

# TEXAS JOURNEY by Gerry Booth

Eureka! I had one of those discoveries that genealogists love. It happened while working on this article. In two years, I will be celebrating my family's 200<sup>th</sup> year in Texas. In preparing for this article, I was working with the church rolls of the Sandy Run Baptist Church. While doing so, I figured out the answer to a question I have had for years. Who came to Texas with my family? About twenty-five years ago, I learned that my family came to Texas with their Burleson cousins. My grandmother had always told me that our family came to Texas in a wagon train but not like the ones you see in the movies. The wagon trains to Texas as early as the Shipmans came were small, just a handful of families traveling together. I couldn't imagine how the wagon train the Shipmans came in could be small if the Burlesons were with them too. But the answer to who was in the wagon train question was answered when I researched the name Harrill, listed on the rolls of the Sandy Run Baptist Church. I don't want to spoil the story, but I will be sharing that story with you as we progress on in our journey to Texas.

This article is to identify our families who lived in North Carolina around a creek called Sandy Run during the late 1700s, and who would later migrate west together. Now when I say our family, I mean family in the broad sense, not just one mother, father and children, I mean family, the mother, father, grandparents, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and the cousins. If we identify our family members who owned property in the Sandy Run settlement or were on the roster of the Sandy Run Baptist Church, we can then follow those families in their long journey to Texas and also discover how those families became so intertwined.

My Shipman family began their migration on March 5, 1814, and crossed the Red River on March 19, 1822. A journey of seven years. The Burlesons were fighting at Horseshoe Bend with Andrew Jackson about the time my family started their journey. Yet, along with some of the Gages, these three families wound-up in Texas. Sometimes they traveled independently, and sometimes they moved together.

Mooresboro and Sandy Run Baptist Church are still in existence located between Asheville and Charlotte, in Cleveland County, North Carolina. Cleveland County was a part of Tryon County. Tryon County ceased to exist after 1779. It was divided into Lincoln and Rutherford Counties.



SANDY RUN CREEK AND THE THREE BROAD RIVERS ARE VISIBLE IN THE LOWER LEFT PART OF THIS 1775 MAP OF NORTH CAROLINA, <https://dc.lib.unc.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/ncmaps/id/125/rec/55>

According to the booklet, *Sandy Run Settlement & Mooresboro*, "The Sandy Run settlement may have begun as early as the 1750s." Settlers were attracted to the area because Sandy Run Creek provided swift-flowing water, which was needed for farming and was ideal for operating a grist mill. The settlers established The Anabaptist Church or Society of Sandy

Run in 1772. "Because there were so few churches, the Anabaptist Church on Sandy Run drew members from a wide area. Deeds for church members show these people living as far east as Kings Mountain, south down into present South Carolina, west as far as the North Pacolet and Green Rivers and north to the upper portions of Knob Creek of First Broad river."<sup>1</sup>

I will begin by looking at Daniel Shipman. The union of the Shipman and Gage families began before **DANIEL SHIPMAN** (1715-1798), ever arrived in America. According to family tradition, **NICHOLAS GAGE** (BEF. 1685-UNK.) married the widow **MRS. SCHIFFMAN** (ABT. 1685-UNK.) in England. They each brought a son to the marriage. **DAVID GAGE** (1701-UNK.) and Daniel Shipman, whose surname's spelling was changed on the trip to America, became step-brothers. Soon after the brothers arrived in America, David Gage married **ABIGAIL BURLESON** (1710-1775). Then Daniel Shipman married Abigail's sister, **ELIZABETH BURLESON** (1728-1800). "All descendants of Daniel Shipman say that his first wife was Elizabeth Burleson, but a record of this marriage has not yet been found."<sup>2</sup>

When Daniel died, he left a will dated November 8, 1798. This document provides us with a list of the names of his sons and the married names of his daughters in order of oldest to youngest: Sarah Harrington, Edward Shipman, the heirs of Jacob Shipman, Anna Lee, Daniel Shipman, Lucrecey Gage, Feeby Crawford, Rebecca Sisco, and Mary Johnson. These children were by Daniel's first wife, Elizabeth (Burleson) Shipman. The children by his second wife, **FEEBY STANTON** (1720-1820), were **TEMPERANCE SHIPMAN** (UNK.) and **DAVID WALDEN SHIPMAN** (1794-1850). The executors for Daniel Shipman's will were **DANIEL SHIPMAN, JR** (ABT. 1749-1831), **ROBERT LEE** (1745-1817), and **ISAAC CRAWFORD** (1750-1776).

We will use this information in addition to the booklet, *Sandy Run Settlement & Mooresboro* (online at <https://archive.org/details/sandyrunsettleme00depr/page/n1/mode/2up> ) These are a few pages we will use.

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COMPOSITE ROLL OF SANDY RUN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Four rolls: about 1782 - 1804; 1804 - 1814; 1814 - 1846

Names	Roll	Information
*ARRINGTON, Sarah	1782	
ASHLOCK, Josiah	1782	dis. 1800 Ruth Co. Census
Mary	1782	
BAILEY, Henry	1814	
L. S.	1846	dis.
Margaret	1814	dis.
Mary	1814	dis.
*(Bailey) Samuel	1804	1800 Ruth Co. Census; 1850 Cleveland Co. Census - 81 years
BAKER, Elizabeth	1782	
*William	1782	
*BANDY, David	1814	dis; m. Mourning (deeds); on 1800 Ruth. Co. Census
Mourning	1814	dis.
**BARNET, Elizabeth	1804	Thomas Barnet on Chestnut Log in 1803
R. H.	1846	exc.; Civil War (Richard H.)
BARNETT, a slave	1846	
BARROT, John	1782, 1804	m. Mary Goldenn 19 Aug. 1779
Elizabeth	1800, 1804	
Mary	1782	m. John Barrot - 1779
**BAUCHANAN, James	1782	joined in 1782
his wife	1782	joined in 1782
(*BUCHANAN,) William	1804	1800 Ruth. Co. Census
*BEAM, David, a descendant	1814, 1846	exc'd; m. Sarah Alexander 2 September 1822
Rachel	1814, 1846	exc'd
Sally	1814, 1846	sister of David
BEARD, Elizabeth	1782	joined in 1797; John Beard on Broad River in 1774
*BLAKE, Jane	1782	
Jean	1800, 1804	
**BLACKWELL, Joel, Rev	1782	m. Demaris Musick 17 Nov. 1810
Demaris	1782	
BLANTON, Alfred B.	1846	lived at head of Chestnut Log
Ellie (Alice)	1804, 1814	*"dead" on 1814 roll
Mary	1814	dis

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Name	Roll	Information
Bridges, Levina	1846	exc; 1850 Clev Co Cen, age 26 & wife of John S. Bridges
Lucinda	1846	
Malinda	1814, 1846	
Margaret	1814, 1846	dis
Martina (Smart)	1846	1850 Clev Co Cen, age 55, m. Minor Bridges in 1832
Mary	1814	dis
Mary	1846	1850 Cen, age 27, wife of Samuel
*Mary	1814	m. Wm Hearick 8 Feb. 1816
Mary E.	1846	1850 Clev Co. Cen, age 16, dau of Caleb & Nancy Bridges
Kessiah	1814	dis
Molly	1804	
***Moses	1804, 1814	dead; 1800 Ruth Co. Census
Nancy (Young)	1814	m. Wm McSwain, Sr, 16 Apr 1811
Ninny	1846	dead, d. March 185-
Patsy	1814	exc
Polley	1814	
*Reuben	1846	
Sally	1814	
Sally (Dobbins)	1846	m. Ephraim Bridges, 1832
**Samuel	1804	1800 Ruth Co Census
Samuel	1846	Civil War; 1850 Clev Co. Cen, 27
Sarah (Smith)	1814	dis; m Aaron Bridges, Jr. 1804
Sarah	1814	dead
Susan	1804	
*Thomas	1804	joined 1797; 1800 Ruth Co. Cen.
Viana	1846	
Viney	1846	
**William	1804, 1814	exc; m Peggy Hays 7 April 1809; 1850 Clev Co Census, age 64
*William	1814	1800 Ruth Co. Census
BROCKES, Nancy	1814, 1846	
Ruth	1814, 1846	dis; rest
Sarah	1814	dis
*William	1814	dead; 1800 Ruth Co. Census
*BURGE, John	1804	
Judith	1782	
Mathaniel	1804, 1814	dis; m. Wann Green 10 Nov. 1814
Polly	1814	dis
*Woody	1804	1800 Ruth Co. Census
*BURGESS, Rhode	1804, 1814, 1846	exc, rest; dis on 1846 roll
		1850 Clev Co. Census, age 84
BURLISON, Margaret	1782, 1804	Aaron Burlison on Sandy Run in 1766
**Thomas	1782, 1804	

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<sup>1</sup> Virginia Greene DePriest, *Sandy Run Settlement, and Mooresboro* (1978):1.

<sup>2</sup> Helen Burleson Kelso, "Burleson Family Bulletin," 568.

Name	Roll	Information
Elvira	1846	a slave of William Green
ESKRIDGE, Elizabeth	1814	
Elizabeth(Thompson)	1846	decd; m. John G. 12 Oct. 1837; 1850 Clev Co. Census, 30; d. 1856
Harriette	1814	decd
*Jesse	1814	decd
Susannah	1814	dis
Unice	1814	
*EVANS, David	1814, 1846	
Eunicy	1846	decd; d. 9 April 1856
FIELDS, Christian	1782	
*FILBECK, William	1814, 1846	m. Rachel Edwards 17 Nov. 1814
FORD, Nancy	1804	Abraham on 1st Brood in 1769; Elisha on Main Brood in 1775
FOUCH, Betsy	1814	dis
Charity	1782	
*Jonathan	1752	1800 Ruth Co. Census
FOWLER, Lacey	1814	dis
*GAGE, Aaron	1782	
Ester	1804	
*James	1782, 1804	1800 Ruth Co. Census
Jean	1804	
Muriah	1814	dis, rest, dis
Nancy	1814	dis
Sally (Wood)	1814	dis; m. Moses Gage 15 Oct. 1783
*William	1782	
**GIBB, Jesse	1804	1800 Ruth Co. Census
*GILL, Sarah	1782	Robert on Main Brood - 1770
GILLESPIE, Bryson	1846	
Sarah (Bridges)	1846	m. John Gillespie 15 Nov. 1831
Sarah	1846	
*GOLD, Daniel	1804	1800 Ruth Co. Census
Daniel	1814	
Francis	1804, 1814	1846 dis; 1850 Clev Co Cen, 74
Martha	1814	
*Miltor	1814	
Nancy A.	1846	dis
Sally	1814, 1846	
Sterling	1814, 1846	dis, rest; m. Cynthia Heiney 12 Aug. 1816

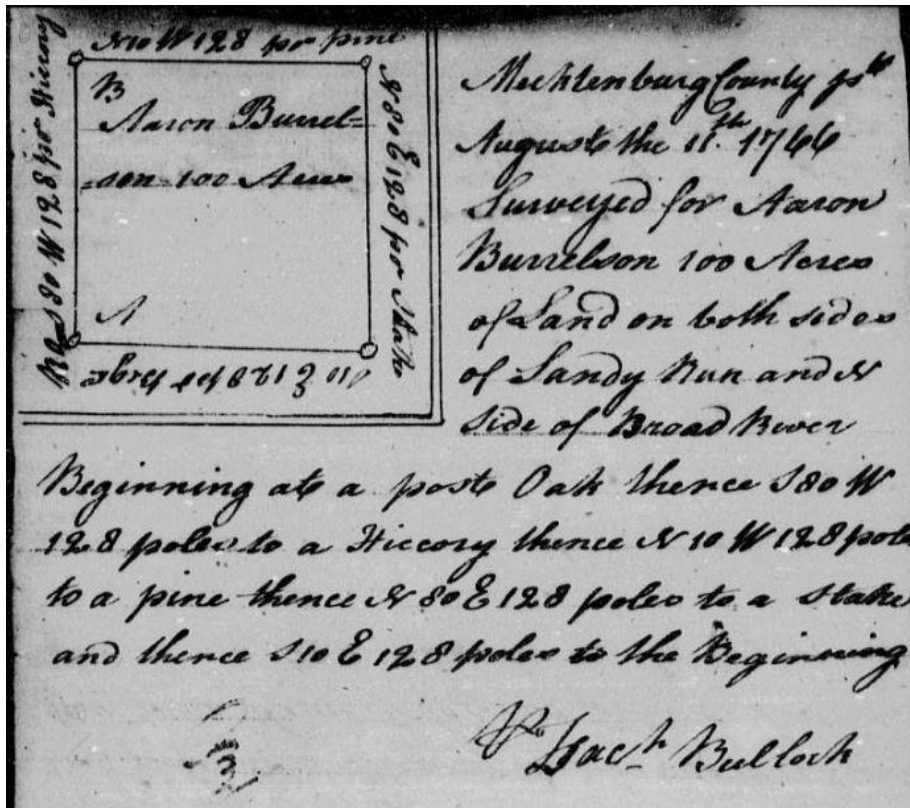
Name	Roll	Information
GOUT, Elizabeth	1804	
*GOOD, Chasae A.	1846	Joseph on Knob Crk - 1769
*Maton	1846	1850 Clev Co. Census, age for Martin E. & Wife Mary,
**GOODSON, Anny	1846	dis
Grace	1814	dis; a Negro
*GREEN, Benjamin	1846	1850 Clev Co. Cen age 41, wife Eliza, 34; Civil War dis
David	1814, 1846	
Lrasy( <del>McKinney</del> )	1782, 1804	dis Nov. 1804; wife of Will m. Rebecca Rollins 18 Marc 1819; b. 29 Oct. 1825; d. March 1921
*Elias	1846	
Elizabeth	1782, 1804	
Elizabeth	1846	
Elisha	1846	
Elizabeth	1846	dis
Diadem	1846	dis
George	1846	1850 Clev Co Cen, age 23, Martha J., 24
**Henry	1814	decd; 1800 Ruth Co. Census
*John, a deacon	1814, 1846	dis, exc; m. Lethe McKinch 20 Dec. 1819; 1800 Ruth Co dis
Judith	1814, 1846	
Lethia (McKinney)	1814, 1846	m. John Green, 1819
Martha	1814	decd
Mary	1782	
Nancy	1814, 1814	
Nancy	1814, 1846	
Pulley	1814	dis
Rebecca (Rollins)	1846	m. Elias, 1819; b. 14 Sept d. 25 Sept. 1900
Shedrach	1814	dis; m. Mary Gage 20 Dec. 1800 Ruth Co. Census
Unice (Durham)	1814, 1846	dis; m. Wm H. Green 25 Feb. 1832; 1850 Clev Co. Cen, 30
William	1782, 1804	on 1793 roll; dis Nov. 1804 became a charter member of Concord; 1800 Ruth Co. Cen
*William H.	1814, 1846	dis; m. Unice Luthas
William	1846	decd, d. 6 Jan. 1847
Robert	1846	exc; m. Polly Bridges 17 J. Rev. War Pension; War of 18
*William	1804	
**GREGORY, Absolem	1782, 1804	1800 Ruth Co. Census
Anner	1782, 1804	
Amey	1782	
*Joseph	1782, 1804	on 1800 roll; 1800 Ruth Co.
Margaret	1782, 1804	on 1800 roll

To start our identification, the first name in Daniel's will and the first name on the church roster is Sarah with a misspelled last name of Arrenton. Sarah Arrenton was **SARAH HARRINGTON** (ABT. 1740-ABT. 1790), who married **THOMAS HARRINGTON** (1740-1789).

Looking at the land records, we find a deed showing that Thomas sold a 100-acre land grant in Tryon County, on a branch of the Broad River, which was witnessed by Thomas Baker and Aaron Burleson. In Thomas' will, he stated, "I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Harrington, my plantation and possessions. "[L]astly my will and desire is that Daniel Shipman, Sr. and Jacob Shipman, be the sole executors of this my last will and testament."<sup>3</sup> His deed documents his living in the Sandy Run area, and his will records his wife's name. The executors of his will are his father-in-law and a brother-in-law.

Next, I recognized the names **MARGARET (GREEN) BURLISON** (1755-1805) and **THOMAS BURLISON** (1758-1830). There was an entry beside Margaret's name describing land owned by **AARON BURLISON** (1722-1781) (Aaron who wrote his will in Washington County [WCW] or frequently called Aaron II). Thomas Burlison was a son of Aaron, the owner of the land noted on the roster by Margaret's name. Thomas was Margaret's husband. I wondered why Aaron's property was listed beside Margaret's name. Where was Aaron, and where were his children? I knew that my husband's ggg-grandfather, Joseph Burleson, another one of Aaron's sons, had lived somewhere along Sandy Run Creek during the American Revolution.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Miscellaneous Probate Records, 1784 – 1850, Author: North Carolina. County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions (Rutherford County); Probate Place: Rutherford, North Carolina. Notes: Wills, Vol 1-2, Ace-Pai.



<http://www.nclandgrants.com/grant/?mars=12.14.87.2025&qid=529374&rn=1>

Land records show that Aaron Burleson had located 100 acres in Mecklenburg County on both sides of the Sandy Run and the north side of the Broad River. The deed is dated August 11, 1766, and is recorded in Grant Book 23, pg. 40. Daniel Shipman and Thomas Burleson were the chain carriers. Aaron Burleson also located 200 acres in Tryon County on July 4, 1768, on the South Fork of the Sandy Run of the Broad River, recorded in Grant Book 20, pg. 452.<sup>4</sup> The first church roll published was for 1782, and Aaron died about that time. According to an article by John Hoyle Burleson, (<http://www.bfrg.info/bfrg/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Burleson-Family-Research-Group3.pdf>) "Sometime after Aug. 1783, Rachel (Aaron's wife) takes her minor children back across the Blue Ridge to Sandy Run Creek, Rutherford County (formerly Tryon in 1774, formerly Mecklenburg in 1766) NC where they left from in 1744. ... Aaron and Rachel's minor children grew up in the Sandy Run Creek area until they became of age. Most of Aaron and Rachel's sons and daughters would find their brides and husbands from those families in Rutherford Co. NC within a few years<sup>5</sup>."

The two land deeds document that Aaron (WCW/II) and his family did have ties to the Sandy Run area, but they were not on the church rolls in 1782.

Looking again at Margaret Burleson, her maiden name was Green. The church roster has twenty-seven people listed under the name Green, and that does not include Margaret because she was married and listed under the name Burleson. Because Margaret's surname is Green, we need to add Greens to our list of people to watch for along the journey.

William Green originally owned the land where the church was located. There were four William Greens listed on the roster. Two of the William Greens were members of Sandy Run on the 1846 rolls, which would mean that they were either very young or not born in 1782 and not old enough to own property. If we look at only the Greens listed on the rolls in 1782, 1804, and 1814 and no later, we shorten the list. Drusy Green, (wife of William), Elizabeth Green, Mary Green, Nancy Green, Polly Green, Shadrach Green, William Green (who was dismissed in November of 180? Became a charter member at Concord, 1800 Ruth[erford] County Census) and William Green, (Rev. War Pension, War of 1812).<sup>6</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Helen Burleson Kelso, "Burleson Family Bulletin," 3320.

<sup>5</sup> John Hoyle Burleson, "The Life and Travels of Aaron Burleson." Burleson Family Research Group July 2013.

<sup>6</sup> Virginia Greene DePriest, 9.

There is a **MAJOR WILLIAM MARION "BILLY" GREEN** (1753-1832) who appears to be one of the Williams because he lived in the time frame to have been in both the American Revolution and the War of 1812. In addition to that, he was married to **DRUCILLA MCBRAYER** (1755-1828). Drusy was a nickname for Drucilla, and the comment "wife of William" beside her name gives us a hint. Major Green had a son named William, but his birth date is estimated to be 1878, so he was not one of the two Williams. Major William Green is one of those family lines that have no beginning, like Daniel Shipman. Daniel had a father named Edward Shipman and a mother called Mrs. Shipman or put in another way, unknown. Daniel had plenty of descendants, and he engaged in things that have been documented, so we know when and where he lived, we just cannot tie him to the Shipmans that were already in America. Major William Green had a father named Captain Joseph and a grandfather named William Green. At this time, I have been unable to tie this branch of the Green tree to the one I have for Margaret (Green) Burleson's tree.

In the booklet *The Sandy Run Settlement and Mooresboro*, the information beside **SHADRACH GREEN** (ABT. 1763-AFT. 1846) is that he is married to **MARY GAGE** (ABT. 1767-1846). Mary Gage was the daughter of **DAVID GAGE** (1734-ABT. 1807) and **ESTHER** (ABT. 1730-ABT.1800), thought to be Shipman. Margaret's brother was **RICHARD GREEN** (1740-1794), who was Shadrach's father, which means that Margaret (Green) Burleson was Shadrach's aunt.

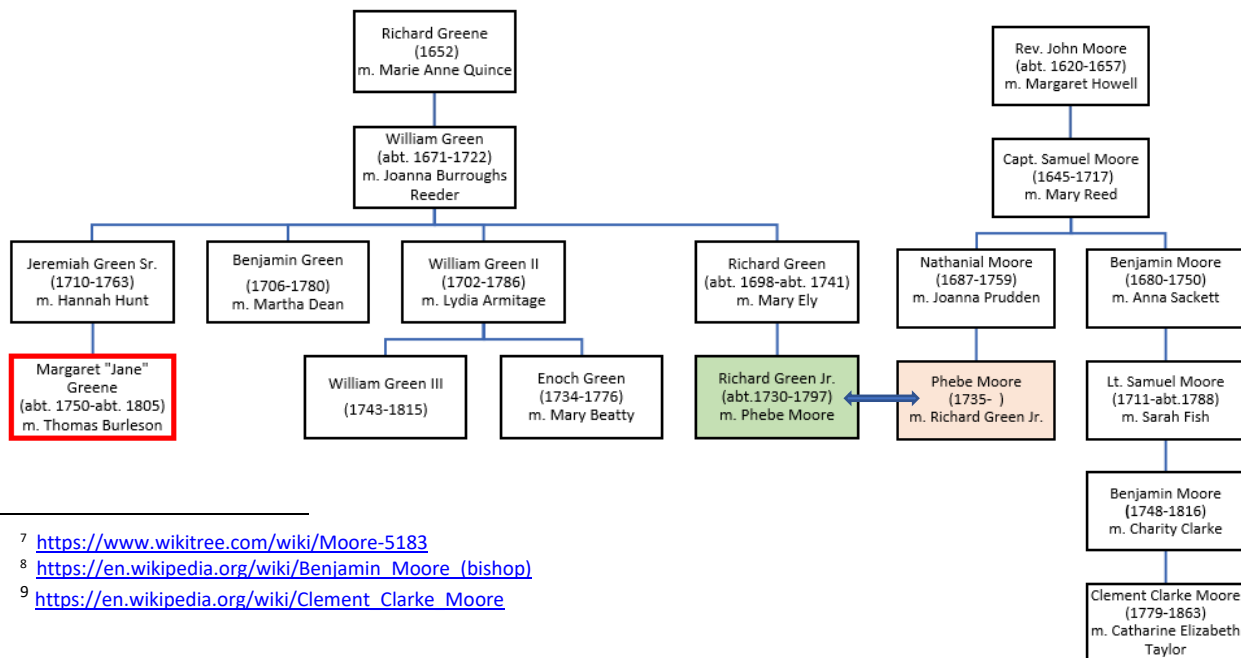
In researching this article, I found many interesting people. I decided to make a "tree" to see the relationships. When I work on genealogy, I like to see the connections. I also tend to get off the beaten path and begin to meander. I will try to give a warning when I start drifting, but I usually do find something interesting.



This is a meandering alert. Using the family trees below, start at the red square for Margaret (Greene) Burleson, wife of Thomas Burleson, son of Aaron Burleson (WCW/II). Travel up the tree to her father, Jeremiah Green, Sr. and slide right to Richard Green. Now go to the green square of her cousin Richard Green, Jr. Then change to the other family tree, which is for the Moore family. There is a pink-colored square for Richard's wife, Phebe Moore. Then head to the top of that tree to Phebe's great-grandfather, The Reverend John Moore.<sup>7</sup> He was the first independent minister allowed in Newtown, New York. Next, go back down to the last Benjamin Moore. He was the second Episcopal bishop of New York. Bishop Moore gave Alexander Hamilton his last communion after he was fatally wounded in a duel with Aaron Burr<sup>8</sup>. Then to the bottom of the column is Clement Clarke Moore. I know many of you recognize that name. We all know his work. He was a writer and a professor of Oriental and Greek Literature, and Divinity and Biblical Learning. He wrote a poem originally called "A Visit from St. Nicholas" but we have known it as "T'was the Night Before Christmas"<sup>9</sup>.

Now all you have to do to explain your connection to Clement Clarke Moore is to start with your relationship to Thomas Burleson and then add: his wife's first cousin's wife's first cousin twice removed. That is a distant cousin.

Time to get back to our starting point, Sandy Run, on the journey to Texas. Until the next *Recollections*.



<sup>7</sup> <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Moore-5183>

<sup>8</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benjamin\\_Moore\\_\(bishop\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benjamin_Moore_(bishop))

<sup>9</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clement\\_Clarke\\_Moore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clement_Clarke_Moore)