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Editor's Letter

I failed to properly cite the source for the "Along Those Lines" There's Been a Citing! By George G. Morgan in the Fall, 2004 Tree Talk. The proper citation should read "Ancestry Daily News, 1 Oct. 2004, Copyright 2004, MyFamily.com. All rights reserved." My apologies to MyFamily.com.

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Thanks to John R. Anderson and Judy Henry for allowing their families stories to be published here.

Gordon Bennett
Editor

Chitwood—Childress Family

Family Group Sheet




Husband: John Friend Chitwood	
Born: 1839 Died: 1920	
Wife: Martha King	
	
CHILDREN	
1 M	Name: Young Flint Chitwood Born: November 12, 1878 Married: April 14, 1918 Died: April 06, 1962 Spouses: Mariah Tipton, Aline Childress in: Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., Texas in: bur. Corine Cemetery, Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., Texas
	
2 M	Name: William P. Chitwood Born: May 26, 1876 Died: August 31, 1932 in: Corine Cemetery, Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., Texas
3 M	Name: Penn L. Chitwood Born: 1873 Died: April 09, 1946 in: Corine Cemetery, Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., Texas
4 M	Name: Grover C. Chitwood Born: October 08, 1887 Died: April 11, 1938 Spouse: Pearlle J. in: Corine Cemetery, Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., Texas
5 M	Name: Emmett W. Chitwood Born: July 04, 1874 Died: July 01, 1961 Spouse: Lillie J. in: Corine Cemetery, Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas
6 F	Name: Girl Chitwood
7 M	Name: Boy Chitwood Spouse: Carrie Augusta

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Died: April 06, 1962	in: bur. Corine Cemetery, Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., Texas	
Father: John Friend Chitwood		
Mother: Martha King		
Other Spouses: Aline Childress		
<i>MAR 9/17/1965</i>		
Wife: Mariah Tipton		
Born: March 15, 1890	in: Corine Cemetery, Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., Texas	
Died: June 02, 1916		
CHILDREN		
I F	Name: Theima Chitwood Born: October 13, 1909 Spouse: Chris Fanett	

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Father: John Friend Chitwood			
Mother: Martha King Other Spouses: Mariah Tipton			
Wife: Aline Childress			
Born: July 29, 1902	in: Timpson, Shelby Co., Texas		
Died: May 21, 1969	in: bur. Corine Cemetery, Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., Texas		
Father: William (Willie) Jones Childress			
Mother: Mary Roberta (Minnie) Majors			
CHILDREN			
1 F	Name: Juanita Chitwood Born: November 20, 1920 Married: June 10, 1942 Died: September 24, 1980 Spouse: John Henry Anderson	in: Jacksonville, Texas in: Seaside, Oregon in: Antioch Cemetery, Buna, Jasper Co., Texas	
2 F	Name: Naomi Chitwood Born: August 23, 1924 Married: March 26, 1943 Spouse: C. L. Beck		
3 M	Name: Joe Clark Chitwood Born: October 18, 1938 Married: November 25, 1960 Died: March 20, 1991 Spouse: Doris Louise Jordan	in: Lufkin, Texas	
4 M	Name: J. W. Chitwood Born: March 04, 1919 Died: March 04, 1919	in: Corine Cemetery, Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas	

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Husband: William (Willie) Jones Childress	
Born: February 05, 1861	in: Fayette Co., Arkansas
Married: April 10, 1887	in: Timpson, Shelby Co., Texas
Died: March 17, 1936	in: Bethal Cemetery, Appleby, Nacogdoches, Texas
Father: Gilford Bush Childress	
Mother: Martha Jane Washington Windham	
Wife: Mary Roberta (Minnie) Majors	
Born: December 26, 1871	in: Penola Co., Tenaha, Shelby Co., Texas
Died: March 08, 1936	in: Bethal Cemetery, Appleby, Nacogdoches, Texas
Father: James Ivison Hugh Majors	
Mother: Hattie Roberta Dean	
CHILDREN	
1 F	Name: Aline Childress Born: July 29, 1902 Married: April 14, 1918 Died: May 21, 1969 Spouse: Young Flint Chitwood in: Timpson, Shelby Co., Texas in: bur. Corine Cemetery, Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., Texas
2 F	Name: Lottie Louella Childress Born: January 27, 1888 Married: December 21, 1904 Died: May 28, 1940 Spouse: Henry Farmer in: Timpson, Shelby Co., Texas in: Texas
3 M	Name: Gilford Ivirson Childress Born: September 16, 1889 Married: February 27, 1921 Died: September 08, 1954 Spouses: Eva Ardrie, Lillian Smith in: Timpson, Shelby Co., Texas in: Texas
4 F	Name: Hattie Washington Childress Born: May 24, 1892 Married: July 23, 1914 Died: February 24, 1950 Spouse: Sam Wilson in: Timpson, Shelby Co., Texas in: Providence Cemetery, Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., Texas
5 F	Name: Dollie Lee Childress Born: December 20, 1893 Married: April 11, 1909 Died: April 25, 1965 Spouses: Green Berry Howard, Urban Clyde Hill, Wyatt Moses Simpson in: Timpson, Shelby Co., Texas in: Resthaven Cemetery, Houston, Harris Co., Texas
6 M	Name: Willie Jasper Childress Born: February 10, 1896 Married: December 20, 1914 Died: November 14, 1957 Spouse: Doshie (Deskie) Dement in: Timpson, Shelby Co., Texas








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7	Name: Mary Etta (Sis) Childress Born: April 09, 1898 Married: April 30, 1916 Died: August 13, 1985 Spouse: Walter Lewis Cash	in: Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., Texas in: Hillcrest Cemetery, Forney, Kaufman Co. Texas	
8	Name: Jesse Vestel Childress Born: February 11, 1900 Married: February 19, 1922 Died: November 21, 1970 Spouses: Clara Lee Jennings, Gertie Scate	in: Timpson, Shelby Co., Texas	
9	Name: Rudoph Newton Childress Born: August 20, 1904 Married: October 18, 1925 Died: December 16, 1962 Spouse: Mattie Stone	in: Timpson, Shelby Co., Texas in: Lufkin, Angelina Co., Texas	
10	Name: Hugh Thomas Childress Born: October 24, 1906 Married: January 21, 1928 Died: July 07, 1971 Spouse: Mamie Broach	in: Timpson, Shelby Co., Texas in: Walker Cemetery, Redland, Texas	
11	Name: Rupert (Jones) Childress Born: October 02, 1908 Married: January 12, 1929 Died: December 13, 1973 Spouse: Ruby Merle Garner	in: Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., Texas	
12	Name: Marvin Oakley Childress Born: April 16, 1911 Married: January 28, 1933 Died: February 19, 1971 Spouse: Ruth Lorraine Royall	in: Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., Texas in: Houston, Harris, Texas in: South Park Cemetery, Pearland, Brazos Co., Texas	
13	Name: Cleo Childress Born: January 15, 1914 Died: February 14, 1971	in: Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., Texas in: Bethel Cemetery, Nacogdoches Co. Texas	

For more information on this family see Family File #28 Vertical Files, Jacksonville Public Library, 502 S. Jackson, Jacksonville, TX 75766

Ezekiel Henry, Jr. Family*Son of Ezekiel Henry, Sr. or William Henry, Sr.*

Submitted by Judy Henry

Ezekiel Henry, Jr.³ (*Samuel*¹, *Ezekiel, Sr.*²) was born about 1785 probably in old Greene County, North Carolina, now the Jefferson or Knox County areas of Tennessee. He is thought to be the son of Ezekiel Henry, Sr. because of his name, but could be the son of William Henry, Sr. of Rhea County, Tennessee. A genealogical journal from Shelby County, Alabama states that Ezekiel was the brother of John Henry of Bibb County, AL, who was the son of William Henry, Sr.

A family Bible record from the Miller Wilfred Henry branch of the family in Cherokee County, Texas states that his father's name was Ezekiel Kindred Henry, born in Ireland. William and Ezekiel Henry, Sr. were living in East Tennessee at the time of his birth. The only use of the name Ezekiel Kindred Henry, was by Ezekiel's son Patrick, who named his son after his father and father-in-law, who was Kindred Muse.

Before 1805, when Zeke was about twenty years old, his family moved to Roane County, Tennessee, part of which became Rhea County in 1807. On January 18, 1810 in Rhea County, Tennessee, he married **Judith Francis**, fifteen-year-old daughter of Joseph Francis and Susannah Easley. The bondsman was her brother, Miller Francis. Miller married Hannah Henry, and their brother, Woodson, married Elizabeth "Betsy" Henry. Hannah and Betsy were either a sister or a cousin on Ezekiel Henry, Jr.

Records of Rhea County, Tennessee

On April 27, 1809 when John, William and Ezekiel Henry, Sr. sold Richard Waterhouse the 19,000-acre Patent 278, two thousand acres were reserved for Ezekiel Henry, Jr. On April 29 Waterhouse sold to this 2000 acres on the East Fork of Richland Creek to Zeke for \$1000, "*including plantation whereon John and William Henry now live.*" Ezekiel, Jr.'s purchase preserved the ownership of the family property for his father, uncles and perhaps other family members. More details of this transaction appear in the William Henry, Sr. of Rhea County section. Ezekiel, Jr.'s purchase is described as

"Beginning at an Ask marked S.D. a Small distance below the mouth of Whites Creek on the bank of the Tennessee River and runs down the various meanders of Said River including the meanders thereof passing the mouth of Piney river or Creek Clear Chrrk. Mill Creek and several Small branches to the mouth of Richland Creek when reduced to a Straight line will be eight thousand five hundred poles. Thence West leaving Tennessee River twelve hundred and eighty poles to Cumberland Mountain. Thence along the foot of Said Mountain with the various courses thereof crossing a large Creek called Sale Creek and the head waters of Richland Creek, Vally Fork, Clear Creek, Piney Creek or River and Camp Creek to the main fork of Whites Creek when reduced to a Straight line will be nine thousand poles to a large Poplar, Pine and Sugar Tree on the bank of Said Creek at the foot of Said Mountain. Thence down the Said Creek including the Several meanders thereof to the beginning..."

Ezekiel Henry, Jr. Family

This description includes most of the Eastern half of the present Rhea County, reaching from Dayton to the northern border at White's Creek. It includes the Tennessee River Valley from the river to the foot of the mountains.

On March 2, 1810 William Henry Sr., and newlywed Ezekiel Henry, Jr. sold John Henry 200 acres "*with valuable considerations on East Richland Creek. part of grant #278 cornering Ezekiel Henry, Jr. on line between John, Ezekiel and William Henry, Sr.*" This was John's original land grant. Witnesses were Woodson Francis, Henry David and Abr. Swagerty.

It is not known exactly where Zeke and Judy Henry established their home and no records for land sales have been found for them prior to their move to Alabama. There is a sale of 1000 acres to John Day on October 2, 1846 when Ezekiel was living in Chambers County, Alabama.

John Day was married to Ezekiel's cousin, Sarah Jane Henry Day, daughter of John, Sr. This family stayed in Rhea County and John Day purchased much of the family property as others died or moved away. This land was bordered in part by the Stokley Donelson claim #212 and located at the top of Valley Ridge. It was part of the 2000 acres Richard Waterhouse sale.

Move to Alabama

Always looking for new opportunities, a large Henry family group migrated to the Alabama Territory before 1819. The area was cleared of the threat of Indians in 1814. Shelby County was created in February 1818 and Alabama became a state in 1819. Included in the group were Ezekiel Henry, Jr., his brother, John, and possible siblings, Hugh Henry and Margaret Henry, wife of George Mayberry, Jr. Ezekiel settled in Shelby County, while John, Hugh and the Mayberrys located in neighboring Bibb County. Judith's Bible record records the birth of their son, Miller, in Shelby County, Alabama in March of 1819.

"Most of the white settlers to this county (Central Alabama) were from Tennessee, Kentucky and South Carolina. They became acquainted with the region when General Andrew Jackson came through building Fort Jackson and blazing a trail to the Wilsonville area. A ferry was established here to get the soldiers across the Coosa (River) and on their way to the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. After that victorious battle, General Jackson sent 500 men to the Cahaba River to search for the remnants of the 'Red Sticks'. These men returned to their home states so impressed with the beauty and promise of this region that they brought their families and household goods back to this area traveling chiefly by pack horse. ... The Coosa Valley meantime developed its population at the same time, being wider and containing more territory. Most of the newcomers settled at Montevallo, Harpersville and Wilsonville." "...the earliest settlers ... later referred to as squatters, ... did not gain legal title to their lands until the land office at Tuscaloosa was opened in 1821." Land Tract books record a large number of land entrants in the first year of legal land sales.

Ezekiel Henry, Jr. Family

Ezekiel and his family "squatted" originally on about eighty acres of land in Shelby County, which he purchased on June 2, 1823. He received a Federal Land Patent for Certificate Number 698. The land is described as 79.98 acres, the West half Northwest of Section 11, Township 22 South, Range 3 West. This land is located about one mile south of Moore's Cross Roads and two miles Northeast of Montevallo in Shelby County, Alabama. The property is bisected by Highway 98 at the fork of a dirt road that runs to Spring Creek. Today it is the location of Montevallo's American Village....

The Move to Georgia

Sometime between 1828 and 1830 Ezekiel Henry, Jr. moved his family to Georgia. They moved directly into an area of unrest with the Native Americans.

"In 1827 all the Creek land in Georgia were ceded to the United States and the followers of Chief McIntosh were given the right to move to a new location which the United States Government had purchased for them. This was the first step toward the removal of all of the Five Civilized Tribes to the newly created Indian Territory. (Oklahoma) "... The removal was badly managed and chaos reigned as the white settlers moved into the territory not yet vacated by the Creeks."

The Ezekiel Henry family was counted in the 1830 Troup County, Georgia Census in Captain David Stewart' District. Those counted in the household included five unidentified people. The list includes: 1 male under five (Patrick), 2 males ages 5-10 (Hugh and John), 2 males ages 10-15 (Miller and Woodson), 2 males ages 15-20 (Joseph and Unknown), 1 male age 20-30 (Unknown), 1 male age 30-40 (Unknown), 1 male ages 40-50 (Ezekiel), 1 male age 100 up (probably Joseph Francis, father of Judith Francis Henry), 1 female under five (Paralee), 1 female age 30-40 (Judith), 1 female age 70-80, who was perhaps Judith's mother, Susannah Easley Francis.

According to Judith's Bible record, their son, Samuel, had died in 1825 while the family was still in Shelby County. Family legend states that her father, Joseph Francis went to Alabama with Ezekiel, Jr. and that he died in their home in Georgia or Alabama at the age of 104. No elderly people were living with the family in 1840 in Chambers County, Alabama. Joseph and Susannah's deaths would have taken place between 1830-1840 in Heard County, Georgia or Chambers County, Alabama. No cemetery records have revealed their burial places....

The Move to Chambers County, Alabama

Chambers County was created by an Act of the Alabama Legislature on December 18, 1832 from the Creek Indian Cession executed March 24, 1832. The Treaty of Cusetta stipulated that the head of each Creek family would receive 320 acres of land and the chiefs 640 acres. Most of the land ended up in the hands of white land speculators who used many fraudulent methods of acquire the land.

Ezekiel Henry, Jr. Family

Before 1835, Ezekiel's son, Woodson Henry, traveled west to Texas with a group of these displaced Creek Indians, lead by his future father-in-law, James Hutton....

Next Stop Cherokee County, Texas

After the sales of their homesteads, the next records for the Henry clan are found in Cherokee County, Texas. On the trip west they undoubtedly stopped to visit their daughter, Caroline Nabors, in Montevallo and Ezekiel's brother, John's family in Centerville, Bibb County, Alabama. John had died before their arrival, but his son, Judge William C. Henry joined his uncle and cousins for the trip to Texas. Ralph Harrington's grandmother told stories of the "terrible" journey by wagon and especially of the difficulty in fording the numerous rivers.

The Cherokee County Tax list for 1847 shows Joseph F. Henry living in the town of Rusk, the county seat. An unknown Thomas Henry is also listed. By 1848, in addition to Joseph, who owned a town lot in Rusk, are Ezekiel Henry with 450 acres, Patrick with 450, John P. with 300, Miller W. with 352 and Hugh L with 300 acres. In August of 1848, members of the family put up a bond and Joseph Francis Henry took the oath as Sheriff of the county.

"The State of Texas County of Cherokee. Know all men by these presents that we, Joseph F. Henry as principle and Ezekiel Henry, John P. Henry, Hugh Henry, James T. Bloomfield, John Kendrick, John Frazier as Securities are held and firmly bound unto George T. Wood, Governor of the State of Texas and his successors in office in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars good and lawful money for the payment of which we...bind ourselves and each of our heirs, Executors and administrators, Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents singed and sealed ... and dated this seventeenth day of August, A. D. 1848." "Joseph F. Henry as Sheriff of said county of Cherokee shall well and truly account for and pay over to the person authorized by law to receive the same all fines, forfeitures and penalties that he may collect for the use of the State of Texas or any county within the State and that he do well and truly execute and due return make all process and precepts to him lawfully directed and pay over all sums of money by him collected by virtue of any process or precept to the persons to whom the same are due or their lawful attorney and that he will faithfully perform all such duties as my be required of him by law. Then the above obligation to be void and of no effect otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law. This the day and date above written. Approved of by me Jas. Thomason, Chief Justice for said County. Signed by Jos. F. Henry, E. Henry, John P. Henry, Hugh Henry, James T. Bloomfield, John H. Kendricks and John Frazier."

On January 1, 1849 Ezekiel purchased 2145 acres from John R. Taylor and John H. Irby for the sum of \$2,000, *being part of the headright of John R. Taylor located on the West side of Mud Creek about seven miles north of Rusk.* This property is located near what is now Gallatin, Texas. Rusk at the time had a population of 355 people.

Ezekiel Henry, Jr. Family

On December 21, 1849 Ezekiel purchased an additional piece of land about nine miles northeast of Rusk. He paid \$50 the day of the sale with a promissory note at ten percent interest due for another \$50 due on November 1, 1850. His sons, John Porter and Hugh L. Henry witnessed the deed. The 1849 tax list shows Ezekiel paying taxes on two pieces of property, one of 450 acres and another of 640 acres. Patrick still owned 450, John P. 268, Thomas, 200, Edwin, 200 and M. W. 477 acres. Joseph was still located in Rusk. On August 9, 1850 Ezekiel sold his son, John P. Henry, 450 acres of the John Taylor tract for \$300. On August 10 he sold 652 acres to his son, Miller, for \$600 and 300 acres each to son, Hugh L. Henry, and son-in-law, James Clark. Ezekiel signed these documents with his mark.

The 1850 the Cherokee County, Texas census shows Ezekiel as a farmer worth \$2500. He was 65, born in Tennessee. Judith, age 53, was born in Virginia. Living at home with them were Patrick, age 25, born in Alabama worth \$2,000, and Clinton Smith, age 16, born in Alabama. The tax list that year shows Ezekiel Henry owning 450 acres of the John R. Taylor Headright, nine slaves valued at \$4500, and a team and wagon for a total value of \$5950 and a tax of \$4.46.

Between January 1, 1849 and January 10, 1863 Ezekiel Henry and his sons were involved in 104 Cherokee County land transactions.

By 1852 when he is counted on the Cherokee County tax list he had purchased 320 acres of the S. F. Stanley (?) Headright. He still owned nine slaves and a wagon and team. His value was \$6500. His state tax was \$9.50 and his county tax was \$4.87 ¼ . In 1853 he is assessed with 675 acres of the John Taylor Headright, nine slaves and a team and wagon. His value was \$6350.

In July of 1852 Ezekiel and Judith made a settlement of property to their youngest son, Clinton.

*The State of Texas }
County of Cherokee } Know all men by these presents that we Ezekiel Henry and Judith
Henry his wife of the State and County aforesaid, being desirous to secure to our be-
loved son Clinton Smith Henry (now about eighteen years of age) an equal and fair por-
tion of our estate with our several other children to whom we have given proportionably
and liberally thereto, for and in consideration of the Natural love and affection Which
we have unto the said Clinton Smith Henry our said son do give grant alien release and
confirm, and do hereby relinquish forever all our right and interest of and in and to the
following described real and personal property, unto the said Clinton Smith Henry, and
his heirs forever towit: Four hundred and fifty acres of land situated in said State and
County, being a part of the lands Surveyed by virtue of John R. Taylor's headright and
conveyed to the said Ezekiel Henry by the said John R. Taylor and John H. Irby on the
first day of January A. D. Eighteen hundred and forty nine –*

Ezekiel Henry, Jr. Family

...Also Pleasant a yellow boy slave about twenty years of age, Henry about eighteen, George about seventeen years of age, Frank about seventeen years of age, and Jim about thirteen years of age, the last said four boys are of dark complexion and slaves for Life, and also a certain sorrell mare called Syntha To have and to hold the said above named land (450 acres), Five Negro Boys and Sorrel mare unto the said (our son) Clinton Smith Henry and to his lawful heirs forever, to him the said Clinton Smith Henry's only proper use and behoof, henceforth and forever, Together with an equal portion with our other heirs of such of our other undivided and not otherwise appropriated property as we may die possessed of securing to him above given & granted property in any event connected with the final division. Given under our hands and seals using scrawls for seals this the tenth day of July, One thousand eight hundred and fifty two

*Signed sealed & delivered
In presence of us the day
And date above written
W.C. Henry*

*E. Henry (seal)
her
Judith X Henry (seal)*

mark

Death and Estate of Ezekiel Henry, Jr.

According to family tradition a thypus epidemic caused by contaminated water was the cause of death of several members of the Henry family. On August 19, 1853 Ezekiel Henry died, followed four days later on August 23, his son, Joseph Francis. Doctor's charges for their care indicate that Judith Henry and a household servant were also ill.

Ezekiel, Joseph and others were buried on family land that is now the Henry Cemetery, which is located on Highway 22 east of Gallatin, Cherokee County, Texas. The early graves are marked with iron ore rocks that have chipped and weathered over time. They are no longer marked with names, Funeral home markers have been added to the stones of Joseph, Ezekiel, and Judith's graves.

In September of 1854 Judith Henry petitioned the court for payment of personal funds owed to her by her husband's estate. She requested a payment of \$400, which had been given to her by her father, Joseph Francis, when he sold a slave and horse. Ezekiel had used the money.

In the first petition of the probate of his estate, Ezekiel's sons Miller and Patrick stated that he died intestate and left property worth \$4,000. They asked to be appointed administrators because their mother was unwilling to serve in that capacity. They posted a bond of \$8,000.

Ezekiel Henry, Jr. Family

The appraisers listed the following property:

225 acres of land \$450
1 Negro man Daniel 60 years old \$500,
1 Negro man Jack \$500
1 Negro woman Fanny 50 years old \$400
1 Negro woman Hannah 35 years old \$600
1 Sorrel mare 9 years old \$300
4 mules \$400
1 Sorrel filly three years old \$70
1 wagon \$50
1 yoke of oxen \$55
35 head of cattle \$175
100 head of hogs \$200
1 set wagon harness \$20
1 shot gun \$5
Total \$3725

One half of the Gin and Mill 75
Outstanding debts due the estate 651.29

Miller and Patrick requested and received permission to sell the Sorrel mare valued at \$300 on a 12-month promissory note. They asked to sell 225 acres of land so that equal distribution could be made among the heirs, stating that Ezekiel had lived on the south half of a 450 acres survey of the John Taylor tract. Permission was given to sell the land on the Courthouse steps in Rusk on the first Tuesday in December 1853 and to have a private sale of the current cotton crop. In December the court ordered that 200 acres of land be set aside for Mrs. Judy Henry, widow of Ezekiel out of the 250 acre tract deeded to the said E. Henry by John P. Henry *“for a Home Stead for the use and benefit of the said Widow.”*

In January of 1854 the report included sales of 3107 pounds of pork valued at \$93.21 and two cows and calves at \$24.50. In February 1854 Judy Henry appeared before the judge asking for a change in the property to be set aside for her homestead. She did not want the 250-acre tract that John Porter Henry had suggested, but a 200 acre tract from the 225-acre tract where she lived with Ezekiel. She stated that at the time of the original order she was not aware of the location and value of the land or the precise condition of the estate.

The court continued the request of Miller and Patrick to sell 112 ½ acres until the next session. They rescinded the order to give Judy Henry 200 acres of the John Porter Henry land as she requested. The Judge ordered the appraisers to partition the Ezekiel Henry land between the widow and the estate. One hundred acres on the East end of the 225-acre track, running north and south was set aside as a homestead. Miller and Patrick asked that the remaining 125 acres be sold. The sale was set for the first Tuesday in May 1854 on the Courthouse steps. In May permission was secured to sell Ezekiel's half ownership in the mill and cotton gin. In November 1856 Miller asked to sell the cotton crop at private sale.

Ezekiel Henry, Jr. Family

In February of 1857 the administrators presented final amounts received into their hands. They had sold pork and cotton belonging to the estate in 1854 - 1856 as well as other items bringing a total of \$2408. Expenses of the estate equaled \$3174. They asked to be able to sell the remainder of the estate including horses, cattle, hogs, cotton, corn, wagon, household and kitchen furniture and were authorized to do so.

In December of 1857 Miller came to court to say that Judith Henry had died since the February 1857 court session. All debts of the estate had been paid and all property sold except the slaves, which were to be sold to the highest bidder on January 1, 1859 at the Courthouse door.

In February 1858 the results of the sale were reported. John bought one bed for \$34.50 and a clock for \$5.00. Miller purchased a safe and a lot of fodder. Pat bought a bed, books and the wagon. Clinton bought crockery, table, chairs, a pot, a sundial, a tub and pail, and five cows and calves for a total of \$946.41. The slaves, including a child born since the original inventory, brought \$2300.

Advertisement of the final settlement of the estate was published for twenty days in the Texas Enquirer, a Cherokee County newspaper. The printer, Andrew Jackson, came to court to give testimony. Caroline Henry Nabors, who lived in Alabama, was called to appear on the last Monday in March 1858 to show cause, if any, the distributions should not be made. An advertisement to that effect also had to be published in the Texas Enquirer. The court found that Caroline had received an advance in the amount of a Negro girl valued at \$400 and that Ezekiel had paid a claim for J. F. Henry (his son Joseph Francis) in the amount of \$566.94.

In March of 1858 James Clark was appointed guardian for minor children of Paralee Clark, H.L.W. Henry and Joseph F. Henry. An attorney was appointed for Caroline. Heirs were listed as:

Caroline Neighbors (Nabors), resident of Dallas County, Alabama;
Seven children of Joseph F. Henry – Norphulus, Ezekiel, Caroline, Charles M., Judith,
James, T. and Thomas R.;

Woodson D. Henry, resident of Parker County, Texas;
Miller W. Henry, Cherokee County ;
John P. Henry, Cherokee County;
Patrick Henry, Cherokee County;
Four children of Hugh L. W. Henry – Woodson F., Judith C., Clinton and William C.,
Cherokee County;
Two children of Paralee B. Clark – Judith C., and Patrick C., Cherokee County

Each heir was entitled to one eighth of the estate. After many delays and continuances the final decree to distribute was made May of 1858 at which time each of the eight heirs received slaves or money valued at about \$450.

Ezekiel Henry, Jr. Family

Clinton S. Henry was not included in the estate having been given 450 acres of land, five slaves and a sorrel horse and saddle, two watches, 10 head of cattle, 7 hogs and a rifle by his parents in 1855 when he was eighteen years old. In 1855 the value of his distribution was \$6,615. In the document making the bequests it was stated that Ezekiel and Judith Henry had also given liberally to their other children.

Two interesting receipts have survived for purchases made by Judy Henry after her husband's death. On October 30, 1854 she bought a pair of red shoes from Hughes & Maples in Jacksonville, Texas. "*Mrs. Judith Henries*" account with Hugh L. W. Henry's store in Griffin, Texas for \$100.99 is dated December 1st 1857. It is a record of purchases that she made between March and November of 1857, the month of her death. She purchased yard goods for towels, shirting, calico, gingham, cotton, curtains, red flannel, yellow flannel, shirt buttons, a set of tumblers, shoes, bleached domestic, seeds, a hoe, bed ticking, a paper of pins, quilt lining, a set of cups and saucers. The bill was included as an unpaid debt in the inventory of Hugh's estate.

Children of Ezekiel Henry, Jr. and Judith Francis:

Judith Francis Henry left a family Bible, which records the names and births of her ten children. Four were born in Rhea County, Tennessee and six in Shelby County, Alabama. The Bible was lost in a flood in Lemesa, Texas, but a notarized, typed copy of the Bible Record survives.

- VI.A.1. Caroline Matilda Henry was born March 01, 1811 in Rhea County, Tennessee and died May 15, 1858 in Montevallo, Shelby County, Alabama. She married James McGlothlin Nabors.
- VI.A.2. Samuel Henry was born June 12, 1812 in Rhea County, Tennessee and died October 10, 1825 in Shelby County, Alabama.
- VI.A.3. Joseph Francis Henry was born October 22, 1814 in Rhea County, Tennessee and died August 23, 1853 Cherokee County, Texas. He married Laura Marcia Tredwell March 15, 1836 Chambers Co. Alabama.
- VI.A.4. Woodson D. "Wood" Henry was born March 12, 1816 in Rhea County, Tennessee and died before 1899. He married, first, Levisia Hutton, second, Laurina M. Smith on March 30, 1845 in Cherokee County, Texas.
- VI.A.5. Miller Wilfred Henry was born March 16, 1819 in Shelby County, Alabama and died about 1863 in Cherokee County, Texas. He married Lucy Anna Clark Boling on July 5, 1841 in Chambers County, Alabama..
- VI.A.6. John Porter Henry was born July 03, 1821 in Shelby County, Alabama and died in February 1880 at Smithwick, Burnet County, Texas. He married Catherine Pinckard about 1841 in Georgia or Alabama.

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- VI.A.7. Hugh L. W. Henry was born October 22, 1823 in Shelby Co. Alabama and died November 18, 1857 at Griffin, Cherokee County, Texas. He married Charlotte Susan Clark September 18, 1845 in Chambers County, Alabama.
- VI.A.8. J. Patrick Henry was born October 31, 1825 in Shelby County, Alabama and died October 14, 1867 in Cherokee County, Texas. He married Amanda Jane Muse October 31, 1850 in Cherokee County, Texas.
- VI.A.9. Paralee Blevins Henry was born on May 24, 1828 in Shelby County, Alabama and died June 28, 1852 in Gallatin, Cherokee County, Texas. She married James Edwin Clark August 14, 1845 in Chambers County, Alabama.
- VI.A.10. Clinton Smith Henry was born November 14, 1834 in Shelby County, Alabama and died July 07, 1873 in Cherokee County, Texas. He married Martha Thompson January 18, 1855 in Cherokee County, Texas

The Francis Family – The Henry Family Bible owned by Descendants of Clinton Henry – son of Judith Francis & her husband, Ezekiel Henry, Jr. A transcription of the Bible record as found in Catherine Linney's Twigs, a Henry-Francis family history. It is not known if it was Judith Francis Henry's Bible which he inherited, or his Bible where he recorded family information given by his mother.

Judith Francis Born Jan 23, 1795

Father's Name, Joseph Francis

Grand Father, James Francis

Great Grand Father, Hugh Francis

Great Great Grand Father, Robin Francis

Grand Mother on Father's side, Obedience Carington

Great Grand Mother, Jane Stewart

Grand Mother's Name, Susan Easley

Grand Father on Mother's side, Warham Easley

Great Grand Father, Daniel Easley

Grand Mother on Mother's side, Nancy Woodson

Great Grand Mother, Susan Miller

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Birth Dates of the Children of Ezekiel Henry and Judith Francis Henry.

Caroline M. Henry	Born	March 1, 1811	Ray Co., Tenn. (Rhea)
Samuel Henry	"	June 12, 1812	" " "
Joseph F. Henry		Oct. 22, 1814	" " "
Woodson D. Henry	"	March 12, 1816	" " "
Miller W. Henry	"	March 16, 1819	Shelby Co. , Ala.
John P. Henry	"	July 3, 1821	" " "
Hugh L. W. Henry	"	Oct. 22, 1823	" " "
Patrick Henry	"	Oct. 31, 1825	" " "
Paralee B. Henry	"	May 24, 1828	" " "
Clinton S. Henry	"	Nov 14, 1834	Chambers Co. Ala.

Clinton S. Henry was married to Miss Martha Thompson on Jan. 18, 1855

In Cherokee Co. , Texas. Children:

Marietter Henry	Born	Oct. 27, 1855	Cherokee Co., Texas
Hew L. W. Henry	"	Apr. 10, 1857	" " "
Wiley T. Henry	"	Jan. 31, 1859	" " "
Ezekiel C. Henry	"	Dec. 26, 1860	" " "
Judith Cynthia Henry	"	May 28, 1865	Angelina Co., Texas
Robert L. Henry	"	Oct 9, 1866	" " "
Luella Henry	"	Aug. 21. 1868	" " "
Patrick M. Henry	"	June 2, 1871	" " "
Duncan S. Henry	"	Feb. 8, 1873	" " "

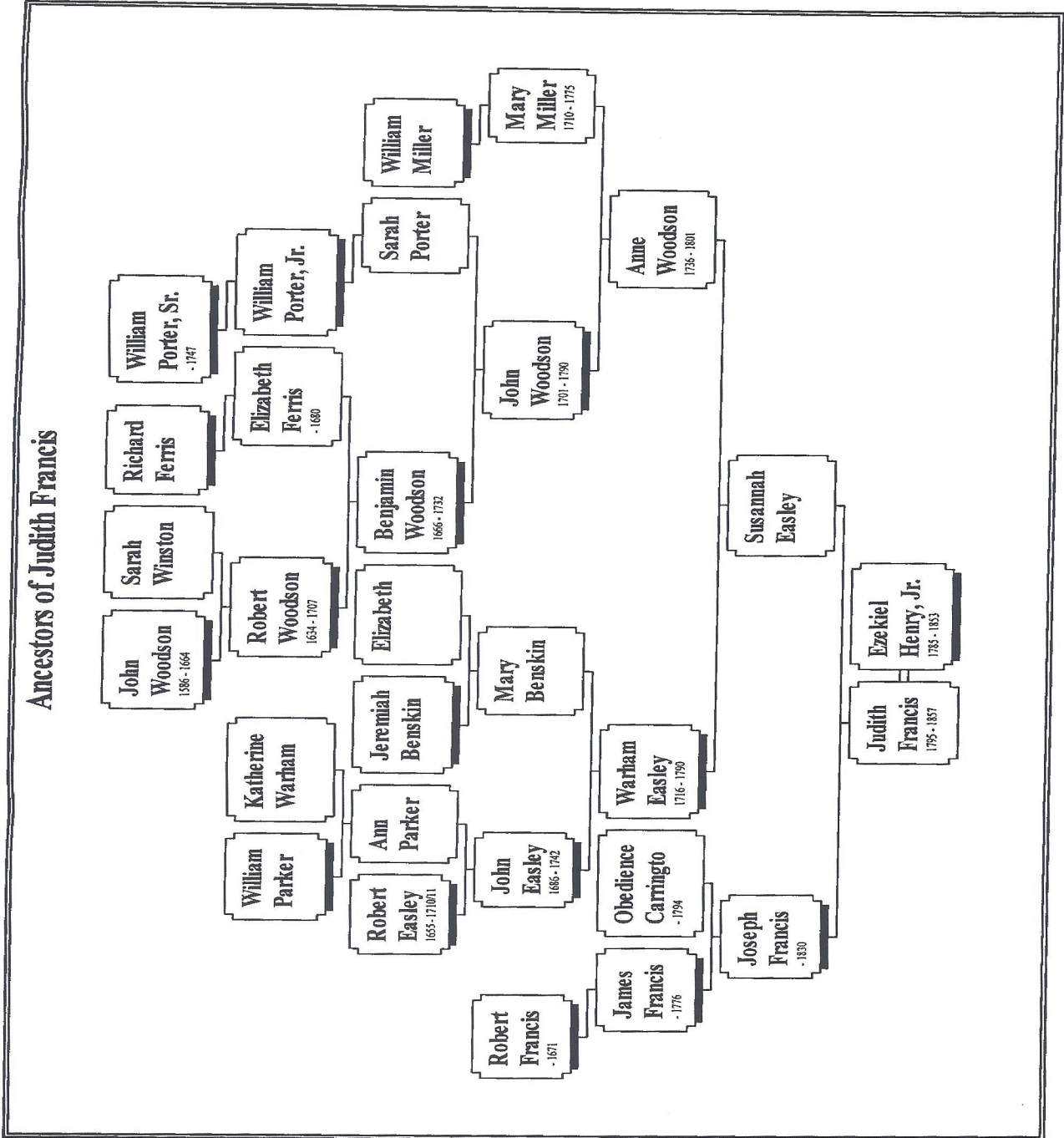
Deaths:

Ezekiel Henry (Jr.)	Died	Aug. 19, 1853
Judith Henry	"	Nov. 1857
Clinton S. Henry	"	July 7, 1873
Judith Cynthia Henry	"	Aug 14, 1866
Marietta Henry (Hopper)	"	Sept 6, 1894
Martha Henry	"	Nov. 14, 1901

The above records and statistics are from the Henry Family Bible which was later lost in a flood conditions in Lamesa, Texas. (Signed) Lillie Henry Witt

The above signature has been notarized as of 30 day of April 1969 as notary in and for Tarrant County, Texas. (Signed: Bernice Lewis, Notary)

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Subject: Rilla Jane (Simpson) Isaacs Carmichael
According to my information, Rilla Jane Simpson was born 8-19-1845 in Cherokee County, Texas. She married first a Francis Isaacs in Cherokee County, Texas, then William M. Carmichael probably in Bienville Parish, Texas. Rilla's parents were Green Ichabod and Mary (Milner) Simpson who were married 3-23-1841, I think in Cherokee County--not sure though. Rilla had siblings: Thomas Jefferson Simpson, born 9-6-1850; J. E. Simpson, born 9-5-1852; N. D. Simpson, born 9-24-1854; W. G. Simpson, born 3-20-1858; G. I. Simpson, don't know the birth date. Also, I don't know if this includes all of her siblings. Does anyone out there know of this family? I would enjoy hearing from you! Sincerely, Sandy

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Loards
Have come across info showing that the "Tree Talk" Vol. 23, Fall 97/ Summer 98 contains the names Charlie Milford and William S. Loard. If anyone has access to this material, I would be interested in what info is contained in this material. Thank you

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"Tree Talk" Vol. 23, Fall 97/ Summer 98
I, too, would like a lookup in that publication, for Mary Caroline Hague Boteler and Thomas Boteler, page 17.

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Could someone please find the Old Jacksonville Cemetery and take a picture of the headstone of Mary Caroline Hague Boteler for me?
Thanks, Margaret

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I am looking for the obit for Eliza Hogan Williams who was married to Patrick Williams. Eliza was born in GA in 1809; married Patrick in 1828; lived in Washington Parish, LA where she had her children; and died in Cherokee Co., TX in 1855. Any information received on the family will be greatly appreciated. Carol Caldwell
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I am seeking all information (particularly stories) on Dr. Charles Carlton (CC). Francis that practiced in Alto, Texas. He was my great-grandfather, b. 26 Jul 1877 in Rusk, Cherokee Co, Tex, d. 23 Mar 1954 in Baton Rouge, LA. He had three children: Nancy Brunette, Florinell and Charlene. He was married to Madie Mitchell Malone, b. 3 Mar 1883, Llano, Llano, Texas, d. Oct 1927, Farmerville, Union Parish, Texas I am seeking all the information I can on his father Dr. Christopher Columbus Francis.

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I would like info on Eli Harris and Rebecca Angelina Harris that was in Cherokee Co. Thanks Billie

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Nancy Becton is the daughter of Frederick E. Becton who gave land for the City Cemetery in Jacksonville, according to a researcher of that county. We have not found her grave site but she died in 1854 in Cherokee county and her father Frederick E. Becton died in 1853. We assume that they may be buried in that cemetery. The E. T. Allison was her son and he was executor of her will in 1854.

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Stuart/Stewart Family
I don't have any names for the Stewart family in Cherokee County, except my grandfather and his father Hollen Lewis Stewart. Would like to find 1880 Cherokee Census.

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Subject: Lewis, Fox families
Looking for information on the family of W.W. Lewis...son George Washington Lewis married Annie Fox. They left two sons orphaned...George Washington Alexander Lewis and David Vaughan Lewis.

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Gullions-- William Franklin Gullion, sons - Robert Anderson Gullion and Forrest Decatur Gullion of Cherokee county.
I am looking for the descendants of Robert Anderson Gullion and his brother Forrest Decatur Gullion. They were born in Al and lived in Texas 80+ years. They are buried in Henry Cemetery. Their sister was Tempie Gullion Jenkins and lived in Gallatin in 1972. Their dad was William Franklin Gullion , a civil war veteran, who moved to Texas after the Civil war. It is possible that Robert Anderson Gullion was named for William Franklin Gullion brother, Anderson Gullion, a Mexican War Veteran and buried in Sweet Home Cemetery, Marshall County, Hwy 240, Alabama. We descend from Anderson Gullion (born TN) who originally came from the Wythe County , Virginia area of Duncan Gullion/ Hugh Gullion (O'Gullion)

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McMillan/McMillien/McMellon/McMellin
Hello, I am researching William Hugh McMellon who was born in Tenn in 1837. His parents moved shortly after his birth to Carol County, Ark. in 1838. His father was Theophilus McMellon born in Tenn in 1806. I believe William H. moved to Kerr county, Texas, sometime in the early 1880's and married a Mrs. Nannie M. Hardin in 1888. Nannie had married into our Hardin family about 1878.

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I am seeking the names of the teachers and principals and the year that they were at the Bulah School and pictures of the three school buildings. I understand that a Mrs. Alma Ferrell taught there and is still alive and living in Rusk but so far I have not been able to find out what her address is. Can anyone tell me how are who the Bulah Community is named after and when it started being called Bulah. Thanks, Marlin

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