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Message from the Editor

Dear Readers,

I will keep my message short as this issue is once again filled with many wonderful family stories and member submissions.

The one thing that continues to inspire me is the passion our members have to make our *Quarterly* better. As we approach the end of another year and the end to my first year as the new Editor, I want to personally thank each of you who contributed to make the *Quarterly* a huge success this year.

With this being the last issue of the year, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!

Blessings,

Lisa Smith-Curtean

From the Mailbox

Election of New Board Members:

The election of new board members took place prior to the program presentation at the October general meeting. The following individuals were elected to serve a two-year term on the AGS Board of Directors. Their terms will begin January 1, 2013, and expire on December 31, 2014.

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Thank you all for your willingness to serve.

2013 Membership Dues:

The board voted to retain the current membership rates of \$20 for individual and institutional memberships and \$30 for family memberships. Family memberships cover two or more family members living at the same address.

While copies of the AGS Newsletter and Quarterly will remain benefits of membership, in 2013, due to the success and popularity of the **electronic format, these publications will be available only in digital form.** The opportunity to pay an additional amount for hard copies did not come close to covering the cost of printing and mailing the Quarterlies to those who elected to receive printed copies this year.

Therefore, beginning in January, printed copies of the Quarterly will be provided to Institutional members for their libraries. **Life Members and those few members who do not have an email account will be the exceptions and may choose to receive hard copies of AGS publications.**

Benefits of Membership

- Subscription to AGS electronic publications
 - [Quarterly journal](#) — March, June, September, and November
 - Monthly Newsletter
 - Membership Directory — distributed March of each year
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- Sharing with other researchers

Membership Notes

- Membership year runs from January through December.
- New Members joining after November 1st will receive balance of the year free with paid membership through the following year.
- Half-year membership runs from July 1st through December 31st.
- Institutional Members receive all issues of the AGS Quarterly published for the year.



Austin Genealogical Society Membership Form

(Click [here](#) to join or renew online.)

- ☐ New member
☐ Renewal of 2012 membership
☐ Returning Member (prior to 2012)

Membership Dues

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2012 Calendar of Events

27 November, 7pm

AGS Monthly Meeting, Highland Park Baptist Church, 5206 Balcones Drive

“Fall Festival; Austin's Sixth Street” with Allen Childs, M.D.

Magdalena Hornberger Henninger (1825-1906)

By Pansy Luedecke, granddaughter

This article was written in 1975 as part of the Centennial Project showing the ethnic background of the early settlers of Travis County. It was later published in ***Early Women of Texas*** along with other fascinating stories of Texas women. Magdalena Henninger was the great-great grandmother of Austin Genealogical Society member John Copeland Luedecke.

Magdalena Hornberger was born on April 26, 1825, in Rohrbach, Bavaria, near Landau. Her father was George Peter Hornberger, manager of a flour mill in Rohrbach. Her mother, Katherine Schaurer Hornberger, was born on September 8, 1800, in Rohrbach.

Magdalena married John Henninger, a native of Karlstadt, Rheinfaltz, Bavaria, where his family owned large vineyards and extensive real estate. Because of the many wars between France and Germany, the taxes on their property became so excessive that John and Magdalena decided to migrate to American.

In 1853 the Henningers sailed from Germany to New Orleans. It took them seventy-three days to cross the Atlantic. On the way their sailboat was rammed, and the passengers had to bail water until repairs could be made. It was also a sad trip, for they had left their infant son, Jacob, in Bavaria with Magdalena's sister Katherine Hornberger Krumeich.

Magdalena's brother, Adam Hornberger, had preceded the Henningers to American and was the owner of a candy manufacturing plant in New Orleans, Louisiana. John's and his pregnant wife's plan to land in New Orleans had to be changed because a yellow fever epidemic was raging and their boat was diverted to Galveston, Texas. Adam died of the fever.



John and Magdalena Henninger, dated between 1871-1881
Photo Courtesy of John C. Luedecke

Since Magdalena's other two brothers, Jacob and Christian, were established as merchant-tailors in Austin, the Henningers decided to go to Austin. They went to Houston by rail and then on to Austin by oxcart. They arrived in Austin May 10, 1853. After greeting Jacob and Christian and exploring the area, they bought a farm on the north side of the Colorado River. Their home on the west side of Congress Avenue at Third Street was a two-story rock house. Later the house became the first location of the International and Great Northern Railroad Station until much later when a new station was built just off Lamar Boulevard and West Third Street.

Magdalena and John later sold their farm to the former owner and bought two lots on San Antonio at Seventeenth Street. This home-place had only "Deeds of Love" for over a hundred years. They also

bought a tract of land extending from present Nineteenth Street and Airport Blvd to Govalle. This land John farmed until his death on June 18, 1881.

The Henningers had four children born in Austin: Katherine, Philipena, Emma Dorothy and Henry. Jacob, the son born in Bavaria, joined the family after the Civil War when he was sixteen years old. During the war years, John hauled supplies for the Confederate Army. Magdalena's nephew, Fred Hornberger, died of wounds received during the Civil War.

Magdalena saw that their children received an education. She even sent Emma Dorothy to the German-American Ladies College run by Matile von Schench and Alice Nohl although there was a West Austin School. At the College there was a large house where boarding students lived and smaller cottages on the property where classes were held. The school not only taught the academic subjects but also manners and fine handwork. Emma Dorothy rode to school on her pony and returned home each evening.

According to a granddaughter, Magdalena was short in stature and had pretty dark eyes and hair. She and her husband had considered settling in California shortly after the first gold rush but the Agent whom they consulted said that she did not think Magdalena could stand the hardships of such a trip. However, she was a sturdy housekeeper, and excellent cook, and did fine hand-work. She was good to her neighbors and was loved by all who knew her.

Magdalena was a charter member of St. Martin's Lutheran Church located for many years on Thirteenth Street east of the North Gates to the Capital Grounds. When St. Martin's congregation was moved to a new and larger building on Congress Avenue at Fourteenth, a pew was dedicated in her memory and a name plate attached. After her husband's death, Magdalena lived on the farm with her mother who had migrated to Austin and with her son, Henry. Jacob was involved in a vegetable business. When her mother and Henry died on September 25, 1892; she again moved. This time, she was to spend the rest of her life with her youngest daughter; her son-in-law, William Luedecke; and their children at Manor, Travis County, Texas. Her grandchildren adored her and profited by her presence.

Magdalena died January 13, 1906, at Manor and is buried next to her husband in Oakwood Cemetery in Austin.

My Addiction to Genealogy

Submitted by Edna Loy Youngblood, AGS Member

I was blessed with wonderful parents. My father was born in Greece and after arriving in the United States and becoming an American Citizen; he taught me the love of this country as well as the work ethic. My mother who was born in this country but grew up in a large family taught me the love of family and that no matter what happens in your life you can and will survive. I knew how much my parents loved me and that they would always look after me and care for me.

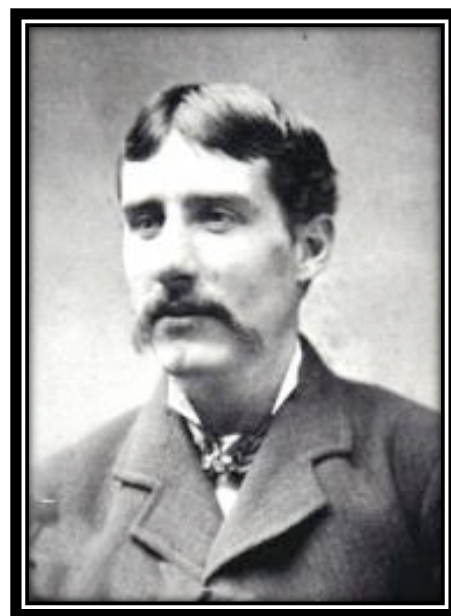
Dad had brothers in in this country but never went back to Greece. I never got to know my grandparents, just my Uncles and their family in the states. Mother had brothers and sisters that I did get to know and my only Grandpa I knew was her father.

Dad told me a little about his family but I never asked enough questions and I regret that. However, I did get to know my Grandpa and some of my aunts and uncles on Mother's side. Mother loved to tell me stories about her family the Millers, but though I loved the stories I did not ask many questions of her either.

When I look back I wish I had thought to ask names as well as stories. Mother's stories usually were around Grandma Coffman, Grandma Miller, etc., but never their first names, just little bits of information relating to the story she was telling.

When I got older and had raised my children I got to wondering about some questions I had about Mother's family. I especially wanted to know more about my Grandpa Miller, especially where he was buried. You see Grandpa Miller was very special to me as a child. I do not remember much from my early years. As he got older he lived six months out of the year with us in Fort Worth, Texas and the other six months with my Aunt Sadie in Missouri. He was in Missouri with my aunt when we got the call that he was ill in a Nursing Home and not expected to live. Mother and I took the train to visit him. They could not get him to eat and I was asked to try to feed him something as they knew how much he loved me and maybe would eat for me. He did take a few bites but just to please me.

Later, we had to return to Fort Worth so I could go back to school to take my tests. The day after we arrived home Mother received a call that he had died. I did not return to Missouri with Mother but stayed to take my tests. I remembered that he was buried in Kansas City but not where or even if it was in Kansas or Missouri. He had lived in both places before living with my aunt. As time went on I thought of him and the question kept coming back, where was he buried. By this time my Mother and Aunts and Uncles were gone.



Benjamin Ross Miller

Photo provided by Edna Loy Youngblood

A friend was visiting us in Dallas, where we were living at that time, and I told her about my Grandfather and she suggested we needed to visit the Dallas Library where they had a genealogy section. This was my introduction to genealogy. We visited there but I did not find my information but the genealogy bug had hit me. I decided I really wanted to know more about my Mother's family. I remember telling my husband that my new hobby would be a cheap one. Boy, was I off on that! I thought just going to libraries close to home either Dallas or Austin and I would find what I wanted to know.

After a few years searching and finding some information on other sides of Mother's family, I finally located the right information to find the cemetery where my Grandfather was buried. Then I was lucky to find a nice man in Kansas City, Missouri over the internet that was willing to go to Kansas City, Kansas to the cemetery where Grandpa was buried and take a picture for me. Now this was not an easy trip for him. I had put the problem of wishing someone could locate the grave out and received a few replies that though it was a fairly large historical cemetery, it was now a part of a bad part of town where they did not think I would be safe searching. It seems there was drug traffic around that area.



Photo provided by Edna Loy Youngblood

However, even though I wrote to the wonderful person willing to go that I was afraid for him to make the trip he insisted. He was successful finding my Grandfather's grave along with my Grandmother and three of their children and even sent me a picture of the grave. I asked him about his safety while there and he said he parked his car close but was contacted by someone wanting to sell him crack. He was glad I had not tried to make that trip. Now, I not only knew where my Grandparents were buried but had a picture. I also learned how wonderful the people involved with genealogy are willing to help others.

When we moved back to our house in Austin I joined the Austin Genealogical Society. I was asked to help at the table to check people

in and did that for a few years and then served on the board a few times. The genealogy bug had hit me big time! I took trips to Salt Lake, Allen County Library, Clayton Library, and attended seminars, classes, meetings and met some wonderful people.

I also learned that you never get finished with this hobby of ours. Now I have sixteen 2-3" notebooks with different surnames, and file cabinets full of information. And yes, I have stacks of paper that never seem to get filed or if they do they get dug out again. I won't mention the books & magazines I have accumulated.

Though I still have much to find, I have been able to meet relatives I did not know, attend a Miller reunion in Colorado and even have a Miller book written by a cousin whom I helped with a little editing.

On two trips to Salt Lake and a little help from a friend I was able to copy another book on the Gillespie Family. I even found a book on my DeBord side which will help me with another search. Of course, all of this is wonderful, but there is so much more to find!

What really pleases me is that the family I never knew is now one that I feel a close kinship to and that encourages me to find out more. I have been able to give my children folders with information and pictures of our families. Hopefully, the information will grow and be kept so others who come after us will get to know about our family too.

Why is Family History Important?

Submitted by Jacquie Demsky Wilson, AGS member

My daughter Christina Wilson won the Texas State Genealogical Society's 2012 Student Scholarship which required a 500-word essay on the Importance of Family History.

Christina graduated from Pflugerville High School in June 2012. She is currently attending American University, in Washington, D.C. majoring in International Studies. She was recognized at the TSGS's annual conference which was held in Fort Worth on November 2. Since she could not attend, I accepted the award on her behalf.

Why is Family History Important? Christina Wilson

Family history is the importance of knowing who and where we come from and how we connect to the world around us. Whether it is listening to the stories our grandparents tell us or by researching our lineages, family history is an important way of establishing and sharing the lives of ourselves and our ancestors.

When we learn more about our family, we get a glimpse as to who these people were and what kind of lives they lived. We gather a sense of appreciation. The Shakespearean quote, "What is past is prologue" says it best. Where we are today and what options are available to us, in most cases, are dependent on the paths our ancestors chose and the decisions they made.

My mother has been researching our family line for a very long time, and for as long as I can remember, I have heard many fascinating stories about my ancestors. I think most children enjoy hearing about where they came from. I learned about "family trees" and how the branches on a "family tree" represent generations of family members, people I never knew existed. I started to form connections with these ancestors.

Schools require students to take both United States and World History classes. These classes were much more interesting when I was able to make personal connections to great events. By knowing my great-grandfather was in the South Pacific, during World War II, or that my great-great-grandfather fought in the Confederate Army during the Civil War made history class come alive for me. We find out more about the lives of the extraordinary men and women we are descended from. History gives us a picture of the activities and accomplishments of our ancestors.

Even for those who are not interested in knowing more about their families, there is one area that all people should care about, and that is their medical history. Knowing your family history can provide important information about inherited diseases. To be able to track certain illnesses that repeatedly show up in your family tree, can be extremely helpful with early medical detection. The fact that family history can relate directly to your current state of health proves just how important it is.

To conclude, there are many reasons why family history should be important to all of us. We learn about our ancestors; those family members who have gone on before us. Their stories teach us about how life was and how we can live today. We gain a better understanding and appreciation for our family members. Some benefit by creating tighter bonds with their families, while others gain a sense of history. There are family history researchers who are determined to create accurate, up-to-date family trees for future generations. Others pursue it just to find out if they are related to anyone famous. And, there are those who want to find out more about certain illnesses. Family history has so much to teach us!

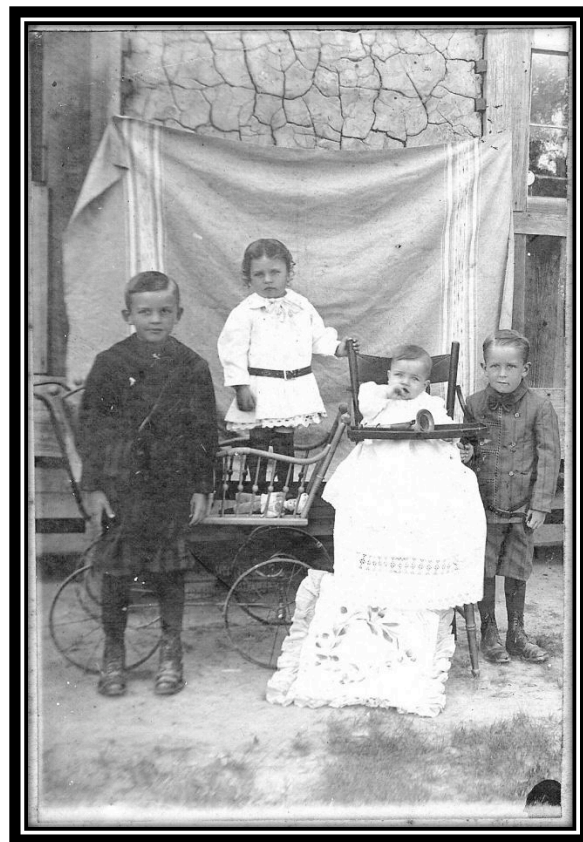
Homer Dee Talley

By Phoebe Sue Allen, AGS Member

Homer Dee Talley (1907-1994) was the third of six sons born to Lizzie Hendricks (1879-1969) and Claud Talley (1879-1950) in Spotville, Arkansas, a small farming community in Columbia County. Dee's grandfather, Monroe Jefferson Talley (1840-1930), fought in the battles of Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chickasaw Bluffs and others; my father sat in his lap as a child, eagerly listening to his stories and developing a keen interest in the Civil War.

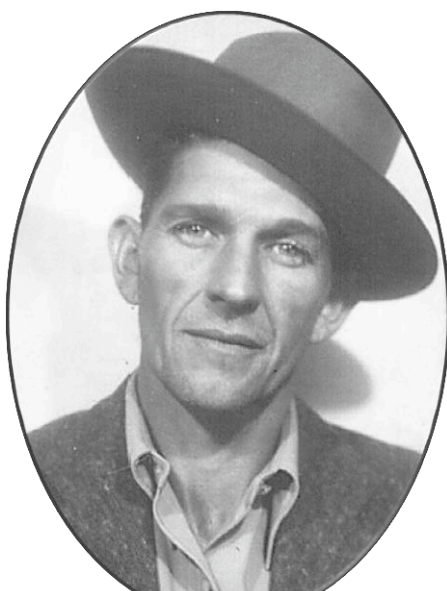
Lizzie, my grandmother's closest friend and neighbor, ached for a daughter. So, like his brothers before and after him, Dee wore frilly dresses with bows in his long, curly hair and was given dolls and their accessories to play with. However, Dee made such a good "girl" that his mother continued to keep up the pretense for years!

Homer Dee was the same age as my aunt, Docia Allen. Docia recalled that when they started school in Spotville's one-room schoolhouse, the teacher welcomed both Docia and Dee and placed them at the same bench on the girls' side of the room. No one quite remembers how long it took the teacher to find out he was a boy.



Circa 1910

Photo Courtesy of Phoebe Sue Allen



Dee 1935

Photo Courtesy of Phoebe Sue Allen

Uncle Louie Smith, Granny's brother, came out to visit one day and spied this 'girl' playing with a bunch of boys near the outhouse. Louie assumed it was Docia and complained to Granny about letting Docia play with boys out by the privy. She replied, "Why that's not Docia, Louie; that's Homer Dee Talley!"

By the time he was eleven, Dee had been teased about his hair one too many times at school. He complained to his father and asked him to do something about it. His dad asked Dee to bring him the scissors; he cut off one braid and handed it to Dee. "Now, son, take that to your mother." Lizzie was furious, but as the one braid had already been cut, she cut the remaining hair. Dee never wore dresses again.

As a result of being teased as a youngster, Dee learned how to defend himself quite well and got into a good number of fights as a young man. He was very handsome and became quite the ladies' man. In 1928 Homer Dee and two of his brothers were on their way to a ball game when their car hit a ditch and flipped over. The

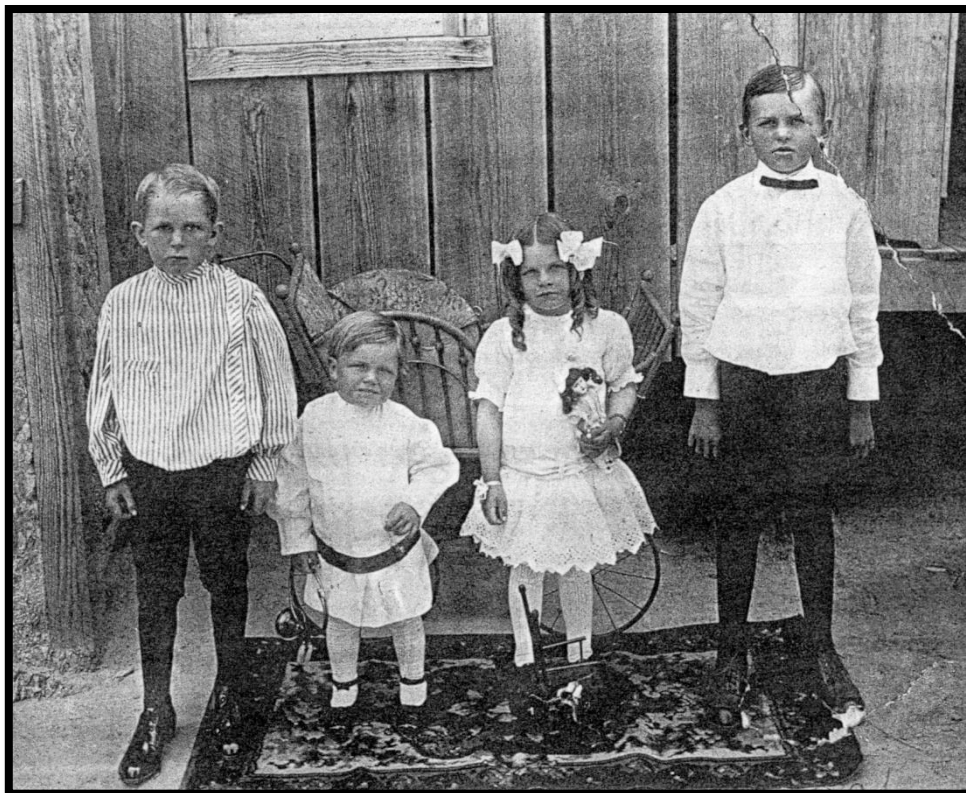
eldest brother Alva, a musically gifted young man known as Chapes, was severely injured and paralyzed from the waist down. Chapes remained in a wheelchair for about seven years before his death.

After Dee married Docia's sister, Geraldine Allen, they settled down and began to run a general store, first on the Talley farm, and later across the road from the 1873 Allen homeplace, where he and Geraldine moved in 1950. He lived there the rest of his life, raising cattle, gardening, riding his tractor in the hay fields, and driving his trademark black Ford pickup to check on his cattle.

He was a good storyteller and told the tallest of tales as well as a few true stories about rattlesnakes with as many as 23 rattlers that he would kill in the woods and string up at the door of the country store to amaze the neighbors. Because of his tendency to exaggerate, I never paid much attention when he told of wearing dresses as a youngster until I saw these photos after his death. At his feet in one photo is the toy rocking chair that still has a place in the old Allen homeplace.



Geraldine and Dee
Photo Courtesy of Phoebe Sue Allen



Circa 1912
Photo Courtesy of Phoebe Sue Allen

Brothers by age, with childhood nicknames: Alva (aka Chapes, 1901), Aubrey (aka Pete, 1903), Homer Dee, Abe (aka Crimp, 1909), Cooksey (aka Tater, 1913), and Carthal (aka Edd, 1919). Cooksey (USAF) and Carthal both served overseas in WWII.

Martha Margaret Ann Samford Boyd

By Emma Mobley White

Submitted by Kay Dunlap Boyd, AGS member

We all look for stories or accounts of our ancestor's life. This is a remembrance of my husband's great grandmother written by one of her granddaughters.

The second daughter of James Gregory Samford and Artimisse Emmaline Wasson was Martha Margaret Ann Samford. She was my own grandmother. She was born November 11, 1843 near Little Rock, Arkansas. She married James Boyd on January 26, 1862. He was the third son of a family of nine children. Two of his brothers lost their lives in the Civil War. There were five brothers: Sparlin, David, George, John and James in the service. Fay was much younger than they, so was not in the service. James was taken prisoner and was thought dead by his family until 1865. When the war ended, James was liberated. His family had moved to another part of the state of Arkansas. Martha Margaret Ann continued to live with them. After a hard long journey, grandfather arrived at this home. My grandmother Boyd and Martha Margaret Ann sat quilting. They were accustomed to rugged, unkempt soldiers stopping at their door and asking for food, this one seemed no different. Great grandmother went to prepare a meal for him. My grandmother was calmly quilting and grandfather looked with shining eyes at his pretty wife. "Don't you know me, Ann? I am James, your husband." She arose from her quilting and gazed into the face of the bearded young soldier standing in the doorway, and saw something of the smooth faced lad who had marched away to war four long years ago. That was a happy day for all concerned.



Martha Margaret Ann Samford Boyd
Photo Courtesy of Kay Dunlap Boyd

Grandmother's family, the James Gregory Samfords, moved to Texas in 1868 leaving a sad Martha Margaret Ann behind with her husband and two baby girls, Louisa Elizabeth and Izorah. The Samfords loaded their possessions into two large wagons, hitched four oxen to each wagon and set off on the long trip to Texas. It was six months later that Martha Margaret Ann received her first letter from her parents. It gave a glowing account of their successful trip and their new home, of the abundant grass, water, wood, and land for anyone who would be willing to work hard to attain them. The James Boyds decided it must be a very desirable place and so with two neighboring families, they loaded their few household goods and after a siege of hardships, they reached Navarro County in 1870. They settled there for a year for a third child was expected and funds were getting low. The oxen tired out, but they had a bountiful crop made. Then dreaded malaria struck the entire family. The new baby died. I have often heard grandmother talk of the beautiful black-eyed, black haired little Florence, who was buried in Navarro County, ninety-five years ago at this present date (1967).

My grandfather Boyd drove miles out of his way to carry anyone to church who didn't have a way to go. How well I remember the clean, sweet smelling oat straw he used to put in the back of the wagon for us children to sit on. Though the roads were rough and there were no springs on the wagon, we often went to sleep on the way home from church.

My grandmother Martha Margaret Ann was an energetic little lady with whom I roamed the fields and pastures all the days of my childhood. We followed after the guinea hens and the turkeys, who always hid their nests in the most out of the way places. There were chickens to feed, eggs to gather, ducks and geese. When the ducks and geese began to lose their fathers, we drove them into a room of the barn, where grandma taught me to tuck their wings beneath them, hold their feet in my left hand and pluck their feathers with my right. She assured me this was a painless procedure, but I remember their sharp quacks of protest and they nipped my back with their saw like beaks as I plucked. I soon was an adept plucker and seldom drew blood. I remember the soft feather beds that felt like warm motherly arms about me on cold wintery nights when I stayed with my grandparents on their farm.

I remember the old spinning wheel and Grandma's sewing basket with its tray full of needles, thimbles, and buttons that thoroughly fascinated me. This Martha Margaret Ann Samford Boyd was my beloved grandmother. I remember the gentle voice of my great grandmother saying "thank you, dear" for the slightest favor. I remember her lovely garden that she loved so well, with its rick rack fence with roses climbing up and clambering over the corner. Rows and rows of vegetables, with rows and rows of roses, peonies, and gigas growing among them and the pale green sage, soft and velvety to touch, sprawling along the fence. There was a log smokehouse filled with hams cured, bacon, and long bags of peppery sausage hanging from the rafters, great cans of fresh lard and honey, long strings of cured onions, bags of dried beans and peas, bins of potatoes. There may been a lack of money, but there was no lack of good wholesome food and no lack of love for each other. No lack of respect for the ageing members of the family and a hearty welcome to their fireside to strangers, friends and loved one.

Martha Margaret Ann, referred to as Ann by some family members, died on November 23, 1923 at the age of 86 due to injuries resulting from a fall. She was buried beside her husband and with her parents at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, near Lake Victor, north of Burnet, Texas.

Children of Martha Margaret Ann Samford and Andrew James Boyd were

Louisa Elizabeth Boyd born 28 February 1866 in AR
Izora Boyd born 10 September 10, 1867 in Searcy Co, AR
Florence Boyd born 2 December 1869 in Searcy Co., AR
John Sebastian Boyd born 26 November 1871 in TX
Charles Samford Boyd born 28 July 1874 in Williamson Co., TX
Mary Ruth Boyd born 15 July 1877 in TX
Washington Irvin Boyd born 28 November 1880 in Burnet Co., TX

Runaway

Submitted by Bill Menefee, AGS Member
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(Frances Menefee Sutherland is my great-great grandfather's (William Menefee) sister

The following moving letter was written by Frances Menefee Sutherland, wife of Major George Sutherland, to her sister Sarah Norment, in Tennessee describes for us today a dramatic chapter in the history of Texas and her grief over the loss of her son, William Depriest Sutherland.

Dear Sister:

I received your kind letter of some time in March, but never had it been my power to answer it 'til now, and now I must say (O, God support me.) Yes, sister I must say it to you, I have lost my William. O, yes he is gone; my poor boy is gone, gone from me. The sixth day of March in the morning, he was slain in the Alamo in San Antonio. Then his poor body committed to the flames. Oh, Sally, can you sympathize with and pray for me that I may have grace to help in this great time of trouble. He was there a volunteer, when the Mexican army came there. At the approach of thousands of enemies they had to retreat in the Alamo where they were quickly surrounded by the enemy. Poor fellows. The Mexicans kept nearly continual firing on them for thirteen days. Then scaled the walls and killed every man in the fort but two black men.

Dear Sister, I think the situation a sufficient excuse for not answering your letter sooner. Since I received your letter I had been away from home with a distracted mind and had got back to our home where we found nothing in the world worth speaking of – not one mouthful of anything to eat, but a little we brought home with us. God only knows how we will make out.

I will try to compose my mind while I give you a short history of a few months back: The American army was on our frontier. We thought prudent to stay at home and did so until the General thought proper to retreat. We, being on the frontier, were compelled to go (I speak for all.) We went to the Colorado, forty miles, but after some time the General thought proper to retreat farther and of course we had to go, too. We proceeded to the Brazos River. There stopped a few days, but dread and fear caused another start; there Mr. Sutherland quit us and joined the army. William Heard was in, also with a good many more of our citizens, however, we went on for several miles and again stopped, hoping we would not have to go farther, but someone over there that week brought in the early news the Mexican army was crossing the Brazos not more than forty miles behind us. Again we started and traveled two days and then heard the army was twenty miles behind. (I wish you could know how the people did as they kept going about trying to get somewhere, but no person knew where they were trying to get to.) Several weeks passed on without any certain account from the army. All this time you could hardly guess my feelings. My poor William gone, Sutherland in the army, me with my three little daughters and my poor Thomas wandering about, not knowing what to do or where to go. You will guess my feelings were dreadful but ever the Lord supported me, and was on our side for I think I may boldly say the Lord fought our battles. Only to think how many thousands of musket and cannon balls were flying over our army and so few touched. I think seven was all that died of their wounds. Some say our Army fought double their number who dares to say the Lord was not on our side. Mr. Sutherland's horse was killed under him, but the Lord preserved his life and brought him back to his family. He found us at the mouth of the Sabine from thence we all returned home. I pray that God will still continue our friend and bless us with peace again.

I will now say that our relations are in tolerable health, tho' none very sick. Poor Mother went the rounds not very well all the time. I was afraid she would not hold out to get back again, but she is much better. She stopped at Brother William's, and I expect she will stay there all summer. Sister Martha lives there. We are still trying to raise something to eat, but I fear we will miss it. Brother Thomas' house was burnt with stable and corn crib. Mr. Sutherland's warehouse was burnt, also his house on the Bay. But if we can have peace and can have preaching, I won't care for the loss of what property is gone.

Your Sister
Fannie
(Frances Menefee Sutherland)

Students of Texas history will recognize that Frances Menefee Sutherland has given here not only a family account, but indirectly a fine description of the Battle of the Alamo; the Runaway Scrape where the people on the Mexican frontier fled to keep from being caught between the two Mexican armies, one from Matamoras, the other from San Antonio; and lastly, the Battle of San Jacinto, where Texas independence was won.

From "We Cousins" (page 59 and 60) by Florence Sutherland Hudson, copyright 1957.
Original of this letter is believed to be in the UT Historical Library

About what happened years ago...

Submitted by M. C. Forister, AGS Member

I have been a member of AGS since 1977 and had met so many relatives that my parents didn't know and, learned so much about them, such a colorful history about them. I'm very proud of them all.

One time years ago, very early morning, I drove to the Lytton Springs Cemetery in Lytton Springs, Caldwell Co. Texas. I did some checking on headstones. Suddenly, I saw a little head sticking up from behind a headstone, looking at me with big eyes. I ran back to my car fast, as I didn't have the time to ask "it" whether it was a large snake or a squirrel. I sat there in the car, but couldn't see anything, so I decided to leave that place.....in a hurry.

I mailed letters with forms, and called long-distance to so many relatives for more information on their family. Thank God for the computer in 2000, where I could e-mail relatives and the libraries some questions. One day I needed some information about the Ellison family in Lockhart, but didn't know who to call as there were several in my old Lockhart phone book and, it is getting too expensive to call long distance. So, I looked in the Austin phone book, and there were lots of them. I picked two, called and asked them if they were from Lockhart, and both said no. The third person that I picked was Myrtle Ellison. She said yes that she was from Lockhart.

And, I said, "Oh good! You're the one that I am looking for! Do you know anything about Sheriff Gus Ellison in the early 1940's?"

She said, "Yes, I remember hearing something about him, but my mother and I moved here to Austin from Lockhart when I was 9-year-old. So, I don't know of anyone there."

And, I said, "Oh golly, I was hoping that you may know something"

Then, she asked. "Are you white?"

I laughed and said, "Yes!"

She said, "Well, I'm black!"

"Uh-Oh!" I said.

She then laughed!

And I said, "Well, I was close!"

She then laughed much harder. After that, we had a nice long conversation. She was telling me that she had retired as a school teacher. She then said that I should call her again sometime as she enjoyed this. I told her that I enjoyed this too. Around four or five months later, I saw her on the 6 o'clock news on TV, it showed that she was a volunteer to help older people learn reading and writing. Sadly, around two or three years later, Miss Ellison, age 91, passed away in December of 1992. She was something else, a very nice woman. Somebody asked me later could I tell that she was black the way she talked over the phone, and I said no as she talked with very good English.

Cousin Eleanor and the Internet

Submitted by *Peter Flagg Maxson, AGS Life Member*

For several years I have worked on a family history, *Maxson Scrapbook: the Ancestors and Descendants of Daniel W. Maxson (1836-1920)*. It's gratifying that I've been able to compile hitherto unconnected genealogy and family history, and several essays have been the subjects of *Austin Genealogical Society Quarterly* articles.

Recently I was looking through a manuscript genealogy, "Descendants of George Leroy Maxson," by a distant kinsman, Dan Maxson of Cisco, Texas. He wove in all material to the present as best able on the descendants of a four times great grandfather, but of my Great-grandfather Willis Maxson's 2nd cousin Dan had only "Eleanor E. born June 28, 1857 married an Unknown Stimson."

I decided to tidy up that loose end, and went to Ancestry.com's US Census Records; that and other online sources produced first a husband (John Ward Stimson) for her, then a middle name (Elvira), two children (Eleanor Kenyon Stimson and John Francis Stimson), and finally a death date for Eleanor Sr. in Westport, Conn. in 1945. One source noted, "Eleanor came from an excellent RI, family."

But more interesting data surfaced. Eleanor was an only child. Her parents were Abel Schuyler Maxson and his wife/1st cousin once removed Joanna Kenyon. Abel's death is listed as having died March 10, 1863 in "Newburgh, NC." Checking, there evidently *is no* Newburgh, N.C., but there is a New Bern, N.C., where the Battle of New Bern had been fought a year earlier and which by December 1862 had 20,000 Union troops; perhaps Abel was in that force.

Eleanor hopped around in the US Census. She was not found in 1880, and the 1890 Census burned. But by 1900 she was in Plainfield, NJ, where her mother and aunt ran the Plainfield Seminary for young ladies. In 1910, she was in Berkeley, Calif *and divorced*; in 1920 in Carmel by the Sea, Calif; and in 1930 in Westport, Conn.¹ this was more promising. Most of George Maxson's descendants at that time seemed to be farmers and merchants in western New York or the Midwest, and Eleanor did not fit the stereotype. The 1920 Census noted that her daughter Eleanor and son-in-law Van Wyck Brooks were living with her. *VAN WYCK BROOKS?* He was a sort of hero of mine who wrote a favorite book I read at Trinity College called *The Flowering of New England*, for which he won the 1937 Pulitzer Prize in history. Forty-five years later I still remember being charmed that, according to Brooks, some New Englanders in the 1840s were so overeducated that even the Harvard janitors might address each other in Ancient Greek. I was delighted to claim kinship with him.

Eleanor's husband² was a well-born, Yale-educated Socialist artist and art historian who, concluding that New York City was far too staid at the turn of the century, moved to California. "His unconventional philosophy and bad temper contributed to a separation [from Eleanor] after about six years... He was always highly, if impractically, idealistic, and corresponded with Sun Yat-Sen, Rabindranath Tagore, and other philosophical luminaries and reformers... For the final 15 years of his life, he attempted to support his family from the sale of his books of art theory and poetry, depending in last resort upon the generosity of his prosperous but no-doubt disapproving elder brothers" it was noted. After a second, bigamous marriage, in his 70s he sired three more daughters by a third wife, and died at age 80 in 1930 in Corona, Calif.

¹ Now a chic suburb on Long Island Sound, once home of Martha Stewart, Paul Newman & Joanne Woodward.

² His family fortune came in part from his grandmother Julia Atterbury Stimson, whose nephew John married the widow of my grandmother Marion Flagg Maxson's Uncle Allston Flagg. Of interest to genealogy junkies only.

Yet, he was not the most unconventional member of the family. His son, John Francis Stimson a.k.a. Frank graduated from the prestigious Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts as well as Yale University and the Ecole de Beaux-Arts in Paris. Frank later “ran off to Tahiti, had numerous progeny and produced a neglected and partly lost body of theological writings.” Furthermore, “He claimed that Polynesian priests worshipped a supreme being. Difficult to prove, because Frank was the only white participant in their religion.” So we have Tahitian cousins! All this revealed in two and a half hours surfing the net. You never know.

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Family of Margaret Jane Zellers and George Sylvanus Wright

Submitted by Nancy R. Stevens, MLIS, CG

Margaret Jane ZELLERS, daughter of Peter ZELLERS and Margaret KNAUF, was born 15 December 1848 in Mifflinburg, Union, Pennsylvania,^{1,2} died 10 December 1926 in Naper, Boyd, Nebraska at age 77, and was buried 12 December 1926 in Butte Cemetery, Boyd, Nebraska.¹ Margaret married George Sylvanus WRIGHT, son of William WRIGHT and Elizabeth Amanda KENDALL, 2 July 1874 in Nebraska City, Otoe, Nebraska.³ George was born 17 December 1853 in Lawrence County, Illinois,^{3,4} died 7 November 1907 in Butte, Boyd, Nebraska⁵ at age 53, and was buried 7 November 1907 in Butte Cemetery, Boyd, Nebraska.⁶

Margaret was almost exactly five years older than George but on their application for a marriage license the age difference is reduced to two years – she is shown as two years younger than her actual age and he as one year older. By 1900 they had completely closed the gap and settled on 1853 as their common birth year.^{3,7}

About 1891 Margaret and George moved from Cass County in central Nebraska to the newly created Boyd County in northern Nebraska where they homesteaded land outside Butte. In the 1900 census, George Wright's occupation is shown as "farmer," although he had worked as a blacksmith in Cass County in the 1870s and 1880s. In 1901 he purchased the shop and tools from a blacksmith who was moving away from Butte and in 1903 put a gasoline engine in the shop. The following year he moved the blacksmith shop to a building directly behind the meat market and the butcher used the gasoline engine to run his new meat grinder. Margaret also went into business in 1901 by opening a restaurant.^{7,8,9,10,11,12,13}

Someone who knew George Wright as a young man remembered that he always led the singing at church and Sunday school and "made up in strength and vigor what he lacked in musical training." (Bobbitt, 52) He was active in local politics from a young age and served on the Butte City Council for a number of years. When he died from injuries he received in an accident with his horse and buggy, the local newspaper reported that his funeral procession was one the largest ever seen in the county. When Margaret died twenty years later she was honored as one of the early settlers of Boyd county.^{2,6,12,14,15}

Children from this marriage were:

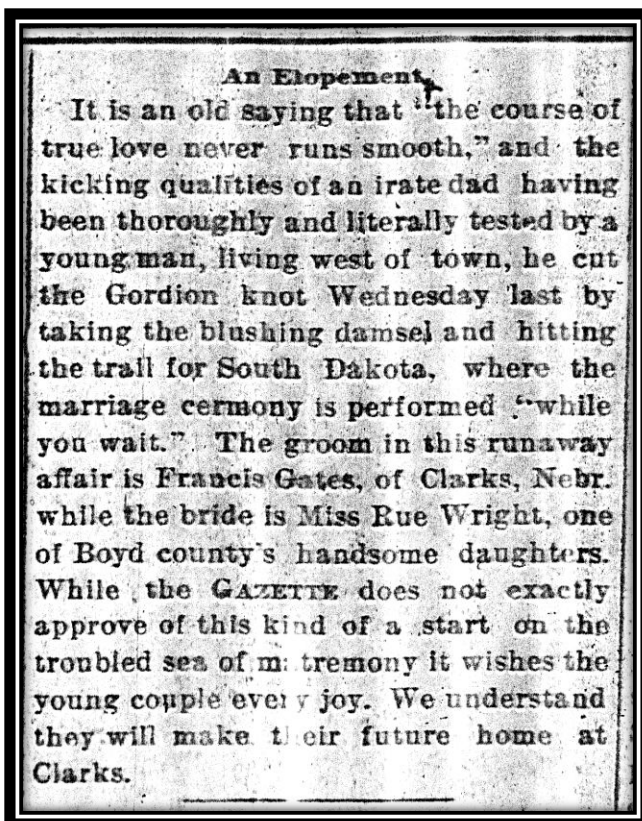
- M i. William Henry WRIGHT was born 22 November 1875 in Tipton Precinct, Cass, Nebraska,^{16,17} died 24 November 1938 in Visalia, Tulare, California¹⁶ at age 63, and was buried 26 November 1938 in Visalia Cemetery, Tulare, California.¹⁶ William married Mary Etta HULL, daughter of Martin HULL and Laura LOTT, 2 March 1898 in Butte, Boyd, Nebraska.¹⁷ Mary was born 22 February 1881 in Luther, Boone, Iowa,^{18,19} died 21 February 1943 in Visalia, Tulare, California¹⁸ at age 61, and was buried 23 February 1943 in Visalia Cemetery, Tulare, California.¹⁸

On 1 July 1899, Mary's brother Albert Hull canceled his claim on 160 acres he was homesteading in Boyd County, Nebraska and William Wright filed a homestead application for the same land, effectively transferring the land from Albert to his new brother-in-law. William followed in his father's profession as a blacksmith. In the late 1930s William and Mary moved to California. William died shortly after they moved.^{16,20,21}

- M ii. George WRIGHT was born 10 January 1877 in Cass County, Nebraska, died 24 January 1877 in Cass County, Nebraska, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Otoe, Nebraska.²²
- F iii. Laura A. WRIGHT was born 22 April 1878 in Cass County, Nebraska, died 13 August 1878 in Cass County, Nebraska, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Otoe, Nebraska.²²
- F iv. Essie M. WRIGHT was born 8 May 1879 in Cass County, Nebraska, died 17 September 1880 in Cass County, Nebraska at age 1, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Otoe, Nebraska.²²
- M v. James Elmer WRIGHT was born 22 March 1881 in Weeping Water, Cass, Nebraska,^{25,26,27} died 6 January 1951 in Tulare, Tulare, California at age 69, and was buried 9 January 1951 in Visalia Cemetery, Tulare, California.²⁷

After his father's death, James continued to live with his mother until her death. The week before she died, she transferred the family homestead to James for \$1.00. By 1930 his brother William and family were living with James at the family home. When William and Mary moved their family to California a few years later, James moved with them or joined them a short time later.^{27,28,29,30,31}

- F vi. Rua Adline WRIGHT was born 22 September 1882 in Weeping Water, Cass, Nebraska,³³ died 4 November 1976 in Clarks, Merrick, Nebraska at age 94, and was buried 8 November 1976 in Clarks Cemetery, Merrick, Nebraska.³⁴ Rua married Francis Charles GATES, son of James O. GATES and Marcia ANDREWS, 12 April 1899 in South Dakota.³⁵ The marriage ended in divorce. Francis was born 6 March 1872 in Nebraska, died 26 October 1954 in Clarks, Merrick, Nebraska at age 82, and was buried 28 October 1954 in Clarks Cemetery, Merrick, Nebraska.³⁶



When Francis Gates asked George Wright for his sixteen-year-old daughter's hand in marriage and was refused, Rua and Francis eloped across the border to South Dakota where marriages were performed without parental consent. At the time of the 1920 census Rua and Francis were divorced, although still living in the same household. When Rua left Francis she was ostracized by some members of her family, especially for leaving the children, the youngest of whom were twelve and sixteen years old.^{35,37,38}

Rua next married Franklin Pierce OSTERMAN, son of Henry OSTERMAN and Therese Marie DAMBOR. Franklin was born 27 October 1873 in Arlington, Washington, Nebraska, died 12 November 1952 in Saint Paul, Howard, Nebraska at age 79, and was buried 13 November 1952 in Clarks Cemetery, Merrick, Nebraska.³⁹

Rua had known her second husband all her married life – the Gates and Osterman

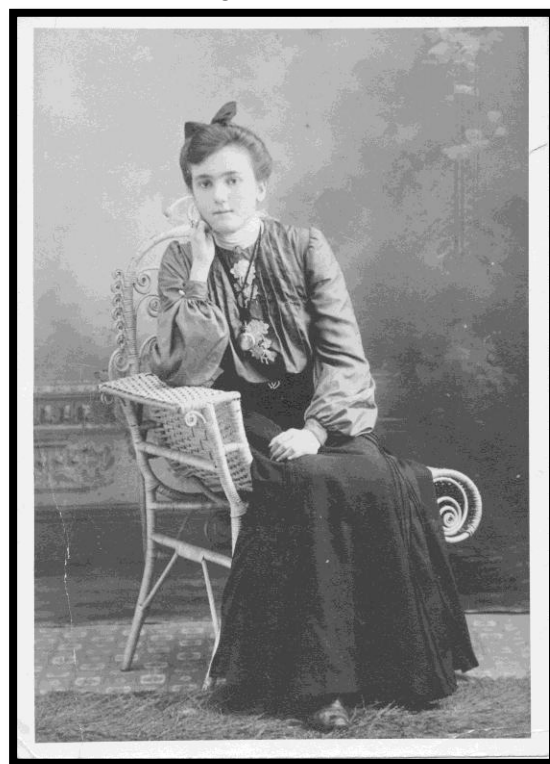
families were next door neighbors in 1900. Rua and Franklin may have had a rocky marriage. They probably married in the early 1920s but in 1930 Rua is living alone and working as a laundress. Franklin's household includes their son and children from Franklin's first marriage. In 1940 Rua and Franklin are living together again.^{40,41,42,43}

- M vii. Arthur Sylvanus WRIGHT was born 22 May 1885 in Weeping Water, Cass, Nebraska and died 16 March 1903 in Butte, Boyd, Nebraska at age 17.⁴⁴

Arthur was very ill often in his life and died of rheumatic fever. He and his sister Rua may have been particularly close. Arthur visited her for two weeks the year before he died and she returned home to help nurse him during his last illness, although she had two small children. Her third son, born a year after her brother's death, was named Arthur. Arthur Wright's obituary was long and very eloquent, possibly written by a professional.^{32,44,45,46,47}

- F viii. Ethel Delilah WRIGHT was born 8 December 1888 in Eagle, Cass, Nebraska,^{48,49,50} died 21 January 1956 in Colorado Springs, El Paso, Colorado at age 67, and was buried 24 January 1956 in Evergreen Cemetery in Colorado Springs, El Paso, Colorado.⁴⁸ Ethel married Melvin Orlando HAGERMAN, son of Calvin Eli HAGERMAN and Sarah Jane CRANDALL, 24 February 1907 in Butte, Boyd, Nebraska.⁴⁹ Melvin was born 23 September 1879 in Nashua, Chickasaw, Iowa,^{51,52} died 22 March 1965 in Omaha, Douglas, Nebraska⁵³ at age 85, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Colorado Springs, El Paso, Colorado.⁵⁴

Ethel was working at the Boyd County courthouse and Melvin was the night operator at the Anoka train station when they met. The first five years of their marriage they moved from one railroad town to another as he climbed the career ladder, until they settled in Niobrara, Knox, Nebraska in 1912 where he worked as station agent and telegrapher until his retirement in 1949. They lived at the depot during those years, which included accommodations for the agent's family. Ethel and Melvin were a social couple; he was a Mason and she was a member of the Eastern Star. They also belonged to bridge clubs. Taking a turn hosting the bridge game became a cooking competition among the women and Ethel was known for her lemon meringue pie, not an easy dessert to master before the advent of the electric mixer. When Melvin retired they moved to Colorado Springs, El Paso, Colorado where their oldest son lived at the time.^{6,38,54,55,56,57,58}



Ethel Delilah Wright, age 15, ca. 1904
Photo Courtesy of Nancy R. Stevens, MLIS, CG

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Wilson Family Group Sheet

Submitted by Jacquie Demsky Wilson, AGS Member

HUSBAND: Bert Thomas Wilson

Born: 14 Nov 1871	in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia
Married: 22 Dec 1895	in: Copper Creek, Russell, Virginia
Died: 15 May 1936	in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia
Father: John Patton Wilson	
Mother: Sarah Jane Smith	

WIFE: Nancy Elizabeth Wagoner

Born: 28 Sep 1877	in: Copper Creek, Russell, Virginia
Died: 15 Jan 1957	in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia
Father: John Chrisman Wagoner	
Mother: Elizabeth Tamatress Dove	

CHILDREN

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|----|--|---|
| 1) | Name: Sara Preston Wilson
Born: 3 Oct 1896
Married: 24 Jun 1915
Died: 10 Oct 1967
Spouse: Emory Vance Easterly | in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia
in: Blountville, Sullivan, Tennessee
in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia |
| 2) | Name: Eula Burns Wilson
Born: 29 Jul 1898
Married: 24 Oct 1923
Died: 29 Jan 1991
Spouse: John Clyde White, Sr. | in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia
in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia
in: Cedar Bluff, Tazewell, Virginia |
| 3) | Name: Mildred Elizabeth Wilson
Born: 31 Oct 1900
Married: 24 Aug 1936
Died: Jul 1983
Spouse: Richard W. Lawrence | in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia
in:
in: Woolford, Dorchester, Maryland |
| 4) | Name: Bert Thomas Wilson, Jr.
Born: 10 Jul 1903
Married:
Died: 15 Apr 1948
Spouse: Melissa Ferguson | in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia
in:
in: Baltimore, Maryland |
| 5) | Name: Claude Swanson Wilson
Born: 10 Aug 1905
Married: (1) 22 Feb 1939;
(2) 9 Dec 1950 | in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia
in: (1) Meadowview, Washington, Virginia;
(2) Hot Springs, Garland, Arkansas |
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Died: 9 Oct 1965
Spouses: (1) Anna Bell Crockett;
(2) Alma Lee Jackson

in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia

6) Name: Douglas Smith Wilson
Born: 16 Mar 1908
Married:
Died: 13 Aug 1989
Spouses: Hazel LNU; Catherine Martin

in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia
in:
in: Sterling, Loudoun, Virginia

7) Name: daughter Wilson
Born: abt 1910
Died: 17 Mar 1916

in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia
in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia

8) Name: William Wagoner Wilson
Born: 27 Mar 1911
Married:
Died: 12 Sep 1977
Spouse: Nancy Elizabeth Boyd

in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia
in:
in: Richmond, Virginia

9) Name: Richard Engle Wilson
Born: 10 May 1914
Died: 10 Jun 1942

in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia
in: Newfoundland

10) Name: George Frazier Wilson
Born: 16 Aug 1918
Married:
Died: 10 Feb 1950
Spouse: Virginia Kathryn Clarke

in: Lebanon, Russell, Virginia
in:
in: Bethesda, Montgomery, Maryland

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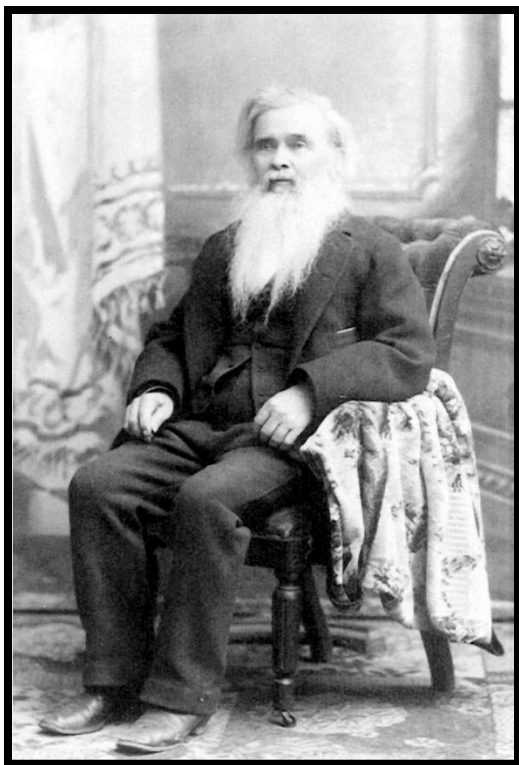
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William Hancock Sharp

Travis County Pioneer #10-053

Proven to be in Travis County in 1854 from Tennessee



William Hancock Sharp
Photo Courtesy of James R. Sharp



Elizabeth Scruggs
Photo Courtesy of James R. Sharp

Generation No. 1

1. William Hancock¹ SHARP was born in 1817 in Bedford, Tennessee, and died 20 July 1879 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery. He married Elizabeth Adams Lingo SCRUGGS in 1849 in Bedford, Tennessee. She was born 04 April 1831 in Bedford, Tennessee, and died 15 June 1890 in Austin, Travis, Texas. She is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

Child of William SHARP and Elizabeth SCRUGGS is:

2. i. George Martin² SHARP born 06 December 1860, Austin, Travis, Texas; died 14 December 1910, Austin, Travis, Texas.

Generation No. 2

2. George Martin² SHARP (*William Hancock¹*) was born 06 December 1860 in Austin, Travis, Texas, and died 14 December 1910 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery. He married Emma ADAMS 29 Mar 1910 in Travis, Texas. She was born 24 December 1872 in Parker, Texas, and died 03 July 1960 in Austin, Travis, Texas. She is buried Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Child of George SHARP and Emma ADAMS is:

3. i. Charley Martin³ SHARP born 26 April 1911, Austin, Travis, Texas, died 24 August 1997, Georgetown, Williamson, Texas.

Generation No. 3

3. Charley Martin³ SHARP (*George Martin², William Hancock¹*) was born 26 April 1911 in Austin, Travis, Texas, and died 24 August 1997 in Georgetown, Williamson, Texas. He married Mary Lou PATTON 02 November 1939 in Williamson, Texas. She was born 24 May 1920 in Austin, Travis, Texas, and died 24 June 1981 in Waco, McLennan, Texas.

Child of Charley SHARP and Mary PATTON is:

i. James Robert⁴ SHARP.

James Edward Maxey

Travis County Pioneer #10-054, #10-055
Proven to be in Travis County in 1866 from Arkansas

Generation No. 1

1. James Edward MAXEY was born 28 April 1831 in Izard, Arkansas, and died 31 August 1908 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He was buried in the Maxey Cemetery. He married Eliza Jane Curtis MCGUIRE 18 December 1873 in Travis, Texas. She was born in 1849 in Bastrop, Texas, and died 10 October 1938 in Travis, Texas. She is buried in the Oakwood Annex Cemetery.

Child of James MAXEY and Eliza MCGUIRE is:

2. i. Mary MAXEY born 05 November 1875, Mud, Travis, Texas, died 10 May 1959, Austin, Travis, Texas.



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Generation No. 2

2. Mary MAXEY (James Edward) was born 05 November 1875 in Mud, Travis, Texas, and died 10 May 1959 in Austin, Travis, Texas. She was buried in the Oakwood Annex Cemetery. She married James Washington SCREWS 10 May 1901 in Caldwell, Texas. He was born 16 July 1861 in Blanco, Texas, and died 14 September 1933 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He is buried in the Oakwood Annex Cemetery.

Child of Mary MAXEY and James SCREWS is:

3. i. Joe Samuel SCREWS born 07 March 1905, near Austin, Travis, Texas; died 10 October 1977, Austin, Travis, Texas.

Generation No. 3

3. Joe Samuel SCREWS (Mary MAXEY, James Edward) was born 07 March 1905 in Near Austin, Travis, Texas, and died 10 October 1977 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He married Ruby M WHITEHEAD 10 February 1937 in Austin, Travis, Texas. She was born 26 March 1920 in Gonzales, Gonzales, Texas, and died 10 Dec 1997 in Austin, Travis, Texas.



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Children of Joe SCREWS and Ruby WHITEHEAD are:

- i. Betty Jo SCREWS
- ii. Linda Jane SCREWS

Robert Edmondson and Ann Long Snodgrass Grant

Travis County Pioneer #09-051

Proven to be in Travis County in 1872 from Virginia

Generation No. 1

1. Robert Edmundson¹ GRANT, Dr. was born 25 September 1826 in Washington, Virginia, and died 17 July 1888 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He was buried at Oakwood Cemetery. He married Ann Long SNODGRASS 08 December 1850 in Washington, Virginia. She was born 20 Oct 1828 in Washington, Virginia, and died 15 June 1909 in Austin, Travis, Texas. She is buried at Oakwood Cemetery

Child of Robert GRANT and Ann SNODGRASS is:

2. i. Robert Jackson² GRANT, DR., born 24 June 1860, Washington, Virginia; died 25 March 1935, Austin, Travis, Texas.

Generation No. 2

2. Robert Jackson² GRANT, Dr. (*Robert EDMONDSON¹*) was born 24 Jun 1860 in Washington, Virginia, and died 25 March 1935 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery. He married Ida Annie RUTHERFORD 08 May 1883 in Travis, Texas. She was born 24 April 1864 in Travis, Texas, and died 31 December 1919 in Austin, Travis, Texas. She is buried in Oakwood Cemetery

Child of Robert GRANT and Ida RUTHERFORD is:

3. i. Ida Mae³ GRANT born 01 April 1893, Austin, Travis, Texas; died 27 July 1960, Austin, Travis, Texas.

Generation No. 3

3. Ida Mae³ GRANT (*Robert Jackson², Robert EDMONDSON¹*) was born 01 April 1893 in Austin, Travis, Texas, and died 27 July 1960 in Austin, Travis, Texas. She was buried in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery. She married Rudolph William GISSELL SR. 14 February 1916 in Travis, Texas. He was born 16 February 1894 in Austin, Travis, Texas, and died 05 January 1973 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He is buried in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Child of Ida GRANT and Rudolph GISSELL is:

4. i. Rudolph William⁴ GISSELL, JR. born 24 December 1919, Austin, Travis, Texas; died 09 February 2000, Lufkin, Angelina, Texas.

Generation No. 4

4. Rudolph William⁴ GISSELL JR. (*Ida Mae³ GRANT, Robert Jackson², Robert EDMONDSON¹*) was born 24 December 1919 in Austin, Travis, Texas, and died 09 February 2000 in Lufkin, Angelina, Texas. He married Eunice Inez FOSTER 03 September 1941 in Travis, Texas. She was born 26 October 1921 in Austin, Travis, Texas, and died 30 April 1994 in Austin, Travis, Texas.

Child of Rudolph GISSELL and Eunice FOSTER is:

- i. Susan Irene⁵ GISSELL

R. A. and Erin Kyle Rutherford

Travis County Pioneer #09-052

Proven to be in Travis County in 1860 from Tennessee

Generation No. 1

1. R A¹ RUTHERFORD was born June 1823 in Sumpter, Sullivan, Tennessee, and died 03 December 1903 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery. He married Erin KYLE 26 August 1862 in Travis, Texas. She was born 03 January 1847 in Richmond, Virginia, and died 03 January 1919 in Austin, Travis, Texas. She is buried in Oakwood Cemetery

Child of R RUTHERFORD and Erin KYLE is:

2. i. Ida Annie² RUTHERFORD born 24 April 1864, Travis, Texas; died 31 December 1919, Austin, Travis, Texas.

Generation No. 2

2. Ida Annie² RUTHERFORD (*R A¹*) was born 24 April 1864 in Travis, Texas, and died 31 December 1919 in Austin, Travis, Texas. She was buried in Oakwood Cemetery. She married Dr. Robert Jackson GRANT, 08 May 1883 in Travis, Texas, son of Robert GRANT and Ann SNODGRASS. He was born 24 June 1860 in Washington, Virginia, and died 25 Mar 1935 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

Child of Ida RUTHERFORD and Robert GRANT is:

3. i. Ida M³ GRANT born 01 Apr 1893, Austin, Travis, Texas; died 27 Jul 1960, Austin, Travis, Texas.

Generation No. 3

3. Ida Mae³ GRANT (*Ida Annie² RUTHERFORD, R A¹*) was born 01 April 1893 in Austin, Travis, Texas, and died 27 July 1960 in Austin, Travis, Texas. She was buried in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery. She married Rudolph William GISSELL SR. 14 February 1916 in Travis, Texas. He was born 16 February 1894 in Austin, Travis, TX, and died 05 January 1973 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He was buried in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Child of Ida GRANT and Rudolph GISSELL is:

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- i. Susan Irene⁵ GISSELL,

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