

TREE TALK

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Editor's Letter

I am looking forward to our April 11th meeting when Patti Huff Smith will present a Zoom meeting on “GEDmatch.com, Getting More from your DNA Results.”

“Boggy Slough: A Forest, a Family, and a Foundation for Land Conservation” is the title of the new book by Jonathan Gerland. Mr. Gerland is the Director at The History Center, Diboll, Texas. Mr. Gerland will talk about his book and have a book signing as the program for our May 9th meeting.

I have requested several times that our members send me items to share in TREE TALK. I finally looked in the mirror and said “When will you share your family story?” I wrote a biography of my father, Guy Frazier Bennett in 2012. The section of the book about my mother, Beulah Bernice Craven Bennett begins on page 55.

I hope you enjoy this issue of TREE TALK.

Gordon Bennett, Editor



TAXES-TAXES-TAXES

The one subject that can stimulate a great deal of conversation around any table is that of "Taxes". Everyone hates to pay their rightful taxes, but we all know that they are the core of our democracy and freedom. Taxes pay for our schools, police, fire department, government and a hundred of other services we take for granted. To a genealogist, tax listings are a gold mine for some information that might not be available anywhere else.

Tax lists have been around since the first person came off the boat. The sad thing is that not all of the tax lists have survived in our culture, nor in any other culture. So, we have to deal with the deck we have in hand. So let us examine tax listings in general as not every place does their taxes exactly like any other location.

Most generally, there is the name of the person who is charged a tax. In most cases this is the head of the household, if they own any land and/or business. In some cases, there is a different listing for the households and the business, so double check both lists if available. Sometimes if it is a Free Person of Color, the name given freed blacks from before the Revolutionary War. They will be listed as a person taxed also. There might be others listed on the taxable list such as free white males.

Next there is a listing of the property being taxed. In some cases, this is given in acres, if that is the standard measurement. In some sections of the country other units of measure are used and noted. We find those in sections formerly controlled by those other than the English, such as the French, Spanish, etc. meaning along the Florida coast or up and down the Mississippi River.

In having transcribed dozens of these lists through the years, I have found so many things that are different. The same holds for census records where in a few cases the church membership is given in the census. The biggest difference in tax list is how they are listed. In some cases, there is an alphabetical listing but normally they are random. In the early days, this might be down in militia company order. In the state of Tennessee, they were given in militia order up until 1835 when the State of Tennessee moved to the district fashion and then all tax lists were taken by districts. The district order was so much better as there was a boundary given in the county court minutes and you can locate the property much easier. This is helpful especially when there are two or more persons of the same name in a county. As we all know not all "John Smiths" are one and the same person. I have seen in some tax listings where the taxpayer is given as "John Smith, son of Robert". Most likely there is another "John Smith" in the county and he is the son of another person. Any little note in the listing is important.

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The tax list gives us a little more information about the welfare of the taxpayer, if they have many horses, mules, slaves, cattle, wagons and I have seen even 'clocks'. The more taxable property they had the better off they were in the status of the community.

By studying the various tax lists in an area, you can determine when the family came and went into and out of the area. It can be important to determine the length of time they remained in this area, therefore, where each of the children were born. In my wife's family, her mother was one of eighteen children, and some were born in Arkansas and most in Tennessee, but the family moved back and forth between the two family sites. However, since we knew most of these people, they could tell us where they were born.

It is important that we look at more than one listing to get a good picture of the family and their process of living with changes in status from year to year. They can be adding land, or gifting some to children when they marry, etc. The more information that we have on each of these people the more we can describe their life and times more accurately.

One important think that is different between the tax list and the census is that the census taker will come to a household and be scared off by a wild dog or unfriendly people. The tax collector on the other hand might shoot the dog and proceed or take a sheriff in the case of unfriendly people. Most of the time the tax collector did not let little things get in their way of collecting the due amount. They give a better assessment of the situation than the census taker.

Sometimes you have to really search for the tax listings, but the time and effort is always worth the effort, even if you don't find them on the list. We at least know they were elsewhere at that time. Good luck!!

James L. Douthat
Mountain Press

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Jacksonville's Past Preserved in Stone by Deborah Burkett

Walking through the “Old” Jacksonville City Cemetery and reading headstones provides a history lesson much more interesting than any found in a textbook. There are graves of pioneers, of African Americans, Hispanics, business and religious leaders, physicians, educators, veterans who served honorably and many everyday people who made Jacksonville their home.

One burial plot “speaks” to the founding of Jacksonville. A Texas Historical Commission grave marker was placed there during the Texas Sesquicentennial in 1986, recognizing the contributions of Jackson Smith, born 1814, died 1897.

The story of the first town (Old Jacksonville) began in 1838 when Jackson Smith, a Republic of Texas scout with General Thomas Jefferson Rusk’s militia was searching for those responsible for the Killough Massacre. During the search, Smith found an old Indian farm near Gum Creek. The place was so beautiful, the Kentuckian resolved to make his home there some day.

And return he did--nine years later and found a community already there named Gum Creek. He built a log home and a blacksmith shop and was appointed post master when the post office was established in his shop. Interesting to note, while serving in the Army of the Republic of Texas, Smith, at one time stood guard over Santa Anna.

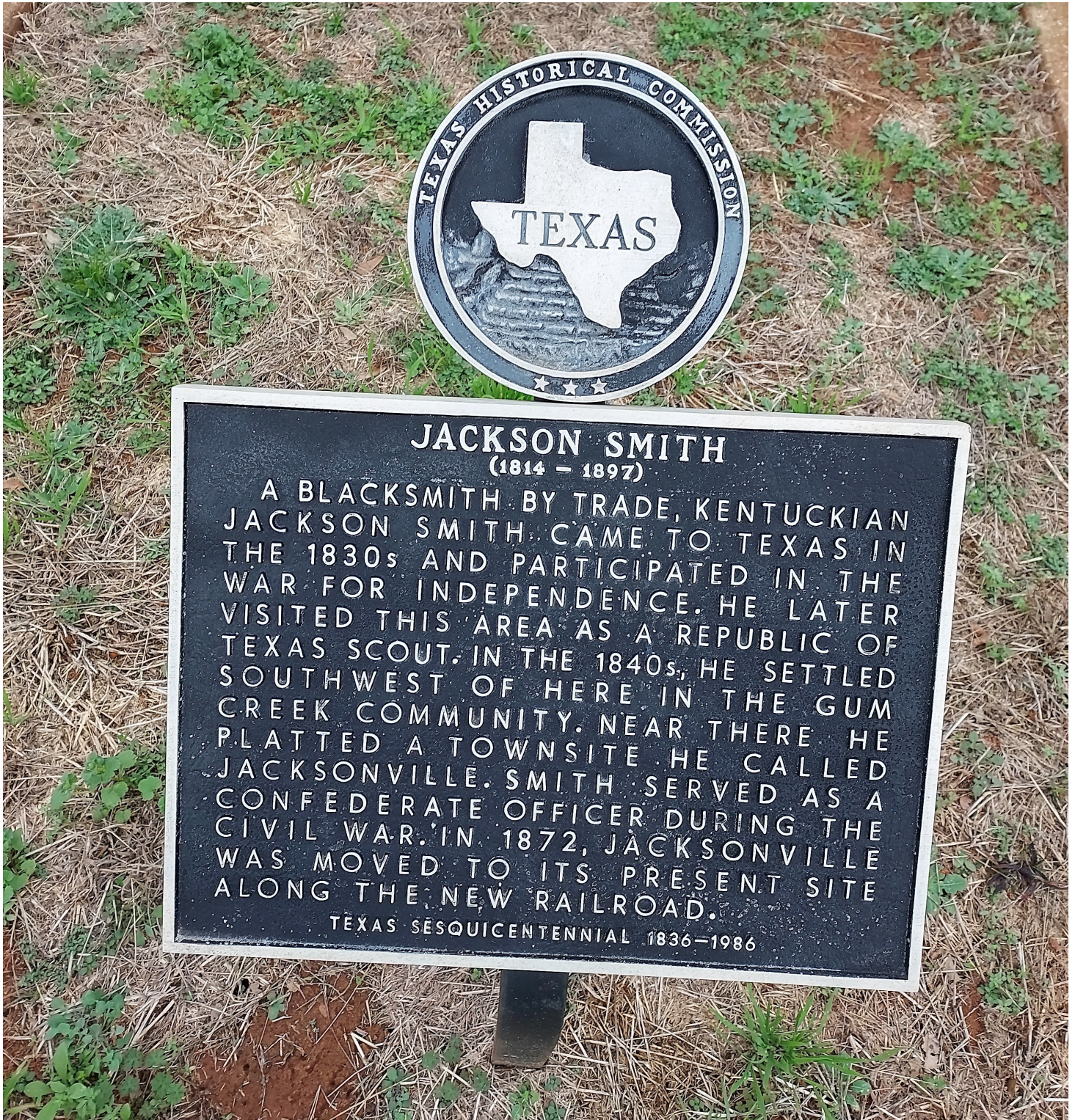
Piecing together the history of Jacksonville requires a deep dive into the writings of historians, as well as conducting current research, then trying to tie everything together. In my latest book, *Remembering Those Buried beneath the Cedars*, I examined over 50 pioneer cemeteries throughout East Texas and devoted an entire section to the Jacksonville City Cemetery.

During the 1800s, settlers not only established homes and businesses but set aside places for burials. According to late historian Helen Crawford, “...during the early settlement of the area, there were cemeteries everywhere, but as years passed and land owners changed, many have disappeared...The Jacksonville City Cemetery has been used since the early 1840s...”

One of those early settlers was Melvina Chessher, born 1833, died 1940 and is buried at the City Cemetery. She was often called “Grandma Chessher” or simply “Aunt Viny”. In my May 2018 Mother’s Day article for the Jacksonville Progress I called her the “Mother of Jacksonville”. Overtime, she had five children, one by each of her first two husbands and three by the third. The Chessher children: Andy Jr. and Kate were born in “Old” Jacksonville and the third child, John, was reportedly to be the first boy born in “New” Jacksonville. Melvina owned a hotel in downtown and lived to be 106. She became quite the celebrity, each milestone of her life heralded in publications throughout the state.

Stories would appear in the *Dallas Morning News* alerting everyone to Aunt Viny’s Birthday! One special occasion was in 1922 as Jacksonville celebrated its Golden Jubilee, it was also the year of her 97th birthday.

Jacksonville's Past Preserved in Stone



Jackson Smith's grave is in Jacksonville City Cemetery.

Jacksonville's Past Preserved in Stone

Over time graves in all cemeteries need care if the historical information recorded on the stones is to be preserved. While giving a gravestone cleaning working for the Jacksonville Wednesday Study Club in 2015, I began to examine etchings on the iron ore rock in the oldest section of the City Cemetery. Gravestones for the Winter family were in fairly good condition illustrating the resilience of native rock and why many of our earliest grave sites can still be found although identifying who is buried there is difficult or impossible. One weathered stone for William Bell Winter contains partial data: Born April 15, ___, Died Oct. 18___. Another for Luther Winter, still is readable: Born Jan. 17, 1858; Died Sept 24th, 1860.

In an article dated Oct 31, 1927, the late J. A. Templeton Sr., discussed the Jacksonville City Cemetery as being an early burial place: "...From the time Texas was admitted into the union—1845—covered wagons bearing immigrants from the old states arrived so fast it became impossible to "keep up" with the newcomers! Everyone seemed to be a newcomer..." Templeton added that he, "... had a visit from an old schoolmate--85 at the time. They walked the cemetery and his friend took him to where his grandfather, Samuel Odle, was buried--reportedly the first--and his sister buried nearby...He knew the location because of the graves of the Walling family plot which was enclosed with sandstone markers which were placed there before the Odle family had moved away in 1857..."

Templeton went on to explain that he tried but could not verify the first burial. Old timers couldn't agree and no written records were found. But he did identify the following: "... Among the first burials were: Samuel Odle, John Crunk, Miss Ellen Giffen, a man named Arrington, and a five-year-old granddaughter of Dr. Glidewell..."

Surely stories of those buried at City Cemetery are worth preserving and by doing so we honor them. With approval and encouragement from the City of Jacksonville a group of cemetery volunteers is being established to collect stories and clean tombstones. This is being done in preparation for a "Walk through History" event sponsored by the Sesquicentennial Committee to be held at the cemetery on October 16, 2022.

If you have family buried in the Jacksonville City Cemetery located on Kickapoo Street and want to share stories and help to clean their graves please contact Deborah Burkett 903 752-7850 or at debbietroup7@yahoo.com Or leave your contact information with Trina Stidman, Director Jacksonville Public Library.

Weather permitting the first meeting to clean stones will be Saturday February 12th, 8:30 to 11. Come, if only for an hour, bring a lawn chair. You'll receive the proper cleaning instructions and learn more about this project to preserve and beautify the cemetery.

Cherokeean Herald



Marie Whitehead and Marshall Bynum pose by the linotype machine at the Cherokeean newspaper in Rusk, Texas. Marie and her husband, Emmett H. Whitehead, Jr. purchased the Cherokeean in 1950. The Cherokeean Herald is the oldest weekly newspaper in Texas. The newspaper recently celebrated 172 years of publishing.

The Alto Herald became part of the Cherokeean Herald when it was purchased from Frank L. Weimar and Frank Ed Weimar in 1978.

John (Robinhawk) Hawkins and his wife, Penny purchased the newspaper effective January 1, 2022. Their objective is to make the newspaper completely about Cherokee County.

Congratulations to the new owners!!

VITAL RECORDS—MARRIAGES

In today's world there is a code of conduct among many that says, "I don't need a piece of paper to express my love!" Those who share this code of conduct will often be the first in line to look around for another one to express their undying love. It reminds us of how temporary life is in the first place. I also think they underestimate the power of a piece of paper and how we feel a certain kinship to a person when we find a courthouse documents, even an arrest warrant, many years later.

I have transcribed thousands of marriage records all over the country. There are many variations in what we find. In the older areas of the country, the quicker the records added needed information in them. Normally, a Tennessee record has the name of the party, the dates they applied, and date of the formal declaration of the vows. Sometimes there is the name of the official at the wedding whether a minister or a Justice of the Peace. By the mid-1800s in older states like Pennsylvania or Virginia and sometimes North Carolina, you will begin to find the names of the parents, places of resident, or bondsmen. On occasion you might find a female as a witness or bond person.

When you transcribe a record from the official records, make sure that you copy absolutely everything. The primary item is the name of the couple. I did find once that the name of the groom was given and for the name of the bride the groom wrote "looking". I guess he wanted to have the license at a moment's notice in case he found someone on the "fly". In the official records this license was voided, but a few pages later it was recorded that the groom had found someone, and a record was entered with two names.

In some of the later marriage records the couple's birth dates and birth places are given. This is a great help when you start going back on their lines. But a word of warning, these facts occur very seldom in early records. The early records do well to record the bare facts. If there are births records, then usually there is a place of resident. Don't be too surprised if there are multiple residents. They are recording his place of residence and her's as well.

VITAL RECORDS—MARRIAGES

Now we come to the real facts that are wanted, but not always present in the records, the names of the parents with their dates and birthplaces. We don't even get all of this in the census from year to year. It is usually the couple who fill out the license and they might not know all the information that is required and so they leave the lines blank. I have found in some of the "Marriage packets" found in the earliest states that there are notes that do not occur in the official records. These are real treasures. In one of my ancestors, in the courthouse "packet" which are usually in the basement with all else that is down there, yes even rats, mice and sometimes snakes. I found the packet in a very dirty, dusty, smelly file and a note from the guardian of a girl who was the sister of my ancestor and the guardian said, "I have known her since birth to be the daughter of Adam and Jane - - - - - and she is of age to consent for herself, but I give my consent to this union." I screamed and the clerk came running thinking I had been bitten or something like that. Here was the name of the father, I knew the mother, and the age of the girl, or at least in a small range of ages. After over sixty years of research, this is the only record found anywhere of the father's name. Now you know why I screamed! All of this before copy machines were around, so I copied information carefully down. When I went back several years later, the records were not available. I think the clerk just did not want anyone to see the mess in the basement and how bad the records were being kept.

Next, some records will give you the witnesses. Be sure and keep a record of these folks. These are not folks picked up off the sidewalk just to get a name on the records. These are normally someone important to the family. It might be a relative of the bride say Uncle, father, grandfather, etc. Hold them in that secret place in the back of your mind and you might discover someone of great importance down the road.

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1950 CENSUS

On April 1, 2022, the 1950 Census was released to the public. This is the second of the census where my name has appeared, and it was interesting to see my family there. There is a lot of information there that will be of interest to many of you and you may find yourself there with your family and neighbors. I found it interesting to go back and see the neighbors I played with in the early days. It brought back so many memories.

This census has a listing of 151 million who were counted on April 1, 1950. More than 140,000 census enumerators were used to collect the twenty-two questions that were asked. I would suggest you NOT run down to your local library and try to research the microfilm of this census as there are 6,373 rolls of microfilm listed with all the states including some of the territories. This is the first census for the Baby Boomers and the first time they ask if you owned a television.

If you don't run to the library, what do you do? For the first time, the National Archives, where all the material is housed, had done the work for you. It is simple, and you don't have to pay anything for access. On your computer, laptop, tablet, or even your phone and go to 1950census.archives.gov. There are only two questions that you have to consider. Do you want to "Begin Search" or "Resources"?

If you choose "Begin Search", the next page has a series of question that you have fill in to start. They ask for your "State" and "County" and then "Name". Just fill in the name you are researching. I put my father's name in there as the head of the house at the time of the census. Now up comes an image of a page from the census. Click on that page once or twice until it is enlarged to the point you can read it easily. Now it might not be the name of interest at that point, but there are probably other entries. Under the picture of the page displayed, you will see a listing of other similar names. There might be dozens of pages yet to see. I also searched for my wife's maiden name of "Kell". I got a listing of other names like Bell, Yell, Zell, etc. You will need to play around with this until you find the right "John Smith" in that county. Still beats going through pages of the original census from 1790-1940.

Make careful note of all of the page/enumerator districts/etc. The enumerator districts are very important in another section of this census. Now you can note a Street Address, family number, names and the usual other date of race/name/age/married/place of birth/job/etc. One item I found interesting was the "number of hours worked". It was also interesting to see the occupations listed on the page. I saw textile foreman, boiler mechanic, railroad clerk, etc.

1950 CENSUS

Carefully make note of the neighbors for the page. You might find something of interest in these people that you might need for your research.

The "Resources" link is not something that many of us will pay too much attention as we think we know all about resources. Clicking on that link will produce a listing of some of the points of information that might be helpful. Here is where the "enumerator district" comes into play. The National Archives has mapped each of the district used in the census and you can search and find the district of your family's area. This is the first time that the archives have made this available in an easier manner than before.

If you are working on a history of a county and/or an area in that county, this is a tool that will be of value in knowing who is where in each of the districts. A sample of the map is given on the page, and you can see the type of information that will be on the maps if you are looking for your ancestor's particular map. From what I have seen on the screen, this is very much like the Sanborn map of cities from the late 19th century that many of you have used already.

The main page for the [1950 Census](#) has video remarks from the Archivist of the United States, the Director of the Census Bureau, and others. You can also find links to the other census.

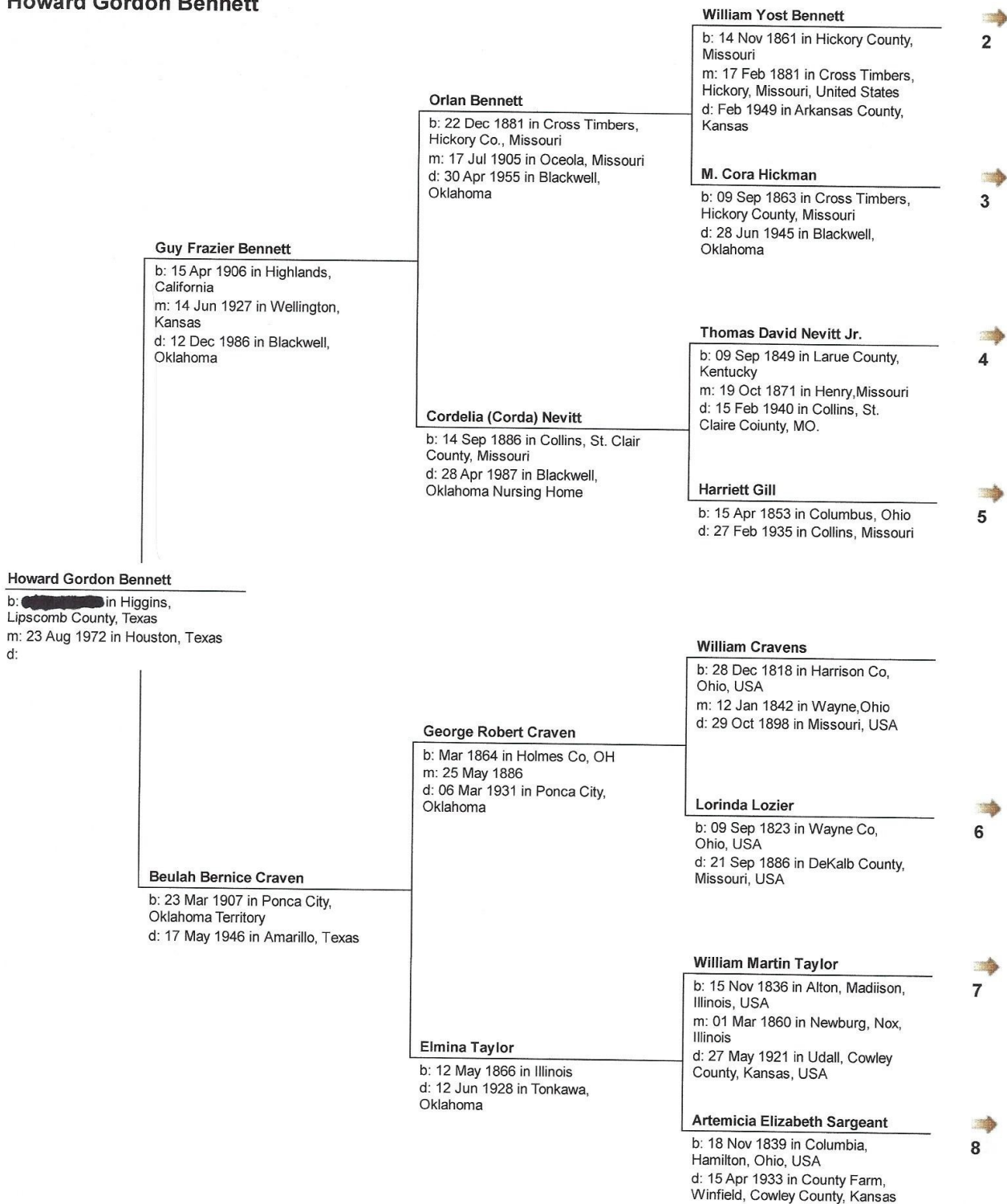
The 1950 census probably will not add much to your research as it is only 72 years old and many of us can remember all the information that is there, but it is a real treat just to go back and remember all the fun and good times I had growing up with these people. Now if you were not born before 1950, then you will find a few facts that will be of interest to you with the folks listed therein.

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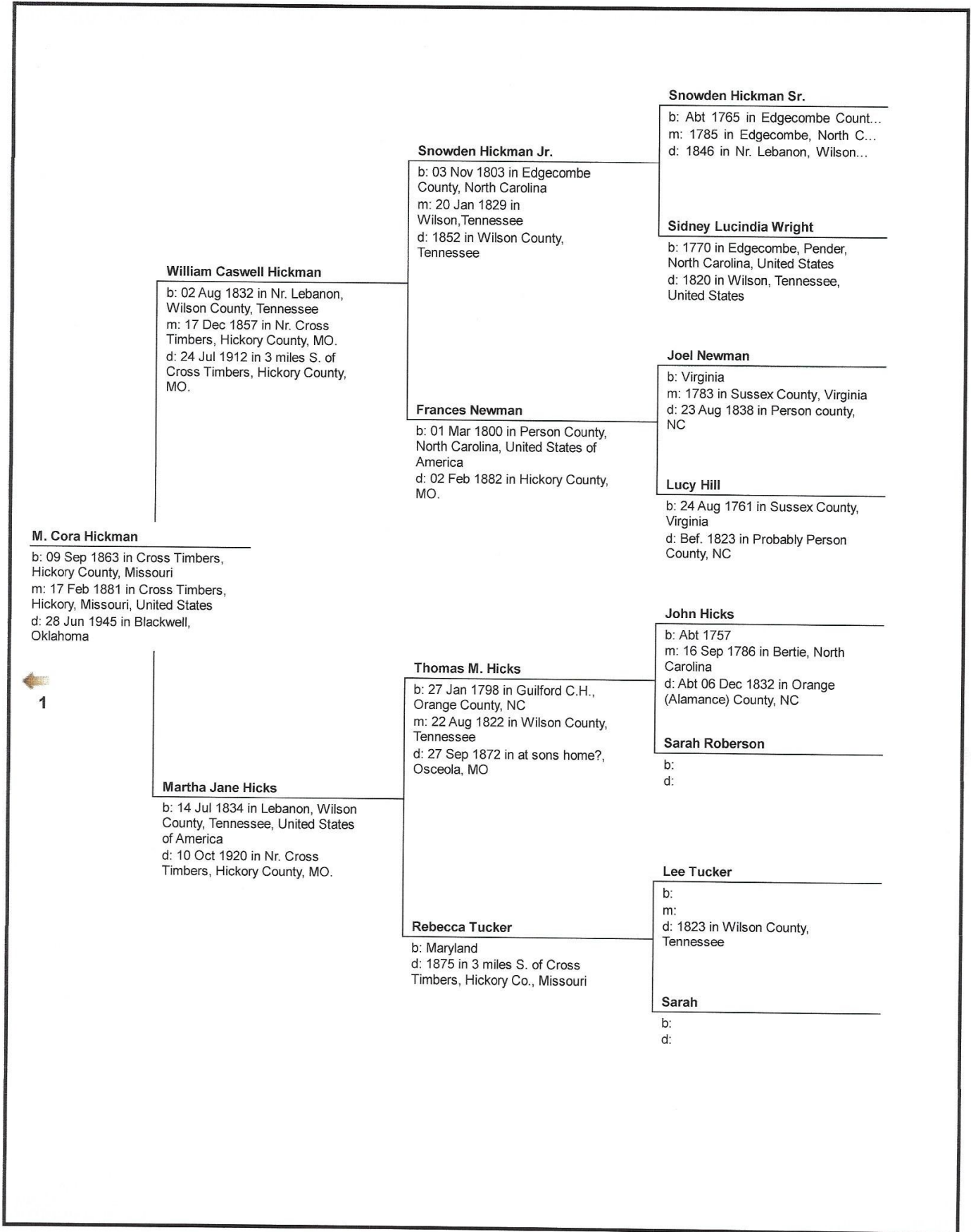
Pedigree Chart for Howard Gordon Bennett



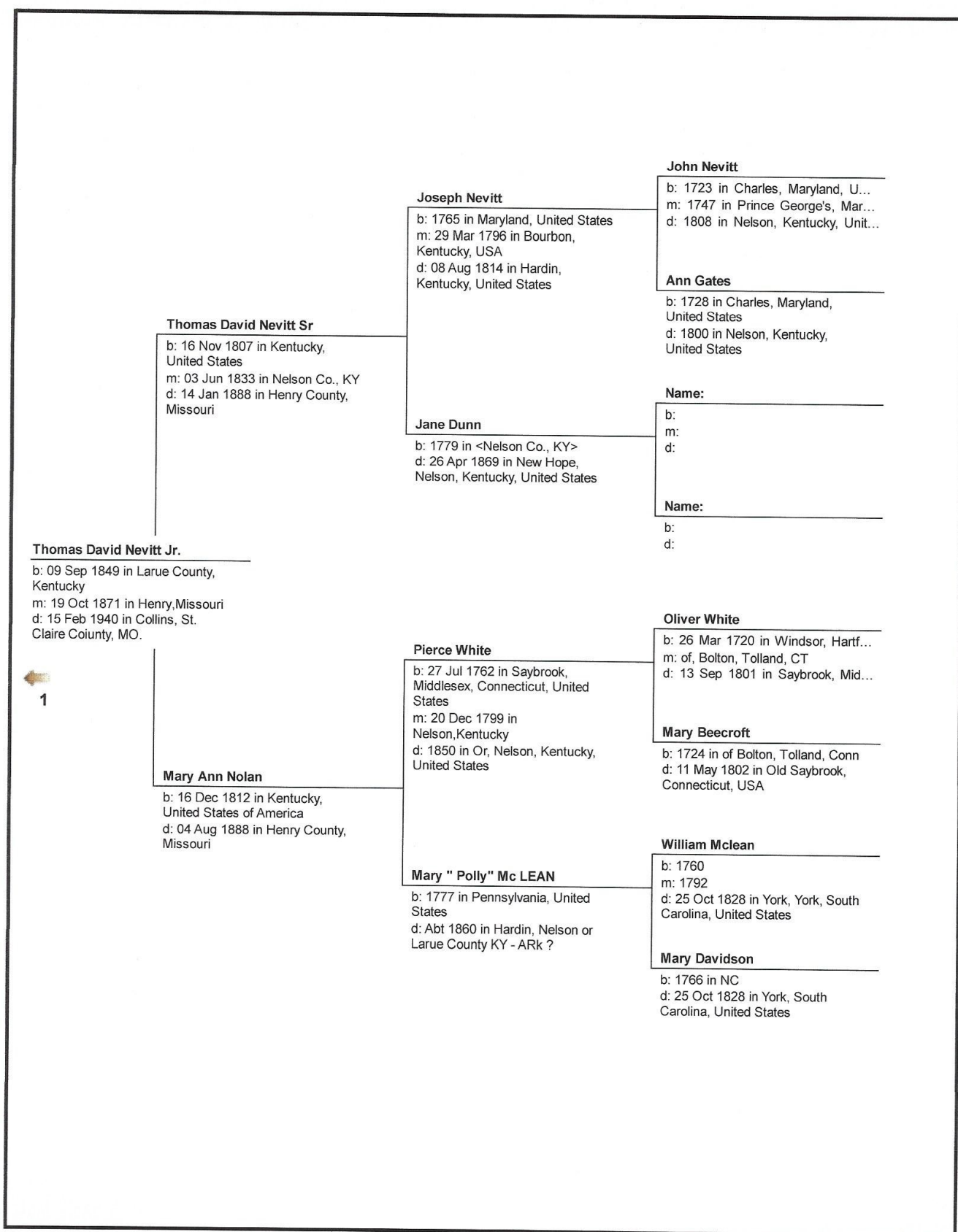
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<p>Ceborn Bennett</p> <p>b: 14 Oct 1835 in Athens County, Ohio OR Starr Twp., Hocking Co., Ohio m: 13 Oct 1857 in Jefferson, Iowa, United States d: 22 Oct 1876 in Hickory County, Missouri</p>	<p>Vanrensselaer Bennett</p> <p>b: 09 Sep 1812 in Sullivan Twp. Madison County, New York m: 26 Dec 1833 in Hocking County, Ohio d: 20 Nov 1884 in Hickory County, Missouri, United States of America</p>	<p>Jacob Bennet</p> <p>b: 01 Feb 1788 in Schaghticoke,... m: 18 Mar 1810 in Sullivan Twp.,... d: 12 Apr 1861 in Union Furnace,...</p> <p>Betsy Ketcham</p> <p>b: 23 Aug 1790 in Easton Twp., Washington co., New York d: 19 May 1839 in Union Furnace, Hocking County, Ohio, United States of America</p> <p>Father Brandeberg</p> <p>b: 04 Mar 1801 in York State m: d: 1889 in Iowa</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>b: d:</p>
<p>William Yost Bennett</p> <p>b: 14 Nov 1861 in Hickory County, Missouri m: 17 Feb 1881 in Cross Timbers, Hickory, Missouri, United States d: Feb 1949 in Arkansas County, Kansas</p>	<p>Margaret Brandebergh</p> <p>b: 03 Sep 1812 in Virginia d: 20 Jan 1891</p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>b: m: d:</p>
<p>Lucy Hollenbeck</p> <p>b: 28 Jun 1839 in Ohio, United States d: 04 Feb 1920 in Weaubleau, Hickory, Missouri, United States</p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>b: m: d:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>b: m: d:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>b: m: d:</p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>b: m: d:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>b: m: d:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>b: m: d:</p>

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William T Gill

b: 30 Sep 1815 in England
m: 1837
d: 1865 in Henry Co., Oh

Harriett Gill

b: 15 Apr 1853 in Columbus, Ohio
m: 19 Oct 1871 in Henry, Missouri
d: 27 Feb 1935 in Collins, Missouri

Harriet

b: 12 Jul 1811 in England
d: 13 Dec 1883 in Clinton, Henry, Missouri, United States

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Lorinda Lozier b: 09 Sep 1823 in Wayne Co, Ohio, USA m: 12 Jan 1842 in Wayne, Ohio d: 21 Sep 1886 in DeKalb County, Missouri, USA	George Lozier b: 14 Oct 1788 in Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, United States m: 1810 in Pennsylvania, United States d: 01 Nov 1848 in Lakeville, Washington Township, Holmes, Ohio, United States	Christopher Lozier b: 1743 in Bayen, Deggenhausertal, Bodenseekreis, Baden-Württemberg, Germany m: 1759 in Probably, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, United States d: 1822 in Plain Township, Wayne, Ohio, United States	Matthias Loser b: 02 Oct 1723 in Nimburg, Bade... m: 1738 in Pennsylvania, Somer... d: 1766 in Bethel Township, Lan...
1	Elizabeth Ann Blaisdell b: 03 Feb 1787 in Pennsylvania, United States d: 20 Nov 1871	Eva Elisabetha b: Pennsylvania, United States d: 16 Aug 1822 in Wayne, Ohio, United States	Anna Catharina Franck Kamp b: Abt 1710 in Bödighheim, Buche... d: 1782 in Windsor, Berks, Penn...
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<p>William Martin Taylor</p> <p>b: 15 Nov 1836 in Alton, Madiison, Illinois, USA m: 01 Mar 1860 in Newburg, Nox, Illinois d: 27 May 1921 in Udall, Cowley County, Kansas, USA</p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>b: m: d:</p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>b: m: d:</p>
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<p>Alexander Sargeant</p> <p>b: 08 Jun 1817 in Virginia, United States of America m: 03 Jan 1839 in Highland, Ohio, United States d: 24 May 1887 in Waco, Sedgwick, Kansas, United States</p>	<p><No name></p> <p>b: Virginia m: d:</p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>b: m: d:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>b: d:</p>
<p>Artemicia Elizabeth Sargeant</p> <p>b: 18 Nov 1839 in Columbia, Hamilton, Ohio, USA m: 01 Mar 1860 in Newburg, Nox, Illinois d: 15 Apr 1933 in County Farm, Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas</p>	<p><No name></p> <p>b: Virginia d:</p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>b: m: d:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>b: d:</p>
<p>Martha Ann Watson</p> <p>b: 1820 in Ohio d: 25 Jul 1902 in Udall, Cowley, Kansas, United States</p>	<p><No name></p> <p>b: Virginia m: d:</p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>b: m: d:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>b: d:</p>
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Beulah Bernice Craven Bennett

Beulah Bernice Craven was born in Ponca City, Oklahoma Territory on March 23, 1907 a few months before Oklahoma became a state in November, 1907. Her parents were George Robert Craven and Elmina Taylor. Little is known about George Robert. The 1910 Census states that he was born in Ohio and works as a laborer. The 1920 Census states he was born in Missouri and works as a teamster. I can find no trace of him before the 1910 Census. There was a Census taken of the Oklahoma Territory before it became a state, but that census was partly destroyed.

A bit more is known about Elmina Taylor. She was born in Illinois in 1866 to William G. Taylor and Artemiza Elizabeth? William G. was born in Illinois and later moved to Vernon, Cowley County, Kansas by the time of the 1880 Census. In 1920 they lived in Udall, Cowley County, Kansas. Elmina's brothers were: Lucien, Alonzo, and Oscar. Her sisters were: Ella, Maggie, and Eva.

Elmina married George on May 25, 1886 probably in Cowley County, Kansas. They lived together until Beulah was about a junior in high school. Family lore states that George became a hobo for a time before living with Vinita in Ponca City until his death on March 6, 1931. Elmina and Beulah then lived in Tonkawa, Oklahoma with Beulah's sister, Myrtle and her husband, Cecil McQuiston and their young children, Louise and Harold. Beulah left school and worked as a telephone operator until she married Guy. Elmina died on June 12, 1928. I don't recall much conversation about her parents.

Beulah liked to have FUN!!! She left a photo album of her and her friends in many fun activities during the 1920s.



Beulah Bernice Craven Bennett

Sometimes her fun was a little perverse. Once in Friona, she and a friend took me on a ride in our car. We parked outside a "Holy Roller" church. Beulah and her friend had a great time making fun of the shouts and cries from the church. If there was a snow fall of more than a few inches, she made snow ice cream. She made time to laugh every day. She often organized sing-a-longs and game sessions. One song I remember was "Who threw the Overalls in Mrs. Murphy's Chowder."

Her fun did NOT include alcohol. She would not have it in her house. Jackie and I surmise that her father was a mean drunk.

She encouraged her children to like music and to become musicians. Jackie and Richard both learned to play the b flat clarinet. Jackie and Gordon took piano lessons. We all sang. Gordon sang a solo on the radio station in Clovis, New Mexico in about 1942. When we moved to Amarillo, she took her children to hear the symphony.

Her heart began to fail about the time we moved to Amarillo. She died on May 17, 1946.



Guy and Beulah spring 1946

From Guy Frazier Bennett by Gordon Bennett, 2012. Used by permission

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