

Slaton Saga

Thomas Jefferson Slaton born in 1829 in DeKalb Co., Alabama to Elisha Slaton and his wife, Susannah Evans. They were part of an extended family which, in earlier generations, had migrated from Virginia to Georgia, then into northeastern Alabama to settle land which had been opened by Cherokee cession. Some of their relatives were settled in the surrounding counties of Jackson, Marshall, St. Clair and Limestone.¹ Other related families in the area included the Boltons, whose origins were in Georgia and the Carolinas, and the Thomasons whose roots were in Virginia and Tennessee.² Canada Sevier Bolton had married Susannah Rosamund Slaton April 10, 1845³ one of Thomas J. Slaton's sisters, and Thomas had married Martha Arm Thomason about 1849.⁴

Some members of these families began migrating to Texas as early as the 1840s; William Bolton was in Limestone Co. Texas in 1846.⁵ Others followed in the 1850s: Canada S. Bolton and many of his extended family were in Cherokee Co. Texas, Thomas J. Slaton and some of his Thomason in-laws settled first in the Springfield community of Limestone Co., Texas⁶ and spread into the surrounding counties from there.

Zachariah Thomason, born and raised in Cannon Co., Tennessee, married Matilda Hancock, daughter of Lewis Hancock and Frances Adams, who had moved there from Virginia. Their oldest child, Martha Ann, was born in Tennessee, and the rest after the family had settled near the Slatons, just north of Ft. Payne, DeKalb Co. Alabama.⁷ Martha's brothers were John Calvin, Newton Benton, Charles Milton, Wallace Allison, and Daniel. They took up land in Limestone and Leon Counties, Texas, and raised large families. Newton ran a freight wagon service, with a regular route as far as Nacogdoches and occasional help from his brothers and Thomas J. Slaton.

Frances Adams Hancock, grandmother of Martha Ann Thomason Slaton, in company with her son, Blueford Jordan Hancock, left Tennessee by wagon in 1853, bound for the Springfield Missouri area. She had divorced Lewis Hancock in 1850 on grounds that he had "offered such indignities to her person as to render her condition

¹ Marilyn Davis Barefield, Old Huntsville Land Office Records 1810-1854, 1985, Margaret Matthews Cowart, Old Land Records of Jackson Co., Alabama, 1980, and Old Land Office Records of Marshall Co. Alabama, 1980

² 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830 Census records for those states.

³ Catherine Mann, Marriages 1836-1854 DeKalb Co. Alabama, 1970, p. 6, also Bolton Family Bible, in possession of Evelyn Ezell of Jacksonville, Texas

⁴ No documentation for this has been found, their family bible is thought to have been lost in a fire.

⁵ Republic of Texas Poll Lists 1846, CD 514, Early Texas Settlers, 2000.

⁶ 1860 Census Limestone Co. Texas

⁷ Census Records, 1820 & 1830, Cannon Co. Tennessee and 1840 DeKalb Co. Alabama.

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Intolerable"⁸ After a short time in Missouri, they moved on to Limestone Co., Texas to join Frances' other children who were already in Texas. Frances settled first at Springfield, Limestone Co. Texas with her daughter, Matilda, and grandson Wallace. They were next to Thomas Jefferson Slaton and his wife, Martha Ann Thomason, and their four children, John C, Veturia, Palmyra, and Tom N. Slaton. Blueford Jordan Hancock moved into Mexia, to become a partner in the Hancock-Adamson Hardware store and the other Hancock children spread out in the area to raise crops and children; many are buried in the Hancock cemetery in Mexia.

In 1855 Richard Heidelberg brought his family to Cherokee Co. from Madison Co. Tennessee where his family lived for several generations after migrating from Onslow Co., NC. His ancestor, Christian Heidelberg, was a Justice of the County Court of Onslow Co. North Carolina, which met in his house on 5 July 1735.⁹ On April 19, 1859 in Cherokee Co., Texas, Richard married Hannah Grisham, daughter of Fuller Grisham and Malinda Crouch¹⁰. The Grisham family lived in Fentress and Washington Counties, Tennessee before moving to Texas.

When the Civil War broke out, Zachariah Thomason, a veteran of the Mexican War, went into the 9' Alabama Cavalry as a Lt. Colonel and later commanded the 19th Alabama Cavalry.¹¹ His son, Charles Milton, served in Co. E, 12' Alabama Infantry. ¹² Daniel Benjamin went into Co. D. 26th Texas Cavalry while his brother Newton Benton & John C. served with their brother-in-law, Thomas J. Slaton in Co. B, 19th Texas Cavalry, Burford's Regiment ¹³ Martha Ann Thomason Slaton presumably spent the war years in Limestone Co., Texas with her mother and other relatives, no written records of her whereabouts have been found.

When Iva Slaton Childress, in her notes for the **Jacksonville Centennial Book** in 1972, indicated that the family came to Texas from Alabama in 1869, she evidently did not know that the family was shown in Limestone Co. Texas in the 1860 census and that 1869 was the year that they moved from there to Cherokee Co. Texas. She said that they went by ox-drawn wagon, driven by her father, Tom N. Slaton age 11 at the time, guided by his mother and Indian friends as Thomas J. Slaton's health was still impaired after his war service. They found a farm at Jacksonville to rent, then buy and were listed there on the 1870 census of Cherokee Co. Included in the household was Nancy Chapman, John C. Slaton's new wife; their daughter, Rhoda, soon joined them. ¹⁴

⁸ **Chancery Court Records of Cannon Co. Tennessee, roll 2, v. S**, pp. 294-5-6, 315-316, 217, 236-7-8-9, transcribed by Kay Gunn, sent to me by Pat Screpetis.

⁹ **Records of Onslow Co., North Carolina**, Deed Book A 1734-38 & 1740-44, p. 8

¹⁰ CD 5, Marriage Records AR, MO,MS,TX 1766-1981, Broderbund 1996

¹¹ Sifakis Stewart, **Compendium of Confederate Armies: Alabama, Facts on File**, 1991 pp, 37, 41

¹² **History of Leon Co., Texas**, Leon Co. Genealogy Society & Leon Co. Historical Commission, 1985, p. 281

¹³ **Confederate Service Records**, on microfilm at National Archives and Confederate Research Center, Hill College, Hillsboro, Texas, with copies available from National Archives in Washington, DC

¹⁴ 1870 Census Cherokee Co. Texas

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Canada Bolton returned from his war service to farm and help raise his family. The Thomason brothers returned to farm, spreading out over Limestone and Leon Counties. Wallace Allison ran a freight wagon service with a regular trip to Nacogdoches on the schedule. Thomas Slaton occasionally assisted him with the wagon driving.

Thomas Jefferson Slaton and Martha Ann had five children,¹⁵ one of whom, name and gender unknown, evidently died very young, and four grew to maturity. John C. Slaton married Nancy Elizabeth Chapman In 1870 and had a daughter, Rhoda. On the 1880 census, however, John C. Slaton is listed with wife Belle, age 20, and children Maude, age 2, and Thomas, 2 months. Nancy Elizabeth and Rhoda are shown as wife and daughter of Will L. Nervell, living between Nancy's father, Jasper Chapman, and her brother Abner. Dare we mention *divorce* as a possibility. John C. Slaton must have died before 1900 as Veturia and Tom N. Slaton were the only two of Thomas and Martha Slaton's children alive in 1900.¹⁶

Veturia Slaton, born 6 April 1852, married Charles W. Monkress in Cherokee Co., Texas on 22 August 1867¹⁷ and died 20 June 1912.¹⁸ Their son Virgil worked in the grocery business in Jacksonville with his uncle, Tom Newton Slaton. He married Lavinia Albritton, daughter of Washington Wiggins Albritton¹⁹, pastor of Old North Church in Nacogdoches for a number of years. Virgil died five years after their marriage, leaving no children, and Miss Lavinia taught first grade in Jacksonville for over 40 years. Both Virgil and Lavinia are buried in the City Cemetery, Jacksonville, Texas, near his parents.



Veturia Slaton

Palmyra was born 15 Sept 1855 in Alabama. On 20 September 1875, she married John D. Roach, son of James and Eliza Price Roach. James Roach came from Covington, Alabama by sea to New Orleans, then upriver to Shreveport where he had arranged to be met by freight wagons to move their belongings from there to Cherokee Co. Wallace Thomason, who ran a regular freight service from Nacogdoches to San Antonio,²⁰ was the freighter James Roach had hired to bring three wagons in addition to one, which he purchased outright. Thomas Slaton and his son, John²¹, drove two of the wagons for Wallace Thomason. This trip led to the introduction of John D. Roach and Palmyra Slaton. They had two sons, Elmer Rendel, born 11 Sept 1876, and Russell Aubrey, born 6 Feb. 1879.²² Russell died 29 May 1898 and is buried in City Cemetery, Jacksonville, Texas near his mother, who died 2 Jan 1882. Elmer died 27 July 1916 in El Paso, Texas.²³ John D. Roach married DanAnna Jones who gave him

¹⁵ 1900 Census Cherokee Co. Texas

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¹⁷ CD 5 Marriage Records of AR, MO,MS, TX 1766-1981, Broderbund 1999

¹⁸ Tombstone Inscription, City Cemetery, Jacksonville, Texas

¹⁹ Erickson, Carolyn Reeves, **Nacogdoches, Gateway to Texas**, Erickson Books, 1987 V. 2, p. 4

²⁰ **A Family History of Limestone Co. Texas**, Limestone Co. Historical Museum Board, p. 258

²¹ **Roach Family History**, manuscript by Mary K. Morgan, file in Ft. Worth Library

²² **Roach Family Bible entries**, copies in manuscript files Ft. Worth Library contributed by Mary K. Morgan.

²³ *ibid*

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two more children, Burton and Alice. In 1874, John D. Roach ran a literary school in Jacksonville, charging 2.00 per student per month. He had 23 students enrolled. Later, after the death of his second wife, he went to Rising Star where some of his Roach and Kendrick relatives had gone, and ran a butcher shop for several years. When the railroad was being built across the panhandle, he bought a herd of cattle and followed the construction crews, selling beef on the hoof as needed. He worked on the survey crew, which laid out the town of Amarillo, and bought some land there. At various times after that, he farmed, ranched, and worked as a cowhand. In 1888 and 1889, he had a contract to deliver mail on horseback from Amarillo to Estacado, a six day round trip, for which he received the munificent sum of \$832.00 per annum. He was farming his land just north of Amarillo when he died in 1907. He is buried next to his son, Elmer, in Llano Estacado cemetery in Amarillo. Burton was a pharmacist, married and lived in New Mexico. Elmer at one time had a chicken farm in Colorado Springs, Colorado, caught TB and went to Mexico to improve his health. Alice stayed with various families while growing up, also convent school at the Loretta Academy in Pueblo, Colorado, as her father did not remarry and could not very well care for her otherwise. After her father died, Alice stayed with her brother, Burton, and his wife Lila, then with her brother Elmer. When Elmer went to Mexico to recover from TB, Alice went to work for a studio hand coloring pictures; she was 16 years old. When Elmer returned from Mexico, he settled in El Paso, and Alice went there to care for him until he died. After Elmer's death, Alice returned to Amarillo and took a job with the Santa Fe Railroad. There she met Porter McKinney and married him in 1919. They had two children, John Porter and Barbara. In 1926, they moved to Shreveport, where they stayed until Porter retired from Western Union in 1951, at which time they moved to Mena, Arkansas. In 1974, they moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where Porter died in April 1985 and Alice in November 1986.²⁴ Both Alice and Burton spent time living with their grandmother, Martha Ann Slaton, in whose household they were shown on the 1900 census. Alice was 4 years older than her cousin Iva.²⁵

Tom N. Slaton, born 27 March, 1858 in Alabama, died 3 October 1935²⁶, and is buried in the City Cemetery in Jacksonville, Texas. As a young man, he taught school at Afton Grove, where one of his students was Melvina Heidelberg, daughter of Richard Heidelberg and Hannah Grisham. She was 16 when her parents packed her things to send her by train to Old Larissa for more schooling, but she eloped with Tom N. Slaton instead and married him on 5 Oct. 1881. They set up housekeeping with packing boxes to serve as tables and chairs and precious little else to go on with, as her parents did not approve of their 16-year-old daughter eloping. Tom Newton Slaton farmed, ran a grocery store in Jacksonville with his nephew Virgil Monkress, and



Melvina Heidelberg

and raised Jersey cattle.²⁷ The local opera house was quartered on the second floor above the grocery store, which also served as a meeting place for the Methodist congregation while their church was being built. Nights were short after performances of the opera when the space had to be swept

²⁴ Doris Roach, dmj@lcc.net, of Nacogdoches Texas, e-mail messages over the summer of 1999.

²⁵ 1900 census, Cherokee Co. Texas

²⁶ **Texas Death Record Index 1903-1940**, Texas State Archives, Austin, Texas certificate # 45497

²⁷ Iva Slaton Childress, notes for Jacksonville Centennial Book.

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In the photo above, Ada Slaton is at the top, Eva is at left center, Iva at right center, and Emily Heidelberg Heermans at bottom. This picture was taken in 1902.

and garnished for church on Sunday morning. Tom Slaton and his cousin, John Bolton, arranged music for the choir and helped sing it. He was a serious Bible student, and used to work with divinity students from SMU in the summers. Tom N. and Melvina had eight children, of whom they raised seven to maturity. An infant boy, T.J. died in babyhood. The two eldest daughters, Ada and Eva, died as young mothers and their parents helped to raise the grandchildren.

Eva married Dr. Charles J. Foscue, son of William Foscue, who had land in Anderson Co., Texas. They had three children, Kathleen, Garland, and Willie Tom. They moved Walnut Springs, Bosque Co., Texas, where Charles Foscue presumably worked at the railroad infirmary, though this is not documented. In August of 1908, Eva fell ill of something virulent and died within days on August 12, 1908. Her husband died in June, 1911; both are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Walnut Springs, as is his father, W.J. Foscue.²⁸ The children were raised by their grandparents with their younger cousins for playfellows.

Ada Slaton married Levi Lloyd, lawyer, on 20 December 1905 and they had one son, Bryan. In a very few years, Ada developed cancer. She was treated at the medical school in Galveston where she had the first colostomy ever done.²⁹ There were complications following the surgery and she died on April 4, 1912. She is buried in the Jacksonville City Cemetery.

Allen Slaton was born in December 1888, married Mary Bobo, and had two children, both of whom died soon after birth. Allen died in 1935 and Mary in 1967; they are buried with their children in Jacksonville City Cemetery.³⁰

Sam H. Slaton, born 7 April 1890, died 24 January 1950. On 11 March, 1911 he married Nell B. Foster, daughter of Lewis N. Foster and Emma Corene Watts. Their seven children were Thelma Elizabeth, Corene Melvina, Tom Lewis, Sam Jr., Mary Nell, Montle Louis and Dorothy Faye. Tom Lewis Slaton married Sarah Ruth Stephens; they had two sons, Tom Lewis Jr. and Jimmy Sam. Sam Slaton married Kathryn Plunkett; their children were Sheryl Kay, Marilyn Ann, and Gary Sam. Mary Nell married Hubert Lewis, had twin sons Harry Wayne and Larry DeWayne, and two adopted children, Roy Melvin and Barbara. Their son Harry is a Baptist minister and his son Larry is following him into the ministry. Montle Louise married first Cullen South and had two children, Ronald and Nancy. She later married L.J. Mon-is. Dorothy Faye married K. Medford Hutson in 1948; they had three sons, David Michael, Paul DeWayne, and Kenneth Mark. These are warm, loving people.

Vernon Slaton married Dess Reilly and they had two children, Vernon Jr., and Violet. Dess died young. Violet was an exceptionally pretty child and a gorgeous young woman with enormous blue

²⁸ Bosque Co. Cemetery, Records, v. 2, p. 396. Photographed July 1994.

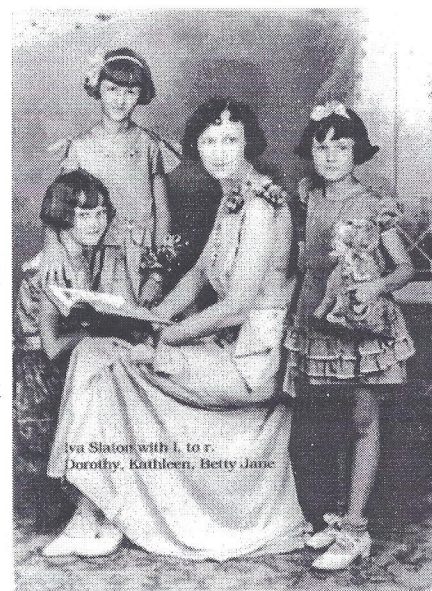
²⁹ Information from her niece, Kathleen Childress Guthrie Harrison, August 1998.

³⁰ Cemetery Records of Cherokee Co., Texas, p. 42

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She was the 1935 tomato Festival Queen, 1936 Texas Centennial Queen, and Dr. Pepper Sunshine Girl. She still is pretty and has beautiful eyes.

Iva Emily Slaton, born 11 November 1898, studied music and taught in Bullard and Nacogdoches before she married Gaston Childress June 20, 1920. When her father sold his Jersey cattle In the spring of 1920, he and her brothers teased Iva, saying that men were coming from all over to buy Jerseys, but that they were giving her to a man from New Jersey. Gaston Childress was born and raised in Texas and went to work for Swift & CO., meatpackers, who sent him to their facility in New Jersey to work. He came from there back to Jacksonville



for his wedding and they spent their honeymoon on the train back to New Jersey, where their first daughter, Kathleen, was born in 1921. As Iva's health suffered in the New Jersey winters, Gaston came back to El Paso to work for another company and their other two daughters, Betty Jane and Dorothy were born there. When the girls were very small, the family moved back to Fort Worth where their father played a leading role in the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. Several years later, they moved again to Houston, where their father helped organize and run the Houston Fat Stock show. He continued working in the meat packing Industry throughout this time. Eventually he accepted a job with Roeglein Provision Co. in San Antonio, where he moved with his wife and youngest daughter. He stayed with Roeglein until his retirement. Kathleen, the oldest child, married Robert S. Guthrie of Houston, and had three sons. Betty Jane married Johnnie Parker and had two sons. Dorothy married Fred Bonnie and is the mother of a grown daughter. Iva died in July of 1980, and Gaston Childress In October of 1981. Both are buried in Sunset Cemetery in San Antonio.

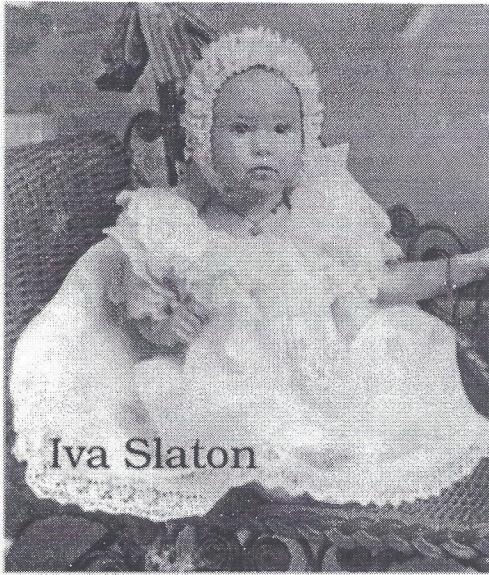
Elmer, the last child of Tom N. and Melvina Slaton, was born 24 April 1906.³¹ He was the closest in age to his cousins, Kathleen, Garland, and Willie Tom, who grew up with his family after their parents died. He died in February 1970 and is also buried in Jacksonville City Cemetery.

Research on these families is an ongoing project and much of the information here is subject to correction if better Information Is found. The footnotes show the sources I have seen, not all of which are primary sources. Please contact me if you have additions or corrections that need to be made.

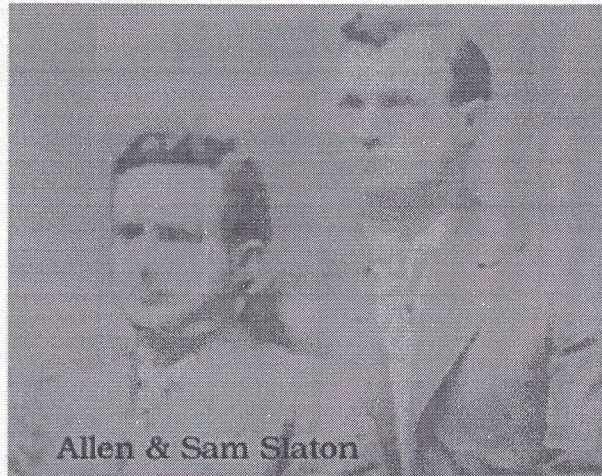
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³¹ **Texas Probate Birth Records**, Texas State Archives, Austin, Texas. p. 162239

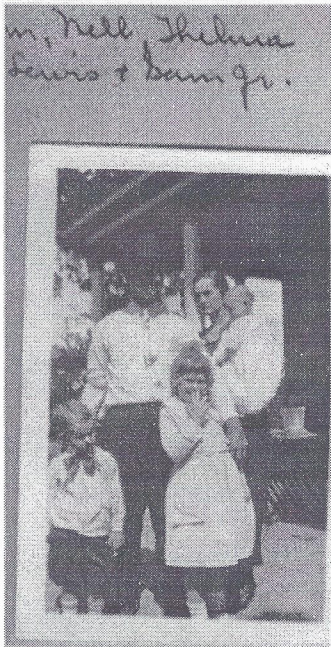
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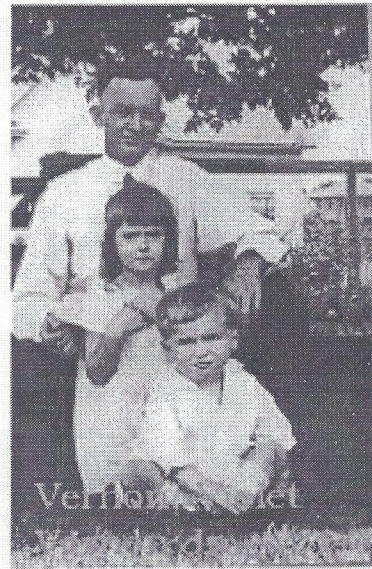
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Allen & Sam Slaton



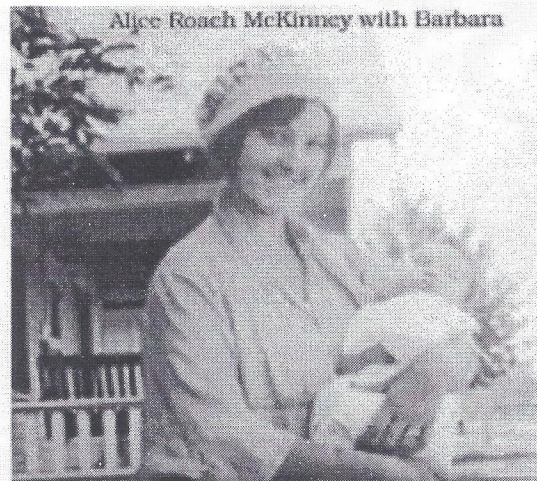
Violet Slaton



Veronica Violet



Alice Roach



Alice Roach McKinney with Barbara

PASSENGER LISTS

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When searching for your immigrant ancestors, passenger lists are of great help. They are a primary source of immigration information because the lists were created at the port of departure or arrival for your ancestors. Some researchers have even found information pertaining to both ports. The Immigration and Naturalization tutorial in Ultimate Family Tree (UFT) Premier discusses these lists in detail and the UFT Basic Records tutorial also covers them. Viewing these multimedia tutorials is a great way to learn about these primary records and how to trace the steps your ancestors took. If you want to trace your ancestry in the records of a foreign country, you need to know an exact birthplace or town where an immigrant ancestor resided before immigrating. Some passenger lists, mostly after 1890, contain that information.

Where might your ancestor have entered the U.S.? "The Source, A Guidebook of American Genealogy" lists the names of almost 80 ports for which there are passenger lists. For example, there are lists available for these major ports:

Baltimore: 1820-1957
Boston: 1820-1943
New York: 1820-1957
New Orleans: 1820-1952
Philadelphia: 1800-1948
San Francisco: 1893-1957

There are many more. The National Archives publication "Immigrant and Passenger Arrivals: A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications" has detailed information on what records are available for which ports and years.

You will find microfilmed copies of passenger lists at the National Archives and its regional centers, public and private libraries, and at the LDS Family History Library and its thousands of local Family History Centers.

The amount of information on a passenger list varies from one list to another. More recent lists contain more information than earlier ones. You may find when a person left and his destination; his age or birth date, birthplace or residence, parentage, marital status, spouse's name, the names of children as well as other interesting facts. A passenger's birthplace or residence appears most often in a column labeled "Hailing Place or Place of Starting."

Palladium Interactive is extracting information from certain passenger lists and will make it and the images of the passenger lists themselves available in the Ultimate Family Data Library series <<http://www.familyinfo.com>>.

Don't overlook lists of people who entered the country via land rather than sea. A helpful tool here is the collection of arrival indexes and manifests for persons crossing the border between the United States and Canada. These records, which begin in 1895 and end in 1954, are often listed as records of the St. Albans District but the collection is not limited to just St. Albans, Vermont. The St. Albans district encompassed most of the U.S.Canadian border. Look for "St. Albans District Manifest Records of Aliens Arriving from Foreign Contiguous Territory" in your Family History Center or branch of the National Archives.

We know that passenger lists content varies widely; the records are incomplete; and they are not all indexed. Yet despite these drawbacks, they have great potential. When you want to know when an ancestor arrived, where he sailed from, and where he was going, these passenger lists, created to monitor immigrant arrivals, are an obvious choice. The Palladium passenger list indices and images can "unlock" these hidden sources.

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Seeking info on Levi CHAPMAN and Henrietta (Henryett) SINGLETARY. In 1880 Census of Cherokee County, Alto Township, Levi CHAPMAN is shown as 25 (?) years old, born in TX with father born in AL and mother in MS. Henrietta is shown as his wife 28 years old born in GA with both parents born in SC. Also in the household is a son Edwin age four born in TX as were both his parents. I think that he was probably the son of Levi from another marriage. Have some info on Levi but have hit a brick wall with Henryetta SINGLETARY. I know that Levi and Henrietta were the parents of a daughter, Georgia Herse CHAPMAN, born in 1887 in Rusk, Cherokee County. Georgia is my wife's grandmother. Any info on this family, ancestors, descendents would be greatly appreciated. Will gladly share what I have. Thanks, Doyle Dunn.

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Riley relatives lived in Cherokee County. inlaws were Phillips and Floyds. one of the girls name was Blanche who married a Burnet. any help appreciated..

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Rev, Jacob Brown Seay moved from Alabama in 1848 after his first wife died. He married Esther Prince and moved to Texas in 1848. We have knowledge that he moved to Cherokee County Texas and some information that he may have moved to Brownsville Texas later. I would appreciate any and all help with this family. Please email me if you have any information to share. His brother, John Loving Seay was also a Minister in the Methodist Church. Jacob Brown Seay was a Cumberland Presbyterian Minister. thank you for any & all help. Sincerely, Rev. John Pace.

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I am trying to locate Catherine Miller who >at one time lived in Jacksonville, Texas, Cherokee County. She would probably be in her 70's at this time. Among her children she is known to have had 3 sons who might possibly still be in the area. This information is requested strictly for tracing family history..

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I am searching information on my Native > American Heritage and they were all in the Cherokee County at one time or another. My Great > Grandfather (Andrew Walter Arnold) was born in > Cherokee County. I need information on Chief Bowles and who all he was connected with and where he came from. My Great Great Grandfathers on both sides were in this area at the same time Chief Bowles was. If anyone can help me find information on this Chief, please e-mail me at bkpj@intellex.com Thank you. Pat.

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Does anyone have any information about J. J., aka Jack, aka Jackson WARD who died in Cherokee Co. Texas in 1908. Just found his obituary, error in name was WARE. Related to Loftins. Any info will be appreciated. DMW.

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This is a bit of a long-shot, but I am trying to contact someone who might have an interest in the establishment in Rusk. I am researching the Dillingham family and understand that the 1900 census shows a J C/L Dillingham as head at that time. This seems very unlikely and there is no family knowledge that I am aware of, if I have identified him correctly. However, I have been told that the person I have identified was a "police officer". Having just returned to the UK from NE Texas, it is annoying that I did not have this information prior to our visit. There is a certain irony in all this with the news of the execution of Jeffery Dillingham on the day before we were due to leave the US. With our also being in Dallas, it was the most macabre coincidence we experienced during our trip to Commerce, Sulphur Springs, Gladewater etc. Any advice or guidance you can give will be greatly appreciated. Dave Dillingham Wiltshire

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I am looking for any info on the SHOCKLER/FOUNTAIN. I have info that James Shockler and Louisiana V. Fountain Married 11 Jan 1877. I think they were buried there but not for sure. If anybody has any info please let me know. Thanks , Cindy.

 Queries

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J.C. CHILDERS m. JULIA ANN WILLIAMS IN AR. 1948. Had children in Cherokee Co. TX beginning 1850. Children were Robert, and others. Robert m. Elizabeth ? somewhere and had children Henry, Flave, Gid. Henry m. Lida Mae MILLER, daughter of William Miller. Henry is my descendant. Anyone who is a descendant of these people, please contact me..

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I am looking for the family of G. Hunter Davenport married to Ida Bell Hubbard. They are shown living in Cherokee Co., TX in 1910 with the following children: Nattie, Geneva, Ira, Ernest, Jesse, Louis, Hattie and Mattie, Grady, and Ollie. Any information on any of these people will be greatly appreciated. Sharon.

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Thomas MCFARLIN married Sarah MCLEOD on Feb 1, 1859 in Cherokee Co. TX. Does anyone have any information on these people ? I am trying to determine if this Thomas McFarlin was part of my family. Thanks in advance for any help.

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Looking for information on my daughters relatives. Amanda Marie GRAGARD is daughter of Merle Cason "Butch" GRAGARD, III (b. 12-DEC-1947). "Butch" was son of Wanda Elizabeth OWEN (b. 31-JUL-1923 & d. MAR-1980) & Merle Cason "Pop" GRX-Mozilla-Status: 000924 & d. APR-1979). Wanda's parents were Cora & Hubert OWEN, "Pop's parents were Jess DOLAN & Merle Cason GRAGARD, Sr. Do not know maiden name of Jess Dolan - but do know she married Mr. Dolan after her divorce from Mr. Gragard. To my knowledge most of these people lived in Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., TX at one time or another. Would like to know cemeteries where relatives are buried & would like to find out more about siblings and grandparents & g-grandparents on all sides of family. My daughter would really appreciate any information. Thank-you, Dolores CHAYNQUEEN@aol.com.

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I am searching for the descendants of Henry Cleaver. Henry left Ouachita Co., AR ca 1865 for TX. He is buried in Cobb Cemetery in Waco. His will was probated in Cherokee Co. He m. 1st Nancy Ann Coleman and had Mary Rebecca Cleaver (m. Youngh Drury Harrington); Martha Charlotte Cleaver (m. G. W. Henry); Stephen William Cleaver; Henry Thomas Cleaver; Missouri Ann Cleaver (m. Jesse Herndon James, ? Webb; ? McGehee; Wm. Myers); Henry Clay Cleaver (m. Nancy Jane Wiggins). Henry m. 2nd Christian Womack? and had Allen Womack Cleaver (m. Emily Helen Butcher; Maggie Ann Cherry; Violet Ephemelia Bell); Virginia Thomas Cleaver; Adelia Caroline Cleaver; Abner Mitchell Cleaver..

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I am looking for information on my paternal great grandparents. My grandfather was Eugene Tullis Arnett of Baytown, Tx. He was born 19 Feb 1882 somewhere in Cherokee County Texas. One source I have says Rusk, another says near Henderson. I have not been able to confirm either.. He had two brothers, W. T. and C. L. (Roy); and a sister, given name unknown, later Mrs W. C. Chaison of Beaumont and Houston. There father was David Wm Arnett. I have no information on him. The only name I have for their mother is Mrs. E. C. Rutherford (when she remarried J. W. Rutherford of Beaumont)..

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Ann C Watters & John W Richardson m 1851 > in Perry Co AL. They, 2 other Watters families and about 30 wagon came to the Rusk area Cherokee Co about 1852 per the Watters book. I have much information on Ann and John as this is my gggrandfather. Amelia Evans 2nd husband was Justen Wooley. A daughter, Emma Wooley m Reuben Richardson on 26 Dec 1878 near Alto. This is my ggrandfather. Amelia Evans father was Evan Evans and her mother was Ann Nancy Selman.

I would like any information on other families that came to Cherokee Co TX from the Perry Co AL area about that time. It must have been quite a trip..

 Queries

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Interested in any info on my 3g-gf, Clement WEBSTER (b. 1804 TN), who may have moved into Cherokee Co TX from Marion Co AL about 1852. He was accompanied by his wife Sarah ?, several children (incl. George T, James, Alexander M), and a larger group that came from AL, including John Shields ASTON (b. 17 Sep 1825 Marion Co AL, son of my 3g-gf Robert Young ASTON, d. 30 Sep 1894 in Hood Co TX). From TX marriage records, Sarah & some WEBSTER children also moved into Hill Co TX and Johnson Co TX). Other names assoc. with WEBSTER in Marion Co AL included in 1860 Cherokee Co TX Census Index. Specifically, (1) Could someone lookup Clement WEBSTER (wife, heirs) listed in 1860 Cherokee Co TX Census? (2) Could someone tell me if Clement WEBSTER (wife, heirs) are listed in 1870 Cherokee Co TX Census? (2) Are any of the assoc. names listed in either Census? (3) Do any of these names occur in other documents of the county, such as marriage records, cemetery records, etc? Thanks for any assistance.

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Interested in the family of William J. (Billy) & Jemima Rushing Lane who came to Cherokee Co. TX permanently from Bedford/Giles Co. TN area around 1849. The couple is found on the census in Cherokee Co. TX in 1850. Also coming was J.C. Rushing, a brother-in-law of Billy's, who was a relative of Jemima, but who married a sister of Billy. Billy's father--Isham LANE also came about this time. The whereabouts of any of Billy & Jemima's family or them would be greatly appreciated.

I am not related to the Lanes, but Jemima's mother, Keziah Maxwell (m. Evan Rushing) was a sister to my ancestor, Solomon Maxwell; Keziah & Solomon were children of Thomas Maxwell, Sr. who died in Bedford Co. TN in 1832. Karylon A. Russell, Box 823, Llano, TX 78643 krussell@moment.net.

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Looking for information on; William McGill, born abt. 1846 in Cherokee County (possibly in Alto. He married Mandy Holleyfield from Jasper, Mississippi. He was a farmer. Mollie Amanda McGill born abt. 1879 in Alto, Texas. She is daughter of William McGill and Mandy Holleyfield. Willie Evelyn McGill born abt. 1877 in Alto, Texas. She is daughter of William McGill and Mandy Holleyfield. Any information on any McGills would be helpful. You may contact me at smcgill@flash.net. Thanks.....Sandi McGill

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I have an old letter dated 29 Feb 1868, Cherokee co, Texas. It names these names of people living in Cherokee Co, Texas and all being kin. Very much interested in contacting anyone connected to the MARTIN family.

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I have an old photo of William Lambert (b.abt.1844, d.1923, bur. Providence Cemetery in Cherokee Co)& family. He married Mrs. Sarah Thomas[sic] who was a Walker & first married to Isaac Thomason. Picture shows 3 daughters and a > young son. The 1880 Cherokee Co census shows daughters as Willie Ann b.abt.1876, Lou Girtrude[sic] b.abt.1877, and Laura May or Mary b.abt.1879. Have no idea which one of these girls might be the one who, in her old age, was called "Aunt Puss" and lived with with her Aunt Lou Walker Kirgan. The son is probably Style Dyess -- believe that wife Sarah Walker was married 3 times, 1) Isaac Thomason, 2) unknown Dyess, & 3) William Lambert. Also, I believe there were two William Lamberts in Cherokee Co at the same time & both had wives named Sarah (believe Pearlee was daughter of this other Lambert family).

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I am currently trying to locate > information on someone named Dutch Rodgers. Dutch was listed as a niece, and heir to Haden S. Walker. Does anyone know ANYTHING about her? Thanks!.

Queries

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Looking for info on Penelope Ann Henry, .1856 d. 1924, buried in Corrine Cemetery.
Was marries to Asa Marion Simmons..

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Looking for info. on William Anderson
Wallace. He was married to Selina Bobbitt, Fannie
Foster and Mary Turrentine. Moved to TX abt 1849
from AL..

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I would like to correspond with any relatives or anyone else that knows the following
family that moved to Cherokee County, Texas:
Paul Tubbs c1853 Lafayette Co. MS m. Mary Narcissa Jones b.17 Dec 1847 Fayette
Co. AL on 14 Oct 1869 in Lafayette Co. MS and had the following children:
1.Arnthy Jeff Tubbs February 1871 m. Florence C. McCoy on 23 Dec 1891 in Lafayette
Co. MS.
2.James R. Tubbs August 1873 Lafayette Co. MS.
3.N. B. Tubbs 1876 Lafayette Co. MS.
4.M.Ada Tubbs 1879 Lafayette Co. MS.
5.M.B. Tubbs May 1881 Lafaytte Co. MS.
6.P.E. Tubbs May 1883 Lafayette Co. MS.
7.Willis D. Tubbs January 1889 Lafayette Co. MS.

Can anyone tell me where any of this family are buried?

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I am trying to find information on a Nancy Kelley who married Preely Coleman on
July 10, 1878. Hiram McKnight was the Justice of the Peace and performed the
ceremony. Their children included: William Kelley, James Coleman, Henry Coleman,
George Coleman, Pinkney Coleman, Emma Coleman, Stephen Coleman, and Larkin
Coleman. Thanks in advance..

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One of my ancestors states that he has 3 boys "...working at public work" on March 6,
1938. My question is what was "public work"? The sanitation department perhaps? If
anyone has a clue, let me know. Thanks in advance..

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John w. Goodwin and Mary Weatherly were married in MS; and they had several
children. Does anyone know the names of those children? I believe that one was
George, and another, a girl-, and William, and I am not sure of a fourth. He was in
CHEROKEE County, Rusk township on the 1860 Census, with son William Goodwin
born in MS. Are some of those children's descendants living in Cherokee County now?
I would like to contact them?

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On Dec. 31, 1885 Lenora (Nora)Francis Smith married Willian (Billy) Henry Farish in
Pinetown, Texas located at the time in Cherokee County. According to the 1900
Ancerson County census both of her parent's (G.F. and Arvitt Smith) were born in
Texas and Both of Billy's Parents (Wm. H. & N.J. Farish) were born somewhere in
Virginia. This couple settled in Anderson County around Palestine and raised their large
family. If anyone has any information on any of these people please contact me at
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Searching for death information for Samuel Watson May, b. May 5, 1838 in AL, died
June 29, 1921 in Cherokee County. Buried in Reese Cemetery. Any help is appreciated..

Queries

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I am looking for information about the family of Bud MILLER, born about 1900, husband of Tillie (maiden name unknown), father of William John MILLER, brother of Anna Mae (MILLER) LAND. Bud & his son both lived in Jacksonville, Texas and both worked for the railroad. Anna Mae was my father's mother. She died when he was just 10 years old. And he remembers very little about his MILLER relatives. If anyone knows anything at all about this family, please email me. Thanks, Marti mudpuppy24@msn.com..

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I am seeking information on my Grandfather. His name was John Thomas Seagroves, and he was married to Sarah Amanda Fitch in the early 1900's. I am pretty sure that he passed on in 1932 but know nothing further about him or my father's family... My father was Monroe O. Seagroves and was born 10-13-13. Anything you can find would be great!! I would really like to know who John T. Seagroves father and mother were, I think his mother was a Dickerson? Also, any info. on Sarah would be great also!! Thanks, Bonnie Seagroves

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I would like to know if there is an obit for the Rev. W D Lovelady who is mentioned in the Texas Christian Advocate paper as a local minister who passed on-date on article 10-23-1880 ordained to preach the gospel Methodist Episcopal Church 1854 lived in the Sulphur Spring area 1860-1870.

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Would like to trade info on the families of William Ewing Stovall that married Elvia (ELVIRA) Jane Lauderdale. One of their daughters married John Archie Gallagher that was a son to James and Lu (Cooper) Gallagher. They all lived in the Cherokee County area of Texas..

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I am looking for information on HENRY W. > COX listed in 1850 and 1860 Cherokee County census. Census list wife as Sarah and children as Melvid Bonner, William M, James A. and Marcy F.. He had a brother that studied medicine in Texas and then moved to Louisiana. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

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I am searching for information concerning the marriage of SARAH HAMILTON, born in the 1790's in Tennessee, to JOHN DURRETT, born unknown. I believe they came to Cherokee County in 1832-38. I am very interested in this family, particularly their children. I would appreciate any help at all! Thanks!.

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Still looking for information on sons of Benjamin Compton. All were in Cherokee county about 1910. Roy Compton.

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I'm looking for any information about Isaac Isadore Worley. He immigrated from Germany in 1856 at the age of eight. Next record of him is in Cherokee Co. Texas. He married Miranda Lou Summers in 1894 in Cherokee Co. and died in 1914, also in Cherokee Co. He is buried in Emmaus Cemetery in Rusk Co. Other spelling are Warley, Wehrle and Worlie. Any help would be appreciated. Elaine Worley.

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John Marshall Claiborne m. (1) Sue Phillips and (2) Ella Holbrook. Living in Cherokee Co. in (and before) 1909 when Claiborne wrote will. Died soon after. Seek info re: sons of John Marshall and Sue Phillips: Richard Sydney (Sidney) and Tom Jack Claiborne. Can find no record anywhere of these sons. Please email me directly at plemee@aol.com

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Looking for decedents of Isaac Allen who > had a daughter named Mary E. who married 1st George Holroyd and 2nd William Boulder. George and Mary were in Angelina County on the 1860 census. George died early 1860's and she later married William Boulder. She had a sister who married a James Muckleroy. She died in 1910 in Houston County and is buried in the Connor Cemetery.

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