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Editor's Letter

The 2121 TxSGS Family History Conference, *Connecting Generations*, will be on Friday and Saturday, October 1-2, 2021. Take a look at the conference webpages at: <https://www.txsgs.org/2021-txsgs-family-history-conference/>.

Thanks to Varanya Publishers for permission to publish “Mixed Blood: Compendium of Traders, Interpreters, Frontiersmen with Native Americans”.

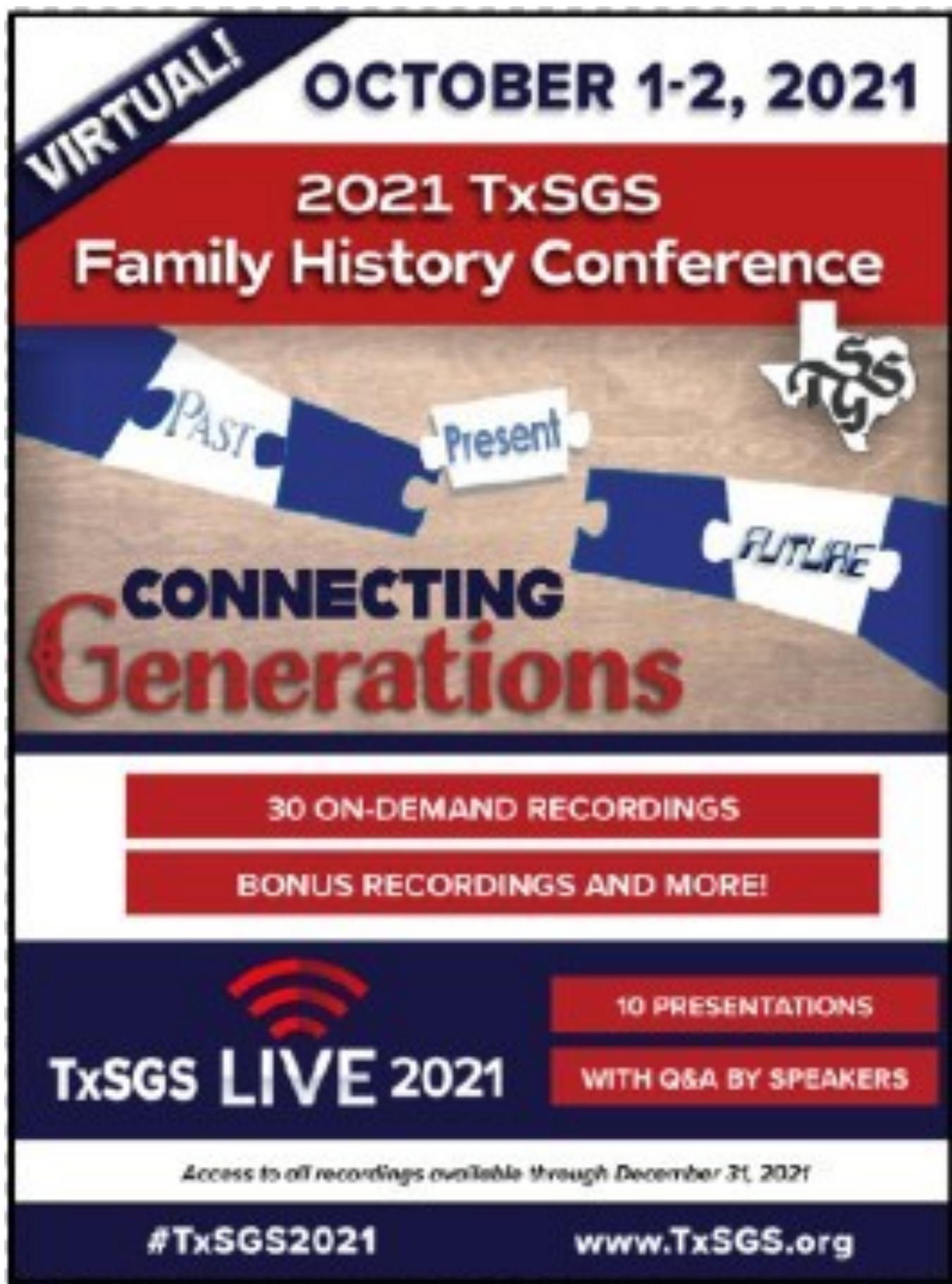
The Sherman and Branham families have been a part of the Griffin and Maydelle areas for about 150 years having migrated from Indiana and Kentucky. Rick Sherman has loaned part of the Sherman and related families archive to the Cherokee County Historical Commission. Rick has also given us permission to publish from the archive beginning on page 54. William S. Branham was Rick Sherman's 3rd Great Grandfather. The letter starting on page 63 is from James A. Miller to his sister, Elizabeth Branham, William S. Branham's 2nd wife.

James L. Douthat of Mountain Press once again brings us great information, this time, Wills and Probates.

I hope you enjoy this issue of TREE TALK.

Gordon Bennett, Editor





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Mixed Blood: Compendium of Traders, Interpreters, Frontiersmen with Native Americans

by Varanya Publishers

Approximately 700 traders, interpreters, frontiersmen, merchants, agents, and other "White" settlers who interacted with - and often married - Native Americans are alphabetically listed with information in this compendium. Knowing who they were, what time period, where they operated, and other biographical information when available, is important because many spawned mixed blood, or métis in French, families which is helpful for genealogical research. The compendium is compiled from names chronicled in **twenty-two sources (listed below)**, and each name is linked to the source(s) so the researcher can seek further information.

An additional related bibliography is provided as well. Noteworthy is the included scholarly journal article by Cathleen D. Cahill about White women who married Native American men "'You Think It Strange That I Can Love an Indian' Native Men, White Women, and Marriage in the Indian Service." Few historians have researched or considered intermarriage between Native men and White women, thus the article is insightful on several levels. *Mixed Blood: Traders, Interpreters, Frontiersmen with Native Americans. Name Compendium and Genealogical Resource Guide*, by Daniel Morgan. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B095QC1MRY> 139 pages, \$14.95.

Names are derived from twenty-two sources:

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Probate—Wills

by James L. Douthat

In almost all counties in the United States, the probate records or as some call it "Will Records" is that area of the county set aside for the purpose of distribution of the wishes of a person who has died. If there is a written record of those wishes it is generally called a WILL, and if there are no written records of the wishes, then the court declares the person "INTE-STATE". In this latter case, the courts decide how the assets will be distributed. This is the main reason that someone is encouraged to make a will before they die so that their assets are given as they wish.

In addition, probate deals with the concept of individual ownership or rights to property both real and personal so the concept of probate evolves as property laws evolve. In cases prior to the Civil War where slaves were involved, the cases were handled according to the law that was in full force at that time. In the Commonwealth of Virginia/West Virginia/Kentucky, in about 1853 there was established a law requesting that all parents register the birth of their children and in the process slave births were also recorded. The one question on that form that was important for slaves was the one that asked, "Who is the father". To this question, the owner is listed and therefore, gives them ownership of that slave. It always raises a question when the answer to that question is answered by a female. She is establishing ownership of that slave.

I know of a man in Virginia that died in January 1865 and in his lengthy will, he gives each of his thirteen children several slaves and \$25,000 in Confederate money. By the time his estate was settled, the slaves were fortunately free and the money was worthless so the children received nothing. The final insult was in a codicil at the end of the will where he states, "... and I give to my grandson Alexander, son of my son William, my whole estate and plantation." I am sure the children and other grandchildren were not happy with the contents of that will.

Another will in Hamilton County, Tennessee the man has two daughters. To each he gives a house and land, but in the name of their husbands. In his last statement, he gives his wife the outhouse in town. I am sure his wife wishes he had died without a will so that probate would have divided the assets differently.

In the process of closing the will there is an inventory created for the assets. Normally, some three persons who knew the deceased were commissioned to draw up an inventory with values for each item. These listings are a wonderful resource in understanding the life and times of the deceased. If all the items are farm tools, you can assume the individual was an active farmer, as were most of those who died in the 19th century. However, there were many other occupations like doctors, lawyers, teachers, merchants, and other various occupations.

In my case, one of my grandfather's great uncles, left his five children his library. I have been told by his only daughter that he had a log cabin in the backyard of his home for the books. Children were allowed in there only when he was there. They could sit on the oriental rug in front of his chair with a small table beside it with the candle for light. He read to them from the classics. As a result, all four of his sons achieved importance. One was a medical doctor, one a lawyer, and one took the land and farmed, all 25,000 acres of it. The youngest became an architect and helped with Penn Central Station in New York but died before it was finished. The daughter married a Presbyterian minister. A few of the boys took some books but the daughter took the majority of about 450 of the over 900 volumes. In 1956, she gave her collection to me and I still have the majority of them to this day. All are dated before 1860 when he died, kicked in the gut by a mule, as she told me. At the time, she was in her late nineties, yes, she did remember the Civil War and the horrors of it.

Probate—Wills

In the probate records, you will find a listing of persons that purchased items from the estate. You will notice that the wife of a man had to purchase many of the household items back from the estate to keep them. The children also had to purchase items not given by the father and/or mother. Normally, the price of these items was very low as the neighbors stood back and let them bid on items first to keep them.

Check all the records that are generated such as, wills, bonds, petitions, accounts, inventories, administrations, orders, decrees, and distributions. In all of them are gems for the genealogist. I have found in nearly all cases, the names of the children with their spouse. Even when the person dies with debt there are listings of the heirs as they have to sign off on the land, if there is land, to the courts.

The wishes in a will tells a great deal about the person who dies. Don't be turned off when a child is only given 'one dollar' as this is a legal term to name the child as part of the family and recognized them as a part of the family as an heir. It usually means the parent has already given them their portion of the inheritance as he or she would for a son to have part of the land and/or estate when they get married to give them a start in life. The 'dollar' was not a slam against that person when you see all the other children getting money and/or land as their portions.

Go for wills in full text and not just abstract. Try to read the original will in the courthouse if possible. You might find more than you thought you knew. Good luck!!

James L. Douthat

Mountain Press

HISTORY OF THE SHERMAN FAMILY

By Mattie Lee Sherman, 1990

Taken from Ten Thousand Plunkets p. 25-27 by Mrs. E
Plunket Ivy, 924 Pockinwood Dr., Athens, GA. 30601.

Additions by Mattie Lee Sherman, 1024 Palestine St.,
Jacksonville, TX 75766.

Additions may be made as events and more generations occur .
Spaces are made for this purpose.

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GENERATIONS:

Capt. Peter Plunkett
Peter Plunkett, Jr.
Charles Plunkett
Robert Plunkett
Ruth Ann Plunkett Hendrix
Tobitha Lucinaa Hendrix Sherman
James Irvine Sherman
James Robert Sherman
Alonzo Sherman
Lotus' Alonzo Sherman
Frank Alonzo Sherman
Ricky Frank Sherman
Randy Scott Sherman
Rusty Dean Sherman
Vicki Lynn Sherman
Matthew Scott Sherman
Anna Christine Sherman
Amy Marie Sherman
Jillyn Anita Sherman
Leigha Michelle Sherman
Anna Mae Sherman Dickson
Nelda Renae Dickson Walker
Lisa Kay Dickson Ingram
Joseph Cortland Walker, Jr.
Wesley Stewart Walker
Kacie Nicole Ingram
Heather Danielle Ingram
Norma Louise Sherman LaGrone
Barbara Louise LaGrone
Teresa Robin LaGrone McCauley
Rocky Marlon LaGrone
Marlon Christopher Clark
Beverly Kay McCauley
Kimberly Mae McCauley

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Captain Peter Plunkett and brother John sailed from Galway, Ireland (near Dublin) about 1732. Landed at Grande Terra Islands.

In 1739 they sailed to Virginia and settled in Orange County, near Culpepper. Later, Peter Plunkett Jr. moved to Four Holes, South Carolina.

He had two sons, Charles and Peter Jr. Charles moved to Aiken, So. Carolina in Barnwell County in 1762. He cleared land and farmed until 1785. He sold his land to his son Charles, then moved to Beaver Dam Creek near Saluda and Newberry, So. Carolina. He had about 300 acres of land granted to him by King George III of England. He married Hanna Cleland. He died before 1790. His will was probated in 1794, at the death of his wife.

His will (copy)

First of all I give and bequest unto my oldest son, Robert, . my buckskin breeches.

To my three beloved sons, William, Charles and John Plunkett, all lands containing 300 acres to be divided equally.

To James Plunkett, one pair of white breeches and my handkerchief

To my beloved daughter, Elizabeth, one bay horse.

To Charles, one bay Mair.

To John, one black Mair.

To Jean Cleland, one Dunn Mair.

To my loving wife, two cows and one horse during her lifetime and live on place having part of every crop for her maintenance during her life.

After all lawful debts are paid and my body is buried in a decent and Christian like manner, the rest of my household stuff, Goods and Chattells I leave to my loving wife to be given to my children above mentioned.

And I do hereby constitute, ordain and appoint my two sons, Robert and James Plunkett to be Executors of my last will. Rattifying and confirming this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal on the day and the year first above written. (1784 Sept. 8) In the name of God. Amen.

Charles P. (X.) Plunkett

(his mark)(his mark)

Signed, sealed, pronounced, published and declared in presence of us: Robert Speer, Robert Cleland, Charles Plunkett.

Robert Plunkett, oldest son born in 1750. Married Margaret Murdock. Had eleven children. Died in 1805 or 1806. Estate was willed to wife until her death. James N. Senn, administrator of will.

Hamilton Plunkett bought a negro man named Soot for \$402.00. Settlement made May 1846.

Ruth Ann Plunkett, daughter of Robert and Margaret was born in 1787 in Newberry Co., So. Carolina. Married Garrett Hendrix.

Twelve children known of. Ruth Ann died in 1850 in Tallapoosa Co., Alabama.

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Their daughter, Tabitha Lucinda Hendrix born in 1813 in Newberry Co., So. Carolina. Married James Irvine Sherman in Newberry Co., So. Carolina in 1832. He was born in 1805 and died in Maydelle, TX Ma.? 12, 1879. He was a son of James Irvine Sherman and Catherin I. Sherman. Both are buried in the McCracken cemetery, west of Maydelle on the Gus French's place.

Their ten-children:

Sarah Lucinda, married Sila M. Crume

Permelia Jane, married Thomas Odom

Melinda Jane, married Archibald Odom

James Robert Sherman, married Sarah Jones

Tobitha Aldine, married Lewis Durrett

Ruth Ann, married Dr. Joab Moore

John Hamilton, married Elizabeth Beard

Alice, died when 3 years old

Mary, died when 7 years old

Charles J., died when 54 years old, never married.

James Irvine Sherman owned about 900 acres of land near Maydelle, Texas. His son, James Robert, bought out all of the heirs' land.

He was born April 18, 1842 in Coweta Co., Georgia. He married Sarah Jane Jones on Oct. 5, 1865. He died Nov. 24, 1898 at Maydelle, Texas. His wife was born Dec. 8, 1844 and died June 15, 1913. Both were buried in the Mt. Comfort cemetery, near Maydelle, Texas. She was the daughter of Stephen Jones. James Robert and Sarah had 15 children.

Martin Edward (Uncle Mart) born 7-24-1866, died 2-26-1927. . Did not marry.

Gertie Alice, born 2~23-1868, married Walter R. Bobbitt. Died 11-23-1887 when his daughter Gertie Alice was 22 days old. He swam the Neches River to get medicine for the baby, took pneumonia and died. Gertie was born Nov. 1, 1887. Married James E. (Uncle Buddy) Durrett.

7 children:

Ree Durrett, born 1904, died young.

Carl Lee, born 1906, died 197?, in Waco, TX

Lizzie Alice, born 1909

Betty Belle, born 1913

James Kindall, born 1915, died

Eddie Mae, born 1919

James Stevens Sherman (Uncle Steve) Born 10-4-1869. Died 11-27-1938. Married Elizabeth LaNora Roach (Aunt Betty). She was born 12-24-1875. Died 1-15-1948. Both were buried in the Mt. Comfort cemetery, east of Maydelle. He was a merchant. Owned the Sherman General Merchandise store and was the postmaster to the Maydelle post office, which was in his store.

Two children:

Ernest Lotus, born 1-5-1895, died 8-22-1923 of wounds received in World War I. He never married. Was buried in Mt. Comfort cemetery.

James Cullen, born 8-15-1907. Married Hazel Anice Melvin.

Two sons: James Ed, born ____, died ____. Married Martha Sue Ingram of Kentucky. Two daughters: Stephanie Lynn born in 1*5* and Suzanne Clair, born in 1962.

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Billy Charles, born _____. Married Betty (?) Clements. Two adopted Children:

Ralph Patterson, born in 1957.

Sandra Patterson, born in 1961

Oliver Frederick Sherman (Uncle Ollie) Born 2-1-1887, died 11-10-1939. Married Nannie A. Still 1-1-1892. She was born in 1873, died 7-6-1921 in Palestine, TX. She was the daughter of George Still. Uncle Ollie and Aunt Nannie were buried in Palestine, Texas.

One son: Guy M. Sherman born in 1892 at Maydelle, Texas died 5-8-1963. Married Anna Waldron 6-5-1920. She was born in 1901 in Marshall, TX. Three children: All were born in Palestine, TX. Norma L., born 7-4-1921, married Miles Poole. Had one child, Martha Ray.

Guy L. Sherman; born 7-11-1925. Died 12-14-1971 of gunshot wounds, apparently accidental in Mineola, TX. Married Wanda L. Rolinson. Four children:

Sheila Sue, born 1949;

Robert Guy, born 1952;

John C., born 1955;

Angela K., born 1961

Alonzo Sherman, born November 8, 1878, died January 28, 1918. Married Anna Belle Branham, 8-5-1903, daughter of Ed. L & Mary Bobbitt Branham.

Anna Belle- was born 12-8-18?, died January 13, 19??

Mr. Sherman was a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Maydelle. He & Anna Belle were charter members. They built and lived in the little house by the corner of the road south of the big bungalow house. The frame of the bungalow was up when he died. He had a contract with Jim Cellum to build the house for \$1,000.00 dollars. He was on jury duty, contracted the measles took pneumonia, developed typhoid fever and did not recover. He and his wife were buried in Mt. Comfort cemetery.

They had 7 children, all were born at Maydelle, TX.

Alto Mae

Lotus Alonzo

Evelyn Naomi

Eddie Thalia

Everette Clinton

Unknown

Unknown

Alta Mae, born 6/2/1904, died. _____

Married Wm. Marvin Roten 7/4/1932. Lived in Rusk, TX. ~ He was born 10/9/1878. He was a carpenter and, later had a building materials business in Rusk. His wife was his secretary before and after they married. She died in _____. Buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Rusk. ¶

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One son, Wm. Travis, born 5/6/1937. He is a C.P.A. In Dallas, TX. Married Kathy Harris 2/14/64, divorced.
No children.

Marvin had 2 children by his first marriage.

Walter, born about 1911. Married. Was a C.P.A. in the Dallas area. Died. Had 2 children.

Lotus Alonzo, born 9/21/1905. Married Mattie Lee Edmiston, daughter of Frank Fuller and Ida Mae Russell, 7/17/1930 in the parsonage of the First Presbyterian church. Her uncle, Rev. John N. Russell, performed the ceremony. Her mother Evelyn and Everett went with them to Garland to be married. Before they left her home, a sister, Artelle, and Everett tied a big cowbell on the rear axle of the car, a 1929 model Ford. When they were in Rockwall, TX the bell rang when they drove over the dips in the streets. People were looking and laughing. They lost the bell before they got to Garland.

Mattie Lee's grandparents were Geo. Washington (Walter) Edmiston, Martha Patton; Wm. Albert and Rena Moore Russell. She taught elementary grades in Smiley, Pasadena, Jacksonville, Galena Park and Maydelle for 30 years (from 1957-1987).

Lotus taught the Youth Sunday School class in the Maydelle Baptist church several years, was licensed to preach the gospel in August, 1938. Attended Jacksonville Baptist College from 1938-1941. They lived in the old Vermillion house. Three other families and three other students lived there also, sharing bathroom.

He pastored West Shady Grove, southwest of Jacksonville; Union Hill near Rusk, Antioch-7 miles east of Palestine; Slocum in Slocum, TX; Missionary of Cherokee Baptist Association, Afton Grove near Jacksonville, Bethel, Clayton; Munn St. in Houston, Tecula near Jacksonville, Highlands in Highlands, TX, Antioch near Fairfield; and Travis St. in Jacksonville.

Lotus & Mattie Lee Sherman had 3 children:

Frank Alonzo, born 6/29/1931, at his grandmother's home, in the Providence community, south of Jacksonville, TX. He graduated from Maydelle High School 1948, attended Jacksonville Baptist College two terms, worked for Houston Power and Light Co. between terms. Moved to Houston, worked for Bell Telephone Co. in Houston & Beaumont, TX. While living near Conroe, he helped build the North Side Baptist Church, taking a night shift at work in order to help with the structure of the church for a year. Retired 6/29/86. Ordained as a deacon while a member at North Side, his father delivered the ordination message and charge to the candidate.

Frank Alonzo married Regina Ray King 8/6/1950, in the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, TX. They were the first couple to be married in the new building. Rev. C.R. Meadows performed the ceremony. She was the daughter of Newton and Rosa Lee King of Jacksonville, TX. Regina worked as a filing clerk several years; after they moved to Beaumont she worked in the church day care program in the nutrition department. She continued her career at Jacksonville Baptist College, after they moved, in the college cafeteria.

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Following retirement, they moved to a house on 10 acres, 4 miles south of Jacksonville on Hwy 69. They joined the Craft Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon also. He set up a shop, as his hobby was to restore damaged cars and do mechanical repair.

Three Children were born to Frank & Regina Sherman:

Ricky Frank, Randy Scott and Rusty Dean

Ricky Frank, born 1951. Graduated from Conroe High School. Attended Jacksonville Baptist College, worked for Western Electric Co. in Houston. Married (1) Glenda Fay Graham, daughter of Pete and Nora Graham of Houston in 1971. Wedding was held in the Munn St. Baptist Church, Ricky's Grandfather, L.A. Sherman performed the ceremony. One Daughter:

Viki Lynn, born 1974 in Houston, TX.

Divorced

Married (2) Catherine Evans of Conroe in 1978 in their church. Catherine was a school teacher. They adopted an infant girl,

Jillyn Anita, born 1981 in Conroe.

Ricky worked for General Telephone Co. several years as a telephone system supervisor at a large airport in Arabia.

Randy Scott, born 1955 in Houston, TX. Graduated French High School, Beaumont, TX. Was listed in Who's Who honor roll grades. Graduated from Jacksonville Baptist College. Moved to Lubbock, TX to be Minister of Music and Youth Director for Colonial Baptist Church. Married Anna Katherine Dunn of Henderson, TX on 8/22/1975 in the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Jacksonville, TX. Wedding Ceremony was performed by Rev. Harold Brunson.

Kathy attended Jacksonville Baptist College also, and was valedictorian of her class at J.B.C. She worked for Pioneer Oil Co. in Lubbock, and Amarillo, TX. Both she and Randy did specials for church and Randy is a very good pianist. They had three children:

Mathew Scott, born 1981 in Amarillo.

Anna Christine, born 1986 in Amarillo.

Amy Marie, born 1988 in Henderson.

Randy & Kathy moved from Amarillo to Henderson in 1988. Randy works for Burger King as a manager. (They had moved from Amarillo in June 1987 to Jacksonville, living with his parents while waiting for a new Burger King building to be built Matthew attended East Side Elementary School in first grade. Moved to Henderson, Kathy is employed by Texas Dept. of Human Resources and Randy is manager of the Burger King in Longview. He is Music Director for _____ Baptist Church. in Henderson. Plans to attend East Texas University in Marshall, TX. to finish his degree in 1990-till.

HISTORY OF THE SHERMAN FAMILY

Rusty Dean, born 7/2/1957 in Houston, TX. Attended Conroe schools until they moved to Beaumont, attended and graduated from French High School in Beaumont. Also, attended Hyles Anderson Baptist College in Indiana. He was Associate Pastor and Bus Director of Friendship Baptist Church, Beaumont, for several years, and also directed the Children's Church ministry there. He was licensed and ordained to the full ministry of preaching the Gospel by Friendship Baptist Church. Married Connie Lorraine Parker, originally from Bellingham, WA.. on 2/15/1980 at the church where they met, and his grandfather, L. A. Sherman performed the ceremony. Rusty & Connie honeymooned in Chicago IL., where he had attended college. Rusty pastored Buna Missionary Baptist Church for almost four years, became associate pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Beaumont, then moved to Jacksonville, TX. to further his education and attend Jacksonville Baptist College. Served as youth and music director at Black Jack Baptist Church, located between New Summerfield and Troup, TX.

Connie is daughter of Richard C. Parker, of Bellingham, Washington and Mrs. Carol E. Knight of San Augustine, TX. She served at Friendship Baptist Church as daycare secretary, daycare assistant director, and also at a newspaper office. Before moving to Jacksonville, she managed three different daycare

She works for Beall's General Offices, typing, located in Jacksonville, TX.

Rusty & Connie had 2 children:

Joshua Scott Sherman, born and died 2/12/1986, in Beaumont, TX. (Lived about 4 hours) Buried in Antioch Cemetery, Buna, TX.

Leigha Michelle Sherman, born 1987, in Beaumont, TX.

Anna Mae Sherman, born 1934, near Maydelle, TX in the "Little" house. Attended Maydelle Schools until she was in the eleventh grade. Her parents moved to Afton Grove, near Jacksonville, into the parsonage. She graduated from Jacksonville High in 1951. Worked as a secretary for a Credit Bureau and in the City Tax Office several years. On Jan. 17, 1954, married B. T. Dickson, by Rev. C. R. Meadows in the parsonage. B. T. was employed as a manager of J. B. White Dry Goods Co., and worked in Jefferson, Gonzales and Teague, TX. She worked with him 25 years, then began to keep grandchildren and several others in her home. (She preferred to keep infants to 2 years old.)

B. T. & Anna have 2 children:

Nelda Renae, born 1958, in Gonzales, TX.

Lisa Kaye, born 1960 in Teague, TX.

HISTORY OF THE SHERMAN FAMILY

Renae married Joseph Cortland Walker, Sept. 10, 1976 in the Eighth St. Baptist Church, and her grandfather, Rev. L.A. Sherman, performed the ceremony. Renae was employed by Teague bank until the bank closed. Another has opened and has worked for it since. Joseph works with heavy equipment, they bought a home in Doney, TX.

They have 2 children:

Joseph Cortland, Jr., born 1980 in Corsicana, TX.

Wesley Stewart, born 1981 in-Corsicana, TX.

Lisa Kay, born 1960 in Teague, TX. She was the Salutatory of her graduation class, attended Tyler Jr. College for a Dental Assistant certificate, worked for the state school in Mexia, TX for a year or two, then transferred to the office. Has taken additional courses for advancement in her career. Married Brian Ingram, July, 19 , at Eight Ave. Baptist Church, performed by grandfather, L.A. Sherman. Brian is manager of a Brookshire Bro. Food Store in Fairfield, TX, and she is an audit secretary in the bank at Fairfield.

They have 2 children:

Kacie Nicole born 1983 in Corsicana, TX.

Heather Danielle, born 1986 in Corsicana, TX.

Norma Louise, born Jan 29, 1937, at Maydelle, TX, in her parent's home. Attended Maydelle, Jacksonville and Carthage schools. Graduated from the Carthage High School in 1955. Married Marlon V. LaGrone, August 20, 1955, in Bethel Baptist Church, Clayton, TX. Her father, Rev. L. A. Sherman, performed the ceremony, and her nephew, Ricky Sherman, was ring bearer. Norma & Marlon lived in Shreveport, LA, where he was employed by Baird Construction Co., and she worked for Louisiana, Arkansas Gas Co., then took a business course and was evaluated as the best student to attend the school by the President of the school. Later, Norma worked for Western Electric Co. and was rated as the Number One Secretary of the Company. Divorced in 1973. Worked for Southwestern Electric while living in Jacksonville, TX in 1972. Moved back to Shreveport in 1973 and worked for Western Electric until she moved to Dallas, TX in 1975. Then worked for them again. Is a real estate broker, also. Next she worked for an airport for a short time, and after resigning, began work with Arco Oil and Gas Co., where she was injured twice at work. Marlon & Norma had three children, he died suddenly in 1981, and is buried in the Deadwood Cemetery, Deadwood community.

HISTORY OF THE SHERMAN FAMILY

Their 3 children:

Barbara Louise, born 1957, in Shreveport, LA. She became an R. N. nurse and works in the Shumpert Hospital in Shreveport since she graduated. Married Charly Clark in October 19 in the First Baptist Chapel of Bossier City, LA. They have one son, and live in Shreveport.

Marlon Christopher, born 1983, Shumpert Hospital.

Teresa Robin, born 1961 in Shreveport. Attended Panola Jr. College, Carthage, TX. and then North Houston College, Houston, TX. Married James H. McCauley, Jan. 9, 1982 in the Methodist Church, Deadwood, TX, by her grandfather, L. A. ~ Sherman. Robin & James live in Houston, TX where she was a manager of apartment complexes, and is currently a Property Manager with a Real Estate certificate. James attended North Houston, and the University of Houston to attain a degree in Business Management.

They have 2 children:

Beverly Kay, born 1986 in Houston, TX .

Kimberly Mae, born Sept. 7, 1988 in Houston, TX.

Rocky Marlo, born 1962 in Shreveport, LA. Attended the university in Shreveport and worked for U.P.S., later moved to Dallas, TX. Works as a supervisor of a Landscaping Co.

Lotus & Mattie Lee observed their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 21, 1990 (July 17th married) at a reception in Travis St. Baptist Church, Jacksonville, TX.

Letter from James A. Miller to his sister, Elizabth Branham January 7, 1871

Pelville Hancock Co. Ky
January 7th 1871

Dear Sister

I once more seat myself to write a few lines to you to let you know how we are all getting along. We have all been poorly. Though none of us Confined to our beds long at a time I had to have the doctor to see Charley a few nights ago. Bob has been taking medicine for 2 or 3 weeks, Billy has not been able to do any work of any account for several weeks. and my health is a great deal worse than it was 12 months ago I am scarcely able to do anything. But I sincerely hope that if these lines should ever reach you they may find you and all the family enjoying the best of health Mother has had rather a hard winter of it so far being troubled with cold and cough. She is better now than she has been. The rest of the connexion

Letter from James A. Miller to his sister, Elizabeth Branham January 7, 1871

are well so far as I know. Uncle James died last Sunday (new years day) and was buried Tuesday about 12 or 1 o'clock by the Lemplars.

Aunt Amy died last Wednesday and was buried Thursday.

The health of the neighborhood is only tolerable there is great complaint of colds. the weather being so changeable. We have had the driest fall and winter I ever saw we still have to water our stock at the Copperas Spring. We have dug a pond in the Horse lot about 35 feet square and 3 ft deep but it is nearly as dry as when it was finished. I had liked to have forgotten to tell you of the death of James Phillips. and Sarah Brown. There were more people at James Phillips burying than ever was seen at any burying in this

Letter from James A. Miller to his sister, Elizabth Branham January 7, 1871

Country. the lowest estimate being five hundred. he was buried with Masonic honors. Scott Brown is very low with Consumption and not expected to live but a short time. There have been several protracted meetings. One at Whitesville, one at Mount Etna, one at Brooks Mill and one at Panther Creek. there will be Baptizing to morrow at Panther Creek Dr Albert Huff being one of the number. I think there were about 10 in all who joined the Church. Dr Sutton was baptised at Whitesville. and Ed. Morrison and Amel Hardin Haynes Charles at Brooks Mill. I do not know exactly how many were Baptised at Brooks Mill but I think somewhere between 30 and 40. We have had no protracted meeting at Pellville this winter.

Letter from James A. Miller to his sister, Elizabeth Branham January 7, 1871

I know of no marriages that would interest you except Felix Black and Puss Sharp and Parthena Morris and Charley Day, one of Jas. Days sons and Jake Cooper and Pine Mills.

Mr Blake has made the deed to you and Harry which I send with this letter. Harry says Mr Branham will please forward it to the County where the Land lies for record. He is still living with Mother. He has bought her farm up next to Jack Boulds known as the upper place for fifteen hundred dollars. and Louiza wont sign the deed to Mr Blake for the tan yard farm until the writings are drawn between Mother and Harry for the upper place.

As my paper is getting scarce I will have to stop without finishing so no more at present.

My Respects to Mr Branham and all the children and a share for yourself

James A. Miller

Please write or tell Mr Branham to write on the reception of this and let us know whether the deed went safe or not and give us all the news J. A. M

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