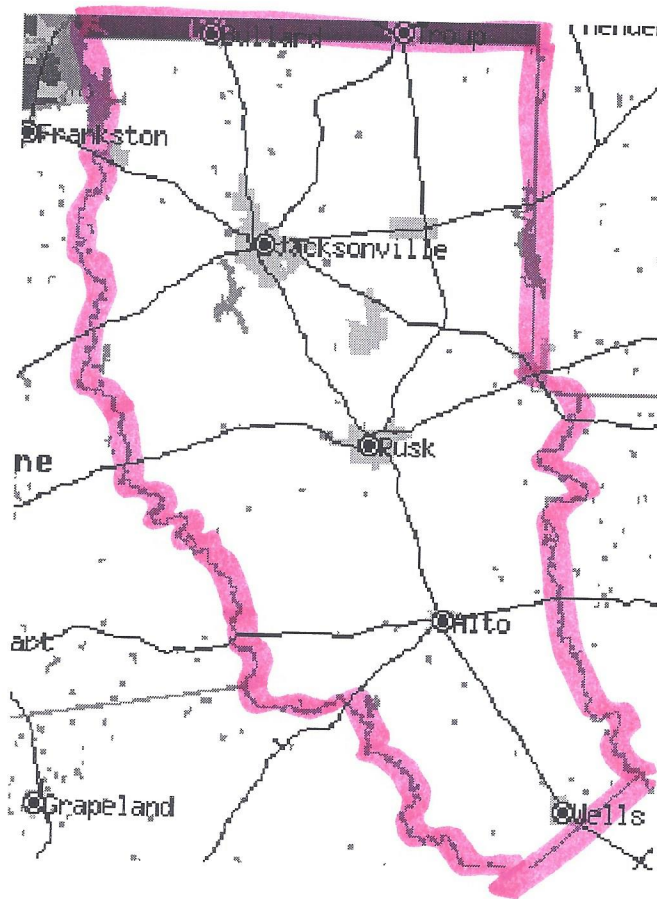


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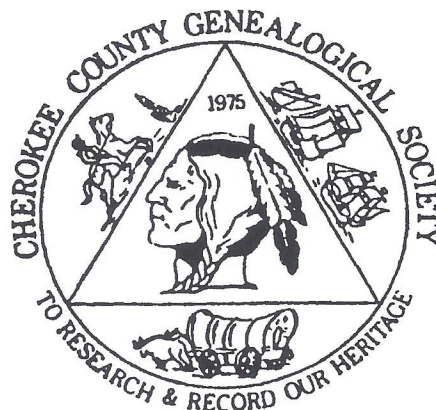
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Editor's Letter

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Your Society has been busy since June meeting the people of Cherokee County and telling our story. The Society had booths at Tomato Fest in Jacksonville on June 14th, Star Spangled 4th in Rusk on July 4th, and the Pioneer and Heritage Festival in Rusk on October 11th. We gained at least 5 new members as a result of these events.

Here is a list of our new members:

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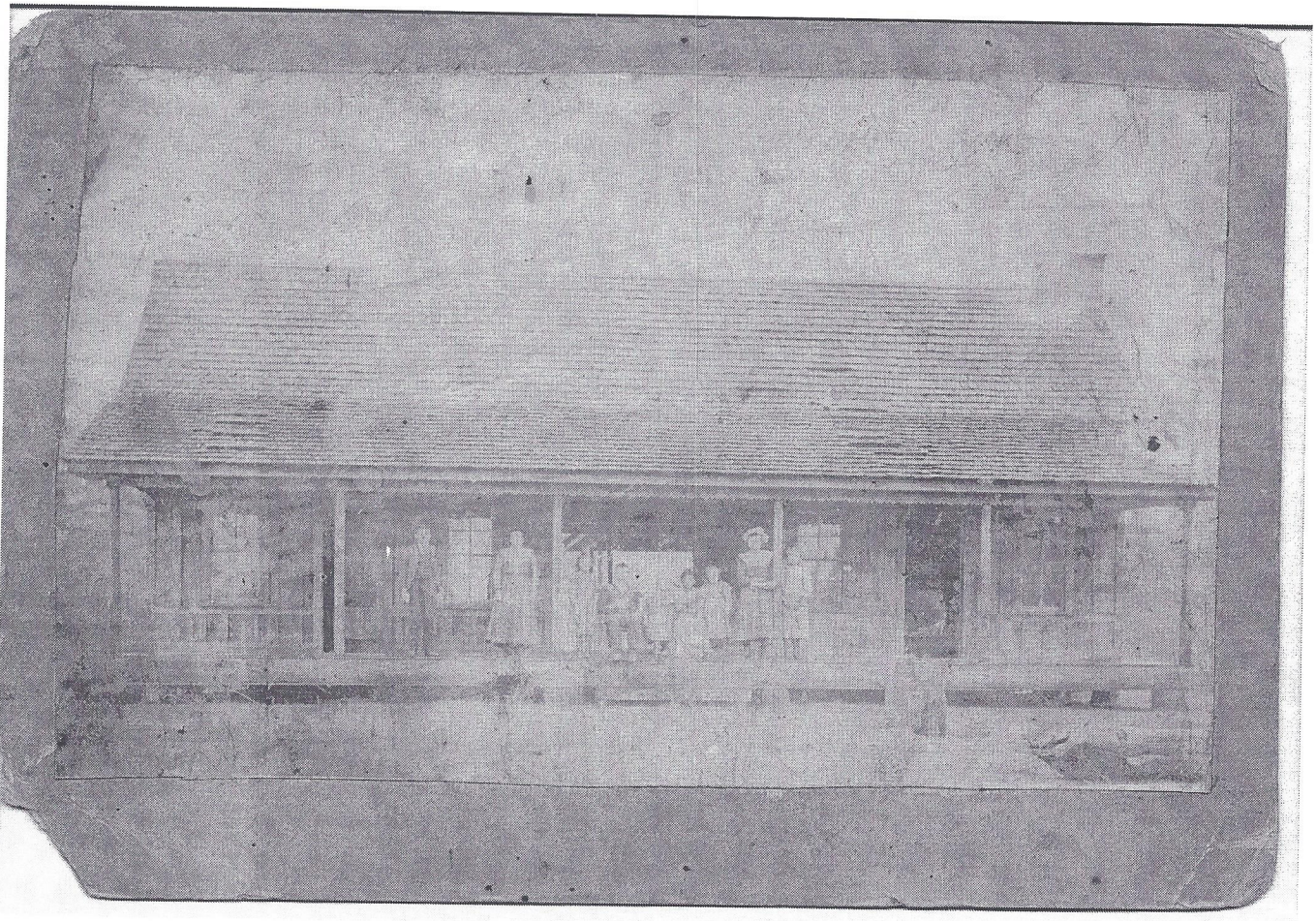
Can You Identify This House?

Gordon, I have a couple of unidentified pictures from the collection of Cora Posey Edmiston who lived in the Shady Grove area. One is probably a meeting house/school and the other a house with family on the porch. It is possible the family is family of J.W. Durrett as there is some very faint writing at the top.

My question is: do you know of someone who might be able to identify them? I can make copies or scan them. Perhaps someone in the CCGS might have a clue. Many thanks for any help you can give.

Joan Posey Singletary
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I'm attaching the farmhouse picture. As you can see there is some writing at the top. The only thing I have been able to make out is "J W D....." We have wondered if perhaps this is the J.W. Durrett house (Obadiah M. Benge was married to Agness Durrett, our great grandparents).



**Marriage certificate for Miss Vira Williamson of Rusk, Texas
and G.E. Wilner of Houston, Texas**

We have in our possession a marriage certificate for a Miss Vira Williamson of Rusk, Texas. The groom is listed as G.E. Wilner of Houston, Texas. It is dated October 18, 1925. (see attached)

We would like to see this get to some family member and hoped that you could mention it at one of your meetings or run in your publications.

Paulette Weaver, President

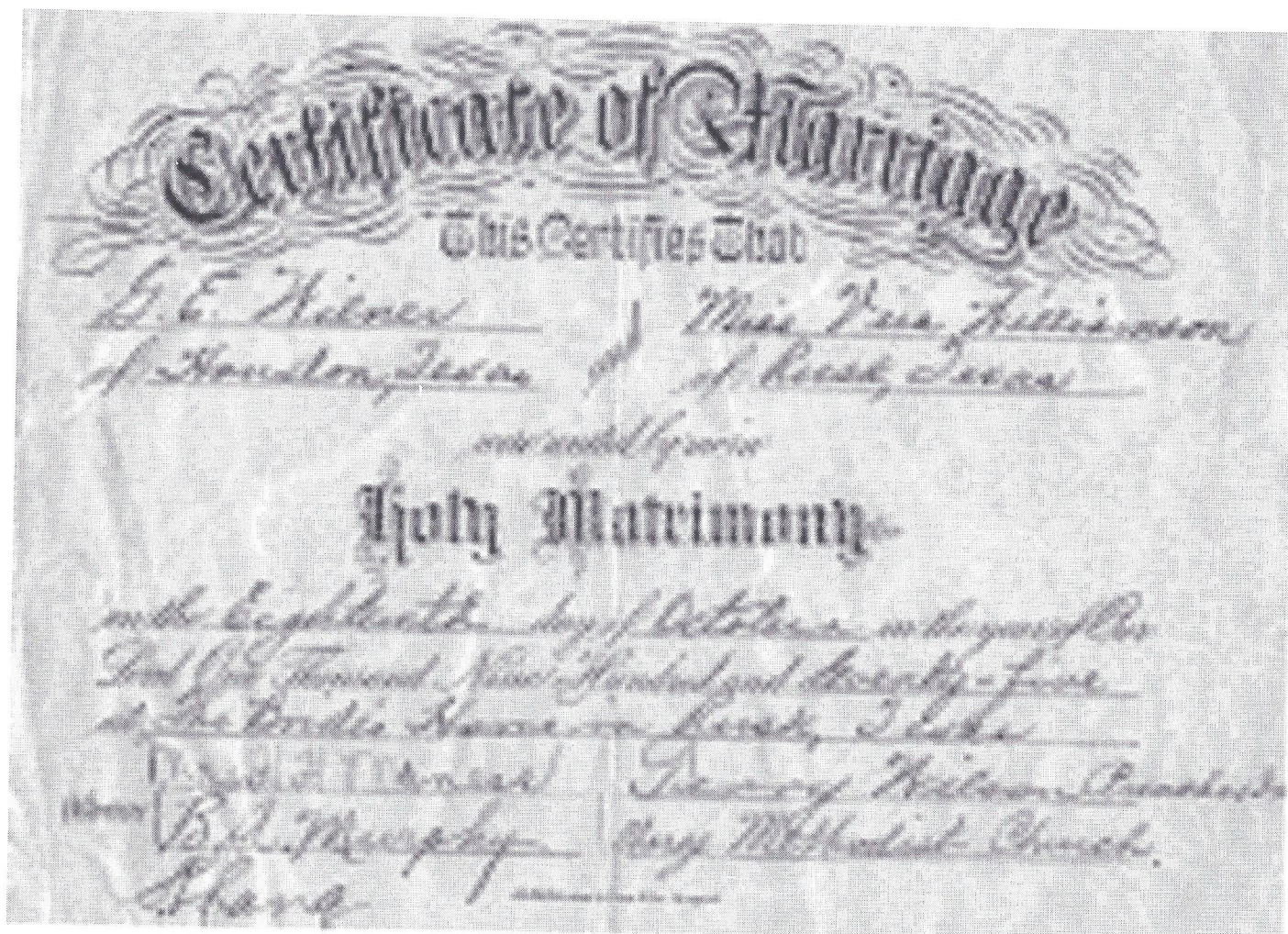
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Descendants of Joel Scott

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Generation No. 1

1. JOEL¹ SCOTT was born 1807 in North Carolina, and died Unknown. He married JANE WILLS Abt. 1835 in Tennessee (Probably). She was born 1814 in Tennessee, and died Unknown.

Notes for JOEL SCOTT:

Source for information. Federal Census of 1850 Dade County Missouri, Page 282 Line 26 thru 34

Joel Scott was born in 1807 in North Carolina. By the time the first child Steven was born in 1837 Joel (and maybe his family) had moved to Tennessee. Mary, Ann, John, William, Thomas and James were all born in Dade County, Missouri. When Thomas B. and James moved to Grayson County, Texas some of the other children, being older may have stayed in Missouri. Just speculation on my part.

I am assuming Joel and Jane were married in 1835 in Tennessee since Steven arrived in 1837 in Tennessee.

Katherine remembers her mother and father talking about her Uncle John Scott. W. J. T.

Notes for JANE WILLS:

Source for information. Federal census of 1850 Dade County Missouri page 282 line 26 thru 34. Of the children listed Ann and Mary have the same birth year, twins. Joel must have met and married Jane Wills in her home state of Tennessee since their first child Steven was born there.

There is a W. T. Wills born April 25, 1859 in Dade County Missouri listed in Frances Catherine Ash's Bible. I presume this is some kin to Jane Wills. Also a J. W. Tweedy born on July 7 1851 in Courtland Alabama. This person is also probably also some kin to Jane Wills. W. J. T.

Children of JOEL SCOTT and JANE WILLS are:

- i. STEPHEN² SCOTT, b. 1837, Tennessee; d. Unknown.
- ii. MARY SCOTT, b. 1839, Missouri; d. Unknown.
- iii. ANN SCOTT, b. 1839, Missouri; d. Unknown.
- iv. JOHN SCOTT, b. 1842, Missouri; d. Unknown.
- v. WILLIAM SCOTT, b. 1844, Missouri; d. Unknown.
2. vi. THOMAS B. SCOTT, b. March 16, 1846, Dade County, Missouri; d. March 26, 1918, Powderly, Lamar County, Texas.
3. vii. JAMES H. SCOTT, b. November 05, 1848, Dade County, Missouri; d. Unknown.

Generation No. 2

2. THOMAS B.² SCOTT (*JOEL*¹) was born March 16, 1846 in Dade County, Missouri, and died March 26, 1918 in Powderly, Lamar County, Texas. He married FRANCES CATHERINE ASH December 10, 1885 in Grayson County, Texas, daughter of FIRST ASH and ELIZABETH SMITH. She was born September 21, 1865 in Washington County, Arkansas, and died October 28, 1936 in Pleasant Hill Community, Lamar County, Texas.

Notes for THOMAS B. SCOTT:

Descendants of Joel Scott

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By: Katherine Alvord Thomas, Houston, Texas

Thomas B. Scott was born in Polk Township, Dade County, Missouri on March 16, 1846. He was the son of Joel Scott who was born in 1807 in North Carolina, and Jane Wills who was born in 1814 in Tennessee. His siblings are Stephen born in 1837, in Tennessee, Mary born in 1839 in Missouri, Ann born in 1839 in Missouri, John born 1842 in Missouri, and James born 1849 in Missouri. Thomas B. Scott was a farmer and was living at Powderly, Texas when he died on March 26, 1918 at 72 years of age. He is buried in Long Cemetery.

Mary and Ann above are twins.

There is a J. H. Scott listed in the Biographical Section of the Plat Book Grayson County Texas. Katherine thinks this is an Uncle John Scott who she heard her mother and father speak of. It seem very likely.

PLAT BOOK GRAYSON COUNTY TEXAS

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I am not 100 per cent sure but I think this is probably a brother to Thomas B. Scott. The 1850 census for Dade County, Missouri shows there were five boys born to Joel Scot and Jane Wills, Stephen, John, William, Thomas B., and James. I do not know if this is John or James but it comes close to being the year James was born. In view of the fact that one of his sons is named Thomas B. the same as the father of Annie Jane Scott. This Scott is probably a Uncle to Annie Jane Scott. (WJT)

All children birth and death dates are from letter of Ruth James, Seagraves, TX. Source: Family bible of Fannie Catherine Ash.

Katherine thinks her Grandfather Scott may have worked for the railroad.

More About THOMAS B. SCOTT:
Burial: Unknown, Long Cemetery, Lamar County, Texas

Notes for FRANCES CATHERINE ASH:

Descendants of Joel Scott

Francis Catherine Ash, was born in Clear Creek Township, Washington County, Arkansas, On September 21, 1865. She was the daughter of First name unknown Ash and Elizabeth Jane (nee Smith) Gregg who was born in 1831 in Washington County, Arkansas. Her siblings were half-brothers Alexander Gregg born 1856, Thomas P. Gregg born 1857, William A. Gregg born 1860 and a half-sister Viola Jane (Gregg) Jordan born 1860. All born in Washington County Arkansas. Fannie Catherine Ash married Thomas B. Scott on December 10, 1885 in Grayson County, Texas. Her children were Annie Jane born 1888, John Charles born 1890, Luella May 1893, Thomas Joel born 1898, Baby Scott born 1899, Viola Matilda born 1901, Edgar Lee born 1904, Maretta Lillian born 1905 and Ruby Francis born 1908. She died October 28, 1936 at High, Texas at 71 years of age and is buried in Long Cemetery, Powderly Texas.

William A. and Viola Jane are twins.

I have never been able to find the given name for Frances Catherine Ash's husband. This part of Frances Catherine's life is very convoluted. Annie Jane Scott said that her mother Frances Catherine Ash was an orphan, and I think this was true. She was born in 1865 in Washington County, Arkansas. The 1870 census Mountain Township Washington County Arkansas pages 171-172 shows her mother Elizabeth Jane (Smith) McRoy Gregg as the head of the household. Albert George Gregg having died in June of 1863. Elizabeth Jane (Smith) McRoy Gregg Ash died in the fall of 1876. Frances Catherine (Fanny) is listed as a Gregg and not as a Ash. I don't know when she married Ash, but probably during the Civil War. Many marriages were not recorded during the War and what records that existed were stored in a cave south of Fayetteville. They became moldy and unusable. Annie Jane (Scott) Alvord said that he (Ash) was a "Bushwhacker". If you have looked at the conflict between Kansas and Missouri before and during the Civil War, the abolitionist's (Kansas) called their side the "Jayhawkers" and the other side the slave holders (Missouri) called their side the "Bushwhackers". I think this is where Annie Jane got the idea that he was a "Bushwhacker". He probably belonged to a outfit like Quantrill's raiders, which sympathized with the Southern cause. It was a loose outfit, and kept no membership rolls that I could find.

Annie Jane (Scott) Alvord also told Catherine that she was related to the Younger Brothers of Missouri. A book in the Houston Public Library called "The Outlaw Youngers" by Marley Brant stated that at Jim Younger's funeral two of the pallbearers were William Gregg and Frank Gregg. I have corresponded with the author, Marley Brant, and she tells me she knows of no direct relation with the immediate families, but that there were lots and lots of cousins. Cole Younger's sister Maretta (Retta) lived in the Lancaster Hutchins area south of Dallas. Other sisters and their families later lived in Denison, Texas. Lots of circumstantial evidence but no hard proof.

I have elected to use Frances Catherine for her instead of Fannie because Annie Jane (Scott) Alvord, when she was in the nursing home in Lubbock, told Catherine that she named her (Catherine) and her sister (Frances Lillian) after their Grandmother. W. J. T.

Source: Washington County Arkansas Marriage Book 1847. Marriage Book 1845-1871. Bride's Index 1845-1871. Index to Wills and Administration of Arkansas From The Earliest to 1900. Washington County Arkansas Index To Wills 1828-1931 Book A-K. Arkansas Land Patents Washington County. History of Washington County (and other Counties). Abstracts of Deeds. Book A 1830-1838.

Descendants of Joel Scott

July 2000: I have just recently found two Land Patents (40 acres each) for a Robert Ash. This land is close to two parcels of land (40 acres each) that were owned by Albert Gallatin Gregg, Elizabeth Jane Smith's second husband.

There is a extensive record in the courts of Washington County Arkansas. Albert Gregg died deeply in debt and it took a long time to probate his Will. I have made a Summary of all the court records. It is in my files for the Scott family.

Gregg Land (1) Section 28 Township 17N Range 29W and (2) Section 28 Township 17N Range 29W
Ash Land (1) Section 12 Township 16N Range 31W and (2) Section 14 Township 16N Range 31W

This Robert Ash might be the third husband of Elizabeth Jane (Smith) Gregg Ash and the father of Francis Catherine Ash.

More About FRANCES CATHERINE ASH:

Burial: Unknown, Long Cemetery, Lamar County, Texas

Children of THOMAS SCOTT and FRANCES ASH are:

4. i. ANNIE JANE³ SCOTT, b. January 16, 1888, Grayson County, Texas; d. October 01, 1980, Lubbock, Texas.
5. ii. JOHN CHARLES SCOTT, b. February 09, 1890, Grayson County, Texas; d. June 04, 1937, Columbus, Ohio.
6. iii. LUELLE MAY SCOTT, b. September 21, 1893, Grayson County, Texas; d. October 16, 1975, Del City, Oklahoma.
7. iv. THOMAS JOEL SCOTT, b. January 14, 1898, Grayson County, Texas; d. March 11, 1941, Alto, Texas.
v. BABY SCOTT, b. September 06, 1899, Grayson County, Texas; d. June 08, 1900, Grayson County, Texas.

Notes for BABY SCOTT:

This child not given a name that I am aware of.

8. vi. VIOLA MATILDA SCOTT, b. June 08, 1901, Grayson County, Texas; d. March 05, 1967, Kilgore, Texas.

vii. EDGAR LEE SCOTT, b. January 04, 1904, Lamar County, Texas; d. January 14, 1904, Lamar County, Texas.

Notes for EDGAR LEE SCOTT:

Lived just 10 days.

9. viii. MARETTA LILLIAN SCOTT, b. February 01, 1905, Lamar County, Texas; d. April 01, 1987, Mid West City, Oklahoma.

10. ix. RUBY FRANCIS SCOTT, b. September 09, 1908, Lamar County, Texas; d. January 27, 1986, Lubbock, Texas.

3. JAMES H.² SCOTT (*JOEL*¹) was born November 05, 1848 in Dade County, Missouri, and died Unknown. He married S. M. HIXON September 26, 1886 in Dade County, Missouri. She was born May 26, 1848 in Dade County, Missouri, and died Unknown.

Descendants of Joel Scott

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The 1850 census Dade County, Missouri Page 282 list a James age 1 born after Thomas B. Scott. I believe this is James Scott listed in the 1850 census.

Children of JAMES SCOTT and S. HIXON are:

- i. FLOYD J.³ SCOTT, d. Unknown.
- ii. THOMAS B. SCOTT, d. Unknown.
- iii. GEORGE A. SCOTT, d. Unknown.
- iv. NORA E. SCOTT, d. Unknown.
- v. MAY A. SCOTT, d. Unknown.
- vi. SUSAN V. SCOTT, d. Unknown.

Generation No. 3

4. ANNIE JANE³ SCOTT (*THOMAS B.*², *JOEL*¹) was born January 16, 1888 in Grayson County, Texas, and died October 01, 1980 in Lubbock, Texas. She married RAY ALLEN ALVORD January 15, 1913 in Lamar County, Texas. He was born January 03, 1891 in Ronald Township, Iona, Michigan, and died August 25, 1955 in Lubbock, Texas.

Notes for ANNIE JANE SCOTT:

Descendants of Joel Scott

LUBBOCK AVALANCE-JOURNAL
OCTOBER 3, 1980

ANNIE JANE ALVORD

Services for Annie Jane Alvord, 92 of Lubbock, will be a 2 p.m. Saturday in Resthaven Chapel; burial will be in City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home. She died at 11:45 p.m. Wednesday at Community Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born in Denison, she came to Lubbock in 1945.

Survivors include three sons, Russell A. Of Lubbock, Monroe Gordon of Duncanville and Harrell of Lubbock; two daughters Mrs. Ferman Sudduth of Tyler and Mrs. W. J. Thomas of Houston; two sisters, Mrs. Walter Smith of Midwest Oklahoma, and Mrs. N. H. Coursey of Lubbock, 11 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

Sources:

Marriage License dated January 16, 1913, Lamar County Texas, Ray Alvord to Miss Annie Scott

Death Certificate 10/1/80 Lubbock Texas File # 2245 for Annie Jane Alvord

Annie Jane Scott's Family Register from Family Bible

See Alvord family genealogy. W. J. T.

More About ANNIE JANE SCOTT:

Burial: October 04, 1980, City of Lubbock Cemetery, Lubbock, Texas

Notes for RAY ALLEN ALVORD:

LUBBOCK AVALANCE JOURNAL

AUGUST 29, 1955

Rites Set Today For Ray Allen Alvord

Funeral services for Ray Allen Alvord are scheduled at 4 p.m. today at the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. C. J. McCarthy, former pastor, and the Rev. W. E. Thorn, present pastor, officiating.

Alvord, 64, 208 Ave. U died early Friday morning at his home.

Time for the funeral has not been announced.

Burial will be in East Lawn Cemetery, under direction of of McDonald Funeral Chapel.

Alvord a fence contractor, had lived in Lubbock since 1945.

Survivors include his wife: two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Sudduth, Tyler, Mrs Catherine Thomas, Houston: four sons, Edwin Alvord, Paris, Harrell Alvord, Big Spring, and Russell Alvord, Lubbock: one sister Mrs. Ethyle House, Plainview: one brother L. M. Alvord, Powderly, Tex. and seven grandchildren.

Pall bearers will be Henry Buell, J. A. Alred, W. M. Brown, C. R. House, R. L. Pendergrass, and A. A. Bratcher.
