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## Editor's Letter

Hi, all.

I'm Nate Grimes, a new member to the Cherokee County Genealogical Society, and have agreed to take over the Tree Talk editor's job as soon as I get grounded in the procedures used to publish this document. This is my first Tree Talk issue. I hope I haven't bitten off more than I can chew.

Two families are documented in this edition. All data is taken solely from Ogreta Huttash's files which were donated to the Society at her death. I have taken the liberty of copying her data into a genealogical software database (Personal Ancestral File or PAF). This allows me to consolidate all the handwritten Family Group sheets and pedigree forms and other sources of data into a single database so that printouts contain the most current data. I learned early on in my personal experience that an update to one form usually meant an update to another form.

I am limited to 36 pages in this document and therefore some data must be compressed or omitted. I plan to leave off documents used to prove data documented in narrative form. Should you want to examine this omitted data, it is open to the public in the genealogical corner of the Jacksonville Public Library located on US Highway 69 in Jacksonville, TX across from East Texas Medical Center.

The first family is the Moseley family—Hu 289—the descendants of Henry Moseley. The second is the Joshua Groce family—Hu 290. When I chose this family to include in this edition, I didn't realize that Ogreta Huttash was a descendant of Joshua Groce. Another item which I found unusual in reading her narrative is that her mother's name is James Teague Gaston, a very masculine sounding name. However, Ogreta refers to her at least twice as her mother in separate documents, so I must accept it as fact.

Ogreta's narrative is a 34 page long document but I have omitted her ancestor charts, family group sheets, and copies of documents for proof. Therefore, only the first 12 pages are published here.

The table of documents for sale has been updated with several additions and one deletion.

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**Moseley Families of Cherokee County  
Descendants of Henry MOSELEY**

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**1. Henry MOSELEY**

sp: Mary JONES

- 2. Alanson L. MOSELEY (b.1800-.,GA;d.15 Feb 1853-Rusk,Cherokee Co.,TX)  
sp: Sarah ZACHARY (b.25 Apr 1802;m.23 Dec 1819;d.8 Aug 1884-Rusk,Cherokee Co.,TX)
  - 3. Priscilla E. MOSELEY (b.19 Mar 1823-.,GA)  
sp: John T. ZACHARY (b.1824-.,GA)
    - 4. Benjamin L. M. ZACHARY (b.1846-.,GA)
    - 4. William Henry ZACHARY (b.1847-.,GA)
    - 4. Sarah M. ZACHARY (b.29 Feb 1848-.,TX)
    - 4. Daniel H. ZACHARY (b.1849-.,TX)
    - 4. Thomas Penfield ZACHARY (b.16 Nov 1857-.,TX)
  - sp: Steven HALBERT
- 3. Henry MOSELEY (b.15 Oct 1825-.,GA;d.15 Apr 1890-Ft. Worth,Tarrant Co.,TX)  
sp: Amanda Jane SMITH (b.24 Apr 1829-.,AL;m.10 May 1849;d.13 Aug 1878-Ft. Worth,Tarrant Co.,TX)
  - 4. Letha Jane MOSELEY (b.15 Feb 1850-Rusk,Cherokee Co.,TX;d.1942-Miami,,Dade Co.,FL)  
sp: J. M. RICE (m.Jan 1873)
  - 4. M. Georgia MOSELEY (b.1852-Rusk,Cherokee Co.,TX)  
sp: Bob CANNON
  - 4. Sarah E. MOSELEY (b.1854-Rusk,Cherokee Co.,TX;d.13 May 1933-Ft. Worth,Tarrant Co.,TX)  
sp: Will TANNAHILL (m.5 Mar 1873)
  - 4. P. Estella MOSELEY (b.1856;d.Sep 1947-Throckmorton,,TX)  
sp: W. O. KEY (m.1873)
  - 4. Eurilda MOSELEY  
sp: John NOBEL
  - 4. Melina MOSELEY (b.1859/1860-Ft. Belkap,Young Co.,TX)
  - 4. Greenup Henry MOSELEY (b.17 Jan 1863-Ft. Belkap,Young Co.,TX)  
sp: Sarah Jane TATUM  
sp: Alice A. ASHCRAFT (m.17 Jun 1891)
  - 4. William Noah MOSELEY (b.16 Jan 1866-Ft. Belkap,Young Co.,TX;d.29 Apr 1939-Hale Center,Hale Co.,TX)  
sp: Anna Belle MULLINS (m.24 Mar 1887)
  - 4. Mary P. MOSELEY (b.16 Sep 1868-Ft. Belkap,Young Co.,TX;d.22 Aug 1957-Ft. Worth,Tarrant Co.,TX)  
sp: Elgin BILLINGTON
  - 4. Rosa Aquilla MOSELEY (b.13 Oct 1870-Ft. Worth,Tarrant Co.,TX;d.9 Feb 1959-Mabank,,TX)  
sp: Richard W. PRYOR (m.1891)
- 3. Daniel H. Z. MOSELEY (b.13 Jul 1828;d.31 Jul 1892-Brownwood,Brown Co.,TX)  
sp: Harriet SMITH (b.1830-.,AL;m.19 Jul 1849)
  - 4. Elizabeth Frances MOSELEY (b.1850-.,Cherokee Co,TX)  
sp: Leven P. BAUGH
  - 4. Euphama MOSELEY (b.1853-.,TX)  
sp: William W. CHANDLER
  - 4. Elisha E. MOSELEY (b.1855)
  - 4. Christian S. MOSELEY (b.1857-.,TX)
  - 4. Hasira F. MOSELEY (b.1863-.,Brown Co.,TX)

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- 4. James Benjamin MOSELEY (b.22 Sep 1865-,Brown Co.,TX)  
sp: Charlott SHANNON
  - 4. Cordelia MOSELEY (b.1867/1868-,TX)
  - 4. Ellen MOSELEY (b.1872/1873)
  - 3. Mary A. P. MOSELEY (b.30 Sep 1830-,GA;d.15 May 1883)  
sp: William Allen SMITH (m.17 Jul 1851)
    - 4. John W. SMITH (b.11 May 1852)
    - 4. William A. SMITH (b.2 Sep 1853)
    - 4. James W. SMITH (b.18 Dec 1854)
    - 4. Daniel C. SMITH
    - 4. Benjamin H. SMITH (b.16 Jan 1858)
    - 4. Sarah E. SMITH (b.11 Jan 1860)
    - 4. Martha R. SMITH (b.22 Jan 1862)
    - 4. Mary Elen SMITH (b.4 Jan 1865)
    - 4. Lowezer Jane SMITH (b.9 Jul 1866)
    - 4. Eliza Ann SMITH (b.21 Jan 1869)
  - 3. James Benjamin MOSELEY (b.31 Jul 1835-,GA;d.1918-Timpson,Shelby Co.,TX)  
sp: Lucy R. BELL (m.14 Feb 1856)
    - 4. James A. MOSELEY (b.16 Aug 1859;d.1928)
    - 4. Houseton H. MOSELEY (b.6 Jan 1862)
    - sp: Demeris FANCHER
      - 4. Andrew Jackson MOSELEY (b.1873;d.29 Feb 1948)  
sp: Ella Tennessee BOUCHER (m.18 Nov 1894)
    - 4. Henry A. MOSELEY (d.1908)  
sp: Mattie TERRY
    - 4. Johnny MOSELEY  
sp: Lula RITTER
    - 4. Ben MOSELEY  
sp: Ada MASON
    - 4. Annie MOSELEY  
sp: Taylor JOHNSON
    - 4. Sally MOSELEY  
sp: George GRANT
    - 4. Fammie MOSELEY  
sp: Hal HUDSON
  - 3. William Penfield MOSELEY (b.26 Aug 1838-,GA;d.28 Jan 1892-Brownwood,Brown Co.,TX)  
sp: UNKNOWN
    - 4. Marcus MOSELEY
    - 4. Kate MOSELEY  
sp: LAYFIELD
    - 4. Clara Ellen MOSELEY  
sp: ALLGOOD
    - 4. Estella MOSELEY

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- sp: JAMES
  - 4. James M. MOSELEY (b.1871)
  - 4. Williard O'Riley MOSELEY (b.27 Jun 1888)
  - 4. Joseph Ira MOSELEY (b.3 Jun 1890;d.15 Jun 1978)
    - sp: Annie Mae HASSEL
  - sp: Ellie MCCORCLE
  - sp: H. F. WILSON
- 3. Elijah Rowan MOSELEY (b.31 Jan 1843-,Henry Co,GA;d.31 Dec 1911-,Cherokee Co,TX)
  - sp: Rose Anna VINING (b.22 Jan 1845-Rusk,Cherokee Co.,TX;m.1869;d.1 Apr 1931-Rusk,Cherokee Co.,TX)
    - 4. James Henry MOSELEY (b.14 Feb 1870-Rusk,Cherokee Co.,TX;d.21 Jun 1948-,Cherokee Co,TX)
      - sp: Emma DUPREE (m.1904)
    - 4. Sara Elizabeth MOSELEY (b.14 Oct 1871;d.21 Sep 1900)
      - sp: J. B. EVANS (m.18 Apr 1889)
    - 4. Dr. Elijah Marion MOSELEY (b.4 Dec 1873-,Cherokee Co,TX;d.31 Dec 1946)
    - 4. William Albert MOSELEY (b.14 Apr 1877;d.2 Feb 1918)
      - sp: Elizabeth BOLTON (m.1904)
    - 4. Minnie Pearl MOSELEY (b.16 Jan 1880-Rusk,Cherokee Co.,TX;d.13 Aug 1969)
      - sp: James W. BOTHWELL (m.23 Dec 1906)
    - 4. Daniel Minton MOSELEY (b.3 Jun 1882-,Cherokee Co,TX;d.1 Sep 1965)
      - sp: Clarice A. MICHOT (b.21 Apr 1894;m.6 Mar 1921;d.20 Oct 1983)
    - 4. Rosa Ann MOSELEY (b.30 Jun 1890-Rusk,Cherokee Co.,TX)
      - sp: W. Edward BOLTON (m.7 Sep 1911)
        - 5. Marie BOLTON
          - sp: William Leon GOWAN
        - 5. Rowelyn BOLTON
          - sp: SCOTT
        - 5. Marion BOLTON
          - sp: Mary Ella MEREDITH (m.1934)
            - 6. William Albert BOLTON (d.1970)
              - sp: UNKNOWN
            - 7. Barbara Elaine BOLTON
              - sp: Robert PERRIN
- 3. Alanson Marion MOSELEY (b.6 Mar 1849-Rusk,Cherokee Co.,TX;d.20 Feb 1870)
- 2. Elisha MOSELEY
  - sp: Susanah WILSON (m.11 Mar 1810)
    - 3. James B. MOSELEY (d.4 Apr 1848-,Cherokee Co,TX)
    - 3. Ann MOSELEY
      - sp: James T. COOK (m.1846)

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## EARLY MOSELEY FAMILIES OF CHEROKEE COUNTY

Two early settlers of Cherokee County, Texas were Elisha Moseley and Alanson Moseley, sons of Henry Moseley of Georgia, whose will was recorded in Jasper County, Georgia in July, 1822.<sup>1</sup>

ELISHA MOSELEY was born in Georgia, and married Susanah Wilson in Elbert City, Georgia, March 11, 1810.<sup>2</sup> They came to Texas and received a land grant for 640 acres on the Neches River about five miles south of Cook's Fort in the County of San Augustine December 20, 1839. In April, 1845, this land was surveyed as part of Cherokee County.<sup>3</sup> In 1846, Elisha Moseley was named to the Commission to select the county seat of Cherokee County, and also served on the committee for the survey of Cherokee County and the town of Rusk.<sup>4</sup> He and his wife were the parents of James B. Moseley, who died April 4, 1848 in Cherokee County, and a daughter, Ann Moseley, whose marriage to James T. Cook in 1846 was the first marriage in Cherokee County.<sup>5</sup>

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1. Wills - Book 6H - Jasper Co., Georgia
  2. *Information on Some Georgia Pioneers* by Jos. T. Maddox
  3. Microfilm Reel 88, S.F. Austin Univ. Library, *Surveyors' Records of Cherokee Co., 1838 -1857*, Vol. A
  4. *History of Cherokee County* - Mattie Joplin Roach
  5. *Nacogdoches, Gateway to Texas* - Carolyn Ericson

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ALANSON MOSELEY was born in Georgia in 1800,<sup>6</sup> and married Sarah (Sallie) Zachary there in 1819.<sup>7</sup> He freighted between Georgia and Texas, and with a fast team of oxen, could make a round trip in six months. Later, using four to six mules, he could make the trip in three months.<sup>8</sup> According to Hattie Joplin Roach's *Hills of Cherokee*, and Johnson's *A History of Texas and Texans*, he and his family moved overland by wagon to Texas in 1845.<sup>9,10</sup> He continued to freight between Georgia and Texas, and between Rusk and Natchitoches, Louisiana. He and his older sons helped build the first courthouse, first jail, and first house in Rusk.<sup>11</sup> His son Henry and son-in-law, John Zachary, husband of Priscilla Moseley, helped survey Cherokee County.<sup>12</sup>

In December, 1846, he bought land on the Crockett Road about four and a half miles southwest of Rusk,<sup>13</sup> where he built a log house, barn and corrals, and raised his family there. Alanson and Sallie Moseley had eight children, seven of whom were born in Georgia and came to Texas with their parents:

Pricilla Moseley, born 1823, and her husband, John Zachary;  
Henry Moseley, born 1825,<sup>7</sup> who married Amanda Jane Smith in Rusk in 1849,<sup>14</sup> later moving to Young County and Tarrant

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6. Gravestone
  7. Family Bible - Alanson Moseley
  8. Grandson, Minton Moseley
  9. *Hills of Cherokee* - Hattie Joplin Roach
  10. *A History of Texas and Texans* - Frank W. Johnson, Vol.
  11. Grandson, Minton Moseley
  12. *Surveyors Records of Cherokee County, Vol 0*
  13. Certified Copy of Deed, No. 87, P. 200, Rusk Co. Clerk
  14. Certified Copy of Marriage License, Rusk, Cherokee Co.

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County,<sup>14</sup> where he died in 1890; Daniel H.Z. Moseley,<sup>15</sup> born in 1828, married Harriet Smith in Cherokee County in 1849. Daniel Moseley later moved to Brown County, where he served as county sheriff, county clerk, and as a member of the Brown County Board of Appeals. He died in Brown County in 1892;<sup>16</sup> Mary A. (Polly) Moseley, born 1830, who married William Allen Smith<sup>16</sup> in Cherokee County in 1851, died in 1883; James Benjamin Moseley,<sup>16</sup> born 1835, was married to Lucy Bell in Cherokee County in 1856. Benjamin Moseley lost his arm at the Battle of Jenkins Ferry during the Civil War. He later was married to Demeris Fancher, and died in Timpson, Shelby County, Texas in 1918; William Penfield Moseley, who was born in 1838, and died in Brownwood, Texas in 1892;<sup>16</sup> Elijah Rowan Moseley, born 1843, who married Rose A Vining in 1869, lived and raised his family in Rusk, Cherokee County, dying there in 1911;<sup>16</sup> and Alanson Marion Moseley, who was born in Rusk March 6, 1849.<sup>16</sup> He was killed by Mexican bandits when he was twenty-one, while working as a cowhand near the Mexican border.

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14 Census

15 Gravestone, Silver Creek, Tarrant County

16 Family Records, Family Bible

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Alanson Moseley died in Rusk in 1853. His wife Sallie died in 1884.<sup>17</sup> They are buried in Moseley Cemetery on the land which they bought in 1846. This land has been owned and occupied by Alanson Moseley and his descendents for 137 years. It is now the home of his granddaughter, Rose (Mrs. W.E.) Bolton, daughter of his son Elijah Rowan Moseley, and her descendents.

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ELIJAH ROWAN MOSELEY, the son of Alanson and Sarah (Sallie) Moseley, was born in Henry County, Georgia January 31, 1843.<sup>18</sup> With his family, he came overland by wagon to Texas when he was two years old, and grew up in Cherokee County, four and one half miles southwest of Rusk. During the Civil War, he enlisted in the Confederate Army, Captain W.G. Engledow's Company of the 11th Texas Volunteers, Trans-Mississippi Department. He served four years in the Confederacy, and was wounded at the Battle of Mansfield.<sup>20</sup> After the war, he returned to Cherokee County and in 1869 married Rosa A. Vining, daughter of <sup>Martha</sup> A. Cosby Vining, formerly of Alabama, whose father was the first sheriff of Cherokee County.<sup>20</sup>

Elijah Rowan Moseley and Rosa Vining Moseley were the parents of seven children: James Henry Moseley, born 1870, married Emma Dupree in 1904. James Henry Moseley was an optometrist in Cherokee County for forty-nine years.<sup>21</sup> He died 21 June, 1948; Sara Elizabeth Moseley, born 14 October, 1871, married J. B. Evans 1889, died 21 September 1900; Dr. Elijah Marion Moseley, born 1873, died 31 December, 1946. Dr. Moseley practiced medicine in Rusk for fifty years, and was Cherokee County Health Officer for forty years.<sup>21</sup> William Albert Moseley, born 1877, married Elizabeth Bolton in 1904. William Albert Moseley was a farmer near Rusk. He died 2 February 1918; Minnie Pearl Moseley, born 1880, married

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James W. Bothwell in 1906, <sup>she</sup> died in 1964; <sup>1969</sup> Daniel Minton Moseley, a long-time Rusk druggist, was born in 1882. He married Clarice A. Michot in 1921. Minton Moseley died in 1965. His wife, Clarice, died 20 October, 1983. They are buried in Moseley Cemetery; Rose Ann Moseley, born 30 June, 1890, married W. Edward Bolton 7 September 1911. In addition to his own children, Elijah Moseley also brought up Willard O'Riley Moseley and Joseph Ira Moseley, sons of his brother, William Penfield Moseley.

Elijah Moseley built a house on the land four and a half miles south of Rusk, which his father bought in 1846. It is now approximately 110 years old. His daughter, Mrs. Rose Bolton now lives in this house, where she was born. Her daughter, Roselyn Scott, and son Marion Bolton also have homes on the property.

Three children of Rose and Edward Bolton live in the Rusk area: Mrs. Marie Gowan, who married William Leon Gowan - Mr. Gowan, now retired, was an employee of Rusk State Hospital; Roselyn Scott, who is beginning her thirtieth year as an L.V.N. at Nan Travis Hospital in Jacksonville. She formerly worked at the Rusk State Hospital for many years; Marion Bolton, who married Mary Ella Meredith in 1934. They had one son, William Albert Bolton, who died in 1970, and is buried in Moseley Cemetery. William Albert Bolton left one daughter, Barbara Elaine Bolton Perrin (Mrs. Robert Perrin) who lives in Bastrop.

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Elijah Rowan Moseley died 31 December, 1911<sup>18</sup>. He, his wife Rosa, seven children and several grandchildren are buried in Moseley Cemetery on their home place south of Rusk.

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- 18 Family Bible  
19 Overland Stage Bible (Rose Bolton's)  
20 *A History of Texas and Texans* by Johnson  
21 *Hills of Cherokee* - Hattie Joplin Roach

**Moseley Families of Cherokee County****DR. ELIJAH MARION MOSELEY**

Dr. E. M. Moseley was the son of Elijah and Rosa Moseley, and grandson of Alanson Moseley and A. Cosby Vining. He was born in Cherokee County December 4, 1873, and lived there all his life, practicing medicine in the vicinity of Rusk for fifty years.

Dr. Moseley studied medicine at the State Medical School at Galveston, and finished at Barnes Medical College in St. Louis. His early practice was in the horse and saddle days, and it was by this means of transportation that he ministered to the sick. Later, he used a more convenient horse and buggy, and still later an automobile.

Dr. Moseley served as County Health Officer of Rusk for forty years; was a member of county and state medical associations, and was president of the Cherokee County and State Medical Associations. He was a member of the district board during World War I, and was later chairman of the district board. Important as these honors were, they meant less to Dr. Moseley than his record of never having lost a mother in childbirth in all his fifty years of practice.<sup>1</sup>

Dr. Moseley died December 31, 1946, and is buried in Moseley Cemetery near Rusk.

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1 Obituary - *Rusk Cherokeean*

2 *A History of Texas and Texans* by Frank W. Johnson

## MOSELEY CEMETERY - Cherokee County Texas

Located about 3 miles south of Rusk on a dirt road between FM Road 23 and FM Road 1857. This is a private graveyard, and was copied 12 June 1970 by Mrs. Ogretta W. Huttash and updated January, 1984 by Roselyn Scott.

Bolton, W.A. (Bill)	30 May 1935 - 4 May 1970	
Bolton, William Edward	23 Sept 1882 - 23 June 1965	} same
Bolton, Rose Moseley	30 June 1890 -	} stone
Bothwell, James W.	1878 - 1953	} same
Bothwell, Minnie	1880 - 1969	} stone
Bothwell, Albert Moseley	1911 - 1941	
Bothwell, James Shannon	5 Aug 1907 - 9 Dec 1977	
Cooper, Serena Carlin Fisher	21 Nov 1927 - March 23 1974	
Evans, J.B	2 Dec 1859 - 19 Aug 1928	} same
Evans, Sarah E	14 Oct 1871 - 21 Sept 1900	} stone
Fisher, Terrell W	6 Aug 1891 - 15 April 1965	
	Texas MM2 US Navy WWII	
Funderburk, Herbert L.	16 Feb 1897 - 9 July 1921	
Lowry, Rosa Nooner	1876 - 1937	
Lowry, W.F.	1907 - 1914	
Lowry, Chancy	1903 - 1916	
Moseley, A.L.	1800 - 1853	} same
Moseley, Sallie	1802 - 1884	} stone
Moseley, E.R.	31 Jan 1843 - 30 Dec 1911	} same
Moseley, Rosa A	22 Jan 1845 - 1 Apr 1931	} stone
Moseley, Elijah Marion, M.D.	4 Dec 1873 - 31 Dec 1946	
Moseley, Daniel Minton	3 Jun 1882 - 1 Sept 1965	} same
Moseley, Clarice A.	21 Apr 1894 - 20 Oct 1983	} stone
Moseley, J.B.	6 Feb 1885 - 16 Sept 1888	
	(in picket fence)	
Moseley, James Henry, DD	14 Feb 1870 - 21 June 1948	} same
Moseley, Emma Dupree	10 May 1884 - 27 July 1968	} stone
Moseley, Pauline	20 Nov 1906 - 27 July 1910	} on
Moseley, Pearl	29 Jul 1905 - 15 Jan 1908	} same
	(Daughters of W.A. and S.E. Moseley)	} stone
Moseley, Myrtle E.	21 Sep 1910 - 17 May 1911	
	(Daughter of W.A. and S.E. Moseley)	
Moseley, W.A.	14 April 1877 - 2 Feb 1918	} same
Moseley, Sarah E.	12 Feb 1881 - 30 May 1920	} stone
Moseley, Joseph Ira	3 Jan 1890 - 15 Jun 1978	} same
Moseley, Annie Mae Hassell	15 Apr 1905 -	} stone
Moseley, Martin Luther	12 Aug 1914 -	} same
Moseley, Jane Stoy	14 Jan 1921 - 4 May 1924	} stone
Peeples, Oscar P.	10 Feb 1859 - 8 Jan 1918	} same
Peeples, Pocahontas C.	16 Feb 1863 - 30 Jan 1951	} stone
Spray, Enoch	15 Jun 1878 - 20 Sep 1901	
	(Texas Pvt., Co. C, 39 Regt, U.S. Vol. Inf.)	

**Vining Family Bible**

STATION

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THE HOLY BIBLE CONTAINING OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

THE ORIGINAL TONGUES - NEW YORK AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY INSTITUTED IN  
THE YEAR OF MDCCXVI - 1860

A. C. VINING

PRESENT FROM AN AGENT OF THE OVERLAND MAIL COMPANY. TEXAS

(THIS BIBLE IS NOW OWNED BY MRS. (W. E.) ROSE MOSELEY BOLTON, GRAND-  
DAUGHTER OF A. C. VINING.)

A. C. VINING WAS BORN NOVEMBER 15TH, 1834.

WRITTEN BY J. H. VINING (WHO) WAS BORN NOV. 24TH 1830.

## Vining Family Bible

A. C. VINING BIBLE - CONTINUED

J. W. BOTHWELL & MINNIE PEARL MOSELEY WAS MARRIED DEC. 23RD, 1906.

EDWARD MARION BOLTON AND MARY ELLA MEREDITH WERE MARRIED JAN. 17,  
1934.

BILL (WILLIAM ALBERT) BOLTON WAS BORN MAY 30TH 1935 - DIED MAY 4TH,  
1970.

BARBARA BOLTON (BILL'S DAUGHTER) BORN MAY 23, 1962.

MARIE BOLTON & LEON BOWEN MARRIED JULY 5, 1941.

EDWARD MARION BOLTON BORN FEB. 3, 1913.

MINNIE PEARL MOSELEY AND JAMES BOTHWELL WERE MARRIED DEC. 23RD 1906

AND JAMES CHANNON BOTHWELL WAS BORN AUG. 5TH 1907.

ALBERT MOSELEY BOTHWELL BORN AUG. 8TH 1911.

EVERETT BOTHWELL BORN AUG. 22 - 1919.

MOSELYN BOLTON - BORN FEB. 4, 1925.

B. C. BOLTON AND ROSA MOSELEY WERE MARRIED SEPT. 3RD - 1911.

COUSIN LUCY VINING WAS BURIED FEB. 22, 1929.

COUSIN JOHN GLOAN DIED FEB. 8, 1929.

UNCLE BASCOMB EVANS DIED AUG. 17 - 1928.

MARIE BOLTON WAS BORN JUNE 27TH - 1916.

LIZZIE MOSELEY DIED MAY 30, 1920.

ALBERT DANIEL MOSELEY WAS BORN NOV. 1ST, 1912.

ROTH JEWELL MOSELEY BORN DEC. 8TH, 1916.

(COPIED BY MARY ELLA MEREDITH BOLTON (MRS. EDWARD MARION),

ROLLAR # 602853.

TYPED BY CATHERINE MEREDITH LINNEY (MRS. CHARLES H.),

ROLLAR # 603955.)

**Vining Famiy Bible**

ALANSON VINEY FAMILY BIBLE

(Copied from the original by Catherine Meredith Linney, Oct. 23, 1970.)

The Holy Bible Containing Old and New  
Testament together with the Apocrypha  
J. B. Lippincott & Company  
Philadelphia  
1858

## MARRIAGES

Alanson Moseley and  
Salley P. Zachry was married  
the 23 of Dec. 1819

Steven Halbert and  
Prisse E. Zachry was married  
the 15 of Oct. 1863

## DEATHS

Alanson Moseley Deceased  
the 16 of February 1853

Alanson Marion Moseley Deceased  
January the 30, 1870

Polly A. J. Smith  
died Mar. 15, 1883

Sallie R. Moseley  
died August the 8th, 1884.

Henry Moseley died April 15, 1890  
Aged 64 years and 6 months

W. P. Moseley died Jan. 28, 1891  
Age 54 years

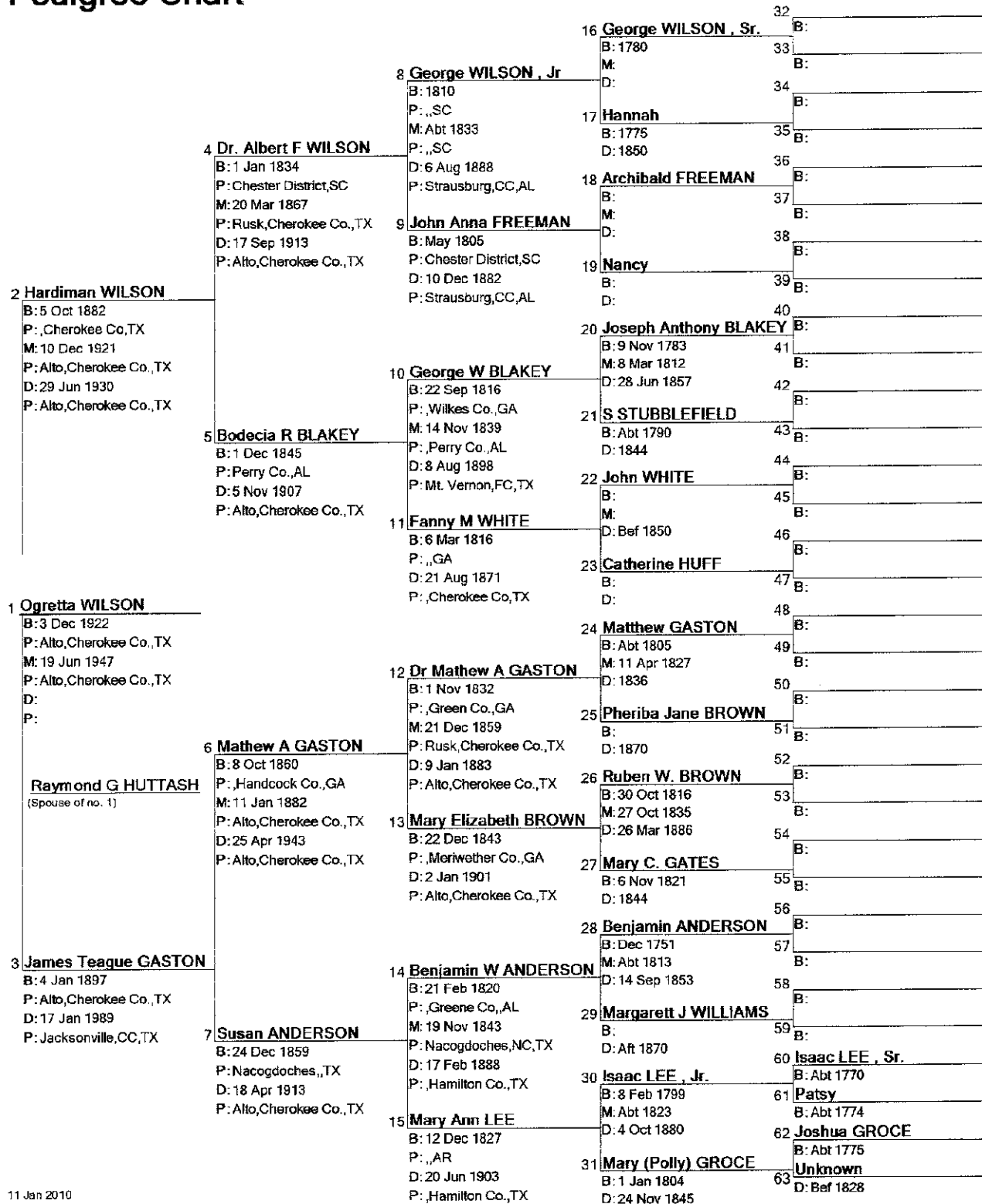
Daniel H. Moseley died July 21st 1891  
Age 64 years

(All spelling of words copied exactly as written in the bible. C. Linney)

Ogretta Huttash Ancestors

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1



## Joshua Groce Family

## Descendants of Joshua GROCE

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1. Joshua GROCE (b.Ab1 1775;d.13 Sep 1833-San Augustine,TX area (Ayish District))  
 sp: Unknown (d.Bef 1828-,Rapides Parish,LA)
- 2. Larkin GROCE (b.Ab1 1803-,Trigg Co.,KY;d.1841/1843-,Sabine Co.,TX)  
 sp: Belinda White EARL (b.1812-,LA;m.Ab1 1837)
- 3. Elizabeth Le GROCE (b.20 Nov 1838-,Sabine Co.,TX;d.24 Feb 1915-Groveton,Trinity Co.,TX)  
 sp: Elihu Lorenzo VICKREY (b.13 Jun 1825-,SC;m.25 Jun 1857;d.10 Dec 1905-Groveton,Trinity Co.,TX)
- 4. Henrietta VICKREY (b.1858-Nacogdoches.,TX;d.Ab1 1880)
- 4. Edward Laurence VICKREY (b.3 Jun 1859-Nacogdoches.,TX;d.3 Apr 1940)  
 sp: Fanny Eady PARMER (m.27 Feb 1887)
- 4. Cora VICKREY (b.1860-Nacogdoches.,TX;d.Ab1 1915)
- 4. Fannie VICKREY (b.Ab1 1862-Pennington,Trinity Co.,TX)  
 sp: Jim DAWSON
- 4. Ida VICKREY
- 4. Eugene VICKREY
- 4. Frank Napoleon VICKREY (b.1864-Pennington,Trinity Co.,TX;d.1936)  
 sp: Addie JOHNSON (m.2 Feb 1902)
- 4. Mortimer VICKREY (b.1864-Pennington,Trinity Co.,TX;d.1912-Groveton,Trinity Co.,TX)  
 sp: Katherine PARMER
- 4. Placide VICKREY (b.1869-Pennington,Trinity Co.,TX)
- 2. Mary (Polly) GROCE (b.1 Jan 1804-,KY;d.24 Nov 1845-Nacogdoches,Nacogdoches Co.,TX)  
 sp: Isaac LEE , Jr. (b.8 Feb 1799-,Clarke Co.,GA;m.Ab1 1823;d.4 Oct 1880-Alto,Cherokee Co.,TX)
- 3. Larkin G. LEE (b.16 May 1824-,Hempstead,AR;d.30 Apr 1862)  
 sp: Lucinda E. GREEN (m.13 Jan 1852)
- 3. Nancy LEE (b.17 Dec 1825-Washington,Hempstead Co.,AR;d.12 Jul 1857-Palestine,Anderson Co.,TX)  
 sp: Alexander JOOST (m.2 Apr 1846)
- 3. Mary Ann LEE (b.12 Dec 1827-,AR;d.20 Jun 1903-,Hamilton Co.,TX)  
 sp: Benjamin W. ANDERSON (b.21 Feb 1820-,Greene Co.,AL;m.19 Nov 1843;d.17 Feb 1888-,Hamilton Co.,TX)
- 4. Susan ANDERSON (b.24 Dec 1859-Nacogdoches.,TX;d.18 Apr 1913-Alto,Cherokee Co.,TX)  
 sp: Mathew Alexander GASTON (b.8 Oct 1860-,Hancock Co.,GA;m.11 Jan 1882;d.25 Apr 1943-Alto,Cherokee Co.,TX)
- 5. James Teague GASTON (b.4 Jan 1897-Alto,Cherokee Co.,TX;d.17 Jan 1989-Jacksonville,Cherokee Co.,TX)  
 sp: Hardiman WILSON (b.5 Oct 1882-,Cherokee Co,TX;m.10 Dec 1921;d.29 Jun 1930-Alto,Cherokee Co.,TX)
- 6. Ogretta WILSON (b.3 Dec 1922-Alto,Cherokee Co.,TX)  
 sp: Raymond Gaylord HUTTASH (b.5 Feb 1914;m.19 Jun 1947;d.22 Dec 1963-Jacksonville,Cherokee Co.,TX)
- 3. Belinda Groce LEE (b.16 Feb 1831-Sabine.,TX;d.15 Feb 1874-Alto,Cherokee Co.,TX)  
 sp: Edward Melton FITTS (m.15 Jun 1848)
- 3. Maggie J. LEE (b.27 Oct 1832-,Washington Co.,TX;d.26 Oct 1840-Nacogdoches,Nacogdoches Co.,TX)
- 2. Martha Ann GROCE (b.Ab1 1817-,Livingston Co.,KY;d.Aft 1880-Rusk,Cherokee Co.,TX)  
 sp: Lemuel B. BROWN (m.15 Jul 1837;d.1841/1842-,Nacogdoches Co.,TX)
- 3. H. G. BROWN (b.1840-,Nacogdoches Co.,TX)  
 sp: John NOBLITT (b.1805-,NC;m.8 Jun 1843;d.31 Mar 1851-,Cherokee Co.TX)
- 3. Thomas R. NOBLITT (b.1845-,Nacogdoches Co.,TX;d.Bef 1860)
- 3. John L. NOBLITT (b.1846-,Cherokee Co,TX)
- 3. Charles L. NOBLITT (b.1847-,Cherokee Co,TX)
- 3. Paralee NOBLITT (b.1850)  
 sp: William GRAHAM (b.Ab1 1816-,TN;m.4 Sep 1856(Div))

Joshua Groce Family

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Groce and Their  
Children in Texas Before 1830

by

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### Joshua Groce Family

On July 29, 1970 in the office of the county clerk of Nacogdoches County, I learned who my great great great grandfather was. These are the generations.

Ogreta Wilson	1922 -	myself
James Teague Gaston	1897 -	my mother
Susan Anderson	1859 - 1913	my grandmother
Mary Ann Lee	1827 - 1903	my great grandmother
Mary Groce	1804 - 1845	my great great grandmother
Joshua Groce	ca 1775 - 1833	my great great great grandfather

For these two hundred years or so, only one date has not been proved and it is the birthdate of Joshua Groce. He came to Texas in 1826, a married man with at least one minor child, and settled in what was then called Ayish Bayou, now the San Augustine area. The name of his wife is still unknown. That area of Texas was sparsely settled. His son Larkin and Larkin's wife Belinda came about the same time to the same area, and so did Isaac and Mary Groce Lee and their family, from Arkansas. All these people had strong ties to Rapides Parish, Louisiana but the travel pattern is not yet known.

Those were exciting but uncertain times. There were certain stirrings of discontent and the Battle of Nacogdoches was fought in 1832, before Joshua Groce died, my first ancestor to die in Texas, in September 1833 - long ago.

The Groce children were Larkin, Mary, and Martha Ann, perhaps others. In the early 1930s an aged E. M. Pitts, Jr. (1855-1941) of Alto, Texas wrote his cousin, Leola Lee Kimmey:

Mrs Isaac Lee's maiden name was Polly Groose.  
She had 7 sisters they all stopped in Ark.  
all but 2 that was your great grandmother  
Polly and Aunt Ann Noblitt and they settled  
at Nacogdoches. I don't know what year they  
came here.

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This small piece of lined tablet paper was preserved by Leola's sister, Otha Lee Crenshaw, who is now almost 92 years of age and is a resident of Alto. It was the only clue to Joshua Groce. Subsequent research has added much from books, public records, and Bibles. His physical description is missing, but he seems to have never stayed in one place very long, as rather extensive research has not yielded even a foot print in Louisiana or Arkansas or Missouri. E. M. Fitts and others of his generation could have added to the family tradition but that opportunity is gone now. Fitts' information was quite accurate. Mrs. Isaac Lee's maiden name was Mary (Polly) Groce, Leola's great grandmother, and "Aunt Ann" was Mary's sister. It is interesting that he said she had seven sisters. This seems a bit strange as they are not listed in probate proceedings, but it is a clue.

One of Martha Ann Groce's husbands was John Noblitt, a name well known to the Alto relatives. Their two sons were John and Charlie. One of these boys had a store in Alto. Mama says he often visited in their home when she was growing up, and before her mother died in 1913. She says John died in Alto about 1915 but his family lived "off."

My big "find" in the Nacogdoches records was in Deed Book H, page 259, dated 13 September 1844, filed 15 November 1844. It is Bond for Title in the amount of \$1,000 from Isaac Lee to Asha Mitchell on 1/3 league and labor of land, Republic of Texas, San Augustine County.

Asha Mitchell do own 1/3 headright of Joshua Gross,  
deceased, from Larkin Gross, deceased, now therefore  
the said or aforesaid Isaac Lee being one of the  
legatees of Joshua Gross.....  
Witness: William Roark, O. L. Holmes

"Legatee" is the magic word pointing to the relationship through his wife.

The Index to Deed Records revealed Joshua Gross as original grantee. Then some older records show that on 2 May 1837 in Nacogdoches County

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Isaac Lee and Larkin Groce petitioned for letters of administration on Joshua Groce who died intestate on or about the 13th day of September 1833. Their petition lists one as a son and one as a son-in-law. This was

read and considered and the clerk will make usual publication and if no objection be filed on or before the next Court of Probate for said County to be held on the last Monday in this month the letters of administration will be granted as prayed for. Chas Taylor, C.J.

Next, Larkin Groce sold his 1/3 interest in the land certificate to Asa Mitchell on 18 October 1839. At that time Larkin lived in Sabine County. Time passed and nothing was done to sell the land certificate or to settle the estate. Looking back, we now know that Larkin Groce died about 1841 or 1842.

In the December Term of Court in 1844, John Noblitt petitioned for administration de bonis non in right of his wife Martha Ann Noblitt, one of the heirs of Joshua Groce, deceased. All the heirs are now known.

The General Land Office Certificate No. 341 dated 21 September 1838 for the one league and one labor of land issued to the heirs of Joshua Groce shows that he was a farmer and a stockman, was a married man, came to Texas about ten years ago (1828) and died 13 September 1833 - before he had applied for land and before he was enumerated on any census.

Things moved slowly. John Noblitt died in 1851 and Isaac Lee became administrator de bonis non, after making bond of \$4,200 and taking the oath as required by law for the faithful performance of the trust in April 1852. Lee filed an inventory and appraisement on 16 April 1852. The following year he twice filed exhibits and the administration was continued from term to term. Finally, the Court ordered that notice of intention to settle the estate of Joshua Groce be published at least twenty days in the Nacogdoches

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Chronicle, the county newspaper, in the January term of court, 1856. By April of that year the distribution had been made and Isaac Lee was released from his duties. This was the division:

1/3 of one league and labor to M. A. Noblitt

1/3 of one league and labor to Asa Mitchell who bought it from Larkin Groce

1/3 of one league and labor to the heirs of Polly Lee, late wife of Isaac

Lee, being "one of the children of said Joshua Groce". Isaac Lee signed. So did their children

Mary Ann Anderson [my great grandmother], B. W. Anderson

Belinda G. Fitts, E. M. Fitts

Larkin G. Lee

Nancy Joost, Alexander Joost

This estate settlement proved three generations for me.

These are the children of Joshua Groce:

Larkin Groce - born ca 1800, died 1841/1842. Married Belinda Earl.

Mary Groce - born 1 January 1804 - died 24 November 1845 at Nacogdoches, buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Martha Ann Groce - born ca 1817 - died ca 1883 at Cherokee County, Texas. She married

1. Dr. Lemuel B. Brown in San Augustine Co. 16 July 1837
2. John Noblitt in Nacogdoches Co. 8 June 1843
3. William Graham at Cherokee Co. 4 Sept 1856.  
Divorced 1860

Joshua Groce is now gone, and mostly forgotten, but he has many, many descendants in Texas, especially East Texas, and others "scattered all over the world."

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(son of Joshua)

LARKIN GROCE

Page 178 Filed for Record April 16th A.D. 1910 at 5 o'clock P.M.  
L. E. King, County Clerk, Sabine County, Texas

Third Seal

For the Biennial Term of

Two Reals

1834 and 1835

No. 48: To the Hon. Special Commissioner of the Enterprise of Lorenzo de Zavala: I, Larkin Groce, a native of the United States of the North, present myself before you with due respect and say: That attracted by the generous provisions of the colonization laws of the State, I have come with my family consisting of two persons to settle myself therein, if you should see fit to admit me in the class of colonist, conceding to me one league of land in the vacant tracts of said Enterprise. Therefore, I supplicate you to be pleased to grant me the favor that I implore, for which favor I shall live forever grateful.

St Augustine, Sept. 23, 1834,  
Larkin Groce

Directions - - Admit the interested party with the accompanying certificate to the Hon. Empresario to whom it [I do not have the remainder of this one]

The above is where Larkin Groce applied for his own league of land in Zavala's colony. It was located near Pineland.

Larkin and wife Belinda (nee Earl) appear on the 1829-1836 Texas Census of Sabine County, Texas as age 30 and 23, respectively. A daughter Elizabeth was born 20 November 1838 in Sabine County, Texas. The date of birth of this child is also entered in the Bible of Larkin G. Lee, nephew of Larkin Groce:

"Elizabeth Le Groce was born in Sabine, Old Texas November 20, 1838".

Before our research on GROCE, we could not recognize this child. Now it all comes to gether. However, she is now known as Elizabeth Lewis or Louis Groce. On June 25, 1857 at Nacogdoches, Texas she was married to Elihu Lorenzo Vickrey. He was born 13 June 1825 in South Carolina and died at Groveton in Trinity County, Texas 10 Dec 1905. Elizabeth also died at Groveton 24 Feb 1915. They were parents of 12 children: Henrietta, Edward Laurence, Cora, Fannie, Ida, Eugene, Frank Napoleon, Mortimer, Placide, Eva, Carridon Steale, and Aila, six boys and six girls.

Back to Belinda. Some notes on that family were sent me about 15 years ago. They say that Belinda White Earl, daughter of Mathew Earl and Nancy Matilda White, after the death of Larkin Groce, married James W. Williams and they had four children.

## Joshua Groce Family

### Family Tradition

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Collected Notes from Dimples Mangum Sanders - 13 Aug 1971

Notes by Eva Mangum 1928-1929-1930:

Great Great Grandmother WHITE was raised an orphan and had an awful hard time. MATILDA WHITE, her daughter, married Mathew Earl, who were my mother's Grandfather & Grandmother. They had six children: William Earl and Belinda Earl and I do not know the others names.

BELINDA EARL was my mother's mother who married LARKEN GROCE, who was her father. Larkin & Belinda Groce had two (2) children: an infant girl who died, and 8 years later my mother was born - ELIZABETH LEWIS GROCE. Before my mother was 2 years old, her father died. From the funeral she & her mother went to her Grandmother EARLS. Her mother remarried, but she lived there until she was 17 years old. After her grandmother died, she lived with her "Uncle Bill" or William Earl, who was a real father to her. She taught school while living there. She visited a cousin in Nacogdoches and met my father, ELIHU LORENZA VICKREY. From this union there were 12 children born: HENRIETTA, LAURENCE, CORA, FANNIE, IDA, EUGENE, NAPOLEON, MORTIMER, PLACIDE, EVA, CARRIDON STEELE, ATLA - 6 boys and 6 girls.

My parents lived to see all of these children converted and made the remark that they would be happy in Heaven because all of their family would be there. My mother was 76 when she died, my father was 80. They were both fine Christians and kept young in spirit and loved life with all of its meaning to the last.

Notes by Rubye, from Aunt At, also written by Eva Mangum

ELIHU LORENZA (O) VICKREY: B. June 13, 1825, South Carolina. (Called "Renze")  
Parents: George Vickrey and Fannie Howell

He came to Greenville, Ala. when he was seven (7) years old.

Had a twin brother named Washington, "Wash", Also had a sister Francis, "Fanny"  
Ancestors came from Wales.

After his first wife and babies died, he came to Texas and brought his own little colored boy with him who stayed at the Hotel with him, shined his shoes, kept his clothes in perfect order etc. A white girl lived in and worked for Mama and Daddy while in Pennington to help with the children.

ELIZABETH (LOUIS) (LEWIS) GROCE: B. Nov. 30, 1838 in Sabine Co.  
Parents: Larken Groce and Belinda Earl.

From Margarite Gilmore, told on phone 4/14/71

Her great grandfather EARL had a cousin named "Cousin Lizzy Vickrey."  
[Elizabeth L. Groce] The Earls and Vickreys came to Pennington together to settle there and her mother or grandmother married a BUFFINGTON in the Vickrey home and her mother still lives in the original home of the Vickreys.

WILLIAM EARL, of San Augustine Co., was middle aged and had a marriage "arranged" to an illegitimate 15 year old girl who was raised by a family named METCALF OR WHITE. They had two children: ADA and DICK. "Uncle Dick" Richard had 6 or 7 children.

Eva and Atla remember that some of the kin folks of Elizabeth L. G. Vickrey are buried in the cemetery on the grounds of the "Old North Church" near Nacogdoches.

## Joshua Groce Family

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(Daughter of Joshua)

Mary (Polly) Groce

Locating the grave of my great great grandmother, Mary Groce, who married Isaac Lee, was one of the great thrills of my research. An article in a Tyler newspaper about historic Oak Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches was the clue. Old North Church Cemetery seemed more favorable, but was wrong. It was a very hot day, 103°, when my search began in the north part of the south section of Oak Grove Cemetery. It is a beautiful cemetery but the heat drove me in. At the Fredonia Hotel someone said Mrs. Roy Dean Burk would tell me where the grave was, for a fee. I phoned her and explained who I wanted to find but did not know when she died - or where - but felt it was Oak Grove. We had a lovely conversation, she was charming, and refused pay for her information. Later I gave a gift in her honor to the library there. Her name was Joel, but I never met her. She said go to the south part of the middle section and the grave was about half way between the angel and the mausoleum! It was! I am still amazed at her information.

The headstone is white, set in cement, about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet high and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide. It has a hand with the index finger extended and palm facing the viewer. It is about 30' NW of the angel near the cedars, about 20' each way to the cedars.

MARY  
Wife of  
ISAAC LEE  
Born  
Jan. 1, 1804  
Died  
Nov. 24, 1845  
Aged  
41 yrs, 10 mos  
& 24 days

She was born in Kentucky, lived in Arkansas, and probably in Rapides Parish, Louisiana near Boyce, before coming to Texas in 1828.

A while later I realized the stone was just like the one for Isaac Lee at Alto. More than likely their daughter, Mary Ann who married Ben Anderson, ordered the stones on her last trip to Nacogdoches and Alto in January 1903, just six months before her death. Both stones on the back read "Falloneill, St Louis." They are pretty and have lasted well.

## Children of Isaac Lee and Mary Groce:

- Larkin G. Lee, born 16 May 1824 in Arkansas - died 30 April 1862 in the Civil War. Married Lucinda E. Green 13 Jan 1852 in Cherokee Co., Texas
- Nancy Lee, born 17 Dec 1825 in Hempstead Co., Ark., died 12 July 1857.  
Married Alexander Joost of Fort Houston and Palestine 2 April 1846.
- Mary Ann Lee, born 12 Dec 1827 in Hempstead Co., Ark. -died 20 June 1903 near Hico, Texas. Married Benjamin W. Anderson 19 Nov 1843.
- Balinda Groce Lee, born 27 Oct 1831 "Sabine Town Old Texas", died 15 Feb 1874 near Alto, Texas. Married Edward Melton Fitts 15 June 1848.
- Maggie J. Lee, born 27 Oct 1832 in Washington Co., Texas, died 26 Oct 1840.

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In the application of Isaac Lee for a pension in August 1874, he stated that he

emigrated to the State of Texas on the 15th day of April A.D. 1828;

that he participated in the Battle of Nacogdoches fought on 2d August 1832 as a member of Capt. Sam Davis' Company

that he also was a member of Capt. Mat Collins' Company raised in 1836 [he served 3 months in the Texas Revolution]

Mary Groce was born 1 Jan 1804 and was only 24 years of age when they came to Texas from Arkansas. My great grandmother, Mary Ann Lee, who was born in December 1827 was brought on horseback. An old clipping dated Jan. 4, probably 1903, is titled

An Interesting Character Who Has Lived  
Under Four Flags in Texas

and is included here on the next page. She praises her father, old Uncle Isaac Lee, as he was generally called. Then Mary Ann recalled this: "I was born in Arkansas in 1825. [Really 1827] My grandmother is buried in what is now known as the Henderson graveyard a few miles west of Alexandria, La. My father moved to Texas in 1828 and first settled where the town of San Augustine now stands. He built the first house there. He soon found he was on a survey of land belonging to a Mexican, and he vacated it. Then he lived a short time near where the village of Melrose now stands, ten miles east of the town of Nacogdoches, and from there he came to the old homestead adjoining the town of Nacogdoches, on the southeast, locating on what is still known as the Isaac Lee Labor of land, the place that he improved and occupied while he raised his children under four or five different flags -- first the Mexican, next the Texas republic, then the United States, then the Confederate States, and again the United States. In 1870 father and I removed to Cherokee County near Alto where he died in 1880, and I removed to Hamilton County in 1885. Oh I've had many ups and downs and gone through many dangers. I was in the "run away scrape" in 1836 when all the people fled from here in a panic at the approach of the hated despot Santa Anna with the heartless Mexican army. We crossed the Sabine River for safety, a dangerous crossing. The river was overflowed and was very wide, and we had to cross in an old leaky flat ferry boat and everybody was trying to get on it at once, and the men had to constantly dip water out as we crossed and it did seem like the boat would sink anyhow. We remained over there for several months, from April till August."

My great great grandmother, Mary Lee, was truly a pioneer woman.

**Joshua Groce Family**

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(Daughter of Joshua)

Martha Ann Groce

Martha Ann Groce was the daughter of Joshua Groce and wife, yet unknown. Census records 1850 through 1880 of Cherokee County indicate she was born in Kentucky. She came with her father, and possibly her mother, to Ayish District around San Augustine, very early, in 1828. Even though her father died in 1833, some part of her family was still there when she married Lemuel B. Brown 16 July 1837 as the marriage license reads "Provided always that the said Martha A. Groce be an actual Resident of this County &c. By 1841 Lemuel B. Brown was Coroner of Nacogdoches County. In Hurrah for Texas, The Diary of Adolphus Sterne, page 40, a drunken frolic is referred to. Papers from SFASU Special Collections show that James Harper Starr made an oath before A. Sterne that John Noblitt assaulted him and M. F. Reinhardt on April 26, 1841 "with intent to commit the crime of murder- the said Noblitt presenting a gun and a pistol and pointing the same at the said Starr and Reinhardt and declaring that he would shoot them."

How Noblitt could miss two people with a gun and a pistol is interesting. It seems that he just didn't pull the trigger. At any rate, no one had to hunt him; Noblitt came forward voluntarily and "presented himself to said Justice of the Peace and after James H. Starr, Williston M. Cox & Henry Raguet Jr. were sworn and testified in this case, said Mr. Noblitt was delivered to the hands of L. B. Brown, Coroner of said county.(the sheriff being absent) till he gave Bail in the Sum of five hundred dollars for appearance at the next term of District Court to answer the charges." Disposition of this case has not been found.

Page 5 of the Sterne Diary has shown Noblitt as one of the appraisers of the estate of John Ogilvie. Archie McDonald calls Ogilvy "a ghostly shadow in Texas history...died before Sept 1839 in Adolphus Sterne's home, and Sterne became the administrator of his estate." Ogilvie had kept a diary which was actually thought to be Sterne's because it was with the papers of the latter. "Ogilvy was agent for the heirs of Dr. James Grant, who died March 2, 1836 while leading the unfortunate Matamoros Expedition." (page 1)  
page 43. J. Noblett, John Reid, and N. Wade were sworn in as Commissioners.  
page 66. Sterne, J. F. Ham & John Noblitt went out to Vital Flores' for the purpose of making the division between the lands of the Heirs of Clita Flores, deceased. Arrived after dark. Oct. 1841  
page 79. Noblitt was a witness when Sterne rented the upper part of the Stone

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House for the Hiram Lodge in Feb 1842 till Jan 1, 1843 for \$24 a year.

Page 125. General Henderson had killed N. P. Garner of San Augustine. Gen. Rusk was sent to defend him, and Col. Mayfield, Muse, and John Noblitt went with him. Nov. 1842

Page 128. Sterne left for San Augustine with Gen. Rusk, Col. Jennings, and Mr. Noblett and Gen. Smith for Gen. Henderson's examining trial. Nov 1842

Page 196. John Noblitt moved into the House formerly occupied by General Douglass on Feb. 12. 1844.

John Noblitt had married Mrs. Martha Ann Brown June 8, 1843.

So the man who tried to murder Dr. Starr was likewise well known. Now we go back to Jan. 14, 1842. Sterne had gone to Austin Dec. 1, 1841 and had just come back to learn that "Doctor L. B. Brown the Coroner" had died during that six weeks. On April 20th, 1842 Sterne "made a contract with Mrs. L. B. Brown troug S. M. Orton, to live in the House I lately purchased until next January when she is to deliver it up to me paying no rent, nor am I to pay her anything for such improvements she may make."

Page 129 of the Sterne Diary. Nov 30, 1842. 'the Estate of L. B. Brown has not been administered on. was appointed temporary administrator -- don't like it at all, for the widow dont understand the laws -- and will blame me as intermeddling which is far from me - went to Lee's but have not taken any Property in my possession, hope the widow will take the Administration into her own hands -- which will enable her to pay off all debts the Estate owes in one year out of the hire of the negroes --

Within six months Martha Ann Groce Brown was Mrs. Noblitt. Did she meet Noblitt before or after he was turned over to the Coroner, her first husband, for attempted murder of James H. Starr and M. F. Reinhardt? At any rate, they soon moved to Cherokee County, where Noblitt had a land grant.

The 1850 Census of Cherokee County, Texas, Res. 204, Farmer, \$4,800:

NOBLITT, John	45 N.C.
Martha A.	34 Ky
Thomas R.	5 Texas
John L.	4 "
Charles A.	3 "
BROWN, H. G.	10 "
MUSE, K. H.	25 Tenn. Farmer
MUSE, Thos.	60 S.C. Mechanic

John Noblitt was dead by 31 March 1851 when his death was suggested to the Court at Nacogdoches where he had been serving as administrator de bonis non in the estate of Joshua Groce, his father-in-law who died 13 Sept 1833.

On 4 September 1856 Martha Ann Groce Brown Noblitt married William Graham.

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He was a prosperous merchant in the town of Rusk. On the 1850 Census he was enumerated with the Stevens family at Res. 432 and his real or personal property was \$5,000.

At Res. 434 was Robert Green, a well-known and prosperous citizen, and his large family. Perhaps Larking M. Lee from Macogoches was in town visiting his Aunt Ann Noblitt when he met his future bride, Lucinda Green!

This was a brief and stormy marriage for the Widow Noblitt, and in the spring term of court in 1860 William C. Graham filed for divorce. He stated that they had lived together as husband and wife until February 1858, about 17 months. The divorce proceedings are fascinating for the reason that each point has to be fully explained. He said that to keep Martha Ann quiet and peaceable, they exchanged various pieces of property and she became the owner of the home they lived in - then she threw him out and he was sick and almost blind. Finally he moved to "Sweet Home" to the upstairs or second floor of the nearby manger! She said he was all too often intoxicated.

The divorce was granted and she took back the name of Noblitt.

1860 Census of Cherokee County, Texas

# 457 REV \$2,000 Personal \$1,000

GRAHAM, M. A.	42	Ky
NOBLITT, John L.	14	Texas
Charles	13	"
Parolee	10	"

1870 Census of Cherokee County, Texas

#389 REV 300 Personal \$50 page 57

NOBLETT, Martha A.	51	Ky
John	24	Texas
Charles	22	"
(The boys worked on the farm)		

1880 Census of Cherokee County, Texas

precinct 1, Town of Rusk, West of

Alto to Jacksonville Road

#66

NOBLETT, M. A.	61	Ky Ga SC
John	34	Tx Ky Ky
RICKETTS, Sarah	80	wf NC - NC
WILLIAMS, M.	37	bf Texas
John	11	bm "

A few years later part of Martha Ann Noblitt's property was sold at a Sheriff's sale. She died here in Cherokee County, probably in the town of Rusk, but her grave has not been located. Her sons were in and out of the county for years to come. One had a store in Alto and died about 1915.

Martha Ann lived under the four or five different flags, the Runaway Scrape, the Texas Revolution, the Mexican War, the Civil War and Reconstruction. Today we cannot locate any of her descendants.

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Clues for Further SearchAnson County, North Carolina Abstracts of Early Records, Vol. I, 1950

page 45:

"Gross family divided during the Revolution and Jared Ellison Gross, a patriot, moved to Lincoln Co., Georgia and changed his name to GROCE. His son Jared E. Gross III was one of Stephen F. Austin's 300 in Texas in 1821. In Anson County, Solomon was a Loyalist. Sheppard, brother of Jared III, married Susan Steele in Georgia."

page 134 and 136: JOSHUA GROSS signed a petition asking county be divided by Pee Dee River and Court House be near the center, the court house was then 10 or 12 miles of South Carolina and extremely inconvenient.

1810 Census of Livingston County, Kentucky lists Joshua Groce as

1 male under 10

1 male 26 - 45

4 females under 10

2 female 10-17

1 female 26 - 45

This was before Martha Ann Groce was born. One day we hope to prove what E. M. Pitts wrote on the scrap of paper, that our Mary (Polly) Groce was either one of seven sisters - or even that she had seven sisters!

Groce Family by Berlet Groce, in Houston Library. L. W. Groce married Miss Courtney Ann Fulton of Rapides Parish, Louisiana in 1830.

In an interview in 1903, Mary Ann Lee said her grandmother was buried near Boyce, Louisiana. Her Grandmother Patsy Lee seems to have died in Washington County, Texas - so did her Grandmother Groce die in Rapides Parish on a visit to relatives?

Another Louisiana Clue: Belinda Earl was born in Louisiana. Could have married there. For her possible father, see page 65 of Two Centuries in East Texas by Crockett. Same name: Matthew Earl. On 1850 FC Sabine Co., too.

From Pansy Gross, Box 3211, San Angelo TX 76902, 1981: Wills and Administrations of Isle of Wight Co., Virginia by Chapman

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1771 - Francis Gross died. Heirs: Thomas, Willis, Joshua, William. Exts Josiah Cutchins & Thos Gross. Wit: Thos Hall, Ann West, Mary West. (Chapman, (Will Book 8, page 118) page 227. [Three generations named JOSHUA]

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