do better than that.

I hope the time will soon come when I will be permitted to come home (21). I want you all to remember me while on your knees (22), so I must close.

Your brother until death,

(Signed) B. J. Park

P. S. I will send this letter by Mr. W. H. Garmon. Write your letter as soon as you get this, and send it to Center Point, Arkansas. Direct your letter to B. J. Park, Company "K", 19th Regiment Arkansas Volunteers, Govan's Brigade (23). Cleburne's Division (24), in care of W. H. Garmon.

P. S. You must show that currency bill to some of the girls (25).

(Signed) B. J. Park

(Burrell had been appointed 1st Corporal January 1, 1864, but made no mention of it in this letter. How's that for modesty?)

#### NOTES

This letter was written by Burrell Josephus Park to his sister Harriett Narcissus Park.

(1) Dalton, Georgia, 37.8 miles from Chattanooga, served as winter quar-

ters for the Confederate army of Tennessee, under General Braxton Bragg.

(2) That is unusual.

(3) A company officer, apparently very popular with the men.

(4) The Company Commander.

(5) Floyd Coker, a very close friend.

(6) His brother, James Monroe Park, wounded for the second time at the battle of Chickamauga, Tennessee.

(7) Newton Alexander Park, another brother.

(8) John Wesley Leeper, later to become a brother-in-law of Burrell Park, was a member of the 1st Arkansas Regiment. (He later married Harriett Narcissus Park, to whom this letter was written.

(9) Apparently desertion was becoming all too persistent. See letter November 7, 1863.

(10) Apparently, all the men had to witness the execution as an object lesson.

(11) Fortunately, none of his brothers did suffer such an unglorious end.

(12) General William J. Hardee, under whom Burrell was to serve out the remainder of the war. He was a Lieutenant General in the last battle of the war, to be fought at Bentonville, North Carolina, March 19-21, 1865.

(13) A sham battle. Notice that the Park boys usually referred to a battle as a "fight".

(14) Major General Frank Cheatham, of Tennessee.

(15) Major General W. H. T. Walker. Later killed in the battle of Atlanta, Georgia, July 22, 1864.

(16) Major General W. B. Bate, of Tennessee.

(17) William Columbus Park, a younger brother.

(18) Slang. A piece of unsecured or poorly secured paper money, especially one greatly depreciated in value (for instance Confederate currency), also, a piece of government paper money of a denomination of less than a dollar.

(19) That is, real men.

(20) That is, to "escort" them.

(21) He really believed in prayer.

(22) Center Point, Arkansas, not far from Paraclifta.

(23) Brigadier General D. C. Govan, of Arkansas.

(24) Major General Pat. R. Cleburne, Irish-born Arkansas lawyer, educated at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, travel in the British Army, later to die at 36 at the foot of the breastworks at Franklin, Tennessee, November 30, 1864. (Death Penalty: When the death penalty was administered to deserters, commanding officers usually staged executions in a manner planned to impress the other soldiers.

Usually the brigade or division to which the condemned man belonged were marched to the scene of execution and arranged in a hollow square so as to afford all a clear view of the proceedings.

When the prisoners arrived at the designated place, they were blindfolded and made to sit or stand on their coffin or compelled to kneel by open graves. Then the awful hush, a detail composed of perhaps 24 men was ordered to a position a few paces in front of the condemned. Only half of the guns were loaded, but no man among the executioners knew whether or not his was a blank charge. At the signal "Fire!" the ominous quiet was broken with the roar of muskets and the culprit sank in a crumpled heap either into his coffin or the open grave.

This sight should have impressed the others!

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Camp near Dalton, Georgia (1)  
March 4, 1864

Dear Sister:

I seat myself to write you a few lines to let you know I am well, and hope these few lines may find you enjoying the same blessing.

Sis, I have seen more pretty girls for the last week than I ever saw in my life (2). We took a trip to West Point, Georgia, a distance of two hundred miles. We had a fine time (3).

I thought I would take a chance on meeting Newton (4), but the Yankees crowded Old Johnston (5) so tight we had to come back, but we won the ground back in a few light skirmishes with them, but-they ran so quick. We are in camp now.

Sis, I saw some of our old Mississippi boys the other day (6). I saw William Van Horn, and John Mickel, and I don't know how many more. I saw Ronald Murphy in \_\_\_\_\_. He was in bad health, and on his way home.

I received a letter from Jimmie (7) the other day. He is staying at Uncle Isaac's (8). His arm is getting well, but he can't straighten his fingers yet (9).

Sis, I want you to write me all the news. Tell me who of the boys from Paraclifta is gone to the army, and who all is married, and how you and your old bachelor (10) is getting along. Tell all the girls I want them to write to me.

I will send this letter by Mr. Wakely. He has been furloughed for that purpose. He belongs in our company (11). He will let you know when he is coming back.

I want you to commence writing all the news to me often. I have to write Pa a letter, so I will close. So nothing more.

Your brother

(Signed) B. J. Park

#### NOTES

This letter was written by Burrell Josephus Park to his sister, Harriett Narcissus Park.

(1) For location of Dalton see notes on letter February 14, 1863.

(2) Burrell was a young man, and the sight of a pretty girl, even then was very welcome.

(3) West Point, Georgia.

(4) Newton Alexander Park, another brother.

(5) General Joseph E. Johnston, in command of all the Confederate troops in the section.

(6) Indistinct.

(7) James Monroe Park, an older brother, wounded at the battle of Chickamauga.

(8) One of their uncles in Mississippi.

(9) Apparently "Sis" was doing some "courting" herself at this time.

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Elyton, Alabama (1)  
March 17, 1864

My dear Brother Newton:

I received a letter from you dated the 4th, 5th and 6th inst., which informed me that you were well, which I was indeed glad to hear, but was sorry

to learn that you had received no letters from me, as I have written three letters to you since I got back here.

It looks strange to me that the rest of the boys can get my letters and you can not. I hope you may get this one soon, so that you may know that I had written you, and the fault was in the mail. I am glad you are so kind as to continue to write to me.

I also received one from Brother Burrel (2) at the same time as I did yours. He was well the first of this month, and so were all the boys that I was acquainted with.

I am well as to health, and my arm mends slowly (3). I will stay here some time. I think Grandfather (4) has got home. All of the connections (5) are well as far as I know. You need not be uneasy about me for I take as good care of myself as I can, and believe me, I will write to you often, and I hope you will get the letters.

Aunt Betty (6) and family send their best regards to you.

I am sorry that Meridian (7) got burned, but we will avenge ourselves yet if the Yankees do not mind.

Please give my respects to all the boys and tell them to write to me. Excuse the shortness of this note, and write soon and often for I love to hear from you.

I remain your devoted brother.

(Signed) James M. Park

#### NOTES

This letter was written by James Monroe Park to his brother, Newton Alexander Park. James had been wounded in the arm in the battle of Chickamauga, (September 18-21, 1863) and had gone to recuperate with his relatives in Alabama.

(1) Elyton was the beginning of Birmingham, Alabama and is now a suburb of that great southern industrial city.

(2) Burrell Josephus Park, a younger brother, at that time in the vicinity of Dalton, Georgia.

(3) Wound at Chickamauga, Georgia.

(4) His grandfather, near Oxford, Mississippi.

(5) Relatives.

(6) One of his relatives at Elyton.

(7) Meridian, Mississippi burned before February 22, 1864.

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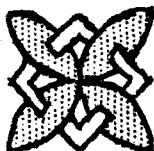
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- RIORDAN                      Wish to correspond with anyone working on RIORDAN, BURLEY and  
BURLEY                      SHIELDS lines in S. E. Nebraska 1850's. Contact: Jan TAFT,  
SHIELDS                      4510 Park St., Jacksonville, FL 32205-7326.  
TAFT
- TAFT                          Need info on John TAFT b 13 Aug 1840 Middletown, Rutland Co.,  
VT. Need parents, who according to later censuses were b NY.  
Where? No parents on death certificate or any Civil War mili-  
tary papers. Contact: Jan TAFT, 4510 Park St., Jacksonville,  
FL 32205-7326.
- CLAYTON                      Need all info Winnie CLAYTON m Charles KILGORE, SR Rev War  
KILGORE                      Soldier. Write: Marguerite BAGGETT VAN ETEN, 6923 Cypress  
BAGGETT                      Rd 13-A, Plantation, FL 33317.  
VAN ETEN
- COLLINS                      Wish to contact anyone with knowledge of Gene COLLINS b 1937/  
BAGGETT                      38 probably still living (s/o unknown/ & Mary Myrtle BAGGETT)  
SMART                      m OK (?) 1. Betty SMART, 2. (?). Write: Marguerite BAGGETT  
VAN ETEN                      VAN ETEN, 6923 Cypress Rd 13-A, Plantation, FL 33317.
- WHITE                        Seeking info ancestors, descendants of Catherine (Katy/Kary)  
MOORMAN                      WHITE (d/o William WHITE) b 1777, prob Campbell Co., VA, d  
DUNCAN                      1821 prob Breckinridge Co., KY, m James VENABLE MOORMAN. Con-  
BRIDGES                      tact: Mary Frances DUNCAN BRIDGES, 529 Oriole Ln., Shreveport,  
VENABLE                      LA 71105-4307.
- HAYNES                        Need info Henry HAYNES b 1710, will probated 25 Jan 1781 Bed-  
MILNER                        ford Co., VA, m Elizabeth MILNER b ca 1714 prob Henrico Co., VA  
DUNCAN                        d Bedford Co., VA. Write: Mary Frances DUNCAN BRIDGES, 529  
BRIDGES                      Oriole Ln., Shreveport, LA 71105-4307.
- TOOKE                        Request info on James Wimberly TOOKE b 22 May 1824, d 28 Mar  
BELL                          1862, m Sallie Catherine BELL b 23 Mar 1848, d 31 Mar 1906  
McDUFFIE                      (d/o Augustus John BELL b 1817, d 1863 and Abigail McDUFFIE  
CAWTHON                      CAWTHON b 29 Dec 1827). Children: James Wimberly, Jr., b 15  
SHEHEE                      Aug 1875, m Maude SHEHEE; Gussie BELL b 21 Dec 1877, m Alex  
HILL                          HILL 17 Jul 1908; Charles Emery b 19 May 1880, m 11 Apr 1910  
ROBERTS                      Bessie ROBERTS; Thomas BELL b 24 Sep 1882, d 9 Nov 1951, m  
ROCKWELL                      Mary Agnes BERRY 20 May 1910; Mary Abigail b 31 Mar 1885, m  
RUNGE                        William Y. ROCKWELL; Jessie Wilmot b 14 Jan 1888 (?), m Archie  
BERRY                        McDAVID 30 Dec 1919; Casper Ardis b 25 Dec 1889 m Maza RUNGE  
McDAVID                      11 Sep 1911. Contact: Mrs. John W. BELL, Box 974, Archer  
City, TX 76351.
- CAWTHORN                      Need info Ashley Claiborne CAWTHORN (s/o William CAWTHORN  
FORT                          & Elizabeth FORT) b 1798, d 14 Feb 1871 Bienville Par., LA,

McDUFFIE m 2 28 Jul 1817 Irwin Co., GA Catherine McDUFFIE b 1798 NC  
 BRASWELL (d/o Murdock McDUFFIE and Abigail BRASWELL.) Children:  
 NEWSOM William McDUFFIE b 1818, Unmd, d 8 Nov 1896; Anna T. b 26  
 VICKERS Dec 1821 Toliver Co., GA, m 23 Oct 1839 Wm. Allen NEWSOM;  
 PIOR Ashley Thomas b ca 1823, m 1 Margaret H. VICKERS, m 2 Eliza-  
 KIMBELL beth PIOR, m 3 Emily KIMBELL; Joseph Dabney b 21 Sep 1825, m 1  
 JONES Susan NEWSOM, M 2 Sallie JONES; Abigail McDUFFIE b 29 Dec 1827  
 BELL m Augustus John BELL 3 Jul 1845; Sarah Elizabeth b 30 Jan 1832  
 m A.S.B. PIOR; George W. b 1832 m Emily PIOR 25 Sep 1856;  
 James J. b 1839, d 1864 CSA Nashville, TN; Thomas b 1843, d  
 1862 Battle of Fredricksburg, TN; Sibbie Catherine b 16 May  
 1834 d 13 Mar 1889, m Thomas Jefferson BELL 30 Nov 1850. Write:  
 Mrs. John W. BELL, Box 974, Archer City, TX 76351.

GILES Seeking parents of James Leeroy "Roy" GILES b 11 Jul 1863 TX/  
 EVITT AR, m Armendia Eunice EVITT 7 Mar 1882, Marthaville, Natchi-  
 CHALK toches Par., LA, lived Locksburg, AR; Fort Towson, OK; and  
 WELCH Hobbs, NM, where he died 9 Jan 1941. He was ordained Church  
 of Christ Minister 9 Oct 1898 in Sevier Co., AR. Children:  
 T. Jack, Roberta, Elijah Green, Lessley, Andrew William, Etter  
 and James Leeroy, Jr. Write Lynda CHALK WELCH, 5535 Willow  
 Lane, Dallas, TX 75230. Ph 214-233-6610.

HARPER Searching for par/sibs of William T. HARPER b 1793 NC, d 12  
 GHOLSON Jul 1861, m Sarah GHOLSON 7 Jul 1815, Putnam Co., GA. Both  
 HAYS buried Perry Co., AL. Need his 2nd wife and par/sibs of  
 Sarah GHOLSON. Contact: Sarah HAYS, 6921 N. Wayne, Kansas  
 City, MO 64118.

COLE Need info 1840-1861 on family of William "Bill" COLE in New-  
 ARNWINE ellton, LA. William went to TX for duration of Civil War, re-  
 turned to Newellton, married and had son, Ellis, who m Barber  
 and had 3 ch: Martha, Lou, b in Newellton 1897, d 27 Oct 1983,  
 Handy. Ellis m 2 Martha in 1904, had 2 sons, Matthew and George.  
 Write: Katherine Louise ARNWINE, 1609 West 125th St., Los An-  
 geles, CA 90047. Ph 213-777-1311.

ARNWINE For research purposes need a list of the many cotton planta-  
 tions in parish around Newellton, LA, and photographs of the  
 remaining historical homes preserved as monuments. Would like  
 to locate the present repository of plantation owner's day  
 books, plantation records, and other personal papers pertaining  
 to the families living in the area prior to the Civil War.  
 Would appreciate all help and assistance. Contact: Katherine  
 Louise ARNWINE, 1609 West 125th St., Los Angeles, CA 90047.  
 Ph 213-777-1311.

KEY Request info Flarcie KEY or her family. Key believed to be  
 McMILLIAN husband's name. They owned business in Many, LA. My mother  
 POWELL Flarcie Irene McMILLIAN b 23 Dec 1928, Repton, Conecuh Co.,  
 HOLLIDAY AL was named for Ms KEY, who is believed to be related to my  
 HUNDLEY grandfather Labe Franklin McMILLIAN (b 4 Dec 1891 Fairfield,  
 Conecuh Co., AL, d 30 Apr 1964 Evergreen, Conecuh Co., AL, m  
 1 unkn, m 2 23 Jan 1916 Fairfield, Conecuh Co., AL, Nellie  
 Irene POWELL (b 20 Nov 1898). Labe lived or visited in LA  
 for a short time. Glad to pay any costs required. Contact:  
 Jacqueline HOLLIDAY HUNDLEY, 1739 Shoreham Dr., Montgomery,

AL 36106-2621. Ph 205-271-4623.

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CARNEY  
McBRIDE

Seeking info Edwin DAVENPORT b 1859 Michigan, m 1871 Marguerite Louise BOLET b 1871 New Orleans, LA (d/o Jacques BOLET, b 1824 France, m Marguerite CONNOLLY/CARNEY b 1841 Ireland. Ch: Marguerite Louise and Albert Jacques b 1869. Write: Margo McBRIDE, 1005 Cardiff, Crystal Lake, IL 60014.

BELLAH  
BILLINGSLEY  
MILLER  
MARRAPODI

Need info Nancy BELLAH b Rocky Comfort, AR, m 1 Samuel BILLINGSLEY, m 2 Marcus Marion MILLER ca Dec 1864, reported stationed Ft. Smith AR during Civil War, later moved Bowie Co., TX (possibly sheriff), where son Edward Henry b 1871. Contact: Mary MILLER MARRAPODI, 37832 Valencia Ave., Zephyrhills, FL 33541.

GRIFFIN  
BLODGETT

Seeking info Magnolia Viola GRIFFIN (d/o Allen S. and wife Hannah) at age 14 against parent's wishes received marriage license in Commerce, TX and m 20 Nov 1897 in Texarkana, TX/AR, William Sherman BLODGETT. First 4 children b Keener, AR 26 Feb 1901, 4 Oct 1902, 11 Aug 1904 and 4 Nov 1905. Never any contact with family, but did correspond with someone in Texarkana for awhile. Write: Arlan BLODGETT, 594 NE 63rd, Salem, OR 97301.

HALL

Need parents/sibs William Hector HALL b Jul 1871 Shreveport, LA per Bible records. Father possibly Frank HALL. Gladly pay any copy costs. Contact: Natalene HALL, HC 82, Box 570, Atoka, OK 74525. Ph 405-889-6083.

GROSS  
SNODGRASS  
BYRNE

Need info Mary GROSS b 1858 IL. According to OK obit ca 1937 Mary GROSS SNODGRASS was living in Shreveport, LA. Family says SNODGRASS was 3rd marriage. Appreciate help. Write: Ellen BYRNE, Rt 1, Box 69-1A, Julietta, ID 83535.

NEELY  
SANDERS  
GUINN  
ROBINSON  
GRAY

Need info parents of Calvin NEELY b May 1824 in AL, m 1868 Martha SANDERS b 1838 MS. Found 1860 Winnfield, Winn Par, LA with 2 children, Samuel Meredith, b 1856 (m1 Josephine GUINN, had 3 children, m 2 Annie ROBINSON, had 13 ch.); Susan J/A b 1858, m Christopher Columbus SANDERS 1888, had 4 ch. Contact: Lois GRAY, 1108 Christie, Bossier City, LA. 71111. Ph 318-746-2391.

GUINN  
NEELY  
GRAY

Seeking parents and birthplace of Josephine GUINN, b early to mid 1860's, m Samuel Meredith NEELY ca 1880, ch: Newton Fletcher b 1882, Emma Levonia b 1884, Carrie Izora b 1886. Josephine died when Carrie was a baby, buried beside husband in Sander's Chapel Cemetery near Calvin, LA. No stones. Write: Lois GRAY, 1108 Christie, Bossier City, LA 71111 Ph 318-746-2391.

FARR  
DEPRIEST  
DUPRIEST  
WALL  
SCOTT

Need parents of Delillah FARR b SC on 1850 Hancock Co., MS census in household of nephew Alfred FARR. Her sister, Penelope m James DEPRIEST/DUPRIEST, lived Perry Co., MS. Brother James FARR d Hancock Co., MS pre-1850. Alfred FARR moved to Newton Co., TX after Delillah's death. Also need parents of Alfred. Write: Priscilla WALL SCOTT, 1212 Magistrate St., Chalmette, LA 70043.



WINANS Seeking info James Frances (?) WINANS b 1790-1795 Elizabethtown, Union Co., NJ, m 3 Oct 1825 in Green Co., IL, d 27 Jan 1876 in McDade, Bastrop Co., TX, and Julia Ann (WHITTAKER) WINANS b 1802-1807 in KY, d 1856 Cedar Creek, Bastrop Co., TX. Ch: Eliza, William, Nancy J., Edward, Enos, Caroline, Emily Frances, Francis Marion, Rosetta Julia, and Melvina. Contact: Rita WUEHRMANN, P O Box 281, Chino Valley, AZ 86323. Ph 602-636-2966.

TRAVIS Need info Karen TRAVIS DANIEL OWEN McCALEB FLEMING b 1813-1823 TN and husband OWEN, first name unknown, d pre-1850. Ch: James, Martha Ellen. Write: Rita WUEHRMANN, P O Box 281, Chino Valley, AZ 86323. Ph 602-363-2966.

DANIEL

OWEN

McCALEB

FLEMING

WUEHRMANN

STRICKLAND Searching for info Hettie Belle STRICKLAND b 3 Jan 1897 Sabine Par., LA, ca 1903 placed in orphanage on Marshall Street in Shreveport until ca 1915. 1910 census shows her with 30 other children living in household of Mable SHEPMAN, perhaps supervisor of orphanage. Hettie possibly m Thomas Ewing WILLIS or George W. WILLIS 1915-1920. Contact: Ralph E. DAY, 661 Humboldt St., Denver, CO 80218.

SHEPMAN

WILLIS

DAY

PAXTON Need any info William Johnson PAXTON b ca 1785, d ca 1841 probably near New Boston, Bowie Co., TX. Moved from LA to TX ca 1836, leaving son, John B. PAXTON, behind. Appreciate any help and exchange info. Write: Luther SOBERS, 2082 Turner Rd., Ethel, LA 70730.

SOBERS

CLEVES Would appreciate any info on origin of surname CLEVES. German from the city of Kleve in the Rhineland home of the Counts and Dukes of Cleves? I was b in Columbia, South America and need date of first CLEVES arrival in that country. Contact: Juan Carlos CLEVES, 8975 S.W. 147th Ave., Apt. 2221, Miami, FL 33196.

RAY Appreciate any help on George RAY d ca 1804 Columbus Co., GA. Was his wife Sarah STUART/STEWART? His son, William G., m 24 Nov 1793 Elizabeth LANGSTON, d/o Samuel LANGSTON and Sarah YOUNG, d/o Reuben YOUNG. What was connection to Reuben Y. LANGSTON, who was in Union Par., LA by 1854? Will of Samuel LANGSTON named only daughter. Will pay postage and copying costs. Contact: Arelia BREED, 160-1 Holly St., Bernice, LA 71222.

STUART

STEWART

LANGSTON

YOUNG

BREED

PATTERSON Seeking info on Elizabeth PATTERSON b 7 Mar 1829 Ontario (?) d 17 Mar 1904 Cincinnati, OH, m Alexander JOHNSTON 23 Oct 1848. During marriage lived Lapeer, MI; OK; and Madisonville, OH. Ch: Julia b 22 Aug 1849, Alexander, Jr., b 21 Aug 1851, William b 17 Feb 1854, Annie b 23 Dec 1855, Emma b 21 Dec 1858, and George b 17 Jul 1861. Write Mary Ann HOWES, 5520 Hickory Ridge, Bossier City, LA 71111.

JOHNSTON

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HOWES

JOHNSTON Would appreciate info on James JOHNSTON b 16 Mar 1804, m Eliza STORY, b 8 Sep 1804 Bennington, VT. Ch: Orin Story b 28 Apr 1827, Alexander b 25 Apr 1829, Julia Jenet b 9 Apr 1832, Marion Perry b 26 Jul 1834, Sabrina Ann b 3 Feb 1837.

STORY

HOWES

All children b Fredonia, NY, George b 27 Feb 1839 in Painsville, OH. Write: Mary Ann HOWES, 5520 Hickory Ridge, Bossier City, LA 71111.

BATEN Need exact date and place of birth, death and place of burial and names of children of Louvisa Lovedy BATEN (1851-1926) who married Christopher Columbus WALKER. In 1903, her mother's obit gave place of residence of Louvisa and her brother, James W. or Joseph W., as Minden, LA. Write: Carol BASKIN TATUM, 319 N. Westpark Dr., McKinney, TX 75070.

HODGE Wish exact dates death and place of burial in Bossier Par., LA  
SMITH of Alfred W. & Winneford HODGE SMITH, both d 1857, owned property 7 miles south of Bellevue. Ralph GRIFFIN SKINNER d 1859, property near Bellevue, Sarah T. SKINNER PLATT d 1857 property near Fillmore, David Burton Platt, d 1873 possibly buried Fillmore Cemetery property near Fillmore, LA. Will pay copy costs. Contact: Linda PLATT SANDERS, 904 Ray Andra, DeSoto, TX 75115.

GRIFFIN  
SKINNER  
PLATT  
SANDERS

GILES Would appreciate any info on shooting of James GILES (possibly from GA) in Lafayette Co., AR 23 Feb 1841 by Benjamin FULLER. Gov. Archibald YELL posted reward of \$200 for arrest of FULLER. FULLER, 56, was convicted and pardoned on 19 Jun 1843, according to Arkansas Banner of 27 Nov 1844. What was relationship between FULLER & GILES and what was victims relationship, if any to CSA soldier Singleton GILES? In what town did the killing occur? Contact: June Rayfield WELCH, 5535 Willow Lane, Dallas, TX 75230.

FULLER  
YELL  
WELCH

SYLKS Wish to locate place of residence of the ZYLKS (ZYLICZS, ZYLICS, SILKS, SILKA, etc) family prior to settlement in the Rodessa (Ark-La-Tex) area. Could this name be German? Also interested in SHAW family. Write: Sam McINTYRE, 127 Flamingo Dr., Oceanside, CA 91054.

ZYLKS  
ZYLCZS  
ZYLICZS  
SILKS  
SILKA  
SHAW  
McINTYRE

HARDAWAY Need info on William J. HARDAWAY; John B. TINSLEY b 22 Dec 1830, d 16 Feb 1894, m Sarah P. b 15 Jan 1834, d 8 Jan 1927; John DANIELS in CSA, d in Shongaloo, LA; William D. McDONALD 1850 census Bossier Parish, LA; Austin A. REEVES in 1850 Bossier Par., later Springhill and Cotton Valley, LA. Write Jeweline JENNINGS, 1509 Pine Lane, Port Neches, TX 77651.

TINSLEY  
DANIELS  
McDONALD  
REEVES  
JENNINGS

MERIWETHER Am interested in families of Minor MERIWETHER who married Anne FINLEY McNUTT, and James MARTIN FOSTER who married Mary Ellen LONG. Especially need photos of headstones of James MARTIN FOSTER, et al, in the rear of old Oakwood Cemetery behind the Church at the head of Texas St., in Shreveport, LA. Contact: W. M. MERIWETHER, 3002 West Terrace Dr., Austin, TX 78757. Ph 512-453-4075.

FINLEY  
McNUTT  
MARTIN  
FOSTER  
LONG

BUTLER Wish to contact descendants and anyone researching John ALLEN, Sr., and Mary Ann BUTLER, m 7 Mar 1788 Duplin Co., NC, lived Rutherford Co., NC. Write: Jack ANDERSON, P O Box 1204, Kanarraville, UT 84742.

ALLEN, SR  
ANDERSON

DUNN Need info Salina DUNN b 1842 SC, widow of Elisha DUNN, d 1879 Bossier Parish, LA, buried BOGGS Cemetery near Mott.  
 CASON Two daughters, Rody J. b 1863 & G. P. b 1868. Also need  
 OLSON info on Jessie H. DUNN 1877-1898 buried BOGGS Cemetery possi-  
 BOGGS bly s/o James M. DUNN (s/o Elisha DUNN and 1st wife Sarah) and Cintha CASON. Write: Marie K. OLSON, 35 Chadwick Dr., Charleston, SC 29407.

CALHOUN Need info Cloud/Cloudy BARTON and C. B. CALHOUN, who resided  
 JACKSON Bradley Co., AR 1861-1875. Gladly pay copy costs. Write:  
 BARTON Anita CALHOUN JACKSON, P O Box 390, Rush Springs, OK 73082.

ULYS Searching info Amanda ULYS reported full-blooded Cherokee or  
 ROARK Choctaw from OK, b ca 1835-1843, m Henry Clay ROARK in KY.  
 GILES Daughter, Mary Elizabeth ROARK GILES, b 7 Dec 1859/1860, m  
 RAGLIN 1891 William RAGLIN (b 22 Mar 1842 TN, d 5 Jan 1906 Randolph  
 WISHARD Co., AR) d 27/28 Nov 1911 buried DUTY Cemetery outside Poco-  
 WIEDERHOLD hontas, AR on Black River in either Arkansas or Randolph Co.  
 DUTY Contact: Brenda WISHARD WIEDERHOLD, 10896 Terrada Floration, San Diego, CA 92127.

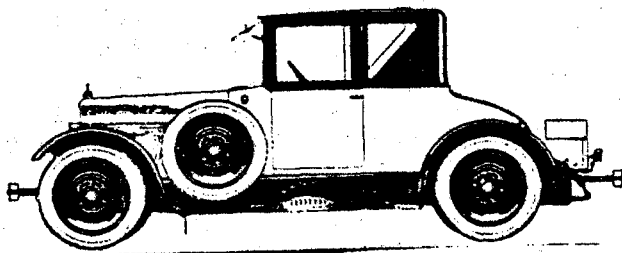
MONCRIEF Need info on A. Wilborn MONCRIEF, sons Otis L. & Dave's  
 BASS wife Malinda BASS, Claiborne Par., LA 1867-1880 Nevada Co.,  
 DEVERGE AR 1880-1920 and MONCRIEF, Texarkana, Bowie Co., TX 1930-1960. Contact: Colette M. DEVERGE, 5757 Bowesfield St., Los Angeles, CA 90016. Ph 213-933-8381.

COLLINS Seeking info Thomas J. COLLINS b ca 1810 GA in Nacogdoches Co., TX 1860 census, m Mary in LA 1840. Ch: Mary A., Nancy, James and Laura, b LA before going to TX 1854. All married Nacogdoches Co., TX. Write: Becky COLLINS, 219 Beardsley, Homer, LA 71040.

WILEY \$100 reward for marriage record of John WILEY b 1798 NY and  
 FULCHER Nancy FULCHER b ca 1800 d/o Francis FULCHER, married ca 1820.  
 CREEL Contact: Mrs. Wylie F. CREEL, 106 Sunny Lane, Gatesville, TX 76528.

LESTER Need info especially parents of Albert Jackson LESTER b Dixon,  
 CUMMINS TN ca 1835, came to LA ca 1850, m Nancy CUMMINS, lived Oak  
 VAUGHN Grove, LA. His father possibly from VA. Was his mother  
 LAU Ella VAUGHN? She died when he was five years old. Write:  
 Bessie LAU, 6944 E. Earl #2, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

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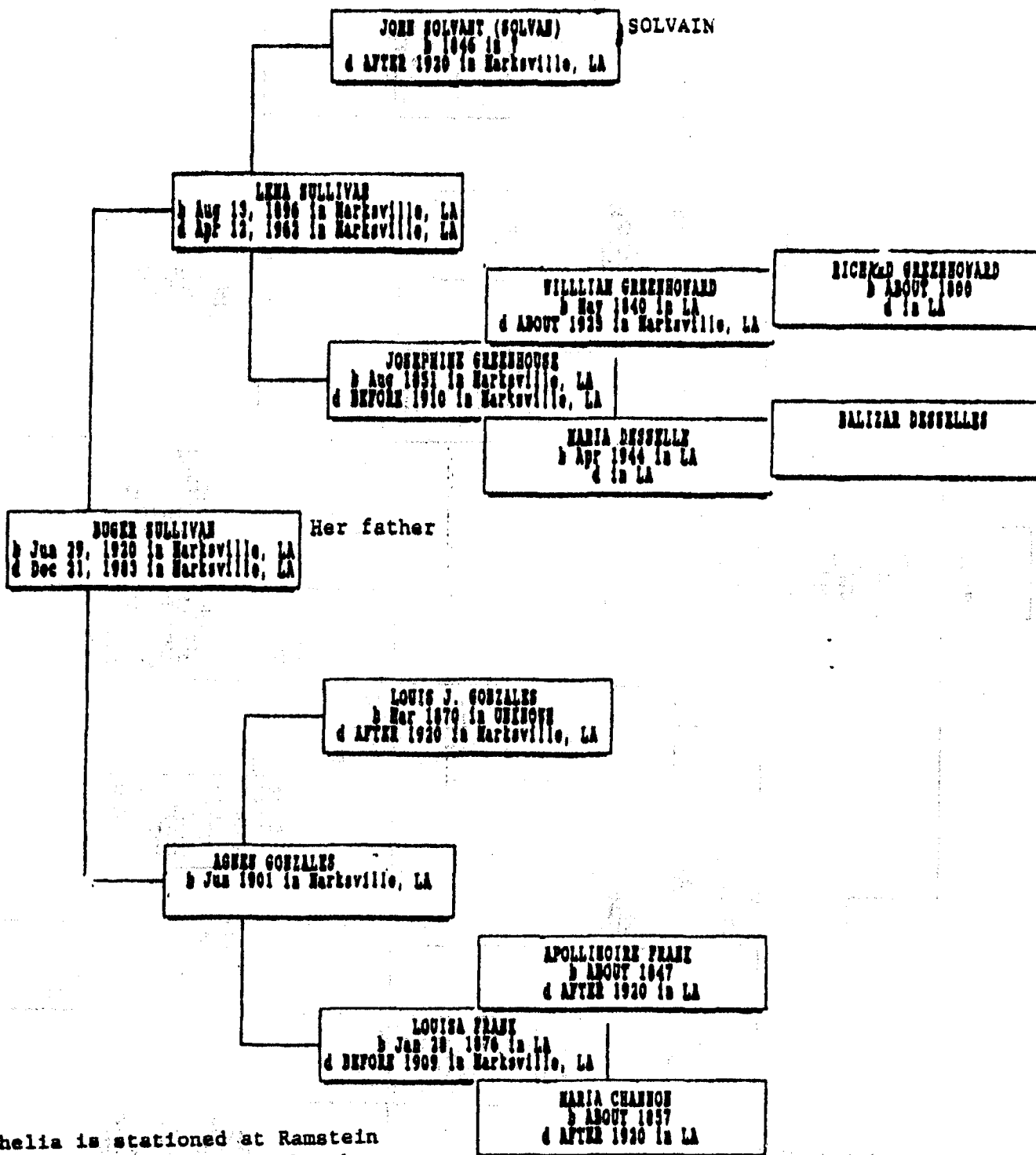
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2nd Great-Grandparents



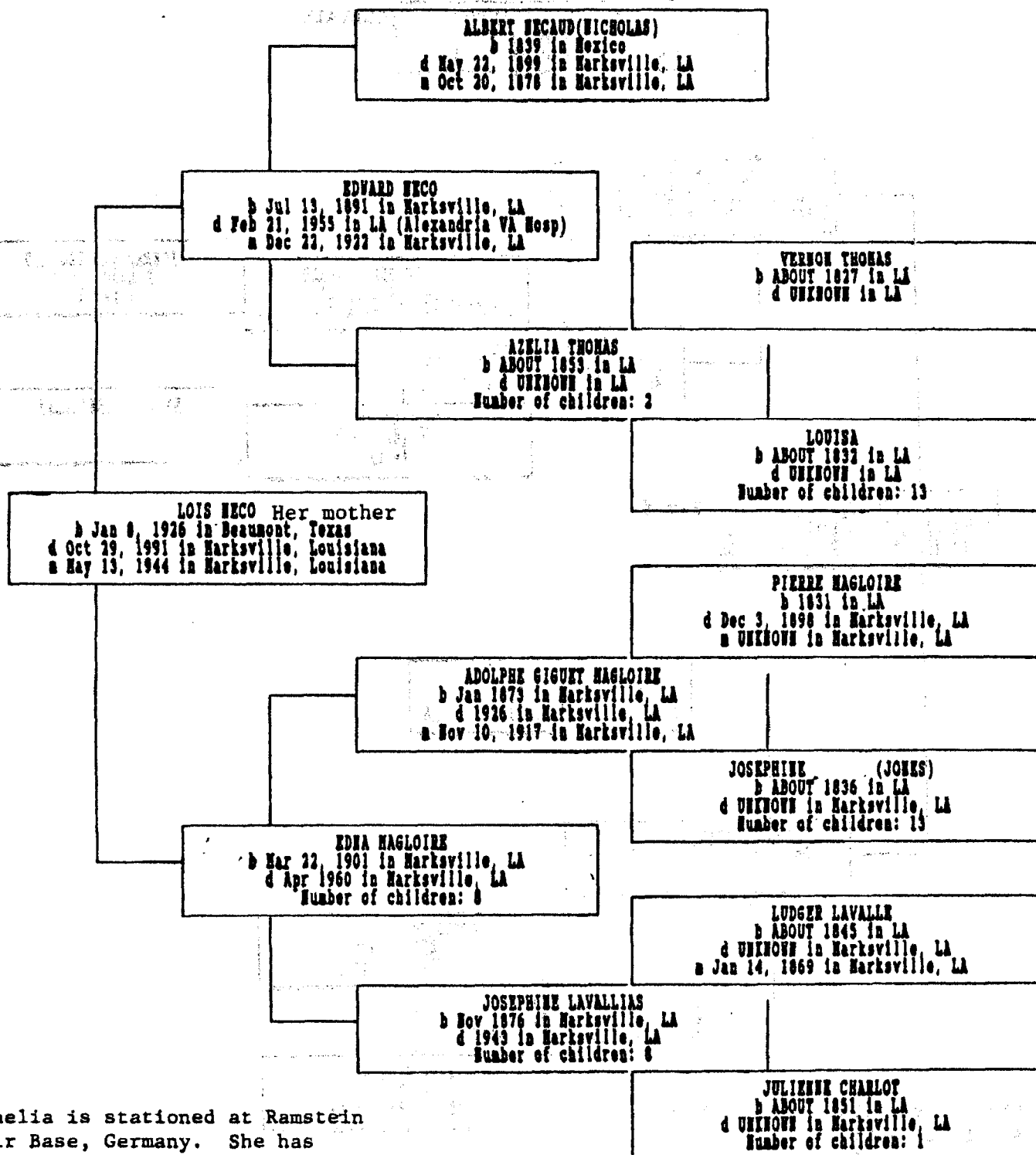
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## TOWN OF BERNICE WAS FORMED 40 YEARS AGO

(Extracted from the Centennial Edition of THE GAZETTE, Farmerville, Union Parish, LA, October 5, 1939 by Carroll H. Goyne, Jr.)

### CAPTAIN HENDERSON WAS TOWN BUILDER TOWN WAS FORMALLY INCORPORATED IN 1899

By Mrs. C. J. Morton

The site where the town of Bernice now stands was originally a huge forest known as the "big woods". There, large virgin pines stood and it was only natural that the lumber companies would eventually push their cutting into this territory.

Capt. C. C. Henderson, pioneer railroad and lumberman, realizing the possibilities for both industries, built The Arkansas Southern Railroad from El Dorado to Junction City, which was completed about 1898 and he immediately negotiated for the purchase of additional land upon which to build towns. He was successful in extending his road to Winnfield, Louisiana.

Capt. Henderson purchased from Allen Lowery and Dave Cole the present site of Bernice. It was his original intention to build the town one mile north of its present site, but, unable to secure a valid title to the property, he moved south and bought from Lowery and Cole. While constructing his line, he lived at the Lowery home and named the town after Lowery's small daughter, Bernice.

### PLOTTED TOWN

Upon the completion of the road, Capt. Henderson plotted the property into lots, made an extensive advertising campaign, sold the lots at public auction, reserving one block as a gift to the town for the location of a park.

He found ready buyers for the lots and on April 18, 1899, with Jake Cruze as its first mayor, the town was incorporated.

The first business establishment in the town was operated in a tent by a man named Nelson. It was located near the present home of J. M. Butler and the first sale was a box of matches, made to R. T. "Uncle Dick" Moore. Shortly after this Mr. Will Martin operated a general mercantile establishment in a box car that had been moved from the track of the new railroad.

Within a short period of time, Allen Lowery erected for Jack Henderson, a brother of the founder of Bernice, a frame business building on the site now occupied by The Bank of Bernice. Others soon followed and several merchants who had maintained business establishments at Shiloh, four miles east of Bernice, moved their businesses to the new town on the railroad, among those being E. B. Robinson, who is still a citizen of Bernice, and Thomas and Joseph Heard, W. R. Heard, son of Thomas Heard, now operates a mercantile business in Bernice and the widow of Joseph Heard still lives in Bernice. Others who entered the mercantile business in the new town were H. M. Blackman, R. I. Mitcham, Henderson Brothers, Selig & Cromwell and Gray, McDonald & Lindsey.

A hardware and furniture establishment was opened and operated by a Mr. Buswell from Arkansas, which business was shortly afterward purchased by a Mr. Jarrell, then a resident of Junction City, who, in turn, shortly later sold the business to C. J. Morton, who operated it from 1901 until his death in 1920, when, after operating the business four years his widow disposed of it and it is now known under the trade name of the Bernice Hardware & Furni-

ture Company. It was approximately the same time when J. W. Cooper opened the first drug store in Bernice and he operated the same about four years when he sold his business to Charles E. Miller, who still continues to do business one door west of the old establishment.

#### BANK OF BERNICE

The citizens of Bernice and the surrounding country take great pride in the Bank of Bernice. This is one of the strongest small town banks in the state of Louisiana. It was founded in 1901, with J. R. Fuller, commonly and affectionately called "Uncle Fuller", as its first president and his son, Y. S. Fuller, cashier and W. F. Grafton, assistant cashier. Its progress has been steady and strong. After the passing of Uncle Fuller, "Uncle Dick" Moore, the same man who made the first purchase in the new town, became its president and after his passing, George W. James became president. Mr. James later moved to El Dorado, Arkansas, and then Y. S. Fuller, son of the first president, became president and it was under his administration that the bank was moved to its present modern building. After Mr. Fuller's death, D. A. Pollock became president and remained so until his death in 1931, when Dr. C. C. Colvin took over the office and has continued in that capacity until the present time.

#### BAPTIST CHURCH

The Baptist Church was chartered in 1902, with William Cooksey the first pastor. The first services were held in a small wooden building on east main street and later services were held in the frame school building. The sites now occupied by the parsonages have from time to time been improved. The Methodist Church was organized shortly after and in 1903 both congregations erected buildings.

J. E. Love first operated what is now The Bernice Mill Company. Mr. Love operated this mill only a short time and it passed into the hands of Messrs Kirkland and Westbrooks, who shortly afterward sold it to Messrs Brown and James. After a few months successful operation, Mr. James acquired by purchase the interest of his partner and in about 1922, Mr. James sold the same to the Louisselle interests who operated this mill until they "cut out", or exhausted their timber holdings. For several years there was no mill in operation but in 1933 George W. James, John P. Voss and Alex H. Wacker organized the present company and the same has operated continuously since. The site is the original site selected by Mr. Love.

#### FIRST SCHOOL TEACHER

The first school was taught in Bernice by Miss Julia Foster, who is now on the faculty of the Jonesboro High School. This school was located on the east side of the Rock Island Railroad. A short time later Mr. W. A. Forston was the teacher and in 1906, fire destroyed this building. A short later a substantial wooden building was erected and in 1907 what was for that a large brick building was erected and the school became known as the Bernice High School with George W. Newton its first principal. The elementary department was separated from the high school in 1920 when the present high school building was completed and only recently a modern gymnasium has been built and the original high school building renovated.

In July 1904, the ladies of the town were invited to the home of Mrs. Y. S. Fuller through whose efforts the Ladies' Civic Club was organized. This organization, with the exception of the war period has continued to function and has brought many improvements to the town among which is a modern communi-

ty building in the Oakhurst Park which building is used for civic purposes and is indeed an asset to the town. This building replaced the pavillion in the park which was built by this club in about 1907, and represents a cost of approximately \$2,000.00. Among the other improvements that trace their responsibility to the efforts of this organization are beautification of the school grounds, the old community house which was sold to Kilpatrick Funeral Homes, the planting of trees and shrubs and many others.

#### FIRST DOCTORS

Doctor George Carroll was the first physician to take up his residence in Bernice. He was shortly followed by Doctors Garland and Dendy. Doctor Carroll, about 1907 removed from Bernice and he was followed by Dr. C. C. Colvin, who still practices his profession in Bernice, and about 1909 Doctor O. E. Glover moved from Claiborne parish to Bernice where he continued to practice his profession until his death in 1937. Doctor Talbot was the first doctor of dental surgery and he was followed by Doctor M. W. Laurence, who came to Bernice about 1908 and has remained. His son, M. W. Laurence, Junior, is also engaged in the practice of dentistry here.

The original postoffice building stood where the mercantile establishment of R. W. Patterson now stands, with Postmaster Couch in charge. Later it was removed to Railroad Avenue and Postmaster Pleasant had office. Again it was removed to a site near the original site, this time with Postmaster Dow in charge. This site was occupied many years and later was moved across the street three doors west to the present location. After Postmaster Dow relinquished office, Postmaster Melton held office for several years and was followed by Postmaster Shields who, in turn, was followed by the present Postmistress Miss Minnie Baldwin.

J. W. Pickens established the first telephone system in Bernice which after a few years operation in private hands was purchased by its present owner, The Bell Telephone Company.

#### LIGHT SYSTEM

The light system was inaugurated by the Bernice Lumber Company and was sold by that organization in about 1927 to the Louisiana Power and Light Company. The Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Company in 1930, extended its line to Bernice and since that time this corporation has serviced the town with gas. For the past several years the local office has been under the pleasing and efficient management of O. B. Knoll.

The railroad facilities in and out of Bernice have been greatly improved as time has gone on. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway, in 1907 or '08, purchased the line built by Captain Henderson, the founder of the town. Better freight and passenger facilities were inaugurated and excellent connections to distant points may be made from our town.

Bernice is also served by excellent bus connections. With the completion in 1931 of the paving of highway 167 the Tri-State Bus Company inaugurated its service and now Bernice has north and south bus transportation daily.

Bernice has grown from a small settlement in "The Big Woods" to a thriving little town of more than 1,200 inhabitants. Much civic improvement has accompanied its growth and too much credit cannot be given to its pioneer merchants and citizens. From a business standpoint, for a town of its size, it is second to none in the state and we know, with the installation of a modern water system it will continue its steady substantial and consistent growth.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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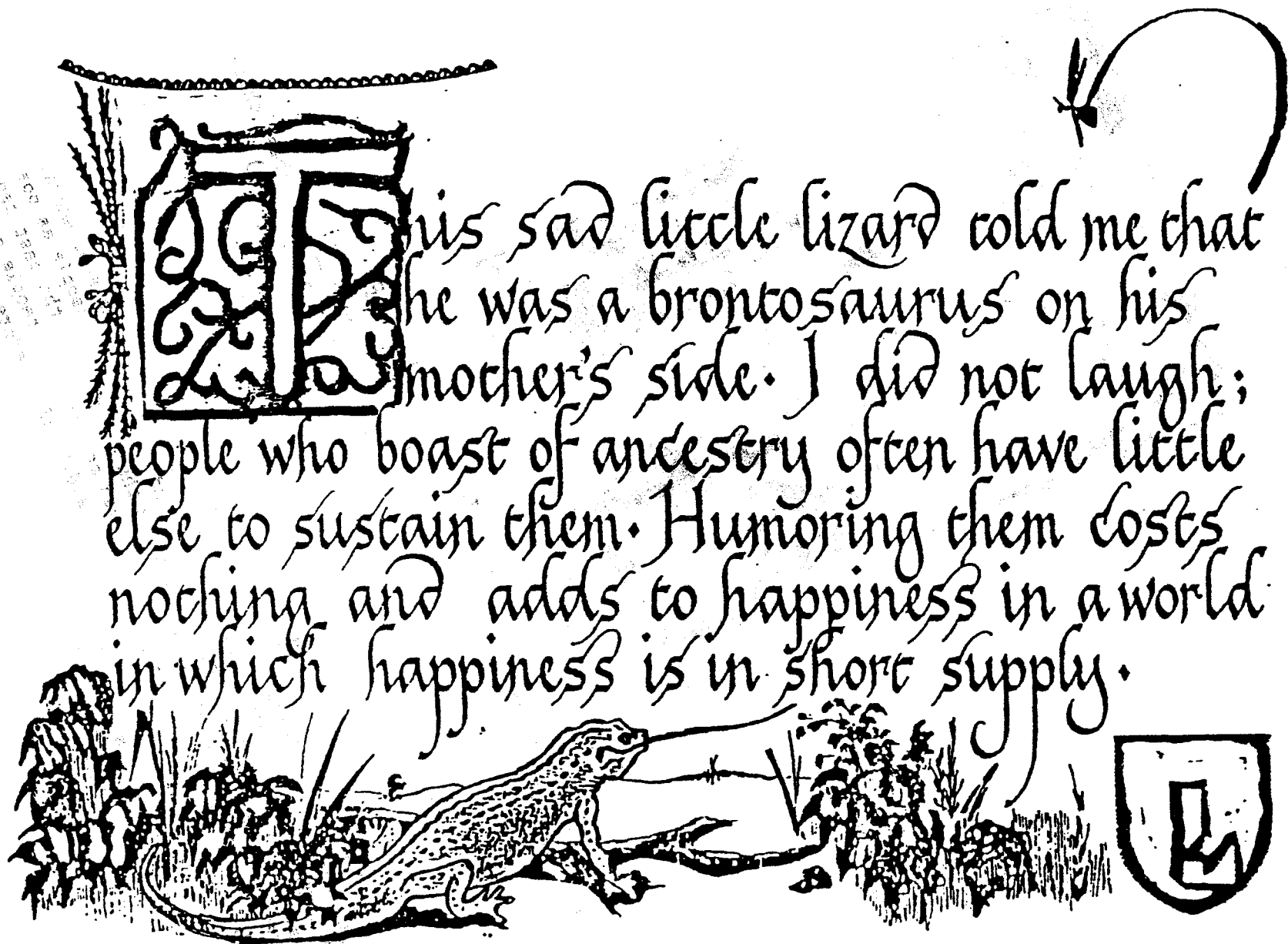
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### CORRECTION

Tommy Gatlin renewal in previous issue address should be: 1501 Guadalupe,  
San Angelo, TX 76901.

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THE SAYINGS OF LAZARUS LONG by Robert Heinlen

Thanks! Linda Coday and Stella Mougeot



### "I AM NOT JUST LIKE MY GRANDFATHER!"

(This interesting picture was submitted by Clara Pennock Smith. These children are members of her family, but she does not know who they are.)

### RESEARCH HINT

It is very likely that there are other people searching for the same Ancestors as you are. It is a good idea to correspond with as many people as possible on a given family line. You might check the Queries for the past ten years of as many genealogy quarterlies as you can and write to people searching YOUR family lines. Be sure to include an S.A.S.E. (Self-addressed stamped envelope).

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