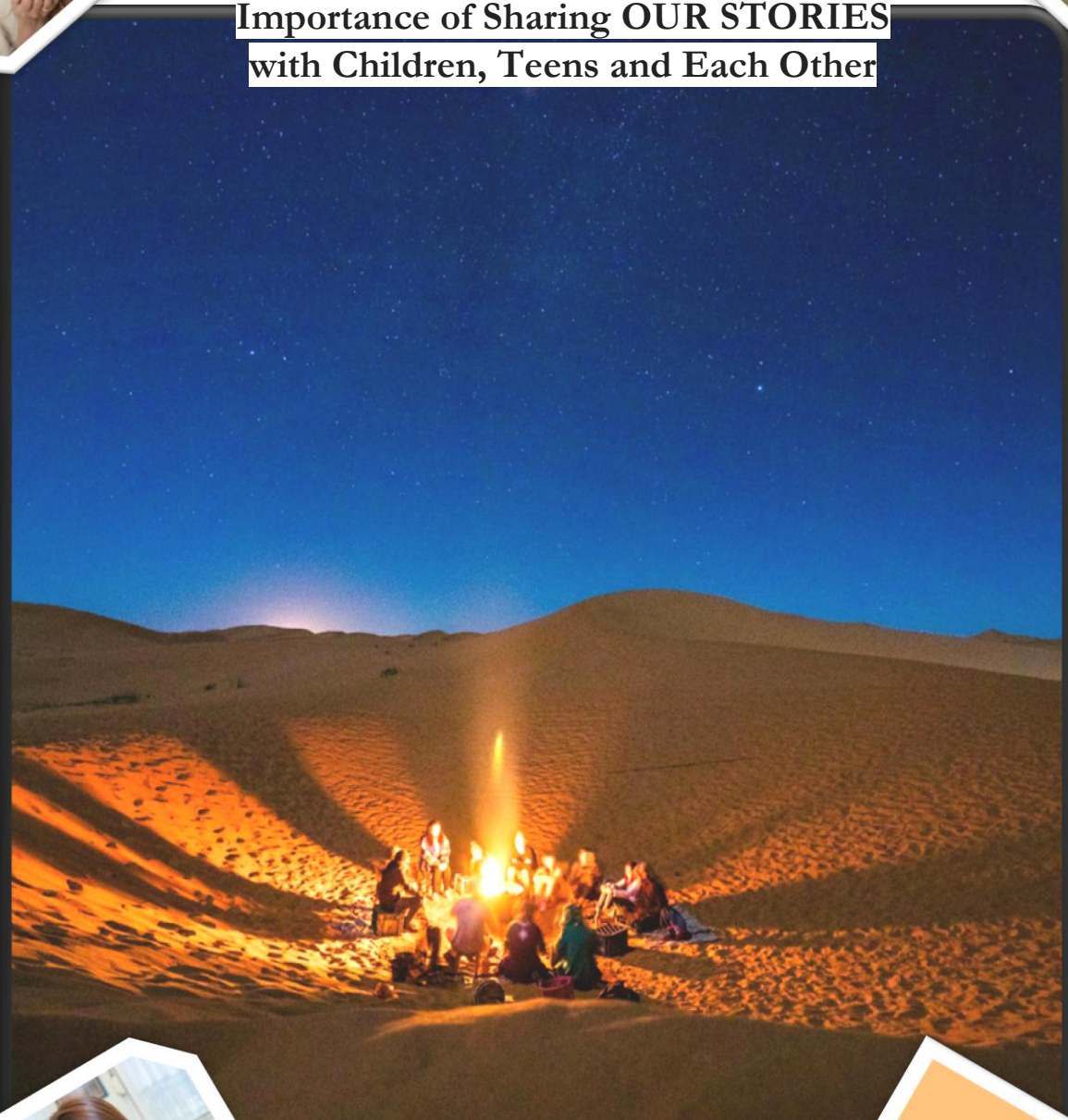


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Burleson and Cousins Should Realize the
Importance of Sharing **OUR STORIES**
with Children, Teens and Each Other



We were pioneers and warriors.
But we **ALSO** have very human back Stories...
the kind that hold attention...you'd share at a campfire.

A Tapestry of Time: Weaving Generations Through Family Stories



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Most of us have heard family stories from parents and other relatives. These shared stories are important for many reasons. They often contain cultural and heritage significance elements as they convey traditions, values, and customs. Preserving these stories helps to maintain a connection to one's roots and cultural identity. Family stories contribute to forming a shared family identity as they provide a sense of belonging by strengthening family bonds and creating a sense of continuity. Personal stories are often filled with emotions, experiences, and lessons that have been learned; therefore, sharing these stories helps create an emotional connection between family members. It allows younger generations to understand prior challenges, triumphs, and hardships ancestors faced. This can lead to an empathetic understanding of relatives and what they endured. Some of these stories include births, deaths, marriages, military duty, employment, education, recipes, traditions, and moral lessons. Family stories often include anecdotes and experiences that offer valuable insights and wisdom. By sharing these stories, older generations can pass on their accumulated knowledge and perspectives that could help younger family members navigate life's difficult challenges. This is one way parents can indirectly contribute to the moral and ethical development of future generations.

Knowing one's family history creates a sense of continuity. It allows individuals to see themselves as part of a larger narrative that extends beyond their lifetime. This awareness can be comforting and provide a sense of stability. Numerous cultures have depended on oral histories long before any written records were kept. Oral traditions pass down history, knowledge, and cultural practices.

Many of us wish we had listened more attentively to historical narratives passed on by our family members a bit more. These are oral histories and traditional narratives that pass down cultural knowledge, values, and experiences from one generation to another. Such dialog opens discussions about core values and beliefs that define a family. In addition, they serve as a foundation for decision-making and behavior.

One of my most cherished possessions is a CD of my grandmother's sister, Aunt Ressie Burleson, giving an oral account of her long trip from central Texas to east Texas. It is hard to imagine her as a young girl, but her stories reveal what it was like to be a youngster on a long wagon ride, its difficulties, and its joys. She described a tent revival and how she and her friend snuck in, climbed up high, and made significant noise resulting in being escorted out of the revival tent. Hearing her stories is so meaningful and I am consequently thankful her son recorded her early recollections of her simple yet arduous life for future generations.

Overall, passing down family stories is a way of preserving, celebrating, and transmitting the collective wisdom of families, their heritage, and the identity of a family from one generation to the next. This is essential for maintaining a sense of identity, fostering familial connections, and ensuring that valuable traditions are passed down to future generations. Building family identity is an ongoing process that requires intentional effort and participation from all family members. By incorporating these practices into your family life, you can strengthen the sense of identity and connection that defines your unique family unit. Building family identity is an ongoing process that requires intentional effort and participation from all family members. By incorporating these practices into your family life, you can strengthen the sense of identity and connection that defines your unique family unit.

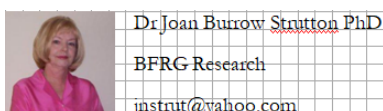
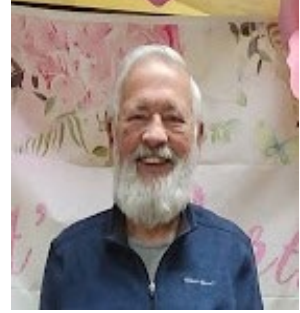


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Editor's Note:

As you see from our table of contents, you're in store for another edition with a wide array of subjects. We strive to bring you opportunities to review our epic history as well as meet contemporary cousins. Focus for a sec on the cover. The images are reminders that YOUR STORIES are unknown to most of us. Your news and tales of old would make terrific additions to the Bureson and Cousins collection. BFRGs own contributor is collecting all sorts of stories for her Bureson Anthology: Campfire Tales. They can be serious or comic, long or short. Add pictures if possible. We have lots of help to assist you getting started or seeing it to completion. Our cousin Dr. Joan Strutton leads off this edition stressing the importance of grandparents sharing family stories. We'll be stopping off at several locations in Texas in early May. Come join in the field trip; we can share a story or two each evening.



Stay tuned for announcements regarding the Texas Field Trip itinerary and the availability of our BFRG Challenge Coin. (Anticipating \$ 15.00 plus shipping)



We'll see you at the next gathering; bring hugs and stories.

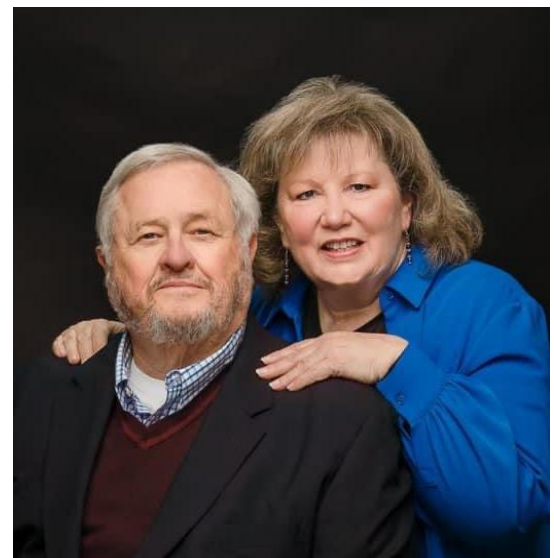


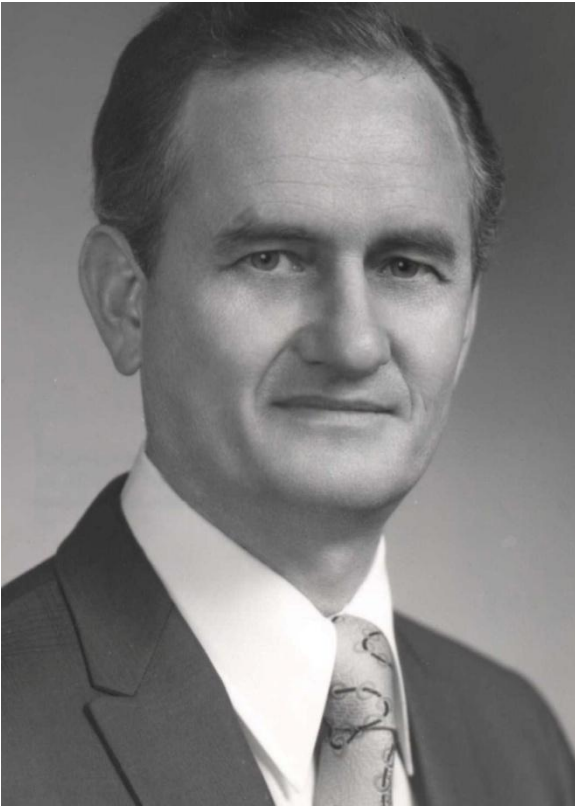
A Cousin in Congress: Eric Wayne Burlison



The honorable Eric Wayne Burlison, born 1976 is a sitting member of the United States House of Representatives. The 7th district is his home in Springfield, Missouri. Burlison is no stranger to political service having previously been a Missouri State Representative 2009-2013 and Missouri State Senator 2019-2023. The 47 year old is a 1995 graduate of Parkview High School in Springfield, Missouri. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts (2000) degree in philosophy then a Master's degree (2002) in Business Administration- both from Southwest Missouri State University. Burlison was employed at CoxHealth as a software engineer before being promoted to business analyst. He then was hired by a company named Cerner.

Eric is the son of living parents- Danny Lee Burlison (7 February 1948 Missouri) and Linda Sue Stufflebean (19 July 1955 Missouri).





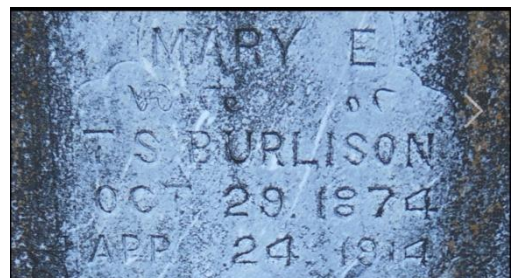
Grandparents were Maurice Lee Burlison (27 July 1929 Springfield, Greene, Missouri) and Pauline Rae Burk (16 September 1927 Licking, Texas County, Missouri to September 1994 Missouri).



His great grandparents were Elva Lee Burlison (8 August 1899 Christian County, Missouri to 26 September 1984 Springfield, Greene, Missouri.) and Beatrice Rebecca Buckner (13 November 1905 Bassville, Greene County, Missouri to July 1986 Springfield, Greene, Missouri.)



GG grandparents were Theodore Smith Burlison (7 October 1866 Monroe County, Tennessee to 8 December 1928 Springfield, Greene, Missouri.) and Mary Ellen Pearce (29 October 1874 Boaz, Christian, Missouri to 24 April 1914 Christian, Missouri.)





Isaac M. H. and Mary White Burlison

GGG grandparents were Isaac M. Howard "Trock" Burlison (6 August 1832 Monroe County, Tennessee to 15 January 1916 Christian County, Tennessee) and Mary Mathilda White (5 August 1834 Monroe, Tennessee to 14 September 1910 Boaz, Christian, Missouri.)

Above this Isaac is another Burlison (Possibly Isaac) 1769 to 1840 which is under a current investigation by BFRG, married to Mary Anna "Polly " Coleman (1809 Cocke County, Tennessee to 1885 Monroe County, Tennessee.) Some cemetery markers and many family trees indicate Isaac's participation in the Revolutionary War but the 1769 age likely negates age appropriateness. The issue for our team is the existence of two Isaac Burlisons within a decade in the region. Stay tuned for results of this significant study.

An important nugget found in the Congressman's extended tree is his maternal grandmother, Bonnie Colleen Doty reaches centuries back to Isaac Doty 1760 Piscataway, New Jersey to 1815 Greene County, Tennessee. He was brother to the famous Azaria Doty 1745-1851. Azaria loaned money to Aaron Burlison 1722-1781 for long hunt needs. Aaron put up his 200 acre farm as collateral. When Aaron was killed returning from the hunt, his widow, Rachel, was forced to relinquish the property to Doty to satisfy the loan. The Doty family has kept the land in their family ever since. BFRG's Research Team visited the farm close to the Doty Chapel recently to gather documents and site specifics. Azaria lived to 106 and was killed by a copperhead snakebite. BFRG researchers will also follow up information that Eric's Doty line may trace to a Mayflower passenger.





Angela Lynn Kember Burlison, Reese Lynn Burlison and Aubrey Colleen Burlison

Eric is married to Angela Lynn Kember (Burlison) and the couple have daughters, Reese Lynn and Aubrey Colleen. Despite his rigorous schedule in Washington D.C. , Congressman Burlison still manages considerable time with his family and friends. The upside of political service is the ability to affect change benefitting the community; a downside- particularly at the House of Representatives is the requirement to non-stop campaign as terms are only two years. That means team-Burlison are heavily involved on the campaign trail. Here's a collection demonstrating just that:



Out with staff for a chili bowl



Daughters on the campaign trail



Even the candidate shares manual labor



The family Burlison campaigning



Team Burlison gathering



Making time for family fun



Had to leave victory party to take congratulations calls from D.C.



Burlison receiving American Firearms Association award. He is also an NRA Member



Representative Burlison and staff

Missouri State Representative, Missouri State Senator and now U.S. Congressman Eric Burlison has steadily promoted legislation concerning health, insurance and educational opportunity. He has special affection for programs that offer care to dyslexic children and other special needs children. He has served on Committee for consumer protection, energy and the environment, cyber crime and has chaired Small Business and Industry. Eric supports campus ministries such as the Potter's House and Campus Crusade for Christ. He is involved in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks and was name Big Brother of the year in 2005. He's on the board of D.R.E.A.M. and the Harmony House for battered and abused women. This Burlison family are members of Destiny Church in Republic, Missouri. We look forward to continued collaboration with our new cousin in researching the Burleson/Burlison line from Missouri > Tennessee> North Carolina and beyond. Best of luck to Eric's family in Springfield, MO and Washington D.C.



Saying goodbye to the good folks in Missouri and leaving the state house for the US Capitol will be quite the challenge.





Eric's message to cousins: "I am so happy to connect to our extended family tree. I share a fascination for the Burlison/Burleson name and history."

Family story:

My great grandparents Elva & Bea Burlison lived in a small home with a corner grocery store that they operated. Many of the vegetables were grown on their small two lots around the store and in their back yard. There was a news story about their "watermelon tree", which was simply them wrapping watermelon vines up a tree to save space. Their son, Maurice Burlison, continued in the family business, grocery. He worked as the manager for a supermarket in Springfield, MO. One of the employees he trained was a young college student at the time by the name of David Glass who went on to manage a larger chain of stores called Wal-mart. My grandfather left the grocery business to sell commercial real estate. My grandmother Pauline played the organ in the First Church of the Nazarene for almost her entire life. My father Danny, served in Vietnam and was in a forward base camp during the Tet Offensive. He and my mother both worked in Insurance.

Eric W Burlison

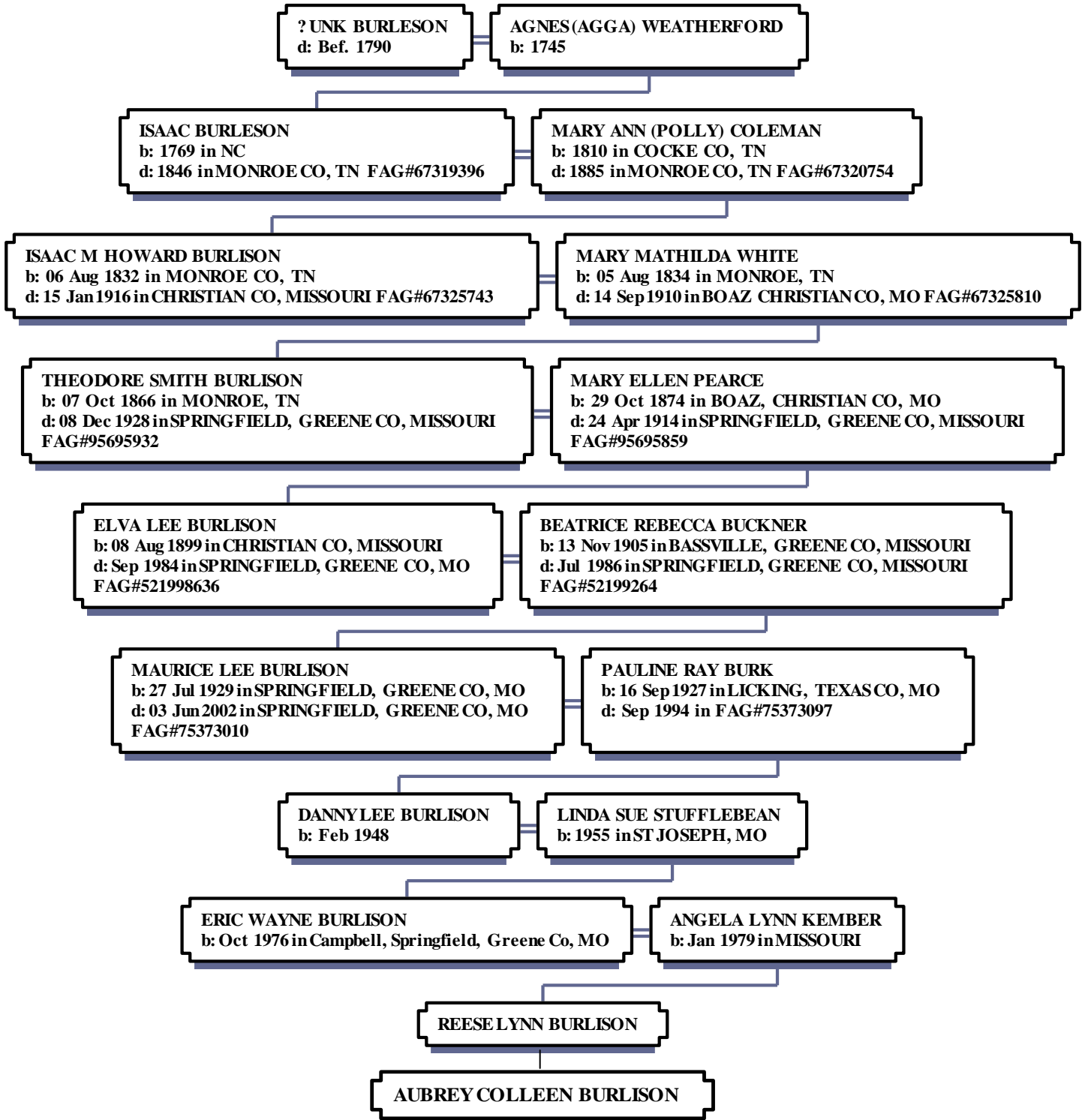


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Direct Descendants of ? UNK BURLISON



Does the Scar Show?



Here's a tale of military heroism coupled with blunders, meandering to and fro like the Texas Nueces River. A long section of the Nueces was the area under the responsibility of young militia Lieutenant Edward Burleson, Jr.(1826-1877), son of the hero of the battle of San Jacinto, General Edward Burleson (1798-1851), Sr. and Sarah Griffin Owen (1796-1874). The Nueces was named a century and a half before Lt. Ed's fateful day by Alonso de Leon in 1689 as "nuez", the plural of NUTS. That played true on January 1851 and the several months beforehand along that river.

In late fall 1850 Captain Ford led the forty troops in his charge to a stand of Comanche teepees his scout had spied. His strategy lacked any method. He ordered his men to ride furiously head on to the village hooting and hollering with guns ablaze. They killed six Comanche, wounding nine more with the balance of the group hiding in the brush. One healthy Comanche in his late teens was captured. Ford's unit retreated to a nearby hill. Late the same day they witnessed the Comanche slowly trickle back to the teepees. Shockingly Ford ordered their prisoner to be beheaded. The stunned troops then followed Ford's order to again attack the village in equally boisterous fashion differing only that the young Indian's head was hurled towards the tents. This assault resulted in many more deaths and injuries for both sides.





Once returned to his encampment, Ford tended his injured and sent word to his superior in San Antonio, Col. Persifor Frazer Smith with a request for replacements. The next several weeks saw increased depredation raids by the Comanche. The Indians were careful to keep the attacks to remote farms and in the open where their mounted skills kept the advantage to themselves.

Persifor Frazer Smith



By early January 1851 the Comanche had grown more brazen in their depredations and farm attacks. Ford met Lt. Burleson at a location along the river that bordered both of their districts. Ford directed Burleson to deliver a letter to Col. Smith at San Antonio. The letter explained that tensions were high amongst the Comanche (failed to mention Ford's own atrocities and belligerence) , therefore he needed many more troops. Burleson did deliver the letter but it was summarily refused. Burleson sent word to Ford no help would be coming. Despite this, Ford and his forty continued hostilities.



After delivering the news to Ford, Lt. Burleson and HIS forty headed towards their end of the Nueces. En route to Ft. McIntosh at Laredo near the Mexican border on January 27,1851 Burleson saw in the distance , three Indians riding on horses. He could tell they were Comanches. He'd had a recent report of Comanche on the war path, stealing horses and cattle all along the Nueces valley. Adding that to seeing only three, Burleson ordered nine rangers to

joining him in the pursuit of the three. He ordered the balance of his Group (31 or so) to return to Laredo. As Burleson and the nine drew closer to the Comanche, he noticed they weren't moving, yet they continued. As they crested the hill the three held ground. Atop the rise Burleson could now see just below were another 13 warriors hidden below. The now sixteen Comanche rushed the rangers forcing them afoot. The battle was now hand to hand...no time to create a formation. The warriors were armed with Lance's, bows, arrows and tomahawks. His troops mistook his order to remount as dismount. The struggle was on. The area selected by his enemy was flat plain without trees or vegetation on that side of the hill. Nothing to do but fight it out with sidearms and knives. Burleson killed the Chief of the war party; that disoriented and discouraged the Comanche. The Indians fled flinging arrows on retreat. One such arrow struck Lt. Burleson in the head, pinning his hat to his skull. One troop, Private Samuel Baker Barton was killed on site and buried there by his comrades. Private William Lackey was shot with three arrows just below the rib cage. He was

carried to a nearby town for medical help but died from his wounds three weeks later. Barton and Lackey are honored on the Texas Lawmen Killed in the Line of Duty Wall today. Also injured in the fight were brothers Privates Alf, Tom and Jim Wilkerson. Two others suffered wounds, Private Jim Carr and Jack Spencer.



Many battles involving Burtlesons were given names like Horseshoe Bend, Brushy Creek and the Grass Fight. Young Lt. Ed's was simply called the ***“Burtleson Fight.”***



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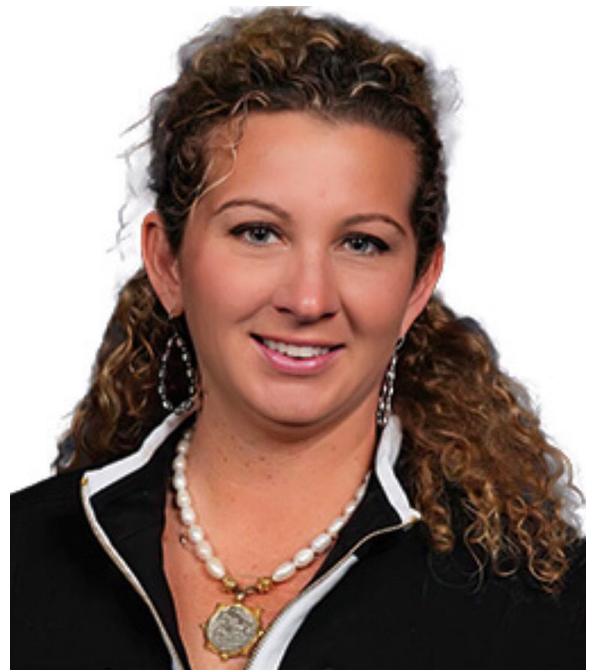


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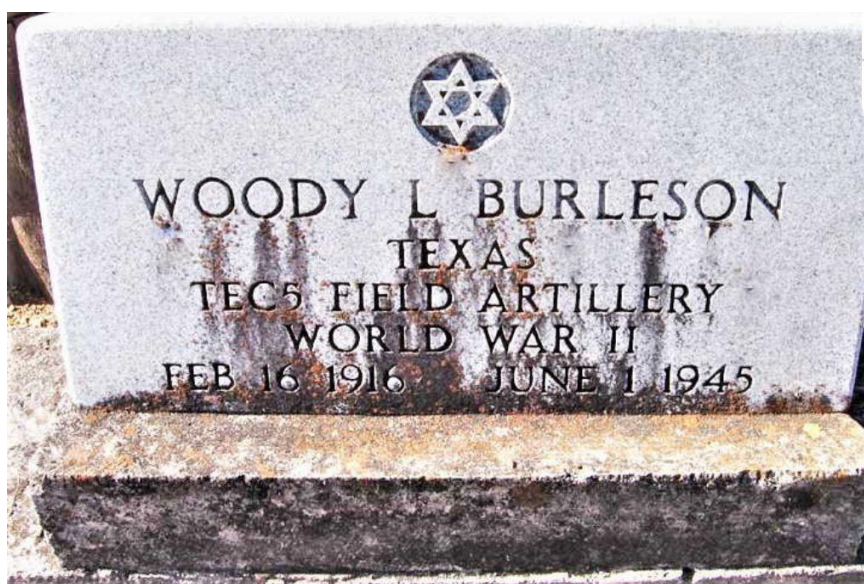
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A New "Breed" of Burlesons in Kentucky



As you enter the gates of a two hundred fifty plus acre farm in the small community of Midway, Kentucky you could see the signage and symbol of Burleson Farms. An adjoining 3000 acres augment the operation owned by Lyn Burleson and his wife, Dr. Modesty Burleson, VMD. They are the proprietors of Burleson Farms, a multi-faceted thoroughbred race horse operation run by Lyn and the Spy Coast Farm administered by Modesty.

Lyn is a third generation horse breeder. His father, Michael "Mike" Lyn Burleson worked a small horse breeding farm in rural Texas. The farm enjoyed some success with lucrative sales at Texas auctions. Before Mike's father's passing, Woodrow "Woody" Lyn Burleson taught him everything about a thoroughbred operation. Woody was born 16 February 1915 Vance, Real County, Texas. Woody entered the Army at the tail end of WWII as a TEC 5 communications operator with the Field Artillery. He died 1 June 1945 at Starnberg, Landkreis Starnberg, Bavaria, Germany near the French border. Word had trickled down the line troops in all sectors that the war would soon end. Woody's comrades heard the rumors were true, news was eminent. They urged him to turn on his equipment so they could each hear firsthand. Woody did just that, lobbing his antennae string over a tall shrub. He did not see the line just above. It was live; Woody was killed instantly by electrocution. Ironically, the word did come soon after. It is believed the 29 year old Burleson was the last casualty on Europe's WWII. Woody left a young widow, Elizabeth Mae Yancey he'd married 20 January 1942. In the short period between their marriage and his departure for the war, he'd impregnated Elizabeth. She gave birth to Mike 30 January 1943 in Blanco, Texas. Woody never got to see his young son. As the subsequent years passed, Elizabeth remarried to Woody's first cousin, another Burleson.

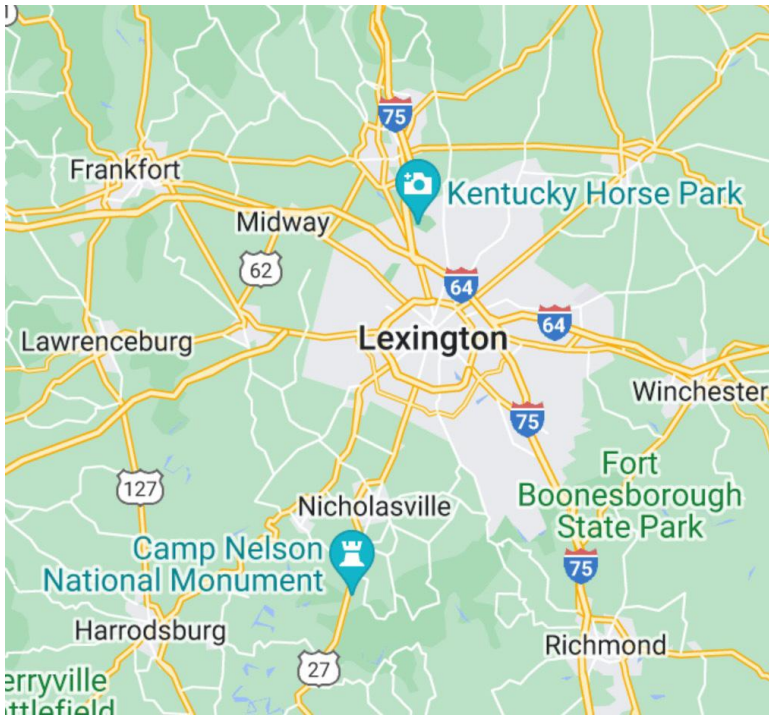


Mike said his mother's new husband raised him as his own in a kind loving household. He grew into manhood as a dedicated horseman. On 25 June 1981 Mike married Jacqueline Lanelle Ligon in Gillespie, Texas. She is a descendant of the famous colonial/English Lygons. This couple were the parents of Lyn. Mike said Lyn was a total natural horseman. He recognized Lyn's skill and potential required to head out for bigger things. Lyn sold everything he owned and put it in a 2003 Ford pick up. He left Texas for Lexington, Kentucky- center of American thoroughbred racing and breeding. Lynn served a two year apprenticeship with one farm. He did well bringing home a one year old sold at Texas auction for a six figure payout. Lyn went back to Lexington to serve another apprenticeship at another breeder's. After one year that breeder sold out to a couple looking for an investment. They were long distant owners, leaving Lyn to run the business. Lyn's knowledge and skills were superior. He sold more one year olds and soon acquired his own operation. Mike described Lyn's story a real rags to riches tale.



Modesty attended Virginia Tech for her Master's Degree and went on to University of Pennsylvania for her Veterinary Doctorate. She moved on to Lexington on her own, meeting Lyn later. They together run one of the most successful horse businesses in the nation. One of their horses, Oxbow won one of the gems of the Triple Crown- the Preakness. Burluson Farms is called by industry experts a boutique Thoroughbred farm that offers a full spectrum of service: 24 hour a day full service care to race horse lay ups, quarantine services and recovering surgical and medical patients from all nearby equine hospitals. Modesty focuses on collection of samples for insemination.





Oxbow (G1)

Awesome Again - Tizamazing

Consigned by Burleson Farm, bred by Colts Neck Stables

Preakness S. (G1) winner with earnings over \$1.2 million.



Hands-on care from start-to-finish.



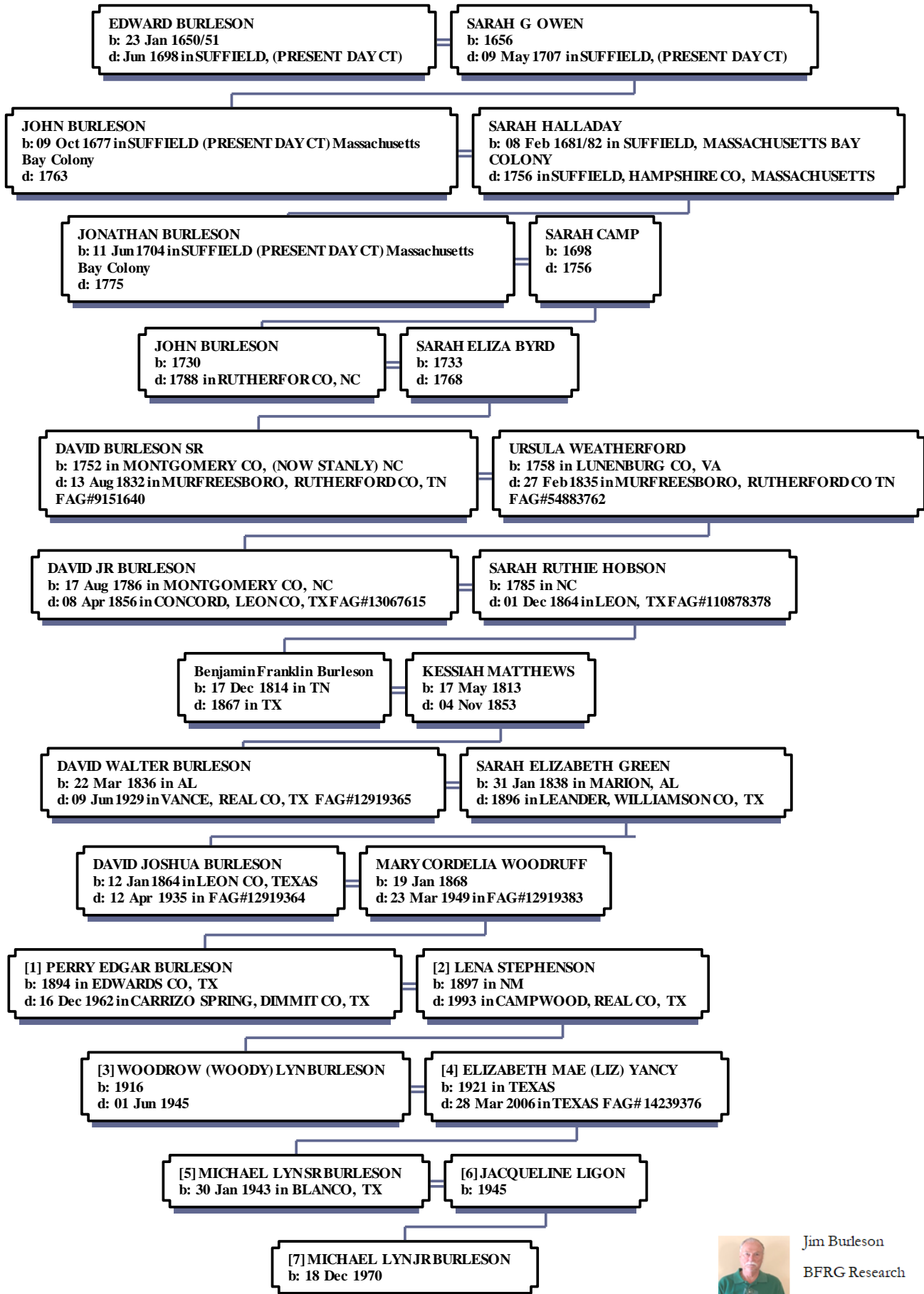
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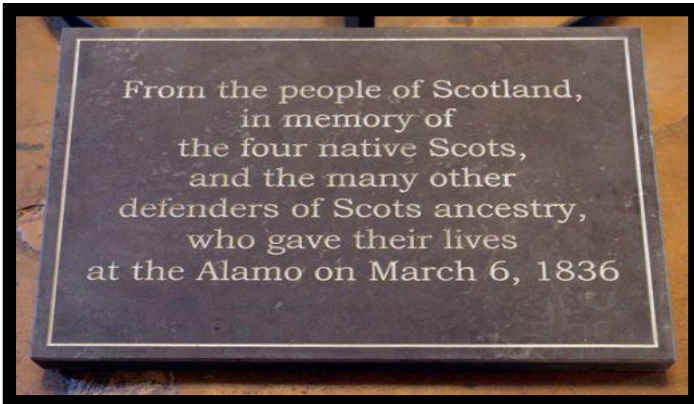


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The Contribution of Scots in Battle at Alamo



A monument commemorating the four native Scots who were among those who died for liberty and Texas is displayed on the Alamo battleground. This monument is in plaque form, hewn out of Caithness stone and made by Historic Scotland. An inscription from the Scottish people can be seen on the stone.

This memorial to recognize the fallen Scots is a huge honor for Scotland. Inside the church the saltire is displayed with flags of other countries and states which lost gallant men in the battle. The commemorative plaque is the first memorial to the dead of any single nation. Such a memorial underlines strong bonds of friendship and kinship between Scotland and the United States.

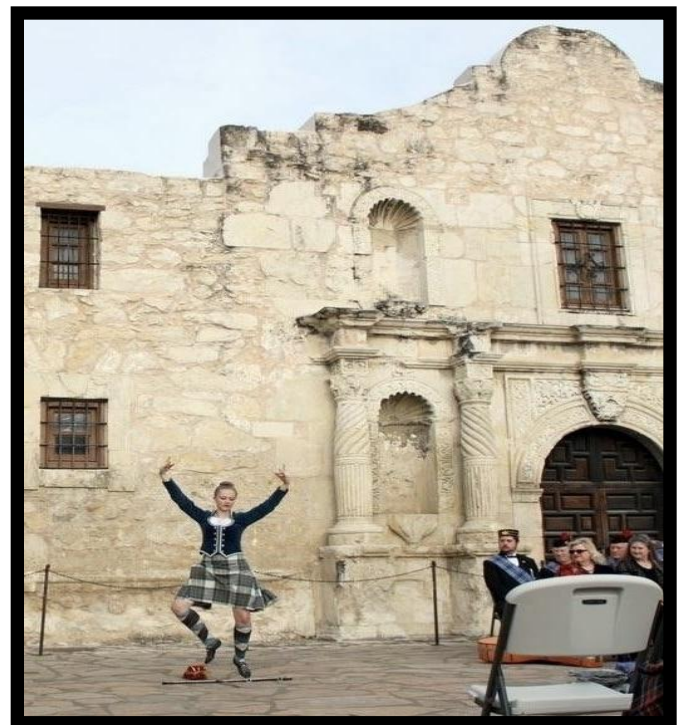
Four Native Scots at Alamo

Isaac Robinson:

- Born in Scotland 1808
- Came to Texas from Louisiana
- Participated in siege of Bexar 1835
- Served in Alamo garrison
- 4th Sergeant in Capt. William R. Carey's artillery company

David R. Wilson:

- Born in Scotland in 1807
- Son of James and Susanna (Wesley) Wilson
- Lived in Nacogdoches, Tx with his wife Ophelia
- Accompanied Capt. Philip Dimmitt to Bexar/Alamo in early 1836
- Remained at Alamo when Dimmitt left first day of siege



Richard W. Ballantine:

Born in Scotland 1814

Residence in Alabama

Arrived in Texas by passenger ship in 1835

He and other passengers committed to Texas by signing a statement declaring "we have left every endearment at our respective places of abode in the United States of America, to maintain and defend our brethren at the peril of our lives, liberties and fortunes".

Rank of Private/Rifleman

John McGregor:

Born in 1808 in Scotland/Aberfeldy in Perthshire

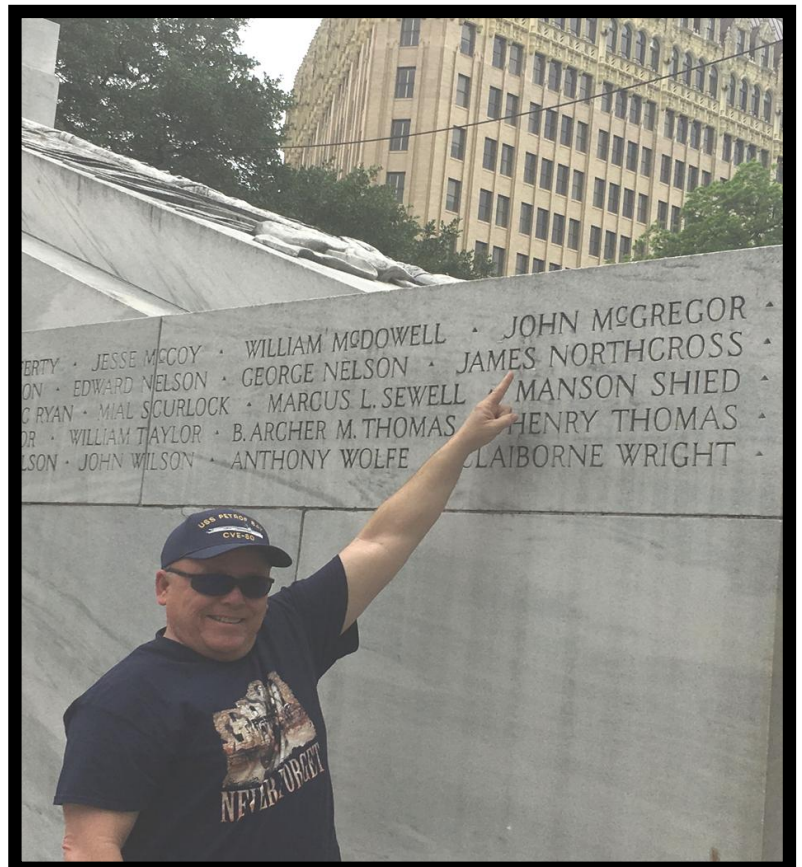
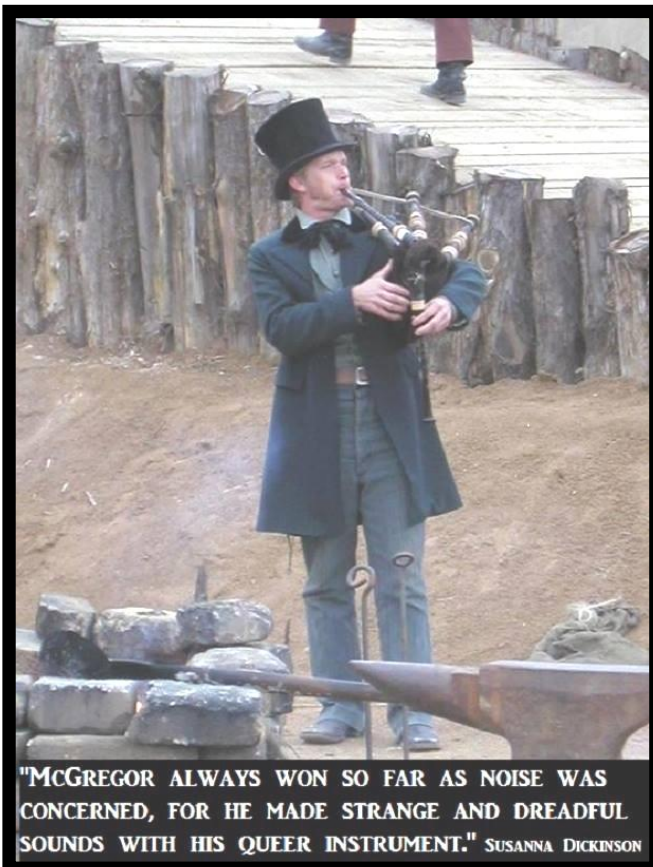
Victim of Highland Clearances

Residence in Nacogdoches, Tx

Participated in Battle of Bexar 1835 and received a donation certificate for 640 acres

Possibly accompanied David Crockett and his Tennessee Volunteers to Alamo 1836

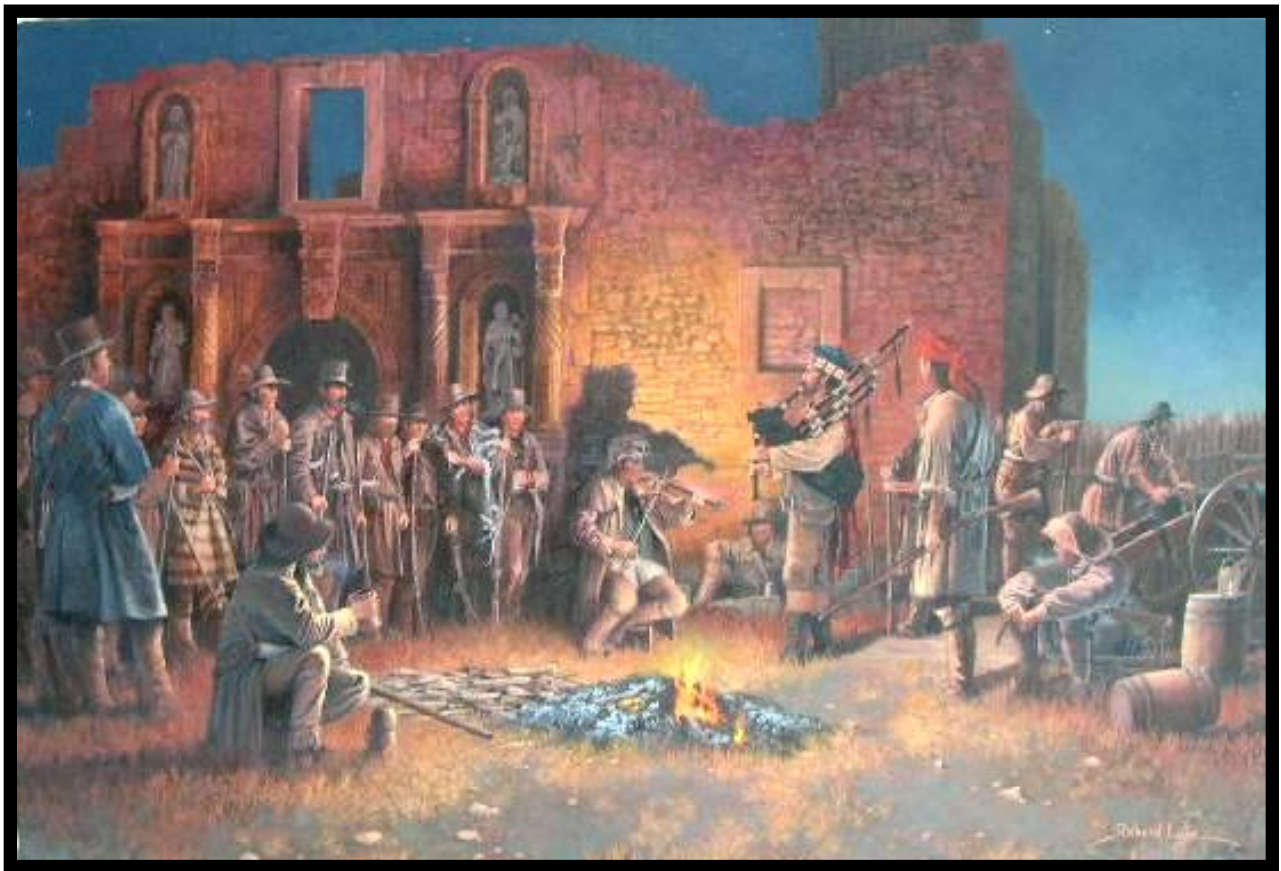
2nd Sergeant in Capt. Carey's artillery company/piper



Jammin' At The Alamo

While four Scots died defending the Alamo, it is McGregor, the piper, that has romantically captured the fascination of Alamo historians and enthusiasts. In his bid to lift the morale of the defenders under siege, McGregor performed musical duels with a fiddler present at Alamo.

While tradition holds that Crockett played the fiddle, evidence shows it was more likely one of his Tennessee volunteers, Micajah Autry. Autry was a sensitive man who was also an amateur poet, writer, artist and musician. In addition to these talents he was a designated sharpshooter. With these features and other similarities between the two figures, it is a good possibility that Autry could have easily been mistaken for Crockett.



_ In any case, the pair provided some loud and lively music. McGregor is said to have won these jam sessions with his efforts being the loudest and longest.

Dueling Tunes

Listed below are types of musical arrangements of bagpipe and fiddle pieces that could have been included in the legendary music jamming duel performed at Alamo.

A North Highland Reel

Ma Hurraman

Colonel Crockett

Highland Laddie

Maol Non Crogan

Elegy about McGregor presented to Alamo Museum

But the blood is aye strong, and the memories run deep,
And Clan McGregor have gathered at long last to weep
For their kinsman who died with the last gallant men
Free the Child of the Mist, send him back home again.

May his spirit rest light, may his soul go in peace,
May his pipes fill the glen, may the kilt brush his knees,
And the heather blooms purple the bens and the brats,
As we send back his spirit to live out its days.

Yet, the call of the piper will still haunt the high hills,
And the blood of the Gael will still water the mills.

Of the minstrels and bards dwelling beneath the Lone Star

Who dip with their pens from that vast reservoir,
for the last a legend lies deep in the heart Of the Highlands of Texas
forever a part Of the nation he fought for, the land he helped win, And
McGregor has won back his name once again.

So, the Lone Star and Alpin are fast joined together. May their union aye
flourish-Despite them-6forever

Scottish Memories, George Forbes, 1993

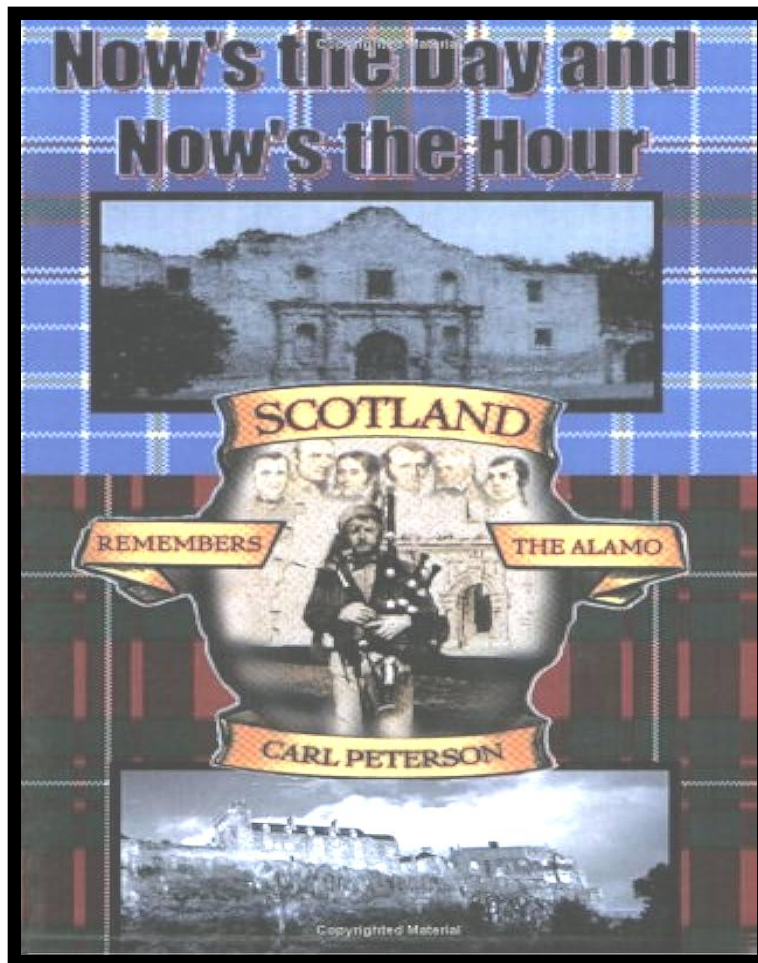


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JAMES BURLESON (1803-1856)

EARLY SETTLER IN MORGAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In my last article for BFRG's "Recollections" publication, we presented some information on the life of John Burleson Jr. (1812-1890) who along with his mother and other family members moved from Alabama to Tennessee and eventually to Macoupin County, Illinois in 1827. As you recall, John Jr. was the son of John Burleson (circa 1768-1824) and his second wife Mary "Polly" Hodges Burleson (DOB unknown-1847).

John Burleson was one of thirteen children named in Aaron Burleson's (circa 1726-1782) last will and testament written 16 Nov 1781 while Aaron and his family were living in Sullivan County, North Carolina (now Tennessee). The will was proven in the May 1782 court sessions held in Washington County, North Carolina (now Tennessee). The will was recorded in Will Book 1, Page 2 of the county's records. In about 1783, Aaron's widow, Rachel moved her family back to the Sandy Run Creek area of North Carolina where they had previously lived. Here, John Burleson grew to manhood. He was married to Abigail Moore (maiden name uncertain) in about 1787. Their first child, named Elizabeth, was born in about 1788. Their second child, Jonathan Burleson, was born on 6 Oct. 1789. See Burleson Family Association Bulletin, page 1574, November 1991 issue for the family group sheet of Jonathan Burleson. John and his young family show up in the 1790 federal census, living in what was then Rutherford County, North Carolina. On 13 July 1791, their third and last child, Aaron Burleson, was born. See BFA Bulletin page 3470 of the Spring 2013 issue for family bible record of Aaron Burleson. In about 1796, Abigail Burleson died. John later married widow Mary "Polly" Hodges (maiden name unknown). By the late 1790's John had moved his family to Kentucky. Later they moved to Tennessee and stayed there for a few years before moving to the Mississippi Territory in 1807 or 1808. The number, names and birth dates of all the children of John and Mary are not known. The two best documented are John Burleson Jr., the subject of the last article, and James Burleson the subject of this article.

James Burleson was born on 22 March 1803 in Tennessee. His birth date is verified by the bible records of his oldest son, John Burleson (1825-1876). See BFA Bulletin, page 3224, of the Fall/Winter 2008-2009 issue for complete bible record. You can follow the childhood movements of James Burleson by reading my last "Recollections" article which describes the travels of his father, John Burleson Sr, and his family before settling in what later became Morgan County, Alabama in 1817. It is assumed James Burleson was still living with his father and mother in 1821, when they purchased from the government an eighty-acre tract near the Wolfstown area in west Morgan County. As mentioned in the last article, the 1820 federal census records for Morgan County were lost and along with it the chance to learn more about this family.

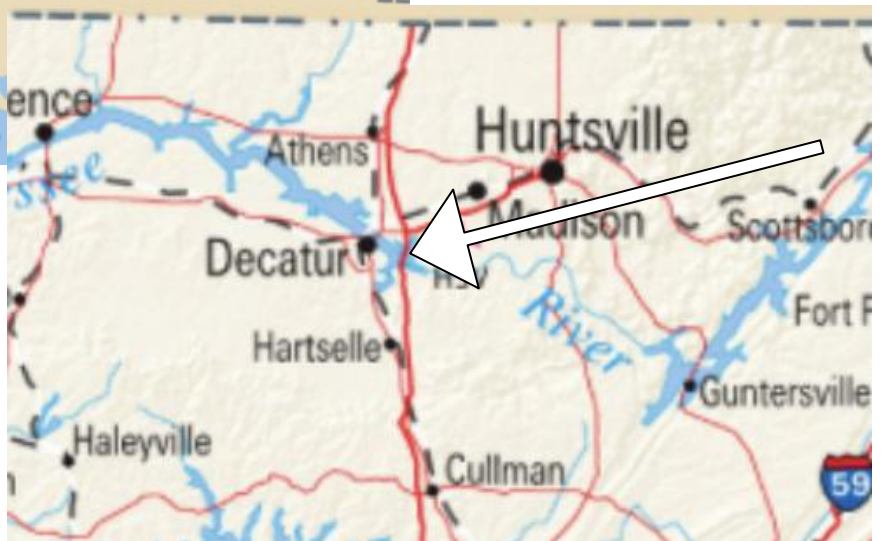
John Burleson Sr. died in mid to late 1824. See page 921 of BFA Bulletin, February 1988 issue of the Orphans Court records for Morgan County pertaining to the settlement of John Sr's estate. On 27 Nov 1824 James was appointed administrator of the estate and at the same time his mother, Mary Burleson, was appointed guardian of James' two younger brothers, Thomas and John Jr. John Sr. had died intestate, therefore the court appointed three commissioners to determine the value of the real estate and offer it for sale. The three commissioners included Jonathan Burleson (1789-1866), the oldest son of John Burleson Sr. and his first wife Abigail. Griggs Putman and John Putman were the other two commissioners. By 28 Feb. 1825, James purchased the eighty-acre homestead from his father's estate. On 12 March 1825 he sold the tract to Charles Royer.

Soon after her husband's death, Mary Burleson, along with some of her children moved to Tennessee and in 1827 moved to Macoupin County, Illinois. James Burleson remained in Morgan County, Alabama.

The marriage record for James Burleson has not been located, however, he was married in about 1823. His wife's first name was Malinda, with some sources giving her maiden name as "Nesmith", however, I have not been able to verify her last name. James and Malinda had two children; the first was Mary Burleson who was born 5 Feb 1824. Their second child was John Burleson who was born 11 Jan 1825.

Just where in Morgan County, did James Burleson and his young family live in the decade after his father's death is uncertain. Land records before 1835 have not been found to show his exact location. He and Malinda and their two children are shown in the 1830 federal census for Morgan County. Based on land ownership records of the families shown living near him in the census, it appears he was living about six miles south of the Wolftown area. From 1835 onwards the locations of James Burleson's homesteads have been verified. According to Bureau of Land Management records through the General Land Office, James filed to purchase from the government two 40-acre tracts on 14 Nov 1835. The first tract was the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 4 West. The second tract was the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 34, same township and range. The two tracts adjoined each other at the SE corner of the first tract and the NW corner of the second tract. He paid \$49.70 and \$49.69 respectively for the parcels. The patents for both were issued on 5 Aug. 1837. The land was located on Village Creek less than one mile south of the original home of his half-brother, Jonathan Burleson. Jonathan owned land adjoining James' land to the east. The 1840 federal census shows James and his family living on this property adjacent to and east of the homestead of Jesse Sivley (1796-1868). The Sivley family were good friends to both the James Burleson and Jonathan Burleson families. They all attended church at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church located about 2 miles northwest from their homes. These families are often mentioned in the Mt. Pisgah Church minutes from the 1830's, 1840's and 1850's. James Burleson's daughter, Mary is buried adjacent the graves of Jesse Sivley and his wife, Elizabeth in the Pisgah cemetery. James Burleson is possibly buried in the same cemetery as there are about 45 unmarked graves.

The historic deed records of Morgan County do not contain any instruments showing the sale of the 80-acre homesite nor are there records showing James later purchasing the land where he spent the remainder of his life. Many early deeds were not recorded in Morgan County which makes it difficult to trace ownership. However, by the mid to late 1840's, James had sold his 80-acre farm and had purchased a 280-acre farm located on Flint Creek about 4.5 miles north of his 80-acre site and about 2 miles south of the Tennessee River and three miles southeast of Decatur. The legal description for this farm is as follows: The SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 3, Township 6 South Range, 4 West, the W1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 3, same township and range, and the SE1/4 of Section 4, Township 6 South, Range 4 West. He and his family were living on the Flint Creek farm when his wife Malinda died on 28 June 1847. The 1847 minutes of the Mt. Pisgah Church lists her death. See BFA Bulletin, page 3229, Fall/Winter 2008-2009 issue for bible record of her death. James remarried in 1850 to Rebecca J. Putman. Their marriage is not recorded in Morgan County records, however in the 1850 federal census, he and Rebecca were interviewed on the 18th of December 1850 and are shown to be married less than one year. In the 1850 Census James's profession is listed as "farmer". He is listed as owning 28 head of sheep, 80 head of swine, 12 head of cattle, 4 horses and 2 oxen. Other than growing corn and oats for livestock feed, he did not grow anything else except garden products. James and Rebecca had four children. They were, Sarah (Sallie) Ann Malinda Burleson born 1 Jan 1850, Martha E. Burleson born in about 1852, James Rufus Burleson born between 1851 and 1855 and Sylvanus "Sill" Cummings Burleson born in November 1856, approximately five months after the death of his father.





On 15 March 1855, James and Rebecca deeded 104 acres of their farm to James's oldest son, John Burleson (1825-1876). This tract was taken off the west side of James' farm and is recorded in Deed Book 211, Page 427, Morgan County, Alabama Probate Office. The James Burleson farm is outlined in red on the topographic map included in this article. The 104 acres deeded to his son John is outlined in a broken black line.

James Burleson died on 7 June 1856. The date of death is recorded in the John Burleson family bible and is also shown in James' estate file which is located at the Morgan County Archives in Decatur. Information in his estate file shows James had been ill for some time before his death. Dr. William Murphy and Dr. Charles F. M. Dancy visited frequently and provided medicine over a two-year period before his death. Two days before James died his family purchased from Burleson & Davis Dry Goods in Decatur various items in preparation for his funeral. Coffin screws were purchased as well as white crape, ribbon, tacks and cloth. To dress his corpse, white pants and white socks were purchased. Carpenter, Thomas E. Ballew, was paid \$12.00 for making a walnut coffin for the deceased.

James died intestate and the Probate Court appointed his son, John Burleson as administrator. The court appointed five commissioners, Malcom Patterson, William Childers, C. W. Price, Ben F. Bean and A. S. Blackwell to determine the value of the real estate, allot the widow's dower and to sell the balance of the land. Rebecca was allotted a dower of 58.5 acres off the north side of the 176-acre estate. The dower lands included the Flint Creek frontage and the home and all related farm buildings. The remaining 117.5-acre tract was sold by public auction held at the farm on 29 Aug. 1857. The land was purchased by David Mason Crow (4-Nov 1820-22 Apr. 1895) the husband of James and Malinda's daughter Mary Burleson (5 Feb. 1824-22 Sept 1852). He paid \$730 for the land. The grave sites of James and Malinda Burleson are not known. They are possibly buried in the Pisgah Cemetery in unmarked graves. Another possibility is the Bishop Cemetery. Their son, John Burleson, is buried there. Both cemeteries are only a few miles from their farm. They were possibly buried on their farm near their homesite. Several years ago, a descendant of James and Malinda, Mary Elizabeth Burleson Birdwell, told of her visits to the farm as a child. She remembered a family cemetery on the 104-acre tract deeded to John Burleson but could not remember who was buried there. She stated that when the Tennessee Valley Authority purchased the farm in the mid 1930's for the Wheeler Reservoir Project, the family was asked if they intended to move the cemetery. Even then, moving a cemetery was a complicated and expensive project and the family was not able to relocate it. After TVA purchased the land, the cemetery was lost. About 35 years ago I asked personnel at Wheeler Wildlife Refuge in Decatur what happened to the family cemeteries located on the 35,000 acres when TVA acquired the refuge land. I was told there were no cemeteries on any of the property at the time of purchase. For some reason, I found that difficult to believe.

A decade after the death of James Burleson, his widow Rebecca remarried. She married William C. Martin on 28 July 1866. William and his family had moved from Lawrence County Alabama to Morgan County in the 1850's and were living between Decatur and Flint Creek in an area near the James Burleson farm. William's first wife Mary had died sometime between 1860 and 1865. NOTE: William C. Martin's first wife's maiden name was "Putman". She is possibly the sister of Rebecca Burleson, both being the daughters of John Putman, one of the commissioners for the estate of John Burleson Sr. What happened to Rebecca after her marriage to William C. Martin is uncertain. In the 1870 federal census Rebecca is not included in the family of William Martin. It is noted that on 28 July 1870, William C. Martin married Mary Jane McClanahan (maiden name Thompson) the widow of Alexander McClanahan. This would indicate Rebecca died sometime between 1866 and 1870. Her actual death date is unknown as is her place of burial.

A brief summary of the six children of James and his two wives follows.

1. Mary Burleson (1824-1852) the oldest of the two children of James and his first wife Malinda married David Mason Crow (1820-1895) on 9 Dec 1840. The 1850 census shows the couple living near her father. Four children are listed: Elizabeth J, 8 years old; John F, 6 years old; Malinda J, 3 years old and Ruanna, five months old. Mary Burleson died four years before her father and her children are listed as heirs to James's estate. The four are listed plus a fifth child born after the 1850 census. His name was Jonathan E. Crow who was born 29 Jul 1852 and died 3 Jun 1930. He and his wife Nancy McClellan Crow (23 Apr 1851-23 Jun 1888) are buried in the Crow Cemetery in the area known as "Crowton", located off Old River Road about 2 miles NE of the James Burleson farm. David Mason Crow and his second wife, Julia A. McClanahan Crow (1824-1910) are also buried there. His first wife, Mary Burleson Crow, is buried in the Pisgah Cemetery located just east of U S Hwy. 31 in the Flint Community. Mary and David's youngest

daughter, Ruanna Crow (26 Jan 1850-20 Dec 1931) married William Chunn Hartsell on 23 Sept 1869. He was the son of George Hartsell, the namesake of the City of Hartselle. William and Ruanna had several children and are buried near George Hartsell (1802-1872) and his wife, Delany (1802-1872) in the Bethel Church Cemetery just north of Hartselle. Also buried in the Bethel Cemetery is Ruanna's older Sister, Elizabeth J. Crow (2 Aug 1843-5 Feb 1910 who married Elijah P. McClanahan (1840-1911) on 21 Oct 1860. They are shown in the 1880 Morgan County census with three young daughters. The second oldest daughter of David and Mary Burleson Crow was Malinda J. Crow (18 Nov 1847-25 May 1867). She married William M. McClanahan (1843-1926) on 27 Dec 1865. They had no children during their 18-month marriage. Malinda is buried in the Pisgah Cemetery next to her mother Mary Burleson Crow. After the death of Malinda, her husband William McClanahan remarried on 1 Sept 1867. His bride was Tempa Jane Burleson born 15 Feb 1848, the cousin of his first wife, Malinda. More on Tempa Jane later. David and Mary's other child, John F. Crow, was born in about 1844. He is included in the 1850 census, however, I have no further information on him.

2. John Burleson (1825-1876) was the second child of James and Malinda Burleson. His family bible has been mentioned often in this article. He was married three times and had a total of seven children. Morgan County marriage records show he married Matilda McClellan with the license issued on 4 July 1846. John's family bible shows he married Malinda G McClellan on 9 July 1846. They had one child, Tempa Jane Burleson born 15 Feb 1848. As mentioned above, she married William M. McClanahan on 1 Sept 1867. They are listed in the 1880 census along with three sons and one daughter and are shown living in the Bethel Church area. Tempa died 22 May 1888 and is buried in the Pisgah cemetery. John Burleson's first wife Malinda died 7 Apr 1848. John's second wife was Mary Elizabeth King (17 Sep 1829-25 Nov 1869) whom he married 10 June 1848. The couple had six children. The oldest was Malinda S. Burleson born 4 Sep 1849. She married William T. Martin in Morgan County on 9 Feb 1871. He was the son of William C. Martin mentioned earlier in this report. Malinda and William are listed in the 1880 census with three children, two daughters and one son. They were living in the Priceville area within a few miles of her father's farm. John and Elizabeth's second child was Elvira J. Burleson (26 Dec 1851-4 Feb 1906). According to Morgan County marriage records she wed Albert H. Cox on 18 May 1873 at the residence of her father. However, 1880 census records and her gravestone in Pisgah Cemetery lists her husband as Richard Cox (20 Jan 1850-31 Oct 1910). By 1880 Richard and Elvira were living a few miles southwest of her father's farm and had one daughter, Mary Bell who was 4 years old. John and Mary's third child was Edward P. Burleson (16 Sept 1854-18 Dec 1854). John and Mary's fourth child was James Calvin Burleson (4 Feb 1856-29 Mar 1909). He married Rachel Clementine Francis (1865-1912) on 27 Dec 1882. They had ten children, four boys and six girls. See BFA Bulletin, page 3317, Spring 2010 issue for information on the children provided by Paula Hurst of Decatur. She is a great granddaughter of James Calvin and Rachel. Their farm and home was located in the Cedar Cove area in central Morgan County. James and Rachel are buried in the Mt. Tabor Cemetery a few miles east of Hartselle. John and Mary's fifth child was Bovell H. Burleson born 4 Feb 1859. No death record is noted, however, in the 1860 census, Bovell is not listed. The sixth child of John and Mary was Leroy Douglas Burleson born 4 March 1861. He married Lydia C. Francis of Morgan County on 8 March 1891. They moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee and eventually had five children, one boy and four girls. After the death of John Burleson's second wife, Mary Elizabeth in 1869, he married for a third time on 15 May 1870. His bride was Elizabeth L Cox (30 July 1830-20 Nov 1896.) She and John Burleson had no children. Elizabeth is buried in Pisgah Cemetery next to her father, Arnold Cox (1800-1884). Elizabeth was the older sister of Richard Cox who had married John Burleson's daughter Elvira. John lived out the remainder of his life on the 104-acre farm deeded to him by his father in 1855. After John's death in 1876, his widow, Elizabeth continued to live there until 1882 when she deeded 30 acres, including the home to John's half-brother, Sylvanus C. Burleson. In 1888 Sylvanus was deeded an additional 32 acres. Today as you turn south off State Highway 67 to visit the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center you will drive through the James and John Burleson farms. In fact, the visitor center and nearby wildlife observatory are both located on the west side of the original 280-acre farm. After TVA acquired the land and Wheeler Dam was constructed, about 50 acres of the 280 acres was flooded, some of the acreage only seasonal.
3. Sarah (Sallie) A. M. Burleson was the first child of James Burleson and his second wife Rebecca J. Putman. She married James A. Cox (29 Oct 1847-19 Nov 1920) on 2 Sept 1877. James was a sibling to Richard Cox

and Elizabeth L Cox. They had two sons, Bennett Gilmer Cox (1878-1950) and James Glenn Cox (circa 1881-1954). James and Sallie eventually wound up owning the James Burleson homeplace which had been part of the dower of his widow, Rebecca. This and other land they owned adjacent and near the homeplace was all sold to TVA in the mid 1930's. James Glenn Cox was living in the homeplace when TVA acquired it. Today State Highway 67 extends through the property and no trace of the old home exists. James and Sallie Cox are both buried in Decatur.

4. Martha E. Burleson was the second child of James and Rebecca Burleson. She was born in about 1852. She shows up as eight years old in the 1860 census. She was mentioned several times in the settlement of her father's estate. I can find no further reference to her in census, marriage, death or land records of Morgan County.
5. James Rufus Burleson was the third child of James and Rebecca Burleson. His birth date is not known however he was born between 1851 and 1855. He died sometime in January 1857. On January 12, 1857, funeral supplies were purchased from Burleson & Davis Dry Goods in Decatur. The materials were billed to the estate of Rufus Burleson. Morgan County Archives in Decatur has the estate file of James Rufus Burleson however it does not list the exact date of death. His burial site is not known.
6. Sylvanus "Sill" Cummings Burleson was the fourth and last child of James and Rebecca Burleson. He was born in November 1856 about five months after his father died. He married Mary Ellen Crabtree (14 Feb 1878-24 Dec 1966) on 25 Oct 1896. She was 21 years younger than him. They had eight children, four boys and four girls. Sylvanus was a farmer and lived out the remainder of his life on the portion of his half-brother's farm he purchased in the 1880's plus adjacent land he later acquired. Sylvanus died on 5 April 1926 and was buried in Pisgah Cemetery. His grave is unmarked. His widow, Mary, later remarried. Her second husband was Emil Shider (last name later changed to Bauer). They eventually moved to Salt Lake City, Utah where they both are buried.

Today the numerous descendants of James Burleson and his two wives are scattered across the United States and have contributed greatly to the growth and prosperity of our country.

NOTE: Research for this article has led to the disproving of the long-held idea that James Burleson was the owner-operator of Burleson's Ferry. For years it was thought the ferry was located on the Flint Creek frontage on James's farm. Burleson's Ferry was actually located about one-half mile east of James' farm on land owned by Dr. Aaron Adair Burleson (1816-1899), the oldest son of Jonathan Burleson, the half-brother of James. Aaron purchased 380 acres from William A. Sykes on 7 Jan 1842. See Deed Book D, Page 610 located at the Morgan County Archives. In the deed Sykes reserves free use of the existing ferry for him and his family including his slaves plus free passage for his wagons and livestock. Later in 1842, Aaron Burleson obtained approval from the Alabama State Legislature for the operation of the ferry. During the War Between the States, Union Major Willett, on his 1864 map of Morgan County shows Burleson's Ferry where the road from Somerville to Decatur crosses Flint Creek. Over the last 80 years family researchers, including myself, had assumed the ferry was owned by the James Burleson family due to the proximity of his homeplace. The correct location of the ferry is shown by a red "X" on the topographic map included in this article. I am glad to correct the error. Dr. Aaron A. Burleson was also a merchant in Decatur. He was a partner in Burleson & Davis Dry Goods mentioned in this article.

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Kurt John-Charles Garner, 1983- living



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He's an avid genealogist and co-authored a book devoted to the greater family that joined John Wesley Forbes and Rosa Elizabeth Burleson on 5 August 1900 in Linville, Avery County, North Carolina. Kurt and a few of his western NC relatives have agreed to collaborate with BFRG researching that cluster. We're soliciting stories, extended trees and DNA. Part time he instructs various business classes at Pitt Community College. Kurt is an East Carolina University (ECU) grad. Previously he worked at ECU and D.H. Conley high school. We will share Kurt's full line at the end but to get your initial bearings: he is from the cluster of Aaron Burleson b.1722 New Jersey> Thomas "Daunt" Burleson b.1745 Lunenburg, Virginia > "Big Aaron" Burleson b.1768 Cane Creek, Mitchell County, North Carolina > Jonathan O. Burleson b.1799 Cane Creek, Burke County, North Carolina > Charles "Dunk" Duncan Burleson b.1822 Burke County, North Carolina > Reuben Milton Burleson b. 1856 Bakersville, NC > Rosa Elizabeth Burleson b.1881 Mitchell County, North Carolina > Murphy Abraham Forbes b. 1901 Linville, Avery County, North Carolina > Wesley Arliss Garner b. 1924 Micro, Johnston, North Carolina > Wesley Arliss Garner, Jr. b. 1952 Buncombe, North Carolina > Kurt John-Charles Garner b. 1983 North Carolina .

We unfortunately do not have photographs of generations older than Reuben, so we'll start here:



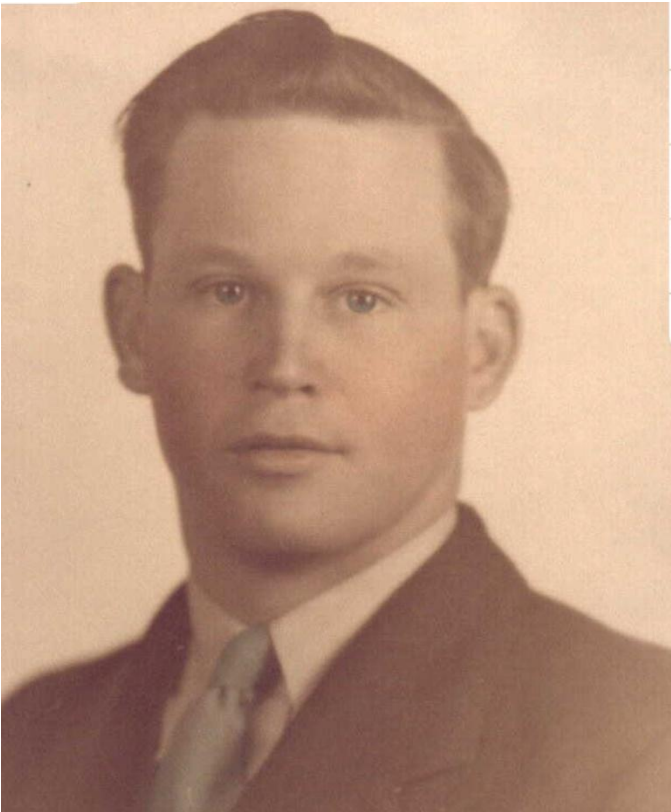
Reuben Milton Burleson was born to Charles "Dunk" Burleson and Judith Harrell. In a 27 July, 1900 article in the Semi-weekly,"Landmark" it recorded Reuben's killing at a store in Montezuma, Mitchell County, North Carolina. He'd been drinking heavily and argued heatedly with J.L. Banner. Each sat at the other several times. Burleson missed each time. Banner hit Reuben three times. Witness accounts confirmed it was a case of self defense.



John Wesley & Rosa Elizabeth Burleson Forbes



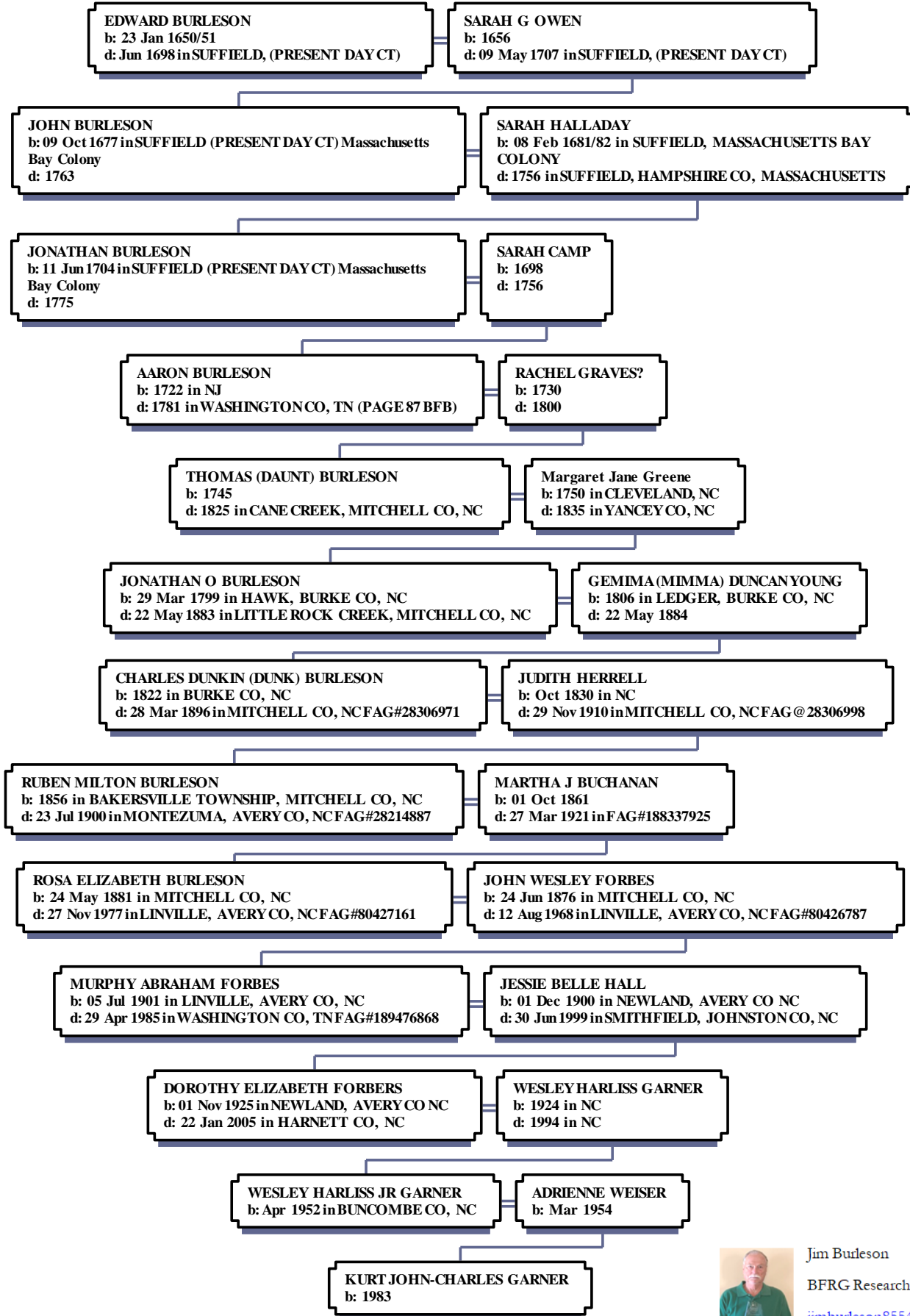
Murphy Abraham & Jessie Belle Hall Forbes



Wesley Arliss Garner Sr & Dorothy Elizabeth Forbes Garner

We're unable to post pictures of Kurt's parents, Wesley Arliss Garner, Jr. and Adrienne Weiser at this time. BFRG will report to you updates of the Forbes/Burleson research results.

Direct Descendants of EDWARD BURLESON

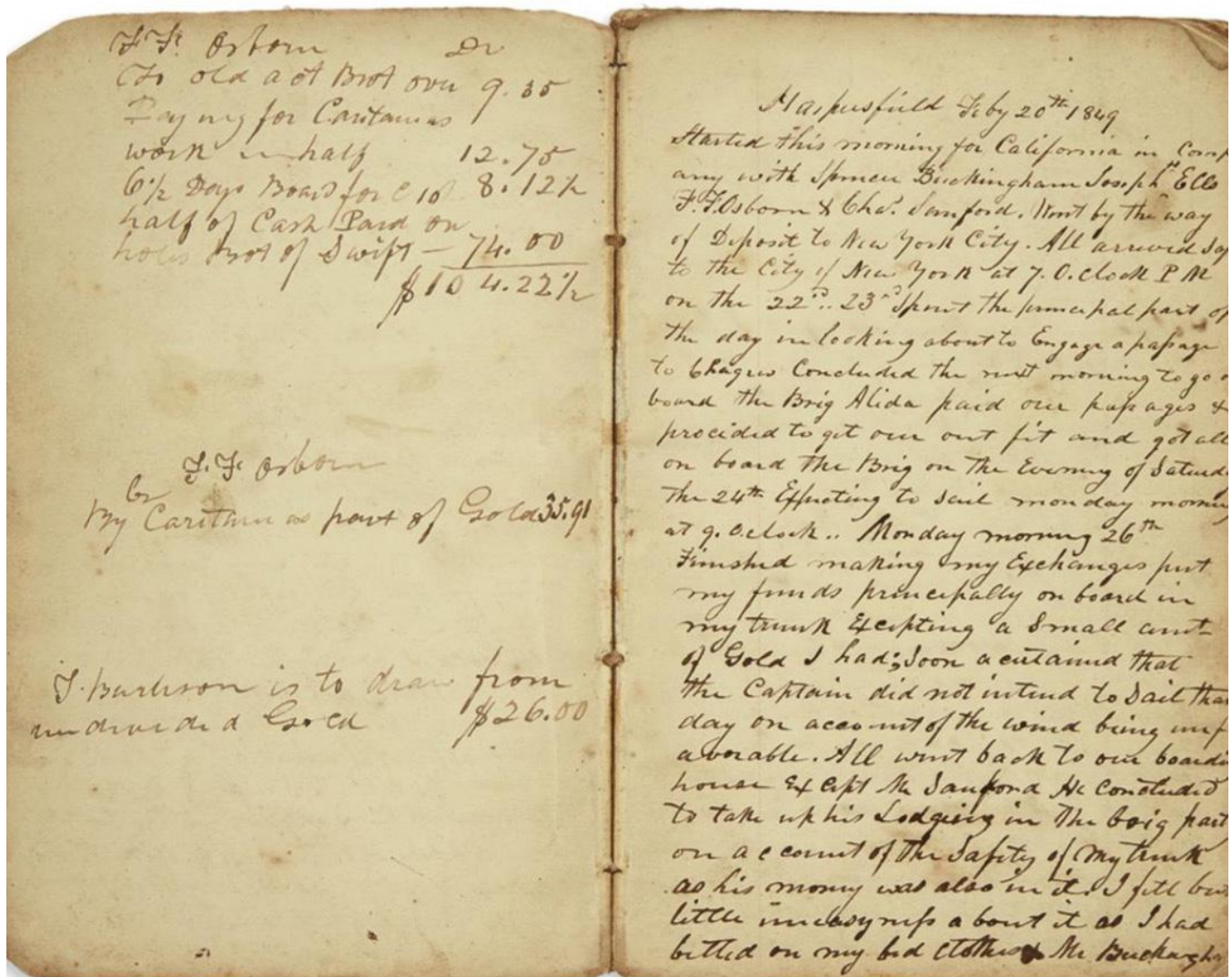


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BULLION FOR BURLISON: PART ONE



You're no doubt familiar that BFRG researchers cast a wide net to discover cousins of today and the ancients. We regularly key in to a baker's dozen of the better sourced search sites of the eighty or so out there. Recently we uncovered a gem of a photo of a Burleson inventor as a young Boy Scout preparing for an overseas journey designed to secure his Eagle Scout status. That photo was found on Ebay for sale. We also monitor over 100 history/ genealogy pages. Now we've expanded our search to include an auction site, "Swann Auction Galleries." The below image are from a diary from 1849-1850 belonging to Thomas Burlison of Harpersfield, Delaware County, New York.



The excerpt shown is from the chronicle of the 47 year old Thomas Burlison in 1849 for the period he and four neighbors traveled from rural New York to New York City to Panama and on to America's west coast. Thomas and his travel party were destined to become part of the California "gold rush." Let us make you aware Burlison's 51 page journal was appraised in 2018 to sell for \$8,000 to \$12,000. At auction it actually realized a winning bid of \$10,625. Within the manuscript we learn he and fellow Harpersfield residents Doctor Joseph Ells, Frederick Osborn, Spencer Buckingham and Charles Sanford depart their Delaware County, New York farms for the port in New York City 20 February 1849. Two days later they "arrived safely" at the port. All day the 24th group sought passage on ships bound for Chagres, Panama. They settled on tickets for the Brig Alida. They boarded the vessel and settled , trunks and all. Brig Alida set sail two days later. In the interim two of their trunks were pilfered; a bad start for a long, crowded journey that would only worsen.

Harpersfield, New York

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Location within the state of New York

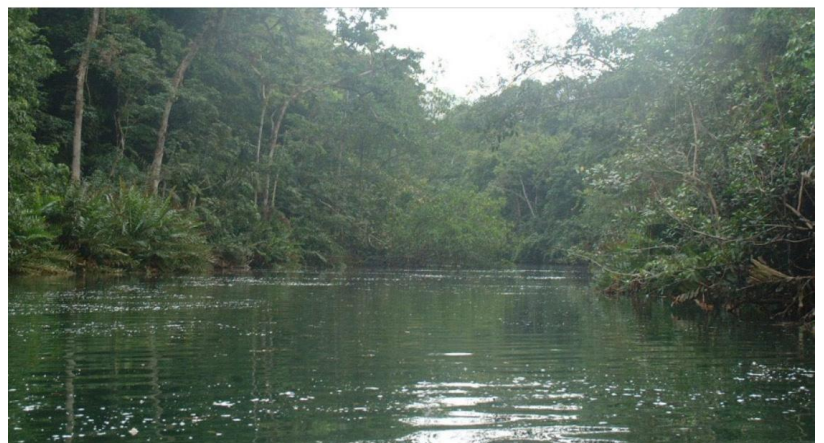
Ells, sick himself scored employment dockside to treat the hundreds of sick. His employer was the California Mining Company of New Granada, Panama. The other four found odd jobs and nourishment in the subsequent weeks; Ells health weakened. He died 23 April, 1849. As the remaining Delaware County men received word their

The overbooked ship took a month to arrive in Panama. The conditions were deplorable. Eighteen passengers passed away during the Atlantic leg of the journey. The five adventurers from New York thought it wise to encourage their physician buddy to accompany them. However, after ministering to the sick aboard, Dr. Ells was first to take ill. It weakened him to the point that Burlison had to hold him upright for most of the trip. Thomas was needed to empty waste pots and clean his comrades to maintain sanitary conditions. Suffering malnutrition the band learned over 1880 would-be gold seekers were already on the Pacific coast of Panama awaiting passage to San Francisco. Their stall in Panama was likely to stretch into 5-weeks. Dr.

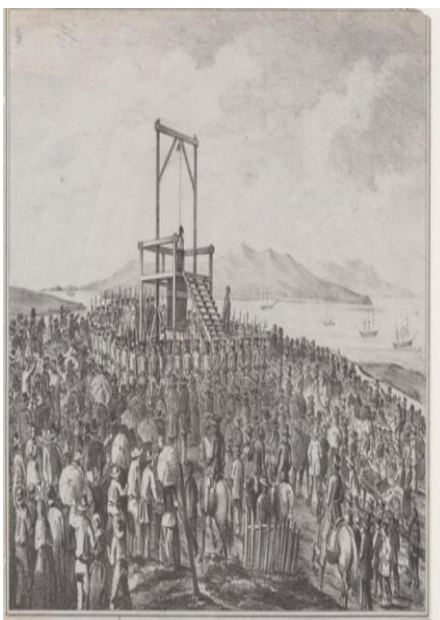


Panama, the Chagres River by Charles Christian Nahl

Chagres River



land excursion guides were ready for them, their first duty was to use some of “Doct's” wages to ship his body home. Dr. Joseph Harper Ells death notice in the local newspaper simply read, “ Left Harpersfield last February. Contracted dysentery in Panama. Leaves wife and three little daughters. “ As Ells cloth wrapped body set sail the men followed their guides westward through 37 miles of jungle. The RUSH came so quickly, no infrastructure was in place for the miners. There was no canal, no roads and no rail then. Some sections of the 37 mile trek had passable river but boats were scarce. Man the machetes, time to hack.

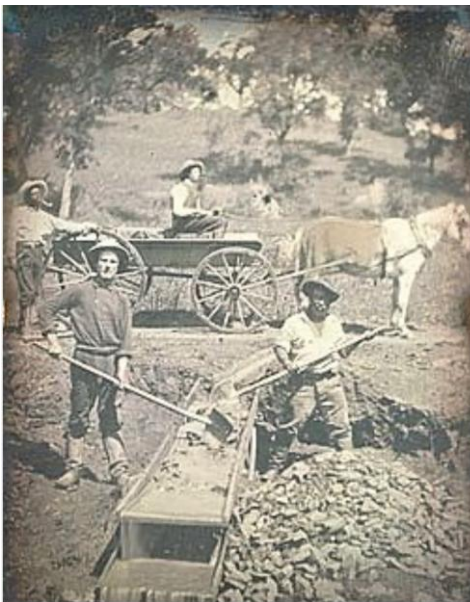


The three week trip across Panama seemed like there would have been paths cleared by the groups just ahead of theirs but the jungle grew closed behind them in only hours. That thirteen weeks was followed by another thirteen aboard a ship destined for San Francisco. The crowds were unruly with starving , testy men. As the group disembarked from their ship in San Francisco Bay several scaffolds were visible , men in line for execution surrounded by throngs of jeering onlookers. Signs were posted everywhere indicating the intolerance of the “Vigilance Committee.”



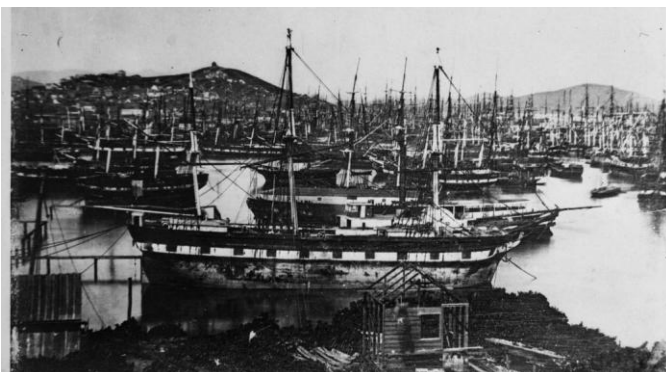
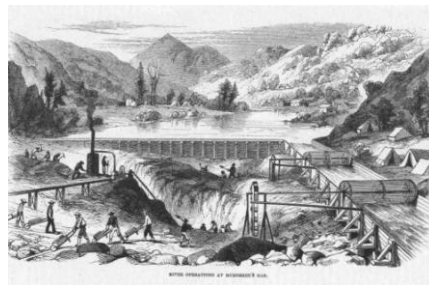
Completing the last leg was from San Francisco to the gold fields; that was a matter of days by foot. They could smell the gold now. On they trudged with an optimists blinders. They ignored the tattered unsuccessful miners headed back. As late comers, all of the promising section were taken. Our stalwart neighbors accepted remnants...working an "old Tom." The work area was overrun with industrious desperate men. From hillsides they looked like an ant colony. Fill a makeshift wheelbarrow with gravel-like dirt...drag to the wooden flue...lift the material up onto the slides... flush water from atop the slide lift "old Tom"...pick out the "color" from the slag... off shovel the slag...start all over. It was monotonous back breaking labor. On a bad day the four men would share about \$24; on better days they fared as much as \$60. On early days their conversations included what they could do with their share. Talk even included carving out a share for Doct Ells. As the weeks went on that talk stopped... dissolution and temper took over. Frederick Osborn broke first. His curses turned to threats then fisticuffs. Osborn actually threatened to take Burlison's life. Osborn hated taking his turn lifting the slide. He began refusing his turn. Tom Burlison calmly agreed to take Osborn 's turn. Rather than being grateful, he lashed out at Tom to get a rise out of him. The four men ALL made it back to Delaware County weary but alive. Burlison announced one morning he'd had enough. Begrudgingly they agreed , leaving far short of their dreamt upon goals. Each had just enough in their pockets to arrange passage home with a little to spare. Now to pay for the reverse path...money and painful labor. Would sickness and fatigue take them? They'd witnessed dozens of men buried at sea. The apprehension was palpable. The excursion back would include the same adversities but without a forty-niner's

optimism. Each portion of the sea voyage cost \$75; had they earned enough to go home?



1852 miners in California work their "long tom" to separate gold from gravel.

Courtesy California State Library



California Gold Rush



Prospectors working California gold placer deposits in 1850


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Several Families can be Accommodated.

Well, we know these guys made it back, each was home by the 1850 U.S. Census. Their California Gold Rush consisted of a total of eleven months, almost five of which was consumed by travel. We'll leave you with a taste of documents regarding Tom Burlison post "Rush." He left for California at age 47, came home to wife Maria and lived out his days until 1890. He and Maria are buried together at Harpersfield, Center Cemetery. In part two, we'll explore many more documents and try to establish WHY these men took on such dangerous back breaking labor? They had small tax bills but weren't broke.


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Thomas Burlison

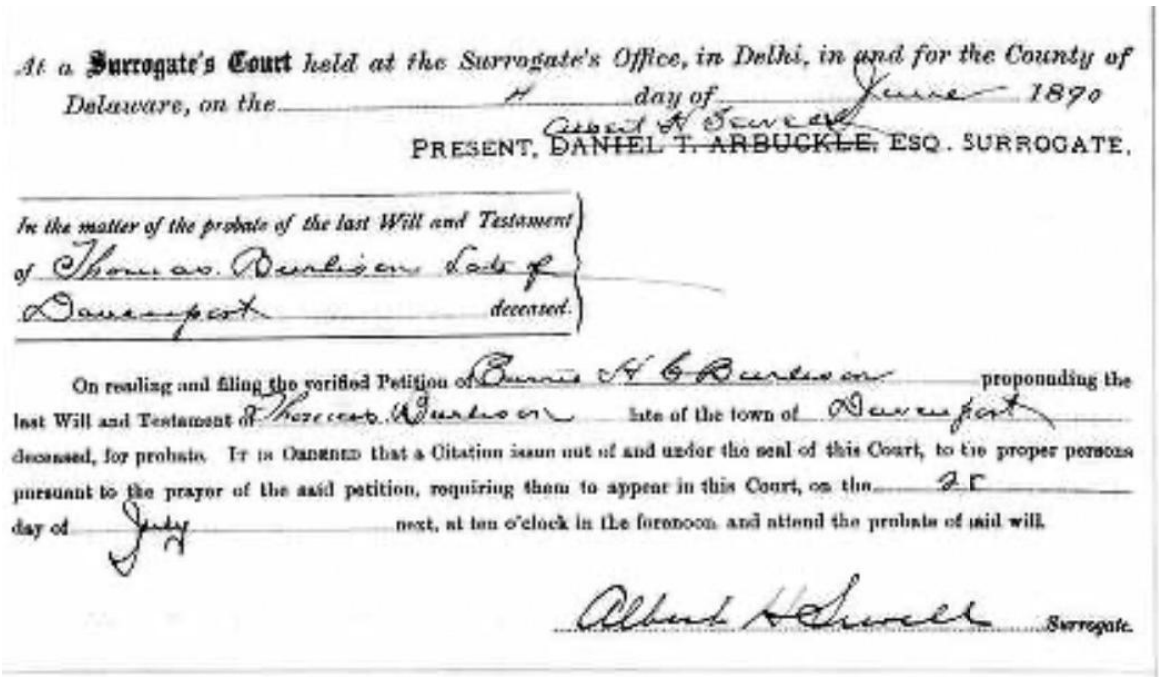
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DEATH 13 Apr 1890 (aged 87)

BURIAL [Harpersfield Center Cemetery](#)
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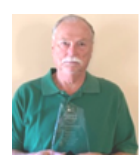
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Rockabilly Burlison



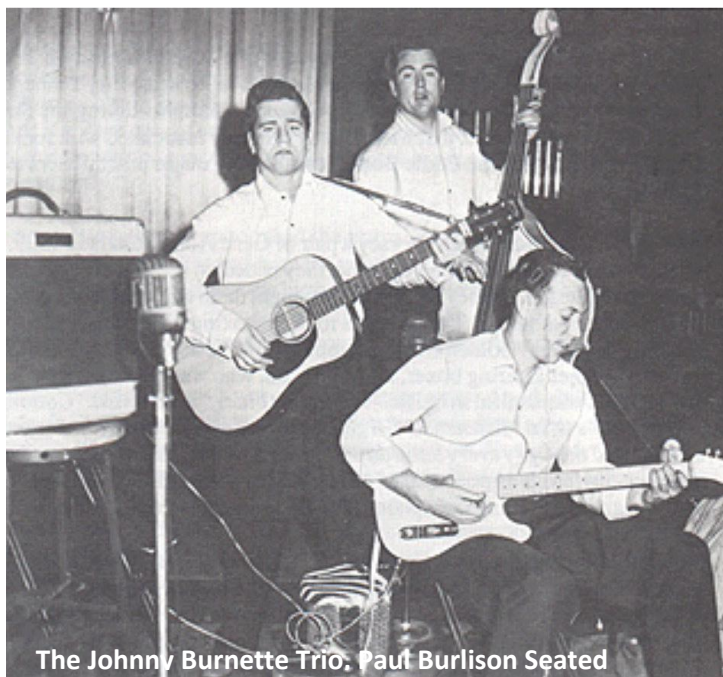
It's no secret that the Burlisons of BFRG love their music. Whether it's Country/Western, Epic Chorales, Rock, Gospel or Bluegrass, we have a presence in music history as well as the current scene. Did any of you know "our" Paul Burlison, a Tennessean was a hit in ROCKABILLY? David Paul Burlison was born February 4, 1929 in Brownsville, Haywood County, Tennessee to Raymond Paul Burlison (1907-1967) and Sarah Lee Tippet (b.1909). His parents were married the eve of Valentines Day 1926. He had a younger brother, Thomas Harvey Burlison (1934-1996). Paul's folks exposed him to music at an early age. He was a tough kid, involved in organized boxing. His friends were boxers or musicians. The friends who really stuck were both.

As a teen Paul was trained by Jim Denson in Brownsville. Soon he was so accomplished, he was a Golden Gloves welterweight champion. Denson introduced Paul to two fellow boxers, brothers Dorsey and Johnny Burnette. The three became inseparable and each was equally committed to both crafts...creating tunes and driving opponents into canvas. By sixteen Paul's family escaped the massive floods to move to Memphis. Paul, Johnny and Dorsey snuck out to the Blues bars of Beale Street Memphis or the black bars in West Memphis, Arkansas. It was in those two locales that the Rockabilly sound was evolving. At seventeen, Burlison entered the Navy in 1946. He was discharged in 1949.

Back in Memphis, Paul and his buddies were reunited, all intent on "making it" in music. Paul needed a day job to keep the bills paid. He took an electricians post with Crown Electric Company (yes the very same business that hired a young Elvis Presley to drive a truck.) Burlison had really perfected a new guitar style in off hours with the Navy. Dorsey was a master bass player and Johnny was gaining fame locally as a lead singer. Paul could play a mean lead guitar, especially under the tutelage of his brother in law, Earl Brooks. As the early fifties entered, Brooks put a new toy in Paul's hands- an electric guitar. Duck to a Junebug, Paul created a brand new sound to blend into the burgeoning rock/blues sound of Memphis. Single handedly he "invented" a method of intentionally distorting the guitar's sound by controlled feedback. The Burnettes heard it, fell in love and jammed all new rhythms. ROCKABILLY was born and these were the guys who created it. White and black audiences flocked to their venues. The group simply called themselves as, "The Rock and Roll Trio." They recorded several songs with the revered Sun Records but moved on in 1958 to New York City's Coral Records. They were granted appearances on Dick Clark's American Bandstand, Perry Como's Kraft Music Hall and Steve Allen's Tonight Show. Next the group toured with Carl Perkins road show. Perkins, Elvis's band the Burlison's members swapped positions as needed. Johnny Burnette's voice was grabbing the spotlight, the trio's name was changed to, "The Johnny Burnette Trio."



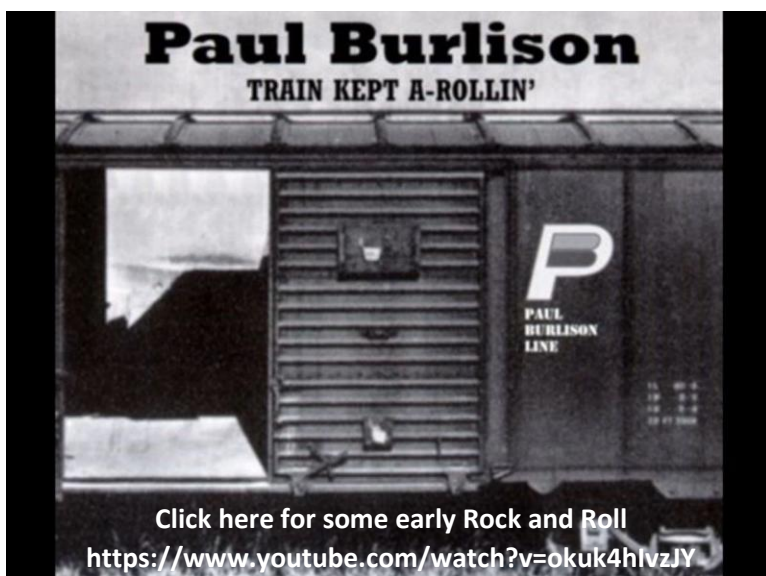
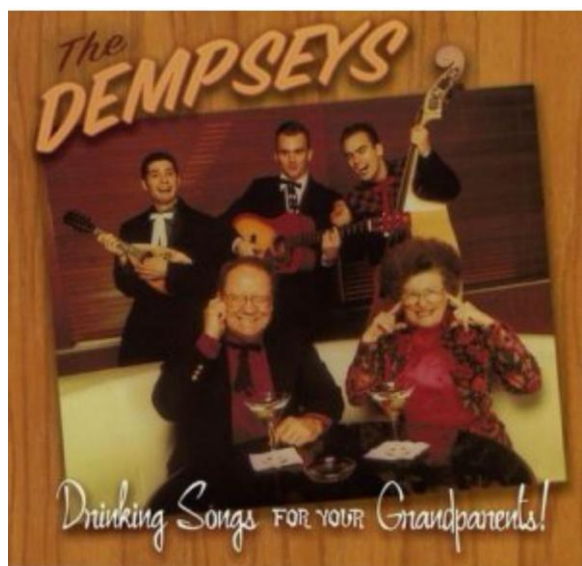
Beale Street, showing *King's Palace Cafe, Beale St. Tap Room, and Mr. Handy's Blues Hall.*



The Johnny Burnette Trio. Paul Burlison Seated

Two years later Burlison had his fill. He retired from music to become the owner of an electric sub-contractor. The Burnettes periodically called on Paul to fill in on long tours like to London. Paul refused more than he accepted. By 1990 Burlison was lured back to tours when Sun Rhythm Section was formed. It contained former members of Carl Perkins and Elvis' bands. Everyone wanted the curious Burlison distorted guitar sound. Many groups tried to replicate it. Paul consulted/trained groups including Fleetwood Mac, the Beatles, Los Lobos and the Fabulous Thunderbirds. Burlison riffs and the songs of the Rock and Roll Trio were "covered" or copied by the Beatles, Yardbirds, The Cramps, Jimmy Page, Aerosmith, Led Zeppelin, Poison Ivy and Motorheads. Burlison made new releases in the nineties under the band name "The Dempseys," a nod to boxing great Jack Dempsey. It had moderate success with its popular single, "Drinking

Songs for Your Grandparents." I've listened to it solely based on the weight of the title...it's great. That success led to a collaboration with current group, "Los Lobos." Burlison's pioneering contribution to rock-and-roll was recognized by the Rockabilly Hall of Fame.



David Paul Burlison died on September 27, 2003 in Horn Lake, Mississippi after a long battle with colon cancer. He was interred in

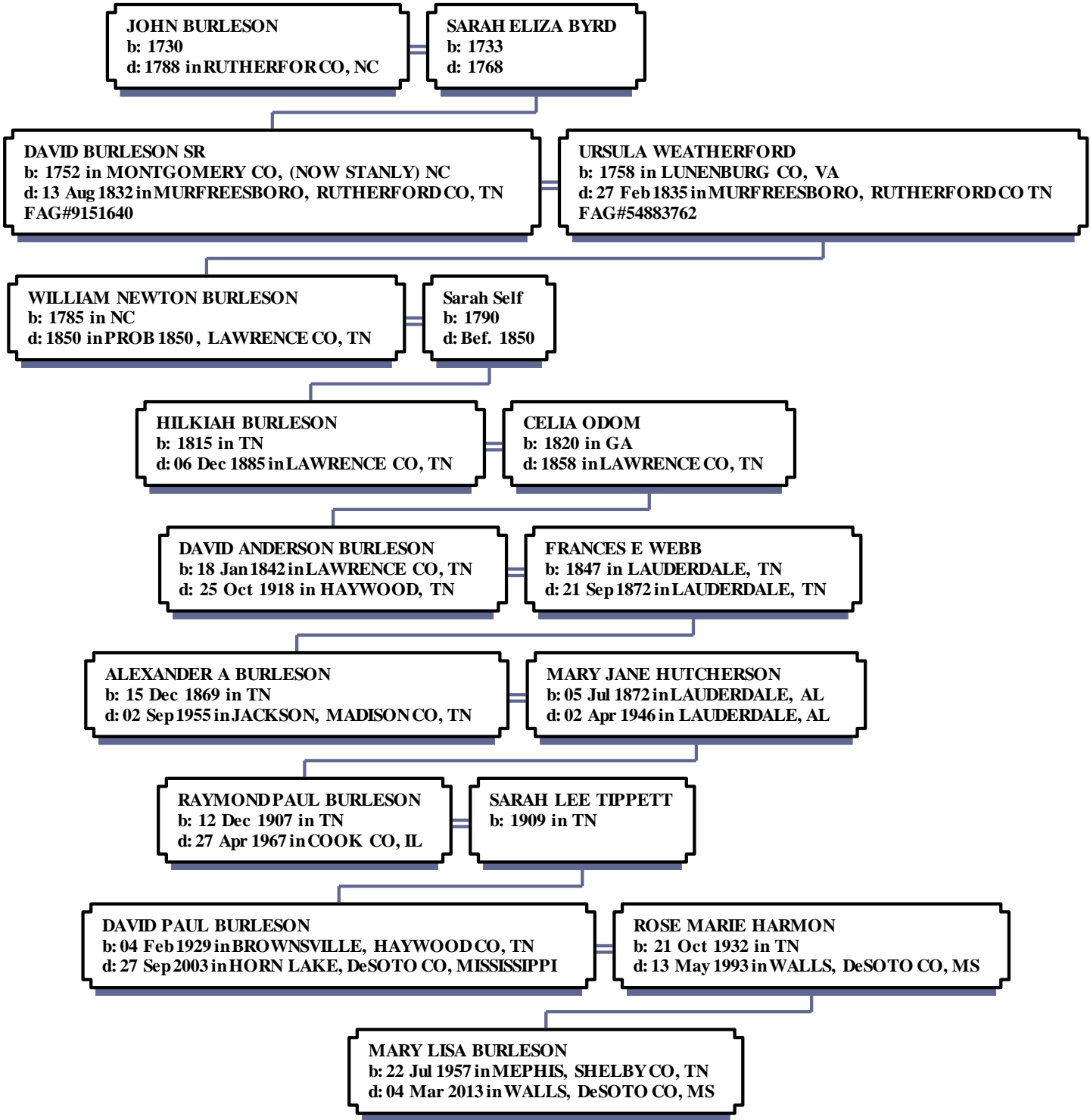
Hinds Chapel Cemetery, Lake Cormorant, Mississippi. His sons Rocky and Billy (go figure) Burnette Burlison helped eulogize their father's 'bandmate at the funeral. Chester Burnett ('Howlin' Wolf') considered Paul Burlison as the greatest guitarist in any music genre...EVER!



Credit: Ebet Roberts



Direct Descendants of JOHN BURLESON



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Major Milestones

Linda Burleson Smith

October 18, 1947 — January 26, 2024

Linda Gail Burleson Smith, 76, of Albemarle, passed away Friday, January 26, 2024, at her home.

Linda was born October 18, 1947, in North Carolina to the late Hazel Thomas Burleson and the late Sarah Hazel Bost Burleson.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Monday, January 29, 2024, at Hartsell Funeral Home of Albemarle. The graveside funeral service will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 11:00 am at Fairview Memorial Park in Albemarle officiated by Pastor Silvertone Stare. Burial will immediately follow at the Fairview Memorial Park at 1425 East Main Street, Albemarle.

Survivors include husband of 54 years, Ray Elwood Smith of the home; children, Cindy (Mike) Fortner of London and Erick (Rashonda) Smith of Harrisburg, NC; and grandchildren, Casey Tucker, Kaylee Filiberti, Kammie Tucker, Austin Smith, Erick Smith, II, and Sydney Smith.



Linda Burleson Smith, Burleson Family Line, Hazel & Sarah Bost Burleson, Homer & Ethel Efird Burleson, Noah and Sophronia Whitley Burleson, Lee and Elizabeth Almond Burleson, , Isaac JR. and Catherine Castle Burleson, Isaac Sr. and Martha Clay Burleson (NC Soldier in American Revolution)

Roger Dewell Burleson

Roger Dewell Burleson, 79, of New London, NC, passed Sunday, October 22, 2023 in Atrium Health Main, Charlotte, NC. His memorial service will be 11am Friday, October 27, 2023 in the Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care Chapel of Albemarle with Rev. Ron Loflin officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 9:45am until 10:45am at the funeral home.

Mr. Burleson was born February 8, 1944 in Stanly County, NC to late Dewell Lagette Burleson and Emma Louise Cagle Burleson. He formerly worked as a self-employed general contractor and later with JB Waddell General Contractors, Charlotte, NC. He loved his animals and spending time with his family.

Roger is survived by his daughter, Tamalla Lum (Randall) of Melbourne, FL; two sons, Scott Burleson of Albemarle, NC, and Nick Burleson (Kelly) of New London, NC; significant other, Nevin Gouda of 20 years and a number of nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made in Mr. Burleson's memory to the American Cancer Society, 1901 Brunswick Ave #100, Charlotte, NC 28207.



Roger Burleson's Family Line, Dewell L & Emma Cagle Burleson, William Wesley & Ida Belle Hahn Burleson, 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)

Carolyn Elliott Link

March 26, 1934 — January 27, 2024

Carolyn Elliott Link, 89, of Asheboro passed away peacefully in her home on January 27, 2024.

Carolyn was born in Salisbury, North Carolina on March 26, 1934 to Samuel Henry and Ruth Burleson Elliott.

She was a graduate of Boyden High School. She married the love of her life, Charles “Bunny” Link in 1951 and they were together for 72 years.

Carolyn worked as a teacher’s assistant, floral designer, and office assistant in Dr. John Matkins’ dental practice. Her most important role was being a devoted wife to Charles, mother to her daughter and three sons, grandmother to her grandchildren, and great grandmother to the great grandchildren. She loved her family deeply and all three daughters in law said she treated them just like daughters.



Charles’s work required him to travel extensively (most weeks he was gone Monday - Friday). Therefore, Carolyn gracefully and sternly had to assume the additional role as a “dad” in addition to being an excellent mother. She handled these duties with boldness (just ask her three sons!).

Carolyn was a very talented lady. She was an excellent cook and loved cooking for her family! Her recipes are cherished by many. However, her talents went beyond the kitchen. She was a gifted seamstress and loved to knit and crochet. She crocheted a blanket for every grandchild at the time of their birth and made clothes for them as well. Her handmade smocked outfits drew many compliments and are the source of fond memories. Every Christmas, the homemade stockings contained a hand- made Christmas ornament made for every child, grandchild, and family member. Little treasures created every year. She also enjoyed making flower arrangements that she shared with friends and family.

Chick Fil A was one of her favorite restaurants and she loved going there with her friends. Spending time with her family was a big priority for her and she always wanted to be with Bunny. Above all, she was a devout Christian woman, always willing to help within her church. She often volunteered her time coordinating weddings, cooking for those in need, and making Chrismons for the church Christmas tree. One of the most powerful lessons she passed on to her sons was that she always had time to help others!

In addition to her parents, Carolyn is preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Charles Wyatt Link, a daughter, Deborah Dawn Link, and her brother, Raymond Dale Elliott. She is survived by her children, Charles “Chuck” (Wanda) Link, Jr. of Fort Mill, South Carolina, David (Jane) Link of Indian Trail, North Carolina, and Jeff (Sonja) Link of Greenville, North Carolina, nine grandchildren, and fourteen great grandchildren who will miss her dearly!

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 12:30-1:45 pm in the Family Life Center of Central Church. Funeral services will follow on Thursday at 2:00 pm at Central Church with Rev. Lonnie Pittman and Fred Huffstetler officiating. A private burial will be held at Chestnut Hill Cemetery in Salisbury.

Carolyn Elliott Link, Burleson Family Line is Samuel and Ruth Burleson Elliott, Kope and Pearl Hahn Burleson, Ralph and Lillie Sides Burleson, Isaac and Mary Ann Hearne Burleson, William (Billie) and Sarah (Sary)Harwood Burleson, Isaac and Catherin (Kate) Castle Burleson, Isaac and Martha Clay Burleson (NC Soldier in American Revolution).



Charles Wyatt (Bunny) Link

24-Dec-1932 – 10-Jun-2024

Charles W. Link Sr, 90, of Asheboro passed away peacefully surrounded by his family Saturday, June 10, 2023, at Randolph Hospice House, Asheboro, North Carolina.

Charles was born in Salisbury, North Carolina, on December 24, 1932, to Walter Lee and Oralene Jarrett Link.

Charles was a graduate of Boyden High School which later became Salisbury High School and was class president, then followed with two years of college education. He married the love of his life Carolyn Elliott in 1951 and have remained together for 72 years.

Mr. Link worked for B.B. Walker Shoe Company for about 40 years in sales and sales management. The latter part of his career he was Vice President of sales for Kayser Roth. Upon retirement he could be found volunteering at Randolph Hospital, where he was a past volunteer of the year recipient and 23 years of volunteer

service. Charles was most noted for his devotion to his loving wife and family.

Charles was a distinguished role model to his family, more specifically his boys remember their dad's teachings of Christian values and how to be successful in being a good husband and father. Charles was a good Christian man who never met a stranger and was always willing to help others and would put others first.

Charles believed that his family was a priority. He enjoyed being outdoors, and working in his yard, feeding, and watching the birds. He loved the beach and Duke Basketball. His prized accomplishment was being a caregiver to his wife Carolyn and his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Oralene Link, his daughter Deborah Dawn Link, Two brothers and One sister.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn of the home, sons: Charles "Chuck" Link Jr. (Wanda) of Fort Mills, SC, David Link (Jane) of Indian Trail, NC, and Jeff Link (Sonja) of Greenville, NC, 9 Grandchildren and 14 Great-Grandchildren.

Gail Burleson

January 14, 1939 – February 1, 2024

Johnson City

Gail Burleson, 85, of Johnson City, passed away on Thursday, February 1st, 2024, at Franklin Woods Community Hospital. Gail was born January 14th, 1939 and resided in Johnson City most of her life. Gail is preceded in death by her father and mother, Jack and Clotele Eason Burleson; and her brother, George Burleson.

Gail was a member of Central Baptist Church which she really enjoyed attending. Among her favorite things to do in life was to sing gospel songs, especially JESUS LOVES ME. Gail was very caring and tender hearted, she loved to help others in any way she could and often said she'd pray for you. She was a faithful servant of God and often talked of joining her mother in Heaven one day.



Gail enjoyed attending Dawn of Hope Day Program since 1982 where her love for people and meeting new friends out in the community flourished. She was active in the Ladies League, Active Elderly and the Dawn of Hope choir group. Gail loved people and had lots of friends everywhere she went.

Gail joined Dawn of Hope Residential Services in 2005 and moved full time into Supported Living with her close housemates.

Gail's hobbies included eating out, shopping at department stores and especially thrifting. Gail was a loving person and she had a special fondness towards her dolls which she called her "babies". She loved children and often spoke of taking care of them.

Gail loved laughing at funny things and had a great sense of humor which was second to none. She also had a special knack for speaking her mind. She was a wonderful storyteller and enjoyed sharing stories about her past and her family with all of her friends.

Wherever Gail was she livened up the room. She was such a pleasure to be around. And she will be deeply missed especially by her housemates and her home staff who became more like family to her over the years

Visitation for Gail Burleson will be held from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 14, 2023, at Morris-Baker Funeral Home, with funeral following at 1:00 PM officiated by Reverend Adam Love. Afterward, there will be a committal service at Monte Vista Memorial Park at 2:00 PM. Those attending are asked to gather at the graveside by 1:50 PM.

Gail Burleson's Family Line is, Jack & Clotele Eason Burleson, George Washington & Mary Etta Bailey Burleson, Thomas & Abby Garland Burleson, Aaron & Vianna Garland Burleson, Simeon & Mary Ann Ledford Burleson, Thomas (Daunt) & Margaret Jane Greene Burleson, Aaron & Rachel Burleson.

Bernice (Burleson) Potter

Bernice Burleson Potter, age 87, of Chestnut Grove Road, Boone, passed away Thursday morning, January 18, 2024. Born March 24, 1936 in Avery County, she was a daughter of John and Fannie Mae Burleson. Bernice was a member of Henson Creek Baptist Church in Spruce Pine. She retired with more than 30 years of service at IRC-TRW of Boone. Bernice loved her family and especially loved her relationship with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Every day, she watched and waited for the children to arrive home on the school bus. Bernice enjoyed being outdoors growing produce on the family farm with her husband, and at home, she would be found tending her flower and vegetable gardens.

She is survived by her sons, Billy Potter and wife Carol, Gary Potter and Larry Potter and wife, Sarah, all of Boone; her three grandchildren, Michelle Evans and husband, Ron, Chris Potter and wife Dena, all of Boone, and Marie Potter of Winston-Salem; and three great-grandchildren, LCpl. Ryan Harmon of 29 Palms, CA, and Kaylyn Evans and Mady Potter, both of Boone. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husband of 65 years, Willie Austin Potter; grandson Robert Austin Potter; and brothers, J.D., Delmar, Lee, Ted, Olin and Herman Burleson.

Funeral services for Bernice B. Potter will be conducted Tuesday afternoon, January 23, at 12 noon at the Meat Camp Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Mike Townsend and Rev. Boyd Biggerstaff. The family will receive friends from 11 until 12 o'clock, prior to services, at the church. Graveside services will follow in the Meat Camp Baptist Church Cemetery.

Flowers are appreciated or memorials may be made to Medi Home Health & Hospice, 400 Shadowline Drive, Suite 100B, Boone, NC 28607 or to the Meat Camp Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 236 Meat Camp Baptist Church Road, Boone, NC.

Bernice Burleson Potter's Burleson Family Line, John & Fanny Burleson, Samuel & Mary Pittman Burleson, Jason & Clarissa Buchanan Burleson, John & Mary Buchanan Burleson, Thomas (Daunt) & Jane Greene Burleson, Aaron & Rachel Burleson.



Obituary for Jesse Lee Hughes March 26, 1963 - January 23, 2024

Jesse Lee Hughes age 60, passed away Tuesday January 23, 2024. Born in Avery County, he was a son of the late Harley and Bessie Aldridge Hughes. In addition to his parents his was preceded in death by a grandson Ashton McGee, a brother-in-law Clinton David Buchanan and a niece Rayanna Lee Moser

Jesse worked as a carpenter, he enjoyed life and being around his friends and he never met a stranger.

Left to cherish his memories is his daughters, Savannah Hughes of Crossnore and Kaleigh Harmon and husband Devon of Morganton, grandchildren, Dawson Shermer, Kinzie Harmon and Dominic Gwyn, brothers, Jerome Hughes and wife Shirley of Lancaster, SC and Hansel Hughes and wife Patty of Montrose, MN a sister, Marie Buchanan of Spruce Pine and the mother of his daughters, Jeannie Hughes of Crossnore. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday January 27, 2024, at the First Baptist Church of Crossnore with the Rev. Michael Burnop officiating.

Jesse Lee Hughes, Burleson family line, Harley & Bessie Aldridge Hughes, Edgar & Margaret Vance Aldridge, Benjamin & Emelia (Millie) Burleson Aldridge, Wilson (Wilt) & Frankie Davis Burleson, Aaron (Big Aaron) & Elizabeth McKinney Burleson, Thomas (Daunt) & Jane Greene Burleson, Aaron & Rachel Burleson.



Connie Ellen (Burleson) Greene

06 Mar 1950 - 11 Jan 2024

Connie Ellen Burleson Greene, "Nana" to her beloved grandchildren, age 73, of Boone, North Carolina passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at her home. She was the daughter of the late Loren and Billie Burleson of Newland, NC. For most of her life Connie was a very active outgoing person. She could walk into a room of 100 strangers and make 100 new friends. She attended Newland High School where she was an all-conference basketball player, leading her team to two conference titles. Connie was an alumna of Appalachian State University with a B.Ed. in Physical Education. The most important parts of her life were serving her family, church and friends. Nana was extremely proud of her children and grandchildren. She was very involved with her sons' education spending years in the Green Valley PTA of which she was a former president. She was very active with Friends of Watauga supporting the faculty, staff and students of Watauga High School. She was a Deacon at First Baptist Church of Boone where she was also a GA leader and part of the group who developed the Church's ongoing Christmas Day Lunch which is now in its 38th year. She was also very supportive of Ted in his work career and years on Watauga County's Board of Education. Through her life Connie was an avid sports fan always rooting for her beloved N.C. State Wolfpack.



She is survived by her husband of 50 years Ted Greene of Boone, NC; Sons Kevin Greene and wife Jane of Leander, TX and Nicholas Greene and wife Elizabeth of Fayetteville, AR; Granddaughter Amelia Noelle Greene; Grandson Abram Monroe Greene; Granddaughter Emma Ellen Greene; Brother Tom Burleson and wife Denise of Newland, NC; Sister Martha Jo Buchanan and husband Bruce of Newland, NC; Sister in law Nancy Williams of Boone, NC; Brother in law George Perry Greene Jr ("Skipper") and wife Dee of Boone, NC.

Connie was preceded in death by her sister Linda Wise and husband Robert of Newland, NC; Brother in law Daniel Williams of Boone, NC.

Connie Burleson Greene, Burleson Family Line. Loren & Billie Ware Burleson, Harrison & Susan Elizabeth Wiseman Burleson, Robert Mitchell & Emaline Tolley Burleson, Wilson (Wilt) & Frances Davis Burleson, Aaron (BIG AARON) & Elizabeth McKinney Burleson, Thomas (Daunt) & Jane Greene Burleson, Aaron & Rachel Burleson.



Official Obituary of

Bobby Earl Burleson

October 18, 1942 ~ February 18, 2024 (age 81)

Mr. Bobby Burleson, age 81, of Cookville, Texas passed away on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born October 18, 1942 to Louis Almon Burleson, Sr. and Vera Estell Lawson Burleson in Smith County.

He was retired from the NTCC Maintenance Department, and was also a Carpenter. He was Baptist.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judy Hill Burleson; sons, Bart Burleson and Jerry Burleson; daughter-in-law, Linda Burleson; grandchildren, Chris Burleson and wife Jessica, Heather Burleson, and Hayley Young and husband Dewayne; ten great-grandchildren; sister, Patsy Herndon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his son, Johnny Burleson; his parents; brothers, Louis Burleson, Bill Burleson, Johnny Burleson, and Dean Burleson; and sister Lillian Winans.

Graveside Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at Salem Cemetery in Alba, Texas.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in his memory to Cypress Basin Hospice <https://cbhospice.org/get-involved/donate/> or by mail Cypress Basin Hospice, 207 Morgan Street, Mount Pleasant, TX 75455.

Bobby Burleson's Family Line, Louis and Vera Lawson Burleson, Benjamin and Lilly Flowers Burleson, Joe and Malie Curbo Burleson, Silas and Penelope Flowers Burleson, Joseph and Patience Ward Burleson, John W and Mary McGehee Burleson, , David & Ursula Weatherford Burleson Sr. (NC Soldier in American Revolution).

Bobbie Nell Efird

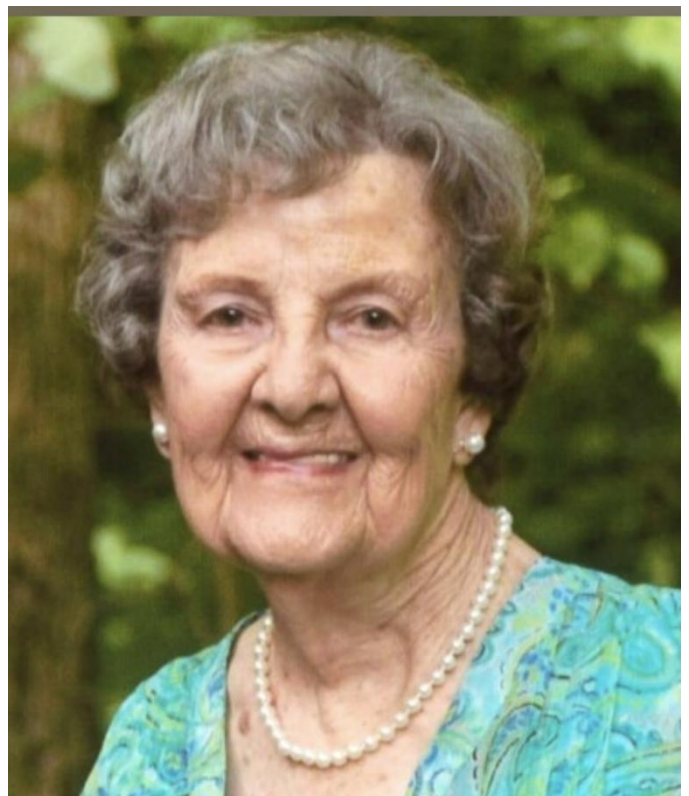
October 5, 1930 — February 22, 2024

Albemarle

Bobbie Nell Burleson Efird, 93, of Albemarle, passed away Thursday, February 22, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones.

Bobbie Nell was born and raised in the Endy community of Stanly County. She was always proud and often told her children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren that she was a charter member of the Beta club. She was valedictorian of her high school class and a good basketball player. However, her and husband Kenneth's greatest passion and dedication was serving the Lord at St. Martin's Lutheran Church. They both loved and served with their church family as long as they were able. Bobbie Nell loved the Lord and she lived her faith every day. She was an amazing woman who left a positive impact on every life she touched.

Bobbie was born October 5, 1930, in Stanly County to the late Clyde N. Burleson, Sr. and the late



Phronie Lee Morgan Burleson. She was also preceded in death by her beloved husband of 70 years, James Kenneth Efird; infant son, David Neal Efird; and siblings, Dillion Burleson, Audrey Faulkenbury, Joyce Burleson, and Evelyn Clark.

Bobbie is survived by sons, Kevin (Nina) Efird, Dr. Randy (Lee Ann) Efird, and Bruce (Gayla) Efird; nine grandchildren, Matthew (Rachel) Efird, Levi (Mandy) Efird, Kyle (Nichole) Efird, Ben Efird, Caleb (Katie) Efird, Will (Elaina) Efird, Campbell Efird, Victoria (Jake) McCrary, and Alexandra (Andrew) Foster; fourteen great-grandchildren; brother, Clyde N. Burleson, Jr.; and sister, Marie (Carlton) Skipper.

The family will receive friends from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Sunday, February 25, 2024 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church. The funeral service will follow on Sunday at 3:00 pm at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Albemarle officiated by Rev. Phil Thorsen. Burial will immediately follow at the St. Martin's Lutheran Church Cemetery at 16592 St. Martin Rd, Albemarle, NC.

*Bobbie Burleson Efird Burleson's Family Line, Clyde Norman and Phronie Morgan Burleson Sr, Augustus G (Gus) and Isabel Whitley Burleson, William Holmes and 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.***

We lost a long time member of the BFRG, she was very instructmental in our work early on. I will never forget the night she walked into our meeting in the basement of the Stanly County Library with a large family Bible and a box of pictures and documents pertaining to the book we were working on the "**Descendants of WILLIAM HOLMES & MARGARET ANN HATLEY BURLESON**". Go to our website https://www.bfrg.info/bfrg/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/William_Book.pdf Gus was her grandfather and with her help we were able complete the wonderful work on her family.

The information in this book was edited and compiled by J.D. and Karol Burleson. It is the result of a great deal of hard work by **Bobbie Nell Burleson Efird**, Joyce Burleson, James Eddie Poplin, Jim Morgan, Louise Clark, LB TEETER and Sethell Burleson all descendants of William Burleson. We have gathered this information from public records and family members. This is an ongoing work-in-progress and we intend to make corrections and additions as needed. If your family is not represented in this book it is because we did not have access to the information. It is our goal to make this work as complete as possible



Ex-Nuggets star David Thompson attends 50th reunion of North Carolina State title team and, yes, he still can dunk

David Thompson still can dunk. Just ask Tom Burleson.

Memorable Monday with David Thompson "Skywalker" and Tommy Burleson "The Newland Needle".

GARY RONALD BURLESON 1939 - 2024

Gary Ronald Burleson of Salisbury, NC, passed away peacefully at home with his wife by his side on March 4, 2024, at the age of 84. He graduated from Boyden High School in 1957 and East Tennessee State University in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology/Psychology. He had many skills and could be considered a “jack of all trades, master of many.” Among his many feats were: master pizza-maker at Pizza Hut, E. Innes in the ‘80s; master board-certified auctioneer at Kester Auctioneering Service; master salesman at Lowes/all departments; master builder of many elegant homes including his own dream house, becoming a 40-year labor of love; master story-teller; master singer; master historian (especially the Civil War); master reader (he read books numerous times from his massive library collection); master of intelligence; master of biblical knowledge, with a strong belief in God; and master hunter and fisherman.

Unbeknownst to most people, he wrote many poems, songs, and books (all non-published, though one song has been recorded by a Nashville country-music performer). He loved all of his children: Donna Burleson West (Carl), Sonia Stultz Dalton, Dr. Tina Burleson (Nathan Schepker), Tiffany Burleson Vinson (James); grandchildren: Laurel West Miller, Courtney Cress Corriher (James), Alexandria “Ally” Cress, Colby Cress, Niall Schepker, Dylan Schepker; great-grandchildren: River Miller, Madelyn Miller, Aiden Corriher, Ava Corriher. He left behind his devoted wife of 53 years, Annette Wisecarver Burleson, and his younger brother, Clay Burleson (Jackie). Preceding him in death were his parents, Cecil and Virginia Burleson; sister, Patsy Schawitsch; and daughter, Sonia Stultz Dalton.

His children will always remember his entertaining stories and songs, his love of learning and reading, family road trips seeing historical parts of the US, and his loving greeting, “Hey, Honey.” He embraced science projects, plays, dance recitals, ball games, cats, dogs, horses, and people his children loved. He cherished his grandchildren and lived as long as he could to see how their lives would evolve.

*Gary Burleson’s Family Line is, Cecil and Mary Cox Burleson, Jonah and Ella Burleson, Jonathan and Margaret Ann Hatley 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)*_____



Catherine Howell Burleson 1935 - 2024

Catherine Howell Burleson, 83, of Albemarle, passed away on Monday, March 4, 2024 at her home surrounded by her family. Her funeral service will be 2 PM Thursday, March 7, 2024 at Canton Baptist Church with Pastor Curtis Williams officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 from 6pm until 8pm at Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care of Albemarle.

She was born June 2, 1940 in Stanly County, NC, daughter of the late Purdy Dorman Howell and Pearl Faye Burleson Howell. Catherine retired from the Albemarle City School System formerly working at East Albemarle School Cafeteria. Catherine was a member at Canton Baptist Church for over 50 years. She had a special love for her family and she enjoyed decorating her home for every holiday.

Catherine was preceded in death by her husband, George Lee Burleson on February 2, 2020. She is survived by a daughter, Raedell B. Gardon (Jenda); son, Charles D. Burleson (Grace); granddaughters, Mandy Gardon, Brittany G. Haymond (Jon-Michael) and Whitney G. Caudle (Dustin); grandson, Charles Phillip Burleson; three great grandchildren, Brody, Bristol and Cooper; brother, Dewell Howell (Ruby); sister, Betty Howell Furr and many nieces and nephews.



Chatherin ‘s Burleson Family Line is thru her husband George Burleson, Herman and Zella Ellen Yow Burleson, David Rutherford and Wincie Ann Springer Burleson, Howell and Judith Burris Burleson, Billie and Sarah Harwood Burleson, Isaac Jr. and Catherine Castle Burleson, Isaac Sr. and Martha Clay Burleson (NC Soldier in American Revolution)

Florence Erin Burleson 7/19/23

One of our newest Burlesons, Florence Erin Burleson born 7/19/23 age 7 months. Holding Florence is Forrest Edward Burleson, (7/20/1991) father of Ford and Florence.



Proud parents, Forrest and Erin Elledge Burleson. Also proud grandparents BFRG's own David A and Anne Howard Burleson. We want to David for his research for this issue of **Recollections,**

“JAMES BURLESON (1803-1856) EARLY SETTLER IN MORGAN COUNTY, AL”



This is what we would like to encourage all of Burleson & Kin Cousins to participate in. Please send Birth Announcements in pictures of our new arrivals to be included in our Newsletter.

We also want any announcements, Obituaries, Weddings, Graduations and any other announcements you would like our Burleson Family to know about.

Send all information to JD Burleson at bfrginfo@gmail.com



Old Obituaries

We wanted to add this section to our newsletters to re visit family members who we might have forgotten, to bring them back for all the Burleson Family to remember and also preserve for future generations. This is a great avenue to encourage all the members of the Burleson Family Research Group (BFRG) to participate. We will feature not just the obituary but pictures, stories and anything you would like to be remembered. We chose the first one today because a face book post brought this to our attention. We recognized Joseph (Joe) Burleson as the last living grandson of Grandpa Billie (WILLIAM (BILLIE) BURLESON) 1812 – 1896. Joe at our BFRG Reunion in 1998 with his wife Jewel Lambert Burleson 1925 – 2022. Earlier picture of Joe's Family.



Charlotte Observer, July 7, 2003

LOCUST, NC Joseph 'Joe' Edward Burleson, 82, died Sunday, July 6, 2003 at his home. Born March 12, 1921 in Anson County, he was the son of the late Jane Alice Burleson and Shem Burleson. He was retired from Pennix as a carpenter and he was a self employed painter.

The funeral service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Elders Jarett Smith and Newell Helms will officiate. Burial will be in Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Albemarle, NC. Mr. Burleson will be taken from Hartsell Funeral Home, Albemarle, Monday, July 7 to his home 25402 Millingport Rd., Locust for visitation at 2:00 p.m.

Survivors are wife, Jewel Lambert Burleson of the home; sons, J.D. Burleson & wife, Joyce of Locust, NC and Gary Burleson of Locust, NC; daughters, Edna Martin and husband David of Concord, Imogene Page & husband Lloyd of Locust, NC, Patsy Herlocker and husband Tommy of Albemarle, NC, Elaine Waldrop of Stanfield, NC; brother, Lacy Burleson of Urbandale, IA; 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Burleson and a granddaughter, Sandra Martin.

Joe Burleson's Family line, Shem and Janie Alice Burleson, Billie and Sarah Harwood Burleson, Isaac Jr. and Catherine Castle Burleson, Isaac Sr. and Martha Clay Burleson (NC Soldier in American Revolution).



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TEXAS JOURNEY

by Gerry Booth

Started From Howard County

Moses Shipman's family had settled near James Burleson in Missouri by late 1817. They had located a fourteen-acre piece of land on the east side of the Missouri River and built a log house. However, their plans to stay on their new homestead were interrupted by a land speculator named Berry. Taylor Berry was most probably the land speculator that Daniel wrote about. Taylor Berry was listed on many of the New Madrid earthquake claims. Moses and his family moved westward

Missouri land records are complicated. Original land grants began when Missouri was a territory under French and Spanish control. When the United States took control, settlers started buying land on a credit system. In addition to this, there were military grants and grants which were designed to compensate people for the property they lost from the New Madrid earthquakes. I used the Bureau of Land Management, <https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/default.aspx> to locate the land records I found for Missouri. The maps on the individual records were helpful but I also entered the location information in the search engine on the website <https://www.randymajors.org/township-range-on-google-maps> that I first introduced in my article, "To Okaw." (All of the past Texas Journey articles are posted on my page of the website <http://burlesonsbigtent.com/sample-page/gerry-booth/>)

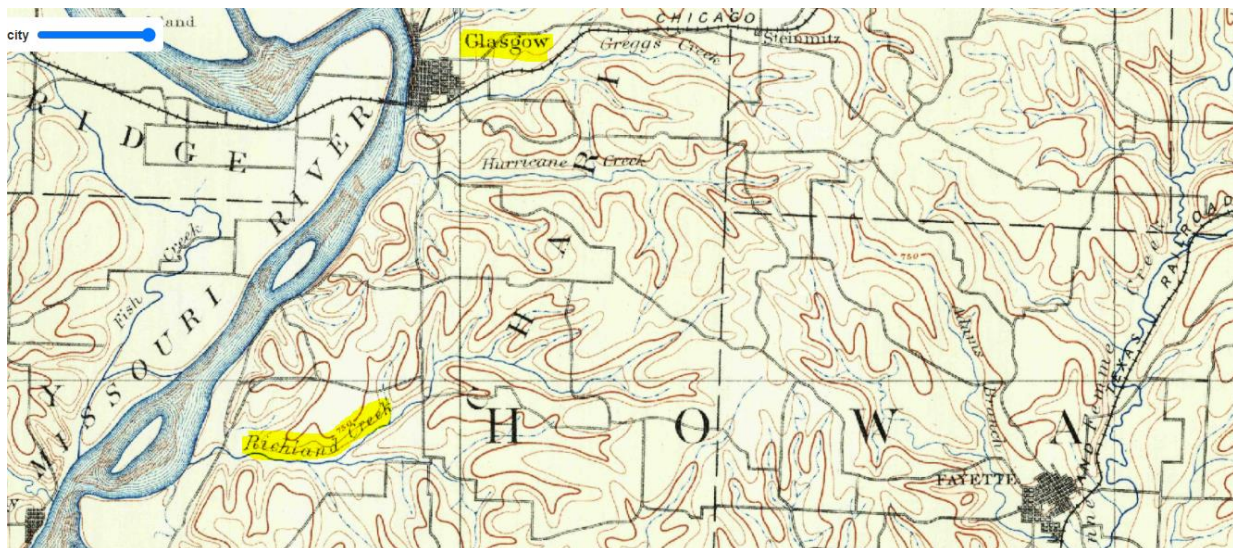
Moses Shipman was once again on the search for a large amount of cheap land like so many Americans who were farmers.

Continuing with Daniel's story:

Chapter II.

LEFT HOWARD COUNTY, 5TH OF JUNE, 1821 — CROSSED THE MISSOURI RIVER — WENT TO COLE COUNTY — STAYED TILL FALL — THEN TO TEXAS.

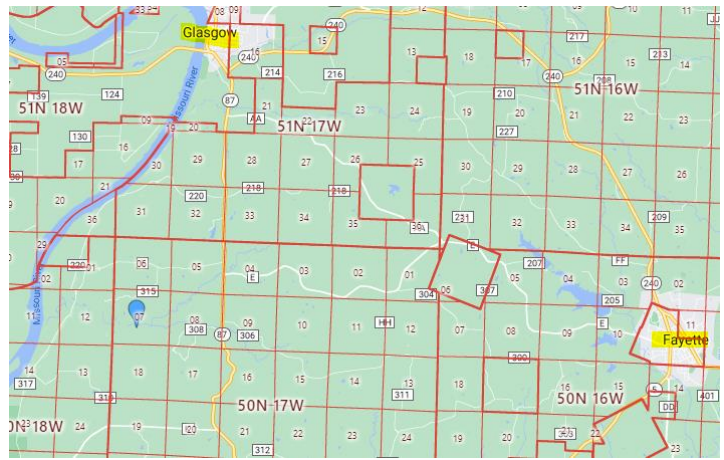
We stayed on the Berry place until sometime in the year 1819, then Father entered a quarter section of land about twelve or fourteen miles from the river, on a creek called Richland.



Richland Creek is a tributary of the Missouri River. An 1890 map shows the location of Richland Creek.¹

¹ <https://pastmaps.com/map/glasgow-howard-county-mo-usgs-topo-1890>

Moses' property was in Township 50 North, Range 17W, 5th Principal Meridian, Section 7, in Missouri. It was somewhere on the faint blue line for Richland Creek, in the square where the blue pin is located. He owned 80 acres of the section. ²



“In U.S. land surveying under the Public Land Survey System (PLSS), a section is an area nominally one square mile (2.6 square kilometers), containing 640 acres (260 hectares).”³

Another view of the area is this map provided in the Bureau of Land Management records. ⁴ The large orange square is the township and the small orange square inside is the section. Moses owned an eighth of the small square.

Names On Document		Miscellaneous Information	
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		Mineral Reservations:	No
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		Militia:	---
		State In Favor Of:	---
		Authority:	April 24, 1820: Sale-Cash Entry (3 Stat. 566)
Military Rank:	---	General Remarks:	Patent Record Imperfect

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Document Nr:	1765	Total Acres:	80.00
Misc. Doc. Nr:	---	Survey Date:	---
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Indian Allot. Nr:	---	Metes/Bounds:	No
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Land Descriptions							
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⚠ Due to data limitations, we could not map the aliquots or lots of this land description. The township and section are shown.

² <https://www.randymajors.org/township-range-on-google-maps?x=-92.8716162&y=39.1486296&cx=-92.8556517&cy=39.1513586&zoom=12&state=MO&t=50&td=N&r=17&rd=W&pm=05&labels=show&basemap=roadmap>

³ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Section_\(United_States_land_surveying\)#:~:text=In%20U.S.%20land%20surveying%20under,township%20on%20a%20rectangular%20grid.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Section_(United_States_land_surveying)#:~:text=In%20U.S.%20land%20surveying%20under,township%20on%20a%20rectangular%20grid.)

⁴ <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=0103-132&docClass=CV&sid=zoshimws.mj4>

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, President of the United States of America,
To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

1677
KNOW YE, That Jesse Todd, Assignee of
Moses Shipman
having deposited in the General Land Office, a Certificate of the Register
of the Land Office at Franklin in Missouri,
whereby it appears that full payment has been made for the West
half of the North East quarter of Section
Eleven, in Township Fifty, of Range
Seventeen, Containing Eighty acres

of the Lands directed to be sold at Franklin
by the Act of Congress, providing for the sale of the Lands of the
NEW STATES, in Missouri, there is granted, by the United
States, unto the said Jesse Todd, and to his heirs, the
half quarter lot or section of Land above described:
We have and do hold the said half quarter lot or section of Land, with
the Appurtenances, unto the said Jesse Todd, and to
his

heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made PATENT, and
the Seal of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Washington, the tenth
day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and twenty four and of the Independence of the
United States of America the fiftieth

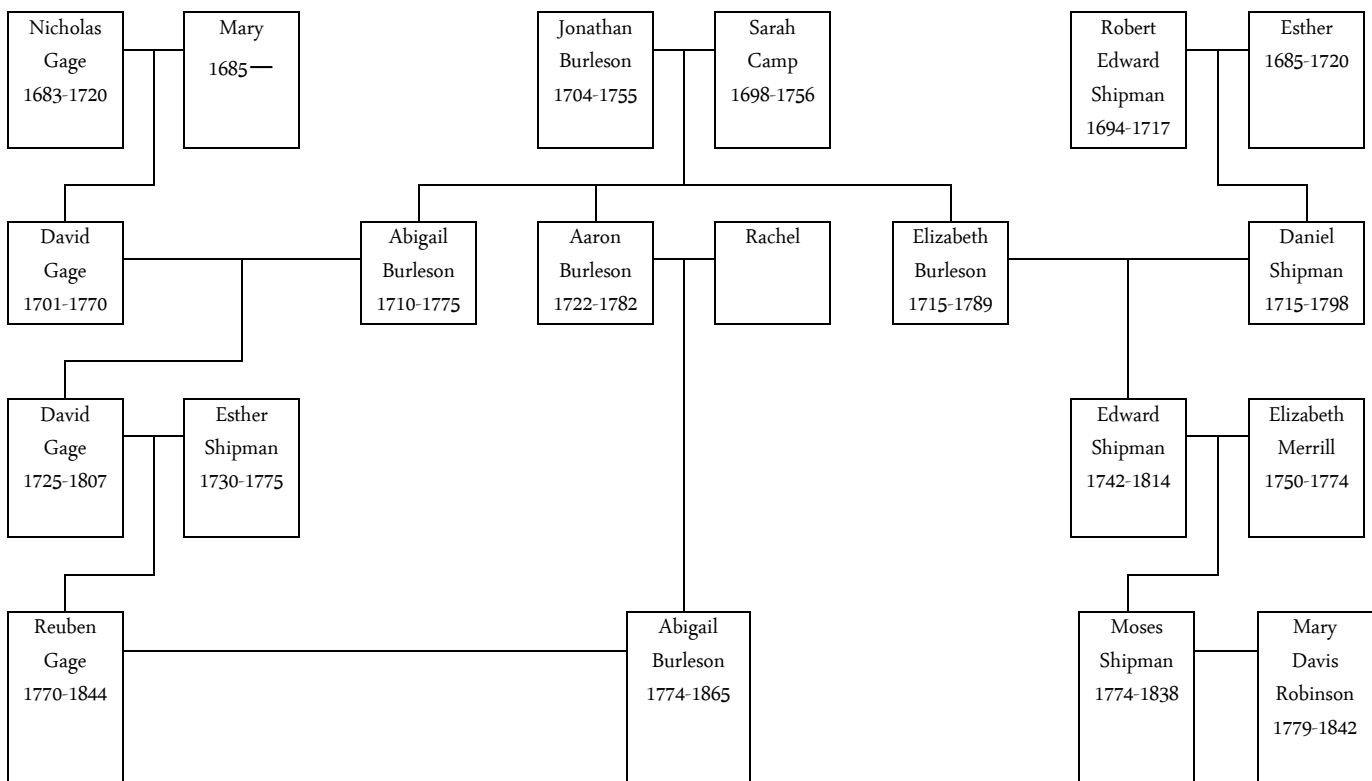
By the President,

Commissioner of the General Land Office.

We moved to it and built a tolerably good house, and cleared, fenced and cultivated about twelve acres; made two crops on it, and got very well fixed. About this time, father and an old friend by the name of Reuben Gage took a notion to move to the state of Arkansas.

Reuben Gage was not only a friend, he was Moses Shipman's second cousin. I have provided a chart showing the relationships between the Gages, Burlasons, and Shipmans that we are looking at in this article. You will notice that there is an Esther Shipman who is not anchored to the other Shipmans. This is because I do not know much about her. If you do, please email me at gbooth806@gmail.com

⁵ <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=0103-037&docClass=CV&sid=zoshimws.mj4#patentDetailsTabIndex=1>



Howard County, M. T. }
 Chariton Township. }
TAKEN UP by Moses Shipman, as a
 stray, one BAY FILLY, supposed to
 be two years old, 13 hands 3 inches high,
 a small star and snip, and a white under
 lip, and some white on both her fore feet;
 no brands perceivable—and appraised to
 \$25 by us this 6th March, 1820.
Reuben Gage,
Joshua Potter,
 Appraisers.
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this
 day and date above written.
David Woods, J. P.
 Howard County, ss.
 Recorded on the 17th day of March
 1820.

While the Shipmans were living in Howard County Missouri Mary gave birth to their ninth child, (eighth surviving child) a girl named Elizabeth born on February 3, 1819.

Also while in Missouri one of Moses' horses was stolen. He placed an ad⁶ in the newspaper to try to recover her. The term "bay" refers to the color of hair in her coat. It means "a reddish-brown or brown body color" usually "with a black point coloration on the mane, tail, ear edges and lower legs."⁷ The term "filly" refers to a young female horse.

In the advertisement, the two appraisers of the value of the horse were Reuben Gage and Joshua Potter. This is Reuben Gage, Moses' second cousin.

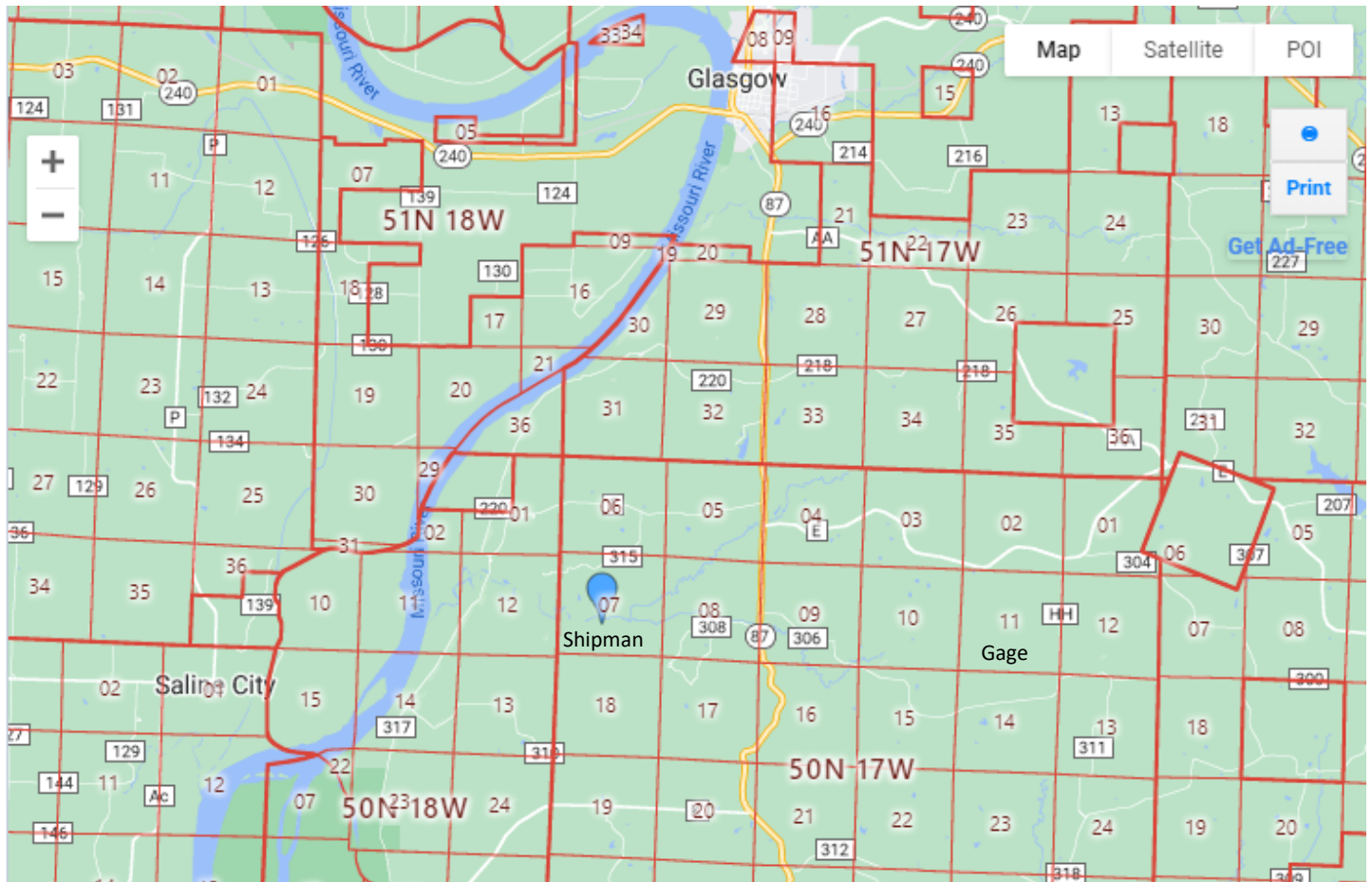
In fact, after searching the land records, and using randymajor.org, I was able to locate where Reuben lived in relationship to where Moses lived. Both were in Township 50

North, Range 17 West. Moses' property was in Section 7 and Rueben's in Section 11. Since a section is a square mile, Moses and Rueben lived about three to four miles apart.

⁶ "Moses Shipman - bay filly strays" Newspapers.com. Columbia Herald-Statesman, May 27, 1820.
<https://www.newspapers.com/article/columbia-herald-statesman-moses-shipman/100805738/>

⁷ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bay_\(horse\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bay_(horse))

This is a map I made:



Moses and Rueben were not the only restless families desiring more land at a good price and they were not the only ones willing to move west. By 1820, Moses Austin was 58 years old and had less than \$2,000 to his name. Austin had lost over \$200,000 in the lead mining and banking businesses, so to regain his wealth he devised a plan to form a colony in the Mexican country, known as Texas.

They sold out, and on the 5th of June, 1821, they started from Howard county, Missouri; about 25 miles we crossed the Missouri river at Boonville, Cooper county, went down the river into Cole county. On the way it commenced raining, and we had a wet spell. Father broke a wagon wheel, he and old cousin Reuben Gage managed to have it mended, so that we got down to a large creek called Moro; by this time the weather had become very warm and horse-flies so very numerous, that it was almost impossible to travel, and the old folks held a family caucus, and decided to stop until fall, which we did; and spent the balance of the summer there. While there we made the acquaintance of an old gentleman by the name of Harrell, he and his son Joel had been to see a part of the Arkansas country and was well pleased with what little they saw of it.



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About this time we began to hear something said about Red and Sabine rivers, and the Mexican country. That appeared to take fine with father, and I felt as much interested as any of them, and this reminded me of what I had heard my father say to mother and others, when we lived in South Carolina, when I was a little boy; that he had been reading, or heard some person or persons talking about the Red and Sabine rivers, and on the other side of those rivers belonged to the Spaniards, and was called the Spanish country; that they proposed to give to any good American citizen that will come well recommended and settle in the country – the head of a family 640; his wife 320, and each child 160 acres of land. It did not appear to take so well with our friend Gage. Father said it appeared to him like he never could procure enough land to keep his children from being tenants without going to Texas.

⁸ Thomas G. Bradford, *Missouri* 1838, https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~2346~220036:Missouri-?sort=pub_list_no_initialsort%2Cpub_list_no_initialsort%2Cpub_date%2Cpub_date&qvq=q:missouri;sort:pub_list_no_initialsort%2Cpub_list_no_initialsort%2Cpub_date%2Cpub_date;lc:RUMSEY~8~1&mi=118&trs=1605

River Runnin' High or Low?



BFRG through its Cousining Facebook page and routinely in its newsletter Recollections, we've driven home reverence to our female lines equal to the Burleson name. No doubt the presentations of cousin Dr. Paul Sisco and cousin Gerry Booth's popular series, "Texas Journey", we're aware the families of Sisco, Gage, Shipman, Greene and Kuykendall are inextricably intertwined in our extended family trees. These families married, went to war, and migrated collectively across the continent. There are, of course, many family surnames we could add to this list. Recollections will present in episodes, a nod to each of these cousins; the first of the series will be the Kuykendalls of the Netherlands.



The title of this piece is ample hint for Kuykendall. Dutch are one of many European countries like Sweden, Denmark and Norway who utilize patrynomic naming patterns. Last names are not used; for instance John, the son of Eben would be called John Ebenson. As mid 1600s Dutchmen from this family cluster arrived in America, a collective decision to Americanize their name as Kuykendall. Back to the river... Dutch for "view of the river" is van Kuykendall or from the river valley view. The line and name stem has persisted for three centuries. Appearance of the name has few spelling

differences but the pronunciations are numerous... Kai-Ken-doll, Co-Ken-doll, Kir-Ken-doll, Kike-en-doll and my favorite from JD Burleson... Kluck-en-doll. Intermarriage into the Burlesons are seen in the early 1700s.



According to A. J. F. Van Laer, Archivist for the State of New York and New York State Library discovered the first "Kuykendalls" in America were from Wageningen, near the center of Netherlands. Progenitor Jacob Leursen (son of Leur) came from land there that was high on a hill overlooking the Rhine. George Benson Kuykendall wrote in his 1919 published book, "The History of the Kuykendall Family since its settlement in Dutch New York in 1646," that cluster led by Urbanus Luurszen van Kuykendall 1616-1655

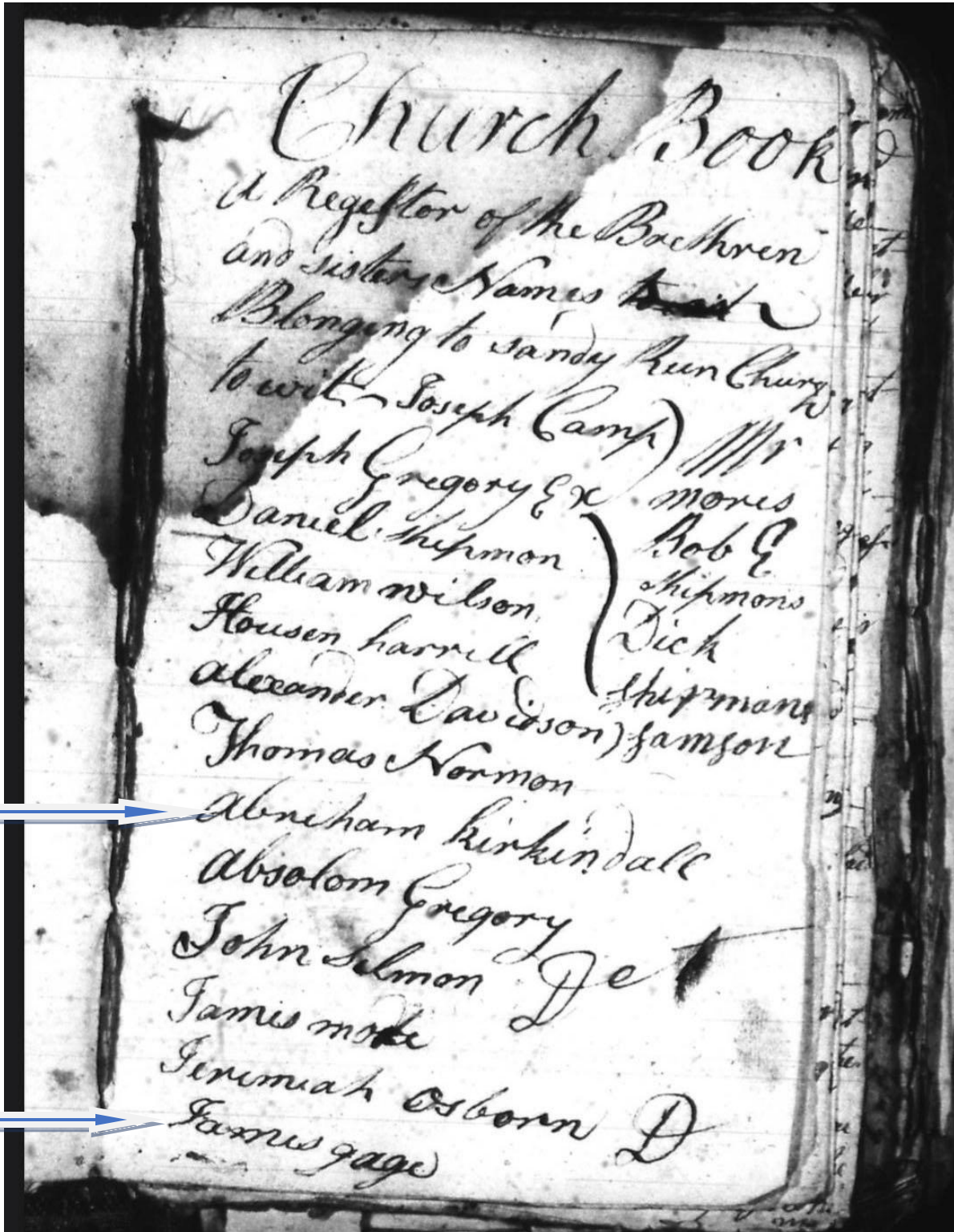
boarded ship in Spring of 1655. Stijntje Douwes Luurszen van Kuykendall 1613-1682 accompanied him to settle in the Hurley, Ulster County, New York area. Urbanus died on board, unable to see the new land. Urbanus son Jacob 1650-1720, Grietje Artze Tack 1663-1720, Claes Urbansen b.1645 and Neeltje Metselar Urbanus Franszen van Hengel-Arentszen 1643-1864 all joined in time. After stays in Brooklyn these new Kuykendalls settled in Orange County, New York. Please check your trees and DNA matches for the Kuykendall name. Some of you expert Burleson genealogists may reach Cornelius Kuykendall 30 May 1686 Orange, NY to 1753 Minisink, Sussex, New Jersey. His wife was Maritje "Mary" Westvaal (Kuykendall) 1685 Ulster, NY to 1753 Kingston, Ulster County, NY.

As stated, Jacob had arrived in 1646, well ahead of his father's ill fated voyage. Jacob was in the employ of the Dutch West India Company which had been chartered in 1621 by the Netherlands government for trading and colonizing purposes in North America, Caribbean areas, and Africa. George Benson Kuykendall also shared, "The Company in 1629, granted a large tract of land, known as patroonship, in the Upper Hudson river valley to Kilisen van Rensselsar, a wealthy dealer in diamonds and Pearl's in Holland. He recruited many people- farmers, mechanics and artisans- from his section in Holland to go to America to develop his land. Jacob came over to the colony of New Netherlands, settling at Ft. Orange, where the Company had established a Fort and a trading post in 1624. It's near the present foot of Madison Street in Albany, New York. "

Jacob was employed by the Company until his death. Urbanus and Christian, brothers of Jacob came later to the colony. They were both mechanics. Later Urbanus was a mason. The three on the side, were fur traders with Indians. For Jacob's success the Company awarded him a lot in the village of Beverwyck, in the Hudson river valley, close to Ft. Orange. For years after that area suffered frequent Indian attacks (Tough lifestyle but it had a great "view of the river valley").



You may recognize some of Jacob's sons names: Leur Lewis Kuykendall 1706-1789; Jacob Kuykendall 1710-1812; Jacobus Kuykendall 1717-1766; Johannes Kuykendall 1717-1745 and Abraham Westfll "Arie" Kuykendall 1719 Deerpark, Orange, NY to 1812 Buncombe, North Carolina. It's at this juncture we believe the intermarriage with Burlesons began . Please see the below images of the church book bearing Abraham Kirkendall , James Gage and Daniel Shipman. You will also find an Anson County, NC military record with Peter Kuykendall and Joseph Green(e). Lastly see the headstone of Abraham Kuykendall of the Revolutionary War. We have seen Kuykendall, Shipman, Gage, Sisco, Green(r) and Burleson collocated graves across the country. Just last summer I caught all names in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Where you have one of these names, you'll find them all... but the Kuykendall will be closest to the view of the river valley.



Anson Co. NC Military Records TR 1-9
 [1750s]
 Roster of Capt. Samuel Coburn's Co.

Samuel Coburn Captin	Solomon Hooper	33
Thomas Betty Lieutenant	Henry Sides	34
John Kuykendal Infan	Jacob Forney	35
Henry Jontton Sergen	Boston Best	36
George Heger Sergen	Lenard Lilen	37
Abraham Kuykendal Corp ^l	John Korite	38
Adam Dick Corp ^l	John Lamp	39
Robert Loper Corp ^l	William Ruchford	40
Robert Patrick Corp ^l	Fulley Daliner	41
William Hendry	John Simernian	42
Andrew McE nab.	Cylix Somirman	43
James Kuykendal	Watson Ferol inner	44
Peter Kuykendal	Watson Ferol Senor	45
William Hagerty	Joseph Green	46
Andrew Hemton	Peter Baker	47
John Moore	Adam Sides	48
William Moore		
William Adcarl		
Thomas Stoyl		
John Langham		
George Kottledg		
William Glughorn		
Samel Millson		
John Nelson		
Thomas Ranils		
Richard Ranils		
David Stanley		
John Watkins		
Charles M. c. fecters		
Edward Hogin		
Robert Brank		
Fredrick Hambright		
Henry Richards		
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Peter Brumgaronor		
Peter oyster		
Peter Clark		
Michel Rodejeelle		
William Heger		



To truly follow the movements and relationships of the Kuykendalls, Sisco, Gage, Greene, Shipman and Burleson Families, you really ought to follow BFRG's expert, Gerry Booth's "Texas Journey". Past issues are available on <http://burlesonsbigtent.com/sample-page/gerry-booth/>.



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Currently Collecting Challenge Coins



A couple of years ago your editor, JD Burleson and I had a conversation about BFRG souvenirs. Both quickly swerved abruptly to “challenge coins.” JD had just returned from one of his visits with the Overmountain Victory Trail Association (OVTA) group. There he had seen an organizational version of a coin. I mentioned to him my prior use of them in police conferences. We learned later from Dave Burleson of Las Cruces, New Mexico of the longstanding tradition of gifting military unit coins to guests and program graduates. Please see right a military example. It's the oldest challenge coin in existence: U.S. Army officer, Colonel William “Buffalo Bill” Quinn, had coins made up for his soldiers who served in the 17th Infantry Regiment between 1950 and 1958. This coin has the Infantry patch with those dates and an 1812 buffalo image signifying the year the unit was originally formed.



I personally have a few dozen from a variety of organizations. See below another example of one found from The Burleson Chapter No. 21 from the San Antonio Masons.

These coins are symbols of participation in various groups. They can help build camaraderie. They are typically 1.5 to 2 inches in diameter. In early Roman Empire times such coins, soldiers in particular engagements were given specially minted coins celebrating the recipient's valor. During the Renaissance portrait coins were doled out to commemorate human excellence. Huguenots in the late 1500s carried them to display allegiance to Protestantism if confronted. WWI pilots carried specially designed coins, carried in a leather neck pouch to display if caught in no-mans land after being shot down. In police conferences we had coins specifically minted for use as mementos. This month BFRG will take delivery of "our" new coin depicting the organization's new logo on one side and the image representing Burleson and Cousins early immigration in America. We anticipate its cost at \$15 plus shipping. Hopefully this batch of 100 will go quickly. If so, we can make larger orders to drive down costs. I have one from the Office of the President of the United States...I use it as a marker for my golf ball on the green. Whatever your preferred use, plan on getting yours soon; it's a beauty.



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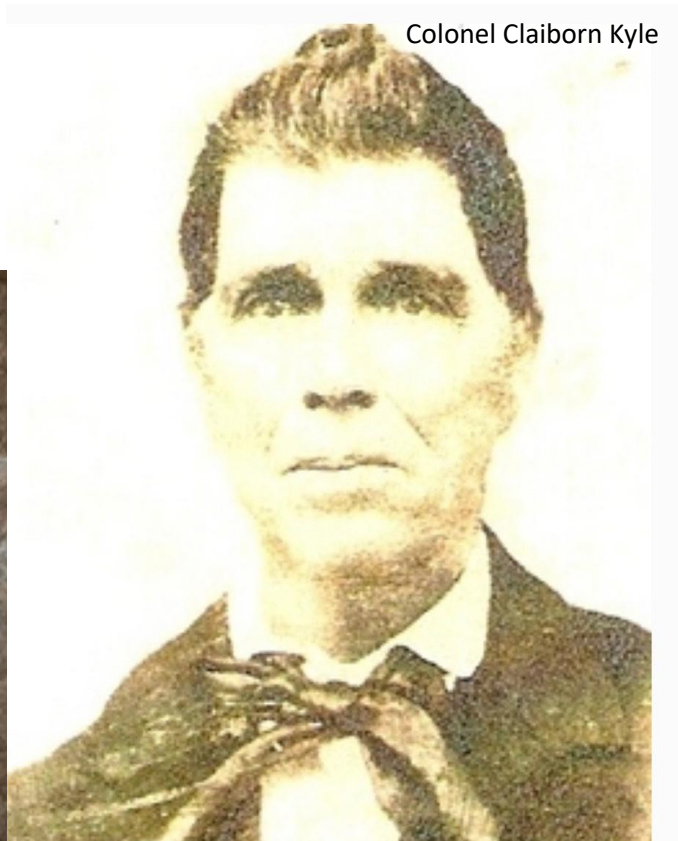
Blue Bonnets:

Burleson Women with a Texas Connection



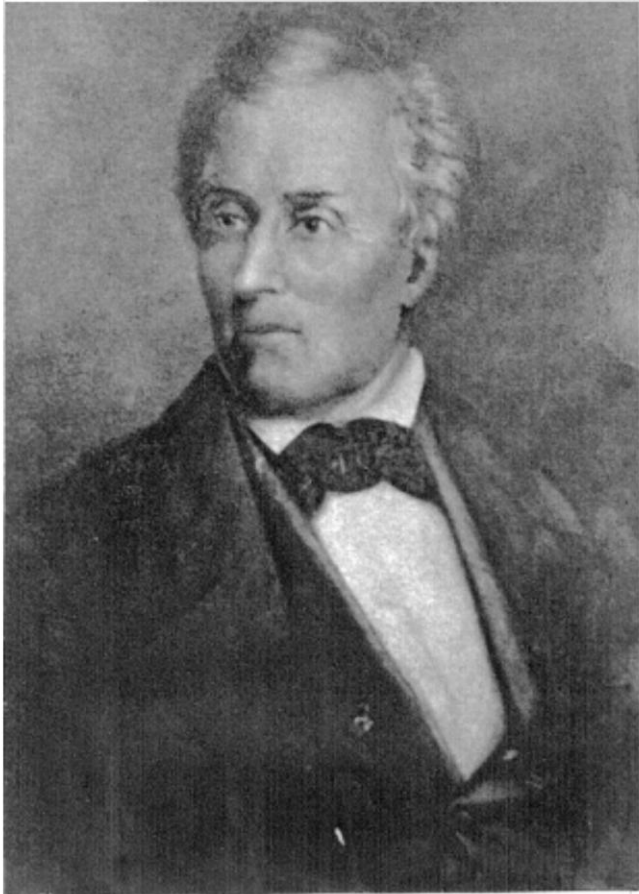
Emma Lucy Kyle (Burleson)

You've all been made aware that the Burleson Family Research Group (BFRG) will make its next "field trip" to Texas. San Antonio, Smithville, Bastrop and Lampasas are in our sights. Among the issues we owe extra scrutiny are the details of the life and times of Burleson women, be they daughters or wives bearing the name. One of the first we'll explore is Emma Lucy Kyle (Burleson). Many Burleson cousins will be joining us May 1st to commence the hunt at the Alamo Museum, Daughters of the American Revolution Museum and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in San Antonio. A half dozen female direct descendants of Emma will be on hand to greet us.



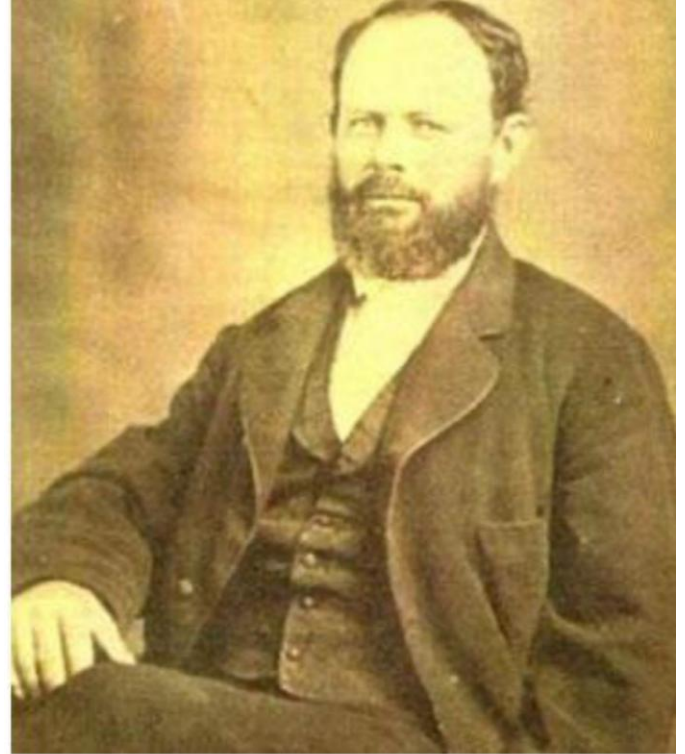
Emma was born May 8, 1832 in Hinds County, Mississippi to Claiborn John Kyle 8 August 1800 Hawkins County, Tennessee to Kyle, Hays County, Texas and Lucy Bugg 10 May 1801 Williamson, Tennessee to 2 June 1863 Hays, Texas. Lucy traces back to Samuel Bugg and Sarah Bacon (family of Bacon's Rebellion fame), members of the St. Peter's Parish in New Kent, Virginia where so many Burleson and Weatherford kin attended. Much more on that soon.

Emma's famous father in law was, of course, General Edward Burleson, hero of San Jacinto. Applicable to this story is he was called the father of Hays County, Texas and the literal father to the man she married- Major Edward Burleson. This Edward was born November 30, 1826 in Tipton, Tennessee. The couple were wed February 1850. Unlike most Burleson stories we must stress Emma brought out the tender side in her beau. T.U. Taylor of Frontier Times Magazine wrote in his 1941 series, Heroines of the Hills, "The marriage of Emma Kyle and Major Edward Burleson was one of the most romantic and peculiar that has happened in Texas."



*General Edward Burleson
A Man of Heroic mould*

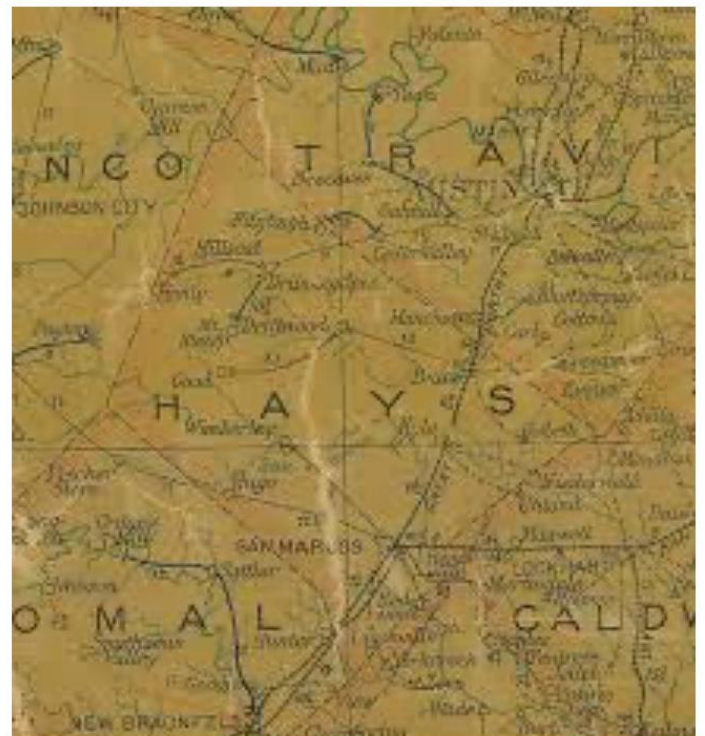
Edward Burleson



Maj. Edward Burleson



Very Early Map of Hays Co, Texas



The following is an excerpt of Taylor's article:

“At the time, however, he was not a major, because he won that title during the Civil War Major Ed was 28 years old, and his wife was 22, when they married. They were married late in the afternoon and rode to Bastrop the next day.

Edward Burleson was rather independent in his youth, and had been in love with Emma Kyle for seven long years. But Emma kept putting him off. Finally Ed made up his mind to end the matter one way or the other. One day he rode up to the Kyle home, near the present town of Kyle, and told the lovely Emma :’Now , you can either marry me or I’m gone for good.’She knew he had the Burleson determination in his eyes. He told her he would come back the next morning and bring the marriage license from San Marcos. Next day he came to the Kyle home with the license and a Methodist preacher. Emma then went and told her mother that she intended to marry Edward Burleson. The father was away from home, and the mother put her foot down on the marriage and issued her final decree: ‘Emma, you can’t marry at this house without your father’s consent.’Edward spoke up: ‘Let’s go over to my mother’s house and be married there.’ Colonel Kyle had given his daughter Emma a splendid horse, which was her favorite riding horse, and the young couple rode to the Burleson home. Mother Burleson who was a spitfire, inquired: ‘Why didn’t you marry at Colonel Kyle’s?’ Emma answered: ‘Father wasn’t home.’ Edward said: ‘We just came here to be married.’ Grandmother Burleson issued HER final decree: ‘If Mrs. Kyle didn’t approve of it because your father’s not here, I am not going to approve of it either. ‘ Edward said to Emma , ` Come on.’ Emma said to her little brothers: ‘ Come on boys, sister is going to be married.



Then they all mounted their ponies , and the whole cavalcade rode to the Burleson home. Here, told by Grandma Burleson they couldn't be married there either, the ardent couple, thus turned away from the Kyle home, were not permitted to marry in the Kyle home or the Burleson home. There happened to living between these two families an old lady by the name Aunt Sooky Holt. She was kind to everybody, and was worshiped by young and old. She lived in a log cabin with a dirt floor. When the bridal party rode up and announced their mission, Aunt Sooky said: ‘ Get out and come in. I want to see you married before you leave here.’ Thus Edward Burleson m

whose father had fought at San Jacinto, and Emma Kyle, the mother of a future member of a President 's cabinet, were married in a mountain cabin on the hill country on a dirt floor. They walked out of the cabin man and wife, but when they came to the horse block, Edward said to Emma, ' Don't get on that horse. ' Emma replied: 'Edward, this is my horse.' Edward replied, ' I don't want any-thing of Colonel Kyle's but you,and I've already got you.' He fixed the bridle reins on the horse, turned it loose and gave it a cut across the hips with his quiet, and started it back to the Kyle ranch. Emma's four little brothers overtook the horse leadind it back to the Kyle place. Emma getup behind Ed on his horseman and they spent the night at some neighbors's house (believed to be the Glasscocks) near there. The next day Ed gave Emma another horse, and they fled away on their honeymoon horseback, across , the country to Bastrop. “



Two years went by without the Burleson couple visiting the Kyle ranch, even after their son Edward Claiborn Burleson was born. Reluctantly they did finally introduce the Kyle's new grandchild. At first sight they fell in love with baby Ed...hearts melted...all were reconciled.

BFRG researchers are headed to the Burleson land in Smithville and Bastrop early May. What new documents, pics, stories and artifacts are to be found? The Kyle Burleson descendants are meeting us.; so are descendants of Gen. Ed, Major Ed and Sheriff Aaron B. Burleson. Word has it Colonel Claiborn Lyle gave his grandson, Little Ed a child's Bible... we're on the hunt! Expect much more on Emma.

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