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Dear Family and Friends,

I suppose that nine years late is better than never so here it is--Issue 3 of Volume 4. The past nine years I've had little time to spend on genealogy because I've been too busy earning a living. I moved back to Houston in 1989 and then returned to Brenham in 1990. In 1991 I moved to Bryan where I stayed until 1996 when I moved to Austin. A little over three months ago I changed jobs and now have time to devote to my abiding passion--genealogy. Four months ago I upgraded my computer and am now on-line. You can Email your queries and family group sheets if you wish to [kkazmir01@sprynet.com](mailto:kkazmir01@sprynet.com).

I'm currently entering all my family into Family Tree Maker. I'm up to 2200 individuals with at least that many more to go. I still have a data base of Cockrells but definitely need to get a more powerful one. Does anyone have any recommendations?

The newsletter will work as always. Subscribers have one free query of up to 50 words with each issue. I'd like to have copies of any responses you send so that I can update my data base. Deadlines for queries are December 1, March 1, June 1 and September 1.

The goal of the newsletter has always been to sort out the various Cockrell lines. I use this spelling because it is the way my name was always spelled. I'd like to emphasize that when copying original records we should always try to use the spelling that appears in the document. There is a cloud of misinformation out there from previous published and/or distributed sources. Unfortunately, I helped disseminate it in the newsletter in the first two years. I want to remind you that any published information, including this newsletter, should be used as a starting place only. You need to prove the information to your satisfaction. I will be publishing others' research as well as my own. I cannot vouch for the research I share with you but offer it only as a place for you to start looking.

Through the years, many of you have asked that I publish more on the immigrant ancestors and I do this when I can; however, we should be tracing our own lines back one generation at a time. We should not assume that we will be able to tie our line to a particular immigrant. By trying to do so, we waste valuable research time. If we all put our energies into extending our lines back a generation at a time and

share our information, we will begin to make connections. When I stopped publishing in 1989, we were beginning to do just that.

I'd like to take this opportunity to urge you all to keep an open mind. Don't get hung up on a particular spelling of the name. One researcher I contacted on another line told me that she couldn't possibly be related because her family had been in a different county than mine and had been there 200 years and no one had ever left. You and I both know that is impossible. At least one person in one generation must have moved to distant places. Furthermore, she added that we didn't even spell our names the same. She didn't realize the wealth of information she might be missing (or withholding) from other researchers. In short, keep an open mind, don't make assumptions, document your findings, and share your information with others. You never know when helping someone with a problem will be returned ten fold.

I was afraid that after nine years you would have managed to solve all the mysteries and connected all the lines. Since this hasn't happened, let's renew our vows. We will quit rehashing all of F.G. and F.N. (or F.M.) Cockrell's previous postulations and do original research. We will be patient and go back one generation at a time until we manage to connect our lines. We will use original documents whenever possible and use secondary sources only as a last resort.

Kay Cockrell Kazmir

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## MORGAN COCKRELL FAMILY

Bella Hughes graciously shared her research with me so that I could report on the Morgan Cockrell family. Her research is well documented and I will include as many sources as space permits.

Morgan Cockrell was the son of Simon Cockrell<sup>1</sup> and Mary Magdalena Vardeman. He was born ca. 1788 in Montgomery Co., VA. He married Hannah Andrews in Lafayette Co, MO on 03 Feb 1833<sup>2</sup>. Family tradition holds that Hannah was a Cherokee and was known as the "One Armed Indian Woman." Hannah's parents are unknown although it is believed that the Nancy

Andrews who was living near them in the 1830 Lafayette Co, MO census may have been her mother and the James Andrew in the same census, a brother.

Morgan and his brothers John and Simon first entered Ky in 1798 on a hunting trip. When they returned to VA they convinced their sisters and all their brothers but Moses to move to KY with them.<sup>3</sup> The year was 1800. By 1821, Morgan was in Lafayette Co, MO.<sup>4</sup> His last land entry in Lafayette Co was on 17 May 1837. On 22 Feb 1830 Morgan made his first land entry in Johnson Co, MO. By the time of his death, he owned more than 2800 acres<sup>9</sup>. His home place of 160 acres was about one mile east of Little Honey Creek which is the northeast branch of Big Honey Creek.

Morgan died between 19 Jun and 11 Jul 1842<sup>7,8</sup> in Johnson Co, MO. He is buried at Old Bethel Cemetery which is a half mile west of Morgan's home place. The property is now owned by Billy A. Adams.

Morgan and Hannah's children were as follows:

1. Nancy<sup>1</sup>, b. 01 Apr 1831, Johnson Co, MO; m. Barksdale Samuel West 28 May 1844 in Johnson Co, MO. Barksdale was b. 05 Mar 1823, son of William West and Anna Roberts. He d. 02 Feb 1898. Nancy d. 08 Oct 1906 in Johnson Co, MO. Both are buried in Old Bethel Cemetery. Their children were:
  - 1-a. Sarah E<sup>10</sup>, b. 30 Sep 1846, Johnson Co, MO, d. 09 Dec 1846, Johnson Co, MO.
  - 1-b. Tabitha A<sup>5,6,10</sup>, b. 19 Mar 1848, Johnson Co, MO; d. 25 Mar 1862, Johnson Co, MO.
  - 1-c. William M<sup>5</sup>, b. 06 Sep 1850, Johnson Co, MO; d. 16 Apr 1862, Johnson Co, MO.
  - 1-d. Mary Francis<sup>5,6,10</sup>, b. 07 May 1854, TX; m. George Crain Toland, 25 Dec 1872 in Johnson Co, MO; d. before 1900. Their children were:
    - 1-d-1. Dorothy Elizabeth, b. 04 Dec 1873 in Johnson Co, MO; m. 24 Aug 1893 in Warrensburg, Johnson Co, MO, Simpson Nathan Shackelford, son of John Shackelford and Ellen Markham. Dorothy d. 03 Jan 1933 in Johnson Co, MO. Their children were: Orphie Blanche, Mary Pearl, Josie Elizabeth, Ruth Ann, Martha Ellen, Julia Evelyn, Edith Irene and James Crane Shackelford.
    - 1-d-2. Ella N., b. Sep, 1876, MO; m. Frank B. Hutson in 1896. Their children

were: Charles, Violet, Flossie B. and Gene T. Hutson.

- 1-d-3. Mary Eva, b. 1878, m. Joseph Young. Their children were: Mildred, William, and Edward Young.
- 1-d-4. Albert A., b Sep 1882, Johnson Co, MO; m. Florence Wallace; d. 24 Aug 1904.
- 1-d-5. Clara J, b Sep 1883, m. Bill White
- 1-d-6. Bessie A, b Nov 1887; m. Oliver Rhiney. Their children were Charles and Thelma Rhiney.
- 1-d-7. Norah A, b. 01 Oct 1891, Johnson Co, MO; d. 08 Oct 1892, Johnson Co.
- 1-e. Alexander Joshua<sup>5,6,10</sup>, b. 02 Aug 1858, Johnson Co, MO; m. 1887, Emeline Mariah Overly, dau of Isaac Overly and Mary Krause, in Johnson Co, MO. He d. 1923 in Sharon, Woodward Co, OK. Their children were:
  - 1-e-1. Ida Catherine, b. 25 Dec 1889, Robbins, Johnson, MO; d. 1956, Woodward Co, MO.
  - 1-e-2. Infant son, 1890-91.
  - 1-e-3. Frances Anna, b. 26 Nov 1892, Scotch Grove, Jones Co, IA; m. 17 Mar 1916 in Sharon, Woodward, OK to Perry Jay Thomas, son of Joseph Thomas and Sarah Glick. Frances d. 1982. Their children were: Argene Frances m. Daniel Guy McDowell, Mariana Elaine m. Melvin Glenn Churchill; Perry Jim; Gerald West m. 1) Helen Garten and 2) Cynthia Rains.
  - 1-e-4. Zelma Emeline, b. 09 Apr 1894, Robbins, Johnson Co, MO; m. 1) William Thomas Adams on 13 Feb 1912 in Perry Co, OK. They had one child: James Murrell Alexander Adams m. Leone Dove Herd. Zelma m. 2) D. Lewellyn Fitzgerald in Perryton, TX, on 17 Mar 1920. Their children were: Orra Louise m. Robert A. Peterson; Eugene Clair; Thelma



Jo m. James Tresner; Kenneth Dale m. Mary Jane Ash; Donald L.; Edgar Paul m. Gail Janice Fuller; and Ella Pauline m. 1) Fred Lewis and 2) E. Ben Blanchly.

1-f. Dosha Emeline<sup>5,6,10</sup>, b. 21 Nov 1861; m. Ulyses Grant Edwards.

1-g. James Samuel<sup>5,6,10</sup>, b. 06 Apr 1865, Hazel Hill, Johnson Co, MO; m. 09 Dec 1890 in Johnson Co, Ida Belle Blevins, dau of Wilson Blevins and Mary Tracy. He d. 1943 in Jackson Co, MO. Their children were:

1-g-1. Floyd, b 01 Jan 1894, Hazel Hill, Johnson, MO; d. 04 Jan 1894.

1-g-2. Cleo, b. 01 Jan 1895, Johnson Co, MO; d. 01 Jan 1897, Johnson Co.

1-g-3. Flaudie Marie, b 13 Apr 1896, Johnson Co, MO; m. 22 Jun 1912, Orlando Richard Cull, son of John Cull and Permelia King. Their children were Leota Marie, Orlando Richard, Delbert James, Glenn Harold, Leslie Eugene, Les Vernon, Bobby West, and Patsy Genevieve Cull.

1-g-4. Lela Mauda, b. 08 Sep 1898, Johnson Co, MO; never married; d. 01 Oct 1945, Kansas City, Jackson, MO.

1-g-5. Leota Belle, b. 05 Jan 1905, Hazel Hill, Johnson, MO; m. 02 Sep 1923, Windsor, MO, to James Gideon Hughes, son of James Hughes and Mary Adams; d. 16 Feb 1949, Kansas City, MO. Their children were Ida Fern, James Maxwell, Billy Donald, Fredrick Lee and John Doyle Hughes.

1-g-6. Genevieve, b. 17 Apr 1907, Hazel Hill, Johnson, MO; m. Dallas Tarman Isenburg. Their children were Sondra, Dixie, and George Isenburg and Bonnie Lynn McGrew Pollard.

1-g-7. Neil Maxwell, b. 06 Mar 1909 in Johnson Co, MO; m. 1) Mary Garten. They had one child--Jackie Dean West.

Neil m. 2) Edith ??.

1-h. Charlotte<sup>10</sup>, b. 31 Mar 1867, Johnson Co, MO; d. 13 Mar 1869, Johnson Co, MO.

1-i. Hanna Ann<sup>10</sup>, b. 31 Mar 1870; m. Edgar Redford.

1-j. Katheryn Ellen<sup>5,6,10</sup>, b. 12 Jan 1875, Johnson Co, MO; m. 01 Sep 1896 in Johnson Co, MO, William Abslom Adams, son of Henderson Adams and Mary Farley. Katheryn d. 12 May 1937 in Johnson Co. Katheryn and William Adams had one son:

1-j-1. Delbert F., b. 30 Oct 1897, Johnson Co, MO; m. Irene Stephenson on 05 Sep 1918 in Warrensburg, Johnson, MO. He d. 30 May 1979 in Johnson Co. Their children were: Elmer Verlon and Billy Allen Adams.

2. Alexander<sup>1</sup>, b. ca. 1834, Johnson Co, MO; m. 02 Feb 1851 in Johnson Co, MO, Hannah Elizabeth Kirby. He died after 1875 near Lawrence, KS. Their children were:

2-a. Mary, b. 1851, MO

2-b. Morgan, b. 1852, MO

2-c. George W., b. 1854, MO

2-d. William, b. 1856, MO

2-e. Joseph, b. 1857, MO

2-f. Tabitha, b. 1859, MO; m. 1880 to J. Hulet White. They had one child. Stella Viola, b. 05 Feb 1881, Wichita, Sedgwick, KS; d. 31 May 1917, Welliver, Sheridan, MT.

2-g. Polly, b. 1860, MO

2-h. Susan, b. 1862, MO; m. James Kirby, her first cousin. Their children were Charlie, Susan, Simon and Ada.

2-i. Sam/Samuel, b. 1863, Jackson, Johnson Co, MO. Wife's name is unknown. He d. Stroud, OK. His children were Lesly, Liola m. ? Munday, and Marie m. Allen.

2-j. Neil, b. 1864, Mo

- 2-k. Simon, b. 16 Oct 1864, KS; m. 22 Jul 1897, Mary Ann Dobson. He d. 09 Jan 1936. Their children were Alford, Clifton, Bertha, Clemie, Lecie, Wesley, Glen and Dalitha Cockrell.
- 2-l. Wyman, b. 1868, KS  
2-m. Julia, b. 1869, KS  
2-n. Simson, b. 1869, KS  
2-o. Alexander "Zan", b. 1874, KS; d. 1929.
3. Tabitha<sup>1</sup>, b. ca 1835, Johnson Co, MO; m. 26 Mar 1849 in Johnson Co, MO to Samuel Kirby. Their children were:
- 3-a. Nancy, b. 1853  
3-b. Mary J, b. 1857  
3-c. Alexander, b. 1860  
3-d. James m. Susan Cockrell
4. Sarah<sup>1</sup>, b. ca. 1838, Johnson Co, MO; m. 1) 06 Nov 1851 in Johnson Co, MO to John Shelton Fitzgerald, son of Johnston Fitzgerald and Joyce; m. 2) James C. Sharp on 25 Sep 1859. Her children were as follows:
- 4-a. Nancy Jane Fitzgerald, b. 07 Jun 1854, Johnson Co, MO; m. Parry Andrew Olinghouse, son of Isara Olinghouse and Urzilla Largent. Nancy d. 30 Dec 1890 in Oneida, KS. Their children were:
- 4-a-1. John Gerael, b. 05 Feb 1875, IA; d. 20 Apr 1875, IA.
- 4-a-2. William Parry, b. 13 Jan 1876, IA; m. Rachel ?.
- 4-a-3. Clara Ettie, b. 25 Sep 1879, MO; m. Simon Andrew McLaughlin, 18 Dec 1898, in Fouts, OK; d. 1972, Stillwater, OK.
- 4-a-4. Howard Cyrus, b. 20 Aug 1886, Oneida, KS; m. Fanny C. Marrs, 1906, Glencoe, OK; d. 04 Feb 1947, Stillwell, OK.
- 4-a-5. Bertha Jane, b. 25 Sep 1887; m. ? Knox.
- 4-b. Hannah Elizabeth Fitzgerald, b. 1856.

- 4-c. Joel Sharp, b. 1861, MO.  
4-d. Sarah Tabitha Sharp, b. 1862, MO  
4-e. James M. Sharp, b. 1866, MO  
4-f. William A. Sharp, b. 1870, MO  
4-g. Jessie Sharp, b. 1876, MO.  
4-h. infant Sharp, b. 1879, AR

5. William, b. 1840, Johnson Co, MO; m. in Johnson Co, MO on 16 Oct 1859, Elizabeth A. Stevens. William d. 1868.
6. James, b. 1842, Johnson Co, MO.

#### SOURCES:

<sup>1</sup>Probate Records for Simon Cockrell, filed in Van Buren Co, MO, 28 Sep 1843 naming heirs and nominating administrators of estate.

<sup>2</sup>Lafayette Co, MO, Marriage Book B, p. 57, license #183.

<sup>3</sup>*Kentucky's Last Frontier* by Henry P. Scaff, Second Edition, 1972.

<sup>4</sup>*The Early Cockrells in Missouri* by Monroe F. Cockrell, 1966, p. 12.

<sup>5</sup>Johnson Co, Missouri Census reports, 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880.

<sup>6</sup>Will of Nancy West, Johnson Co, Missouri, Will Book G, p. 82.

<sup>7</sup>Will of Morgan Cockrell, dated 19 Jun 1842, filed in Johnson Co, Missouri.

<sup>8</sup>Affidavit of John Evans and Joel Cockrell on Letters of Administration on Estate of Morgan Cockrell, signed 11 Jul 1842, filed Johnson Co, Missouri.

<sup>9</sup>Final Settlement of the Administration of John Evans and Joel Cockerel, administrators for the Estate of Morgan Cockerel, by Jas S Raynol executor of the Estate of John Evans. 8 Jul 1844.

<sup>10</sup>West family New Testament, published in New York by American Bible Society, 1860.

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#### HANNAH ANDREWS COCKRELL

On 13 Feb 1844, William Cockrell, Morgan's brother was in court on Hannah's behalf. They were suing John Evans, Administrator, for Hannah's dower portion of Morgan's estate. On this date they were asking for a continuance until Simon Cockrell, also Morgan's brother, could arrive from KY to testify.

On 10 Mar 1844, Hannah married Washington Howard in Johnson Co, MO. In the Johnson Circuit Court, April Term, 1844, Hannah and Washington Howard are in court petitioning for her dower. Because Morgan had vast holdings of land it was suggested that the land be remeasured to determine the exact value of Hannah's one third dower.

The estate was finally settled on 25 Jul 1844 when Jas. E Raynol, Executor of the Estate of John Evans who had evidently died delivered to Jas. C. Francis, administrator of the Estate of Morgan Cockrell titles of real estate amounting to 2,835.76 acres. Joel Cockrell the other administrator of Morgan's estate had died in Oct 1842. The original measurement had shown 2915.76 acres; but errors were discovered in two deeds executed by Wesley to Morgan Cockerel. The Court recommended the errors be corrected immediately and Wesley Cockerel deeded the heirs an additional 80 acres. The difference of 17.98 acres remaining was explained as an error in patent #9314 when compared to the deed from Jno. T. Marcum.

By April, 1845, Hannah was back in court; this time seeking a divorce from Washington Howard who was no longer residing in the state. Hannah stated that at the time said marriage was contracted, said defendant had a wife then living and that after the marriage of defendant and complainant, the defendant had been guilty of adultery. The Court ordered that the defendant appear in the October Court to answer the complaint and ordered that this order be published for eight weeks successively in some public newspaper in the state with the last insertion thereof to be at least four weeks before the first day of the next term of the Court.

Various depositions were taken and produced in Court. On 22 Nov 1845 Jesse Poor stated that in Jan 1943 Washington Howard came to his house, saying he was from Michigan and was looking for land on which to settle in MO. He prolonged his stay at Jesse's house using the excuse of the weather until the first of April. He then asked Jesse for his daughter Mary Jane's hand in marriage which Jesse refused to give because he felt he did not know Washington. Mary Jane was in Marion County at that time an Washington left the next day for Marion County where he married Mary Jane without Jesse's knowledge. They then returned to Jesse's house where they stayed until later that month when Washington took Mary Jane to KY where he eventually abandoned her. Jesse had to go get her. She had since been divorced from Mr. Howard. Jesse described Washington Howard as 5'11" and about 3/4, dark hair, light or grayish eyes, high forehead with a scar under his chin that he made when shaving at Jesse's house. He was very talkative, a pretended phrenologist and was a great liar. They heard reports that he had another wife in Shelby Co that had come with him from MI. He also boasted of large amounts

of money although Jesse never saw it. When Howard left the last time he told Jesse he was going to MI to settle business but instead went to KY.

Elizabeth Poor, wife of Jesse and mother of Mary Jane, confirmed Jesse's deposition.

On the same date Mary Jane Poor gave her deposition. She stated that she had met him at George Hawkins' in this county (Knox Co, MO). She described him a 5'11" and 3/4, dark hair, high forehead, inclined to wrack his hair in company, grey eyes, fair complexion, large mouth, scar under his chin, inclined to go about in his shirt sleeves or with his coat off, played the fiddle well, was a good dancer, professed to be a phrenologist and was inclined to be thick in flesh.

When he left KY he had a black carton hat, blue frock coat, buttons behind were wearing off in small smooth back, darned collar rusty. Blue dress coat with collar and cuffs she thought were covered with velvet, blue pantaloons and a nice pair of boots. He complained of the corns on his toes giving him trouble and also of a misery in his head which he hurt in a fall. His head was black, very heavy and he wore whiskers when he left.

Mary Jane stated that the marriage occurred on 03 Apr 1843 at the house of William Bass, in Monroe Co, MO, the ceremony performed by Esquire Walker of said county. She added that they left the state and headed for KY in May. On the 18th or 19th of Sep he left her in KY with the explanation that he was going to OH and MI on business. Mary Jane added that she did not believe he went to either of those places but instead went to MO and married Hannah Cockrell.

William Bass then deposed that William M. Walker, Esq. performed the marriage at Bass's house on 3 Apr 1843. His description of Washington Howard agreed with those already given although he added that Howard weighed about 147 lbs.

On 14 Apr 1846, the Circuit Court subpoenaed Coleman F. Chamberlin of Johnson Co to appear at court to testify in the matter of Hannah Howard v. Washington Howard. If he appeared we do not know; but Hannah was granted an annulment in a document that is undated but that stripped Washington Howard of any claim to her pension or property.

On 11 Oct 1849, Hannah Andrews Cockrell m. James Fleming Fitzgerald in Johnson Co, MO. The 1850 Johnson County census lists them on p. 62, dwelling 773, family 778. It lists James as age 23, Hannah 34, her Cockrell children--Alexander, 14; Sally, 12; William, 10; and James, 8; and her new baby James

Fitzgerald, Jr., 3 mos. old. We do not know when Hannah died; but she is believed to be buried in Williamstown, Jefferson Co, KS.

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### NANCY COCKRELL WEST

For years genealogists have speculated that Morgan was married prior to marrying Hannah because of the date of Nancy's birth. Bella Hughes does not believe this is true and makes a good case for believing that Nancy was born to Hannah and Morgan prior to their marriage. After looking at her proofs, I tend to agree with Bella.

In the 1830 census, Morgan is living in Lafayette Co, MO. His household consists of one male between 30 and 40, and one female between 15 and 20 with one male slave between 10 and 24. Bella believes the female is Hannah who would have been about 14. Morgan would have been about 42. It is certainly possible that he shaved a few years off his age and added a few to Hannah's. Certainly, if Hannah was Cherokee, the irregular living arrangement would be even more understandable. There is also the fact that there was not always a preacher available to marry couples when they were ready to marry. Many couples started their lives together and even their families months before they were actually married.

Morgan's will stated: "Know all men by these presents that Morgan Cockrell...do this day will and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Nancy Cockrell an equal share in my real and personal estate. My wish is that she shall inherit the same amount as the rest of my beloved children..." Bella points out that if Nancy were born before her parents' marriage she would be named separately as Morgan did to legitimize her to the community and in the eyes of the law. Without this, she would not have inherited. The case is further strengthened for Nancy because she is also named as one of Morgan's heirs in the property division of her grandfather, Simon.

I believe that Bella has finally cleared the question of whether or not Nancy was the daughter of a previous marriage by Morgan.

Nancy's will was written on 08 May 1899 and witnessed by J. N. Allsworth, J. D. Lynch and J. E. Farner. She d. 08 Oct 1906 in Johnson Co, MO.

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### COCKRELL FIGHTS IN THE BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO IN THE WAR FOR TEXAS INDEPENDENCE

I found the following information at McLennan Co, TX Courthouse in early 1993:

DB 42, p. 461: Patent #235, P. H. Bell, Governor of the State of TX grants to John R. Cockell and his assigns and heirs forever 640A of land in Milam District, McLennan Co, on Wasp Creek a branch of the middle Bosque about 17 miles above Waco by virtue of Donation warrant #216 issued by the Adj. Gen. on 16 Aug 1850 in consideration of the sd. Cockrell having participated in the Battle of San Jacinto in survey in name of George Givens. 04 Apr 1853; filed for record 24 Jul 1883 at 3:30 p.m.

DB 60, p. 363: State of TX, Bell County, Before the undersigned authority this day personally appeared Cary White to me well known who being by me duly sworn on oath deposed and says that he is well acquainted personally with Mrs. Eva Hughs who resides in said State and County. That said Mrs. Eva Hughs is affiant's granddaughter, that her father's name was John R. Cockrill who died in Milam County, TX about the year 1846, leaving surviving him his wife (mother of sd. Eva Hughs) and two children. Viz: Said Eva and Thomas, both then small children. The wife of said John R. Cockrill died a short while a few months or weeks only after the death of said John R Cockrill and that his son Thomas Cockrill above named died at the age of 17 years (during the late war) leaving no heirs having never been married and that said Eva afterward married Haywood Hughs who is now dead and that said Mrs. Eva Hughs is the only heir at law of her said father John R. Cockrill and of her said mother and brother Thomas Cockrill. I state all of the above facts from my own personal knowledge of the same. I reside in Bell County, TX about 15 miles SW of Belton at Prairie Dell--Post office address Salada, Bell Co, TX. Signed: Cary White. Sworn to and subscribed before me as witnesses my hand and Seal of Office at Belton, TX this 10th day of Oct AD 1887. W.W. Upshaw, Co Clerk, Bell County, TX.

Filed for record 28 Oct 1887 at 10:15 a.m.

In Washington County, TX marriage records in Book 1, p. 8, license issued 24 Jul 1844, marriage performed 25 Jul 1844, J. R. Cockrell and Miss C. R. White, by PG Haynes, filed for record 21 Nov 1844.

In a book titled *First Settlers of the Republic of Texas* for Matagorda Co, 3rd Class is listed #82, John R. Cockrill. Under 1st Class is listed #289, Archibald W. Bass, 1/2, John P. Cockrill, assignee and under 2nd class, #85, John P. Cockrill, 640A, 10 May 1838.

A 1st Class headright was granted by delegates who adopted the Constitution of the Republic of TX to all whites (one league and one labor--more than 4000A--to heads of household, 1/3 league to single men 17 years or older) who were living in TX at the date of declaration of independence and who did not leave or refuse to fight.

A 2nd Class headright was granted to all whites who arrived after 02 Mar 1836 and before 01 Oct 1837, provided they stayed three years (Heads of families received 1280A and single men 640A).

A 3rd Class headright was granted whites who arrived after 01 Oct 1837 and before 01 Jan 1842 (Heads of families received 640A; single men 320A).

A notation at the TX State Archives indicates that John R. Cockrill was of the TN Cockrills as was S.W. Cockrell who m. Edney Burkett, 12 Feb 1838 in Washington Co, TX. The marriage was performed by Jno. Powers, JP and return made on 22 Feb.

Can anyone identify these two Cockrell/Cockrill men? Was J.P. Cockrill above the same as J.R.? Could J.P. have been the father?

#### MCLENNAN CO, TX RECORDS

Other Cockrell records found included the following:

Marriage license issued to Mr. Richard Cockeral and Miss Martha Harris, 17 Sep 1868; executed 17 Sep 1868 by Ben Crain, E.B. Church

Marriage license issued to J. E. Cockrell and Miss Sarah Stallard, 13 May 1892; executed 13 May 1892 by P. E. Nicholson, local elder.

Marriage license issued to W. M. Cockrell and Mrs. V. M. Hilliard, 22 Oct 1894; executed 22 Oct 1894 by A. Badelow, Catholic Priest.

Marriage license issued to Jeff Cockrell & Miss Mimmia Walton 27 Jul 1895, executed 28 Jul 1895 by R. W. Pauley, J.P.

Marriage license issued to W. W. Cockrell & Miss Nevada Williamson, 24 Feb 1897, executed 25 Feb 1897 by W. F. Jeffreys, C.D.G.

Marriage license issued to Robert Cockrell and Miss Tennie Tarry 14 Jun 1901, executed 16 Jun 1901 by J.P. Lowry.

Marriage license issued to C. V. Jarrell and Miss Annie Cockrell 02 Dec 1903, executed 02 Dec by Milton S. Hothkiss-Ordained Minister, MECS.

Marriage license issued to Cleveland Hamilton and Miss Sallie Cockrell, 06 May 1911, executed 09 May by E. C. Christian, Minister, Gospel of Christ.

Marriage license issued to J. L. Cockrell and Aileen Mullins 27 Jul 1911, executed 27 Jul by J. N. Jenkins, Pastor, New Hope Baptist Church.

Marriage license issued to C. E. Cockrell and Miss Annie Scott, 23 Sep 1911, executed 01 Oct by T. R. Robertson, J.P. of Bosque Co.

#### HOW MANY OF THESE COCKRELLS CAN WE IDENTIFY?

DB 93, p. 440: 15 Feb 1892 signed by numerous citizens giving 70' wide strip of land to City of Waco for Third St. Includes J.W. Cockrell and wife Sallie.

DB B, p. 117: Edwd. McDonnell, S. Cottrell & H.J. Manclarke sell to Latitia C. Illingworth for \$100...4A from survey granted by the State to John Morrow & formerly in possession of Thomas H. Barron. Signed 31 Mar 1851.

DB B, p. 247: Public instrument between Franklin Barnes of McLennan County & Samuel Cottrell of same county. Mr. Barnes for \$100 has sold to Mr. Cottrell the following lands: lots 6 and 7 in B#14 in the town of Waco on 15 Mar 1852. Signed Franklin Barnes. Witnesses: Daniel Robinson, Alvah Bray

DB A, p. 157: S.P. Ross is held & firmly bound unto S. Cottrell & H.J. Manclarke in the penal sum of \$2500 payment of which I bind myself and heirs. Condition of above obligation is such that for & in consideration of the sum of \$1800 for which a promissory note has been given by S. Cottrell & H.J. Manclarke, conjointly to be paid 18 mos. from date of this instrument, the aforesaid S.P. Ross has sold to the aforesaid S. Cottrell & H.J. Manclarke, conjointly, 540A of land situated on Elm Creek in the County of Falls, the unsold portion of the headright of S.P. Ross for 640A, land patent #694. Dated 09 Dec 1851. If Cottrell & Manclarke pay sum of \$1800 on or before expiration of 18 mos & if Ross makes a full & complete warantee title then this obligation shall be null & void; otherwise shall remain in full force and effect. 31 Mar 1851. S. P. Ross; Witnesses: D. C. Heffington, Jas. O. Illingworth

DB A, p. 647: Charles F. Mackenzie for \$250 pd by Samuel Cottrell do sell sd Cottrell a certificate for 640A of land in Charles Fenton Mercer's Colony, No. 844, originally granted in Hunt Co at Greenville on 07 May

1850 to William Kinsey by J. M. Crockett, commissioner of Mercer's Colony. 16 Mar 1852

DB 81, p. 624: James I Moore for the sum of \$10 pd by J.W. Cockrell & further consideration of his note for \$750 payable in 50 monthly installments of \$15 each to Waco Building Assn, dated 31 Aug 1889, land beginning at SE corner of lot sold by M.A. Blocker to one Saddler in the W line of S Third St extended from the City of Waco...31 Aug 1889.

DB 100, p. 241: Said note by J.W. Cockrell to Waco Building Assn. has been fully paid and lien is released. 28 Jun 1894.

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### KENTUCKY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

The Archives Branch of the Public Records Division of the Kentucky Dept. of Libraries and Archives published the following information sheet on county development. I thought it might be helpful to those of us researching in KY.

Most of what is now KY was part of Fincastle Co, VA when it was created in 1772. In 1776 Fincastle became extinct and its territory divided into three counties--one of which was Kentucky Co, VA. In 1780, the VA Legislature divided Kentucky Co into Jefferson, Fayette and Lincoln Counties, VA.

By about 1783 residents of the KY area had migrated from PA, NC, MD, etc. as well as VA. Agitation for separation from VA increased. By the time KY became a state in 1792, there were nine VA counties: Nelson, created in 1785; Bourbon, Mercer and Madison in 1786; and Mason and Woodford in 1789.

Much genealogical material from the 1780's may be found in these early counties.

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### MARRIAGE RECORDS OF ALLEN CO, KY 1815-1865

In the early 1940's Ms. Ona A Willoughby of Scottsville, KY performed a valuable service for genealogists. She copied and indexed records at the County because the Court Clerk's Office at Scottsville, Allen Co, KY was destroyed by fire in October 1902. These are the only Cockrell records which survived for the period above.

Wm. A. Cockerill m. Mary Hinton, 03 Feb 1862

James Cockerill m. Elizabeth Venable, 16 Jul 1827  
Larkin D. Cockerill m. Diadima Stamps, 29 Oct 1829  
Joseph Cockerill m. Sarah Meredith, 17 Feb 1835  
Harrison Cockerill m. Levina Stovall, 17 Nov 1836  
Sidenham P. Cockerill m. Mary Wickware, 12 May 1837

James A. Cockerill m. Elizabeth Blackburn, 16 Oct 1837

Rowman C. Cockerill m. Jane Goodman, 20 Jan 1840  
William B. Cockerill m. Levina Logan, 2 May 1826  
Johnson H. Cockerill m. Mary F. Siddens, 25 Jul 1854  
Polly Cockerill m. Alexander Ritchey, 25 May 1816  
Frances Cockerill m. Washington Mansfield, (no return), 5 Apr 1817

Lucinda Cockerill m. William Hagan, 3 May 1828  
Cynthia Cockerill m. William Blackburn, 18 Sep 1831

Mary F. Cockerill m. Travis A. Read, 11 Sep 1839 (no return)

Mary Frances Cockerill m. John Pearson, 16 Mar 1842

--- E. Cockerill m. Newton J. Atwood, 24 Sep 1851  
Zura Cockerill m. James W. Bird, 3 Feb 1862

### ALLEN COUNTY CEMETERY RECORDS

Ms. Willoughby provided these as well:

New Salem Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, located one mile from the Amos store on Hwy 99/100 SE of Scottsville

Cockrill, Gertie, 31 Aug 1897 - 24 Dec 1974

Cockrill, Joe V, 2 Jun 1885 - 19 Apr 1970

Next to these people are at least six unmarked graves and one funeral marker.

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### ALLEN COUNTY, KY WILLS & SETTLEMENTS 1815-1902

This book was compiled by Rabold & Price from boxes of old records that are rapidly deteriorating. Ona Willoughby had prepared an Index to the wills in 1942. The authors spent many hours sorting the pages and bits and pieces of pages to copy as much information as possible. They did not attempt to reorganize the information according to dates because many of them were missing.

Will of Elijah Cusenberry, written 08 Apr 1816,



probated 19 Sep 1825. To my beloved wife Polly, her lifetime or widowhood, then divided equally between my children with the following exceptions. To daughter Obedience Cockrill and Elizabeth Wickware, \$400 less than the rest of my children who have not received any part of my estate. The following to receive the sum of \$400, to wit: Harvey Cusenberry, Neil Mekan Cusenberry, Harrison Cusenberry, Lucinda Cusenberry. Balance of estate to be equally divided among my children.

Will of Johnson J. Cockrill, written 21 Aug 1850, probated 11 Aug 1851. To my beloved wife, Obedience Cockrill, all my estate both real and personal for her natural life or widowhood. To daughter Lee Ann E Cockrill, negro girl Mariah and \$150. I give her more because of her crippled condition. My son-in-law Arthur T. Read, pay to executor \$75 for 60 acres of land being surveyed to him this day for purpose of furnishing my daughter Lee Ann a horse, bridle and saddle, the only one of my children I have not given one to.

It is my intention to send my negro man Zach this fall to my son Sidenham P. Cockrill, worth \$400, to sell. I authorize him to keep the \$400 for himself. The remainder of my estate at wife's death or marriage to be divided equally between all my children except Lee Ann for whom I have provided. I wish my two sons, Thomas J. and Johnson H. Cockrill have land on which I now live.

It is my will that said children be charged upon a division of my estate for advances I have made them, namely: Son, Sidenham P. Cockrill, \$100 and negro Zach for a total of \$500; Son, Elijah M. Cockrill, tract of land worth \$423, negro girl, bed and furniture for total of \$848; To son, Ben F. Cockrill, \$225 cash, \$200 from Clary money, and \$25 from Tindle, negro girl, and horse for total of \$582; To daughter, Mary F. Read, house and lot in Scottsville at \$250, and negro woman for total of \$400; To sons, Thomas J. and Johnson H., I have authorized them to receive from Travis A Read the residue of the money from 60A of land I have this day sold to him. Executor, wife Obedience Cockrill. Witness: Lemuel Swearingen and T. M(?). Burton.

Deed Book J, p. 590, 07 Nov 1853, Deed by heirs to Thomas J. and Johnson H. Cockrill. It was signed by Obedience Cockrill, widow; Sydanham P Cockrill, and Mary E., his wife; E. M. Cockrill and Melvina J., his wife; Ben F. Cockrill and Amanda J., his wife; Travis A. Read and Mary F., his wife; and Newton J. Atwood and Lee Ann, his wife.

Will of Newton J. Atwood, written 02 Nov 1854, probated 15 Nov 1854. I give the whole of my estate both real and personal to my wife Lee Ann during her widowhood and after her marriage to my daughter (Mary Tom Atwood). I appoint Thomas J. Atwood, executor. Witness: Robert F. Pulliam, A. C. Atwood and William M. Atwood

Will of Theodorick A. Meredith, written 20 Aug 1860, probated Dec 1863. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Lynn one dollar together with that I have already given her. To my daughter Katharine Venible, deceased, heirs, namely: Clarinda Venible and Jackson Venible one dollar together with what I have already given. To my daughter Sally Cockrill one dollar together with what I have already given. To my son Younger Meredith one dollar together with what I have already given to him. To my wife, Elizabeth Meredith all my estate both real and personal during her natural life to educate my three children Manda Meredith, Lucinda Meredith, John E. Meredith and also the raising of her two children and educating them, Everline Frances Oliver and Jesse Oliver. After my wife's death I wish the remainder to go to my son, John E. Meredith to be his forever. I appoint wife executor. Witness: Jas. Motley, James Weaver, Henry T. Motley

Elizabeth Meredith made bond with James Motley and David A. Meredith as security.

Inventory of William Cockrill estate dated 21 Mar 1825 by W. Thomas, Benjamin Benedict and Anderson Giles. Sale of estate executed 30 Oct 1824.

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### JOHNSON J. COCKRILL FAMILY

From the information above we can put together a family group sheet for this man's immediate family:

Johnson J. Cockrill m. Obedience Cusenberry before 08 Apr 1816 when her father, Elijah Cusenberry, wrote his will. Johnson J. Cockrill d. between Aug 1850 and Aug 1851. He was probably born before 1800. Their children were:

1. Sidenham P. m. Mary Wickware, 12 May 1837
2. Elijah M. m. Melvina J. ?
3. Ben F. m. Amanda J. ?
4. Mary F. m. Travis A. (or Arthur T.) Read 11 Sep 1839

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5. Thomas J.
6. Johnson H. m. Mary F. Siddens, 25 Jul 1854
7. Lee Ann E. m. Newton J. Atwood, 24 Sep 1851;  
Newton d. Nov. 1854

In Volume 1, Issue 3, I reported on the family of William Cockrill who married Frances Jones. Johnson J. Cockrill is listed as his son with a birthdate of ca. 1784, NC, Marriage 1815, Warren Co, KY.

I have to admit that I don't recognize several of these Cockrells. Can anyone help identify them? Several different lines named a son Harrison but this one does not seem to fit with any of those with whom I am familiar. I've never heard of Rowman C. before. Zura is a new given name as well. Let's see if we can identify some of these Allen Co, KY Cockrells.

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Cockrell genealogists who are furthering our knowledge of our familing include:

**RON BREMER:** For years Ron has traveled around the nation giving "how to" genealogy talks. While he traveled, he was visiting libraries and looking in filing cabinets at family folders stored there by patrons. He has now catalogued all these family folders in one data base and will search for your surname for \$25. The folders consist of mostly unpublished collections of genealogical information. Many one-of-a-kind family histories are deposited here. Each folder will, of course, differ in contents. Usually they will contain pedigree charts, family group sheets, obituary records, cemetery records, military records, correspondence, etc. This is a great tool to help you locate your ancestors. If you're interested, write Ron at PO Box 16422, Salt Lake City, UT 84116-0422 for details.

**JIM BURGESS:** Cockrell Collections is a website started by Jim Burgess. He hoped to start one site for one family. He thought that it would be great if genealogists would develop their own website for either a family or a state that would be connected to Cockrell Collections. Then, family members or state residents, as the case might be, would post their information, update it periodically, refer newcomers to the Cockrell Collections, etc. Right now, he is feeling

that he did not communicate his concept very well to the rest of us. We all need to send him a biography. I would like to complete the website I started, however, I admit to being somewhat overwhelmed. I'm not sure how to go about it.

Perhaps we all need to commit to adding our original research to a website that we can connect to Cockrell Collections. I emphasize original research because we need to start with what we know and can prove and work backwards. If we each did this, we would be providing an invaluable aid to other researchers.

We might also consider choosing something smaller than a state--like a county within a state. If we each were able or willing to commit the time, we could really start to connect families. Email your biography to Jim at [burgess@futureone.com](mailto:burgess@futureone.com) and visit the Cockrell Collections at [www.futureone.com](http://www.futureone.com).

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## Announcements

### REUNION 2000

Ron Bremer has suggested that we organize a Cockrell Reunion for the year 2000. He suggests some place like Kansas City, MO because of its central location. We need people to volunteer for a committee to organize this undertaking. At a minimum I think we need someone to arrange accomodations, both for a place to meet and for hotel rooms; someone to notify Cockrell Reunion organizations and/or Cockrells around the nation; someone to arrange an itinery for the meeting; and someone to arrange the gathering of genealogical information from Cockrells both in attendance and unable to attend. It would be a mammoth undertaking and a year and a half might not be enough time.

Would anyone out there like to volunteer or offer suggestions. How about a group of Cockrells getting together in a chat room or in person to brainstorm on what would be needed to plan a reunion of this nature. I'd like to hear from you regarding this proposition. Feel free to call me, Email me or write me with your thoughts.

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