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## EDITOR'S LETTER

As we end the Twentieth Century and begin the new millennium the Cherokee County Genealogical Society has completed its 25th year of operation. This would be an appropriate time to take stock of our progress over the last quarter century.

Our Society began with 23 charter members, mostly from Jacksonville, Texas and has grown to eighteen couples and one hundred nine individual members from fifteen states as follows:

AL	2	AR	2	AZ	1	CA	3	CO	2	FL	1
KS	1	LA	1	MD	1	MN	1	NJ	1	NM	1
OK	5	TX	102	WA	1	(see the membership list beginning on page 41)					

Since our beginning, the society has published on a regular basis, starting with a monthly one page newsletter, then larger monthly publications until today we publish a quarterly journal of 36 editorial pages. We began publishing books in 1982 with volume 1 of OUR BEFORES, ANCESTOR CHARTS. Our first CD-ROMs were published in 2000. We now have 23 books and CD-ROMs in print. Our latest are GRAVE MARKER INDEX FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY TEXAS in both book (\$35.00) and CD-ROM (\$15.00) form. See the complete list on page 73.

The Society began collecting genealogical reference works for members to use. As the collection grew the books were given to the Jacksonville Public Library. Jacksonville Public Library remains our primary archive, with 55 books and microfiche given during the 1999-2000 fiscal year. We regularly exchange publications with 43 other genealogical societies which are placed in the Jacksonville Public Library. Over the years we have also given a computer, printer and table to be used for genealogical research and a vertical file to store family files. The Summers Norman Foundation assisted us financially in paying for the computer and vertical file. We have not ignored the other libraries in the surrounding area. We have donated books, microfilm readers and other materials to the libraries in Alto, Rusk, Bullard, and Wells.

Our society is on a sound financial footing with adequate funds for our operations and gifts. These funds have been generated from dues, book sales, gifts and two Ancestor Swap Meets.

In the fall of 1996 we began our Internet Site. This site has grown to 72 pages with over 4 MB of data including indexes of several of the books published by the society, links to other genealogical sites and a bibliography of the known books, research papers and archives about Cherokee County. One important page is the Order Blank. This allows a person on the Internet to order our books and other publications. My guess is that about 40% of our book orders come from the Internet.

We have gotten off to a great start. Stick with us folks, the best is yet to come!

Gordon Bennett, Editor

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Barnett, Patton and Smith Families

FAMILY PATTON GENERATION \_\_\_\_\_ CHART NO. 3-A

HUSBAND'S NAME Thomas Berry Patton WIFE'S NAME Nancy Emaline Smith

RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

BRTH DATE 2 July 1854 PLACE \_\_\_\_\_ BRTH WT. \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT HT. \_\_\_\_\_

MED. REC. \_\_\_\_\_ NO. CH. FROM PREV. MAR. \_\_\_\_\_

MAR. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

DTH DATE 31 Aug 1912 PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERY Union Grove Cemetery LOCATION So. of Jacksonville TX-FH 2138

MAR. \_\_\_\_\_ TIMES INFO OTH. WIVES/CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

HIS FATHER'S NAME John F. Patton HER FATHER'S NAME John Smith

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Mary A. Reynolds MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Mary Smith

AFFILIATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_ AFFILIATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

KNOWN CHILDREN	BORN	WHERE	MAR. TO	WHEN	WHERE	CH.	DIED	CAUSE	WHERE	SEE
Mollie	14 Jan 1879		Wm. Baxter Barnett							Barnett Chart #3
Jessie Wesley	17 Sept 1881		_____ Hibbard							
chester	d. 3-29-1881 15 July 1881 & June 1885		_____ Whitaker							
Ellen	21 Dec 1887		_____ Marsh							
Jim	11 June 1890									
Lucy	16 Oct 1892									
Vina	11 Jan									
Lennie	3 Mar 1897									
Velma	8 Nov 1899									
Bertha	27 Oct 1903		Jessie Patton	6.9-17-1881			18.82	Ref. pag. #6		
(Info from Vina & she left her year date blank)										

SOURCES AND NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes from Dorothy Wayne Humphries See Ref. Pap. #13  
 \_\_\_\_\_ From Tombstones For more clues read letter - Research Paper #6  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Cemeteryman's Record - Service for Mary Jane Barnett #2 in Ref. Papers  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Notes from Vina Marsh & Velma Hibbard See Ref. Pap. #2, 7

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HUSBAND'S NAME Thomas Berry Patton CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_



Barnett, Patton and Smith Families

FAMILY PATTON GENERATION \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S NAME John F. Patton ( )  
 RESIDENCE Chester Co. TX  
 OCCUPATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
 BRTH DATE 10 Oct 1839 PLACE \_\_\_\_\_ BRTH WT. \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT HT. \_\_\_\_\_  
 MED. REC. \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAR. DATE 4 Aug 1900 PLACE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DTH DATE 4 Aug 1900 PLACE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CEMETERY Union Grove Cemetery LOCATION 2 mi. S. of Jacksonville, TX  
 MAR. 2 TIMES INFO OTH. WIVES/CHILDREN 2 wifes: Arbelles Reynolds & Mary Reynolds  
 HIS FATHER'S NAME George Patton b. ?  
 MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_ b. TX  
 AFFILIATIONS: On 1870 Census his name appears on all Prec. #3 pages as assistant marshal, Jacksonville, TX. 1 OVER

CHART NO. 3-B  
 Ann Rhonda Carters (Bk)  
 WIFE'S NAME Mary A. Reynolds  
 RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_  
 OCCUPATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
 BRTH DATE 14 Oct 1830 PLACE \_\_\_\_\_ BRTH WT. \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT HT. \_\_\_\_\_  
 MED. REC. \_\_\_\_\_  
 NO. THIS MAR. \_\_\_\_\_ NO. CH. FROM PREV. MAR. \_\_\_\_\_  
 DTH DATE 10 Nov 1868 PLACE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CEMETERY Union Grove Cem LOCATION So. of Jacksonville, TX  
 INFO OTH. HSBNDS/CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
 HER FATHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_ b. S.C.  
 AFFILIATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_ b. S.C.

Thought she said she was d/o of John F. & Mary Pattons dau., Mattie ---??  
 With Mary had  
 Sue  
 Tech  
 Sam  
 Matt (? Her father?)  
 Lydia  
 Tom  
 Julia  
 With Arbelles had  
 George  
 Callie  
 Eddie  
 See 1 over for 1880 list of children with Arbelles

KNOWN CHILDREN	BORN	WHERE	MAR.	TO	WHEN	WHERE
Susan	ca. 1857					
Thomas B.	ca. 1857					
Samuel W.	ca. 1860					
Mary	ca. 1858					
Martha	ca. 1863					
Francis	ca. 1865					
Lydia	ca. 1867					
<del>James</del> Grant	1870					
Lee	1870					

SOURCES AND NOTES:  
 --- Notes sent by Dorothy Wayne Humphries See Ref. Pap. #3  
 --- From Tombstones For more "Clues" & Census, Read Letter - Res. Pap. #6  
 --- Noted by Mrs. Clyde Newbern when contacted by phone 1971 see Reference Paper # 25  
 --- Children listed on 1870 Census Cherokee Co. TX Ref. Pap. # 26  
 --- Rhonda Hibbard Carters book

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Barnett, Patton and Smith Families

FAMILY BARNETT GENERATION \_\_\_\_\_ CHART NO. 4

HUSBAND'S NAME George Thomas Barnett ( ) WIFE'S NAME Sarah Francis Truitt (Fannie)  
 RESIDENCE 124 Travis Co., Cherokee Co. & Angelina Co., TX RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_  
 OCCUPATIONS \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
 BRTH DATE 13 June 1861 PLACE Prob. Franklin Co., Tennessee BRTH DATE Nov 1860 PLACE Missouri  
 MED. REC. \_\_\_\_\_ BRTH WT. \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT HT. \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAR. DATE 4 Jan 1883 PLACE Austin, Travis Co., TX NO. THIS MAR. \_\_\_\_\_ NO. CH. FROM PREV. MAR. \_\_\_\_\_  
 DTH DATE 14 Oct 1903 PLACE Stowell, Chambers Co., TX DTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CEMETERY 3 LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAR. \_\_\_\_\_ TIMES INFO OTH. WIVES/CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_ INFO OTH. HSBNDS/CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

HIS FATHER'S NAME James W. Barnett HER FATHER'S NAME William Baxter Truitt  
 MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Sarah Ann Spray MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Harriet Clotilde  
 AFFILIATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_ AFFILIATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

KNOWN CHILDREN	BORN	WHERE	MAR. TO	WHEN	WHERE	CH.	DIED	CAUSE	WHERE	SEE
<u>William Baxter</u>	<u>17 Nov 1882/3</u>	<u>Austin, Travis Co., TX</u>	<u>Mary Jane Patton</u>	<u>18 June 1904</u>		<u>5</u>	<u>20 Feb 1942</u>			
<u>James Milbern</u>	<u>Apr 1886</u>	<u>" TX</u>						<u>① Killed by team of horses</u>		
<u>Lillie Pearl</u>	<u>July 1888</u>	<u>" TX</u>	<u>Acker</u>			<u>3</u>				
<u>George Watson</u>	<u>Dec 1890</u>	<u>" TX</u>		<u>20 Apr 1924</u>		<u>3</u>				
<u>Ollie Myrtle</u>	<u>June 1892</u>	<u>" TX</u>	<u>Mc Means Hood</u>			<u>3</u>				
<u>Robert Lee</u>	<u>July Dec 1897</u>	<u>" TX</u>	<u>Rita P. Meadows</u>			<u>3</u>	<u>15 Nov 1965</u>		<u>Bar. Farley Chapel Cherokee Co TX</u>	
<u>Julia Frances</u> (No Julia listed #22)	<u>July 1897</u>		<u>Jack Leslie</u>			<u>None</u>				
<u>Johnnie Marion</u>	<u>15 Jan 1895/4</u>	<u>Thernton, TX</u>	<u>Cassie/Anna C. Meadows</u>			<u>None</u>	<u>25 May 1952</u>		<u>burial City Cem. Jacksonville TX</u>	

SOURCES AND NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes sent by Dorothy Wayne Thompson - Ref. Pap. #15  
 Family Bible, Pages \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death Cert. Ref. Pap. #5  
 1900 Census - Cherokee Co., TX Ref. Pap. #7  
 Personal Notes Ref. Pap. #10  
 Cherokee Co. Cemeteries Ref. Paper #19  
 ① Bur. with husband's name on stone with birth date 7-20-1901  
 ② Acc. to 1900 Census - Tombstone: 8 Aug 1898  
 ③ Julia - Feb. 18 - 1944 - Prob. this Julia Frances??  
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FAMILY BARNETT GENERATION \_\_\_\_\_ CHART NO. 5

HUSBAND'S NAME J.W. James W. Barnett ( ) WIFE'S NAME Sarah Ann Spray ( )  
 RESIDENCE De Kalb Co., AL - Franklin Co., TN & Travis Co., TX RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_  
 OCCUPATIONS Farmers, Farm Hand OCCUPATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
 BRTH DATE Sept 1835 PLACE AL BRTH DATE June 1835 PLACE TN  
 MED. REC. \_\_\_\_\_ BRTH WT. \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT HT. \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAR. DATE 10-26-1856 PLACE Franklin Co. Tennessee NO. THIS MAR. \_\_\_\_\_ NO. CH. FROM PREV. MAR. \_\_\_\_\_  
 DTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_ DTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAR. \_\_\_\_\_ TIMES INFO OTH. WIVES/CHILDREN INFO OTH. HSBMDS/CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

HIS FATHER'S NAME Barnett b. GA HER FATHER'S NAME Urius Spray b. TN  
 MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME R b. SC MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Elizabeth b. TN  
 AFFILIATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_  
1900-Mother In Law, Lizzie Spray living with them - b. June 1818 in TN  
1860 Living with them as a farmhand - Levi Barnett 15, b. AL  
 AFFILIATIONS: - 16 children, 7 living  
- m. 43 yrs

KNOWN CHILDREN	BORN	WHERE	MAR.	TO	WHEN	WHERE	CH.	DIED	CAUSE	WHERE	SEE
<u>Victoria</u>	<u>ca 1858</u>	<u>TN</u>									
<u>William Michael</u>	<u>ca 1859</u>	<u>TN</u>									
<u>George T.</u>	<u>ca 1861</u>	<u>TN</u>			<u>4 Jan 1882</u>	<u>Austin Travis Co. TX</u>		<u>1903</u>			<u>Barnett Chart #4</u>
<u>John W.</u>	<u>ca 1864</u>	<u>TN</u>									
<u>James R.</u>	<u>ca 1866</u>	<u>TN</u>									
<u>Levi J.</u>	<u>ca 1869</u>	<u>TN</u>									
<u>Elizabeth</u>											
<u>Sarah</u>											
<u>Josie</u>											
<u>Morrison</u>	<u>June 1880</u>	<u>TX</u>									

SOURCES AND NOTES: 1860 Franklin Co. AL Census See Reference Paper #8  
1900 Travis Co. TX Ref. Pap #9  
1870 Franklin Co. TN Census See Ref. Pap #16  
2 typed sheets with misc. records Ref. Pap #17  
See 1870 census Franklin Co. TN

① Jo Carolyn (Turner) Barnett had a grand father named Joby Ross Tankersley. Were these families always acquainted?  
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HUSBAND'S NAME James W. Barnett CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Jefferson Green Brown**

## FAMILY SEARCH REQUEST

HUSBAND: JEFFERSON GREEN BROWN

Born: 1825 Alabama

WIFE'S NAME: AMANDA

Born: 1830 Texas Cherokee Co. ??

Amanda was ½ Indian. (Caddo tribe ??)

Some family members seem to think Amanda's last name could be "Brandt" or "Barth", but that is mere speculation at this point.

About the family:

Jefferson Green Brown came to Texas from Alabama, about 1845. He was a farmer, and according to U. S. Census, a man with considerable wealth. He married Amanda and had six children. (see attached Family Group Sheet) We know that the first four children were born at Rusk, Cherokee Co., Texas. The parents, and all the children could read and write, so education was important to them. The family moved from Cherokee Co., to Fayette County about 1870. Records from Fayette Co., indicate that Jefferson Green Brown served on the school board, served on various County Committees, was actively involved in County Government and a major land owner.

I am searching for:

1. Any information about the wife, Amanda
  - (a) Her maiden name.
  - (b) Any Siblings?
  - (c) Her date of birth, etc.
  - (e) Marriage date, if recorded
  
2. Any information about Jefferson Green Brown
  - (a) When did he arrive in Cherokee County
  - (b) Did he own land in Cherokee County?
  - (c) Was he on the school board?
  - (d) Did he hold any County office?

Thank you for any assistance you can give me.

Betty Dickinson  
P. O. Box 319  
Tilden, Texas 78072-0319

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## Jefferson Green Brown

**FAMILY GROUP NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Husband's Full Name** JEFFERSON GREEN BROWN

This information Obtained From: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth			1825			ALA.	
Marr.							
Death							
Burial							
Places of Residence							
Occupation		Church Affiliation			Military Rec.		
<small>Other wives, if any No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each man.</small>							
His Father				Mother's Maiden Name			
<b>Wife's Full Maiden Name</b> <u>AMANDA ?</u>							
Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth			1830			TEXAS	
Death				Possibly Buried in Cherokee Co. Tx.			
Burial							
Compiler <u>Betty Dickinson</u>							
Address <u>P.O. Box 319</u>		Church Affiliation			Military Rec.		
City, State <u>Tilden Tx 78072</u>		<small>Other husbands, if any No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each man.</small>					
Date <u>- 1998 -</u>				Mother's Maiden Name			

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
F	1 SUSAN	Birth			1851	Rusk	Cherokee Co.	Tx	1-SON: GREEN J.
	Full Name of Spouse <u>J. S. LEGRANDE</u>	Marr.				Tilden	McMullen Co.	Tx	b. 1867
		Death				Hilltop CEMETERY, TILDEN, TX			
		Burial							
* → F	2 ELLEN JOSEPHINE	Birth	15	Apr.	1855	Rusk	Cherokee Co.	Tx	
	Full Name of Spouse <u>John Lewis REEVES PAGE</u>	Marr.	22	DEC.	1870	LAGAROSE, FAYETTE Co.		Tx	Had 7 children
		Death	13	DEC.	1938	THREE RIVERS, LIVE OAK Co.		Tx	
		Burial				Hilltop CEMETERY, TILDEN, TX			
F	3 CINDY LOU	Birth				Rusk - Cherokee Co			
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	4 FANNIE	Birth				Rusk - Cherokee Co.			
	Full Name of Spouse <u>- - Paschal</u>	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
M	5 SAMMUEL LEE	Birth			1862	Died young -			
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.				- in his 20's -			
		Death							
		Burial							
M	6 JOHN LARKIN	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	7	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	8	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	9	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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## Martin and Bean Family Letters

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Barren County, Glasgow, Ky

February the 27th (1840's-50's)

Dear brother your letter came to hand the twenty fourth of this month and it seems strange to me that you should write a letter to send home and say nothing about the health of your family nor of your sister neither William you now that I wish you well and I hope you will pardon me if ever I mistreated you. I don't expect there ever was such a letter written to a sister- before you appear to rejoice at my misfortunes and troubles you say that granville told you I married for property and I found nothing only six children. I knew as well what Butler had when I married as I do now he had four children and a piece of land if he had of conducted himself as a man ought to of done I expect I should have lived with him as long as lived now brother I want granvill to speak correctly when he want to speak of me you say I opposed your marrying Eliza Smith I never seriously objected to it your father was not willing and I told you of it I was ashamed when you failed to comply with promis though she lost nothing by your not coming she married a man that cant be beaten for kindness and responsibility. You spoke of your butiful wife I dont know anything about your wife nor I dont expect I ever will I would not suffer tomlling and his wife to tell me about her I dont think they spoke very favourbly of either of you I am glad to hear that you are able to buy calico frocks I am in hopes you will send me something as I am very needy William I dont want you to think I sent your wife that dress you father bought it and sent it her he gave sister one at the same time you know him as well as I do and I think you favour him very much from the manner in which you have written to me though from what I have heard about your wife I blame her with the you have treated your and your sisters your father has sent for you over and again and you will not come he does not know what to think of you now. William if I did not intend to come home I would say so and quit sending word. Charles has written to you a few ago and spoke of his being married and when he would be in Texas. I want you to write to me again and as for you rumpling my feelings I dont care what you say I am as good as you are.

Your friend

Susan Beall

(Copied from a letter to Mr William Martin from his sister Susan Beall written probably around 1840's or 1850's Pre War Between the States)

Copied by: Serena Keech  
RR 1, Box 1236  
Alto, TX 75925

## Martin and Bean Family Letters

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Glasgow, Ky October the 3rd 1854

Friend Martin

Dear Sir

I have been waiting anxiously to hear from you expecting some important news about my negroes I told you about supposed to be in the possession of Ed Gurly at Waco Village If you have not learned any thing certain about there being at Waco you will abige me very much if you will get on your horse and go to your friends house in Waco and get him to select a Trusty negro to go to Ed Gurleys or his Father Davis Gurleys or both if they be in or near Waco if removed he your friend can tell where. Tel the negro how to do when he gets to Gurleys first to nearly call in and bring up a conversation with Chancy and try to learn if there are certain negroes there viz to wit: Chancy, Sam, Sandy, Wash and Harriet any you keep yourself very close at your friends house and not go any where so Blocker can see you nor tel your name to any person If Gurleys has gone farther back try and learn to what county or neighborhood then go near enough to learn as to my negroes being there as above mentioned William I want you to do this for me as soon as you get this letter. If you have done nothing in the way I wrote you nor don't feel willing to go into it yourself it will not take you moore than 6 or 8 days to learn all about this matter for me and save me from coming upon uncertainty If you learn they are certainly at Gurleys write to me from your post office immediatly and will come forth witt to your house I will pay you back your expences and reasonable wages for your time in going to Gurleys neighborhood and back home. Write to me as soon as you get this wheather or not you will go to Waco and when you will start and how long it will take you to go there and back so that I may know when to look for a letter from you about it. JC If I have to come you know it is an important thing with me to make a winter trip on account of sickness on the rivers this leaves us all well and you relations so far as I am informed at this time.

Yours Truly

John B Cockrill

If your friend at Waco Village will undertake to gather my negroes and attend to them as he would his own and bring them to me and he pay all expenses that may accrew I will give him the negro girl Harriet Chanceys youngest she is 8 or 10 years old and worth in Texas \$900.00 If he will go into this right off run them through to me Let me know immediatly and I will send him a full power of atorney But mark this the best plan for success upon a cheep and quick plan will be for him to get them out Gurleys possession and make to my house in Kentucky Give me his name.

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**Martin and Bean Family Letters**

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Cass Co. Marietta, Texas

September the 22, 1907

Mr Chas Martin

Alto, Texas

Dear sir I write you a few lines in regard to Joseph Beans death. I seen him at mansfield a lying on the battlefield and it seemed as though he were in his death struggle I could not say for sure he died for I did not help to bury the dead and I did not have time to stay to see if he died or not this leaves all \_\_\_\_\_not well I hope these will find you all well and doing well I will close as ever yours Truly

W.D. Oldham

Chas Martin

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