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EDITOR'S LETTER

We are indeed fortunate in having a number of dedicated researchers who have given us permission to publish their work. Among those regular contributors are Willie Harold Acker, Sr., Juanita Wardlaw, IdaLee Edmiston and Ogreta W. Huttash who contributed to this issue. Joining their ranks for the first time is Bart Cannon who has allowed us to publish **The Cannon Journal** written by Benjamin Bartlett Cannon in 1846 describing his visit to Texas. This journal begins on page 99 and will continue in future issues.

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Many of our readers will do research on their lines in the coming summer months. In order to make the most of the limited time we might have on site, it is helpful to be as prepared as possible before making the trip. Many libraries now have their catalogs available for search on the Internet. I have prepared the following list as place to start. Good luck!!

Library of Congress
<http://www.loc.gov/catalog/>

List of Research libraries (look for a library in the region of your search)
<http://lcweb.loc.gov/z3950/>

Houston Public Library, Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, 5300 Caroline
Houston, Texas 77004
<http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/hpl/index.html>

Dallas Public Library, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St., Dallas, TX 75201
<http://www.dallaslibrary.org/>

Allen County Public Library - has the second largest genealogy collection in the United States.
900 Webster St,
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
Phone: (219) 421-1200
Fax: (219) 422-9688
<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/>

Jacksonville Public Library, 502 S. Jackson, Jacksonville, Texas 75766, (903) 586-7664
<http://www.jacksonvillelibrary.com/>

Family History Library, 35 North West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150-3400
Public Telephone Number: 801-240-2331
FAX: 801-240-5551
E-mail: fhl@ldschurch.org
http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHL/frameset_library.asp

Gordon Bennett
Editor

**ROCKY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZERS:
WHERE DID THEY GO?**

by Willie Harold Acker, Sr.

Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church was organized 8 April 1848 by a group of settlers from the area. Their names are engraved on the Type 3 Official Texas Historical Marker erected 7 November 1969, 1/2 mile west of Dialville, TX on FM 1910.

The purpose of this article is an attempt to explain where they went after organizing the church. only one of the organizers has a tombstone in the Rocky Springs Cemetery even though the oldest legible tombstone is dated May 12, 1849.

MINERVA CRENSHAW

Minerva Crenshaw was listed as head of household on the 1850 Federal Census of Cherokee Co, TX. The household #800 consisted of the following persons: (5)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Sex</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> |
|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Crenshaw, Manerva | 33 | female | TN |
| Silas C | 17 | male | AL |
| Malinda A | 12 | female | TX |
| Mary C | 9 | female | TX |

This family did not appear on Cherokee Co, TX FC rolls again.

Minerva Crenshaw evidently married a McCain sometime after 1850 and prior to 1855. She appears on the 1860 Navarro Co FC household #384 as follows: (20)

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----|---|----|
| McCane (sic), Minerva | 44 | F | TN |
| *M.K. | 19 | F | TX |
| James | 5 | M | TX |
| Crenshaw, Silas | 26 | M | AL |
| Rose | 27 | F | AR |

The widow Minerva McCain appears next on the 1870 Navarro Co, TX FC rolls. Her daughter-in-law, Rose Crenshaw, is now without a husband. The family consisted of the following: (21)

| | | | |
|---------------|----|---|----|
| McCain, M | 54 | F | TN |
| Crenshaw, R | 38 | F | AR |
| McCain, James | 15 | M | TX |
| Salmon, M.H. | 7 | F | TX |

*This is a Crenshaw child per the 1850 FC rolls. As one can observe, Silas Crenshaw has evidently married, Minerva's second husband is gone for some reason, and once again Minerva is a widow and head of a household.

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It is unknown to this researcher who the M.H. Salmon is and her relationship to this family. It is assumed that she is a grandchild of Minerva since her daughter, Malinda A. Crenshaw, married James Salmon in Freestone County March 27, 1858. (18, page 0003)

Minerva's daughter Mary C. Crenshaw is no longer on her census list. She married J.J. McCoullough December 30, 1869 in Navarro Co, TX. (15, page 27)

Rosana (Rose) Crenshaw married Lemuel P. Byrd 5 Aug 1872 in Navarro Co, TX. (23) They were on the 1880 FC in Freestone Co, TX. (14) Minerva Crenshaw was not living with this family.

Minerva Crenshaw McCain could not be found on the 1880 FC rolls. one of three things may have happened; that is, remarriage, death, or she moved to another state. If she died and was buried in Navarro Co, TX, her grave is not marked as tombstone records of Navarro Co, TX were researched and her name does not appear on any tombstone in Navarro Co, TX.

STEPHEN M. HALBERT, Sr./SALLY MARGARET HALBERT

Records indicate that Stephen and Sally Margaret Halbert lived in Cherokee Co. until their deaths. The 1850 Cherokee Co FC shows the family in household #803 as follows: (5)

| | Name | Age | Sex | Place of Birth |
|----------|-------------|------|-----|----------------|
| Halbert, | Stephen | 44 | M | TN |
| | Sally | 45 | F | TN |
| | Joshua E.M. | 16 | M | AL |
| | Charles P. | 14 | M | AL |
| | Stephen M. | 10 | M | TX |
| | Joseph B. | 8 | M | TX |
| | Joel T. | 6 | M | TX |
| | Susanna | 3 | F | TX |
| | Sarah J. | 8/12 | F | TX |
| Johnson, | Samuel | 24 | M | AL |
| | Mary M. | 20 | F | AL |
| | Charles S. | 5/12 | M | TX |

As you will note, a married daughter and her husband and child are living in the household. Two other children, John H. and Frances P. were not living in the household at that time as they and their spouses had separate households.

On December 10, 1853, Stephen Halbert was a trustee of Rocky Springs Baptist Church. As trustees, Stephen Halbert, James Long, and Wylie Thomason accepted a donation of land from John Harris on December 10, 1853. (11, Vol. 1 page 311)

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The Stephen Halbert Family was on the 1860 Cherokee Co, TX FC rolls as follows: (6)

| | | | | |
|----------|------------|----|---|----|
| Halbert, | Stephen | 54 | M | TN |
| | Sarah | 54 | F | TN |
| | Stephen M. | 21 | M | TX |
| | Joseph | 19 | M | TX |
| | Susan | 14 | F | TX |
| | Thomas | 17 | M | TX |
| | Sarah | 11 | F | TX |
| | Charles P. | 25 | M | AL |
| Higgins, | Samuel | 17 | M | AL |

Sally Margaret Halbert died sometime after the 1860 census and before October 15, 1863. Stephen Halbert remarried on this date to Mrs. Priscilla Estelle Moseley Zackery. (17, page 33) The 1870 Cherokee Co. TX FC rolls show the family to be as follows: (7)

| | | | | |
|----------|------------|----|---|----|
| Halbert, | Stephen | 62 | M | TN |
| | Estelle P. | 45 | F | GA |
| Parks, | Sarah | 22 | F | GA |
| Zachery, | Thomas | 12 | M | GA |
| Halbert, | Stephen | 30 | M | GA |

Stephen and Estelle Halbert continued to live in Cherokee Co. The 1880 Cherokee Co, TX FC rolls show the family make-up being as follows: (8)

| | | | | | |
|----------|---------|------|---|----|------|
| Halbert, | Stephen | 73 | M | TN | |
| | Estelle | 53 | F | GA | wife |
| | Jessie | 16 | M | TX | nep |
| Dement, | John | 26 | M | AL | sil |
| | Ada | 6 | F | TX | dau |
| | Susan | 4 | F | TX | dau |
| | Carrie | 2 | F | TX | dau |
| | Jameson | 3/12 | M | TX | son |

Stephen Halbert died January 17, 1881. (12, page 40)
marked graves.

Neither Stephen nor Sally Margaret have

FRANCES HALBERT

Frances Halbert was a daughter of Stephen M. Halbert, Sr. and Sally Margaret Halbert. She did not appear on the 1850 Cherokee Co, TX FC as a Halbert because she married Gabriel H. "Gabe" Rasco on March 22, 1849. Her family was on the 1850 Cherokee Co, TX FC as follows: (5)

| Name | Age | Sex | Place of Birth |
|----------------|------|-----|----------------|
| Rasco, Gabriel | 26 | M | AL |
| Frances | 18 | F | AL |
| Perotus | 2/12 | M | TX |

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The family was still in Cherokee Co in 1860 according to the FC rolls. The family had grown to include six children. (6)

| | | | |
|-------------|------|---|----|
| Rasco, G.H. | 30 | M | AL |
| Frances P. | 25 | F | AL |
| Perotus | 10 | M | TX |
| Sarah E. | 8 | F | TX |
| Wm. T. | 6 | M | TX |
| H.N. | 4 | M | TX |
| Stephen N. | 2 | M | TX |
| Mary F. | 3/12 | F | TX |

Frances and her family probably remained in Cherokee Co, TX during the Civil War. Her husband served from Cherokee Co, TX in Co. A 2nd TX Cavalry during the Civil War.(16, page 22)

Sometime after the Civil War and before the 1870 FC was taken, the family moved to Navarro Co, TX. Gabriel H. "Gabe" Rasco Confederate Pension Application states that the family moved there in the fall of 1867. (24) The 1870 Navarro Co, TX FC rolls showed the family as follows: (21)

| | | | |
|-------------|----|---|----|
| Rasco, G.H. | 45 | M | AL |
| F.P. | 35 | F | AL |
| Wm.T. | 16 | F | AL |
| H.N. | 14 | M | TX |
| G.H. | 12 | F | TX |
| M.F. | 10 | F | TX |
| S.A. | 7 | F | TX |
| B.B. | 7 | F | TX |
| J.R. | 5 | M | TX |
| R.M. | 1 | F | TX |

The family was still in Navarro Co, TX in 1880 according to the 1880 FC rolls as follows: (22)

| | | | | |
|---------|-------------|----|---|----|
| Rascoe, | Gabriel | 57 | M | AL |
| | Frances P. | 46 | F | AL |
| | Hampton | 23 | M | TX |
| | Mary F. | 19 | F | TX |
| | (?)Hardison | 18 | M | TX |
| | Dovy | 14 | F | TX |
| | (?)Lang | 14 | F | TX |
| | Joseph | 13 | M | TX |
| | Rachel | 11 | F | TX |
| | Joshua | 5 | M | TX |

Note: The names were hard to decipher on this census roll.

Frances P. Halbert Rasco died October 30, 1882 and was buried in Old Chatfield Cemetery located in Navarro Co, TX. (27) Gabriel H. "Gabe" Rasco outlived her by approximately 25 years. He died October 3, 1907 and was buried in Petty's Chapel Cemetery which is located in Navarro Co, TX. (28)

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JOHN H. HALBERT

John H. Halbert was the son of Stephen M. Halbert, Sr., and Sally Margaret Halbert. He was not on the 1850 Cherokee Co, TX FC but he must have been "around" as he married Lois Noland January 30, 1851. (17,33)

Cherokee Co, TX land was first purchased by John H. Halbert in 1855. He purchased 126-3/4 acres December 7, 1855 and eight acres October 24, 1865. (11, Vol. T2)

The records indicate that John H. Halbert served in Co. B 17th TX Cavalry during the Civil War. His brothers Stephen M., Jr. (Tobe), Joseph (Joe), Charles Pinckney (Pink) also served in this unit and another brother Joel Thomas served in Co. C 3rd TX Cavalry. (16, page 26)

After the Civil War, John H. Halbert farmed and raised his family and worked in his church. The minute book of Rocky Springs Baptist Church of Christ shows several instances of work done by John H. Halbert both at the local and the associational level. (12)

On January 1, 1878 John H. Halbert sold all his property in Cherokee Co, TX. On Saturday before the first Lord's Day in April 1878 (April 6, 1878), the Rocky Springs Baptist Church of Christ granted letters to "Bro. J.H. Halbert, wife, and son. (12, page 47)

Evidently the John H. Halbert family moved to Erath Co, TX as they were listed on the 1880 Federal Census of Erath Co, TX, Precinct Six as follows: (13)

| Name | Relationship | Sex | Age | Born |
|---------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|
| Holbert, John | | M | 53 | AL |
| Lois | wife | F | 53 | TN |
| William S. | son | M | 21 | TX |
| Andrew J. | son | M | 19 | TX |
| James | son | M | 17 | TX |
| Webb | son | M | 11 | TX |
| Gains, Matty | dau | F | 28 | TX |
| John H. | g-son | M | 4 | TX |

John H. Halbert died in 1897. He is buried in Bethel Cemetery which is located eight miles north of Stephenville, Erath Co, TX. His remains lie under the shade of some live oak trees along the back boundary line. His grave is marked by a flat homemade concrete marker with the name John H. Halbert 1827-1897 etched in it, the etching having been done (perhaps with a nail) while the concrete was still wet. (25)

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JOHN HARRIS

John Harris was listed as head of household on the 1850 FC of Cherokee Co, TX. The household #787 consisted of the following persons: (5)

| Name | Age | Sex | Place of Birth |
|--------------|-----|--------|----------------|
| Harris, John | 49 | male | NC |
| Amelia | 38 | female | SC |
| Wm. T. | 18 | male | AL |
| Charles B | 16 | male | AL |
| Thomas A | 12 | male | MS |
| Mary A | 11 | female | MS |
| Sarah | 8 | female | Ms |
| John H | 6 | male | MS |
| Samuel P | 4 | male | TX |
| Elizabeth H | 2 | female | TX |

Deed records show that John Harris donated 6-1/6 acres of land to the Rocky Springs Baptist Church. This action was done December 10, 1853. (11, Vol. 1 page 311)

John Harris died around March, 1856. His oldest son, Charles B. Harris, began to handle the family affairs at about that time and thus fixes his approximate death date. (1)

At the time of this writing, John Harris had one living grandchild. Her name is Flossie Harris Britton. She was the daughter of John Harris' son, Samuel Parker Harris. (2)

Amelia Harris, John Harris' wife, outlived him by at least 24 years. She was on the 1880 Cherokee Co, TX FC which showed her age as being 66. (8) She and her husband, John Harris, are buried in Rocky Springs Cemetery. (29)

THOMAS JOHNSTON/LUCY JOHNSTON

Additional information could not be found for Thomas and Lucy Johnston.

THOMAS J. LINDSEY/BETHSHEBA LINDSEY

Thomas and Bethsheba Lindsey were still living in Cherokee Co. in 1850 according to FC rolls. (5)

| Name | Age | Sex | Place of Birth |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----------------|
| Lindsey, Thomas | 57 | M | GA |
| Bethsheba | 57 | F | GA |
| Holsomback, Jacob | 17 | M | MS |
| Thomas Newton | 12 | M | Ms |

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The two Holsombacks in the household were grandchildren. Early in 1851, Thomas was appointed guardians of the grandchildren who were living with him. (3)

In the late 1850's, Thomas purchased three lots in the town of Homer in Angelina Co, TX and 150 acres of land just two miles from Homer; thus he was living in both Cherokee County and Angelina County when he died October 2, 1861 at the age of 70 years. (3)

Bethsheba Lindsey died February 10, 1865 in Henderson Co, TX. Both she and Thomas, her husband, are buried in the Old Rock Hill Cemetery just off TX Hwy. 31 east of Brownsboro, TX. (27) Their son, Jacob Smart Lindsey, had founded the Rock Hill Baptist Church which is still in existence. (19)

T. J. LINDSEY/ELIZABETH LINDSEY

The Thomas J. Lindsey family appeared on the 1850 Cherokee Co, TX census as follows: (5)

| | | | | |
|----------|-----------|------|---|----|
| Lindsey, | Thomas J. | 35 | M | GA |
| | Elizabeth | 34 | F | TN |
| | Mary E. | 13 | F | MS |
| | Nancy E. | 9 | F | MS |
| | Susan D. | 5 | F | MS |
| | Martha | 1 | F | TX |
| | James M. | 7/12 | M | TX |

The family evidently moved to Homer in Angelina Co, TX with the Thomas and Bethsheba Lindsey family. They were listed there on the 1870 Angelina Co, TX FC as follows: (4)

| | | | | |
|----------|------------|----|---|----|
| Lindsey, | Thomas J. | 45 | M | GA |
| | Elizabeth | 40 | F | TN |
| | Susan P. | 15 | F | MS |
| | Martha T. | 12 | F | TX |
| | James M. | 10 | M | TX |
| | Bassceba ? | 8 | F | TX |
| | Tabitha | 5 | F | TX |
| | John L. | 2 | M | TX |

The researcher could not find the Thomas J. Lindsey family on the 1870 Texas FC. The following information concerning the 1880 Texas FC was obtained from one of the Thomas J. and Elizabeth Lindsey descendants. (19)

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1880 Madison Co, TX FC

| | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|---|----|----|
| Linsey (sic), | Thomas | M | 65 | GA |
| | Elizabeth | F | 64 | TN |
| Gentry, | Mary | F | 43 | MS |
| Lindsey, | John | M | 22 | |

Mary was a widowed daughter and John was a son. James and Susan Linsey (sic) lived next door. Thomas Linsey (sic) stated his occupation as "Minister" and that he suffered from palsy.

The burial place of this Lindsey family is unknown. It has been searched for by descendants to no avail. (19)

ISAAC SHEPPARD

Isaac Sheppard appears to be listed as J. D. Shepherd on the 1850 FC of Cherokee Co, TX. His family was #346 and contained the following listing: (5)

| | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|------|---|----|
| Shepherd, | J. (sic) D. | 35 | m | GA |
| | Sarah | 34 | f | TN |
| | Thomas | 11 | m | MS |
| | Mary A. | 9 | f | MS |
| | Dillard | 7 | m | MS |
| | Elizabeth | 5 | f | Ms |
| | James | 3 | M | TX |
| | Sarah | 4/12 | f | TX |

The family appears on the 1860 Cherokee Co, TX FC as follows: (6)

| | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|----|---|----|
| Shepherd, | I. D. | 45 | m | GA |
| | Sarah A. | 44 | f | TN |
| | Thomas | 20 | m | MS |
| | Dillard | 16 | m | MS |
| | Elizabeth | 15 | f | MS |
| | James A. | 13 | m | TX |
| | Sarah | 10 | f | TX |
| | John | 8 | m | TX |
| | Martha | 6 | f | TX |
| | Susan | 3 | f | TX |

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The oldest son of Isaac and Sarah Sheppard, Thomas A. Sheppard, a private who served in Co. I 10th Texas Cavalry, was killed in TN. Private Sheppard had no heirs. His father, Isaac Sheppard was the administrator of his estate which was probated September 6, 1862 in Cherokee Co, TX. (10)

Neither Isaac nor Sarah A. Sheppard were found listed on the 1870 and 1880 Texas Census Indices. They were either missed by the census takers, died, or else moved to another state.

WYLIE THOMASON

Wylie Thomason was born in TN (5) February 19, 1813 and died in Cherokee Co, TX June 20, 1873. (9, page 560). A great-grandson, John Wylie Thomason, told me that his great-grandparents were buried in Holly Springs Cemetery. The great-grandmother died March 31, 1844 and thus would be the first recorded burial in Holly Springs Cemetery. (9, page 560)

The children of Wylie and Elviray Thomason are: (9, page 560)

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| James Jasper | b Jan 22, 1833 | |
| Isaac | b March 7, 1834 | |
| George Washington | b July 24, 1836 | d Oct 3, 1879 |
| Elizabeth Jne | b Oct 24, 1838 | d Sept 12, 1840 |
| John | b Aug 18, 1841 | |

John Wylie was on the 1850 census as follows: (5)

| | | | | |
|-----------|---------|----|---|----|
| Thomason, | Wylie | 39 | m | TN |
| | Susan | 40 | f | NC |
| | Isaac | 15 | m | AL |
| | Geo. W. | 14 | m | AL |
| | John | 10 | m | AL |

The identity of the Susan Thomason is unclear to the researcher. It is assumed that Wylie Thomason had remarried and she is his wife. She continued to be listed on the 1860, 1870, and 1880 Federal Census of Cherokee County, TX as Susan Thomason.

Wylie Thomason was a trustee of the Rocky Springs Church on December 10, 1853. On this date, the trustees of Rocky Springs Church were given 6-1/6 acres by John Harris. Other trustees were James Long and Stephen Holbert. (11, Vol. 1 page 311)

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Wylie Thomason was on the 1860 census of Cherokee Co, TX as follows: (6)

| | | | |
|-----------------|----|---|----|
| Thomason, Wiley | 45 | m | TN |
| Susan | 50 | f | NC |
| John | 18 | m | AL |
| Faulkner, F.B. | 20 | m | TN |
| Newberry, Neaty | 31 | f | MS |
| Martha A. | 2 | f | TX |

Wiley Thomason was on the 1870 census of Cherokee Co, TX as follows: (7)

| | | | |
|-----------------|----|---|----|
| Thomason, Wiley | 57 | m | AL |
| Susan | 63 | f | NC |
| George | 34 | m | AL |
| Caroline | 25 | f | MS |
| Parmelia J. | 8 | f | TX |
| Joe | 6 | f | TX |
| Susan | 4 | f | TX |
| John W. | 2 | m | TX |

As stated earlier, Wylie Thomason died June 20, 1873. Susan Thomason was on the 1880 census living in the household of C.S. and A.J. Johnson as his mother-in-law. This MIL label appears to be an error. Researchers are working to determine a positive identity of Susan Thomason.

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PART FOUR
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN MINUTES 1846 to 1862
(continued from fall issue, Vol. 26, No. 1, 2000)
Submitted by Jaunita Wardlaw; typed by IdaLee Edmiston

CROCKETT. 5th October, A.D. 1849

Trinity Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment at the church in the town of Crockett and county of Houston, the Friday evening before the first Sabbath in October in the year of our Lord 1849. Members present:

Ministers: **James B. Harris, Thos. N. McKee, and David C. Nevills.** Elders: **Asa M. Elkins** from Montvale congregation; **Nathaniel Killough** from New Providence congregation at Larissa; **Benj. M. Wilson** from Trinity congregation, Crockett

Absent Ministers: **M. Priest** and **Sam'l Harris.** of Licentiates: **George Patton, R. Martin, James Payne, A. J. Coupland, and J. G. Carlack.** The moderator being absent, the introductory sermon was delivered by **Bro. J. B. Harris** and the Clerk **Bro. B. B. Cannon** being present.

On Motion, **Bro. J. B. Harris** was called to the chair and a quorum being present, Presbytery constituted with prayer. **Bro. J. B. Harris** was chosen Moderator, he having received a majority of all the votes present, he continued to occupy the Chair.

The minutes of last session of Presbytery were read and, On Motion, the following committees were appointed, to wit.: **Bros. Nevills and Wilson** were appointed a committee on all the Church books, except Family Church Book and **Bros. McKee and Elkins** a committee on Trinity Church Book. **Bros. McKee, Nevills, and Wilson** a committee on Literature and Theology. **Bros. Nevills, McKee, Wilson, and Elkins** a Committee on Education, and **Bros. Nevills, McKee and Killough** a Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics of the church.

On Motion: **Bro. J. H. Colland**, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church-South being present was invited to take a seat as corresponding member at the present session of Presbytery.

On Motion; Presbytery concluded with prayer and adjourned until tomorrow morning 8 o'clock.

Saturday Morning 8 O'clock

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment. Present, same members as on yesterday evening, and constituted with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Trinity Church book report that the same is in order and according to the usages of the church; which report was concurred in and the Committee discharged

On Motion: Ordered that the Clerk furnish **Bro. J. G. Carlack** with letter of dismissal and recommendations on his application.

The committee on "Other Church Books" reported that they have finished the books of New Providence and Montvale churches and find no departure from our most excellent and, no other books being

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submitted, the Committee asked to be discharged. Which report was received and concurred in but the Committee was retained..

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics of the church report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, as well as they could from the materials in their possession, and find that peace and harmony generally prevail within your bounds; that there have been some encouraging meetings during the last six months and that the prospects of the churches within our bounds are brightening and the hope of Zion's friends reviving and they also find that during the last year there have been 114 acceptations and 34 baptisms; but that there are too few laborers in the Gospel Field which is already "white unto harvest," all of which is respectfully submitted, which report was received and concurred in.

On Motion; It is ordered that the Church Sessions of the different congregations within the bounds of this Presbytery be required through their representatives, or otherwise, to furnish a statistical report to the next Presbytery, as contemplated and required by the Gen'l Assembly of the C. P. Church at its last session.

The Trustees of the C. P. Literary and Theological ----- (?)nary at Larissa made their Semi-Annual report which was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

On Motion. It is resolved that **Bro. Samuel Harris** New Providence congregation with preaching agreeably to their engagement with him, until next Session of Presbytery.

On Motion. Resolved that **Bro. D. C. Nevills** supply Trinity Congregation with preaching agreeably to their engagement with him, until next Session of Presbytery.

On Motion. Resolved that **Bro. J. B. Harris** supply Montvale congregation with preaching agreeably to their engagement with him until next Session of Presbytery.

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On Motion. Resolved that this Presbytery resolve itself into a Home Missionary Society and that **Bro. T. N. McKee** be engaged in Missionary Operations as circumstances permit, until next Session of Presbytery and report to the next Session.

The Committee on Education made the following report, to wit: "That the spirit of education generally, within your bounds, is on the advance and particularly amongst our people, that they have had the report of the trustees of your Presbyterial School at Larissa, which was referred to them under consideration, and that the school closed its 4th session the last of August under favorable circumstances, and would commence its fifth session on the 15th Sept. under the immediate control and instruction of the former teachers. **Bro. Thos. N. McKee and Mrs. S. R. Erwin** and also that ? have been taken towards procuring a professor of ? mathematicist to take charge of the institution ? for a time , and your committee would respectfully recommend the purchase of a library and operators for the use of the institution as soon as practicable, and to this end we recommend the appointment of an agent or agents whose duty it shall be to travel and solicit donations for - ? and perpetual establishment of said institution. We would further suggest that the Presbytery take into consideration the propriety of securing a proper Constitution for said institution of learning and that an

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additional number of trustees be appointed whose location shall be dispersed in different portions of the Presbytery. " Which report was received and...

On Motion, **Col. Wm. H. Lawrence and Mr. Reuben B. Russ** of Anderson County and **Mr. Mat J. Edmiston and James M. Hall** of Houston County were appointed additional trustees for our Presbyterial School at Larissa.

On Motion; Resolved that **Bros. Sam'I Harris, D. C. Nevills, James B. Harris, T. N. McKee and M. Priest**, respectively, solicit donations to aid the Trustees of our Presbyterial School at Larissa in effecting the objects referred to in the report of the Committee on Education and that they report to next session of Presbytery,

On Motion; And for reasons apparent to Presbytery, leave of absence is granted to **Bro. N. Killough** for the remainder of the present session.

On Motion; **Bro. J. R. Jones**, a Ruling Elder in Ebenezer Congregation of the C. P. Church, being present is invited to take his seat as corresponding member during the residue of the present session.

On Motion, Resolved that all the ministers belonging to this Presbytery be required to deliver a sermon to each of them respective charges on the subject of the support of the ministry, prior to next session of Presbytery and report thereto.

On Motion, Ordered that the Clerk make out and transfer to the Editor of the Texas Presbyterian a copy of the minutes for publication

On Motion, And no further business appearing, Resolved that Presbytery adjourn to meet at the town of Palestine in Anderson County on Friday evening before the 1st Sabbath in April next. And Presbytery concluded with prayer and adjourned.

B. B. Cannon, Clk

J. B. Harris, Moderator

PALESTINE, 5th April AD, 1850

Trinity Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment at the town of Palestine, Anderson County, Texas. on Friday evening 5th day of April A.D. 1850. Members present:

Ministers: **Sam'l Harris, D. C. Nevills, T. N. McKee, and J. B. Harris**; Representatives: Elder **Nathaniel Killough** of New Providence., **Asa M. Elkins** from Montvale congregation. Licentiates: **James L. Payne, A. J. Coupland and George Patton**. Absent: Minister, **M. Priest**, Licentiates: **R. B. Martin and L G. Carlock**.

The introductory sermon was delivered by **Bro. J. B. Harris** on Matthew 5th Chapter, and 3rd. verse. Constituted with prayer. **Bro Sam'l Harris** was chosen Moderator and **Bro. J. B. Harris**, Clerk ProTem..

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The minutes of last session were read and approved. **Bro. Robert Walters**, a member of the Frasier (?) Presbytery being present, was invited and took his seat as a corresponding member.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning half past 7 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, 1850

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment. Members present same as on yesterday. Constituted with prayer. Minutes of yesterday were read

On Motion, **Bros. D. C. Neville. T. N. McKee and N. Killough** were appointed a committee to examine the Licentiates and candidates on Literature and Theology.

Bro. I R. Jones, representative from San Pedro congregation came forward and took his seat.

On Motion, **Bros T. N. McKee, D. C. Nevills, J. B. Harris, Nathaniel Killough & Asa M. Elkins** were appointed a committee on education.

Bros. D. C. Nevills & J. B. Harris reported that they have complied with the order of last Presbytery.

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MINUTES OF THE SPRING SESSION, 1850 (continued)

... The Committee on Education submitted their report, which was received and adopted and is as follows, viz: "Your Committee reports that an interest in on the subject of education is rapidly increasing throughout your bounds. The Committee feels gratified to say to the Presbytery that our people and to a great extent up to the Spirit of the age on the subject of education..

We have had before us the report of the Trustees of our Presbyterial institution at Larissa, Cherokee County, which we find in a flourishing conditions. It has, in fact, entered into its sixth session under favorable circumstances and under the supervision of **Professor Seva(?)** We herewith submit a Constitution, the adoption of which we recommend, for the further government of said institution. We would also recommend a change of its name." Signed: **D. C. Nevills**, Chairman

CONSTITUTION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY

Article 1. It shall be the duty of the Presbytery to appoint such officers as may be necessary for the erection of the building and the perpetuity of the institution in its contingencies.

Article 2. The officers of this institution shall consist of a board of trustees , no number greater than ten nor less than seven.

Article 3. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, elected by the Board.

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Article 4. The Presbytery shall appoint a discretionary number of agents whose _____ it shall be to visit the different churches to raise funds for the construction of the building which funds shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board and subject to their order

Article 5. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to erect the building and keep said building in good repair. To elect teachers, to visit the school monthly and make an annual report of the condition and prosperity of said school to the Presbytery,

Article 6. The Presbytery shall find herself honorably bound for all the appropriate contracts of the Board

Article 7. It shall be furthermore the duty of the Presbytery to select from within the various _____ (?) of her boundary, suitable persons to be designated the Board of Visitors whose duty it shall be to be present at the annual commencements.

Article 8. While it shall be the duty of Presbytery and Trustees to guard the interests of the institution with a jealous eye, so that the object of its founding may be realized. They shall commit without reserve the internal arrangements, the discipline of the school to the wisdom and prudence of the principal.

On Motion, The following named gentlemen were appointed trustees of the above named institution viz.: **Wm Hudson(?), Samuel Harris, Thomas McKee, Wm Dunning, Nathaniel Killough, Mr. Britton(?), R. R. Jowell, A. A. Johnson, David Templeton.**

On Motion, The following named gentlemen were appointed the Board of Visitors to attend the annual commencement of said institution, viz: **James M. Hall, Samuel A. Erwin, R. A. Reeves, R. K. Bastin (?), D. C. Nevills, T. N. McKee, S. B. Harris.**

On Motion. **Bros. Samuel Harris & D. C. Nevills** were appointed agents to solicit donations for the institution.

On Motion. A letter of dismissal and recommendation was granted to **Bro. James S. Payne.**

Ordered that **Bro. D. C. Nevills** supply Trinity congregation with monthly Sabbath preaching until next Presbytery.

Ordered that **Bro. I. S. Richards** supply San Pedro congregation with monthly Sabbath preaching until next Presbytery.

On Motion. **Bro. T. N. McKee** was appointed Commissioner on behalf of this Presbytery to the next General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; and that he be general Traveling Agent for our Presbyterial (school) institution at Larissa.

Presbytery adjourned to meet Monday morning next at half past 7 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

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MONDAY MORNING April 8th AD 1850

Half past 7 o'clock

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. Members present as on Saturday, excepting **Bros. Hodges, Killough, & Jones** who obtained leave of absence.

The Committee on Church Books made their report which was received and ordered to be filed.

Bro. R. A. Reeves(?), representative from Mound(?) Prairie & Palestine came forward and took his seat.

On Motion of **Bro T. N. McKee** - Resolved that **Bro. J. B. Harris** be appointed a travelling Missionary and that he attend all the meetings appointed and raise collections at the meetings that he may attend for his support.

On Motion of **Bro. D. C. Nevills** - The following meetings were appointed, viz: Commencing Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August at Crockett, Friday evening before the 3rd Sabbath at San Pedro. At Mt. Prairie Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July; At Palestine Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in July; At Buffalo Friday before the 1st Sabbath in Oct.; At Rusk Friday before the 4th Sabbath in May; At Jacksonville Friday before the 1st Sabbath in June; At Larissa Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in Sept.; At Couplands's Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July.

On Motion of **Bro. D. C. Nevills**. Resolved that, in view of the great secrecy(?) of demonational books, and feeling the uniform distance of supplying the districts and promoting the great cause in which we are engaged, we respectfully petition the Cumberland Presbyterian board of publication to establish a depot at some convenient and acceptable point in Texas for the safe keeping and distribution of said books. Believing that Palestine is such a point and a suitable place for the deposits, we suggest that Palestine be selected for that purpose and that **R. A. Reeves** be appointed agent for said books.

Wheras this Presbytery sympathizes with **Bros McGowin & Waters(?)**, the present editors of the Texas Presbyterian and inasmuch as we desire as a Presbytery that said enterprise succeed; therefore, Resolved that the members and friends of the churches under our jurisdiction be requested to patronize said paper.

On Motion, It is ordered that the Clerk, **Bro. Cannon**, prepare and forward the minutes of this Presbytery to the Editors of the Texas Presbyterian for publication.

On Motion, Resolved that the thanks of the Presbytery be and are hereby tendered to the Citizens of Palestine for the hospitable manner in which they have received and entertained the members of the same during the present Session.

On Motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Larissa, Cherokee County, State of Texas, on Friday evening before the third Sabbath in September next. Concluded with prayer.

J. B. Harris, Clk Pro Tem

Sam'I Harris, Mod.

WILLIAM M. PRICE Family

by Ogreta W. Huttash

William M. Price was born ca 1820 in Georgia and married Mahalia Caroline Tillman 25 November 1840 in Muscogee County, Georgia. This is the only definite date for him as his birth and death dates are unknown. Mahalia was the daughter of Henry and Lydia Johnston Tillman who came to Cherokee County, Texas before 1850. William and Mahalia stayed a while in Union Parish, Louisiana before coming to Anderson County then to Cherokee County, Texas, their final move. From the census records we get an idea of the family structure. Anderson County, 1850 FC, Residence 38:

| | | | |
|--------|----------------|----|-----------------|
| Farmer | PRICE, William | 27 | born in Georgia |
| | Mahalia | 24 | Georgia |
| | William M. | 6 | Louisiana |
| | Elizarius I. | 4 | Arkansas |
| | John F. | 3 | Anderson County |
| | Joseph | 1 | Anderson County |

1860 Federal Census, Cherokee County, Residence 1168:

| | | | |
|--------|----------------|------|-------------|
| Farmer | PRICE, William | 35 | Louisiana |
| | Hannah L, | 20 | Mississippi |
| | William | 14 | Louisiana |
| | Lase | 13 | Louisiana |
| | John | 12 | Texas |
| | Joseph | 10 | Texas |
| | Newton | 8 | Texas |
| | Liddy A. | 4 | Texas |
| | Mary A . | 4/12 | Texas |

Next door was a Mr. Murphy, age 46, born in N. C., wife Jane, age 46 and several children born in Alabama and Mississippi. This is more than likely the parents and siblings of Hannah who married William M. Price 20 February 1859, shortly after the death of Mahalia in 1858. This is the last appearance on census records for William M., Hannah, Elizarius, John, and Mary A. Price.

Mahalia Price died in 1858 as stated above, Her surviving husband was appointed administrator with bond set at \$2,500, customarily twice the value of the estate, In December 1860 he was back in Probate Court and said he only listed real estate as community property, value \$650, He added to the inventory one horse at \$100, one at \$50, mare and colt \$75, 2 yoke oxen \$80, wagon \$50, 23 head of stock cattle \$115, 30 head of hogs at \$60, household and kitchen furniture \$75, total \$605, "all we possessed at her death," He listed debts of the estate as \$800 which he had paid.

Civil War records for Cherokee County are very incomplete, One side of the statue to our Confederate dead located on the grounds of the Courthouse at Rusk reads "LEST WE FORGET. Rolls in County Clerk's Office., The statue was unveiled in 1907, and the rolls were compiled by the veterans themselves. For Company K, 18th Texas Infantry, Captain J. C. Maples, William Price was listed as a private and L. Price is listed with him, too. Whether this is William the father or William the son is hard to say. Both would have been eligible a short time later under the conscript law permitting discharges for those 18 and under and over 35. However, as the war lingered on, both men would have been subject to recall for service. If the son served two terms - or even one - why did his widow not

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receive a pension? She would have been eligible.

The tax rolls for 1860 were a big surprise. William M. Price was the original grantee, a Nacogdoches 3rd class certificate dated 1856. He rendered 255 acres at \$1,275, 2 horses, no cattle, miscellaneous property, and paid a poll tax. This was a large increase in the year following Mahalia's death. In 1861 he rendered the same, except 3 horses instead of two.

In 1862 things were as in 1861. By 1863 he rendered 255 acres in his own headright survey and 320 acres in the J. Williams Survey, He was not found on the 1864 rolls, and in 1865 there was no property, but he paid a poll tax. He is not found in 1866, 1867, or 1868. Tax rolls must be very carefully considered. Above William M. Price with the one poll and no property is almost surely the son William M. Price just before he married in November 1865. There is no record these men with the same name were ever Senior and Junior, so it is impossible to separate them from 1865 forward, if there were two of them. This does suggest a death date for the father.

Some of the Price deeds include:

L 383-384 E. M. Pease, Governor of the State of Texas, granted William M. Price 251 acres on the waters of the Neches about 3 miles North of Posey's Bridge and 16 miles Northwest from Rusk, by virtue of Pre-emption Certificate issued by County Clerk of Cherokee County on 19 March 1855, Done at Austin 5 May 1856.

L 384-385 - a pre-emption certificate for 320 acres to William R. Tillman, 14½ miles Northwest of Rusk - possibly a kinsman.

N 310 Moses Sharpley sold Reuben Simpson and William M. Price 320 acres for \$640 on 21 December 1858.

N 311 shows Simpson and Price mortgaged the above land, 320 acres patented to Edward Smith, to Lemuel McCord.

There is a case in District Court styled William M. Price vs Reuben Simpson, Case 1552, Book C, pages 59 and 111.

The most important deed is the following which is summarized here. On 10 November 1873 William M. Price and Amanda V. Price his wife, Newton Price and Lydia A. Price, and Lavicia Reese who was wife of Joseph Price, sold to James M. White all their interest in the 254 9/10 acres of land on the pre-emption headright survey of William M. Price [their father] deceased, and all were heirs at law. Consideration was \$700 in promissory notes payable in January 1874 and January 1875, All signed with an X except Lavicia, widow of Joseph Price and then wife of Hugh Reese(D2-188)

The death date of William M. Price must be placed between 1864 or 1865 and 1873. His service in the Civil War would be before 1863 when he made several appearances in District Court, or later. Based on above cited records of deeds and probate and census, the children of William M. Price and Mahalia Caroline Tillman were:

1. William M. Price born in Union Parish Louisiana ca 1844, oldest child. He is on the 1850 census with his parents as age 6, on the 1860 as age 14. In 1870 in Precinct c, Residence 2:

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| | | | | |
|--------|--------|----------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Farmer | PRICE, | William M. | 26 | born in Louisiana |
| | | Amanda V. | 23 | Louisiana |
| | | Emma | 3 | Texas |
| | | John | 1 | Texas |
| Farmer | PRICE, | Joseph | 23. | Louisiana |
| | | Levice 18 | | Texas [nee Knight] |

William M. Price signed the deed in November 1873, the same year Ada Caroline was born, as it turned out later on. Did he die, divorce, or move on? The next good clue is this obituary from Jacksonville Daily Progress, Monday, February 19, 1940, page 1:

MISS ADA PRICE EXPIRES AT RUSK

Funeral To Be Conducted Tuesday

Miss Ada Price, 66, died, at 2:30 o'clock this morning at Rusk after a long illness. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Antioch conducted by Rev. C. R. Meadows, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city. Survivors are one brother, John Price, of Jacksonville, two sisters, Mrs. J. F. Tillman of Jacksonville and Mrs. J. R. Smyrl of Bullard.

Some researchers have combined the birth date of Amanda V. and the death date of Ada Price and have combined the two people into one and buried her at Antioch Cemetery! It has been printed, but hopefully can be made right. They have also listed Sam Price as Ada's father! He was her half brother, younger than she was by nearly ten years, He is called William Sam(uel) but has not been found on any record so far. He is listed as buried at Antioch.

The tax roll for 1870 shows William M. Price rendered 4 cattle at \$16, other livestock \$159 Poll tax \$2, total taxes \$2.40. No land. The poll tax seems high to us today.

More work needed to be done, and some rethinking. Instead of William M. Price moving, consider that he did not, He was young, about 35 years of age. He could have died., This was when Ada's records came to light. Who was Mrs. Jo F. Tillman? The answer was Anna Bartlett who married him 18 October 1896. She would have been half-sister to Ada. But how? Well, Mrs. V. A. Price married W, M, Bartlett 19 October 1877. Anna was their child. The 1880 census for Precinct 3, Residence 255:

| | | | | |
|-----------|----------|----|----------------|----------|
| BARTLETT, | Amanda | 32 | Head of family | AL SC AI |
| | Emma C. | 13 | dau | TX LA AL |
| | John F. | 11 | son | TX LA AL |
| | Aider C. | 7 | dau | TX LA AL |
| | Annie | 1 | dau | TX LA AL |

The error? The Price children Emma, John F., and Ada C. were enumerated as Bartlett. Emma Price is the Mrs. J. R. Smyrl of Bullard and a sister of Ada. John F, Price of Jacksonville is a full brother, and Annie is the half sister born Bartlett who married J. F. Tillman, A closer look at the 1880 census shows that Newton Z. Price and family of wife and four children are at Residence 315. The Amanda Bartlett

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above is his sister-in-law, Residence 256 is James King, wife Lydia A. and family, and next door is William Hammett.

Back to Amanda Virginia Price Bartlett. She died 20 January 1923, according to the Hammett Bible, which also records her date of birth as 4 June 1847, This is not on death records and no obituary has been found. The mystery lingers as to why she drew no civil War pension. Perhaps she did not need one, although she was about 77 years of age when she died. One W. M. Bartlett owned 110 acres of land valued at \$500 in 1878.

There is room for more searching. Emma, John F. and Ada are the only known children of William and Amanda Price. On the 1900 census of Cherokee County, Vol. 18, E.D. 22, Sheet 12 this is found:

| | | | |
|---------------|--------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| PRICE, | Amanda | 52 Head of household | Farmer born June 1847 |
| | Ada | 26 daughter | Sept 1873 |
| BARTLETT, Sam | | 17 son | March 1882 |

Amanda V, and Ada have not been found on the 1910 census, but Sam Price, age 28, single, is a hired man in the Bedford H. Trantham household, Sam and his mother started out as Bartlett and became Price. He died in Rusk 4 January 1938. His death certificate shows he was age 53, born in 1883, common laborer, divorced from Anna Bell Clark. Parents and place of burial are not indicated.

Is there a Price Bible out there somewhere? Emma or John would have known when their father died, Unless there is a divorce somewhere, the death date of William M. Price (Jr.) would be between the time he signed the deed in late 1873 and the time Amanda married Mr. Bartlett in October 1877.

2. Lazarus Price, second son and second child of William and Mahalia Price, was born ca 1846, probably in Louisiana. He is with his parents on the 1850 and 1860 census records, His name is shown once as Elizarius, once as Lase, and once as L. It could be Lazarus as most of the family names are biblical. Last record of him was when he enlisted in Company K, 18th Texas Infantry under Captain Maples in the Civil War. His name is not on the 1873 deed.

3, John F. Price third son, was with his parents on the 1850 and 1860 census records, which means he was born in Anderson County, No further record has been found, It is possible he was in the last part of the Civil War if he lived that long. He had a nephew named for him, the John F, who was son of William M Price and Amanda V. Hammett.

4. Joseph Price was probably the fourth son of William and Mahalia Price and was born in Anderson County ca 1849. He could have been in the last part of the Civil War, also. He is on the 1870 tax roll* He married Levicia Knight 20 March 1870 and they were enumerated on that census in the household of his brother William M. Price and family. Joseph was age 21 and Levicia was age 18, born in Texas, He was dead by the time of the deed in November 1873 as widow signed in his place. She married Hugh Reese 31 October 1873.

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5. Newton Zachariah Price was on the 1860 census with his parents as age a. In 1870, Precinct 3, Residence 58:

| | | | |
|---------|-----------|----|---------|
| PRICE, | Newton Z. | 19 | Texas |
| | Martha | 21 | Texas |
| TILMAN, | Lydia | 60 | Georgia |
| PRICE, | Lydia | 15 | Texas |

Lydia Tillman was the mother of the first wife of William M. Price (Sr.), Mahalia Caroline Tillman who died in 1858, and was therefore the grandmother of Newton Z. and his sister Lydia Price. Newton Z. and Martha Patton married 12 December 1869. They are buried at Union Grove Cemetery. His tombstone reads: born 9 March 1848, 30 September 1927, Hers reads: 4 September 1849 - 13 September 1930. They lived, married, and died in Cherokee County and reared a large family here.

6. Lydia Ann Price was on the 1860 census with her father William and his second wife, Hannah and her age was 4. The next census she was with her brother Newton Z. above, age 15. She signed the deed of 1873. On 23 February 1876 she married Frank Pearson, then she married James King on 31 January 1878 as Lydia A., Pearson. On the 1880 census, Precinct 3:

| | | | |
|----------|----------|----|----------------|
| KING, | James | 27 | Alabama |
| | Lida | 24 | Texas wife |
| | John N, | 1 | Texas son |
| PEARSON, | Rufus P, | 3 | Texas Step-son |
| KING, | Billie | 24 | Texas Brother |

Many descendants of this Price family still live.' in Cherokee County and several are researching their Price ancestors. Perhaps this will help. Information received will be placed in the vertical file at the Jacksonville Public Library.

Ogreta W, Huttash, Researcher

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The Cannon Journal

The following pages contain my transcription of a three month journal written in 1846 by Benjamin Bartlett Cannon the first. I am Benjamin Bartlett Cannon the 5th and BBC the 1st was my great3 grandfather who was born in Jefferson County, Tennessee in 1801. A second section of this paper contains a sketch of the Benjamin Bartlett Cannon family through BBC 3rd.

The journal which is the subject of this work has been a family heirloom for the past 153 years, but its content has remained only vaguely known in our family until September of 1997 when a dose of belated curiosity inspired me to transcribe it.

The purpose of distributing this preliminary version is to call for corrections and to seek expansions of footnote content. ANY comments are eagerly sought.

This journal is not that of a famous man or a description of notable events, but rather a daily log of a river trip from Tennessee to Texas in 1846. The purpose of the journey was to locate some arable lands for new settlement in the brand new State. The value of the transcription extends beyond the interest of the Cannon family. It represents a snapshot of the ecology and agrarian potential of 1846 Texas. It also records moments in which the many people discussed in the journal can be placed at a particular date and place.

The journal itself is 5" x 7" with 112 pages, a leather spine and stiff cardboard covers with an olive and dark green marbled pattern. It is well worn with the spine split, but the lined pages are only lightly browned with age and quite flexible. The inside cover, which is faced with a tightly pasted smooth white paper is marked Z.H. Cannon. This might refer to Benjamin's father Zachariah (middle initial unknown) or Zachariah Henderson Cannon one of Benjamin's sons.

Perhaps he scrounged it from one of them before heading out. It is also possible that Zachariah H. was laying his claim to his father's book some years later.

Benjamin Bartlett Cannon had a comfortable situation in Tennessee. At the time of his departure for the trip to Tennessee he owned substantial acreage, had a law practice and was the surveyor and clerk of Hamilton County. His brother George Reubon Cannon was a major landowner in Hamilton County. The town his brother and his wife Eliza (Tunnell) and their seven children lived in, Dallas, Tennessee, was up river from modern Harrison Landing. The town was already in decline by 1840 and no longer exists, but it would seem that their move was not inspired out of any sort of desperation or an effort to escape debt, but rather the promise of reasonably priced good lands with long growing seasons. Also, Eliza' physician is said to have recommended that she move to a warmer climate.

Three months after Texas became a state in 1846 Benjamin Bartlett Cannon the 1st was on his way to buy farming land in the Lone Star State. His baby George Douglas Cannon was only a month old.

I thank you for your interest and I especially thank Bernard Mayfield, Robert Kyle Cannon, Margaret "Peg" Cannon Schlender, John D. Hamilton and Chip Waldroup for their help.

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The Cannon Journal

Journal of Benjamin Bartlett Cannon, April 6, 1846

April 6th 1846 Monday, morning, 7 1/2 o'clock. left Harrison Hamilton County, Tennessee*, for the State of Texas, detained by the wind, our boat being driven to the bank at Cornetts bottom arrived at Chattanooga after sun down. landed. Mr. Taylor expended, for a painted bucket forty cents. wash pan \$0.25, 1/2 quire letter paper .25, 3 tin cups @.06 3/4¢ 18 3/4, whole bill \$0.96-1/4

left Chattanooga at dark, and cabled opposite Williams Island above the suck** at 10 o'clock.

* The group has boarded a flatboat at Harrison Landing on the Tennessee River. B.B. Cannon's home is a few miles North in what is now the extinct site of Dallas located near modern Dallas Bay. Dallas was the first Hamilton County Seat and once boasted a hotel with an elegant ballroom. The town was in decline by 1842, and in 1856 was purchased outright by his brother George Ruebon Cannon.

** A suck is a whirlpool. . This suck is on maps and is a few miles downstream from Chattanooga along the Tennessee River at the mouth of Suck Creek.

Tuesday 7th, Apl Started at day light and, was detained by the wind in the eddy above the suck, some three hours. The wind fell. The rain commenced, and we started, passed through the Suck, Pot & Skillet and at Kelly's Ferry* overtook and lashed with the Wibb and Craft. Continued raining. Sometimes incessantly. I treated to a gallon of cider. At 40 cents bought from a floating grocery kept by Bill Caruthers. Forced to land at 11 o'clock by a storm of wind and rain from the West. Just below the Mouth of the Sequachi river.

* The Pot and Skillet are rock outcrops along the Tennessee River. Some old maps show the "Pot" as the "Pan". I suspect "Pot" is the original term.

Wednesday 8th Started at day light. Left. Wibb and Craft at the Mouth of battle creek, driven on at a rapid rate by a strong storm wind. All day. Passing Bolivar and Bellfont*

* Abandoned Alabama sites.

Thursday 9th Rain all last night. Bring a beautiful clear, calm, moonlight night passing Gunter's landing* just before day, and landed at Whitesburg** - at 2 o'clock. John Carmichael sold his boat for \$28.00 and he & Mr. Taylor engaged to go through the shoals for nine dollars each

* Gunter's Landing inn was first run by John Gunter. His grand daughter Catherine Self, part indian, married Perry Tunnell in 1807. He was the son of Stephen Tunnell a brother of Robert Tunnell, father-in-law to B.B. Cannon.ZAb

** Abandoned Alabama site

Friday 10th April 1846 Loaded in 110 bales cotton. Bought five pounds sugar @ 10c 50c

Saturday 11th Left Whitesburg 3 AM. Detained by the wind, at Lemans ferry a few hours arrived at Decatur*. 11 o'clock at night, paid 12 1/2 c for bitters.

* Alabama

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Sunday 12th The lighters left in the morning. Weather inclement. I remained at Decatur this day.

Monday 13 Took the car. Individual bill at Decatur including Tavern bill and rail road fare to Tusculmbia*, \$3.00. bought a fine comb at Caintland for 12 1/2c bill at Tusculmbia 62 1/2c Took steamboat Herschell at Tusculmbia. Fare on deck to East Port. \$1.00 - arrived at East Port at 7 ock 1.P.M. put up at Wheelock Tavern.

* Alabama

Tuesday 14th April Remained at E. Port to day. The Steamer Huntsville left last night for N. Orleans.

Wednesday 15th April The lighters arrived all well. paid my bill at Wheelocks \$1.25 engaged deck passage on Steamer Mazippa for John, Wm & Archy. Carmichael* & John Taylor & myself @ \$3.00 each. excused from wooding** in the contract. Came on board @ 10 P.M. with the privilege of room on the boat except in the cabins.

* The 1830 TN census indicates that John Carmichael was a neighbor of B.B.Cannon in Knox Co. The 3 Carmichael brothers were the sons of Duncan Carmichael. and Mary Monroe Carmichael of NCFTM. This is John "C." Carmichael

** wooding is written quite plainly

Thursday 16th Left E. Port 6 1/2 o'clock. A.M. bought 5 lbs sugar before leaving 50 cents on yesterday paid 20 cents for mending Wm Carmichaels* boats. I omitted to state that our company when we started from home consisted of John Carmichael, John Taylor and myself alone. On our arrival at Whitesburg we were joined by William and Arch. Carmichael. All of whom are destined for Texas. We are also this day joined by Mr. Jones, Mr. French and Mr. Hixson (Hitson?) and his family all bound for Texas detained at different points taking on freight.

*Wm Carmichael of TN had moved to Cherokee County, TX by 1850 and was a "clock agent" at age 37MHC.

Friday 17th Detained at different points taking on freight the most of which was loaded at the mouth of Sandy.

Saturday 18th Landed at Mr. Craigs. detained all day and to night. bought 20 dozen biscuits at \$2.00. 60c of which I paid - bought myself a shaving box for 15c.

Sunday 19th Left Craigs this morning. landed at Paducah, paid 55c for cheese, and sixty cents for a pair of slips. returned to John Carmichael \$2.00 which with one dollar previously handed to him makes \$ 3.00 of \$ 19.70 deposited by him with me the day we left home. Left Paducah this evening having during about two hours stay some three steamboats passing up the Ohio and three down. All fine boats. Our boat leaked badly - sailed all night. about 10 oclck reached the Mississippi river.

Monday 20th Reached Memphis 10 o'clock P.M. paid for crackers 80c.

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Tuesday 21st Mrs. Duforce, an old lady Aunt of Mr. Hitson died about 12 ock M. and was buried about sun down 6 miles above Montgomery's Point, on the East bank of the river near Mr. Smiths. Rained to day.

Wednesday 22nd Passed the mouth White and Arkansas river* last night. This day saw the finest farms that my eyes ever beheld any where. Cornfields grain, cotton just making its appearance.

* The White River joins the Arkansas River near the Arkansas's mouth in central Arkansas)

Thursday 23rd Passed Natches. settled up with John Carmichael and all preparatory to separating at the mouth of Red River. Our cash expenses amounting to \$1.32 each for provision. Carmichaels and Z. U. B. French destined for New Orleans. French's address Bastrop, Texas. Carmichaels to return up Red river and meet me at Reagans* or write to me there before the 25th May.

* William Reagan was the brother in law of B.B. Cannon via his wife Eliza's sister, Matilda Tunnell who he married in 1825. William Reagan was born August 1st, 1794 in Knoxville, TN. By 1850 the Reagans were living in Rusk County with their children: Adaline, James, Amanda, Robert, Caroline, Noble, Emily, Hellen and Allenia ZAb.

2 CONC Friday 24th April Landed at the mouth of Red River just as day was breaking and while getting on the wharf boat, the Steamer Rodolph. Capt Welch came along side bound for Shreveport. Took deck passage for Shreveport at \$2.00 each in company with John Taylor and Thos Jones bought 50 cents worth of bread. Carmichaels and French remained on the Mazippa. C.* paid Mr Taylors passage.

* (John Carmichael)

Saturday Traveled yesterday and last night at a rapid rate. Had late last evening a heavy gust of thunder and rain, boat much crowded with emigrants for Texas. passed Natchitoches today. Met with H. S. Howell who brought a prisoner on board at Natchitoches. Bought 81 cents worth of bread today. Boat landed at different points today. Loading and unloading freight etc.

Sunday 26th Landed at Shreveport 5 o'clock. Went out to Mr. Joseph Howells. Found all well (met with Hamilton Howell on the boat yesterday in charge of a prisoner who had been sent to Natchitoches for safe keeping. The prisoners named Thompson committed for the murder of Jim Kings)

Monday 27th Returned this morning to Shreveport one mile from the Howells .. This town is well situated on the SW bank of Red river where the Caddo Lake connects with the river. Is a new place and in rapid state of improvement. Business is brisk , fine building going up. The city is elevated, one church (methodist) and a court house. A considerable number of stores, law offices and doctor shops. commission and ware houses. all new and mostly substantial brick and frame buildings some finished and others, being finished all in good style. The town is furnished with drinking water by two waggons kept constantly running from town. Rain last night and to day till 12 M. left this evening for William Ragans. Arrived at Mr. Eppes 10 miles from town about sun set.

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Tuesday 28th Mr Taylor paid our bill this morning. 50 cents each. good fare. My heels blistered. Travelled 20 miles to day. Arrived at Mr. Smiths about sunset. Passed fine large plantations on the road. Land tolerably good. Rather sandy. fine timber much pine. surface gently undulating., Water not good springs scarce. wells almost at every house curbed with wood giving the water a very unpleasant taste. Now in Texas about 5 miles.

Wednesday 29th Our bill this morning 50 cts each. paid by me. Mr. >Coupland* of Cherokee county Alabama who joined us at the mouth of Red >River still with us. Arrived at Sabine river fifteen miles having left my >boots and blanket with a Mr Coats and Jourdan to convey in their waggons >to Vinsons store or Gages in Rusk**. Detained at the river about 3 hours.

Crossed over in company with Mr. Glenn and Mr. Newsome from Georgia who overtook us at the river. The banks overflowed to the width of 3/4 of a mile. Ferriage 25 cents each paid by Mr. Coupland. This place is called Brewsters bluff. Found a tolerably good spring here near the river. bought me a pair of shoes for 2.00 c the buildings are a store house and dwellings. The Sabine river at high tide overflows the bottoms to a considerable depth. Passed on to Martins creek two miles. Turned up the creek to cross without wading or swimming if possible. The company except myself waded across after I left them. I kept up the creek upwards of two miles. crossed four sluices of 8 or 9 feet depth on logs, got to the main creek, could find no place to cross, had to return the way I came to the ford, or bridge as I afterward found. had to go back 1/4 of a mile to a Mr. Kennedys where I arrived after night, almost exhausted wet and hungry.

* B.B. Cannon's grave is in the Coupland burial lot of the Cedar Hill Cemetary in Rusk, TX. Perhaps the same (Colonel) Coupland. This may be George W. Coupland, though other correspondence indicates an Ollie Coupland.

** Rusk County, not the town of Rusk BM.

Thursday 30th Bill this morning 50 cents for myself. Mr. Kennedy sent me on horse across the creek to Mr. Dixon's. Mr. Taylor and Copland met me on the way and returned with me to Dixson's. where they stayed last night. All of us started on and having traveled about 15 miles met with Mr. Sewell Howith* who put me on his horse and took me home with him about 7 miles North of the road where we met. He lives with his uncle John Howith who is glad to see me. Found all well. Found the land today over which I traveled tolerably good, and some good springs of freestone water very clear and well tasted. The country thinly settled, cattle fine, all in good order.

* May be Hawith or a Tennessean who is not included in "Tennesseans in Texas in 1850". Perhaps he returned to TN.

Friday 1 May Stayed today with John Howith who seems not well pleased with the country so far as he has examined it, but conservatively speaking has seen but a small portion of it.

(To be continued.)

Queries

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I have had and still having a problem finding any information on Abraham and his wife Mary (GOLDMAN) ATWOOD and their family that came to Cherokee Co. in 1851/52. Abraham died there in 1858 and Mary in 1864(?) I have no idea just where they are buried are what happened to their children. One Isaac ATWOOD married Ann BOTTOMS in early 1858 they were my G-Grandparents. Ann was the daughter of Zachariah "Zach" BOTTOMS and his wife Elizabeth (TAYLOR) BOTTOMS they were married in 1838 there in that area. If you should come across anything on any of them I would appreciate hearing from you. One of Abraham and Mary ATWOODS daughter Lucretia Ellen ATWOOD married Elijah Milburn CARTER in 1841 in MS. they moved to Smith Co. about the same time as Abraham and Mary moved to Cherokee Co.. Again thank you so much for your time, kindness and help George Atwood

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GOSSETT. My father, Rufus Albert Gossett, owned a section of land about five miles from town in the 30s and 40s. His parents WILLIAM S. GOSSETT and wife, his sister HAZEL BASS and husband GRADY BASS, and his brother WAYNE GOSSETT and wife SUZY, lived on that land. grandparents and the BASSs are buried in the GOSSETT CEMETERY adjacent the GOSSETT CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST. There is also an adjacent cemetery called the GRIMES CEMETERY. I believe the Wayne and Suzy Gossett are buried in a public cemetery in Jacksonville. Do you have records of these people? Very truly yours, Ken Gossett

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I have in my possession a letter dated Nov 12, 1864 from a Brig Genl Greer of Cherokee Co. Would you possibly know of how I can obtain information on this person? -The letter was found in an old family bible belonging to my husband.

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I want to find out what happened to these two girls!
Eliza J. Davis b. 1844 -- appears in 1860 census Cherokee Co, with Paschal Crunk HHld, 1850 with Wm Davis HHld
Louisa Davis b. 1846 -- appears in 1860 census Cherokee Co, with Paschal Crunk HHld 1850 with Wm Davis HHld
I want to find out more about what happened to this family: Polly Ann Crunk m. John Harrison "Harrison" McElroy

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I need to find the names of the parents of my great grandfather. My great grandfather's name is John Cicero Johnson. He was born in Rusk, Texas in 1865. He attended Baylor University. He was ordained a Baptist minister when he was twenty years old. It is possible that one of his parents was a Cherokee Indian. He married a Telitha Caroline (Carrie) Johnson March 8, 1892 in Meridan, Bosque Co. Tex. She died 1934 in Hull, Liberty Co, TX . Their children were Manley Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Willard Johnson, Clifford Johnson, Joe Johnson, Ruth Johnson (my grandmother), Janet Johnson, and Theresa Johnson (Brooks). Dr. John Cicero Johnson died in Wildomar, California in Aug. 1951. His body was taken to Brownwood, Texas for internment. Any help or suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Terry Doyletdoyle2@earthlink.net

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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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Surname: Middleton, Chalk Do you have John Middleton, son of Drury Middleton and Martha Tubb. He married Mary Ann Chalk. This is a line I am following.

Queries

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Could you please tell me where the Funeral Home Records for the Wallace Thompson Funeral Home might be archived for the year 1951. I have talked with the funeral home and the library and neither could give me any information. Thanks for your assistance,
Linda Asberry

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Hi! I am trying to locate ANY information on a John Russell. I have been looking for the father of Joseph M. Russell for years, and I have finally found him! According to the Texas Methodist Newspaper Abstracts, Vol I by Helen Lu, 1987, P198... Joseph M. Russell, the son of John and Nancy G. Russell, died Dec. 13, 1860. His disease was pneumonia or Winter Fever. He was converted about a week before his death. He left behind a wife and 2 children. S C Box, Alto, March 9, 1861. The Rev. Samuel C. Box was the second husband of Nancy, and I have copies of court records requesting guardianship of Joseph by Sam. Joseph's son, Samuel A. Russell was my ggrandfather. I never knew that the family was even in Alto, so this came as a surprise to me. I was wondering if anyone has a listing for the Russell burials in the Alto? How many cemeteries are there? I have never found the burial site for any of these people. Joseph's wife was Laura A. Jane Walker. She remarried several times after Joseph died. Once to a Kent, and after he died, she married a Dunman. I lost track of her after 1880. Thanks for any information that you can offer. Best regards, Mary Jo

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I am a descent of William F Barker, who lived in Forest, Texas in the 1800's. He had a daughter named Lucy T. Barker, born 08 20 1881 and she married a C D Latham, born 04 24 1860. He died 12 20 1917 and she remarried T O McFarland. Lucy and C D are buried in the Thompson Cemetery in Forest. I am looking for the complete name of C D Latham and would like to know if he was related to a George C Latham that married Lucy's sister, Frances. I have been working on the Barker Genealogy and have hit a snag. I am the granddaughter of Drury Morgan Barker, one of Lucy's brothers. My father's name was Frank Barker and he was born in Forest to Drury Morgan Barker and Frances Houston Barker in 1902. I would appreciate any information that you might have or if you can point me in the right direction to find out this info I would appreciate it. Thank you. Patsy Dillon

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Looking for information about Robert Morris, born and married in Jacksonville, Texas, Cherokee County. Date of Robert Morris Birth- I 880's. I am also trying to find out which side of his family immigrated from Youghal, Ireland. His wifes name was Hannah McCullough. Her father was a Texas Ranger. These are names given as oral tradition. I am trying to verify dates, etc.

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Zachariah T. Parker married Mary Antonette Brewer in August, 1874 in Cherokee County, TX, and they appeared on the Census of Cherokee County in 1880. After that, little has been found of the family. The Gordon Brewer Family Bible lists them with three children, but does not state where they were living. Many Brewers moved to the Kemp area of Kaufman Co., TX I would appreciate any information on this family.

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I am looking for info on John Ponder Mattie(Justice) Ponder. one of their daughters was Sally (Ponder) Brockett, she & her husband had a farm in Cherokee Co,Tx in 30s & 40s, I believe John Ponder & Mattie (Justice) Ponder may have lived in or around Cherokee Co,Tx abt • 1925-1950. Mattie Ponder use to pick crops for farmers in & around that area. hope you can help me locate them, they were my g grandparents. have no idea where they died. your help is much appreciated.
Diana

 Queries

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I am researching the ancestry of Thomas Carter Hill FITTS Married to May Shook Oct 9, 1907 in Rusk, Cherokee County: Jefferson Early Shook father. Jim Henry Bane whose Daughter Lela married to Woody Newman who worked at Fastrell. Lela lived in Rusk after Woody's death and Fastrell shut down. My father Herbert Milburn Fitts married Edith Newman in Rusk,, Cherokee County Mar 1,1938. I was born in Jacksonville but grew up in Rusk until 1952.>Thanks for any info. Herb Fitts 1022@ev1.net.

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Hello, could you please offer any help or suggestions. My 3rd-gr-g rand mother is said to have been full-blood Cherokee Indian, though she is listed as black in the 1870 census along with her husband, Reuben Polk, who is listed as black, though he was probably a mulatto. His father is said to have been his slaveowner/master. Lizzie Polk (maiden/last name unknown) is my 3rd gr-grandmother who is said to have been full-blood Cherokee. I found them in 1870 and it lists Lizzie as born in Texas and Reuben in TN. I know nothing more on Lizzie other than descendants say that her people was from the Shenandoah Valley area of Virginia. Both Reuben and Lizzie ended up in San Augustine County, Texas. I'm sure Reuben must have arrived their with some of the white Polks who settled in San Augustine. Lizzie was said to have had a sister in Cherokee County, name unknown, though "Smith" could possibly be her and her sister's maiden/last name? This sister of Lizzie had a daughter named Bell Smith who married a Cal Clayton Sr. Bell Smith had two halfbrothers, one named Ben Smith. The father of Ben Smith was either Ben Smith or Benjamin Smith. I am trying to make sense out of all of this and how it ties into the Cherokee Indians.

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We are searching for info and descendants > of Jim THOMAS. He and his wife Alice, bore children around Troup and Cherokee county from the early > 1870's until maybe the mid 1890's. Their children were named Lee born in 1874, Palace Alice born 311882, Texana born in Troup 1884, Texoma, Ed, > Garfield, Jim Jr., Jessie, Bonnie, Trudie, Harriet, > and Jonnie. Jim Thomas had children with other > women. John, James and a Daisy who lived in Ponta in Cherokee county. We do not know their mother's names. Jim died in the Rusk state hospital and was > buried in the hospital cemetery in 1925. On one of his children's death cert. it says he was from Wharton, Texas. I could not locate Alices' place of > death, her grave or where she was from. They moved to Camp county around the turn of the century where they farmed. The 1900 census listed Alice as head of household. The family split in half and the younger siblings moved to Payne county Oklahoma living next to their sister, Texana THOMAS VERNER ! and her husband M.J. VERNER. I can not find neither Alice nor Jim THOMAS

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We are forming a research group to find out more about the life of Jacksonville founder, Jackson Smith and would like to invite any of his descendants (or other interested persons) to join us. Please send an email to Randy Rothrock (rothrock@ev1.net). We are also trying to locate descendants of William C Jones (1883-1964) and Beatrice (Smith) Jones (1883-1966) or Thomas Commodore Odom (1878-1912) and Velma (Smith) Odom (1880-1954). Both families lived in Cherokee County. Velma and Beatrice were granddaughters of Jackson Smith.

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I am researching the family of Arvit C. Bankhead SMITH. She married G. T. SMITH on August 29, 1866 in Walker County, Texas. They are listed on the 1870 Cherokee County, Texas Census. I am wondering if G. T. SMITH could be George Travis SMITH, son of Jackson SMITH, who named Jacksonville. Can you tell me where I could find a copy of the Jackson SMITH Ancestor Chart to see if it shows who George Travis SMITH married? Arvit C. Bankhead Smith's mother, Margaret Cockrum. Bankhead, was my great-grandfather's sister. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

 Queries

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Surname: Daugherty, Edmiston, Roles, Ensminger Hi I was just going through and seen the Daugherty name and I remember going to my great great grandmothers house all though I never meet her I know my grandmother was born there in Chrokee Texas my grand mother had 6 childernand they all have bee there my grandmother was Nillie Ynez Daugherty now i don't know all of then but i sure wish i could get some info im more then sure that some one knows my grandma it would be nice to find someone that could tell me more i haven't seen my mothers side of the family in 32 years and just resently i found my aunt'a and uncles most live in Brady Texas now but a few in Houston and Fort Worth Texas if anyone could tell me about my great grandma i would love to leasten

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Surname: Rogers, Smith, Bryant, Lamott 1850 Census Cherokee Cty Texas: P J Rogers 27M Blksmith NC ; Hannah J 21F Ga; Martha AE 4F Tex I am looking for information on this family. I have the death certificate of my gg-grmother Alice Rogers Bryant Lamott (1862-1926) Died in Norman, Cleveland Cty OK On the death certificate her parents are listed as Podey J Rogers, born NC and Jane Smith, born GA. Alice's place of birth is Texas. She married first Austin Q Bryant in Gainesville Texas in the late 1870s. I am trying to determine if this family might be her parents and would appreciate any information about this family. thank you, joe harrington

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Am trying to locate Birmingham Cemetary possibly near Rusk. Trying to find Sarah A. Cobb d. july 10, 1895 and her husband Jesse Cobb d. Oct. 10 1897. It is believed that this is a private Cemetary possibly owned by Birmingham Iron Works. Sarah Ann McCaa Cobb and her husband migrated to Cherokee County in the late 1880's it is believed. Sarah had a brother named Issac Newton McCaa who lived in Alto, Tx. She also had a brother Charles McCaa who died while visiting Cherokee Co. (date unknown) after 1898. Any information on Birminham Cemetary and Sarah would be appreciated. Is it a public or private Cemetary?? where located?? It is called NEW BIRMINGHAM CEMETARY. Jesse Cobb and Sarah A. McCaa Cobb were both from Mississippi. THANKS LEON MCCA

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Surname: Dill I am looking for any information on the Edgar Dill family of Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., TX. He was born 29 Jun 1906 in Eastland County (either Pioneer or Rising Star) and died 13 Dec 1987. His father was Frank William Dill and his mother's name was Pearl (don't know her last name). Anyone having information please contact me ASAP.

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I am looking for the father of William Charles Taylor. He was called CHEROKEE BILL or BLACK BILL. I do not know his wife or other children. I do know that the son, Wm. C Taylor m. Martha Riddle in Cherokee Co. in 1849. They had 4 children, Sara, Sallie, Charles and Buck. The Riddles were land oweners in TX and Ala. Wm. C. also was born in Al Was CHEROKEE BILL in Cherokee Co. also???

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MEDFORD/GILDON. Isham MEDFORD ca 1790s NC d 1846 Cherokee Co TX wife Rhoda CRAWFORD, do Thomas CRAWFORD & wife Rhoda CRAIG. Deborah MEDFORD mar Charles GILDON resided Nagodoches, Smith, Leon, Parker & other TX counties. Seeking info on Texanna DAVIS who married Henry H. GILDON ca 1870 Leon Co TX. Allied families are: GILBERT, UTSEY, KEILS, DODDRIDGE, REAL, IVY, SELF & more. e-mail: gpm13801@aol.com

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A group of descendants of Jackson Smith are forming a research group to further explore the history of the Smith and related families. Currently our group includes direct descendants of all the children of Jackson Smith except Elizabeth Elendor (Smith) Roundtree who was married to Thomas W Roundtree and Mary Adline 'Addie' Geneva (Smith) Reynolds who was married to E L Reynolds. We would especially like to make contact with any descendants of these two couples and anyone else who would like to do research on this Smith family. Contact Randy Rothrock at 31442 Camden Village Dr, Spring Texas 77386

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Sophia Sitton married William Wakefield in Cherokee Co.,TX Jan. 10, 1877. There was a daughter of one of them named Annie Mae, b. 1871 in Alabama. Need any information on Sophia Sitton. Do not know if that is a maiden name or from previous marriage. She is my Great Grand Mother. Thanks.

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Surname: COLEMAN, KELLY, SUBER, SELMAN I would like to make contact with relatives of my GGreat-Grandfather, WILLIAM KELLEY. He was born in Texas in August 1875. His mother was Nancy Kelly and his step-father was Preally Coleman. William had several half brothers and sisters including James Coleman, Henry Coleman, George Coleman, Pinkney Coleman, Emma Coleman, Stephen Coleman and Larkin Coleman. All of these individuals probably remained in the Alto, Jacksonville area through the late 1930's. feel free to contact me at Pharmer2@swbell.net or call 281-397-0451 and leave a message.

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Looking for information on FREEMAN RUSH SMITH, b 25 Oct. 1814 in NC, died 5 Mar 2883 in Cherokee County Texas. Freeman married Nancy Ann PRICE 12 Apr 1838 in AL. Freeman married Elenor Jarrell 14 Jul 1845 in AL. I am descended via Nancy and Freemons son JOHN ALLEN SMITH. Thanks for any help!!!

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Lookin for info on a William Boulter (Boulder, Bolter) married to a Mary Allen (Holroyd) in 1870 in Cherokee County. Found them in the Cherokee County marriage book as being married there in 1870 and also found them on the 1870 Cherokee County census. Cannot find them after that. I found Mary on the 1900 Houston County census living with Henry Dowdy her son-in-law. Her name was spelled Bolter on the census. She died in 1910 and is buried at the Connoe Cemetery > in Houston County. Her last name is spelled Boulder on her tombstone. Thanks Billy, bwhite52yes@yahoo.com

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Surname: LUCE, LOOSE, KEPLER, CAPLER Benj. Hardin LUCE, born abt 1800 in KY, married Eliz. KEPLER, 30 Mar 1841, in Washington Co., MO. Some of the other Washington Co., MO KEPLERS moved to TX. I find Hardin LOOSE in Cherokee Co.,TX tax records in 1846. What became of this family? Barbara

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Looking for info on my husbands family. John Wesley McLeod b. 1853 d. 1926 was a pastor of a church in Rusk,Cherokee co., as far as we know. His wife Margaret William (willie) Watson b. 1858 d. 1915 Rusk is buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery off FM 241. We have been unable to find his grave site or any records of his pastorship.They both came to Texas from NC. will be glad to exchange what info we have with any one else working on any of these.Thanks for any help given.

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Surname: RAWLINSON, PRYOR, WORK I am researching Mollie N. PRYOR's family. She married Louis RAWLINSON. Any information you may have on this family will be appreciated. Thanks Sandra

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Surname: Parker, Latham I am looking for any info on Moses L Parker, and his daughter Hannah Condie P arker Latham. His youngest daughter Fannie married a Tom Middlebrook. Moses died before the Civil War and had holdings in Cherokee Co.

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