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Editor's Letter

The proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Cherokee County Genealogical Society were approved in the March 13, 2006 meeting. The amended Bylaws are published on the following pages.

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Gordon Bennett
Editor



**BY-LAWS OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
AS AMENDED 3-13-2006**

ARTICLE - I - NAME**Section I**

The name of this organization shall be CHEROKEE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The location shall be JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS

The business address shall be P.O. BOX 1332, JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS 75766

ARTICLE - II - PURPOSE**Section 1**

The purpose of this Society shall be:

(1) To bring together persons who are researching family history and to promote fellowship and co-operation among them.

(2) To foster, stimulate and share ideas, information, methods, and practices in family research as well as act as a training agency for persons interested in genealogical research.

(3) To collect, preserve and make available to interested persons, material on family history, with special emphasis on research material concerning past and present families in the Cherokee County area and adjacent areas.

(4) No part of the net earnings of the Society shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, officers, directors, representatives, or other private persons, except that the Society shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these By-Laws.

No substantial part of the activities of the Society shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Society shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on the behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Society shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

(5) Upon the dissolution of the Society, the Executive Board shall after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Society, dispose of all the assets of the Society exclusively for the purposes of the Society in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at all times qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law), as the Executive Board shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of the County in which the principal office of the Society is then located exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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(6) To co-operate, to the extent practicable, with other similar societies and associations that are interested in genealogy and history.

(7) To encourage those officials in charge of public records, genealogical, and historical collections, to preserve them and make them readily accessible to interested persons.

(8) To encourage respect for and preservation of the family unit.

Section-2

The said Society is organized exclusively for educational, scientific and literary purposes, including, for such purposes, compiling and distributing genealogical research publications.

Section-3

Said Society is formed as a non-profit organization and such monies or items of value received shall go for stated purposes of the Society.

ARTICLE - III - MEMBERSHIP

Section-1

Membership shall be open to anyone interested in subscribing to the purposes of this Society, whether living in the general area or elsewhere, upon payment of dues.

Section-2

A member shall have all the duties and privileges of membership and shall be encouraged to bring in new members and generally promote the objectives and aims of the Society.

Section-3

Members shall be encouraged to file a pedigree chart within one year after joining and add to said chart as progress is made, thereafter.

Section-4

A member who fails to pay annual dues within 30 days after the beginning of the membership year shall be considered delinquent and dropped from the membership and mailing list. If membership is reinstated later and newsletters have to be mailed individually, postage must be charged. Back newsletters supplied IF available.

ARTICLE - IV - DUES

Section-1

Membership dues shall be \$15.00 for each single membership or \$20.00 for 2 (two) memberships in the same household.

Section-2

Membership year shall begin September 1, and dues are payable on that date. Dues will be accepted and considered on time if received not later than September 15.

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ARTICLE - V - MEETINGS**Section-1**

Regular meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M., September through May.

Section-2

At such times as the meeting falls on or near a conflicting date, the Executive Board is empowered to set a date for that month.

Section-3

Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board and/or 5(five) members of the Society, provided the members are notified 3(three) days in advance, stating the purpose for which the meeting is called.

Section-4

Those members in good standing in attendance shall constitute a quorum and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members shall decide the matter or the question.

Section-5

The newly elected Executive Board shall hold a minimum of one meeting prior to the month of September. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or upon written request of at least three members of the Executive Board.

Section-6

5{five} members of the Executive Board at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS

- (1) Call to order
- (2) Pledge of allegiance and prayer, at the discretion of the presiding officer
- (3) Reading of the minutes of previous meeting
- (4) Treasurer's Report
- (5) Officer's Reports
- (6) Committee Reports
- (7) Unfinished Business
- (8) New Business
- (9) Program
- (10) Announcements
- (11) Adjournment

ARTICLE - VI - OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD**Section-1**

The Officers of this Society shall be:

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- (1) President
- (2) 1st Vice President
- (3) 2nd Vice President
- (4) Secretary
- (5) Treasurer
- (6) Editor
 - (a) Co-Editor
 - (b) Circulation Manager
- (7) Historian
- (8) Public Relations Director
- (9) Projects Director
- (10) Web Page Editor

Section 2

An elective officer shall serve for a term of one year with no limit to the number of terms he/she may be re-nominated and re-elected.

Section-3

Officers shall be elected in the following manner. At the regular meeting held on the second Monday in February, a Nominating Committee of three members shall be elected by the Society. Nominations for this committee shall be from the floor with any one member being limited to one nomination. The Nominating Committee shall present a roster of officers for election at the regular March meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be permitted. The officers shall be elected at the regular April meeting and installed at the regular May meeting to assume their duties at the regular September meeting. The President may determine the method of voting and appoint tellers to count the vote if a secret ballot is requested.

Section-4

The Executive Board shall consist of the above officers and the immediate past president.

ARTICLE - VII - THE DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section-1

The President shall:

- (1) Preside at all regular meetings of the Society.
- (2) Preside at all meetings of the Executive Board.
- (3) Appoint the chairperson of special committees (except the nominating committee).
- (4) Collaborate with each committee in the selection of committee members.
- (5) Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees (except the nominating committee).
- (6) Perform such additional duties assigned by the Executive Board.
- (7) Appoint at his/her discretion a parliamentarian to advise him/her in matters of parliamentary procedure.

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Section-2

The 1st Vice President shall:

- (1) Preside at all meetings in the absence of the president.
- {2) Serve as the program chairperson.

Section-3

The 2nd Vice President shall:

- (1) Assume the duties of the president or 1st vice president in their absence.
- (2) Serve as chairperson of the membership committee.

Section-4

The Secretary shall:

- (1) Keep a factual and unbiased record of all proceedings of all meetings of the Society and the Executive Board.
- (2) Furnish to the president as soon as possible and prior to the next meeting a copy of said record.
- (3) Have custody of the By-Laws and shall handle all of the general correspondence.
- (4) Handle correspondence of appreciation and other correspondence deemed necessary by the Society.
- (5) Read all pertinent communications at the meetings.
- (6) Bind the minutes at the close of each year and submit to the Historian for housing and future reference.

Section-5

The Treasurer shall:

- (1) Assume the duties of president in the absence of the president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president.
- (2) Receive all the income of the Society and give receipts therefor.
- (3) Keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements.
- (4) Deposit all funds in the Society bank account at a local bank in Jacksonville, Texas, to be decided upon by the Executive Board.
- (5) Pay by check expenditures not to exceed \$100.00 unless authorized by the membership.
- (6) Submit books in September for the annual audit by an auditing committee.
- (7) Give a report at each regular meeting as to the amount for budget.

Section-6

A. The Editor shall be the chairperson of Publications and Sales Committee (see Article IX, Section 4)

B. The Co-Editor (elected at the request of the Editor to assist in the publication of the TREE TALK bulletin) shall:

- (1) Receive all incoming mail and deliver exchange periodicals to the Historian at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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- (2) Answer any letter inquiring about Cherokee County Genealogical Society and attach copies of our membership application and "List of Publications" available.
- (3) Edit queries received for publication in TREE TALK and present in copy-ready form for publication in the next issue of the bulletin.
- (4) Forward all checks and monies received for membership fees or book orders to the Treasurer and notify the Editor of new members, membership renewals, and book orders.
- (5) Maintain the Mailing List, Former Member List and Non-Member Contact List and furnish copies of these lists to the Membership Committee.
- (6) Perform other related duties with mutual agreement of the Editor and Co-Editor.

C. The Circulation Manager/s shall:

- (1) Receive the printed TREE TALK from the Editor.
- (2) Attach address labels and batch by zip codes according to U.S. Postal Service rules, and
- (3) Mail the completed Tree Talk.

Section-7

The Historian shall be the chairperson of the Historical and Library Committee.

The Historian shall:

- (1) Maintain a scrapbook of pertinent information on the activities of the Society. This scrapbook will be kept on file in the genealogy periodical room of the Jacksonville Public Library.
- (2) Receive a copy of the minutes of each year from the secretary and file such copy in the binder of minutes on file in the genealogy periodical room of the Jacksonville Public Library.
- (3) Receive all exchange publications from the editor and file such in the genealogy periodical room of the Jacksonville Public Library.
- 4) Receive all books, catalogues and donated genealogical material and acknowledge receipt of and thanks for same.

Section-8

The Public Relations Director shall:

- (1) Be responsible to see that news of the Society appears in all appropriate news media.
- (2) Make a report of the monthly meeting to the local newspaper.
- (3) Be responsible for registering members and guest in attendance at each meeting and file an annual report with the Secretary.

Section-9

The Projects Director shall chair the Projects Committee and promote education in genealogy. (See ARTICLE IX, Section 5)

Section 10

The Web Page Editor shall be the chair-person of the Web Page committee and a member of the Publication and Sales Committee.

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Section 11

The Executive Board shall;

- (1) Have general supervision of the Society between its regular meetings.
- (2) Make recommendations to the Society.
- (3) Perform such other duties as are specified in these By-Laws.
- (4) Be subject to the orders of the Society and none of its acts shall conflict with the action taken by the Society.

ARTICLE - VIII - COMMITTEES**Section-1**

There shall be six standing committees:

- (1) Programs and Arrangements.
- (2) Membership.
- (3) Finance and Memorial.
- (4) Publications and Sales.
- (5) Projects.
- (6) Historical and Library.
- (7) Web Page Committee

ARTICLE - IX - DUTIES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**Section-1**

The Programs and Arrangements Committee shall:

- (1) Be chaired by the 1st Vice President.
- (2) Be responsible in arranging for appropriate programs.
- (3) Secure adequate meeting places.

Section-2

The Membership Committee shall:

- 1) Be chaired by the 2nd Vice President.
- (2) Solicit new members and lead in promoting interest in the Society.

Section-3

The Finance and Memorial Committee shall:

- (1) Be chaired by the Treasurer.
- (2) Press for prompt payment of dues.
- (3) Provide Membership Committee with update of paid members.
- (4) In the event of the death of a member, spouse, sibling, child or the parent of a member of the Society select an item for a Memorial gift as a donation to a library located in Cherokee County as deemed appropriate by the chair person. Memorials may be combined to secure a more beneficial gift.
- (5) Be responsible for the sale of charts, forms and other supplies offered by the Society.
- (6) Publish a current membership roster in the Winter issue of "TREE TALK".

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Section-5

The Projects Committee shall:

- (1) Be chaired by the Projects Director.
- (2) Conduct at least one workshop or seminar annually and shall be responsible for making appropriate arrangements.
- (3) Plan at the discretion of the committee and according to member interest, field trips.
- (4) Design programs to stimulate interest in beginning genealogy that may be presented to students and/or beginning genealogist.

Section-6

The Historical Committee shall:

- (1) Be chaired by the Historian.
- (2) Receive and record all material of a genealogical or literary nature. The material shall then be delivered to the Jacksonville Public Library for shelving in the genealogical section.
- (3) File all exchange publications in the appropriate boxes in the Jacksonville Public Library on a regular basis.

Section 7

The Web Page Committee shall:

- (1) Select the Web Page Server Vendor.
- (2) Edit and maintain the Official Web site of the Society.
- (3) Advertise the Society's publications for sale on the Web Page.
- (4) Advertise and solicit membership in the Society on the Web Page.
- (5) Comply with the Basic County Page Requirements of the Texas GenWeb Project as may be required by the Texas GenWeb Coordinator.
- (6) Furnish a copy of the Web Page to the Historian annually and upon major revision.

ARTICLE - X - PUBLICATIONS**Section-1**

The official publication of the Cherokee County Genealogical Society shall be "TREE TALK".

- (1) "TREE TALK" shall be published on a quarterly basis with a Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer edition to contain news and activities of the Society. It will also incorporate any news of historical or genealogical interest and available source records of the area to the Society.
- (2) Any extra copies of "TREE TALK" are to be gathered and bound each year for sale.

Section-2

Other publications shall be compiled which shall be offered for sale to serve as a source of income to the Society.

- (1) No genealogical material shall be purchased by the Society that can be compiled, procured or produced by the Society itself.

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(2) Future material compiled by the Society shall be copyrighted according to proper procedure.

(3) Publications advertised or sold by the Society through "TREE TALK" authored or copyrighted by anyone other than the Society shall be on a commission or fee basis to provide income for the Society.

(4) Complete a Preassigned Control Number Application form with the Library of Congress for each title for which a preassigned control number is requested. Upon receiving the number, print it on the back of the title page (i.e., the copyright page) in accordance with the rules of the Library of Congress.

(5) Maintain the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) log, register the publication with R.R. Bowker as the database of record for the ISBN Agency and comply with the standards for printing the ISBN on the copyright page and back cover.

Section 3

The Official Web page publication of the Cherokee County shall be "Cherokee County Texas GenWeb Page.

ARTICLE - XI - BY-LAWS

Section-1

These By-Laws may be reviewed and/or revised by a 2/3 vote of the membership at a regular meeting. Out of town members and members unable to attend will be provided an absentee ballot through "TREE TALK". The ballot will specify when the absentee ballot must be received in order to be counted at the time an amendment to the By-Laws may be presented.

Section-2

Written notice of any proposed revision and/or amendment shall be published in "TREE TALK" a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the meeting at which it shall be submitted for vote.

ARTICLE - XII - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Roberts' Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority in all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the By-Laws of this Society.

As amended March 13, 2006.

Clifton Coleman Coffee. Sr.

(submitted by IdaLee D. Edmiston on behalf of his son. Clifton Coleman Coffee, Jr.)

Born April 21, 1915 in Commerce. TX. Lived in Dallas when World War II began. Member of U.S. Marines during World War II

"My father, Clifton Coleman Coffee, Sr., was born in Commerce, TX. and lived in Dallas, TX, when World War II began. While I was growing up I spent a lot of time sitting on the front porch of the home of my grandmother, Mrs. Anna Pearl Coffee, in San Antonio, TX , asking her a lot of questions and she told me most of what I know about my father's service in the Marines during World War 11. When he was in high school he joined the ROTC where he learned about drilling and marching. He joined the Marines (date unknown) and when he joined the Marines, they made him a drill sergeant due to his ROTC training. When he went to war he was a Private and I do not know whether he advanced in rank. There was a little New Testament Bible which he carried with him during all of his service in the Marines. In the back of the bible he had listed the following names of places where he had served: 'Vulcan Islands, Saipan, Iwo Jima,' and some other places I cannot remember. When the U.S. Marines gained control of Iwo Jima, Daddy was in the 5th Marine Division. The 4th Marine Division led the attack and the 5th Division was right behind them. They took no prisoners. The Japanese fought hard to the last man. I've read that this was the bloodiest battle ever and the ocean turned blood red where the Marines landed and advanced onto the island..

When Daddy was running from the beach a friend was with him that he had known in Dallas and this friend had been with him during all other battles he had participated in. As they went over a small hill, Daddy was carrying a radio pack and a Browning automatic rifle, and there were Japs everywhere and one was pointing a rifle directly at Daddy and just before he fired the gun, Daddy's friend fired his rifle and killed the Jap, saving Daddy's life. Sadly, they had not gone much further before his friend was shot in the head and died immediately. Only God knows how Daddy managed to survive that battle. Most everyone knows of the famous picture of the 4th Division Marines raising the flag on Iwo Jima on March 15, 1945. Daddy did tell me that he was right below them with a lot of other Marines, giving them cover while they raised the American flag, and a friend he had met while in service, Ira Hays (an Indian), was one of the men who helped raise that flag. Many people know his story: After all he went through during the war, he died an alcoholic. Johnny Cash wrote a song about him entitled "Drunken Ira Hays.". Daddy also had a drinking problem after he was honorably discharged from service but he finally managed to overcome the problem.

"Daddy apparently was adventuresome as a young man. Before WWII began, he was over in London, England working with the Royal Air Force. Grandmother showed me a picture of him in England, standing next to a prosperous looking man in a business suit. The man had his hand on Daddy's shoulder and Daddy was wearing what looked like combat fatigues. He was wearing a helmet and had a shoulder bag hung over one shoulder and what looked like a small machine gun under the other arm. When I asked him about it, all he would say was that they were there to set up communications.

Clifton Coleman Coffee. Sr.

"I do not know the date of his discharge from service but he met and married Tommie Faye Scott of Cherokee County, Texas, who was a Western Union Telegraph Operator. They lived in San Antonio, Texas, had two children, me and my younger sister. Mary Coffee Fernandez, and Daddy had a civil service job at Kelly Air Force Base, Strategic Air Command (S.A.C.) Electronics Dept., for approximately 30 years. He was married before the war and had one daughter, Roxie, who lives in Florida, and used to visit us occasionally during Daddy's lifetime. Daddy died April 27, 1978. Officiating at his funeral service was Rev. Ken Coffee, interment was at Sunset Memorial Park in San Antonio. My mother, Tommie Scott Coffee, died Feb. 15, 1986 and is buried next to Daddy in Sunset Memorial Park, San Antonio, TX."

Rev. James B. Harris
Cumberland Presbyterian Minister
Submitted by Ann Harris Gary

James B. Harris married Clementine G. Smith 26 May 1835 in Madison County, Alabama. Clementine was born in TN about 1816/17.

Their first child, David Bushrod Harris was born 10 April 1836 in TN and died April 10 1919, Henderson County, Texas. David Bushrod Harris was my great grandfather.

The Minutes of Cumberland Presbyterian Church which the Cherokee Society has published shows James B. in Cherokee County, TX by March, 1847; one of the kind look-up volunteers send me a copy of 1867 tax roll showing James B. as a tax payer.

Rev. James B. Harris
Cumberland Presbyterian Minister
1809 - 1879

Need a Photograph

REV. JAMES B. HARRIS.

DIED, near Belton, Bell County, Texas, July 30th, A.D. 1879, James B. Harris, aged 69 years. The subject of this notice was born in Middle Tennessee, September 28th, 1809, and when quite a young man entered the ministry as a Cumberland Presbyterian preacher. Shortly afterward he emigrated to Washington County, Arkansas, and for many years labored zealously for the cause of his Maker. In the year A.D. 1849 he emigrated to Texas, and settled near the village of Larissa, in Cherokee County, where he remained for twenty-five years. Brother Harris was noted for his consistency as a Christian, and for his courtesy towards other denominations. During a ministry of forty-five years, he was never heard to utter a harsh word against those who differed with him in religion. He was a great revivalist, and did more than his part towards advancing the cause of Christianity.

Rev. James B. Harris

Brother Harris came to Bell County A.D. 1874, to be near and spend his last days among his children, to whom he was devotedly attached. Excessive mental labor and the loss of his wife produced paralysis of the brain, of which he died. Brother Harris leaves a host of friends, who will read this notice with sadness. He was buried with Masonic honors on South Noland's Creek, Bell County, Texas, July 31st, 1879. "Peace to his ashes."

A FRIEND.

[Source: The Cumberland Presbyterian, August 28, 1879, page 1]

G O N E B E F O R E.
MINISTERS
J. B. Harris
Little River Presbytery

[Source: Minutes of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1880, page 100]

"Ministers of Arkansas Presbytery who became members of Washington Presbytery at its organization [1838] included B. H. Pierson, J. F. King, James B. Harris, and William T. Lari-more."

"In September, 1843, presbytery [Arkansas] met at the Shiloh meetinghouse, Pope County. ... Petitions for ministerial services included ... and one from Piney for James B. Harris."

Minister: James B. Harris
How Added: Received
Presbytery: by Arkansas
Year: 1837

[Source: Campbell, Thomas H. Arkansas Cumberland Presbyterians 1812-1984: A People of Faith. Memphis, Tennessee: Frontier Press, 1985, pages 39, 41 & 307]

Pughs That Came South By Rex, Debbie and Laura Pugh

The Pughs are descendents of ancient Welsh origin. Seysyllt, Lord of Merioneth, of the 1200's, in Wales may have been one of the earlier ancestors. Seven or eight generations later in Wales, Hugh Pugh married Mary Vaughan of Montgoneryshire, Wales. They had five children named John, Meredith, Richard, Humphrey, and David Ap-Hugh or Pugh.

The name Pugh means "son of Hugh". A few years later a descendent Rowland Pugh was the sheriff of Montgomeryshire at the beginning of the 1600's. During this time there were at least five Richard Pughs born that were descendents of Hugh and Mary Pugh. One of these was probably the Richard Pew that came from Wales to Virginia on August 15, 1637 on a ship mastered by William Reynolds. He is listed in a book of Early Virginia Immigrants. Another source said that on June 6, 1635 a Richard Pew arrived in Virginia from London, England aboard the ship "Thomas and John". He was 23 years old. It is not known who Richard married. Anne Banks was on the ship with him, they could have married later. On October 26, 1694 Richard Pew got 400 acres of land by a land grant in Virginia. On November 13, 1713 270 acres of land was deeded to his son Arnold Pugh (Arnale Pew on one document). The rest of the land probably went to other children. Before 1719 Arnold was a witness to the will of Matthew Howell, of Isle of Wright County, Virginia. On April 25, 1720 he witnessed another paper of the estate of Matthew Howell.

On October 16, 1758 the 270 acres of land was sold by William W. Pugh, who was Arnold's son. William sold the land to Job Wright. This land was in Southampton Co., Virginia. In 1753 William W. Pugh was given a land grant by King George of England in Johnston and Bladen Counties of North Carolina. On October 25, 1774 William obtained land by deed in Johnston Co., North Carolina. He got the land from John Hinnant.

In the 1750's William married Zenith. Her maiden name is unknown to me. William had already bought and sold land in several Virginia and North Carolina counties. There were several William Pughs in the late 1600's and early 1700's just like there were several Richards and Arnolds earlier. Always knowing which one to follow is difficult. Between 1754 and 1780 William and Zenith had these children; Tignal, Labon, Patience, Penelope, Orpha, Abel, Arnal, Asenath, and Simeon. Some researchers say that Simeon is the son of Labon and the grandson of William W. Pugh. So far I do not have proof of which is correct. Simeon, later known as Simeon, Sr., married Mazey Grizzell. In the 1740's William had land in Bertie Co., North Carolina. In 1753 William had land in Bladen Co., North Carolina. By 1774 he had land in Edgecomb Co. On December 28, 1778 a church paid William Pugh for fixing the church bell. In the 1780's and 1790's his family was in Nash and Johnston counties. Before his death in 1798, William had sold a lot of his land to his sons and after he died Zenith deeded land to some of their grandchildren. After his death Williams heirs made a claim for compensation for property destroyed by the enemy in the Revolutionary War. This property was in North Carolina, probably in Edgecombe county.

Other researchers, that I know about, are working on the descendents of Tignal Pugh and Abel Pugh. The rest of this paper will be about Simeon Pugh, Sr. and his descendents.

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Simeon Pugh, Sr. was born about 1765 in North Carolina. He married Mazey Grizzell, daughter of William and Isabel Grizzell. They had children William, Orpha, Isabella, Mary, Laban, Patience, Simeon, Jr., and Lankford. In 1793 Simeon bought 300 acres of land in North Carolina beside his brother Laban. Arnal, Tignal, and William Pugh all had land in Johnston Co. In the late 1820's a lot of the Pughs of North Carolina left the state headed for Alabama. They spent some time in Hancock Co., Georgia on the way. Simeon Pugh, Sr. and his family migrated to Tuscaloosa Co., Alabama. In 1834 Simeon Pugh, Sr. founded the Dunn's Creek Baptist Church, north of Helman, Alabama. Charter members were Laban Pugh, William Pugh, and Rhoda Pugh. Simeon, Sr. was the pastor of the church. William Pugh was the fifth pastor of the church from 1841 until 1852. The Pughs also helped to start the Beulah Primitive Baptist Church near Troy, Alabama. This church started in the home of Rhoda Pugh. Simeon, Sr., William, and Lankford were all Baptist preachers. Laban was referred to as Elder Laban in several documents. Simeon, Sr. died in Tuscaloosa Co. in February of either 1836 or 1837.

In 1834, Simeon, Jr. moved to Winston Co., Mississippi, where Tignal Pugh, Jr. lived. Laban Pugh, another son of Simeon, Sr., had moved to Choctaw Co., Mississippi by 1840. Patience Parker lived in Johnston Co., North Carolina in the 1820's. Later she moved with her family to Alabama, where she married Laban Pugh. Patience's parents were Jesse and Coshea Parker, both born in North Carolina.

Laban Pugh was born May 23, 1808 in Johnston Co., North Carolina. His wife Patience Parker Pugh was also born in North Carolina on February 27, 1811. They were married on July 13, 1829 in Tuscaloosa Co., Alabama. They had a daughter, Isabella born on September 22, 1839 in Alabama. They must have had other children before that, because the 1840 census said they had three sons and three daughters. The 1840 census did not list the names of children, just how many there were. By 1840 they had moved to Choctaw Co., Mississippi. While living in Mississippi, these children were added to the family. W.H.(Holly) b.1843, Willis b.1845, and Willie M. b.1848. The 1840's and early 1850's were spent in Mississippi. In 1850 Laban Pugh and his family were in Chickasaw Co., Mississippi. The Census listed their children as: Jesse(19) (the writing on the census was difficult to read on this name, the rest was very clear), Mary (17), Rhody (15), Isabella (12), William H.(10), Holly M.(7), Willis (5), and Willie M.(2). Dempsey Sullivant and his family were their neighbors. Mary Pugh married John(?) Simmons. The census only gave the initial J., but I think it was John or Jesse based on other census information. Rhody (Rhoda) Pugh married a Mr. Key(Keith). I later found out his name was John Keith and that during the Civil War he left to fight in the war, but did not return. He married again in another state and raised a family there. In the late 1850's the family moved from Mississippi through Louisiana into Tyler County, Texas. The 1860 Agriculture Production Census of Tyler County listed Laban Pugh with fifty acres of improved land and one hundred thirty acres of woodlands. He had three horses, eighteen cows, six oxen, and forty hogs. The family raised four hundred bushels of corn, six bales of cotton, one hundred fifty bushels of sweet potatoes, fifty pounds of butter, and three hundred sixty gallons of honey.

On August 2, 1860, Holly (W.H.) Pugh married Elizabeth Lacy. Justice of the Peace George W. Vanleck conducted the ceremony. One year later in August of 1861 Laban and Willis joined the "Mt. Hope Home Guard", a company set up to defend Tyler County. This company, led by Captain F.M. McKee, was made up of boys under 16 and men over 45 years of age. Holly and William Pugh were in a regular unit of the Civil War.

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In 1863, Laban Pugh represented the New Bethal Baptist Church of Woodville in the Fourth Annual Associational Meeting of the New Bethal Association. S.C. Martin was the pastor and the church had fifty-one members. Rev. Martin was also the pastor of the Beech Creek Baptist Church south of Woodville. For many years country churches shared preachers, only having them half of the time or less. In 1867 he ordained the first black preacher in Texas.

On April 8, 1866 Willis Pugh married Nancy Loper Lockhart. Justice of the Peace Jas. M. Sterling conducted the ceremony. Her first husband George W. Lockhart was killed in 1860 in a logging accident. They had one son John Lockhart. Willis and Nancy had these children; Rhoda b.1867, Theodocia b.1870, Sarah b.1873, Mary b.1878, Irene b.1876, and twins Lee and Hollie b.1881.

Laban Pugh may have died on September 7, 1864. Carrie Crowell, daughter of Lee Pugh, said that he did. On file in the Tyler County Court House in Woodville is a probate case number 238. It was filed on January 26, 1867. Patience and W.H. (Holly) Pugh were the administrators of the will. Property listed was two horses, one wagon, three oxen, six cows, six hogs, four guns, farming and bench tools, two feather beds, eight chairs, one spinning wheel, books, and kitchen and smoke house furniture.

By 1870 the family had moved to Cherokee County, Texas. The 1870 Census of Cherokee Co. showed Patience and some of her children living in a house in precinct 4 with two other families. There were no husbands in the household just wives and children. In the Pugh family there was Patience (64), Isabella (29), and Wiley M. (22). From the Simmon's family there was Mary (37), Lasamia (16), Francen (16), and Asa Marion (12). From the Key(Keith) family there was Rhoda (35), and Laban (10). Asa Marion Simmons is Eugene Simmons' great grandfather. The Pughs and Simmons had been neighbors in Tyler Co. before this and both families were together in Mississippi before that. Rhoda Key(Keith) was a older sister to Isabella Pugh and a daughter of Patience Pugh. Mary Simmons was also a daughter of Patience. She is the great-great grandmother of Eugene Simmons of Corine. There were girls named Rhoda and Mary Pugh in earlier generations too. Willis Pugh named two of his daughters Rhoda and Mary, maybe after his two older sisters. The 1870 Agriculture Production Census for Cherokee Co. listed Patience "Pew" with thirty-five tilled acres of land and over one hundred acres of woodland. She had two horses, seven cows, and two hogs. The family raised 500 bushels of corn and five bales of cotton. She had a son Wilie that lived with her or close by. Willis and Nancy Pugh lived by Sam Lockhart Jr. and Nancy's son John Lockhart, lived with his uncle John Loper in the Corine Community until he married Amanda Mixon daughter of Thomas Lloyd Mixon. The Pughs may have moved to Cherokee Co. after Willis married Nancy. In the 1870's the Pugh's and a lot of other future Corine people were members of the Salem Baptist Church at Larissa, one of the oldest towns in east Texas.

In about 1873 Wilie M. Pugh married Caroline Durrett of Cherokee County. Caroline was the daughter of Andrew Jackson Durrett Sr. and Elenor Prater Durrett. Andrew was born in Virginia in 1808 and Elenor was born in Georgia in 1810. Andrew married Jane Lankford Benge after Elenor died in 1867. Andrew Durrett had many children. The first child of the family was Susan Durrett Mixon b.1830. One of the middle children was Caroline Durrett Pugh b.1850. The second to last child was Andrew Jr. b.1870. He is the father of Ida Lee Edmiston, of Jacksonville, who is the former editor of "Tree Talks" a newsletter of the Cherokee County Genealogical Society.

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In the 1880 census two Pugh families were in Cherokee County. Willis and Nancy Pugh, and their children was one of the families and Jesse Pugh with his daughter Mary, mother Patience, and sister Isabella was the other. Mary Pugh Simmons had moved north to Smith County. The two household there were Asa Marion Simmons(21) and his wife M.A.(23) and the other house contained Mary Simmons(49) and children P.J.(23), and M.J.(17) Wilie M. Pugh and Caroline Durrett had been married for about seven years at this time. I now know that they lived in Navarro Co., Texas south of Blooming Grove near the community of Dresden in 1880. They had children Ellen (7), Lizza (4), and Alice (2). Roda Pugh Keith had married a man named Chandler by this time and also lived near Dresden.

The 1880 Agriculture Census of Cherokee Co. listed Willis Pugh with 35 acres of improved land and 125 acres of woodland, two horses, thirteen cows, ten hogs, and twenty chickens. His family produced three hundred pounds of butter, one hundred bushels of corn, two bales of cotton, and twenty-five gallons of syrup.

Patience Pugh died on Dec.6, 1882. The place of burial is unknown to me, but could have been the Corine Cemetery. I have not found any record of where Laban Pugh was buried when he died in Tyler County. He might have been buried in the "Old Mt. Zion Cemetery" or the Mt. Hope Cemetery. The old Mt. Zion Cemetery has been mostly abandoned except for one elderly gentleman who keeps his families grave cleared.

In 1889 Willis and Nancy Pugh moved their family to Tribbey, Oklahoma during the Pottowattami Land Run. In 1895 Willis and Nancy both died of pneumonia within a few months of each other. Willis Pugh's family is all buried in Oklahoma near Tribbey, except for a son Hollie, who is buried in the community of Corine, in Texas.

By 1886 Wilie Pugh had moved his family back to Cherokee Co. One Cherokee Co. Tax Roll in the late 1890's shows W.M. Pugh owning one wagon, four cows, and ten pigs. He is listed as W.M., W., and Will Pugh from then until 1910. In the 1910 tax roll his name is listed but has nothing beside it. He died in 1914, while living with his son Authur Thomas Pugh in the Corine community.

The 1900 census of Cherokee Co. has the family of Wilie and Caroline Pugh (spelled Pew) living between Phillip Smiths place and the Neches River. They may have lived in a log house near Jack Mixon. Jack Mixon's house was finally torn down in 1998, it had stood there for over 100 years. It was probably built around 1853 by the Smith family. That would have been Phillip Smith's parents Sam O. Smith and his wife Malinda Mixon Smith. Jack Mixon's mother, Susan Durrett Mixon, was Caroline Durrett Pugh's oldest sister. The census listed Wilie (52), Caroline (50) both born in Mississippi, with children; Alice (22), Aranton (18), Thomas (16) and Artilissie (9), all born in Texas. Alice, born in 1877, died in 1902 from pneumonia. She was engaged to marry someone, but she died before the wedding took place. She is probably buried in the Corine cemetery. There are a lot of unmarked graves there, and the graves of Wilie, Caroline, and Arranton were not marked for several years. Later Tom Pugh, with the help of his son Roy, had the graves marked. It is told that Artilissie spilled a churn full of buttermilk, mostly in her hair, and Caroline would not let her wash her hair because she thought she might get pneumonia. In this time many people died of pneumonia. The census said that Caroline had eleven children, I am still finding out the names of the older children born at Dresden. The 1880 Navarro Co. census list two older daughters, Ellen and Rhody. Between the birth of Thomas and Artilissie, Wiley and Caroline had twin daughters

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Caroline had a twin sister. Both of Caroline's twins died within a few days of each other. One story of their death is that one of the girls was walking out in the woods and came back to tell Caroline that she was going to die. When Caroline ask her why she said "Jesus was out in the trees, and he told me". That girl died the next day and the other twin died two days later. They are both buried in the Corine Cemetery in graves marked "Baby Pugh". Caroline died in 1906. She had broken her hip and limped badly in old age. She was a mid-wife or nurse for the community and traveled by horse back to help people. People paid her with food, animals, or other things since no one had any money to speak of. This is the main way the family survived because Wilie was described as lazy and not a good manager, by Kyle Durrett his brother-in-law. Caroline and Alice were very good at sewing too, as shown by the clothes they were wearing in a family portrait taken around 1900.

During the years 1901-1904 Tom Pugh started buying land around the Corine community. Some from Thomas Durrett his uncle. In the years 1907 to 1909 he was listed on the tax roll as Tom Pugh. The 1910 roll calls him A.T. Pough. Authur Thomas Pugh signed papers as A.T., Tom, and Thomas at different times of his life.

In 1902 Hollie Pugh moved back to Cherokee Co. with the John Lockhart family. They lived on the Phillip Smith place, not far from Jack Mixon's home. John was Hollie's half brother.

In 1906 the entire family of John Lockhart had malaria. A son Frank died from the disease. They still lived on the Phillip Smith place at that time.

The 1910 Census of Cherokee Co. showed Tom Pugh (26) living with his future mother in-law Mary E. Cunningham (47) and her son Woodie (17). Tom already had many acres of land of his own at this time. Susan Artilissa Pugh had married Ernest Seay and moved away by this time. Actually she moved away when her mother died in 1906. Artilissa went to Itasca north of Hillsboro, Texas. At one time she worked in a kitchen at a college, or boarding house, she was a very good cook. Aranton had moved. He lived with Ernest and Artilissa some of the time during the 1910's. He worked with Ernest some of the time. One time he was bitten by a snake and almost died. While working one day something fell and in his efforts to keep it from hitting other people he was injured. He died on June 8, 1917 while living with his brother Tom in the Corine community, some say from internal injuries caused by that accident. He is buried in the Corine Cemetery. In one picture of him, he was wearing over-alls and had a whet rock in his bib pocket. Artilissa and Ernest had five daughters and one son. The daughters were Doris, Jean, Muriel, Gail, and Joyce. The son was Nathaniel who died at an early age.

Also in 1910 Wiley Pugh, age 63, was living in Henderson County with the family of Arch and Dora Simms. I assume that Dora was an older daughter of Wiley's. Not far away was the family of Frank and Mary Gage. Mary was the daughter of Jesse Pugh, Wiley's oldest brother. She was Mary Will Gage b.1864 and d.1947 and is buried in the Willow Spring's Cemetery south of Athens. Frank and Mary married on December 24, 1878. She wrote a letter to Wiley in 1914 when he was living in Corine with Thomas his son.

On April 7, 1911 Tom Pugh married Rosa Lee Cunningham in the Corine community. Rosa was the daughter of John F. Cunningham and Mary E. Holmes Cunningham. John and Mary were step-brother and sister before they married because Johns father Aquilla Cunningham married Mary's mother Martha Holmes. The marriage record of Cherokee Co. said Aquilla Cunningham married Mrs. Martha E. Homes on April 7, 1864. Martha had been

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married to Green Holmes, who died in 1860. He was a soldier in the Civil War, but the cause of his death is unknown. If there is a Native American Indian in the family it could be Green Holmes. Some where in the family tree there are Indians but I have not identified them yet. Rosa had high cheek bones and Roy has high cheek bone, dark hair, and dark complexion. Aquilla was married to Mary H. Ferguson who had also died. Martha's maiden name was Martha A. Castle. Tom and Rosa lived in a house not far from Mary E. Cunningham after they married. On October 16, 1922 Roy Travis Pugh was born to Tom and Rosa. Tom and Rosa had moved across the field to another house and later moved again to another house. The three houses that they lived in are all on the same property around 300 yards from each other. The last move put them by the new Corine road. Mary E. Cunningham was paid for 1 1/2 acres of land that the road was built on. Tom had a syrup mill behind the second house. He raised sugar cane in the creek bottoms. He also had a large pig pen behind the house. Roy went to the Corine school for ten years, then finished high school in Athens. While at Athens his mother Rosa lived in Athens with him. The school furnished the house and in a newspaper article the coach said they gave Tom Pugh a milk cow and some chickens so he would let Roy play for Athens. Recruiting players was legal then. In the same article an Austin coach, after Athens beat his team, said he was starting a campaign to get Tom Pugh elected governor of Texas so Roy would move to Austin and play for his school. Roy was also involved in football, baseball, and track. He went to the state track meet in Austin three times. He placed first in the state in the shot putt event with a throw of over 46 feet.

During the 1910's, Hollie Pugh and his wife Nellie Grace Shoemate had three children, Herman, Thelma, and Vernon. Herman married Nellie Moseley and they had two children, Nelda and Dwayne. Nelda married Lewie Lake and they had two children, Debbie and Kelly. Thelma married John Thomas Davis and they had nine children, Billy, Stacey, Corkey, Tommy, Pat, Dot, Rhoda, Theta, and James Darvis. James Darvis Davis married Silvia Chitwood daughter of Macon and Faye Chitwood.

From 1910, until his death in 1967, Authur Thomas (Tom) Pugh farmed in the Corine community of Cherokee County. He had cows, horses, mules, pigs, and chickens most of his life. He raised corn, potatoes, peaches, and other crops. He had bee hives for honey, and ran a syrup mill during some of those years. Early in his life he rode a horse or mule to travel around, later in life he drove a tractor. He usually had several dogs with him where ever he went, some people say. He did not drive cars or trucks much, especially after Roy started driving. Many times he drove a MT John Deere tractor to the Neches River to fish or to town. Dudley Wright, an old mechanic in Jacksonville, told me that he remembered seeing Tom driving the tractor in town. He also said that Tom was a very strong man, once lifting two hundred pound sacks of feed over his head at once. When he fished or hunted what ever he caught or killed was cooked and eaten. Some say he was not a very good manager either, but no one ever starved while living with him. Over the years many different people, related or not, lived with Tom and Rosa. He cooked for himself sometimes. I remember people saying that they wanted Tom to go fishing with them on the river because he would cook the cornbread to go with the fish. If you ate at Tom's house you never knew what might be served. Such things as squirrel, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beef or pork might be served. Goat, dove, duck, quail, black-bird, or soft shelled turtle also tasted good. Also from the river he might get perch, bass, catfish, carp, grinnel, buffalo, drum, aligator gar, or white perch. He usually had a garden around his house so

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there were vegetables to go with the meal. Tom and Rosa also canned things like vegetables and peaches for the winter. I still have their canning table. Rosa milked cows and sold any extra milk they had and also sold eggs in town to make extra money. Times were hard, they lived poor by today's standards, but there was food on the table. He did most of his fishing with a cane pole or throw lines.

In the 1940's, while attending S.M.U. in Dallas, Roy married Jean Gilliland, daughter of Charles Irving Gilliland and Hattie Belle Bryson. The wedding was on Sept. 8, 1946. They had a daughter, Linda, born on September 17, 1947. This marriage did not last long. They were already divorced when Linda was born. There was a lack of communication on a lot of people's parts. Linda did not see Roy in person until the late 1980's after her mother had died.

On August 28, 1948 Roy married Daphne Jeanne Freeland of Jacksonville. Her parents were Derward Freeland and Olga Teal. She had been married before too. Jeanne married Henry Grady Stevens, Jr. of Jacksonville on Feb. 3, 1946. This marriage did not last long. During their marriage they lived at Freeport, Texas for a while. They were there when the ship blew up in Texas City killing many people. Jeanne said they heard the blast in Freeport. They did not have any children. In this same year, 1948, Tom Pugh bought 168 acres of land near the Neches River. He paid the back taxes of the land to get it. Roy and Jeanne had three sons, Roy Cole b. 1949, Rex Freeland b. 1952, and Tracy Kirk b. 1959. Living on a farm of 421 acres with another 900 acres leased, there was plenty of work to be done. Everyone in this family worked hard. In the summer time Roy worked 7 days a week on the farm. Cole and Rex worked 6 and 1/2 days a week, going to church on Sunday morning unless the hay field was full of hay. Jeanne had to cook for these very hungry people and wash and patch a lot of very dirty clothes. She also did nearly everything to take care of Tom and Rosa in their old age. For a while the family had a chicken house. When the chicken house was cleaned out we just went swimming in the lake afterwards because we were too dirty and smelly to go in the house. There were over 100 cows, plus calves and bulls to bale hay for in the summer and feed in the winter. There were also many miles of fences to build or repair and several hundred acres of pasture to mow. Today parents worry about how they are going to teach their children about "work ethic", this family had no problem with that. Their children will never live off the government because they know how to work. In the late 1970's, Roy and Jeanne divorced and are both married to other people now. Roy married Gloria Wynell Terry on July 20, 1983 and they lived on the same property he was born on. They are divorced now. Jeanne married Robert Wesley James on May 24, 1980 and they live by Club Lake near Jacksonville after living in Waco for about eleven years. Jeanne and Robert graduated together from Jacksonville High School in 1944.

Cole Pugh married Patricia Leigh Duncan in May of 1973 in Jacksonville. Cole played basketball in college so the best man and groomsmen in the wedding were his brother and two team-mates. The place where they got tuxedos had to get them for people 6'5" to 6'7" with long arms. Cole and Pat had Amanda Leigh Pugh on Feb. 9, 1980, born in Jacksonville. On April 12, 1991 Pat died of cancer in a hospital in Tyler. She was 40 years old. Amanda has graduated from college with a degree in Business Administration and now lives in Garland, Texas. In 1991 Cole married Candy Kay Scheid in Hawkins, Texas.

Cole and Candy had two children, Jeanna Lois b. 1994, and Daniel Cole b. 1997 while living in Sinton, Texas. Cole is a Superintendent of Schools so he has lived in Jacksonville,

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Baytown, Wells, Coldsprings, Hawkins, Sinton, West Columbia-Brazoria, and San Angelo in his time working in schools.

Rex Pugh married Debbie Laraine Luce of Lufkin on Nov. 28, 1981. She is the daughter of A.C. and R.V. Luce. They have one child, Laura Laraine, born on Nov. 30, 1986 in Lufkin. Rex has taught school at Central I.S.D. for 30 years and they have lived in Clawson north of Lufkin, Texas for the last 21 years. Debbie has worked as a bookkeeper for Angelina Eye Center in Lufkin. Laura married Lee Mahan on June 17, 2005. She attends Angelina Jr. College in Lufkin, Texas and they live close to her parents.

Tracy Pugh has not married yet. He still lives by Club Lake near Jacksonville and worked for Zimmerman Sign Company for many years. He has many pets, takes college classes, and travels around quite a bit. Now he is a Radiologist after graduating from Tyler Jr. College with a degree in that subject. He has taken more classes at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Linda Pugh was adopted by Oliver Wendal Hildebrand, Jr., her mothers second husband. They lived in Fort Worth, Texas when she was growing up. Linda married Jerry Bowdon and they had three children, Lauren Jean b.1978, James Claiborne b.1983, and David Rossee b.1986. They live in Dallas, Texas. Linda and Jerry divorced in the 1990's. Linda is a nurse now.

Rosa Lee Cunningham Pugh died on September 29, 1964 in Jacksonville. She was sick alot in her older age and could not get around very well. She was 6'1" when she was young. She enjoyed going to church and played an organ that they had in their home. She made very good grades in her school work. She took her religion to heart. Ammie Simpson said that one time she and Byrd went by to see the Pughs when Roy was away in World War II. When they walked up to the house they heard Rosa praying in a back room so they waited outside until she finished. Some people say that the reason Rosa was in such bad health later in life was because she worked so hard trying to make things good for her family during the tough times of the 1930's and 40's. It is told that Rosa had such a hard time having Roy that she never wanted to have another baby. One time some neighbors came by with a small baby and Rosa wanted to hold it because she said she never really had a baby because Roy weighed around 12 pounds when he was born. In letters Rosa still referred to Roy as "baby" when he was away in the war.

Authur Thomas Pugh died on February 1, 1967 also in Jacksonville. He was also active in church at different times. One time, Tom and Hollie Pugh were on a committee to buy a piano for the church. Tom was 6'1 1/2" tall and weighed 204 pounds when he registered for the draft in World War II. He was too old to be a soldier and weighed more than that later in life. He had a good sense of humor and liked to visit with people and tell stories. One time, not long before his death, an old black man came to visit Tom while he was at Roy's house. Before he left he ask if he could sing the song "If We Never Meet Again This Side of Heaven". Tom wanted him to and he did. I had never seen this man before and never saw him again so he must have been a friend of Tom's from years before.

Tom and Rosa are both buried in the Corine Cemetery along with their parents and other relatives. The grave marker for Aqualla Cunningham is in this cemetery but he was actually buried in the cemetery on J.D. Beardens place. That cemetery was in disarray so the marker was moved to Corine, about two miles away.

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All the children of Roy Pugh are the descendents of Laban and Patience Pugh, Andrew and Elenor Durrett, Green W. and Martha Ann Holmes, and Aquilla and Mary H. Cunningham. All these were in Texas in the early 1850's or before. The Pughs, Durretts, and Cunninghams were all in North America in the early 1600's, long before it was the United States. It seems like all the families I am working on came to Virginia from Europe and then came south from there. In the late 1830's, Texas was advertised on posters as the place with the most fertile soil, favorable climate, and greatest supply of resources in the United States, it's no wonders these families came to Texas.

Written by Rex Freeland Pugh
A revised edition of an earlier paper "191 Years of the Pugh's".

Sources

This is the second writing of a report done by Rex Freeland Pugh of Rt.11 Box 2910 Lufkin, Texas. The first report was titled "191 Years of the Pughs". The information came from many different places. Any mistakes are unintentional. It is not meant to be an official document, but I have tried to be accurate. I started all this, in 1988, because I did not know anything about my great-grandparents Wilie and Caroline Pugh who were buried about one mile from the house I was raised in. I also found out I had a half-sister I did not know about that year. Everyone else seemed to know , but I did not.

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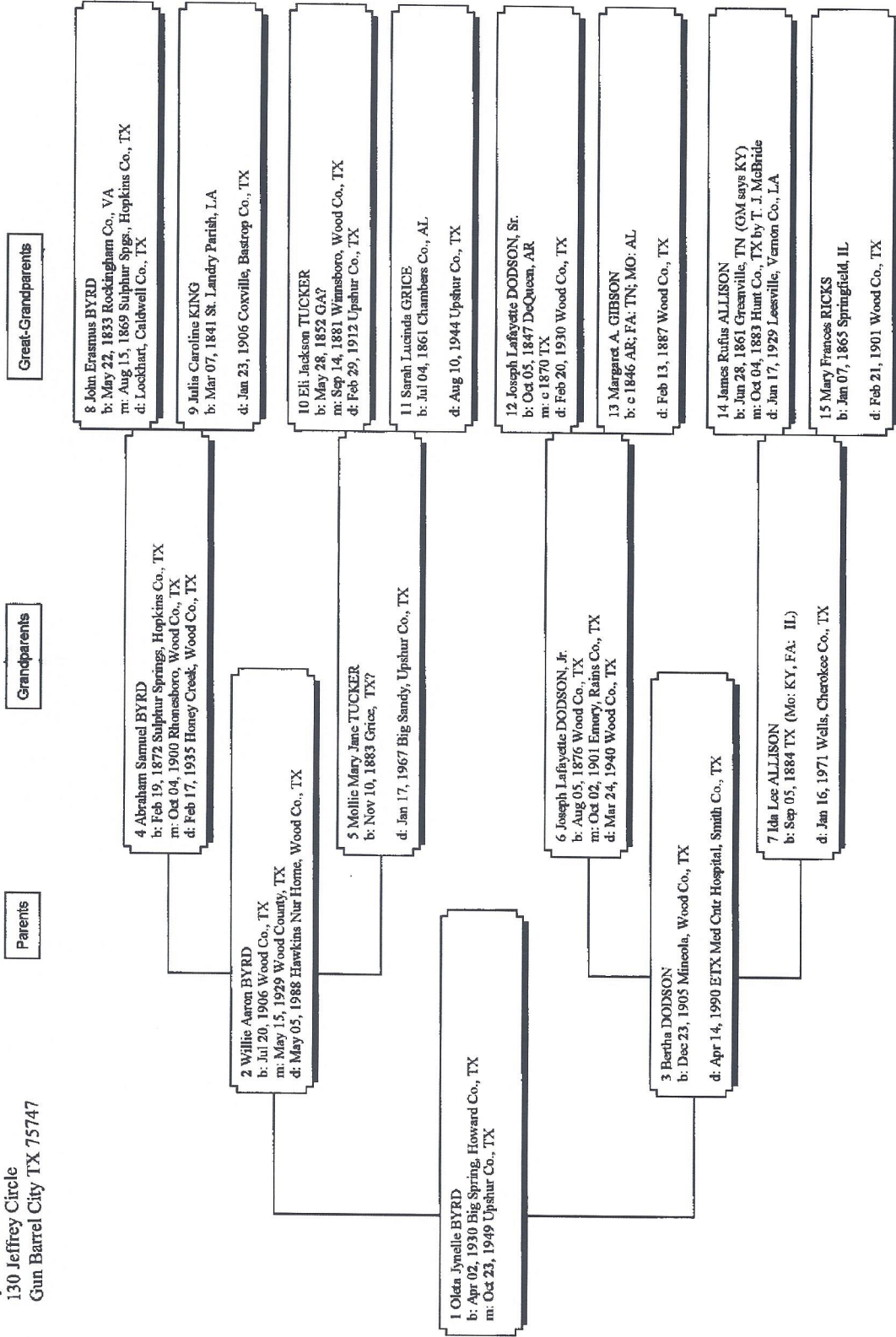
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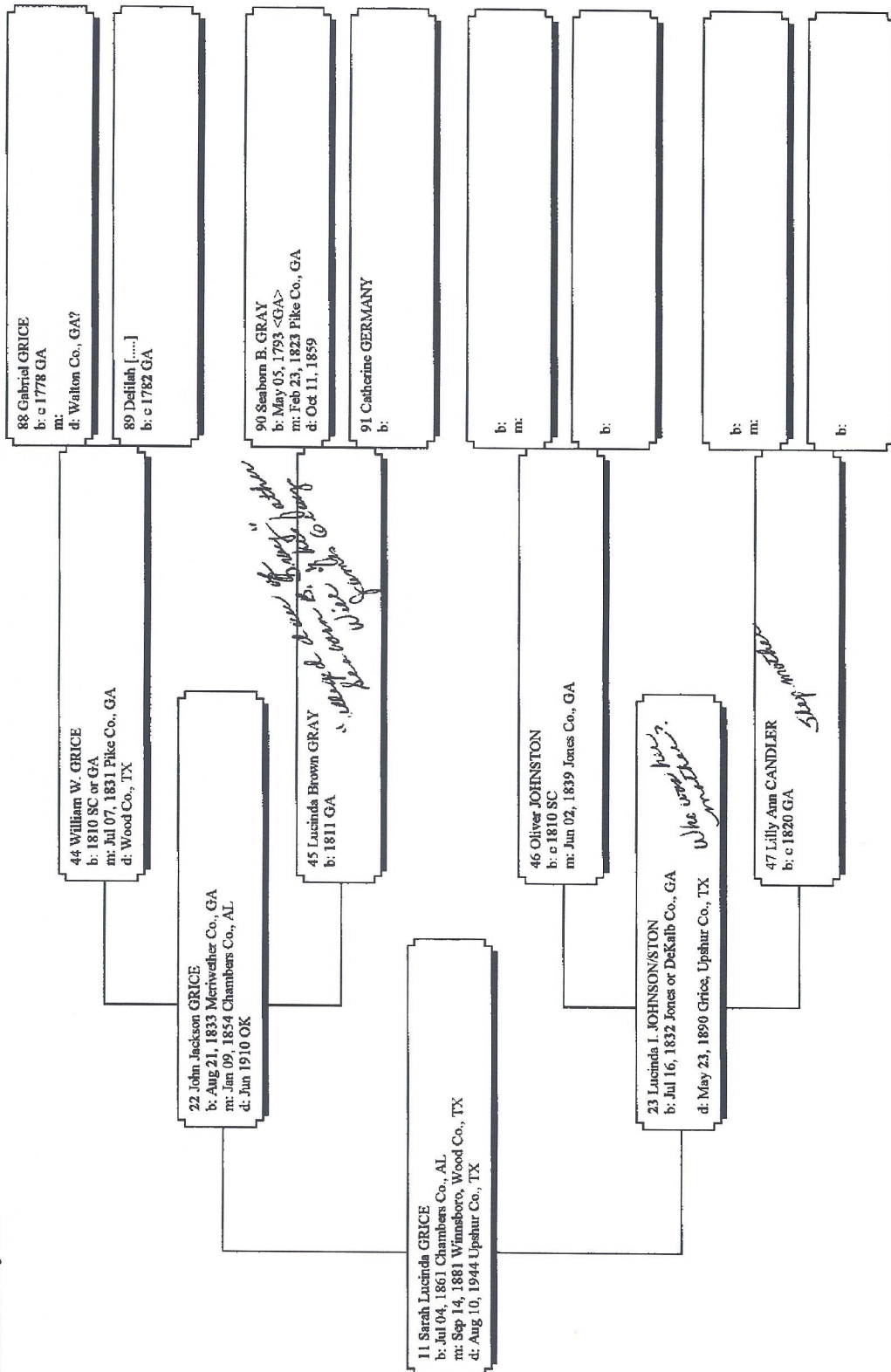


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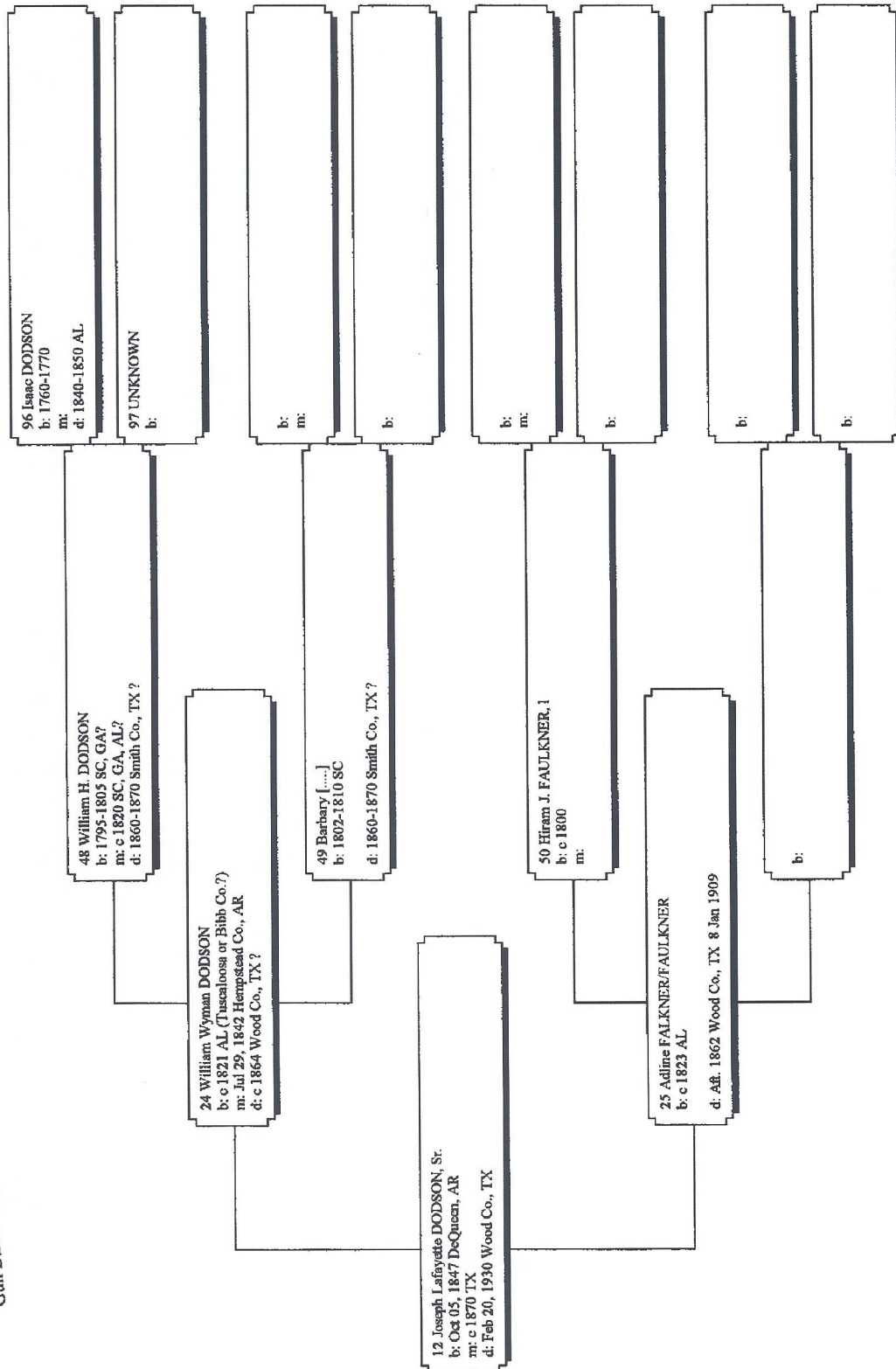


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Paleography Resources By George G. Morgan

The older the documents we locate, the more challenging they can be to read and decipher. While this can be frustrating to most researchers, it also can be downright off-putting. Your research will undoubtedly uncover some of these documents at some point, and some understanding of paleography is required. Even old American census records, church records, and deeds can be difficult to read. Visit the Genlinks site for some examples of the factors that can contribute to this challenge.

What is paleography? Paleography, according to the Merriam-Webster Online dictionary, is the study of ancient writings and inscriptions. If you are studying old English documents, you will encounter not only the Old English script but, going further back in time, ecclesiastical records written in Latin. German genealogical researchers must learn to read and interpret Fraktur in addition to learning the current and old German language. Similar examples of old writing styles and language usage will be challenging in many older records in many geographical locations.

Don't give up on your attempts to decipher these older documents! In "Along Those Lines . . ." this week, I want to share a variety of resources with you that can help you learn and understand the older writing styles, characters, and languages.

Old English Handwriting

The Old English script you may have seen may be difficult to read. Usually the first odd character you might notice is the "long s" that is not to be confused with an "f" character. You will find this in both printed and handwritten materials. The long "s" is sometimes found alone in the center of a word, such as presence. It can also be found as the first of a double "s" as in such words as dismiss or Congress. Other variations also exist in the way handwritten letters are formed. An "a" and a "d" may appear similar with the top stems curving to the left, for example.

Remember that many of our ancestors were less literate than we are and may have misspelled their words. Additionally, some public officials and clerks altered their writing of the English language by making it more stilted in spelling. A very common example of this is the addition of a final "e" to a word.

One confounding Old English word is the "ye," which was derived from a runic letter called a "thorn." It was a character used in printing and also in handwriting that looked like the letter "p" except that the stem extends above the loop of the letter. The thorn represents the sound for "th" in Latin, Etruscan, English, and other languages. In English, however, whenever you see a phrase such as "Ye merry men," it really would be spoken as "The merry men."

Another characteristic of English writing is the use of superscript characters and/or abbreviations to help maximize the amount of writing that could be fitted on a sheet of paper which was, at the time, very expensive. Examples might include Wm. or Wm as shortened forms of the name

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of William, or fm as an example of the word "from."

There are a number of websites and resources that can help you with understanding the older English and Latin handwriting.

- * The National Archives in Kew has on its website a brilliant interactive tutorial about Paleography.

- * English Documents Employing Latin provides many excellent visual examples of the ancient handwriting and translations.

- * Old Handwriting: Deciphering Old Handwriting in Genealogy has some interesting examples.

- * How to Read 18th Century British-American Writing

- * Martha Ballard's Diary Online is a visual and content rich story of a midwife's life and career and offers great examples of handwriting.

In addition, Hilary Marshall has written an excellent book, *Palaeography for Family and Local Historians*, published by Phillimore & Co., Ltd. in 2004 in Chichester, West Sussex England. The book is available through the publisher, Amazon, and special order at many bookstores.

Denis Stuart has written an excellent book, *Latin for Local and Family Historians: A Beginner's Guide*, also published by Phillimore & Co., Ltd. in 1995 and reprinted in 2000. It remains a standard reference and tutorial, and it is available through the same channels as Hilary Marshall's book.

German Fraktur

German Fraktur actually consists of multiple type fonts. The Fraktur alphabet is a little complicated. The upper case consists of twenty-six letters, plus three umlauts: Ä, Ö, and Ü, plus a few other special characters. An umlaut is characterized by the presence of a diacritical mark, in this case two dots, over a vowel that changes its way its sound is articulated.

The lower case Fraktur also consists of twenty-six letters, the three umlaut vowels in lower case, and a few other special letters or characters. These include variations of characters for the letter 's' and paired letter combinations called ligatures.

There are a variety of websites that explore Fraktur and can help you interpret the different appearances of the characters you are likely to encounter. These include:

- * German Ways website contains a wealth of German language and handwriting samples.

- * German True Type Fonts site which includes examples of many font types, each of which displays the printed and hand-written fonts. Each font is contained in a compressed ZIP file that you can download and then open with an UNZIP program such as WIN-ZIP.

- * Fraktur German True Type Fonts

Early American Handwriting

Just as America is an amalgam of immigrants from different countries and cultures, American

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language is a combination of many derivative words and influences. Early American handwriting, though, tends to be more regional in nature. It is generally based on the language and learned handwriting (and script style) of the local residents. Immigrant Germans in Pennsylvania often used Fraktur; English immigrants in Virginia and the Scotch-Irish in North Carolina, for example, used the English script; and many of the French immigrants in Louisiana used the florid French style of handwriting. The handwriting style, as well as the vernacular and slang, are embodied in the written (and printed) word. Abbreviations, contractions, and acronyms were very much a part of the language.

There are two excellent books, both written by Kip Sperry that can help you with deciphering and reading old American documents. The first is *Reading Early American Handwriting*, first published by Genealogical Publishing, Inc., in 1998 and since reprinted. The other is *Abbreviations and Acronyms: A Guide for Family Historians*, published by MyFamily.com / Ancestry.com in 2003. Both books are excellent references you won't want to do without.

It's an Eyeful!

Deciphering and reading old handwriting involves a great deal of visual comparison of the handwriting you are studying with samples from the geographical area and the era when it was written. Some knowledge of the history of the area is beneficial too. Sometimes, too, it can be beneficial to use tracing paper and form the letters and words yourself. Your tactile sense of writing may give you hints and clues, or may actually translate the text for you.

I think the references for just the three areas I've listed here will provide you with lots of information about strategies for reading the old documents and many visual examples. Your job is to locate a magnifying glass and use these resources and suggestions to start making sense of these old documents.

Happy Deciphering!
George

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Queries

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June 21, 1998

Ida Lee Edmiston
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Dear Ida Lee;

I would appreciate any information you or others could give me concerning my great-grandparents on my mothers side.

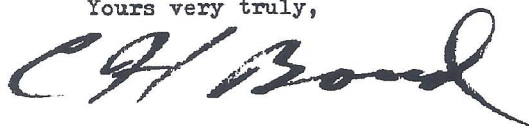
My grandmother, Jane Edwards, married Hubert B. Chessher around 1912. They were born around 1890. Hubert Chessher was from Jacksonville. Jane Edward's father was a farmer from not too far away. I remember seeing old pictures of his large silos with EDWARDS printed on them. My grandmother told me when she was young her father lost his farm due to depression or crop failure. He put his family in an apartment and went to the Yucatan to run a hemp plantation for Porfirio Diaz. When he returned he had enough money to buy all his land back.

Before I can contact the University of Mexico for information about Mr. Edwards I need to know more about him. His first name would be of great help.

Information on Hubert B. Chessher's family would also be of help.

You may call me collect at 253-813-3810 or write me: Chuck Bond 9620 S. 252nd, Kent, Wa. 98031.

Yours very truly,



Chuck Bond

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Subject: Re: Foreman, Bennett, Gentry reunion
I am looking for a family of Bennetts that has a Kate Bennett and a Ray Bennett in it. At least part of this family used to live in Alto Texas back around 1936. If you know about this family, Please e-mail me at jenny5501@yahoo.com.
Thank you; Jenny

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Subject: Pruitt/Pruett/Prewitt/Prewit/Pruitte Cherokee Co., TX
My grandfather, Stinson Carroll Pruitt, reported on his WWI draft registration card that he was born in Rusk, Cherokee Co., TX. He was born in 1887/88. His father was James William "JW or Jim" Pruitt/Pruett, I also have a document that states he was born in Cherokee County, TX. James William was born 1855/56. Does anyone have any information on Pruitt/Pruett families living in the Rusk area around this time?
Thank you for your help. Linda Miles

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Subject: Re: Loftis Family
Do you have any information on Mary A. Loftis who married James Carroll Pruett found on Cherokee Co., Census? I noticed that James Carroll had a son listed on the census as James W. Pruitt. My great-grandfather' name was James William "Jim or JW" Pruitt/Pruett. I am trying to confirm whether this maybe him. Family members have said that Jim's father's name was either James Carroll or John Carroll. My grandfather, Stinson Carroll Pruitt was reportedly born in Rusk, Cherokee Co., TX according to his WWI draft registration card. Any information you may have on these families would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance. Linda Miles

Melanie Whitney
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On the 1900 Cherokee County census, at the Rusk Wate Penitentiary, there is a Robert B Morris b 1873 married 4 yrs. That name & those dates match one of the members of my family. Do you know how i could find out if that's him or not? ... and possibly what he might have been in for? The one in my family is:

- Robert Bannister Morris
b oct 1873
d jun 1944
father: John Polk Morris

Please help me if you can. thank you, sincerely, Melanie Whitney

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I am very interested in the period 1847-1855 as it concerns my great grandfather John Matthews McDonald. Research data indicates he left Moore County, North Carolina in 1847-48 (about age 20) and first settled in Larissa, Cherokee County, Texas. He then moved on to Athens, Henderson County in the early to mid 1850's where he spent the rest of his life. I have speculated he went to Larissa to attend college as he became an attorney and member of the first bar of Henderson County. Other data indicates he married in Larissa in 1858 after he became established in Athens. I have found him in the census of 1840 in North Carolina and 1860 in Athens. I cannot find him anywhere in 1850.

I have read all the books I could find on Larissa and the college at the Jacksonville Library and have been unsuccessful in finding student lists or any other pertinent information from that period.

What I am asking is if you could give me any guidance as to any avenues I might try in locating John M. in Cherokee, County during the period roughly 1847 to 1855. I would sincerely appreciate any help you may give me in this matter.

Thanks,

Queries

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POOL, Elisabeth (ca 1823, GA – aft June, 1900 in TX), John, William Jasper, Susan, Dred, Mary M., Calvin, Susanna, Seth, Samuel T., Warren W. The 1860 Census of Pickens County, GA shows a household of POOL, Elithabeth(35,GA), John(16,GA), Jasper(12,GA), Susan (11,GA), Dred(8,GA), Mary M.(5,GA) and Calvin(2,GA).

Next door, were POOL, John(37,SC), Susanna(35,GA), Seth(16,GA), Samuel T.(14,GA), Elisabeth(12,GA), Warren W.(10,GA), Mary M. (1,GA) and John H.(1,GA).

Family tradition is that Elisabeth was a Cherokee, and married to William. I can't find any of them in Georgia in the 1850 census. The 1840 census of Cherokee County, GA has Martha POOL with two sons the right age (15 – 20) to be William and John. I would appreciate any information on their relationship? parents? Etc.? Thanks.

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I would like to find someone who is researching the family of William BELL born about 1848, living in Jacksonville (Cherokee Co. TX) in 1910, with wife Nancy. I have located my great-grandmother who was listed as "boarder" in his home or store. Her name was Margaret Belle Sanders Hurt (1887-1985). I'm wondering if she lived with William or perhaps was enumerated simply because she was selling hats at his store when the enumerator showed up. Belle was from the area of Ruston, LA and I have found no trace of her two living children.

1910 census Jacksonville, Cherokee Co, TX, Pct-3, ED-17, 15 April, S-1a, P-171, 3/3 510 Commerce St.

10 William Bell head W M 62 m1-36 TX TN MS Merchant Mil Store

11 Nancy " wife W F 53 6-4 TX KY KY Millinery Store

12 Claude " son W M 35 m1-3 TX TX TX Cashier Store

13 Lena " DIL W F 20 0-0 TX TX TX Sales Lady

14 Belle Hurt Brdr W F 22 m1-6 LA GA LA Sales Lady (had 3 children - 2 alive in 1910)

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