



Edward Burleson, Jr.

Descendants of EDWARD JR. (MAJ) BURLESON

EDWARD JR. (MAJ)⁷ BURLESON (*EDWARD (GEN)*⁶, *JAMES (CAPT) B*⁵, *AARON*⁴, *JONATHAN*³, *JOHN*², *EDWARD*¹) was born 30 Nov 1826 in TIPTON CO, TN, and died 12 May 1877 in TRAVIS CO, TX FAG#10331890. He met (1) TEXANNA R PAYNE. She was born 1859. He married (2) EMMA LUCY KYLE 15 Feb 1854 in HAYS CO, TX, daughter of CLAIBORNE KYLE and LUCY BUGG. She was born 08 May 1832 in HINDS CO, MISSISSIPPI, and died 05 Feb 1877 in HAYS CO, TX FAG#10331916.

The New Yorker June 1877

From the San Marcos Free Press as printed in The Austin Statesman

It becomes our painful duty to record the death of Honorable Edward Burleson, which occurred at the home of his sister, Mrs. T.E. Sneed in the city of Austin at 6AM on the 12th of May. But a few months ago Mrs. Burleson was laid away in her grave and the sad bereavement operated so heavily upon the surviving husband as to bring

upon him a depression fatal in its consequences. Since the death of his wife Major Burleson has been in declining health, weakening as the days went by until death came and placed him with the one he loved so well.

Major Burleson was born November 26th, 1826 in Tipton County, Tennessee. In 1831 his father, General Edward Burleson of Texas Revolutionary fame moved to Texas and settled in Bastrop County, where the son grew up to manhood. In 1848 the family moved to Hays County, where the subject of this sketch established his home to the day of his death. He married Miss Emma Kyle, daughter of Claiborne Kyle of Hays County. He served as a soldier in the Mexican War under Ben McCulloch and in 1857 was in the Texas frontier service with Colonel Ford holding the rank of Major. During this service he received a severe wound in an Indian engagement on the Rio Grande River, the effects of which remained with him through life. Though often called upon to accept a civil position he refused in all instances, except when elected as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1876 in which body he served with distinction. Again he acted as a Commissioner for locating the Eastern State Penitentiary.

In social life Major Burleson was a gentleman of rare parts. Love and kindness were his leading attributes and association with him was conducive to honorable and ennobling impulses, his acquaintances honored and respected him and his family regarded him almost in the light of a divine impersonation. Friends and relatives and State have lost much in his death and his memory will live with many as the brightest along their life's journey. His happy matrimonial connection was productive of a numerous family of children, seven of whom are living, four boys and three girls. Their bereavement and grief elicits the deepest sympathy.

Major Burleson's funeral at the family burying ground on the Blanco on Sunday last was very largely attended. His remains rest beside those of the wife who was the light and saving influence of his life and apart from whom he cared not to live.

The Galveston News Tuesday, May 15, 1877
San Marcos. Funeral of Major Ed Burleson

Major Edward Burleson was buried here yesterday.

Major B. was a son of General Ed Burleson of the Texas Army and Vice President of the Republic. He was a Delegate from this district to the last Constitutional Convention and was more recently a member of the Commission for the Location of the Branch Penitentiaries. In him Hays County has lost her most valuable citizen and the State one of her most devoted and patriotic sons.

Before and during the war he was a member of the State forces for frontier protection and won for himself distinguished credit for bravery and judgment in combating the Comanches. Honorable in business, sincere in his friendship, of a genial and kindly nature, his loss is universally mourned in this community, to which he was so greatly endeared by reason of his large hearted charity and liberality.

More About EDWARD JR. (MAJ) BURLESON & EMMA LUCY KYLE: Burial: KYLE CEM, KYLE, HAYS CO, TX



Notes for EMMA LUCY KYLE:

As written by a friend who had known her since 1865:

She was a tall woman of commanding appearance, wonderful character and unusual executive ability. When her husband was absent on public affairs she managed their farm and was the counselor and guide for three daughters and seven sons.

She was a model of industry, frugality, and fine judgment. She instilled these characteristics into her children by precept and example.

Child of EDWARD BURLESON and TEXANNA PAYNE is:

- i. CHARLES (CHARLEY) EDWARD⁸ BURLESON, b. 12 May 1884; d. 25 Sep 1939; m. ESTHER GAINES, 18 Oct 1914, CARTER CO, OK; b. 1889.

Children of EDWARD BURLESON and EMMA KYLE are:

- ii. EDWARD C.⁸ BURLESON, b. 26 Aug 1855; d. 24 Jan 1863.
- iii. JOHN WILLIAM BURLESON, b. 29 Aug 1857; d. 01 Jul 1927, SIDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
- iv. JAMES GREEN BURLESON, b. 01 Aug 1859, HAYS CO, TX; d. 10 Sep 1915, SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR CO, TX FAG#20311773; m. MARY DEBORAH GREEN; b. 15 Jul 1862, TX; d. 21 Aug 1940, CALDWELL CO, TX 21985258.
- v. FORD MCCULLOUGH DR BURLESON, b. 19 Jun 1861, HAYS CO, TX; d. 21 May 1887, HAYS CO, TX FAG#21269680; m. LUCY LEE NORTHCRAFT; b. Jun 1865, Missouri; d. 19 Jan 1951, SAN MARCOS, HAYS CO, TX FAG#21985442.

Notes for FORD MCCULLOUGH DR BURLESON:

Ford McCullough Burleson was named after two men who were influential in his father's life. Ford came from the surname of Colonel John Ford and McCulloch came from the surname of Brigadier General Ben McCulloch. Major Burleson served with both men. Note that misspellings were common in these times and due to the early death of his parents the name McCulloch may have been gradually changed to the phonetic spelling of McCullough.

San Antonio Daily Express May 24, 1887

Death of Dr. Ford M. Burleson

San Marcos, May 22. A pall of gloom was thrown over our entire community last night by the announcement of the death of Dr. Ford M. Burleson, a son of Major Edward Burleson and grandson of General Edward Burleson, both of whom are famous in Texas history. He was also a grandson of Colonel Claiborne Kyle, also famous in the early history of Texas.

The doctor was a general favorite of all who knew him, being a man of bold, generous and noble impulses. He was married just a year ago to Miss Lucy Northcraft, daughter of our townsman, Mr. E. Northcraft and granddaughter of our distinguished townsman, Major I.B. Donalson, a Texas veteran.

This sad affliction of the family of the deceased is the common affliction of our citizens in general and they share the sympathy of very member of our society. The funeral took place today at 12:30, the interment being at the Kyle Family Cemetery on Blanco River and was attended by a large concourse of people.

More About FORD MCCULLOUGH DR BURLESON:

Burial: KYLE CEM, KYLE, HAYS CO, TX

Notes for LUCY LEE NORTHCRAFT:

She was one of the very first professors at Southwest Texas Normal School, now known as Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.

Burleson Hall, a residence for young women, which opened in the 1950s, was named after her.

Married to Dr. Ford M. Burleson. Daughter of well known architect Edward Northcraft and Mary E. Donalson.

- vi. ALBERT SIDNEY BURLESON, b. 07 Jun 1863, SAN MARCOS, HAYS CO, TX; d. 24 Nov 1937, SAN MARCOS, HAYS CO, TX FAG#6600148; m. ADELE LUBBOCK STEINER; b. 08 Jul 1863, AUSTIN, TRAVIS CO, TX; d. 08 Jan 1948, AUSTIN, TRAVIS CO, TX FAG#20276604.

Notes for ALBERT SIDNEY BURLESON:

US Congressman, Presidential Cabinet Secretary. He was elected as a Democrat to represent Texas' 9th and 10th Congressional Districts in the United States House of Representatives, serving from 1899 until his resignation in 1913 to accept the appointment of United States Postmaster General. He served as Postmaster General during the administrations of President Woodrow Wilson, serving from 1913 to 1921.

More About ALBERT SIDNEY BURLESON & ADELE LUBBOCK STEINER:

Burial: OAKWOOD CEM, AUSTIN, TRAVIS CO, TX

- vii. KYLE BURLESON, b. 08 Aug 1865, HAYS CO, TX; d. 05 Nov 1866, HAYS CO, TX FAG#21985658.

More About KYLE BURLESON:

Burial: KYLE CEM, KYLE, HAYS CO, TX

- viii. EDWARD BURLESON, b. 17 Jul 1867, HAYS CO, TX; d. 01 Sep 1873, HAYS CO, TX FAG#21985711. More About EDWARD BURLESON: Burial: KYLE CEM, KYLE, HAYS CO, TX
- ix. EMMA KYLE BURLESON, b. 02 Aug 1869, HAYS CO, TX; d. 16 Jun 1941, AUSTIN, TRAVIS CO, TX FAG#22922024.

Notes for EMMA KYLE BURLESON:

Orphaned at the age of nine years old she was raised by her maternal Aunt Elizabeth Burleson Sneed and her Uncle Thomas Sneed in Austin, Texas. One of three daughters she was the only one to remember her parents as her sisters were five and three years old when their parents died within six months of each other.

She attended St. Mary's Academy in Austin and Augusta Female Seminary, now known as Mary Baldwin College, in Staunton, Virginia. She and her sister, Lily Burleson MacDonnell, were interested in Texas history due to their family heritage. In 1905 she worked with her Uncle Fergus Kyle on a bill for the State of Texas to purchase the Alamo. She joined the Daughter's of the Republic of Texas in 1906 and was an active member.

She was a member of the Texas Historical Commission. In 1936 she chaired the official historical contest of the Texas Centennial Central Exposition. She and her sister, Lily, helped staff the information desk in the State Capitol Building during the Centennial. She was also a member of the Philosophical Society of Texas.

She collected historical items, especially furniture, donating them to the French Legation House and the Governor's Mansion. To immortalize her gifts she had metal tags with her name attached to furniture. She would often ask visiting nieces or nephews to crawl under or behind furniture to make certain the tags had not been removed.

She never married, instead living with her younger sister, Lily and her family. She was named for her mother, Emma Kyle.

More About EMMA KYLE BURLESON: Burial: KYLE CEM, KYLE, HAYS CO, TX

- x. LILY KYLE BURLESON, b. 02 Aug 1871, SAN MARCOS, HAYS CO, TX; d. 14 Nov 1948, MILLBRAE, SAN MATEO CO, CALIFORNIA FAG#; m. GEORGE W MACDONNELL, 1893; b. 1865, ILLINOIS; d. 12 Nov 1930, LONG BEACH, LOS ANGELES CO, CA FAG#27115755.

Lily K. Burleson was orphaned at the age of five when her parents, Major Edward Burleson and Emma L. Kyle died within three months of each other in 1877. She was raised by her maternal aunt and uncle, Elizabeth Burleson Sneed and Thomas E. Sneed in Austin, Texas. Her aunt died three months before Lily's marriage to George W. MacDonnell in 1893. Together Lily and her husband founded the Austin Tribune newspaper which was later acquired by the Austin Statesman.

Lily and George had seven children. Three, including a set of twins, died in infancy. Their second son, Albert S. MacDonnell, died in World War I.

The Dallas Morning News Wednesday, November 17, 1948
Burleson Family's Last Member Dies

Austin, Texas, November 16. Mrs. Lily Burleson MacDonnell died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles S. McDonald at Millbrae, California.

Mrs. MacDonnell was a granddaughter of General Edward Burleson who commanded troops in the Battle of San Jacinto. She was a lifelong resident of Austin and the last survivor of the Burleson family.

Other survivors are two sons, George MacDonnell of Kansas and Burleson MacDonnell of California and six grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be held at Kyle, Texas.

More About LILY KYLE BURLESON:

Burial: KYLE CEM, KYLE, HAYS CO, TX

Friday, November 14, 1930
MacDonnell, Ex-Staff Man Of Sun, Dies

Lingering Illness Had Incapacitated Him for Past Two Years

Funeral services for George W. MacDonnell, Long Beach newspaper man who died late Wednesday night November 12, after an illness of two years will be conducted Monday, November 17 at 2PM from the J.J. Mottell Chapel, Third Street and Alamitos Avenue under direction of Knights Templar.

MacDonnell had been in Long Beach since 1910, first coming here to join the advertising staff of the old Long Beach Telegram. After holding that position for seven years he went to Aberdeen, South Dakota returning here in 1923 to open a printing and stationery store at 226 East Broadway.

Taken Ill in 1928

In 1926 MacDonnell joined the advertising staff of The Sun, retiring in 1928 because of illness. Since that time he has been ill at his home, 660 Obispo Avenue, where he died. Surviving are the widow, Anne H. MacDonnell; one son, Burlson MacDonnell of Stockton; a step-daughter, Helen S. Williams of Beverly Hills and two brothers, Michael of San Francisco and Andrew of Stockton. MacDonnell was born in Illinois, moving to Kansas with his parents when a child. He went to Texas at the age of 21, becoming prominent in journalistic and political activities of that state before coming to California for the first time in 1907.

He was the first publisher of the Austin Tribune, and for eight years was advertising manager of the Austin Daily Statesman, both in Austin, Texas. For five years he was Secretary-Treasurer of the Texas Press Association. Upon his arrival in California in 1907 he became associated with the Los Angeles Times, afterward doing special work in Arizona.

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While operating the printing shop at 226 East Broadway here, MacDonnell founded the Masonic Club Bulletin, which later became the Seaboard Mason and Eastern Star.

He was a member of the Palos Verdes Lodge Number 389 Free & Accepted Masons; Long Beach Chapter Number 84 Royal Arch Masons; Long Beach Commandery Number 40 Knights Templar; Naji Temple, Deadwood, South Dakota; Long Beach Consistory and Long Beach Pyramid Number 43, Sciots.

xi. MARY KYLE BURLESON, b. 14 Dec 1873, HAYS CO, TX; d. 03 Apr 1923, SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR CO, TX FAG#20298373; m. CARLOS BEE; b. 08 Jul 1867, MEXICO; d. 20 Apr 1932, SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR CO, TX 18120.

Mary Bee enjoyed the social whirl of Washington, D.C. during the years 1919 to 1921 when her husband Carlos Y. Bee served as a Congressman from Texas. She assisted her sister-in-law, Adele Burleson, wife of her brother Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson in hosting many luncheons and other social events. She was a favorite aunt and as she had no children she invited many young relatives to their residence in Washington, D.C. and summer home near Waring, Texas.

After the tragic death of her parents she lived with her uncle, Thomas E. Sneed and her aunt, Elizabeth Burleson Sneed. Her grandfather was General Edward Burleson.

More About MARY KYLE BURLESON:

Burial: KYLE CEM, KYLE, HAYS CO, TX

Notes for CARLOS BEE:

U.S. Congressman. Born the son of Civil War Confederate Brigadier General Hamilton Prioleau Bee, he moved to Texas, in 1874. He worked as a railway mail clerk, studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1893 and commenced to practice law in San Antonio, Texas. He was United States commissioner for the western district of Texas in 1893, district attorney of the thirty-seventh judicial district, (1898-1905) and a member of the city school board of San Antonio, (1906-08). He was also president of the county school board of Bexar County, (1912-14) and a member of the Texas State Senate, (1915-19). In 19, he was elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-sixth Congress, serving until 1921. An unsuccessful candidate for reelection, he engaged in the practice of law until his death at age 64.

Bio by: John "J-Cat" Griffith

More About CARLOS BEE:

Burial: CONFEDERATE CEM, SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR CO, TX