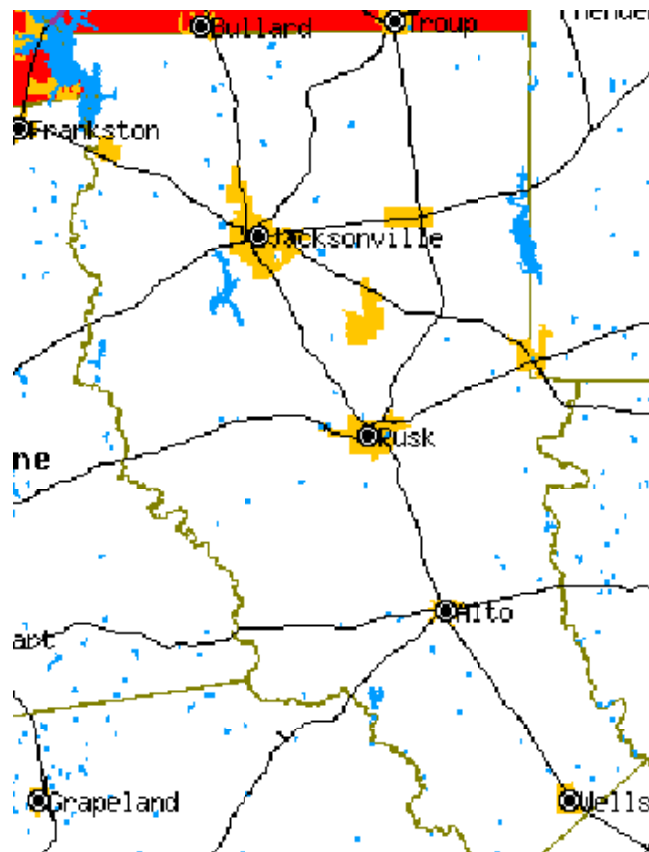


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Editor's Letter

We have published a new book **Jacksonville Daily Progress Obituary Index 1984-2013** compiled by staff of Jacksonville Public Library edited by Gordon Bennett. An alphabetical listing of 18,103 obituaries from the Jacksonville Daily Progress, Jacksonville, Texas. \$8.00

Jacksonville Daily Progress Obituary Index 1984-2013 (and the other books we publish) can now be ordered online at: <http://mkt.com/cherokee-county-genealogical-society>

Thanks to Marleta Childs for "Royal Arch Masons in Cherokee County" and Joan Posey Singletary for "The Posey Family".

The tribute to Guynell Watters Kennedy begins on page 8. Mary Taylor of the Major Thaddeus Beall chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution contributed information on Mrs. Kennedy's Revolutionary patriot ancestors, John White and John Myers. Terry Ted Moore contributed family photos and commentary. The Cherokeean-Herald allowed the reprint of Mrs. Kennedy's obituary and Mrs. Kennedy's story, "I Prayed for a Baby Sister." The other documents came from the collection of papers of Ogretta W. Huttash housed at the Jacksonville Public Library. There are still more documents in the file under Call Number 929.3764, Hu 235.

We also are printing more of the records listed in the finding aid at Stella Hill Memorial Library, 200 W. San Antonio Street, P.O. Box 98, Alto, Texas 75925 (936) 858-4346, altolib@consolidated.net.

Gordon Bennett
Editor

ROYAL ARCH MASONS IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

These are the names of the Royal Arch Masons who were members of the Larissa Chapter in Cherokee County, Texas, for 1878-1879. The data can be found on page 83 of TRANSACTIONS OF THE M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS AT ITS THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVOCATION HELD AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE, IN THE CITY OF HOUSTON, ON THURSDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D. 1879, A. I. 2409, AT THREE O'CLOCK P. M., which was published in Houston by W. H. Coyle, Printer and Lithographer, in 1880. (In the title, the M and E are each followed by three dots, representing the Triple Tau emblem of the organization. However, for simplicity, a period is used herein. Because many of organization's names of offices also include the Triple Tau emblem, only the initials of those ranks will be used here.)

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The Posey Family

A narrative concerning the Posey family

Francis Posey may have arrived in Virginia in 1637, but it then took his family some 200 years, spanning several generations, to reach Texas in 1841 and qualify for a 4th class land grant which was later claimed in Anderson County.

From Virginia, Francis first moved north into Maryland where the family lived until after the American Revolution when members began moving south once again into Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Among the Posey clan was Bennett and Nancy Griffin Posey whose son, James William, was born about 1800 in Greene County, Georgia. Around 1820 James married Jane, whose last name is thought to be Ford, who was also a native of Georgia. James and Jane lived for a number of years in Georgia, having 10 children. Then in 1838 they packed up and moved west to Greene County, Mississippi. According to tax records they stayed in Mississippi about three years before the wanderlust struck again.

In 1841 James' family arrived in the Shelby County area of the Republic of Texas, in time to qualify for a 4th class land grant. Later that year they continued on westward to claim land in Anderson County.

Among those believed to be the children of James William and Jane were:

- Mary who married a Mr. Beason;
- Bennett married Sally Williamson;
- William married Clementine Cordelia Fondren Dean;
- Lucinda married John Box;
- Mary Mahala became the wife of Andrew Jackson Morgan;
- Louisa was married four times, her husbands included R.C. Woodall, Sherrod Mathis, White Wood, and David Tumlinson;
- Adren Ford married Rachel Ellen Knox;
- James M. became the husband of Permelia Berry;
- Mary Ann (or Margaret), married James Williamson; and
- Sarah wed Wilkins Howard.

Clementine Fondren Dean who married William Posey, was the young widow of Drury Dean and daughter of William Fondren and Mary Martha Ray. Mary was the widow of William Beard living in Lawrence County Mississippi, where she and William Fondren were married; their six children were all born there before their coming to Cherokee County. At least one of Mary's sons by William Beard came with the family to Texas; John Marshall Beard is buried at West Shady Grove cemetery.

Clementine Fondren and Drury Dean had married in November of 1850; one daughter, Mary Ann, was born in August of 1852. We do not have a record of Drury's death date, but we do know that in November of 1853, Clementine married William Posey.

The Posey Family

Clementine and William Posey were the parents of three children: Gilbert Marcus, born 1854; James Lafayette, born 1856; and Margaret Jane, born 1858. Clementine then became a widow for the second time, possibly before the birth of Margaret Jane, their third child. It is believed that James Lafayette died young as the last record we find for him is dated March 1868 when Clementine filed for guardianship of her children in order to sell land. The 1870 United States census for that section of the county was never completed. It was said that the original census enumerator died and the gentleman appointed never finished the census.



Gilbert M. Posey

Gilbert was born in 1854 and died in 1919, and married Susan Matilda Benge on Dec. 21, 1877. Susan, born in 1858 died in 1892, was the eldest child of Obadiah Martin Benge and Agnes Durrett. Obadiah was the grandson of Revolutionary Soldier, O.M. Benge I, and the son of George Clinton Benge and his first wife Nancy Myers. George Clinton brought his family to Cherokee County prior to the 1850 census.



Susan Benge Posey

The Durrett family was once described to me as “red-bearded, tall, and ready to fight if need be”. Susan and her mother have also been described as having auburn hair. The auburn hair is interesting as Susan’s great uncle, Bob Benge, also known as “The Bench” or Captain Benge, was described as being red-haired. Bob Benge was half Cherokee and legendary in the South-western Virginia area until he was killed by the Militia in 1794. It is believed he was the son of “Trader John” Benge and his Cherokee wife, Wurteh. “Trader John” was the father of Obadiah Benge I, the father of George Clinton Benge.

I have been told that Agnes Durrett Benge used a cow horn to announce happenings to the community. When neighbors heard her blow the horn they were aware of an event in the community -- they knew the sick friend had died or the newest baby had been born. Agnes was also known to back up Obadiah with a shot gun when trouble came calling.

James Lafayette Posey was born to William and Clementine between 1855 and 1857. He is named in a deed dated March 1, 1868, but is not found after that time.

Margaret Jane was born in 1858 and died in 1931. She married John C. Barnes in 1875 and they are both buried in Earle’s Chapel Cemetery.

The Posey Family

Gilbert and Susan Posey became the parents of five children: William Martin, known as Will, who was born January of 1879 and died in 1971; James “Jim” Franklin was born March 1882 and died in 1945; Charles Gilbert, who was known as “Sheep” because of his curly red hair, was born October 1884 and died 1976; Cora Elizabeth, their only daughter, was born in 1887, died in 1984; John B. was born in 1891 and died only seven years later. All members of this family group, except Will, are buried at West Shady Grove Cemetery in Cherokee County in the area where they began their lives. Will is buried in the Palestine, Texas, cemetery beside his first wife Berta Estelle Emmons.

When Susan died in July of 1892 her oldest child, Will, said that “Grandma moved in with them for two or three years and then they ‘batched’ until Gilbert remarried” in 1896. Can you imagine calling someone named Clementine Cordelia “Grandma”?

Neither Jim nor Charlie Posey ever married. William married Berta Emmons of Palestine in 1917 and they lived in Palestine throughout their lives. They were the parents of two girls, Mary Jane and Joan.

Cora and Charles Franklin Edmiston, son of Benjamin Claiborne and Mary Evelyn Craig, were married in 1908 and were the parents of three daughters: Grace (1909-1989) who married Finis Ezell, they are both buried at West Shady Grove Cemetery; Gladys (1911-2004) was married to Everett Sherman, they are buried at Pleasant Grove Cemetery; and Ruby (1917-January 2011) married Maurice Watson. Ruby and Maurice are also buried at West Shady Grove. None of the three girls had children. Cora and Charlie are also at West Shady Grove cemetery among their family and friends.

Whenever I visited with Ruby in her later years she would always say, “Let’s go visit the family”, meaning drive me to West Shady Grove.

There was a family story concerning an area on or near the Neches River known as “Puss Springs”. I have heard that “Puss” was the nickname of Clementine and this was a favorite fishing, camping spot of the extended Posey family and had been named for her.

As a child I enjoyed the visits made to the home of Cora and Charlie Edmiston and was always fascinated by a clock on their mantle. The clock was weight-driven and I was told it had been bought by Grandma Clementine from a traveling salesman who came through the West Shady Grove area. Many years later the clock still faithfully kept the time until it was stolen during a break-in.

Note: I am indebted to Ruby Edmiston Watson, now deceased, and Hazel DuBose of Flint, Texas, for sharing so many stories of these pioneer families with me. Ruby’s mother, Cora Posey Edmiston was a storehouse of memories; and I have spent many happy hours listening to Hazel reminisce about her visits to West Shady Grove as she visited her Buckley grandparents. Since family research is never finished, I apologize for any inaccuracies in this narrative.

GUYNELL WATTERS KENNEDY

Funeral for Guynell Watters Kennedy, 99, of Alto was at 2 p.m. Friday (September 19, 2004) at the Hilltop Baptist Church with Pat Moore and the Rev. Charles Haley officiating. Burial was in Alto City Cemetery under the direction of O.T. Allen & Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kennedy died Tuesday, Nov. 16, in Alto. She was born Sept. 4, 1905, in Alto to Elbert and Emma Crouch Watters.

She lived all of her life in Alto and was a member of the Hilltop Baptist Church. She was a school-teacher for 47 years and taught at Alto, Glover and Central schools. She was also a Sunday school teacher for 68 years. Mrs. Kennedy was a member of the Alto Thursday Study club, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Preceding her in death were her husband, Tom Kennedy and a brother, George Watters. Survivors include a sister Alene Moore of Longview; two nephews, Terry Ted Moore of Alto and Jerry Jean Moore of Tyler; two nieces, Sherry Moore Bagley of Longview and Gene Watters Uzzle of Houston, numerous great-nieces, great-nephews and other relative and friends, Pallbearers included Ted Moore, Steven Moore, Tim Moore, Larry Bagley, Clay Bagley and Steve Daniel.

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Family Group Sheet for Vivian Elbert Watters

Husband:		Vivian Elbert Watters
	Birth:	19 Apr 1886 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA; See Death Certificate Info. Below under " Photo and Comments "
	Death:	10 Mar 1957 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA; DECOMPENSATION DUE TO MYOCARDIAL DEGENERATION/Justice Precinct 2
	Burial:	11 Mar 1957 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA; Alto City Cemetery
	Marriage:	21 May 1905 in Angelina, Texas
	Father:	Zachariah Reeves Watters
	Mother:	Mary Susannah Koher
Wife:		Emma Brittain Crouch
	Birth:	21 Mar 1890 in Lone Star, Cherokee, Texas, USA; See Death Certificate Info. Below under " Photo and Comments "
	Death:	15 Aug 1974 in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, USA
	Burial:	17 Aug 1974 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA; ATRIAL FIB with COMPLICATED HEART DISEASE
	Father:	Alexander Cissero Crouch
	Mother:	Amanda Carolyn Derrington
Children:		
1 F	Name:	Guynell Watters
	Birth:	04 Sep 1905 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA
	Death:	16 Nov 2004 in Alto, Cherokee County, Texas
	Burial:	2004 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA; Alto, City, Cemetery
	Marriage:	24 Jun 1924 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA
	Spouse:	Tom Kennedy
2 M	Name:	George Crouch Watters
	Birth:	22 Oct 1907 in Alto, Texas
	Death:	22 Sep 1949 in Cuero, DeWitt, Texas, USA; Age: 41
	Burial:	Alto, Cherokee County, Texas
	Marriage:	07 Aug 1933 in Longview, Gregg, Texas, USA
	Spouse:	Trixie Gene Wright
3 F	Name:	Mary Alene Watters
	Birth:	25 Dec 1913 in Texas
	Death:	15 Aug 2008 in Longview, Gregg, Texas; Age at Death: 94
	Marriage:	12 Mar 1932 in Cherokee Co, TX; J. J. Ray, Trinity Texas
	Spouse:	Benjamin Cranford Moore
Notes:		

Guynell Watters Birth Certificate

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

STATE OF TEXAS		BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS	
COUNTY OF <u>Cherokee</u>		CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH	
CITY OR PRECEDENCE <u>Alto, Texas.</u>		GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION	
2. FULL NAME OF CHILD <u>Guynell Watters</u>			
3. SEX <u>Female</u>	4. TWIN, TRIPLET, OTHER <u>1</u>	5. NUMBER, IN ORDER OF BIRTH <u>1</u>	6. LEGITIMATE? <u>Yes</u>
7. DATE OF BIRTH <u>September 4th 1905</u>			
8. FULL NAME <u>Vivian Elbert Watters</u>		14. FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Emma Brittain Crouch.</u>	
9. RESIDENCE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>Alto, Texas.</u>		15. RESIDENCE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>Alto, Texas.</u>	
10. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	11. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>19</u> YEARS	16. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	17. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>15</u> YEARS
12. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Cherokee County, Texas.</u>		18. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Cherokee County, Texas.</u>	
13A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE <u>Farming</u>		19A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE <u>Housework</u>	
13B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED <u>...</u>		19B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED <u>...</u>	
20. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER, INCLUDING THIS BIRTH <u>1</u>		21. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER, AND NOW LIVING <u>1</u>	
I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD WHO WAS <u>BORN ALIVE</u> AT <u>6:30 P.</u> M. ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.			
22. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN <u>J. A. Allison</u>		ADDRESS <u>Grapevine, Tex.</u>	

MEDICAL ATTENDANT'S AFFIDAVIT	
STATE OF TEXAS	
COUNTY OF <u>Tarrant</u>	
Before me on this day appeared <u>J. A. Allison</u> (Name of Physician)	
known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing certificate of birth, who on oath deposes and says that <u>he</u> was the medical attendant at the birth of <u>Guynell Watters</u> , and that the (Name Appearing on Certificate)	
facts stated in the certificate attached hereto are true and correct to the best of <u>his</u> knowledge and belief.	
Signature of Physician <u>J. A. Allison</u>	
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this <u>31st</u> day of <u>December</u> , 194 <u>1</u>	
<u>H. C. Yancey</u>	
(Seal)	Notary Public in and for <u>Tarrant</u> County, Texas

STATE OF TEXAS	
COUNTY OF <u>Cherokee</u>	
THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF <u>Guynell Watters</u>	
attached hereto, was submitted to this Court, as provided for in H.B. No. 614, 46th Leg., R.S., 1939.	
It is the order of this Court that this record <u>be accepted</u> by the State Registrar for filing in the State Bureau of Vital Statistics.	
Signature <u>H. T. Brown</u> Co. Judge	
Date <u>Jan. 23, 1942</u>	<u>104</u> of <u>Cherokee</u> County

Courtin9 Days

1924



Tom
Kennedy

Gaynell
Watters



Old Angelina Bridge May 1924
Before Marriage June 24, 1924

Old Angelina Bridge, May 1924. Before marriage on June 24, 1924

Family Group Sheet for Zachariah Reeves Watters

Husband:		Zachariah Reeves Watters
	Birth:	Alabama
	Death:	20 Jan 1921 ; Age: 75
	Burial:	Alto, Cherokee County, Texas
	Marriage:	23 Dec 1869 in Cherokee, Texas
	Father:	William Watters
	Mother:	Amy White
Wife:		Mary Susannah Koher
	Birth:	24 Nov 1852 in Sabine, Texas, USA
	Death:	08 Jul 1939 in Houston, Harris, Texas, USA
	Father:	Elias Myers Koher
	Mother:	Mary Jene Brown
Children:		
1	Name:	Infant Watters
M	Birth:	Abt. 1870
2	Name:	William Elias Watters
M	Birth:	15 Apr 1871 in Texas
	Death:	26 Sep 1940 ; Age: 69
	Burial:	Alto, Cherokee County, Texas
	Marriage:	14 Apr 1895 in Cherokee, Texas
	Spouse:	Katie B Singletary
3	Name:	Sarah Dora Watters
F	Birth:	16 Sep 1874 in Texas
	Death:	22 Jul 1953
	Marriage:	15 Dec 1892 in Cherokee, Texas, USA
	Spouse:	Charles Edward Allen
4	Name:	Ruebin Samuel Watters
M	Birth:	10 Feb 1877 in Texas
	Death:	16 Nov 1921 ; Age: 44
	Burial:	Alto, Cherokee County, Texas
	Marriage:	20 May 1898 in Walker, Texas, USA
	Spouse:	Mary Oldham
5	Name:	James Reeves Watters
M	Birth:	18 Dec 1879 in Texas
	Death:	28 Mar 1955 in Houston, Harris, Texas, USA; Age: 72
	Burial:	Alto, Cherokee County, Texas
	Spouse:	Jeffie Wallace
6	Name:	George Koher Watters
M	Birth:	30 Dec 1882 in Texas
	Death:	06 Dec 1950 in Rural Precinct 1, Trinity, Texas, USA; Age: 68
	Burial:	Alto, Cherokee County, Texas
	Spouse:	Lena Crouch
7	Name:	Vivian Elbert Watters
M	Birth:	19 Apr 1886 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA; See Death Certificate Info. Below
	Death:	10 Mar 1957 ; DECOMPENSATION DUE TO MYOCARDIAL DEGENERATION/Justice Precinct 2
	Burial:	11 Mar 1957 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA; Alto City Cemetery
	Marriage:	21 May 1905 in Angelina, Texas
	Spouse:	Emma Brittain Crouch
Notes:		

Zachariah Reeves Watters Family



Standing: Dora Watters Allen, William Elias Watters

Middle Row: James Reeves Watters, Reuben Watters, Mary Susannah Koher Watters, Zachariah Reeves Watters,
Charles Edward Allen Junior

Bottom: George Koher Watters, Vivian Elbert Watters

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Watters Brothers



William Elias Watters, George Koher Watters, Reuben Samuel Watters, Vivian Elbert Watters, James Reeves Watters



Emma Crouch Watters, Sarah Dora Watters, Vivian Elbert Watters

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Guynell Watters Kennedy

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No. 10300 Supplemental No. _____

Daughters of the Republic of Texas

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

OF

(Miss or Mrs.) Guynell Watters Kennedy
 Full maiden name with married surname
 (Wife or Widow) of Tom Kennedy
 Full name of husband

Residence P.O. Box 174 Alto Texas 75925
 Number Street City State Zip Code

DESCENDANT OF

George Kohler

CHAPTER RECORD

Chapter William Roark City Alto, Texas

Application received and approved fee and annual dues paid and sent to Registrar General _____ 19____

Mrs. Henry Lewis Rose
 Organizing Chapter President Chapter Registrar

Report of Membership Committee

Examined _____ 19____

Approved 11-9 1979
Villa Marchand Williams Opal Klutts Volli
 Registrar General President General

Application and Duplicate Received by Registrar General _____ 19____

Duplicate Sent to Registrar William Roark Chapter January 31 1980

Certificate of Membership January 31 1980

Member at Large Approved by Board of Management _____ 19____

ENDORSEMENT

Nominated and recommended by the two undersigned members of this Association in good standing, to whom the applicant is personally known.

Mrs. Henry L. Rose Mrs. Henry L. Averitt
 Name Name
P.O. Box 584, Alto, Texas 901 Cedar St., Palestine, Texas
 Residence Residence
Fort Houston Fort Houston
 Chapter Chapter

To be made in duplicate and sent to the Registrar General of the Association. When approved one copy will be forwarded to the Registrar of the chapter of applicant.

Initiation fee, \$10.00 DRT dues, \$5.00 Chapter dues, \$ _____

APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN ORIGINALS—DO NOT FOLD APPLICATION

Guynell Watters Kennedy

LINEAGE

I, Guynell Watters Kennedy 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: George Koher born 11-8-1780 at Northampton Co., Pa. died after 1860 at Texas. He served the Republic of Texas in the capacity of a Citizen. His place of residence during the Republic of Texas was Sabinetown, Sabine County, Texas.

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

I was born 9-4-1905 at Alto Cherokee Texas
Date City County State

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

Vivian Elbert Watters born on 4-19-1886 at Alto, Texas I am the daughter of (Father)
died at Alto, Texas on 3-10-1959 and his () wife
Emma Brittain Crouch born on 3-21-1890 at Lonestar, Texas
died at Jacksonville, Texas on 8-15-1974 married on 5-21-1905

2. The said Vivian Elbert Watters was the child of
Zachariah Reeves Watters born on 11-20-1845 at Perry County, Ala.
died at New Orleans, Louisiana on 1-20-1921 and his () wife
Mary Susanah Koher born on 11-24-1852 at Sabine County, Texas
died at Houston, Texas on 7-8-1939 married on 12-23-1869

3. The said Mary Susanah Koher was the child of
Elias Myers Koher born on 5-9-1824 at Madison Co., Miss.
died at Alto, Texas on 9-24-1906 and his (1st) wife
Mary Jane Brown born on 6-29-1832 at Sabine County, Texas
died at Sabinetown, Sabine Co, Tex on 1-20-1855 married on 6-10-1848

4. The said Elias Myers Koher was the child of
George Koher born on 11-8-1780 at Northampton Co., Pa.
died at Cherokee Co., Texas on after 1860 census and his () wife
Susanah Myers born on 5-31-1786 at Tennessee
died at Texas on 9-4-1850 married on 10-4-1804

5. 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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8. The said _____ was the child of
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his () wife
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

9. The said _____ was the child of
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his () wife
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

I do ☒ or do not ☐ give consent for the Office of the Custodian General to furnish by correspondence information contained in this application to persons seeking membership on the same line.

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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.

Applicant's marriage record, birth certificate, husband's death cert. & birth record

Parents:

~~Both birth certificates, death certificates, and marriage record.~~

Grandparents:

~~Bible record of birth, cemetery record of births and deaths, & marriage record~~

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.

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 Parmelia 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 Pamela 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

Parmelia 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

Guynell Watters Kennedy

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 grandparents of Guynell Watters Kennedy, the applicant.

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George Koher

The Applicant further says that she 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,

this 18th

City

day of October

State

1979

(Seal)

Richard M. Johnson
Signature of Notary

Tom Kennedy Birth Certificate

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

STATE OF TEXAS		BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS	
COUNTY OF <u>Houston</u>		CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH	
CITY OR PRECINCT NO. <u>Kennard, Texas</u>		GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION	
2. FULL NAME OF CHILD <u>Tom Kennedy</u>			
3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. TWIN, TRIPLET, OTHER <u>FOR PLURAL BIRTHS ONLY:</u>	5. NUMBER, IN ORDER OF BIRTH <u>Yes</u>	7. DATE OF BIRTH <u>June 21, 1903</u>
8. FULL NAME <u>John Bledsoe Kennedy</u>		14. FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Daisy Simmons</u>	
9. RESIDENCE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>Kennard, Texas</u>		15. RESIDENCE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>Kennard, Texas</u>	
10. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	11. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>31</u> YEARS	16. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	17. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>24</u> YEARS
12. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Houston County, Texas</u>		18. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Houston County, Texas</u>	
13A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE <u>Farming</u>		19A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE <u>House work</u>	
13B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED <u>Farm</u>		19B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED <u>Home</u>	
20. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER, INCLUDING THIS BIRTH <u>2</u>		21. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER, AND NOW LIVING <u>3</u>	
I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD WHO WAS BORN ALIVE AT <u>9:30</u> P. M. ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.			
22. SIGNATURE <u>J B Kennedy</u>		ADDRESS <u>Alto, Texas</u>	

AFFIDAVIT A	
STATE OF TEXAS	
COUNTY OF <u>Cherokee</u>	
BEFORE ME ON THIS DAY APPEARED <u>J B Kennedy</u>	
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 <u>Tom Kennedy</u> ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND THAT <u>HE</u> WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THE FACTS AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT.	
SIGNED: <u>J B Kennedy</u>	
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS <u>23</u> DAY OF <u>December</u> , 19 <u>41</u>	
S F Harrison	
[SEAL]	Seal
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR <u>Cherokee</u> COUNTY, TEXAS.	

AFFIDAVIT B	
STATE OF TEXAS	
COUNTY OF <u>Cherokee</u>	
BEFORE ME ON THIS DAY APPEARED <u>G S Hart</u>	
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 <u>Tom Kennedy</u> ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND THAT <u>HE</u> IS ACQUAINTED WITH THE FACTS AND THAT <u>HE</u> IS NOT RELATED TO THE INDIVIDUAL BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE.	
SIGNED: <u>G S Hart</u>	
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS <u>23</u> DAY OF <u>December</u> , 19 <u>41</u>	
S F Harrison	
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NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR <u>Cherokee</u> COUNTY, TEXAS.	

STATE OF TEXAS	
COUNTY OF <u>Houston</u>	
THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF <u>Tom Kennedy</u>	
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 <u>Will McLean</u> CO. JUDGE	
DATE <u>July 10</u> 19 <u>42</u>	OF <u>Houston</u> 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
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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

Name:

b:
m:
d:

Name:

b:
d:

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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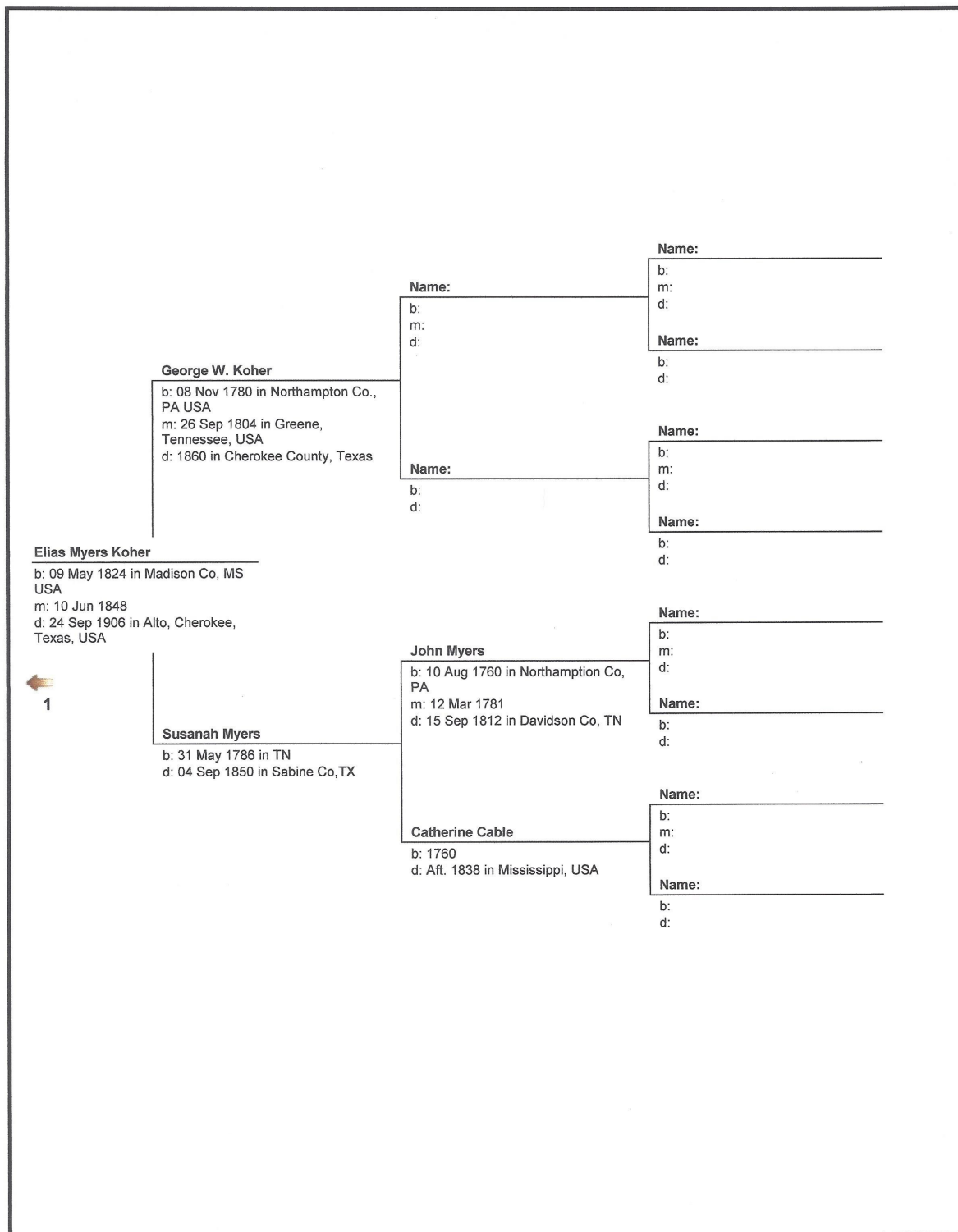
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Pedigree Chart for Guynell Watters

Thomas Collins Watters b: 22 Dec 1795 in Oglethorpe Co, GA m: d: 26 Jan 1855 in Talladega Co, AL	Name: b: m: d: Name: b: d:
William Watters b: 21 Sep 1805 m: 07 Jan 1830 in Perry Co, Alabama d: 11 Dec 1859 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA	Name: b: m: d: Name: b: d:
 1	Name: b: m: d: Name: b: d:
Matilda Brittain b: 12 Nov 1797 in Clark Co, GA d: 13 Sep 1882 in Oak Alla, Burnett Co, TX	Name: b: m: d: Name: b: d:

<p>Amy White b: 14 Jan 1810 in Georgia m: 07 Jan 1830 in Perry Co, Alabama d: 23 Mar 1860 in Alto, Cherokee, Texas, USA</p>	<p>John White b: 31 Jul 1783 in GA or VA m: Bet. 1804–1805 in Elbert Co, Georgia d: 24 Jan 1873 in Perry Co, Alabama</p>	<p>John White b: 20 Oct 1749 in North Carolina, USA m: Bet. 1769–1770 in VA or NC d: 08 Oct 1823 in Jasper, Georgia, USA</p>	<p>Name: _____ b: _____ m: _____ d: _____ Name: _____ b: _____ d: _____</p>
<p>← 1</p>	<p>Catherine b: 1790 in Elbert Co, Georgia d: 1858 in Perry Co, Alabama</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>Name: _____ b: _____ m: _____ d: _____ Name: _____ b: _____ d: _____</p>
	<p>Name: _____ b: _____ m: _____ d: _____</p>	<p>Name: _____ b: _____ m: _____ d: _____ Name: _____ b: _____ d: _____</p>	
	<p>Name: _____ b: _____ d: _____</p>	<p>Name: _____ b: _____ m: _____ d: _____ Name: _____ b: _____ d: _____</p>	

Pedigree Chart for Guynell Watters



Vivian Elbert Watters Birth Certificate

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

STATE OF TEXAS		BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH	
COUNTY OF <u>Cherokee.</u>		CITY OR PRECINCT NO. <u>Alto, Texas.</u>	
GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION			
2. FULL NAME OF CHILD <u>Vivian Elbert Watters.</u>			
3. SEX <u>Male</u>	FOR PLURAL BIRTHS ONLY: 4. TWIN, TRIPLET, OTHER	5. NUMBER, IN ORDER OF BIRTH	6. LEGITIMATE? <u>Yes</u>
			7. DATE OF BIRTH <u>April 19th, 1886.</u>
8. FULL NAME <u>Zechariah Reeves Watters.</u>		14. FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Mary Susiana Koher.</u>	
9. RESIDENCE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>Alto, Texas</u>		15. RESIDENCE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>Alto, Texas.</u>	
10. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	11. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>40</u> YEARS	16. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	17. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>33</u> YEARS
12. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Alabama.</u>		18. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Texas.</u>	
13A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE <u>Farming</u>		19A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE <u>Housewife.</u>	
13B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED		19B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED	
20. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER, INCLUDING THIS BIRTH <u>7</u>		21. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER, AND NOW LIVING <u>6</u>	
I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD WHO WAS BORN ALIVE AT <u>A.M.</u> M. ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.			
22. SIGNATURE <u>Arthur Ross</u>		ADDRESS <u>Alto, Texas.</u>	

STATE OF TEXAS		AFFIDAVIT A	
COUNTY OF <u>Cherokee.</u>		BEFORE ME ON THIS DAY APPEARED <u>Ida E. Latham.</u> <u>Arthur Ross.</u>	
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 <u>Vivian Elbert Watters.</u> ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF			
(NAME APPEARING ON CERTIFICATE) <u>HE</u> KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND THAT <u>HE</u> WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THE FACTS AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT.			
SIGNED: <u>Arthur Ross</u> X			
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS <u>25th</u> DAY OF <u>August</u> 19 <u>54</u>			
[SEAL] <u>S.F. Harrison.</u> NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR <u>Cherokee.</u> COUNTY, TEXAS.			

STATE OF TEXAS		AFFIDAVIT B	
COUNTY OF <u>Cherokee.</u>		BEFORE ME ON THIS DAY APPEARED <u>Arthur Ross.</u> <u>Ida E. Latham.</u>	
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 <u>Vivian Elbert Watters.</u> ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF			
(NAME APPEARING ON CERTIFICATE) <u>HE</u> KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND THAT <u>SHE</u> IS ACQUAINTED WITH THE FACTS AND THAT <u>HE</u> IS NOT RELATED TO THE INDIVIDUAL BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE.			
SIGNED: <u>Ida E. Latham</u> ✓			
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS <u>25th</u> DAY OF <u>August</u> 19 <u>54</u>			
[SEAL] <u>S.F. Harrison.</u> NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR <u>Cherokee.</u> COUNTY, TEXAS.			

STATE OF TEXAS	
COUNTY OF _____	
THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF _____	
ATTACHED HERETO, WAS SUBMITTED TO THIS COURT, AS PROVIDED FOR IN H. B. No. 614, 46TH LEG. R. S. 1939.	
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 _____	CO. JUDGE
DATE _____ 19 _____	OF _____ COUNTY

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Emma Brittian Crouch Birth Certificate

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

1. PLACE OF BIRTH		TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS		CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH	
STATE OF TEXAS		COUNTY OF Cherokee		CITY OR PRECINCT NO. Lone Star, Texas.		GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION	
2. FULL NAME OF CHILD Emma Brittian Crouch.							
3. SEX Female		4. TWIN, TRIPLET, OTHER		5. NUMBER, IN ORDER OF BIRTH		6. LEGITIMATE? Yes	
						7. DATE OF BIRTH March 21st, 1890.	
8. FULL NAME FATHER Alexander Cissero Crouch.				14. FULL MAIDEN NAME MOTHER Amanda Carolyn Derrington.			
9. RESIDENCE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH Lone Star, Texas				15. RESIDENCE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH Lone Star, Texas.			
10. COLOR OR RACE White		11. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH 30 YEARS		16. COLOR OR RACE White		17. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH 26 YEARS	
12. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Georgia.				18. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Texas.			
13A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE Mechanic				19A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE Housewife			
13B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED				19B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED			
20. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER, INCLUDING THIS BIRTH 5				21. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER, AND NOW LIVING 4			
I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD WHO WAS BORN ALIVE AT P.M. M. ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.							
22. SIGNATURE <i>Arthur Ross</i> ADDRESS <i>1122 E. 1st</i>							
AFFIDAVIT A							
STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF Cherokee X							
BEFORE ME ON THIS DAY APPEARED <i>Arthur Ross</i> 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 Emma Brittain Crouch, 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: <i>Arthur Ross</i> X							
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS 25th DAY OF August, 19 54							
[SEAL] S F Harrison. NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR Cherokee COUNTY, TEXAS.							
AFFIDAVIT B							
STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF Cherokee							
BEFORE ME ON THIS DAY APPEARED Ida E. Latham. 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 Emma Brittain Crouch, 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: <i>Ida E. Latham</i>							
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS 25th DAY OF August, 19 54							
[SEAL] SF Harrison NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR Cherokee COUNTY, TEXAS.							
STATE OF TEXAS							
COUNTY OF _____							
THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF _____ ATTACHED HERETO, WAS SUBMITTED TO THIS COURT, AS PROVIDED FOR IN H. B. No. 614, 46TH LEG., R. S. 1939. 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 _____ CO. JUDGE							
DATE _____ 19 ____ OF _____ COUNTY							

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V.E. Watters and Emma Crouch Marriage Record

Marriage Record

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Angelina

NO. 486

To any person authorized by the Laws of the State of Texas, to celebrate the rites of Matrimony in the State of Texas,—Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE THE
RITES OF MATRIMONY

Between Mr. V. E. Watters
and Miss Emma Crouch
and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this license.

Witness my official signature and seal of office, at office in Lufkin, the 19th day of May 1905

J. J. Singleton, Clerk of
County Court, Angelina County

(Seal)

By _____, Deputy

I, hereby certify that I, D. S. Burke on the 21 day of May, 1905, I united in marriage V. E. Watters and Miss Emma Crouch, the parties above named.

Witness my hand this 23 day of May 1905

D. S. Burke
Minister

Returned and filed for record the 24 day of May, 1905, and recorded the 7 day of Sept 1905

J. J. Singleton, County Clerk
By J. D. Cochran, Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Angelina

I, Paul Selman, County Clerk in and for Angelina County, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a marriage record of Mr. V. E. Watters and Miss Emma Crouch as the same appears of record in my office in Vol. E, Page 127, Marriage Records of Angelina County, Texas, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office, at office in Lufkin, Texas, this the 28 day of December, A.D. 1970

PAUL SELMAN, County Clerk.

By Melba Howard, Deputy

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George Crouch Watters Death Certificate

STATE OF TEXAS
CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

RECORD OF DEATHS

Form 99—Class A The State Co., Austin (Rev. Jan., 1948) **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** **BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS** **CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY DeWitt
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL, and give precinct no.) Cuero
c. LENGTH OF STAY (If this place) 4 mos.
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION 107 E Church St (Texas Hotel)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission).
a. STATE Texas b. COUNTY Bexar
c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL, and give precinct no.) San Antonio
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 212 Vine Street

3. NAME OF DECEASED
a. (First) GEORGE b. (Middle) CROUCH c. (Last) WATTERS
4. DATE OF DEATH Sept. 22, 1949

5. SEX Male 6. COLOR OR RACE White 7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) Married
8. DATE OF BIRTH Oct. 22, 1907 9. AGE Years 41 Months 11 Days 0 If under 24 hrs. Min.

10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Geophysical operator 10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Geophysical
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Alto, Texas
12. FATHER'S NAME Albert V. Watters BIRTHPLACE D K
13. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Emma Crouch BIRTHPLACE D K
14. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) --- (If yes, give war or dates of service) ---
15. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. --- 16. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE Trixie Gene Watters

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

17. CAUSE OF DEATH
Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c)
I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) Undetermined
ANTECEDENT CAUSES
Morbidity conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) --- DUE TO (c) ---
II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS
Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death. ---
19. AUTOPSY? Yes ☐ No ☒

18a. DATE OF OPERATION --- 18b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION ---

20a. ACCIDENT (Specify) --- 20b. PLACE OF INJURY (e. g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) --- 20c. (CITY, TOWN, OR PRECINCT NO.) (COUNTY) (STATE) ---

20d. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) (m.) --- 20e. INJURY OCCURRED While at ☐ Not While at ☐ Work --- 20f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR? ---

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Investigation at 6:30 P.M. on Sept. 22nd, 1949, that I last saw the deceased alive on --- and that death occurred at 10:30 A.M. on Sept. 22nd, 1949, from the cause and on the date stated above.

22a. SIGNATURE J. P. Bridges (Degree or title) Coroner 22b. ADDRESS Cuero, Texas 22c. DATE SIGNED 9-22-49

23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial 23b. DATE 9-24-49 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Alto Cemetery

23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) Alto, Texas 24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE Freund Funeral Home Per: C.S. Buening

25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. --- 25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR Sept. 22, 1949 25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Arthur Fischer

IF DECEASED HAS RENDERED MILITARY SERVICE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

(a) Is the deceased reported to have been in such service? ☐ (b) Name of organization in which service was rendered? --- (c) Serial number of discharge papers or adjusted service certificate? ---

(d) Name of next of kin or of next friend? --- (e) Post Office Address? ---

PLEASE FILL OUT FOR ALL DEATHS

(f) Deceased was citizen of what country? --- (g) Name of husband or wife --- (h) Age in Years ---

IF DECEASED IS UNIDENTIFIED, FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

(i) Color of Hair? --- (j) Color of Eyes? --- (k) Height? --- Ft. --- In. --- (l) Weight? ---

(m) Deformities? --- (n) Tattoo Marks ---

(o) Other marks of identification? ---

The State of Texas }
County of DeWitt }

I, ANN DREHR, Clerk of the County Court of DeWitt County, Texas, do hereby certify the above or foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Death Certificate of GEORGE CROUCH WATTERS as the same appears of record in the Death Records of DeWitt County, Texas.

Witness my hand and official seal of office in Cuero, Texas, this 9 TH day of DECEMBER, A.D. 19 96

ANN DREHR, COUNTY CLERK
DeWitt County, Texas
Pamela S. Brandstetter
Deputy

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Mr. E. M. Koher and Miss M. Drusella Henderson Marriage

STATE OF TEXAS

Cherokee **COUNTY**

To any Judge of the County or District Court, Regularly Licensed or Ordained
Minister of the Gospel, or Justice of the Peace in and for said County of
Cherokee

GREETING:
YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE THE
rites of MATRIMONY

Between *Mr. E. M. Koher*
and *Miss M. Drusella Henderson*
and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said
County within Sixty days thereafter, certifying your action
under this License.

WITNESS my official signature and seal of
office at office in *Rock* this *8*
day of *May* AD 188*5*
D. B. Barron
Deputy, Clerk County Court, *Cherokee, Co.*

I *John A. Barron* Hereby Certify that
on the *7* day of *May* AD 188*5*
I united in Marriage *E. M. Koher* and
Miss M. Drusella Henderson the parties above named
WITNESS my hand this *7* day of *May* AD 188*5*
John A. Barron

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