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**Editor's Letter**

Thanks to Jim Sanders for permission to print the Family File #238 at the Jacksonville Public Library by the late Delores Sanders . Mrs. Sanders papers will be placed in the family files at the Forest Public Library, P.O. Box 737, Forest, MS 39074, Telephone 601-469-1481.

It is now sixty years since the end of World War II. Most of our nation's defenders of that great conflict have now departed from us. One of those was M/Sgt. Marion D. Edmiston. His son Woody D. Edmiston writes his father's story beginning on page 49.

Here are the names of new members joining since the list was completed on pages 56 through 64.

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## Descendants of William M. Hudspeth

### Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM M.<sup>1</sup> HUDSPETH was born Abt. 1840 in Germany. He married AMANDA BLACKWOOD.

Children of WILLIAM HUDSPETH and AMANDA BLACKWOOD are:

2.      i.      JOHN COMPTON<sup>2</sup> HUDSPETH, b. January 25, 1878, Smith Co., TX.; d. March 13, 1946, Lufkin, Angelina Co., TX..
- ii.      ARTHUR HUDSPETH, b. Abt. 1870, Fl..
- iii.      MOLLIE HUDSPETH, b. Abt. 1872, TX..
- iv.      AOLA HUDSPETH, b. Abt. 1874, TX..
- v.      ANNA HUDSPETH, b. Abt. 1876.
- vi.      BRUCE HUDSPETH.
- vii.      DEWITT HUDSPETH, d. Shelby Co., MS..

### Generation No. 2

2. JOHN COMPTON<sup>2</sup> HUDSPETH (*WILLIAM M.<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 25, 1878 in Smith Co., TX., and died March 13, 1946 in Lufkin, Angelina Co., TX.<sup>1</sup>. He married ADA DAVIS November 11, 1896 in Angelina Co., TX., daughter of GEORGE DAVIS and REBECCA EMMONS.

Children of JOHN HUDSPETH and ADA DAVIS are:

- i.      BEATRICE M.<sup>3</sup> HUDSPETH, b. May 19, 1900; d. June 18, 1981; m. CLAUDE GAMBLE.
3.      ii.      HILDA HUDSPETH, b. August 31, 1902.
4.      iii.      FOREST HUDSPETH, b. Abt. 1904; d. Abt. 1968.
- iv.      GEORGE BYRON HUDSPETH, b. July 22, 1909.
5.      v.      LENORA HUDSPETH, b. 1912; d. Abt. 1974.
- vi.      LOTTIE MAE HUDSPETH, b. May 23, 1915, Nacogdoches, TX.<sup>2</sup>; d. April 02, 1993.
6.      vii.      HAZEL LEE HUDSPETH, b. Abt. 1918; d. Abt. 1976.
- viii.      OLIVIA HUDSPETH, b. Abt. 1920; m. DAVID BROWN.
7.      ix.      PAULINE HUDSPETH, b. July 24, 1922, Keltys, Angelina Co., TX.; d. August 05, 1997, Scott Co., MS..

### Generation No. 3

3. HILDA<sup>3</sup> HUDSPETH (*JOHN COMPTON<sup>2</sup>, WILLIAM M.<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 31, 1902. She married BEN H. UNSELL.

Children of HILDA HUDSPETH and BEN UNSELL are:

- i.      JACK<sup>4</sup> UNSELL.
- ii.      CHARLEY UNSELL, m. MAXINE WOODS.

4. FOREST<sup>3</sup> HUDSPETH (*JOHN COMPTON<sup>2</sup>, WILLIAM M.<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1904, and died Abt. 1968. He married JONNIE MAE CHUMLEY.

Children of FOREST HUDSPETH and JONNIE CHUMLEY are:

- i.      RUTH HAZEL<sup>4</sup> HUDSPETH, m. RICHARD BREWER.
- ii.      JERRY HUDSPETH.

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5. LENORA<sup>3</sup> HUDSPETH (*JOHN COMPTON<sup>2</sup>, WILLIAM M<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1912, and died Abt. 1974. She married JOE SPEARS.

Children of LENORA HUDSPETH and JOE SPEARS are:

- i. JOE ALLEN<sup>4</sup> SPEARS.
- ii. GWENDOLYN SPEARS.

6. HAZEL LEE<sup>3</sup> HUDSPETH (*JOHN COMPTON<sup>2</sup>, WILLIAM M<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1918, and died Abt. 1976. She married JOE NEAL.

Children of HAZEL HUDSPETH and JOE NEAL are:

- i. SHARON<sup>4</sup> NEAL.
- ii. JEANETTE OLIVIA NEAL.
- iii. TIMOTHY NEAL.
- iv. PENELOPE NEAL.

7. PAULINE<sup>3</sup> HUDSPETH (*JOHN COMPTON<sup>2</sup>, WILLIAM M<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 24, 1922 in Keltys, Angelina Co., TX., and died August 05, 1997 in Scott Co., MS. She married JAMES HOLLIS SANDERS October 22, 1938 in Lufkin, TX., son of GEORGE SANDERS and CYNTHIA LEGG.

Children of PAULINE HUDSPETH and JAMES SANDERS are:

8. i. JIMMY HAROLD<sup>4</sup> SANDERS, b. December 05, 1939, Lufkin, Angelina Co., TX..
9. ii. GEORGE CARROLL SANDERS, b. August 07, 1943, Houston, Harris Co., TX..
10. iii. GREGORY PAUL SANDERS. b. March 11, 1949, Houston, Harris Co., TX..

### Generation No. 4

8. JIMMY HAROLD<sup>4</sup> SANDERS (*PAULINE<sup>3</sup> HUDSPETH<sup>2</sup>, JOHN COMPTON<sup>2</sup>, WILLIAM M<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 05, 1939 in Lufkin, Angelina Co., TX.<sup>2,3</sup>. He married DELORES ESTELLE PICKERING August 21, 1960 in Baytown, TX., daughter of ROY PICKERING and SALBA TALLY.

Children of JIMMY SANDERS and DELORES PICKERING are:

- i. JIM LANE<sup>5</sup> SANDERS, b. October 05, 1962, Waco, McLennan Co., TX.; m. (1) CADI ANN HOWE, February 14, 1992, Mont Belvieu, TX.; m. (2) DAWN RENEE CRASS, September 19, 1998, Tupelo, MS..
- ii. JONNY LAMONT SANDERS, b. December 07, 1963, Waco, McLennan Co., TX.; m. MELISSA GAIL KING, September 21, 1981, Sandridge Bapt, Scott Co., MS..
- iii. JASON LANCE SANDERS, b. January 06, 1967, Waco, McLennan Co., TX.; m. CONNIE JANA HOLLINGSWORTH, August 14, 1987, Lake, Scott Co., MS..
- iv. NICOLE SANDERS, b. October 14, 1971, Jackson, Hinds Co., MS.; m. CAMERON WAYNE POLK, McComb, Lincoln Co., MS..

9. GEORGE CARROLL<sup>4</sup> SANDERS (*PAULINE<sup>3</sup> HUDSPETH<sup>2</sup>, JOHN COMPTON<sup>2</sup>, WILLIAM M<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 07, 1943 in Houston, Harris Co., TX.. He married RHONDA GALE FRYMAN November 23, 1963 in Houston, Harris Co., TX..

Children of GEORGE SANDERS and RHONDA FRYMAN are:

- i. AMY REBECCA<sup>5</sup> SANDERS, b. March 09, 1975.
- ii. ALLISON SANDERS.

## Descendants of William M. Hudspeth

10. GREGORY PAUL<sup>4</sup> SANDERS (*PAULINE<sup>3</sup> HUDSPETH, JOHN COMPTON<sup>2</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 11, 1949 in Houston, Harris Co., TX.. He married ELAINE HENDERSON.

Child of GREGORY SANDERS and ELAINE HENDERSON is:

- i. JAMIE ELISE<sup>5</sup> SANDERS.

### Endnotes

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2. birth certificate
3. noblin.FTW, Date of Import: Jul 30, 1998.

## Descendants of George Franklin Sanders

### Generation No. 1

1. GEORGE FRANKLIN SANDERS (*JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 04, 1882 in TX., and died January 26, 1920 in Hemphill, TX.. He married CYNTHIA EARNESTINE LEGG Abt. 1905 in Angelina Co., TX., daughter of LEVI LEGG and MELISA VICK.

Children of GEORGE SANDERS and CYNTHIA LEGG are:

- i. ANDREW JACKSON<sup>2</sup> SANDERS, b. November 30, 1908, Hemphill, TX.; d. February 09, 1961, Cleveland, TX.; m. BESSIE FAYE MOTT, April 15, 1937, Bapt. parsonage, Lufkin, Angelina Co., TX..
2. ii. CHARLES BURROW STUART SANDERS, b. January 28, 1912, Angelina Co., TX.; d. November 30, 1965, Shreveport, Bossier Par., La..
3. iii. GLADYS REBECCA SANDERS, b. February 06, 1914, Hemphill, TX.; d. March 11, 1991, Houston, TX..
4. iv. JAMES HOLLIS SANDERS, b. August 14, 1916, Chireno, Nacogdoches Co., MS.; d. October 12, 1993, Jonesboro, Hamilton Co., TX..
5. v. GEORGE WASHINGTON SANDERS, b. October 06, 1919, San Augustine, San Augustine Co., TX.; d. August 08, 1986.

### Generation No. 2

2. CHARLES BURROW STUART<sup>3</sup> SANDERS (*GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>2</sup>, JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 28, 1912 in Angelina Co., TX., and died November 30, 1965 in Shreveport, Bossier Par., La.. He married (1) EARLENE NEWTON July 16, 1932 in Nacogdoches, TX.. He married (2) ELLA VIRGINIA MASSENGALE August 10, 1942 in Alexandria, La..

Children of CHARLES SANDERS and EARLENE NEWTON are:

6. i. RAYMOND EDWARD<sup>4</sup> SANDERS, b. October 10, 1934, Nacogdoches, TX..
7. ii. CHARLES EUGENE SANDERS, b. May 16, 1936, Nacogdoches, TX..
8. iii. HAZEL ANITA JOANN SANDERS, b. May 19, 1937, Nacogdoches, TX..

Children of CHARLES SANDERS and ELLA MASSENGALE are:

9. iv. PATRICIA LYNN<sup>4</sup> SANDERS, b. January 26, 1943, Alexandria, Rapides Par., La..
10. v. MANCIL JACKSON SANDERS, b. May 18, 1953, Alexandria, Rapides Par., La..

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3. GLADYS REBECCA<sup>3</sup> SANDERS (*GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>2</sup>, JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born February 06, 1914 in Hemphill, TX., and died March 11, 1991 in Houston, TX.. She married ALLEN WESLEY COURTNEY September 11, 1938 in Houston, TX..

Children of GLADYS SANDERS and ALLEN COURTNEY are:

- i. JULIA<sup>4</sup> COURTNEY.
- ii. LOLLIE COURTNEY.
11. iii. BONNIE MURIEL COURTNEY, b. July 25, 1944.
- iv. BARBARA JEAN COURTNEY, b. Houston, TX..
- v. ALLEN WESLEY JR. COURTNEY, d. Vietnam.
12. vi. CARLON FAYE COURTNEY, b. November 16, 1940, Houston, Harris Co., TX..

4. JAMES HOLLIS<sup>3</sup> SANDERS (*GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>2</sup>, JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 14, 1916 in Chireno, Nacogdoches Co., MS., and died October 12, 1993 in Jonesboro, Hamilton Co., TX.. He married PAULINE HUDSPETH October 22, 1938 in Lufkin, TX., daughter of JOHN HUDSPETH and ADA DAVIS.

Children of JAMES SANDERS and PAULINE HUDSPETH are:

13. i. JIMMY HAROLD<sup>4</sup> SANDERS, b. December 05, 1939, Lufkin, Angelina Co., TX..
14. ii. GEORGE CARROLL SANDERS, b. August 07, 1943, Houston, Harris Co., TX..
15. iii. GREGORY PAUL SANDERS, b. March 11, 1949, Houston, Harris

5. GEORGE WASHINGTON<sup>3</sup> SANDERS (*GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>2</sup>, JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 06, 1919 in San Augustine, San Augustine Co., TX., and died August 08, 1986. He married DELLIE BOLES October 22, 1938 in Lufkin, Angelina Co., TX., daughter of DOCK BOLES and MAUDE CRUMPLER.

Child of GEORGE SANDERS and DELLIE BOLES is:

16. i. BILLY GEORGE<sup>4</sup> SANDERS, b. February 21, 1947, Lufkin, TX..

#### Generation No. 3

6. RAYMOND EDWARD<sup>4</sup> SANDERS (*CHARLES BURROW STUART<sup>3</sup>, GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>2</sup>, JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born October 10, 1934 in Nacogdoches, TX.. He married KATHRYN EUYL HARBIN August 13, 1955 in Alexandria, Rapides Par., La..

Children of RAYMOND SANDERS and KATHRYN HARBIN are:

- i. MARK EDWARD<sup>5</sup> SANDERS, b. November 20, 1958, Lafayette. La.; d. July 30, 1978, Dickson, TX..
- ii. SCOT WENDELL SANDERS, b. July 28, 1962, Houston, TX.; m. VERONIQUE MCDONALD, April 16, 1994, Alexandria, La..
- iii. KARYN KRISTINE SANDERS, b. March 30, 1965, Texas City, TX.; m. KEITH ALLAN MEDLEY, August 26, 1989, Dickinson, Galveston Co., TX..
- iv. BRET ANDREW SANDERS, b. February 17, 1970, Texas City, TX.; m. LAURA LYNN YOUNGBLOOD, July 25, 1992.

7. CHARLES EUGENE<sup>4</sup> SANDERS (*CHARLES BURROW STUART<sup>3</sup>, GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>2</sup>, JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 16, 1936 in Nacogdoches, TX.. He married DOROTHY ANN SAVOY September 09, 1956 in Alexandria, Rapides Par., La..

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Children of CHARLES SANDERS and DOROTHY SAVOY are:

- i. CHARLES EUGENE JR.<sup>5</sup> SANDERS, b. July 18, 1958, Alexandria, Rapides Par., La.; m. (1) PATRICIA SUE OSWALT, 1982, Shreveport, La.; m. (2) LISA JEANNE ISTORICO, August 04, 1990, Sarasota, Fl..
- ii. RANDALL PAUL SANDERS, b. February 12, 1962, Alexandria, Rapides Par., La.; m. HOLLY ANN MARTIN, November 25, 1988, Alexandria, La..
- iii. RICHARD EARL SANDERS, b. August 03, 1964, Alexandria, Rapides Par., La.; m. JULIE ANN DEVILLE, November 25, 1989, Alexandria, Rapides Par., La..
- iv. RUSSELL TODD SANDERS, b. June 19, 1967, Alexandria, La..

8. HAZEL ANITA JOANN<sup>4</sup> SANDERS (*CHARLES BURROW STUART<sup>3</sup>, GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>2</sup>, JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 19, 1937 in Nacogdoches, TX.. She married PAUL AARON SINGLETON January 26, 1957 in Houston, TX..

Children of HAZEL SANDERS and PAUL SINGLETON are:

- i. PAULA JO<sup>5</sup> SINGLETON, b. June 26, 1962, Houston, Harris Co., TX..
- ii. JOE PAUL SINGLETON, b. June 20, 1967, Alexandria, Rapides Par., La.; m. MI CHELLE GUZMAN, November 25, 1993, Houston, TX..

9. PATRICIA LYNN<sup>4</sup> SANDERS (*CHARLES BURROW STUART<sup>3</sup>, GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>2</sup>, JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 26, 1943 in Alexandria, Rapides Par., La.. She married ROBERT LANCING JR. DUGGER April 12, 1969 in Charleston, S. C..

Child of PATRICIA SANDERS and ROBERT DUGGER is:

- i. AUDRA MICHELE<sup>5</sup> DUGGER, b. August 16, 1971, Alexandria, Rapides Par., La.; m. (1) TERRELL WAYNE EIKNER, May 11, 1991; m. (2) MICHAEL SCOTT MIDDLETON, December 14, 1996, Shreveport, La..

10. MANCIL JACKSON<sup>4</sup> SANDERS (*CHARLES BURROW STUART<sup>3</sup>, GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>2</sup>, JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 18, 1953 in Alexandria, Rapides Par., La.. He married (1) KATHY KELLY December 16, 1976 in Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Par., La.. He married (2) SHERI PURKEY 1980 in Dallas, TX..

Child of MANCIL SANDERS and KATHY KELLY is:

- i. CHARLES MANNING<sup>1</sup> SANDERS, b. July 28, 1980.

Children of MANCIL SANDERS and SHERI PURKEY are:

- ii. MARCUS LOC' SANDERS, b. October 10, 1984, Dallas, TX..
- iii. JACQUELYN SHERI SANDERS, b. March 01, 1986.

11. BONNIE MURIEL<sup>4</sup> COURTNEY (*GLADYS REBECCA<sup>3</sup> SANDERS, GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>2</sup>, JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 25, 1944. She married WARNELL GLEN VIGE September 18, 1960 in Houston, TX..

Children of BONNIE COURTNEY and WARNELL VIGE are:

- i. DANIELLE VIRLEY<sup>1</sup> VIGE, b. October 12, 1961, Houston, Harris Co., MS.; m. CLIFTON GREGORY JOHNSON, July 16, 1983, Houston, Harris Co., MS..Harris Co., MS..
- ii. DEIDRA ALLEN VIGE, b. September 01, 1962; m. JAMES KEVIN COGGIN, October 20, 1979, Houston, Harris Co.. MS..

12. CARLON FAYE<sup>4</sup> COURTNEY (*GLADYS REBECCA<sup>3</sup> SANDERS, GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>2</sup>, JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born November 16, 1940 in Houston, Harris Co., TX.. She married DALE WINFORD MCGOUGH June 12, 1959 in Houston, Harris Co., MS..

Child of CARLON COURTNEY and DALE MCGOUGH is:

- i. KAREN KATHLEEN<sup>1</sup> MCGOUGH, b. July 04, 1964, Houston,

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13. JIMMY HAROLD<sup>4</sup> SANDERS (*JAMES HOLLIS<sup>3</sup>, GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>2</sup>, JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 05, 1939 in Lufkin, Angelina Co., TX.<sup>1,2</sup> He married DELORES ESTELLE PICKERING August 21, 1960 in Baytown, TX., daughter of ROY PICKERING and SALBA TALLY.

Children of JIMMY SANDERS and DELORES PICKERING are:

- i. JIM LANE<sup>5</sup> SANDERS, b. October 05, 1962, Waco, McLennan Co., TX.; m. (1) CADI ANN HOWE, February 14, 1992, Mont Belvieu, TX.; m. (2) DAWN RENEE CRASS, September 19, 1998, Tupelo, MS..
- ii. JONNY LAMONT SANDERS, b. December 07, 1963, Waco, McLennan Co., TX.; m. MELISSA GAIL KING, September 21, 1981, Sandridge Bapt, Scott Co., MS..
- iii. JASON LANCE SANDERS, b. January 06, 1967, Waco, McLennan Co., TX.; m. CONNIE JANA HOLLINGSWORTH, August 14, 1987, Lake, Scott Co., MS..
- iv. NICOLE SANDERS, b. October 14, 1971, Jackson, Hinds Co., MS.; m. CAMERON WAYNE POLK, McComb, Lincoln Co., MS..

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Children of GEORGE SANDERS and RHONDA FRYMAN are:

- i. AMY REBECCA<sup>1</sup> SANDERS, b. March 09, 1975.
- ii. ALLISON SANDERS.

15. GREGORY PAUL<sup>4</sup> SANDERS (*JAMES HOLLIS<sup>3</sup>, GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>2</sup>, JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 11, 1949 in Houston, Harris Co., TX.. He married ELAINE HENDERSON.

Child of GREGORY SANDERS and ELAINE HENDERSON is:

- i. JAMIE ELISE<sup>1</sup> SANDERS.

16. BILLY GEORGE<sup>4</sup> SANDERS (*GEORGE WASHINGTON<sup>3</sup>, GEORGE FRANKLIN<sup>2</sup>, JIM<sup>1</sup>*) was born February 21, 1947 in Lufkin, TX.. He married LINDA KAY SHEPPARD June 24, 1967 in Pasadena, TX..

Children of BILLY SANDERS and LINDA SHEPPARD are:

- i. JASON LEE<sup>1</sup> SANDERS, b. March 07, 1971, Pasadena, TX.; m. LORI JOHNSON, February 14, 1998, Okacie, Ok..
- ii. GEORGE WESLEY SANDERS, b. May 03, 1973, Pasadena, TX..
- iii. JAMES ALLEN SANDERS, b. April 15, 1975; m. ERON BORDELON, November 07, 1998, Bay town, TX..

**Endnotes**

1. birth certificate
2. noblin. FTW, Date of Import: Jul 30, 1998.

**M/Sgt. Marion W. Edmiston World War II**

(submitted by Woody D. Edmiston)

Marion W. Edmiston born in Cherokee County, Texas, was living with his parents in Port Arthur, TX, at the time he entered the United States Army 19 Mar 1941 at Fort Sam Houston, TX, according to information on his Honorable Discharge. Before 1943, his parents, Homer Lee & Mary Grimes Edmiston and siblings, two sisters (Mary Ann and Ruth) and a brother (Robert Lee "Bob"), had moved back to Jacksonville. Only a few of his letters are available and I found no further record of his location during boot camp or other early training locations. In 1943 he was in the self-governing British Colony of Bermuda and he wrote about "these Limeys" in one letter. He was transferred back to the US and stationed at Camp Hulen near Palacios, TX, in early 1943. He married my mother, Ida Lee Derrett, Nov. 20, 1943.

Early in 1944 he was relocated to Camp Davis, near Wilmington, N.C. He wrote of such things as camping out. He called it overnight bivouac. Another time he wrote, "This time we will be going out to shoot the bazooka." In another letter he wrote, "We have to start using a new Morning Report form on Sunday and it is a rough thing. My helper, Ray, just can't handle it yet. When I come in at night, I do them myself. After a little practice Ray will be able to do the report." His return address was 1st/Sgt W. Edmiston, Btry D 787 AAA AW BN, Camp Davis, N. C. The last letter written from this address was just a quick note written on the back of the last letter he had received from Mom and was dated July 30, 1944, as his "Battery D" was being deployed for overseas duty in the European Theatre of Operations. From overseas he wrote letters that had a return address showing Btry D, 787 AAA AW BN, APO 638, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. While in Europe he wrote that his anti-aircraft battalion was attached to the 8th Air Force. His personal report, after the war, was that this anti-aircraft battalion was the first to shoot down one of the enemy's V-1 rockets. Once he wrote that there were rumors that the war was about over but, soon after hearing such a rumor, he sometimes found himself under a half-track saying a short prayer while the bombing and strafing was coming down. He participated in the Ardennes GO, 33 WD 45, Rhineland GO 40 WD 45, Cen Europe GO 40 WD 45 and saw service in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Switzerland. Most of this information came from his Honorable Discharge paper.

The Battle of the Bulge was the German armies' surprise attack launched in the Ardennes Forest against a lightly held portion of the Allied line where they managed to progress fifty miles into Belgium and Luxembourg. Their ultimate goal was to reach the important seaport of Antwerp and gain control of it. History reports that the Allied armies halted this attack and this was the last major offensive launched by the Germans.

M/Sgt Edmiston sent many souvenirs home. Some of them were expensive items. At first a few things got broken in shipping, then he learned better how to pack each item. On 1 Sept 1944 he wrote, "We have just returned from a short hike and I do believe that I have a blister on my foot. We only went about 6 miles but we did not lose any time."

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Many of M/Sgt Edmiston's letters were lost or destroyed over the years but a few were found dated toward the end of his service. On 22 Sept 1945, he wrote from Estampes, France: "By now you should have received my letter telling you that I am in the process of getting home. We left the outfit three days ago and are now in the first stage. Tomorrow we should be 'put in packages' ready for movement to another camp for some other phase. Right now we are having a rough time of it and of course we have to take it because **we are on the way to America**. This is a heck of a way to come out of the Army after I have served 4-1/2 years, but I suppose they can't do any better. Sgt. Lieb is with me. We came into the Army together and have been together every day since. Tommy did not get to come along but he took my job. I am glad he got to take my place but I know that he would have rather come with us.. I have wound up with 95 points. It is all a surprise to me and I will explain it once I get home. I will send a telegram as soon as I hit the states." M/Sgt. Edmiston was assigned to what would probably be described as "Central Supply." In camp within the U.S., he had a desk job in an office. I do not know how this job was handled on the battle fields, but it is understandable that his friend Tommy was glad to replace him when he started on his journey back to America. His Honorable Discharge indicates that he was discharged from service on 21 Oct 1945. True to his promise, he sent a telegram advising the time he would arrive in Jacksonville by Greyhound Bus. His family and my Mom met him at the bus.

After a short leave and some consideration of finding employment in the Jacksonville area, Dad decided to return to his job as a sales clerk for Sears in Port Arthur. Not long after his return, he was assigned as Manager of the Shipping & Receiving Dept. He had artistic ability that had shown in the way he decorated many of the envelopes in which he mailed letters home. There might be a cartoon character or special, fancy, multicolored printing of the address. He pursued this artistic interest in his spare time in Port Arthur by learning to do hand tooling of leather items, such as belts. He ordered leather materials from a company in Dallas. Occasionally he would drive to Dallas to the warehouse of this company. It was there that he first saw unborn calfskin which was available through slaughter houses. The finest specimens he saw were made by the Ohio Leather Company and had very short, soft hair and a soft chamois finish on the back. He bought some of the hides and experimented with making neckties out of it, with permanent ties and a clip which fastened it onto a shirt collar. It was a novelty item that was attractive and when he wore one of them, it attracted a lot of attention from friends who wanted one for themselves and sometimes for gifts. Dad's full name was Marion Willis "Woody" Edmiston. Since his friends called him Woody, he had a stamp made that read, "*Styled by Woody, P. O. Box 1334, Port Arthur, TX.*" He used the stamp on the back of the neckties, which made the necktie its own advertisement, and before long he was getting letters and/or telegrams from all over the country from people who wanted to purchase neckties. He made several other items from this leather as well as continuing to use smooth leather for such things as key rings and billfolds. With Mom's help and the use of a used No. 3115 Singer sewing machine they also made handbags, berets and other items from soft suede, etc. Soon he was so involved with his hobby, he felt the need to resign his job with Sears and open a shop where he could devote full time to his leather work.

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During this time, the popular country-western music group, Bob Wills & his Texas Playboys were scheduled to perform at "Pleasure Pier," in Port Arthur. As it happened, one of Dad's closest friends, Tiny Moore of Port Arthur, was a member of the Bob Wills band. Another coincidence, Dad and Mom had rented Tiny Moore's home in Port Arthur. It seemed mandatory that they would attend the Bob Wills show at Pleasure Pier. Dad just happened to be wearing one of his neckties and made sure that Bob Wills and his band members had a chance to see it. Bob Wills and Tiny Moore came to his home to see more of the items he was making. Tiny Moore's wife and her sister were members of the Bob Wills band. Eventually, Dad got an order to make a skirt & bolero outfit of the unborn calfskin, for each of these girls to wear. They looked really good in these outfits and they were *very* appropriate for wearing when they performed.

His brother, Bob, had finished high school and Jr. College in Jacksonville and was invited to come down and help with this new business venture. Once Dad had a booth at the South Texas State Fair in Beaumont and got a lot of publicity for his effort. A lady from Bandera came to Port Arthur to visit friends and/or relatives and she stopped by his shop, saw his merchandise and told him that she would recommend that he consider moving his business to Bandera because that was dude-ranch country and such items should go over big there. Later he made a trip to Bandera, stayed overnight at the Dixie Dude Ranch where this lady was a co-owner along with her husband and, possibly, her father who lived with them. I think she introduced him to the town character, Uncle Charlie Eckhart, who had a leather shop next to his home on a hill overlooking Bandera. Uncle Charlie had the distinction of having been "adopted" by an Indian tribe and given an Indian name. A picture of him in one of his buckskin shirts, an Indian head-dress and other regalia that made him look like an Indian was hanging in the town's museum. Uncle Charlie was a friendly person and, before Dad left he had managed to make a deal with this man to move to Bandera and share his shop space. Although Uncle Charlie made leather items, too, his merchandise was very different. As an example, he tanned his own buckskin and made fringed, leather shirts, which were very popular. He also sent off some of his buckskins to have them dyed and finished in gold and brown colors. The items he and Dad made seemed to compliment each other. Eventually, the decision was made to move to Bandera. It was during the month of January, 1948, and it was interesting to learn that it snowed all the way to the coast the night before the day that they were scheduled to move to Bandera. This was most unusual but it did not deter them from driving through the snow to reach their destination. Dad's driving experience while in the army must have come in handy, as they saw cars stranded in the ditch along the way, but Dad had no trouble making it through the snow; they drove out of the snowy area before reaching San Antonio. Bandera is located 48 miles northwest of San Antonio and a moving van had been hired to move their furniture and the equipment and supplies from their shop; all of this would be there waiting for them when they arrived in Bandera. Dad had rented a house about 2 miles from town.

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They had not been in Bandera long before Dad realized that his business would be more profitable if it were downtown where there were other shops and the traffic was heavy. He made a deal with Millie & Huggins Moore to form a partnership with them in their western wear shop next to the Frontier Hotel where he would help sell the western wear clothing and also have a space where he could continue his work as a leather craftsman. His brother, Bob, eventually came to Bandera and took a job at Lost Valley Ranch.

I was born in August after they moved to Bandera. By the time I was 2-1/2 years old, Mom and I moved to Jacksonville, TX, and Dad stayed on in Bandera. When I was approximately 4 years old, Dad had re-married to a lady whose name was Lillian "Lil" Becker (she had a son by a previous marriage whose name was Douglas). Soon after that, Dad accepted a Civil Service job and an assignment in an Army Post Exchange in Germany, where he and his new family stayed for several years until he was transferred to a similar job in Morocco, North Africa. Needless to say, I did not see much of my Dad in my growing-up years. My Mom worked in a drugstore as a sales lady in the cosmetic and over-the-counter drug department for a while, then she took a job with the local gas utility company where she worked, doing mostly secretarial work, for 32 years before her retirement. Since I was large for my age, I was able to get a part-time job after school, delivering newspapers when I was only 11 years old. The year I graduated from high school (1966), Dad was transferred back to the States and located at an army post in Rome, NY. A few years later, he was transferred to Fort Hood in Killeen, TX, (the largest army base in the world) and promoted to General Manager for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service at the Fort Hood Post Exchange. He had not been at this location very long before his wife, "Lil," was accidentally electrocuted while she was taking a bath when an electrically powered radio fell into the bath water with her. She was buried in a San Antonio cemetery near where her parents lived.

While they were in Germany, Dad pursued his interest in art by taking classes in oil painting and gained considerable skill under the teaching of Herr Krupp in Germany and, after he was transferred to Morocco in North Africa, he studied at the Beaux Art School at Casablanca. He exhibited his paintings in three international art shows and taught art at Nouasseur Air Force Base, Morocco. (This information was gleaned from an article that was published in a Killeen newspaper announcing that he would display 35 of his paintings at First State Bank in Killeen on Sunday afternoon from 3 to 6 p.m. under the sponsorship of First State Bank and American National Bank for viewing by the public.) The copy of the article from which I got this information was not dated. Dad took early retirement from his job at the Fort Hood Post Exchange; the exact time of his early retirement is not known.

After his wife's death, Dad was sort of "at loose ends" for a while. He lived here a while and there a while. Once he lived in Dallas and I lived with him for a short time while I was attending Dallas Baptist University. Dad and I tried to be friends but it was not easy after so many years of separation.

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Dad moved to Georgia to be near his brother, Bob, who had married a Georgia girl and lived in Bremen, GA. By that time Dad was having some health problems and probably thought it would be nice to be near some of his family. Within a year or two he married a Korean Baptist woman who was several years younger than he. Her first name was Young. They lived in Lawrenceville, GA. After a few years, Dad's health became very poor. Young stayed with him and took care of him, never allowing him to be placed in a nursing home. On January 21, 2002, Dad died in an Atlanta hospital at the age of 85. In accordance with his request, his remains were brought to Cherokee County, TX, and buried at Union Grove Cemetery, Jacksonville, TX, near his parents and other Edmiston relatives. A military marker indicates the spot where he is buried.

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## Siblings and Ancestors of F.L. Sewall of Craft, Texas Submitted by Murphy Sewall

Recently, a cousin sent me a copy of page 503 from the *Cherokee County History*, published by the Texas Historical Commission in 1986 about the F.L. [Francis Lewis] Sewall [Jr.] family that was submitted by his grandchildren Ellen Belk and Jack Sewall. The page provides some very useful information about my relationship to several of F.L.'s grandchildren and great grandchildren that I've communicated with about our family history; so, I'm grateful to have it. However, the piece in the *Cherokee County History* is incorrect in saying:

"...He was a third generation physician, having followed his father and grandfather in the profession. They practiced in England and Alabama.

Dr. Sewall's grandfather, Lewis, came to the U.S. as a young man after obtaining his education in England. The Sewalls came from England in the Ark of Avalon and the Dove. They landed at Bell's Landing, Alabama late in the 1700's."

Members of my family also were unaware of their ancestry until F.L.'s niece, my great aunt Frances Sewall McMahon, researched the family history. Her findings are on file at the Clayton Genealogy Library, Houston, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

Dr. Francis Lewis "Frank" Sewall, Jr. (8 Aug 1850—21 Sep 1921) of Texas was the youngest child of Dr. Francis Lewis Sewall, Sr. (13 Nov 1812—1885) and his first wife Sarah Angelica "Ann" Singleton (1815—19 Oct 1855) of Baldwin County, Alabama. My great grandfather, Krouse Sewall (8 Jun 1844—15 Nov 1926) of Falls County, Texas, was one of his older brothers.

F.L.'s oldest brother, Robert Singleton Sewall (15 Oct 1839—6 April 1862), was an officer in the Army of the Confederacy and one of the more than 10,000 southern soldiers who perished at Shiloh (aka Pittsburg Landing). His half-sister (Ann Singleton's daughter from her first marriage), Harriet Marie English, married William Bridges, a grandson of his great aunt Ann Sewall. Ann Sewall was widowed after the birth of her only child, Eleanor Brooke Jones (abt.

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1796—1875); her second husband was Francis Farrar, a first cousin once removed of President Thomas Jefferson (his grandmother, Judith Jefferson was the sister of the President's father Peter).

Francis Lewis Sewall, Jr., his brothers Edward and Krouse, along with a number of his Singleton relatives left Alabama for east Texas (what is now known as "Old Waverly") around the time of Francis Lewis, Sr.'s second marriage to Ann Amelia DuBose on 20 July 1858. At ten years old, F.L.'s name appears in the U.S. Census for Chambers, Texas in 1860.

Apparently, Francis Lewis, Sr. remained in Alabama with his new wife when his sons migrated to Texas. That split in the family always seemed odd to me, but my great aunt reports that her father, Krouse Sewall, "...remembered little about his mother as his half-sister, Harriet, kept him with her so much of the time."<sup>2</sup> So, it seems that Harriet and William, who married in 1851 when the oldest brother Krouse was seven and the youngest, Francis Lewis, was one, assumed a *de facto* parental role when their mother's health declined. It also is possible that the children, as is often the case, weren't happy with the idea of a stepmother.

Ann Singleton's father, Robert John Singleton (1792-13 Mar 1836), came from South Carolina in 1823 and cleared a large plantation just above the confluence of the Alabama and Tombigbee rivers. He was killed while returning from a trip to Mobile when the steamboat Franklin exploded in Mobile Bay as it was leaving for its usual run up the Mobile and Alabama rivers.<sup>3</sup>

F.L.'s grandfather, Lewis Sewall (2 Feb 1860—abt. 1834), was not a physician, and he did not emigrate from England. He and his sister Ann were the children of Charles Sewall, Jr. (28 Oct 1727—bef. 8 Oct 1817) and Ann Violetta Goodrick (1729—1790) of Charles County, Maryland. The Sewall family in Maryland descends from Henry Sewall (abt. 1624—abt. 1665) and Jane Lowe (Oct 1633-19 Jan 1701) who were Lewis's great-great grandparents. They came to Maryland in 1661 with their friend Charles Calvert (later 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Baltimore who became Jane's second husband). Their arrival in St. Mary's County, Maryland was twenty—seven years after the first Maryland colonists landed from the Ark and the Dove. Henry Sewall and later his son Nicholas Sewall served as Secretary of the colony and member of the Council of Maryland.

At the age of 16, Lewis Sewall enrolled as a private in the Company of the Charles County, Maryland militia commanded by Walter Hanson in the American Revolutionary War.<sup>4</sup> A decade after the war, Lewis accompanied his friends Edward L. Wailes and Levin Wailes to Georgia, probably in the employ of Robert Morris, a major financier of the Revolution, for the purpose of investing and speculating in land.<sup>5</sup> At age 37, Lewis married Edward Wailes' 16 year old daughter, Elizabeth Howard Wailes (21 Mar 1781—15 Oct 1825) on 30 Oct 1797 in Columbia County, Georgia. A few years before, Lewis's sister, Ann, had married Basil Jones in Columbia County, Georgia on 14 April 1795.<sup>6</sup>

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On 24 May 1801, Lewis Sewall obtained a passport to travel with his family and others through the settlements of the Creek Native Americans settlements along the Tobigbee River on their way to Alabama.<sup>7</sup> On 28 Aug 1809, he obtained another passport through the Creek nation for a party that included Levin Wailes' wife, Eleanor (Davis) Wailes, and "her three children"-Eleanor Davis was the half-sister of Lewis's mother-in-law, Sarah Biggs Ogden (1763—1840).<sup>8</sup>

Lewis Sewall was raised in the Roman Catholic faith, his wife Elizabeth's family was Church of England. When they arrived in the Mississippi Territories and settled in what now is part of Alabama, the first preacher to establish a congregation was a Presbyterian, and the majority of their descendants continue in that faith. Our Wailes cousins settled near Natchez along both sides of the Mississippi River and became Methodists in much the same fashion.

Life on the frontier was difficult for Lewis and Elizabeth. Two of their first three children died in the summer of 1803. They were blessed with five more children after that mournful summer. Lewis Sewall was registrar of the land office at St. Stephens, Alabama in Nov 1816 when he offered his wife's first cousin, Levin's teenage son Benjamin L.C. Wailes, a job.<sup>9</sup> By 1820, he was commissioned as a judge in Baldwin County, Alabama. Lewis also was an accomplished poet. A second edition of his volume of poetry was published in 1833.

Francis Lewis Sewall, Sr. had six children with his first wife and four more with his second. Those numbers duplicate the totals for his son Francis Lewis Sewall, Jr. The use of the name Francis in the family traces back to Francis Goodrick, Lewis Sewall's grandfather. F.L., Jr.'s medical school diploma (from the Alabama College of Medicine) refers to him as "Frank Sewall." My grandfather, F.L.'s nephew, Francis Bates Sewall (19 Jan 1881-5 Jun 1921) of Falls County also was known as Dr. Frank Sewall (he was a surgeon who served in France during World War I). My parents skipped "Francis" and named my brother Frank, after our grandfather.

—Murphy Andrews Sewall (1942—)  
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<sup>1</sup>Frances Sewall McMahon, *Antecedents and Descendants of Lewis Sewall, Dr. Francis Lewis Sewall, Krouse Sewall*, privately published, 1965, Clayton Genealogy Library, Houston, Texas.

<sup>2</sup>*ibid*, p. 76.

<sup>3</sup>James T. Lloyd, *Lloyd's Steamboat Directory, And Disasters On The Western Waters*, D. B. Cooke, Cincinnati, Ohio 1856, 74—5; Ernest Ross Camfield, *A History of the Camfield Family*, Bosque County Collection in Meridian, Texas, p. 195; and *Op. Cit.*, McMahon, p. 74.

<sup>4</sup>*Op. Cit.*, McMahon, p. 7.

<sup>5</sup>Charles S. Sydnor, *A Gentleman of the Old Natchez Region: Benjamin L.C. Wailes*, Duke University Press, Durham, N.C., 1938.

<sup>6</sup>*Op. Cit.*, McMahon, pp. 38—40.

<sup>7</sup>Benjamin Hawkins, Agent for Indian Affairs of South Ohio, "Letters of Benjamin Hawkins," Georgia Historical Society, Vol. IX, pp. 355-358, reprinted in Mary G. Bryan, *Passports Issued by Governors of Georgia, 1810 to 1820*, National Genealogical Society, Number 28, Arlington, VA, 1965, p. 99.

<sup>8</sup>Mary G. Bryan, *Passports Issued by Governors of Georgia, 1785 to 1809*, National Genealogical Society, Number 21, Arlington, VA, 1959, p. 54.

<sup>9</sup>*Op. Cit.*, Sydnor, p. 54.