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2015 AGS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AGS meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm (except May and December). Meetings typically include time to get acquainted with other researchers, announcements and notification of upcoming activities. Meetings also feature a speaker on a genealogical topic.

January 27

Unusual Source Records for Genealogical Research – or this is some Cool Stuff!
Presented by Sue Kaufman from Clayton Library in Houston

February 24

Using Family Search to Solve Genealogical Research Problems - Case Study
Presented by Cherie Bush from Family Search

March 24

Research Strategies for Everyone
Presented by AGS Member Teri Flack

April 28

Digging Up the Bones of Your Home
Presented by Phoebe Allen

(No Regular AGS Meeting in May due to the Seminar on May 30)

June 23

Presenter to be Determined

July 28

Using Perry Castaneda's Library for Genealogy
Presented by Katherine Strickland

August 25

Earning a Living: Your Ancestors at Work
Presented by Pat Gordon

September 22

World War I: One Hundred Years of Records
Presented by Debbie Pearson from Fort Worth Genealogical Society

October 27

Talking to Elders to Record Family History
Presented by Mary Scrudder

November 24

FALL FESTIVAL
Presenter to Be Determined

(No Regular AGS Meeting in December)

FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Members,

This will be the first edition of the quarterly where I am the editor. It is such fun to review all of the material that is provided and see the history your ancestors lived through! Lisa Smith-Curtean, our Quarterly editor for the past 2 years, has recently resigned from this position and I will be taking over this responsibility.

I hope to create a team of people to fulfill this responsibility and will let you know more about that after the first of the year when I have that more clearly defined.

This quarterly has some interesting articles that I hope you will enjoy. We have a vivid picture of Manor, Texas of the 1920's as told by someone who was there. What a treasure given to us by Ruth Ann Ballard who recorded the information as told to her by her mother, Stella Ashmore Stringer.

Benjamin Grumbles – son of a Revolutionary War soldier who served in the War of 1812 – can you imagine? That is enough history to live through, but there is more as he moved his family to Texas after coming here to visit his son, a Texas Ranger. Thanks to Kay Boyd for providing the great story and the fabulous photos. I'd love to learn more!

Another Texas Ranger story (I'm a huge fan of the original Texas Rangers, what men they were!) – Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson – was provided by Patty Robertson. And what a story! Fighting the local tribes and being entrusted to carry the archives safely to the United States before he was 16!

The Sterling Sims cabin is another interesting read – the family history is not the entire story in this case, the cabin itself has its own history which you can read about. Thank you to Kay Boyd and Missy Harris for providing the fascinating documents from the Texas Historical Commission which make up this article.

And finally we have family trees for some of the Travis County Pioneer families.

As you can see, this quarterly would not exist without your contribution. Think of any family history or particular person you would like to see highlighted in the next edition, and send them my way. I'd love to share them with the AGS community by publishing them in this Quarterly.

Thank You,
Robin Raben
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REMEMBRANCES OF MANOR RESIDENTS

Who was who and where they lived and worked.

By Stella Ashmore Stringer

As told to her daughter Ruth Ann Ballard

Stella Ashmore Stringer was born on the Bell Farm near Manor in 1912. Many of her family members lived in the Manor area. Most of Stella's remembrances are from the late 1920's. Her remembrances include family and friends, schoolmates and teammates, and local businessmen and women. These remembrances were dictated to her daughter in 2003 when Stella was 91 years of age.

ACKLIN - ED ACKLIN owned a combination car dealership and garage in Manor.

His brother was ERNEST ACKLIN. Their father was MOSE ACKLIN. There was a sister named ETHEL. ERNEST married JEAN PFLUGER. He owned a little farm south of Manor. He also had a butcher shop and little grocery store in the BALDRIDGE building. One day ERNEST was out on his farm driving on a tractor. When he crossed a small bridge, the bridge collapsed. The tractor fell on him and crushed him to death. Several years later, his widow JEAN married ED ACKLIN

ADAIR - RALEIGH ADAIR was a barber in Manor.

His wife STELLA was a Sunday school teacher. She was a MORROW. They attended the Christian Church in Manor. They had two sons, HARRY and RALEIGH, JR.

ANDERSON - ARTHUR ANDERSON had a service station on the main street.

He and his wife IDA lived on the main street in Manor in a big, two-story house. They had two daughters named HENRIETTA and LORRAINE. Mr. ANDERSON had two brothers, OSCAR and NORMAN. OSCAR W. ANDERSON was a merchant and cotton buyer. He owned a mercantile store in Manor. It was in a big two-story building

ASHMORE - J. B. and NANNIE ASHMORE had five children. One of them was my dad LEE ASHMORE. He married MINNIE RENO. Mama was the daughter of ALICE BELL RENO and FRANK RENO. He was a cotton farmer. During his life he owned farms in the Manor and Decker areas. He also managed farms for his widowed family members. He was a stock trader and, at one time, managed a store in Manor. ALONZO ASHMORE was another son. Uncle LON graduated from TCU and was a teacher. He served as the superintendent of Manor Schools and later as the superintendent of the Leander Schools. CHARLES ASHMORE graduated from TCU and became a minister in the Christian Church. He served as an Army Chaplain during World War I. He also served in Manor Christian Church. GEORGE ASHMORE owned a livery stable in Manor for many years and later became the town's night watchman. FRANK ASHMORE was a mail carrier in Manor. He married EDNA GILLIAM who was the telephone operator in Manor for many years.

BAILEY and **SCHRADER** - JIM BAILEY was a farmer.

JIM and LIZZIE [lived] on a farm near the Bell farm. They had one daughter, OLGA. They had a player piano that we just loved. We kids thought it was wonderful to put a roll of paper in the piano, and it would play a tune by itself. She married WALTER SCHRADER. In later years they owned SCHRADER Grocery Store in Manor. They were very active in the Baptist Church.

BALDRIDGE and **HURT** - MR. BALDRIDGE owned one of two pharmacies in Manor. He was a kind, friendly, older gentleman. He was the pharmacist who filled prescriptions. His niece, MRS.

HURT, was a widow who lived with him and worked in the drug store. They lived in a two-story house across from where we lived in Manor.

BELL - My great-grandfather, AMBUS L. BELL, was one of the early settlers in the Manor area. He married MARY CAROLINE FREE. They had three children, ALICE, WILLIAM, and CHARLES. Grandpa BELL, along with some of his brothers and some of the FREE family, came to Texas about 1875. Grandpa BELL purchased a lot of land around Manor. My brothers and sister and I were all born on the BELL farm near Rose Hill. He was always immaculate and dressed in a starched, white shirt and dark pants. He was an active member of the Christian Church in Manor.

BRENNAMAN - WILLIAM BRENNAMAN owned a cotton gin in Manor. His wife was named IRENE. She was very active in the Methodist Church and in the school.

CHAMBERLAIN - WALTER CHAMBERLAIN was a cotton farmer. He and his wife MARY went to the Methodist Church. She was tall and had black hair.

CLEM - MR. CLEM and his wife had a little grocery store in Manor on the main street. I worked for them one summer as a bookkeeper. At that time many people bought things on credit (before credit cards) and paid their bill at the end of the week or end of the month. Some people who paid their bills on time had unlimited credit, and others had a limit on the amount they could buy on credit. Part of my job was to send out the bills and sometimes hand-deliver them. One of the prominent citizens of Manor had a son who hadn't paid his bill in quite a while. Mr. CLEM asked me to "accidentally" send the father's bill to the son and the son's bill to the father. Naturally, the father saw that his son was in arrears. He came in right away and paid both bills.

COOK and **COLE** - DR. COOK was our family doctor when I was young. He had a lady working in his office named BESSIE COLE. Mrs. COLE was a widow and had a daughter named LILLIAN and a son about my sister's age. He and his nurse came to the house when my brother was born. It was bad weather and they came in a buggy. In those days, most babies were born at home.

DUPREE - BEN DUPREE was a farmer and later a mail carrier. His wife's maiden name was KATIE. Their son was HUGEE DUPREE. He worked in a bakery in Manor. HUGEE had a sister named WILLIE MAE. A younger sister was named MATTIE LOU.

EPPRIGHT - The EPPRIGHT family members were very prominent and well-to-do citizens of the Manor community. The widowed mother lived on the main street going into downtown Manor. The children were CHARLES EPPRIGHT, a farmer, called "CHAP". They were Baptists. Dr. Ben Eppright worked in Austin. GEORGE EPPRIGHT was a pilot in the military. Everyone called him MAJOR EPPRIGHT. He retired and built a home in Manor. There was daughter NAN EPPRIGHT. BUTCH EPPRIGHT was a very talented pianist and organist. He played the organ for the Baptist Church in Manor. BUTCH was in charge of farming the family homestead. I think BUTCH'S real name was HARRIS EPPRIGHT.

FREDERICKSON and **MAYFIELD** - JIM MAYFIELD worked for my Dad as a butcher before marrying ANNIE FREDERICKSON, a widow who lived near Manor. She married JIM MAYFIELD about 1923.

GREGG - One of the early doctors in Manor was DR. FRANK GREGG. His son was DR. BANNER GREGG. Another family was SHIRLEY GREGG and his wife MARTHA who lived on a farm near Sprinkle. I can remember that they had a bunch of geese, which were good

to kill the Johnson grass that was a plague to the farmers. Most of the farmers in the area grew cotton, and it was important to keep grass and weeds out of the fields

HAGE - ASSAD HAGE owned a big mercantile store in Manor. His store was next door to the W. O. ANDERSON store. They had groceries in the back of the store and other merchandise in the front. I worked as a salesperson selling shoes, piece goods, clothing, etc. Mrs. HAGE would come in on Saturdays and help out in the back with the groceries. I can remember Mrs. HAGE fixing something for the children to eat in the back of the store. One Saturday the ANDERSON store caught on fire. It was right next door to the HAGE'S store. We had to evacuate the HAGE store because of the smoke. Several large fires destroyed so many buildings in Manor. There was no fire department. I can remember lines of men passing buckets full of water to dash on the flames and some on the roofs that were afire. People who weren't passing the buckets would use wet sacks to beat at any fire spreading on the ground. They were trying to keep the fire from spreading to other buildings. My dad always wore felt Stetson hats. I remember he had a new hat when a fire broke out. After they got the fire put out, his hat was covered with holes and scorched spots where the hot cinders had fallen on it. Everyone burned wood to cook and to heat their homes and businesses. The last big fire in Manor destroyed half of the town. It was never built back as before.

HANSON - ABNER HANSON was a jeweler.

He had a tiny shop in Manor on Main Street. He did repair work on clocks, watches, and jewelry. He must have been very good at his work because people would come from Austin to have things repaired. He lived across the railroad track east of Manor near the school.

HARRIS - ED HARRIS may have been part owner of the tire store.

HELGREN - WESLEY HELGREN and family lived on a large farm east of Manor.

HILL - There was a man named JOE HILL who married RUTH NAGLE. JOE and RUTH lived in a small house next door to a large, two-story house owned by RUTH'S father, JOHN NAGLE. RUTH was a tall woman. They attended the Christian Church in Manor.

HILLER - WILLIAM HILLER owned one of the cotton gins in Manor.

He and MRS. HILLER were very special people. When I worked in HAGE'S store, she would bring in little children, black or white, didn't matter. She would buy them clothes or shoes for school. She was also a big worker in the Methodist Church. The children were RAYMOND, TEXANA, ELSIE and EVANGELINE.

HOUSER - CHARLIE HOUSER ran a small service station on the main road into Manor.

He and his wife had four sons, CURTIS, LEONARD and LLOYD, twins, and WILLARD. I remember a funny story about CURTIS HOUSER. He dated REVA HAWKINS, who was a good friend of mine. Her father was P. E. HAWKINS, the minister of the Christian Church in Manor. CURTIS had a pretty yellow car with a rumble seat. One time CURTIS and REVA and my friend, JACK SUNDBERG and I double dated. JACK and I rode in the rumble seat. Forget about having a nice hairdo when you ride in a rumble seat.

HOWELL - WILLIAM A. B. HOWELL was a widower with children when he married ELLA ASHMORE. He and ELLA had eight children, ERNA B. a mail carrier in Manor, BESSIE MAE, GROGAN, EUBIE, NAN, KATE, WILLAMENA and CHARLES.

HUBBLE - MARSHALL HUBBLE was a farmer and married READIE THURMAN. Her father had a farm east of Manor. They had one daughter named MARY. Mrs. HUBBLE was the only person I ever knew who had a red bird for a pet. She kept it in a cage.

KOURI - ADAM KOURI owned a mercantile store in Manor.

His father also owned a store. I believe his initials were E. L. ADAM had two sisters that lived next door to us. Their names were FRANCES and BERNICE. There was another KOURI family living in Manor who also owned a big store in Manor. I'm not sure if this KOURI was related to the other KOURI. I believe his name was BADAY or BEDEYE. His wife was named MARY. The family lived south across the railroad tracks near the HILLER Gin. The children's names were ALICE, JOE, ROSE, MARY, MARGARET, SADIE, JOHNNY, WILBUR, and TOMMY. There was another merchant in Manor named JIM KOURI

LEE - BOB LEE was a farmer.

The LEE children were ANGUS, BERNICE, IDA LOU, CLARENCE, and HORACE. ANGUS LEE was the postmaster in Manor.

LOCKWOOD - HENRY LOCKWOOD was a rancher and farmer who lived south of Manor in the area we called "the post oaks." They had several children, HENRY JR. "BUD". PAT LOCKWOOD was HENRY LOCKWOOD'S brother. They lived south of Manor on a ranch

LUEDECKE - WILLIAM LUEDECKE was a banker in Manor.

He and my great-grandfather, A. L. BELL, were very close friends and workers in the Christian Church in Manor. The LUEDECKES were very prominent and well-thought-of citizens of Manor.

MARCUSE - WILLIAM MARCUSE ran a little gas station next to his house He and his wife, IDA, lived next door to my family in Manor. Their children were JEANNETTE, EMMA, MILDRED, and LOUIS. The MARCUSE house was near the cemetery. It was the first house I ever saw with a cistern surrounded by an enclosed porch. Many of the houses in the area had cisterns to catch rainwater, which was used for washing clothes or watering stock, but none were enclosed. Although we were members of the Christian Church, sometimes we didn't have a minister, so we attended the Methodist Church.

McCRIGHT - WILLIE McCRIGHT had a nice service station in Manor.

The McCRIGHT family lived across the railroad tracks south of Manor. They had a daughter named MAMIE who married I. B. GARDNER. They had another daughter named MOZELLE who had red hair.

McCULLOUGH - CHARLIE McCULLOUGH owned a service station.

CHARLIE McCULLOUGH married CORA PARSONS. CHARLIE and CORA lived on the highway between Austin and Round Rock. Their living quarters were connected to the station.

McCUTCHEON - ANNIE McCUTCHEON was a wonderful person. She was a black woman who helped my mother with the laundry every Monday, which was wash day. Everyone in our family loved Annie. In fact, one of my nephews called her his "black grandma." I believe Annie also helped other people in town.

MOTT - IKE MOTT was a barber in Manor.

IKE MOTT and his family lived across the street. Mrs. Mott laughed all of the time. The MOTTS' children were IRENE, GRACE, MARGARITE, MAY, VERNON and IMOGENE.

NAGLE - JOHN NAGLE owned farmland near Manor.

The Nagles had two daughters named RUTH and LOUISE and a son named FRANCIS. The NAGLE family attended Manor Christian Church

POPHAM - I. W. POPHAM was a teacher and superintendent of the Manor Schools for many years. The family lived next door to us at one time in Manor. Mrs. POPHAM was named LELA. She was a teacher in Manor School. They had two children, CURTIS and JEWEL. The POPHAMS attended the Methodist Church in Manor.

ROSEN - CLAUDE ROSEN and his family lived in a railroad section house in Manor. I believe he was a section foreman. Their children were ROSALEE, EDWARD, KAREN, BARENT, EARL and BONNIE.

SELLSTROM - SWANTIE SELLSTROM owned a big lumberyard in Manor.

His son, S. A. SELLSTROM married MARY McALLISTER. The SELLSTROMS had an older daughter named WALDINE. Two teachers, MILDRED STAHL and JEWEL OZMENT, roomed with the family. The SELLSTROMS attended the Methodist Church

SMITH - ED SMITH and his wife ran a café in Manor for several years.

It was the only restaurant in Manor for many years.

SWENSON - One of the blacksmiths in Manor was named ALBERT SWENSON.

His wife was EMILY. They had a daughter named DOROTHY. DOROTHY SWENSON married LAWRENCE ANDERSON from Decker. The SWENSONS also had a son named MELVIN.

TEMPLIN - GEORGE TEMPLIN worked in the bank in Manor.

His wife was my teacher in the first grade in Manor School.

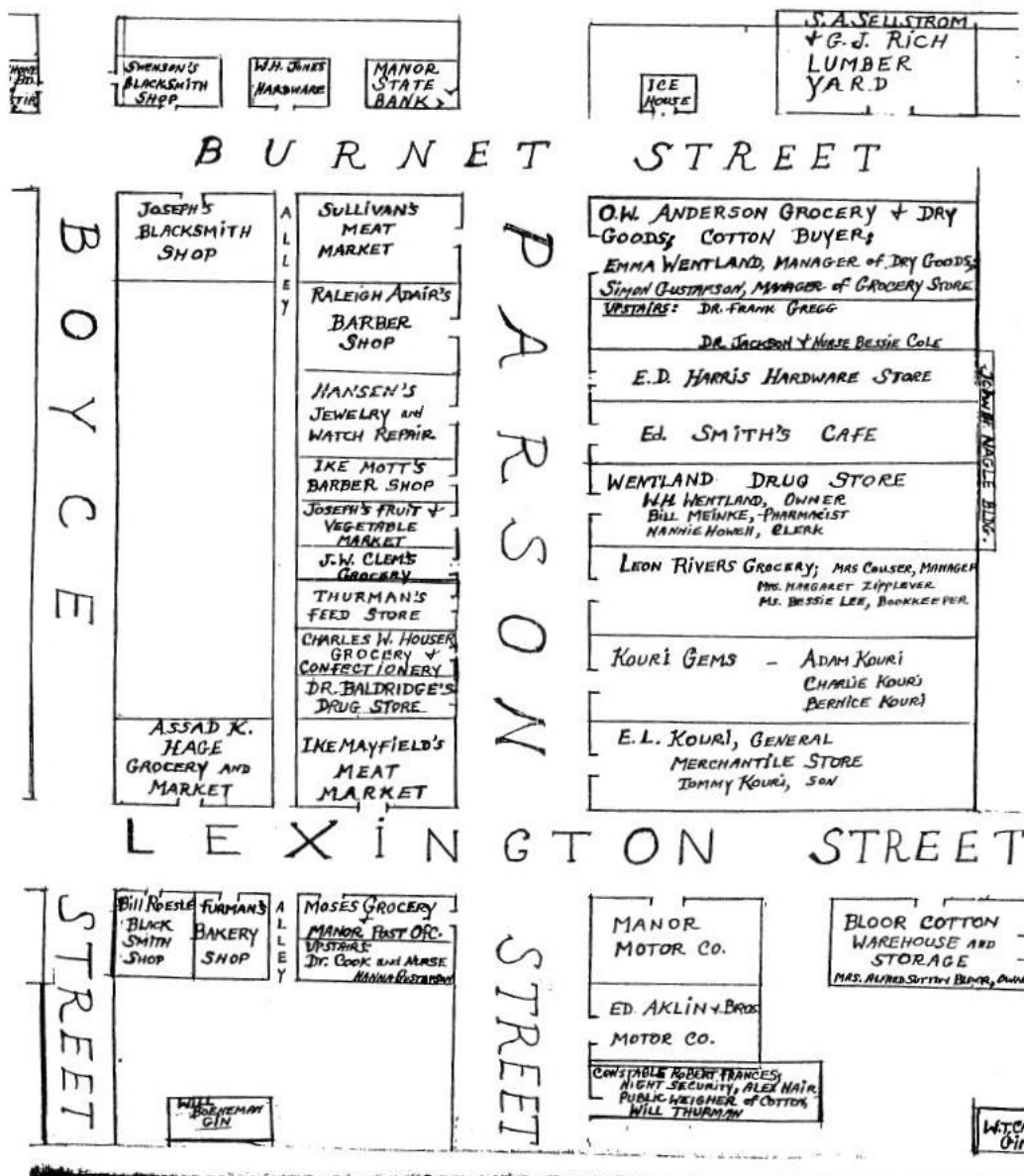
WALLIN - JOHN WALLIN and his wife lived in Manor in the late 20's. He was a carpenter.

They had two children, THOMAS and JEWELADINE.

WENTLAND - WILLIAM WENTLAND was a druggist in Manor.

His wife's name was TINA. Mr. WENTLAND was a tall, lanky man, and his wife was short and plump. The WENTLAND Drug Store not only carried drugs, but also had gift items. Mr. and Mrs. WENTLAND did a lot of charity work in Manor and were active in the Methodist Church. The WENTLAND house was one block north of downtown Manor.

(Other families found nearby in the 1930 census but not mentioned were those of ETHEL ALLISON; I. B. GARDNER, porter at the oil station; A. R. and JULIA PARSONS, cotton farmer; RALPH and FANNIE RITCHIE, cotton farmer; JIM and MAGGIE SCOTT, cotton farmer; ANDREW and ALICE STENHOLM, cotton farmer; CARL and ALBERTINA SUNDBECK, farmer and JOE THOMPSON, pastor of the Methodist Church.)



Manor 1924 drawn by Frankie Gage Hennig

HISTORY OF THE STERLING SIMS CABIN

Based on documents provided by the Texas Historical Commission

This cabin was built by a 3rd great grandfather of AGS member Missy Harris. It was built in 1852 in Freestone County by Sterling Sims (d. 1882), settler from Georgia. According to an account written by Robert E. Davis in May of 1971: "The cabin was moved to Baylor in the mid-1930's from the original location at Simsboro in Freestone County. It was acquired by the Mary West Chapter of the University Daughters of the Confederacy as a museum and repository for certain artifacts they wished to display. Sometime in the late 1940's they turned the entire possession over to Baylor as most of the ladies were quite elderly at that time. When the cabin was burned in 1959, one side of the 18 X 18 room was completely destroyed. They tore down the remaining part of the structure with the intent to use the logs on the bonfire at homecoming, at this point I prefailed [sic] on Guy B. Harrison to give me the logs for reconstruction of the cabin and it is now in my possession." It was recorded as a Texas Historic Landmark in 1963. In 1972 it was named a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, and received a Texas Historical Building Medallion with an interpretive plate giving a capsule history of the structure.

The excerpt below comes from a visitor brochure provided by the Texas Historical Commission:

The Sims Cabin was removed from Baylor University in June of 1959 after a fire had destroyed one of the rooms. Reconstruction and restoration was complete the following September. Every attempt to be accurate in the restoration has been made. All of the wall logs, sill logs, and floor joist are original. The cabin is now located at 1020 Sleepy Hollow Street, Waco, Texas and is open to groups and individuals by appointment.

BRIEF HISTORY

The Sims house was built in Freestone County in 1852 when buffaloes were still roaming the prairies at will. Deer, wild turkey and other game were yet to be had in abundance. Friendly Indians were still accustomed to come into the community and spend as much as a week at a time trading with the settlers.

The Sims family, along with 17 slaves came up the Trinity River from Galveston to Navarro Crossing. From Navarro they made the journey to their new home in Freestone County, on ox-wagons. The Sims family came from Georgia, where all their children were born and where three of them had died prior to their removal to Texas. Upon arriving in Freestone County and settling a few miles northwest of the present site of Teague, the couple purchased 490 acres of land, only 10 of which had been improved. Under the direction of an expert carpenter among the slaves which Mr. Sims brought with him, the other slaves soon threw up temporary quarters both for the Sims family and for themselves. For their permanent home, the Sims hewed logs from the native oak that surrounded them. The house was built by Mr. Sims and the slaves. So much in demand were the services of the slaves in building houses for other people, that the settlers hired them out to help with their homes at the rate of \$40.00 per month.

No shingles or nails were available in the early days so all the houses had to be covered with long overlapping boards; 12-inch oak boards served as the flooring. Two of the Sims sons saw service in the Civil War. T. W. Sims lost his arm fighting for the

South and Faulkner Sims was killed in the battle of Fort Donelson. Sterling Sims died in 1882.

PHYSICAL FACTS

The cabin now measures 18 X 18 feet overall, the walls are solid oak logs weighing from 175 to 240 pounds each. The sill (foundation) logs are 18 feet long, and 14 inches square, they weigh over 2,000 pounds each. The chimney is made up of over 4,000 pounds of hand hewn rock carved from native Texas stone.

On the inside of the cabin you will find many early Texas Artifacts and relics as well as a large collection of Indian arrowheads. All the furniture is early Texas and has been selected with the thought in mind of preserving the original atmosphere and flavor of the house.

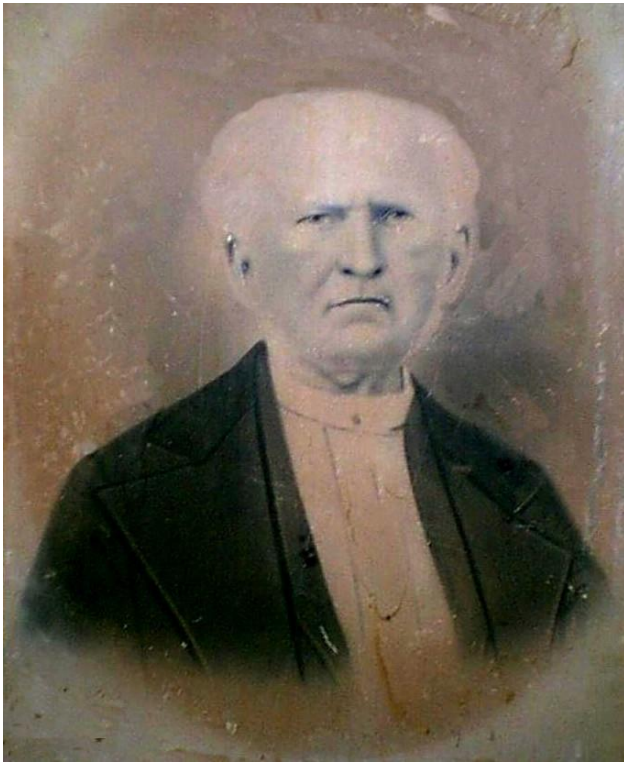


BENJAMIN GRUMBLES

Benjamin Grumbles (1780-1871)

Travis County Pioneer #14-076, 14-078, 14-079

Proven to be in Travis County in 1848



Benjamin Grumbles

Benjamin Grumbles was born on June 22, 1780 in Delaware or Maryland, the son of a Revolutionary War soldier. He served in the War of 1812 from South Carolina. He first came to Texas in 1846 to visit his son, renowned Texas Ranger John J. Grumbles, then moved to Travis County permanently in 1847 with his wife Keziah Pierce Grumbles. Keziah was the mother of his children.

Keziah died in February 1851 and was buried on family land where the Oakwood Annex Cemetery is now located. Ben married Isabella O'Connor in July 1851. He died on November 20, 1871 at the age of 91 and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Ben was an interesting man who spent his long life in and out of various unbelievable troubles, mostly of his own doing.



*Benjamin Grumbles' sons:
Jessie and John J (top row)
Edward and James (bottom row)*

No 85

\$36.⁰⁰

This certifies that at a Sale of Lots in the City of Austin & tract adjoining in Sept 1848. Benjamin Grumbles purchased Lot No 58. in Division B and has paid the full amount due on the same amounting to Thirty Six Dollars. The Commissioners of the General Land Office is therefore authorized to issue a Patent accordingly.

Comptroller's Office
Austin Sept 5th 1848

Samuel B. ...
Compt.

File 290

Benⁿ Grumbles
Austin City Oct Lot
No 58 Division B.

Patent
Oct 24th 48

Ref. ...

1851 vol 13

In September 1848, Grumbles purchased lot No. 58 in Division B of the City of Austin for \$36.00. Records of the Texas General Land Office state that he subsequently purchased four more lots in the city.



Benjamin Grumbles' plaque in Oakwood Cemetery

DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN GRUMBLES

Travis County Pioneer #14-076, 14-078, 14-079

Proven to be in Travis County in 1848

Generation No. 1

1. BENJAMIN GRUMBLES was born 22 June 1775 in Sussex, Delaware and died 20 November 1871 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He first married KEZIAH PIERCE in 1801 in South Carolina. She was born 1781 in Edgefield, South Carolina and died 10 February 1851 in Austin, Travis, Texas. Benjamin Grumbles is buried in the Oakwood Cemetery.

Child of BENJAMIN GRUMBLES and KEZIAH PIERCE is:

2. i. JOHN J. GRUMBLES, born 1803, Edgefield, South Carolina, died 20 February 1859, San Saba, Texas.

Generation No. 2

2. JOHN J. GRUMBLES was born 1803 in Edgefield, South Carolina and died 20 February 1859 in San Saba, Texas. He married NANCY CAROLINE YOUNGBLOOD on 01 August 1822 in Dallas, Alabama. She was born 1807 in South Carolina and died 1869 in Texas.

Child of JOHN GRUMBLES and NANCY YOUNGBLOOD is:

3. i. MARY ADALINE/ANN GRUMBLES, born 30 January 1844, Webber's Prairie, Travis, Texas, died 29 November 1914, Austin, Travis, Texas.

Generation No. 3

3. MARY ADALINE/ANN GRUMBLES was born 30 January 1844 in Webber's Prairie, Travis, Texas and died 29 November 1914 in Austin, Travis, Texas. She married JAMES T. PLUMLEY on 17 January 1858 in Hays, Texas. He was born 1830 in South Carolina and died 1897 in Travis, Texas.

Child of MARY GRUMBLES and JAMES PLUMLEY is:

4. i. MINORA PLUMLEY, b. 1861, Travis, Texas, died March 1897, Hempstead, Waller, Texas.

Generation No. 4

4. MINORA PLUMLEY was born 1861 in Travis, Texas and died March 1897 in Hempstead, Waller, Texas. She first married LAFAYETTE BENEDICT BEST on 18 April 1886 in Travis, Texas. He was born 22 May 1857 in Louisiana and died 25 March 1888 in Travis, Texas.

Child of MINORA PLUMLEY and LAFAYETTE BEST is:

5. i. GEORGE WILLIAM BEST, born 02 February 1887, Oak Hill, Travis, Texas, died 11 January 1966, Austin, Travis, Texas.

Generation No. 5

5. GEORGE WILLIAM BEST was born 02 February 1887 in Oak Hill, Travis, Texas and died 11 January 1966 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He first married MAY DITRION FAULKNER on 24 October 1906 in Travis, Texas. She was born 12 May 1880 in Homan, Miller, Arkansas and died 02 June 1938 in Austin, Travis, Texas.

Child of GEORGE BEST and MAY FAULKNER is:

6. i. THELMA COLLINS BEST, b. 12 July 1907, Austin, Travis, Texas; died 19 December 1993, Austin, Travis, Texas.

Generation No. 6

6. THELMA COLLINS BEST was born 12 Jul 1907 in Austin, Travis, Texas and died 19 December 1993 in Austin, Travis, Texas. She married WALTER VERNON CARTWRIGHT. He was born 07 July 1907 in Asher, Pottawatomie, Oklahoma and died 15 July 1973 in Austin, Travis, Texas.

Child of THELMA BEST and WATER CARTWRIGHT is:

7. i. JUDITH ANN CARTWRIGHT.

Generation No. 7

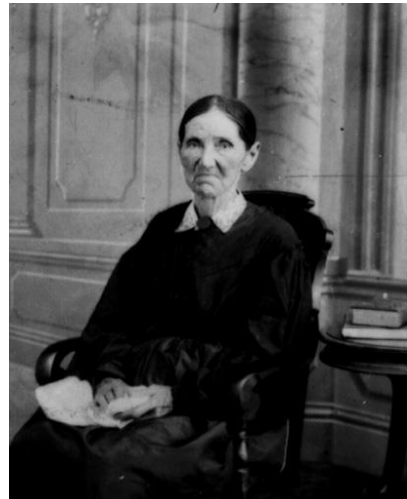
7. JUDITH ANN CARTWRIGHT. She first married CARL LEWIS MUSICK.

Children of JUDITH CARTWRIGHT and CARL MUSICK are:

- i. JEFFREY THOMAS MUSICK.
- ii. MEREDITH KATE MUSICK.



Texas Ranger John J Grumbles



Nancy Caroline Youngblood

DESCENDANTS OF MARY ANN GRUMBLES PLUMLEY

Travis County Pioneer #14-077

Proven to be in Travis County in 1850

Generation No. 1

1. MARY ANN GRUMBLES was born 30 June 1844 in Webber's Prairie, Travis, Texas and died 29 November 1914 in Austin, Travis, Texas. She married JAMES T. PLUMLEY 17 January 1858 in Hays County, Texas. He was born about 1830 in South Carolina, and died in 1897 in Travis County, Texas. She is probably buried in an unmarked grave in the Longview Cemetery with other Plumley family members as her death certificate states she was buried in the country.

Child of MARY GRUMBLES and JAMES PLUMLEY is:

2. i. JAMES T. "JIM" PLUMLEY, born 05 August 1872, Travis County, Texas, died 15 April 1935 in Travis County, Texas.

Generation No. 2

2. JAMES T. "JIM" PLUMLEY was born 05 August 1872 in Travis County, Texas and died 15 April 1935 in Travis County, Texas. He married MARY FRANCES TUCKER 09 January 1894 in Travis County, Texas. She was born 22 February 1876 in Travis County, Texas, and died 26 November 1960 in Travis County, Texas.

Child of JAMES PLUMLEY and MARY TUCKER is:

3. i. JAMES ELLIS PLUMLEY, born 03 November 1894, Travis County, Texas, died 18 April 1952 in Travis County, Texas.

Generation No. 3

3. JAMES ELLIS PLUMLEY was born 03 November 1894 in Travis County, Texas and died 18 April 1952 in Travis County, Texas. He married BESSIE JANE BILLINGS 04 February 1920 in Travis County, Texas. She was born 30 October 1899 in Travis County, Texas, and died 27 May 1996 in Austin, Travis, Texas.

Child of JAMES PLUMLEY and BESSIE BILLINGS is:

4. i. JOHNIE FLOYD PLUMLEY, born 14 October 1919 in Austin, Travis, Texas, died 23 August 2009 in Cottonwood Shores, Burnet, Texas.

Generation No. 4

4. JOHNIE FLOYD PLUMLEY was born 14 October 1919 in Austin, Travis, Texas and died 23 August 2009 in Cottonwood Shores, Burnet, Texas. He married JEWEL MAE TAYLOR 16 August 1938 in Williamson County, Texas. She was born 05 March 1922 in Austin, Travis, Texas, and died 16 June 2011 in Cottonwood Shores, Burnet, Texas.

Child of JOHNIE PLUMLEY and JEWEL TAYLOR is:

JANET K. PLUMLEY born in Hays County, Texas.

PLUMLEY FAMILY PHOTOS



*Mary Adaline/Ann Grumbles and husband
James T. Plumley*



Mary Adaline/Ann Grumbles Plumley and sons



Plumley Family

THE PLUMLEY BOOTLEG WHISKEY RECIPE

From the files of Janet K. Taylor-Carusi (nee: Plumley)

This Recipe was related by Johnie F. Plumley who participated in the Bootlegging process many, many years ago and was present when it was distilled and sold. I take this recipe to be gospel according to the legends and would be able to reproduce today if the ingredients were available.

Ingredients

- 50 lbs. sugar
- 10 lbs. rye (dried)
- 2 lbs. yeast
- 30-35 gal water
- 1 lb. charred white oak chips

Mix

Warm water and yeast until bubbling. Mix in sugar and rye and seep for 8 days at a low boil in a copper boiling pot. At about 8 days the bubbling will slow and the mixture will turn yellow.

Distill

Pour the hot alcohol thru the charred white oak chips and it will give it the woody taste. That makes Whiskey! You can make it into Gin by adding 2 tablespoons of juniper juice that is available from the local Drug Store.



ELIJAH STERLING CLACK ROBERTSON

Submitted by Patty Robertson

This sketch is from an undated publication written about 1907. The context of the sketch indicates that it was written not long after 1907. A similar sketch is in *A Memorial and Biographical History of McLennan, Falls, Bell and Coryelle Counties, Texas*, published 1893 by The Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago.

E. Sterling C. Robertson in 1832, before he was twelve years old, came with his father from his boyhood home in Tennessee to Texas.

They travelled by horseback through the unsettled wilderness infested with hostile Indians through Arkansas to the headquarters of Robertson's colony at Sarahville de Viesca, at the Falls of the Brazos before the Brazos changed its course leaving the site several miles from the river.

It was then a part of the State of Coahuila and Texas, Mexico, in the district called the Municipality of Viesca, and later Milam. The site of the now abandoned settlement is in present Falls County, near Marlin.

Here a fort was erected for protection against hostile Indians. The settlers were beset by the Waco Indians located about 30 miles away and by the more dreaded Comanche.

Young Robertson was placed in school at St. Mary's College, at San Antonio, then a small Mexican town where there were only two North American white men, both of whom had Mexican wives. One of them was "Deaf" Smith, later a hero of the Texas Revolution.

After two years there, where no English was spoken, young Robertson learned the Spanish language and returned in 1835 to Sarahville de Viesca and worked as translator in the land office of the colony where all land records had to be written in Spanish.

He then served in his father's company of rangers. Before he was fourteen years old he participated in campaigns and engagements against the Indians. He was in the battle at Old Port Sullivan.

During the war between Texas and Mexico when General Santa Anna invaded Texas with a Mexican army in 1836, Washington, Texas, was the capital of Texas, which had seceded from the State of Coahuila and Texas. Every available grown man was then required to oppose the Mexican invasion. Young Robertson, although he was under sixteen years old, was entrusted with the government archives and instructed to carry them to safety across the Sabine River to the "United States of the



North." This he did, accompanied only by his faithful young negro, "Wash," and then hastened to return to the army.

A TEXAS RANGER

(Controller's Military Service Records, No. 5999

Texas State Library).

Three forks Little River — Nashville Colony.

Republic of Texas — November 25th 1836.

This is to certify that Elijah Sterling C Robertson of the Municipality of Milam entered the Texian service as a ranger in my company on the 25th of July last and has served as a private in said company up to this date has faithfully discharged his duty and is hereby honorably discharged.

Calvin Boales, Capt. — Col. Burleson's Ranger Company.

REPUBLIC of TEXAS — Be it remembered that on this seventeenth day of March anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven Elijah Sterling C. Robertson personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a Judge of the County of Milam and made an oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, in due forth, that he has not received any pay, drawn rations, or forage, or clothing in kind, or received money in lieu thereof, for or during any part of the time therein charged; and that he did not, during the term so charged, or any part thereof, keep or employ as waiter or servant a soldier from the line of the army, that his place of residence is Milam County, in the Republic of Texas and that he is not indebted or accountable to the Republic of Texas on account of bounties, premiums, pay, contingencies, arms, accoutrements, ammunition, stores, clothing, camp equipage, medicine, instruments, or any other account whatever. — Elijah S. C. Robertson.

Sworn to and subscribed before me in Milam County this seventeenth day of March anno Domini 1837. — M Farley, Judge of the County of Milam.

Auditors Office — Houston Dec 22, 1837.

This day came S. C. Robertson and says the annexed instrument is just true and original and the only one that claimant has offered for liquidation that he owes the government nothing on his own account or on as count of any other person to the best of his knowledge & belief.

Sworn to before — J. W. Moony, Auditor.

(Endorsed:) 5999 \$100. E S C Robinson filed Decr 21 1837 Examined same day admitted to audit for \$100.00 Military 25 July 1836. Isd Decr 21 1837. No. Draft 7208 J. Approved 23 Dec 1837 — Francis R. Lubbock Controller.

DESCENDANTS OF STERLING CLACK ROBERTSON

Travis County Pioneer #13-073

Proven to be in Travis County in 1840

Generation No. 1

1. STERLING CLACK ROBERTSON was born 02 October 1785 in Davidson County, Tennessee and died 04 March 1842 in Robertson County, Texas. He married FRANCIS KING. She was born 1785 in Davidson County, Tennessee and died 1826 in Davidson County, Tennessee. He died in Robertson County and in 1935 was reinterred in the Texas State Cemetery.

Child of STERLING ROBERTSON and FRANCIS KING is:

2. i. ELIJAH STERLING CLACK ROBERTSON, born 23 August 1820, Giles County, Tennessee; d. 08 October 1879, Salado, Bell, Texas.

Generation No. 2

2. ELIJAH STERLING CLACK ROBERTSON was born 23 August 1820 in Giles County, Tennessee and died 08 October 1879 in Salado, Bell, Texas. He married ELIZA HAMER 29 July 1846 in Robertson County, Texas. She was born 15 December 1824 in Giles County, Tennessee, and died 29 March 1852 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He was buried in the Robertson Family Cemetery.

Child of ELIJAH ROBERTSON and ELIZA HAMER is:

3. i. STERLING CLACK ROBERTSON III, born 21 April 1849, Austin, Travis, Texas; died 02 January 1915, San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

Generation No. 3

3. STERLING CLACK ROBERTSON III was born 21 April 1849 in Austin, Travis, Texas and died 02 January 1915 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas. He married LORENA WESTBROOK 18 December 1879 in McLennan County, Texas. She was born 08 January 1861 in Burleson County, Texas, and died 21 October 1952 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

Child of STERLING ROBERTSON and LORENA WESTBROOK is:

4. i. CHARLES ALEXANDER ROBERTSON, born 26 February 1896, McLennan County, Texas; died 07 July 1965, Fort Sam Houston, Bexar, Texas.

Generation No. 4

4. CHARLES ALEXANDER ROBERTSON was born 26 February 1896 in McLennan County, Texas and died 07 July 1965 in Fort Sam Houston, Bexar, Texas. He married CECILIA ZANDERSON. She was born 1899 in Bexar County, Texas.

Child of CHARLES ROBERTSON and CECILIA ZANDERSON is:

5. i. CHARLES ALEXANDER ROBERTSON, JR. , born 09 November 1922, San Antonio, Bexar, Texas; died 03 April 2011, San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

Generation No. 5

5. CHARLES ALEXANDER ROBERTSON, JR. was born 09 November 1922 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, and died 03 April 2011 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas. He married SIGRID ELIZABETH GRANBERG on 08 August 1952 in Bexar County, Texas. She was born 26 December 1927 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, and died 26 January 2006 in Austin, Travis, Texas.

Child of CHARLES ROBERTSON and SIGRID GRANBERG is:

- i. CHARLES ALEXANDER ROBERTSON III.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM AND MATILDA RAYSON BAKER

Travis County Pioneers #14-075

Proven to be in Travis County by 1850

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM BAKER was born 19 March 1809 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England, and died 11 July 1851 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He married MATILDA RAYSON 02 April 1832 in Skillington, Lincolnshire, England. She was born 1813 in Skillington, Lincolnshire, England, and died 11 July 1851 Austin, Travis, Texas.

Child of WILLIAM BAKER and MATILDA RAYSON is:

2. i. MATILDA "TILLIE" E. BAKER, born 20 August 1842, Gonzales County, Texas; died 24 May 1943, San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

Generation No. 2

2. MATILDA "TILLIE" E. BAKER was born 20 August 1842 in Gonzales County, Texas and died 24 May 1943 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas. She married ABRAM MARSHAL ROBERTS 20 June 1869 in Travis County, Texas. He was born 12 February 1843 in Choctaw County, Mississippi, and died 21 June 1903 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

Child of MATILDA BAKER and ABRAM ROBERTS is:

3. i. JENNIE DODDIE LENORA ROBERTS, born. 23 May 1881 in San Saba County, Texas; died 18 April 1971 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

Generation No. 3

3. JENNIE DODDIE LENORA ROBERTS was born 23 May 1881 in San Saba County, Texas, and died 18 April 1971 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas. She married RUBEN ANDREW YOUNG 23 December 1900 in Bell County, Texas. He was born 24 January 1877 in Texas, and died 08 July 1913 in Killeen, Bell, Texas.

Child of JENNIE ROBERTS and RUBEN YOUNG is:

4. i. ROBERT RUBEN YOUNG, born 09 March 1911; died 24 January 1989 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

Generation No. 4

4. ROBERT RUBEN YOUNG was born 09 March 1911, and died 24 January 1989 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas. He married WILSON ELIZABETH GRAY. She was born 13 April 1913 in Palestine, Anderson, Texas, and died 14 September 1998 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas.

Child of ROBERT YOUNG and WILSON GRAY is:

SYBIL MARGARET YOUNG.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIS H. AND MARGARET JACKSON HOPKINS

Travis County Pioneers #14-074

Proven to be in Travis County in 1871 from Georgia

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIS H. HOPKINS was born 30 November 1821 in Randolph County, North Carolina, and died 20 March 1904 in Austin, Travis, Texas. He married MARGARET JACKSON 23 March 1846 in Campbell County, Georgia. She was born 21 March 1824 in Georgia, and died 31 August 1881 in Austin, Travis, Texas. They are buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Austin, Travis, Texas.

Child of WILLIS HOPKINS and MARGARET JACKSON is:

2. i. CHARLIE LOUIS HOPKINS, born 01 May 1857, Campbell County, Georgia, died 17 February 1953, Waco, McLennan, Texas.

Generation No. 2

2. CHARLIE LOUIS HOPKINS was born 01 May 1857 in Campbell County, Georgia, and died 17 February 1953 in Waco, McLennan, Texas. He married EFFIE TOALSON 19 February 1886 in Travis County, Texas. She was born 14 June 1869 and died 06 December 1900 in Tarrant County, Texas.

Child of CHARLIE HOPKINS and EFFIE TOALSON is:

3. i. WILLIE DUDLEY HOPKINS, b. 16 August 1897, Austin, Travis, Texas; d. 03 August 1982, Waco, McLennan, Texas.

Generation No. 3

3. WILLIE DUDLEY HOPKINS was born 16 August 1897 in Austin, Travis, Texas, and died 03 August 1982 in Waco, McLennan, Texas. He married BERNICE CHATHAM 14 September 1918 in McClellan County, Texas. She was born 07 September 1900 in Waco, McLennan, Texas, and died 01 March 1986 in Waco, McLennan, Texas.

Child of WILLIE HOPKINS and BERNICE CHATHAM is:

CHARLES HOLLIS HOPKINS.

TRAVIS COUNTY PIONEER PROGRAM

Austin Genealogical Society issues Pioneer Families of Travis County Certificates to individuals who can prove that their ancestors were living in Travis County, Texas, prior to the close of 1880. The members of the Austin Genealogical Society feel that this is an excellent way to preserve our past and to honor our earlier settlers to Travis County, and the information that will be submitted will provide a valuable resource to others studying the history and genealogy of Travis County.

To qualify for the certificate:

- A person must be a direct descendant of an ancestor who lived in Travis County on or before December 31, 1880.
- Submit proof of such descent and pay a fee of \$20.00 to cover the costs of verification of the application. These records can be birth, death, marriage certificates; probate, census, military records; obituaries and Bible records.
- Current county residency is not a requirement to apply for one of these certificates.

Eighty-five family certificates have been awarded since the program began in 2004. The earliest pioneer recognized was Ruben Hornsby. While only one certificate was issued in 2013, twelve certificates were issued in 2014.

If you would like to apply for this certificate, complete the AGS Pioneer Certificate Application Form, follow the instructions included with it, and mail the form and your check for \$20.00 to Kay Boyd-AGS, 1405 South Meadows Dr., Austin, Texas 78758-4760. Be sure to include documentation for each item on the application.

Austin Genealogical Society	
Travis County Texas	
Pioneer Families Certificate	
This is to Certify that	

is a descendant of	

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