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## Editor's Letter

I want to thank Tammy Hobdy, Alphonsao McGuire, Richard Robertson and the late Ogreta W. Huttash for contributing to this issue of TREE TALK.

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I am making progress in catching up with the back issues of TREE TALK. I am now just a year behind.

We have added a new book to our list of publications for sale. Providence Cemetery Cherokee County Texas by Willie Harold Acker, Sr. and his late wife, Sylvia Booth Acker is for sale for \$12.00. The order form is on pge 107.

**Gordon Bennett**  
**Editor**

William and Susan Norris Family

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**FAMILY GROUP NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Husband's Full Name** William NORRIS

This Information Obtained From: \_\_\_\_\_

1870 FC Pct 5 #165	Birth	ca	1835			S. C.	
Cherokee Co. Texas	Chr'nd						
1880 FC "Pct 5 # 185	Mar.						
[prob.]	Death	Dec	1881	Henry's Chapel/Cherokee		Texas	
Probate	Burial			Community			

Places of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation **Blacksmith-Fmr** Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Military Rec. \_\_\_\_\_

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. \_\_\_\_\_

His Father **Norris** Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Wife's Full Maiden Name** Susan McAfee

Info from & for	Birth	ca	1840			S. C.	
Loretta Messer	Chr'nd						
3185 Erwin St., [86404	Death	ca	1882	Henry's Ch. Cherokee		Texas	
Lake Havasu City AZ	Burial			Community			

Compiler **Ogreta W. Huttash** Places of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Address **1502 S. Jackson** Occupation if other than housewife \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

City, State **Jacksonville TX** Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. \_\_\_\_\_

Date **Nov 1994** Her Father **McAfee** Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	1 William G NORRIS	Birth			1863			Texas	li Hunt Co
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	2 Isabel Dora NORRIS	Birth	ca		1865			Texas	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.			1887	Smith		"	
	G. W. Shaw	Death							
		Burial							
F	3 Mary J NORRIS	Birth	ca		1867			Texas	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.			14 Jan 1883	Cherokee		"	
	A. J. Buckalew	Death							
		Burial							
F	4 Sarah Ellen NORRIS	Birth			1870		Cherokee	"	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	5 Fanny Margaret NORRIS	Birth	ca		1872		Cherokee	Texas	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	6 Louisa J NORRIS	Birth	ca		1874		Cherokee	Texas	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
M	7 Christopher Washington NORRIS	Birth	19 Jun		1873		Cherokee	Texas	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
	Anna E. Gibson	Death			27 Oct 1923		Cherokee	Texas	
		Burial							
M	8 Henry NORRIS	Birth	ca		1878		Cherokee	Texas	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
M	9 Reuben Frank NORRIS	Birth	ca		1880		Cherokee	Texas	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

**William and Susan Norris Family**

Ogreta W. Huttash  
1502 South Jackson  
Jacksonville, Texas 75766  
22 October 1994

NORRISCHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS

From Deed Records - Index A, 1846 - 1863 - none

" Index B, 1863 - 1879

Deed Record Book S-605 dated 1 Dec 1867. From W. A. Pope to William Norris, for \$20 in specie paid to Pope, town lots in Knoxville, Block 4, lots 1 thru 6.

Deed Record Book U-846 dated august 1870. From William Norris to W. A. Pope, for \$20 paid by Pope, deed to same lots in Knoxville, Block 4, Lots 1 thru 6.

Deed Record Book IE-510 dated 13 April 1877. Deed from Samuel M. Henry to William Norris et al. [The "etal" is interesting]

Henry sold to William Norris and Washington McAfee part of James Hamilton Survey known as part of hhe W. P. Henry land in Cherokee County, Texas, a tract bounded on the North by William Norris, on the East by George Grissom, on the West by C C Reid, and James Hampton, and on the South by Tom Powell, being

86 2/3 acres excepting 100 yards square  
marked off for school house and church &c

[you will notice that Wm Norris has other land. Either I missed it on the illegible parts of the index or he did not put it on record]

Index C - 1879 - 1888

Deed M2-239. Peter Norris and wife sold to W. A. Lovelady. This man is on the 1880 census. He is black.

Deed P2-407 dated 19 July 1884. G. Willie Norris bought from W. A. Gage and wife Dora for \$100 and paid by note from G. Willie Norris and G. W. Grissom, receipt acknowledged, their undivided interest in and to the estate of William and Susan Norris, deceased, late of Cherokee County; this was an undivided 1/9 interest in

180 acres of Hamilton league

30 acres of Procela league

being land in Cherokee County about 26 miles North of Rusk.

Index D - 1888 - 1901

Thought sure I'd find more like the above but didn't.

I checked no further.

William and Susan Norris Family

Ogreta W. Huttash, 1502 South Jackson, Jacksonville Tx 75766 22 Oct 94

NORRIS

From Index to Probate, 1846 - 1868 - Cherokee County, Texas

Norris, Wm, deceased, application for letters of administration by M C  
Norris, page 122

Norris, Wm, deceased, minor heirs. M. C. Norris, page 122

Norris Minors by A J Buckalew, application to be guardian page 171.

[This is written along left margin - common for the time.]

Order approving account for final settlement.

Order dismissing application for guardianship.

Order appointing M. C. Morris adm Wm Morris Dec'd

[Note well: clerk wrote Morris for each one instead of NORRIS]

Thursday January the 26th 1882 - 4th day 2nd week Probate Minutes B-43

Estate of William Norris deceased -

This cause coming on to be heard upon the application filed herein  
January 3 - 1882, of M. C. Norris for letters of administration upon the  
estate of Wm Norris, deceased, which being seen and considered by the  
Court and it appearing to the Court that due and legal notice has been  
given and returned and there appearing no opposition, It is ordered  
adjudged and decreed that M. C. Norris be and he is hereby appointed  
to be administrator of the Estate of William Norris deceased upon his  
filing herein a good and sufficient bond in the sum of (blank)  
Dollars and taking the oath prescribed by law and Joel Cross  
J M Ki and James Sanders are hereby appraise the property belonging  
to said Estate. [some words left out. They were appointed appraisers.]

Guardianship heirs of Wm Norris Decd

This cause being called is ordered to be and is hereby dismissed at the  
instance and at the cost of M C Norris and the said M. C. Norris is  
discharged from further liability in this behalf upon payment - all costs  
incurred herein for which Execution may issue.

Enclosed: copies of Docket B page 122-121, and 170-171. The last part:  
Jny Term 1884 2d day 2d Wed. Death of M. C. Norris suggested and upon  
application for appointment of administrator De bonis non of Ellen Norris  
who waives her right to admr (or as admx) to said estate in favor of  
G W Norris and said G W Norris appointed administrator de bonis non.  
of said estate and ordered to give bond in the sum of four hundred  
dollars [I can't read the rest of it]

The line below says that the application for guardianship of minor heirs  
is dismissed at the instance and at the cost of petitioner. This  
shows someone applied for guardianship December ~~11~~ 17, 1881 -  
giving an earlier death date of Wm Norris.

Do you recognize this Ellen Norris? Could this be the widow of Mathew  
on the 1880 census? Did brothers marry sisters? Looks like it, to me.  
Or could she claim in the right as widow, as the others were minors.

## William and Susan Norris Family

Ogreta W. Huttash  
1502 South Jackson  
Jacksonville, Texas 75766  
20 October 1994

Loretta Messer  
3185 Erwin St  
Lake Havasu City AZ 86404

Dear Loretta:

I'll put in census records for Cherokee County for Morris 1850-1880. Had already checked them, plus looked for a connection to MC who is not on census records UNLESS he is the Matthew Morris next door in 1870. By 1880 the white Morris' are gone except William.

Will re-check the probate next time I go, possibly today.

About the spelling. There is no pat answer. Yesterday I typed an obit for another client for a Mrs. Stephens. In the obit she was Stevens. They bought land and built a school as Stevens. He was a noted attorney as Stevens. He is buried as Stephens. This is the way it goes. Last night I mentioned this at a UDS meeting to a Mrs. Stevens, no kin. And she told how different members of her own family spelled it both ways. Another is Thomason/Thompson. Some brothers we know are listed one way, some another. Just go phonetic. GIBSON/GIPSON is another. So is Atkinson/Atkisson - there are many more.

To answer some of your questions. Helen Crawford copied the cemeteries in Cherokee County along about 1970 - 1974 and sells the books. The one you asked about would be Northeast Cherokee County. I copied from her book for you.

I did not charge you for the MESSER information or for the 3 hours I spent on microfilm looking for a trace of your kin. It has always amazed me how mine on opposite sides of the family would be in the same county in the early 1800s!

- 1) There is no address for Larissa Cemetery.
- 2) There is no address for Henry's Chapel Cemetery. It never was a town, just a community. We placed a historical marker there a year or two ago. A Rev. W. P. Henry was one of the main ones.
- 3) On naturalization records there are many spelling errors. HUTTASH comes out HUTTARSGY - or similar.

Oh, yes, I checked the new books on South Carolina marriages from deed records. This was done at Tyler.

Loretta, what do you want me to focus on? Probate, deeds, or interview the living relatives up there around Troup? If you do not tell me, I have a tendency to repeat what has worked in the past.

At least 50 books have been written on Cherokee County - obits, Civil War, census, some churches. Will add some fliers hopefully. Will write again in a few days.

Sincerely,

  
Ogreta W. Huttash

Encls- 1850-1880 for Morris

William and Susan Norris Family

September 20, 1994
From Ogreta W. Huttash, 1502 S. Jackson, Jacksonville TX 75766
To Loretta Messer, 3185 Erwin St.,
Lake Havasu City AZ 86404

NORRIS REPORT

(not arranged in any particular order) The library's printer was broken-had to copy
Copied from microfilm of Troup Banner: by hand.

A local item under Henry's Chapel heading. Nov. 8, 1923 .

Willie Norris and wife of Greenville spent the week end at the J. R.
Florence home.

A Whitehouse local item. (Summary) Page 5, Nov. 8 bottom of page

Mrs. Ada Messer of Troup, daughter of Mrs. Hills, one of the oldest
residents of Whitehouse (did not copy the rest)

[If yours, let me know]

Troup Banner, 1 November 1923 - under "Henry's Chapel news:

Our community is greatly saddened by the death of Mr. Wash Norris,
which occurred at his home in Troup Saturday afternoon. Mr. Norris was
a man well known and well liked by everybody in this community. His
remains were interred here in the Henry's Chapel Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

November 8, 1923

Death of Uncle Wash Norris

The hearts of numbers of friends and relatives were saddened by the
death of Uncle Wash Norris on October 27. Surviving are the wife and
seven children. Mr. Norris was one of the best citizens of this community.
He was born June 19, 1875 at Henry's Chapel. At an early age Mr. Norris
became a member of the Christian church, living a true Christian life,
evermindful of his duties to neighbors and friends and a helper wherever his
help was needed.

The passing of this good man marks the loss of another Christian gentle-
man and a faithful friend and citizen.

1910 Soundex:

Hunt County, Texas, E.D. 124, sheet 119, vol. 80:

NORRIS, Will 47
Ella 35
Frank 13
Hattie \* 14
Eula 12
Fanny 9
Maggie 7

Cherokee County e.d. 18, sheet 8 vol. 23

NORRIS, Christopher W. 35 Texas
Annie 32 Ill.
Mary 7
Lena 4
Lusie 2

WESLIE

From microfilm INDEX TO DEATH RECORDS OF TEXASS

Annie Mae Norris died in Dallas Co. 28 September 1961, # 50705

Annie Norris died March 1960. 1962 ) check it out

William and Susan Norris Family

Page 2 Huttash to Messer, Sept 1994 NORRIS

Marriage Records of Cherokee County 1846-1880 by Ogreta W. Huttash  
 male

James - Mattie Carter 1-9-1889  
 R. A. - Mrs. Maud Kirgin 6-16-96  
 female  
 Mrs. Ellen - J. P. Cornelison 3-27-1884 Book J page 27)  
 Mary J. - A. J. Buckaloo 1-14-1883 I - 224  
 Nancy - Edward Mathis 4-28-1895 L - 114  
 Sina Alice - Jefferson Shook 6-16-1896 L-236

N.B. Film on newspapers from Tyler, Smith Co., skips from 30 Sept to October 19 and the 30th was on Saturday - so obit of that Annie could not be located. And I did not have the other date with me.

Marriage Records of Rusk County, Texas 1843-1877 by Frances T. Ingmire:  
 Elizabeth - William Baynes 1849 929-3764185 ING, Tyler Library

William - Laura Howard 6-1-1872  
 Isom - Louisa Pierce 9-21-1876

Vol. II, as above, 1877-1881  
 Amos - Rosana Brown 11-20-1879  
 Miles - Margaret Jackson 1-9-1880  
 D. N. (female) to W H Hall 8-21-1880

Smith County, Texas Marriage Records by East Texas Genealogical Society  
 1846-1899:

male  
 Henry Fanny Kirby 11 Nov 1869  
 Aleck Mattie Goss 15 Feb 1850  
 E A Miss Imer Hale 3 Jan 1892  
 J L Francis Lollar 13 May 1894  
 Glendie Lucy Heard 15 Feb 1898  
 Jim Mrs Eliza Bates 28 Feb 1899

female  
 Sarah F. Brooks, 1878  
 Sallie W D Daniels, 1890 W.D.  
 Vasha Harry King, 1873  
 Dora - G W Shaw 1887  
 Mrs Elizabeth S - John W. Wilson, 1863  
 Berta Walter Cates 1899  
 S C W J Hennard 1866  
 Mrs Harriet - Will Roberson, 1894  
 Sytha - Jeff White, 1897

PROBATE RECORDS CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS

NOT in the book by Helen Crawford. Our probate records are unbelievable - no one understands. The fact that it is not in above book means the original papers had been stolen/lost before her book maybe 20 years ago.

The Index my son and I made about 30 years ago has

William Norris d. 3 Jan 1882 (my errors in typing)

At Rusk I discovered that is not the death date as that is the date M.C. applied for letters of administration on estate, made bond, and was discharged 26 January 1883, page 43 Minute Book B, 1881-1885. part of this I could not find.

page 175, Jan 24, 1883 land

M. C. Norris asked to sell certain/unpaid purchase money more than the land was worth. wanted to convey to R C Johnson 16 acres in Eason Gee league in Smith County when he cancelled the liability.

\*\*\*\* I have no idea who M. C. NORRIS was but I should have notes if it were Admr or Admx. This shows ADM-meaning it would be a male.

*Not in next index*

William and Susan Norris Family

Page 3 - Huttash to Messer, Sept 1994 NORRIS

I bought you some true copies (certified) of loose papers from Box 116, where A. J. Buckelew who resided in Cherokee County "represents to your Honor that there are living in Cherokee County, Texas, six minors by names and ages: Ellen Norris a girl about 14 years old Fanny Norris a girl about 12 years old Lou Norris a girl about 10 years old Wash Norris a boy about 8 years old; Henry Norris a boy about 6 yrs old Frank Norris a boy about 4 years old

all of whom have no guardian and desire your petitioner to be appointed guardian. All of said minors own about 165 acres of land in said county and a small lot of personal property which need attention - said minors father and mother are both dead. Your petitioner is the brother-in-law of said minors, and he is over 21 years of age wherefore he prays for citation and that he be appointed the guardian of the Estates of said minors -

Guinn & Gregg

You will enjoy the annual report, sale of the mule, tuition for all the minors (\$40), ginning cotton, supplies, oats, cotton remnants &c.

Note well. There were six minors. It finally dawned on me that some were grown and gone, as I say:

- 1) William G. Norris, born in Texas ca 1863, on 1870 census. Copy of him and his family from 1910 census on previous page, Hunt County.
2) Isabel Dora, born ca 1865 in Louisiana per 1870 census. She married G. W. Shaw in 1887. Also on 1880 FC.
3) Mary J. born in Texas ca 1867 per 1870 census. she married A. J. Buckaloo 14 January 1883. Also on 1880 FC.(Federal Census)



Ogreta W. Huttash
1502 S. Jackson St.
Jacksonville, TX 75766



Ogreta W. Huttash
1502 S. Jackson St.
Jacksonville, TX 75766

Because I am sending you the copies of original papers, the signature of A. J. Buckalew is a copy of his own, I'd say.

The end.

My two phone calls were about a dollar.

And the GIBSON information is included, too.

William Norris
Box 89
M. C. Norris, Adm. } empty now

Ellen Norris et al minors
Box 116 has several papers

You may want from Probate Minutes Book B, 1881-1885 pages 389-391. Looks like G. W. adm.

I enclose page from phone book on Roy W. Norris, Troup, Texas 75789
phone 903/842-3659. 1104 Noble St.

also 2 pages Louisa Ann (Gibson)

William and Susan Norris Family

1502 South Jackson, Jacksonville TX 75766  
22 September 1994

Loretta:



You probably think I am pushing you or trying to rush you. Not exactly. Seems I got all caught up in your ancestors. Right now have been able to get around - and there is no one else here who does this kind of research. You know it was very hard. I didn't carry everything to the library Monday and picked up the wrong Annie. Sorry about that. A lady here has the old weekly newspapers. She looked for obits for Wash, Annie, and the two Gibsons. Her copy machine had picked up moisture and this was the best copy she could get. I gave her \$1.50. We try hard to help people.

If you cannot afford the \$45 all at once, break it down to where you can handle it. You were lucky, I think, to find them. But just who the administrator of the estate was and where they married is up in the air. NOW I think it could have been RUSK COUNTY, at Henderson, Texas.

Mrs. Roy Norris said she had been married 12 years, sounded like. But she would know the first wife and who is still alive. She sounded great. When I told her I was wondering if she knew anyone who might remembet Wash Norris, she said, "I ought to. I married his youngest son!" Isn't that great.

My right knee "went out" this year but I am fond of research. Am temporarily almost o.k. but the droctor keeps saying it's not going to get any better.

Sincerely,

Statement

21 Sept 94

Research	37.50
Keros at Library files	.40
Copies from Courthouse	3.00
Print GIBSON (two)	.30
Mailing	1.15
phone calls	.65
	<hr/>
	\$ 43.00
OBITS	
	<hr/>
	\$ 45
	(paid)

Christopher Washington and Anna Norris Family

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FAMILY GROUP NO.		Husband's Full Name <u>Christopher Washington NORRIS</u>							
This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
		Birth	19	June	1873		Cherokee	Texas	
		Chr'nd							
		Mar.							
		Death	27	Oct	1923		Cherokee	Texas	
		Burial	Larissa Cemetery						
		Places of Residence							
		Occupation				Church Affiliation	Military Rec.		
		Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
		His Father	Mother's Maiden Name						
		Wife's Full Maiden Name <u>Anna Eccalena GIBSON</u>							
From & for		Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Loretta Messer		Birth	27	Aug	1878	Sunda	McHenry	Illinois	
3185 Erwin Lane		Chr'nd							
Lake Havasu City AZ		Death	11	Mar	1962			Texas	
86404		Burial	Larissa Cemetery • ti 1878-1962 Or 28 Sep 61						
Compiler <u>Ogreta W. Huttash</u>		Places of Residence							
Address <u>1502 S. Jackson</u>		Occupation if other than housewife			Church Affiliation				
City, State <u>Jacksonville TX</u>		Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
Date <u>Nov 1994 75766</u>		Her Father	<u>James P Gibson</u>			Mother's Maiden Name <u>Margaret K. Aegert</u>			
Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	1 F. NORRIS	Birth			1901		Cherokee	Texas	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death	before 1910 census						
		Burial							
F	2 Mary Electra NORRIS	Birth			1902		Cherokee	Texas	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
F	3 Lena May NORRIS	Birth	26	Apl	1905		Cherokee	Texas	
	Full Name of Spouse* <u>Helgeson</u>	Death	28	Feb	1944	Henry's Chapel		Texas	
		Burial							
M	4 Charles Leslie NORRIS	Birth	16	Nov	1907		Cherokee	Texas	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death	17 Dec 1951						
		Burial							
F	5 Susan Karen NORRIS	Birth	24	Nov	1911				
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
*	F 6 Donna Venorma NORRIS	Birth	26	Oct	1914			Texas	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	14	Mar	1936	Rawlins	Carbon	Wyoming	
		Death	17	Dec	1974	Casper	Natrona	Wyoming	
	<u>Charles Orin Barber</u>	Burial							
M	7 James Christopher NORRIS	Birth	19	Aug	1917				
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
M	8 Roy William NORRIS	Birth	08	Nov	1919				lives in Troup (Oct 94)
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	9	Birth							
		Mar.							

James and Margarette Gibson Family

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FAMILY GROUP NO.		Husband's Full Name		James Peter GIBSON					
This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
From and for		Birth	19	Oct	1849			Denmark	
Loretta Messer, 3185		Chr'nd							
Erwin Lane, Lake Havasu		Mar.							
City AZ 86404		Death	19	Feb	1926	Jacksonville Cherokee		Texas	ti 21 Feb
Cemetery Records by H. Crawford, Obit, death		Burial				Larissa Cherokee		Texas	
record. NEWSPAPER OBITs		Places of Residence	Denmark, Illinois, Texas						
II by H. Crawford, page 69, 24 July 1914, says		Occupation	Church Affiliation		Military Rec.				
Mrs J P Gibson of Larissa died Tuesday, age 69, bu Larissa Cemetery.		Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.		Mother's Maiden Name					
		Wife's Full Maiden Name		Margarette Karen Eckertson					
		Wife's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
		Birth	06	May	1846			Denmark	
		Chr'nd							
		Death	14	Jul	1914	Jacksonville Cherokee		Texas	
		Burial				Larissa Cemetery "		"	
Compiler		Places of Residence							
Address		Occupation if other than housewife				Church Affiliation			
City, State		Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
Date		Her Father				Mother's Maiden Name			
Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	1 C G GIBSON	Birth							li Tracy, CA 1926
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	2 Annie/a E. GIBSON	Birth	27	Aug	1878	Sunda McHenry		Illinois	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	ca		1900				
	Christopher Wash Norris	Death							
		Burial				Henry's Chapel Cemetery, Cherokee, TX			
	3	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	4	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	5	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	6	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							"Mr. Gibson had four children, but only two survive, Mrs. Annie Norris and the son mentioned."
		Burial							Son from Tracy, California, body was being held until his arrival - from the Banner, 26 Feb 1926. Says James P. had lived in Larissa country perhaps
	7	Birth							50 years, lived in his home known as the Yoakum old place, was probably over 75 years old when he died.
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							Also says wife had been dead for several years.
		Death							Helen Crawford in Vol. I Northwest Cherokee County, Texas, page 7, has:
	8	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							Gipson, Magrett, b. in Denmark, 5-6-1846 d. 7-14-1914, wife of J. P.
		Death							Gipson, James P. 10-19-1849 d. 2-21-1926, b. in Denmark
		Burial							b. 1872, died 19 3, Cannot read it in this book.
	9 [There's a Wm T. Gibson	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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## Query-Mints/Mintz Family

Dear friend

My name is Tammy and I'm hoping you can help me with information on my ancestors that settled in and around Cherokee, Navarro, Kearns, Rusk and Anderson Counties. There are a lot of them that lived in these counties that connect my grandparents Oscar and Lucile Mints. Some families I know more about than others, but I'll give you what I can and any info. you find is much appreciated. And thank you for your time. My roots are deep in these counties and some day hope I'll get the pleasure of visiting there and actually getting to see some of my ancestors graves and where they lived.

Mints/Mintz Family

- Mother (1) Elizabeth C. Davenport Williams Mints B 1834 Alabama  
1921 D ~~Feb~~ Kearns co. TX
- son (2) Francis Claude Mints B 1868 Butler Co. AL D 1951 Vernon TX. Married Hannah C. Stewart B. 1872 Lone star TX  
D 1948 Vernon. TX Married 3 Dec 1890 Lone star TX
- son (3) Thomas Pinkney Mintz B 1870-73 Butler Co. AL D 1957 Cherokee co  
They divorced M. Martha Matilda Murray B. 1876 - Married 23 Apr 1893  
Lone star TX - Children Mary Ella B 1894-1972, Jerry  
Dates unknown, possibly 16 Feb 1897 D 1940 2nd Married:  
Mae Graham B. 1902 D 1988 Children: Edith Mae B 1928-

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Albert Alfred B-1931

son (4) James Williams B. Abt 1850 Butler Co. AL.

son (5) John Williams B. Abt 1853 Butler Co. AL.

step son (6) William Francis "Frank" Mints B. 1848 Florida

possibly living under assumed name in La Grange Tx

not sure if ever seen these boys came to Texas!

Stewarts - Hannah L. Stewart's - family

Angus L. Stewart B. 1841 N.C. - 1925 N.C. M.

Martha Deaton B. 1841 AL - 1910 TX, daug of

Matthew Deaton B. ~~1808~~<sup>1805</sup> - ~~1822~~<sup>1886</sup> TX & Sarah ??? B. 1814 NC D. 1896 TX

Others:

William Henry McClendon B. 1863 TX - 1941 TX

M. Mattie L. Payne B. 1866 TN - 1902 TX,

William Russell McClendon B. 1826 <sup>GA</sup> - 1885 TX

M. Martha A. Wilson B. ~~1835 Tenn~~ 1885 TX D. 1910 TX

married possible Anderson Co.

Andrew C. Payne B. Abt 1835 Tenn - ??? M. Elizabeth

J. Cook B. 1833 GA - 1879 TX, daug of Caswell

Cook B. 1810 NC - 1888 TX M. Mrs. Margaret E.

Garrison B. 1812 GA - TX possible White Maiden ram ?

## Query-Mints/Mintz Family

#3.  
Also think there were some Shultzs that settled in those countries, too, but am unsure of any names or dates. They were usually pharmacists, doctors or some kind of medical professionals.

Again thank you for your time. I have enclosed a stamped envelope for you to use but you can also send information to my email troublesforme1962@yahoo.com Also please advise me of any books or websites that contain these families.

Thank you  
Tammy Hobdy

PS. Please advise ~~me~~ to any info. I gave you that you find not to be right.

I don't have full time access to a computer, can only get online abt once week or I'd visit yalls website.

February 11, 2011

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**William M. Price**

WILLIAM M. PRICE

(Research Notes)

William M. Price was born ca 1820 in Georgia and married Mahalia Caroline Tillman 25 November 1840 in Muscogee County, Georgia. This is the only definite date for him as his birth and death dates are unknown. Mahalia was the daughter of Henry and Lydia Johnston Tillman who came to Cherokee County, Texas before 1850. William and Mahalia stayed a while in Union Parish, Louisiana before coming to Anderson County then to Cherokee County, Texas, their final move. From the census records we get an idea of the family structure. Anderson County, 1850 FC, Residence 38:

Farmer	PRICE, William	27	born in Georgia
	Mahalia	24	Georgia
	William M.	6	Louisiana
	Elizarius I.	4	Arkansas
	John F.	3	Anderson County
	Joseph	1	Anderson County

1860 Federal Census, Cherokee County, Residence 1168:

Farmer	PRICE, William	35	Louisiana
	Hannah L,	20	Mississippi
	William	14	Louisiana
	Lase	13	Louisiana
	John	12	Texas
	Joseph	10	Texas
	Newton	8	Texas
	Liddy A.	4	Texas
	Mary A.	4/12	Texas

Next door was a Mr. Murphy, age 46, born in N.C., wife Jane, age 46 and several children born in Alabama and Mississippi. This is more than likely the parents and siblings of Hannah who married William M. Price 20 February 1859, shortly after the death of Mahalia in 1858. This is the last appearance on census records for William M., Hannah, Elizarius, John, and Mary A. Price.

Mahalia Price died in 1858 as stated above. Her surviving husband was appointed administrator with bond set at \$2,500, customarily twice the value of the estate. In December 1860 he was back in Probate Court and said he only listed real estate as community property, value \$650. He added to the inventory one horse at \$100, one at \$50, mare and colt \$75, 2 yoke oxen \$80, wagon \$50, 23 head of stock cattle \$115, 30 head of hogs at \$60, household and kitchen furniture \$75, total \$605, "all we possessed at her death." He listed debts of the estate as \$800 which he had paid.

Civil War records for Cherokee County are very incomplete. One side of the statue to our Confederate dead located on the grounds of the

**William M. Price**

Courthouse at Rusk reads "LEST WE FORGET. Rolls in County Clerk's Office." The statue was unveiled in 1907, and the rolls were compiled by the veterans themselves. For Company K, 18th Texas Infantry, Captain J. C. Maples, William Price was listed as a private and L. Price is listed with him, too. Whether this is William the father or William the son is hard to say. Both would have been eligible a short time later under the conscript law permitting discharges for those 18 and under and over 35. However, as the war lingered on, both men would have been subject to recall for service. If the son served two terms - or even one - why did his widow not receive a pension? She would have been eligible.

The tax rolls for 1860 were a big surprise. William M. Price was the original grantee, a Nacogdoches 3rd class certificate dated 1856. He rendered 255 acres at \$1,275, 2 horses, no cattle, miscellaneous property, and paid a poll tax. This was a large increase in the year following Mahalia's death. In 1861 he rendered the same, except 3 horses instead of two.

In 1862 things were as in 1861. By 1863 he rendered 255 acres in his own headright survey and 320 acres in the J. Williams Survey. He was not found on the 1864 rolls, and in 1865 there was no property, but he paid a poll tax. He is not found in 1866, 1867, or 1868. Tax rolls must be very carefully considered. Above William M. Price with the one poll and no property is almost surely the son William M. Price just before he married in November 1865. There is no record these men with the same name were ever Senior and Junior, so it is impossible to separate them from 1865 forward, if there were two of them. This does suggest a death date for the father.

Some of the Price deeds include:

L 383-384 E. M. Pease, Governor of the State of Texas, granted William M. Price 251 acres on the waters of the Neches about 3 miles North of Posey's Bridge and 16 miles Northwest from Rusk, by virtue of Pre-emption Certificate issued by County Clerk of Cherokee County on 19 March 1855. Done at Austin 5 May 1856.

L 384-385 - a pre-emption certificate for 320 acres to William R. Tillman, 14½ miles Northwest of Rusk - possibly a kinsman.

N 310 Moses Sharpley sold Reuben Simpson and William M. Price 320 acres for \$640 on 21 December 1858.

N 311 shows Simpson and Price mortgaged the above land, 320 acres patented

**William M. Price**

to Edward Smith, to Lemuel McCord.

There is a case in District Court styled William M. Price vs Reuben Simpson, Case 1552, Book C, pages 59 and 111.

The most important deed is the following which is summarized here. On 10 November 1873 William M. Price and Amanda V. Price his wife, Newton Price and Lydia A. Price, and Lavicia Reese who was wife of Joseph Price, sold to James M. White all their interest in the 254 9/10 acres of land on the pre-emption headright survey of William M. Price [their father] deceased, and all were heirs at law. Consideration was \$700 in promissory notes payable in January 1874 and January 1875. All signed with an X except Lavicia, widow of Joseph Price and then wife of Hugh Reese (D2-188)

The death date of William M. Price must be placed between 1864 or 1865 and 1873. His service in the Civil War would be before 1863 when he made several appearances in District Court, or later. Based on above cited records of deeds and probate and census, the children of William M. Price and Mahalia Caroline Tillman were:

1. William M. Price born in Union Parish, Louisiana ca 1844, oldest child. He is on the 1850 census with his parents as age 6, on the 1860 as age 14. In 1870 in Precinct 3, Residence 2:

Farmer	PRICE, William M.	26	born in Louisiana
	Amanda V.	23	Louisiana
	Emma	3	Texas
	John	1	Texas
Farmer	PRICE, Joseph	21	Louisiana
	Levice	18	Texas [nee Knight]

William M. Price signed the deed in November 1873, the same year Ada Caroline was born, as it turned out later on. Did he die, divorce, or move on? The next good clue is this obituary from Jacksonville Daily Progress, Monday, February 19, 1940, page 1:

MISS ADA PRICE EXPIRES AT RUSK  
Funeral To Be Conducted Tuesday

Miss Ada Price, 66, died, at 2:30 o'clock this morning at Rusk after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Antioch conducted by Rev. C. R. Meadows, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city.

Survivors are one brother, John Price, of Jacksonville, two sisters, Mrs. J. F. Tillman of Jacksonville and Mrs. J. R. Smyrl of Bullard.

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Some researchers have combined the birth date of Amanda V. and the death date of Ada Price and have combined the two people into one and buried her at Antioch Cemetery! It has been printed, but hopefully can be made right. They have also listed Sam Price as Ada's father! He was her half-brother, younger than she was by nearly ten years. He is called William SAM(uel) but has not been found on any record so far. He is listed as buried at Antioch.

The tax roll for 1870 shows William M. Price rendered 4 cattle at \$16, other livestock \$15, Poll tax \$2, total taxes \$2.40. No land. The poll tax seems high to us today.

More work needed to be done, and some re-thinking. Instead of William M. Price moving, consider that he did not. He was young, about 35 years of age. He could have died. This was when Ada's records came to light. Who was Mrs. J. F. Tillman? The answer was Anna Bartlett who married him 18 October 1896. She would have been half-sister to Ada. But how? Well, Mrs. V. A. Price married W. M. Bartlett 19 October 1877. Anna was their child. The 1880 census for Precinct 3, Residence 255:

BARTLETT, Amanda	32	Head of family	AL	SC	AL
Emma C.	13	dau	TX	LA	AL
John F.	11	son	TX	LA	AL
Aider C.	7	dau	TX	LA	AL
Annie	1	dau	TX	LA	AL

The error? The Price children Emma, John F., and Ada C. were enumerated as Bartlett. Emma Price is the Mrs. J. R. Smyrl of Bullard and a sister of Ada. John F. Price of Jacksonville is a full brother, and Annie is the half sister born Bartlett who married J. F. Tillman. A closer look at the 1880 census shows that Newton Z, Price and family of wife and four children are at Residence 315. The Amanda Bartlett above is his sister-in-law. Residence 256 is James King, wife Lydia A. and family, and next door is William Hammett.

Back to Amanda Virginia Price Bartlett. She died 20 January 1923, according to the Hammett Bible, which also records her date of birth as 4 June 1847. This is not on death records and no obituary has been found. The mystery lingers as to why she drew no Civil War pension. Perhaps she did not need one, although she was about 77 years of age when she died. One W. M. Bartlett owned 110 acres of land valued at \$500 in 1878.

There is room for more searching. Emma, John F. and Ada are the only

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known children of William and Amanda Price. On the 1900 census of Cherokee County, Vol. 18, E.D. 22, Sheet 12 this is found:

PRICE, Amanda	52	Head of household	Farmer	born June 1847
Ada	26	daughter		Sept 1873
BARTLETT, Sam	17	son		March 1882

Amanda V. and Ada have not been found on the 1910 census, but Sam Price, age 28, single, is a hired man in the Bedford H. Trantham household. Sam and his mother started out as Bartlett and became Price. He died in Rusk 4 January 1938. His death certificate shows he was age 53, born in 1883, common laborer, divorced from Anna Bell Clark. Parents and place of burial are not indicated.

Is there a Price Bible out there somewhere? Emma or John would have known when their father died. Unless there is a divorce somewhere, the death date of William M. Price (Jr.) would be between the time he signed the deed in late 1873 and the time Amanda married Mr. Bartlett in October 1877.

2. Lazarus Price, second son and second child of William and Mahalia Price, was born ca 1846, probably in Louisiana. He is with his parents on the 1850 and 1860 census records. His name is shown once as Elizarius, once as Lase, and once as L. It could be Lazarus as most of the family names are biblical. Last record of him was when he enlisted in Company K, 18th Texas Infantry under Captain Maples in the Civil War. His name is not on the 1873 deed.

3. John F. Price, third son, was with his parents on the 1850 and 1860 census records, which means he was born in Anderson County. No further record has been found. It is possible he was in the last part of the Civil War if he lived that long. He had a nephew named for him, the John F. who was son of William M. Price and Amanda V. Hammett.

4. Joseph Price was probably the fourth son of William and Mahalia Price and was born in Anderson County ca 1849. He could have been in the last part of the Civil War, also. He is on the 1870 tax roll. He married Levicia Knight 20 March 1870 and they were enumerated on that census in the household of his brother William M. Price and family. Joseph was age 21 and Levicia was age 18, born in Texas. He was dead by the time of the deed in November 1873 as widow signed in his place. She married Hugh Reese 31 October 1873.

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5. Newton Zachariah Price was on the 1860 census with his parents as age 8. In 1870, Precinct 3, Residence 58:

PRICE, Newton Z.	19 Texas
Martha	21 Texas
TILLMAN, Lydia	60 Georgia
PRICE, Lydia	15 Texas

Lydia Tillman was the mother of the first wife of William M. Price (Sr.), Mahalia Caroline Tillman who died in 1858, and was therefore the grandmother of Newton Z. and his sister Lydia Price. Newton Z. and Martha Patton married 12 December 1869. They are buried at Union Grove Cemetery. His tombstone reads: born 9 March 1848, 30 September 1927. Hers reads: 4 September 1849 - 13 September 1930. They lived, married, and died in Cherokee County and reared a large family here.

6. Lydia Ann Price was on the 1860 census with her father William and his second wife, Hannah and her age was 4. The next census she was with her brother Newton Z. above, age 15. She signed the deed of 1873. On 23 February 1876 she married Frank Pearson, then she married James King on 31 January 1878 as Lydia A. Pearson. On the 1880 census, Precinct 3:

KING, James	27 Alabama	
Lida	24 Texas	wife
John N.	1 Texas	son
PEARSON, Rufus P.	3 Texas	Step-son
KING, Billie	24 Texas	Brother

Many descendants of this Price family still live in Cherokee County and several are researching their Price ancestors. Perhaps this will help. Information received will be placed in the vertical file at the Jacksonville Public Library.

Ogreta W. Huttash, Researcher

From the Archives of Ogreta W. Huttash in the Genealogy Section at the Jacksonville, Texas Public Library. Catalog number 929.3764 Hu 326 in the name of Price, William M #2. Also see Catalog number 929.3764 Hu 325 in the name of Price, William M #1.

TREE TALK has published information about William Price in previous editions, see:

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PRICE, W.M. ....	AP83 10,	JL90 08
PRICE, William .....	JL85 12	
PRICE, Willie .....	NO89 08,	NO89 09
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PRICE, Wm. M. ....	MY85 10,	FE88 06

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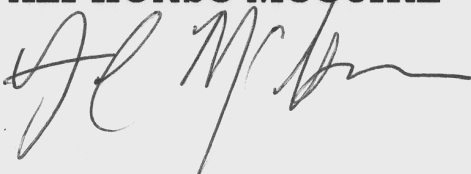
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**CHEROKEE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
P.O. BOX 1332  
JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS 75766-1332**

**DEAR MR. BENNETT:**

**HOPE YOU ARE DOING WELL.  
I AM TRYING TO FIND THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF  
URIAH GEORGE MITCHELL WALKER. HE WAS A WHITE  
DOCTOR THAT MOVED TO CHEROKEE COUNTY TEXAS  
IN THE MID 1870'S. HIS BLACK SON GRANVILLE  
WALKER MOVED TO CHEROKEE COUNTY ABOUT THE  
SAME TIME. GRANVILLE IS BURIED IN THE CORINTH  
CEMETERY IN THE NORTH WEST SECTION OF THE  
COUNTY. IF SOMEONE WOULD DO THIS RESEARCH  
FOR A FEE PLEASE LET ME KNOW.  
I AM ALSO LOOKING FOR A PICTURE OF URIA H AND  
GRANDVILLE.  
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.**

**SINCERELY,  
ALPHONSO MCGUIRE**



Editor's note: I have examined the "Grave Marker Index for Cherokee County Texas" and found no record of Uriah Walker, George Walker or Mitchell Walker. Can some member help our new member?

Alphonso McGuire  
4608 Broadmeadow Ct NW  
Huntsville AL 35810  
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## Small World Genealogy By Richard Robertson

If we live long enough we have many occasions where we say “it’s a small world.” An unexpected friend of a friend or a relative we didn’t know we had, or a discovery that we were at the same far off place at the same time.

Well it certainly became a “small world in genealogy” when I accidentally discovered Ellen Halladay as I was searching Roots Web for Sory ancestors over ten years ago. I came across a post from her that she had a number of Sory pictures that she was willing to share. The pictures, it turned out, were of great great grandfather, great grandfather, great uncles and aunts—close to twenty pictures in all. I immediately emailed her, found her address in Orem, Utah and tried to call her on the phone. Eventually we made contact and have been in communication ever since.

But how did she get those pictures and what was her connection to the Sory, Haltom, and Harris families on my Mother’s side?



First I learned she was a Haltom descendant. I am a Haltom descendant. We both go back to William Haltom (1792 - 1869) and his wife Priscilla Harris (1797 - 1868). William had been a private in the War of 1812 and was somehow a Colonel afterward. On December 3, 1839 he was in Nacogdoches, Texas and received 640 acres of land. At the same time, my great grandfather John Sory and his wife Jane Catherine Haltom Sory were in Nacogdoches and he received 640 acres of land. William and Priscilla had twelve children. One was great grandmother Jane Catherine Haltom and another was Martha Myrick Haltom. I descended from Jane Catherine and Ellen descended from Martha Myrick.

So cousin Ellen and I began to exchange Haltom information and then Sory information. Soon we realized that a lot of the information came from a

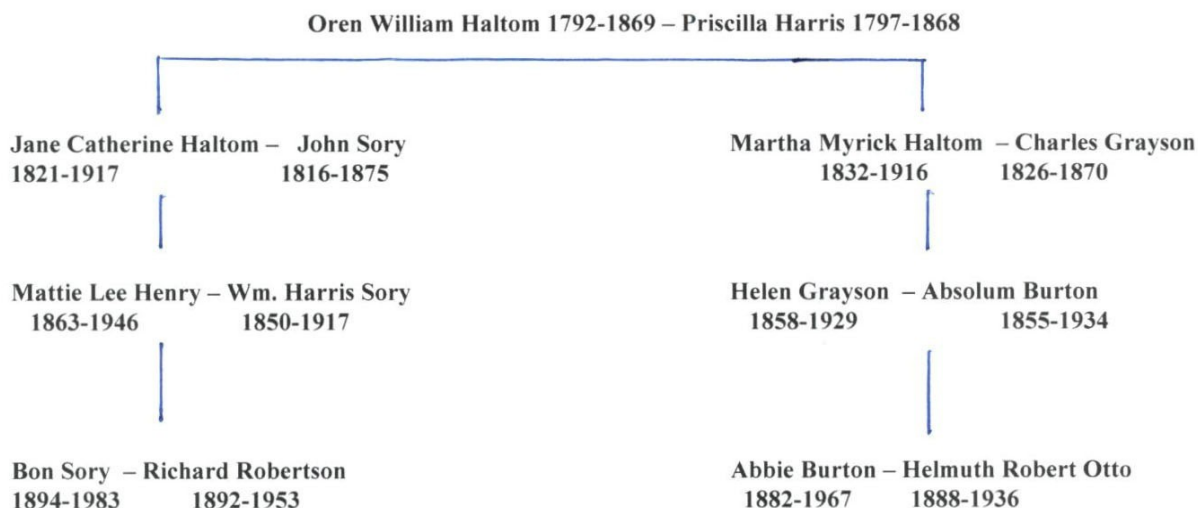
common source. My Mother had begun researching her family in 1923, even before she married. Sometime during the twenties she began corresponding with a relative named Abbie who was also researching part of mother’s family. Without computers and Ancestry.com they did it the hard way: letter writing. They would ask a relative for all the family data they could remember and return it by letter. Mother and Abbie divided up the folks they would contact so as not to duplicate a request and risk getting nothing.



**Priscilla Harris  
Haltom**

### Small World Genealogy

And how was Abbie kin to Mother? Abbie's grandmother was Martha Myrick Haltom, sister to Jane Catherine Haltom, my Mother's grandmother. The correspondence between the two continued at least in the the 1950's.



#### Mother's Relation to Abbie

So a considerable amount of the genealogy Ellen had was through Abbie and my Mother. Abbie was the sister to Ellen's grandmother, Hortense. *What a small world!*

Ellen wrote: "I am glad to know Bonnie and Abbie corresponded, too. It touches my heart; it seems that things have come full circle." After this revelation Ellen wondered if I had copies of Abbie's letters to Mother. She had many letters to Abbie but not any from Mother. Her aunt had said that some of Abbie's letters were lost in the process of changing residences and there was a box or two disposed of accidentally. Since Mother made carbon copies of all her letters, I had copies of her letters to Abbie and Abbie's letters to her. Ellen continued: "Would you mind copying some of Abbie's letters and sending them to me?...They would be a treasured keep-sake." I made copies of a number of the Abbie letters and sent them to her. A sample of the exchange:

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444 Baker  
Solina Kow  
Sept. 10-1931

Dear Cousin Bonnie

un-  
In the record of Annie D. Neame,  
& Dr. Wilson their son Neame  
in a record I already had I have  
his birth-date as 1909 + this last  
record you sent gave how it is  
1907 + Robt's 1912. + I had 1-  
1913 + I had their parents marriage  
as 1905 + your last record 1904.

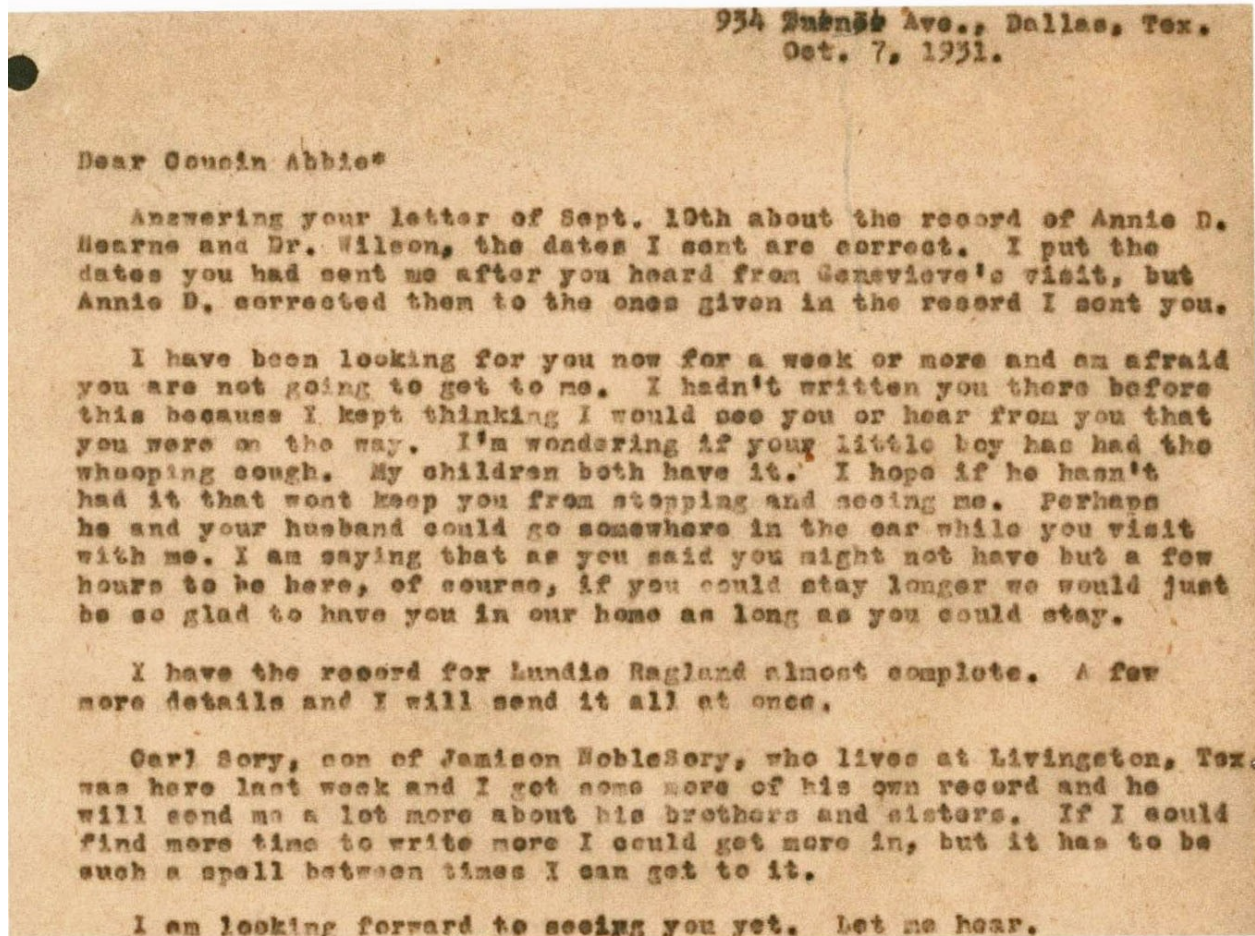
I'm wondering who's is right.  
I don't know where I got my  
first record. maybe from  
Genealogy.

✓ In record of my sister Mattie Lee,  
P. A. Lee died last Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
in Torrance Calif. so you can  
add this date on your record.

I hope to see you long about last of the  
month.

Abbie

## Small World Genealogy



Ellen is certainly an advanced genealogist and seems to have taken advantage of her proximity to Salt Lake City. She says her computer database has about 5,000 or so names typed into hers. It is certainly great to have a "cousin" the age of my children who has the interest and ability to research and follow our mutual family lines.

*It is a small world!!!*

Richard Robertson

February 2011

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**Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church**

MAY 1983

The PLEASANT GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH near Maydelle, Cherokee County, Texas was organized, Saturday, September 16, 1854 A.D. There were seventeen charter members. Bro. G. W. Slover was called as pastor on the day of organization. Wm. Herndon was the first Church Clerk. T. J. Roach and W. W. Lewis were chosen and ordained as deacons on the day of organization. The church voted to send delegates to the Judson Association. The first Sunday School was organized in 1887. Today the church's membership is near 170.

Following is a chronological list of pastors and church clerks as near as the records can be compiled:

YEAR	PASTOR	CHURCH CLERK
1854-1855	G. W. Slover	Wm. Herndon
1856-1857	I. H. Lane	S. M. Crume
1858-1859	M. V. Smith	S. M. Crume
1860	W. G. Caperton	S. M. Crume
1861-1854	Moses Damron	S. M. Crume
1854	James Powel	S. M. Crume
1866-1867	W. Chase	S. M. Crume
1868	W. W. Lewis	S. M. Crume
1869-1872	W. D. Burnett	S. M. Crume
1872-1878	Perry Holleyman	S. M. Crume
1879-1880	W. W. Lewis	J. F. M. Allen, , W. A. Crawford 1890; S. A. Crume 1891; B. T. Treadway 1896
1898	H. B. Scurlock	B. T. Treadway
1899	W. M. Hill	B. T. Treadway
1899-1900	S. P. Harris	B. T. Treadway; Eugene Roach 1899; John Crume 1900
1901	Perry Holleyman	John Crume
1902	S. P. Harris	B. T. Treadway
1903	Perry Holleyman	B. T. Treadway

**Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church**

YEAR	PASTOR	CHURCH CLERK
1904-1909	S. P. Harris	B. T. Treadway; S. A. Crume 1905; J. F. M. Allen 1906; S. A. Crume 1908
1910	J. V. Goble	S. A. Crume
1910-1914	W. N. Weldon	S. A. Crume; Eugene Roach 1911; J. S. Sherman 1911; W. H. Ferguson 1913
19*15-1919	W. D. Andrews	Eugene Roach; T. E. Acker 1916; Geo. Scogin 1918
1919-1923	Jim Roach	Geo. Scogin
1923-1924	B. B. Bryson	Geo. Scogin
1924-1929	W. O. Chandler	Geo. Scogin
1929-1931	Joel Bowman	Fred Ezell
1931-1934	J.J.Defore	Fred Ezell
1934-1939	W.D.Hill	Fred Ezell; Geo Scogin 1935
1939-1958	O.P. Meador	Geo. Scogin; Fannie Johnson 1943; J.L. Britton 1954
1958-1966	M. T. Blackmon	J.L.Britton; Clora Hassell 1964
1966-1967	Walter Spells	Clora Hassell
1968	Dearl Savage	William Lusk; G. W. Allen
1969-1977	M. T. Blackmon	G. W. Allen; Charlene Lusk
1977-1980	Charles (Chuck) Johnston	Charlene Lusk
1980-1981	J.W. Wortham	Charlene Lusk; Trenice Brown
1981	Phillip Burr	Trenice Brown
1981-	J. W. Wortham	Ernestine Croft

## Old Palestine Church Cemetery

### The Cemetery of Old Palestine Baptist Church

Old Palestine Baptist Church was organized in 1844 by Rev. Isaac Reed under the name Mount Olive. Later it became Palestine, but it has been Old Palestine for many, many years to keep it separated from nearby Palestine, Texas.

Old Palestine Cemetery is located in what is now called Linwood Community east of Alto, Texas on State highway 21. Twenty years ago there were over 1,200 graves and it has grown steadily since then. The cemetery has recently been extended north to the highway after being by-passed when the highway was widened and straightened about 50 years ago. The cemetery is well cared for by a cemetery association.

Some people think the first grave was for the child of a family passing through on the Old San Antonio Road. The little girl died and her father asked permission to bury her. This was on the road that most settlers followed and was the part of our county first settled.

A search in the Cemetery Deed Record Volume A in the office of the County Clerk in Rusk, Texas was successful in locating one deed. That deed points to a previous one and confirms that the land was donated by Henry and Helena Berryman, some of our first settlers. Helena was the daughter of James and Helena (Kimble) Dill and is considered the first Anglo child born in Texas. The Dills applied for land from Mexico early but had not received it before James died. Helena Dill pursued this and was the first one to receive a patent, in 1828, for 4 leagues. Under Spanish custom the widow was known by her maiden name, so the grant is called the James Dill or Helena Kimble. The daughter married Lt. Henry Berryman and they were civic minded, giving people.

The deed from Helena Berryman is on page 235 and is dated May 19, 1860. It was witnessed by W. W. McBee and E. E. Boulter, well-known early residents.

## Old Palestine Church Cemetery

Deed to Old Palestine Cemetery -- 2

The cemetery book was started in the 1880s but a close look reveals that this deed did not go on record until June 8, 1905. It was not on record for 45 years! It begins "...Helena Berryman of the county and State aforesaid in consideration of the benefit to the citizens and community at large in the vicinity of the Palestine Baptist Church on the old San Antonio Road in said County do hereby give donate convey alien and deliver unto Benjamin Selman Sr and Wm Roark the Deacons of said church and their successors in office in trust for the use of said citizens and community a certain tract of land containing two acres more or less on which is now situated a school house and a graveyard in part and to be used for that purpose and to be under the control and supervision of said church, it being situated on said road in the bounds of the Helena Kimble Grant...."

The description mentions a four acre tract previously conveyed by Henry and Helena Berryman and specifically states that this deed is for two acres of land.

Old Palestine Baptist Church is well cared for and so is the cemetery. There is also a parsonage on the grounds just east of the church.

Ogreta Wilson Huttash application to Daughters of the Republic of Texas

LINEAGE

I, Ogreta Wilson Huttash being of the age of sixteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Association of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas by right of lineal descent from: Isaac Lee born ca 1770 at \_\_\_\_\_ died 4-10-1836 at Washington Co, Texas He served the Republic of Texas in the capacity of a member of Stephen F. Austin's Colony His place of residence during the Republic of Texas was Washington County, Texas

Write given names in full. Give date and place of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

I was born 12-3-1922 at Alto Cherokee Texas  
Date City County State

(Please give all dates by numerals, month first, and given names in full)

1. I am the daughter of (Father) Hardiman Wilson born on 10-5-1882 at Alto, Cherokee Co., Texas died at Alto, Cherokee County, Texas on 6-29-1930 and his (only) wife James Teague Gaston born on 1-4-1897 at Alto, Cherokee Co., Texas died at living in Jacksonville, Texas on \_\_\_\_\_ married on 12-10-1921

2. The said James Teague Gaston was the child of Mathew Alexander Gaston born on 10-8-1860 at Hancock County, Georgia died at Alto, Texas on 4-25-1943 and his (only) wife Susan Anderson born on 12-24-1859 at Nacogdoches Co., Texas died at Alto, Texas on 4-18-1913 married on 1-11-1882

3. The said Susan Anderson was the child of Benjamin W. Anderson born on 2-21-1820 at Greene County, Alabama died at Hamilton County, Texas on 2-17-1888 and his (only) wife Mary Ann Lee born on 12-12-1827 at Washington County, ARK. died at Hamilton County, Texas on 6-20-1903 married on 11-19-1843

4. The said Mary Ann Lee was the child of Isaac Lee born on 2-8-1799 at Clarke County, Georgia died at Alto, Texas on 10-4-1880 and his (only) wife Mary (Polly) Groce born on 1-1-1804 at Kentucky died at Nacogdoches, Texas on 11-24-1845 married on ca 1823

5. The said Isaac Lee was the child of Isaac Lee born on ca 1770 at \_\_\_\_\_ died at Washington County, Texas on 4-10-1836 and his ( ) wife Patsy - born on ca 1776 at \_\_\_\_\_ died at Washington County, Texas on \_\_\_\_\_ before husband married on \_\_\_\_\_

6. The said \_\_\_\_\_ was the child of \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and his ( ) wife \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ married on \_\_\_\_\_

7. The said \_\_\_\_\_ was the child of \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and his ( ) wife \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ married on \_\_\_\_\_

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Ogreta Wilson Huttash application to Daughters of the Republic of Texas

LINEAGE

I, Ogreta Wilson Huttash being of the age of sixteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Association of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas by right of lineal descent from: Mrs. Patsy Lee born ca 1776 at \_\_\_\_\_ before 1-7-1836 at Washington County She He served the Republic of Texas in the capacity of a member of Stephen F. Austin's Colony <sup>Her</sup> ~~His~~ place of residence during the Republic of Texas was Washington County

Write given names in full. Give date and place of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

I was born 12-3-1922 at Alto Cherokee Texas  
Date City County State

(Please give all dates by numerals, month first, and given names in full)

Hardiman Wilson born on 10-5-1882 at Alto, Cherokee Co., Texas  
 died at Alto, Texas on 6-29-1930 and his ( only ) wife  
James Teague Gaston born on 1-4-1897 at Alto, Cherokee Co., Texas  
 died at living in Jacksonville, Tex on \_\_\_\_\_ married on 12-10-1921

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 died at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

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