

Guynell Watters Kennedy

PROOF OF LINEAL DESCENT

Any white woman, having attained her sixteenth birthday, is eligible to membership provided she is personally acceptable to the association and is a lineal descendant of a man or woman who was of the Old Three Hundred, or served the Colonies and the Republic of Texas in a civil or military capacity, or was loyal to the Republic of Texas during her struggle for Independence, or received grants of land as settlers before the annexation of Texas to the United States, Feb. 19, 1846.

When an applicant derives eligibility to membership by lineal descent from more than one ancestor, and desires to take advantage thereof, the history of each of said ancestors' services and the intermediate generations of the pedigree, shall be written upon separate application blanks and filed as Supplemental Lines.

Proofs of eligibility are wills, deeds, old letters, land grants, pension records, church records, tombstones, old newspapers, histories, etc. State fully the authority on which you base the documentary record of your ancestor's services to the Republic of Texas.

Proven Records only can be written on this page.

- 1 Applicant's marriage record, birth certificate, husband's death cert. & birth record
- 2 Parents: Both birth certificates, death certificates, and marriage record.
- 3 Grandparents: Bible record of birth, cemetery record of births and deaths, & marriage record
- 4 Great grandparents: 1850 census Sabine County, 1860 census Cherokee County, Family Bible, Marriage record, Mexican War service gives first wife's name, date of marriage, where and when, and death date.
- 5 Great great grandparents: 1830 census Mississippi, 1850 census Sabine County, 1860 census Cherokee County, Family Bible, Cemetery record, Deed from San Augustine County to daughter Pamelia Dokes Bobbitt dated 9-16-1845, deed of gift from San Augustine County to son Elias Myers dated 6-7-1857, Mississippi Genealogical Society Cemetery and Bible Records 1955, Fifty Families, A History, Citizens of the Republic of Texas Published by The Texas State Genealogical Society 1977.

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PROOF OF ANCESTOR'S SERVICE

Deed from San Augustine County to daughter Pamelia Dokes Bobbitt dated 9-16-1845

Give, if Possible, Children of Ancestor.

Elizabeth born 7-31-1814 m James S. Prichard 5-31-1832 d 5-5-1855

Amanda born 3-30-1818 m James Warren 11-17-1833 died 1-20-1893

Permelia Dokes born 7-10-1821 m Roarick R. Bobbitt 12-20-1836

Elias Myers born 5-9-1824 m Mary Jane Brown 6-10-1848 died 9-24-1906

Louisa Jane born 6-7-1827

Two died in infancy

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Space for Family Tradition.

The parents of George Koher moved from Germany to the U.S. County of Northampton, Pa. where George was born 11-8-1780. George's father was killed in the battle fought in the swamp near the Susquehanna River as mentioned in a deposition made July 4, 1836 in the court of Judge Jackson Warner in Leake County, Miss. on behalf of the Rev. War service petition for claim by his mother-in-law, Catherine Myers Null, and he was born soon after this battle. George Koher's family emigrated from the state of Pa. to Tenn. soon after the John Myers family in 1890. George Koher married the daughter of John Myers and Catherine Gable, Susanah Myers 10-4-1804. She was born in Northampton County, Pa. 5-31-1786. George W. Koher family was in Giles County, Tenn. in 1811 where he is listed as an Ensign in the 37th Regiment on 6-22-1811. The George W. Koher family moved from Tenn. to Yazoo County, Miss. where he appears on the 1823 tax list. In 1824 he was appointed Justice of the Peace of Yazoo County. He next moved to Madison Miss. where where Elias Myers was born 5-9-1824. He bought 81.31 acres of land in 1827. In 1828 a county government was formed in Madison. In the minutes of the first session of court ever held in Madison County, Judges were appointed to act in the designated precincts. These minutes record that Robert Cooper, James Thompson, and James Moore were appointed judges in Koher's district, with George Koher serving as returning officer. On March 2, 1829 he served on the jury in Madison County. On Nov. 1, 1831 he was ordered by the Board of Road Commissioners to "lay off and mark out a road" in the County. In the 1830 census of Madison County Miss. his family consisted of himself, his wife, two daughters born between 1810 and 1820, one daughter born between 1820 and 1830, and one son born between 1820 and 1830. George Koher received three land grants from the U.S. Government, one on 11-22-1832, and one on 12-5-1832, and one on 11-22-1833. In 1833 he purchased two more tracts of land in Madison Co. & appears on the tax list as the owner of five slaves. In 1836 George Koher and wife Susanah, sold one hundred sixty acres of land located in the Choctaw Purchase, to James S. Prichard for \$4,800. He had married Elizabeth Koher 5-31-1832. She was born 7-31-1814. The last deed of record, and George Koher's last appearance on the tax list in Madison County, Miss. was in 1839. George Koher is first of record in Leake Co., Miss. where he appears on the list of taxables in 1835. On 11-15-1835 he bought the NE 1/4 of NW 1/2 E 1/4 of Section 34 of land for \$159.44. On 8-21-1836 George Koher was appointed administrator of the goods and chattels of John Thurston, deceased. Signatures on this document include George Koher, James Warren, his son-in-law, and Thomas Myers, his brother-in-law. James Warren married Amanda P. Koher, daughter of George Koher on 11-17-1833. George Koher and his family from Miss. to the Republic of Tex. where he is found of record in San Augustine county on 9-16-1845. At that time he filed a deed gift to his daughter, Permelia Noke Robbitt, of a slave about fifteen years old named Lizzy. In 1847 he was appointed postmaster of Ayish Bayou, later called Kendrick. In 1850 his household consisted of himself, a farmer, age 70 born in Pa., his wife, Susanah, age 66 born in Pa., and George Myers, born in Miss. age 21 according to the Sabine County, Texas census. George Koher and Susanah Myers Koher are the gg grandparents of Guynell Watters Kennedy, the applicant.

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George Koher

The Applicant further says that the said
 (name of ancestor from whom eligibility is derived) is the ancestor mentioned in the foregoing application,
 and that the statements herein before set forth are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

(Signature of Applicant) *Mrs. Guynell Watters Kennedy*
 (Mrs. or Miss) Full maiden name with married surname

Subscribed and sworn to before me, *Am.* *Texas*
 City State
 this *18th* day of *October* 1979

(Seal)

[Signature]
 Signature of Notary
Richard M. Johnson

From the Archives of Ogreta W, Huttash in the Genealogy Section of the Jacksonville, Texas Public Library. Catalog Number 929.3764 Hu 235 in the name of Kennedy, Guynell Watters.

Tom Kennedy Birth Certificate

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE PREPARED AND APPROVED AS REQUIRED BY THE LAW PRINTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Houston
CITY OR PRECINCT NO. Kennard, Texas
GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD Tom Kennedy

3. SEX Male	FOR PLURAL BIRTHS ONLY: 4. TWIN, TRIPLET, OTHER		5. NUMBER, IN ORDER OF BIRTH	6. LEGITIMATE? Yes	7. DATE OF BIRTH June 21, 1903
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FATHER 8. FULL NAME John Bledsoe Kennedy			MOTHER 14. FULL MAIDEN NAME Daisy Simmons		
9. RESIDENCE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH Kennard, Texas			15. RESIDENCE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH Kennard, Texas		
10. COLOR OR RACE White	11. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH 31 YEARS		16. COLOR OR RACE White	17. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH 24 YEARS	
12. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Houston County, Texas			18. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Houston County, Texas		
13A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE Farming			19A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE House work		
13B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED Farm			19B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED Home		
20. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER, INCLUDING THIS BIRTH 2			21. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER, AND NOW LIVING 3		

1. I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD WHO WAS BORN ALIVE AT 9:30 P M. ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.

22. SIGNATURE J B Kennedy ADDRESS Alto, Texas

AFFIDAVIT A

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Cherokee

BEFORE ME ON THIS DAY APPEARED J B Kennedy
KNOWN TO ME TO BE THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THE CERTIFICATE ATTACHED HERETO, WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT THE FACTS STATED IN THE FOREGOING BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF Tom Kennedy ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND THAT HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THE FACTS AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT.

SIGNED: J B Kennedy

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS 25 DAY OF December, 19 41

S F Harrison
[SEAL] Seal NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR Cherokee COUNTY, TEXAS.

AFFIDAVIT B

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Cherokee

BEFORE ME ON THIS DAY APPEARED G S Hart
KNOWN TO ME TO BE THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS AFFIDAVIT, WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT THE FACTS STATED IN THE FOREGOING BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF Tom Kennedy ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND THAT HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH THE FACTS AND THAT HE IS NOT RELATED TO THE INDIVIDUAL BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE.

SIGNED: G S Hart

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS 23 DAY OF December, 19 41

S F Harrison
[SEAL] Seal NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR Cherokee COUNTY, TEXAS.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Houston

THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF Tom Kennedy ATTACHED HERETO, WAS SUBMITTED TO THIS COURT, AS PROVIDED FOR IN H. B. NO. 614, 46TH LEG., R. S. 1039. IT IS THE ORDER OF THIS COURT THAT THIS RECORD BE ACCEPTED BY THE STATE REGISTRAR FOR FILING IN THE STATE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

SIGNED Will McLean CO. JUDGE
DATE July 10 19 42 OF Houston COUNTY

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Tom Kennedy

Tom Kennedy had a dry cleaners in Alto, Texas. He would sometimes laze around all day singing and playing his guitar until about 30 minutes before Guynell would come to the shop after teaching school all day. Then he would turn on the steam and work like crazy to build up a sweat. Guynell would feel sorry for him and set to work in the shop to finish the dry cleaning and other chores until the late evening. Guynell's nephew, Terry Ted Moore, said she never caught on to the ruse.

Tom enjoyed hunting. He killed a deer almost every year.



His main joy was in fox hunting. For many years he raised champion fox hunting dogs.



Photos from the collection of Terry Ted Moore, 330 County Road 2601, Alto TX 75925.

I PRAYED FOR A BABY SISTER
By Guynell Watters Kennedy

I wss born Sept. 4, 1905, and my brother, George, Nov. 22, 1907. We wanted a baby sister, and our mother said if we prayed for a baby sister, God would tell the stork, and he would bring us one for Christmas in 1913.

George and I prayed every day for a Christmas gift of a baby sister. In November 1913, the stork delivered twins (boy and a girl) to a neighbor's house. We felt sure the the stork made a mistake so we put on our little bonnets and started to our neighbor's house to get our babies.

Our mother took us and explained that the two children at the neighbor's house probably asked God for them, and that they would be very sad if we took their little brother and sister away from them. We thought about it, and decided to leave them there, and maybe the stork would come to our house at Christmas time.

On Christmas morning in 1913 we went across the street to see what Santa had brought our neighbors. While we were gone the stork found our house and left a little baby girl. When we got home we were so happy that the stork found our house and had left our baby sister.

We had planned to have Christmas dinner with our mother's sister and her husband was our dad's brother. They had two little girls, but we were so happy to find our little sister we did not want to leave our home and go there, so they would come to see our new baby.

That was the happiest Christmas of my life, and I always loved that little sister and thank God daily for answering our prayers. I loved her so much that I never wanted our mother to to punish her.

I wanted to take any punishment tht she was due and would cry if I couldn't and until this day I love that baby sister with all my heart. Before the following Christmas I crocheted a baby red-cap. Red for a baby, but I thought red was for Christmas and she came on Christmas day which is her birthday, and I am always so happy just to thank God set her for our Christmas gift.

Alene Watters Mooe has brought three children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren into the world, to bring happiness into our lives. Thank you God for answering our prayers.

**Pedigree Chart for
Guynell Watters**

Guynell Watters

b: 04 Sep 1905 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA
 m: 24 Jun 1924 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA
 d: 16 Nov 2004 in Alto, Cherokee County, Texas

Vivian Elbert Watters

b: 19 Apr 1886 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA; See Death Certificate Info. Below under " Photo and Comments "
 m: 21 May 1905 in Angelina, Texas
 d: 10 Mar 1957 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA; DECOMPENSATION DUE TO MYOCARDIAL DEGENERATION/Justice Precinct 2

Emma Brittain Crouch

b: 21 Mar 1890 in Lone Star, Cherokee, Texas, USA; See Death Certificate Info. Below under " Photo and Comments "
 d: 15 Aug 1974 in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, USA

Zachariah Reeves Watters

b: 20 Nov 1845 in Perry Co, Alabama
 m: 23 Dec 1869 in Cherokee, Texas
 d: 20 Jan 1921 in New Orleans, Jefferson, Louisiana, USA; Age: 75

Mary Susannah Koher

b: 24 Nov 1852 in Sabinetown, Sabine, Texas, USA
 d: 08 Jul 1939 in Houston, Harris Co, TX; Alto City Cemetery - Alto, Cherokee Co, TX

Alexander Cissero Crouch

b: Abt. 1860 in Georgia, USA
 m:
 d:

Amanda Carolyn Derrington

b: Abt. 1864 in Texas, USA
 d: 1889 ; Age: 25

William Watters

b: 21 Sep 1805
 m: 07 Jan 1830 in Perry Co, Alabama
 d: 11 Dec 1859 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA

Amy White

b: 14 Jan 1810 in Georgia
 d: 23 Mar 1860 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA

Elias Myers Koher

b: 09 May 1824 in Madison Co, MS USA
 m: 10 Jun 1848
 d: 24 Sep 1906 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA

Mary Jene Brown

b: 29 Jun 1832 in Sabine, Texas, USA
 d: 20 Jan 1854 in Sabinetown, Sabine, TX USA

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Name:

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Fielding W Derrington

b: 12 Mar 1820 in Kentucky, USA
 m: Oct 1849 in Henry, Tennessee, USA
 d:

Nancy C Harper

b: 14 Apr 1824 in Tennessee
 d: Bef. 1880

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