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Editor's Letter

Congratulations to Joan Petty Bounds. She has recently published "Ancestors of John Byron Bounds, Sr." She has graciously offered a copy to the Jacksonville Public Library. I know that if you have any connection to this family, you will certainly enjoy this well documented and entertaining book. Thanks, Joan.

Thanks to Rootsweb for allowing us to reprint the articles by Mary Harrell-Sesnick and Joan Young. Thanks to Mrs. Jimmye Watson and Gene W. Rogers for the articles they contributed.

Nate Grimes and I are always looking for articles and family histories about Cherokee County families. Please send us your stories.

David Emprimo of the Jacksonville Public Library has recently completed cataloging the Ogreta Huttash Archives Collection located in the Genealogy Section of the Library. To search online go to: <http://www.jacksonvillelibrary.com/>, then type in the surname in the "Catalog Search block, select Subject and ALL Materials and click "GO". You will be directed to the file folders in the vertical files for that surname. The files are numbered Hu1 through Hu 505. Good luck!!

Gordon Bennett
Editor

Using Roots Web by Mary Harrell-Sesnick

Genealogy Forms and Charts

The New Year is the time to get organized, and what better way than with free forms and charts you can find on RootsWeb. On a personal note, forms organize and track my research, and they assist in making notations regarding my treasured resource collections -- mostly so others will understand their connection and value, long after I am gone.

Easily located by clicking on the [Blank Charts and Forms](http://helpdesk.rootsweb.com/get_started/charts_forms.html?sssdmh=dm13.231239)
http://helpdesk.rootsweb.com/get_started/charts_forms.html?sssdmh=dm13.231239
link on the home page, you'll find:

1. Ancestral Chart (pedigree)
2. Canadian Census 1901 and 1911 in French & English and 1911 A1
3. Correspondence Record
4. Family Group Sheet
5. Research Calendar
6. Research Extract
7. Slave Schedules (1850-1860)
8. Source Summary
9. UK Census Forms (1841 - 1891)
10. US Census Forms (1790 - 1930)
11. Veterans Schedule (1890)
- 12.

And you'll find additional resources across RootsWeb, where sites have posted other forms and charts of interest.

One favorite is the [Western Wayne County Michigan Genealogical Society](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miwwcgs/?sssdmh=dm13.231239)
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miwwcgs/?sssdmh=dm13.231239>, which has compiled free forms and charts from across the Web. In addition to census, ancestor and descendant charts, there are:

1. Homeland Security Freedom of Information / Privacy Act Request Document
2. Military Records Check List with columns from the Colonial Wars to World War II
3. Vital Record Request Forms for Michigan, Illinois and Ohio
4. World War I Draft Registration Cards A & B
5. Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament (Word Document)

This last one is a standard word processing document, which can be modified.

It directs "one's spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor" to not dispose of genealogical materials -- and it recommends genealogical societies be contacted, lest heirs be tempted to dispose of one's life-long research.

Why not leave a copy in the front of your favorite resources?

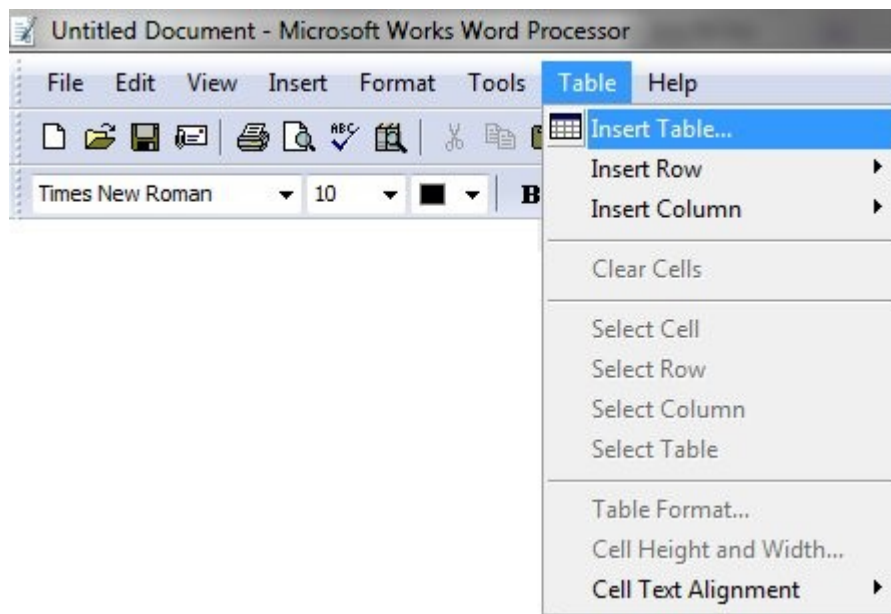
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And you may wish to attach appraisals. This need not be formal – search book sellers and auction sites for current prices, and leave a printout. I did this for my copy of *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy: Volume I, North Carolina* (William Wade Hinshaw, 1936). Paperback copies typically sell for over \$100, and I've also left a personal note regarding the book's rarity.

Other resources to consider are official request forms found on government sites, such as the Social Security Administration and National Archives.

1. [Social Security Request forms](http://www.ssa.gov/online/?sssdmh=dm13.231239) <http://www.ssa.gov/online/?sssdmh=dm13.231239>
(see also [RootsWeb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees - Lesson 10](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rwguide/lesson10.htm?sssdmh=dm13.231239)
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rwguide/lesson10.htm?sssdmh=dm13.231239>
2. [Military Request Forms](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/get-service-records.html?sssdmh=dm13.231239) from the National Archives <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/get-service-records.html?sssdmh=dm13.231239>

And if you can't find the perfect form, make one yourself, using the table feature of a word processor. Most programs have basic features. In Microsoft Works, select Table > Insert Table, and an appropriate number of rows or columns.

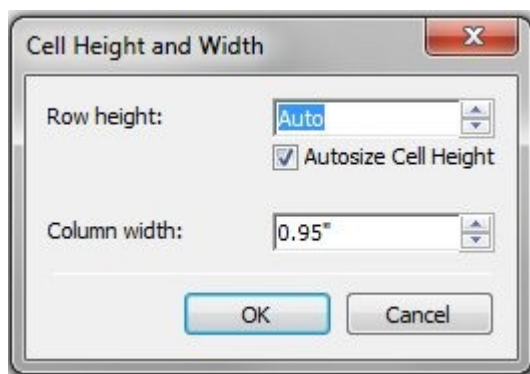


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If prompted for formatting, select a look visually, or add it later (in Works, see Table > Table Format).

| Research Check List | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Name | Dates | Locations | Looking for | Ideas |
| Rodney Hanks | 4 JUN 1782 6 NOV 1848 b. Gurleyville Cem. | Windham County, later Mansfield, Tolland, CT | Source doc (not bio) proving Rodney as son of Uriah & Irene (Case) | Windham Co. probate recs. or land transfers |
| Elizabeth Hubble/Hubbell | 18 JUN 1772 20 MAR 1823 b. Hubble Cem. | Rich Valley, Washington Co., VA, later Smyth, VA | Maiden Name | Hist. of Hubbell Fam. States born in Rich Valley. Research early settlers & church records. |
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Initially columns and rows are distributed equally, but may be resized later. Either drag the vertical dividers, or use one of the menu options, usually under format or table properties. (In Works, select Table > Cell Height and Width.)



If the cursor is in the last cell of the table, press Tab to add a new row, or use the menu to insert additional rows and columns, either before or after a cursor position. (In Works, Table > Insert Row [or Column] > Before or After Current Row [or Column].)

More sophisticated programs, such as Microsoft Word or Open Office, allow merging and splitting of cells. If you can't locate these features on the menu, try right-clicking a selection.

Merging: Highlight two or more cells before merging.

Splitting: Place the cursor within a cell prior to splitting.

| Research | | | |
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These programs also add the ability to protect a table from changes and auto-fitting widths. Each program has different features, so get inspired by exploring the Help Menu. And if you are looking for ideas for your first genealogical table, try these:

- Calendars
- Resource Inventory Lists
- Research Logs
- Sign-Up Sheets for Genealogy Meetings

Best wishes for a great year of researching!

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Developing a Research Plan for the New Year

By Joan Young

Genealogists have been commenting as long as I've been online that activity always drops off dramatically near the end of the year as the holiday season approaches. Each new year brings with it renewed interest in posting on mailing lists and message boards and updating family trees. Families traditionally gather over the holidays. This instills renewed interest for many family historians. Researchers receive holiday gifts of new computers and software and become eager to make use of it. This year will, undoubtedly, be no different. We can all benefit by approaching this new year with a plan of action rather than diving in unprepared.

Developing a Plan

First, take inventory. Make an outline of what you know and have learned over the past year (or decade) and what you hope to learn this year. Make a list of all documents you have obtained (wills, vital records, deeds, for example).

Next, make a list of your goals for the new year. What are you looking for and what do you hope to accomplish? Be specific when writing down your plans. Make note of the online resources at your disposal to help you reach your goals. Web sites such as [Cyndi's List](#) and [Linkpendium](#) can prove invaluable for locating online resources.

Finally, do a search for your previous archived mailing list and message board posts as well as any family trees and data you have placed online. You may use a site such as [Google](#) or search the specific archives or board systems. If you have a genealogy Web site, review your pages and pinpoint corrections and additions you need to incorporate. Review posts and existing trees. Is your e-mail contact information still valid and is your online data still accurate and complete in view of what you learned over the past year? Make a list of necessary updates and corrections.

Getting Started

For posts and submissions that are still current but have outdated contact information, edit your e-mail address where possible. Even the most complete and well-written list or board post or family tree will serve no purpose to help you connect with your cousins if your e-mail address is invalid. You can update your e-mail address for the RootsWeb/Ancestry message boards and WorldConnect trees at: (<http://email.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin13/DM/y/nBEN80VOqZq0HQR0zHg0Gt>) or by following the masthead links at the top of the [main Ancestry page](#). Click on COLLABORATE, then PUBLIC PROFILE, and then MY SITE PREFERENCES. You will see a link for changing your e-mail address on the MY SITE PREFERENCES page as well as options for its display.

For mailing list archives where editing your address isn't possible, post a new message with your current contact information. Remember that mailing list archives such as those at RootsWeb are merely a record of what took place on a given date. You can provide updated information and queries as well as a current e-mail address in your new posts.

Developing a Research Plan for the New Year

If an online tree needs attention, download a GEDCOM file of the old tree and import it into your genealogy program on your computer. After you have made all necessary additions and corrections, create a new GEDCOM and upload it to replace your outdated tree.

If you have gathered public documents, perhaps a pension file or deed, over the past year consider transcribing them and placing the data online. RootsWeb/Ancestry [message boards](#) are a perfect place to post your finds. Choose the appropriate data classification when posting so that others may easily find the documents.

Get the new year off on the right foot by making a resolution to establish a plan. Follow through with your plan and your efforts will surely be rewarded.

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| Husband: William Silas Watson | |
| Born: June 13, 1855 | in: Rusk County, TX |
| Married: December 23, 1874 | in: Rusk County, Texas, by E.F.Major M.G. |
| Died: March 26, 1933 | in: Cherokee Co. |
| Father: William B. Watson | |
| Mother: Emily Pennina Lamb | |
| Other Spouses: America Catherine "Maggie" Armstrong | |
| Wife: Georgia Peterson | |
| Born: Abt. 1859 | in: Texas |
| Died: Bet. 1883 - 1888 | in: Hunt County, Texas |
| Father: George W. Petersen | |
| Mother: Lucindia | |
| Other Spouses: | |

| CHILDREN | |
|----------|---|
| 1 | Name: George W. Watson Born: February 25, 1876 in: Rusk County, TX |
| M | Married: Died: Spouse: in: Hunt County, Texas |
| 2 | Name: Nina V. Watson Born: October 24, 1878 in: Rusk Co., TX Married: January 08, 1896 in: Rusk Co., TX Died: June 06, 1962 in: Rusk County, Texas Spouse: Mack Vinson |
| 3 | Name: Francis Eleanor Fannie Watson Born: October 02, 1880 in: Rusk Co., TX Married: November 22, 1901 in: Rusk Co., TX Died: June 13, 1958 in: Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA Spouse: William Joseph "Joe" Hardwick |
| 4 | Name: Thomas Tom Watson Born: November 10, 1884 in: TX Married: Died: July 07, 1940 in: Los Angeles Co., CA Spouse: Josie |
| 5 | Name: Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse: |
| 6 | Name: Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse: |
| 7 | Name: Born: in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse: |


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| Husband: William Silas Watson | |
| Born: June 13, 1855 | in: Rusk County, TX |
| Married: February 14, 1888 | in: Texas |
| Died: March 26, 1933 | in: Cherokee Co. |
| Father: William B. Watson | |
| Mother: Emily Pennina Lamb | |
| Other Spouses: Georgia Peterson | |
| Wife: America Catherine "Maggie" Armstrong | |
| Born: January 26, 1870 | in: Beckville, Panola Co., TX |
| Died: March 19, 1937 | in: Kilgore, Greg Co. TX |
| Father: Elbert Armstrong | |
| Mother: Lucinda Ann "Lucy" Foshee | |
| Other Spouses: | |

| CHILDREN | |
|----------|--|
| 1 F | Name: Winnie Lou Watson Born: November 20, 1888 in: Rusk County, TX Married: in: Died: January 26, 1889 in: Rusk County, TX Spouse: |
| 2 F | Name: Sue Gertrude Watson Born: February 11, 1889 in: Rusk County, TX Married: May 04, 1913 in: Died: in: Sacramento, California Spouse: Warren Columbus Williams |
| 3 M | Name: Henry Grady Watson Born: February 10, 1892 in: Rusk County, TX Married: April 30, 1915 in: Rusk Co., TX, Died: March 16, 1976 in: Rusk County, TX Spouse: Essie Pepper |
| 4 F | Name: Mildred Vane Watson Born: December 26, 1893 in: Rusk Co., TX Married: September 07, 1913 in: Died: 1946 in: Cherokee Co., TX Spouse: Harmon C. Maddox |
| 5 F | Name: Eva Belle Watson Born: July 16, 1895 in: Rusk Co., TX Married: January 1925 in: Died: in: Spouse: Burke Justice |
| 6 F | Name: Bonnie Essie Watson Born: February 15, 1898 in: Rusk Co., TX Married: August 30, 1914 in: Died: October 01, 1964 in: Cherokee Co., TX Spouse: Lorenzo D. Gowin |
| 7 F | Name: Mary Ola Watson Born: July 07, 1900 in: Rusk Co., TX Married: August 27, 1916 in: Died: July 10, 1978 in: Cherokee Co., TX Spouse: Edgar F. Gowin |

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| 8 | Name: Emmett Brown Watson Born: March 07, 1902 Married: July 10, 1924 Died: February 07, 1955 Spouse: Odelle Elzeria Wilcox | in: Rusk County, TX in: Cherokee Co., TX in: Rusk, Cherokee Co., TX |
| 9 | Name: Inez Watson Born: February 07, 1904 Married: December 24, 1925 Died: March 04, 1969 Spouse: Thomas Bernice Yancey | in: Rusk County, TX in: Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., TX in: Kilgore, Greg Co., TX |
| 10 | Name: Lonnie Victor Watson Born: September 15, 1907 Married: September 13, 1930 Died: March 31, 1999 Spouse: Geneva Arrington | in: Rusk County, TX in: in: Jacksonville, Cherokee Co. |
| 11 | Name: Cora Vera Watson Born: April 26, 1910 Married: July 30, 1926 Died: August 05, 1972 Spouse: Hiran Thomas Josey | in: Cherokee Co. in: in: Gregg Co., TX |
| 12 | Name: Born: Married: Died: Spouse: | in: in: in: |
| 13 | Name: Born: Married: Died: Spouse: | in: in: in: |
| 14 | Name: Born: Married: Died: Spouse: | in: in: in: |
| 15 | Name: Born: Married: Died: Spouse: | in: in: in: |
| 16 | Name: Born: Married: Died: Spouse: | in: in: in: |
| 17 | Name: Born: Married: Died: Spouse: | in: in: in: |
| 18 | Name: Born: Married: Died: Spouse: | in: in: in: in: |

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William Silas Watson Families

William Silas Watson aka Bud

Notes

Family legend: William Silas traded his land in Rusk County, Texas, for two mules to move to Northeast Texas. The night after the trade, one of the mules died. He moved his wife Georgia and children to northeast Texas (Red River or Hunt County), where Georgia died. William Silas returned to Rusk County with his four children riding one horse. He and Georgia were living in Rusk County, Texas, in 1880 (US Census).

William Silas married America Catherin Armstrong in 1888, Rusk County, Texas which would indicate that Georgia died between 1880 and 1888. He was a farmer and did some school teaching. He moved from Rusk County to Cherokee County, TX in late 1907 or 1908, first living Southwest of Rusk near the Beulah Community. It is not known how long he lived there, but before his death, he moved near the Turney Community in Cherokee County. He was known to have had a good sense of humor. Research of the 1900 soundex records, William Silas Watson was shown with his children and wife named Maggie. In a conversation with his son, Lonnie Watson, Lonnie was asked if anyone ever called his mother, America Catherine Armstrong Watson, "Maggie". He answered, "no one except my father". It is rather obvious who gave the information for the 1900 Census.

Flora Kirksey of Henderson, TX, the Niece of Great America Catherine Armstrong Watson, shows on her records, William Silas "Bud" Watson.

It is believed that his father, William B. Watson was called Billy.

In 1880, Wm. Silas, age 25, was was living in Rusk Co., TX, Precinct # 3, with wife Georgia, age 20, son, George, age 4, and daughter, Ninon, age 1. In 1900, he was shown on the Rusk Co., TX US Census, with wife Maggie and children: Sue; Grady; Mildred; Eva; and Bonnie. It is not know where Fannie and Tom were.

William B. Watson Family

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| Husband: William B. Watson | |
| Born: Bet. 1806 - 1811 | in: TN |
| Married: Bet. 1832 - 1834 | in: possibly TN |
| Died: 1888 | in: Rusk Co., TX |
| Father: | |
| Mother: | |
| Other Spouses: | |
| Wife: Emily Pennina Lamb | |
| Born: Bet. 1815 - 1816 | in: TN |
| Died: Aft. 1892 | in: Rusk County, TX |
| Father: | |
| Mother: | |
| Other Spouses: | |
| CHILDREN | |
| 1 | Name: Miranda M. Watson |
| F | Born: 1836 in: TN |
| | Married: 1852 in: Limestone Co., Texas |
| | Died: December 19, 1914 in: Thornton, Limestone Co., TX |
| | Spouses: Silas Eaton, John Green Walker |
| 2 | Name: James E. Watson |
| M | Born: 1837 in: TN |
| | Married: in: |
| | Died: December 22, 1861 in: Hopkinsville, KY (Civial War) |
| | Spouse: |
| 3 | Name: Henry Larkin Watson |
| M | Born: March 24, 1842 in: AR |
| | Married: July 07, 1864 in: Rusk County, Texas |
| | Died: October 04, 1916 in: Rusk Co., TX |
| | Spouse: Mary Jane Robertson |
| 4 | Name: Sarah Amanda Watson |
| F | Born: 1844 in: AR. ? |
| | Married: July 18, 1861 in: Rusk County, Texas |
| | Died: Aft. 1890 in: Rusk Co., TX |
| | Spouses: George H. Taylor, Henry Gibson |
| 5 | Name: Zackery Taylor Watson |
| M | Born: 1847 in: AR. |
| | Married: in: |
| | Died: in: Delta County, Texas |
| | Spouse: |
| 6 | Name: Mathew John Watson |
| M | Born: December 03, 1848 in: Rusk County, Texas |
| | Married: June 22, 1865 in: Rusk County, Texas |
| | Died: October 22, 1923 in: Rusk Co., TX |
| | Spouse: Ann Menshaw |
| 7 | Name: Nancy Jo Watson |
| F | Born: 1854 in: |
| | Married: April 17, 1875 in: Rusk Co., TX |
| | Died: in: |
| | Spouse: A. R. Todd |

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| 8 | Name: William Silas Watson Born: June 13, 1855 Married: December 23, 1874 Died: March 26, 1933 Spouses: Georgia Peterson, America Catherine "Maggie" Armstrong | in: Rusk County, TX in: Rusk County, Texas, by E.F.Major M.G. in: Cherokee Co. |
| 9 | Name: George Buchanan Watson Born: March 16, 1857 Married: December 12, 1877 Died: April 07, 1929 Spouses: Tennessee Walling, Cynthia Walling, Martha Jane Hudson | in: Rusk County, Texas in: Rusk Co., TX, by E. F. Majors, M.G., Book G, page 437 in: Rusk County, Texas |
| 10 | Name: Z. B. Watson Born: 1859 Married: Died: Bef. 1870 Spouse: | in: Rusk Co., TX in: in: Rusk Co., TX |
| 11 | Name: Born: Married: Died: Spouse: | in: in: in: |
| 12 | Name: Born: Married: Died: Spouse: | in: in: in: |
| 13 | Name: Born: Married: Died: Spouse: | in: in: in: |
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William B. Watson Family

William B. Watson aka Bill

Notes

Rusk County, Texas was established from Nacogdoches County in 1843. Wm. B. Watson moved his family from Tennessee to Rusk County, in 1848. He purchased land in the Millville area, in the Samuel Davis Original Grant, about 7 miles N/E of Henderson. It appears that he and Emily sold this parcel of land in 1852, or at least a part of this land. (See land records)

On the 1830 & 1840 Census for Madison County, TN, there is a William B. Watson, head of household, that could be the this family; however, no documentation has been found to verify this. There is no Wm. B. Watson in the same age time frame found in 1850 in TN.

It is believed that the middle initial "B" stands for Brown, as William B. Watson's grandson, Emmett Brown Watson, the son of William Silas Watson, was always told that the Brown was a family name. However, he had a son named George Buchanan, and the Buchanan could have been named for his father. No documentation has been found to verify William's middle name.

Voters registration for Rusk Co., Texas in 1867, (Taken from Rusk County, Texas Voters Registration List, Part I, III, East Texas Family Records, Summer, 1994 Edition Vol. 18, No. 2.) William B. Watson registered to vote saying that he was born in Tennessee, had resided in Rusk Co., Texas 19 years, and in the voting precinct of Millville 12 years. This would indicate that Wm. B. Watson arrived in Rusk Co., TX in 1848. According to the census and family records, the first child born to Wm. & Emily in Texas was Matthew John, b. 12/3/1848.

An obituary recorded by the history students of Carthage High School from the Panola Watchman Newspapers show the following obituary, which is believed to be a William Watson. Wm. B. lived near the Panola Community which is on the line between Panola and Rusk Counties. Obit reads: "Uncle Bill Watson died July 27, 1881, at age 75 or 76. He was one of the oldest citizens of the county and stood well in the community." Date of newspaper, August 3, 1881, recorded by Shannon James, May 22, 1986.

There was another William Watson, born in GA, living in Panola County, and it appears this was not Wm. B. Watson.

We know that Wm. B. Watson was alive in 1880 as he appears on the 1880 Rusk Co., TX census with his wife, Emily and one son, Zackery living in household. Rusk County, TX. Tax Receipts (Microfilm at Henderson Public Library) shows Wm. B. Watson paying taxes to 1883, Samuel Davis original grant, I-53 --- 1889, taxes paid on the Wm. B. Watson Estate. A Power of Attorney was given by Miranda M. Eaton, dated July 1888 to her brother, Z. T. Watson to handle her part of her father's estate, which would indicated that Wm. B. died in the early part of 1888. In 1890, Emily Watson paid taxes on 200 acres in the Abst. No. 236, Original Grantee, Sam Davis. In November 1892, Emily sold her part of Wm. B. Watson land to Matthew John Watson, at at that time, she was living in Cooke County, TX. It appears that Wm. Watson died about early 1888.

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Rogers & Roark Families

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am aware that your Society does not do Genealogical research for anyone who writes in, however, I thought it possible that one of your members may be a ROGERS or ROARK who has already done some research and would be willing to communicate with me.

My Great Grandfather William (middle name or initial unknown) ROGERS married Mary Lucinda "Mollie" (Roark) Griffin on 29 August 1884 in Tyler, Smith County, Texas and they had one son, Mance Mane Rogers on 9 June 1885.

We have been able to trace Mollie Roark and her family back to where she was born and down to where she died (history sheet of Mary Lucinda "Mollie" Roark enclosed), however, we have not been able to find any information on William ROGERS at all. When Mollie visited her son Mance Maine ROGERS some years after he had moved to Conroe, Texas one of the grand children asked where Grandpa Rogers was. Mollie's reply was "The last time I saw him he was being chased by a posse".

In the Family Bible of Mance Mane ROGERS AND Jesse Mae (cline) ROGERS the Marriage License page was filled out by a preacher who listed Mance Mane's place of birth at Jacksonville, Texas.

Just before Mollie married Mance Mane she was listed in the Cherokee County Census for 1880 as a member of James A. Boyce Family and Martha J. (Roark) Boyce household as a widow of Griffin with a daughter (M. L. Griffin).

On 16 Jan 1894 listed herself as Mrs. Millie L. Rodgers, a widow of RODGERS and married Isaac Hayes THOMPSON in Cherokee County, Texas (license # L-438).

Every piece of information that I have been able to gather has always pointed to Cherokee County as the place of birth of William and his son Mance Mane ROGERS.

Guessing at the birth date of William, the best possibility of his parentage leads to a Lafayette ROGERS listed in the Census of Cherokee County:

1860 Cherokee County Census, page 39:

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------|------------|-----------|
| ROGERS, Lafayette | Age 25 | born Tenn. | Farmer |
| Louisa J. (wife) | 20 | Tenn. | Housewife |
| William (son) | 2 | Tex. | |

1870 Cherokee County Census # 16

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|-------------------|--------|------------|--------|
| ROGERS, Lafayette | Age 36 | born Tenn. | Farmer |
| Louisa J. (wife) | 30 | Tenn. | Wife |

Rogers & Roark Families

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|---------------|-------|-------|---------------|
| William (son) | 12 | Texas | Works on Farm |
| Mary A. (dau) | 10 | Texas | |
| Knoxia (dau) | 5 | Texas | |
| Sarah (dau) | 2 | Texas | |
| Mary (dau) | 9 mo. | Texas | |

The only other information on Lafayette ROGERS is listed in the Cherokee County, Texas Early Probates & Wills:

Entry 96 Estate of Lafayette ROGERS Bond 11-6-1883 W. H. ROGERS
Adm. No heirs named.

I have also enclosed several Family Group Sheet that will help the person checking this information out.

Please assist me in any way possible,


Gene W. Rogers

Rogers & Roark Families

HISTORY OF MARY LUCINDA "MOLLIE" ROARK, GRIFFIN. ROGERS, THOMPSON, LAND.

Mary Lucinda "Mollie Roark's mother, Martha Jane "Mattie" (Mitchell) Roark remarried to a James V. Boyce in 1869. Mollie would have been 10 years old at that time. It is unknown when the Boyce's moved to Texas.

Before 1879 Mollie married a Mr. Griffin.

- 8/12/1879 Mollie gave birth to her first child, Mattie L. Griffin (See 1880 Cherokee Co. Census) Molly would have been 20 years old at that time.
- 1880 Widow Mollie Griffin and her daughter were living with her mother and her mother's second husband, James V. Boyce (see 1880 Cherokee Co. Census)
- 8/29/1884 Mollie Married her second husband. William Rogers, in Tyler. Texas. 6/9/1885 Mollie gave birth to her second child. Mance Mane Rogers
- 1/16/1894 Mollie, listed as widow on marriage license, married Isaac Hayes Thompson in Cherokee County, Texas.
- 12/8/1895 Mollie's daughter. Mattie Griffin, married George Jacobs in Rusk. Texas.
- Jan 1897 Mollie had third Child, Maomi Thompson.
- 1900 Cherokee County Census showed Mollie living with Thompson and daughter, Naomi Thompson, in Jacksonville, Texas.
- 1900 Walker County Census showed her second son. Mance Mane Rodgers (then 14) living with his grandmother and grandfather Boyce.
- 12/31/1901 Mance Mane Rogers (age 15) married Jesse Mae Cline (age 13) in Huntsville, Walker County, Texas.
- 1910 Cherokee County Census showed Mollie, listed as a widow, as head of household and living with her was her daughter. Mattie L. Jacobs (also listed as widow) and Mattie's three children: Allie Jacobs (11); Edgar Jacobs (9) and; Sunshine Jacobs (2). Mollie must have been running a boarding house, because also listed were four boarders.
- 1915 Mollie moved to 4204 Victor Street, Dallas. Texas. That might have been when she married a Mr. Land.
- 6/15/1940 Death Certificate of Mollie showed her to be married to a Mr. Land. She died at the same address shown in 1915 (lived there 25 years).

Rogers & Roark Families

1880 CHEROKEE COUNTY CENSUS VOL 6 SHEET 27 LINE 14 PCT 4

| Name | Age | Yr Born | Born | Father | Mother |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----------|------|--------|--------|
| Boyce, James A. (head) | 38 | 1842 | La | Ky | La |
| Martha J. (wife) | 40 | 1840 | Ala | N.C. | N.C. |
| Griffin, M.L.(step-dau) 21(widow) | | 1859 | Ark | Ala | Ala |
| M.L. (step-g-dau) | | 8/12/1879 | Tx | Ala | Tx |

1900 CHEROKEE COUNTY CENSUS
38 JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS VOL 18 ED 23 SHEET 14LINE

| Name | Born | Age | Length Married | Born | Father | Mother |
|----------------|----------|-----|----------------|------|--------|--------|
| Thompson, I.H. | Mar 1837 | 63 | 6 years | Mo | Mo | Mo |
| M.L. | Jul 1859 | 41 | | Ark | Ala | Ala |
| Naomi | Jan 1897 | 3 | | Tx | Mo | Ark |

1900 WALKER COUNTY CENSUS PCT 5 SD 11 SHEET 19

| Name | Born | Age | Length Married | Born | Father | Mother |
|------------------------|----------|-----|----------------|------|--------|---------|
| Boyce, James V.(head) | Jan 1840 | 60 | 31 years | La | Ala | La |
| Martha J. (wife) | Feb 1840 | 60 | | Ala | Ala | England |
| Rodgers, Mance (g-son) | Jun 1885 | 14 | | Tx | Ark ? | Tx |

1910 CHEROKEE COUNTY CENSUS PCT 3 SD 2 ED 17 SHEET 12 FAMILY 248

| Name | Age | Status | Born | Father | Mother |
|-----------------------|-----|--------|------|--------|--------|
| Thompson, Mollie L. | 49 | Widow | Ark | Ala | Ms |
| Griffin, Mattie (dau) | 30 | Widow | Tx | Tx | Ark |
| Allie (g-dau) | 11 | | Tx | Tx | Tx |
| Edgar (g-son) | 9 | | Tx | Tx | Tx |
| Sunshine(g-dau) | 2 | | Tx | Tx | Tx - |

Marriages

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------|------------|---------------|
| Rogers, Wm. and | M.L. Griffin | | 8/29/1884 | Tyler, Texas |
| Jacobs, George and | Mattie Griffin | L-165 | 12/8/1895 | Rusk, Texas |
| Thompson, Isaac Hayes and | Mrs. Millie L. Rodgers | K-438 | 1/16/1894 | Cherokee |
| Co, Tx Webb, T. F. and | Vastie Roark | 14-153 | 11/30/1899 | Smith Co., Tx |

(Mollie's Niece)

Rogers & Roark Families

Family Group Sheet

November 4, 1997

Husband: Jesse Roark

Born: October 18, 1783 in: Greenville County, South Carolina
 Married: 1805 in: Greenville County, South Carolina
 Died: November 23, 1861 in: Dallas County, Alabama (Vernon Chuch Cem.)

Wife: Nancy Ann Morris

Born: December 18, 1784 in: South Carolina
 Died: September 14, 1854 in: Dallas County, Alabama (Vernon Chuch Cem.)
 Father: Drury Morris
 Mother: Rachel

CHILDREN

| | | |
|--------|---|--|
| 1 F | Name: Sarah B. Roark Born: 1805 Married: October 12, 1838 Spouse: John J. Wilson | in: Dallas County, Alabama |
| 2 F | Name: Saphronia Roark Born: 1810 Married: October 26, 1854 Spouse: Laughlin Campbell | |
| 3 M | Name: Drury Hampton Roark Born: 1812 Married: December 27, 1838 Died: 1846 Spouse: Mary Guinn | in: Dallas County, Alabama |
| 4 M | Name: John Washington Roark Born: 1813 Married: October 26, 1854 Died: April 1860 Spouse: Martha Jane "Mattie" Mitchell | in: Greenville, South Carolina in: Calhoun County, Arkansas in: Calhoun County, Arkansas |
| 5 M | Name: Gideon Thomas Roark Born: December 18, 1817 Married: June 04, 1840 Spouse: Caroline Wilson | in: South Carolina |
| 6 F | Name: Lucinda Roark Born: 1821 Married: January 12, 1839 Spouse: William H. Blann | |
| 7 F | Name: Rachel E. Roark Born: 1823 Married: June 29, 1846 Spouse: Warner L. Hanshaw | |
| 8 F | Name: Mary Roark Born: 1828 Married: March 21, 1861 Spouse: G. E. Ridgeway | |
| 9 M | Name: Richard Hampton Roark Born: 1829 Died: May 29, 1900 | in: Alabama in: Dallas County, Alabama (Vernon Chuch Cem.) |

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Family Group Sheet

November 4, 1997

Husband: Mance Mane Rogers

Born: June 09, 1885 in: Unknown
 Married: December 31, 1901 in: Walker County, Texas
 Died: December 15, 1963 in: Houston, Harris County, Texas
 Father: William "Bill" Rogers
 Mother: Mary Lucinda "Mollie" Roark
 Other Spouses: Ida C.



Wife: Jessie Mae Cline

Born: July 09, 1888 in: New Waverly, Walker County, Texas
 Died: January 05, 1972 in: Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas
 Father: Jesse M. Cline
 Mother: Mary Gordan Arnold












CHILDREN

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|--------|--|---|--|
| 1 F | Name: Mary Inez Rogers Born: July 23, 1904 Married: December 16, 1922 Died: October 27, 1979 Spouse: Ernest Robert Gerhart | in: BathCommunity, Walker County, Texas in: Houston, Harris County, Texas in: Houston, Harris County, Texas | |
| 2 F | Name: Gussie Missouri Rogers Born: December 20, 1906 Died: February 28, 1907 | in: Bath Community, Walker County, Texas in: Bath Community, Walker County, Texas | |
| 3 F | Name: Rita Mae Rogers Born: December 22, 1907 Married: September 1923 Died: August 31, 1962 Spouses: Scalf, Graham Ainsworth | in: Bath Community, Walker County, Texas in: Houston, Harris County, Texas in: Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas | |
| 4 F | Name: Ervie Louise Rogers Born: September 14, 1908 Married: November 13, 1926 Died: April 16, 1988 Spouse: William Frederick John Steinman | in: Bath Community, Walker County, Texas in: Houston, Harris County, Texas in: Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas | |
| 5 F | Name: Ollie Maydell Rogers Born: July 08, 1911 Died: September 12, 1971 Spouse: Willard Lee Pennington | in: Bath Community, Walker County, Texas in: Los Angles, California | |
| 6 M | Name: Mencie Manuel Rogers Born: September 28, 1912 Married: March 23, 1929 Died: May 05, 1989 Spouse: Alla Bea "Alibee" Alsbrooks | in: Bath Community, Walker County, Texas in: Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas in: Spring, Harris County, Texas | |

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|--------------------|---|--|---|
| 7 M | Name: Emery Alford "Buck" Rogers Born: August 29, 1914 Married: February 08, 1933 Died: October 28, 1950 Spouse: Nellie Estelle Fussell | in: Bath Community, Walker County, Texas in: Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas in: Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas |  |
| 8 F | Name: Rosalie Rogers Born: May 27, 1916 Married: December 22, 1940 Spouses: James Okla Ross, Clarence Cloak | in: Bath Community, Walker County, Texas in: Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas |  |
| 9 M | Name: Eddie Leon Rogers Born: June 24, 1918 Married: April 27, 1945 Died: August 01, 1980 Spouse: Betty Jean Rothenberger | in: Bath Community, Walker County, Texas in: Artesia, California in: Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas |  |
| 10 M | Name: Willie Lee Rogers Born: March 25, 1920 Married: March 03, 1952 Died: February 19, 1990 Spouse: Leola Carolyn Jauer | in: Possum Walk, Walker County, Texas in: Sinton, Texas in: Mission Hospital, Mission, Texas |  |
| 11 M | Name: Raymond Lewis Rogers, Senior Born: October 09, 1921 Married: May 13, 1941 Died: April 10, 1997 Spouse: Etroyce Gentry | in: Bath Community, Walker County, Texas in: Houston, Harris County, Texas in: Houston, Harris County, Texas |  |
| 12 F | Name: Jessie Marie Rogers Born: April 19, 1923 Married: June 20, 1942 Died: February 17, 1995 Spouse: John Eldredge Free | in: Bath Community, Walker County, Texas in: Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas in: Rowlett, Texas |  |
| 13 M | Name: Marvin Mane Rogers, Senior Born: May 15, 1924 Died: January 1987 Spouse: Willie Ruth Crowson | in: Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas in: State Hospital, Temple, Texas |  |
| 14 F | Name: Jewell Doris "Judy" Rogers Born: December 27, 1926 Married: February 24, 1945 Spouse: Calvin Duane Goolsby | in: Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas in: Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas |  |
| 15 M | Name: Thomas J. "Tommy" Rogers Born: January 22, 1929 Married: June 15, 1949 Died: August 01, 1987 Spouse: Laura Naomi Henderson | in: Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas in: Coldsprings, Texas in: Willis, Montgomery County, Texas |  |

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