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Mt. Mariah Cemetery
Surveyed by Donna Shreeve on November 9, 2000

Mt. Mariah Cemetery - An African American cemetery located at end of CR 1304, approx. 1 mi west of CR 1309, which is approx. 5 mi north of Rusk, TX off Hwy 110. (There are several unmarked graves, broken and unreadable headstones)

Barnett, Baby, b/d; 1933
Barnett, Josie Hancock, b; 1901, d; 1923
Barnett, Ora Lee, b; 1922, d; 1923
Bolden, Roosevelt, b; 1900, d; 1923
Christopher, Fred, b; 1919, d; 1932
Christopher, Lee Esther, b/d; 1921
Christopher, Ora H., b; 14 Dec 1895, (no death date)
Christopher, William v., b; 15 Feb 1875, d; 29 Jan 1969
Cleaver, Nemie, b; 1891, d; 1940
Cleaver, Thurman, b; 18889 (no death date)
Coleman, Billie Ovilla, b; 1922, d; 1977
Coleman, Isaiah, b; 26 Nov 1882, d; 12 Jul 1976
Coleman, Joe, b; 1914, d; 1976
Coleman, Lillie M., b; 28 Sep 1910, d; 29 Jun 1969
Coleman, Sallie, b; 10 Nov 1894, (no death date)
Coleman, Verge (no birth/death date)
Conley, (unable to read) b; 2 Mar 1885, d; 5 Jul 1940
Conley, Bertha, b; 22 Mar 1895, d; 10 Jun 1970
Conley, Inez R., b; 24 Jul 1913, (no death date)
Conley, Irvin C., b; 20 Feb 1914, d; 8 Aug 1995
Copeland, A.C., b; 15 Dec 1891, d; 2 Jan 19__ (unable to read)
Dickerson, Edna Conley, b; 1 Nov 1916, d; 15 Nov 1993
Doty, Esten, b; 26 Dec 1887, d; 8 May 1987
Frazier, Cecil J., b; 25 Feb 1909, (no death date)
Gipson, Susan Hancock, b; 1875, d; 1949
Gipson, Tom G., b; 1870, d; 1948
Hampton, Annie B., b; 1915, d; 1994
Hampton, Arizona, b; 15 Sep 1887, d; 7 Aug 1993
Hampton, Bradford "B.J.", 20 Jul 1883, d; 31 Jan 1960
Hampton, Colquitt, b; 1908, d; 1910
Hancock, Anna, wife of Rev. J.W. Hancock, b; 22 Apr 1874, d; 5 Nov 1920
Hancock, Ed. D., Allen Cannon, Pres. Texas College 1967-1980, b; 22 Feb 1906, d; 13 Jul 1994
Hancock, Mary (dates covered by soil)
Hancock, Rev. John Wesley, b; 1 Jan 1879, d; 16 Jan 1947
Hancock, Rev. N., b; 1849, d; 1899
Hancock, Sedell, b;a 1924, d; 1927
Henderson, Albert A., b; 1883, d; 1972
Henderson, Caroline, b; 1863, d; 10 Jun 1900
Henderson, Clade, b; Sep 1876, d; 6 Jan 1930
Henderson, Claud, b; 14 Jan 1905, d; 16 Sep 1974
Henderson, Dell D., b; 1899, d; 1954
Henderson, Earl L. "Butcher", b; 13 Apr 1931, d; 4 May 1999
Henderson, Eleash King, b; 31 Aug 1927, d; 22 Oct 1996
Henderson, Emmett, b; 27 Apr 1919, D; 28 Aug 1989
Henderson, Essie., B; 30 Jun 1909, (no death date)
Henderson, Georgia E., b; 1892, d; 1981

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Henderson, Josiephene, b; 1882, d; 1968
Henderson, Robert E., b; 1886, d; 1966
Henderson, Susan J. Franklin, wife of Rev. W.J. Henderson, b; 23 Apr 1874, d; 19 Mar 1901
Henderson, Vernon, b; 6 Feb 1892, d; 7 May 1947
Hention, Sherley Far, b; 1946, d; 1947
Hogg, Easter, d; 30 Jan 1895, age 70
Hogg, Robert, d; 7 Oct 1894, age 65
Hunter, Benjamin Franklin, b; 15 Nov 1910, d; 2 Nov 1981
Hunter, Bennie Wautine, b; 1940, d; 1941
Hunter, Irene P. Henderson, b; 7 Sep 1912, d; 25 Sep 1997
Jefferson, (unable to read), b; 12 Jan 1892, d; 11 Aug 1910
Johnson, (unable to read stone)
Johnson, Baby Lamar, age 4 yrs.
Johnson, Cloteal Hampton, b; 25 Apr 1919, d; 26 Nov 1998
Johnson, Feb 1888 (unable to read stone)
Johnson, infant son of W.L. & B.R. Johnson, b; 1 Dec 1887, d; 6 Jan 1888
Johnson, John E., b; 21 Dec 1898, d; 29 Jun 1955
Johnson, Pauline, b; 1921, d; 1931
Johnson, Pearlie A., b; 23 Jan 1900, d; 6 Aug 1955
Johnson, Robert -, b; 17 Aug 1820/22, d; 2/7 Jun 1890
Johnson, Robert B., b; 1859, d; 1933
Johnson, Roxie, b; 1880, d; 1932
Lacy, Janie, b; 1862, d; 1916
Lamb, Elijah B., b; 2 Dec 1913, d; 21 Jan 1993
Lamb, Sophia, b; 12 Oct 1916, (no death date)
McCullough, Doris J., b; 1 Aug 1933, d; 28 Jul 1990
Price, Mathew, b; 10 Mar 1910, d; 2 Jun 1971
Price, Pearl (no birth/death dates)
Rufus, Sweetie Belle Hancock, b; 26 Jun 1913, (no death date)
Sanders, Ozella Hampton, b; 11 Nov 1921, d; 14 Nov 1985
Session, Antoinette Brown, b; 23 May 1946, d; 25 Jul 1992
Session, Donald R., b; 11 Feb 1953, d; 28 Oct 1977
Session, Mary, b; 3 May 1923, (no death date)
Session, Shirley F., b; 11 Feb 1953 (no death date)(twins)
Session, Tobie, b; 5 Mar 1917, d; 1 Oct 1997
Shears, Anna, b; 1885, d; 1928
Shears, Iven R., b; 1913, d; 1977
Spencer, Ora, b; 2 Mar 1905, d; 5 Jan 1935
Tucker, Burl, d; Jan 1896, age 5 mos
Tucker, Dan, d; Dec 189_, age 10 yrs
Tucker, Maggie, wife of B. _ . Tucker, d; 1902
Turner, Claudie B., b; 19 Jan 1929, d; 16 Mar 2000
Turner, James L., b 14 Sep 1918, (no death date)
Wagnor, Annette, b; 18 Mar 1882, d; 4 Apr 1970
Watts, Lonnie, Jr., b; 16 Feb 1898, d; 3 Dec 1988
Wood, Caroline, b; 25 Jan 1863, d; 20 Oct 1908
Wood, Clarence T., b; 24 Aug 1908, d; 6 Jan 1990
Wood, R.M. Ben, b; 1852, d; 1939

EDITOR'S NOTE: Donna Shreeve has surveyed a number of cemeteries in recent months. The Mt. Maria cemetery has never been surveyed (to our knowledge) before Donna Shreeve. The other cemeteries were last surveyed many years before. Good work Donna!!

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN MINUTES 1846 to 1862
PART SEVEN
1846 to 1862

Submitted by Jaunita Wardlaw, typed by IdaLee D. Edmiston

Bro. J. B. Harris, being called upon, rendered his excuses for absence the two last Sessions of the Presbytery, the former rejected, the latter sustained. **Bro. Martin**, being called on, rendered his excuses for non-attendance at the last two Sessions of the Presbytery, the former sustained, the latter rejected.

Bro. Henry, being called upon, rendered his excuses for not being at the two last Sessions of Presbytery; the sustained, the latter rejected.

Bro. Smith, being called upon, rendered his excuse for not being here on _____ (?) day, which was not sustained.

Bros. J. B. Harris & T. N. McKee were appointed a Committee to examine the Licentiates on Literature and Theology.

Bros. McKee & Lewis were appointed a Committee on all the Church books except San Pedro. **Bros. Martin & Collier** on the San Pedro book.

Bros. Richards, Martin, & Collier were appointed a Committee on the State of Religion.

The Committee appointed to examine the Licentiates on Literature and Theology submitted their report, which was received, adopted, & ordered to be filed .

The Committee appointed on all Church books except San Pedro reported, which was received, adopted, and filed.

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MINUTES SPRING SESSION 1852

T. N. McKee, J. S. Richards, & R. R. Martin Present.

Absent: **Bros. S. Harris, D. C. Nevills, & J. R. Hodge.**

Licentiate present: **Wm. P. Henry**

Licentiates absent: **D. W. Broughton, A. J. Copeland, George Patton, & I. N. Smith.**

Elders present: **R. B. Lewis** from San Pedro.

Congregation: **S. A Erwin** - Montvale.

Congregations not represented: Trinity, Palestine, Mt. Prarie, New Providence, Mt. Zion.

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Bro. J. B. Harris was chosen Moderator & S. A. Erwin, Clerk.

Liberty Congregation was received under care of Presbytery and Bro. J. Collier, elder of said congregation, took his seat in Presbytery. Bethel Congregation was received under care of Presbytery; Bro. Campbell Wallace, Elder of said congregation, took his seat in Presbytery. Minutes of last Presbytery were read.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning, 8 o'clock

SATURDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, same members as on yesterday. Constituted with prayer. Minutes of yesterday read.

Bro. A. J. McGown, a member of Frazier Presbytery being present, took a seat as corresponding member.

Bro. D. C. Nevills came forward...

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...and have had before them only the Trinity Church book which they find to be good order, that they know of no others that will come before them, and ask to be discharged . Which report was concurred in and the Committee discharged.

On Motion, Ordered that our Treasurer Bro. N. Killough refund to Bro B. B. Cannon the sum of four dollars & fifty cents, the amount paid by him for a blank record book in which to record the minutes of Presbytery, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The Committee in Literature & Theology make the following report, to wit: That in consequence of the absence of all our Licentiates and there being no candidate at present under the care of this Presbytery, the duty assigned to us has not devolved upon us at the present Session, owing to the failure of our Licentiates to attend the present Session and some of them having been absent for more Sessions than ____?, we would recommend the adoption of the following resolution to wit:

Resolved that our Licentiates and they are hereby notified to attend the next Session and render their excuses for absence. Which report was concurred in and the resolution adopted.

Bro. John N. _____?(not legible) being present and his having filed his letter of dismissal & recommendation form, (missing page - no further information on this).



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MINUTES OF FALL SESSION 1852

Larissa, 17th Sept., 1852

Trinity Presbytery of the C. P. Church met pursuant to adjournment at New Providence Church, in the town of Larissa, County of Cherokee and State of Texas Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in September in the year of our Lord 1852 and the Moderator of the former Session being absent, **Bro. Dan'I G. Malloy** an ordained minister of Ewing(?) Presbytery of the C. P. Church who was present, accepted our invitation to preach the opening sermon, which he did from part of the 6th verse, 14th Chapter of the Gospel of John, "I am the way." and at the close of the sermon, **Bro. Nevills** took the chair, called the house to order and

On Motion, Presbytery constituted by prayer.

Ministers present: **D. C. Nevills, T. N. McKee, R. R. Masters**

Absent: **Robert Hodge, J. S. Richards, S. Harris, J. B. Harris, Wm. P. Henry**

Licentiates present: **D. W. Broughton, A. J. Coupland, J. N. Smith**

Absent: **George Patton**

Elders present: **Peter Morris** from Liberty Congregation

N. Killough from New Providence Congregation

William Johnson from Mt. Zion congregation

Those congregations not represented are Montvale at Rusk, Trinity at Crockett, Mt. Carmel, Bethel, San Pedro, Palestine, and Mt. Prairie.

On motion Presbytery took recess until 3 o'clock this evening.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M. 17th SEPT., 1852

Presbytery met and received business. **Bro. D. C. Nevills** was nominated and unanimously chosen Moderator for the present Session and **Bro. B. B. Cannon** now stated Clerk being present entered on the discharge of his duties as such.

Bro. Louis Reuter, an ordained minister of Lucas(?) Presbytery of the C. P. Church being present was invited and took a seat as corresponding member of this Session.

Bro. Dan'I G. Mulloy, an ordained minister of the Ewing Presbytery of the C. P. Church, being present was invited and took a seat as corresponding member of this Session.

Bro. John F. Patton, a Licentiate of Frazier Presbytery of the C. P. Church being present was invited

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and took a seat as such Licentiate at this Session.

Bro. Sam'l Harris appeared, was called on and rendered excuses for former absences from the last two Sessions and the commencement of this Session. Whole excuses were severally sustained.

Bro. Broughton was called on and rendered excuses for absence at the last two Sessions of Presbytery, whose excuses were severally sustained.

Bro. A. J. Coupland was called on and rendered his excuses for absence at the last two Sessions of Presbytery, whose excuses were severally sustained.

The following Committees were then appointed to wit: On Literature and Theology, **Bros. S. Harris, Malloy, & Reuter.**

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... _____ (?) Presbytery of the C. P. Church, State of _____ (?), addressed Presbytery at some length stating his case carefully and in conclusion asking that his peculiar case be considered and that Presbytery exercise toward him that care and attention which his situation may seem to indicate, and further action in this behalf was suspended until tomorrow morning then to be resumed at meeting of Presbytery.

On Motion, Presbytery concluded by prayer and adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A.M.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, same members present as on yesterday, and constituted by prayer.

Bro. S. A. Erwin, representative from Montvale congregation at Rusk appeared this morning and took his seat as such representative.

The Committee of Literature and Theology reported that they have examined **Brethren Broughton, Coupland & Smith** and find that the brethren have made a creditable proficiency in the sciences required by our discipline and are fully conversant with the leading doctrines of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which report was received and concurred in.

On Motion, **Bro. Stone's** case not having been disposed of on yesterday evening, the consideration thereof is now resumed and it is ordered by Presbytery that **Bro. Wm. Stone** be taken under the care of this Presbytery and that he exercise his _____ (?) in public as he may have opportunity until next Session.

Resolved that Licentiates **Brethren Broughton, Coupland and Smith** be required each to deliver a _____

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sermon at next session of Presbytery from a text of their own selection and that, in the meantime, they apply themselves as heretofore to the studies of Literature and Theology preparatory to ordination.

On motion, Leave of Absence is granted to **Bro. Sam'l Harris** during the remainder of this Session after today at noon.

The Committee on New Providence Church book reported, "that they find nothing exceptionable in said book either in substance or form." Which report was received and concurred in and the Committee discharged.

Bro. John Bill, an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church being present was invited and took a seat as corresponding member at the present Session.

The Committee of the State of Religion and Statutes of the church reported that they have ascertained that the Lord has favored Zion at some points within our bounds - a respectable number has professed faith in Christ and been added to the Church, but which we reinforce with hearts full of love and gratitude for favors past. We should sorrow in sack cloth and ashes and our harps should be hung on the willows in view of the desolations of Zion, the inefficiency of the ministry and indifference of the laity. They further report that in your bounds they find 10 congregations, only two of which have sent up their church books; consequently the Committee is unable to present a correct statistical account to the Presbytery and further that we have eight ordained ministers, four Licentiates, and one Candidate. The Committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved that the Clerk be ordered to prepare blank returns and send one to the clerk of each congregation to be filled out and returned at or before the sitting of the next session of Presbytery.

On Motion, Resolved that the times of the sittings of the Presbytery hereinafter shall be in the months of January and July in each and every year.

On Motion, Ordered that the Clerk transfer a copy of these minutes to the Editor of the Texas Presbyterian for publication.

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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER, 1852

...**Rev. J. E. Scott**, a minister of the M. E. Church South being present was invited to take a seat as an advisory member.

Resolved that each minister having charge of a congregation or congregations be required to take up a semi-annual collection for the purpose of supporting two missionaries, one east and the other west of the Trinity _____? and report to each Session of Presbytery.

It was moved and seconded that the Stated _____? the Clerk of each Church Session statistical forms to fill out and send to the next Presbytery.

On Motion it was ordered that the Stated Clerk of this Presbytery be allowed fifteen dollars (\$15) annually for his service.

Summary of Will of Patrick Williams Deceased by Ogreta W. Huttash

In September 1863 Joseph P. Douglas was appointed administrator with bond set at \$60,000, twice the value of the estate according to custom. He was also appointed guardian of Thaddeus S. and Samuel H. Williams. Other securities were Oliver Loftin and W. P. Loftin.

Inventory and appraisement included 640 acres of land at \$12 an acre, negroes Green \$1,600, Jobe \$1,200, Jim \$1,600, Harvey \$1,400, John \$1,200, Matilda \$1,400, Puss and 3 children \$2,300, Missouri \$1,600, ox wagon \$250, 2 horse wagon and gear \$250, one mule Jack \$375, Pete \$300, Mike \$375, and the mule Sid \$325, gray mare \$150, Bay mare \$300, iron gray mare and colt \$400, bay filly 3 years old \$250, and a 2 year old filly \$150, 2,500 bushels of corn at \$2, \$5,000, 8,000 lbs fodder \$160, 22 head cattle \$200, 3 work oxen \$155, about 200 head hogs at \$6, \$1,200, 4 or 5 head of sheep at \$5, \$25, one beef hide \$2, 8 bee gums \$65, 4 jars \$8, 1 pair sheep shears \$3., the total here was \$29,843.00.

There were other items including a lot of cotton supposed to make 25 bales, \$2,500, gin stand, boxes, gears, barley, rye, wheat, wool, wheat fan, cross cut saw, boxes, scythes and cradles, broad axe and hatchet, one lot of measures, blacksmith and carpenters tools, 2 Hall and Spear plows, old irons, singletree, wedges, grubbing hoes, cauldron, washpot, 2 bells, 1 lot of chains I saddle, balances, powder, and there were notes one on J. H. McKee was for \$1,800.

Confederate money \$2,300, in gold \$100, and in silver, one dollar.

Heirs were

- 1) Mary Ard
- 2) Theresa Ford, wife of Calvin Ford
- 3) Elizabeth Boles, wife of John E. Boles
- 4) Nancy Boles, wife of Irv-in Boles
- 5) Clarinda Ard, wife of B. H. Ard of Henderson County, and
- 6) Thaddeus S. Williams
- 7) Samuel H. Williams and
- 8) Francis. Williams of Cherokee County* and
- 9) William P. Williams of Palo Pinto County acknowledged and agreed that he had received from his father Patrick Williams during his lifetime a stock of cattle of full value and interest as one of the heirs and had no further claim. Dec. 1863.

Probate Minute Books E2 599, 597-602-603 F2 26-27-31-45-106, E2 583-588 F2 259, 1 626-641 1 263-267. one Francis M. Williams married Susan Es Lattimore 24 Aug 1859 and lived next door to Patrick Williams in 1860, #721 and 722.

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Tuesday 16th

Bill this morning 50 cents having received information that George Butler lives at Cooks fort with Mr. Carter. Returned and on the way met George who expressed an eatin* willingness to return to his father, but thinks that his sister Julia is so well provided for that she had better remain where she is with Mr & Mrs Johns at Douglass. They have no children and have adopted Julia as their own. Mrs. Johns is a school Mistress and keeps Julia at school constantly. Took dinner with Ed Givens* who married the daughter of Miller Francis. Left and arrived at Mr. Connors in the night. Passed within about one mile of the place where the county seat of Cherokee county is located. The lands in this neighborhood excellent. Water good timber generally pine, etc.

* Ed Givens was born in TN in 1812 and in 1850 was the postmaster in Rusk. His wife's name was Margaret and by 1850 they had four children; Sarah, William, Josephine and Susan. E.L. (Ed) Givens, Joseph Hogg, L.H. Dillard, T.J. Moore, J.H. Parsons and J.T. Henry s along with B.B. Cannon established the Cherokee Academy in March of 1848.

Wednesday 17th June

Bill this morning 30 cents Visited the Sulpher Springs*, about 1 1/2 miles. On the way passed through a strong saline. The spring is strong sulpher black impregnated with Glauber Sals** as I think. The water has never been analized, but invalids have received relief, and permanent cures have been

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effected by using and bathing in the water. They are celebrated for eradicating mercurial diseases eruptions of the skin and general debility dropsies etc. Persons are now camped here. Left and in about 3 miles crossed the Angeline**. Fed my pony at Mr Morton Waters. Paid 10 cents on the way this evening met Mr. Haynes formerly of Tennessee, arrived at William Regans; found all well etc.

* Near Atoy, Cherokee County MB.

** Glauber Sals is an early term for the mineral glauberite. This is probably the first report of the mineral in the state and a fairly sophisticated identification if correct.

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Tuesday 23rd

Visited in company with father in law* Nacogdoches - passed through some good lands on the way - Genl Rusk** lives about 1 mile from the Town. West. has a beautiful situation. The Town citizens having once contained a population of 4000, but now only about 400 - here is a court house jail several stores & shops. Gardens the very best, both Kitchen & flower. Ascertained that Dr. Hales claim for a league & labor. was not passed as valid by the board of travelling land commissioners, the one I got from Gibson for 1280 was met Mr Ham in the evening. Bill at Mr Millards 30 cents rode out to Col. Floyds. 3 miles with Mr Ham etc. etc.

* Robert Tunnell of TN

** Brig. General Thomas Jefferson Rusk who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence. He fought at the battle of San Jacinto. He became a U.S. Senator and was a friend of B.B. Cannon 1st. Early governor of Texas John B. Love presented B.B. Cannon 2nd an 1837 copy of The Constitution of the United States of America printed by Thomas Allen. This book was originally given to B.B. Cannon 1st by T.J. Rusk. This book is in the collection of Margaret Schlender.

Wednesday 24th

No charge this morning. Left and on the way got dinner at Parson Watkins. Bill 50 cents horses fed etc. for both. On the way passed a school house on a sand ridge where we found one of the finest springs in the world. A good school is kept here, a fine shower of rain fell on us soon after we left the school house. Arrived at Wm Ragans before night. Distance from his house to Nacagdoches about 22 miles. The rain again commenced soon after we got back and continued until about midnight. Gentle but making an excellent season.

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SOME CHEROKEE COUNTY VIGNETTES

by Mikhael Bauer

Four years after Rusk Texas was established in 1846, George K. Bowers homesteaded the 160 acre "George K. Bowers Survey" in west central Cherokee County, and founded the Cumberland Presbyterian Congregation at "Bethel" there. To get there today, one either takes the Mount Hope Road (FM 1248) west from Rusk about 10 miles; or take US Highway 84 west from Rusk to Maydelle. From Maydelle one can look due south about three miles and see Mount Hope. The road is paved to the base of the mountain. At the base of the mountain you must take the dirt road left at the "Y", where the pavement bears right. Very quickly you find yourself at the Mount Hope Baptist Church and Cemetery on top of Mount Hope. The three or so acres the church and cemetery occupy were deeded to the "Cumberland Presbyterian Congregation by George Bowers. The present structure is the Mt. Hope Baptist Church. The original structure, built by George and the Edgars' was replaced by this structure. The present congregation retained the hand hewn timbers of the first structure, and made a "brush arbor" in front of the church with them. These upright timbers bear the marks of George's axe.

In the enclosed cemetery may be found the sandstone marker bearing the name "L.A. Edgar", George's wife's brother. Later stones mark the graves of Newman relatives.

The road ran ENE through the woods, by Bowers' field, Bowers' Branch, and to the homestead. The only thing remaining of the homestead today is an enormous magnolia tree brought by wagon from Tennessee. It is the most magnificent magnolia tree I have ever seen. Beside the tree is a mound of rocks that once were the chimney of the house. In Cherokee County the Bowers' are forgotten, but the field and branch still bear the Bowers name among those who live in the Mount Hope area.

The Mount Hope "reunion" takes place every third Sunday in May. At this time those who were born in this area and went to church here return. There is an "all day" meeting, with a church service, and then a meal that everyone who comes contributes to. Some go inside for the church service, and some remain outside to visit with others, and discuss old times.

Frank Ford (who lives on Mt. Hope Road), John Loden, and Emmett Scott Jr. are caretakers of the cemetery. The posted phone number is (214) 795-3659. It is a worthwhile trip to visit the first home of the Bowers in Texas --the Bowers' home from 1850 to 1880. Wear boots and jeans, its' in the "back-woods".

George was a gunsmith for the Confederacy. The Confederate Gun Factory in Rusk was built in 1862 by John Whitescarver, William H. Campbell, and Benjamin F. Campbell. When the Confederacy was unable to secure materials and tools for manufacturing rifles, this factory made rifles and Colt model pistols. The factory is at the Rusk west city limits, on Highway 84. The State of Texas brass plate marker on marble base was erected in 1936.

Today the Texas State Railroad (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department) runs between Rusk and Palestine, passing through Maydelle -- in sight of Mount Hope. Reservations on the TSR (your trip into history) are available via 1-800-442-8951. Departures are at 11:00 am, and return at 3:00 pm. Available in the Park are: reunion area, paddleboats, playgrounds, fishing, camping, tennis, and supplies. Rusk has the world's longest footbridge, the Jim Hogg State Park, and many historical sites.

SOME CHEROKEE COUNTY VIGNETTES

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Right after the Civil War there were many liberated blacks in Texas who had no trade, no land, and therefore no way to "make a living." The North had freed them, only to let them starve. At this time Gus was a teamster. In those days a teamster, rather than being a truck driver, was one who owned a freight wagon and a team to pull it. Gus had a team of oxen, and hauled whiskey from Shreveport to Rusk for a living. His highway was a dirt trail through the wilderness, a wilderness populated by liberated (starving) black slave "highwaymen." It was a very long road... and he wore a pair of "hog-leg" pistols stuck in his belt. Some said that the whiskey in the barrels started out real strong... but was a bit diluted with spring water by the time it reached Rusk.

Gus had a strange habit. Rather than unhitching the team at night, and sleeping under his wagon to stay dry... he would unhitch the team and sleep between them... some distance from the wagon. He told the story that on one such trip he had made camp for the night and gone to sleep with the oxen. A noise woke him, and he heard someone shout "Come on out, we got you'ze surrounded!" He eased up from behind an ox and made out several shadowy shapes around his wagon... just a few feet from him. He never would tell exactly what happened... only that he "had to burry two n ---rs next mornin." The Civil War had made everyone "real hard" in those days.

"Howdy, Gent" was the greeting used by "investors who arrived to claim their parts of the shipment of whiskey at the crossroads on the big hill northwest of Maydelle. At that time there was no Maydelle, and the community northwest of what is now Maydelle was called "Gent", or "King of the Hill". This town died in 1913.

If you have more information on the Bowers, Edgars, or Newmans, please write

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Odom and Gibson Families

I have copied two death certificates of family members in Cherokee County, and a letter that I thought might be of interest to the researchers. Everything is copied as is. No changes have been made.

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Record of Deaths Registrar's No 9 page 129
Texas State Department of Health
Bureau of Vital Statistics
Standard Certificate of Death
Place of death: State of Texas, County of Cherokee, City: Rusk, Rusk State Hospital 7 years 19 days
in Institution
Name of Deceased: Lizzie Gibson
If non-residence give city, or town and state
Sex: F
Color: W
Married
Name of Husband: Henry Gibson
Date of Birth: December 1, 1891
Age 44 yrs, 22 days
Occupation: Housekeeper
Birthplace: Texas
Name of Father: Joe Christopher
Birthplace: Texas
Mothers Maiden Name: Lizzie Striddums
Birthplace: Texas
Informant: Rusk State Hospital
Address: Rusk, Texas
Burial: State Cemetery
Date December 23, 35
Undertaker: Ralph I. Benton - 115, Paul S. Benton - 114, Rusk, Texas
File Date and signature of registrar
12-23-1935, Melvin Sessions, Deputy County Clerk
Medical Certificat eof Death
Date of death: December 22, 1935,
I Hereby Certify, that I attended deceased from June 1, 1933 to December 22, 1935. I last saw her alive
on December 22, 1935; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at 6:55 p.m. The
principal cause of importance were as follows: Carcinoma of uterus. Other contirubtory causes of
importance: None
What test confirmed diagnosis: Auscultation. no autopsy

Signed: Roy . Sload, M.D. Rusk, Texas

Odom and Gibson Families

Death Certificate
Texas Department of Health
Bureau of Vital Statistics
Certificate of Death
State of Texas
Place of Death: Rusk, Cherokee
Residence: Texas, Cherokee
Name of Deceased: Thos. Hamilton Odom
Date of Death: 2/23/15
Sex: Male
Color: White
Date of Birth: 6/30/1835
Birthplace: Mississippi
Citizen of what country: America
Father's name: Randall Odom
Mother's maiden name: Harriett Hag?
Death was caused by: Senilty

Letters from Major L.A. Odom - P.O. Box 202, Datona Beach, Florida; December 21st, 1950
To: Mr. J.P. Crawford, Maydelle, Texas

My Dear Brother Crawford:

I have your very kind letter of the 18th inst. hence note that your Mother is not so well at this time, which of course is largely due to her age and otherwise feeble condition. Give her my regards and best wishes for a happy Xmas and New Year.

It is my understanding that your Mother was a Davis, which family I have a slight recollection of. However, I do remember by name all of the members of the Crawford family. Your Great Grandfataher as well as your Grandfather Ike Crawford, Aaron, Will, Trib, Jim, Sally, Ellen, Lucy, Bell.

Re: the Odom family. My Grandfather, Rev. Randle Odom, together with three of his brothers, Namely, Jim, Semmeon and Epheum all left Meredian, Miss. Dec. 1846 for Texas. The four families constituted about 35 members with five ox wagons. They were six weeks on the road, hence landed in the Mt Comfort Community about the middle of January 1847, where they struck Camp, bought land and went to work to move the heavy growth of pine trees which covered the land and where two and three foot through and from 80 to 100 foot tall, which timber had no commercial value. It had to be cut down and sawed into stocks 10 to 20 feet long and then rolled together and burned to make way for the plow, etc. The job was a problem, plus a headache to remove the timber and undergrowth.

My Grandfather built the old house in question in the year of 1847 and lived there until after the Civil War, when my father bought the place and my Grandfather moved to Gothen, Henderson County, where he lived until his death in 85. Jim Odom built the old Jim F. Odom home where he lived until his death. Jim F. and Rev. Calvin Odom I think were Brothers. Calvin was the father of Judge Jack

Odom and Gibson Families

Odom of Jacksonville. Jim F. was the father of Lum, Charley, Budd, Jerry and Scott Odom.

I do not know where Semmeon and Epheum located but likely in that community for at least the first few years of their citizenship in Texas. My Father and five brothers, Tom, the older resided there all of his life. Bob and John Wesley were in Bosquia County the last time I saw them which was in 85. Henry lived at Cameron, Milam County all his life and raised some 12 or 15 children who must live around there today. Arch, the younger son lived at Brazoria and Corsicana, Texas, all his life.

My Father moved from the old place Nov. 1882 when I was 7 years of age, however, I remember the date and incident as well as if it had happened a year ago. To be correct we do not forget those (Red Letter Happenings) of our childhood days. My Mother died August 25th 78 when I was 2/2 years of age, which I do not remember. My Father remarried in 79 to a young Widow with one little girl about 4 years of age. The Widow was Mrs. Sarah Hewland, she was the daughter of GrandPa Ward and his wife.

Our Grandmother came into our home where there were 9 children together with her daughter Lula. She remained 55 years with us and during that half century there was never a ripple of misunderstanding or trouble, therefore, I am now wondering if indeed she was not an Angel sent from Heaven to steer and guide the footsteps of us large family of children. Well to say the least of her life it was wonderful and nearly without parallel in the history of my life. She and my Father are asleep in the dust of the earth at Dallas, Texas.

Maydelle seems to be located on what was known as the John McCrennam farm and later the John Herndon Farm of my childhood days. John Sherman lived on the Rusk Road, just half way between my farm and that of Jim F. Odom, there was a small creek halfway between us called One Arm. There was a small school house just in front of the John Sherman home where I went to school a wee bit. Joe Tatum was the teacher, however, my Brothers and Sisters went to school the most of their time at the Lodge which was three miles South of our home. Prof. Manuel was the principal teacher of those days. Fannie Woodard taught there a while.

I really would like to visit with you some time for a day or so and if possible I will do some time when I am visiting with my folks at Tyler and Dallas.

Best wishes to your Mother and yourself I bet to remain,

Very Respectfully,

Major L.A. Odom

P.S. I work as Field Representative of the Volunteers of America, hence I cover the State very thoroughly annually. We conduct a large home in Jacksonville, Fla. for unfortunate girls and babies, which work I have followed for more than 50 years. We place many babies in homes and I have seen many of them grow to manhood and womanhood and the happy part about the big job is that fact that all these children are making good citizens.

Letter from John Wesley Sharrock in 1870 from Cherokee county to his cousin Tom Sharrock in Tennessee.

Transcribed by Chloe Foutz, submitted by Anna Heath

Well, this is my version of the transcribed letter--I am sure that you can read some of the individual letters better in the original I differ only on a few words--the prices listed after the price for land probably have to do with blacksmithing and who knows what the correct words may be!

Anyway, umpteenth cousins, THANK YOU so much for sending the letter--it is always great to get an insight into the past. The amusing thing is that J.W. himself moved to north Texas soon after he wrote this letter and then into Indian Territory! Sarah Prudence SHARROCK MARTIN BASS GOURLEY STEPHENS had been married about two months to her 3rd husband, Robert Lee "Doc" GOURLEY when her brother wrote this letter and before her only son was born in December of 1970, she and her husband with her two BASS daughters had move to Cooke County, TX.

There is one thing this letter does not help with! Why does J.W. mention E. A. and then later spells Alisha Ann's first name with an "A". Is he talking about the same person?

Always more questions, but what fun!

Love and Happy Holidays!

Chloe

State of Texas Cherokee Co this
march the 6 A.D. 1870

Mr. Thomas Sharrock Dear Cosin I this Sabath morning tak the pleasure of answering your kind & welcum leter which Came to hand the other Day was recd wih plesure & mutch Joy it found us in tolerable helth tho not many of us left A.N. Sharrock & T.W. Sharrock & E.A. & hur[?] family has moved to grason County M. V. & E.O. is living with alfred M. B. is living with mee Sary & hur family is hear that leaves three of us hear only I think it was a foolish move in them for al was Dooing as well hear as A man Cold I hav not herd from them yet I have bin waiting several Days to hear from them before I answer your leter tho nothing from them yet I hear it is A prety Country

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We have all Bin married But marthy Burr & Elin ory mary Virginia lived with hur man A Bout four monts & Just left him & went Back to als & is with him now. She had bin Living with him ever since Father Dide. tom married Just after the war him & his wife has bin seperated over too years She has too verry prety Chil dren By him both girls I recon they will never be to gether any more AN Sharrock has 4 Children all Boys Alisha ann has 2 Children booth girls Sary prudence has 2 booth girls I have 5 too boys & 3 girls tom you wanted to no the price of Land it is worth from 2 ½ to 5 Dollars pur achar Iron 8 cts pur pound Delivered Coal 10 cts pur bushul work verry high it is worth 2 Dolars to shoe a horse Laying plows from 75 cts to one Dollar Sharpining 12 ½ cts hed screw & tap 50 cts C???? 75 cts Bull tungs & shovels & half shovels sels for 25 cts per pound to [me?] this must Bee fair beter Country than that I think if you was hear you wood Doo weel

Letter from John Wesley Sharrock in 1870 from Cherokee county to his cousin Tom Sharrock in Tennessee.

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& that? is a greate coll hear for Smithy tom I wishe you all Wood Come to texas this fall tom I wood Bee so glad to see you their is but few of our name & let us keep up Corespondance with each other so that we may hear from each other tom rite as soon as you get this & tell all the chil Dren to rite & give mee the news in general tom I ant no scribe but it ant worth while to appolagise it Dont make it any beter tom rite & let mee know how youar geting along I must Close & Doo the beter next time Yours as ever untill Death affectionate Cousin

J W Sharrock

To T W Sharrock

this leaves myself family well hoping reach you & family enjoying the same blessing

Mrs. Melvina Chessher

Dear Mr. Bennett,

I have been searching through old papers and found a newspaper article that I thought might be of interest to someone. The date and which paper it was in are unfortunately not on the article but it was an interesting relative of mine which I found in the family bible. Perhaps it might be of historic value to someone there as well... Laura Burton

Mrs. Melvina Chessher. special to the news.

Jacksonville, Texas, Nov 18--Mrs. Melvina Ingle Chessher, who built the first residence in the present town of Jacksonville was born 'in Alabama, Nov. 21,1833. She moved to Mississippi when 4 years old, staying there until 1854, when she moved to Texas, settling seven miles west of the present site of Jacksonville. Her first husband, Hugh Francis, died in 1855. In 1858 she married David George, who was killed in the Confederate Army in 1863. In 1864 she married A J Chessher, who died in 1889. By her first two marriages there was born one daughter each, and one daughter and two sons by her third marriage.

She has three children living, fifteen grandchildren living, fifty-three great-grandchildren living, thirty-nine great-great-grandchildren living and three great-great-great-grandchildren living.

Mrs. Chessher built the first residence in the present town of Jacksonville in 1872. At present she lives with her son, A J Chessher and is in good health, though unable to walk due to the misfortune of breaking both hips several years ago. She uses a rolling chair about the home.

Col. Samuel Wickware

Greetings Gordon,

Please forgive this intrusion into your time. I can certainly tell how busy you must be with your website. It is very impressive. I found a reference to one of my ancestors on the site and am writing to ask advice on which of the volunteers might have more information. My name is Rick Wickwire and I am part of a group of about 300 families working on the family history for Wickwire's and Wickware's. We have a website at <http://www.wickware.com> <<http://www.wickware.com>> and a weekly newsletter and several mail forums. All of this is free and we never ask for donations. The main focus of our group is to update the fine old family genealogy done by Arthur Manley Wickwire in 1909. The project is to bring all the family lines to the present time and we are having lots of luck doing it, and lots of fun, too.

The ancestor I am referring to is Colonel Samuel Wickware, who moved to Cherokee County from Allen County, KY or Simpson County, TN. We are particularly interested in this family because although the family is predominantly white, there are many black families with the Wickware surname. It is our belief that Samuel's family in KY and TN was the source of the black connections. We don't know whether the name came about because of the slaves taking the family name or if there was a child or children born to white and black parents. We have five black families in our group who are very interested in finding links to their history.

We have found three big pockets of the black Wickware families. One is the KY and TN area, along the state border, one in California, and one in Texas. We think it is possible that Samuel took slaves with him to Texas and are trying to find any information we can on this. Samuel was born 6 July 1825 and died in 1901.

In addition, we found the following reference on your website:

INDEX TO 1860 FEDERAL CENSUS CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS

Free, Slave and Mortality Schedules

This is indexed by the number of the household except for the above named Mortality and Slave Schedules. The Mortality and Slave Schedules numbers refer to pages in the book published by Cherokee County Genealogical Society.

MS = Mortality Schedule

SS = Slave Schedule

Wickware, Catherine (SS 107)

* R. 1492 [Catherine

Again, I apologize for the length of this note. We are asking if you could point us to a researcher who may be able to help us get more information on this family line. We would be glad to pay for the research.

Best regards,

Rick Wickwire, P.O. Box 1030, Walker, LA 70785-1030

Excerpt from the 1846 Tax Rolls, Cherokee County, Texas

L. H. Gideon, Chief Justice; Co. Comsrs. R J. Banks and A C Walters
Cherokee County - 1846, James Gibson, Assr-Collector

Property in Cherokee County [Texas] Owned by Non-residents:

| | | |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|
| Thomas J, Rusk | Elihu Alison | |
| Frost Thom | William Allison | |
| E. Jo Debard | Heirs of Pinckney | (blot) |
| James Timmons | James He Starr | |
| A, Hotchkiss | D. Lacy and D. Rusk | |

Residents Who Owned Property in Other Counties

| | |
|--|--|
| Elbert Williams as Administrator of BC. Williams | William Burton |
| David Cook as Agent for Moses Linch | Isham Medford |
| B. C, Walters | William Isaacks |
| R. J. Banks | John Sullivan |
| Samuel C. Box | R. C. Hall |
| William T. Brewer | W. W. Frizzell as Agent for Jason Frizzell |
| John H. Irby | Joseph S. Able as Admst of M. Costley |
| James Cook | Abraham Myers |
| Elisha Mosely | Joseph S. Able |
| Nathaniel Killough | William Box as Admst of John Me Box |
| Nathaniel Killough as Admst of Isaac Killough, Senr. | Isaac Runnels |
| Nathaniel Killough as Admst of Isaac Killough, Jun, | Tho. Wood |
| Nathaniel Killough as Admst of Samuel Killough | James Ferguson |
| Nathaniel Killough as Admst of Mary Williams | John A. Box as Admst. of L. Jones |
| A. C. Walters | John S. Thompson |
| Nelson N. Brown | Elisha Tubb |
| L. H. Gideon | Jas H. Durst |
| John Hunter | James Boulter |
| Jesse Kennedy | Elijah Chisholm |
| James M. Goodwin | Wade H. Walters |
| Isaac T. Bean | J. B. Foreman |
| Jesse E, Bean | Wm Y. Lacy as Admst of Martin Lacy |
| William Roark | Elbert Williams |
| ___ S. Harper | |
| John Connor | |
| Hiram B Stevens | |
| William Y. Lack | |

Submitted by Ogreta W. Huttash

Queries

17 April 2001

CHEROKEE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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Jacksonville, Texas 75766-1332

Dear Sirs:

I am seeking information on my famfly, VAUGHAN. My grandfather, Byron Royce Vaughan, Sr, (b: 15 Oct 1910, d: 28 Dec 1985), lived in Jacksonville until 1927. I do not know when his family came to Jacksonville as he was born in Ft. Worth, Texas. His father was Reuben Turner "Rube" Vaughan (who I understand operated a shoe shop while in Jacksonville, possibly with his brother Word Vaughan) b: 10 Mar 1882 in Smith County, Texas; and his father was Thomas Jefferson Vaughan b: 11 Aug 1850 in Smith County, Texas.

Please advise if you have any information on record for these family members. Any search suggestions you have will be greatly appreciated. On your web site I found mention of numerous Vaughans (Murphy, John Oscar, Phyllis Jane, etc) who are in my family line. They were mentioned in the "Our Before Ancestor Charts" Volumes 5 and 6, and in Tree Talks Vol 23, 24 and 25. Is it possible to obtain copies of the pages with their information? I will happily pay copying fees and postage.

Your time, help and information are greatly appreciated. A SASE envelope is enclosed for your reply.

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Searching for descendants and parents of this family: Franklin Weave Threalkeld (b 1867 d 1929) and his wife Amelia Andrews (b 1874 d 1946) who are known to live in Alto Texas but are buried in Kemp Cemetery. There are variant spellings of this name.

Their children:

1. Mabel (1892-1962) married William Riley Moore date and place unknown
2. Edna (1895-1972) married Jason Callahan date and place unknown
3. Allie (1897-1969) m Jesse Archibald Watkins date and place unknown
4. Vance William (1905-1971) married Frances Evelyn Gibson date and place unknown.
5. Maurine (1908-1985) married Malcom Ernest Walker, Jr date and place unknown
6. Morris Woodrow (1912-1990) unmarried

Any help on this family would just be wonderful, and gratefully accepted.
 Milda Mason

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TOMBSTONE FOUND

A tombstone was found at a Granbury residence in Hood County, Texas.
 The tombstone has the Inscription:

James J Rawls, born Dec. 27, 1833, died June 15, 1890
 Rachel E. Rawls, born Oct. 28, 1843, died Jan. 6, 1888.

Hood County Researchers could not find these names in Hood County Historical or Genealogical Records however there was a James and Rachel Rawls listed on tax rolls in Tyler in 1880.

If you have any information or comments regarding the cemetery where this tombstone belongs please contact "Karen E. Nace, Hood County Historical Society President" <knace@granbury.com>

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I am a member - a desperate one. I will be glad to pay anyone who can find this information for me:

Elisa Ann Underwood, dau. of Andrew Jack Underwood and Sarah Jane (Goodwin) Underwood, born about 1862, married first a Pettygrew, apparently lost him very young and was shown on 1880 census living at home, Angelina County, Texas. On 11-11-1883 E. A. Petigrew married J. W. Sims in Cherokee County, Texas. The children's names were given to me by a family member (could be in error) Nellie, William, Howard, Mittie and Buron. I can't find the date or place of death of J. W. Sims, but it was probably in Angelina, Cherokee or Nacagdoches County. After his death, Elisa Ann, called Aunt Annie, married Tom Dykes, and I am told they are buried in Redland Cemetery, near Douglass, Texas, but there is no marker that I can find. I cannot find this Sims family or any of the descendants. If anyone can research it and find something for me, or print this in Tree Talk next issue. Thank you so much.

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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.

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LOCKE, HAUK My gggrandmother, Nancy G. Russell Box, widow of Samuel C. Box, married John Greenleaf Hauk on 7/9/1865. She died 12/13/1873. (I would love to know where she was buried.) I believe that after her death, he went to Hill County, TX.

Arrington Family in Cherokee County Looking for information on John Arrington family who's son Thomas Wood Arrington was born in Cherokee County, Republic of Texas in March 1846. Need information on family that might have stayed in the area, for I can't seem to find out if John moved or stayed in the area. Have visited Thomas' grave in Hood County, but having trouble locating his father. John was married to a Julia Morrision. If you have any info. please contact me at hginger@home.com. Thanks, Ginger

Would like information about Major William H. Park who served in the Texas State Troops (1863-1864) and was also Assistant Surgeon of the 17th Texas Cavalry.

John D. White--1860's
Would like information about Colonel John D. White who commanded a Texas Cavalry regiment in early 1864.

James R. Taylor--1860's
Would like information about Colonel James R. Taylor of the 17th Texas Cavalry who was killed in Louisiana in April 1864.

James J.A. Barker
Would like information about Major James J.A. Barker of the 3rd Texas Cavalry who was killed in 1862.

Thomas W. Pierce
Would like information about Thomas W. Pierce who resided in Cherokee County circa 1862-1864.

CREWS IN LONESTAR, TX. - LONESTAR CEMETERY
My great grandparents, Mary Emma Green Mayes and Robert Bruce Mayes, are buried in the Myrtle Springs Cemetery. Mary died in 1904 and Robert died in 1906. My grandmother's notes say that the cemetery is near Summerfield. Does anyone know these names? I would love to know more about Lone Star, Texas. Thanks.

Looney Family in late 1800's in Cherokee Co.
Quinn C. Looney was the Co. Treasurer in the late 1800's. He was born in Ga. in 1836. His wife was Susan Wherry Looney. His parents were Joseph and Martha McNeil Looney. Children were Benjamin Franklin Looney, Ida Lee Looney, Sarah L. Looney, Ernest Looney, and Martha F. Looney. Does anyone know anything about them?

Queries

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Searching for burial site and any other information on Susan Garrison Dumas who died 10 July 1848 and is buried in Rusk, TX. She was the first wife of Lawrence W. Dumas and daughter of Charles and Frances Garrison. All costs will be reimbursed.

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Searching for date and location of death of Stephen Edmonds Thompson, b. 1802 in Mississippi. Last date and location available was 1876, Baxter, TX, as an heir of Elizabeth Edmonds Thompson, widow of John Thompson. All costs will be reimbursed.

Debbie Reynolds House
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I am trying to find a volunteer to look up a birth certificate of John Thomas Reynolds Certificate # 659653 born 8/6/94. I just need to know if the parents listed are John Reynolds and Rody(Roda)Gibson Reynolds. That way I will know if my Reynolds family were in Cherokee and that I am on the right lead and can obtain this certificate..If it is not, I will know to keep looking for a birth certificate of John Thomas Reynolds. Any help would be appreciated.Thanks

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Is there any way you can do a quick search on a surname VALINA in your county record? My gr grandmother married in Hood CO, Granbury 31, Oct 1886 records as Dora (could be Dona) B. Valina. Born April 22, 1863 in either Springfield, IL or Warren Co. IL. She evidently had a son named Mike Valina prior to 1886 who did not show up in Hood CO school records.

Mike Valina did live to be old enough to play a violin per a distant Patton cousin when they visited him somewhere else (on a trip ???) as a young child to see Mike Valina.

My best bet on her maiden name is Bowers or Warren per verbal family history. Somewhere in our family it was told we had some % of Indian blood. Valina is not a common US surname. Only two white page listings found in U.S. today with the name of Valina another listing came up with the name of "Valinaggi" which sounds Italian decent to me.

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Please give me some pointers where to look for records. Somewhere in your county records there may be a Valina. I have gone into a lot of your files and I'm not finding it. It would be feasible Dora B. Valina lived in the county prior to Oct. 1886. I am at a dead end when www.google.com search engine brought me to your Cherokee CO for a "VALINA".

I'm seeking a male "VALINA", first name is unknown. With a son named Mike born most likely between 1876 and 1886 when Dora B. Valina remarried in 1886. The son grew up and played a violin per a distant cousin's memory of Mike Valina, a 1/2 brother to Dora or Dona B. Patton's second family with H.J. Patton.

Hood Co. records on my gr grandmother show she was Ms. Dora B. Valina marriage to H.J. Patton, 31 Oct. 18, 1886. No child Valina shown in school records in Hood CO.

I just found out Dora or Dona B. had a son by her first marriage to ___Valina

Dora or Dona B. was born in either Springfield, IL or Warren, CO IL April 22, 1863 and her maiden name may have been Bower or Warren or something else. Any clues are appreciated. Nancy Norrid nnorrid@yahoo.com

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Looking for William J. Gregory b. 1828 ? d. 1869 in Rusk, TX Cherokee Co. m. Nancy Bridgman b. 1831 SC d. 1885 in Rusk, TX Cherokee Co. Had a son Robertson Columbus Gregory b. 1865 Rusk, TX Cherokee.

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