

Recollections

of the

Burleson Family Research Group

*Burleson Family Research
Group Face Book Page*



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Ever seen a business have a small sign on their door that read “Closed; gone fishing” ? We’re changing that to “Cousining”... a verb. To reach each other thru stories, genealogy or dna is Cousining. It was a “natural “ for BFRG to name its Face book page that. We’re learning so much about Burlesons and their kin through this fast growing popular page. Verifying our lines as we get to truly know each other, then archiving OUR HISTORY is OUR style of Cousining. Welcome; come on in.

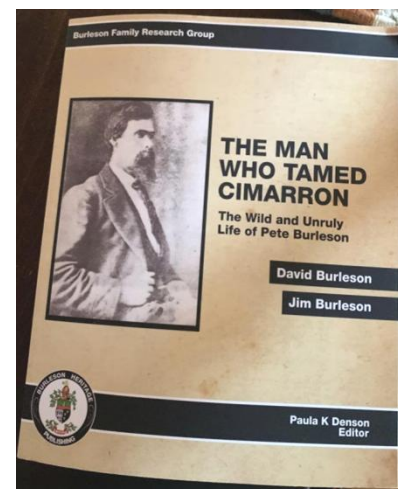
Jim Burleson will research and write for the Burleson Family Research Group and regularly contribute recruit for the Cousining Face book page. Jim’s a retired police chief, cabinet secretary and co-wrote the biography of Sheriff Pete Burleson.

Jim is the current W. S. Burleson recipient for Burleson research and coining ”Cousining.” Welcome cousins! Now you’ve met the team. Tell all your cousins to come join us; send us your pictures and stories. We’ll gather your lines for the Burleson database, get you on the Mayflower boat, get inside the gate to Jamestown, figure your history, help adoptees find parents, help with DNA and... love you as COUSINS



Dave Burleson is a retired Lt. Col. USAF and retired again as a university history professor/associate dean. He co-wrote the biography of Sheriff Pete Burleson, a Burleson Heritage Publishing product.

Dave will be a contributing writer for our project. He loves to travel and is “embassy “ level bilingual in Spanish.





Please meet our BFRG research team member and writer: cousin [Susanne Hollyfield](#) , descendant of Volley She'd like you to know: “ Growing up in central Texas, I had history all around me. I did not come to appreciate this until working on my family tree some years ago. I have proven three of my ancestors back to Ancient Planters, with membership in Jamestown Society. I'm also a member of the William Strother Society, Owen Family Association, Graves Family Association, Claiborne Family Association and Ligon/Lygon Family and Kindred Association.

Everywhere, people want to discover who their ancestors were and find their place in history of the world! It is a remarkable journey. I can help others who desire to find their untold stories! I'd like to collect those stories to publish in the first Burleson Family Anthology, to preserve them for future generations. I presently live in Whidbey Island, Washington State.

Let's get together. Send me your stories and pictures. Tell me your story and I can write it for you. hollyfield@whidbey.com

Have you heard of the historic immigration of the Burleson and allied families (Shipman, Gage, Sisco, Kuykendall) from the U. S. Northeast to Appalachia to the deep south and on to Texas? Chocked full of important facts and action, get ready for Gerry Booth's (our Texas expert) "Texas Journey." The next episode comes out soon. Join the Burleson Family Research Group soon... it's just ten bucks to get all the news in the "Recollections."



My dear cousin Gerry and her husband Frank Booth at their home in Austin. This gifted writer and Texas historian will be on our research team. She's a true gift and will guide us in the family's sojourn from America's southeast to the Deep South then into Texas. Sit in the middle of the buckboard... it's bumpy. Be prepared for the "Texas Journey."



care facility.

JD was named last year's recipient of the Burleson Family Association's W. S. Burleson award as Historian for Above and Beyond Service. He takes time to restore headstones at cemeteries wherever he travels.

He's a descendant of Isaac Burleson 1750-1810 and last year proved up to Jamestown descendency. We're all proud to call him cousin. He's written a Burleson book and has another in process. JD will continue as researcher/writer for BFRG. His duties as editor for "Recollections" go on... be ready for the next issue.

Meet JD Burleson, founder of the Burleson Family Research Group (BFRG). He oversees the Burleson's Heritage Publishing and runs the family line database. He's a retired manufacturing plant supervisor, a Vietnam Veteran and current transportation specialist at an elderly



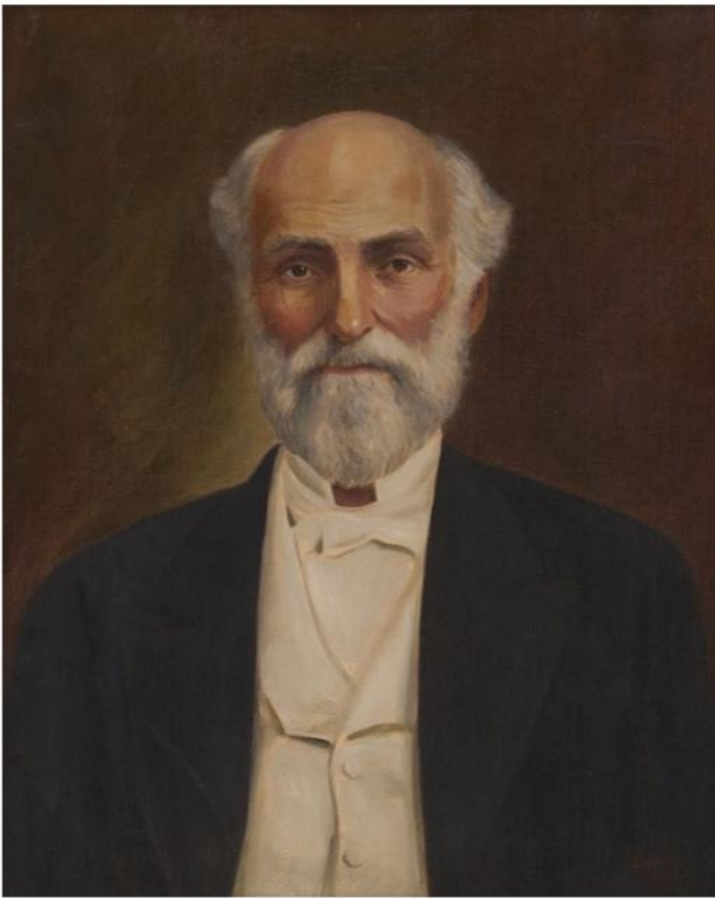
Rufus Columbus Burleson

by: Jim Burleson

Few Burlesons spark controversy to levels seen by Dr. Rufus Columbus Burleson. Minister, educator, guardian, missionary and family man were but a sample group of his roles... not all handled well. We'll attempt to present you a balanced view of the man, highlighting genuine praise for pioneering activity and honestly criticizing his flaws that led to his being eased out of his most prominent role.

Burleson was born 7 August 1823 in the northern Alabama town Decatur. At age seventeen Rufus moved to Nashville, Tennessee to study law at the University of Nashville but soon dropped out to begin a preaching career. This restart took place at Nashville's First Baptist Church. Illness cut short his preaching, stalling out in 1841. To make a living Rufus moved on to teaching in Mississippi through 1845. During 1846 to 1847 Burleson attended the Western Baptist Literary and Theological Institute in Covington, Kentucky. He returned to preaching at the First Baptist Church of Houston. A highlight in this role had to be his baptizing of Sam Houston on 19 November 1854.

Seen as a rising star in Baptist theology, Burleson was urged to organize and promote that religion through education with a pointed slant to displace the papist dominance in Texas. He served as second president of Baylor University from 1851-1861. He moved to Waco University, later merged with Baylor, because of friction

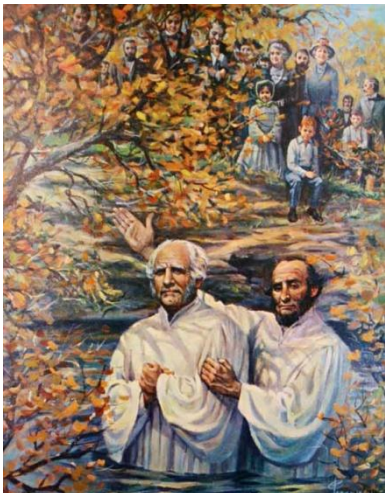


Painting, Portrait of Rufus Columbus Burleson, located at Baylor University.

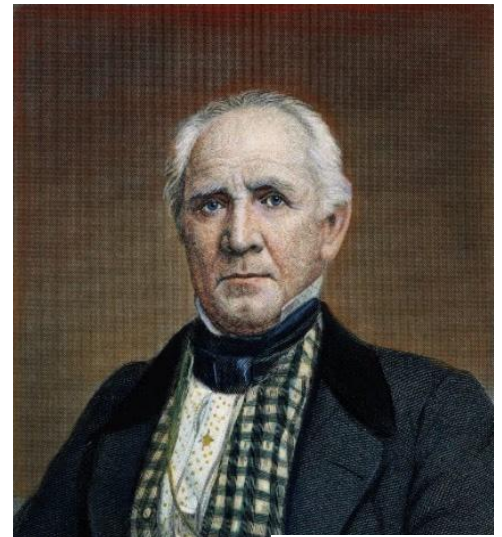
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(some said his bullying) with Horace Clark, and he became its president. Loyal Waco U. alumni would say Rufus had long plotted to join the colleges. Having seen the merger through, Burleson again took the helm as Baylor's president from 1896 to 1897.



Between these college shifts, the Baptists had other plans for Rufus. They named him their president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas from 1892 to 1893. Back in 1869, Burleson was asked by Barnabas Sears, former president of Brown University to establish the Peabody Education Fund. He also helped establish Bishop College, a historically black institution originally in Marshall, Texas, but later moved to Dallas. Rufus, under unanimous opinions, influence of his wife,



Sam Houston

Georgia took great pride in promoting education of women. More on that later. Burleson died in Waco 1901. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Waco, Texas. The suburban city of Burleson, Johnson County south of Fort Worth is named in his honor. So was Burleson College in Greenville, Texas.

Continuing with the theme of monuments, "June of 1905, four years after Burleson's death, a statue in his image was unveiled. Standing about seven feet tall, the statue created by Signor Pompeo Coppini, can still be found in Burleson Quadrangle, which is also named after the past president of Baylor University. "Additionally, Burleson Hall, an important student center bore his name. * Most of you know now Rufus' statue was removed just a few years ago over revelations that he had ownership or at least, sympathetic attitudes toward slavery. Regents stated the statue would be moved; it has not resurfaced. Burleson Quadrangle is now simply called "The Quadrangle "and Burleson has been removed from any student buildings. His wife,



Georgia is still held in high regard for her efforts furthering women's learning.

Let's retreat in time to explore how Rufus' life formed. He was the son of

Jonathan and Elizabeth (Byrd) Burleson. His mother descended from the Byrd family of Virginia. He entered Summerville Academy in 1837, remaining two years, then spent time at schools in Danville and Decatur. His desire was to be a lawyer. After a religious conversion in April 1839, however, he felt a call to

preach. Dropping out of the University of Nashville, as noted previously, he fell ill then took to self-school a bit. He studied Greek, Hebrew and Bible history while recuperating. Returned to health Rufus taught in Mississippi where he was ordained and served briefly as pastor of three churches near Starkville. After seminary in Kentucky, 1846, he was appointed for mission work in Texas by the Southern Baptist Domestic Mission Board to become pastor at First Baptist Church in Houston. After a short successful pastorate, he was appointed second president of Baylor, succeeding Henry Lee Graves, born Yanceyville, North Carolina 22 Feb 1813, died 1881. Henry was son to Thomas Graves ** This was noted to excite Burleson history buffs anxious to solidify genealogy connections of these two families AND to emphasize Baylor University was alive and well long before Rufus came on scene... he was the SECOND president. Rufus did exhibit remarkable talent as he constantly advertised, traveled, speaking over the state. Burleson brought relative strength and stability to Baylor. The friction mentioned earlier between Rufus and Horace Clark was over the move of their school to merge with Baylor and to make the resultant institution...coeducational.

That stability and Rufus 'standing became vulnerable when he and Georgia brought into their home a Brazilian orphan girl. A Baptist missionary, Zachariah Taylor brought an eleven-year-old girl named Antonia Teixeira to Waco from her native Brazil. The plan was to foster Teixeira in the Baptist faith then return her at sixteen years old to her homeland, where she could share her faith with the Papists. Antonia was given room and board at the home of Baylor president Dr. Rufus Burleson and his wife, Georgia, in return for domestic service.

In the next two years Antonia was taught proper English and etiquette. Religious training took precedence. Her relationship with the Burlesons was much closer than domestic/employer. It was common for the young Teixeira to refer



to Rufus as "Grandpa", an affection he never corrected. This welcoming home also saw Rufus' son in law visit daily to take his meals. This in law often brought along his brother, H. Steen Morris.

When Antonia was just shy of fourteen, it became apparent she was pregnant. The Burlasons kept the young teen indoors for months, refusing to reveal the circumstances to the outside world. The Waco Morning News broke the story on June 16, 1895. Antonia claimed she had been drugged and raped on multiple occasions by H. Steen Morris. The girl said she told Georgia Burluson about the attacks, but that "nothing was done about it." And so, they continued. At some point the Burlasons handed over the pregnant (showing) Antonia to a Catholic woman (interesting choice given their anti-papists sentiment). The Burluson-Morris clan had hoped that the girl would deliver the baby under the Catholic's roof and return with it to Brazil and the whole thing would blow over.



Meanwhile, Morris and friends floated the story she had taken a black lover, but that story came to naught when Teixeira gave birth to a white baby, prematurely, two days after the 'Morning News' story broke. In newsman Brann's words, the sickly child lived 'just long enough to develop a striking resemblance to H. Steen Morris. 'Brann was William Cowper Brann- publisher of the "Iconoclast."

The community pressure grew quickly. Rufus attempted to quell the swelling controversy by sending out a four page pamphlet entitled, " Baylor and the Brazilian Girl." Rufus claimed the girl had never said anything to Georgia about Morris, calling the accusations were "black and damnable lies" concocted by a troubled young girl. He went on to say, " With exceeding great reluctance... the girl was utterly untrustworthy...and in addition to her other faults, crazy about the boys." All this despite he'd treated her as his granddaughter. Then, Burluson went on to reveal the true intent of his pamphlet, he reassured

readers that Baylor was a perfectly safe place for young women to receive their Christian education. He reminded Waco just how much Baylor had done for the city. Of the 300 female students attending, 35 withdrew immediately. This angered the Baylor Board of Trustees. Georgia Burluson quickly responded by agreeing to establish a new female college.

Rufus 'pamphlet then turned focus on Brann, the reporter who brought attention to the case. Burluson said Brann and their lot," needed to repent and confess openly their sins and receive forgiveness, before they are everlastingly lost." This only further infuriated Brann.

He continued to report that "Baylor University brought all its power not to ferret out the criminal and bring him to the bar, but to forever blacken the character of the little orphan and to shield the author of her shame." Brann continued that Teixeira's case was not isolated, that other girls had complained only to be sent away in disgrace. Brann explained the Baylor reach was so expansive that Rev. Taylor, the missionary who originally brought Antonia to Burluson had recently changed story to state she was known all along to be a foul prostitute, daughter of a courtesan. Brann noted Taylor brought her to Texas claiming she had a certificate of good character. This orphan's late father in his last years was a convert who assisted Taylor. Why was Taylor now calling her a child harlot?

H. Steen Morris was brought to trial for the time's equivalent of statutory rape. During the trial, two attempts were made on the reporter, Brann's life. Seven jurors voted to convict Morris- five to acquit. The hung jury case was rescheduled for a second trial. Morris' attorney, fearing a second trial's consequences, approached Antonia, now fifteen, to convince her to go home to Brazil quietly. He met her, boat ticket and affidavit in hand. That paper retracted Antonia's statement Morris ever raped her. Rufus had long since refused her his home and further convinced townsfolk to do the same. Abandoned and hopeless, Antonia signed the document. Next boat out she was gone. She was never heard from again.



Contrary to many unsubstantiated stories, Rufus Columbus Burleson, was never actually accused of any sexual misconduct. His Board of Trustees were extremely displeased he had used University assets to defend his honor. They accused him of what we in the 21st century would call "victim shaming." In a meeting called to discuss Burleson's continued service, lawyers and Board of Trustees argued. Rufus would not go quietly. A compromise was crafted in which Rufus would not discuss the circumstances; he would be eased out carrying the title of President Emeritus with full salary for life.

For balance we should point out Brann had never liked Baptists; he made no secret of that. When confronted with his hatred of them, he often quipped, "They just weren't held under long enough." Brann had reported Baylor was being discussed as moving to Dallas. He went on, "Dallas doesn't want Baylor even a little... there isn't a town in the world that wants it except Waco...as a small Waco property owner, I will give it \$1000 any time to move it to Dallas and double that amount if it will move to Honolulu or Hell." Brann's first article after moving to Waco highlighted the fact it was one of few cities in America actually licensed prostitutes under its legal prostitution policy. April Fool's Day 1898, Tom Davis, a political hopeful with daughters at Baylor approached Brann near the post office and shot him in the back, killing him.

With poor Antonia somewhere in Brazil alone and ruined, Brann shot in the back, dead and buried and Rufus retired at full pay, you think we'd be done. Unfortunately, we must address Rufus' Orleans speech before a large gathering of Burlesons. In that address he elaborated on Burleson origins in Wales, holding titles like Sir Edward Burleson, two brothers arriving to seek each other and so on. He made these assertions without a single source citation, a major no-no for a PhD. Wales was a departure site, no Burlesons have ever been verified as Welsh, Burlesons were Puritans escaping the constraints of the Church of England- unlikely to curry crown favor. Two attempts to seek out documents supporting Rufus' claims at, yes good old Baylor, were both met with the response, "sir, those documents do not exist."

Endnotes:

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Major Milestones

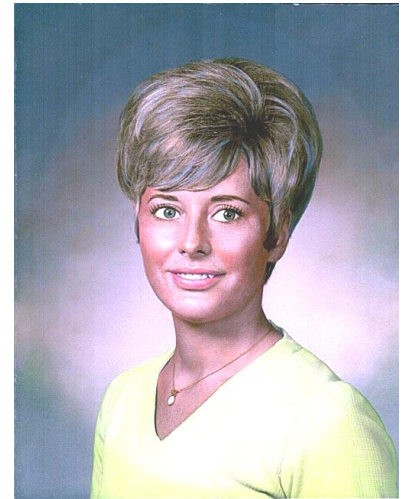
Peggy Burleson Shaw, 80, passed away Monday, January 16, 2023 with her family by her side.

Peggy was born in Davidson County, June 9, 1942, a daughter of the late Ray and Gladys Russell Burleson. Her work career was with Zesto's, Piedmont Carving and Gordy's. Peggy was preceded in death by her siblings, Otis Burleson, Bobby Burleson, Roy Burleson, Jesse Burleson, Ruth Culler and Rachel Burleson. She was of the Baptist faith. Peggy was a loving wife and mother who enjoyed keeping her grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, William "Bill" Shaw; a daughter, Misty White and her husband Mark; a son, William Shaw and his wife Julie; five grandchildren, Austin White, Morgan Shaw, McKenzie Shaw, Madison Shaw and Meredith Shaw; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will held Friday at 10 a.m. at Floral Garden Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Sechrest-Davis Funeral Home, High Point, Thursday from 7 until 8:30. Memorials may be directed to www.amedisys.com/about/foundation. Online condolences may be made at sechrestdavisphillipsavenue.com.

Peggy's Burleson Family Line is, Ray and Gladys Russell Burleson, Ebin and Dora Hopkins Burleson, Billie and Sarah Harwood Burleson, Isaac Jr. and Catherine Castle Burleson, Isaac Sr. and Martha Clay Burleson (NC Soldier in American Revolution)



“Donald Keith Burleson passed away on January 9, 2023, at the age of 66. Born on March 25, 1956, Don was the first and only child of Lt. Col. Louis Burleson and Virginia Burleson. Don is survived by his wife of 25 years, Janet, his two children, Andrew and Jennifer, and his two grandchildren, Emily and Elliott. 2

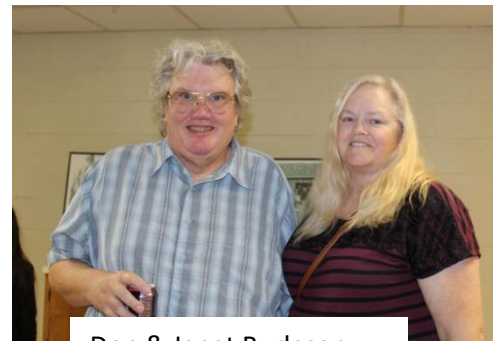
Don was a renowned database administrator who made a name for himself in the Oracle database community. After years of working as a database administrator for several large and well-known companies, Don left the corporate world to start his own consulting business with his wife. Together, Don and Janet operated a successful database consulting company for decades before Don's retirement.

Don was a person of adventure who enjoyed traveling and new experiences. Don was an avid golfer, skier, certified scuba diver, and recreational and competitive target shooter. Don also had a passion for antiques, having collected and restored numerous pieces of antique furniture and other collectibles over the years.

Don was known for his many passions and unique sense of humor, which could be seen in his many popular blog entries and online articles. His humor and passion for adventure will be greatly missed.”

Don was very involved with Burleson Genealogy and contributed much to the BFRG, he is on The Burleson Wall of Honor, and he wrote several books for The Burleson Heritage Publishing.

Don's Burleson Family Line is, Louis Francis & Virginia Griffiths Burleson, James (Pace) & Corinna Hardister Burleson, John Wesley & Sarah Page Burleson, Joseph & Nancy Rogers Burleson, Isaac Sr. and Martha Clay Burleson (NC Soldier in American Revolution)



Don & Janet Burleson

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About this book:
The Burleson Family has a great and illustrious history. Many Burlesons descend from Civil War and Revolutionary War heroes. The Burleson Family also has distinguished genealogy from the first Burleson who arrived in America from London in the mid 1600s.

Key Features:
This premier book explores many areas:
- The origin of the English Burleson surname
- The meaning of the symbols in the Burleson coat of arms
- The Villages and the Burlesons in England
- Burleson DNA research
- The Burlesons in Colonial America
- The geographical demographics of the Burlesons in America
- Famous Burlesons

About the author:
Donald K. Burleson is a worthy scholar who enjoys studying Burleson heritage. He holds a BA degree in Psychology and a Master Degree in business Administration from the University of New Mexico. An expert in database technology, Burleson has taught more than 100 graduate school classes on computer information systems, having served as adjunct faculty at the University of New Mexico and Milligan University where he was granted the title of Adjunct Professor Emeritus.

Burleson currently serves as Chief Technical Officer at Burleson Corporation, a consulting service of talent for managing very large databases.

He is the author of more than 30 books on database management, and is senior editor for Rampant TechPress, a leading provider of Oracle database technology books.

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Series Editor

Bobby Hall Burleson

JUNE 2, 1929 – NOVEMBER 23, 2022

Bobby was born June 2, 1929 in Stanly county North Carolina. He grew up in Albemarle. He was a World War II veteran, having served in both the Army and Air Force. He married Anna Mae Shaw on September 16, 1950 (divorced in 1980). Their daughter Karen was born the next year on July 5, 1951. They moved to an apartment in Takoma Park, MD where they welcomed son Jeff on March 8, 1955 and daughter Lynne on June 25, 1956. They moved into a house in New Carrollton, MD in 1961, and welcomed daughter Barbara on February 15, 1966.

In addition to his four children, there were eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren (with a seventh, Gwen due soon), and one great-great-grandchild.

Bobby worked for Litton Industries (later acquired by Northrop Grumman) for over 30 years, retiring in 1994. He spent his retirement years with friends and family enjoying his yard and garden. He loved golf, both playing with his Litton team, and watching tournaments on tv.

Bobby passed away peacefully on November 23, 2022 with his daughter Lynne by his side.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jape Calvin and Iler Pearl Huneycutt Burleson. Brothers and sisters Rena, Wilma, Thurlow, Stella, Aaron, Marshal, Pete, George and Lois. Former wife Anna Mae Shaw Burleson, grandson Jeffrey Alan Burleson, son-in-law Art Skelley, son-in-law Bill Poole, and daughter-in-law Cathy Burleson.

He is survived by his children Karen, Jeff, Lynne and Barbara. Son-in-law Brian. Grandchildren Steve, Becky, Jenny, Erica, Katie, Kylie and Austin. Great-grandchildren Meagan, Corri, Dylan, Tyson, Triston and Tori. And great-great-grandson Keegan. Also survived by his brother Cecil, sister Eleanor, and his very special niece Delain

Bobby's Burleson Family Line is, Jape and Iler Huneycutt Burleson, Adam and Sarah Poplin Burleson, Lee and Elizabeth Almond Burleson, Isaac JR. and Catherine Castle Burleson, Isaac Sr. and Martha Clay Burleson (NC Soldier in American Revolution)

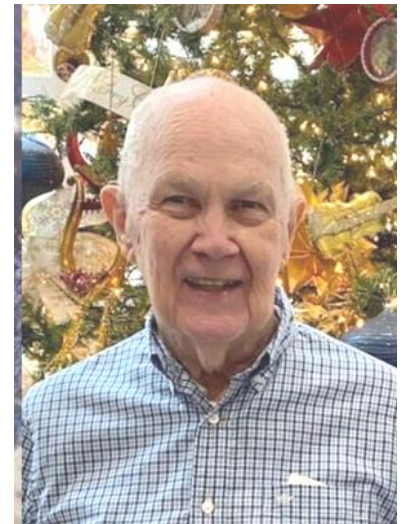
Damon "Bruce" Johnson

Damon "Bruce" Johnson, age 88 of Murfreesboro, TN died Friday December 30, 2022. He was a native of Fairfax, Oklahoma and was preceded in death by his parents, Claren L. Johnson, and Clara Whiles Johnson; brother, James R. Johnson; sister, Etta Musgrave, Betty Roberts. Mr. Johnson was retired from AEDC in Tullahoma and worked many years as a NASA contractor.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Joyce A. Johnson; son, Dale Bryan Johnson, and wife Joan Hefley; daughters, Donna Lynn Johnson and husband Sam Farnsworth, Anne Marie Hughes, and husband Donald; grandchildren, Alec Hefley, Maria Farnsworth, Sophia Farnsworth, Katherine McGrath, Kimberley McGrath; Caleb Hughes, Jebidiah Hughes great- grandchildren, Harper White, Maeve White.

Visitation will be 3:00PM to 7:00PM Tuesday January 3, 2023, at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. Private graveside service will be Wednesday at Evergreen Cemetery. www.woodfinchapel.com

Bruce's Burleson Family Line is, thru his wife Joyce A Throp, Oline & Eva Lucile Burleson Throp, Rufus & Bertha Elder Burleson, William P & Laura Miller Burleson, William R & Emily Crawford Burleson, Bennett & Mathilda Lowery Burleson, Moses B & Edith Hobson Burleson, David & Ursula Weatherford Burleson. (NC Soldier in American Revolution).



Bobby McRay Burleson, 90, of High Point, passed away Monday, May 16, 2022, at his home.

Born January 4, 1932, in Stanly County, he was a son of the late Wayne Braxton Burleson and the late Gladys Morton Burleson. Bob came to High Point in 1948 and worked at Kepley's Barbecue as a curb boy. In 1962 Bob bought Kepley's and operated it until his passing. In 1970, he built Kepley's Barn which was one of his pride and joys. Bob was also an entrepreneur who invested in residential and commercial real estate. He was one of the founders of the American Bank, and Bank of North Carolina where he sat on the Board of Directors. Bob was on the board of the High Point Housing Authority and was a member of the former Christ United Methodist Church. Bob loved entertaining both young and old with his sidekick "George the Monkey" that resides at Kepley's.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan Burleson of Kernersville; daughter-in-law, Carey Burleson Warner and husband Ron of High Point; brother, Ted Burleson and wife Monia of Winston-Salem, and the joy of his life, granddaughter, Carson McRae Burleson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Robbins Burleson, son, Kemp McRae Burleson, and brother, Kenneth Burleson.

Services will be conducted at 1:30 PM Saturday, May 21, 2022, in the Joel W. Farlow Center for Excellence Auditorium on the campus of Wesleyan Christian Academy with Mr. Jerry Farlow officiating. Burial will be private at Floral Garden Park. The family will receive friends following the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the [Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation](#), or the [American Diabetes Foundation](#).

Bobby's Burleson Family Line is Waney & Gladys Morton Burleson, Gus & Isabel Whitley Burleson, William H & Margaret Hatley Burleson, Billie and Sarah Harwood Burleson, Isaac Jr. and Catherine Castle Burleson, Isaac Sr. and Martha Clay Burleson (NC Soldier in American Revolution)



Joseph Lee Efird, 83, of Albemarle, passed away on January 18, 2023, at his home. He was born on April 6, 1939, in Albemarle, NC to the late Luther B. Efird and the late Maggie Lee Efird.

Mr. Efird was also preceded in death by his son, Joseph Dale Efird, brother, Edward Efird, and a granddaughter, Lindsey W. Efird.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ruby Dick Efird; daughter, Marla (Johnny) Caudle of Albemarle, NC; and son, Mark (Amanda) Efird of Lewisville, NC; grandchildren Ashley (Thomas) Broshart of Albemarle, NC, Crista (Nick) Aldridge of Albemarle, NC, and Emma VanHorn of Lewisville, NC; great-grandchildren Kanten Holmes, Kiley Holmes, Dale Aldridge and Maggie Aldridge.

Joseph was part owner of Efird's Nursery and Farm of Albemarle. He also enjoyed gardening, his scroll saw work and feeding his birds.

He was a member of St. Martin Lutheran Church of Albemarle, where he sang in the choir for 80 years. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 22, 2023, 6-8 p.m. at Hartsell Funeral Home, Albemarle, NC. The funeral service will be held at St. Martin's Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2023, officiated by Pastor Phil Thorsen. Burial will follow at the St. Martin's Lutheran Church Cemetery at 16592 St. Martin Road, Albemarle. Memorials may be made to St. Martin Church or Hospice of Stanly and the Uwharrie. Hartsell Funeral Home of Albemarle is serving the Efird family.

Bobby's Burleson Family Line is thru his wife, Ruby Dick Efird, Ray & Eunice Teeter Dick, Thera & Ella Jane Burleson Teeter Gus and Isabel Whitley Burleson, William and Margaret Ann Hatley Burleson, Billie and Sarah Harwood Burleson, Isaac Jr. and Catherine Castle Burleson, Isaac Sr. and Martha Clay Burleson (NC Soldier in American Revolution)



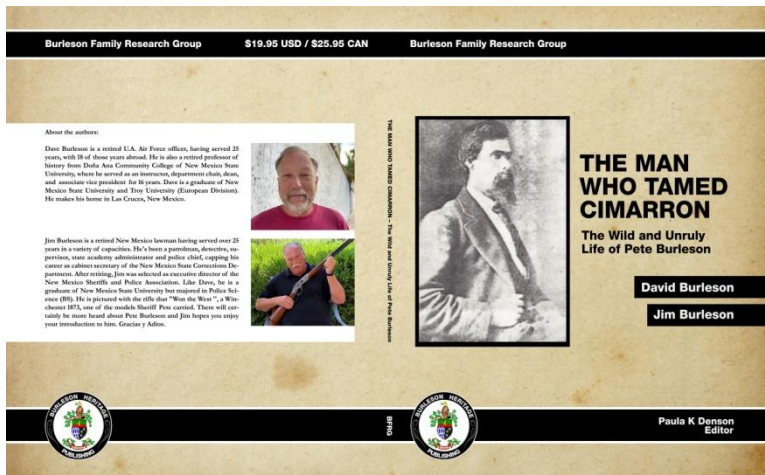
Donald Burleson March 8, 1937 - December 2018

Born in Bristol, VA on March 8, 1937, he was the son of the late Walter Craven Burleson and the late Anne Williams Burleson. Don was a graduate of New London High School, he served his country in the United States Air Force, he retired after working 32 years at Celanese, Donald was also a founding member of the Lyerly Volunteer Honor Guard. Donald was a member of the American Legion and was a Lay Leader at Woodleaf United Methodist Church, He also served on various committee's at the church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Roger and his wife Julia Burleson, and Kelly Burleson. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Betty Burleson, whom he married on June 22, 1968, son, Darrell Bryant (Samara, of High Point, daughters, Michele Burleson of the home, and Tonya B. Yates (Scott Messick) of Salisbury, grandchildren, Ethan R. Yates, Tyler Yates, Megan Yates, Ashley Crandall, Albany Shaul, Cameron Lacy, Brooklyn Flatt, Jessalyn Bryant, Davidson Bryant and Jonnalee Bryant, great-grandchildren, Rebecca Yates, Ryan Yates, Brayden Lacy, Seth Waltman, Autumn Waltman and Lyla Crandall. Service: 1:00- 3:00 PM Tuesday January 1, 2019 at Woodleaf United Methodist Church, 9000 Church Street, Woodleaf, NC 27054, with service to follow at 3:00 PM with the Rev. Kevin Jasper officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with Military Honors being conducted by the Lyerly Volunteer Honor Guard. Memorials may be made to Woodleaf United Methodist Church Cemetery 9000 Church Street, Woodleaf, NC 27054. Lyerly Funeral Home is serving the Burleson family. Online condolences may be made at www.lyerlyfuneralhome.com.



Donald's Burleson Family Line is Walter C & Anne Williams Burleson, Jonah C & Ella Burleson, Jonathan & Margaret Hatley Burleson, Lee and Elizabeth Almond Burleson, , Isaac JR. and Catherine Castle Burleson, Isaac Sr. and Martha Clay Burleson (NC Soldier in American Revolution)

New Book made available by The Burleson Family Research Group (BFRG) By Jim & Dave Burleson

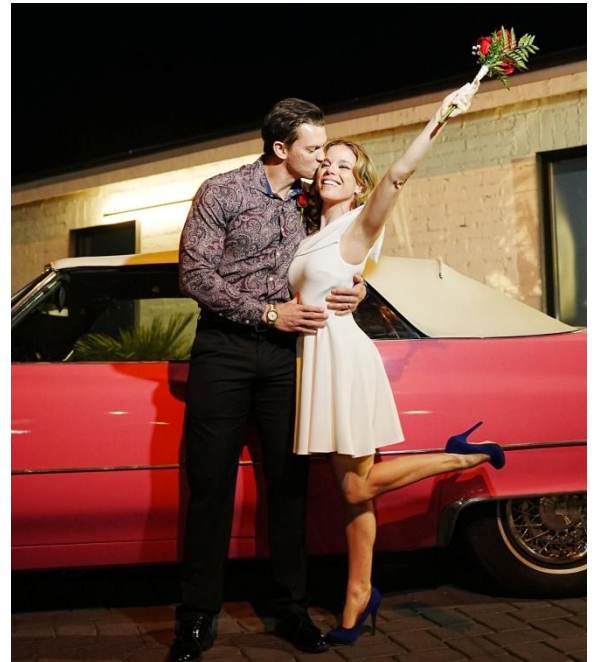


Today in history-97 years ago (Dec 6, 1925) Sheriff Pete Burleson passed away in Lincoln, New Mexico. He served two terms as sheriff during the bloody Colfax County War. He also was a deputy to seven sheriffs in Colfax then Lincoln County. Known as "Trouble Man", he responded to all manner of trouble without hesitation-a true heroic lawman. Pete was most famous for his loyal

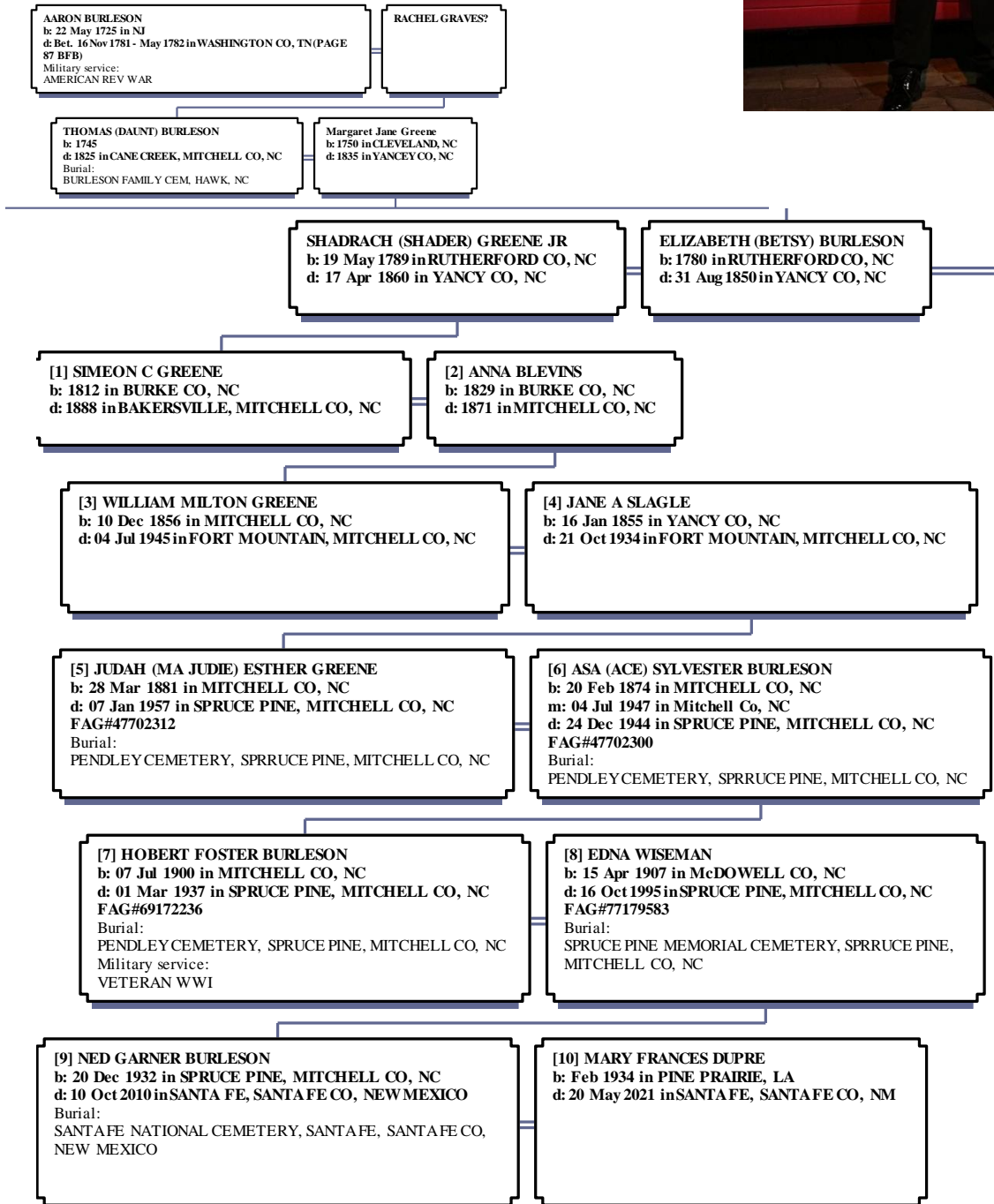
Sheriff Pete Burleson was a genuine hero in the Colfax County War in 1870-80s New Mexico. Ten

times bloodier than the Lincoln County War of Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid, Burleson and Clay Allison delivered epic action. Order from Amazon- all profits benefit the Burleson Family Research Group.

Micah Burleson, son of David Burleson and Tanya Montoya, married Sara Kelly Cobble, daughter of Kevin and Crystal Cobble, on 29 November 2022. The couple reside in Las Vegas, NV.



Direct Descendants of AARON BURLESON



STANLEY (TEEN) BURLESON

BORN 1937 DIED 2023

Memorial Service Jan. 20, 2023 3:00 p.m.

STANLEY BURLESON OBITUARY

Stanley Carr "Teen" Burleson, age 85, of Floydada, passed away on Thursday, January 12, 2023 in Lubbock. A Memorial Service will be at 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2023 at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada. Cremation arrangements are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Born Stanley Carr Burleson on August 3, 1937 in Floydada to W.E. and Mollie Burleson. Nicknamed "Teen" because of his teeny size. He attended Panhandle A&M College in Goodwell, Oklahoma where he met the love his life. He married Lou Jean Belew on November 28, 1958. He lived his entire life in Floyd and Motley counties farming until the mid-90's in the Cedar Hill community. He was a lifelong rancher and continued to ranch off the Caprock until his death. He loved cattle and his heritage continuing to raise the Spotted Hereford breed developed by his father and grandfather. In 2000, he accepted an award given by the State of Texas from the Commissioner of Agriculture for the family's ranch being under same ownership for 100 years.



Following the death of his son Dusty in 1983, he and his family began hosting the Burleson Memorial Roping at the ranch near Flomot with the proceeds being sent to Clarendon College Ranch Management program in Dusty's memory. Many local youth honed their horsemanship skills at the playdays and roping for 20 years.

Teen loved watching steer ropings with his side kick, Fish Wilson. He was made an honorary member of the Invitational Steer Ropers Association and was the last living Honorary Member of the Happy Rodeo Association.

Teen was preceded in death by his parents, W.E. and Mollie Burleson, his wife, Lou Jean Burleson and his son, David Erin "Dusty" Burleson.

He is survived by his daughters; Carrla Jean Jones (Steve) and Beverly Sue Brock (Kirk) all of Levelland, his grandchildren; Kolt Brock, Kwail Brock and Klay Brock all of Lubbock and Tye Jones (Julie) of Spring, TX, Caycee Jones Taylor (Matt) and Cyanne Jones of Lubbock, his great-grandchildren; Brittan Brock, Sterling, Lyncoln and Brock Taylor, Elodie and Harrison Jones and his sister Marisue Burleson Potts.

Honorary Pallbearers will be son-in-laws, Kirk Brock and Steve Jones; grandsons Kolt Brock, Kwail Brock, Klay Brock, Tye Jones and Matt Taylor; great-grandsons, Brock Taylor and Harrison Jones.

Memorials in Stanley's name may be made to the Floyd County Historical Museum: P.O. Box 304, Floydada, Texas 79235, Motley County Historical Museum: P.O. Box 523, Matador, Texas 79244 or the Motley County Jr. Livestock Show: P.O. Box 670, Matador, Texas 79244.

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Stanley's Burleson Family Line is; William Edward & Mollie Barton Burleson, John Carr (Doc) & Onie Martin Burleson, William (Edd) & Anna Marie Rogers Burleson, Edward & Margaret Dorn Burleson, Jonathan R & Nancy Blakey Burleson, Capt James B & Jo Elizabeth Shipman Burleson, Aaron & Rachel Burleson

Dr. Branton Lee Burleson

Dr. Branton Lee Burleson born 1978 is the pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in West Ashville, North Carolina. He is the husband of Jessica Nicole Godwin. The couple now also reside in West Ashville. But growing up Branton lived in the uniquely named Bat Cave, North Carolina. It was a heavily wooded and picturesque area in the western part of the state. Below you see a picture of a nearby gorge. This scene was utilized in the making of the movies Dirty Dancing and Last of the Mohicans.



professor at the College of the Southeastern in Hendersonville. He has been a professor at the Fruitland Baptist Bible College. Branton was the former staff pastor at Covenant Baptist Church. His education includes a Bachelor of Arts in Christian studies at North Greenville University, a Master's Degree at Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte and a Doctor of Education at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Branton told me that he was very interested in the ancient Burleson Puritan theology.

When asked what led him to the ministry, Branton informed me that at age 19 he accompanied a missionary group with a pastor to the very depressed area of Warfield, Kentucky.



It is a mining community near the Kentucky/West Virginia line.

Their duties there included repairing farm structures and assisting area homeowners in fix-its. On one occasion, a despondent miner came to his home where some of the missionaries and the miner's family were visiting. The despondent miner committed suicide in front of the entire gathering. The onlooking pastor saw quickly nothing could be done for the miner and without hesitation began prayerful attendance to the horrified family. That minister's ability to tend to a hurting family in an emergency situation so impressed

Branton, he decided on the spot, this is who and what I want to be.



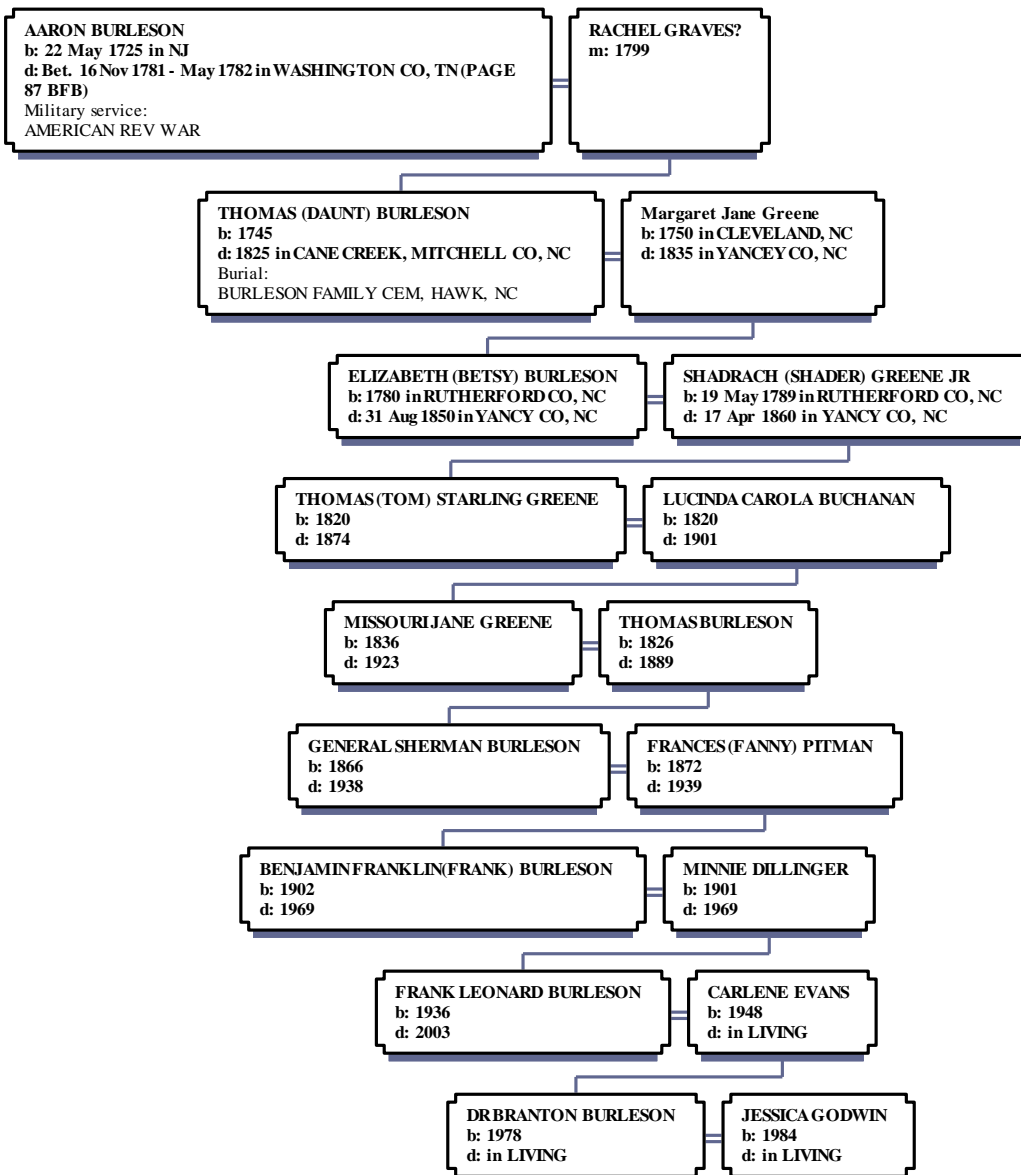
Branton's church is large for the area and enjoys his full-time attention as its pastor. He does, however, find time to be an adjunct



I commented to Branton that his name was unique for a guy growing up in Western North Carolina. He responded that his family had a great admiration for an older minister named Astor Buchanan. A member of Astor's family was a Branton Buchanan. His name was given to him as a homage to the Buchanans. Another oddity with regard to names is that of his great grandfather Sherman Burleson. It turns out Sherman is his middle name. His first name was General. Branton's cousin Russell Burleson and his uncle Howard Burleson had never heard him



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to be known as General Sherman Burleson. These men remarked that Sherman had little to no education but was a natural mathematical whiz. As a manufacturer in the lumber business, Sherman commanded a remarkable ability to calculate complex problems quickly in his head.

This couple has been blessed with four children including a set of twin girls.

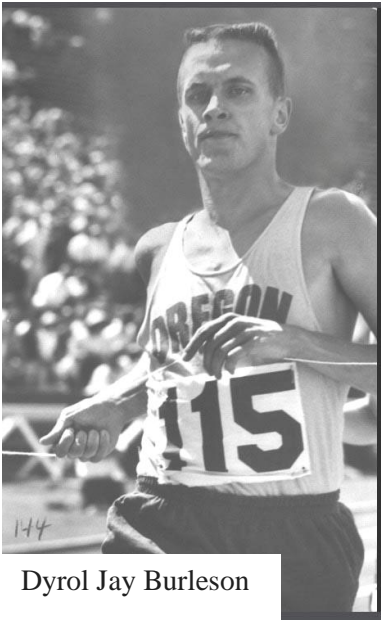
Rev. Burleson told me that many of our shared ancestors were laid to rest at the Cane Creek cemetery. BFRG intends to visit east Tennessee/Western North Carolina in May. This cemetery will be among its must-see items.

By Jim Burleson

Cousining,

in Carlsbad, Eddy Co, NM

On an excursion designed to collect materials on Burleson kin in Eddy County, New Mexico, 28 Burleson relatives met me in Carlsbad. One of them was Betty Bass a talented genealogist and descendent of Edward David Burleson and Alice Dora Dancer. Edward David Burleson and family migrated from Lampasas, Texas to settle the "Burleson Seep" in what was then called Eddy. Following the very successful collection of Burleson materials, Betty told me that some of the decedents of this family had moved on to Oregon.



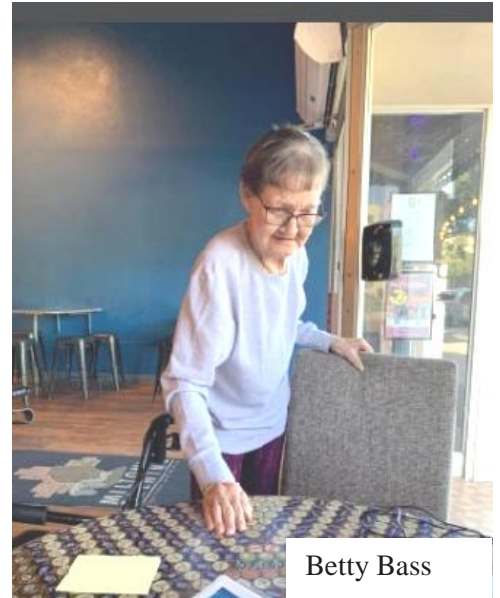
Dyrol Jay Burleson



Edward David Burleson

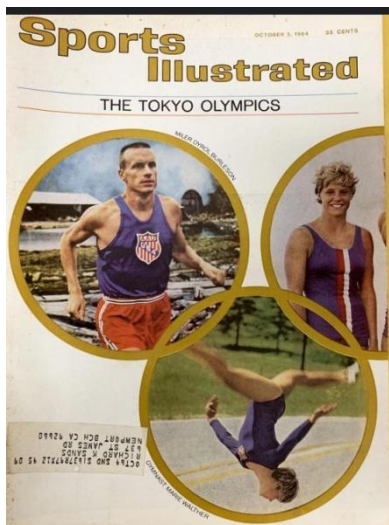


Alice Dora Dancer Burleson



Betty Bass

The most famous of these Oregon Burleson's was Dyrol Jay Burleson. Dyrol was born April 27, 1940, in Garden Grove, Oregon. He made a name for himself as a track star in that town. All of the town people would remark "now that boy sure can run". Upon graduation Dyrol won a full scholarship at the University of Oregon where he came under the direction and guidance of Americas leading track coach, Bill Bowerman.



Before entering college, Dyrol set three goals: run a sub-4minute mile, appear in the new magazine Sports Illustrated and work as a park ranger. Burleson had seen Roger Bannister on the cover of SI as the first Sportsman of the year. He said I knew that's what I wanted to do. Within





twelve years, Burleson reached all three objectives and is now happily retired tending to three sheep and two llamas on his five acres in Turner, Oregon. He lives there with his wife, Deberra.

Burleson was a twenty-year-old sophomore at Oregon when, on April 23rd, 1960, he became the second American to break the 4-minute barrier, running a 3-58.6. Burleson went on to an undefeated college collegiate career, helping the Ducks win the 1962 NCAA outdoor championship. Dyrol was selected to the 1960 Rome and 1964 Tokyo Olympics. He would finish his career with more than a dozen sub-4-minute miles.

In 2010, Dyrol was selected to the National Track and Field Hall of Fame.



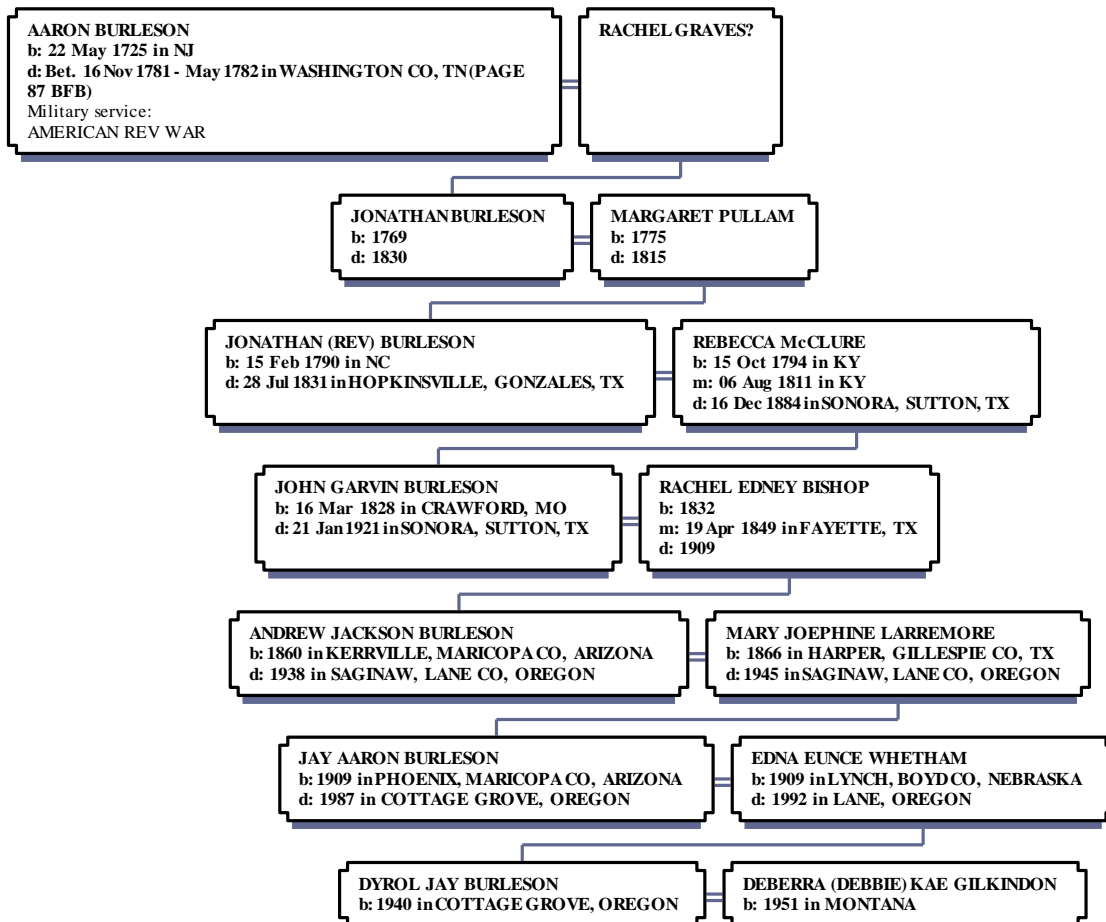
Dyrol Burleson continues to make appearances at high schools and colleges in Oregon. His



inspirational talks of encouragement are widely acclaimed.

By Jim Burleson

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TEXAS JOURNEY

by Gerry Booth

The Journey Begins

My mother and my grandmother were my sources of knowledge about my family. My grandmother told me many stories about the family to entertain me or get me to go to sleep. She would tell the stories and visions would pop into my head. She told me that the Shipmans came to Texas in a wagon train. She also said that when our Shipmans left South Carolina, they let their neighbors know where they had headed by carving GTT on the door. Now being raised during the fifties when TV had many popular western shows, I envisioned the long wagon trains headed west like those that traveled on the Oregon Trail. So, I thought my family came to Texas in a long wagon train with Stephen F. Austin in the lead.



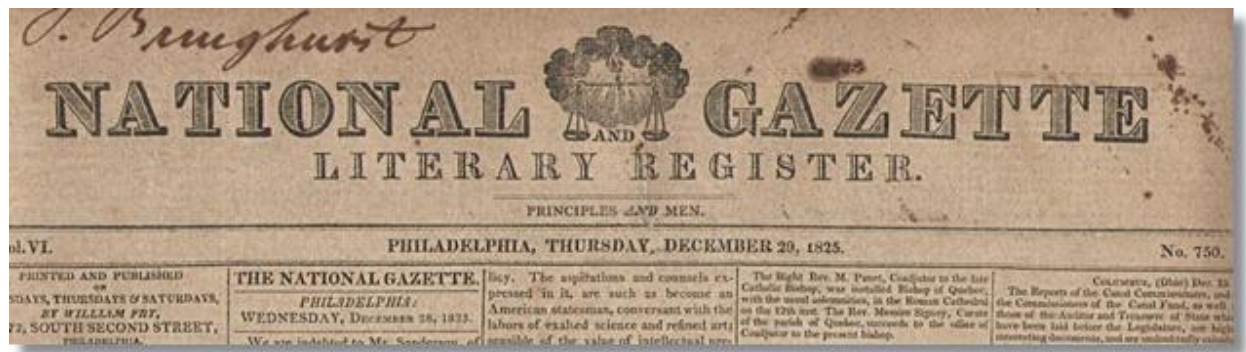
Whoa! That's not the way it happened.

Before we continue our story with the facts, I must first correct an error in my last article. I wrote that Jacob Francisco, Sr was ordered to be part of a road crew in Lincoln County, Tennessee on August 30, 1810. (Lincoln County was created in 1809 from parts of Bedford County, Tennessee). This was incorrect. It was Jacob Francisco, Jr. who was ordered to be on the road crew. Jacob, Jr. was 22 in 1810, while his father was about 55 years old with a drinking problem. According to Shirley Wicker Hendrix, who was a researcher of the Francisco family, Jacob and Rebecca's daughter, Hannah, was married to Daniel Lee who had a sister named Phoebe who was married to Christopher Landers. About 1809 or 1810, after her husband's death, Phoebe moved to Bedford County, Tennessee where Christopher Landers had a land grant. Ms. Hendrix believed that Jacob and Rebecca and their family moved to Bedford also. This is where Jacob, Jr. was viewing a road. In 1819, Jacob Sr.'s debts could not be collected in Bedford County probably because he had died.

Now back to the Shipmans. Moses Shipman left South Carolina with his family. Along the way, others joined his family but he did not head out to Texas in a Hollywood movie-type wagon train. His family traveled for a while, then stopped for a few months and raised a crop to make a little money and get more supplies to travel a little farther. Some of the time it appears they may have traveled alone.

When Moses left South Carolina, he did not mark his door "GTT." Moses Shipman started his westward trip in 1814. After the financial Panic of 1819, many people escaping debt would move to Texas. To let their neighbors know where they had gone, they would chalk on their front door "GTT." Moses Shipman left South Carolina five years before this practice had begun.

The first time the phrase “gone to Texas” was printed in a newspaper article was on December 29, 1825, in the *National Gazette and Literary Register* published in Philadelphia to report that Missouri Senator, Colonel Martin Parmer had left Missouri and gone to Texas.



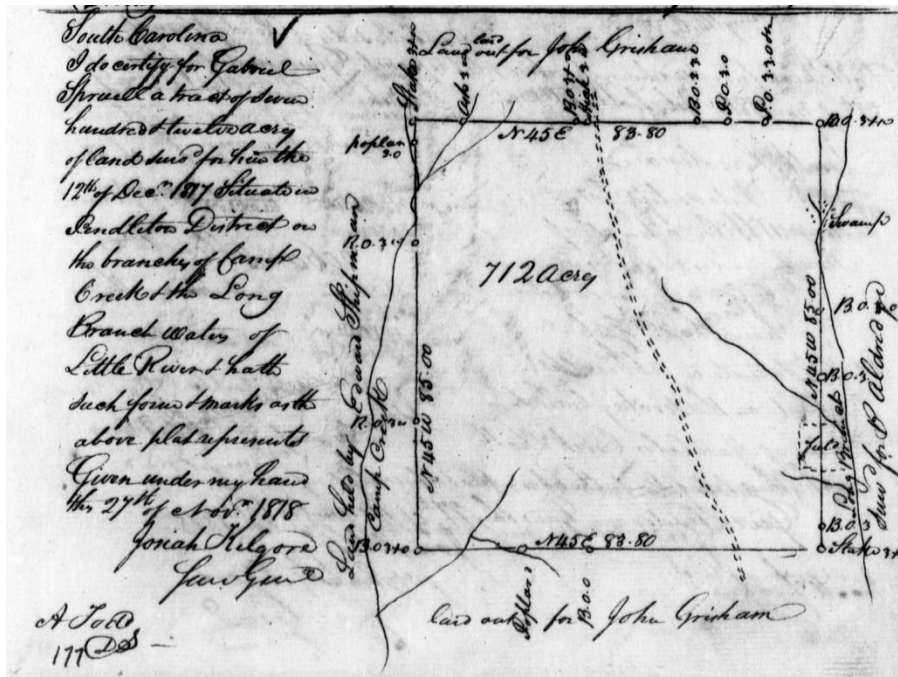
LOUISVILLE (Ky.) Dec. 10.
Missouri.—The Independent Patriot states that “there are now four vacancies in the Senate of Missouri; that the Legislature convenes in January next, and the acting Governor has failed to issue writs of election, as required by the constitution. Speaking of the Senators whose places have to be supplied by the election of others, the editor says, Col. M’Guire has resigned, Mr. Carr has removed from the State, Mr. Brown is at Santa Fé, in the service of the General Government, and Col. Palmer is said to have taken French leave and gone to Texas. In addition to this, it is stated, that “the acting Governor’s seat will be vacant until after the votes for Governor are counted, as he cannot play Governor and Senator, both at the same time.”

In one of the earlier articles, I quoted Daniel Shipman’s description of his father’s dream to go to Texas and have enough land for all of his children. This was probably a “confused” memory. When Moses left South Carolina, Texas was still held by Spain. It was not being colonized, so land was not being granted to colonists at that time.

We do know that Moses had tried migrating westward and returned to North Carolina. We know that his siblings and his cousins had migrated westward. Moses probably had communications from some of these family members, so once again, Moses decided he would migrate westward. Moses was 40 years old. His family at this time included his wife Mary Robinson Shipman (31), and his children Daniel (13), Edward (11), Mary (9), John McMinn (6), Christana Reed (4), and James Robinson (1).

I do not know the exact location from which Moses started his journey. This is what I do know. In 1810, Moses and Mary Shipman had a daughter Christana Reed (my grandmother), born in South Carolina. Narrowing the location of where Moses lived, he was listed on the 1810 US Census in the Pendleton District of South Carolina along with John Robinson, his wife Mary’s father, and with an Edward Shipman, possibly his father but if not, definitely one of his relatives.

¹ https://www.texashistorypage.com/Martin_Parmer.html



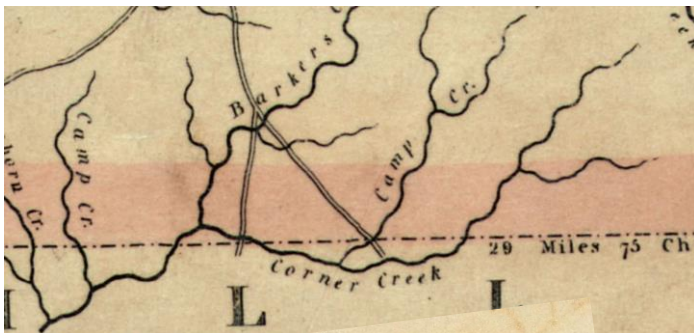
I have not been able to locate a document showing that Moses Shipman owned land in Pendleton District but I have located a document that his brother-in-law did. His brother-in-law Gabriel Spruell (abt. 1770-), was married to Mary Robinson Shipman's sister, Anna "Annie" Robinson Spruell (1778-1840).²

Gabriel purchased this land in 1817 three years after Moses left the area. The land next to Gabriel Spruell's land was held by Edward Shipman. I have not found when Edward Shipman purchased his land. The next question is, which Edward Shipman was this? There are three Edwards that are likely possibilities. One possibility is that Edward Shipman was Moses' father. However, Moses' father Edward Shipman

died in 1814 in Buncombe County, North Carolina. If this land was his, it had probably been given to someone else by the time of this deed. The second possibility is that Edward Shipman could have been Moses Shipman's brother, Edward Shipman, Jr. The third possibility, Edward Shipman could have been the husband of Hannah Robinson Shipman (1776-1870), the sister of Mary Davis Robinson Shipman. His father was Jacob Shipman (1746-1794) and this Edward (1771-1864) was the brother of Jo Elizabeth Shipman Burleson (1770-1834), who married Captain James Burleson (1775-1836).

Regardless of which Edward Shipman this was, this deed proves that there were Shipmans in Pendleton District. I suspect that the Robinsons and Shipmans were living near each other. This land in Pendleton District is on the branch of Camp

Creek of the Long Branch waters of Little River. Little River is on the border of Pendleton District and Abbeville. There are two Camp Creeks. The exact location is still not clear, but this is probably the vicinity where Moses, Mary, and their children lived.



This map is an 1820 map of Pendleton District.



This map is an 1820 map of Abbeville, the county just below the Pendleton District. It fits right on the bottom of the Pendleton District map. You can see the meandering Little River on both maps. And you can see Corners Creek on both maps. Little River is not labeled on the Pendleton map and the two Camp Creeks are not labeled on the Abbeville map. However, if you look at them together, and you adjust the maps so that the borders for the two districts are oriented the same way, you can see that Camp Creek is a branch of Little River. In both maps,

² <https://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/> Enter search "Full Name" – Spruell, Gabriel.

there are double lines representing roads that appear to be the same two roads on both maps. I believe this is the area of the land grant for Spruell and Edward Shipman's land that was adjacent. This does not tell us exactly where Moses was but I believe it is reasonable to assume that he was in this vicinity. It is possible that Moses rented land in this area or that he may have lived on a relative's land. So, this is where I believe the journey began.

Pendleton District was not only the home to the Shipmans and Robinsons but also to two men who were important to Texas history. Samuel Augustus Maverick (1803-1870) and Thomas Jefferson Rusk (1803-1857). Both men were born in Pendleton District, South Carolina, both were born in 1803, both moved to Texas, and both signed the Texas Declaration of Independence.

In 1845 Samuel Maverick was given 400 head of cattle for payment on a debt. He was living at Decros Point on the Gulf Coast of Texas. When Samuel's family returned to live in San Antonio, Samuel left the cattle behind. The cattle were allowed to wander and were never branded. People in the area would refer to any unbranded cow as "one of Maverick's." This is the origin of the term for an unbranded calf or an unorthodox or independent-minded person.

On April 19, 1836, after the defeat at the Alamo and the massacre of the Texas Army under Colonel James W. Fannin at Goliad on Palm Sunday and just two days before the battle of San Jacinto, Thomas Rusk wrote this letter³:

WAR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
HARRISBURG, APRIL 10, 1836.

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TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS: —Fellow citizens, let me make one more appeal to you to turn and rally to the standard of your country. The army reached here yesterday late in the day; scouts arrested three of the Mexicans, one captain, one a correo (express rider) direct from Mexico, and another, a servant. From the prisoners we learned many interesting facts. Santa Anna himself is just below us, within the sound of the drum, and has, we understand, only five hundred men. We are parading and preparing our forces for the purpose of marching upon him: he has a reinforcement of about one thousand men upon the Brazos, about forty miles from here. A few hours more will decide the fate of our army, and what an astonishing fact it is that, at the very moment when the fate of your wives, your children, your homes, your country, and all that is dear to a freeman, are suspended upon the issue of one battle, not one-fourth of the people (men) of Texas are in the army. Are you Americans? Are you freemen? If you are, prove your blood and birth by rallying at once to your country's standard. Your general is at the head of a brave and chivalrous band, and throws himself, sword in hand, into the breach, to save his country and vindicate her rights. Enthusiasm prevails in the army, but I look around and see that many, very many, whom I had anticipated would be first in the fight, are not here. Rise up at once! concentrate and march to the field; make a vigorous effort and the country is safe; a different course disgraces and ruins you, and what is life worth with the loss of liberty! May I never survive it. Your fellow citizen,

(Signed)

THOS. J. RUSK,
Secretary of War.
APRIL 19th, 1836.

Thomas Rusk fought at San Jacinto. After San Jacinto, he conducted a military funeral for the troops massacred at Goliad. Remember the battle cry at San Jacinto was: Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad! When Texas became a state, Thomas Rusk and Sam Houston became the first two senators to represent Texas.

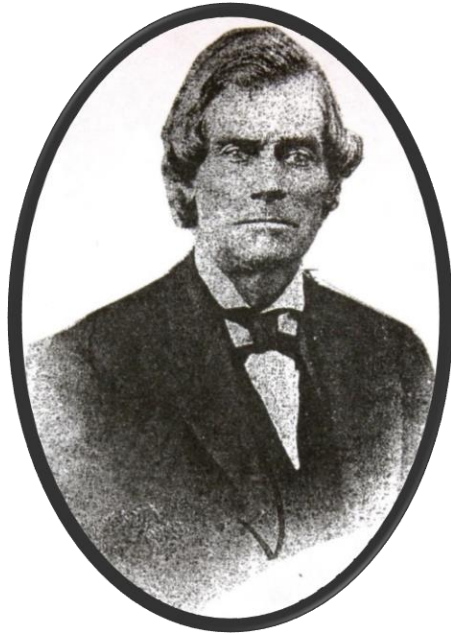
³ Daniel Shipman, *Frontier Life*, (1879), 140.

Moses Shipman's second attempt to move away from the Carolinas began in March of 1814. I will quote Moses Shipman's oldest son, Daniel, to tell the story of my family's journey. I have added pictures and additional information in [brackets] that I hope will be of interest and/or helpful.

Daniel wrote his memories in his book *Frontier Life 58 Years in Texas*. The book begins with a description of his family.

Chapter I.

HISTORY AND INCIDENTS IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE SHIPMAN FAMILY



My great grandfather [Daniel Shipman] and one brother on my father's side [Joseph Shipman], and a half brother, a Mr. Gage [David Gage], were of Welch descent, and came together to America.

My great grandfather settled in North Carolina, his brother in New Jersey. But I have never known of their half brother's whereabouts.

Mary Robinson was the maiden name of my mother, who was of Irish and English parentage, and the second daughter of John Robinson, of South Carolina.

My father and mother were married on the 19th of January, 1798. The writer of this book was their second son, born February 20th, 1801, after the death of my oldest brother. After me were four sons and four daughters, to wit:

Edward, born in Tennessee, March 1st 1803.

Mary, born in North Carolina, September 28th, 1805.

John McMinn, born in same state, March 17th, 1808.

Christana Reed, born August 23rd, 1810, in South Carolina.

James Robinson, born in same state, April 8th, 1813.

Moses, born in Franklin Co., Tennessee, January 16th, 1816.

Elizabeth, born in Howard county, Mo., February 3rd, 1819.

Lucetta, born in Arkansas, December 28th, 1821.

OUR TRIP

We made our Northwestern start from South Carolina on the 5th of March, 1814. We went to North Carolina, Buncombe county, and stopped until fall, with the calculation to start again about November. Father [Moses] rented a farm on the bank of a river called French Broad. While making our crop we



were in fair view of one of the most beautiful range of high mountains, far away on the other side of the river, in a Northwesterly direction, which appeared to be one of

the most beautiful – variegated with colors of a great many different shades of purple, white, red, pale and deep blue; I suppose caused by the different distances, some appearing to be rising higher and higher, and all of which appeared to rival each other in way of height and beauty, and some of the most distant seemed to be a deep blue cloud, and every one appeared to have a peculiar shade of its own, and of a bluish caste. It seemed to me that I can see them yet in my mind’s eye, notwithstanding it



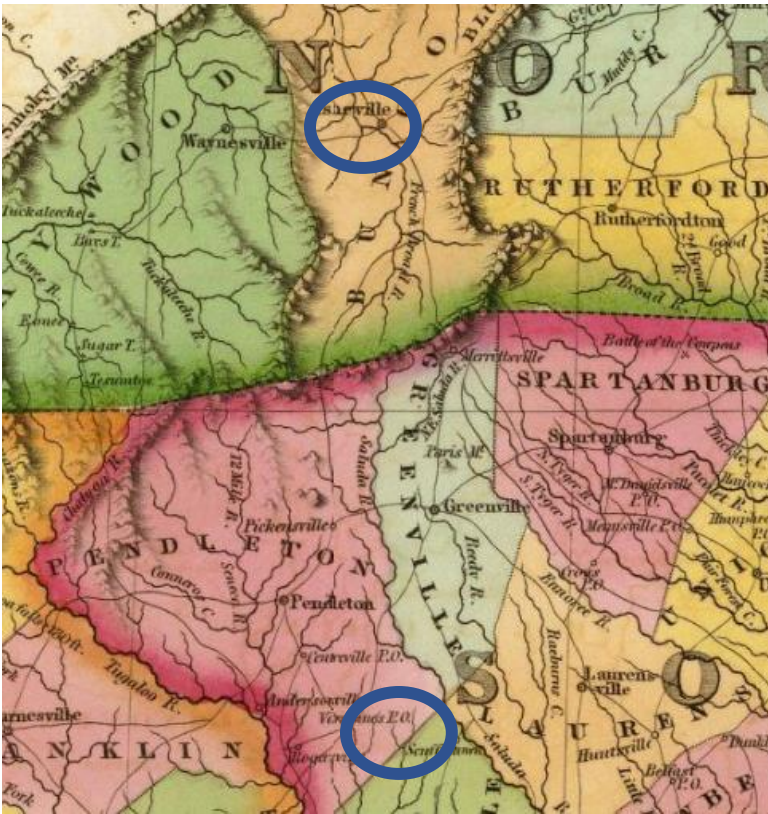
has now been over sixty years since I saw them. The highest and most conspicuous of the mountains is called Mount Pisgah.⁴ French Broad river is the principal stream that I learned to swim in. Although it is a deep, sluggish, running stream, we boys could and did find some shallow and swift places, which we frequently, particularly on

Saturday evenings, after we had finished our week’s work, at one certain place, where my mind has frequently visited since then, and again have I so often thought of the luxuriant and beautiful shades on the nice white sandy banks, most splendid and magnificent tall poplar trees and waving willows, under which the deep blue waters rolled beneath, wending their way towards the Father of Waters.⁵



⁴ Mount Pisgah is a mountain in the Appalachian mountain range and part of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina near Asheville. www.blueridgemountaintravel.com

⁵ Robert S. Duncanson (1821–1872), *French Broad River*, circa 1850–1851. Oil on canvas, 17 × 24 inches. Courtesy Private Collection, Bronxville, N.Y. Courtesy Private Collection, NY. https://blueridgeimpressions.files.wordpress.com/2021/06/boyle-fig-3-rsd-french-broad-river-dsc_0153-1.jpg



This map is of North and South Carolina in 1825, made just a few years after the Shipmans left the Carolinas. The two blue circles give an approximate location of the starting point in Pendleton District in South Carolina to where they stopped near Ashville on the first leg of their journey to Texas.⁶

Why did Moses go north to Buncombe County, North Carolina, if his goal was to move westward?

Moss had lived in Buncombe and he had owned land there on Mud Creek. Perhaps he needed to tend to some business or perhaps he wanted to say goodbye to some friends or family. On Ancestry several people have referred to an account in the Shipman Book in the Henderson County Genealogy Society library in Henderson, North Carolina. Comments in the book from Hugh Shipman state that Edward, Moses' father, had intended to go with Moses but had become sick and died in 1814, in Buncombe, North Carolina. Perhaps, Moses traveled to Buncombe so his father could join him in his travels. It is reasonable to assume

that Edward was living in Buncombe. There is an Edward Shipman listed on the 1810 US Census for Buncombe. There is also a record of Edward granting land he too owned on Mud Creek in Buncombe County to his son Edward, Jr. in 1813, perhaps in preparation for leaving North Carolina. In the record the last two entries indicate that Edward, Jr., 12 years later, granted this land to one of his sons, Stephen, and also granted another tract he apparently owned to his son, Joseph.⁷

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4- 6-1915	Sherwood, Mildred E.	Watkins, F. C.	4- 8-1915	200	411	Fr. Brd. Ave.
3-29-1916	Sherwood, Mildred E.	Clark, E. C. and wife	4- 4-1916	206	500	27 acres Smiths Mill Cr.
4- 5-1916	Sherwood, Mildred E.	Poovey, W. E. et al	4- 7-1916	207	112	Haywood Rd. W. Ashe.
10-21-1815	Shipman, Daniel	Shipman, Hezekiah	9-16-1819	11	444	150 acres Shoal Cr.
?- ?-1813	Shipman, Edward Sr.	Shipman, Edward Jr.	9- 7-1813	F	54	150 acres Mud Cr.
4-12-1801	Shipman, Edward	Blythe, Jesse	-?-	3	303	100 acres
11-21-1817	Shipman, Edward Jr.	Crumley, M. Henry	-?-	12	299	50 acres James Cr., near Mud Cr.
8- 2-1825	Shipman, Edward	Shipman, Stephen	3-23-1827	13	471	150 acres Little Mud Cr.
8- 2-1825	Shipman, Edward	Shipman, Joseph	3-28-1827	13	476	200 acres Little Mud Cr.

Daniel never mentions his grandfather dying. In his writings, he sometimes leaves the details out and he often refers to relatives as friends. Despite these missing details, his account does provide a picture of the experiences the Shipmans had as they crossed the country.

Just below Ashville, in Buncombe County, the Shipmans made their first stop in the long journey. Moses spent the summer here where he planted a crop, harvested it, and sold it. On September 13, of that year 1814, the British bombarded Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland. That night Francis Scot Key waited for dawn to see if the American flag was still flying. At dawn on the 14th of September, he wrote the Star-Spangled Banner. One month later on October 14th Moses headed for Tennessee.

⁶ Map of North & South Carolina y Henry S. Tanner, 1825

⁷ <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3Q1-6HPP?i=315&cat=571683>