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Announcements

Cherokee County Genealogical society announces its Second Ancestor Swap Meet to be held Saturday, June 24, 2000 at the Norman Activity Center, 526 E. Commerce, Jacksonville, Texas 75766. Cost is \$15 per person OR \$20 per couple IN ADVANCE by June 10, 2000. See the enclosed Agenda and Registration forms.

EDITOR'S LETTER

SECOND ANCESTOR SWAP MEET!

WHEN: Saturday, June 24, 2000
WHERE: Norman Activity Center, 526 E. Commerce St., Jacksonville, Texas 75766
SPONSOR Cherokee County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1332, Jacksonville, TX 75766-1332
COST: \$15 per person OR \$20 per couple IN ADVANCE by June 10, 2000
ACTIVITIES: Most of our time will be spent finding info on our ancestors in the portable files that will be formed from information submitted by you and other researchers. It is requested that you send IN ADVANCE family group sheets, ancestor charts and GEDCOM files or other materials pertinent to your ancestral lines. IBM compatible computers will be available for sharing GEDCOM files and copiers will be available at 10¢ per page. A formal announcement complete with a form for submitting your reservation will be included with this issue of Tree Talk. Should it get separated from the quarterly, you may send in your registration fee without the form but be sure to give complete details on your mailing address, surnames and other information as described above. There will be considerable publicity on this meeting and attendance will have to be limited to the first 300 persons who register so make your reservations early. Make your check payable to CCGS and mail to above address. We look forward to seeing you.

We will have the ancestor files from the June 27, 1998 Ancestor Swap Meet available. Persons who submitted information in 1998 may add information to their files. For a list of the 1998 files see the Fall, 1998 issue of Tree Talk or our internet site at: <http://www.tyler.net/ccgs/SwapMeetContributors&Registrants.htm>

In Memoriam

Mr. C. Nathan Acker died Tuesday December 28, 1999 in Odessa, Texas. He was born Dec. 8, 1944, in Jacksonville and had lived in Odessa for two years. Mr. Acker was a welfare fraud investigator for the Department of Human Services in Odessa. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Odessa and was formerly a member of Afton Grove Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966-1969 and was a graduate of East Texas Police Academy.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Acker of Odessa; son and daughter-in-law, C. Nathan Jr. and Niki Acker of Gallatin; daughters and sons-in-law, Paula and Jimmy Lusk of Rusk and Deborah and Michael Young of Odessa; mother, Ruby Acker of Jacksonville; brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Sylvia Acker and Kenneth and Marvajeane Acker, all of Jacksonville; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Marvin Acker, Robert t Acker, Leland Acker, Doug Acker, Robert Slider and Ronney Patrick.

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Eugene Compton b. 1884, Brevard, N. Carolina, farmed around Jacksonville/Dialville ~1920. His father was Benjamin Compton. Eugene was married to Lilly Fisk I believe in Oklahoma. Her father was Dekalb Lipscomb Fisk b. Alabama I think. Eugene and Lilly had 11 children - Tommie, Oscar, Jack, Eugene, Milton ?, Irene, Willie Marie, Minnie, Nina Marguerete, Rosa Lee, Velma Lee. Lilly d. ~1928. Eugene d. 1960 in Harlingen, Texas. We're looking for any information on Benjamin and Eugene's bros. Joe & Jim and half bros. Floyd & Duff. Roy & Lillian Compton

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Wishing to correspond with descendants of CLARK BREWER and CAROLINE BROUGHTON who migrated to Cherokee Co. from Georgia in 1852 settling near Wells. Clark went into Louisiana in 1859 and was never heard of again. I am working a theory he was killed in a steamboat explosion near Baton Rouge. Their children are:
JAMES AUGUSTUS BREWER b. 26 Mar 1833, Ga. d 13 Aug 1934 Married: MARY M. RAWLS died Cherokee Co.
FRANCIS ANN (FANNY) BREWER b. 7 Dec. 1835 Married: JOHN DENNIS SELMAN
WILLIAM KING BREWER b. 7 Dec. 1837 Married: MARTHA ALLEN,
MATHILDA J. HUTCHERSON Went to Kaufman Co. Texas
JOHN CLARK BREWER b. 19 Oct. 1840 Married: ????? SNOWDEN
ELISHA KNIGHT BREWER b. 25 Dec. 1841 d. 1 Nov. 1894 Married:
CAROLINE FRANCES POUNDS HUTCHESON Went to Kaufman Co.
ANDREW JACKSON BREWER b. 20 Mar 1846 d 10 Jan 1925 Cherokee Co.
Married: ELIZABETH OLEVIA BOWMAN, SAPHROLINA BELZONIA SHELTON, LIVICY SANDERS
NANCY ABIGALE BREWER b.22 Apr 1848 d. 30 Dec. 1869 Married HENRY E. (H) HUTCHESON
MARY ANTONETTE BREWER b. 1 Mar 1854 Married: ZACK T. PARKER
CHARLES HENRY DIXON BREWER b. 24 Oct 1859 Cherokee Co. Married:
ANGELINA L. PEW Went to Kaufman Co.

Queries

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Any assistance on James A. Meador, son of Henry J. Meador and first wife with unknown name..

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Would appreciate any info on this family
1. WILLIAM R.1 HOPPER was born 1797 in GA, and died Abt. 1885 in TX. He married SARAH ELIZABETH THOMAS, daughter of JOSHUA THOMAS and REBECCA WHEELER. She was born 1806 in SC.

1860 Cherokee Co. Census Tx. #335

Hopper Wm. 63 M GA FMR
Elizabeth 54 F SC HK
Francis M 22 M AL FMR
Benj F. 20 m MS FMR
George M 18 M AR fmr
James K.P14 M AR

Neighbors were Joseph L. and A.J. Hopper households.

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Looking for information on James M. Hall born around 1824 or 1825 in Tennessee. I believe he left Tennessee in the late 1850's or early 1860's and moved to Texas , he married Mary Stafford b.1843 Ark., they were married in Cherokee Co. Tx. in 1864 there children were William b. 1866 Tx. , Bethie b. 1868 Tx. Mary L. b. 1870 Tx. If anybody knows anything about James or his family please notify David Brown CLOWN3881@aol.com

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I am looking for information on members of the Sherwood Meritt family, wives name, childrens names, Parents names. Would like to make connection with any person who has information on this family. I have a lot of information on other members of the family who moved on to the hill country, and am willing to share..

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I have a Jesse WILLIAMS who was in Cherokee Co in 1860. By 1870 He and his youngest son Jesse are in Ellis CO. In 1880 Jesse Jr is in Caldwell Co and Hill/Bosque in 1900/1910. Any history on you WILLIAMS?.

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Alonzo Kent Dixon from Denton, Humphreys County, Tenn. and Sophia Alexander Dixon, lived on Crepe Myrtle Drive, Jacksonville, with Rufus Alexander. Children: Uhland, Kenneth, Ford, BessMarie, and Frank. A.K.Dixon founded Fruit and Produce newspaper (Later, the Jacksonville Progress) and wrote booklet on raising of tomatoes. He taught Latin and Math at Old Larissa College. His mother was Elizabeth Chaille, second wife and widow of Edgar Dickson, was probably from New Orleans and may have been a Creole. Thanks..

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I am looking for information on a John R Maness born 1842 in Tennessee. He is the son of Hiram and Lucinda Maness. In the information that I have found John settled in Cherokee County. I know that there is a large Maness connection to Cherokee as Riley, brother to Hiram, settled his family at Atoy. Any information on John R. Maness or any other Maness would be greatly appreciated.

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I'm especially looking for the parents of Isaac William Davis, married to Mary Frances Thomas, circa 1840s, Jacksonville, TX area (maybe Union Grove). However, any information on any of these names from that area would be appreciated. Thank you. Linda McElmurray.

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Looking for John R. Garner b 1818 in Georgia died 1855 in Panola Co. Married Sarah Elizabeth ? They had 8 children. Wylie James (Dock) Garner was my grt-grandfather b 1859 Panola Co. died 1922 Denison, Tex along with wife, Rebecca (Beckie)Beatrice. They had 6 children, all lived in Cherokee Co. till they married or moved. My Question is: Does anyone have any info on John R. Garner? Moved from Heard Co., Georgia..

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Information for the Abraham ATWOOD FAMILY that came to Cherokee Co., TX in the early 1850's from Mississippi would be a great help to me. The other families shown are all related and were in Cherokee Co. from the late 1840's until around the mid 1860's Any help with information will be appreciated. Thank you for your time, kindness and help in this. George M. Atwood.

I would like to correspond with any descendants of Abner Harden and his wife Mary Click. He was born about 1822 and died about 1877, supposedly in Cherokee Co. TX, but he does not appear to be buried there. His wife is buried in Henderson Co. TX, Myrtle Springs Cem..

I am currently researching the Yarbrough family in northeast Texas, I have gotten back as far 1735, after that the names and dates get muddled. I start with Nooland Pinkney Yarbrough(1907-1990) and end with John Yarbrough (1735-) John was married to an Elizabeth Hudson. Any information on Elizabeth Hudson would be appreciated. (I am Nooland Yarbrough's granddaughter)

I am looking for any information on James Richard (Dick) Jones b. 1846. He was the son of Berryman and Rachel Jones of Randolph Co. Ark. Grandson of John and Mary Jones. I have found this family in probate records but can not find out any other information. They all moved to Alto as far as we can tell in the 1840's If anyone has any information on any one in this family I would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Please email me direct. Thanks

Does anyone have any information on the family/ancestors of Milo Smith PYLE, who lived in Alto, Cherokee Co., TX for several yrs? He married Letha A. BUNCH, b abt 1843. They moved to Alto from Marshall, Harrison Co., TX. I believe that they had at least one son, Lee A. PYLE, b abt 1883. Information on the BUNCH family would be appreciated, too.

Looking for information on Larkin Goodson. From census information, it is apparent that Larkin came to Cherokee County from Walker County, GA between the years of 1850 and 1860. This is unfortunately the only information that I have on him. Please contact me with information, and also check out my Goodson site at <http://goodson-family.com>.

Many Alabama HILLIN families moved to Rusk and Panola Co TX between 1840 and 1880. Later some of the HILLIN families moved to Cherokee County. Descendants of some of the Alabama HILLIN families are meeting together for a HILLIN reunion in Henderson, Texas at the Holiday Inn on 22-24 October, 1999. If you would like to share HILLIN information and/or attend the HILLIN Reunion, please contact me for details..

I'm looking for information about this family from Syracuse, New York that had this connection to Jacksonville, Texas in 1892:

1 Isaac L. Shevelson b: 1833 in Poland d: Jan 1892 in Syracuse, NY
... 2 Samuel H. Shevelson Lived: 1892 Jacksonville, TX
... 2 Rachel S. Shevelson Lived: 1892 Syracuse, NY
... 2 Annie Shevelson Lived: 1892 Syracuse, NY
... 2 Daughter#3 Shevelson Lived: 1892 Denver, CO
..... +E.S. Silverstein
... 2 Daughter#4 Shevelson Lived: 1892 Denver, CO
..... +F.S. McLevey
... 2 Daughter#5 Shevelson Lived: 1892 Denver, CO
..... +M.C. Benjamin.

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Allen Brock d/21 Oct 1873 in Jacksonville, Cherokee Co. Tx he is the son of James Brock and Mildred Crain Bond who are Buried in Cumberland Co. Ky. Does anyone have any info on Allen Brock? Lois.

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Would like to contact descendants of Ezekiel and Judith Francis Henry m. 1810 Rhea County, Tennessee, lived Shelby and Chambers County Alabama, and were in Cherokee County TX by about 1848. Buried in the Henry Cemetery near Gallatin.

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William Columbus MONKRES moved to Cherokee County, TX in the 1840's and died there in the late 1800's. Attempting to find any record of the first name of his father..

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I have the ORIGINAL marriage license of James Warren, and Clariuda E. Hawthone dated May 22, 1875. I ordered by mistake, and have no use for it. If one of their descendants would like it, please contact me. I would be glad to send it to them, no charge..

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AM RESEARCHING MCCA ROOTS WITH A S.C. TO MISSISSIPPI TO TEXAS, CONNECTION. TIME FRAME WOULD HAVE BEEN FROM 1840 FORWARD. ANY HELP ON MCCA'S WOULD BE APPRECIATED. LEON MCCA.

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Looking for info on this family, found on the 1850 Cherokee County, Tx Census.
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Matilda 26 F Ky
George B. 9 M Ky
Mary E. 7 F Ky
John A. 5 M La
Abner R. 2 M Tx

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Seeking info on William R. Culp Cherokee Co., Tx. mid 1800's also George W. Taylor m. C.S.A.E. Culp Cherokee Co. Tx. 1855. Josiah Culp m. Rachel Eaton ca. 1841 Daniel Culp m. Elizabeth Thilman 1844

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John Cook from MS married Eva Humphrey from TN in Vicksburg, MS. They traveled across N LA and settled in Cherokee Co. They had the following children: John, ??; Ellen Jane, 10/8/1892; Chester, 12/17/1895; Marvin, 7/11/02; Bertie, 11/25/03; and Vada, ??.

These are all the children of which I'm aware. I'm of course intersted in researching this family. I am the granddaughter of Ellen.

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On January 1, 1891 my great grandfather Thomas Benjamin Sanders married a M.J. Batton in Cherokee County, Texas. Thomas was from Mississippi. He and Jane had several children. Luther, who married a Myrtie Morris, James Emmitt, William, who married Gorie Gertrude and Molissa Orme, Henry my grandfather, who married Susie Watson, Ruby Loftin and Retha Lofton, Etta, who died young, Mittie, who married Samuel Sandford and Roy Ben Morris, Charles Audie, who married Nannie Lee ?, and a Mattie Sanders, who married Jack Bradley. I have the 1910 and 1920 Cherokee County census showing Jane listed on the 1910 but not 1920. I am searching for her death information and running into brick walls. I know Thomas was a widower on the 1920 census. Jane was alive when their son, Luther, died in 1917. From heresay it's said that Jane went to Dallas on business and died there. I do know she is buried in the Pierces Chapel cemetery next to Thomas and their daughter, Etta Elizabeth. I don't know anything about the Batton family that I can verify. Please, if anyone out there can help me with these families, I'd be forever grateful. Any siblings? Sincere Thanks,
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Queries

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I'm trying to identify descendants of King S. Jones, who was born in North Carolina, moved to Alabama, Mississippi and onto Cherokee County, Tx. He had a son, King S. Jones, which is listed in the 1880 census for Cherokee County. At that time, his son was 26 years old..

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My husband's grandmother was Sarah Elizabeth Selman. Sarah's parents were Jeff D. Selman and Nancy Akins. Sarah was born in Bell County, Texas. Am trying to find more information on Sarah and her parents..

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Looking for any information on William Davis prior to 1870. Said to have moved from TN to Cherokee County Texas around 1855. First wife was thought to a Crunk, second wife Frances Hathcock. Was living in Tyler County TX in 1870. Any information no matter how small will be appreciated.

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Looking for information about the families of Novel A. Overall (1883-1962) who married in 1911 Laura J. Murphy (1891-1927). They lived in the Alto area..

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Still searching for information on the following GORDON family of Cherokee County, TX: 1870 Cherokee County Census:

GORDON, James 45 AL

Mey 26 AL

Elisha 15 TX

Mary 13 TX

James 9 TX

*Josephene 7 TX

Lillie 5 TX

I believe the above Josephine "Josie" GORDON is my g-gm m Joseph Larkin MCKINLEY in Cherokee County in 1879. Would like to know more about this family. Where did they live in AL prior to moving to TX? Who were James' parents?

I am also searching for more information on my ALEXANDER line. Eunice Ann ALEXANDER b 1832/33 AL m Robert L. McKINLEY in 1854 in Smith County, TX. Her father was Nathaniel ALEXANDER b c 1800 NC. The family moved from Blount County, AL to Smith County, TX between 1850-1853. Nathaniel ALEXANDER died in Smith County, TX in 1853. Some of the ALEXANDER line moved on to Cherokee County. Does anyone know the names of Nathaniel ALEXANDER'S parents or his wife's name? I would be interested in any information on this family..

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My ancestor Dr. Henry John Peck and wife Laminda McKinney Smith moved from LA to Cherokee Co,Tx, during Civil War,then back to LA afterward.Why? Has anyone seen this name in records of 1860's? Will appreciate anything at all about this family in TX. Thanks, Barbara

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My Mom-in-law is Margie Ruth Odom Jacobe. We are searching for info about R.N. Odom. Her father was John Fletcher Odom born in 1900. He was the son of Albert Odom. Albert was the son (or grandson) of R.N. Odom of Maydelle (Cherokee County) TX. Thank you-- Anita Jacobe.

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Searching:Thomas A. ROGERS b.1851 Nacogdoches.TX, Green C.MYNARD b.1822 GA,William WISENER b.1812 TN, Richard T. HANEY b.c1834 Giles Co.TN All families lived in Cherokee Co,TX (Time frame 1850 to present)

TOMATO TIME**"AN INTERVIEW WITH EULAINÉ EMERSON HAWS 2/15/1997"****Interview Performed by Barbara Jean Martin Haws****Eulaine Born 2/23/1922**

Eulaine's first job in Jacksonville as a teenager was decorating big trucks for the Tomato Parade. Six or eight girls were hired to glue small square white tissue papers to a tomato sheet (a piece of fabric) 6 ft long by 3 ft wide. The girls were to glue as many of those small tissue papers to the tomato sheet as possible. Later, someone else would spray paint a design on the tomato sheets that would be placed on trucks for the parade. Sticking those papers took about two weeks after school and Saturday and Sunday. The girls were thrilled to have the job. They earned 50 cents for each tomato sheet and would earn about \$2 to \$2.50 each day. The girls were paid cash and for that reason Eulaine does not know for whom they were working. The Tomato Parade was during the tomato season - May or June. It was a "big deal" at the Jacksonville school.

Later Eulaine Emerson packed tomatoes. The Railroad owned the packing sheds. Eulaine worked for Mr. Patton (Mr. Patton's shed was recently torn down), just North of where Discount City is now - up against the railroad tracks on Bolton St. When the tomatoes first started coming in for the season, Mr. Patton would hire local people to pack tomatoes. The Valley packers then came and stayed about 6 weeks. Since the Valley packers were "lightning" fast, Mr. Patton would let most of the locals go. Eulaine set things up and planned things so she could go as fast as possible, therefore she got to keep her job when the Valley packers came. The packers had to be ready to start at 1 PM.

Tomatoes were picked in the field, then brought to town where they were sold. The tomatoes were bought by the packing sheds, graded, washed, and then brought to the bin beside the stands where Eulaine and other packers were.

In order to pack tomatoes efficiently, everything had a place (right hand reaches for tissue paper, left for tomato - pop tomato in paper - set in the tomato box). The box with the wrapped tomatoes weighted 32 pounds. Usually the box had 6 by 6 tomatoes (= 36 tomatoes) and 3 layers of tomatoes. That was 1/2 bushel. Big tomatoes were packed 5 by 6. Smaller tomatoes were packed 7 by 7.

Packers started working at 1 PM and worked till midnight or 2 AM. There were about 20 - 25 stands. The packers set a little ticket with their number on it in each completed box or "lug.-" The packers received 10 cents per lug. Later it was increased to 12 cents per lug. The lug was on a conveyor belt that carried the lugs to a man who removed the tickets. He was paid so much per ticket - so the packers knew their tickets would not become lost. The box car was at the end of the conveyor belt.

Everyone had a 15-20 minute "supper" break. Across from Patton's was a hamburger place where everyone went. Hamburgers were 10 cents and soft drinks were a nickel.

Tomato Row was from Bolton St. down Commerce Rd to Jackson St. on both sides of the railroad track. Vehicles were parked everywhere. There may have been up to 500 vehicles. Tomatoes sold for 1 1/2 to 2 cents per pound. The farmer - like Leonard Haws - would bring in a truckload of tomatoes. About 50 pounds were in each bushel basket and there were probably 50 bushels on the truck. Then the buyer for the tomato shed - like Mr. Patton - would buy the tomatoes.

TOMATO TIME, continued

Leonard would then drive his truck around and get in the long line at Patton's Packing Shed. It could take till midnight to get through the line. Everybody was really tired, so the young people, Eulaine and Leonard, would go get ice cream. A quart of Ice cream was 25 cents. They would then go home and start over the next morning. The work was hard, but the money was good. One summer Eulaine saved about \$150. After about 4 weeks, when the packing was slow, the Valley packers would leave to go to Tennessee.

In 1941, Leonard and Eulaine were married. After moving around a great deal, they moved back to Texas to farm with Leonard's daddy, Walter Haws. So it was back to TOMATOES for Leonard and Eulaine.

Eulaine started packing tomatoes again. She packed at the Turney shed, owned by Mr. Newton. Harvey Acker would bring the tomatoes and tease Eulaine that Leonard wasn't getting enough sleep, having to pick tomatoes all morning and then wait till midnight or later for Eulaine to get off work. Leonard was asleep in the car. Other men working there were Luther Woodell and L.B. Goleman.

The second year after coming back, they started growing their big crop of tomatoes. They started with tomato seeds. (Troy D. Haws remembers Ruggert tomato - but they tried many different kinds.) They started the seeds in Hot Beds, and then they put the little plants in the cold frame. Using a flat shovel, the tomato plants were lifted out of the cold frame and put on a flat trailer. The mule pulled the trailer beside the opened furrow. They placed the tomato plants about a foot apart, then kneeled down on their knees to pat the dirt around the tomato plants. Later, when plants were larger, they were pruned. One time they tried to stick and tie the tomato plants, but it didn't seem to make any difference.

Leonard started picking before the sun was up. No breakfast -just take the babies - Ronnie and Gayle Royce - and lay them on blankets in the field. Then about 7:30 or 8 AM, when the babies were awake, the family went back to the house to eat breakfast

Four bushel baskets were placed on the sled that was pulled by the "high-strung" mule - High Pocket. Each of the two children were placed in a bushel basket. After filling the 2 empty baskets, Leonard and Eulaine dumped Ronnie out, who then walked. When they needed the 4th basket, they dumped Gayle Royce out. Once, High Pocket ran off with baskets and children flying off the sled. Eulaine was scared to death, but the kids wanted a repeat. Leonard got the mule calmed down, but they didn't put the kids in the baskets any more that day.

They spent from 5 AM till Noon picking tomatoes, then they had lunch quickly. After lunch, Leonard usually went to Turney to sell tomatoes. They might sell right away or might take the rest of the day to sell them. The tomato market declined substantially during the late 50's and in the early 60's. It was said at the time that the tomatoes ended because East Texas was using too much nitrogen in the fertilizer, causing the tomatoes to crack before they got to New York. Others said that tomatoes ended in East Texas because they irrigated the Valley in South Texas and with their "cheap" labor availability, East Texas simply could not compete.

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History of the Town of Rusk and Cherokee County

This historical sketch was compiled by a committee pointed for that purpose to be read on the 4th of July 1876 on the 100th anniversary of American Independence and was reproduced several years ago, but will be interesting even to those who have read it before.

History of the County Previous to Its Organization

The territory embraced within the boundaries of Cherokee County, in the year 1839, had been for several years known as the "Cherokee Nation", and up to that year was occupied by and under the control of Cherokee Indian, a tribe of Indian which immigrated from the state of Alabama, and settled in this section at an early date, as far back perhaps as 1827 or 1828. The settlements from the San Antonio Road northward and embraced portions of Smith and Van Zandt Counties. In 1839 the tribe numbered about 1000 warriors and of this number about 600 were located in what is now Cherokee County. The chief of this tribe was a famous Indian called "Gen Boles", and his second in command was an Indian called "Big Mush". Boles was a wise, powerful chief, and possessed of superior cunning and courage. He lived on the place now occupied by Geo. W. Pearson, known commonly as the Leonard place. Another noted Indian named "One Eye", lived on the place now occupied by Hon. L.H. Dillard, 2 1/2 miles south east of Rusk. One Eye creek south of Rusk takes its name from this Indian. Another noted Indian called "Little Bean", lived west of Rusk at the place now known as the Lewis Rogers place and "Bean's Creek" takes its name from this Indian.

"Tales Creek" west of Rusk also takes its name from a noted Indian of that name who lived near it. The Cherokee Indian claimed this Country under a grant from Mexico, but whether or not this claim as well founded, we have no means of knowing. For some time, previous to 1839, these Indians had become troublesome and dangerous to the white settlement within their vicinity and had perpetrated a number of murders. Among other instances of there savagery was the brutal massacre of the Killough family, which occurred in the fall of 1838. The Killoughs lived about one mile and a half west of where the town of Larissa now stands. They had become alarmed at the frequent outrages committed by the Indians upon, the white settlers, and had assembled together, engaged in gathering their crop, and intending to removed from the Nation as soon as their crops were secured. While this engaged in the day time, about the hour of noon, they were attacked by a force of Indians and 18 of this ill fated pioneer family perished by the murderous stroke of the Indians tomahawk.

Nathaniel Killough was at the time of the attack off some distance watering the horses at a spring. Hearing the fearful noise of the massacre, he started to the scene of terror, but before he reached it was met by his fleeing wife with her infant child in her arms. He seized the child and the three made good their escape into the woods, the Indians having abandoned the pursuit in order to capture the horses that Killough had taken to water. Killough with his wife and child fled on foot to Douglas, where there was a block house for the protection of the white settlers. This massacre together with many other deeds of blood committed by these Indian arouse the white settlers to determined action and in 1839 under the gallant leadership of that distinguished statements and solders Gen. Thomas J. Rusk, of Nacogdoches and the famous Indian fighter, Col. Ed Burlson with 300 regular troops of the republic, they marched upon the Cherokees and drove them from the section of the country. On the 16th day of July 1839, just beyond the north boundary line of this county and near the Neches river, a decisive battle was fought between the forces under Gen. Rusk and the Indians under Gen. Boles. The Indians were defeated and their Chief Boles was killed in battle. The victory for the whites was a most complete one, and terminated the war known as the "Cherokee War," and left the county in the quiet and undisturbed possession of the white settlers.

At the time of the commencement of this war, the Indians were almost the only occupants of this section. There were but few white people then living within the present boundaries of the county. Joseph Durst lived near the crossing on the Angelina river, known as Linwood. Peter Elis Bean lived at prairie known as "Bean's Prairie," about 3 miles east of Alto. Martin Lacy lived 2 miles west of Alto where there was a fort known as Fort Lacy. John and William Box lived at the mouth of the creek which now bears the name, some 15 miles south of Rusk where there was also a fort. Thomas Cook, Jess Gibson, and Absolom Gibson lived about 3 miles south east of Rusk at and near the place now known as Cook's Fort. James Bradshaw lived on the Neches river near the crossing of the San Antonio road. The Bells, Martins, and Johnsons lived in the neighborhood of the present town of Knoxville. The Killoughs lived one mile and a half west of the present town of Larissa. These were the earliest white settlers of the county as far as we can go ascertain, though there doubtless were some others of whom we are not inform. After the expulsion of the Indians, the county settled more rapidly.

The territory which now constituted Cherokee country was a portion of Nacogdoches county which might apply be termed the Mother of East Texas. In 1846, the population had increased insufficiently to warrant the creation of a new county and on the 11th day of April 1846, the legislature of the state enacted a law provide for the county.

History of the Town of Rusk and Cherokee County, continued

Organization of Cherokee County

The county was organized by the election of the following named county officers, viz. L.H. Gideon, Chief Justice; William Roark, R.J. Banks, A.C. Walters, and William Isaacks, county commissioners; John S. Thompson, County Clerk; Dr. Cosby Vining, sheriff, Jessie Gibson, assessor and collector of taxes. Absolom Gibson surveyed the boundary lines of the county, and it may be here remarked that he did most of the surveying of this section in early days. The country having been occupied by the Indians until 1839, there had not been many land locations made prior to that date and nearly all the land grants of this county bear date subsequent to 1839.

The act of the legislature creating the county constituted William Roark, Nahanie Killough, John H. Irby, William S. Box, Elisha Moseley, commissioners to locate a county site, and the place now occupied by the town of Rusk was selected and named in honor of General Thomas J. Rusk. At the time of selection there was but one white man living at the place—John Kilgore was the man, and he lived in an Indian shanty situated where the house known as the John H. Bonner residence now stands, near the Methodist church. The southern portion of the present town was at the time an Indian field, having just before been the settlement of several families of Cherokee Indians. Immediately the location of the county site, William T Long, Ed Giver, and G.F. Carter located here and built residences, E.L. Givers erected and kept the first hotel in the town, at the place now occupied U.B. Boyd, on the east side of the square. T.L. Philleo soon after settled in the place and was its first merchant. Dr. T.J. Moore James B. Vaught, and Cosby Vining were the first physicians. William C. Daniel was the first lawyer, and soon after he came, others followed, among the earliest of whom were L. B. Jasper, Joseph L. Hogg, Rufus Chandler, R.H. Guinn, S.R. Donley, M.H. Bonner, A.H. Shanks W. B. Davis and F.W. Bonner, Rev. J. B. Davis, a minister off the Cumberland Presbyterian church was the first minister to locate in the town. He taught the first school and organized the first church, the Cumberland Presbyterian. He also organized in 1850 the Rusk Sunday school which has continued to prosper, and grow stronger in its good work from that day to the present, without ceasing.

Soon after the C.P. Church was organized the Methodists organized a church at Rusk and the Rev. Henderson D. Palmer was the Methodist circuit rider in this section. In addition to the C.P. and the Methodist churches the Presbyterian also have a church in Rusk. All three churches have good church buildings and are at present date in prosperous condition.

On the 5th day of October 1846 the first district court for the county was convened; Hon. W.B. Ochiltree was the judge and Thomas. W. Blake was the acting district attorney. The court was held in a small log house then situated a little west of where the present court house stands. On the 15th day of January 1848 Euclid Lodge No. 45 of Mason at Rusk, was chartered, the first Masonic lodge organized in the county. Its officers were W.P. Brittain, Masons, W.M. James, U. Parsons, S.W. and James B. Harris, J.W. Cherokee Chapter no. 11 at Rusk was the first chapter in the county was chartered June 25, 1851. Its first officers were J.N. Thomas, H.P.-----

Lodge no 17 I.O.O.F. was chartered in about 1857, but the records having been lost, we have no means of knowing the exact date on its first officers, under the new charter was Sam A Wilson, R.B. Martin, John S. Wightman, T.L. Philleo, R.H. Guinn, Dan A. Veitch and A. Jackson.

The first newspaper published in the county was the "Rusk Pioneer", published at Rusk in the upper story of the house now known as the Cherokee Hotel. Its editor and proprietor was Joseph A. Clark. Subsequently in 1850 the Cherokee Sentinel was published in the same building by A. Jackson and I.E. Lang. In 1856 the Texas Enquirer was published by Col. W. T. Yeomans, and continued until 1861. In 1858 W. T. Yeomans and A. Jackson published the "Texas Freemason" the organ of fraternity in Texas. It was monthly paper and continued until 1861. In 1865 the "Texas Observer" was published by Jack Davis and H. S. Newland since that time it has been owned and published successively by Veitch and Red. Veitch and Barron, Veitch and Dillard, Jeff Shook and Co., M. A. and Jeff Shook, Jackson and Willson and Willson and son, and it is now owned and published by A. D. Davis Esq. In 1870 the "Cherokee Advertiser" was published in Rusk by J. C. Anderson. It was the official organ of the Republican party and was soon purchased by Thomas E. Hogg and Frank Templeton, who changed it to a Democratic paper. The Texas Intelligencer was for a time published at Rusk by J. K. Street. It was removed to Jacksonville and sold to A.S. McCollum and J.H. Mason, who published it at that place until 1875, when it was purchased by R.D. Orton and removed to Nacogdoches.

History of the Town of Rusk and Cherokee County, continued

In 1861 when the war between the States began, Cherokee county had grown to be populous and wealthy, and her people were almost a unit in favor of secession and enthusiastic in support of the cause of the south.

Not less than 2000 of her citizens volunteered into the army of the Confederate States, and hundreds of her best men lost their lives in battling for their state. The following named gentlemen organized and mustered companies from this county into the Confederate army; viz: Capts. F. M. Taylor. R. B. Martin, Jack Davis, J. C. Maples, Thomas R. Bonner G.W. Knox, James Taylor, Janies F. Wiggins, W. G. Engledow, W.B. Campbell, Dan Egbert, O. M. Doty, John Aycock, Thomas J. Johnson, James C. Francis, John T. Wiggins, and Pat Henry.

The first marriage license issued in the county of Cherokee as for Joseph T. Cook to marry Miss Ann Moseley. The rites of matrimony were solemnized between them on the 19 th day of August, 1846, by Wm. Daugherty, Probate Judge.

Sudie Givens, daughter of E. L. Givens, and Eliza B. Long, daughter of William T. Long, were the first two white children born in the town of Rusk.

Besides Rusk, the county site, there are other towns in the county of which we would have been pleased to give a historical sketch, but we have not been able in the short time allowed us to collect the necessary data to enable us to do so. The chief town among them is Jacksonville, situated on the I and G. N. railroad about 16 miles north of Rusk. The old town of Jacksonville, which was located about on mile and a half west of the new Jacksonville, was founded at an early day after the organization of the county by Mr. Jackson Smith, who still resides in that vicinity. It was for many years a prosperous and flourishing village, but when the railroad was constructed the depot was located at the present town of Jacksonville, and this resulted at once in the destruction of the old and the building up of the new town. It is now a growing and beautiful town. The other towns of the county are Larissa, 8 miles north of Jacksonville. Knoxville in the north eastern portion of the county, and Alto 12 miles south east of Rusk.

Cherokee county has in politics, always been largely democratic. It is noted and has always been for peace and quiet, and for the moral law abiding spirit of its people. It has never seen the scene of any turbulence, and but few deeds of violence have been committed within its borders. There never has been a time in its history when the laws could not be executed promptly and thoroughly by its civil officers.

The county has from its first settlement never failed to produce an abundant crop of corn and small grains, except in the remarkable dry year of 1860, and even then the grain crop was only a partial failure. It has also generally produced good cotton crops.

The I.G.N. railroad was constructed through the northern portion of the county in 1872. Previous to that time, Shreveport, LA was the principal market of the county, and transportation was by means of wagons drawn by oxen, horses, or mules.

The county has always, since its first organization, in all its towns and neighborhoods, maintained excellent schools- and at the present time there are few communities better supplied with educational facilities. The county has never been visited by any epidemic but on the contrary, has been noted for its healthfulness.

In conclusion, we must mention the superior musical facilities which for a number of years have been afforded to the people of Rusk. Prof Robert B. McEachern a most thorough and accomplished musician, and a poet of no ordinary abilities has been raised in our midst, and has ever, devoted his talents and his energies to the musical education of our young people, and on the present, occasion we have been entertained and delighted by music from his accomplished choir. Miss Harriett Mitchell, another music teacher of our town, has also added, largely to the music education of our young people.

Editor's Note: A committee of pioneer Cherokee County men (Sam A. Willson, A. Jackson, William T. Long, Asa Dosssett, E. B. Ragsdale, W. J. Ragsdale, R. H. Guinn, John J. Bowman, and Isaac Lee) was chosen by the citizens to compose the history. The narrative was to be read on the occasion of the celebration of July 4, 1876, the centennial anniversary of the American Independence. The above article was printed in The Observer published in Rusk in July 1876 and republished in the Rusk Cherokeean in the 1930's. Transcribed and submitted by Robert Harrison, 1806 E. Crosby Rd., Carrollton, TX 75006-7351

Little Bean's Cherokee Village

The role of the Texas Cherokee Indians in early East Texas military and political history is well-established and known generally. Their domestic history and ordinary living practices, however, are not so familiar, even to students of Texas history. The Cherokees left little written record of their 20-year sojourn between the Neches and Sabine Rivers. Even the few white people who knew them well left only occasional sketches of Cherokee domestic life. Sam Houston, the Cherokee's best white friend, addressing the Texas Senate in May, 1838, pictured his red friends in the following statement: "The Indian lands are forbidden fruit in the midst of the garden; their blooming peach trees, their snug cabins, their well-cultivated fields, and their lowing herds excite the speculators. Unfortunately, the struggle for possession of the Indians' land was so all-consuming for the reds and whites that neither left a description of Little Bean's settlement; therefore, a picture of the place must be constructed of bits and pieces of descriptive material from Cherokee Indian authorities who agree that all of their dwelling places were much alike. Frost Thorne, a millionaire land speculator at Nacogdoches in a letter (July 22, 1828) to Stephen F. Austin makes an enlightening observation about Cherokee settlements in the following quotation: "My colony is at this time totally occupied (sic) by the Indians. Churkees (Cherokees) and Shawnees are agriculturists and do not live in villages but in Compact Settlement. They raise much corn and I have myself this season purchased from the Churkees alone not less than 1,000 dollars worth of corn and pease (peas)." The Cherokees, one of five civilized tribes, lived much as did pioneer white settlers. In fact, many of the Texas Cherokees were of mixed blood, having descended from intermarriage of Cherokees and whites back in Tennessee. Another informative authority on the Cherokees, E. W. Winkler, made the following statement: "The Cherokees lived in log cabins, wore cotton clothes of their own manufacture, raised horses, hogs, and cattle, and cultivated patches of corn, vegetables, and fruit for their own convenience. They were no longer savages. "

According to a petition from the Cherokee Chiefs -to the Political Chief of Coahuila and Texas on July 20, 1833, there were about 800 Texas Cherokees. They owned 3,000 head of cattle, 3,000 hogs, and about 500 horses. They grew corn, peas, squash, and other vegetable crops and cotton. The Cherokee women made cotton cloth, which was sewn into clothes. All the necessities of life were gained by hunting with firearms, gathering, farming, and trading. Produce, livestock, and cotton were traded for necessities at Nacogdoches.

Texas Cherokee homes were described by Jean Louis Berlandier and Jose Maria Sanchez, who traveled through the Indian territory in 1830 and 1828, respectively. The Cherokees lived in square houses built of cedar logs and roofed with tree bark. Those writers stated also that the dwellings were grouped in communities. Berlandier noted also that the Cherokees maintained at least one schoolhouse where skills of domestic life were taught.

A typical Cherokee village, therefore, consisted of a number of log cabins scattered along a good stream of water with plenty of land left in between for cultivating crops, growing orchards, and raising livestock.

The location of Little Bean's settlement was pointed out in the first historical outline of Cherokee County ever compiled. A committee of pioneer Cherokee County men (Sam A. Willson, A. Jackson, William T. Long, Asa Dosssett, E. B. Ragsdale, W. J. Ragsdale, R. H. Guinn, John J. Bowman, and Isaac Lee) was chosen by the citizens to compose the history. The narrative was to be read on the occasion of the celebration of July 4, 1876, the centennial anniversary of the American Independence.

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John Grimes and Thomas Grimes Families submitted by Christine Knudson

We have completed the John Grimes (wife Catharine) and Thomas Grimes Families who went to Cherokee Co. TX in 1853. They left Coffee Co. AL to go to TX at that time. They are first cousins of Jesse Grimes of Grimes Co. TX. Several inquiries from Grimes families in Cherokee Co. have asked us Coffee Co. Grimes to supply them information about their Grimes lineage, and now we have it all documented. I don't know where this should be posted so all interested Grimes families in TX will see it.

I want to thank the Researchers in Cherokee Co. for their help in looking for the Bible Records of Catharine Frederick Grimes, but so far have not found her Bible. We found the papers signed by her children as they received their share of John Grimes' (d. 1837 in Stewart Co. GA) Estate. You will read about this below:

GOOD NEWS FOR DESCENDANTS OF THE FAMILIES OF JOHN AND CATHARINE FREDERICK GRIMES, THOMAS AND JANE FREDERICK GRIMES, MARSHALL AND EPSEY GRIMES, GEORGE K. AND MARY CATHARINE GRIMES, AND ANGELINE ELIZABETH GRIMES who all left Coffee County, AL to live in Cherokee County, TX in 1853.

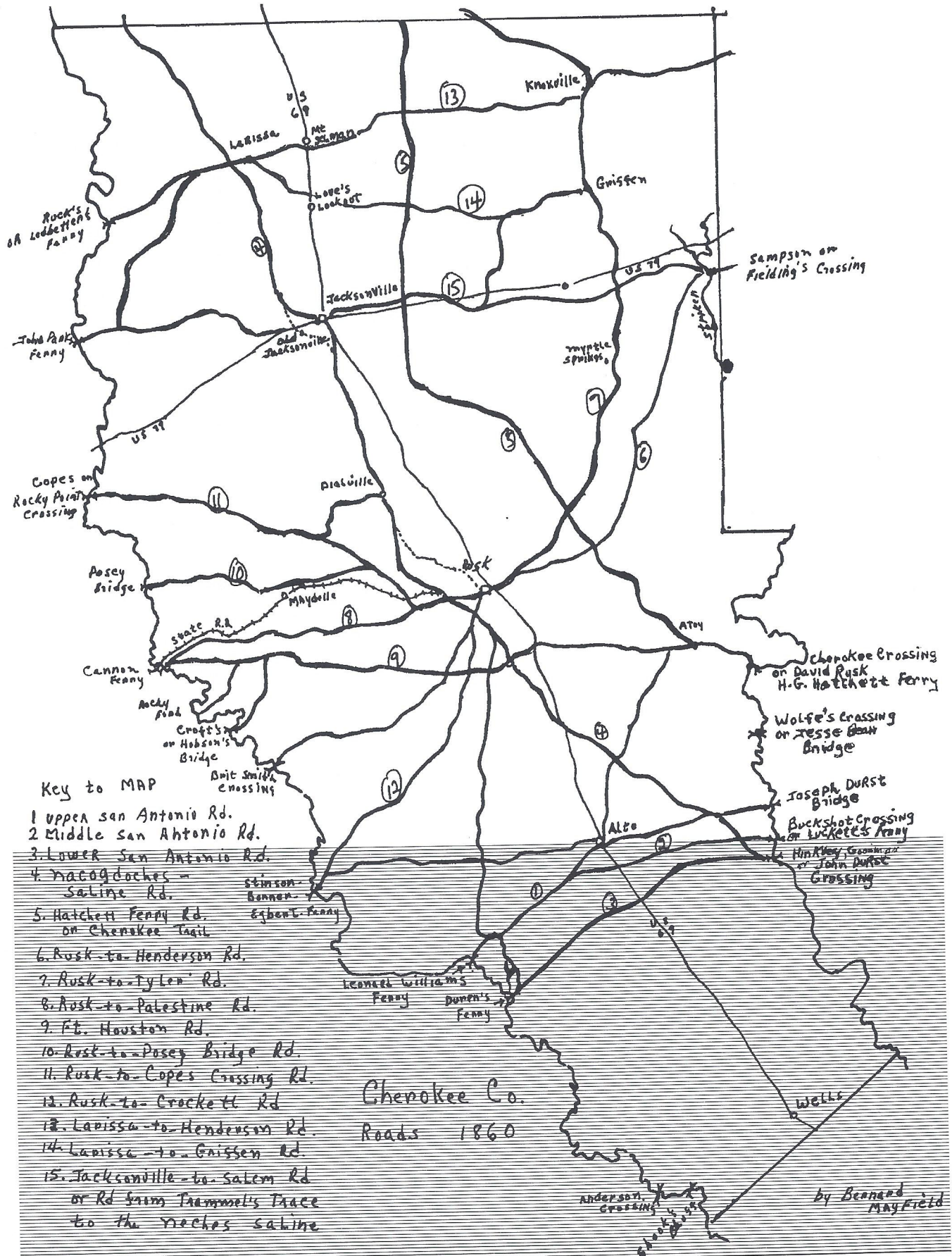
Grimes family researchers, Christine Grimes Thacker and Liz Grimes of GA, went to the GA Archives in Atlanta, and found a folder of loose papers, some pertaining to the DISTRIBUTION OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN GRIMES, SR who died in 1837 in Stewart Co. GA. The inheritance the children received from the Estate of John Grimes, deceased, was distributed by the Administrator, John Grimes, his son-in-law, July 27, 1846. Even though John Grimes died in 1837, the distribution of his Estate was not completed until after his family and his brother, Thomas Grimes, had moved into Coffee Co. AL. Thomas had married Jane Frederick in Washington Co., Ga, Nov. 3, 1829. This was his second marriage, and her first marriage. Thomas Grimes first married Lettice Kornegay in Duplin Co. NC, 18 May 1811.

Christine Knudson, another Grimes descendant, found pages from Felix Frederick's Bible, which had been filed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., with the Revolutionary War Pension Applications for Felix's widow, Catharine Norris. On a page in this Bible is written "Anne Elizabeth Grimes." Catharine Frederick, a daughter of Felix and Catharine Norris Frederick, married John Grimes in Duplin Co. NC Dec.22, 1813. We can now account for all the children of JOHN AND CATHARINE FREDERICK GRIMES. They are:

1. HEPSABETH B. (Epsy) GRIMES, b. 1815, Duplin Co. NC; d. abt 1870 in Cherokee Co., TX; m. MARSHALL W. GRIMES, Jan. 1, 1833 in Stewart Co. GA. Marshall Grimes was the son of Thomas Grimes.
2. ANNE ELIZABETH GRIMES, b. Nov. 9, 1816, Duplin Co. NC; d. Mar. 18, 1860 in Stewart Co., GA; m. JOHN GRIMES, Dec. 24, 1833 in Stewart Co. GA. William and Nancy Grimes were the parents of John Grimes.
3. JAMES HAYWOOD GRIMES, b. 1819, Duplin Co., NC; d. in Coffee Co. AL; m. SARAH WISE
4. JOHN WILLIAM GRIMES, b. May 17, 1820, Duplin Co., NC; d. Sept. 6, 1886, Elba, Coffee Co. AL; m. JULIA ANN GARRETT, abt 1846 in AL
5. FELIX KENAN GRIMES, b. 1823, Duplin Co. NC; m. SUSAN HARRISON, abt. 1845 in AL
6. MARY CATHARINE GRIMES, b. abt 1826, Duplin Co. NC; d. date unknown, located in Cherokee Co., TX Census in 1860; m. GEORGE KEY GRIMES abt 1845. George K. Grimes was born in GA, and was the son Thomas Grimes and his 1st wife. George K. and Marshall Grimes were brothers and they married sisters.
7. MARTHA JANE GRIMES, b. June 5, 1828, Duplin Co. NC; d. Dec. 31, 1896, Elba, Coffee Co., AL; m. JAMES GRIMES. William and Nancy were the parents of James Grimes. James Grimes and John Grimes were brothers and they married sisters. Both were born in NC, and lived in Stewart Co. GA in the 1830's.
8. ROBERT F. GRIMES, b. 1830, Stewart Co., GA; d. 1864, Marietta, GA; m. MARTHA SMITH.
9. SARAH EVALINE GRIMES, b. 1833, Stewart Co., GA; d. unknown m. unknown
10. ANGELINE ELIZABETH GRIMES, b. 1836, Stewart Co., GA; d. unknown; m. unknown. She went to Cherokee Co. TX in 1853, along with her mother CATHARINE GRIMES. MARSHALL GRIMES was her guardian while in Coffee Co., AL, and while in Cherokee Co., TX.

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Cherokee County Roads, 1860 by Bernard Mayfield



Occupations

Accomptant	Accountant	Dowser	One who finds water using a rod or witching stick
Almoner	Giver of charity to the needy	Draper	A dealer in dry goods
Amanuensis	Secretary or stenographer	Drayman	One who drives a long strong cart without fixed sides for carrying heavy loads
Artificer	A soldier mechanic who does repairs	Dresser	A surgeon's assistant in a hospital
Bailie	Bailiff	Drover	One who drives cattle, sheep, etc. to market; a dealer in cattle
Baxter	Baker	Duffer	Peddler
Bluestocking	Female writer	Factor	Agent, commission merchant; one who acts or transacts business for another; Scottish steward or bailiff of an estate
Boniface	Keeper of an inn	Farrier	A blacksmith, one who shoes horses
Brazier	One who works with brass	Faulkner	Falconer
Brewster	Beer manufacturer	Fell monger	One who removes hair or wool from hides in preparation for leather making
Brightsmith	Metal Worker	Fletcher	One who made bows and arrows
Burgonmaster	Mayor	Fuller	One who fulls cloth; one who shrinks and thickens woolen cloth by moistening, heating, and pressing; one who cleans and finishes cloth
Caulker	One who filled up cracks (in ships or windows or seems to make them watertight by using tar or oakum-hem fiber produced by taking old ropes apart	Gaoler	A keeper of the gaol, a jailer
Chaisemaker	Carriage maker	Glazier	Window glassman
Chandler	Dealer or trader; one who makes or sells candies; retailer of groceries	Hacker	Maker of hoes
Chiffonnier	Wig maker	Hatcheler	One who combed out or carded flax
Clark	Clerk	Haymonger	Dealer in hay
Clerk	Clergyman, cleric	Hayward	Keeper of fences
Clicker	The servant of a salesman who stood at the door to invite customers; one who received the matter in the galley from the ompositors and arranged it in due form ready for printing; one who makes eyelet holes in boots using a machine which clicked.	Higgler	Itinerant peddler
Cohen	Priest	Hillier	Roof tiler
Collier	Coal miner	Hind	A farm laborer
Colporteur	Peddler of books	Holster	A groom who took care of horses, often at an inn
Cooper	One who makes or repairs vessels made of staves & hoops, such as casks, barrels, tubs, etc.	Hooker	Reaper
Cordwainer	Shoemaker, originally any leather worker using leather from Cordova /Cordoba in Spain	Hooper	One who made hoops for casks and barrels
Costermonger	Peddler of fruits and vegetables	Huckster	Sells small wares
Crocker	Potter	Husbandman	A farmer who cultivated the land
Crowner	Coroner	Jagger	Fish peddler
Cuffier	One who dresses the coat of a horse with a currycomb; one who tanned leather by incorporating oil or grease	Journeyman	One who had served his apprenticeship and mastered his craft, not bound to serve a master, but hired by the day
Docker	Stevedore, dock worker who loads and unloads cargo	Joyner / Joiner	A skilled carpenter
		Keeler	Bargeman
		Kempster	Wool comber
		Lardner	Keeper of the cupboard
		Lavender	Washer woman

Occupations, continued

- Lederer** Leather maker
Leech Physician
Longshoreman Stevedore
Lorner Maker of horse gear
Malender Farmer
Maltster Brewer
Manciple A steward
Mason Bricklayer
Mintmaster One who issued local currency
Monger Seller of goods (ale, fish)
Muleskinner Teamster
Neatherder Herds cows
Ordinary Keeper Innkeeper with fixed prices
Pattern Maker A maker of a clog shod with an iron ring. A clog was a wooden pole with a pattern cut into the end
Peregrinator Itinerant wanderer
Peruker A wig maker
Pettifogger A shyster lawyer
Pigman Crockery dealer
Plumber One who applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead frames for plain or stained glass windows.
Porter Door keeper
Puddler Wrought Iron worker
Quarrier Quarry worker
Rigger Hoist tackle worker
Ripper Seller of fish
Roper Maker of rope or nets
Saddler One who makes, repairs or sells saddles or other furnishings for horses
Sawbones Physician
Sawyer One who saws; carpenter
Schumacker Shoemaker
Scribler A minor or worthless author
Scrivener Professional or public copyist or writer; notary public
Scrutiner Election judge
Shrieve Sheriff
Slater Roofer
Slopseller Seller of ready-made clothes in a slop shop
Snopscaat/Snob One who repaired shoes
Sorter Tailor
Spinster A woman who spins or an unmarried woman
Spurrer Maker of spurs
Squire Country gentleman; farm owner; justice of peace
Stuff gown Junior barrister
Stuff gownsman Junior barrister
- Supercargo** Officer on merchant ship who is in charge of cargo and the commercial concerns of the ship.
Tanner One who tans (cures) animal hides into leather.
Tapley One who puts the tap in an ale cask.
Tasker Reaper
Teamster One who drives a team for hauling
Thatcher Roofer
Tide Waiter Customs inspector.
Tinker an itinerant tin pot and pan seller and repairman
Tipstaff Policeman
Travers Toll bridge collection
Tucker Cleaner of cloth goods
Turner a person who turns wood on a lathe into spindles
Victualer A tavern keeper, or one who provides an army, navy, or ship with food
Vulcan Blacksmith
Wagoner Teamster not for hire
Wainwright Wagon maker
Waiter Customs officer or tide waiter; one who waited on the tide to collect duty on goods brought in.
Waterman Boatman who plies for hire
Webster Operator of looms
Wharfinger Owner of a wharf
Wheelwright One who made or repaired wheels; wheeled carriages, etc. Also used for architect
Whitesmith Tinsmith; worker of iron who finishes or polishes the work
Whitewing Street sweeper
Whitster Bleach of cloth
Wright Workman, especially a construction worker

Dan Burrows put these 130 items together from many sources and used it as a handout for his local Orange County (NY) Genealogical Society. "I was asked by many recipients if the CHART could be forwarded to other lists or used in local newsletters. The answer is yes -please share this information."

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Greeted by Death

His Only Day on Job

A bronze plaque in the spacious lobby of the Texas Department of Public Safety headquarters at 5805 North Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas honors the Texas Highway Patrolmen who have given their lives in the line of duty.

The story of each symbolizes the highest traditions of the state law enforcement agency, but one name that stands out is H. D. Murphy.

Murphy's tour of duty as a state highway patrolman is the shortest on record. It lasted less than a day. Also, Murphy and his riding partner that fateful Easter Sunday, E. B. Wheeler, were the first two state highway patrolmen killed by gunfire.

It began Easter Sunday morning, April 1, 1934, a bright, warm spring day that was full of promise for the 22-year-old rookie motorcycle patrolman. He wore a shiny new badge, issued just days before as he graduated from the Highway Patrol training school in Austin. His eyes sparkled with excitement of his new career and a forthcoming wedding. He was to marry his 20 year-old fiance, Maree Tullis, at his home town, Alto, within the next few days.

Trooper Wheeler and his new wife, Doris, wanted to go to church together, but he had to go on-duty. They held hands and talked quietly of spiritual things, such as the Resurrection of Christ. "Easter Parade" was playing on the radio. Then he held her for a moment, walked out of their small Fort Worth apartment, started his motorcycle and headed out to join Murphy and veteran officer Polk Ivy for motorcycle patrol duty in Tarrant County. It would be Wheeler and Ivy's duty to show rookie Murphy "the ropes".

It was bright and clear, a balmy 60 degrees when the three officers reached the Grapevine area. For the veterans it was to be just another routine day.

A short time later, a farmer near the town of Grapevine saw a late model Ford automobile parked on a dirt road within walking distance of his house. The couple were embracing -- young lovers he thought. Then he heard other motors approaching. Two uniformed officers approached the car on motorcycles. They were Texas Highway Patrolmen Edward B. Wheeler and H. D. Murphy.

Probably thinking the car held stranded motorists they might assist, the two troopers stopped and put the kick stands down on the motorcycles. Suddenly a murderous barrage of gunfire erupted from the couple in the car. Both officers fell wounded, struck numerous times by assailant's bullets.

The farmer, still watching from a distance, saw a man and woman emerge from the Ford automobile and walk to the dying troopers on the ground. The woman nudged the troopers with her foot. Then the couple fired another barrage of gunshots into the bodies with a sawed off shotgun. It was mutilation murders.

The killers were Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, the nation's most notorious criminals. Trooper Wheeler was 26, and Trooper Murphy was only 22. Still in 1999, Murphy remains the youngest state trooper to be killed in the line of duty.

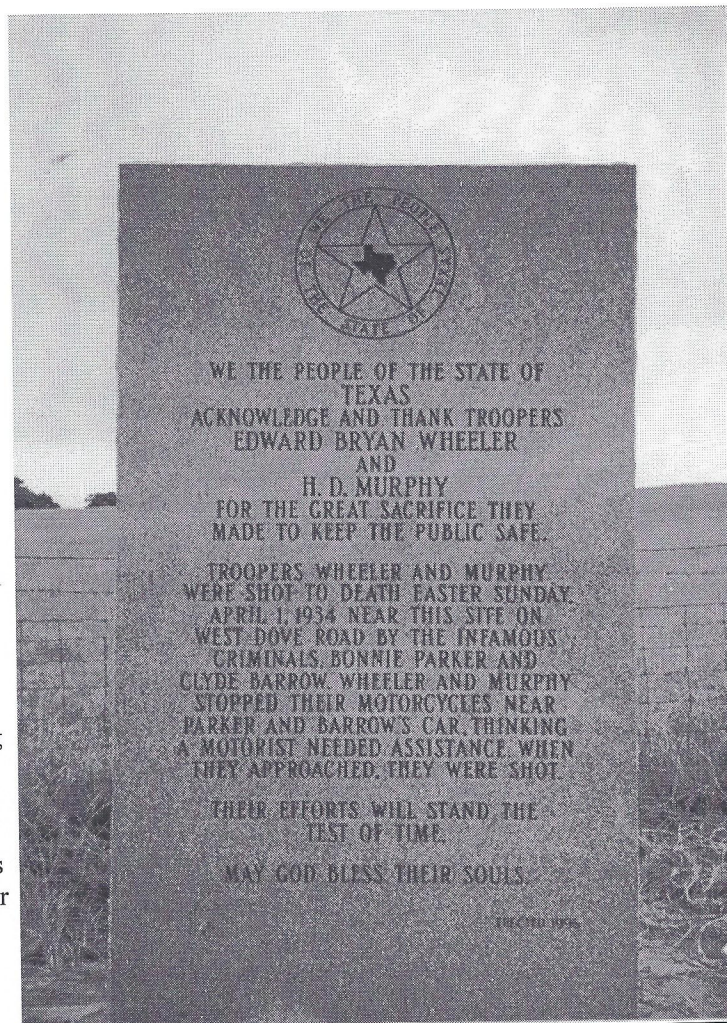
Both Wheeler and Murphy were excellent marksmen. In fact,

records show that shortly before they were gunned down they had taken time from their routine patrol duties for target practice along the highway. But their pistols were still in their holsters when Trooper Ivy found their bodies.

Trooper Ivy escaped the ambush only because he was riding several hundred yards ahead of Murphy and Wheeler. He continued on down the highway for about a mile before he discovered that Wheeler and Murphy were not trailing him. Turning back, he retraced the route and found his fellow officers lying on the ground - murdered.

Times were tough in 1934, especially for young widow Doris Wheeler. There was no state insurance for troopers, no Troopers Association no disaster funds for survivors. The department did get Doris a job as secretary at Camp Mabry in Austin, working in law enforcement.

In the mid-thirties, then Governor James V. Allred directed the infiltrating of gambling establishments. Doris Wheeler became a "Petticoat Ranger", living the life of a secret agent. One of her assignments was to successfully set up the "bust" of the Sam Maceo Gambling establishment in Galveston. But time never eased her pain of losing her husband Edward B. Wheeler.



His Only Day on Job

Some sixty years or more after the murder of Troopers Wheeler and Murphy, Doris Edwards (formerly Wheeler) became more incensed with reports of collectors paying high sums for clothing or articles belonging to Clyde Barrow or Bonnie Parker. She thought how time had erased from memory the event which caused the murder of Wheeler and Murphy.

Doris Edwards learned in early 1996 that a Fort Worth Star Telegram columnist, Mr. "Bud" Kennedy, was writing a new article about Bonnie and Clyde. In a meeting with Mr. Kennedy she learned about Mr. Rick Metcalf, who often at his own expense, was putting up memorial monuments honoring DPS Troopers and Texas Rangers killed in the line of duty.

In a follow up meeting with Mr. Metcalf she learned that the next monument was to honor Troopers Wheeler and Murphy. Doris told Mr. Metcalf, "God brought us together." The site for the new monument was to be at Texas Highway 114 and West Dove Road, only a few hundred yards from the spot where Troopers Wheeler and Murphy were murdered.

Mr. Kennedy alerted law enforcement units, the news media and many citizens about the dedication and ceremony on Monday, August 12, 1996. He brought with him resolutions from the Texas Legislature, Governor George Bush, State Representative Nancy Moffat and Southlake Mayor Rick Stacy.

On dedication day, at the once country pastoral scene that is now the busy intersection of Texas 114 and West Dove Road in Southlake (formerly part of Grapevine) a much larger than expected crowd gathered. Present were Doris Edwards, her husband and family members, plus brothers and nephews of H. D. Murphy.

Also present were Mr. Rick Metcalf, Mr. Rick Stacy, Mr. Paul Luckey of Rockdale Monuments (who donated the monument), Texas Highway Patrolmen, a special motorcycle patrol squadron from the Grapevine Police Department, Channel TV8 from Dallas several other TV and radio stations, and some senior citizens of the area who remembered quite well the events of Easter Sunday 1934.

The words inscribed in the hugh granite monument read:

WE THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS
ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK TROOPERS
EDWARD BRYAN WHEELER AND H. D. MURPHY
FOR THE GREAT SACRIFICE THEY MADE TO KEEP
THE PUBLIC SAFE.

TROOPERS WHEELER AND MURPHY WERE SHOT
TO DEATH EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1, 1934 BY THE
INFAMOUS CRIMINALS BONNIE PARKER AND
CLYDE BARROW. WHEELER AND MURPHY
STOPPED THEIR MOTORCYCLES NEAR PARKER
AND BARROW'S CAR THINKING A MOTORIST
NEEDED ASSISTANCE. WHEN THEY APPROACHED
THEY WERE SHOT.

THEIR EFFORTS WILL STAND THE TEST OF TIME.
MAY GOD BLESS THEIR SOULS.

A new Texas Highway Patrol Hall of Fame has recently opened in downtown San Antonio. It honors all Texas Highway Patrol officers who have died in the line of duty. Over seventy have lost their lives while on duty. Twenty-one troopers have been shot to death, and others were killed in traffic or other accidents.

After sixty-five years, H. D. Murphy still retains two records. His time of duty is the shortest on record, and he was and is the youngest Texas Highway Patrolman to die in the line of duty.

This article closes with the prayer that his two records will remain unmatched from now to eternity.

Footnote: Holloway Daniel (H.D.) Murphy was the third oldest child of eight born to Green William and Teria 'Novella Power Murphy. All eight graduated from Alto High School.

At time of H. D.'s death he was only twenty-two years and four months old. He is buried in Old Palestine Cemetery, Alto, Texas.

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NOW WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL OF THIS STUFF?

by Edward Henry Gaulin (Sr.) <EHGAULIN@worldnet.att.net>

A message on the Internet caught my eye the other day and I can't get it out of my mind. A West Coast genealogist had been exchanging information with a researcher in Virginia for some time. Then it happened. Her last message bounced - it couldn't be delivered as the address no longer existed. Fortunately she had received a number of family group sheets from her correspondent which listed a telephone number. When she called the number a man answered, so she asked for her Internet friend and, after a slight hesitation was told, "Oh, Mary Ann passed away three weeks ago." Shocked, but ever gracious, she expressed her sympathy and commented how close this long-distance relationship had become and how it will be missed by her. The husband explained that he was sorry that he couldn't be of any help because he really didn't know much about what his wife was doing with her genealogy.

Perhaps you too have noticed at genealogical gatherings that the average age of the participants is something in excess of 39 years, at least judging by hair color. Most of us really don't have a lot of time to devote to our hobby until after the kids are grown, out of school and we've retired. Then it is no longer a hobby, it becomes an obsession. At some point in our continuous search for dead people, our ancestors, we recognize our own mortality and start to think about a permanent home for our research. If our children or grandchildren appear to be interested, we have it made, but frequently that's not the case. Then what happens to our "stuff"?

Genealogists are usually pretty smart people, until it comes to providing for the distribution of their genealogical assets. The latter, in my case anyway, is a room full of books, journals, magazines, pamphlets, maps, photographs, brochures, newsletters, computer equipment and furniture (desk, chairs, file cabinets, tables, lamps, etc.). The files are loaded with folders bearing family and town names, historic events, and a bunch labeled "MISC." There are miles of computer printouts, hundreds of photocopies, and many "original" vital records. My desk is usually loaded with correspondence awaiting an answer -- either mine or from someone else. What should my wife do with all this stuff when I make the ultimate research trip -- a personal meeting with my ancestors?

Some of our brighter colleagues say "My college library is getting all my stuff" or it's going to the local public library or to the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City or even to the Library of Congress. Well, I hate to be the one to tell you this, but unless you are a celebrity or a huge financial donor, these institutions probably won't want your material - they just don't have room for it. They would be grateful for a copy of your book, but they might not want the manuscript

or research notes. The FHL would appreciate a GEDCOM disk of your genealogy database files, but it doesn't want your paper pedigree charts or family group sheets.

So what are your spouse and children to do with all of your stuff? They could really do a couple of dumb things with it if you don't provide guidance to them while you still can. It could be placed in the weekly trash collection and don't say "They wouldn't do that" because it unfortunately happens all the time. How about a garage sale? Now that is really scary, but it also happens every day. Remember all those old photos and tintypes you have seen in flea markets? How about all those bargain genealogy books you bought because you got to that garage sale before the dealers did? They all had to come from someplace.

What should you do to insure the sane distribution of your genealogical assets? Perhaps the first thing is to make a record of what you have and then try to keep it current. Show the acquisition date and how much you paid for each item on the inventory sheets. This is especially helpful for artifacts, collections, and books. A photographic record of these items, including those of rare books, could also be useful. Microfilm, microfiche and complete photocopies of books and some records have value. Back issues of many journals, newsletters, and magazines are also in demand by genealogists and therefore have value. However, if you don't tell them what is valuable, your heirs probably won't know.

Now that you have identified your assets, you need to tell someone what you want done with them. Maybe the simplest way is to prepare a letter to your heirs, but remember this lacks the force of law. If they want to, they can toss everything in the trash. A better way to provide for the distribution is in your will, particularly if you also designate sufficient funds to carry out your wishes. Your Last Will and Testament is also where you may make specific bequests: your copy of the 1898 edition of Burke's Peerage to your FGS Conference roommate or your old roll-top desk to your newest granddaughter. Your wishes can now be enforced by the courts, if necessary.

If you still want to have any of your assets given to your alma mater or a local library or anywhere else, personally contact that agency and discuss the possibility -- right now. It won't come as a surprise to them and they should be able to advise you immediately of any conditions of acceptance. If you can support those conditions, ask for a written acknowledgment that can be placed with your will.

Some other things that you can do right now are to distribute copies of your research among your family, friends, and, perhaps, local or national libraries. This is simple if you have

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progressed to the book-writing stage, but don't be too concerned if you haven't. Many genealogists assemble their pedigree charts, group sheets, pertinent vital records, selected family photographs, and other important documents in notebook form. They write a brief introduction, provide a table of contents, and sometimes an index before having copies made for distribution. Afterwards, the notebook can be kept current with a new year's letter which might include new charts and photos.

Computerized genealogical data can be distributed in the same way on diskette. Sometimes an envelope or jacket is provided in the notebook described above to house data disks. Another way some researchers try to insure the safeguarding of their electronic data is to submit it to the LDS Ancestral File (tm) or one or more of the other commercial collections. If you don't know how to do this, consult your local genealogical society or Family History Center or even the public library for instructions.

Another thing you can do right now to benefit your heirs is to clean up your files. Eliminate unnecessary correspondence and duplicate copies of records. Toss out all those old printouts you made in 1984 on your Apple IIe computer. Sell all the "Genealogical Helper" magazines you have saved since 1973, because you will never open one of them again and you know it. If you get 50 cents each for them you can have a pretty good dinner. Give away all that old computer software that is taking up room on your bookshelves -it's probably not worth anything anyway. Label your photographs, and diskettes too.

I find it a bit morbid, but you may wish to write your epitaph and select your tombstone now to insure future researchers will not encounter some of the same problems that you've had.

If you decide to follow some of these suggestions, when you do eventually meet your ancestors they may thank you for perpetuating their memory. They may also show you where you made some of your mistakes and be able to fill in a few of the blank spaces in your previous research.

Remember, do it now; there may be no tomorrow.

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Descendants of William Acker

Generation No. I

1. WILLIAM¹ ACKER.

Child of William ACKER is:

2. i. PETER ACKER² SR., b. Abt. 1730, Nuremberg, Germany, d. Abt. 1815, Acker Homestead Anderson S,C.

Generation No. 2

2. PETER ACKER² SR. (WILLIAM¹ ACKER) was born Abt, 1730 in Nuremberg, Germany, and died AN. 1815 in Acker Homestead, Anderson S. C.. He married JANE SUTHERLAND Abt. 1770 in Hunterdon Co., N.J., daughter of ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND and ELIZABETH WILLIAMS

Notes for PETER ACKER SR.: Buried in Acker Homestead Cem. in Anderson S. C. His wife, Jane Sutherland is also buried there. He saw service during the American Revolution under Gen. Wade Hampton. He was a blacksmith by trade and part of his service was devoted to shoeing horses for Gen.. Hampton and his soldiers- Colonial records of South Carolina show he was paid for supplies furnished during the war.

Children of PETER SR. and JANE SUTHERLAND are:

3. i. JOSEPH³ ACKER, b. September 16,1774, Virginia; d. August 08,1855, Dialville, Cherokee Co. Tx.
- ii. WILLIAM ACKER, b. 1772, Virginia; d. Abt. 1850, Anderson Co. S. C.; m. NANCY CLEMENTS, Abt. 1796.
- iii. PETER ACKER JR., b. 1776, Virginia; d. February 20,1830, Belton, S.C.; m. SUSANNAH HALBERT, February 20, 1798, South Carolina.
- iv. MARY ACKER, b. 1778, South Carolina; d. February 1852, Alabama; m. JAMES GRACE, 1805, Pendleton Dist. S. C..

More About MARY ACKER:
Fact 1: Buried in Blyton Cem., Birmingham, AL
- v. NANCY ACKER, b. 1781; d. February 27, 1846, Baker, AL; m. JOHN ALLEN MCDAVID, 1799.
- vi. ALEXANDER ACKER, b. 1782, Camden Dist. S. C.; d. Aft. 1850, Buried in Acker Cem. Anderson Co. S. C.; m. NAONG ORMA BRUTON.
- vii. ELIZABETH ACKER, b. 1784, South Carolina; m. JAMES TAYLOR.
- viii. SUSAN ACKER, b. 1788, south Carolina; d. December 05, 1862; m. REV PETER SANFORD VANDIVER.
- ix. Amos ACKER, b. June 30,1792, South Carolina; d. June 16,1879, Williamstown,S.C.; m, RUTH HALBERT, May 02,1815.

Generation No. 3

3. JOSEPH³ ACKER (PETER ACKER² SR., WILLIAM¹ ACKER) was born. September 16, 1774 in Virginia, and died August 08, 1855 in Dialville, Cherokee Co. Tx.. He married RUTH ALEXANDER November 23, 1798 in South Carolina.

Children of JOSEPH ACKER and RUTH ALEXANDER are:

Descendants of William Acker

4. i. ALEXANDER⁴ ACKER, b. July 27, 1812, South Carolina; d. December 22, 1871, Cherokee Co.,Tx
- ii. ALFRED ACKER, b. November 13, 1799, South Carolina; d. August 1844, Tuscaloosa, AL; m. RACHEL HERRING, Abt. 1818.
- iii. LUCINDA ACKER b. February 27, 1802, South Carolina; d. December 06, 1884, Bee Branch, Van Buren, Ark.; m. WILLIAM WILTON BURNES, November 04,1847, Bibb Co. AL.
- iv. JAMES E. ACKER, b. September 09,1803, South Carolina; d. September 16,1881, Shelby Co. AL Buried in Acker Cem.; m. MARY ARGO, July 10, 1828, Jefferson Co. AL.
- v. AMOS ACKER, b. February 04,1806, South Carolina; d. October 28,1862, Lowndes, Miss.; m. ELIZABETH EUBANKS, January 02, 1834,
- vi. JANE ACKER, b. March 10, 1808; m. PINKNEY HERRING, December 28, 1827, Tuscaloosa, AL;
- vii. ARTEMESA ACKER, b. May 01, 1810; d. April 24,1891, Cherokee Co. Tx.; m. GEORGE WASHINGTON SHARP, April 24, 1834, Bibb co. AL.

More About ARTEMESA ACKER:
Fact 1: Buried in Providence Cemetery near Jacksonville, Tx.
- viii. WILLIAM ACKER, b. September 23, 1814, Pendleton Dist., S. C.; d. March 12, 1893, Buried in Moores Cem, Shelby Co. Al; m. SENITH JANE STRICKLAND, December 21, 1832, Bibb co. AL.
- ix. DESTIMONY ACKER, b. February 23,1817, South Carolina; m. BEN WALKER.
- x. TERRESE ACKER, b. July 27,1819, South Carolina; d. June 10, 1912, Bedias, Grimes, Tx; m. WILLIAM BRYSON JR., November 12,1840, Shelby Co. AL.
- xi. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ACKER, b. November 04,1821, Alabama; d. March 08,1899; m. ELIZABETH THOMPSON, December 10, 1942, Bibb co. AL.
- xii. PETER ACKER, b. December 10, 1823, Alabama-, d. October 16, 1875, Cherokee Co. Tx Buried in Rocky Springs Cem.; m. MARTHA THOMPSON, March 24,1846, Bibb co. AL.
- xiii. MARGARET ACKER, b. April 06, 1826, Alabama; m. ABNER B. HULL, December 30, 1852, Cherokee Co. Tx.
- xiv. MARY ACKER, b. April 22,1828, Alabama; m. GEORGE WASHINGTON BRYSON, January 30,1845.

Generation No. 4

4. ALEXANDER⁴ ACKER (JOSEPH³ PETER ACKER² SR., WILLIAM¹ ACKER) was born July 27, 1812 in South Carolina, and died December 22, 1871 in Cherokee Co.,Tx.. He married NANCY MOSES January 02, 1834 in Tuscaloosa, AL, daughter of SAMUEL MOSES and MASON DENNIS.

More About ALEXANDER ACKER:

Fact 1: Buried in Holly Springs Cem.,Cherokee Co.,Tx.

More About NANCY MOSES:

Fact 1: Buried in Holly Springs Cem., Cherokee Co., Tx.

Descendants of William Acker

Children of ALEXANDER ACKER and NANCY MOSES are:

5. i. JOHN B.⁵ ACKER, b. 1844, Alabama; d. June 1884, Stevens Co., TX.
- ii. SARAH ACKER, b. 1834.
- iii. JAMES ACKER, b. 1835.
- iv. BAYLESS GRACE ACKER, b. May 24, 1836, Shelby Co. AL; d. October 13, 1900, Cherokee Co. Tx.; m. ELIZABETH FRANCES CLARDY, February 14, 1861, Alabama.
- v. SAMUEL M. ACKER, b. 1838; d. July 03, 1863, Gettysburg, Pa.

More About SAMUEL M. ACKER:
Fact 1: Buried in Gettysburg National Cemetery
- vi. MARTHA M. ACKER, b. 1842, Alabama.
- vii. JOSEPH PINKNEY ACKER, b. April 18, 1843, Alabama; d. March 18, 1925, Jacksonville, Tx. Buried in Providence Cem.; m. ANNIE REBECCA WHITAKER JENNINGS, October 18, 1866, Alabama
- viii. GEORGE W ACKER, b. December 28, 1845; d. September 09, 1916, Pickens Co., AL Buried at Marvin Chapel; m. SARAH CATHERINE JENNINGS, July 04, 1866, Carrolton, Pickens Co. AL.
- ix. MARION ACKER, b. December 27, 1847; d. December 08, 1904, Navarro Co., Tx; m. NANCY ELIZABETH CONWAY, March 25, 1859.
- x. MARY ELIZABETH ACKER, b. 1848; m. MARCUS D. MULLINS, July 22, 1870, Cherokee Co. Tx
- xi. DAVID A. ACKER, b. December 06, 1850, Alabama; d. February 21, 1920; m. MARTHA ANNA WINDLE, December 22, 1883, Pickens Co., AL.
- xii. THOMAS W. ACKER, b. August 04, 1854, Shelby Co., AL; d. August 07, 1935, Los Angeles, Ca. Buried in Roosevelt Cem.; m. LISA JAIN WILLIAMS, June 20, 1875, Cherokee Co. Tx.
- xiii. ALEXANDER AMOS ACKER, b. March 08, 1855, Alabama; m. MARY ELIZABETH CRUME, January 09, 1887, Cherokee Co. Tx.
- xiv. RUTH LUCINDA ACKER, b. 1856.
- xv. ROBERT ACKER, b. 1857.

Generation No. 5

5. JOHN B.⁵ ACKER (ALEXANDER⁴, JOSEPH³, PETER ACKER² SR., WILLIAM¹ ACKER) was born 1844 in Alabama, and died June 1884 in Stevens Co., Tx.. He married AGNES LUCINDA JEWELL February 05, 1868 in Laurence Co. Miss..

Notes for JOHN B. ACKER:

Buried in Acker Cemetery near Breckinridge in Stevens Co., Tx. The old Acker homeplace is nearby. As of 1998 his headstone is still readable.

Descendants of William Acker

Notes for AGNES LUCINDA JEWELL:

Agnes died at Hood in Cook Co., Tx. She was living with Meredith Acker at the time.

Children of JOHN ACKER and AGNES JEWELL are:

6. i. JOHN MARION⁶ ACKER, b. February 18, 1875, Cherokee Co., Tx.; d. June 14, 1954, San Antonio, Tx
- ii. ALBERT LEE ACKER.
- iii. GEORGE MEREDITH ACKER.

Generation No. 6

6. JOHN MARION⁶ ACKER (JOHN B.⁵, ALEXANDER⁴, JOSEPH³, PETER ACKER² SR., WILLIAM¹ A CKER was born February 18, 1875 in Cherokee Co., Tx., and died June 14, 1954 in San Antonio, Tx.. He married WILLIE MURIEL SMITH November 18, 1906 in Indian Territory, Okla., daughter of NOAH SMITH and ELIZABETH ALLEN.

Notes for JOHN MARION ACKER:

John and Willie Acker are buried at Hale Center, Tx. cemetery.

More About JOHN MARION ACKER:

Fact 1: November 18, 1906, Marriage Lic.# 2193, Book J - page 561. Ardmore, Okla.

Children of JOHN ACKER and WILLIE SMITH are:

8. i. AGNES ELIZABETH⁷ ACKER, b. September 28, 1914, Johnson Co., Tx.; d. September 22, 1959, San Antonio, Tx..
9. ii. LAWRENCE W. ACKER, b. 1912; d. March 16, 1991, Ft. Meyers, Fla
10. iii. JOHN ACKER, b. January 13, 1916, Clebume, Tx.

7. ALBERT LEE⁶ ACKER (JOHN B. ⁵, ALEXANDER⁴, JOSEPH³, PETER ACKER² SR. . WILLIAM¹ ACKER).

Children of ALBERT LEE ACKER am:

- i. ERNEST⁷ ACKER.
- ii. ARMOND ACKER.
- in. MILTON ACKER.
- iv. J.T. ACKER.
- v. WOODROW ACKER.
- vi. GLADYS ACKER.

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GEORGE W. AUTRY [SR] /MARY ANN [CHEROKEE INDIAN]

HUSBAND George W. AUTRY [Sr]-736

BIRTH: 1805 PLACE: Rutherford Co,N. C.

CHR.: PLACE:

MAR.: 1826 PLACE- Alabama

DEATH: Aft 1880 PLACE: Rusk Co ? Texas?

BURIAL: Aft 1880 PLACE: Rusk Co ?:Texas?

Parent Link Type: (B)

FATHER: Absalom AUTRY-4344 MOTHER: unknown-4384

OTHER WIVES: Winney (Williams) MEEK-4333 Parents' MRIN: 420

WIFE Mary Ann [Cherokee Ind]-737

BIRTH: 1810 PLACE:

CHR.: PLACE:

DEATH: Abt 1853/1856 PLACE: Rusk Co, Texas

BURIAL: PLACE:

Parent Link Type:

FATHER: MOTHER:

OTHER HUSBANDS:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: Sarah (Sally) AUTRY-604

Parent Link Type: (B)

BIRTH: Abt 1827 PLACE: St Clair Co, Alabama

F CHR.: PLACE:

MAR.: 18 Nov 1849 PLACE- Rusk Co Texas

DEATH: Abt 1873 PLACE:* :Lee Co., Texas

BURIAL: PLACE:

SPOUSE: John H. HILLIN-590 MRIN: 321

2. NAME: Alcista (Alisty) AUTRY-601

Parent Link Type: (B)

BIRTH: 14 Jun 1829 PLACE: St Clair Co,Alabama

F CHR.: PLACE:

MAR.: 27 Sep 1849 PLACE: Rusk Co, Texas

DEATH: 8 Sep 1887 PLACE: Cherokee Co, Texas

BURIAL: PLACE Myrtle Sprqs Cem, Cherokee Co Texas

SPOUSE: Nathaniel HILLIN-593 MRIN: 322

3. NAME: William J. AUTRY-4321

Parent Link Type: (B)

BIRTH: 1831 PLACE: ,Alabama

M CHR.: PLACE:

MAR.: 24 Dec 1854 PLACE: Cherokee Co, Texas

DEATH: Aft 1880 PLACE: Bosque Co ?,Texas ?

BURIAL: PLACE: '

SPOUSE: Frances Ann HEFLIN-4327 MRIN: 1706

4. NAME: Nancy M. AUTRY-4307

Parent Link Type: (B)

- BIRTH: Feb 1833 PLACE: St. Clair Co,Alabama

F CHR.: PLACE:

MAR.: 4 Dec 1851 PLACE: Rusk Co, Texas

DEATH: Aft 1900 PLACE: :Navarro, Texas

BURIAL: PLACE:

SPOUSE: George C. REDDEN-4308 MRIN: 1704

GEORGE W. AUTRY [SR] /MARY ANN [CHEROKEE INDIAN]

5. NAME: George W. AUTRY [Jr]-4322 Parent Link Type: (B)
 - BIRTH: 19 Feb 1835 PLACE: Benton Co,Alabama
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 19 Feb 1857 PLACE- Cherokee Co, Texas
 DEATH: 17 Dec 1910 PLACE: Laneville , Rusk Co Texas
 BURIAL: Dec 1910 PLACE: New Salem Cem, Rusk Cc Texas
 SPOUSE: Missouri A. Cordelia REEVES-4328 A IN: 1707 There are other marriage(s)
6. NAME: Hiram F. AUTRY-4323 Parent Link Type: (B)
 BIRTH: 1838 PLACE: Benton Co,Alabama
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE:
7. NAME: Syntha F. [Cynthia] AUTRY-4324 Parent Link Type: (B)
 BIRTH: 1841 PLACE: Benton Co, Alabama
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 27 Nov 1856 PLACE: Cherokee Co, Texas
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Benjamin T. ADAMS-4330 MRIN: 1709 There are other marriage(s)
8. NAME: James Lary AUTRY-4325 Parent Link Type: (B)
 BIRTH: 1845 PLACE: Benton Co, Alabama
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 30 May 1966 PLACE- Grimes Co Texas
 DEATH: 31 Jan 1913 PLACE: San Antonio, Bexar Co, Texas
 BURIAL: Jan 1913 PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Martha (Mattie) GILES-4332 MRIN: 1711
9. NAME: Mary A. AUTRY-4326 Parent Link Type: (B)
 BIRTH: 1852/1853 PLACE: Rusk Co, Texas
 F CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE:

HUSBAND Geoge W AUTRY [Sr]-736

OTHER MARRIAGES

Winney (WILLIAMS) MEEK-4333 (MRIN:419)

Married: 28 Sep 1857 Cherokee Co, Texas

NOTES:

Most Autry information from Geraldine B. Garrett Bullard TX, April 1993

2nd Marriage-MARRIAGE RECORDS OF CHEROKEE CO TX " 1846-1886 Ogreta W. Huttash Jacksonville, TX, 1974, page 3; from book D2-30

Came to Rusk Co from Benton Co (now Calhoun and part of Cleburne Co) AL about 1847/48. Several Hillin's lived in Benton Co; Rice, Nathaniel and others.

1822, 20 Nov-St Clair Co OLD HUNTSVILLE LAND OFFICER RECORDS AND MILITARY WARRANTS, 1810-1854 Marilyn D. Barefield, Southern Hist Press, Birmingham, AL, 1985 page 9 Absalom Autry buys land in section 13, Township 14 Range 5 East later gives part to George and wife Mary who sell in 1846)

GEORGE W. AUTRY [SR] / MARY ANN [CHEROKEE INDIAN]

- 1824 26 May-St Clair Co, ALABAMA DEED RECORD 1823-1832, Book A page 27, deed 26 May 1824 Absalon Autrey gave sons Enoch, James and George his land East part of Section 13 township 14 and range 5 containing 152 36/100th acres on waters of Coosa River. Page 28-gave sons livestock, furniture, etc
- 1830 St Clair Co, AL Census page 233 he and wife 20-30 2 daughters under 5 years of age (Sarah and Alcista) one family away from James Autrey (his brother ?) and living next to Absalom Autrey 80-90 years old), his father ?
- 1833 2 August-St Clair Co ALABAMA DEED BOOK 1823-1832, Book B, page 143 the property sold to their brother, Cornelius Autrey on 2 August 1833
- 1840 Benton Co (now Calhoun Co) AL Census page 48, call number 2332 Geo Autry 0 -5 2 boys; 5-10, 1 boy and 2 girls; 10-15, 1 girl; male and female 30-40
- 1840, 11 March-Benton (now Calhoun) Co- listed as having note owed to the estate of Hezekiah B. Ingram, OLD WORDS OF ESTATES AND ADMINISTRATIONS, BENTON (CALHOUN) COUNTY AL VOL III by Cathrine Mann and Josephine Woolf NE AL Gen Soc Inc Gadsden AL page 83
- 1846 17 Dec - St Clair Co, ALABAMA DEED BOOK C, Page 29, Indenture between George Awtrey and Mary his wife selling to Bennett Oldham the east half of the SW quarter, Township 14 Range 5 East containing 40 acres for \$100
- 1850 Rusk Co TX Census family 300, 13 Oct 1850, George Autry, age 45, born GA with wife Mary Born in ?, living with children, William, Nancy, George W., Hiram F., Cynthia,, and James L. (all born in AL), living next door to John Hillin and his wife Sarah (George and Mary's daughter at dwelling 301
- 1870 Montgomery Co, TX Census, dwelling 14, at age 66, living with wife Winnie children Mary A, John A Charle and Josephine
- 1880 Rusk to TX Census family/dwelling 39/49, George born NC is 75 father born England, mother' born in Germany, living wih wife Winnie (age 47) and children Charles,, Emma and Lemuel and step daughter Sallie Williams, living 9 dwellings from son George.

CHILD 1 Sarah (Sally) AUTRY-604

- NOTES: DEATH: James Willis Hillin in 1917 made an Affidavit in Milam and Burleson Co (son of James Jesse grandson of John) said Sarah died about 43 years ago or 1874-From Perry Holder's Itr dtd 14 Mar 1990 Jefferson Davis Hillin in Milam Co on 18 April 1914 in an affidavit stated 'Sallie' died intestate in Lee Co TX a out 1874-Perry Holder Itr dtd 14 Mar 1990
- Sarah divorced in Bosque Co TX on 18 Feb 1873, Daughter Mary Jane married J. M. Collins on 29 June 1873 in Bosque County. Perhaps they lived to together (15)
- 1860 Cherokee Co TX Census, family 573, Rusk PO, page 453; living with spouse and 4 children listed as farmer
- 1870 Cherokee Co TX Census, family 210 Beat #5, page 32; living with spouse and 5 children, age 48 (b. 1822 in AL)

CHILD 2 Alcista (Alisty) AUTRY-601

- NOTES: BIRTH/DEATH: Tombstones
- Older sister Sarah (Sallie) married to Nathaniel's half brother John Hillin
- 1860 Panola Co TX census family # 576; living with spouse and 3 children in Walnut Hill P 0 area \$1000 in real estate CEMETERIES OF NE CHEROKEE CO TX, #3, Vol 1, Helen Woodell Crawford, 1972

CHILD 3 William J. AUTRY-4321

- NOTES: Most info from Family Group Records of Geraldine B. Garrett, Bullard, TX, in April 1993. Nancy M. Autry is her ancestor, -resident of Bosque Co TX in 1880 -served in Civil War
- MARRIAGE-MARRIAGE RECORDS OF CHEROKEE CO TX, 1846-1880, Ogreta W. Huttash, Jacksonville , TX, 1974, page 4; Book C-70 -married Frances Ann Heflin 24 Dec 1854 in Cherokee Co TX
- 1860 Rusk Co TX Census, Beat # 3 New Salem; family 498/513, he a grocery keeper, livin at ag 27 with Wife Frances and son and daughter
- 1880 Bosque Co TX Census, at age 49 living as farmer with wife Francis and 7 children, living next door to George Autry (age 25) and wife and child (probably son of his brother George W. Jr)

GEORGE W. AUTRY [SR] / MARY ANN [CHEROKEE INDIAN]

CHILD 4 Nancy M. AUTRY-4307

NOTES: Most info from Family Group Records of Geraldine B. Garrett, Bullard, TX, in April 1993. Nancy M Autry is her ancestor. -in Dallas Co TX in 1910 Census

Some info from descendent, Calvin Files, San Marcos, CA in note 4 April 1995 -not found in census after 1900

RUSK CO TX MARRIAGE RECORDS, 11843-1877, Frances Terry Ingmire, St Louis, MO, 1979, page 10, marriage day listed as 5 Dec 1851

CHILD 5 George W. AUTRY [Jr]-4322

OTHER MARRIAGES:

Zephya Elizabeth (Lawhon) ATCHINSON-4329 (MRIN:1708)

Married: 16 May 1872 , Cherokee Co, Texas

NOTES: Most info from Family Group Records of Geraldine B. Garrett, Bullard, TX, in April 1993. Nancy M. Autry is her ancestor.

Some info from Audrey Blanton Harmon Merritt Island FL in letter dated 18 Oct and family group records. His descendent is Frances Ann Autrey, daughter of George, W. Autry Jr. Ist wife's name also spelled Masuria, had 5 children and provided info -2nd wife's name was Zephya Elizabeth (Atchinson) Lawhon, twins served in Civil War

BIRTH/DEATH-71 CEMETERIES, RUSK CO TX Vol I by Mary Dunn Henderson, TX 1 1982, page 157, New Salem Cemetery in SW Rusk Co. near Lake Striker, was a Mason

MARRIAGES-MARRIAGE RECORDS OF CHEROKEE CO TX, 1846-1880, Ogreta W. Huttash, Jacksonville, TX, 1974, page 4

Ist Marriage-Missouri -Book C-314

2nd Marriage-Elizabeth-Book E-431, listed as Mrs Lanham

1850 Rusk Co Texas Census-living at age 14 with parents and siblings in Rusk Co

1880 Rusk Co Texas Census-living with wife Elizabeth and 2 children and brother John in dwelling 30 (9 dwellings from father), have 2 servants with 2 children

1900 Rusk Co Texas Census-living at age 65 with wife Elizabeth and niece Cary in dwelling 43/43 in Justice Pct 6, married 44 years, Elizabeth had no children

1910 RUSK Co Texas Census-living at age 75 with daughter Fannie and her family (232 238) in Precinct 5 19 (Laneville)

Cemetery visited 9 August 1 95 and tombstone info recorded (363)

CHILD 6 Hiram F. AUTRY-4323

NOTES: Most info from Family Group Records of Geraldine B. Garrett, Bullard, TX, in April 1993. Nancy M. Autry is her ancestor.

CHILD 7 Syntha F. [Cynthia] AUTRY-4324

OTHER MARRIAGES: Robert BOSTIC-4331 (MRIN:1710) Married: 28 Jul 1867 Cherokee Co, Texas

NOTE :Most info from Family Grou Records of Geraldine B. Garrett, Bullard, TX, in April 1993. Nancy M. Autry is her ancestor.

MARRIAGE RECORDS OF CHEROKEE CO TX 1846-1880 Ogreta W. Huttash Jacksonville, TX, 1974, page 1; name spelled Syntha, from book C, page 275

CHILD 8 James Lary AUTRY-4325

NOTES: most info from Family Group Records of Geraldine B. Garrett, Bullard, TX, in April 1993. Nancy M. Autry is her ancestor. -served in Civil hr.

Marriage ?-Jim Autry married to Martha Giles on 15 Dec 1874 RUSK CO. TX MARRIAGE RECORDS, 11843-1877, Frances Terry Ingmire, St Louis, MO, 1979 ' page 10 , marriage day listed as 5 Dec 1851 ? elsewhere listed as 3 May 1866 in Grimes Co, TX

CHILD 9 Mary A. AUTRY-4326

NOTES: Most info from Family Group Records of Geraldine B. Garrett, Bullard, TX, in April 1993. Nancy M. Autry is her ancestor.

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