

Volume XXVII No 6
burlesonbigtent.com
bfrg.info

Recollections

of the
Burleson Family Research Group

December 2024
BFRG Facebook Page
COUSINGING

DIGITAL MAGAZINE



The BFRG wants to send out a big **Thank You** to our very own **Gerry Booth**

Gerry the author of “Texas Journey” a series of Articles for our Recollections

Table of Contents

TEXAS JOURNEY End of the Trail.....	2114
Let's Transition from This Year to the Next... Quietly.....	2154
Recollections Article When You're All Thumb/ Not Thumbs.....	2159
Major Milestones.....	2166
Old Obituaries.....	2173
A Short Cast for the Catch: Marianne Burleson Miller	2199
Todd Burleson: Top of the World.....	2202
Getting Back to the Basics.....	2208

TEXAS JOURNEY

by Gerry Booth

TEXAS!



This is the end of the trail. It has been my pleasure to share what I have learned as I tried to retrace the journey my ancestors made to Texas. Thank you for taking the journey with me.

In this final article, I will present some of the people who became known as the Old Three Hundred and how some of them were related to our big family.

We left Daniel's story with him saying that it was only his family and George Nidever, leaving Arkansas and heading for Texas. He said, "We started about the first of March on our not only lonely and more lonesome than ever, but rough and mountainous road."



To help understand how people were related, I made what I call a "connection chart" of some of the people who have been mentioned in this journey. I identified how they were related to Moses Shipman, father of Daniel Shipman, the author of *Frontier Life*. The chart includes some of his family members we have already covered and some that will be introduced in this article.

A "connection chart" is a chart I make to focus on a group of people and how they are related to one another. When a relationship is explained in words, it can be difficult to follow if you are a visual learner like I am. This chart helps you to visualize the relationships. These charts are my invention and I needed rules to make the charts. I put a full explanation of how to read these charts at the end of this article.

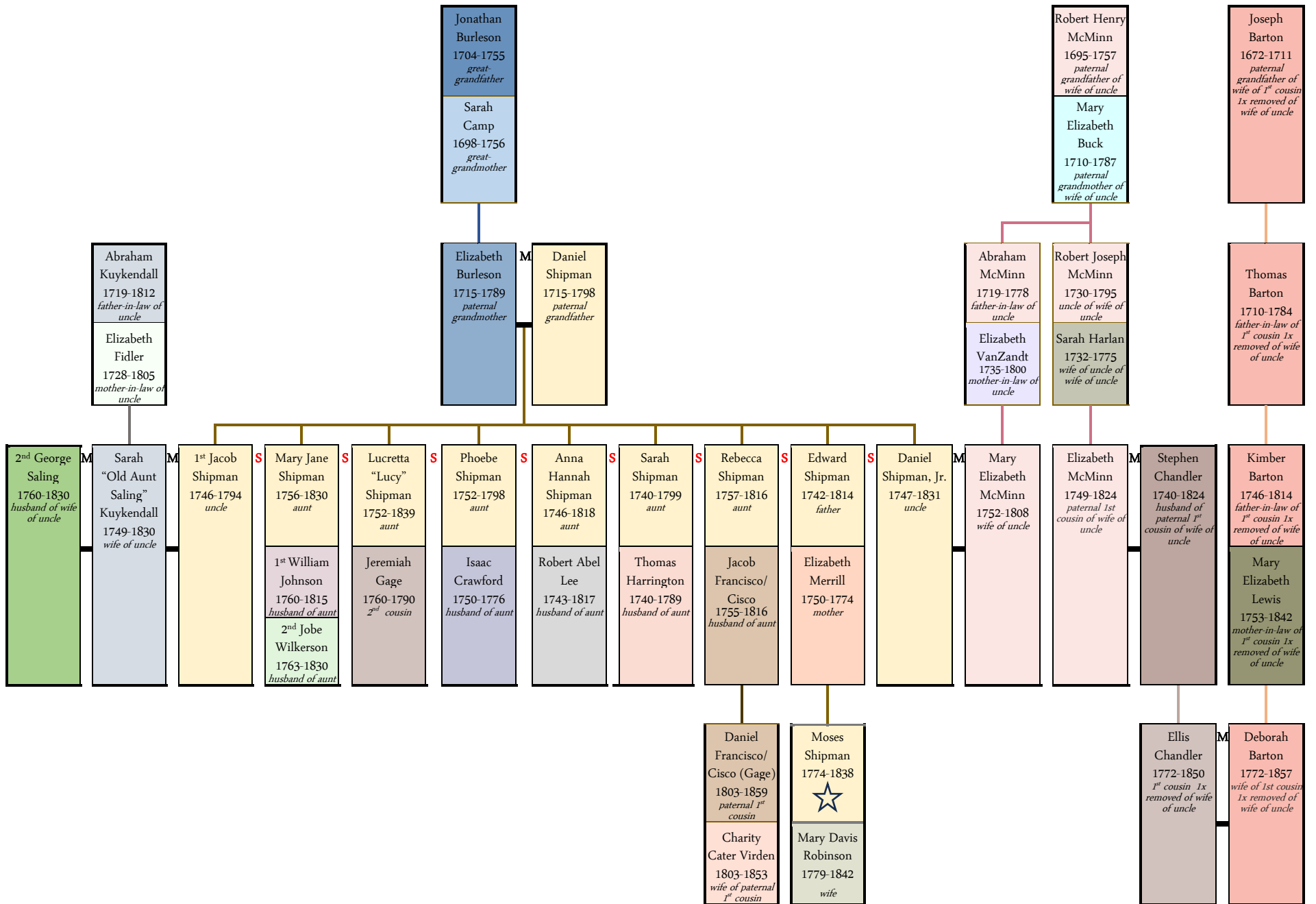
For my chart about Moses Shipman's relationships I did one extra thing. I added how the person was related to Moses.

Notice that Jeremiah Gage is not listed as the "husband of his aunt" like the other men who married Shipman sisters were. Instead, he is listed as a "2nd cousin." He was Moses' second cousin before he married a Shipman sister. The Ancestry "home" person feature located Jeremiah's father, who is not on the chart I made. With this additional information this is how it was determined he was a second cousin:

Jonathan Burleson 1704-AFT.1755		Great-grandfather to Jeremiah and Moses	1 common great-grandfather
Abigail <i>Burleson</i> Gage 1710-1775	Elizabeth <i>Burleson</i> Shipman 1715-1798	Sisters/Grandmothers to Jeremiah and Moses	2 different grandmothers
David Gage ABT. 1725 -1807	Edward Shipman 1742-1814	1 st Cousins/Fathers to Jeremiah and Moses	2 different mothers
Jeremiah Gage 1760-1790	Moses Shipman 1774-1838	2 nd Cousins	

A second cousin is a person who shares great-grandparents with you, but does not have the same grandparents.

SOME FAMILY MEMBERS AND HOW THEY ARE RELATED TO MOSES SHIPMAN



In this series of articles, we followed the migration of our ancestors starting back in North Carolina in the 1700s. Several of these relatives, today are considered to have been some of the founders of our nation.

The Tyron Declaration of Independence, now known as the Tyron Resolves, was a resolution to take up arms, if necessary, against the British. The signers of this document like the signers of the Declaration of Independence written eleven months later, vowed to resist coercive actions made by the British government.

You may remember when I introduced the Robinson family, I wrote that in 1775 John Robinson, Moses' father-in-law, lived in North Carolina and he served on Captain Abraham Kuykendall's Committee of Public Safety. The committee was formed by the Tyron Resolves to organize the county for protection. When I wrote about John Robinson, I put the names of family members in bold.

September 14, 1775. The Committee of Public Safety met according to adjournment. Present: Charles McLean, Chairman, Thomas Espey, Fetty Mauney, Frederick Hambright, **George Russell**, John Morris, **Robert McMinn**, **Abram Kuykendall**, **John Robinson**, John Barber. George Black, James Logan, James McAfee, Andrew Neel, Andrew Hampton, William Thompson, Nicholas Friday, Benjamin Hardin, and Perrygreen Mackness.



Captain Andrew Hampton was authorized to apply to the Council of Safety at Charleston for what gunpowder, lead and flints as can be bought with 8 pounds, 17 shillings and 6 pence proclamation money of North Carolina for the protection of those living on the frontiers of Tryon County, against attacks of savage Indians.¹

With this last *Texas Journey*, we will see how the underlined names above, Frederick Hambright, James McAfee, Andrew Hampton, and Benjamin Hardin, fit into our big family.²

The following connection chart, Tyron to Texas, shows some of the relationships of relatives who lived during the American Revolution to some who made the journey to Texas.

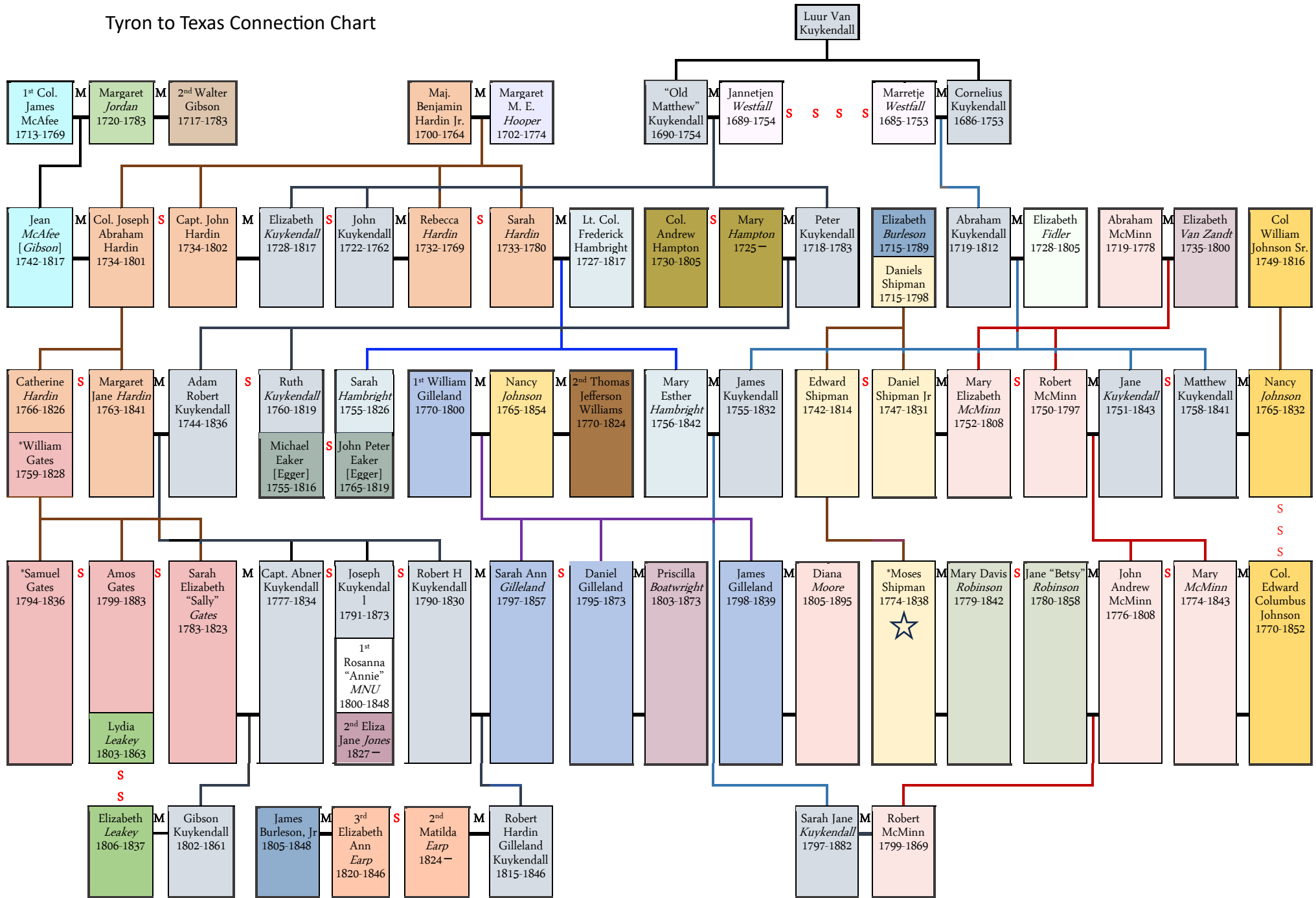
(A full explanation on how to read the connection chart is at the end of this article.)

¹ William L. Sherrill, *Sherrill's History of Lincoln County, North Carolina* (n.d.), 16.

<https://archive.org/details/sherrillshistoryo00sher/page/n15/mode/2up?q=%22John+Robinson%22> accessed June 6, 2024.

² Map of the State of Missouri and Territory of Arkansas 1826 https://www.raremaps.com/gallery/detail/57698/map-of-the-state-of-missouri-and-territory-of-arkansas-compl-finley?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMATAAR3Odm-JM_R7_DLx0VYXWTcLYKp1FXwVXGvLJj124amSDRxIlnXosCP2K98_aem_AW6yOJKIPffj09dYVdbgFBAtIWrn6B7bfzvAJDaEyhuJ6cW8RtQ_bjFBEjPBF6ghkb_hcGuMwigtBYTseHT-iglyR

Tyron to Texas Connection Chart



Some of these relatives listed in the chart were settlers who joined Stephen F. Austin in his new colony located in Texas, which at that time was under the rule of Augustin de Iturbide, the Constitutional Emperor of Mexico.

Austin, like nearly all Americans of his day, didn't think much of emperors. But the interests of his Texas project prompted him to keep his disapproval to himself. 'I make a tender of my services, my loyalty, and my fidelity to the Constitutional Emperor of Mexico,' he wrote Iturbide, 'a tender which I am ready to verify by an oath of allegiance to the Empire.' To underscore his point, Austin added, 'This solemn act cuts me off from all protection or dependence on my former government. My property, my prospects, my future hopes of happiness, for myself and family, and for the families I have brought with me, are centered here. This is our adopted nation.'³

To many, Texas was the promise land. Lots of good land for about four cents an acre, no taxes, and the belief that being so distant from the central government of Mexico, would make it possible for one to do what one wanted.

However, by April of 1830, trouble began with the passage of a new law, called the Law of April 6, 1830. The law, that stated "no foreigner could settle in Mexican territory bordering the country he came from — a clear slap at American immigrants."⁴ The law also "suspended all unfilled colonization contracts; ended the colonists' monopoly on coastal shipping; banned future slavery; required all foreigners to have passports; and the colonists lost the duty exemption on essential goods and materials they brought in from the States. By 1831 Mexican troops were being stationed all over Texas; the council at Liberty was dissolved; and all the ports except Anahuac were closed. This led to another revolution. So once again, some of our ancestors took up arms and fought to be free.

One of the men in our big family, fought both fights, the American Revolution and the Texas Revolution. He was Bailey Anderson, Sr. (1753-1839), one of three men who fought in both the American Revolution and then more than fifty years later fought in the Texas Revolution.

In Bailey Anderson's application for a pension for his service in the American Revolution

...he stated that he enlisted in 1776 and served at various times up to and including the year of the battle of King's Mountain, and thereafter he was "out on several occasions against Indians and out-laying Tories' .," his service amounting in all to two years. He served as Private with South Carolina Troops under Captain Gordon and Colonels Brannon and Richardson; with Virginia Troops against the Cherokees under Capt. Thomas Price and Colonel Christian; again with S. C. Troops in the Black Swamp under Capt. Thomas Gordon; with Georgia Troops under Capt. Parsons and Colonels Clark, Shelby, and Williams, he took part in the battle of Musgrove's Mills; he served with Georgia Troops under Capt. Bridges and Col. Clark at the first siege of Augusta, he was at the battle of "Black Stalks," and served under Captain Farrar at the siege of Ninety-Six.⁵

In 1821, Bailey Anderson moved to the Ayish Bayou District in Texas. He commanded a company at the Battle of Nacogdoches, sometimes called the opening gun of the Texas Revolution, in August of 1832. In December of 1835 he once again served. Under the commander of the Texas army, General Edward Burtleson, and along with other family members including the author of our story, Daniel Shipman he fought at the Siege of Bexar. "He, with twenty or thirty men, ten of his own company, ten of Captain English's and the remainder of the New Orleans Grey were piloted through the enemy's lines into the heart of the city, where they secured possession of old Colonel Navarro's house."⁶ This battle was when the Texans took the Alamo.

³ Brands, H. W., *Lone Star Nation*, (Anchor Books, a division of Random House, Inc. New York, 2004) 76.

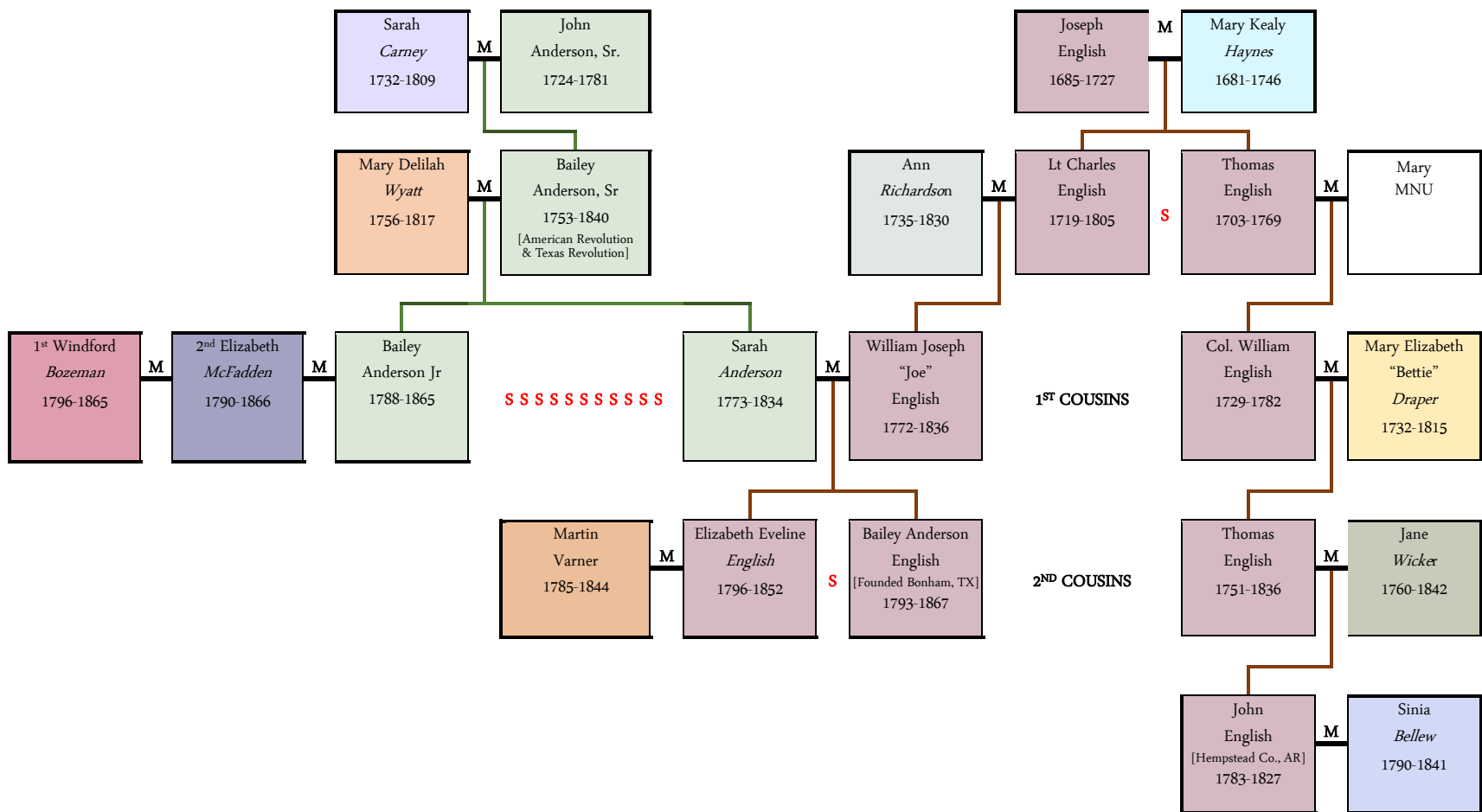
⁴ Lord, Walter, *A Time to Stand*, (University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln and London, 1961) 31.

⁵ Thomas, Helen Gilmore Smith; Barmann, Dolly Reed Gilmore, *Gillmore-Carter and Allied Families*, (1962), 111.

<https://archive.org/details/gillmorecarteral00thom/page/110/mode/2up?q=anderson> Accessed 3 Dec 2024.

⁶ <https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph46827/m1/408/?q=native%20americans>

Anderson and English Connection Chart

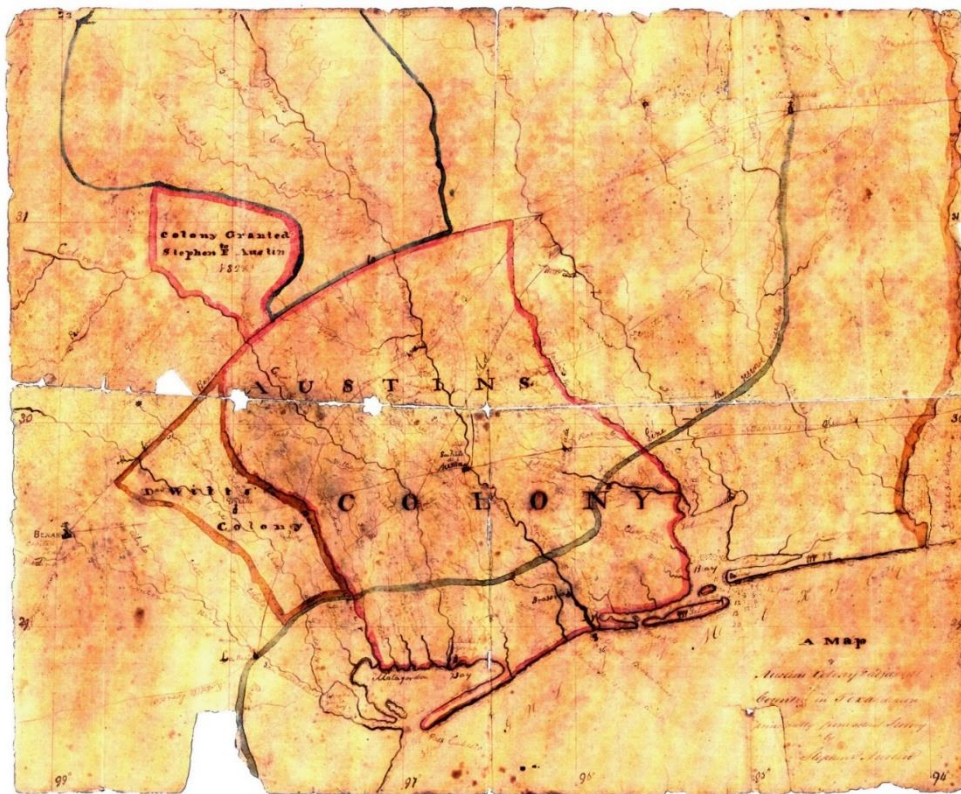


Bailey Anderson was an example of the kind of men our ancestors were. William DeWees described these men and himself.

“We’re here all united together, bound together by an indissoluble tie. As the past has been full of bitterness, we of course look forward to future happiness. . . .”⁷

And so, many of the families that make up our big family of Shipmans, Burlesons, Gages, and Kuykendalls to name a few of our allied families, looked for future happiness. By the summer of 1821, after many of the family had migrated westward but were still looking for that future happiness, the event that made Texas the land of opportunity occurred. Moses Austin succeeded by his son Stephen on his death, started a sanctioned colony in Texas.⁸

*Stephen F. Austin went from New Orleans by river steamboat to Natchitoches, where he arrived June 26, 1821. He and his party crossed the Sabine River on July 15, stopped a few days at Nacogdoches, and from there journeyed along the Old San Antonio Road, arriving at San Antonio August 12. Here he received authorization from Governor Marinez to explore the country and to make arrangements for his colony. He spent three months inspecting the territory and in laying plans for a great colonization enterprise. Roughly taken, the territory that Austin might colonize lay between the Brazos and Colorado rivers, and south of the Old San Antonio Road, though large areas also lay on the east side of the Brazos.*⁹



This is the map that Stephen F. Austin drew of his colony.¹⁰

⁷ Brands, H. W., *Lone Star Nation*. 35

⁸ Kuykendall, Marshall T., *They Slept Upon Their Rifles*, (Fort Worth, Texas, NorTex Press, 2005), 259

⁹ Schmidt, Charles F., *History of Washington County*, (San Antonio, Texas, The Naylor Company, 1949), 3.

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/28286/images/dvm_LocHist012245-00009-1?treeid=47024475&personid=372200153112&hintid=1029274874241&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pld=84 Accessed 3 Dec 2024.

¹⁰ <https://historictexasmaps.com/collection/search-results/93353-a-map-of-austins-colony-and-adjacent-country-in-texas-drawn-principally-from-actual-survey-by-stephen-f-austin-non-glo-digital-images> Accessed 3 Dec 2024.

Stephen F. Austin wrote a letter on July, 1, 1821 (to Unknow) in which he stated:

I am now this far on my journey to the Province of Texas, to take possession of the lands granted to my Father, Col. Moses Austin...IT (confirmation letter) contains a permission to settle three hundred families on the lands to each of whom a tract of land is to be given and to whom most liberal privileges are secured, both in regard to commercial intercourse and civil rights.¹¹

Word of free land was starting to spread.

“Austin published a handbill that invited settlers to secure free land as members of his colony in Texas. The news about Austin’s colony traveled to Missouri, Louisiana, and the Arkansas Territory. . . . “Austin left word for the early arrivals to his colony to wait for him where the La Bahia road crossed the Brazos River.”¹²

On Austin’s exploratory trip to Texas, he arrived at the Brazos on December 31, 1821, where he found several groups of settlers waiting for him.

Even though, Daniel talked about how few people traveled with his family on the long journey, some of these early settlers were in fact, related to him. As you read about some of the groups that traveled together to Texas you will notice some surnames that you may know are related to our big family.

The following paragraphs are a listing of some of the names of people who arrived in Austin’s Colony between November 1821 and March 9, 1822. There is no official record of who traveled together and what day they arrived at Austin’s Colony. However, these people tended to travel with their families and their allied families. I have given the groups the name of the leader or leaders of the individuals or families that were known to have traveled together. The group names are just an organization tool to help see the relationships.

This list does not include everyone who moved to Texas between November 1821 and March 9, 1822. I focused on groups that were related to our family or that were part of Daniel’s account of the Shipman journey. A few people I put in a group were related to the group and of interest but arrived in Texas later than March 9, 1822. In some cases, I have added additional information about their extended families so that connections to our family could be understood. I also added a little Texas history.

Like in Daniel Shipman’s story, these groups did not necessarily move as one big group. They may have been traveling as little groups in close proximity to each other, passing through the same areas within a few days or so of each other.

I have placed a star (*) beside the names of those who became Old 300, the name given to the first 300 (actually 297) settlers who qualified for land grants from Stephen F. Austin.

Before Moses got on the road to Texas, some of his Kuykendall cousins were already living in Texas with more to come.

THE KUYKENDALL GROUP

The leaders of this group were the three Kuykendall brothers, Abner, Joseph, and Robert. Joseph and Robert saw Moses Austin near Nacogdoches on his return from San Antonio where he had applied for a grant to organize a colony. They had been kicked off their land by the US Government granting it to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians and were looking for a new place to settle.

Captain Gibson Kuykendall was nineteen years old when he traveled with his father, Abner Kuykendall, on a caravan from Pecan Point on the Red River to Austin’s colony. In 1857, he wrote his recollections of this trip:

¹¹ Eugene Barker, ed., *Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the Year 1919: The Austin Papers*, (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1924), 3 vols., Vol 1, Part 1, pp. 399

<https://digitalaustinpapers.org/document?id=APB0394.xml> Accessed 9 Dec 2024

¹² Ramsey, Don. *Martin Varner: Texas Pioneer* (San Diego, California: www.Bookwarren.com, 2009), 42.

My father, Abner Kuykendall, and his brother, Joseph with their families, left Arkansas Territory for Texas in October 1821. At Nacogdoches they were joined by their brother Robert, who had, for some time been residing west of the Sabine. The three families crossed the Brazos River at the La Bahia road on the 26th day of November 1821. We found Andrew Robinson and family camped on the west side of the river. Robinson had preceded us two or three days. His was the first immigrant family that crossed the Brazos River. Here we all camped for about a month.¹³

Joseph, Captain Abner, and Captain Robert H. “were among the very first five families to enter Texas in what was to be the opening of the great migration into the state.”¹⁴

These brothers were the sons of **Adam Kuykendall** (1756-1836) and **Margaret Hardin Kuykendall** (1758-1835) and the grandsons of **Peter Kuykendall** (1719-1783). Adam and Margaret had seven children. Four went to Texas in 1821. Their son Peter went but after a short time returned to Conway County, Arkansas to be with the rest of the family.

***Abner Kuykendall** (1777-1834) a North Carolinian raised in Kentucky, traveled from Pecan Point on the Red River to Austin’s meeting point on the Brazos.

Abner Kuykendall was stabbed at San Felipe in June of 1834 by Joseph Clayton and died in late July. Clayton was convicted and hanged in what was probably the first legal execution in Texas.

[Land grants in Fort Bend – July 7, 1824; in Washington – July 7, 1824; and Austin – July 7, 1824]

Sarah “Sally” Gates Kuykendall (–1826) was thirteen when she married Abner. She was the daughter of **William Gates** (1759-1828) and **Catherine Hardin Gates** (1766-1826). This means that William Gates was Abner Kuykendall’s father-in-law.

***Joseph Kuykendall** (1794-1873) was the brother of Abner and Robert Kuykendall. He was less mobile and was more settled which some researchers believe indicates he may have been crippled.

Rosanna “Annie” (1798-1848) was Joseph’s first wife, and then he married **Eliza J. Jones** (1827–).

[Land grant in Fort Bend – July 8, 1824.]

***Robert H. Kuykendall, Sr**, (1790-1830) the son of **Adam Robert Kuykendall, Sr** (1756-1836) and **Margaret Jane Hardin** (1758-1835)

Robert lived west of the Sabine River for some time. It has been documented that Robert was on Galveston Island as early as 1819.¹⁵ It has also been documented that Robert was scouting in east Texas for several months before October 1821.

Robert Kuykendall was hit over the head with a gun barrel while he was fighting Indians in the spring of 1826. This caused him to become blind and paralyzed. He died about two years later.

[Land grants in Wharton and Wharton – no date]

Sarah Ann Gilleland (1797-1857) married Robert H. Kuykendall. She was the daughter of **William Gilleland** (1770-1800) and **Nancy Johnson** (1765-1854).

After Robert died in 1830, Sarah married **Peter Kensey** (–1837) and they had a daughter named **Sarah Ann Kensie** (abt. 1834–). Sarah then married **Thomas J. Tone** (1751-1850). They had no children. After Thomas Tone died Sarah lived with her daughter Sarah Ann.

¹³ Kuykendall, Marshall T., *They Slept Upon Their Rifles*. 212.

¹⁴ Kuykendall, Marshall T., *They Slept Upon Their Rifles*. 265.

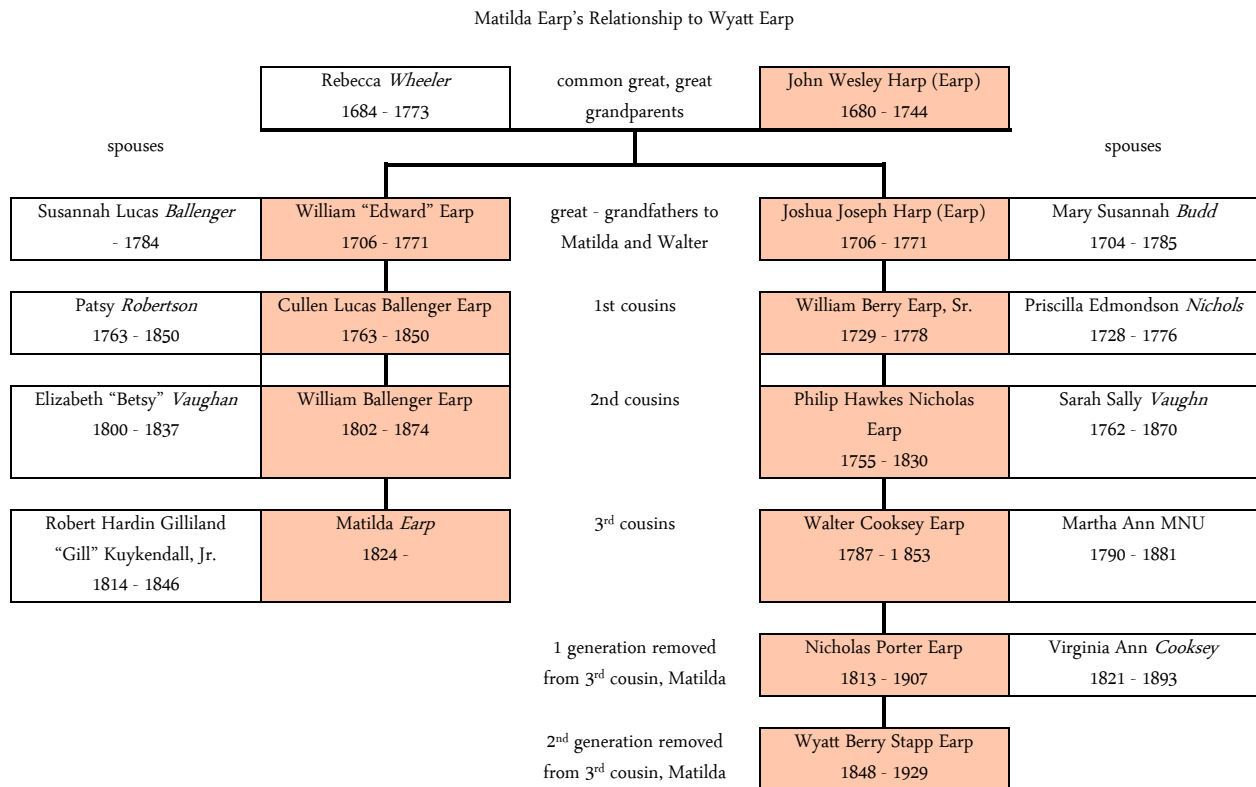
¹⁵ Kuykendall, Marshall T., *They Slept Upon Their Rifles*. 47.

Sarah Ann *Gilleland* and Robert Kuykendall had a son named **Robert Hardin Gilleland Kuykendall** (1815-1846). He first married **Electra Shannon** (1817-1844) and then after her death, he married **Matilda Earp** (1824–) on May 30, 1844.

Robert was ambushed by Indians while he was returning from a trip to San Antonio.

Matilda Earp had a sister named **Elizabeth Ann Earp** (1820-1846) who was married to **James Burleson, Jr.** (1805-1848), the son of **Captain James Burleson** (1775-1838) and **Elizabeth Shipman** (1770-1834). This makes Robert Kuykendall and James Burleson, Jr. brothers-in-law. (See the Tyron to Texas Connection Chart)

Also of interest, Matilda Earp was Wyatt Earp's third cousin, two times removed.

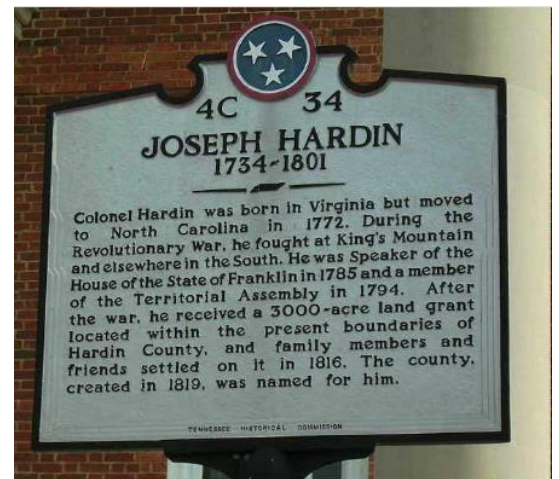


***William Gates** (A.B.T. 1759-1828) was the son of **Charles Gates** (1736-1805) and **Elizabeth Tholl** (1735-1807).

William traveled to Texas with his wife, Catherine; his sons, William, Samuel, Ransom, Charles, and Amos; and his daughter Sarah. They left in the fall of 1821 and headed south. In the latter part of December, they met up with Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches and were informed about how to acquire land in his colony. Then they continued toward the Brazos. After crossing the Trinity River the Gates family met Andrew Robinson and continued traveling with his family.

[Land grants in Washington -July 16, 1824 and Washington – July 16, 1824.]

Catherine Hardin Gates (1766-1826) of Rutherford County, North Carolina was William Gates' wife. She was the daughter of **Colonel Joseph Abraham Hardin** (1734-1801) and **Jean or Jane E Gibson** (1742-1817). This Jean/Jane Gibson is Jean/Jane McAfee. Jean/Jane's mother who was **Margaret Jordan** (1720-1783) first married and had a daughter Jean/Jane with **Colonel James McAfee** (1713-A.F.T. 1769). Margaret later married **Walter Gibson** (1717-1783). Jean/Jane



appears to have been known by her step-father's surname, Gibson but she was born, McAfee. Another explanation for the name confusion was found on Family Search:

In The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family Group Record Archives, there is a record of Joseph and wife Jane Gibson and the recording of children. This group sheet dates to the 1920's. An article in the Independence County Chronicle, October 1974 by Ralph Wyatt documents the Hardin family connections. One item to note here is a deed record for Anson County, North Carolina. Deed Book 1 page 41, records on Nov 12, 1757, Joseph Hardin and wife Jean sold land. He states this Jean is said to be Jean McAfee and that the deed has his signature and her mark. Further Mr. Wyatt found a Will of James McAfee (Lincoln & Tryon County Wills) dated Feb 4, 1769. This names wife, Margaret, children; William, James Robert, Janet, a daughter in law, Jean, a daughter, son-in-law Joseph Hardin, and grandsons Thomas and James, sons of William.¹⁶

Sarah Elizabeth Gates (1768-1823) was the daughter of William and Catherine Gates. She married **Abner Kuykendall** (1777-1834).

***Samuel Gates** (1794-1836) was the son of William and Catherine Gates. He married **Catherine "Katy" Ann Elizabeth Pyeatt** (1795-1865). Catherine made the Texas flag that was carried in the Runaway Scrape.

In 1824, Samuel received two leagues of land, one for being the married head of household for farming and one league for raising stock. Most settlers claimed to be stock raisers and farmers in order to receive two leagues of land. (A league of land is 4,428 acres.)

[Land grants in Washington – July 16, 1824, and in Washington – July 16, 1824.]

William Gates Jr.(1794-1872) was the son of William and Catherine Gates. He was married to **Anna Theodosia "Dosia" Collins** (1799-1884). She was the daughter of **John Collins** (1769-1845).

Ransom Gates (1794–1828) was the son of William and Catherine Gates.

Charles Horatio Gates (1798-1836) was the son of William and Catherine Gates. He married **Minerva Fletcher Hanks** (1807-1891). She was the daughter of **Isabella Gabriella Stewart** (1774-1841) and **Peter Hanks** (1767-1811).

Amos Gates (1799-1883) was the son of William and Catherine Gates.

On the Gates family's journey to Texas, Amos was their scout. He successfully guided them to the Brazos in late December. In the spring the settlers planted a crop but there was a drought. In June of 1822, there was word of ships bringing provisions to the mouth of the Colorado River. "Gibson [Kuykendall], his father [Abner Kuykendall], and his uncle Amos Gates went to the mouth of the Colorado River to meet a ship loaded with provisions."

In his obituary published in the Bastrop Advertiser in 1883, it stated, "He was the oldest settler of Washington County, and was the first white man to cross to the west side of the Brazos River."¹⁷

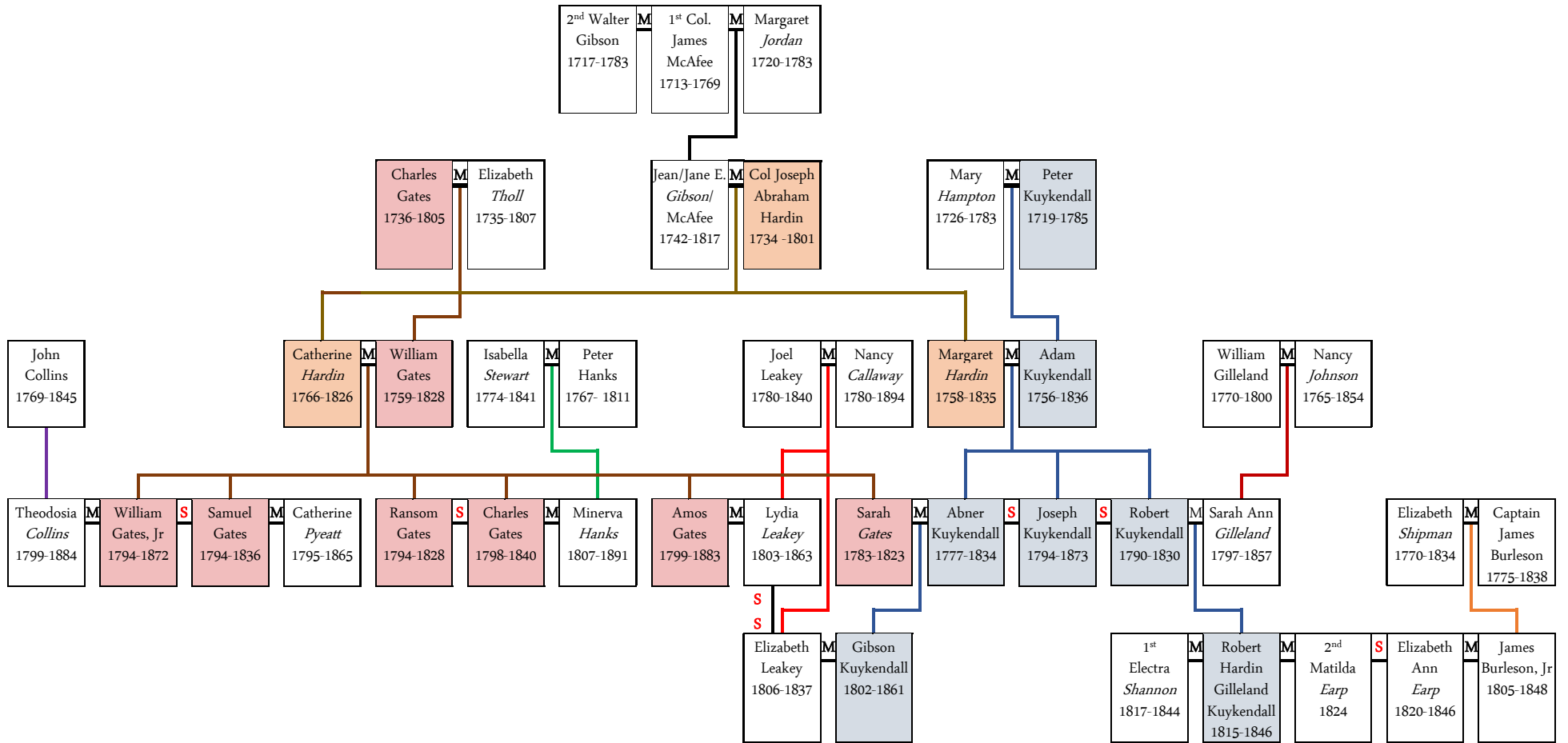
Lydia Leakey (1803-1863) was Amos Gates' wife. Lydia was the daughter of **Joel Leakey** (1780-1840) and **Nancy Callaway** (1780-1894). Lydia had a sister, **Elizabeth Leakey** (1806-1837) who married **Gibson Kuykendall** (1802-1861) the son of Abner Kuykendall. This means that Amos Gates who was about two years older than Gibson Kuykendall was his uncle. Amos' wife Lydia Leakey Gates was Gibson's aunt and his sister-in-law.

¹⁶ <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/collaborate/M4JZ-LML> Accessed 4 Dec 2024/

¹⁷ Ray, Worth S., *Austin Colony Pioneers* (Worth S. Ray, 1949, Austin, Texas), 102.

<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/412996/?offset=0#page=107&viewer=picture&o=info&n=0&q=>

GATES, HARDINS, AND KUYKENDALLS MOVE TO TEXAS CONNECTION CHART



The Gilleland brothers, their step-father Thomas Jefferson Williams and mother, Nancy *Johnson* (Gilleland) Williams were living in Miller County and moved to Austin's Colony with John Ingram and Robert H. Kuykendall who was married to Daniel and James' sister, Sarah Ann *Gilleland* Kuykendall. They reached Texas on December 29, 1821. "In the last few days of December, the entire group of Kuykendalls, along with the allied families of Boatrights, and Gillelands, crossed the Brazos River on make-shift rafts and by swimming their livestock"¹⁸.

William Felix Gilleland (1770-1800) was the son of **James Gilleland** (1745-1810) and **Susannah Young** (1750-1842). He married Nancy *Johnson*.

Nancy Johnson (1765-1854) was the daughter of **Philip Earl Johnson** (1730-1776) and **Elizabeth Bush** (1740-1805). Nancy first married William Gilleland. After he died, she married Thomas Jefferson Williams.

There were two Nancy Johnsons that were part of the Kuykendall group. There was Nancy *Johnson* who first married William Gilleland and secondly Thomas Williams. The second Nancy *Johnson* married Matthew Kuykendall.

The Nancy Johnson that married Matthew Kuykendall had a brother Edward Columbus Johnson (1770-1852) who married Mary *McMinn* (1774-1843), the daughter of Robert McMinn (1750-1797) and Jane *Kuykendall* (1751-1843). Mary *McMinn* Johnson had a brother John Andrew McMinn (1776-1808), who married Jane "Betsy" *Robinson* (1780-1858). Jane was the sister of Mary Davis *Robinson* Shipman (1779-1842), the wife of Moses Shipman. (See Tyron to Texas Connection Chart).

In addition to these two Nancy Johnsons, many Burlesons have another Nancy Johnson in their family tree that was of the next generation and who was married to John Burleson (1817-1904). On the following page I have placed a connection chart of the three Nancy Johnsons to see exactly how they fit into the big family.

***Thomas Jefferson Williams** (ABT. 1771- ABT. 1825) and Nancy *Johnson* Gilleland married in 1802 in Tennessee. The family moved to the Arkansas Territory "and eventually settled on the Buzzard Creek Branch of the Red River above Pecan Point before 1821."¹⁹

[Land grant in Matagorda – August 16, 1824.]

Sarah Ann Gilleland (1797-1857) married Robert H. Kuykendall. She was the daughter of **William Gilleland** (1770-1800) and Nancy *Johnson*.

Robert Johnson Gilleland (1793-1840) was known by his middle name, Johnson. He was the son of Nancy and William Gilleland. He and his wife **Mary Barbour** (1793-1840) were living in Pennsylvania when the rest of his family began their journey to Texas. Robert, Mary, and their two children **Rebecca Jane Gilleland** (1831-1926) and **William McCalla Gilleland** (1834-1892) joined the rest of his and his wife's family in Texas in 1837.

Johnson served in the ranger company of Captain John J. Tumlinson, Jr. in the protection of the frontier.

Johnson and Mary have the same death date. They were living in Refugio when they were massacred by Comanches. Their 9-year-old daughter, Rebecca, and 6-year-old son, William were captured. General Albert Sidney Johnston led a command of mounted riflemen and was able to recover the two children.²⁰

***Daniel Gilleland** (1795-1873) was the son of William and Nancy Gilleland. Daniel married **Priscilla Boatwright** (–1873), who was the daughter of Thomas Boatwright and Amy *Rushing* Boatwright. Daniel and Priscilla with their infant daughter, Priscilla's parents the Boatwrights, and their children joined the Gillelands and Kuykendalls and traveled to Texas.

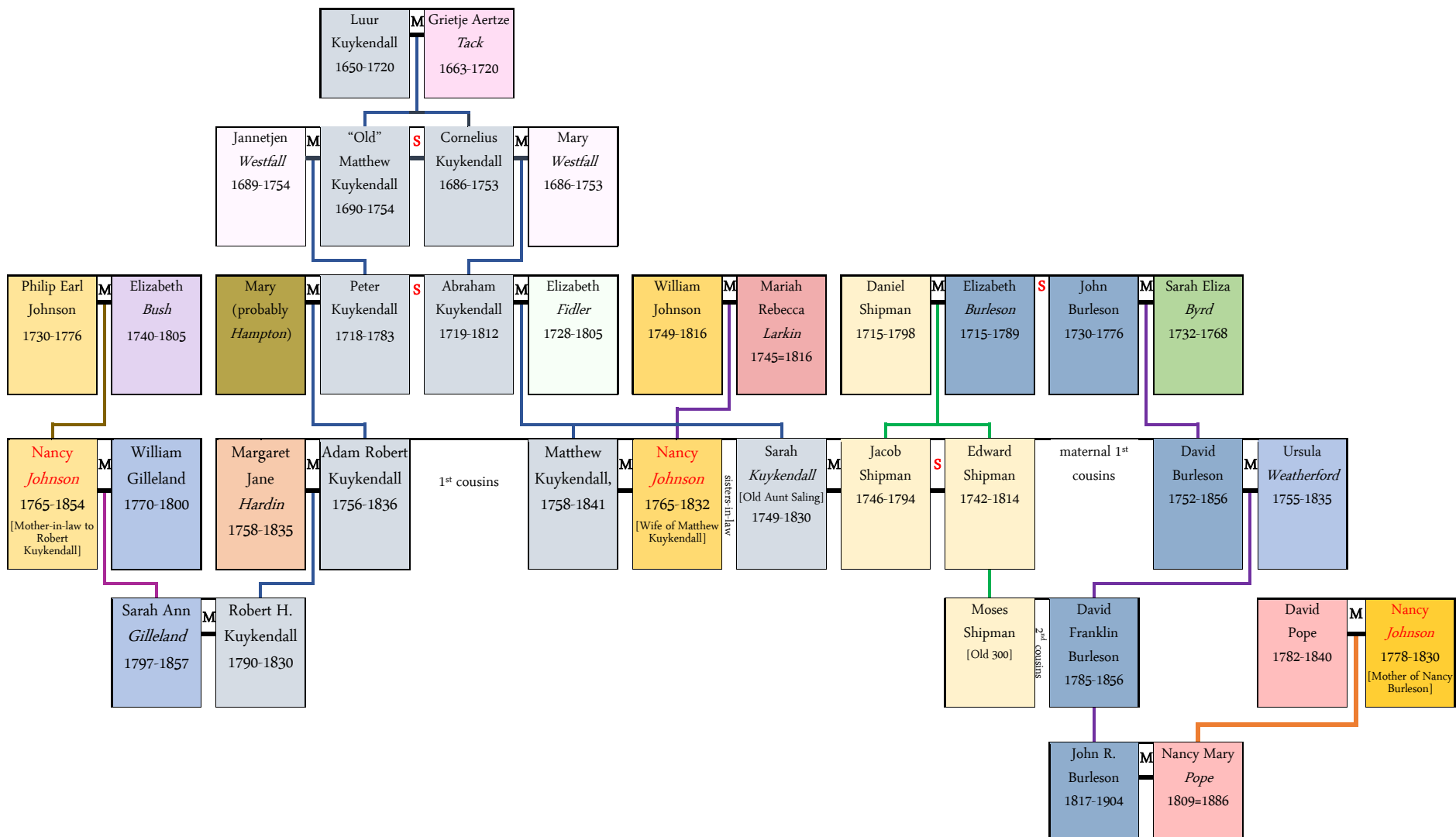
[Land grant in Austin – August 3, 1824.]

¹⁸ Kuykendall, Marshall T., *They Slept Upon Their Rifles*. 205.

¹⁹ Kuykendall, Marshall T., *They Slept Upon Their Rifles*. 45.

²⁰ https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/80833577/mary_gilleland# Accessed 8 Dec 2024.

THE THREE NANCY JOHNSONS



James Gilleland (1798-1839) was the son of William and Nancy Gilleland. James married **Dianna Moore** (1805-1895). She was the daughter of **Nathaniel** (1780-1850) and **Rebecca Adams Moore**(1788-1852).

During the spring of 1822, this group returned to Arkansas. In the fall of 1823, the group returned with the addition of Dianna Moore Gilleland's parents, the Moores, and the Rabbs.

James built his home on a creek that came to be known as Gilleland Creek. James was a Methodist lay preacher. He organized the first church in Bastrop, in the Spring of 1835.²¹

In 1839 when a band of Comanches attacked a settlement below Waterloo (Austin), James joined the militia that was raised to pursue them. The company caught up with the Comanches at Brushy Creek. General Edward Burleson was the commander. James was gravely wounded by a musket ball between the shoulder and neck. He died 10 days later. Jacob Shipman Burleson, General Ed's brother was also killed.

Sarah Ann Gilleland (1797-1857) was the daughter of William and Nancy Gilleland. Sarah Ann married first **Robert H. Kuykendall, Sr.** (1790-1830), second, Peter Kinsey and third, Thomas Tone(1751-1852).

Benjamin Williams (1803-1820). the son of Thomas and Nancy Williams, died on the way to Texas.

They had to chop out a path for their pack horses, cattle, and hogs. Each horse carried a large Mexican ciaxes (pack-saddle). A wood frame the length of a horse was made, then a wet cowhide was stretched over this frame and left to dry. A flap was left to cover the top making it rainproof. Two of these bags were joined by straps over the horse's back. A feather bed would fit into one of these bags. The ill son, Benjamin, was carried on such a bed made on top of the pack saddle.²²

Thomas Johnson Williams (1807-1889) was the son of Thomas and Nancy Williams. Thomas married first **Elizabeth Bennet DeMoss** (1815-1852), and second **Mary Moore** (1837-1854), and third, **Rebecca Horton**. (I have found Mary listed as Mary Isabella and as Mary Jane).

Thomas served in the Texas Revolution and according to family history, was one of the men who found the disguised and hiding Santa Anna after the Battle of San Jacinto.

Nancy Williams (1809-1841) was the daughter of Thomas and Nancy Williams. Nancy married **Thomas Walker Moore** (1803-1874). Thomas was the son of **Moses** (1777-1860) and **Jane Priscilla Miller** (1777-1800) **Moore**.

Mary Diane Williams (1811-1884) was the daughter of Thomas and Nancy Williams. Mary married **Thomas Adams Moore** (1808-1852), a cousin of her sister's husband, Thomas Walker Moore. Thomas Adams was the son of **Nathaniel** (1780-1850) and **Rebecca Adams Moore** (1788-1852).

Mary Diane Williams' half-brother, James Gilleland, married her husband's sister. Her husband was Thomas Adams Moore and his sister was Diane Moore.

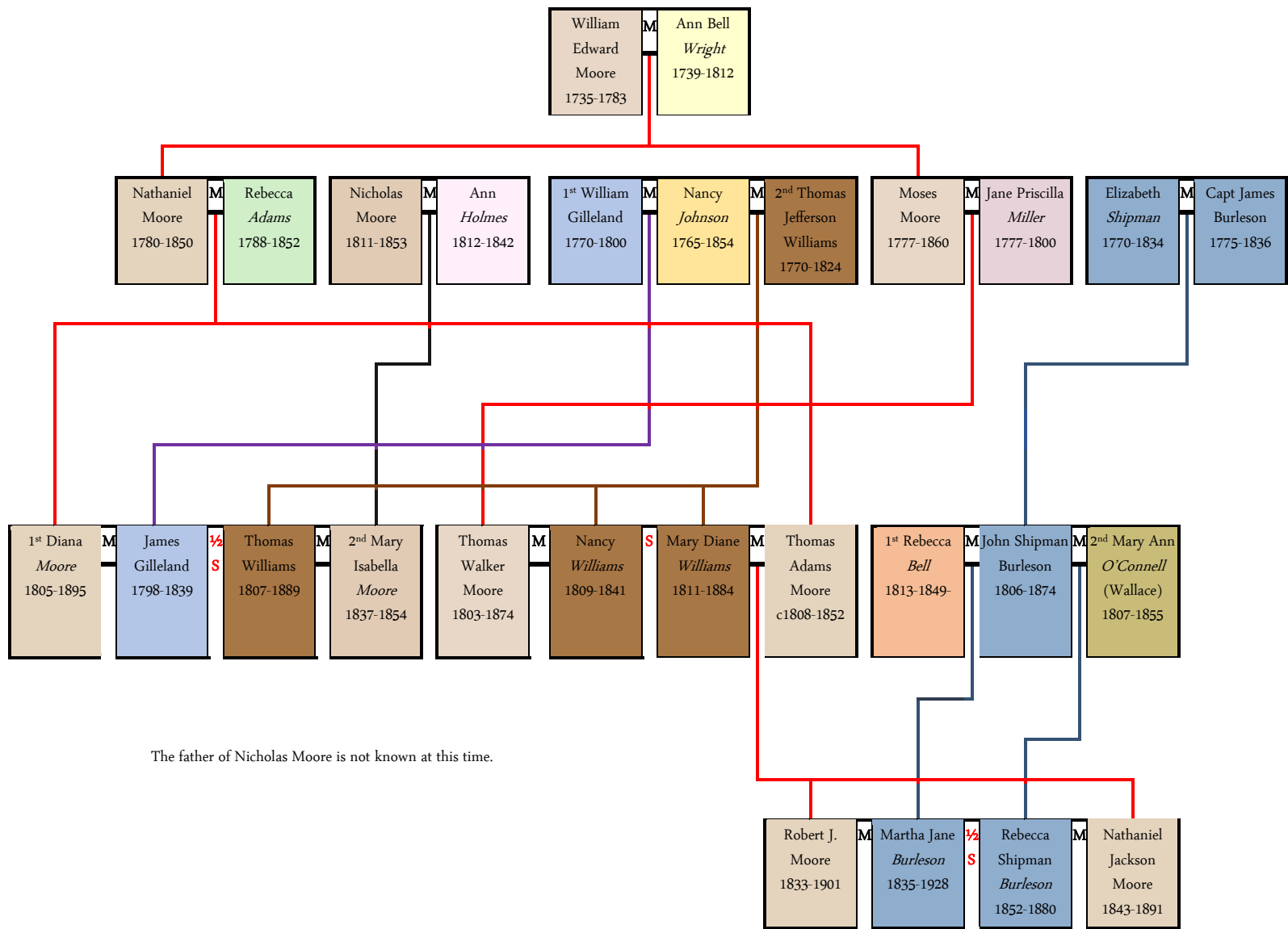
Thomas and Mary Moore had two sons who married two Burleson girls who were half-sisters. Their father was **John Shipman Burleson** (1806-1874) who was the son of **Captain James Burleson** (1775-1836) and **Elizabeth Shipman Burleson** (1770-1834). **Martha Jane Burleson** (1835-1928), whose mother was **Rebecca Bell Burleson** (1835-1928) married **Robert J. Moore** (1833-1901). **Rebecca Shipman Burleson** (1852-1880), whose mother was **Mary Ann O'Connell (Wallace)**, married **Nathaniel Jackson Moore**.

²¹ Ray, Worth S., *Austin Colony Pioneers*, (Austin, Texas: Worth S. Ray, 1949), 314.

<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/412996/?offset=0#page=319&viewer=picture&o=search&n=0&q=Gilliland>
Accessed 8 Dec 2024.

²² Matagorda County Book Committee. *Historic Matagorda County*, Volume 1, book, 1986; Houston, Texas. 103.
(<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph992181/>: accessed December 8, 2024), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu/>; crediting Palacios Area Historical Association.

The Moore Connection Chart



The father of Nicholas Moore is not known at this time.

***Thomas Boatwright** (1760-ABT. 1830) and his wife **Amy Rushing** (1780-1839) were at Robinson's camp on the west side of the Brazos River in December of 1821. Gibson Kuykendall (1802-1861) son of Captain Abner Kuykendall remembered, "About the first of January 1822, my father and Thomas Boatright moved ten miles west of the Brazos River and settled near New Year Creek, about four miles south of the present town of Independence."²³

[Land grant in Austin – July 27, 1824.]

John Ingram (1808-1896), an orphan, also traveled with the Williams family. Ingram helped Williams plant a crop of corn before he returned to Arkansas where his guardian was. The next year his guardian refused to let him return to Texas, so he ran away with William Rabb and James Gilleland. He made his home with the Rabb family.

***Jesse Bennett Burnam** (1792-1883) was the son of **William Henry Burnam** (1751-1808) and **Diana Owen** (Abt. 1756-1810). Jesse was married first to **Nancy Cummins Ross** (1811-1863) and second to **Marie Temperance Null Baker** (1798-1833). Jesse's brother was **Samuel Burnam** (1792-1842) and he married **Edith "Edy" DeWees** (1819-1849). William B. DeWees* was his brother-in-law.

Jesse Burnam came from Pecan Point to the Brazos River. He later moved to the Colorado River where he established a trading post and ferry that was known as Burnam's Crossing. It was destroyed by Sam Houston during the Texas Revolution to stop the Mexican Army from using it.

[Land Grants in Fayette County – August 16, 1824, and in Colorado – August 16, 1824]

The Rabbs were living in Jonesborough and technically in Spanish territory. However, the Arkansas Territory authorities were trying to exercise civil jurisdiction over them. The Rabbs had known the Austins for years and were probably aware of Moses Austin's plan to establish a colony in Texas for some time.

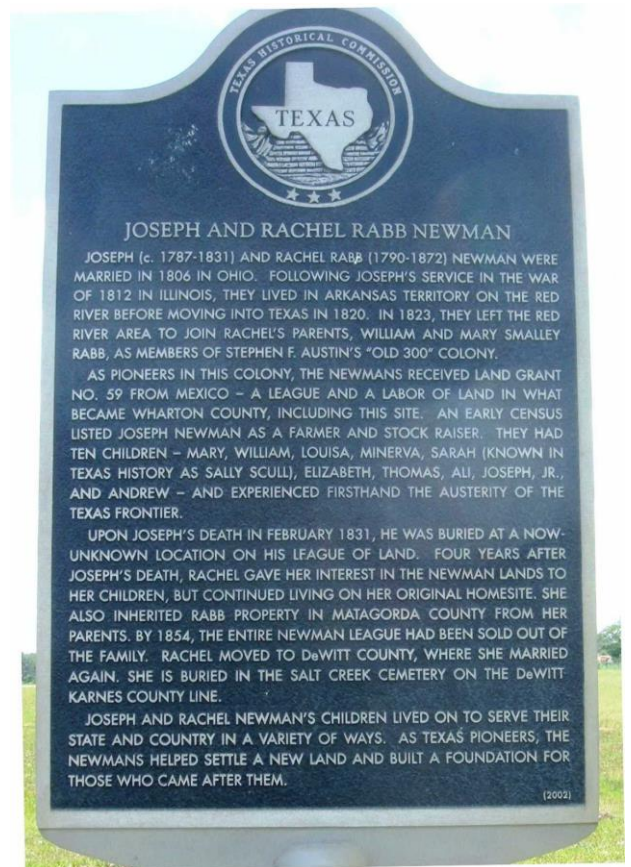
The Rabbs arrived in the Brazos River area in December 1821. The following year, William and Thomas accompanied Stephen F. Austin as far as Bexar on Austin's trip to Mexico City to confirm his colonization contract.

***William Rabb** (1770-1831) was the son of **Mary Scott** (1745-1798) and **Andrew Rabb** (1740-1804). William and his wife, **Mary Smalley** (1773-1831), and two sons left Jonesborough and arrived on the Colorado River in December 1821.

[Land grants in Fayette—July 19, 1824, in Matagorda—July 19, 1824, and in Fayette—August 24, 1824]

***John Rabb** (1798-1861) was the son of Mary and William Rabb. When he was twenty-two, he married **Mary Crownover** (1805-1882) the daughter of **John Crownover** (1774-1842) and **Mary Chesney** (1778-1844). John; his wife, Mary; his son; his father, William; his brothers Andrew and Thomas; his sister, Rachel; and her husband, Joseph Newman, and his family moved to Texas in 1823. They lived near Ruttersville and then moved to Rabb's Prairie which was named for their family. Their infant son died during the Runaway Scrape. The Rabbs moved several times but in 1860 they settled at the Barton Springs area outside of Austin.

[Land grants in Fort Bend – July 8, 1824 and in Austin – July 8, 1824]



²³ Kuykendall, Marshall T., *They Slept Upon Their Rifles*. 212-213.

***Thomas J. Rabb** (ABT. 1801-1846) was the son of William and Mary Rabb. He was the brother of Andrew, John, and Rachel *Rabb* Newman. He accompanied his parents on their trip to Austin's Colony, where they arrived in December 1821. The rest of the Rabb family had remained in the Arkansas Territory until the fall of 1823 when they made their trip to Texas. Thomas married **Serena Gilbert** (ABT. 1800-1836), the daughter of **Michael Gilbert** (1750-1836) and Sarah *Moon*.

[Land grant in Wharton—July 24, 1824]

***Sarah Moon Gilbert** (1750-1841) received her own grant in Austin's Colony in Wharton and Fort Bend counties in 1827 and was an Old 300.

[Land grant in Wharton & Fort Bend—May 11, 1827]

***Andrew Rabb** (1793-1869) was the son of William and Mary Rabb. He married **Margaret Howell Ragsdale** (1805-1885). She was the daughter of **William Ragsdale** (1778-1828) and **Sarah Campbell Ragsdale** (1780-1833).

[Land grant in Wharton—August 10, 1824]

***Joseph Newman** (1780-1831) married the daughter of William Rabb, **Rachel Rabb** in Warren County, Ohio, on June 12, 1806. He served at Fort Russell (See Byrd Lockhart.) during the War of 1812. In 1818 the family moved to Jonesboro. In 1823 they joined Rachel's family.

[Land grants in Wharton – August 10, 1824 and in Austin – August 10, 1824]

***Charles Garrett** (ABT. 1786-1847) is buried on the Joseph Kuykendall League. Joseph Kuykendall's first wife, Roseanna, died in 1848. Charles and Roseanna were buried next to each other. One marble slab with their two names inscribed on it marked their graves. The stone is no longer there.

[Land grants in Brazoria – July 15, 1824 and in Waller – July 15, 1824]

William Fitz Gibbons (Abt. 1776-) last name may be Fitzgibbons. In his application for land his name was spelled "Fitzgibbins," in his grant it was spelled "Fitsgivens," and on the Abstract of Texas Land Titles it was spelled "FitzGibbons."²⁴ His wife's name was Nancy. William settled on Ben Fort Creek, later renamed Gibbon Creek in Grimes County. A map showing his property was in the Early History of Grimes County book, with his name spelled Fitz Gibbons.

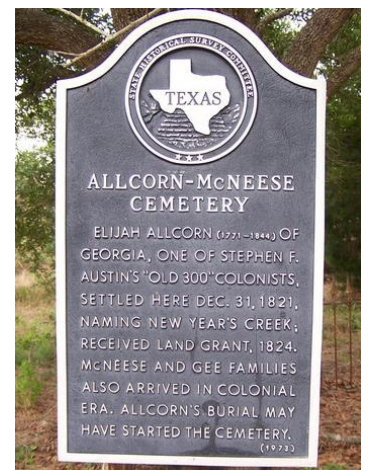
Charles Garret and William Fitz Gibbons brought their families and traveled with the Kuykendall group. They left the Kuykendall group at the Trinity River taking the upper road and settling at the Atuscasito crossing on the Brazos.

***Elijah P. Allcorn** (ABT. 1769-1844) was the son of **James Allcorn, Jr.** and **Catherine Allcorn**. He married his wife **Nancy Hodge Allcorn** (ABT. 1773-1844), in the 1790s. She is thought to have been the daughter of his commander from when he served in the Georgia State Militia, Captain John Hodge.

The Allcorns and their six children traveled to Texas in December 1821. On January 1, 1822 the Allcorn's joined the group that camped on a stream that they named New Year Creek. It was located between Independence and Brenham.

[Land grants in Fort Bend—July 10, 1824, in Washington—July 10, 1824, and in Waller—July 10, 1824]

Many of the Kuykendall group were already in Texas when Daniel Shipman's story continues:



²⁴ Blair, E. L., M. A. *Early History of Grimes County*, (1930) p.60. [https://grimescountytexas.gov/vertical/sites/%7B958238D0-27E6-4F6C-919E-F1D98542C5FD%7D/uploads/EARLY_HISTORY_OF_GRIMES_COUNTY\(1\).pdf](https://grimescountytexas.gov/vertical/sites/%7B958238D0-27E6-4F6C-919E-F1D98542C5FD%7D/uploads/EARLY_HISTORY_OF_GRIMES_COUNTY(1).pdf) Accessed 25 Jun 2024

We started about the first of March on our not only lonely and more lonesome than ever, but rough and mountainous road. Our company had all wasted away to none but father and family and George Nidever. As we started we directed our course considerably to our right, leaving the Arkansas river to our left, and came to a little river called Porto, about twelve miles from Fort Smith, where it empties into the Arkansas river. We then turned our course up that river, and followed it up a considerable distance; turned a little to our left, went over the mountain, on which we observed a great many buffalo signs, but no buffalo on the west side of the mountain. We crossed another small river called Kyomishy, and followed it nearly to where it empties into Red River, about ten miles above the upper settlements on the east side of the river at that time. We then turned down Red River, nearly opposite Jonesborough, which stands on the west side of the river, and on the 9th of March, 1822, we crossed over Red River into Texas; and have lived in Texas ever since. It was a new country, new acquaintances, and new things generally.

The next thing was to look for a place to live. Father found a little place, with a very rough log cabin on it, and a small patch enclosed; he traded for it; did not want a title, no one owned nor wanted land there at that time.

Nidever and I remained long enough to help father fix up a little, and becoming dissatisfied, we proposed to father, if he would assist us in way of an outfit, that we would go and look at the Brazos country, which he readily agreed to. We went to work, got everything ready, and on the 23rd of March, (the same month we came here), we set out still farther west, each of us on a Spanish pony; now two boys as we were, to go three hundred and fifty miles, through an unbroken wilderness, or nearly so, and quite a desolate and lonesome country, except we would occasionally meet with a small party of Indians, all strangers to us; and any person that are acquainted with the character of Indians, know they are a dangerous people to be among, with no more protection than we had. From their signs and improvements did not indicate their having been there long. From the signs of the Caddows it appeared that they had been there several years, as they had a considerable number of peach trees.

When we left Jonesborough, we were told to go down the river to what was then called "Pecan Point," a neighborhood about twenty-five miles below Jonesborough, and there enquire how to get to the Nick Tramel trail²⁵, which we did and got along very well. We got to the Sulpher Fork of Red River;



²⁵ <https://trammelstracetrail.weebly.com/> Accessed 8 Dec 2024.

found it quite deep fording; succeeded in getting across to the west bank, where we found a small village of Indians, who called themselves Alabamas. They gave us some directions, so that we arrived at the Tramel trail about dark, and, for want of a better place of entertainment, we stopped at Mr. Sproll's hotel, where our fair was tolerably good under the circumstances. It was true we had the provisions to provide, and do the cooking and drudgery generally, and to wait on ourselves, so that we had no one to grumble at, for this was all understood at the start. All quiet after retiring except the hooting of the owl, and the howl of the coyote or wolf. The next morning we were awoken by the mocking and other serenading birds, which were very numerous at that time in the beautiful pine, hickory and post oak forest of the west. When fairly awake it did not take us long to prepare and dispose of our morning meal, which our appetites were apt to relish well; then our ponies were the next thing we had to see after, which was hobbled near by. About the time the sun began to rise in the eastern skies, we were ready to mount our ponies, and turn our faces westward, and renew our journey until old Sol found the half way place in the firmament. Then for a little refreshments for ourselves, and a few minutes for our ponies to browse on the grass and bushes, as that was all the feed we had to offer them—though the grass was very good at that time. The next thing was to saddle and mount our horses, and move on westward again.

That evening we met three men who had been west, though not as far as we were going. I traded ponies with one of them; got the most durable animal, but had to give work for its services, more than I wished, still I never regretted the bargain. At any rate “we made the trip—the pony and rider both stood it tolerably” well.

I think it was called eighteen miles from the Caddow village to Sabine river. This little stream was once called the dividing line between the United States and Mexico, but now that is of the past. We had that stream to raft; when across, we set out, did not go far until we came to a low, flat country, and soon to ugly looking bayous; it was one of three that was called the Cypress bayous, not far apart, and as there had been some rain, we had them all to swim. The first we came to I threw off my clothes and the saddle off of my mare; took her by the bridle, and pitched in; when about half way across, I undertook to pass between two large cypress trees; the water was running very swift, roaring and boiling at a tremendous rate, and caused such a strong suck to the center, that it took me some time to get out of it. My comrade striped his horse and turned him in, and the horses and myself got across safe. The next thing was to get Nidever and our baggage over. We went up the bayou and was lucky enough to find where some other man or men had cut some trees across from both sides, so as to make them meet and lap in the middle; we succeeded

in getting over safe. We saddled our horses and soon got under way again; had not gone far before we came to another one of those cypress bayous; found a large pine log across it—saw where there had been horses put in and where they had went out, and we supposed they were lead across; at any rate we turned ours in and lead them across through the water; about half way my mare jumped and came very near jerking me off the log, where it looked like it might have floated a large steamship; finally we got all over safe. We started again, and it was not long before we reached the third and last of those cypress bayous; and, again we found where some one had cut trees across, and we succeeded in getting all over. We went on until nearly night—darkness began to close in around us; finding no better chance for accommodation than we had the previous night, after a short consultation, we concluded to accept of the first proposition. In the first place we took care of our ponies by hobbling them in good grass; and, seeing our only chance was to wait on ourselves, as our host and hostess seemed to be so slow, and being a little hungry, so we went to work and soon prepared and disposed of our supper; and everything considered, we thought our fare tolerably good. We retired early, and our hotel keeper being very quiet, we slept very well. It seemed like we made nearly all the noise that we heard, except now and then the screech of an owl or raccoons fighting, and the rabble of wild animals in the swamps, mingling their different sounds, caused us to feel a little lonesome at the time; but when day light had fairly come, we were up and preparing our humble repast; disposing of it before that beautiful sun had shown its face, we had our feet in the stirups and our faces turned westward, and anxiously pushing forward on another day's travel; went on tolerably well, until about twelve o'clock when we generally stopped an hour or two and let our ponies pick a little grass, and to eat a snack ourselves.

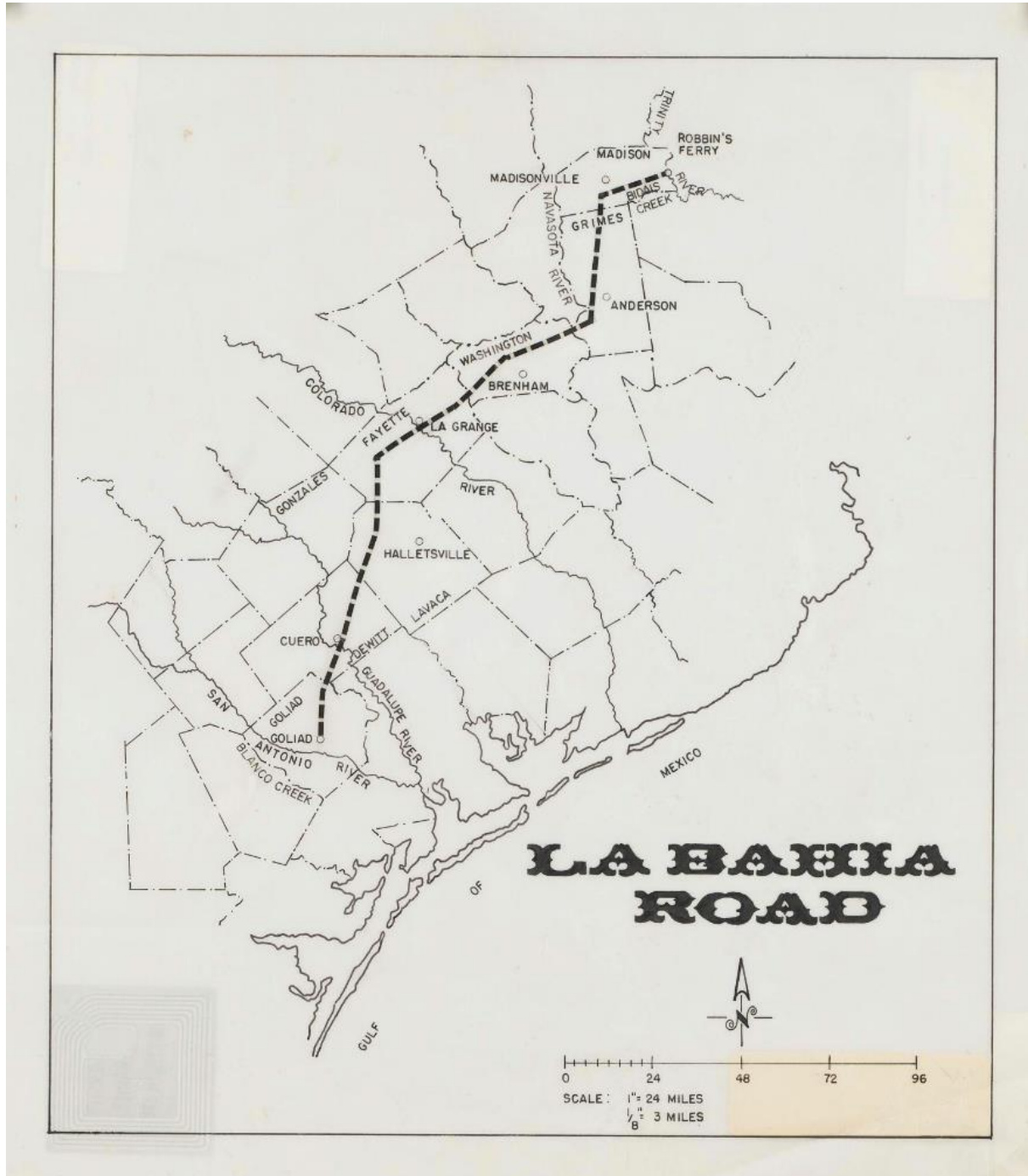
That day we passed through a Cherokee village and got some directions how to find an old Mexican village called "Nacogdoches." After awhile the sun began to disappear behind the western hills, which made us begin to lookout for another stopping place for the night; we soon found quite a good place, and by waiting on ourselves, as usual, we made ourselves comfortable; we retired early, being tired from traveling. Next morning after being awoken as usual by our little feathered musicians throwing down their lovely music into our ears, which sounded so sweet that I thought it was enough to arouse any sleepers; we finished our breakfast—turned our backs on all that we had passed the day before; set out with our faces and minds anxiously pressing westward; for another long and lonesome day, we followed our little dim path through the tall and beautiful pine trees, which was in great abundance in that region. This is what is now called the Cherokee county. The Indians were very friendly, and gave us good directions how to find the way to Nacogdoches, which we found no trouble in reaching. I think it was about forty miles. When we got there,

we found it quite an old dilapidated Mexican town, inhabited with a mixed population, consisting of Americans, Mexicans, Indians and even the free Africans. The buildings were of quite an ordinary character; had one large stone house, I suppose pretty well known throughout all Texas, (by reputation), if not to a considerable extent outside of Texas, as “the Old Stone House of Nacogdoches.”

When we first got there we enquired for the Alcalde, (justice of the peace); he was generally know as Captain Dill. When we found him; we introduced ourselves, and made known our business with him; we found him to be quite a nice old gentleman; he seemed to try and give us all the information he could about the country and people that we were going among, and gave us a passport. When we were ready to leave, we asked how much we owed him, he said, “nothing, for I am glad to see the people coming to the country, and am willing to help them all I can.” After being well entertained for two or three hours, we bid he and family farewell, after thanking him heartily and kindly, as we knew how, and he gave us to understand that we were as welcome as we could be. We then asked him about the road; he gave us directions, and we started on our western course, and appeared to take with us his best wishes. Right there then we met what was called a cavayard, (in other words a drove) of mixed stock, such as horses, mules, jacks and jennies, said to be about a thousand head; which were being driven from Mexico to the United States by stock traders. We found the way quite easily, about fifteen miles, to a large creek called Auhaline; about fourteen miles further, we came to a small prairie called “Mount Prairie,” on account of a singularly shaped mound in a level prairie; it appeared like it might have been make by the hands of man. I now feel at some loss to say how high it was, or how large around; I think it appeared to be twenty or twenty-five feet high, and about fifty yards around. One or two miles further we came to a small steam called Naches river, I suppose about fifteen yards wide; we had it to ferry on account of recent rains. The streams in this region seemed to have very little bottomland, and appeared to have a great many ponds and low places, so as to hold water. We did not admire this part of the country. My recollection is that it was called fifty miles further to the Trinity river; we traveled, I think, alternately, through a timbered and prairie country. About two miles from the Trinity river, we came to the edge of a black, stiff prairie valley; seemed to be rather low and wet. The road forked a little before we got to the river—the right hand went to the ferry, and the left to the ford, at which place we crossed. We turned up to the right and came into the ferry road about two miles from the ferry; (this was called Robin’s ferry); here the road forked—the right hand was known as the “old San Antonio” road, and the left was called the Labahia (Laberde) road; we were afterwards told that at the fork, on the retreat of the Liberal army, after the great defeat near Medina or San Antonio, the Gatchipines cavalry cut

off the retreat, and massacred them at such a rate that the blood ran down the road, I think that was in 1812.

We took the LaBahia road²⁶ and went to Robinson's ferry on the Brazos...

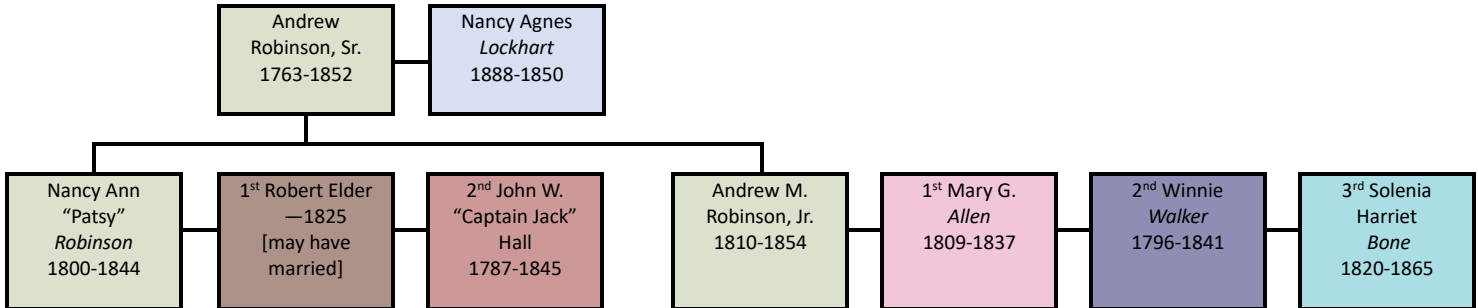


Here the Shipmans met up with the Robinson Group. Moses was married to a Robinson. (I believe there may be a connection between Mary Davis *Robinson* Shipman and Andrew Robinson, but I have not researched this.)

²⁶ <https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph493226/m1/1/> Accessed 8 Dec 2024.

THE ROBINSON GROUP

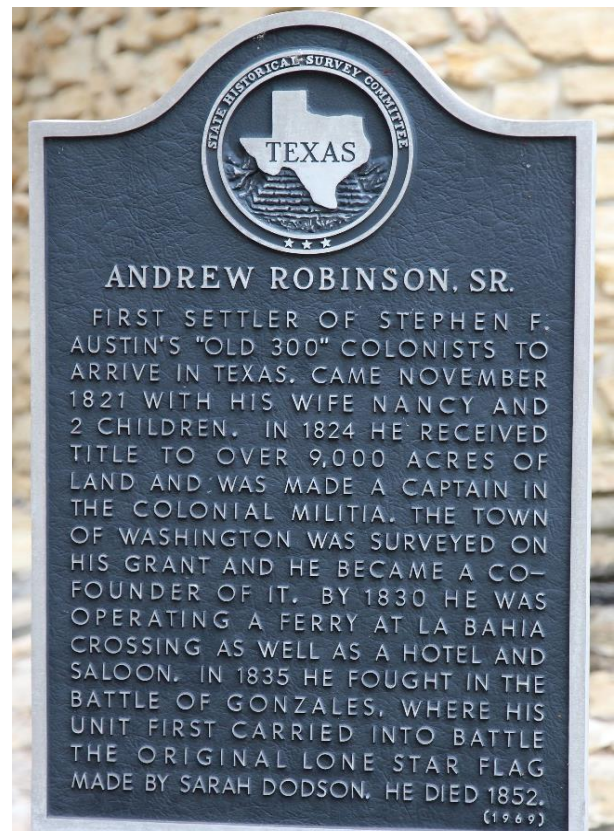
Andrew Robinson led the first group from Jonesboro to Austin’s colony. He arrived on November 23, 1821, at the Brazos River and he crossed it.



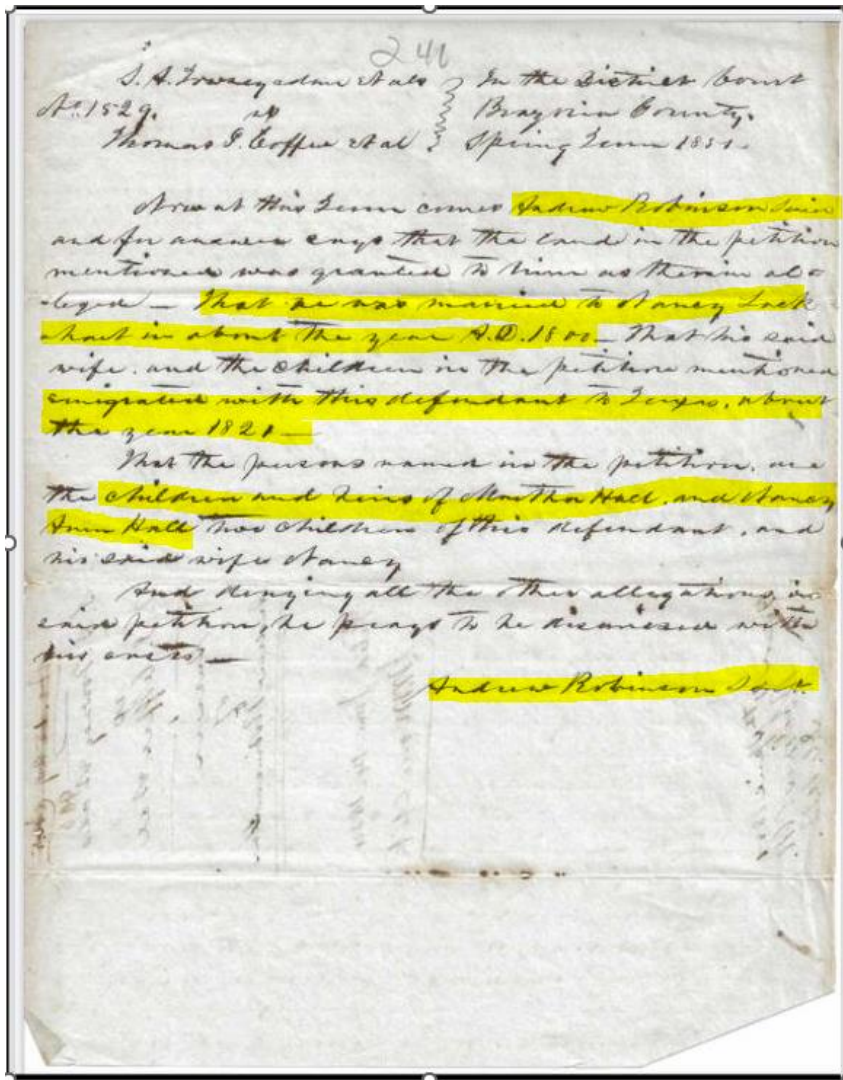
***Andrew Robinson, Sr. (ABT. 1763-1852) was married to Agnes “Nancy” Lockhart (1788-BEF.1850).**

Andrew built his cabin on the west side of the Brazos and operated a ferry to cross the deep current in the river at that location. He was granted a league of land where later the town of Washington-on-the Brazos was established.

In the Battle of Gonzales in the Texas Revolution, he carried the original Lone Star Flag.



On most accounts of Andrew Robinson that I found in my research, there was no maiden name given for Agnes “Nancy.” I found on FamilySearch a document that I believe is evidence that Andrew’s wife was a Lockhart. The document appears to prove Nancy *Lockhart* Robinson’s name and her daughter’s Nancy Ann *Robinson* Hall’s name. The document is an affidavit of immigration into Texas in 1821 signed by Andrew Robinson, Sr.



Andrew Robinson Senior

that he was married to Nancy Lockhart in about the year A. D. 1800

emigrated with this defendant to Texas, about the year 1821.

children and heirs of Jonathan Hall, and Nancy Ann Hall

Andrew Robinson Senior

Nancy Ann "Patsy" Robinson (1800-1844) was Andrew and Nancy Agnes' daughter.

***John W. "Captain Jack" Hall** (1787-1845) was Patsy Robinson's second husband. His parents were **Warren** (1763-1820) and **Mary Sims Hall** (1765-). His brother was **Warren Dewitt Clinton Hall** (1794-1867) who also was an early Texas settler.

Captain Jack and his brother were in the Gutierrez-Magee Expedition of 1812 – 1813, which was a filibuster movement that attempted to take control of the Texas territory from Spain. In January of 1815, Captain Jack was in the Battle of New Orleans.

In 1822 he returned to Texas, where he and a few others founded Washington-on-the- Brazos. There he rented a building for the use of the Texans to write the Texas Declaration of Independence. During the Texas Revolution, he furnished supplies for the army.

[Land grant in Brazoria—July 10, 1824 amd om Wall]

Andrew Robinson, Jr. (1810-1854) was Andrew and Nancy Agnes' son. He was married three times. His second wife, **Winnie Walker** (1796-1841) was their daughter-in-law, but her first husband was named **Samuel Lockhart** (1785-1831). Could Agnes "Nancy" Lockhart have been related to Samuel Lockhart, other than having been his mother-in-law?

Continuing my research I learned that Agnes "Nancy" Lockhart was the third cousin of one of Samuel Lockhart's brothers, according to my ancestry "home" person search:

Captain Byrd Lockhart Jr. 1782-1839

3rd cousin

[Byrd "Quavy/Qeavy" Lockhart Sr. 1750-1813](#)

Father of Captain Byrd Lockhart, Jr.

[Andrew Lockhart, Sr. 1710-1763](#)

Father of Byrd "Quavy/Qeavy" Lockhart, Sr.

[John Lockhart 1677-1731](#)

Father of Andrew Lockhart, Sr.

[James Lockhart 1653-1705](#)

Father of John Lockhart

[James Lockhart 1675-1733](#)

Son of James Lockhart

[Jacob Lockhart, Sr. 1707-1783](#)

Son of James Lockhart

[Jacob Lockhart, Jr 1742-1785](#)

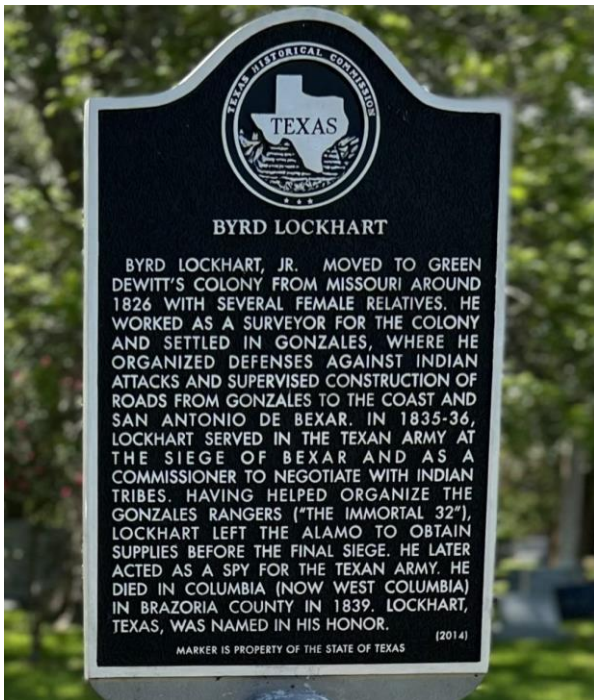
Son of Jacob Lockhart Sr

[Agnes "Nancy" Lockhart](#)

Daughter of Jacob Lockhart, J

If Agnes "Nancy" Lockhart was a third cousin to Captain Byrd, Jr, she would also be a third cousin to all of his siblings, including his brother Samuel. I believe that you could state that Nancy was Samuel's mother-in-law and his third cousin.

The following are some of the extended family. They did not arrive before Moses Shipman, but they are of interest.



Captain Byrd Lockhart (1782-1839), was well known in Texas. The town of Lockhart was named in his honor.

He fought in the Texas Revolution alongside Edward Burleson and Daniel Shipman at the Siege of Bexar.

He was also a survivor of the Alamo. That is correct, he was a survivor of the Alamo. He was a scout and a courier. He rode into the Alamo on March 1, with the 32 Rangers from Gonzales, who live in Texas History as the Immortal 32, representing the only volunteers to answer Colonel Travis' call. He was ordered to leave that night along with other couriers to bring back more support. Captain Byrd died three years after the Texas Revolution. His obituary read that he was "one of the most beloved in social life and most valuable private citizen of Texas."

Captain Byrd, Jr.'s parents were **Sarah Williamson** (1763-1826) and **Bryd Lockhart, Sr.** (Abt. 1750-1813/1814). Byrd Lockhart died at Fort Russell, Illinois Territory. In the *Texas Journey* article, "To Okaw," I found some of our family members who were visiting or living around

Fort Russell close to this time frame. They included: Moses and Mary Davis *Robinson* Shipman, Mary *Burleson* Allard with her twins James and Lucy, possibly James Burleson, Levi and Rachel Virden, George Shipman (not too far south of the fort), a man named Thomas Robinson for whom the creek that many of them lived on, was named and Daniel Francisco (Gage) who stopped at the fort after the long journey he made when he ran away from home.

A brother and sister of this Lockhart family married a brother and sister of the Briggs family: **Mary “Polly” Lockhart** (1787-1851) married **Robert Briggs** (1779-1857); **Andrew Lockhart** (1781-1846) married **Esther Briggs** (1783-1846). The Lockhart parents were **Byrd Lockhart** (1750-1814) and **Sarah Williamson Lockhart** (1763-1826). The Briggs parents were **John Briggs** (1737-1802) and **Mary Brown Briggs** (1741-1806).

Robert and Polly Briggs migrated with extended family from Pennsylvania to Ohio and by 1814 were living at Fort Russell. They lived there for two years. Then they moved to Walshville in then Madison County and built a cabin. In 1818 the government bought their land out from under them and they were forced to move. They relocated near North Litchfield, Township In Illinois. Polly died in 1850 and Robert died in 1856 and they were both buried in the Bennett Wood’s Graveyard.

Andrew and Esther *Briggs* Lockhart were the parents of a daughter named **Matilda Lockhart** (1825-1843). Matilda was captured by Comanches in 1838 when she was fourteen. Her experience was a terrible event. A meeting two-years later, known in Texas history as the Council House Fight was held for the Comanches to make peace and to return all hostages they had taken. They only brought Matilda Lockhart. She had been tortured and disfigured.

There were three brother-sister marriages with the Lockhart and Barton families. **Captain Byrd Lockhart, Jr.** (1782-1839) married **Mary “Eliza” Elizabeth Barton** (1783-1826); **Margaret Lockhart** (1794–) married **Kimber Ward Barton** (1772-1835); and **Charles Lockhart** (1790-1846) married **Catherine Barton** (1797-1844).

This branch of the Bartons is not the same branch of Bartons who married into General Edward Burleson’s family. The branch of Bartons who married the Burlesons was headed by William Barton (1782-1840) who once owned Barton Springs.

Most of the Byrd family came to Texas a few years after Andrew and Agnes “Nancy” Lockhart Robinson and settled in DeWitt’s Colony. Specifically, Captain Byrd, Jr. settled in DeWitt’s Colony on March 20, 1826. Other siblings Sam, Charles, Drusilla, and Margaret joined Capt. Byrd in Texas in 1829 and 1830.

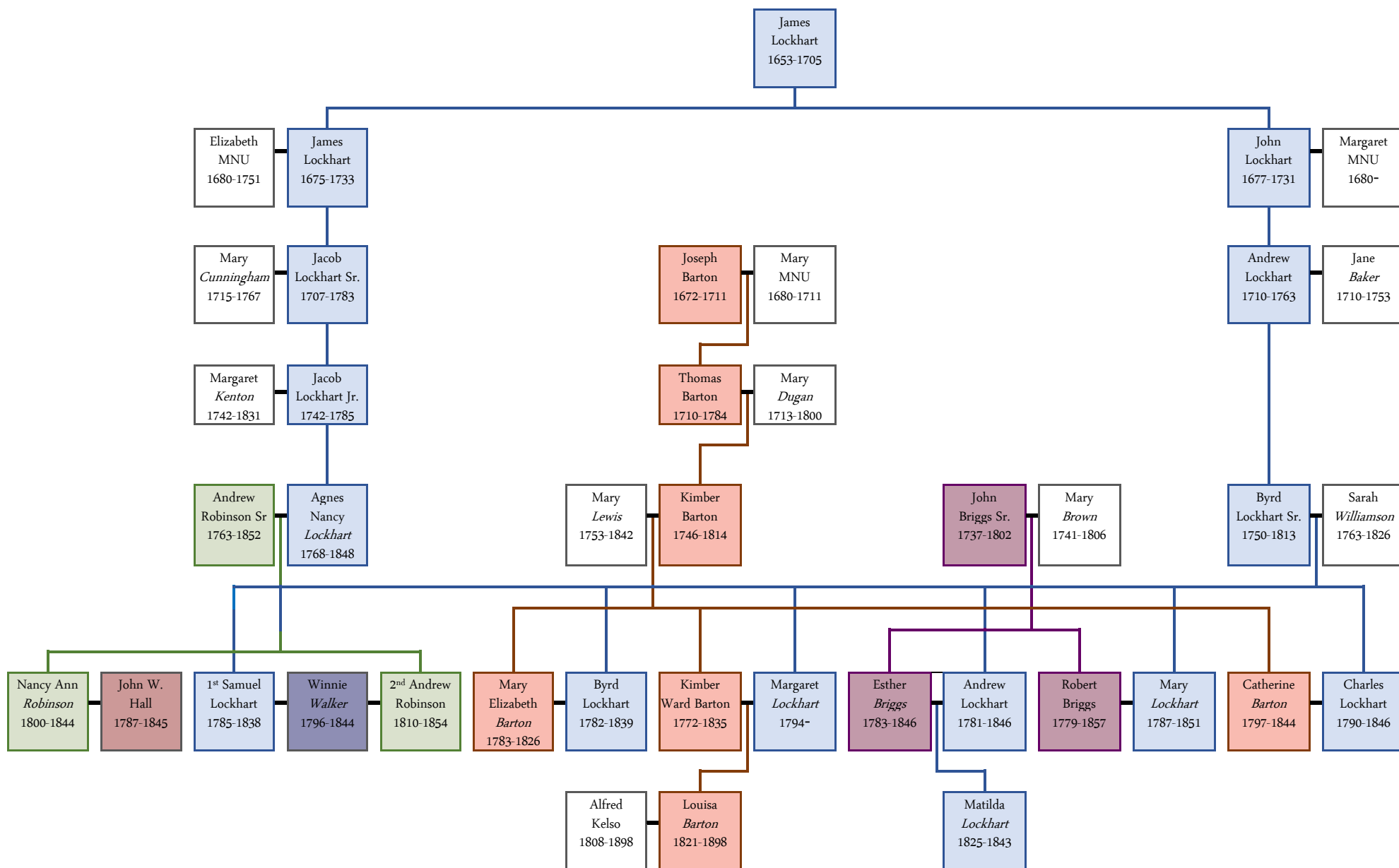
On the next page is a connection chart of several Lockhart children connected to their Briggs and Barton spouses. Notice that Nancy Lockhart connects to Samuel Lockhart and his other siblings through their mutual great-great-grandfather **James Lockhart** (1653). This means that they were third cousins just as the Ancestry “home” person stated.

An interesting connection person from the “Some Family Members and How They Are Related to Moses Shipman” chart is **Deborah Barton** (1772-1847), another member of the Barton family originally from Philadelphia, who was married to **Ellis Chandler** (1772-1830). She is not on the following chart, but some of her siblings and her father Kimber Barton are (a space issue). Deborah’s relationship to Moses Shipman was the “wife of 1st cousin, 1x removed of wife of uncle.” If you look at the chart about Moses Shipman’s relationships this complicated relationship will make sense. Deborah is the wife of the “first cousin, who was Ellis Chandler. Ellis was one generation after the wife of Moses’ uncle. Moses’s uncle in this relationship connection, was Daniel Shipman, Jr. The wife of Daniel Shipman, Jr. was Mary Elizabeth McMinn. Deborah is one of those people that in my opinion are “connectors.” She connects the Bartons to the Chandlers, the Chandlers to the McMinns, and that connects into the Shipmans. At that point the door is open; there are numerous connections that can be made. So when you look at the Lockhart, Barton Briggs Family Relationships to Andrew Robinson chart, remember that one Barton daughter, who is not on that chart, can tie those people to the Shipmans, and you can go from there.

The description of the relationship when one looks at Deborah Barton Chandler and all the other relatives in allied families would be over complicated. Sometimes it is just easier to take Daniel’s approach in his story of the journey to Texas, and just refer to a distant relative as a friend.

Daniel refers to Andrew Robinson as “one of our particular friends.”

Lockhart, Barton, Briggs Family Relationships to Andrew Robinson, the first settler in Austin's Colony



Continuing with Daniel's story:

We took the LaBahia road and went to Robinson's ferry on the Brazos, about eighty miles; we went out about four miles on the prairie and camped on a little cedar creek. Early next morning, as usual, our lovely little alarm clocks commenced their highly strung morning notes, so near to us that we were compelled to know it was about day. I suppose it is well known that this was in the spring of the year, when birds sing so much more lively than at any other time of the year. This accounts for us taking so much notice of them, and it appeared that there were more of them in Texas than any other country.

We were up soon, and after an early breakfast, we mounted and being so used to travelling westward that it naturally came handy to turn our faces that way. We traveled, I think, pretty well all that day, through a post oak and hickory forest, and about this time we came to fresh horse and wagon signs; we afterwards learned that it was made by old Colonel Groce, the father of our highly esteemed Colonel Leonard Groce, who was living in Grimes county, Texas, a short time since; I think, I have heard lately that he is dead.

When we got to the Brazos river, it was low, and by the advice of a good old lady, we forded it, and got across. This lady was the wife of old Captain Andrew Robinson, afterward one of our particular friends. He is one of the old pioneers of Texas that claimed to be a member of General Barnardoe's company at San Antonio in 1812.

We found Mrs. Robinson at what was then called Robinson's ferry, which was about three quarters of a mile below where the town of Washington now stands, a little town long to be remembered on account of it being the place where the Independence of the Republic of Texas was declared.

Before we left Red River, a gentleman by the name of English [William Joseph English] requested us to enquire for and find, if we could, a son-in-law of his by the name of Martin Varner; we enquired of Mrs. Robinson, and she gave us directions, so that we found him quite easily that evening.

THE MARTIN VARNER GROUP

Martin Varner's caravan left Jonesboro about October 1821 and traveled southeast until they reached "Trammels Trace" near present Hughes Springs, Cass County, Texas. They followed "Trammels Trace" to Nacogdoches where they received a Spanish passport and directions from the alcalde[mayor]. They left Nacogdoches traveling west on the "Old San Antonio Road" until they reached the Brazos River near the present town of Washington.²⁷

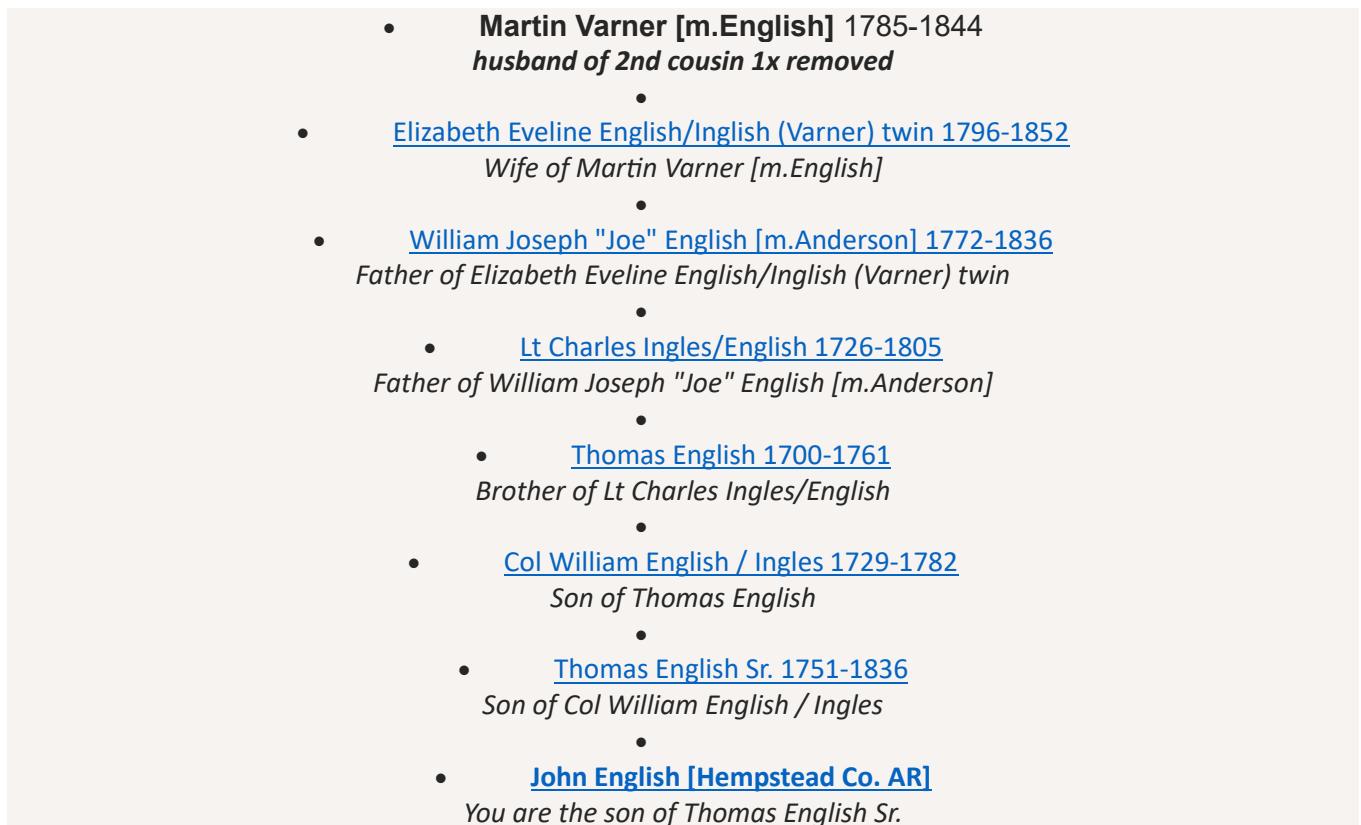
²⁷ Ramsey, Don. *Martin Varner: Texas Pioneer*, 44.

Jesse Burnham and Martin Varner came to the first Austin colony in 1822, and settled on lands about two and one-half miles West of what is afterwards called Independence in Washington County. Early in April of that year they were joined by Daniel Shipman and Charlie Nidever, and the last two took up some land and engaged Burnham and Varner and a Thomas Barnes to look after their crop while they returned to Red River and brought back Moses Shipman and his family.²⁸

There is no record of who was in this caravan but these are the probable candidates: Henry and Nancy *Stiles* Jones, John Jones, William Stiles, and family, Jesse Burnham and family; Thomas Barnes; William B. DeWees, and James Cook.²⁹

Before Moses Shipman left Jonesborough, Joe English told him to locate and talk with Martin Varner about where to locate his home. Daniel Shipman along with George Nidever visited Varner and received good advice.

Is the Joe English that told Moses to locate Martin Varner related to John English that owned the log house where the Hempstead County Courthouse was located? From the information I have gathered I believe the answer is yes. Martin Varner was the husband of John English's 2nd cousin 1x removed. (See Anderson and English Connection Chart)



Martin Varner (1785-1844) was the son of Martin Varner, Jr., and Elizabeth Reich. He married Elizabeth *English* on September 26, 1818, in Jonesboro, Red River County, Texas.

The Varner caravan arrived at the Brazos River about the first week in December 1821 to find that Andrew Robinson had constructed a raft to ferry passengers across the Brazos River. The caravan crossed the Brazos and made camp on the west bank where they rested and explored the area for suitable farmland. Austin arrived on 31 December 1821 with a group of settlers. On 1 January 1822, Austin led the settlers into his new colony to claim their land.³⁰

²⁸ Ray, S. Worth, *Austin Colony Pioneers*, (By the Author, Austin, TX), 1949, 264

<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/412996/?offset=0#page=269&viewer=picture&o=search&n=0&q=rabb>

²⁹ Varner p. 43

³⁰ Ramsey, Don. *Martin Varner: Texas Pioneer*, 44.

Varner claimed land near present day West Columbia, Texas and built his home. This is where Daniel and George met him.

Varner's home later was sold to Columbus R. Patton, then to the New York and Texas Land Company, and finally to Texas Governor James S. Hogg. Now the property is the Varner-Hogg State Park.

Elizabeth Eveline English (1796-1852) married Martin Varner. She was the daughter of **William Joseph "Joe" English** (1765-1836) and **Sarah Anderson English** (1775-1834).

Sarah *Anderson* English's parents were **Bailey Anderson, Sr.** (1754-1840) and her mother **Mary Delilah Wyatt Anderson** (1756-1817). They had a son named **Bailey Anderson Jr.** (1788-1865) who married **Elizabeth McFadden** (1790-1866).

Elizabeth *McFadden* Anderson's parents were **Samuel McFadden** (1746-1839) and her mother was **Lucy Hampton** (1746-1827).

Samuel McFadden's parents were **John McFadden** (1700-1776) and **Martha Weeks** (1716-1762).

Samuel had a brother named **Andrew McFadden** (1754-1816) who was married to **Mary Volley "Polly" Hogan** (1750-1851). Mary Volley *Hogan* before she married Andrew, had been married to **Aaron Burleson** (1754-1785), son of **Aaron Burleson** (1722-1782) and **Rachel**.

Another connection of interest is that **Bailey Anderson English** (1793-1867), the founder of Bonham, Texas, had a son named **Levi English** (1817-1894), founder of Carrizo Springs, Texas, who married **Matilda Jane Burleson** (1824-1902), daughter of **Aaron Burleson** (1791-1828) and **Rebecca Rutledge** (1793-1871). They had a daughter, **Morelda Jane English** (1845-1890) who married **Joseph "Sherriff Joe" Tumlison** (1840-1893).

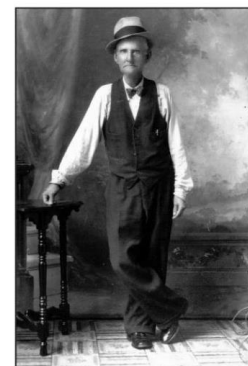


Jacob "Jake" English, son of Levi, recorded this information:

Levi English was born in Little Rock Arkansas. In Aug 26, 1817. He died in Carrizo Springs May 14, 1894. Matilda Burleson English his wife was born in Grimes County Texas Feb. 19, 1824. Died June 20, 1901. They were married in Grimes County Texas in 1838. To their union were born eleven children fore olds where born on the head right of Aaron Burleson of twelve thousand six hundred akers of Land in Grimes County Texas Deeded by Austin Colinsy to Earley settlers of Texas in 1838 this was known as Burleson Plantation Raised Cotton Corn

31

The Papers of Jacob "Jake" English of Dimmit County, Texas
Outlining early events in the history of Dimmit County and some early pioneers



³¹ <https://archive.org/details/ThePapersOfJacobjakeEnglishOfDimmitCountyTexas/mode/2up?view=theater> Accessed 3 Dec 2024.

***Henry Jones** (1789-1861) along with his brother **John Jones** (1779-1837) traveled by flatboat to the White River in the Arkansas Territory in 1817. There they joined Martin Varner for hunting and trapping. By 1820 Jones was operating a ferry across the Red River. The settlement there was named Jonesborough. Jonesborough is also known as Jonesboro.

[Land Grant in Fort Bend – July 8, 1824]

Nancy Stiles Jones (1804-1851) was pregnant while making their move to Austin's colony. Nancy was the daughter of William and Esther Stiles. Nancy gave birth to **William Jones** (1822-1875) in February. He was the first child born in Austin's Colony.

William Stiles (1769-1836) and his wife **Esther Hetty Vinson** (1769-1840) also traveled in Martin Varner's group. William Stiles was at the Battle of San Jacinto. He was charged with the care of Santa Anna just after his capture.

***James Cook** (1797-) it is thought that this James Cook was the brother of Hamilton L. Cook. If this assumption is correct, this James Cook is the man who married the widow Maria (Mariah) *Cummins* Ross. Probate records indicate that both James and Maria died by the end of 1836, but the Republic of Texas postal record indicates that James was still serving as postmaster of Cedar Island as late as 1839.

[Land Grant with partner James Cook in Colorado – August 3, 1824]

***William Buford DeWees** (1799-1878)

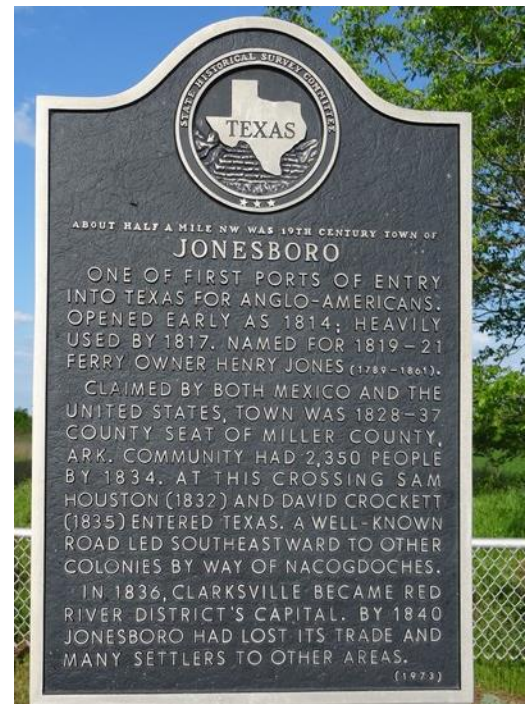
DeWees wrote many letters about his experiences that were later published. This is his description of his journey from Jonesboro to Austin's Colony:

We were several months in getting here, there being several families in company, among whom were quite a number of women and children. A part of the time we were detained by the sickness of one or another of the company, besides this we lost several horses on the way and in fact we seemed to meet with a great many misfortunes. We carried our luggage entirely upon pack-horses, the roads being perfectly impassable for a vehicle of any description.

On arriving at the Brazos we found two families, Garrett and Hibbings, [Charles Garrett and Bill Gibbons traveled with the Kuykendall caravan] who had got there a few days before us and were engaged in erecting cabins. We were, all of us, much pleased with the situation of this place, and decided to remain there for the present. The settlement now consisted of seven families, there being no other settlement within fifty miles.

Our mode of living particularly for the women and children has been a rough one since our arrival on this [Brazos] River. About that time our bread-stuff gave out, and we had no chance of obtaining more till we could raise it, and we have been obliged to subsist entirely upon the game which we take in the woods and prairies. We have no reason to fear suffering for food, as the country is literally alive with all kinds of game.

We have only to go out for a few miles into a swamp between the Big and Little Brazos, to find as many wild cattle as one could wish. If we desire buffalo meat, we are able to go out, load our horses, and return the same day. Bears are very plenty, but we are obliged to use great care when hunting them, lest the havalenas kill our dogs. . . . There are a vast quantity of bee trees about here, so that we have no want of



honey; one might almost give this country the same description as was anciently given of Canaan, "A land flowing with milk and honey," but we are rather short of the milk just now.³²

[Land Grant with partner James Cook in Colorado – August 3, 1824]

Thomas Barnes (1795 -) was a Miller County resident who in 1821 signed the memorial to the President of the United States protesting his eviction from the Indian Territory and requesting compensation for his losses. Many of these signers who lived in Miller County would later migrated to Austin's colony. Thomas Barnes was one. Thomas and Jesse Burnam were sitting on Martin Varner's porch when Daniel Shipman and his friend Charlie Nidever came to visit.

The Tumlisons were another group of early settlers who arrived before the Shipmans.

THE TUMLISONS GROUP

The Tumlinson families consisted of two brothers John Jackson and James Stephen of North Carolina. Both men had wives named Elizabeth. They arrived at Austin's Colony in 1821.

John Jackson Tumlinson, Sr. (1776-1823) was the husband of Elizabeth *Plemmons*. His parents were **Johnathan Tumlinson** (1750-1826) and **Rebecca Lucretia Hardeman** (1756-1845).

***Elizabeth Plemmons Tumlinson** (1778-1829) was the wife of John Jackson Tumlinson Sr. She was widowed in July 1823. She received a grant for the land her husband had selected. Elizabeth lived on the property the rest of her life.

[Land grants in Colorado—August 16, 1824 and in Colorado—August 16, 1824.]

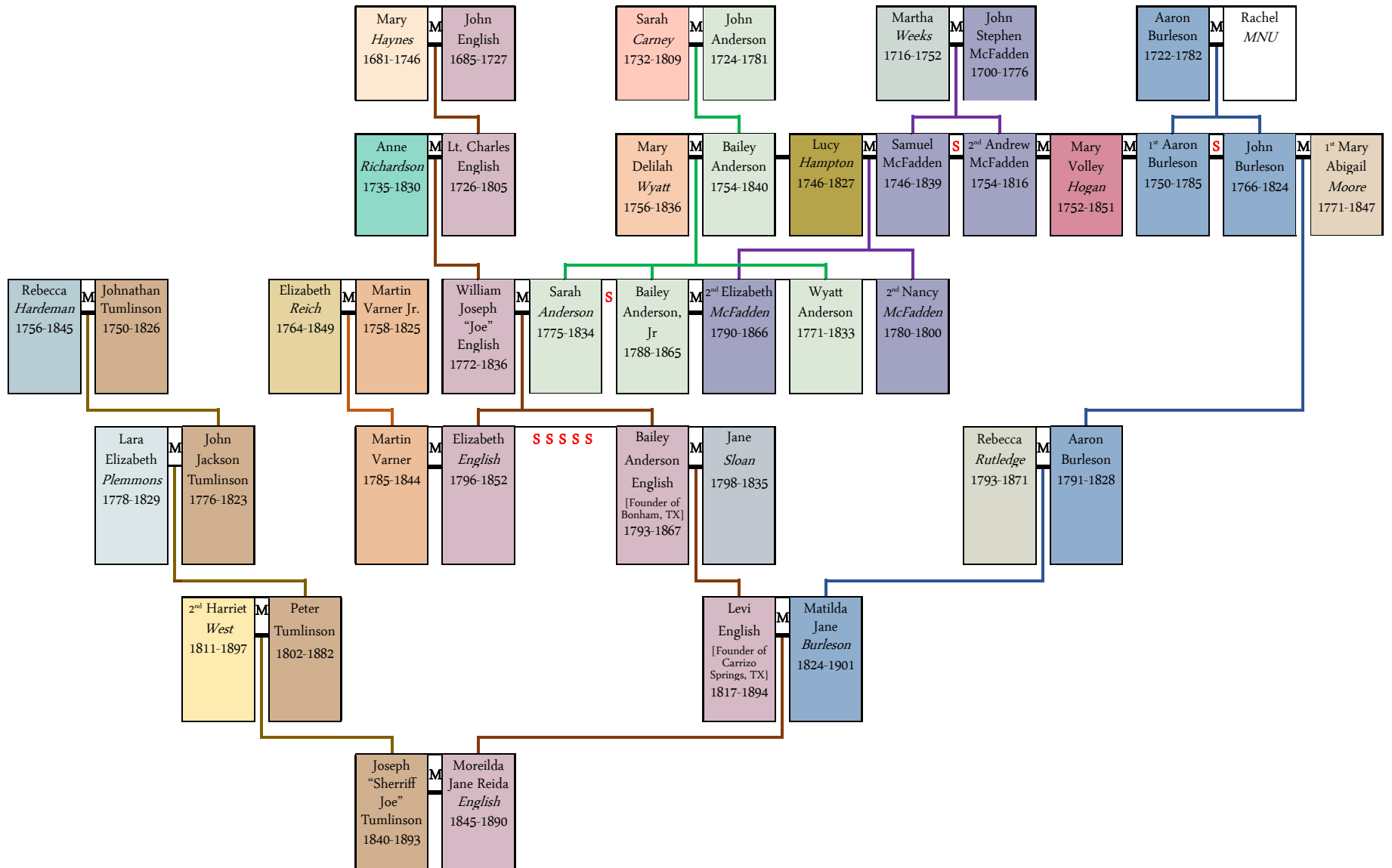
***James Stephen Tumlinson, Sr.** (1783-1839) was the son of Johnathan and Rebecca Tumlinson. His first wife was **Elizabeth Nance** (1783-1830). Next, he married **Diana Noyes Wilkerson White** (1800-1839), the widow of Thomas M. White.

James Tumlinson was the colonist from DeWitt's Colony in Gonzales who went to San Antonio on March 10, 1831, to receive the "Come and Take It" cannon. It was given to Gonzales colonists for protection from the Indians but was given with the stipulation that it must be returned upon the request of the Mexican authorities. In September 1835, Colonel Domingo de Ugartechea sent five soldiers to retrieve the cannon. The colonists refused to surrender it and instead put the soldiers in prison. Ugartechea sent 100 soldiers. While waiting for a response more Texan volunteers came to the defense of the Gonzales colonists. At the Guadalupe River on October 2, 1835 the Texans attacked the Mexican camp. "Come and Take It" was the motto of the Texans. This incident is considered to be the first military engagement of the Texas Revolution.

[Land grants in Colorado—August 19, 1824, in Wharton—August 19, 1824 and in Colorado—August 19, 1824]

³² Ramsey, Don. *Martin Varner: Texas Pioneer*, 43.

VARNER, ENGLISH, MCFADDEN, TUMLINSON



In March 1822, Stephen F. Austin reported that fifty colonists, including eight families, were settled in his new colony.³³

Daniel said that he and George Nidever found Martin Varner “quite easily.”

He lived two miles and a half west of where the town of Independence now stands, at or near where is now called the Clay place. We rode up to a little yard fence, found him and family and two other gentleman [Barnes and Burnham] and their families all sitting out under some very pretty blackjack shade trees in front of a little log cabin, with a floor that nature had made and put there long ere they came there. They seemed to be enjoying themselves finely in their far western retreat. We asked them if we could stay all night, after they had very politely asked us to light and come in. The answer was in the affirmative, if we could put up with such fare as they had. Mr. Varner said, “I suppose you know we have no bread.” We told him that it did not make any difference with us, for we had some corn meal. He seemed very well pleased, and said to his better half, “old woman, put on the big pot, these men say they have some corn meal, and we will have a pot of mush to-night, as you know I am fond of mush. Well, we spent quite a pleasant time, eating our mush, answering questions about Red River and their relatives and acquaintances, and the news in that country generally, and we in asking about western Texas, and the probable laws that we would be governed by, and what they knew about Austin’s terms.

Now when I was a little boy in old South Carolina, I think it was in the year 1810 or 1812, I well recollect hearing my father say to mother that he wanted to go to Red and Sabine rivers, which was the line between the United States and Mexico, and the latter belonged to old Spain, and the Spanish government proposed to give 640 acres of land to the head of a family, coming well recommended, and his wife 320 acres, and each child 160 acres, and that he would like to go to some country where he could get land enough to settle all his children so that they would not have to rent land, and be tenants and have to work all their lives for other people; and, if he could get that much good land that he thought he could make it answer his purpose.

When we asked Mr. Varner the question as to the quantity of land, he said he had understood that each emigrant or family would get —he then repeated the above quantity and propositions, and that he had also understood that Austin in his first proposition to the Mexican authorities, asked them for that amount, and their reply to him was that it was too much, that they would not let them have more than one square league and one labore of land, and that was all they would let them have. “Well,” said Austin, “if that is the best you will do, we will try and make out with that.” So that appeared to be agreed upon, between Austin, as Empressaro of his colony, and the Mexican government.

³³ Ramsey, Don. *Martin Varner: Texas Pioneer*, 44.

Now my understanding was and is yet, that Moses Austin, of Missouri, father of Colonel Stephen F. Austin, made a contract with the government of old Spain, I suppose within a certain time, to bring and colonize three hundred American families in Texas on the Brazos, Colorado and their tributaries, within and between ten leagues of the coast, and the old San Antonio road; and I suppose he was making arrangements to carry out his part of the contract at the time of his death; and, then his son, Stephen F. Austin, according to his father's request, concluded to carry out his contract with Spain and after some correspondence with the Mexicans, it seemed that some time in the latter part of the year 1821, that Austin selected a few of his most reliable friends to go with and assist him in doing everything that he might need in the settling of Texas; and I suppose, he went to New Orleans, and not being fully prepared in way of means to carry out his plans. I understood that he made an arrangement with a gentleman by the name of Hawkins, dividing his premium lands with him, as Empresaro, for what means he could accomplish his object with. Then Austin and his selected friends, went and located themselves at or near where the town of Richmond now stands, in what is now called Fort Bend county; I suppose that was the way it happened to be called Fort Bend county, on account of some sort of a fort they made.

At the time we got to Mr. Varner's on the 8th of April, 1822, Austin had gone to Mexico to complete his contract with the government for the settlement of the colony. When he got there Itrabide was on the throne of Mexico.

Austin then went to work for the purpose of getting his contract confirmed; about the time he succeeded in getting it confirmed there came a revolution in which deposed Itrabid and established a republican government, elected General Victori president; then Colonel Austin had all his work to do over; but, finally, succeeded in getting his contract confirmed by the new government; but, I think it took him a considerable time to get it fixed so that he was willing to risk it. My recollection is now that it was some time in 1823 before he returned to Texas.

My companion, George Nidever, and myself, stayed in the Varner neighborhood until some time in May; we planted about two acres of corn, and hired our three friends Varner, Burnham and Barnes to cultivate it for us; but the season was so dry that they did not make anything for us, nor themselves either.

We went back to the family on Red River; found them all well, and father well pleased with our report, and decided for us all to go the Brazos in the Fall,

THE SHIPMAN GROUP

*Moses Shipman (1774-1838) was married to Mary Davis *Robinson* (1779-1842). He brought his 9 children: Daniel Shipman born February 20, 1801; Edward Shipman, born in Tennessee, March 1, 1803; Mary *Shipman*, born in North Carolina, September 28, 1805; John McMinn Shipman, born in North Carolina, March 17, 1808; Christana Reed

Shipman, born in South Carolina, August 23, 1810, **James Robinson Shipman**, born in South Carolina, April 8, 1813; **Moses Shipman**, born in Franklin County, Tennessee, January 16, 1816; **Elizabeth Shipman**, born in Howard County, Missouri, February 3, 1819; and **Lucetta Shipman**, born in Arkansas, December 28, 1821.

[Land grants in Fort Bend – July 19, 1824 and in Austin – July 19, 1824]

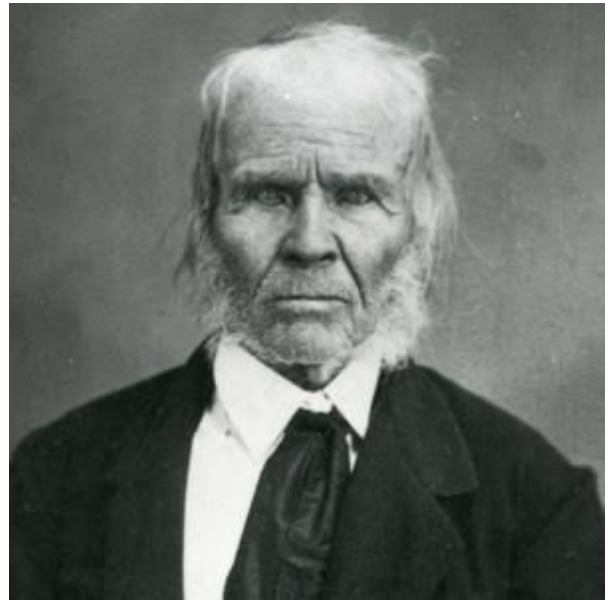
***Daniel Shipman** (1801-1881), was the oldest son of Moses and Mary *Robinson* Shipman, and the author of the book, *Frontier Life in Texas*.

[Land grant with partner Isaac N. Charles (Charles Nidever) in Brazoria – May 21, 1827]

George Nidever (1802-1883) was a son of **George Nidever** and **Christina Punkhouser**.

Daniel asked George to return to Texas with him but he was not interested. According to George:

We went to that portion of Texas then known as Austin's Grant, visited several parts of this tract and two months later returned to Fort Smith. Shipman soon returned to Texas with his father and mother and several brothers and sisters who had come from Mo. with us. They begged me to go with them but I had no desire to return at that time.³⁴



George is best known for having found the "Lone Woman." In 1833 George moved to Santa Barbara, California. In 1853 he went to the Island of the Blue Dolphins on a seven-man sea otter hunting trip and found the "Lone Woman." She was an elderly Chumash woman who had been living alone on the island for possibly twenty years. Nidever convinced her to return with him to Santa Barbara.

Isaac N. Charles (Charles Nidever) The following is my research on Charles Nidever.

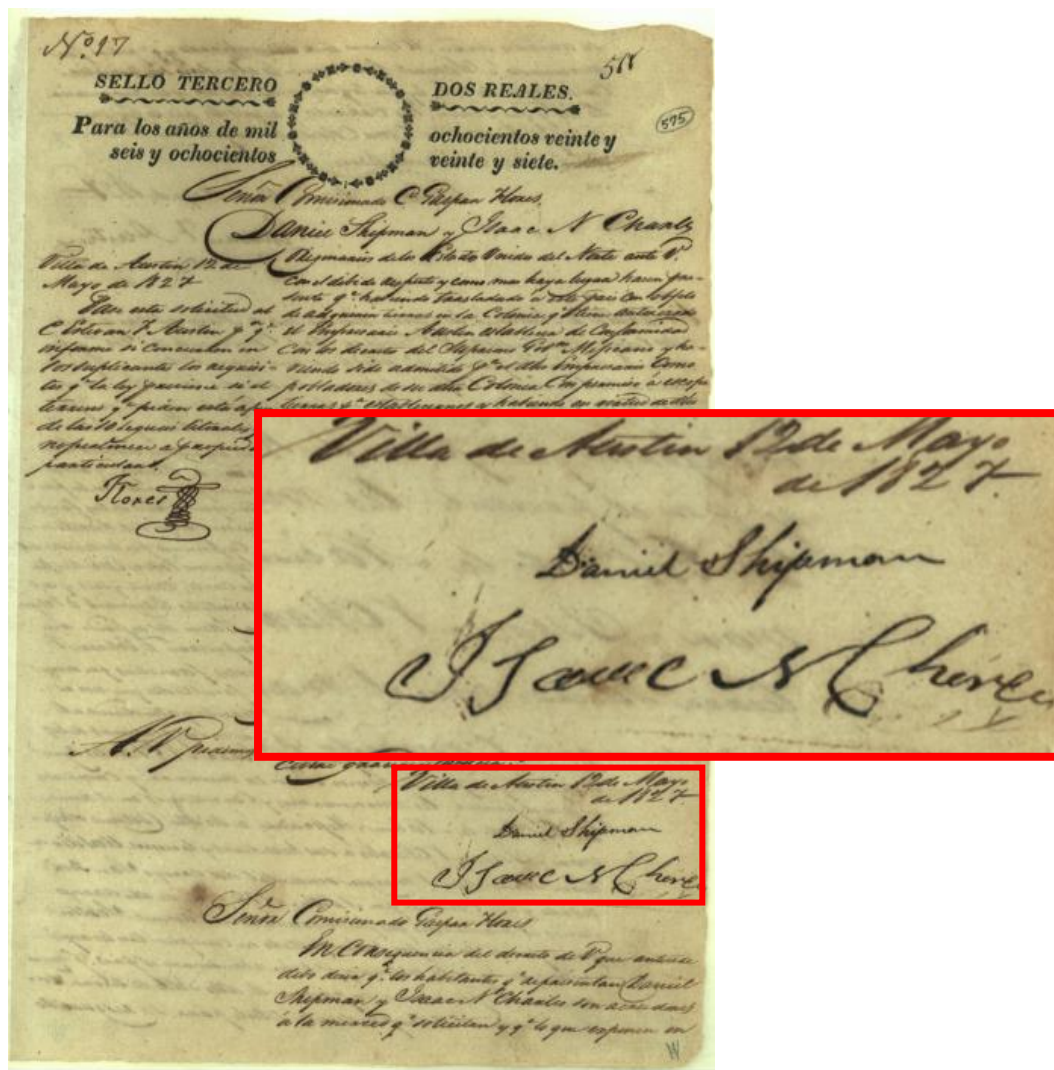
According to the Texas General Land Office, the Shipmans came to Texas and Moses applied for a land grant. Daniel and Charles Nidever, as business partners, also applied for a land grant.

Who was Charles Nidever? I cannot find a record of George Nidever having a brother named Charles and Charles was not one of George's names.

Both Daniel and George claim that they made a trip together to find Martin Varner. An account by Worth Ray states that the person who made the trip with Daniel was Charles Nidever. Daniel Shipman and Charles Nidever applied for a land grant. Single men who had a business partnership could apply jointly for land grants in Austin's Colony. The Texas Land Office has the original land grant that was issued.

³⁴ Ramsey, Don. *Martin Varner: Texas Pioneer*, 46.

This is the first page of the signed deed, dated May 1827. ³⁵



According to Worth Ray, who wrote the book *Austin's Colony*,

On page 78 of his book, he writes:

ISAAC NIDEVER came to the Austin colony early in the Spring of 1822 in company with Daniel Shipman, and the two of them took up land adjoining the location of MARTIN VARNER and others about 2 and ½ miles West of where the town of Independence was located later. Nidever was the youngest of a family of the name who was probably related to the HARRELLS, who on their way to the Colony decided to stop for awhile on Red River. He and Daniel Shipman planted some corn and left VARNER and others to look after it while they returned to Red River to join the Shipmans and Harrells. Young NIDEVER died and never returned to the Colony. (Through an inadvertence this name is listed on the THREE HUNDRED originals as ISACC N. CHARLES. His identity is cleared up by Shipman's "recollections" written in 1870). ³⁶

³⁵ https://cdn.glo.texas.gov/ncu/SCANDOCs/archives_webfiles/arcmaphs/webfiles/landgrants/PDFs/1/0/2/8/1028234.pdf

³⁶ Ray, S. Worth, *Austin Colony Pioneers*, 78

<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/412996/?offset=0#page=83&viewer=picture&o=search&n=0&q=nidever>

Accessed 9 Dec 2024

On page 209 Worth Ray writes:

MOSES SHIPMAN and his oldest son, DANIEL SHIPMAN (the latter being accompanied on the list with one "Charles Isaac N", undoubtedly being, instead an attempt to write the name, as it really was, CHARLES ISAAC NIDEVER, the companion of Daniel Shipman, mentioned in his account) with C. I. NIDEVER, were all three listed among the original THREE HUNDRED Shipman explains that NIDEVER died.³⁷

The description of the partner and the person who accompanied Daniel to Texas fits George Nidever but George Nidever did not die shortly after applying for a grant. He lived two years longer than Daniel. This information is very confusing.

Returning to our story, with the decision made that everyone would go to Texas in the fall, the family waited...

but, when Fall came nearly all were sick, and we did not get off until the next Fall.

Finally Moses was able to journey south and claim his land.

Moses Shipman reached Texas in time to be granted, in 1823, the first labor (177 ½ acres) and sitio (4,428 acres) of land in the fork of Mill Creek and the Brazos River, about 20 miles from the present Richmond and Houston.

"Stephen Austin and party took Moses Shipman to the land, and, taking him by the hand, leading him about it and telling him in loud tones that, by virtue of the power vested in them, and in the name of the Government of Mexico they put him in possession of the land with all its uses, customs, privilege and appurtenances, for him, his heirs, and successors, and the said Moses Shipman pulled herbs, threw stones, set stakes and performed other necessary ceremonies." Thus, Moses Shipman became the first of the famous "Austin's 300" Colonists on the Brazos. Stephen Austin went on with other grants until in 1831 he had 5,700 settlers in his colonies. Other promoters brought thousands more. The Moses Shipmans moved to their new land in the fall of 1825. They built a comfortable home, cleared land, built fences, and planted crops. "They raised their thousands of corn, and cotton, used Missouri gins, and continued to live in the good style for a number of years."³⁸

GOD BLESS TEXAS

³⁷ Ray, S. Worth, *Austin Colony Pioneers*, 209

<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/412996/?offset=0#page=214&viewer=picture&o=info&n=0&q=>
Accessed 9 Dec 2024

³⁸ Carl, Rita Shipman, *The Shipman Family in America*, (1962) 488

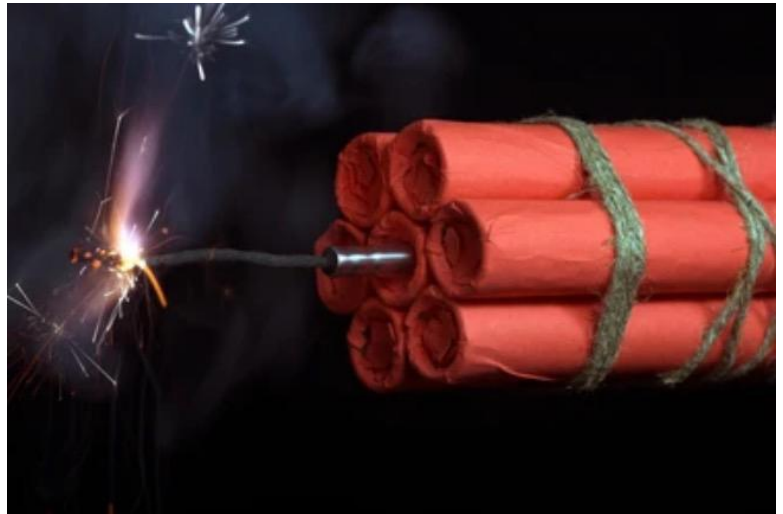
https://archive.org/details/shipmanfamilyina00carl_0/page/487/mode/2up?q=robinson Accessed 10 Dec 2024



Let's Transition From This Year to the Next... Quietly

Each New Year's season has its own flavor and tone. They aren't all tranquil. For example, let's reexamine 1959, it went off like a:

Shortly before midnight December 31, 1959 two of our cousins underestimated their capacity for mischief. William Douglas Green and Joseph Arthur McKinney, teenagers from Spruce Pine, North Carolina crept across a darkened football field toting a full box of dynamite. The weight of the blasting caps was negligible. They fused a portion of the supply of sticks properly and rigged it to blow at midnight sharp; it did. Spruce Pine as a mining town, accustomed to regular blasting for minerals. Dynamite was routinely left in unlocked mining sheds but in this case, it was legally purchased at a local hardware store.



The event we'll discuss did occur sixty five years ago but was nostalgically revisited in 2016 by the Asheville Observer and Mitchell County Historical Society:

Ringling in the New Year with a Bang

by mcncdmin | Dec 31, 2016 | History, People

As the New Year dawned in 1960, businesses and residents in Spruce Pine were cleaning up the damage from a New Year's celebration gone wrong.



The hole left after the explosion of the dynamite on New Year's Eve, 1959.

shaken up a bit as a window was blown out. A *Statesville Record & Landmark* story that ran January 1, 1960 reported that Spruce Pine Police sergeant J.W. Tappan was in City Hall when the explosion occurred. He stated that he was "real shook up too" when it happened. "Some amateurs set off all this dynamite over in the ball field just across the river," Tappan told the paper. "This is a mining community and every time some celebration comes around, somebody sets off some explosive. This time, a bunch of amateurs must have gotten hold of a near-case of dynamite and it all went up at the same time." Tappan added that "we know it's amateurs because no miner is going to be damn fool enough to miss New Year's by so much as an hour." In a related version of the story distributed by the UPI wire service, Sergeant Tappan was quoted saying "We're used to noise up here

The details are taken from a story in the January 2, 1960 edition of *The Asheville Citizen*:

At 10:30 on the evening of Thursday, December 31, 1959, William Douglas Green and Joseph Arthur McKinney had "decided to make a little noise to celebrate the coming of the New Year." Earlier that day, they had purchased a case of dynamite at Blackburn Hardware on Locust Avenue (Lower Street), and later went to a party. They left the gathering and around 10:30 went to the Spruce Pine baseball park (then Deyton Field; now the location of today's Riverside Park) where they decided to create some fireworks to celebrate the arrival of 1960.

According to the *Citizen* story, they removed 21 sticks of dynamite from the box, leaving 99 in it, then rigged a blasting cap and fuse to the remaining sticks, lit the fuse, and ran. The

resulting explosion was heard 15 miles away (in the Avery County community of Ingalls), broke approximately 100 windows and damaged about 25 buildings according to the Spruce Pine Police Department. Ironically, one of the stores damaged was McKinney's father's grocery. Windows in cars parked on Locust Avenue were also broken. Pritchard Paint and Hardware Company of Asheville called in workers from their New Year's holiday to repair the windows and Spruce Pine town workers cleaned up the streets on New Year's Day. Total damage was estimated between \$10,000-\$15,000 (\$82,000-\$123,000 in 2016) by Spruce Pine Police Chief James F. Burleson.

No one was injured by the blast. There were approximately 20 people dining at Young's Cafe on Locust Avenue across from the baseball field at the time of the explosion. They were

but we can't have amateurs blowing holes in the ground big enough to hold a truck." The *Record & Landmark* story concluded with "Explosives are nearly as easy to get as a package of cigarettes in this small mountain community."



A man walks by the boarded-up window in the store front of Western Auto on Locust Avenue after the dynamite explosion.

News of the dynamite incident spread nationwide through stories running on the AP and UPI wire services. Headlines across America told the story. "Boom Town - Boys' Loud Celebration Shatters Glass In Store" (Louisville, KY); "Boys Bring '60 In With

Bang" (Phoenix, AZ); "2 Teens Blow Town to Big 1960 Welcome" (Chicago, IL); "Boys 'Celebrate,' Rock Town With Dynamite" (Indianapolis, IN); "2 Celebrators Do A Bang-Up Job" (Salt Lake City, UT); "Amateur Blasters Wreck Town" (Odessa, TX); "Mining Town All 'Shook Up'" (Levittown, PA); and "Boys Make Big New Year Bang With Dynamite" (Los Angeles, CA) were just a few of the many stories that appeared.

The *Asheville Citizen* reported on January 9 that "worried relatives in California, Florida and New Hampshire kept long-distance telephone lines buzzing after the story was carried by the Associated Press" and also noted that letters were received by the Spruce Pine Post Office inquiring on how the town was coping with the explosion. One received from Washington, D.C. was addressed to "Spruce Pine (Or What Is Left Of It),

North Carolina."



Approximate location of the 1959 blast in 2016

Green and McKinney had planned on using the remaining 21 sticks of dynamite for a second blast, but they were so shaken by the experience that they went home to their fathers and confessed. The *Citizen* reported that the fathers, who were prominent Spruce Pine businessmen, notified the police after hearing their story. They were charged with a misdemeanor of illegally exploding dynamite. Both posted \$1,000 bonds that were set by Justice of the Peace Jack Tappan and were freed after turning themselves in.

They were scheduled to appear in the April, 1960 session of Mitchell County Superior Court.

Residents who were already spooked by the dynamite fireworks were jostled again when a small earth tremor shook the area at 3:33 a.m. on January 3, 1960. This prompted hundreds of calls to local fire and police departments asking if there had been another explosion in Spruce Pine. The tremor lasted approximately 10 seconds and there was no damage caused by the shake.

In the April 13, 1960 edition of the *Asheville Citizen*, it was reported that Solicitor J. Alley Hayes announced a bill of indictment was also being drawn against the person who sold the dynamite to Green and McKinney. The article did not name who was being indicted. Solicitor Alley stated that dynamite was "sold like popcorn and

cheese cake" in the Mitchell County area, prompting him to file the charge. However, the article noted that "the solicitor's criticism was aimed at indiscriminate selling," and noted that he wasn't criticizing the sale of dynamite in general. The story also reported that Judge George B. Patton accepted the guilty pleas of the boys and deferred sentencing to the September court term.

According to the initial *Asheville Citizen* report, the New Year's Eve incident was the first time the two boys had used dynamite and "It was the last, too, their fathers said."



Location of the 1928 Dynamite Blast on Oak Avenue in 2016. The garage that was built is the white building at the center-right of the photo.

Damage from the blast was estimated at about \$1,000 (\$14,000 in 2016). This was near the location of the Toe River Service Station on Oak Avenue (Upper Street) that was shuttered recently when the bank (where that explosion took place in 1928) slid off onto the building.

Happy New Year to all!

This wasn't the first time Spruce Pine businesses had had windows blown out by an errant dynamite blast. On April 3, 1928, the *Asheville Citizen* reported that a large number of windows in downtown Spruce Pine were shattered when an overloaded dynamite blast was set off as part of preparation of the construction site for a garage at Mayland Motor Company.



On December 31, 1959, Spruce Pine welcomed in the new year with a bang, as dynamite exploded on the Deyton Field (now Riverside Park) opposite downtown. All but two windows in this string of buildings were knocked out by 99 sticks of dynamite. A large crater was created by the impact and the explosion was heard 15 miles away. The Spruce Pine Grocery sign is visible on the unoccupied building still today.

Within the article you'll notice the investigation was led by police chief James "Jim" Fowler Burleson. He was brother to my grandfather, Hobert Foster Burleson- both sons of the town's first police chief, Asa Sylvester Burleson. I'm named for this Jim Burleson.



James Fowler "Jim" Burleson* - Chief of Police Spruce Pine 1905-1966



1960
Jim Burleson, Spruce Pine Chief of Police
Ray Gunter, Spruce Pine Police
Cotton Burleson, Spruce Pine Police

Jim & Cotton were brothers of Hobert Burleson.

McKinney and Green turned themselves in to Jim Bureson and pled guilty in court. Cousin Gary Forbes said the teens were allowed to attend high school five days a week but serve out their sentence on weekends.

The incident not only rocked the community but made national news. Every window in town was shattered. The boom was heard ten miles away. However, the noise wasn't heard by Gary or his father, my Uncle Paul James Forbes in nearby Cranberry. The next morning Paul met his boss at the local appliance store on lower street. Each pulled their keys out to unlock the front door. Neither had noticed the glass door and front window were completely gone. Each said they felt foolish. See Uncle Paul to the right.

Well after the incident Gary went to the DeLuxe Barbershop between Upper and Lower Streets in Spruce Pine he overheard a local young man he knew to be Clarence Emmett "Duck" Boone expressing his relief that the boys confessed. For he too, had set off a stick of dynamite at midnight the very same evening. He feared he had caused all the damage from his single stick which he'd lit on a hill behind Gary and my grandmother Edna "Granny" Wiseman Bureson Duncan's home. This is cousin Gary Dale Forbes, a current resident of Mocksville.



Oh cousin "Duck" Boone is indeed of those Boones. Duck descends from Squire Boone through son Israel Boone (brother of Daniel Boone). Most of Daniel Boone's life, as was his family, spent in Mocksville, North Carolina along the Yadkin River. Boone, McKinney, Forbes, Green(e), Gage, Sisco, Kuykendall, Shipman and other kin have intermarried for the past three hundred years. You cannot escape their warfare, charm or dna.

Clarence E. Boon

North Carolina, County Marriages, 1762-1979

Name:	Clarence E. Boon
Event Type:	Marriage
Event Date:	03 Jan 1937
Event Place:	Spruce Pine, Mitchell, North Carolina, United States
Gender:	Male
Age:	21
Marital Status:	Married
Race:	White
Birth Year (Estimated):	1916
Spouse's Name:	May Brown Hudson
Spouse's Gender:	Female
Spouse's Age:	18
Spouse's Race:	White
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated):	1919



6/25/2019 Clarence E Boone, "United States World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946" — FamilySearch.org

Clarence E Boone United States World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946		No image available
Name:	Clarence E Boone	Record Collection: United States World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946
Name:	BOONE CLARENCE E	Document Information: Affiliate Publication Title
Event Type:	Military Service	Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, ca. 1938-1946
Event Date:	17 Jan 1945	Citing this Record "United States World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946," database, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:23P : 5 December 2014), Clarence E Boone, enlisted 17 Jan 1945, Ft Bragg, North Carolina, United States; citing "Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, ca. 1938-1946," database, The National Archives: Access to Archival Databases (AAAD) (http://aad.archives.gov : National Archives and Records Administration, 2002); NARA NAID 1263923, National Archives at College Park, Maryland.
Term of Enlistment:	Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law	Similar Historical Records Clarence Emitt Boone North Carolina Birth Index, 1800-2000
Event Place:	Ft Bragg, North Carolina, United States	Clarence E. Boon North Carolina, County Marriages, 1762-1979
Race:	White	Clarence Emmett Boone North Carolina Birth Index, 1800-2000
Citizenship Status:	citizen	
Birth Year:	1916	
Birthplace:	NORTH CAROLINA	
Education Level:	2 years of college	
Civilian Occupation:	Salesmen and sales agents, except to consumers	
Marital Status:	Married	
Military Rank:	Private	
Army Branch:	No branch assignment	
Army Component:	Selectees (Enlisted Men)	
Source Reference:	Civil Life	
Serial Number:	44059476	
Affiliate ARC Identifier:	1263923	
Box Film Number:	15453.369	

https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:23MKB-Z3P

Loafers Glory

by mcncdmin | Jan 20, 2019 | Communities, History



This central Mitchell County community was named about 1890 by Jonathon Burleson because men delighted in whittling away their time on the porch of the local general store in the evenings and on Saturdays. One day when such a crowd had gathered, Burleson lazily commented, "This is a Loafer's Glory." This is one of the most uniquely named communities in North Carolina to this day.



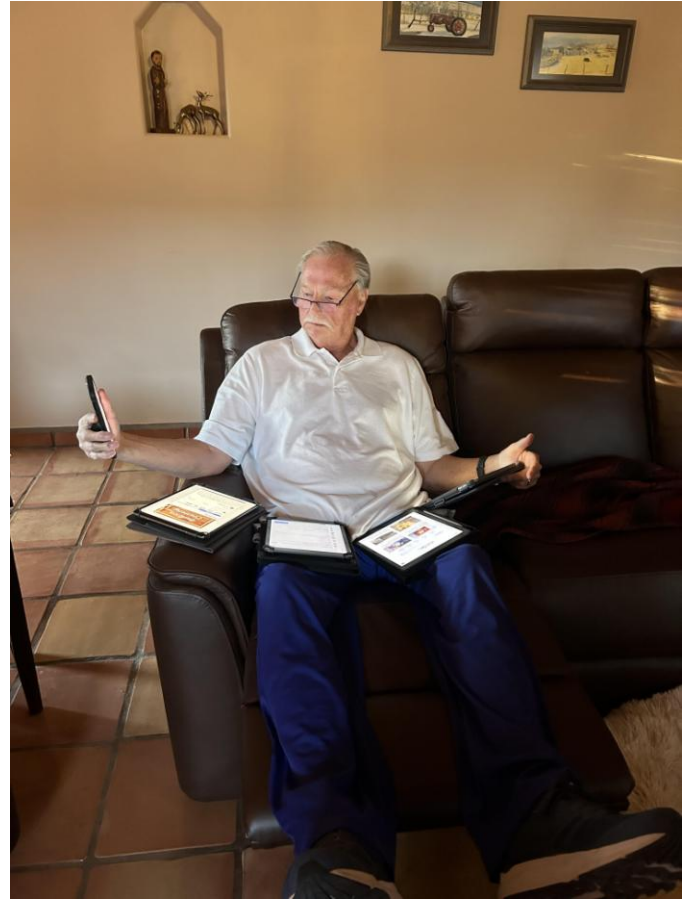
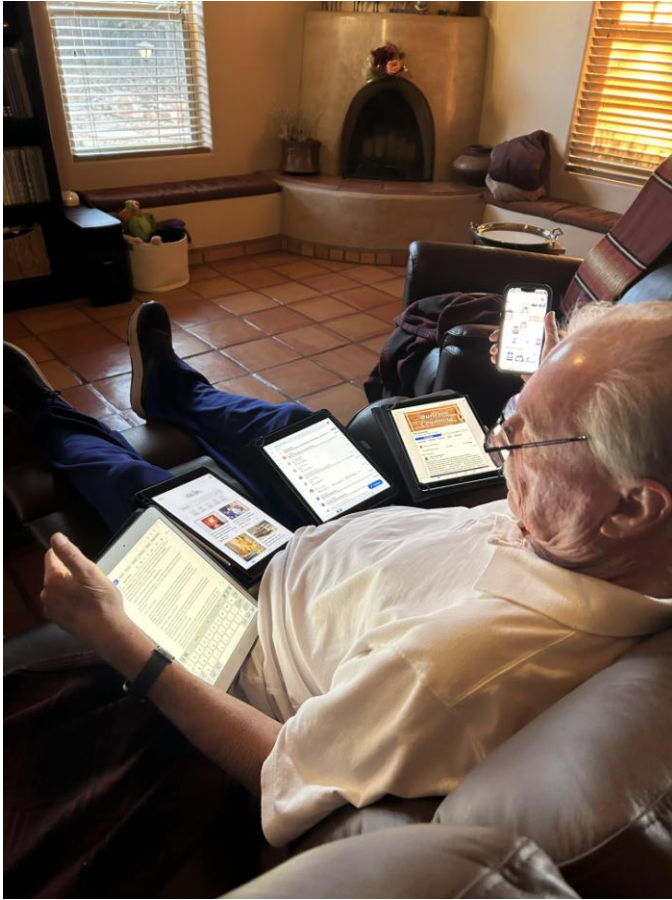
We pray your exit from 2024 is smooth and quiet. In the not too distant future we can sit at a barbershop or even a sleepy café like this one in Loafers Glory to “spin a yarn.” See JD Burleson, Gary Forbes and Larry Dale Burleson at Loafers Glory. Ever wonder where the term came from? It began as a



nautical term likening an elaborate well crafted story to well spun rope. Let's get together soon to...



Recollections Article When You're All Thumb/ Not Thumbs



The moral to this tale is that any one of you could produce a good story just by “thumbing through” search sites. I self identify as inept at typing- a one thumb on one device at a time researcher. Another failing is lack of coordination switching from screen to screen. My ridiculous solution is to use four Ipads on my lap and an Iphone in my hand. It’s easier to play this way than actually learning how to switch on one device. An added benefit is ability to watch sports searching sites between pitches or plays. It’s been successful and I don’t sweat the ridicule. So...Alaska...here goes:



While researching the mountaineer Todd Burleson, several opportunities to review entries in Find a Grave-Alaska. Now mind you I prefer fourteen of the top twenty two popular sites. I augment that with scanning 153 regional history/genealogy pages. It’s either challenging or ignorant. Anyway, I

did not find an applicable Find a Grave for Todd’s group BUT another line jumped in view. Let’s begin with the first frame seen, Neal Burgess “Burley” Burleson 1952-2010 buried in the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery.

The narrative that follows his death in a crash of his own plane shows the death of daughter Tasha and identification of his wife, parents and grandparents. This was significant as these first two generations are not yet in JDs BFRG line database; a quick call was made. That got fixed. Onward to his dad, Boyd Ray Burleson 1930-2022.

findagrave.com

Photo added by PJ Smith

Neal Burgess “Burley” Burleson

BIRTH 4 Mar 1952
Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, USA

DEATH 14 Apr 2010 (aged 58)
Willow, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska, USA

BURIAL Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery
Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska, USA
[Show Map](#)

PLOT 345-5-2

MEMORIAL ID 67883033 · [View Source](#)

Neal Burgess Burleson, 58, died May 14, 2010, when his Super Cub went down near Susitna Landing Road in Willow.

A service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Faith Christian Community at 4340 Wisconsin Ave.

Neal was born March 4, 1952, in Asheville, N.C., to Boyd and Jeanne Burleson. He came to Alaska in 1965 and, aside from brief absences for school, spent his life in Alaska.

A true Alaskan, aviation was Neal's passion. He earned his private pilot's license in 1972, when his parents thought he was at college studying. Neal, a certified flight instructor, was involved with planes, flying and instructing young pilots his entire life. His flying exploits were well-known, and his career included owning Willow Air, operating a fishing lodge, and flying commercially as a hunting and fishing guide. He planned to teach family members to fly this summer.

He was described as always being available to help, encourage, and support friends, especially good neighbors. He had a huge heart, was a loyal and dedicated father, son, and friend. His passing has created an ache in the hearts of many. The community of Willow has lost a dear friend and fellow pilot.

Neal is survived by his mother, Jeanne Edwards of Anchorage; sisters, Joni Burleson (Jim Mulligan) of Denver, Colo., and Beverly Burleson of Seattle, Wash.; former wife, Donna Monahan of Anchorage; grandmother, Helen Burleson of Anchorage; father, Boyd Burleson (Theresa Burleson) of North Carolina; and a large extended family including many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Neal was preceded in death by his cherished daughter, Tasha; and his beloved stepfather, Dale Edwards.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Willow Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 177, Willow, 99688, or the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, P.O. Box 949, Portage, 99587.

Published in Alaska Dispatch News from May 20 to May 22, 2010

Bio by: [JPetersen](#)

Family Members

Parents



[Boyd Ray Burleson](#)

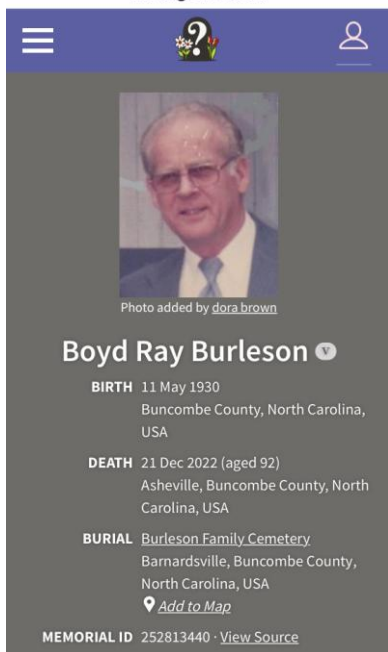
1930–2022



[Betty Jean "Jeanne" Burgess Edwards](#)

1931–2022

findagrave.com



Boyd Ray Burleson ▼

BIRTH 11 May 1930
Buncombe County, North Carolina, USA

DEATH 21 Dec 2022 (aged 92)
Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, USA

BURIAL [Burleson Family Cemetery](#)
Barnardsville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, USA
[Add to Map](#)

MEMORIAL ID 252813440 - [View Source](#)

Asheville – Boyd Ray Burleson passed away Wednesday, December 21, 2022 after a period of declining health.

Boyd was born in Buncombe County on May 11, 1930. While in school, Boyd lived part time with his aunt in Cincinnati, Ohio. While there, he worked for Baldwin Piano Company, his first job and one that he dearly loved. Boyd served proudly in the US Navy. He was stationed at the Naval Air Base at Kodiak, Alaska, then he served aboard the Heavy Cruiser USS St. Paul in the Pacific 7th Fleet.

After returning to NC, Boyd was employed by Esso Standard Oil Company at Asheville, Durham, and Greensboro. In the early sixties, Boyd was an Esso Distributor for a while. During that time, he built the Esso Station on Hwy 19/23 at Flat Creek, later known as Riddle's Exxon. Boyd owned a farm for a while. He and his brother, Morris Hensley, enjoyed restoring old farm tractors. They restored old Ford's, Ferguson's Farmall's, and a few old John Deere's. Some were used in Holiday and Christmas parades at various locations. Boyd and his wife Theresa owned and operated two furniture stores for several years – Burleson's Discount Furniture and Woodcraft Unfinished Furniture, with stores in Asheville and Fletcher. Boyd was of the Baptist faith and was a member at West Asheville Baptist Church. He dearly loved his Sunday school Class.

In recent years, Boyd was involved in Real Estate Investments, including Lake Properties in upstate South Carolina, an area he loved and spent a lot of time.

Boyd was preceded in death by his grandparents, Zeb and Matilda Burleson; father, Kermit Burleson; mother, Bertha Ledford Hensley; infant brother, Wade Burleson; brothers, Morris Hensley and Ralph Burleson; son, Neal Burleson, granddaughter, Tasha Burleson, and his beloved aunt, Beatrice McKenzie.

Surviving are his wife, Theresa of the home; daughters, Joan Burleson (Jim Mulligan) and Beverly Burleson all of Denver, CO and sister, Linda Gail Tolley (Paul) of Asheville.

Other beloved friends and their families who will remember Boyd include: Winda Lea Hensley, Elaine Watkins (Gary), Lynn Carter (Neil), Cheryl Mueller (Roy), Corky Hollifield (Janey), Clayton and Rodney Hensley, Rick Burleson, Travis Tolley, and many other nephews, nieces, and cousins.

No funeral services are planned at this time.

A celebration of life services will be held at a later date.

Family Members

Parents



[Kermit Blake Burleson](#)





Photo added by [Bing Owens](#)

Kermit Blake Burleson

BIRTH 3 Mar 1909
Barnardsville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, USA

DEATH 13 Apr 1991 (aged 82)
Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, USA

BURIAL [Burleson Family Cemetery](#)
Barnardsville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, USA
[Add to Map](#)

MEMORIAL ID 103990039 · [View Source](#)

Boyd's burial in the Burleson Family Cemetery in Bernardsville, Buncombe County, North Carolina. Regular contributors to BFRG know this site is the final resting place of many generations descending down Edward Burleson (Burlison) of Big Ivy. One of these descendants is Sarah Burleson (Gower), our treasurer. In the listing Boyd's parents and grandparents are noted. Boyd's father was Kermit Blake Burleson 1909-1991 of again, Bernardsville, Buncombe, NC. So was Kermit's father Zeb- one more generation from Bernardsville.








Photo added by [Bing Owens](#)

Zeb Cleveland Burleson


BIRTH 3 Nov 1884
North Carolina, USA

DEATH 25 Dec 1968 (aged 84)
Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, USA

BURIAL [Burleson Family Cemetery](#)
Barnardsville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, USA
[Add to Map](#)

MEMORIAL ID 103988605 · [View Source](#)

Zeb C. Burleson
BARNARDSVILLE — Zeb C. Burleson, 84, of North Fork Road, died Wednesday in an Asheville hospital after a long illness. He was a lifelong resident of the Barnardsville section and a retired farmer. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Matilda Robinson Burleson; a daughter, Mrs. Beatrice McKenzie of Asheville; two sons, Troy and Kermit Burleson, both of Barnardsville; four sisters, Mrs. Vernell Burleson of Hampton, Va. and Mrs. Celestie Burleson, Mrs. Ruby Adkins and Mrs. Lola Allen, all of Barnardsville; two brothers, Earl and Clifton Burleson, both of Barnardsville; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Services will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday in North Black Mountain Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The Rev. Steve Norton and the Rev. Ralph Brigmon will officiate. Burial will be in Burleson Cemetery. Nephews will serve as pallbearers. The body will remain at West Funeral Home, Weaverville, where the family will receive



The body will remain at West Funeral Home, Weaverville where the family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p. m. Friday, and be placed in the church one hour prior to the services.

Added by [William Wayne Metcalf](#)



Added by [Bill Hilton](#)

Next up is Zeb's father James Edward "Ned" Burleson 1857-1919 from...Bernardsville. The Burleson Family Cemetery there has been visited and photographed by JD and Sarah. Find a Grave ran out of gas her so a quick switch to Google revealed James' father was Alexander Washington Burleson circa 1822 to circa 1870 , a North Carolinian could be found on Wikitree. Further, it could be verified by JD. Now this Burleson is under scrutiny as he was likely biologically a SISCO. One of Edward's wives, Matilda Jane McKissick – Alexander's mother. Edward, his father Edward or Thomas (highly disputed)and mother Agnes Weatherford will spark intensifying research.

findagrave.com

Son of Alexander Washington Burleson (Burlison)and Cecilia Metcalf.

First married to Sophronia Daniel May 21, 1882.
Then married Charlotte Margaret Riddle March 11, 1900

Family Members

Spouse

 [Charlotte Margaret Riddle Burleson](#)
1882-1975

Children

 [Mollie J. Burleson](#)
1879-1951

 [William A. "Willie" Burleson](#)
1882-1904

 [Zeb Cleveland Burleson](#)
1884-1968

 [Vernell A. Burleson](#)
1902-1976

 [Lola Belle Burleson Allen](#)
1905-1997

 [Earl Cleophas Burleson](#)
1909-1985

 [Celestia L. Burleson](#)

findagrave.com




Photo added by [Bill Hilton](#)

James Edward "Ned" Burleson

BIRTH 1 Jan 1857
North Carolina, USA


DEATH 17 Apr 1919 (aged 62)
Buncombe County, North Carolina, USA

BURIAL [Burleson Family Cemetery](#)
Barnardsville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, USA
[Add to Map](#)

MEMORIAL ID 105786458 · [View Source](#)

wikitree.com

Alexander Washington Burleson (abt. 1822 - aft. 1870)

 **Alexander Washington (Washington) Burleson**
Born about 1822 in **North Carolina** ?


Son of [Edward Burleson](#) and [Matilda Jane \(McKissick\) Burleson](#) **ANCESTORS** 4

Brother of [Margaret C. \(Burleson\) Coates](#), [Mary Ann \(Burleson\) Dillingham](#), [Rebecca \(Burleson\) Carter](#), [Isaac Burleson](#), [Daniel Wilburn Burleson](#), [Andrew Jackson Burleson Senior](#), [Anderson Burleson](#), [James R. Burleson](#) (half), [Nancy Lavada Burleson](#) (half), [John Marion Burleson](#) (half), [Lucinda Louisa Burleson](#) (half), [Jesse Manning Burleson](#) (half) and [Sophronia Emiline \(Burleson\) Riddle](#) (half)

[spouse(s) unknown]
[children unknown]

Died after 1870 after about age 48 [location unknown]

Edward Burleson (abt. 1781 - aft. 1856)

 **Edward Burleson**
Born about 15 Dec 1781 in **North Carolina** ?

Son of [Thomas Burleson](#) and [Agnes \(Weatherford\) Burleson](#) **ANCESTORS** 4

Brother of [Isaac C Burleson](#) (half), [Keziah \(Vann\) Maney](#) (half) and [John Vann](#) (half)

Husband of [Mary \(Metcalf\) Burleson](#) — married [date unknown] [location unknown]

Husband of [Matilda Jane \(McKissick\) Burleson](#) — married [date unknown] [location unknown]

Father of [Margaret C. \(Burleson\) Coates](#), [Mary Ann \(Burleson\) Dillingham](#), [Rebecca \(Burleson\) Carter](#), [Isaac Burleson](#), [Daniel Burleson](#) **DESCENDANTS** 4

Burleson / Natalia Burleson

Natalia Burleson



friendships. Tasha was a part of the youth group at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, where she will be warmly remembered as extremely bright and articulate. She engaged in deep questions about life and meaning with enthusiasm, seriousness and joy. Her minister remembers her as a "young woman who found a strong and authentic faith in Christ through her hard-fought struggles overcoming obstacles in her life." Tasha is survived by her parents, Neal Burleson and Donna Monahan; her grandmothers, Stella Monahan and Jeanne Edwards; and her aunts and uncles, Beverly Burleson, Joan Burleson and husband Jim Mulligan, Brenda Monahan and Jerrie Ruks. She was preceded in death by her beloved "Papa," Harold Monahan, and grandfather, Dale Edwards. She also leaves her numerous friends and beloved pets. Tasha had a great passion for animals and the

Let's circle back to Neal's obituary... note his adopted daughter Tasha. She was placed into his home after her first 18 months in an overcrowded orphanage. See any follow up story there?

brought to the U.S. at 18 months of age by adoptive parents Neal Burleson and Donna Monahan. As a child, Tasha loved the simple things in life: flowers, "secret places" and skipping rocks. She always had great compassion for animals and underdogs. Her father, Neal, recalls taking her to the ice rink as a child; there, Tasha always took the time to help a struggling new skater. As a teen, Tasha challenged the conventions of society, which was reflected in her sophisticated and whimsical sense of fashion, her insightful poetry and amazing approach to art, where she would often draw an eye at the top of a page and a toe at the bottom, and connect the anatomy in perfect proportion, on pure instinct. It was a joy to her family as she elevated to her potential as a mature, self-confident and compassionate leader with deep-rooted friends/ youth

Natalia Burleson Obituary

Natalia "Tasha" Burleson, 18, died unexpectedly at home Aug. 16, 2009, following complications after surgery. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 2222 E. Tudor Road. A viewing for close family and friends will precede the service at 1 p.m. If Tasha was around, it was always she who marked the moment. An authentic force, born on Feb. 21, 1991, Tasha was a survivor of the overcrowded orphanages of that Russian era, and was

and the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alaska SPCA, 549 W. International Airport Road, Suite B2, Anchorage 99518.

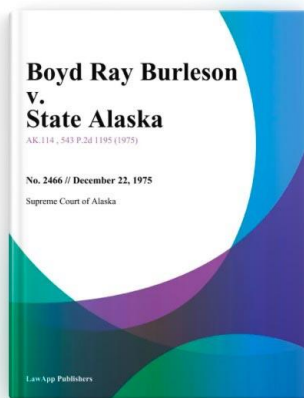
To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

Published by Anchorage Daily News from Aug. 22 to Aug. 23, 2009.

Burleson Pages

See more records on Ancestry®

Layer over all this is go back to Google each name. Various leads were available but one stood out- Boyd Ray Burleson appears in a book entitled "Boyd Ray Burleson v. State of Alaska." He was convicted for paying a thug to pour acid over the heads of former wife Jeanne Burleson and her new boyfriend Dale Edwards. Boyd pleaded guilty to two counts of mayhem, sentenced to 20 years on each count.



Boyd Ray Burleson v. State Alaska

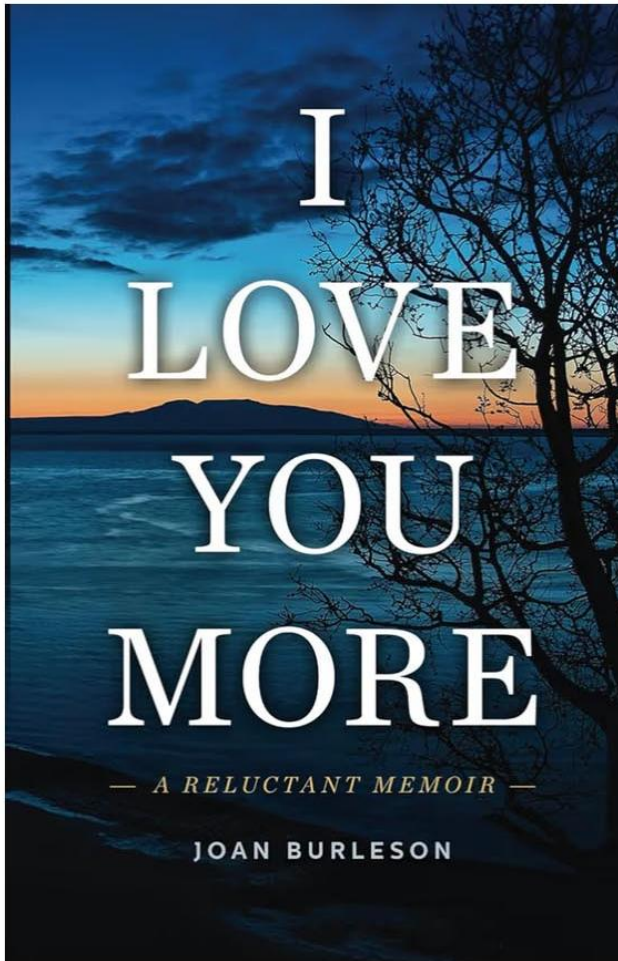
1975.AK.114, 543 P.2D 1195

Supreme Court of Alaska

Joan Burleson

I Love You More: A Reluctant Memoir

4.8 ★★★★★ (20)



Continuing on the final layer of Googling another book was named “I Love You More: A Reluctant Memoir,” by Joan Burleson. Joan explains Jeanne and Boyd’s troubled marriage led Boyd to pay for an attack to “maim” her and Dale. She was burned horribly but saved her eyesight after years of therapy.

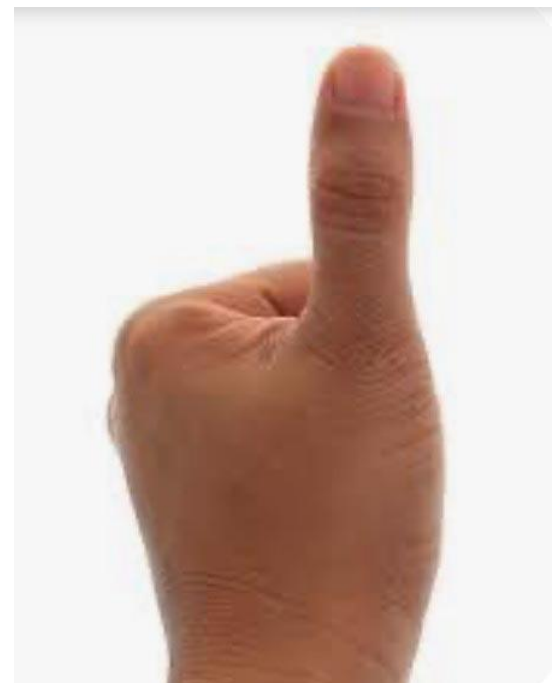
All this from literally thumbing through one link to another in ONE DAY. Do you think this could spin off into another full story? Several? I’m betting a half dozen of you will order these books right after reading this. You can purchase both for about eleven dollars. The point of this article was not to praise or damn any ancestor. Rather, it is to demonstrate that in an hour or two any of you can research and write an article using (in my case a thumb) a finger and a minimum of sources. Please try.



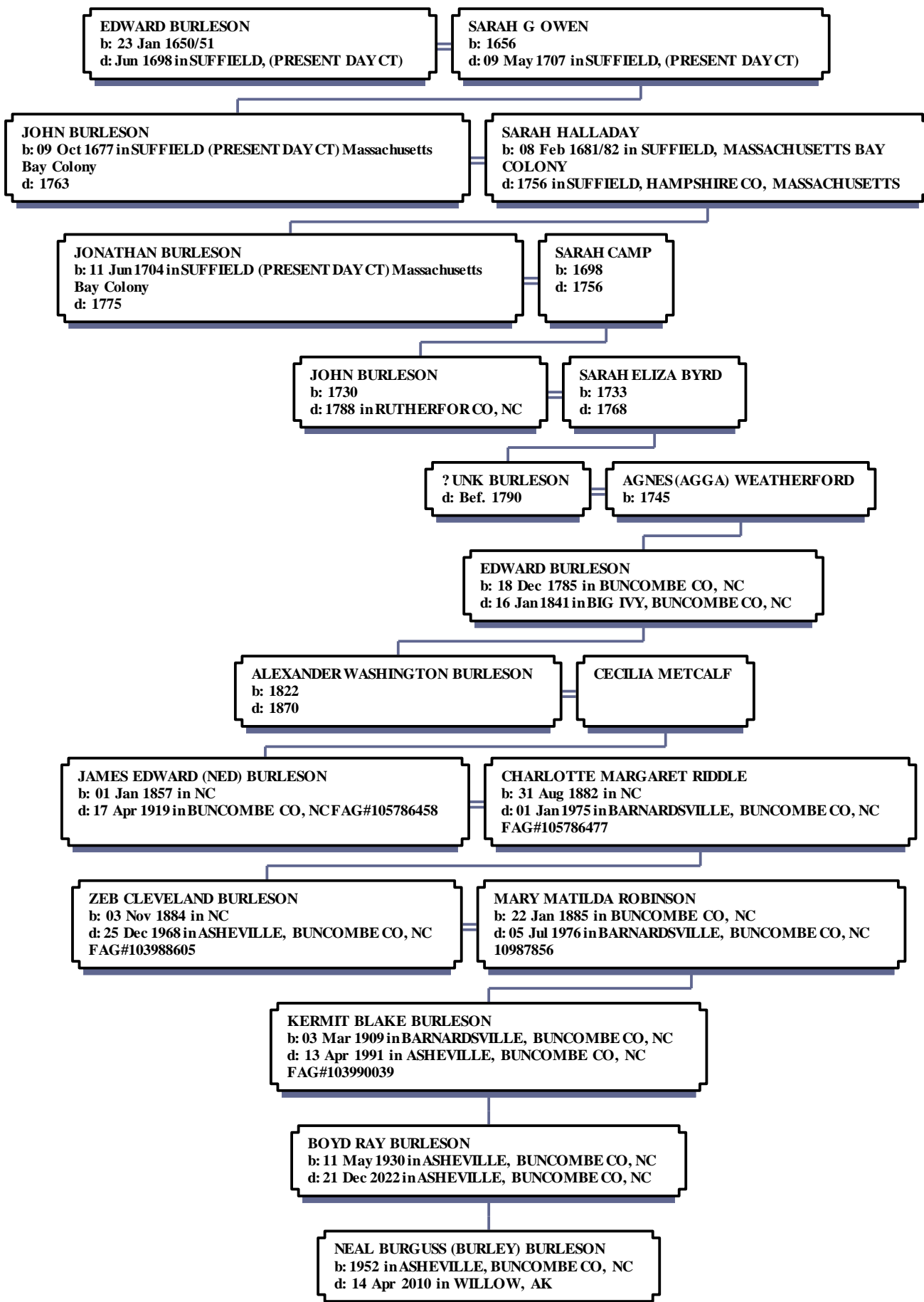
Jim Burleson

BFRG Research

jimburlson8554@gmail.com



Direct Descendants of EDWARD BURLESON



Major Milestones

Obituary for Isa Blondell Burleson Moore

Isa Blondell Burleson Moore, 87, of Albemarle passed away on December 13, 2024 in her home. Her funeral service will be 2 PM on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at Dunn's Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Jeremy Holt officiating. Burial will follow at Sweet Home Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care of Albemarle on Monday evening from 6 until 8 PM.

Born March 23, 1937 in Stanly County, NC she was the daughter of the late James Everette Burleson and Effie Lee Drake Burleson. She was a member of Dunn's Grove Baptist Church and was a retired employee of EJ Snyder and worked at Allison Manufacturing and later in life worked at Ingles.

She is survived by six children, Joni James of New London, Kathy Hunter of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, Sherry Lynn Hudson of Albemarle, Susan Eudy of New London, Frankie Moore of Albemarle, Curtis Moore of Albemarle, a brother Eddie Burleson of New London, two sisters Elvene Bowers of

Albemarle and Vicki Diggs of Albemarle, 13 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter Teresa Crowell, two grandchildren, Michael Sossamon and Ryan Blalock, and a great-grandson James Harris, as well as two sisters, Barbara Burris and Brenda Calloway.



Isa Blondell Moore

Descendants of ISA BLONDELL BURLESON & Family Line

Generation No. 1

1. ISA BLONDELL¹¹ BURLESON (*JAMES EVERETT (EBB)¹⁰, AUGUSTUS GRAHAM (GUS)⁹, WILLIAM HOLMES⁸, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁷, ISAAC BURLESON⁶ JR, ISAAC SR⁵ BURLESON, JOHN⁴, JONATHAN³, JOHN², EDWARD¹*) was born 23 Mar 1937 in STANLY CO, NC, and died 13 Dec 2024 in ALBERMARLE, STANLY CO, NC. She married (1) JAMES ALLEN CROWELL 1954. He died 2002. She married (2) HENRY SMITH 1963. He died 17 Nov 1965 in VIETNAM. She married (3) RALPH MOORE 1968. He was born 02 Jun 1939.

More About ISA BLONDELL BURLESON: Burial: SWEET HOME BAPT CHURCH CEMETERY, STANLY CO, NC, More About JAMES CROWELL and ISA BURLESON: Marriage: 1954

Notes for HENRY SMITH: Henry Smith was part of the 1st Cav, and the operation that was shown in the Movie "We Were Soldiers". He was a radio man and was killed in the battle.

More About RALPH MOORE and ISA BURLESON: Marriage: 1968

Children of ISA BURLESON and JAMES CROWELL are:

2. i. KATHY CORNELLIE¹² CROWELL. ii. SHERRY LYNN CROWELL. 3. iii. JONI LEE CROWELL.

Child of ISA BURLESON and HENRY SMITH is:

4. iv. SUSAN REBBECA¹² SMITH.

Children of ISA BURLESON and RALPH MOORE are:

5. v. FRANKIE¹² MOORE. vi. CURTIS EVERETT MOORE.

2. KATHY CORNELLIE¹² CROWELL (*ISA BLONDELL*¹¹ *BURLESON, JAMES EVERETT (EBB)*¹⁰, *AUGUSTUS GRAHAM (GUS)*⁹, *WILLIAM HOLMES*⁸, *WILLIAM (BILLIE)*⁷, *ISAAC BURLESON*⁶ *JR, ISAAC SR*⁵ *BURLESON, JOHN*⁴, *JONATHAN*³, *JOHN*², *EDWARD*¹) She married MARK BLALOCK.

Child of KATHY CROWELL and MARK BLALOCK is:

i. RYAN¹³ BLALOCK.

3. JONI LEE¹² CROWELL (*ISA BLONDELL*¹¹ *BURLESON, JAMES EVERETT (EBB)*¹⁰, *AUGUSTUS GRAHAM (GUS)*⁹, *WILLIAM HOLMES*⁸, *WILLIAM (BILLIE)*⁷, *ISAAC BURLESON*⁶ *JR, ISAAC SR*⁵ *BURLESON, JOHN*⁴, *JONATHAN*³, *JOHN*², *EDWARD*¹) She married (1) GARY EUGENE SOSSOMON. She married (2) JEFF JAMES.

Child of JONI CROWELL and GARY SOSSOMON is:

i. MICHAEL RAY¹³ SOSSOMON, b. 16 Jan 1978; d. 16 Jun 2003.

4. SUSAN REBBECA¹² SMITH (*ISA BLONDELL*¹¹ *BURLESON, JAMES EVERETT (EBB)*¹⁰, *AUGUSTUS GRAHAM (GUS)*⁹, *WILLIAM HOLMES*⁸, *WILLIAM (BILLIE)*⁷, *ISAAC BURLESON*⁶ *JR, ISAAC SR*⁵ *BURLESON, JOHN*⁴, *JONATHAN*³, *JOHN*², *EDWARD*¹) She married (1) DANNY GRIFFEN. She married (2) TONY ALLEN EUDY.

Children of SUSAN SMITH and DANNY GRIFFEN are:

6. i. JENNIFER¹³ GRIFFEN. ii. DERICK GRIFFEN.

5. FRANKIE¹² MOORE (*ISA BLONDELL*¹¹ *BURLESON, JAMES EVERETT (EBB)*¹⁰, *AUGUSTUS GRAHAM (GUS)*⁹, *WILLIAM HOLMES*⁸, *WILLIAM (BILLIE)*⁷, *ISAAC BURLESON*⁶ *JR, ISAAC SR*⁵ *BURLESON, JOHN*⁴, *JONATHAN*³, *JOHN*², *EDWARD*¹) She married (1) JAY VANHOY. She married (2) RICKY OXIDENE.

Child of FRANKIE MOORE and JAY VANHOY is:

i. ELIZABETH¹³ VANHOY.

Children of FRANKIE MOORE and RICKY OXIDENE are:

ii. TASHA¹³ OXIDINE. iii. CHEVES OXIDINE.

Generation No. 3

6. JENNIFER¹³ GRIFFEN (*SUSAN REBBECA*¹² *SMITH, ISA BLONDELL*¹¹ *BURLESON, JAMES EVERETT (EBB)*¹⁰, *AUGUSTUS GRAHAM (GUS)*⁹, *WILLIAM HOLMES*⁸, *WILLIAM (BILLIE)*⁷, *ISAAC BURLESON*⁶ *JR, ISAAC SR*⁵ *BURLESON, JOHN*⁴, *JONATHAN*³, *JOHN*², *EDWARD*¹) She married BARRY HAMILTON.

Children of JENNIFER GRIFFEN and BARRY HAMILTON are:

i. HANNAH¹⁴ HAMILTON. ii. LANDON JAMES HAMILTON.

DANIEL (DAN) EDWARD BURLESON

1936 – December 7, 1924

DANIEL (DAN) EDWARD¹¹ BURLESON (*DANIEL FORBUS (SHORTY)*¹⁰, *CALVIN DAILY*⁹, *CALVIN MARIDA*⁸, *WILLIAM CALVIN*⁷, *HILKIAH R*⁶, *DAVID SR*⁵, *JOHN*⁴, *JONATHAN*³, *JOHN*², *EDWARD*¹) was born 1936, and died 07 Dec 1924. He married BETTY.

Children of DANIEL BURLESON and BETTY are:

- i. KYLE¹² BURLESON.
- ii. KIRK BURLESON, m. MARGARET.
- iii. KERRY BURLESON.



'Dan' Daniel Edward Burleson of Corpus Christi, Texas, passed away peacefully; December 7, 2024, at the age of 88, due to a short illness.

Dan was born and raised in San Angelo, Texas to Daniel Forbus Burleson and Selva Ruth Cowley Burleson. Dan was preceded in death by both parents: Daniel and Selva and sister, Patsy Ruth Broadway of San Angelo, Texas.

Dan is survived by his beautiful and loving wife; Betty Burleson of 69 years and their three sons; Kirk Burleson (and wife Margaret) of Proctor, Texas, Kerry Burleson (and spouse Coy) of Argyle, Texas and Kyle Burleson of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dan also leaves behind five grandchildren he thought the world of: SSgt. Marcus Burleson (and wife Taja), David Burleson, Edward Nathan Guzman-Burleson, and granddaughter's Madison Danielle Burleson and Tinzie Burleson. Three great-grandchildren; Marcus Aaron, Issac Allen, and Ariel Iris Burleson.

Dan and family moved to Odessa, Texas, in 1977 where he was employed as Branch Manager by Gandy's Dairy (Dean Foods) retiring after 25 years.

After retirement Dan and wife Betty enjoyed spending time with family and traveling around the U.S. in their motorhome then settling in Corpus Christi, Texas, to be closer to their grandchildren. Dan also had a passion for woodcraft making many custom pieces, including game boards, arts, and crafts in his spare time throughout his retirement.

Flowers can be sent to Johnson's Funeral Home – 435 West Beauregard, San Angelo, TX, 76903 or in lieu of flowers please donate to your local charity of choice.

Viewing: will be Thursday, **December 12, 2024, at 5:00pm – 7:00pm (CST)**, at Johnson's Funeral Home – 435 West Beauregard, San Angelo, TX, 76903.

Graveside Services: will be **Friday, December 13, 2024, at 11:00am** Johnsons' Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens 4989 F.M.

Obituary for Dale Edwin Burleson



Dale Edwin Burleson, 67, of Albemarle passed away on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at home surrounded by his family. Funeral service will be at 11 AM on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at Canton Baptist Church officiated by Pastor Curtis Williams. The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM on Friday, November 29, 2024, at Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care of Albemarle.

Mr. Burleson was born on March 19, 1957, in Stanly County to the late James and Ruby Burleson. He is lovingly survived by his wife Darlene Burleson of 22 years. Those also left to cherish his memory are his children, Jaime Burleson (Brandon) of Albemarle, NC, Tracy Cline (Josh) Of Albemarle, NC, Bryan Burleson (Amber) of Albemarle, NC., and Trisha Kimrey (Mark) of Albemarle, NC, grandchildren, Hunter Helms, Carley McPherson (Jacob), Lexie Burleson, Landon Kimrey, Kaitlin Cline, Diesel Burleson, Bentley Kimrey, Gage Cline, and Jaidon Cole, sisters, Sue Forrest and Kathy Lowder, and special K9 "Mouse".

Dale was an open book, to know him was to love him. He spent his entire life farming, hunting and fishing and loved all things outdoors. He also enjoyed traveling and in his early days loved deep sea fishing. Known by his family as jokester, he would always put a smile on your face. Dale was a great father and grandfather and will be dearly missed by all! He loved his family deeply and the time they spent together. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Tillery Compassionate Care. (960 N 1st St, Albemarle, NC 28001) Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care of Albemarle is serving the Burleson family.

Descendants of DALE EDWIN BURLESON & FAMILY LINE

Generation No. 1

1. DALE EDWIN¹¹ BURLESON (*JAMES EDWIN "JAY"¹⁰, ALLEN LEE⁹, HOWELL⁸, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁷, ISAAC BURLESON⁶ JR, ISAAC SR⁵ BURLESON, JOHN⁴, JONATHAN³, JOHN², EDWARD¹) was born 19 Mar 1957 in ALBERMARLE, STANLY CO, NC, and died 21 Nov 2024 in STANLY CO NC. He married (1) WANDA DARLENE FURR. She was born 18 Mar 1961 in UNION CO NC. He married (2) ROBIN CATHERINE JOHNSON 10 Dec 1977, daughter of ROBERT C. JOHNSON.*

Children of DALE BURLESON and ROBIN JOHNSON are:

2. i. JAIME DALE¹² BURLESON, b. 01 Aug 1978, ALBEMARLE, NC.
3. ii. TRACY MICHELE BURLESON, b. 04 Nov 1980, ALBERMARLE, STANLY CO, NC.
4. iii. BRYAN ALLEN BURLESON, b. 11 Apr 1986, ALBERMARLE, STANLY CO, NC.

Generation No. 2

2. JAIME DALE¹² BURLESON (*DALE EDWIN¹¹, JAMES EDWIN "JAY"¹⁰, ALLEN LEE⁹, HOWELL⁸, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁷, ISAAC BURLESON⁶ JR, ISAAC SR⁵ BURLESON, JOHN⁴, JONATHAN³, JOHN², EDWARD¹) was born 01 Aug 1978 in ALBEMARLE, NC. She met BRANDON TRAMAINE COLE, son of HARRY COLE and CLARA BARGER. He was born 12 Apr 1981 in ALBEMARLE, STANLY CO, NC.*

Child of JAIME BURLESON and BRANDON COLE is:

- i. JAIDON BRYANA¹³ COLE, b. 24 Sep 2013, ALBEMARLE, STANLY CO, NC.

3. TRACY MICHELE¹² BURLESON (*DALE EDWIN¹¹, JAMES EDWIN "JAY"¹⁰, ALLEN LEE⁹, HOWELL⁸, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁷, ISAAC BURLESON⁶ JR, ISAAC SR⁵ BURLESON, JOHN⁴, JONATHAN³, JOHN², EDWARD¹) was born 04 Nov 1980 in ALBERMARLE, STANLY CO, NC. She married (1) BRIAN LANE HELMS. He was born 05 Aug 1978 in MECKLENBURG CO, NC, and died 25 Apr 2010 in 22202 OAKWOOD RD, ALBEMARLE, NC 51803877. She married (2) JOSH RANDALL CLINE 20 May 2007 in LAUREL SPRINGS, WEST JEFFERSON, NC, son of THOMAS CLINE and MARY SETZER. He was born 17 Jun 1977 in MAIDEN, CATAWABA CO NC.*

BRIAN LANE HELMS: Burial: Norview Gardens, Indian Mound Road, Norwood, NC

Child of TRACY BURLESON and BRIAN HELMS is:

- i. HUNTER LANE¹³ HELMS, b. 14 Mar 2001, ALBERMARLE, STANLY CO, NC.

Children of TRACY BURLESON and JOSH CLINE are:

- ii. KAITLIN MARIE¹³ CLINE, b. 20 Sep 2007, ALBERMARLE, STANLY CO, NC.
- iii. GAGE ALLEN CLINE, b. 01 Aug 2013, ALBERMARLE, STANLY CO, NC.

4. BRYAN ALLEN¹² BURLESON (*DALE EDWIN¹¹, JAMES EDWIN "JAY"¹⁰, ALLEN LEE⁹, HOWELL⁸, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁷, ISAAC BURLESON⁶ JR, ISAAC SR⁵ BURLESON, JOHN⁴, JONATHAN³, JOHN², EDWARD¹) was born 11 Apr 1986 in ALBERMARLE, STANLY CO, NC. He married AMBER NICOLE CARTER 29 May 2004 in MILLINGPORT, NC, daughter of DOUGLAS CARTER and WANDA FURR. She was born 10 Jul 1982 in CABARRUS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, CABARUS CO, NC.*

Children of BRYAN BURLESON and AMBER CARTER are:

- i. CARLEY RAE¹³ BURLESON, b. 20 Mar 2003, ALBERMARLE, STANLY CO, NC.
- ii. LEXIE DALE BURLESON, b. 15 Jul 2005, ALBERMARLE, STANLY CO, NC.
- iii. DIESEL JAMES BURLESON, b. 16 Jun 2009, ALBERMARLE, STANLY CO, NC.

We would like to thank Sue Burleson Forrest for sending this article for the **Recollections**. Tracy is Sue's niece and Dale is her brother.

Tracy's line is Dale Burleson, James Edwin (Jay) Burleson, Allen Lee Burleson, Howell Burleson, Billie Burleson, Isaac Burleson Jr. and Isaac Burleson Sr.

Tracy Cline 03 September 2009

The Energizer Bunny

A man walks toward you. You immediately feel sorry for him. He looks to be in his mid-sixties. His once Brown hair is now laced with gray. The right side of his face sags like he has had a stroke. As he approaches, you notice that he shuffles his feet, as if they are too heavy to pick up as he walks. He is tall, maybe six feet; but, you do not feel threatened by his height. Instead, you feel the overwhelming need to ask him if you can help him in any way. As he comes closer, you can see that his skin looks weathered, almost like leather. His hands are rough and stained with grease, like a mechanic's hands would be. You notice his smile. Actually, it is

more like a grin, one of those “cat that just ate the canary” type grins. It makes you smile back. It is only then that you notice that he is dirty, as though he has been working. How could this man be working? He does not look like he could balance a hammer let alone work. Nevertheless, as he passes, and says “Hello,” the aroma of grease, dirt, and sweat assault your senses. Yes. This man has definitely been working. How can he possibly work in his physical state? You instantly have a sense of respect for this man. This man that has, so obviously, been dealt such a hard hand in life, yet refuses to give up. This man that is still smiling, still working, and still as friendly as he is.

Well, that man is my father. He is actually only fifty-two years old. His hair is gray from the stress of having to raise three kids with only the help of his mother [my grandmother]. His face sags, not due to a Stroke, but from a close brush with death. A horse actually kicked him in the face and he lived to tell the story. His feet shuffle for the reason you suspected; they are heavy. They are heavy because he suffers from Parkinson’s disease, a degenerative disease that affects the nervous system and the muscles in your body. His skin is weathered and his hands always look like they are dirty because he has worked outside on the grain farm, he now runs, since the tender age of twelve.

Born and raised in Stanly County, North Carolina, my father is a well, known man. It seems that no matter where I go, someone there always knows who Dale Burleson is. He is a calm man with a laid back personality [unless it is planting or cutting time]. He is who he is, and he lives by what he says. He often says, “Life is what it is; and you’ve got to make the most of it, because you only get one life.” He says this and he lives by it. He does not “talk the talk” without “walking the walk.” He has made the best of everything that has happened to him. He does not play the “poor, pitiful me” card. Rather, he plays in “look at me, still able to go and do” mode.

He qualifies for disability, but refuses to sit at home and cash in on the system. There is still fight left in him, you see. He says, “People should get off their lazy butts and earn things for Themselves.”

My father raised me the same way that most fathers raise their daughters, the best way they know how. He taught me to take care of the things that I have, because no one else is going to do it for me; to work for what I want in life, otherwise I will not really appreciate it or enjoy it; and to never buy things on credit. If I cannot afford them today, what makes me think I will be able to afford them tomorrow? He instilled in me the importance of saving money. “You never know when you’re going to need it” is what he always says. His philosophy on life has inspired my own. I have learned, from him that I only have one life to live here on this Earth, and that I might as well enjoy it. In other words, do not hang on to things that do not bring you joy. There is no need to keep something if all it does is bring you down, just get rid of it.



TRACY BURLESON CLINE & DALE EDWIN BURLESON



Dale Burleson’s Family

L/R 1st row Hunter Helms, Dale holding Lexie, and Carley Burleson
2nd row Tracy, Jaime, Amber and Bryan Burleson

My father is one of the best men I have ever known. He may not be perfect, but he is not phony either. He has made his share of mistakes in life, but has never compromised who he is and what he believes in. His strength, his will to live, and his outlook on life have helped to shape me into the woman I am today. To see what he has been through and had to endure; to see him still going, still working, still fighting to live as normal a life as possible; and, to see him doing it all with the grace of a king. No matter what happens, he takes it in stride and keeps going. He just keeps going, and going, and going. He is like the “Energizer Bunny.” I am proud to call this “Energizer Bunny,” and this man, my father.

Robert "Bobby" Lloyd Hinson Jr.

1 December, 1967 – 30 September, 2024

Robert Lloyd Hinson Jr., known to many as “Bobby,” was born on December 1, 1967, in Laurinburg, N.C. After 56 years of living life to the fullest, Bobby was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on July 29, 2024. Following eight weeks of a hard-fought battle, Bobby passed away on September 30, 2024, surrounded by his family. Bobby was a proud native of Scotland County and graduated from Scotland High School in 1986. He received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from East Carolina University and his Master of Music degree from Temple University. Bobby met the love of his life, Claudia, while attending ECU at summer orientation in 1986. Soon after, Bobby spotted Claudia in a music theory class and found a seat directly behind her. After many notes passed back and forth in class and trips around campus in his ‘67 Chevelle, they couldn’t be separated. They were married in 1995 at First Baptist Church of Raleigh, North Carolina. Raleigh became their home for all 29 years of their marriage.



Bobby was popularly known as “Mr. Hinson.” He began his teaching career at East Millbrook Magnet Middle School and became the first band director at Salem Middle School when it opened in 2004. Teaching was one of his greatest accomplishments. Bobby poured his heart into teaching his students the value of music and how to be the best versions of themselves in this life. He radiated passion and led by example. Bobby became a role model to many young musicians and greatly impacted many lives. Bobby was the 2022 recipient of the Award of Excellence by the North Carolina East Central District Bandmasters Association and retired in the same year after teaching for 29 years.

Throughout his years of teaching and beyond, Bobby established a successful career in music performance. He was an active trumpet player, having played with artists Aretha Franklin, Perry Como, Johnny Mathis, Regis Philbin, Idina Menzel, Susan Lucci, Frank Sinatra, Jr., Olivia Newton John, Weird Al Yankovic, Bobby Vinton, Ben Vereen, The Four Tops, The Temptations, The O’Jays, The Harry James Orchestra, The Glenn Miller Orchestra, Mannheim Steamroller, Chairman of the Board, and many more. Bobby also played in the orchestra for many Broadway musicals at the Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC). His longest-running and proudest gig was with his father’s big band, The Lloyd Hinson Orchestra, where he began playing at age 14.

When Bobby wasn’t in the band room or playing his trumpet, you could find him on his bike, going out to eat with friends, enjoying the fire pit he built, or on his boat, the “Summer Gig.” Bobby had a unique appreciation for the little things in life. He will be remembered for his impressive ability to make people laugh, his intentionality to be a friend to all, and for having a heart larger than life. Most of all, Bobby cherished every moment with his family.

Bobby was a devoted husband, father, brother, son, and friend. He loved well and was loved by many. Bobby is survived by his wife, Claudia Chalmers Hinson; his daughters, Abigail Hinson and Hannah Hinson; his sister, Amy Hinson Sandlin (husband Kerry); brother-in-law, Scott Chalmers (wife Rhonda and son Christian); stepmother Marjorie Hinson; stepfather Richard Robbins; mother-in-law Barbara Powell; and step-siblings, Virginia Robbins, David Robbins, Andrew Robbins, Lee Hallock, Martha Robbins, Lee Allen, and David Allen. Bobby was preceded in death by his father, Robert Lloyd Hinson, and his mother, Kay Almond Robbins.

A visitation for Bobby was held Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Mitchell Funeral Home at Raleigh Memorial Park, 7209 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, NC 27612. A funeral service was held on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church of Raleigh, 99 N Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC 27603. A graveside service followed in Raleigh Memorial Park, 7501 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, NC 27612.

In Lieu of Flowers please consider making a Donation to an organization of your choice to help the affected families of Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina.

ROBERT LLOYD HINSON LINE THROUGH HIS WIFE, *Descendants of KAY ELVA ALMOND*

Generation No. 1

1. KAY ELVA⁵ ALMOND (*NEWELL⁴ LAMBERT/ALMOND, THEODORE R.³ LAMBERT, RUFUS ALEXANDER², WILLIAM¹*) was born 26 Sep 1947 in ALBERMALE NC, and died 21 May 2011 in WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER CO, NC FAG#233931944. She married (1) ROBERT LLOYD HINSON 26 Sep 1964 in BENNETTSVILLE, SC, son of ROBERT HINSON and EVIE. He was born 28 May 1944 in SCOTLAND CO, SC, and died 13 Sep 2021 in ASHEVILLE, BUNCOMBE CO, NC FAG#232234797. She married (2) RICHARD MACKAY "DICK" ROBBINS 01 May 1983 in CHERAW SC. Children of KAY ALMOND and ROBERT HINSON are:

2.
 - i. ROBERT LLOYD (BOBBY) HINSON⁶ JR., b. Dec 1967, SCOTLAND CO, NC; d. 30 Sep 2024.
 - ii. AMY LEE HINSON, b. Jun 1969, SCOTLAND CO, NC; m. KERRY SANDLIN, 04 May 2011, WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER CO, NC.

Generation No. 2

2. ROBERT LLOYD (BOBBY) HINSON⁶ JR. (*KAY ELVA⁵ ALMOND, NEWELL⁴ LAMBERT/ALMOND, THEODORE R.³ LAMBERT, RUFUS ALEXANDER², WILLIAM¹*) was born Dec 1967 in SCOTLAND CO, NC, and died 30 Sep 2024. He married CLAUDIA WARNE CHALMERS 24 Jun 1995 in RALEIGH NC.

Children of ROBERT JR. and CLAUDIA CHALMERS are:

- i. HANNAH KAY⁷ HINSON, b. 04 Apr 2004, RALEIGH, WAKE CO, NC.
- ii. ABIGAIL ANNE HINSON, b. 04 Apr 2004, RALEIGH, WAKE CO, NC.

Old Obituaries



We were wanting start something new for **Recollections** our DIGITAL MAGAZINE and our Major Milestones portion. As some of you will know the BFRG (Burleson Family Research Group) has been around for 30 years, but most of you don't. So as a way of introducing everyone to our origination we are adding this to our DIGITAL MAGAZINE.

This will not be limited to just old members of the BFRG, but to everyone on our face book page. With addition of Cousining the BFRG is receiving great success, and we want to encourage everyone to get involved and contribute and make this Digital Magazine the best it can be.



More About CALVIN JESS BURLESON & THELMA (TOOTSIE) VEOLA RATTZ :

Burial: ST. PETERS LUTHERAN CHURCH CEM,
ROCKWELL, ROWAN CO, NC
Military service: S1 US NAVY WWII

CALVIN JESS¹⁰ BURLESON (*WILLIAM SHELLIE*⁹, *EBEN (EBIN)*⁸, *WILLIAM (BILLIE)*⁷, *ISAAC BURLESON*⁶ JR, *ISAAC SR*⁵ BURLESON, *JOHN*⁴, *JONATHAN*³, *JOHN*², *EDWARD*¹) was born 19 Oct 1924 in STANLY CO, NC, and died 15 Aug 2008 in FAG#33734821. He married THELMA (TOOTSIE) VEOLA RATTZ, daughter of ERNEST RATTZ and LILLIAN FESPERMAN. She was born 28 Aug 1925 in Rowan Co, NC, and died 29 Mar 2024 in SALISBURY, ROWAN CO, NC.



Mr. Calvin Jess Burleson, 83, of Gold Hill, NC passed away on Friday, Aug. 15, 2008 at Rowan Regional Medical Center, Salisbury. Mr. Burleson was born Oct. 19, 1924 in Stanly County, NC the son of the late William Shellie Burleson and Tina Vanhoy Burleson. Mr. Burleson was educated at the Rockwell School, Veteran of World War II serving in the US Navy and had received the Purple Heart, worked for Gulf-Maddox and had retired from Fiber Industries in 1987, member of St. Peters Lutheran Church, the Seasoned Saints, former member of the Boy Scout Council, member of the Keller Memorial Masonic Lodge # 657 and the Vanhoy-Sells VFW Post # 9134 in Rockwell.

Mr. Burleson was an avid Fisherman. In addition to his parents, a brother, Lowell Burleson and step grandson, Scottie Cooper preceded him in death. Survivors: wife; Thelma "Tootsie" Rattz Burleson, married Feb. 21, 1944, sons; Gary Wayne Burleson of Charlotte, Tony Lynn Burleson of Gold Hill, daughter; Linda B. Cooper and husband, Ernie Gold Hill, brother; Bill Burleson of Salisbury, sisters; Polly B. Laws of Salisbury, Jeanette Hall of Mooresville, grandchildren; Gregory Cooper of Gold Hill, Amanda B. Richardson of Willow Springs, Traci Burleson of Durham, Sheigh Burleson of Gold Hill, 3 great granddaughters and one unborn great grandchild. Step-Grandson, Christopher Norris and Step granddaughter, Pebble Pruitt of High Point and 5 step great granddaughters.

Visitation: 6:00-8:00 PM Monday, Aug. 18, 2008 at Powles Funeral Home, Rockwell and the remainder of the time the family will be at the residence. Funeral Services: 11:00 AM Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2008 at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Salisbury conducted by Rev. David Ridenhour, Pastor and Rev. Tommy Beaver. Mr. Burleson will lie in state in the church 30 minutes prior to the Funeral Service. Military Graveside Rites will be conducted by the Rowan County Military Honor Guard and the US Navy Honor Guard. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 4-A Oak Branch Drive, Greensboro, NC 27407 or to St. Peters Lutheran Church, 2570 St. Peters Church Road, Salisbury, NC 28146. Powles Funeral Home of Rockwell is serving the Burleson family. Online

Thelma "Tootsie" Veola Burleson

Thelma "Tootsie" Veola Burleson, 98, of Gold Hill, passed away Friday, March 29, 2024 at Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House in Salisbury, NC.

She was born August 28, 1925 in Rowan County to the late Early Ernest and Lillian Fesperman Rattz. Thelma was a 1943 graduate of Rockwell High School. She worked at the China Grove Mill, Cartex, and PPG. She was a member of St. Peters Lutheran Church where she participated in the church circle and home extension club; she was also a member of the Eastern Star and VFW in Rockwell

Thelma was a Stanley Home Products Queen, having worked for them for over fifty years. She enjoyed fishing at the Outer Banks.

In addition to her parents, Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin Jess Burleson; brother, Milford Rattz, sisters, Addie Shaver, Ophelia Yates and Frankie Presnell.

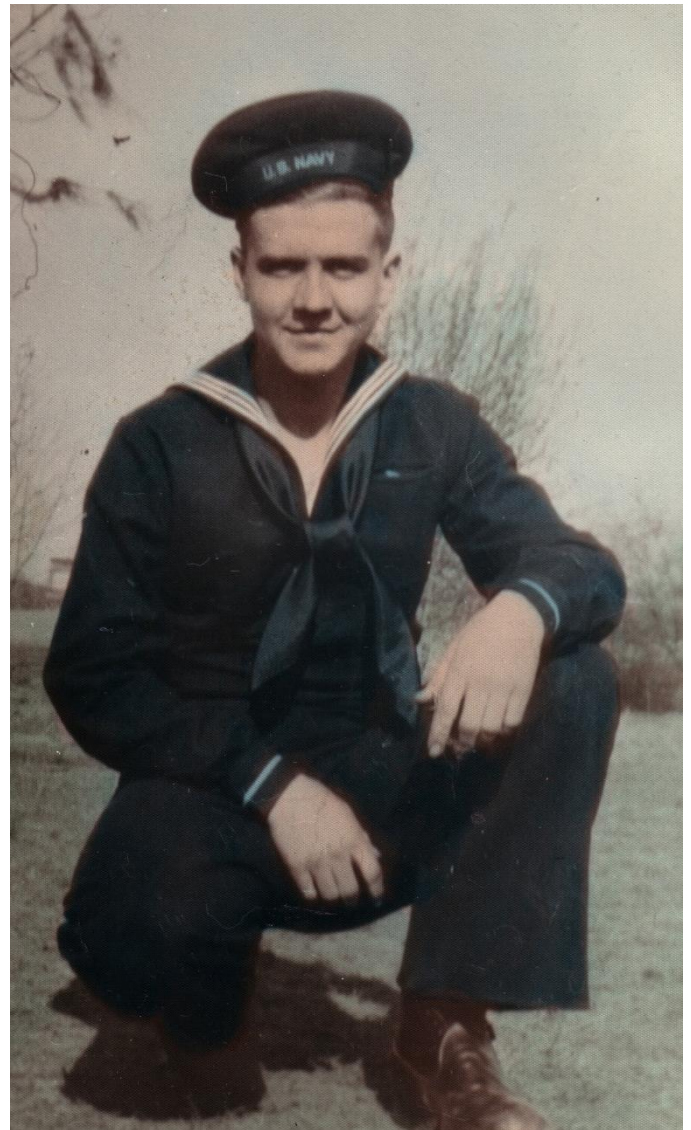
Thelma is survived by her; sons, Gary Burleson of Supply, NC and Tony Burleson and wife Joy of Gold Hill; daughter, Linda Cooper and husband Ernie of Gold Hill, NC; sisters, Minnie Wood of Troy and Jackie Speight of Faith; grandson, Greg Cooper and Amanda; granddaughters, Mandy Richardson and husband JR, Traci Maland and husband Jeff, Sheigh Burleson and Pebbles Sigmon; and twelve great grandchildren.

The family will greet friends and relatives on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, NC.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, NC.

Burial will follow in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Calvin Burleson is also a S1 US Navy WWII Veteran.



Children of CALVIN BURLESON and THELMA RATTZ are:

- i. GARY WAYNE¹¹ BURLESON, b. 18 Nov 1946.
- ii. LINDA G. BURLESON, b. 01 Sep 1949.
- iii. TONY LYNN BURLESON, b. 26 Jun 1957, Rowan Co.



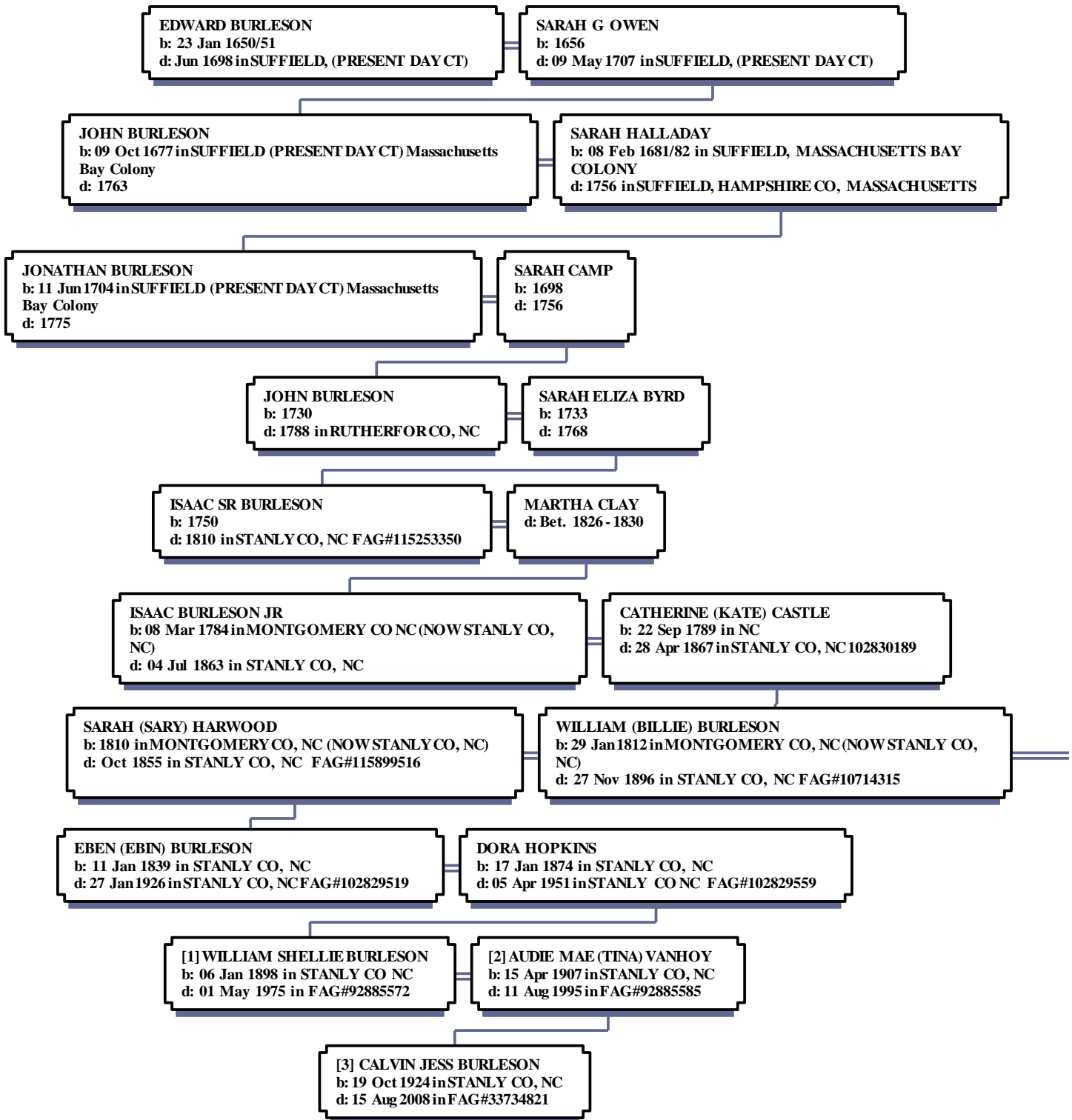
Calvin was very involved with the BFRG from the very first.

He was also involved with our cemetery projects, like cleaning the cemetery where Isaac Burleson Sr is buried.

The BFRG has 5 old Burleson Family Cemeteries we clean and maintained.



Calvin Burleson's Direct Burleson Family Line

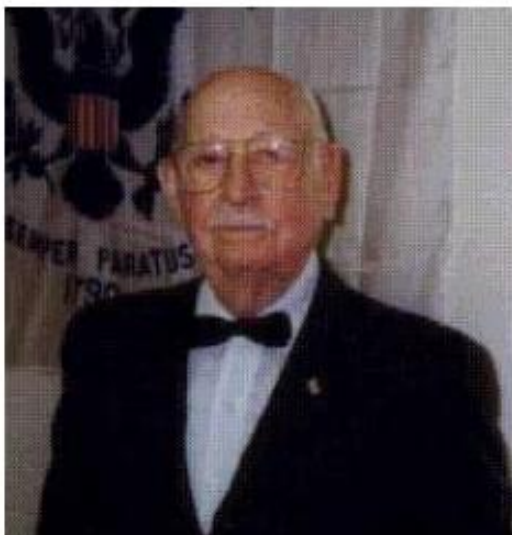


World War II Veterans

Who attended the 3rd Annual Reunion Descendants of Isaac Burleson SR.
Stanly County, NC October 18, 1998

Front row, L/R: **Craven Brantley Parker**(William T. & Inez Huneycutt Parker, Brantley & Isabelle Bowers Parker, Daniel & Sussannah Burleson Bowers, Billie Burleson, Isaac JR.) **Leroy C. Burleson** (Luther C., Jonathan, Lee, Isaac Jr.) **Calvin Coolidge Eudy**(Charlie & Carrie Burleson Eudy; Joseph A, John Wesley, Joseph, Isaac Sr.) **Clegg Burleson**(Homer Cleveland, Noah, Lee, Isaac Jr.).

Back Row, L/R **Joe Richard Burleson**(William Wesley, Augustus G., William Jr., Billie, Isaac JR.) **Calvin Burleson** (Wm. Shellie, Ebin, Billie, Isaac Jr.) **P.K. Burleson** (Jape, Adam, Lee, Isaac Jr.) **Liston Hoyle Burleson** (Homer Cleveland, Noah, Lee, Isaac Jr.)



Left. **Judson Jefferson Almond**,
(W.B. "Billie" & Lucy Burleson
Almond, Howell, Billie, Isaac Jr.)

Right, **Erastus H. Burleson, Jr.**
(Erastus, Weddington, Joseph,
Isaac Jr.)



WILLIAM SCOTT BURLESON

1958 -- 2019

William "Scott" Burleson, age 61, of Bakersville, was a son of the late Lloyd and Martha Louise Smith Burleson. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Robert and Rudy Burleson; sisters, Jill Biddix and Joy Williams.

A long-time member of Friendship Baptist Church in Belmont, NC, Scott was a good-hearted man who loved spending time with his family--especially his kids. He loved the Lord, the mountains, bluegrass music, and making people laugh. Scott worked hard for everything he had and was proud of where he came from. His family is heartbroken and he will be greatly missed. Interment in Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery.



William Scott Burleson's Parents: LLOYD¹⁰ BURLESON (*CHARLES C⁹, JOHN G⁸, WILSON MEREDITH⁷, JOHN⁶, THOMAS (DAUNT)⁵, AARON⁴, JONATHAN³, JOHN², EDWARD¹*) was born 16 Mar 1921 in MITCHELL CO, NC, and died 06 May 1973 in BAKERSVILLE, MITCHELL CO, NC FAG#58280224. He married MARTHA LOUISE SMITH, daughter of ROBERT SMITH and FLORENCE BLACK. She was born 09 Jul 1924 in ASHEVILLE, NC, and died 04 Mar 2000 in ASHEVILLE, NC.

More About LLOYD BURLESON & About MARTHA LOUISE SMITH:

Burial: HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY, GASTONIA, GASTON CO, NC

Children of LLOYD BURLESON and MARTHA SMITH are:

- i. FREIDA KAY¹¹ BURLESON, b. 01 May 1947, GASTON CO, NC; d. 05 Dec 2022, GASTON CO, NC FAG#246221651.
- ii. ROBERT GLENN BURLESON, b. 02 Nov 1948; d. 05 May 1949.
- iii. DORIS (JILL) BURLESON, b. 15 Aug 1950; d. 06 Mar 1987; m. BIDDIX.
- iv. REBECCA JOY BURLESON, b. 20 Aug 1951, GASTON CO, NC; d. 23 Apr 2018, ASHEVILLE, BUNCOMBE CO, NC; m. KENNETH (BUDDY) WILLIAMS; b. 07 Feb 1944; d. 01 Feb 2005.
- v. CHARLES RUDY BURLESON, b. 22 Feb 1953; d. 19 Jun 1989.
- vi. WILLIAM SCOTT BURLESON, b. 29 Jul 1958, MITCHELL CO, NC; d. 13 Aug 2019, BAKERSVILLE, MITCHELL CO, NC.

Direct Descendants of EDWARD BURLESON

EDWARD BURLESON
 b: 23 Jan 1650/51
 d: Jun 1698 in SUFFIELD, (PRESENT DAY CT)

SARAH G OWEN
 b: 1656
 d: 09 May 1707 in SUFFIELD, (PRESENT DAY CT)

JOHN BURLESON
 b: 09 Oct 1677 in SUFFIELD (PRESENT DAY CT) Massachusetts Bay Colony
 d: 1763

SARAH HALLADAY
 b: 08 Feb 1681/82 in SUFFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY
 d: 1756 in SUFFIELD, HAMPSHIRE CO, MASSACHUSETTS

JONATHAN BURLESON
 b: 11 Jun 1704 in SUFFIELD (PRESENT DAY CT) Massachusetts Bay Colony
 d: 1775

SARAH CAMP
 b: 1698
 d: 1756

AARON BURLESON
 b: 1722 in NJ
 d: 1781 in WASHINGTON CO, TN (PAGE 87 BFB)

RACHEL ?
 b: 1730
 d: 1800

THOMAS (DAUNT) BURLESON
 b: 1745
 d: 1825 in CANE CREEK, MITCHELL CO, NC

Margaret Jane Greene
 b: 1750 in CLEVELAND, NC
 d: 1835 in YANCEY CO, NC

JOHN BURLESON
 b: Abt. 1791 in RUTHERFORD CO, NC
 d: Aft. 1860 in MITCHELL CO, NC

MARY JANE BUCHANAN
 b: 20 Oct 1794 in RUTHERFORD CO, NC
 d: 1860 in RUTHERFORD CO, NC

WILSON MEREDITH BURLESON
 b: Abt. 1833 in YANCEY CO, NC
 d: 1866 in MITCHELL CO, NC

JANE SPARKS
 b: Abt. 1838 in YANCEY CO, NC
 d: 15 Jun 1904 in MITCHELL CO, NC

JOHN G BURLESON
 b: 10 May 1853
 d: 10 May 1914 in FAG#39009427

MARTHA GREENE
 b: Dec 1848 in YANCEY CO, NC
 d: Aft. 1940 in MITCHELL CO, NC

CHARLES C BURLESON
 b: 04 Apr 1887 in MITCHELL CO, NC
 d: 26 Oct 1952 in HAWK, MITCHELL CO, NC FAG#39015119

FREELove (FREE) PITMAN
 b: 22 Mar 1891 in MITCHELL CO, NC
 d: 12 Oct 1977 in SPRUCE PINE, MITCHELL CO, NC FAG#39015133

LLOYD BURLESON
 b: 16 Mar 1921 in MITCHELL CO, NC
 d: 06 May 1973 in BAKERSVILLE, MITCHELL CO, NC FAG#58280224

MARTHA LOUISE SMITH
 b: 09 Jul 1924 in ASHEVILLE, NC
 d: 04 Mar 2000 in ASHEVILLE, NC

WILLIAM SCOTT BURLESON
 b: 29 Jul 1958 in MITCHELL CO, NC
 d: 13 Aug 2019 in BAKERSVILLE, MITCHELL CO, NC

Arnold Odom Obituary



Arnold Odom, age 84, died at Brian Center in Spruce Pine, North Carolina on Wednesday, October 1, 2014.

Born December 23, 1929 in Buladean, North Carolina he was the son of the late Rev. Sam Odom and Levie Greene Odom. Arnold's wife, Betty Jean Hughes Odom preceded Arnold in death, passing away on October 26th, 2006.

By profession, he was a millwright and his heart was in his blueberry farm, Blueberry Heaven.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was also preceded in death by his sister, Irada and brothers Winslow and Jason Odom. Survivors include his sister ; Genevieve Odom and three brothers, Raymond, Cardell and Sam Odom.

Left to cherish his memories are two daughters, Anita Odom Burleson and husband Kenny of Spruce Pine, North Carolina and Leisa Odom-Kurtz and husband Ken of Atlanta, Georgia. Arnold was grandfather to five grandchildren, Heather Burleson, Jordan Burleson and wife Paula, Adam Burleson, and wife Brooke, and McKenzie and Lydia Kurtz. He is survived by three great grandchildren, Holland Burleson and twins, Landon and Evan Burleson.

The family respectfully requests the honor of your presence at the funeral service honoring the life of Arnold Odom on Sunday, October 5th, 2014 at 3:00 pm at Berry Chapel Baptist Church with the Rev. Steve Williams officiating. The family will be receiving friends from 2:00 until 3:00 preceding the funeral. Interment will follow the funeral service in the Grassy Creek Memorial Garden Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are welcome and should be mailed to Hospice at 236 Hospital Drive Spruce Pine, NC 28777

Henline - Hughes Funeral Home is assisting the Odom Family.

Anita Odom Burleson's Father, ARNOLD³ ODOM (*SAMUEL (SAM) REV², JASON MANUAL¹*) was born 23 Dec 1929 in BULADEAN, NC, and died 01 Oct 2014 in SPRUCE PINE, MITCHELL CO, NC. He married BETTY JEAN HUGHES. She died 26 Oct 2006.

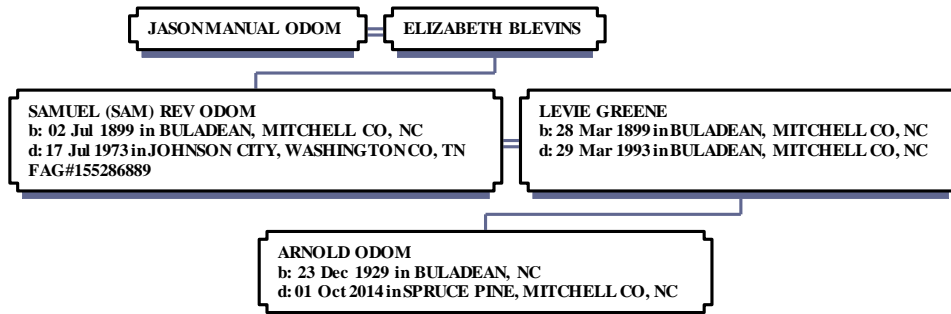
More About ARNOLD ODOM:

Burial: GRASSY CREEK MEMORIAL GARDEN CEMETERY, GRASSY CREEK, NC

Children of ARNOLD ODOM and BETTY HUGHES are:

- i. ANITA⁴ ODOM, m. KENNY BURLESON; b. 1956.
- ii. LEISA ODOM, m. KEN KURTZ.

Direct Descendants of JASON MANUAL ODOM



Gladys Estelle Burleson

MAY 26, 1922 – MAR 19, 2011



Gladys Estelle Burleson, age 88, of Spruce Pine went to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 19, 2011 in the Blue Ridge Regional Hospital. Born in McDowell County, she was the daughter of the late Oscar Mosted and Una Manasie Willis Hayes. She was a member of Freedom Baptist Church and was retired from Baxter Laboratories of Marion. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband; Howard Landon Burleson who passed away in 1988; two brothers; Bill and J.D. Hayes and a half sister; Martha Hayes. Left to cherish her memories are two daughters; Barbara Ledford and husband, Don of Marion and Betty Draughon and husband, Jeff of Morehead City, NC and a son; Kenny Burleson and wife, Anita of Spruce Pine. She is also survived by granddaughter; Heather Burleson of Dunwoody, GA; grandsons; Michael McGee and wife, Jessica of Fairview; David McGee and wife, Erica of Hendersonville; Jordan Burleson and wife, Paula of Winston-Salem and Adam Burleson of Spruce Pine; great grandchildren; Lola and Gracie. Funeral services for Mrs. Burleson will be conducted on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 2:00 pm in the Freedom Baptist Church with the Revs. Cass Buchanan, Vernon Buchanan, and Harold Grindstaff officiating. Interment will follow in the Grassy Creek Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Monday evening from 6:00 until 8:00 at the church. In Lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial donations be made to: Hospice of Mitchell County, 236 Hospital Drive, Spruce Pine, NC 28777. Condolences may submitted by going to our website; www.webbfh.com. selecting obituaries, and clicking on the name you wish to view and sign the guestbook. Webb Funeral Home in Spruce Pine, NC is assisting the Burleson family.

Gladys Estelle Burleson's is the wife of Howard Burleson



Howard Burleson of Burleson's Heating and Plumbing of Spruce Pine, NC.

The following was written, and read at the Funeral of Howard Burleson on April 11, 1988, by the "Rev. R.M. Cassity" in tribute to his dear friend Howard Burleson.

POEM:

He did not have much to say as other Christians do. He just lived for Jesus every day, and let his light shine through.

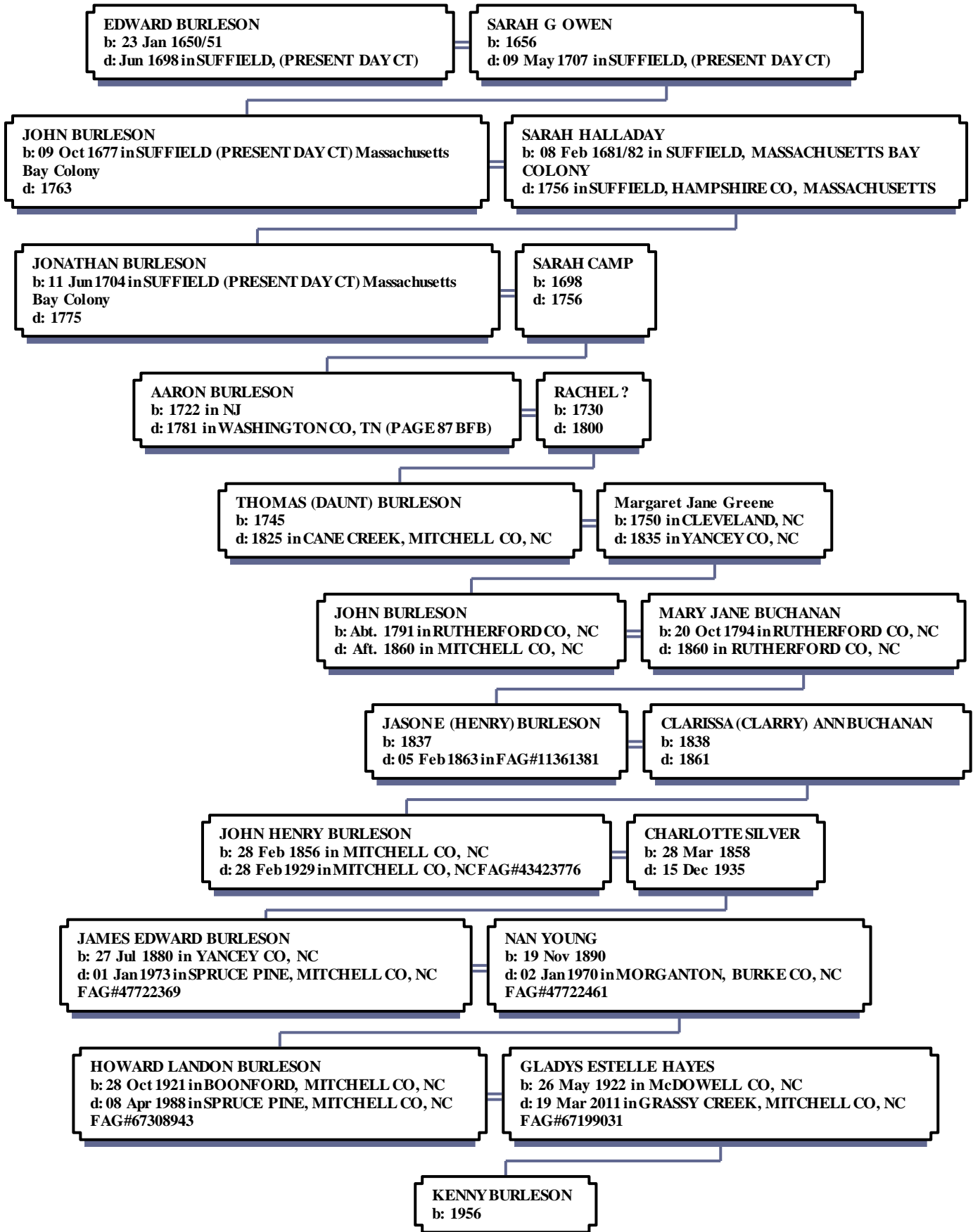
He spoke for Jesus by his life among his fellow man, by all the kindly deeds he done in extending a helping hand.

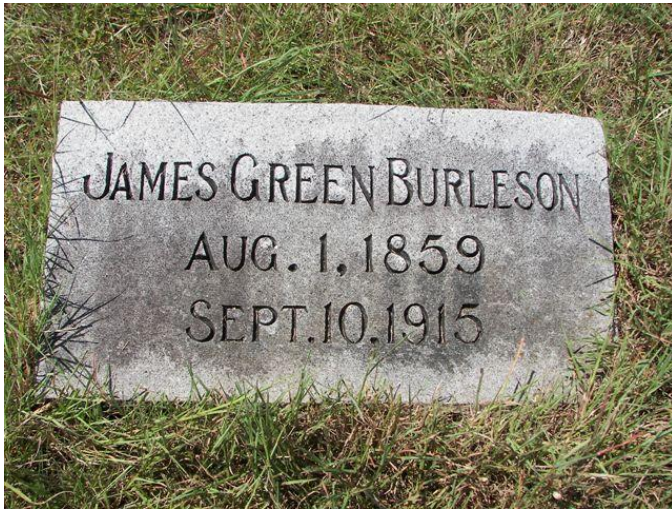
He loved his family and his Lord, his church and friends so dear. When needs arose for each of them, his help was always near.

Though gone from us to heaven above, to await our arrival there. His memory will linger on with us, whose lives he touched down here.

May each of us who are left behind to continue our journey on, be inspired by the life of Howard, who waits to welcome us home. R.M. Cassity.

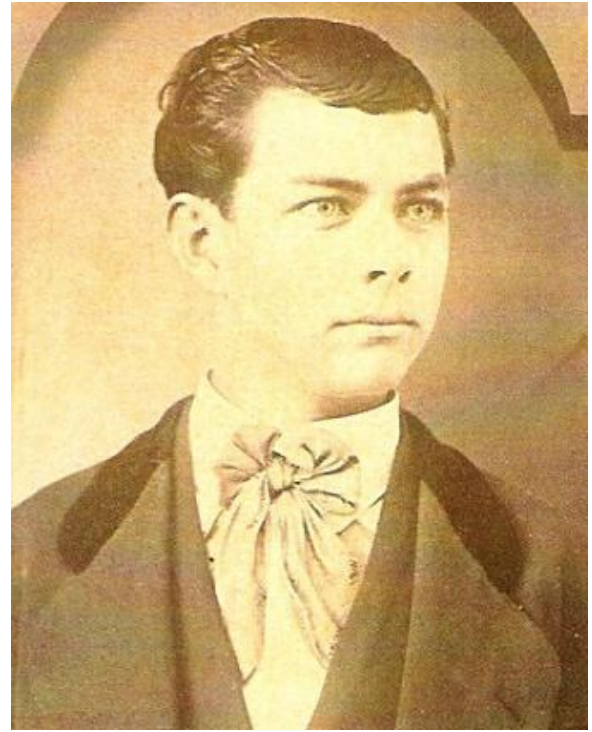
Direct Descendants of EDWARD BURLESON





Burial: KYLE CEM, KYLE, HAYS CO, TX

Descendants of JAMES GREEN BURLESON



1. JAMES GREEN⁸ BURLESON (*EDWARD JR. (MAJ)*⁷, *EDWARD (GEN)*⁶, *JAMES (CAPT) B*⁵, *AARON*⁴, *JONATHAN*³, *JOHN*², *EDWARD*¹) was born 01 Aug 1859 in HAYS CO, TX, and died 10 Sep 1915 in SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR CO, TX FAG#20311773. He married MARY DEBORAH GREEN. She was born 15 Jul 1862 in TX, and died 21 Aug 1940 in CALDWELL CO, TX FAG#21985258.

Dallas Morning News September 11, 1915

James Green Burleson Dies San Antonio, Texas. James Green Burleson, 56 years old, brother of Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson, died here today. He was a native of San Marcos and a retired banker of Lockhart, Texas, where he made his home for thirty years. He was appointed by President Wilson Postmaster at Lockhart and resigned from this position two weeks ago because of ill health. He is survived by a wife and six children.

Dallas Morning News September 13, 1915

Funeral Of James G. Burleson San Marcos, September 12. The body of James G. Burleson, who died in San Antonio, a brother of Postmaster General A.S. Burleson, arrived here this afternoon for burial. It was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. James G. Burleson, Postmaster General Burleson and the following party of friends and relatives:

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Bee of San Antonio, Mrs. Lilly MacDonnell, Miss Emma Kyle Burleson of Austin, J.C. Rogers Burleson of San Benito, Mrs. Lucy Burleson, Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Morris of San Marcos, Drs. J.M. and Will Mullins of Fort Worth, James L. Storrey of Houston, George D. Armistead, John Patterson and J.K. Kuart of San Antonio. They were joined by a large contingent of friends from Lockhart, San Marcos and Kyle. The funeral was in charge of the Masons and burial was in the family plot at Kyle Cemetery. Those who gathered at his grave gave silent tribute to the worth of him as a man and friend. Following the Masonic ceremonies, the Rev. H.M. Palagrove of the Christian Church concluded the burial services.



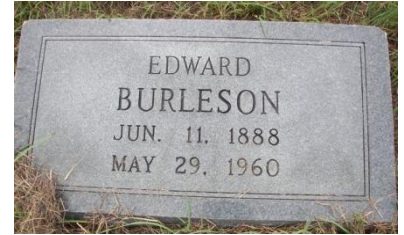
Burial: KYLE CEM, KYLE, HAYS CO, TX

Children of JAMES BURLESON and MARY GREEN are:

- i. MARY⁹ BURLESON, b. 24 Jul 1885, TX; d. 30 Mar 1974, BEXAR CO, TX 21985374; m. JOHN HENRY BLAE; b. 29 Mar 1884, TX; d. 26 Jan 1929, SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR CO, TX FAG#49614432. More About MARY BURLESON: Burial: KYLE CEM, KYLE, HAYS CO, TX More About JOHN HENRY BLAE: Burial: MISSION BURIAL PARK SOUTH, SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR CO, TX



- ii. EDWARD BURLESON, b. 11 Jun 1888, TX; d. 29 May 1960, HARRIS CO, TX FAG#21985303. More About EDWARD BURLESON: Burial: KYLE CEM, KYLE, HAYS CO, TX



- iii. RACHEL BEE BURLESON, b. 26 May 1889, CALDWELL CO, TX; d. 05 Oct 1919, TX FAG#21985324. More About RACHEL BEE BURLESON: Burial: KYLE CEM, KYLE, HAYS CO, TX

- iv. JAMES GREEN JR BURLESON, b. 12 Jul 1890, LOCKHART, CALDWEL CO, TX; d. 26 Apr 1986, HARPER WOODS, WAYNE CO, TX FAG#49617128.
- v. ELIZA JANE BURLESON, b. 18 Sep 1893, TX; d. 17 Jan 1978, DETROIT, WAYNE CO, MICHIGAN FAG#49617203.
- vi. EMMA KYLE BURLESON, b. 24 Nov 1895, CALDWELL CO, TX; d. 02 Aug 1979, CENTER LINE, MACOMB CO, MICHIGAN FAG#21985215.

Notes for EMMA KYLE BURLESON:

She was a long time school teacher in Lockhart, Texas. She never married. She, like many of her female cousins was named after her paternal grandmother, Emma Kyle Burleson.

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





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.

Founded Magazine

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 Burlson, wife of her brother Postmaster General Albert S. Burlson 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 Burlson Sneed. Her grandfather was General Edward Burlson.

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



James Dewain Burleson Dr November 4, 1958 – January 24, 2017

JAMES DEWAIN DR¹³ BURLESON (*JAMES BRIAN (JIM)*¹², *HAROLD LINDSEY*¹¹, *JAMES ROLAND*¹⁰, *JONATHAN MARION*⁹, *ALFRED TIMOTHY*⁸, *WILLIAM RUSSELL*⁷, *MOSES B*⁶, *DAVID SR*⁵, *JOHN*⁴, *JONATHAN*³, *JOHN*², *EDWARD*¹) was born 04 Nov 1958 in WACO, McLENNAN CO, TX, and died 24 Jan 2017 in ANSON, JONES CO, TX FAG#175747689. He married (1) KAREN RUTH RILEY. He married (2) ANGELA RENIA MABERRY.

JAMES DEWAIN DR BURLESON:

James D. Burleson passed over Jordan to sing with the angels on January 24, 2017, at Anson General Hospital.

Born in Waco, Texas on November 4, 1958, to James Bryan and Margaret Catt Burleson.

He attended Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Texas at Austin, where he received his medical degree.

James was a physician in Texas for over twenty-five years and was currently employed at Anson General Hospital. James was an avid Civil War re-enactor.

He had a great love for his country.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Bryan “Jim” Burleson.

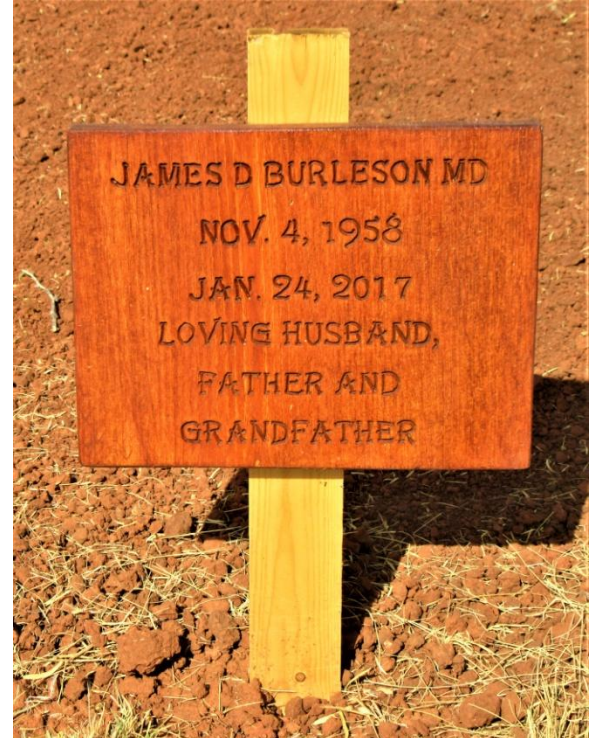
Left to cherish his memory is the love of his life, his wife, Angela Renia Maberry Burleson; his son, Brian Burleson; and his mother, Margaret Newberry (Morris).

Also surviving James are his children, Frances (Will), James Allen (Libby), Marianne Burleson, Alicia (Clinton) Beck, and Brody (Darline) Combs; grandchildren Mayson, Jace, Cooper, Cullen, Adeline, Curtis, Luke, and Liam; Suzanna Burleson; brothers David and Doug; sister Diana; nieces Brittany and Olivia; nephew Andrew; and numerous other family members.

Services will be Saturday, January 28, 2017, at Sylvester Baptist Church at 10:00AM. Burial will be in the Sylvester Cemetery, directed by Adams-Foster-Ray Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimers Association in memory of James D. Burleson.

Burial: SYLVESTER CEM, SYLVESTER, FISHER CO, TX



Children of JAMES BURLESON and KAREN RILEY are:

- i. JAMES ALLEN¹⁴ BURLESON, m. LIBBY.
- ii. FRANCES BURLESON, m. WILL.
- iii. MARIANNE BURLESON.
- iv. ALICIA BURLESON, m. BECK.
- v. BRODY BURLESON, m. DARLINE.

[Burluson](#) / [Natalia Burluson](#)

Natalia Burluson



Tasha is the adopted daughter of Neal and Donna Monahan Burluson. She was placed into their home after her first 18 months in an overcrowded orphanage.

brought to the U.S. at 18 months of age by adoptive parents Neal Burluson and Donna Monahan. As a child, Tasha loved the simple things in life: flowers, "secret places" and skipping rocks. She always had great compassion for animals and underdogs. Her father, Neal, recalls taking her to the ice rink as a child; there, Tasha always took the time to help a struggling new skater. As a teen, Tasha challenged the conventions of society, which was reflected in her sophisticated and whimsical sense of fashion, her insightful poetry and amazing approach to art, where she would often draw an eye at the top of a page and a toe at the bottom, and connect the anatomy in perfect proportion, on pure instinct. It was a joy to her family as she elevated to her potential as a mature, self-confident and compassionate leader with deep-rooted

Natalia Burluson Obituary

Natalia "Tasha" Burluson, 18, died unexpectedly at home Aug. 16, 2009, following complications after surgery. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 2222 E. Tudor Road. A viewing for close family and friends will precede the service at 1 p.m. If Tasha was around, it was always she who marked the moment. An authentic force, born on Feb. 21, 1991, Tasha was a survivor of the overcrowded orphanages of that Russian era, and was

friendships. Tasha was a part of the youth group at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, where she will be warmly remembered as extremely bright and articulate. She engaged in deep questions about life and meaning with enthusiasm, seriousness and joy. Her minister remembers her as a "young woman who found a strong and authentic faith in Christ through her hard-fought struggles overcoming obstacles in her life." Tasha is survived by her parents, Neal Burluson and Donna Monahan; her grandmothers, Stella Monahan and Jeanne Edwards; and her aunts and uncles, Beverly Burluson, Joan Burluson and husband Jim Mulligan, Brenda Monahan and Jerrie Ruks. She was preceded in death by her beloved "Papa," Harold Monahan, and grandfather, Dale Edwards. She also leaves her numerous friends and beloved pets. Tasha had a great passion for animals

and the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alaska SPCA, 549 W. International Airport Road, Suite B2, Anchorage 99518.

CARMEL JOHM BURLESON

February 6, 1937 – October 9, 2011

CARMEL J. BURLESON, age 74, of Dandridge, TN passed away Saturday morning, October 8, 2011. He was a native of Yancey County, NC and worked for many years at Nuclear Fuels of Erwin, TN. He is survived by his wife, Gwin Dola Burleson of the home; children, Micheal John Burleson of Knoxville, TN, Precillia Gail Burleson, Patricia Gyna Burleson and Carmel Timothy Burleson, all of Dandridge, TN; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be 7:00 p.m. Sunday, October 9, 2011 at the Farrar Dandridge Chapel with Rev. Perry Davis officiating. Family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. prior to the service. Graveside interment service will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at Grace Baptist Church Cemetery, where family and friends will meet at 10:15 a.m. prior to the service.

ARRANGEMENTS BY FARRAR FUNERAL HOME IN DANDRIDGE, TN 865-397-2711



Gwin D. Burleson

October 16, 1938 – July 23, 2022

GWIN D. BURLESON, age 83 of Dandridge, TN passed away Saturday, July 23, 2022 at her home. She was a member of the Grace Baptist Church of Dandridge. Gwin was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed by all that knew her. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carmel J. Burleson and is survived by her children, Patricia Shepherd, Michael (Debbie) Burleson, Pricilla Burleson, and Timothy Burleson; 9 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren; special granddaughter-in-law, Brittany; brothers, Vernon and Roger Shepherd, several nieces, and nephews. Graveside funeral services will be held Monday, July 25, 2022, 2:00pm at Grace Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Perry Davis officiating.

More About CARMEL JOHN BURLESON & GUINDALIN (GWIN) DOLA SHEPHARD :
Burial: GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, DANDRIDGE, JEFFERSON CO, TN

CARMEL JOHN¹² BURLESON (*THOMAS NELSON¹¹, JAMES MARTIN¹⁰, WILLIAM DOUGLAS⁹, EDWARD M.⁸, DANIEL WILBURN⁷, EDWARD⁶, ? UNK⁵, JOHN⁴, JONATHAN³, JOHN², EDWARD¹*) was born 06 Feb 1937 in MARS HILL, MADISON CO, NC, and died 09 Oct 2011 in DANDRIDGE, JEFFERSON CO, TN FAG#78288044. He married GUINDALIN (GWIN) DOLA SHEPHARD 1956. She was born 16 Oct 1938 in YANCEY CO, NC, and died 23 Jul 2022 in DANDRIDGE, JEFFERSON CO, TN FAG#131704801.

THOMAS NELSON BURLESON

March 21, 1912 – August 17, 1983

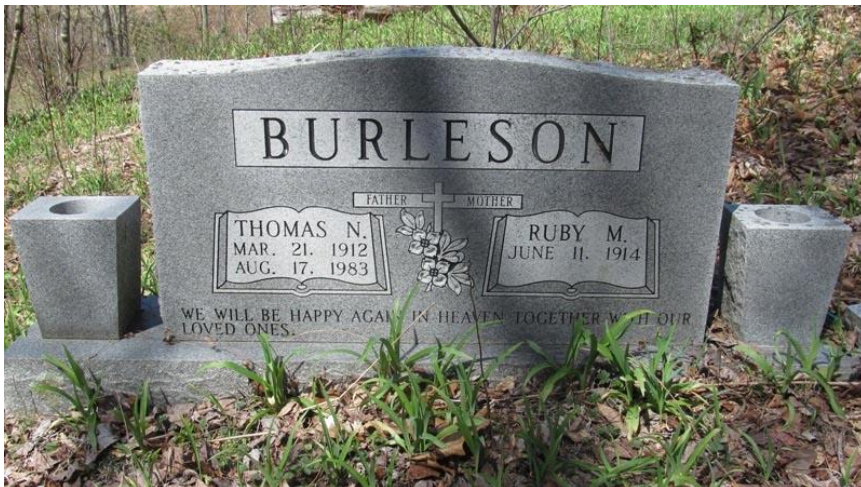
THOMAS NELSON¹¹ BURLESON (*JAMES MARTIN¹⁰, WILLIAM DOUGLAS⁹, EDWARD M.⁸, DANIEL WILBURN⁷, EDWARD⁶, ? UNK⁵, JOHN⁴, JONATHAN³, JOHN², EDWARD¹*) was born 21 Mar 1912 in MADISON CO, NC, and died 17 Aug 1983 in ASHEVILLE, BUNCOMBE CO, NC FAG#13045517. He married RUBY MILLARD METCALF.

More About THOMAS NELSON BURLESON:

Burial: METCALF CEMETERY #1, PAINT GAP, YANCY CO, NC

Child of THOMAS BURLESON and RUBY METCALF is:

- i. CARMEL JOHN¹² BURLESON, b. 06 Feb 1937, MARS HILL, MADISON CO, NC; d. 09 Oct 2011, DANDRIDGE, JEFFERSON CO, TN FAG#78288044; m. GUINDALIN (GWIN) DOLA SHEPARD, 1956; b. 16 Oct 1938, YANCEY CO, NC; d. 23 Jul 2022, DANDRIDGE, JEFFERSON CO, TN FAG#131704801.



Thomas N. Burleson

BURNSVILLE — Thomas N. Burleson, 71, of Horton Creek, Route 3 Burnsville, died Wednesday in an Asheville hospital.

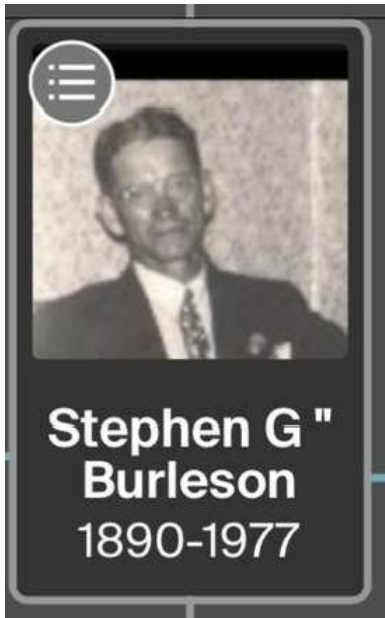
A native of Madison County and a son of the late Mark and Caddie Ogle Burleson, he was a member of Paint Gap Baptist Church.

Surviving are the wife, Ruby Metcalf Burleson; a son, Carmel J. Burleson of Erwin, Tenn.; two brothers, Ed Burleson of Micaville and Levi Burleson of Swannanoa; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Holcombe Bros. Funeral Home with the Revs. Ellis Ray and Frances Radford officiating. Burial will be in Milt Metcalf Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

STEPHEN GASTON (STEVE) BURLERSON

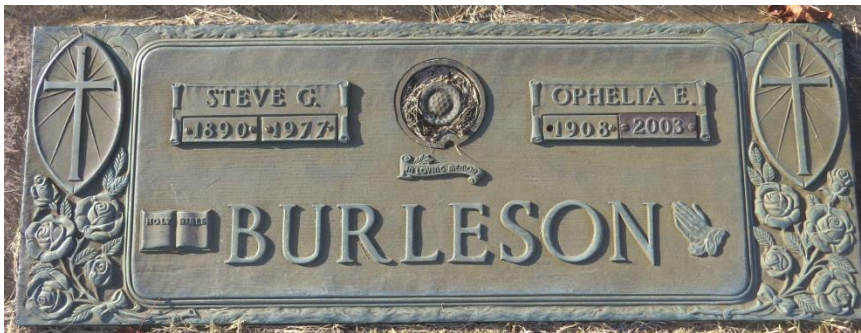


STEPHEN GASTON (STEVE)⁴ BURLERSON (JOSEPH (JOE) ISSAC SR³ SHADE, HAMPTON², HENRY AVERY¹) was born 14 Dec 1890 in MITCHELL CO, NC, and died Jan 1977 in CARTER CO, TN FAG#235071233. He married (1) HARRIET MAE (HATTIE) JACKSON, daughter of C J JACKSON. She was born 01 Mar 1894 in MITCHELL CO, NC, and died 03 Nov 1953 in VA. He married (2) OPHELIA ELIZABETH BOWERS, daughter of JOHN BOWERS and MAGGIE TAYLOR. She was born 05 Apr 1908 in CARTER CO, TN, and died 16 May 2003 in CARTER CO, TN

STEVE BURLERSON ELIZABETHTON — Steve Burlerson, 86, 725 Watauga Ave., died in Carter County Memorial Hospital early Wednesday morning following an extended illness. He was a native of Plum Tree, N.C., and had lived in Elizabethton for many years. He was a member of Brown's Chapel Methodist Church and was a former employe of Tad Berry's Grocery. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Ophelia Bowers Burlerson; one daughter, Mrs. Rosa Henderson, Tucson, Ariz.; seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Tetrick, Riverside Chapel, in charge.

FAG#52485551.

Burial: HAPPY VALLEY MEMORIAL PARK, ELIZABETHTON, CARTER CO, TN



OPHELIA ELIZABETH BOWERS

Ophelia Burlerson, 95, 725 Watauga Avenue, Elizabethton, died Friday, May 16, 2003, at Sycamore Shoals Hospital.

A native of Carter County, Mrs. Burlerson was the daughter of the late John Henry and Maggie Taylor Bowers. She was preceded in death by her husband, Steve Burlerson, two sisters, Hazel Horton and Aliene McQueen, two brothers, George Bowers and Claude Raymond Bowers, and one sister-in-law, Josephine Bowers.

Mrs. Burlerson was a member of Brown's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one brother, Harold Bowers, Rogersville, two sisters-in-law, Norma Jean Bowers, Rogersville and Mary Bell Bowers, Rogersville, and several nieces and nephews.

Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton, 423-542-2232, is in charge of arrangements. www.tetrickfuneralhome.com

BURLERSON -- Funeral services for Ophelia Burlerson, 95, 725 Watauga Avenue, Elizabethton, who died Friday, May 16, 2003, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at Brown's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, with the Rev. James W. Reddick, Jr., Elder Raymond Dickerson, and the Rev. Mrs. Jeanette Clark officiating. Music will be under the direction of Kerroll Thompson and Brown's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church Choir. Interment will follow the funeral service at Happy Valley Memorial Park. Active pallbearers will be selected from family and friends. Honorary pallbearers will be Al Dumas, Mack Trammell, Russell Smith and James Forney.

Child of STEPHEN BURLESON and HARRIET JACKSON is:

2. i. ROSA LEE⁵ BURLESON, b. 25 Dec 1909, AVERY CO, NC; d. 26 Nov 1989, SIRERRA VISTA, COCHSHE CO, AR.

ROSA LEE⁵ BURLESON (*STEPHEN GASTON (STEVE)⁴, JOSEPH (JOE) ISSAC SR³ SHADE, HAMPTON², HENRY AVERY¹*) was born 25 Dec 1909 in AVERY CO, NC, and died 26 Nov 1989 in SIRERRA VISTA, COCHSHE CO, AR. She married ARTHUR ALEXANDER SR HENDERSON, son of LEROY HENDERSON and SUSIE SHELLY. He was born 20 Jul 1908 in BRISTOL, BRISTOL CITY, VA, and died 04 Mar 1981 in FAG#42395832.

Burial: COCHISE MEMORY GARDENS, SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE CO, AZ



Children of ROSA BURLESON and ARTHUR HENDERSON are:

3. i. CHARLES (CHOP) MILTON⁶ HENEDERSON, b. 15 Nov 1901, Smyth CO, VA.
ii. JACQUELYN HENDERSON, b. 20 Mar 1929, Smyth CO, VA; d. 21 Apr 2019, Smyth CO, VA FAG#198556561.
iii. ARTHUR ALEXANDER DR (SWEETIE) JR HENDERSON, b. 01 Sep 1933, SMYTH CO, VA; d. 01 Apr 2003, SAN LEANDRO, ALAMEDA CO, CA.
iv. ROSALYN ELAINE (PENNY) HENDERSON, b. 30 Jul 1941, SMYTH CO, VA.
v. VIVIAN LORRAINE HENDERSON, b. 08 May 1943, SMYTH CO, VA.
vi. STEPHEN LEROY HENDERSON, b. 20 Dec 1947, SMYTH CO, VA.
vii. KENNETH MICHAEL HENDERSON, b. 29 Nov 1950, Smyth CO, VA

STEPHEN GASTON (STEVE) BURLESON'S FATHER

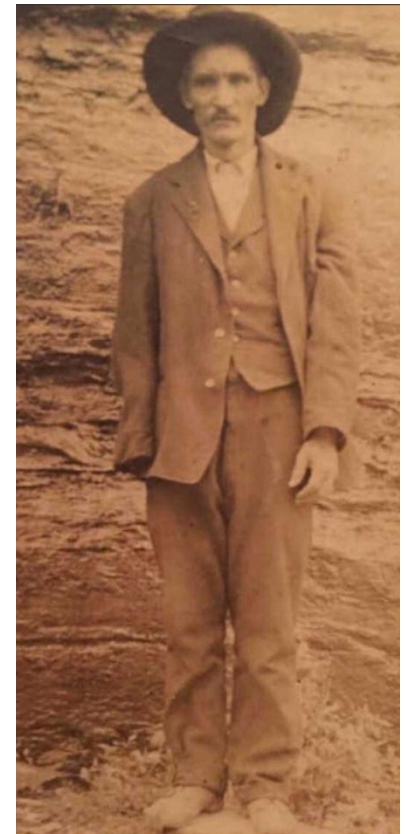
JOSEPH (JOE) ISSAC SR³ SHADE (*HAMPTON², HENRY AVERY¹*) was born 08 Mar 1860 in MITCHELL CO, NC, and died 18 Nov 1942 in AVERY CO, NC. He met EMALINE BATHSHEBIA (EMMA) WEATHERMAN/BURLESON, daughter of WILLIAM WISE and MARY WEATHERMAN. She was born 12 May 1857 in PLUMTREE, MITCHELL CO, NC, and died 11 Sep 1920 in TOE RIVER, AVERY CO, NC.

Notes for JOSEPH (JOE) ISSAC SR SHADE:

JOE WAS BORN IN TO SLAVERY, AND FOLLOWING THE CIVIL WAR. HE WAS GRANTED MONEY FROM THE FREEMAN BUREAU. HE WAS ONE OF THE SEVEN MEN WHO FATHERED A CHILD WITH EMALINE WEATHERMAN/BURLESON. HE HAD ONE ARM.

STEPHEN'S GRANDFATHER

HAMPTON² SHADE (*HENRY AVERY¹*) was born 01 Jan 1822 in YANCEY CO, NC, and died 03 Aug 1914 in AVERY CO, NC. He married FRONA MATHES.



JOSEPH (JOE) ISSAC SHADE SR

DANIEL (DAN) EDWARD BURLESON



DANIEL (DAN) EDWARD¹¹ BURLESON (*DANIEL FORBUS (SHORTY)¹⁰, CALVIN DAILY⁹, CALVIN MARIDA⁸, WILLIAM CALVIN⁷, HILKIAH R⁶, DAVID SR⁵, JOHN⁴, JONATHAN³, JOHN², EDWARD¹*) was born 1936, and died 07 Dec 1924. He married BETTY.

More About DANIEL (DAN) EDWARD BURLESON:
Burial: LAWNHAVEN MEMORIAL GARDENS, TEXAS

Children of DANIEL BURLESON and BETTY are:

- i. KYLE¹² BURLESON.
- ii. KIRK BURLESON, m. MARGARET.
- iii. KERRY BURLESON.

‘Dan’ Daniel Edward Burleson of Corpus Christi, Texas, passed away peacefully; December 7, 2024, at the age of 88, due to a short illness.

Dan was born and raised in San Angelo, Texas to Daniel Forbus Burleson and Selva Ruth Cowley Burleson. Dan was preceded in death by both parents; Daniel and Selva and sister, Patsy Ruth Broadway of San Angelo, Texas.

Dan is survived by his beautiful and loving, wife; Betty Burleson of 69 years and their three sons; Kirk Burleson {and wife Margaret} of Proctor, Texas. Kerry Burleson [and spouse Coy} of Argyle, Texas and Kyle Burleson of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dan also leaves behind five grandchildren he thought the world of: SSgt. Marcus Burleson (and wife Taja). David Burleson, Edward Nathan Guzman-Burleson, and daughter's Madison Danielle Burleson and Tinzie Burleson. Three great-grandchildren; Marcus Aaron, Issac Allen, and Ariel Iris Burleson.

Dan and family moved to Odessa, Texas, in 1977 where he was employed as Branch Manager by Gandy's Dairy (Dean Foods) retiring after 25 years.

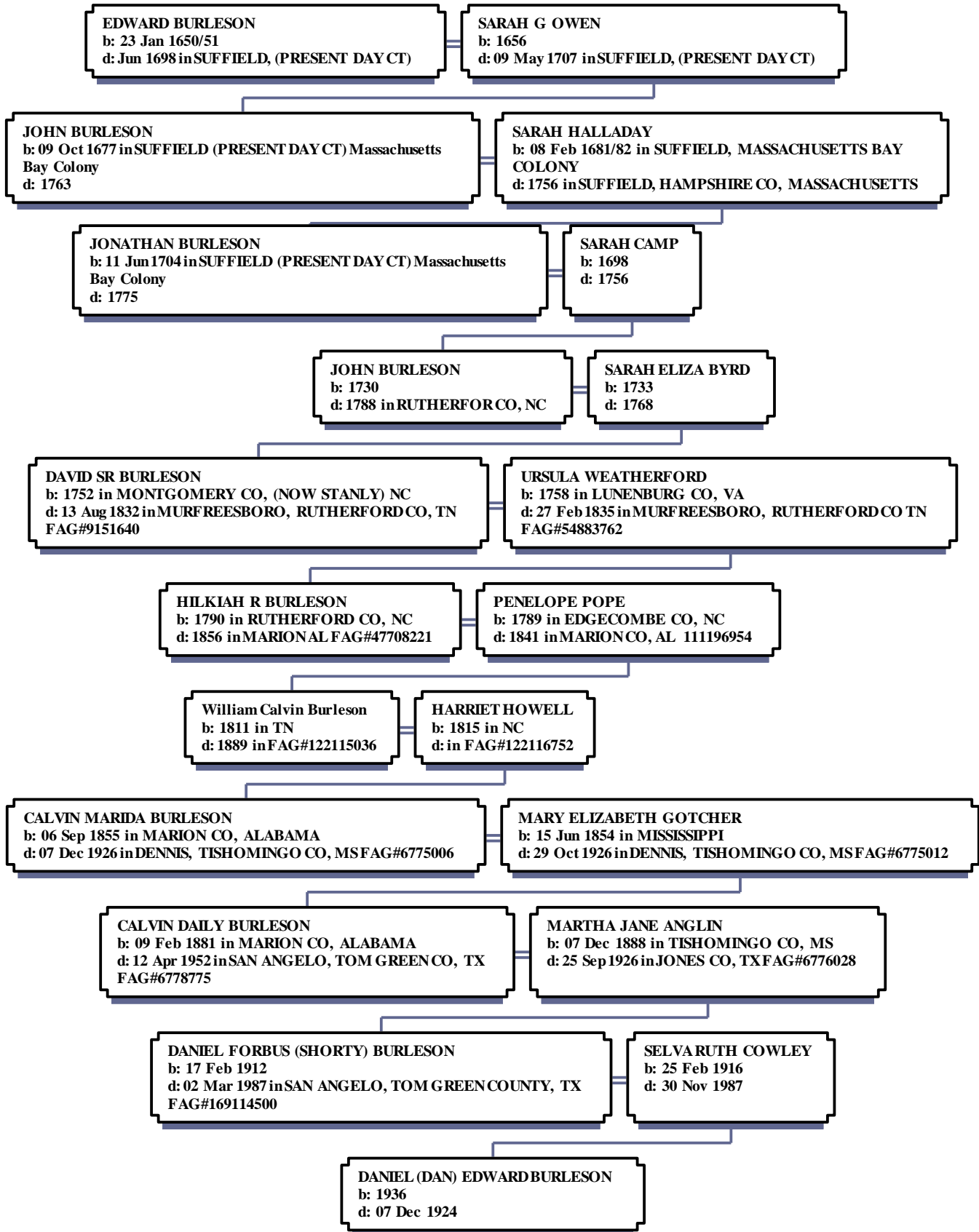
After retirement Dan and wife Betty enjoyed spending time with family and traveling around the U.S. in their motorhome then settling in Corpus Christi, Texas, to be closer to their grandchildren. Dan also had a passion for woodcraft making many custom pieces, including game boards, arts, and crafts in his spare time throughout his retirement.

Flowers can be sent to Johnson's Funeral Home — 435 West Beauregard, San Angelo, TX, 76903 or in lieu of flowers please donate to your local charity of choice.

Viewing: will be Thursday; December 12, 2024, at 5:00pm — 7:00pm {CST}. At Johnson's Funeral Home — 435 West Beauregard, San Angelo, TX, 76903.

Graveside Services: will be Friday; December 13, 2024, at 11:00am Johnsons' Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens 4989 F.M.

Direct Descendants of EDWARD BURLESON





A Short Cast for the Catch: Marianne Burleson Miller

In recent months we've had success discovering cousins with Burleson connections in British Columbia, Virgin Islands, Suriname and the Netherlands. Out of the blue a cousin surfaced living a short 50 miles from me. Marianne Burleson (Miller) is a 77 year old resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Originally from the Alpine, Texas area, she made her way with her parents into Aztec, New Mexico. Marianne is the daughter of Oliver Dolpho "O.D." Burleson , 30 August 1914 Vance, Edwards, Texas to 8 February 1981 Vance, Edwards, Texas. O.D. owned and operated a water hauling company servicing oilfield operations in northwest New Mexico. He fathered Marianne and her brother, the late Donald "Don"

C. Burleson, standout football player from Alpine, Texas who won a scholarship to the University of New Mexico as an All-American left tackle clearing holes for future NFL star Don Perkins; Don was huge.

Size in this story runs true and often. She's a six footer. Splitting her early education in Texas and New Mexico, Marianne received her higher education in Seattle, Washington where she gained certification as a chiropractor and later, a digestive specialist. Post graduation led her to practice primarily in the Anchorage, Alaska area. Her practice took her to her present location in Albuquerque where she lives with daughter Shannon. Her local proximity afforded us an opportunity to have a lunch meeting to get acquainted. It was a revealing conversation.



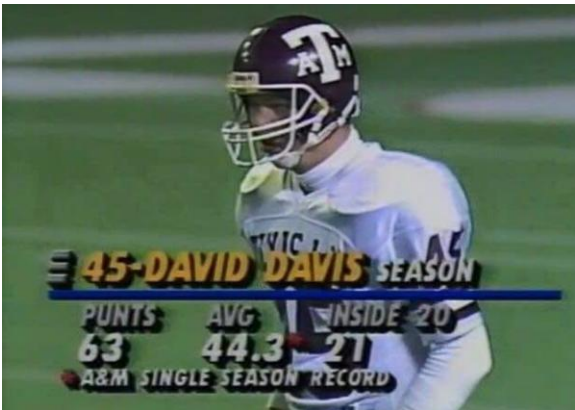


Marianne first bore Shannon Miller (Kuiper) with her ex-husband who was out of their lives soon after. Before he left, Marianne was pregnant again with a son. She was left in a position of broke single mom with two infants. Unable to care for both she reluctantly placed the boy into adoption. A single woman in Texas named Davis adopted him, naming him David.

The now grown David , at the urging of his wife took a dna test to aid in identifying his biological mother. The results immediately revealed a close genetic match, second cousin



Brenda Burleson Hutchinson. Brenda led David to his biological sister Shannon who, in turn, arranged a meeting with Marianne in Alaska. These three have pleasant relations but are still learning as they go. David Davis is successful in sales in Texas. After high school he won a scholarship to Texas A & M as a punter on the football team. He was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs.



Shannon Miller (Kuiper) is now divorced but along the way had a son, Dane , (Marianne's grandson.) He won a scholarship to the University of New Mexico as a 6'7" forward for the basketball team. Dane later played professionally for a European League Team in Austria. An ankle injury ended his sports

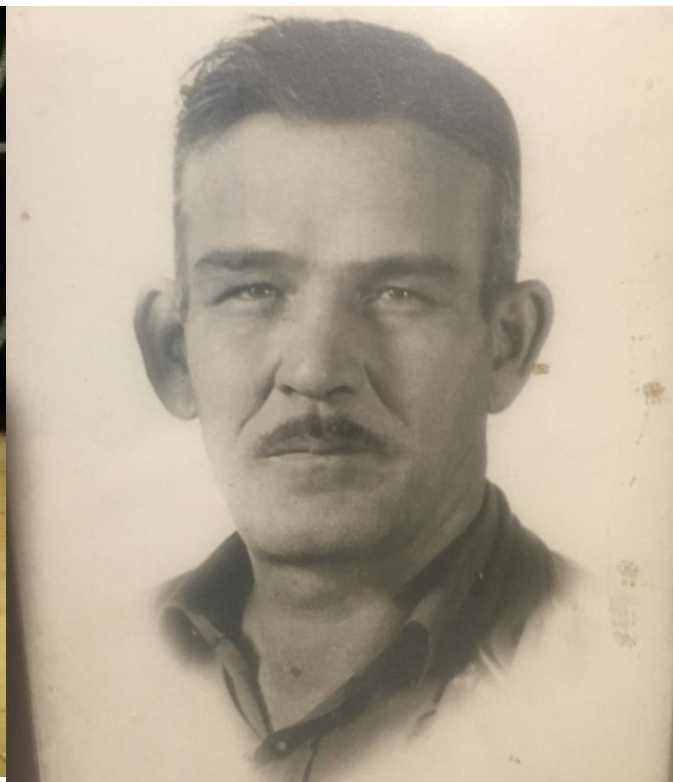
Former Lobo Dane Kuiper has signed with UBSC Graz in Austria, per Instagram



career. He now lives in Florida and is in sales.



Marianne is the granddaughter of Perry Edgar Burleson 1894-1962 and Lena Stephenson 1897-1993. Perry was the son of David Joshua Burleson 1864-1936 and Mary Cordelia Woodruff 1868-1949. Next up the line is David Walter Burleson 1836-1929, husband of Sarah E. Green 1842-1896. Continuing are Benjamin Franklin Burleson 1824-Kessiah Matthews 1813-1853 up to David Burleson 1786-1856 m. Sarah Hobson 1785-1864. Above them were David Burleson, Sr. 1755-1832, husband of Ursula Weatherford 1758-1835.



Above you see Brenda Burleson Hutchison , the woman who provided the research necessary to unite David Davis to his biological mother Marianne. In our next Recollections Brenda will explain the story of her family beginning with her father Joshua Autrey “Tate” Burleson. Coincidentally, this family includes Tate’s brother, Woody, who was featured in a previous Recollections; Woody had the distinction of being the last American soldier killed in WWII.



Jim Burleson

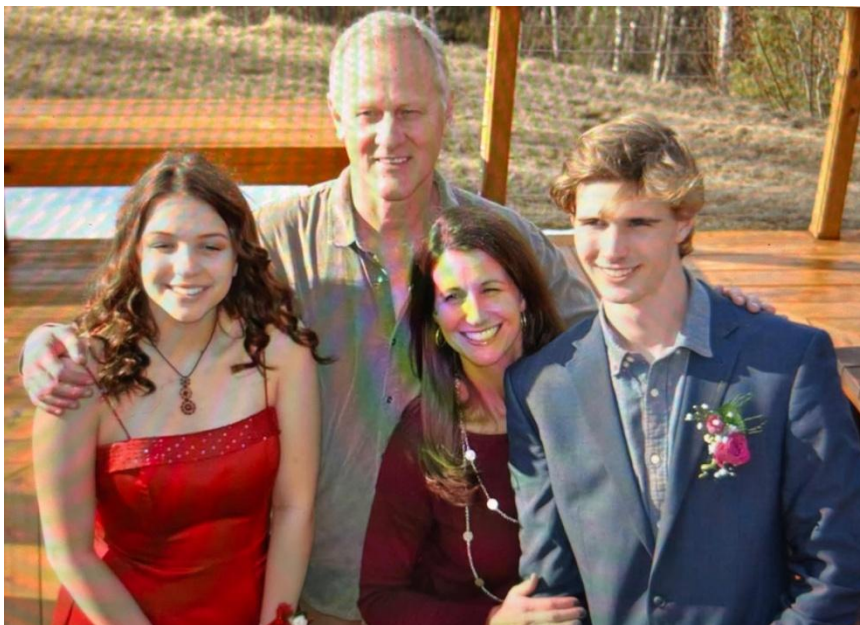
BFRG Research

jimburleson8554@gmail.com

Todd Burleson: Top of the World



Todd Burleson is a 68 year old Seattle, Washington resident, married to Dane' Leisner) Burleson with two children. Much of his youth was spent in the Anchorage, Alaska area where his love for mountain climbing formed. The couple have two grown children. Todd is a 1984 graduate of University of California Irvine.



Burleson is a founding member of Alpine Ascents, a Seattle based organization specializing in guiding, outfitting and training mountaineers. He and his talented cadre of instructors have led climbs to several dozen challenging peaks around the world including the coveted , “Seven Summits of the World.” This refers to the highest mountains on seven different continents. These include:

The "Seven Summits of the World" refer to the highest mountain on each continent, including: **Mount Everest (Asia), Aconcagua (South America), Denali (North America), Kilimanjaro (Africa), Mount Vinson (Antarctica), Elbrus (Europe), and depending on the interpretation, either Mount Puncak Jaya (Oceania) or Mount Kosciuszko (Australia).**



The "Seven Summits of the World" refer to the highest mountain on each continent, including: **Mount Everest (Asia), Aconcagua (South America), Denali (North America), Kilimanjaro (Africa), Mount Vinson (Antarctica), Elbrus (Europe), and depending on the interpretation, either Mount Puncak Jaya (Oceania) or Mount Kosciuszko (Australia).**

Key points about the Seven Summits:

Meaning:

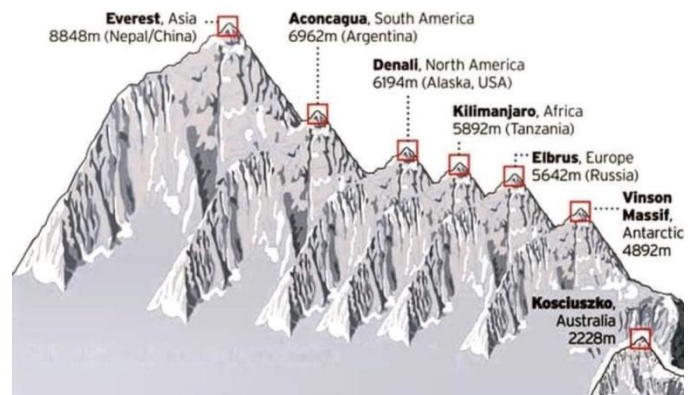
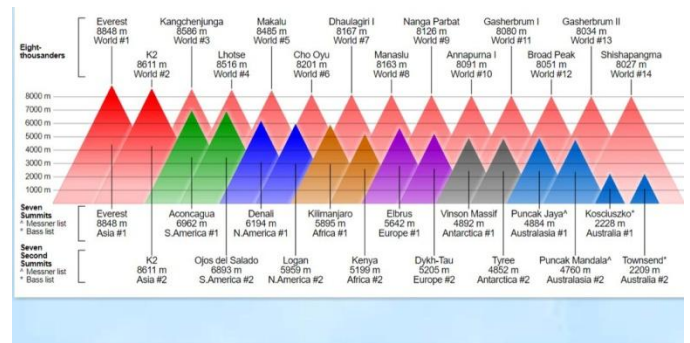
Climbing all seven of these peaks signifies reaching the highest point on each continent.

Most challenging:

Mount Everest is generally considered the most difficult to climb due to its extreme altitude.

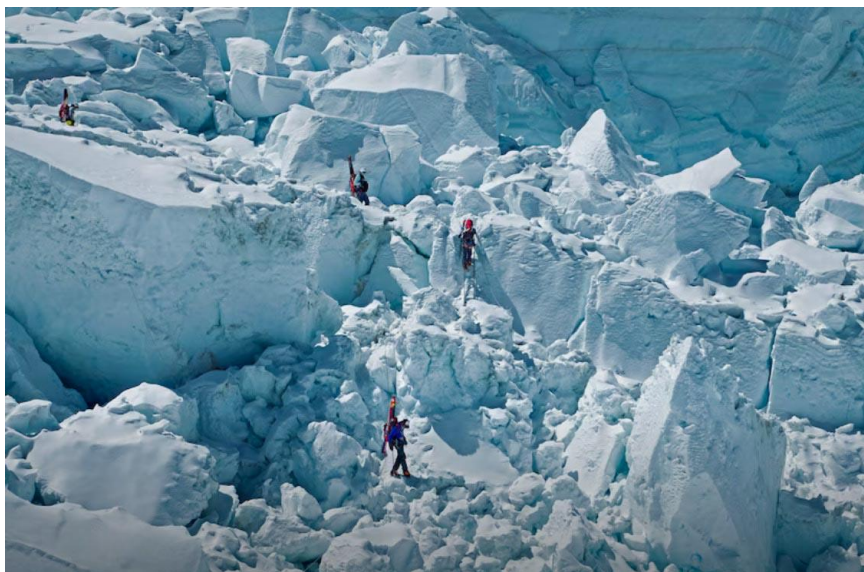
The climbing community is quite small because of the physical requirements, relative danger involved and costliness. The guides, sherpas, equipment, travel and safety/rescue logistics drive the customer price tag to close to \$70,000. Lower climbs require only minimal equipment but the more epic treks above 21,000 feet involve costly travel, safety measures and oxygen assist. That level is termed the "Death Zone" in their profession. Avalanche, fatigue, weather changes and failure to adhere to guidance factor into causes of death. Such conditions exist in almost all climb destinations but are more predominant in the "Seven Summits."

The list of major peaks "successfully climbed are below. The Everest figure has been upgraded to eight since this list was produced. Their term successful is defined as at least one member of their party reached the summit. Some climbers are turned back short of the summit due to a variety of dangers. A few were stopped as little as 250 feet lower than the peak of the 29,000+ foot Everest. Of course Mt. Everest is the most recognizable of the peaks as it is the highest point on Earth above sea level. The images below are from Everest's summit. Todd, his guides and clients have enjoyed this view. On clear days India can be seen, hundreds of miles away.





Much of the focus of the guides up the climb is a never ending assessment of how safe is the return descent at each moment. Just as many injuries and casualties occur on the descent.



Typical dangers include broken bones, hypothermia, edema, altitude related brain swell and frostbite. See the frostbite sufferer below.



There are more astronauts sent into space than mountaineers who've topped the Seven Summits. Here are all seven:

1. Mount Everest, Asia



Mount Everest, the tallest peak in the world.

2. Aconcagua, South America



Aconcagua, in Argentina, is the tallest mountain in South America.

3. Denali, North America



Denali, Alaska, United States.

4. Kilimanjaro, Africa



Giraffes in Kenya's National Park, with Mount Kilimanjaro in the background.

5. Mount Elbrus, Europe



Mount Elbrus is part of the North Caucasus mountains, located in Russia.

6. Mount Vinson, Antarctica



Mount Vinson, Antarctica

7. Mount Kosciuszko, Australia



Mount Kosciuszko National Park, Australia.

Todd received the prestigious American Alpine Club's "David J. Sowles" award for his rescue efforts on Mt. Everest in 1996. He's been highly praised for his programs that promote environmentally consciousness for leaving no trace of human presence following any climb.



Fellow climbers helped bundle Weathers into a helicopter after he reached the camp so he could be flown to safety



The **David A. Sowles Memorial Award** is the **American Alpine Club's** highest award for valour, bestowed at irregular intervals on **mountaineers** who have "distinguished themselves, with unselfish devotion at personal risk or sacrifice of a major objective, in going to the assistance of fellow climbers imperilled in the mountains."^[1] It is named after **David A. Sowles**, a climber who died in the Alps in 1963.^[2]



Alaska yaks at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks - circa 1921.



One hundred years ago Yaks were nearing extinction. Todd and others have bred and tended small herds which have removed the "endangered" status. He keeps his stock in property in Alaska. The meat is high in protein and low in fat.



49th State Brewery's legendary 8 ounce grass-fed Alaskan yak burger.



Todd's wife, Dane' Leisner Burleson is the director of communications for their company "Alpine Ascents"



Dané Burleson



Sources: Alpine Ascents and National Geographic



Jim Burleson
BFRG Research
jimburlson8554@gmail.com

Getting Back to the Basics

By Johnny Russell Burluson



Troy, JD, Johnny and Troy's son Skylar

After spending time with JD Burluson during November 2024 working with MIB in North Carolina where we trying to help victims of the Hurricane and the flooding, we discussed several things besides our family tree. One of them was something my wife Michelle along with our four children started doing starting back around 2014. That being a function that we called Getting back to the Basics. People would come to our place and we would share with them many of the old ways of living and how to implement them in into today's lifestyles.

Since a very young boy, I was fascinated by doing old things and the way my Grandparents lived. They had smoke houses and we had hog killings and always a large garden. I grew up in the

woods, hunting, fishing and trapping. I road horses as much as I could get by with even learning to shoe my horse because I could not afford to hire it done. I found a book that was Called Fox Fire created by a high school class and written about the people living in the Appalachian Mountains and focused around simple, self-sufficient ways of life. I paid \$3.99 for it then and now they are much more expensive. Sence that time I have obtained the entire set. I loved these books and spent much of my time over the years actually trying to learn and practice the old ways of life. I had no idea that these old ways would be of significant value to me and others one day. I just enjoyed them.





So, skip to modern time. Even though I have been educated in today's way of living, I still enjoy dabbling in the old ways. Sometime around 2013 or 2014, people started moving into our area in North West Arkansas in Boone County. Since then, we have been inundated by folks from all over the country moving here to a conservative area and out of their liberal cities or states. Most of them are conservative but I would say very lacking in knowing how to be self-sufficient but are wanting to learn.

During this time, I was operating a construction business and my specialty was custom barns and horse stables along with some small rustic cabins and some conventional building as well. I created a niche for myself because I implemented some of the old building styles such as mortis and tenon timber frame techniques and real wood post and beam structures. I even bought my own saw mill so I could cut custom timbers and wood siding.

One day I got a call from a family that had moved in from up north and was here to become more self-reliant and had been asking around to learn how to do things. These people told me that they had been referred to me by several local people and asked if I could teach them how to do almost anything because they really didn't know much. I have a hard time getting rid of supplies and any usable material so I save all kind of resources in case I need it on another project. I kept telling these people that they probably didn't want to come to my place, it was out in the rural area and I had stuff everywhere. But they kept calling so I talked to my wife and we decided that maybe we could invite them over and we could share some of what I



thought was our limited knowledge of old ways or basic living methods. They wanted to bring some of their family that had moved here with them so we said sure and expected around fifteen people kids and all. We set the time a couple of months out so we could maybe clean up around the place, you know to make it more presentable to the new commers. What we got was a huge surprise.

We started getting calls from people wanting to know if they could come to our function, I told them I didn't know what they were talking about and they said to the Back to The Basics Day we were putting on. Michelle and I had not really promoted anything, it was just a neighborly get together. We kept getting calls from all over, Tulsa, Kansas City, St Louis MO, Little Rock AR and other places. I guess these new people had told some friends and then it went crazy. We knew there would be more show up than the fifteen original neighbors but, on that Saturday, we had 550 people show up to our home from approximately 6 states. It was almost over whelming to have so many people come from all over wanting to learn how to be more self-sufficient. Our county roads were completely clogged and the surrounding fields were covered with vehicles. My brother Troy Burleson lived across the road from us so we also used his property to park on as well. Michelle and I were almost at a loss on what to do, so we got our four kids involved just as they always were, and we called some of our friends that could help us do demonstrations on different methods of basic living. My kids also played music so we set up a stage on the porch of an old cabin so people could set and listen to blue grass music if there wasn't enough room for them at a class. We got the VFW to bring some food out and they ran out in just a few minutes. We had old games like nail driving contest and blindfolded wheelbarrow races, goat milking, egg toss and others. We had to pull together a program so quickly that it was a blur. But people were great and everyone had a great day. We were worn out by the end of the day but people didn't want to leave so we had a cook out around a fire pit and many stayed till late just enjoying themselves.



Some of the things we actually got to share that day and with functions since were, various gardening techniques such as traditional gardening, raised bed and herbal culture type gardening. We also go over straw bale gardening and aquaponics where you grow fish and vegetables in one system. We also teach some on hydroponics as well as wicking tubs.

Other things we did were limited because we got caught really off guard for the number of people that showed up were Blacksmithing, soap making, primitive fire starting, chicken raising and chicken tractors. Rabbit raising and small animal care. Plant walks where we found eatable plants as well as medicinal plants growing on our property. We were grateful to have so many close friends that came to our rescue to help us do demonstrations and classes on so many activities. Since that first day we have added more old skills to show people. That first function was a blur and people still call us today wanting to have more. Because I now had my own saw mill, we began adding old-style buildings to the event each time and it got to looking like a small town or settlement.



My Grand Pa Troy Trimble had a black smith set up as well as my Grand Pa Joe Burleson. I still have the forge and post drill from my Grand Pa Trimble as well as other items from his shop. I also have some of his items he had made along with a coveted fish gig that he was notable for making. I showed it to an old man “Francis Seely” that has long since passed and he told me that everyone thought they had to have a gig that Troy Trimble had made but I have never found any except the one I have. This area was on the White River before they dammed it up and made Bull Shoals Lake. Gigging on the White River back then was a big deal and a way of life. I have the anvil that belonged to my Grand Pa Joe Burleson along with other

things from him as well. Most of these items were made around the turn of the century early 1900’s and there about. I do have another forge built in the mid 1800’s.

During our Back to the basic’s day, I ask a good friend, Terry Ahart, to help me out in the black smith shop. He is good with that and people can watch him work and ask questions and sometimes participate in the old art of black smithing. It got to where people that were good with these old ways of living actually wanted to come and help out and show their art and skills. It was still a massive undertaking even with the added help so Michelle and I didn’t have to do all the demonstrations ourselves. This event turned into a real function. We did not charge for people to come but most people thought we should. We would spend weeks and sometimes months preparing for the next get together, building new buildings or demo places. We did start asking for donations if people wanted but we weren’t doing this for the money, but to help folks learn. We would leave a large jar out on a table where people came into our yard where people could just drop anything in if they wanted. We had so many people come by and warn us that there was no one watching the money jar. We told them that we knew that and if someone needed that money that badly then they would just have to take it. I don’t know if people took any money from the jar but I don’t believe they did. I would not know if they did or not because we didn’t track what went in, but we did make some to help out with the expenses.



It really did get overwhelming for us to do at our house and even though we try to be very hospitable and share what God has blessed us with, it was a little concerning to have so many people there that we didn’t know from so many places. They were good conservative people for the most part from what I could tell but this was our home and our place was very open. We discussed that the day function was almost too big for what we wanted to do. We couldn’t really get to know people one on one nor could we get in depth with them on any one basic skill to teach. We were trying to decide how we wanted to continue on with something we enjoyed, then covid hit and that kind of put a pause on our Back to the Basic’s Day anyway.

During this time one of our friends that had been coming to our event and teaching growing fodder wanted to start their own day at their place which was about an hour and half from our place. So, we encouraged them and went and helped them get started and helped teach some of their demos to get started. They did great and were very successful with their project.

We were really wanting to focus on teaching smaller groups and get really into depth on how to teach these skills. We were then contacted by some folks over around Jasper Arkansas that had been coming to our Back to the Basics Day and were wanting to do the same thing for their area of Jasper so we told them that we would not do the bigger event anymore at our place and help them set one for their town. They have it at the fairgrounds in Jasper and it is going great. They said it was a lot to do even for the town and many people working on it. We helped out for the first two or three years but they have got it and they have about 75 vendors now and it is a hit. This really helped us with our decision on whether to keep the Back to the Basics Day or switch to the local personal classes. We didn't care who was hosting the events, but we just wanted it to get done for the friend and neighbors.

Since we stopped doing the larger functions, it left a void in our town of Lead Hill Arkansas. Another couple wanted to do a small farmers market type of place and have some activities surrounding old ways and community efforts of doing things. We promoted them and helped them when we could. They have a great place that fills a need and this year they even went to North Carolina to take generators, chain saws and other supplies. They met with my son Scott Burleson who lives in Tennessee and was working with the state guard in the disaster this year. He helped them get more supplies in NC that they took into the places of need.

We then started focusing on classes set up for groups of up to about twenty-five people or so give or take depending on the subject. Michelle and I have attended many classes not only to learn new or better ways but for their teaching methods. The classes that we seem to get more out of are those that are truly interactive and designed to get everyone involved. When we design a class, we try to not just rely on our own knowledge and insight but we bring in others that are well versed in that knowledge or skill as well. This serves multiple purposes; one it gives us the capability of sufficient instruction. It also allows for different personalities and teaching methods that more people might relate to. This also allows Michelle and I to be able to spend more time with each person and get to

know them a little better. We do now charge for our classes because we put a lot of time, effort, supplies and training into making it as good a class as we can. We do handouts and sometimes power point presentations as well. Our goal is to provide the best classes they can find anywhere and with the best atmosphere possible. We have also found that even though we wish we could do all this for nothing. We have found that if people don't have skin in the game, they most times won't take it seriously or won't make it important enough to work at it.



When we set up a class for example cheese making, we try to provide each person with their own stove, and all the same utensils, pots and pans to complete their project. So, if there are 10 participants we have 10 stoves and gear. The supplies are also mostly supplied such as raw milk digital thermometers and whatever else they might need. And so far, these people get to take their product home with them. Many classes we have been to, we just were a part of the class by watching the instructor and maybe getting to help a little and we found it really makes a difference if people get to not just watch and take a small part but to completely make the project themselves. If at all possible, this is our training method. If applicable and possible we have multiple instructors during the class. We try to have the one leading the class doing the same thing they are teaching so everyone can



watch, then we have one or two instructors walking around the class helping and showing the students in case they have problems or just to help them get through a small issue they are having. This helps the class stay on schedule and does not leave anyone behind. But this sometimes takes a lot of preparing. For example, in the past when we have had a chicken and rabbit class on care and processing. We have had to supply each student with their own rabbit and their own chicken to process. Most people just don't do this and I know why. The logistics of keeping or obtaining that many animals just for a class takes some infrastructure and cost.

Here is a list of some of the classes we have offered or things we have demoed.

- Wood Working. This may consist of modern tools or older methods with older tools.
- Black Smithing
- Wool Spinning and Weaving
- Soap Making, Goat Milk Soap
- Making Lye for the lye soap. Making lye the way our ancestors did and learning to test it
- Chicken raising, chicken tractors, processing chickens, plucking or skinning, old methods of scalding and plucking or modern methods of automated plucking
- Goat milking and animal care
- Gardening of different methods. Traditional, raised beds, herbal culture, wicking tubs, aquaponics and hydroponics, straw bale and other.
- Food preservation methods. Dehydrating, traditional pressure canning, dry canning, vacuum sealing, freeze drying, water bath, curing etc.
- Sawmill classes. How to choose standing trees for desired project. Felling timber, choosing logs, species of logs and uses, logging, setting up a band mill, and how to mill the logs efficiently and safely. Stacking lumber and drying.
- Gasification, manufacture of sin gas from wood products to make usable gas to run generators or even vehicles.
- Raising and caring for Rabbits. This includes the dispatching and skinning.
- Hydraulic Ram Pump. This pump will pump water up a substantial hill without the use of electricity or gas power. It uses the kinetic energy within the moving water to pump itself. The class goes through a power point presentation discussing the principals of hydraulic ram pumps and design with handouts. Then we actually build pumps and try them out so all can see and learn. If someone wants to build their own and take home, they just pay me for materials. This has been a great class. The largest system I have designed for someone was a system that was 1300 ft in length and 275 feet elevation. It pumped 300 feet past the house to a stainless-steel tank and gravity fed to the house with about a 60-foot drop so they had good pressure.
- Discuss meaty animals and processing
- Wild plant walks, identification of medicinal and eatable plants and roots.
- Primitive wood working with foot powered lathes, hand chisels and mallets. Real wood construction. View and discuss old tools, methos of building and mixed techniques modern and old.
- Horse training. This is something I love to do. There was a time this is the way I made a living. Not only would I train the horse but I found that training the horse without training the rider to maintain the work was short lived, so I began only training the horse and rider with much better results. We train the horse to shoot and hunt from as well as ride around parades where fireworks and noises are happening all around. I don't get do as much of this as I would like to.
- Spinning and weaving,
- Growing Fodder, these demos are from local people that practice this on their farms
- Primitive Fire starting such as Bow drill and other
- Essential oils and their uses

- Design and construction of rocket stoves or rocket mass heaters
- Herbal remedies and cures
- Food storage and preservation and using supplement foods in place of conventional.
- Have demos on fire pit cooking and even cast-iron Dutch oven cooking
- Demos on rustic furniture
- Bartering which was widely used in old times and I still do a lot of trading today
- Leather working
- Fiber spinning and felting
- Bee Keeping
- Solar systems and information. I am in the process of designing and building my own system to run our complete home.

There are so many things that we do that is not on the list but these are an example of things we either demo by ourselves or friends that help us or full-blown classes. Our time is very limited so we have to pick and choose when and how we teach or show these skills. I still work full time as a Public Works Director at Diamond City Arkansas. I spend around 50 to 60 hours per week there. I hope to retire in the near future and spend more time at home and teach more classes. This last couple of years we have cut way back but hope to get on a more regular schedule of classes.

I also teach classes on mental preparedness during disasters. Some of you may be aware of my brother Troy, he has been fighting disasters and hurricanes for years. We worked our first big disaster on Katrina. I started seeing and observing the way people that were going through disaster responded very differently and recovered in like manner. So, I started interviewing and talking with people going through these disasters and began to see patterns rise to the surface on the mindset being one of the biggest deciding factors on the success in recovery. This mind set determined their preparedness for the unknown disaster that might come their way, but included the mindset of how well they got through the disaster itself. Then that same mindset played a large factor in the recovery and the manner they approached that as well. With this information I started writing a book to pass on to my kids on what I was learning. I have thought I had it finished several times until I read it again and realize there is so much, I have left out. But I now teach classes from that book that starts with the mind set and preparing to be a prepper. Troy's training and my training overlap in many areas.

A few years Troy and I started to talk about what we could do to be a bigger help to our community and our neighbors. I told him that I had corresponded with a man that has several TV shows which include practical prepper and shows like that. My question to him came down to deciding how to effectively take care of my family and still help the community. My concern as well as Troy's was that of wanting to help and that of just keeping off the radar and taking what we know and focusing on our family. This man told me that there was no way I could hide and that the people around us already knew the skills and resources we had for ourselves because of our involvement in the community. He said he went through the same concerns and determined that since people with high profiles and already being out in the community helping others could not hide the fact that he must make his community safer as a whole. So, I decided that if I were to help my community and surrounding areas be more self-sufficient if any disaster happened, whether manmade or natural, the whole community would be better off. When I talked with Troy about my decision, he had pretty much made the same decision. so, we decided to bring most of our training close to home where we could help more of the locals and our neighbors and develop our resources and infrastructure at home.

Little did I know that doing this on a very local level would touch so many people. We have people come to our house from all over the country. Troy deals with more of the area of hand-to-hand martial arts and mixed martial arts, combative, security, gun training from individuals to police and military, as well as political figures. I sometimes help him with his training when I have the time, or to keep up my certifications for security or other

training. We use to teach martial arts together years ago. Some of what we both teach overlaps and I have taught some of my subjects at his place for his clients as well.

So, as he is covering the latest security and combat training, I am covering the training of a more basic lifestyle that will help any of us if we are caught in any kind of hardship in life. We determined that between our different material, we could cover a wider range of information and skills to help the community. It has been rewarding to see the light come on and get that confidence that they feel a little better with taking care of themselves.

I have seen others focus on these types of training but without a biblical base concerning their actions in difficult situations. We try to offer good solid training but within a Christian or Biblical based mind set and still be able to be sufficient in their preparedness. This has been so rewarding to know you have been able to show people how to protect and prepare their families and still keep a moral base. Being a Christian may not change the disaster that happens to you but it will definitely change the manner in which you respond to it.



Troy and Johnny were glad to meet Cousin Kenny Burleson and his wife Anita

I was so excited to meet some of my family in North Carolina this year and to learn some of the history and genealogy around my Burleson Name. I look forward to coming back and seeing more and meeting more family. I also know that much of the old ways I have grown up learning probably came from the Carolinas'. I want to thank JD for asking me to write a little about something I love to do.



Johnny and cousin Thomas A (Tom) Burleson talking inside the mimi homes we were working on



Johnny Russell Burleson
BFRG Research
burlesonmichelle@yahoo.com

Direct Descendants of EDWARD BURLESON

