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NELMS FAMILY

Indian Territory  
Genealogical and Historical Society

Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464  
March 10, 1974

Mr. Henry B. Swires

Huntington Beach, Ca. 92647

Dear Mr. Swires:

Your letter of February 22 was turned over to me .  
Mr. W.E. Stanford passed a few years ago and I am now corresponding  
secretary for the Society.

I have checked Starrs History of the Cherokees which has  
a section of genealogies of some Cherokee families. Also the Final  
Roll Book for the Cherokees and I do not find your family names  
of Goodwin Nelms and Swan.

What year was the Indian payment which Ann Mary and her  
sisters received payment? We have the 1856 Cherokee Payment roll  
here in the library. I can check that if it is the right year.

I did find the following information on Nelms and one  
Swan which I will include. Unless your family lived in the Indian  
Territory or Cherokee Nation at the time of final enrollment, I'm  
afraid they will not be listed on any Final Rolls of the Cherokees  
made in 1902-1906.

If we can be of further help to you in your research we  
shall be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

*Mrs Theodore Hall*

Mrs. Theodore Hall  
Corresponding Secretary

Our People and Where They Rest

By - James W. Tyner and Alice Tyner Timmons.

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Washington Cemetery (East Half)

Location: Sec. 10, R17E, T22N, Rogers County, Oklahoma

Condition: Fenced and maintained.

Remarks: This was established as one of the very old Indian Cemeteries. Probably started by the Nelms family in the 1870's or earlier. It may have also been known as the Nelms Cemetery or Dog Creek Cemetery.

No. 21.	Adam Nelms	born 1880 - 1964
22.	Ross Nelms	# 1912 - 1962
23.	Fannie Nelms	" 1871 - 1955
24.	Infant girl Nelms	October 9, 1937
25.	Ellen Nelms	" 1891 - 1922
26.	Ibbie Nelms	" 1851 - 1926
36.	John Nelms	" 1878 - 1907
37.	Luke Nelms	" 1880 - 1908
38.	John Nelms	" 1840 - 1900
40.	B. Swan	died April 11, 1908
48.	Samuel Nellems	" 1877 - 1879
50.	Emaline Nellems	" 1873 - 1874
51.	Sarah Nellems	" 1877 - 1878
52.	Johnson Nellems	" 1879 - 1881
53.	Felix Nellems	" 1883 - 1884
54.	Nancy Nellems	" 1853 - 1885
55.	Arch Nelms	" 1842 - 1888
56.	Jessie May Nelms	June-July 1910
57.	Rachel Nelms	" 1881 - 1906
58.	Francis M. Nelms	" 1906 - 1907
59.	Renow Nelms	" 1909 - 1911
87.	W.J. Nellems	" 1881 - 1883
88.	Louis Nellems	" 1887 - 1883
89.	Frank Nellems	" 1883 - 1884

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Stokes Cemetery- Washington County, Oklahoma.

No. 165 Darius B. Swan " 1871 - 1898

N. Bressanford

apt 905  
Houston, Texas 77033

Dear Gas Sures,

I have just noticed in  
the Genealogical Helper  
that you are interested

in the Nelms family

I've been to find the  
ancestry of one Ann Nelms

wife of Shadrach Griffin  
of Newbern Co. Ga. She

had daughters Mary Anne

Griffin b 1799 - married  
George Washington Holland 1816

- to James Coza 1817. Ann was

daughter of John Nelms - want  
his wife's parents will be

lost to "exchange" Nelms  
information with you

Cordially, Uva Link Ekhardt

WITH THE VERY BEST OF WISHES

AND TO ALL, GOOD CHEER

MERRY CHRISTMAS



For a

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



11. N. Beeswood # 905-

Houston, Texas, 77035-

Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, 1974

Dear Mrs Squires:

I haven't had much time for writing lately, but do want to thank you for all the information you were so generous as to give me. Will send you some other material next time - not sure you have Allen so let me know. I have more on Allen than on the others - have just started on Nelms - so anxious to find proof that my Mary Anne Gaffin (b 1794) Manderson Colby was dau of Shadrach Gaffin + Ann Nelms, doe by John Nelms that is all I know except.

I have recently learned that Shadrach  
Giffin also came to Georgia, as did Mary  
Ann & her husband John Washington Holland

I will greatly appreciate just any  
material on any of these families - of  
the ones on the enclosed list - see if  
you have any of them also.

glad to share with you anything I have

Love

Wm. Lusk Edwards

(Mrs W. P. Jr)



A L L E N (Mrs. W.R. Eckhardt, Jr.,  
Sept. 20th, 1974

Carolyn Aileen Wheeler b. Dec. 12, 1941, Harris County, Texas m. May 29, 1965  
TERRY DALE ALLEN, Harris County, Texas. Carolyn is a graduate of Sam Houston.

From Mrs. Cecil C. Holmes, 1508 Yows Street, Borger, Texas, 79007.

Oct. 11, 1966:

"Dear Mrs. Eckhardt: Glad to have your note, - just returned from trip to Clay County, Kentucky where I got acquainted with many ALLENS in person, and I found one of my missing ancestors. As soon as I get my notes assembled, I'll send you some of what I now know - maybe it will help others who write to you. I'll also spread the word of your missing SAMUEL W.

Sincerely, Bee Holmes."

Books on ALLEN may be secured at Goodspeed's Book Shop 18 Beacon Stl, Boston 8, Mass.

21 Jan. 1812, RICHARD ALLEN and Tabitha Southall, daughter of John Southall, who consents. Witnesses - to consent - Barnett Southall, Henry Southall & Jesse Southall married 24 Jan. by REV. RICHARD ALLEN, P.A.-2. (see RICHARD ALLEN).

CHESTER COUNTY, S.C. \* Deed Book I pp. 76-77. cc. 13, 1829 - James Head to John Calvin, Sr. 172 acres on Headwaters of Little Sandy River granted to John & John Franklin, sold to William Shar - Shaw to Henry Head; Henry to James Head; James Head to John Calvin, bounded by Moses McKee; Thomas G. Blissett, obt. Kennedy and Wm. Pratt - in Chester - witnesses by Burr H. Head and WILLIAM ALLEN.

Frances E. Harris b. 19 Jan. 1828, married \_\_\_\_\_ ALLEN, Virginia

OVERSHAWTON PARISH REGISTER, STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

George Waller, Montlawn, 1703-circa 1768 - of Spring Hill & ELIZABETH ALLEN his wife were survived by 9 children viz: (1) Col. Geo. Waller (1734-1814) m. Ann Winston Carr (1735-1839) moved to Henry Co., Va.; they were the fr-fr-fr-parents of HENRY SAM RAYBURN, Speaker of the House of Representatives &c &c. Wm. Waller (ca 1673-1703) left w sons. (1) Wm. Waller who m. his cousin, SARAH ALLEN, dau. of WILLIAM ALLEN (ca 1675-1741) and (2) George Waller of Spring Hill. These two brothers whose wives were sisters, have many descendants. John Waller (1732-1784) son of Wm. & SARAH (ALLEN) Waller married in 1751 Mary Matthews (3) sons who early settled in Ky &c &c....

Susannah Waller dau. of Charles & Elizabeth ("cousin") Waller m. James Withers, son of John Withers (1714-1794) and HANNAH ALLEN, his wife, daughter of WILLIAM ALLEN (ca 1675-1741) - had 9 children. The 1st wife of William Waller of Concord was ELIZABETH ALLEN, dau. of WILLIAM & BRIDGET (WITHERS) ALLEN. (2) Margaret Waller (3) Ursula Withers).

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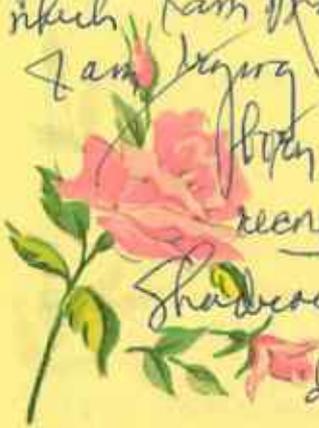
"HERALDRY" - \$12.00 P.O.Box 365, Carpinteria, Calif 93013 - Cost - of Arms - detailed family name with information on family in Europe....

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April 21, 1974

Dear Mrs. Swire

Sorry I "gave up" on the Baker family and gave my "Bakers Dozen" to the library, but can find for a few days from time to time. They were on lists which my husband's Shunier family & Elizabeth Co. N.C. thought the wife of Samuel Shunier Sr. might be a Baker not sure if the notes as grandparents - they are connected to my Hopkins family in the Carolinas - also to my Nichols in Perry, Seward Co. Va, as have been many other just in case if you have Helms that is a family which I am more interested than in the other - I am trying to prove that my Mary Anne Guffin born 1759 in Henderson Co. Va (Shunier records are local) was daughter of the Shadcock Guffin whose wife was Ann Helms daughter of a John Helms



Mary Ann Jappin married George Hodgson in Holland  
in 1817 and moved to Jasper County Georgia.  
Shobach Jappin does come to Georgia

I know no more of the Japs, Nelms is fact  
have almost nothing on Nelms but would gladly  
appreciate just anything on Nelms another.

If you have description of coats - of - arms  
of Baker - Goodwin or Nelms would appreciate  
that too as I am collecting these from Englishish  
paints beautifully

Will be glad to copy Baker, Goodwin, Goodwin  
& Nelms data for you. Thank you for  
writing

Sincerely  
Wm Lusk Edwards



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ASSORTED NOTES:

N E L M S Mrs. W. R. Eckhardt, Jr.,  
Jan. 29, 1972

May 5, 1785 - ISLE OF WIGHT CO. VA. - 15-666 - Robert Holland, Arthur Whitehead and Sally his wife of Southampton Co. - Va. and Robert Holland. - 209 acres beginning in Cypress Swamp at an ash standing in the mouth of Crow Branch to an oak standing in Wm. Eley's line - down said branch to Robert Eley's line - JOHN NELM'S line.

Apr. 7, 1789 - 16 - 192 Robert Holland & wife Patience & Hancock Barrett of Southampton Co. tract of land - 350 a. & the reversion and reversion remainder & beginning at a gum - on mouth of Crow Branch - out of Chapel wamp - thence down to mouth of Jackson's Branch, up to line (pine) - JOHN NELM'S line.

LIBERTY CO. GA.: Andrew Maybank Admr of J. NELMS estate Vs. West Harris - death of deft. suggested of record.

SAMUEL H. NELMS m. Sarah Holland, Greene Co. Ga. 28 Dec. 1815 (or 1865)

SARAH (NELMS) HOLLAND, sister of Mary Holland Goodwin & HARRISON (or H.W.) HOLLAND b. 1786.

Simeon Rayley called Simon in war records & Simmons in will, (last name Everett - lived & d. in Bedford Co. Va. (granted land there 1771; m. 2nd (not known where) 1775, ELIZABETH NELMS, dau. of \_\_\_\_\_ NELMS & wife, who was SUSANNAH BAUGHAN, dau. of John Vaughan of old Appahannock Co. Va.. Tradition says she owned 6 miles of land on the Potomac River and we find records in Va Land Office - grants aggregating 5000 - 6000 acres to John Vaughan of this same Co. betwn Cedar Is. Cr. and Potomac Rifer in & between 1643 & 1665. Simeon & ELIZABETH (NELMS) Everett had (1) Huldaj, living 1853, Bedford Co. Va. and others...  
*cred be rans (Have you anything on the descendants of these?)*

JOHN NELMS - witness to will of Burwell Williamson of Southampton Co., Va. (d. May 22, 1799 - Rev. Nov. 8, 1799)

JOHN NELMS - Juror, Liberty Co., Ga. Inferior Court Nov. 20, 1809  
THOMAS NELMS, JUNR - Juror Inf. Ct. Liberty Co. Ga. 1803, June 27

J. Walter Holland b. Oct. 19, 1800 m. RUBY B. NELMS

JOHN NELMS SR. & JOHN NELMS JR. signed Nansemond Co. Va. Legislative Petitions

THOMAS NELMS apptd gdn. for Adolphus S. Holland 1838, Newton Co Ga. Ct. of Ord. Minute Bk 1 - Bond - \$1400.00 W.D. Luckie, Bondsman

LIBERTY CO. GA. Deed Book "B" p. 291 - John Mitchell Jr. & John Mitchell Sr. Bill of Sale dtd Aug. 27, 1789 for 27 head of slaves. witness ELIZA NELMS &c.

J. Walter Holland who m. RUBY B. NELMS Oct. 17, 1800 was son of John Hardy Holland & Sarah J. Stringfield of Isle of Wight Co., Va. Mrs. J.S. Scales, 200 N. Wash St., Starkville, Miss wants parents for Wilton Gay & wife LUCY NELMS of Va. (their son Simon Gay b. 21 Apr.

1821, Surax Co. Va.....

NELMS (Mrs. W.R. Eckhardt, Jr.,  
May 17, 1974

NORTHUMBERLAND CO., VA. WILLS, 1718 - 1726:

P. 53: WILLIAM NELMS, W W 28 - Apr. 1719. W.P. 17 Aug. 1719. "Son SAMUEL NELMS - horse, bridle, saddle, pistols & holsters, my still and worm, Negro girl Matt and the plantation whereon I now live, to him & his heirs.

"Son WILLIAM NELMS, land which I bought of Samuel Smith deceased, lying in little Wiccocomo River side to him & his heirs lawfully begotten of his body. Also a horse, bridle, saddle, a Negro boy or girl that is suitable to his age, and one thousand pounds of tobacco.

"Daughter ELIZABETH NELMS, Negro girl Moll, a feather-bed & furniture; three pewter dishes and a half dozen plates to her & her heirs.

"Daughter WINNEYPRED NELMS, mulatto girl Betty, a feather bed & furniture, 6 pewter dishes & a half dozen plates to her and her heirs.

"Daughter ANGELICO NELMS - Negro girl Lucy, a feather bed & furniture; three pewter dishes and a half dozen plates to her & her heirs.

"Daughter MARY NELMS, Negro girl Beck, a feather-bed & furniture, 3 pewter dishes & a half dozen plates to her & her heirs.

"Daughter HANNAH NELMS, Negro girl or boy of 10 or 11 yrs. of age, a feather bed & furniture, 3 pewter dishes & half dozen plates to her & her heirs.

"Daughter SARAH NELMS, a Negro girl or boy suitable to her age, a feather-bed & furniture, 3 pewter dishes and a half dozen plates to her & her heirs.

"Estate of my sons, SAMUEL & WILLIAM, a feather bed and furniture, if any; if not each a Flock bed.

Wife, ELIZABETH NELMS, 2 Negro women Nan & Jane, one feather-bed & furniture; her horse & saddle & two suits of cloaths.

"After my decease my sons SAMUEL NELMS & WILLIAM NELMS TO BE OF AGE TO take their estates into their own possession when either of them attains the age of twenty one years.

"My daughters, ELIZABETH & WINNEYPRED, ANGELIES, MARY, HANNAH & SARAH - to have their estates at the age of 21 or day of marriage, which shall happen first.

"If any of the Negroes given to my children should die before my children receive them, the Negroes that die are to be made good out of my old stock, if any.

"If any of my sons & daughters should die before they come of age, their estates to be divided equally among the rest of my children & wife.

"Wife, ELIZABETH NELMS to possess my dwelling plantation during her widowhood.

"My son SAMUEL to take his part along with him where he now lives. If my wife should marry a man as my children can't agree with, then each daughter so disgracing to have her estate at age of 15 years.

"Rest of my estate whatsoever, real or personal to be divided equally between my wife and children.

WILLIAM NELMS "

Witnesses: Richard Haynie, Jr., Thomas Harding & Simon Bowlen.

NORTHUMBERLAND CO., VA. ORDER BOOK 1729 - 1737:

P. 119 - WILLIAM NELMS, estate adm. by JOSHUA NELMS, 17 Oct. 1733.

P. 265. RICHARD NELMS, est. adm. by SAMUEL NELMS JUNR. 12 July, 1737

P. 144 - CHARLES NELMS - will probated 17 Sept. 1733 by WILLIAM NELMS, SAMUEL NELMS & Samuel Downing, the Exors. (original)

WILLIAM NELMS, a witness to will of Sarah Bowley of St. Stephens Parish, 17 January 1737/8 - 10 July, 1738.

N E L M S (Mrs. W. R. Eckhardt, Jr.,  
July 8th, 1974

COBY -

From letter of Mrs. Henry Burton Swires, 16652 Lucia Lane,  
Huntington Beach, Cal. 92647: Dec. 13, 1973:

"..... Thank you so much for answering my query. You are the first person to answer my queries either this year or last. I received questions on the wife of WESLEY NELMS..... AKA BABY GOODWIN. My research has not been too diligent because my Swires line suddenly opened up the earlier part of last year and most of my time went into furthering that search. I, too, have the listing of the people who are registered with a surname index. I received many GOODWIN, one of whom was Charles Henderson, who now resides in Yakima, Wash. and who sent me his line. It centers around Hamilton County, Ohio. So far I have done nothing on this line.....

"My NELMS research has turned up the family of JOHN NELMS who came to Fannin County, Texas from Ky. There are four books on the NELMS.... ALLEN... DAMRON. I have them but the research on the era you are interested in lists only names...state and a date. There is no way to pinpoint the date.

Descendants of CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS NELMS...b 1619...London, England  
Sons, ROBERT, RICHARD, THOMAS and CHARLES, born in Virginia. 1671 Va.  
Children, WILLIAM, SAMUEL, EDWIN.

WILLIAM NELMS married Elizabeth Bledsoe in Va. 1679. Ch: SAMUEL,  
JOSHUA, ELIZABETH (1707 Va.) MARY, HANNAH, AN FLINK & SARAH.

JOSHUA NELMS born 1705 in Virginia married Sarah Northern.

Children....no ANN.

JOHN NELMS, born 1731, in Virginia married Sarah Wiseman (the same as 5 generations back.....and 100 years later.

Children: WILLIAM, b. 1756....Va....CHARLES, b. 1759 Va.;  
MARY, b. Va. 1761 m. Samuel Corbett 1785 Va. and AARON, b. 1763  
Va. and RACHEL, b. 1765, in Va.

WILLIAM NELMS married Grace Ball of Va. 1775.

Children:

PRESLEY, AARON, SARAH, ELLENDER, EDWIN & PENELOPE  
PRESLEY NELMS born 1775 Va. married Frances Lunsford. 1794.

Children:

THOMAS, 1795, JOHN ARCHIBALD, 1797, RICHARD, 1799,  
JEREMIAH, 1801; MINERVA, 1803 and EDWIN, 1807.

"I have an account of PRESLEY NELMS and brothers that went to Mississippi but find no ANN among his children, and the date is much later than you need. I am going to go through the D.A.R. lineage books at first opportunity as there are several NELMS from the era you need and may find something. I need to do this as I am unable to find anything before 1848 on WESLEY to do this as I am unable to find anything before 1848 on WESLEY.

Mrs. W. R. Eckhart, Jr.

~~7514 Burgoyne, Apt. 133, Houston, Texas 77042~~ 35-

2 North Braeswood Blvd - apt 905-

PS

I am trying to prove that

the wife of Joseph Hopkins who died  
1799, Edgewood SC (near N.C.) - very

old - was a provisioner from the gardens  
of Surry - Supay Cas on to the Gardens

They had a daughter Amy Hopkins

who married Thomas Youngblood a

Rev. Sold - His family moved to Johnston Co NC  
to Edgewood near SC. What are some of your

other families? I have data on many lines of  
Hope to hear from you

Sincerely

Wendell Eckhart

Mrs. W.R. Eckhardt, Jr., 5410 North Braeswood Blvd. Apt. 905 - Houston, Tex.  
77035 - will exchange assorted material on the following families:

MATERNAL LINES: HOLLAND, CLARK, COLEMAN, ALLEN CHRISTOPHER, POWELL, WILTON?  
ODOM, NELMS? TALIAPERRO, MOORE, BURWELL, JORDAN? BASSETT? GOODSON? WILTON?  
WILLIAMSON, GRIFFIN, MADISON? WASHINGTON, RANDOLPH? ISHAM? LIGHTFOOT, TERRELL  
ZEMISTEAD? SMITH, TOWNSEND, WATERS, AYLER (OEHLEB & C) COLE, HAMMOND, BOWDOIN,  
MILES, BEATTY?, HAGGERTY, HEAD, HOPKINS, YOUNGBLOOD, STEWART?, O'NEALE, LLOYD  
EDWARDS?, GOODWIN?, RENEAU?, JACQUET?, TAYLOR.

PATERNAL LINES: LINK, HENRY, HALL, MITCHELL, COLEMAN, KESSE, TERRY? FISKE?  
THOMPSON? STEWART? CARNEY?. WILEY? PENCE, PERKEY, POTTS? MOWERY, ROSEBRO  
YOUNG?

HUSBAND'S PATERNAL LINES: ECKHARDT, KLEBERG, VON ROEDE  
DILTHEY, MACQUINET, BAUMANN (and dozens of others I can trace me back in Germany  
and Switzerland and Sweden, going back to 1700 and some in further.  
(S ck family traced to every royal line in Europe - 42 generations from my  
husband on several lines)

HUSBAND'S MATERNAL LINES: KENT, COOK, SKINNER, RAYBURN, P.  
HOWELL? MACCALLISTER, BLACK, SADLER, ROSS? HARRELL? CLAIBORN POWELL, HENRY,  
BARRON (BARRON), COCKE? DAVENPORT? BAKER? THOMAS ? CRENSHAW, ROCKETT?  
FIELD? BARNES?

(Question marks indicate no definite)

13 December 1977.

14<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Coalville Iowa

Dear Omer:

Today is Lucija's birthday and I didn't even get a card sent. I've been trying to get a few letters written this year ~~to~~ to relatives and old friends. Didn't get cards out last year or this. Is so hard to hold a pen. George has been in and out of the hospital several times in past few months. Has oxygen here now. It helps a lot.

Are you folks still so dry there? It was here all last summer and then fall rains came with vengeance. Then a week ago the snow came. We have 2 feet of snow in the front yard and drifts high as my head in back yard. Finally got the car uncovered and guess what - yep - flat tire!

We were lucky enough to get to go to our oldest grand daughter's wedding Dec 3.

She was such a pretty Bride:  
Her mother sews well and made  
her gown. It was cream colored  
lace over satin. The attendants  
were burgandy velvet. June is going  
to college. Her husband works in  
a steel mill. Don't know just  
what he does.

My sister is in a hospital  
in Cleveland Ohio. She had heart  
surgery last Wednesday. She is in  
intensive care until Friday. Then  
when they went to take out the  
drainage tubes they found that  
the surgeon had sutured the  
drainage tubes to something  
inside and had to take her  
back to the operating room. Two  
more days in intensive care. Is  
out now. Will be in hospital  
another 10 days or so. I've been  
so worried about her.

Sure do wish you folks were  
closer so we could visit. Hope  
you are better than when we  
last heard & that Henry is  
able to work comfortably.

Did you get things straightened  
out on that apartment mess.

It's such a worry to have  
property that one rents out,  
I'm sure glad we got rid of ours.  
It was just a small 3 room  
house but always something  
going haywire.

I had a note from Margaret Galley & she said that Fixin's mother had died. Didn't say when but anyway we couldn't get hold of her on the phone last fall. Haven't heard from her in a long time. Poor Fixin has had such an unhappy life. She was so glad to see all of us that summer.

I haven't done any genealogy work for more than a year. George is my first concern and every day is precious. He is so weak and tired. He went to the pharmacy for medicine today & just that little bit of exercise left him shaking.

Our kids are all busy as bird dogs. The boys both have to work out doors. George jr installs & maintains traffic lights & there are so many accidents now. Bob is also an electrician and is one of the two who maintain the dozen or so substations in this area. They both wear snow mobile suits these days. So hard work but pay well.

I don't have much news today and want to write

a couple more letters tonight.  
(if I can keep my eyes open).

George is watching a T.V.  
foot ball game between the  
San Francisco 49ers and Houston.  
Am so glad he enjoys sports.  
He would find life pretty  
monotonous otherwise.

Be good, stay well, be  
happy. The love you.

Alberta.

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The Orange County California  
Genealogical Society

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14<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Coralville Iowa.

1 Sept 1976

Dear Henry & Lucy.

Every time I talk with you on the phone I wish that you were here ~~and~~ I was there and we both had lots of money. I have so little knowledge of how to go about my research. And how could more I find I can't remember who I wrote to & when. We have been trying to find Georges mothers line and have had almost no luck. Last night we went to genealogy meeting for first time in a year. My eyesight is so poor that I'm terrified to drive at night. And wouldn't you know - we couldn't hear half that was said!

Room was big & gals who talked were at one end, we at the other and they made no effort to raise their voices even when people complained. They <sup>had been</sup> went to a meeting in Cleveland. That's hope. We had about an hour to read & accomplished some.

I'm looking forward to getting the data on Eli Soudwin. Lucy, how do you go about writing for things like marriage records and wills? I have no idea who I should write to, how to say it or what it costs. As I said before - I sure wish you were here. I'm sending a little cash to help with the postage on what you send. It is it were more but our \$50 a month doesn't stretch much. We have one baby here full time, one half time and don't dare load up again. But that buys the groceries & Georges medicine. We are thankful for that.

Sounds as though you folks have your hands full there. It's amazing how many people have so little sense of honesty. And you don't need that sort of worry. Why don't you chuck the whole bit and move into a retirement village? I'm sure would, if we had the money.

Can't rent even a sleeping room here for less than \$100 a month. I don't know how the students manage. No wonder they all demand huge wages when they are through school.

George's family have their annual reunion over Labor Day. They will go with Ellen & Don. I just hold my breath & pray we get there and back. He is so tired and has such a time breathing. And after that last black-out we just don't go much. Guess we are lucky to be together.

Our kids mow the yard and keep up in garden stuff. The boys do the repair work so we are well-off in that respect. One of the boys is a pretty good barber & cuts George's hair - now if one of the girls would do my hair we would be all set!

She had a taste of your California smog last week. Was sure a nasty bit. They have never had anything like it in the midwest. Could hardly breathe & visibility was poor. How do you stand it? Has been so hot and dry all summer here. They have a few tomato plants in

our flower bed. They sure do taste good. There is a nice fruit market near us & we are now having melons. The blue ourselves to a honeydew melon last week.

Most of the melons come from muscadine on the Mississippi. The sandy river bottom soil is just right.

Our church is building a new Sunday school building and George has made & sold light Crocheted afghans to raise money for our building pledge. Have him something to do as well!

I made a few knitted baby things. It's good to have something we can do that helps someone else.

Lucy did I send you some family record sheets to fill out for you & Henry? I meant to. I'd like your autobiography too. It has meant so much to me to find you folks.

Time to stop and get some lunch. Hope to hear from you soon.

Lovingly  
Alberta.

726 14<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Coralville Iowa.  
Sept. 5, 1974.

Dear Lucy & Henry:

George is watching football and I couldn't care less who is on the bottom of the dog pile so I'm getting some lettered done. He went to the historical society library Tues afternoon for a couple of hours but didn't get much done. Takes so long to find stuff. Their census films are sparse too. Nothing on any states <sup>except Iowa</sup> after 1860 & many Iowa counties missing through 1880. Ohio & Pa. indexed but only 1818 & 1820 Illinois indexed. Sure wish I could get to Des Moines for a few days. I cleaned out my notebook yesterday & found a slip of paper that I had jotted down the name of a book and can't for the life of me remember where or when I made the note. Book was "Historical & Genealogical Records of the 5 civilized tribes and other Indian Records" by George C. Yountkin.

I wrote Mrs Lord May 16 but never even got my stamp back. Its amazing how many people dont even acknowledge receiving letters. I wonder if Lewis R. Bruce the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in Washington could give us any clues on Susannah, wife of Releg Baker? It must have been after 1875 when Grandma Lizzie signed away her rights because the kids were provoked at her for doing it and she

told them she "didn't need the government's money. She had a husband who supported her." I don't have any other information on that deal. I sure wish I had quizzed her more when she came to see us in 1941. I started to plow through the Record of Connecticut men in the War of the Revolution in hope of finding some clue to my Swan ancestor. Only got about 30 pages checked but have an idea that one of the men from Stonington may be the one. Great Grandpa was named Samuel Prentice Swan & there was a Major Samuel Prentice in a troop from Stonington and a Joseph Swan who married a Mary Prentice is listed in Patriots book. So maybe if I'm persistent I'll get somewhere. I know that Samuel Swan & Harriet Smith lived in Stonington for a while. This is more fun than fig saw or cross word puzzles. I finally got enough stuff together to send in my D.A.R. papers but the gal who has been helping me has a sick husband so papers still are here. I used one of Grandpa Swan's Halt family as I had all those records but one & a Halt cousin came through with it. I don't have Eli & Susannah's marriage date or her birth & death records so couldn't use Peleg Baker. So far I have 5 soldiers in Rev War but don't have the finances just now to chase down records that meet D.A.R. requirements.

Our gene group is fairly new & I don't get there often. They are presently copying old records at courthouse so mormon people can put them on micro film. Also getting old cemetery records cleared up. Bob's wife has been doing some of that. It's hard work plowing through weeds & brambles. One farmer had piled up old stones & plowed the ground! Such sacrilege!

She finally found Georges mother's parents & older sisters listed in 1870 Appanasse county census but mother wasn't born until 1872. They moved some time later to a farm north of Clarinda where Grandpa Elam died in 1903. She think we have been looking in the wrong county for them. So maybe we will find out the names & b. places if we keep looking. 1870 census said that G. grpa Elam was born in Illinois and we thought he was from Tennessee because his wife was. Census also said wife was 36 in 1870. Her obituary said she was born in 1835 but census would indicate 1840. They could neither read nor write so we are up a creek & no paddle!

Am enclosing a clipping which may interest some of your Cohorts. One never knows.

George feels just real fine most of time. Wasn't take much to tire him. She went visiting last Sunday & he didn't rest. That night he was alarmed because he had some chest pain. Guess he will have to be

quiet for a while longer.

It's sure hope Henry is improved. You must have been very upset. I just really lose my senses when George gets sick. He is my whole world. And I know how much Henry means to you. Tell him we sure are praying regularly and earnestly for his return to good health.

I sure wish we weren't so far apart. Am so glad you came to Albuquerque.

Well the game is over so I'll stop this and look for some good news from you.

Much love.

Alberta.

Coralville Iowa.

26 May 1974

Dear Henry and Lucy:

You must sleep in a film reader and eat books! I am just flabbergasted at the information you have uncovered. Perhaps if we can find out where the Goodwins were married and when we will be able to find his parents. I called one of my friends in the "Genie" society here who has some kind of index & asked her if there was a Peleg Baker listed in N. Y. Militia. Her reply was "yes, he was married to a woman named Susannah." So if Henry can prove he belongs to that family he is in.

I've made my application to the "Nathaniel Fellows" Chapter of D. A. R. here. It'll take a while to get my credentials verified. Am using my father's gr. gr. grandfather Walter's record so I won't have so many documents to run through. Am hoping that D. A. R. will be able to help locate my mother's ancestors. Am so limited in time. Later this summer we will only have two babies and maybe just one so that I can get to the library. Bob's wife is going to see if she can get an old Appanoose County history for me. George's mother was born in Appanoose County in 1872 and we can't trace his grandparents. We know that the mother came from Tennessee but not sure about the

Father. They couldn't read or write so there are no letters or Bibles to refer to. I finally located my dad's only living cousin (on his father's side) & wrote to see if I could get some Swan information. I've also written the secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York (masonic) to see if they have any records. Somebody should come up with something. The cousin I referred to is 89 years old and may very well be senile, she lives with one of her children and I'm hoping that the offspring will have some answers. All the Swans I've run down so far are md. or N. Carolina.

I wrote to Mrs Lord at Promise City and now I watch for the postman like a lovesick teenager! I was lucky enough to get eleven generations back of papas grandmothers grandmother so have 16 generations in that one line through Fairbanks ancestors. I started to index the thing & gave up. How I did wish for my Lucy. Anyhow I'm having fun.

Well my dears I'm so sleepy I can't keep my eyes open.

Stay well and be good.

Your loving cousin

Alberta.

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HAPPY HOLIDAY

3 Dec. 1973.

Dear Ones so far away:

Greetings from Iowa!  
All is well here. The hope  
it is there.

Did your St. Louis Nelms  
prove a good lead? I hope so.  
You have worked so hard.

I wrote to Mr Wilkins  
and received a prompt answer.  
I think we may have something.  
His mother was a Jacaway.  
Great grandmother a Bradshaw.  
My great grandfathers middle  
name was Bradshaw. They  
were also from Illinois. I'll  
send him what information  
I have and let him dig.  
It's the only source I've  
ever found but it sounds  
good. Thank you so much.

And on page 600 of the  
November ~~Helper~~ I find  
a book review with  
name of Samuel Swan  
as New York Pioneer. I

will see if our Librarian daughter  
-in-law can get the book and  
at last maybe I've hit the  
jack-pot. Would never have  
succeeded without your help.  
Did you ever think of writing  
Lewis R. Bruce, the Commissioner  
of Indian affairs, for help in  
locating the Woodson-Baker  
line? And did you ever get  
Susannah Goodwin's photo  
copied? Aunt Justice told me  
that Susannah Baker Goodwin  
was  $\frac{1}{8}$  Indian from 2 tribes  
- Comanche & Cherokee. That's all  
the information she had. Papa  
said that Lizzie signed away  
her oil rights for \$15. Maybe  
those two bits of information  
will help. I notice that p 567  
has adv. for records of Logan Co.  
Ill. in lower right hand corner.  
Seems strange that we can't find  
something other than marriage  
record for Wesley Nelms.  
Well I've got to get a other  
letters before I fall asleep.  
Love Alberta.

Private files + sensitive. Just never got to see her.

Feb 12 1973.

Dear Lucy & Henry:

I finally received the Nov "Helper" and last week the Jan issue. Have read and re-read the Nov one many times. Is so interesting. Have just scanned the Jan issue.

For several years I've been seeking information on George's great grandparents "Burris" from Tennessee. Now I find there are "Burress" family there. As his g g parents were illiterate Burress may have been the correct spelling. I sure wish I had more time and money to spend. I'm peddly hooked on this chase.

George hasn't felt at all well this winter (don't mention that in your letters) He seems at times to not know where he is, or what he is supposed to be doing. Remember him in your prayers, please. So I don't leave him alone unless necessary.

We want to go to my only niece's wedding in Cleveland next June & I'm holding my breath on that deal. George

is supposed to give the bride away at a fancy wedding and we do so hope he will be up to it.

He had company from his home town for a couple of weeks. Friend whose wife was in University hospital for hip replacement surgery. Lots of going back & forth & extra meals. We're so glad we could do it & help them.

Our Bob is to married 6 April and we are so happy for him. Everyone else is busy as bees.

Did Philomena send you any pictures? I have some we took but don't want to duplicate hers. One camera didn't work & film was blank but have several from other camera. Let me know what you have.

Have a squalling hungry infant just awake so must stop. Thanks so much for all you're giving us, including love.

Alberta.

Sat Oct 7 1972.

Dear Henry & Lucy.

I surely never thought it would be so long before I wrote, but anyhow here I am! My didn't we have a good time in Albuquerque? Now I wish you two lived closer but am so glad you could come to Philomena's.

George & Philomena & I went upstairs to see the plane take off but door was locked so we came down & stood until the plane started to taxi. Then we left & went back to her house.

Then George & I left Albuquerque we went north to Montrose County Colorado where I liked as a child & then east to Denver for a one day stay with Georges brother & then on home. That's some trip! Mountain roads scared the stuffing out of both of us but were beautiful. We were very fortunate in locating my brother's grave on the mountain. I went to Nucla cemetery. Ralph hadn't marked Justice's grave so I didn't take any pictures there. Margaret Galley is a friendly person and remembered me which was a surprise to me.

I've been busy as a bird dog since we came home.

a cousin of mamas lives about 3 or miles north of us and has had a heart attack so we went up to see her. She moved from her big house to an apartment & feels fair now if she stays quiet. Came home & got busy with fall chores & re-upholstering a chair. Almost hit off more than I could chew on that one. Cant grip the scissors & tack hammer well enough.

I've read the book by Mr Kirkham through & will now go back & take notes on information. It is wonderful to have such a source. Thank you again dear Lucy. I meant to ask you how you got the details of Anna Mary & Wesley Nelms wedding. I havent been able to get to a genealogy meeting since I came home but will put the Nelms name in there when I go next time. One of our local people located a Sudan ancestor in Ohio when she was back there hunting mead relatives so maybe I'll get somewhere yet.

I copied that chart for you & am sending another record sheet that one of my W.A.R. friends got for me. She got a bunch of them so thought you'd like to have one for a pattern.

I'm sure glad we found each other. Just wish you could come here for a long visit. We would sure roll out the red carpet for you. By the way Lucy did anyone ever tell you what a lovely speaking voice you have?

Am sending a couple of snapshots for you. They turned out really good I think.

We have a couple of small grandchildren here today while parents go to football game so I guess I'd better give them some attention.

Write when you can. I know you are busy, but we do so much enjoy your letters.

Our love to you both.  
Alberta & Geo.

Coalville Iowa  
June 12, 1972.

Dear Lucy,

Thank you so much for the pictures of Henry and you. I sure hope you can come east next fall. The children were wondering what the bush in the background is. I intended for you to keep all the snaps I sent. Ralph was a shutter bug and I had the ones he sent Justice, mama, & grandma as well as ones for me. I'll send them back one of these days.

I have many wakeful hours in the night because of arthritic pain & do a lot of thinking. It usually is "I wonder if", "I wonder why", "maybe they", "if I look in this record or search that one", type.

Last night I put some pieces together (I think). Eli Goodwin had that land in Indiana. My grandma was born at Lincoln Ill. He took the children & left home. Where did he go? Grandma's obituary says that she came to Missouri when 7 years old. I think that may be true because the picture I have of Caleb Huff - Grandma Bateman's father - was taken at Attica Ind. Also, the one of Susannah Baker was taken at La Fayette Ind. So maybe Eli didn't get to Missouri but wandered around Illinois & Indiana. And maybe - just maybe the Baker-Woodson family did also.

I still can't figure out how  
come Elizabeth Woodson Baker ~~was~~  
Sutton was in Appanoose County  
Iowa, unless she moved there  
with Mr Sutton. I've written Mr  
Robert Beck the editor of the Centerville  
"Iowegian" to see if there might  
be old newspaper files prior to  
civil war. Do you suppose the  
1860 census of Lincoln Ill would  
give any information on age of Jesse  
Goodwin? maybe age wasn't listed.

I sure wish I could have time to  
read microfilm at historical building  
here. Have to be patient I guess.

It hen you get to a regular  
Library look for the Sept 1967  
readers digest. It has some source  
material listed. You may already  
have some of it. I hadn't known  
about the family histories listed  
in the Jefferson room of the  
congressional library in Washington.

Wouldn't it be fun to travel  
and hunt for these things? I  
also asked Mr Beck where I  
could find a list of old pre-Civil  
War cemeteries in Appanoose County.  
Georges mother is reported to have  
been born there but we can't  
find out much about her folks.  
They were Elam family from  
Tennessee & couldn't read or write.  
I thought perhaps the Jefferson

room might have a Nelms history. I imagine you have already investigated possibility of newspaper files for Mantalba. Keep digging. Something will show up. How did you locate Stusley C Nelms' grave? Is Anora Mary there too?

I think Filomena feels much better and plans to go to L.A. in July. She called and invited us to come to Albuquerque. If George continues to feel as well as he does we may get up courage to make the trip in August. We have never been south of Oklahoma. George is lucky to be alive after all the trouble he has had with blood pressure and we don't want to push our luck too far. God has been so good to us that we can't ask for more.

By the way when are your birthdays? Do you have any other hobbies other than hunting - ancestors that is! I love to knit and collect fine lace patterns which I do on my mother's mother's old steel needles. They are about as big around as wire in a common paper clip. The lace is so much daintier than crocheted lace. So far I have about 50 or 60 patterns some are quite complicated. I do a lot of yarn work too for the family but have to use acrylic fibers instead of wool. Wool fizzes & makes my sinuses irritated.

Well my dear its time to

May 24 1972.

Dear Lucy:-

You sounded so discouraged. Please don't be. I've been at this business for 25 years & it takes a lot of patience. I've been wondering if Wesley Melme might possibly have been a civil war veteran. He would have been very young but there was no draft at that time & many older men with families hired young men to go in their places.

Some time when you are able to find the time I wonder if you could hunt for a swan ancestor for me. Justus Swan, my grandfather had 4 uncles who were sons of Samuel & Harriet (Smith) Swan. I know the name of only one.

Julius A. Swan was born Aug 17 1830 at Angelica, Allegheny County, N. Y. He died Feb 19 1913 and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery at Sinclair N. Y. What I particularly want to know are the names of the other three brothers & 5 sisters of Samuel Prentice Swan & Julius A. Swan. The builder of our original state capital here in Iowa City was a Chauncy Swan who came from New York State. The Masonic Lodge of

which he was a member has no such information on him, and the early newspaper files were destroyed in a fire. I do know that Chadney Swan had 4 children one of whom was Charles born in 1823 in New York State & died in 1883 at Auburn California. Perhaps from these bits & pieces & census records from that era we may come up with something. Probably an 1830 or 1840 census. I wish I had the time & means to chase it down.

I did get down to our local library & had some papers copied for you & Fixin. The one very old paper about the land transfer in Indiana didn't come through very well. Perhaps their machine isn't too good. Even the newsprint isn't too clear. If you can get a better copy there I'd be glad to send the original. It is very yellow & brittle. I hoped to get it laminated. I find this business very fascinating.

It's bid & battle time so must stop.

Should you like to see some of the letters I have from Lizzie. She evidently had a little more schooling than Aunt Anna.

Love always  
Alberta.  
P.S. my friends call me Bertie.  
Some of the family just plain "B".

April 26, 1972.

Dear Cousins

Just a note today to let you know how welcome your long letter & the pictures were. Do you want the picture of Uncle Henry & Aunt Susie Nelson returned? He reminded me of his cousin Arthur, my father. I have enclosed some pictures from the album that Lizzie Swan had. They are different from the ones you have. You may keep the one of Elizabeth Woodson. There were two of them in the book. Tell your friend that Man Bateman's father's name was Caleb Huff. There was a picture of him in the book. It was taken at Attica Indiana when he was quite old. Maybe she can get a clue from that small bit. Who raised Anna Mary Goodwin? I have no idea whether she stayed in Missouri or where she and Wesley Nelson lived. My grandparents moved from Missouri to Illinois sometime between the fall of 1875, when they were married, and Aug 1, 1878 when Justice was born. There was an earlier birth to them but was stillborn & have no record save hearsay. When I was born in 1907 my father sent the card of announcement.

to Lizzie Swan in Lincoln Illinois. So evidently she had gone to Lincoln after her father died. As I said before, my grandparents moved about a great deal. They lived in Maryland in 1904 when their daughter Elvira died. A number of years later they moved her body to the cemetery in Nevada mo.

Concerning Jesus W. Goodwin I have no information except that Justice said she saw him once. He was a drifter & typically Indian in appearance. I hope to get some free time after July 1<sup>st</sup> and get some of these papers Xeroxed for you.

I have Filomenas pictures wrapped and want to write her a letter. The Swan Pedigree goes back to pre-revolutionary times. I'm about 50 years late and may find it will take a lot of writing to locate some of those. Luckily my grandfather Sularis brother belonged to Sons of American Revolution & I have some papers there. Too bad that humans don't care about their own ancestry as much as the pedigrees for their line stock!

It ish we could get together. Ill write again soon. Am pushed for time now.  
Lovingly  
Alberta.

726 14th Ave  
Coralville Iowa.  
April 6, 1972.

Dear Cousins:

I was flabbergasted to say the least, when we got your call. I've been interested in such affairs for many years but have been limited both time wise and financially until lately in my pursuit of ancestors & relatives. My grandmother Fizzie Swan visited us here in 1941 & I wrote down some of the things she told me then. She was born at Lincoln Illinois, not Rock Island. Her mother was part Cherokee & part Comanche Indian who became a trained nurse. Eli Goodwin was a man of a violent temper. One day Grandmother Susana came home to find the house empty. Eli had taken the three children & gone. Grandmother Susana spent her life searching for her children. She would nurse long enough to get money to hunt & then nurse again & hunt more. Eli traveled & when he reached Nevada Missouri he left the baby Lizzie with H. A. and man Bateman who had nine boys & were enchanted by the tiny Indian baby. Lizzie was grown & married. ~~She~~ wrote to her mother & her sister Anna Mary and had one visit from Uncle Jesse. She never saw either her sister or mother but pictures were exchanged. I have pictures in an old album of Susana Baker Goodwin, Anna Mary & Heeley Nelms & Elizabeth Woodson Baker Sutton.

My grandparents Lizzie & Justus Swan moved about a great deal as grandpa had wanderlust. He was well educated for teaching but was more interested in photography. He came to Missouri & met and married Lizzie Bateman at Nevada Mo Jan 20 1873. They moved back to Illinois where Justice was born at Delavan. In 1881 they were back in Missouri where my father was born. Eventually they moved to Nativita Colorado & Nucla Colorado. They were among the founders of Nucla & had a fruit "raunch" later they moved permanently to Nativita where they had a hotel called The Nativita House. Grandma did tailoring & ran the hotel & Grandpa had a photo gallery. I remember my father were when grandma sold her oil rights back to the government for \$15. Perhaps the Bureau of Indian Affairs might have some records available. My father was a telegraph operator & met my mother at Lamar Colorado where she lived & worked as a telephone operator. They lived in Nebraska for about 5 years & moved to Nucla where they lived until 1915. Papa was injured in an accident at farm & was unable to do heavy work afterwards. So they came to Iowa where they spent the rest of their lives. He worked for Rock Island. Aunt Justice was married four times. The fourth marriage was the longest but her husband

Elmer Judd was buried in Denver in a military cemetery, so when she died in 1954, my sister & I took her body to Nucla and laid her beside the third husband Stacey Arnold who died of "flu" in 1918. Her only child only lived a few days. She married Stacey Arnold while we lived in Nucla. He gave her the 5 happiest years of her life. Later she married Elmer Judd who was a man of violence & very jealous. She stayed with him out of fear. An enormous man weighing nearly 400 pounds he beat her often. In later years he became an invalid and unable to walk. Remorseful of earlier ill-treatment <sup>from</sup> he was like a child whom she cared for lovingly until he died.

Ralph was a willful and charming rascal who left home early. Married to Hilda Woods who lived at Nucla. They had one daughter. Hilda & Ralph were divorced when Philomena was just an infant. Ralph was married 6 times. The fourth wife Daisy Jeanette died about 1950. They were married for 28 years. After her death he was lonely & in 1954 he married a Laise —. She got mad & cut up the upholstery, packed everything movable & left him. <sup>She couldn't get into garage</sup> In desperation he sent for my mother who went out & helped him buy linens, curtains etc & repair furniture. Ralph wanted

her to stay but she came home after a few months as she said he was such a rough talker she couldn't stand it. She wrote often for a while & then Ralph wrote to say that he & Mildred were married but secretly as her mother disapproved of him. Then the letters stopped coming. We sent Christmas & birthday greetings & no response. Finally my sister sent a registered letter & got the response I've enclosed. Since we make a habit of always putting return addresses on all correspondence we are inclined to disbelieve her efforts to notify us. I'd much appreciate knowing where he is buried & if Mildred still lives in Long Beach. Ralph had some old family bibles & records that I'd much like to get hold of. When Justice died in Oct 1954 my sister called Ralph & he met us in Montrose. Only time we ever saw him. He arrived there before we did & spent the night before papers in heating stove burning couldn't find many records so we had hiked to a lawyer whom he knew in Montrose & whom himself declared executor & had had all her money in Government bonds & made a joint tenancy deed with Ralph so there wouldn't be any inheritance tax.

Ralph took everything. Somewhere in Mildred's possession are our Grandmother's cut glass & sterling which rightfully should have been Philomena's & ours when he was gone. But that is all water over the dam now. Philomena wrote to him until she was in high school & he disowned her when she refused to come live with him at that time. Ralph was a lovable, charming person who was very careless with the truth. He was vulnerable to anyone who showed him affection and undoubtedly very lonely. Papa loved him but was not about to trust him.

My sister & I were both teachers. She elementary grades & I music. She has lived in Cleveland Ohio since 1934. Her second husband was a brilliant chemist who was top research chemist for American Steel & wire & 17 years older than she. Their only child was born when he was 58 and she nearly 42. Mary Helen is a beautiful & talented girl who has been going to Muskingham College in Ohio & will transfer next fall to a Cleveland school to be near her fiancée who will be in law school there. My sister Elnora has been credit manager for Chemical Rubber in Cleveland since her husband's death four years ago.

My husband George L. was studying for ministry when he became ill & was unable to continue in school. When he regained his health after much surgery and years of disability he was well again & we were married. Then came the depression & lost jobs & family & finally manager of a cooperative oil firm. He left them 7 years ago when firm was reorganized & now is a part time office manager for one of the State Farm Insurance offices here. He draws social security so only works 3 days a week <sup>now</sup> at the office. I've enjoyed having him at home to help with the five infants I have here in a home day care business. He is the kindest most Christian man in all the world. I say that after nearly 42 years of marriage.

Our five children all live here in Iowa City and Coralville except the one twin (farmer) living about 15 miles east of us. They have all married people we are fond of. Some are more prosperous than others but all doing well. Bob, the youngest, fell in love in high school with a girl he had known all his life. She was a shy, sweet person with scholastic ability but too late we found she was immature emotionally & not interested in making a home. She finally left him. He has accepted her inability to grow up and is

making a new life. Retained his home + dog + active in community theatre, sings in church choir and is a substation electrician for light co.

Geo Arthur, (whom you talked to) married the daughter of a wealthy contractor. She is not one bit arrogant or living on her folks money. She works as a typist for students + manages Georges salary well. He is second from the top in traffic control department for Iowa City.

Edward the farm twin enjoys her farm life. They farm almost 400 acres. She is active in Christian church at West Liberty. She has a good marriage.

<sup>Esther</sup> Leora married a baker. They owned their own business until about 6 years ago. Ken is a Korean war veteran who got a bad dose of shrapnel. The injuries finally became such a drag that he retired from the bakery + lives on investments + government compensation (75% disability). They just have one daughter. Ken is Catholic but Leora still Methodist.

Ellen Louise married a man who is a lithographer for Moore Business Forms. He couldn't be dearer to us were married 8 years before they had children. Their first child was stillborn. Rick + Leesa are loving beautiful children + we enjoy them so much.

I do so wish you could come for a visit. We have a nice little ~~bed~~ room home here.

There are many historic places hereabouts:  
The Amana Colonies are only 20 miles away.  
& Iowa City was the first territorial capital.  
Now you know about all there  
is to know about us in the Midwest.  
I'll see if I can get some copies  
made from the pictures in the  
old album & send you pictures of  
my grandparents, aunt & uncle & parents.  
You may have to wait a while for  
some of them.

Meanwhile one of our neighbors  
who went to our local Methodist  
Church has moved to Huntington  
Beach. They weren't close friends  
but we worked together at church  
& they were fine people. I'm not  
sure of their address but they may  
live with her mother Mrs Cora  
Raymond 19860 Keswick Lane. A  
sister Mrs George Leedom also lives  
there. Our neighbors were Charles &  
Judy Hedger. Nice folks.

I hope you can read this  
scribble & will look forward to  
hearing from you. I've written  
so fast it's pretty messy.

yours sincerely  
Alberta.

Do you have Philomena's address.  
I'd like some pictures for her.

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- CORRESPONDENCE - Susie Nelms -

Fri Mar 31.

Dear Cousin:

You hit the ~~jack~~ pot!

We are birds of a feather.  
I will try to get a letter  
to you soon. I wish you  
could fly here. Have so  
much to talk about. We  
could meet you in Cedar  
Rapids. Do think about  
it.

Sincerely  
Alberta Lehman

Bankam, Texas

July 31-1972

Mrs. Henry B. Swiced,  
Huntington Beach, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Swiced,

In answer to your letter of which I'm sorry it took me so long to answer. We was gone on vacation for 2 weeks your letter was waiting on me when we returned. With my 4-hr. public work 6 days a week and cleaning & work at home I just had not get around to answering your letter. Please forgive me.

I only have 4 books available for sell. The names of them are

① Families

Reverend John D. Nelson, Methodist Minister,  
and wife, Mary Bell Crain Nelson.  
C.C. Nelson and wife, Melilah Warren Nelson  
George Warren and wife, Melilah Fisher Nelson

Moses Allen and wife Polyxarabynus Allen  
A. Ford and wife, ~~Lucy Ford~~  
Dr. W.M. Hunter and wife, Minerva Hunter

This book has a Green Marbled Cover

③ First Settlers

Our Great, Great, Great Grandparents

George and Delilah Fisher Harrison  
and their Descendants

this is a pink back book

③ The Harrison Family

Pioneer Settlers of Fannin County

Index 1829

this is white back book

④ Our Ancestors

and Their Descendants

Our Great Grandparents

Ed and Katie Nelson Allen

white back book.

I dont know about the information  
you want in the books but each  
book is \$2.00 a piece plus 50¢ a copy  
for mailing and handling. If you

would want to purchase these books  
would be happy to mail them to  
you. Just let me know which  
ones or all if you would like.

Thank you very much for your  
interest.

I remain Sincerely  
Mrs. Frank A. Newingham

12  
Thursday 10<sup>30</sup>

Dearest Henry and Lucy.

I've intended writing sooner but this Farm life keeps me busy, first was Tomatoes, I had an awful lot so I sold the surplus, even a few greens. Then here Figs and some <sup>spare</sup> peaches, so many figs all a round till I never got to get rid of all, lots on bushes yet and I picked and sold \$50. worth, sold a few peaches as can't use all, give away lots, now rest of Peaches to rid off, 2 Trees heavy loaded. Then here <sup>the summer</sup> Pears last of August start. Then fall Pears last of October and Pecant. So see keeps me busy, I even run lawn mower on

all the yards - so see I can't be lazy.

my knees & legs hurt me awful when I sit around & get up have to hold till I limber up. I sure wish some old lady that could live right could stay with me, I do get worried alone, I feel good down to hips then from hips down legs & knees deals me misery.

Tommy had a heart attack a bout 2 mo ago but doing fine. Hetta had her Grand Kids all summer to cook for & look after. Hetta not well, she is in the menopause stage, her daughter <sup>in law</sup> had knots in breast removed. she doing OK. Hetta

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daughter being separated from her man left her with 3 boys. makes the daughter (Dolores) have an awful hard life, so the boys wanted to stay summers after school out, on the farm with H & T. I'm wondering how you all can be in this awful hot weather, suppose to be 103 here to day. sure need rain bad.

Will get rush to get this in mail box. may have a way to town this eve, so have to move along, I go when can get a chance with my cousins. So long. Love to see Aunt Susie

Sun. Eve

Dearest Henry and Lucy -

Seems in slow writing, but just don't know any thing of interest to write, only Arthritis and bad Veins up legs. sure do deal me misery. Arthritis in shoulders and knees. legs swell. think mostly had Circulation. have to push <sup>stockings</sup> hose down. May try seeing Dr soon.

We sure have had dry weather up here. seems must be every where. We did have a stormy spell roll in last week. with little rain.

Now Folks, we are all hoping you are far from that Awful earthquake, I'd a nice some where down there that they had a no of tremors around, now believe me I'd soon try to find another place. she has 4 children, she teaching school. Her Husband was and I suppose still is an insurance

Agent, used to be the ~~leader~~ <sup>leader</sup> at writing insurances. I think 2 girls are in College. 1. oldest boy prob. in Army. Can be in College too

Well. How are you all progressing any way, hope missed Flu. so far I've not had a bad cold, only a sniffle or probably sinus.

I spend many many days alone, <sup>and lonesome</sup> but my Granddaughter give me a large size <sup>not the</sup> small puppy. want get very large. worst of all her boy said it'll have to sleep with me when cold. Well she's like a baby - lots Company too, sure enough if she didn't sleep with me she would have frozen.

<sup>concerns</sup> I'm beginning for a small spring garden - already have 4 bunches out, soon be planting Irish Potatoes, Turnip, Beet, Carrots, Radishes, lettuce Beans later, & corn, melons, squash Well if doesn't rain, it'll just be ex-

-ercise to keep me from getting so stiff.  
 Since my boys married and moved  
 away, I get so lonely, and need a  
 way to town aoftner than I get -

Both boys have baby girls. Dee  
 Ray, (oldest boy) baby born Dec 17 - 1970  
 Richards' baby born Jan 15<sup>th</sup> this yr  
 Tomies Family doing fairly well  
 but Tom does look bad to me, they  
 moved to a newer home in Palestine  
 aetho it was an old home he worked over  
 sure needed it,

My sister that had tumor removed  
 nearly 3 yr ago still have bad spells  
 then feel fairly good, she can't use left  
 hand & arm, and left leg she does walk  
 with stick and Hubbs holding her,  
 The rest doing very well. Old age  
 creeping up on all my Folks.

After butchering my calf, I've had to  
 keep milking the cow, I sure did get lots  
 give away milk. Clabbered some  
 over

for me & Chickens, yes got 17 doz Eggs  
to get to town next Tue, ever been  
giving most butter to children and  
close good friends for cooking, I don't  
use any unless looking for Co,

Well this is Tue morn and  
almost mail time, got hurry.  
I went out to garden & fixed 4  
rows with Fertilizes to plant some  
early stuff in, may come a  
freeze and be to do over, its  
time to plant Patatos. I'll probably  
plant 1 row. I don't eat very many  
patotator, and thus gain weight,  
not much bread. & sweets either  
got rush.

Write when feel like.

By  
Love  
Aunt Susie

Sun. Noon

Dear Henry and Lucy.

Just wonder how the weather is there, Its Very cool here suppose to be down to 40 degree.

And more of the kind on ways.

Do hope you all are doing fine.

And for me I had a gall bladder test, showed stones, is reason I get so sick above pit of tummy and hurt, of course Dr wants to operate. I've had in past yrs Bendix operation, then 15 mo after a Hernia that was bad.

He told me to think about it, I do dread another whittling, not plesant.

I'm sure you all had a plesant trip, I was so glad for you all to come by. Altho I felt blundering.

You ask me if I knew when Grandma passed away. I do know the month, but day I don't it was in July. 1922. about

1 mo before my 3rd child was born, she had been having fever all along for a long time. when she was sick before death her bowels had locked. Dr used med and a long hose trying to undo them, her food came up digested as it should pass. lots suffering & so sick

I'm sending something for you all to see, that I didn't think of when you were here, the writing is Grandmas own hand write.

you can return it some time, you can copy it if you want too.

probably some of marys kids could give you the date of mo she passed away on. as mary came as far as Long Lake and saw some of the folks, and that the funeral was over. so she turned around & went back as there was some railroad dispute of some kind on, I believe that's

all I know. do hope it'll help  
you some.

I've been selling quite a lot  
Pears and Pecans as fast as  
I could gather them. mine are  
all down now and all sold, do  
have lots Pears if Wind hasn't  
blowed them down last night.

Well I don't know Very much to  
write. I am anxious to hear if my  
boy ~~and~~<sup>wife</sup> has to have an operation  
soon.

Several of our close friends passed  
away with heart attacks lately.  
Monday morn,  
its awful cool here was 40 degrees  
early.

The writing on paper of  
Births etc is Grandmas <sup>own writing</sup>  
when I was in hospital. I think  
Emmanuel & wife wanted them  
and Tommie sent them to them  
So Long, By Susie

Sun, Eve.

Dear Henry & Lucy.

How's the weather there, its very cool here. I have a little fire in a heater, because raining so much up here of late, the damp and fresh north is very cool at times of year. something very unusual so early. I don't feel so very good to day have been feeling kinda bad for several days. but maybe I'll soon get O.K., do hope your health is reasonable good.

I talked with Tommie's wife a few days <sup>ago</sup> on phone, I told them that if you do come I was sure Tom would run you all out, she said yes. and if Tom wasn't there she'd give you the keys to car and you could come out, their house is next near Buss station and on porch is usually a lot Radio or T.V. or both as his working place some time can't hold them

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People tell me that Tom is  
really good with T.V. etc.  
he has bought another house and  
works on it at odd times.

He works in his office work shop  
till about 5 or in evs then  
make house calls till 10 or 11 at  
night, has more than he can do.

Now was that wild fire there, do  
hope it wasn't near you, pictures on  
T.V. look awful.

Another day has crep up (mon),  
Morn, sure cool, cloudy. 59 degrees  
weather man just said.

Well I've 4 or 5 roosters to dress  
to day so must get going now 8 or

Please let me know if and about  
when you may be up, so I can  
let children know. one of my  
adopted boys live and work at Tyler  
The other at Fairfield, not so handy  
to help me tho. By, Love  
Susie.

and go to school

Tue. Eve

Dearn't Henry and Lucy!

It sure was a pleasure to talk to you 2. so far away. sure was a suprise to talk to some one so far away. I get so lonesome here a lone, hardly any one come, as this Colony place is only 1 store / Post office and a Church and <sup>a</sup> Camunity Center, 13 widow women, its a good  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to first house from me. I've had Ch~~oss~~ to do keeps me kinda limbered up. my old knees I think is my worst trouble, and Gastritis makes me awfully sick at times, and my weight stays too high, about 179 now so see, I've canned about 75 qts Peaches about 40 qts Beans.

Yes Henry and Lucy we are Thrilled for you all to visit us. my daughter

W. Etta seem Thrilled that you  
& I are planning a visit with  
us. I'm sure Tommie will be  
too, when I tell him, just  
hope you will give us a date,  
I've checked to see ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~nearest~~  
Closest Plain Arrival Places  
are Dallas or Tyler are the  
Closest <sup>air</sup> Plain fields here, there  
used to land west of Palestine but  
that stopped, The place now  
is a Balloon Base. balloons  
Tests go up here now

Should you come by Air Plain  
to Dallas, take buss to Palestine  
my son, Tommie live close  
to buss station, you call Tom  
I'm sure he'll be glad to see you  
and bring you here or to  
Henrietta and she'll bring you  
up here, Tommie's T.V. & Radio  
station is in the name of  
Janis T.V. even in Phone book  
Phone no 723.8262

H. Etta Phone no 549-2576  
she live about  $\frac{1}{2}$  way from  
Palatine to my home.

Henry met H. Etta in Waco  
on a sad day.

Lucy and I were very close.  
She wasn't a well woman, she  
had fluid drawn off lungs several  
times and took medicine for it,  
Blood pressure was high. She  
was kind and loving. I saw  
tears in her eyes so many times  
for her children, I don't know  
where Albert is now. I never  
knew him to have a job, he  
played Santa Clause when in  
waco. for salvation. I give Lucy  
some dresses & Sacks that she  
made up nice and kept them  
done up nice. Albert got a  
check that kept them going. Lucy  
finally got social security and  
they put away some of it. I think  
he was good to her, as far as I  
knew, but what he suggested

was final, Lucy was not  
contrary, just a sweet loving  
human kind.

Well its Wednesday morning  
I've burned trash, got more to  
mow this eve. a cool spell is on  
way, suppose to be about 56 to 60  
in mom.

my 1/2 pill I take for hardening of  
arteries makes my head throb for  
a hr. then lessens down. sure not  
pleasant.

Please give me a notice when  
and if you come to see us. I  
live 1 mile east of Tennessee Colony.  
been here since 1918. We be glad  
for you to visit us. Remember  
No passenger <sup>plane</sup> delivery to Palestine.  
But Tommie lives near Rust  
station, phone, Jans. T.V. and  
Radio. 723-8262. got go see  
if turnips came up, may have to  
replant, By, Love Service

Sunday Eve, Easter Eve

Dear Henry and Lucy -

I was indeed glad to hear from you all. I'd been aiming to write but not much to say, only work and too tired to try.

See my son-in-law & I built a mile of wire fence at his odd times, mostly in the eve, as he looks after oil wells - not any of mine, as all are dead. Then he comes by feeds my cows, then come to feed & tend over 100 head - and cleared a patch of woods so he could plow up & put in Coastal grass. Oh this farm life is a drag and tiresome one. When I had a bout a mile of fence posts rotting off so fence was falling down or leaning so bad, soon would fall. So I dug holes and son-in-law hauled me posts so I could finish fixing up the fence, now believe me

I could hardly move a foot forward by night, so sore couldn't sleep much, but that's over now and I'm starting some garden. just can't get out the old habit, but I'm not going heavy on that, only me, most garden spot is in Corn. I've only 10 cows + bull and 3 heifers, 5 cows have each a young calf - 2 heifers just bred.

And you people I'm hoping this spring weather will help you all to feel better, of course we have a cool spell now, sun shining + very pleasant to day.

A Cousin's Husband + girl from Houston spent Thur. Fri nights with me, then my 2 adopted boys + wife's came to see me too for Easter.

my daughter spent Sat Night in Dallas with their son

and Family, Came back by this morning, a boy that stayed here last Summer came to see me this morning too.

my Sister I'm sure I'd mentioned that had a Tumor removed 2 yrs ago called this morning. She had 2 bad spasm of the muscles yest and she feels awful to day. Her Husband had double Pneumonia week be fore last. he a tall poor boney looking man has heart trouble not doing too good. weak. I poor humans not able to be alone no children of theirs, but he has a mob of nephews + 1 Niece that are heaven to them. They just bought + had a new brick home built. (a bunch of none sense) at this age, and health. They had a nice home living in but sold it, had it moved, so see, no one

but his nices & nephews to leave money too, my side, or his side of kin probably want reap any of it.

no Tommie never told me a word of you calling them, How did you know how to get him. may be I'de giving his place of business some time.

Back to weather, we all are afraid the freeze & heavy frosts got our fruit crop. something we all can use and need.

Sorry about alline, hope they all are doing better, I don't ever hear from Elbert now, I'de love to make some visits, but I've stuff to care for too much to ask son-in-law to drive 4 or 5 miles to shut up chickens every night, opossums and skunks so bad, I caught 2 opossums in trap, and killed 1 with a club, a Cousin killed 1 at 5 o'clock in morning. and  
over

Shot at / Thur. night near  
house. Varmints killed 6 or 8  
hens before getting those. Now  
an Armadilla plows up my  
yards, havnt got him yet.

Well its 2 oclock this Sun. eve  
Im looking for the boy and his  
girl friend, got kindle up fire,  
Speaking of Arthritis in your  
hands, my daughter Henrietta  
Neal, Henry met her at Lussys  
funeral has knots forming on  
all fingers & joints, hands look  
awful, but want go to Dr.

I hope you can find something  
to help your hands & let me know  
for her,

Im out any thing to say, but  
hope you do get to feeling lots  
better, always glad to hear from  
you all,

By, Love  
Lucie

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Dearest Henry & Lucy & Sis  
Was indeed glad to see you all,  
but was suprised you know, sure  
wished you all could stayed all  
night any way.

Do hope all are OK now and hope  
Lucys fat and legs are better now.  
my old knes & legs hurt awful,  
its those turns Im sure.

But you couldnt think what took  
place here Sat, night. <sup>here</sup> Well my  
T.V. when I turned it off set  
on fire. I didnt have time to call  
any one then, blaze began pouring  
out at back & top, I soon disconnected  
wires, & that ok; if I can only  
drag that heavy thing out, I did  
but heavy, I was trying to  
save my house. got exhausted  
but got it out doors, then got water  
hose & put out fire. blaze got 1 1/2 to  
2 ft high while I was straining  
to get it out. Tommie brought

Alotta was going to fix dinner for you all next day  
Stommie wanted to see all of you too

Another to day, so I'de not be  
so lonesome.

I've sold fruit a few Pears but  
not near enough, so many yet.

I've picked up pecans around house  
and sold \$12.<sup>25</sup> worth to 1 lady.

My little green bed is growing.

We had low reading in Cold  
since you were here, in the <sup>low</sup> 50's.

I'm blank for something to write.

But do wish you could stayed longer.

Maybe you can come back soon  
and stay longer.

Well a week has passed since  
I started this. People come for  
Pears. We have a nasty day here  
to day, cloudy, showers, <sup>thundering</sup> it probably  
stop people from coming for Pears  
I sure have lots of them yet,  
but hope to get rid of lots yet.

Will ring off, so write when  
~~convenient~~ convenient. (bad spelling)

By, Lots Love to all

Sessie

Aug. 1964 <sup>5</sup>

Dear 'ol Lucy, Henry.

It's been some time since I've written or heard of you all. Just hope you haven't suffered too much from the drought. See it sure has been a dry hot year. but we've had 2 inc rain and some cool cloudy weather this + past week. some places not over 4 miles from me had from 4 to 5 inc rain, well I'm proud of 2 inc.

in ward was 112 degree, temp to 108  
Lucas about same. guess you get the reports all along.

my garden was almost a failure. started off beautifully. grass in pastures were near dead and eaten almost to <sup>the</sup> ground. stock losing weight.

I done good and felt real good till of late. got to having that sick stomach (Gastritis) and arthritis in knees & joints, then pains below right ankle on right foot had quick pains, for several days.

one morning week before last I got up and couldn't put weight on right heel, found a dark place below ankle, a blood vessel had broke. I went to Dr. finally, got a shot in bottom of heel, eased it some but plenty of hurting yet, got med. for Arthritis. hope it helps.

I'm sending you a clipping that Henry's Cousin had sent him, it got put away when we moved from ~~the~~ old house over the fence to our present house, (new house) so I came across it last week, it probably be of some help in the family tree, there should be some more letters some place.

Well I don't feel too good. I had a bad spell Monday morning, heart choked down I reason with Gas. my Cousin said I got white as a bed sheet. I know I felt as if I was a goner. my heart had fast running spells, I've had 4 spells this yr already, I hope to mention it to Dr when I go back in 2 more weeks.

It's near time to go milk & feed cows, & calves so will run along for now.

Well several days have passed by. Co. came from Houston, a cousin and Hub, & daughter, the man and girl been here working on an old house of theirs, they are leaving to morrow for Houston their home. They all helped me all along, and wasn't so bad.

we've had a shower of rain each past 2 nights, helps moisture along, and grass sure is growing fast.

I don't know any news, only I loose a few lbs weight then gain it all back.

my heel is better but still hurts & sore an awful lot, mostly early in morning, the rest Hello for us, and write when you feel like.

By Love from all, Susie  
 in a poor writer

June 1, 1969

Dearst Henry and Lucy.

Was so glad to get the beautiful Card. It makes any one know that some one does think of others even if they can't or don't see them.

I don't know much to write. I only work in garden and bean Canning Beans and a few greens. I had 32 qts left over green beans and I Canned 25 qts more and give a Cousin half as many I reckon as I Canned. Peas are beginning to bloom, so see it's be pea Shelling and Canning later. My corn, 30 rows in garden is tall as I, soon Tasting. I Canned a few jars greens, also cooked a pot full for dinner, and did I eat. no wonder I'm so large. I raise it and try not to loose any. See my boy and his friends are to haul bald hay this eve. Came a nice

shower rain this morning, which  
 post pones hauling till hay dries some.  
 My daughter, Delta and Family  
 are doing fairly well. Her husband  
 had 70 baby calves or spring calves  
 this yr. so see he kept busy caring  
 for them & mother cows. he has had  
 a job looking and caring for Oil wells  
 for yrs. this field is going dead fast.  
 so jobs of the kind will be out.

I just don't know any thing worth  
 while to write, and too I'm not much  
 of a writer.

So if ever you start on another journey  
 and care come by, I'm here most  
 all time alone.

So By, Love  
 Susie.

do you ever hear any thing of Elbert.  
 I had a card or too, soon after Lucys  
 death, and thats all.

Tennessee Colony, Texas  
April 15 - 1968

Dear Henry & Lucy,

Its been quite a pleasure getting the nice letter from you 2. I enjoyed the letter so much. but information you ask about Henrys mother. I knew very little. she being a widow since Lucy was around 4 or 5 yrs old I think Henry was 6. when his father got throwed from a horse and his head hit a cement marker.

I'm sending a letter from a Cousin of Henrys. only one I find. she is or was Henrys mother's sisters daughter. This Aunt was 94 or 98 when she passed away. and this daughter Justine or Mrs Judd just quit writing. I wrote to her several times after her mothers death but no ans.

and I knew nothing about

Raised a few hogs, one 600 to 800 lbs. Raised about 1000 chickens on  
small scale. milled a few cows by hand.

Marys Family. Never saw any  
of them. ~~But~~ I wish I could  
help out further. About Grandmas  
or Henrys folks. There are Nelsons  
business places in Houston and  
Dallas (well off people) of course Henrys  
mother name was Goodwin when  
a girl, we never got to visit a  
bout as we started out blank and  
had to make a start in farming, hot  
oh, gee! and bad health and death  
etc help us down. we managed  
to pay for 217 acres land living  
in old, old house, cold, but airy  
in summer and winter, we did  
every little thing we could do on what  
we could manage to start with to  
pay for our home, lost a 16 yr old boy  
in Dec. 1938, he accidentally shot him  
self thro stomach & hip. lived 15  
days. had to borrow money to pay bills  
Then work in crop to pay those bills.

Our oldest Boy Tommie now a  
 Electrician for T.V. + Radio etc  
 work. Runs <sup>down</sup> the Jans T.V. and Radio  
 Shop in Palestine, when he was  
 6 yrs old he had Hooping Cough + nearly  
 killed him - left him with dry skin  
 and still red + dry. I think he'll be  
 48 next mo 19th, he has 3 children  
 1 girl 20 - 2 boys small about 6 + 7  
 Now H. Etta my daughter was 50  
 on Jan 31. Her + Husband has 238  
 acres farm land now all in Clover  
 + Coastal grass, about 70 cows and  
 about 50 baby calves. They have  
 a new brick home on High Way  
 287. I think, toward Tennessee Colony  
 from Palestine about 12 miles out.  
 she is neat + clean a good Christian  
 has sold Avon Products for yrs and  
 quit that + worked for dentists for  
 yrs to help educate her 2 children  
 she knows so many people where I

I don't know any one Hardly -  
 now my fourth child a daughter  
 Doris, would be about 43 I guess  
 this yr. Her husb was good at times  
 and most times mean to her, he  
 finally hit her in head with a  
 rock she lasted 4 days. she had 2  
 boys, after trials we adopted both  
 Dee Ray and Richard Wilson.  
 Dee Ray married has a baby  
 about 3 weeks old.

my father passed away 1944 - he  
 was 82. my mother passed away  
 1965. she was 92. her sister last yr  
 89. only 1 brother of her family living  
 my health was bad for 20 yrs or  
 more, better this yr.

my husb - Henry passed last yr June  
 21st, so I've had so much business  
 and work to do. boy Richard, 16 in  
 school. some time I think I can't  
 go on but Our Dear good Lord helps me

to carry on. see about 20 yrs ago my  
heart had fast running spells. I turned  
black and got stiff. Then Bendix  
operations 15- mo later back for Hernia  
operations my nerves, <sup>heart</sup> got so bad  
I couldn't hardly speak to anyone,  
I was weak nervous & trembly. Now  
I've a large garden.

I've really had a tough hard  
life.

If you're ever down around near  
give me a notice & come visit with  
us, my phone no is 549-2235.

I'd be so happy to have you anytime  
Now the Bishops there are a no  
of them around Elkhart. I don't  
know any by name - but you might  
contact some or one thro Post office or  
you come here & can go from here on  
Elkhart is about 10 miles south Palestine,  
Texas, I must close, when you're in  
Colorado maybe you can learn something  
over

about Henry's mother's  
people from this letter,

Will Buy, come if ever you  
can.

so glad to hear from you, Alene  
hasn't wrote.

Write again any thing you  
find out,

I for got to tell you we rebuilt  
in 1950. I'm proud of this house  
rooms kinda small but it was all  
we could do a 6 room house with  
<sup>well</sup> water & Electricity.

Then about 1952 we got to getting  
some oil wells 2 whole ones 3 Partner  
Ship ones. we helped our children with  
some of it, and Henry was close with  
rest & put up all not badly  
needed.

So Long

By  
Love  
Lucille Nelson

Linnessa Colney, Texas  
June 23- '68

Dear't Lucy and Henry.

I've been slow answering your kind  
and wonderful letter, it was so good  
to read if so many that are kin in  
a way to Henry. Last Fri morning  
about 7<sup>20</sup> ~~one~~ <sup>more</sup> year ago Henry passed  
away here in a chair. I only got in  
room in time to see him try to breath  
he thro'd up his hands, that was it.  
I had to call my boy, then get on  
phone to let my daughter know.

Now my daughter's only girl's husb.  
quit her and 3 boy's for another  
woman, boy's age about 5 to 10 or 11 yrs.  
they live in Lovington N. Mexico  
don't know what she intends to do.

About Henry's Aunt I can't  
think what her name was. I've  
tried very hard to think and never  
hooked for more letters, but not yet.

Henry I hope you get to feeling much better. I've sinus & arthritis at times bad, I've felt very good this yr. altho a rash started earlier in year, and got to where I itch & scratch them burn so I went to Dr Sat. got a shot & some Pills. I do feel better of it to day.

Really I think it was caused from Pills I'm taking for Gastritis. I stopped eating them. Dr said take when I need them.

We sure have had some rain past few days. raining now. my boy not 17 yet bought a Hay truck and Loader. to haul hay, done very well till these showers come. keeps Hay wet

I've peas to pick and shell on now. Shelled 3 bags since noon. Corn soon be ready to can. already got in Onions. Tomatoes coming on. some squash, Cukes and even soon have Cusnows to bake. Green beans Canned & put away.

I want to go see my youngest sister 58  
yr old that had a Tumor removed 22  
march. she is doing fairly well but  
still have muscle cramps. occasionally  
Dr dismissed her till July 15. Can  
walk some but can't use left arm or  
hand.

I just don't know any thing worth  
while to write. so will bring this to  
a close.

If ever you are any where near here  
in palestine look us up I live  
1 mile east of Tennessee <sup>on 37<sup>th</sup> road</sup> ~~about~~  
about 14 miles from Palestine West.  
a red barn across road in front of  
house (diagonally to the left)

Always enjoy your wonderful  
letters

By  
Love

Susie Nelson

Dear Henry and Lucy-

I was so glad to get your card. I had so many things to do, I didn't get around to sending out all cards I intended to.

I'm sure and hope you all had a most enjoyable Xmas-

We got several nice gifts and had plenty to eat, and best of all pretty good health. I haven't had only a little sniffle cold. Richard had a spell Dr fixed him up with med. he got OK.

Sure is lots flue about in hoping to miss it, in to get Boston shot soon.

I sure had a job this fall picking up Pecans, over 700 lb, probably 750 lbs or over, not many more to come down.

We have some very cool and windy weather here.

a big rain first of week.

The story of 3 men going up to moon sure has been a go, they can have the job, not me, down here is good enough for me.

I don't know any thing of interest to write so will terry along.

If I don't pr get I'll look for a picture of Henry, my best, Tell Dorothy Hello for me, with I could see or know them yrs ago. I miss Lucy, she tried visit us twice a yr in later yrs,

By,

Love

Susie

Tennessee Colony, Texas  
Dec 21-1967

Mr + Mrs Henry Sweres

I was so glad to hear from you. I began to think either of you would write. It was on a sad occasion to meet Lucy children, but do wish could have earlier in yrs. Lucy mentioned and talked of her children. I saw her with tears in eyes more than once. We loved Lucy so much, and I'm sure she loved me as we knew each other practically all our lives. She was a good person. She had been awfully sick at times for yrs. I'm sure. About the Bishop, I never

new any of them

one of Marys boys came  
by this summer shortly be-  
fore Lucys death, only stayed  
about 30 minutes, first and  
only time ever to see any of Marys  
children, he is kinda heavy set,  
his given name I don't remember,  
if I see the name or hear of  
any one by the name I'll let  
you know, altho there are some  
Bishops around Elkhart, Texas,

We have some very disagreeable  
weather now getting colder & drizzly  
rain, so glad to hear from  
you Henry. try writing again  
wished we could talk & visit  
more in waev. Bye!  
Susie Nelson. (Henrys wife)



Our Home, built in 1958  
we worked hard to get to gather  
enough doe to build this. we  
loved it, not roomy enough

for more  
than  
us 2.

Henry  
and  
Susie

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we adopted 2 brand  
children 15 yrs ago  
oldest married, has a  
son 10 mo old. one  
here yet 17 yrs old, in  
11th grade.

20 August 72

Dear Mrs. Series,

Thank you for your letter of 17th. I have a picture of the "Murrell House" in Oklahoma. My uncle Jeffery Murrell told me the story of how the Murrells went to Oklahoma. He said a Murrell was commissioned to carry a group of Indians out there when we settled their lands here in Ala, Tenn, Miss. etc whatever was included in the Indian territory in this part of the U.S.

I am sending you a photo of the 2 pages in "Ansearchin' News," which included my Nelms line. (Part of my Nelms data)

I just remembered that there is another "Nelms" book at our new library at Peabody & McLean St. (Memphis Public Library) but I had forgotten about it as it had none of my line in it. Will check it for you when time permits.

I have seen the material collected by Mrs. Floyd Murrell of Milton, West, Va.

She mailed a huge package about 3 inches thick to us - It had about a dozen folders of material in it -

I got in touch with her thru Mrs. Bigger who has a Ridgeway line - You mentioned Ridgeway in your letter - I met Jeanne Bigger at the 1969 Seminar of Tenn Gen Society -

If I find anything of interest to you I will let you know Pres. Betty Moore (Mrs. Henry) turned your letter to Tenn Gen Society over to me to answer and I will try to find what you requested

Yours sincerely,

Emelyn Pitter

call me by my ~~first~~ this name  
Incidentally I have a sister Lucy -  
also an aunt Lucy - who is my  
mother's sister -

13 August '72

Dear Mrs. Sires,

It's good to be well again since you have recovered from your recent illness.

It seems we never have enough time. Today I had planned to go to a homecoming at my father's home town but I overslept. Thank heaven. I was leary about getting out into highway traffic, any way.

Thank you for the large envelope of material you sent. I have not had time to study it as I would like to. However I am glad to get these dates.

There was no death certificate in Nashville, Tenn. for my Abner C. Nelms who died ca 1915. And I must apologize for accusing Miss. for keeping the file "for the search" as Tennessee does, too.

A close friend of Ruth Nelms Hooper told me she had many notes that were not included in her book on Nelms. so I will check at our Npks Public Library to see if they have these unpublished notes stored. I'm sure they will let me see them if they have them.

About Wesley Nelms at Cranfordville Ark. That town is not too far from here so some day when dirt roads

2. are dry. I will drive over there and look him up - He may be descended from one of your ancestors slaves - I remember "Uncle Billy Murrell" (my mother's maiden name was Murrell) coming by to see us every summer.

Mama always had a white shirt to give him - He descended from some of her ancestors slaves.

Please excuse these mistakes but there is a mail pickup near here on Sundays and I always find myself trying to get letters there -

~~I have not studied your material~~

I will let you hear again after I have studied your material & checked with the library -

I had seen about that John Flos Ritter disappearing -

Rudolph's cousin Basil Ritter (dec.) did research on Ritter but alas I have been unable to get it - I must write his widow's former address to get it forwarded and get in touch with her - Will keep looking for your data -

No answer necessary on this letter - Sincerely, Emelyn Helms Ritter

8 July 1972.

Dear Mrs. Squires,

The oldest Nelms I am sure  
I'm directly descended from is

Samuel Nelms b. Feb-1786  
d. 14 Nov. 1859.

His son: Absner C. Nelms  
b. 1821 d. ca 1915 m. 22 Nov. 1843  
m. Sophronia O. Tedford.  
b. 1825

Their children

1. David Samuel Nelms
2. Amanda Tane Nelms
3. John F Nelms.
4. Wm. Carroll Nelms.
5. Mary F Nelms
6. Thomas H Nelms.

Do you think the C. in your Wesley C.  
Nelms is for Carroll?

My notes on Nelms did not  
reveal any information you may  
want but I have some sources I  
plan to check. I will do this!

1. Get Absner C. Nelms death  
Certificate from Nashville - Now that  
I know he died in Tenn.

2<sup>o</sup> Rule learned from experience:

Don't ever send any money to Mississippi! If they don't have what you want, they'll keep it and say it was for their search.

"Do you have access to the 'Ancearchin' News' Terni Genealogical Society official publication -

My Helms line is on Page 43  
Vol 19<sup>th</sup> Jan - Mar 1972 no. 1

James T Goodbread sent it in and it was a surprise to me -

2. I will look for the mill of Abner C. Helms -

Source

2. There is another book on Helms at our Main library, McKeans Peabody, also abstracts from Mills.

The confusing thing about it is they all named their sons William Samuel + Richard -

We have a cousin Richard Helms who carried me to that cemetery where Samuel b. Feb 1786 is buried - He's the one who came from N.C. by wagon

I'm disappointed that I have not been able to find anything for you in my notes -

However, I will try some more when I get back to Memphis.

I do appreciate you phoning me and will keep trying to find your husband, Wesley C. Nelson.

I have great hopes about the info on the death certificate of Abram C. Nelson because I'm sure my grandfather David Samuel Nelson gave the info. and he was an educator.

Sincerely,

E. Melvyn Ritter

MRS. L. R. RITTER  
SOUTH MARNE STREET  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38111

3 July '72

Dear Mrs. Swires,

Thank you for calling yesterday  
regarding Nelms line.

I believe we had only one immigrant  
Richard Nelms b. ca 1615 British Isles  
m. Ann \_\_\_\_\_ before 8 Mar. 1668  
their children!

1. Charles m. Alice \_\_\_\_\_

2. Sarah.

3. William Nelms m before 1699  
died before 19 Aug. 1719  
m. Elizabeth Bledso dau of George  
+ Elizabeth Bledso

Their sons: Samuel + 19 June 1699  
+ William

4. Richard will mentions wife  
Sarah + bro. Chas. + William  
(cont'd)

2"  
"  
5. Dorethea

6. John

There is a book by  
Ruth Earl (Nelms) Hooker.

"Presley Nelms Jr., his ancestors  
+ descendants in America from  
Nov. 25, 1652 to present.

Last night a cousin on my  
Bondurant line phoned that  
he has found much material  
on Nelms and is mailing it  
to me.

He will include references  
from Northumberland Co - Va.

3"  
I have a Helms will which I  
will copy for you

Also have census records &  
Gravestone inscriptions.

I am keeping a copy of this  
letter so I can follow through.

This Helms coat of Arms is  
authentic. I have seen a nice  
about 7" x 9" colored copy in  
a book which included The  
Edward Hull Crump line - His  
mother was Mollie Helms.

Will try to get this material  
compiled for you while I am  
on vacation.

Sincerely,

Emelyn Ritter

Strawburg Pt. Iowa

Aug 21, 1973

Dear Lucy & Henry:

Your lovely card came to day and it truly was the way Emma went.

You know she never wanted to go back to a Hospital, she wasn't going to take heart tablets, and she thought nursing homes were terrible.

She enjoyed her home and all of her things for 5 1/2 years here in Strawburg. Mennie & husband Harold had come from Arizona June 18th and I had make a

2) decorated cake for Emma's birthday June 4. When I brought it to her home on June 3. she came out with one she had baked, but announced as her friends came on June 4th she would serve the cake she baked and we would save the decorated one I had made and she and Minnie would have their Birthday celebration together. Minnie & Harold had visited here and then went to Minnesota to visit their daughter

3) and take care of some business. Emma had been feeling as well as usual with lots of pain in her left knee. On Sunday June 29th she had laid out recipes to make cookies Minnie liked so she would have them when Minnie got back. She watched Television until 10:30 P. M on Sunday night. She did not sleep well many nights and told me if her shades were down in the morning, I would know she was resting. I had watched

4) the shades and went for the mail about 9 o'clock. When I stepped on her back step I could see she had turned off her night light in the kitchen so I put the mail between the doors and went and did another errand when I came back the next time I became alarmed and hurried to my home for the pass key. It was a great shock when I looked in her bedroom. She lay comfortable in bed like she always slept, but not cover with quilt

5) I grabbed her feet, they were cold; her hand to try to feel a pulse and no pulse. I ran for the neighbors who called the Dr. The Dr. pronounced it as an instant Heart Coronary and that I could not have done anything even if I had been there.

I know this is the way she wanted to go but Lucy it was the worst shock I ever had. I will miss her very much as we were kids together and I always tried to help when going was rough.

b) for her.

I am sure our Loving God knew best. The hernia had become large and the one leg was sodash color.

Thank you for your kind words.

Now I must ask how ~~are~~ you and Henry getting along?

Minnie & husband will be with me until next week and then they go to their home in Tucson.

Write when you can.

My love & Best Wishes  
Martha

Good Old Days

John N. Nelson M. D.

B. Oct. 6 1856. Grimes Co., Texas

m. Apr. 8, 1880. Miss Charlotte Yockey,

Bastrop Co., Ind.

The Smith Family and Related fam.

Mrs Bettie Smith Haynes

102 No. Gramercy St.

Los Angeles, Calif (523)

NAME James Griffith Cameron  
 ADDRESS 137 Berkentine St.  
 DATE Foster City, Calif. 94404  
 7 June 1971

Elisha Cameron  
 B16 Dec.1804 M11 Sept.1824  
 D11 Dec.(1879) RWhite Co.Tenn

William Newton Cameron  
 B13 Oct.1841 Sparta, Tenn.  
 M13 Jan.1867 " " "  
 D28 July 1922, Victoria B.C.  
 R Coleman, Texas

James Oscar Cameron  
 B27 Nov.1867 Sparta, Tenn.  
 M27 Apr.1893 Eddy, N.M.  
 D20 Oct.1943 Victoria, B.C.  
 R Victoria, B.C., Canada

James Christian Officer  
 B31 Oct.1803 M30 Sept.1839  
 D20 Oct.1866 RWhite Co.Tenn.  
Lee Ann Glenn  
 B14 Feb.1814 White Co.Tenn.  
 D1 Nov.1868 White Co.Tenn.

Mary Louisa Officer  
 B24 June 1843, Overton Co.  
 D8 Nov. 1914 Tenn.  
 Coleman, Texas

James Freeman Cameron  
 B25 Aug. 1895, Carlisbad, N.M.  
 M15 Sept.1919, Victoria, B.C.  
 D  
 R Vancouver, B.C.

Alfred Alexander Freeman  
 B7 Feb.1838, Haywood Co.  
 M7 June 1857 Wmsn.Co.Tenn.  
 D28 Mar.1926 Victoria B.C.  
 R Victoria, B.C.

Green Freeman  
 B1793 N.C. M2 Jan.1817  
 D1877 Haywood Co.Tenn.  
Priscilla Bowman  
 B1795 Tenn.  
 D 1852 Haywood Co.,Tenn.

Beatrix Freeman  
 B23 July 1872, Brownsville, Tenn.  
 D22 Nov. 1954, Victoria, B.C.

Martha Elizabeth Fadgett  
 B27 June 1834 Wmsn.Co.Tenn.  
 D27 June 1927 Victoria B.C.

Henry George Fadgett  
 B1 Feb.1796 Va M30 Nov.1821  
 D4 Oct.1853 R Wmsn.Co.Tenn.  
C. Mary Minifred Andrews  
 B1797 Amherst Co., Va.  
 D2 Aug. 1885 Wmsn.Co.Tenn.

James Griffith Cameron  
 B19 Dec.1920, Victoria, B.C.  
 M27 Dec.1947, Parksville, B.C.  
 D  
 R Foster City, Calif.

Joseph W. Griffith  
 B1805 Del. M15 Dec.1831  
 D1874 Ill. R Madison Co.Ill.

Winnifred Rae First  
 To whom married

James Anderson Griffith  
 Bca.1833 Delaware  
 Mca.1855 Illinois  
 Dca.1874 Madison Co.Ill.  
 R Collinsville, Ill.

Sarah Anderson  
 B6 Apr. 1815 Del.  
 D20 Aug.1902 Madison Co.Ill.

James Anderson Griffith  
 B14 July 1867, Madison Co. Ill.  
 M21 Mar.1892, Spokane, Wash.  
 D26 Feb.1951, Victoria, B.C.  
 R Victoria, B.C.

Ann Virginia Farnor  
 B27 Dec. 1840, Ohio  
 D26 Apr. 1904  
 Madison Co., Ill.

Samuel Farnor  
 Bca.1806 Pa. M  
 D Mo. R  
Charlotte  
 B Va.  
 D

Lotus Zerelda Griffith  
 B1 Sept. 1895, Spokane, Wash.  
 D24 Apr. 1971, Vancouver, B.C.

Jonathan Rainier Masterson  
 B15 Feb.1845 Leonard Co.Ill.  
 M15 Feb.1869 Decatur Ill.  
 D31 July 1922 L.A. Calif.  
 R

James Henry Masterson  
 B1824 Ky. M29 Nov.1843  
 D7 Aug.1894 R RR Arun, Idaho  
Margaret L.J. Cosenbarger  
 B2 Dec.1826 Sangamon Co.Ill.  
 D6 Feb. 1924 Spokane, Wash.

Olive Josephine Masterson  
 B11 Mar. 1871 Decatur, Ill.  
 D23 July 1949 Victoria, B.C.

Ephraim C. Nelms  
 B3 Nov.1828 Mca.1850 Ill.  
 D18 Oct.1858 Christian Co.Ill.  
Rebecca Virginia Hazlett  
 B29 May 1833 Sangamon Co.Ill.  
 D4 Oct.1920 Christian Co.Ill.

Mary Zerelda Nelms  
 Bca.1858 Christian Co.Ill.  
 D20 July 1902 Spokane Wa.

Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Continuation of  
 Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

Barkentine St.  
Foster City, Calif. 94404  
June 7, 1972

Mrs. Henry B. Swires

Huntington Beach, Calif. 92647

Dear Mrs. Swires:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Nelms family. Please excuse the delay in answering but I have been out of town and occupied with business lately. I cannot relate your family directly to any of the NELMS in my family but it is very probable that they are originally from the same family. They all seemed to originate in Virginia in this country and then spread out to Tennessee, Kentucky, Ill., Texas, etc.

I am enclosing copies of all the information I have on my own and other Nelms families which may give you a clue as to where your family fits in. I found the Damron and Nelms family history in the Seattle Public Library and you may have a copy in a genealogical library near you. I am also enclosing a five generation chart showing my descent from the Nelms family.

I hope this will be of interest to you. I will keep your letter in my Nelms file and will let you know if I run across anything in the future.

Sincerely,

*James G. Cameron*

JAMES G. CAMERON

Mrs. Patricia R. Seard  
1 Evalyn Avenue  
Terrance, Calif. 90505  
Oct. 6, 1972

Mrs. Lucy Swires  
Lucia Lane  
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92647

Dear Lucy:

In response to your letter of Oct. 5, regarding the Nelms family, I have checked all of the records I have available and have found a few Nelms names listed in the cemetery inscriptions which I am enclosing for you. This is all I find of the name and am sorry they were not listed in the History of Christian County as it gives so much data. If any of this information is of any value to you and you think they are related in some way to your Nelms, perhaps you could send to the County Clerk in Christian County for copies of some of the death records, marriage licenses or wills and deeds. I have been able to get quite a bit of information this way. If you do not have the information at hand on how to order these, let me know and I will send it to you.

I also received a letter from a Mrs. Carl (Viola) Saum, P.O. Box 962, Burney, Calif. 96013 in Bay asking for information on the Widick, White and Cooper families. I sent the information along to her regarding her family and had also added the Nelms line as it ties into the Widick and Cooper families. Perhaps you could write to her to see if she has followed through with the Nelms name.

Also notice in the Sept. '72 issue of the Halper-page 368-W31- there is a Leo W. Ware seeking information on the Nelms line. His address is 2913 East 3370 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109.

For your information the following is a list of those books checked:

1. Vols. I thru IV-Christian County Cemetery Inscriptions
2. Vols. I thru IV- Christian County 1880 History
3. 325 Misc. Marriage records of Snagamon County, Illinois
4. 450 Misc. Marriages from Illinois including Macoupin, Randolph, Monroe, Perry Schuyler and Brown Counties-1809-1841
5. Shelby County Cemetery Inscriptions-Vols. I and II
6. Patron List of Shelby County-1875 Plat Book
7. Listing of Persons Mentioned in Townships of the Fayette, County, Illinois History
8. Excerpts from Fayette County, Illinois History Biographies
9. 900 Marriages from Illinois Counties-Vol. 6-

If I can be of any further help to you, please feel free to let me know. I also have books on the state of Virginia in case you ever have to research that. Most are marriage records, 1700-1799. Also a very good research book of the state of Tennessee.

In case you ever run into anyone who is working on a Boise or Blandford line, I would appreciate hearing about it.

over

I am trying to search these names in Christian County (have found them in 1870, 80 census). Before that ??? Boles were believed to have been from Ohio (perhaps Athens?) and Blanchards were from Vermont. Other spellings are Boals, Bowles, Bowls, etc. I have quite a large collection on these names also. Other names I am working on are Brule (have them traced from Ill. thru Canada and to France in 1700); Gillmore or Gillmar of Shelby Co. Ill and Germany (are traced to port of entry in 1860, before that in Prussia; Lugars of Shelby County, Ill. and Virginia and Indiana (have traced this line to 1790); Sheehans of Tennessee and Co. Cork, Ireland; Fortners of Tennessee and No. & So. Carolina. The Boles and Blanchards are what I am concentrating on at the time and I have run into a problem so would appreciate any help.

I will place your name in my unrelated file and if I should have any more information come my way, I will let you know. The best of luck on your research.

Sincerely,

*Catrina Board*

Christian County Cemetery Inscriptions-

Vol. I- page 35- Edinburg Cemetery- located about 1/2 mile west of the north end of Edinburg, Illinois, Duckhart Township

Nelms, Amanda Greenwalt      Nelms, James  
wife of James                      d. Jan. 30, 1921  
1865-1919

Vol. I- Stafford Cemetery- located northeast of Mt. Auburn in Mosquito Township

Nelms, Ephraim, son of Thomas & Sarah Widick Nelms

b. Nov. 8, 1828  
d. Oct. 18, 1858  
aged 29 yrs. 11 mos. 9 ds.

Nelms, George T., son of Ephraim C. & Rebecca Hazlett Nelms

b. Nov. 20, 1856  
d. Jan. 17, 1858

Nelms, James R., son of Ephraim & Rebecca

b. Feb. 24, 1854  
d. Nov. 2, 1854

Nelms, Rebecca, wife of Ephraim (is buried at Berea under name of Rebecca Abel)

Nelms- See Abel-

Abel, Carrie, dau of John N. & Rebecca Hazlett Nelms Abel  
d. 1871 (infant)

Nelms- see Wedeking

Wedeking, Lucinda, wife (2nd) of Jasper Wedeking. She married 1st Benjamin F. Suddith  
b. Apr. 16, 1837  
d. Jan. 19, 1916  
dau. of Ephraim Cooper & Sarah Widick Nelms Cooper

Christian County Cemetery Inscriptions- Vol. II- pg. 137-

Mt. Zion Cemetery-located on the Baughman farm in Stonington Township about four miles north east of the town of Stonington.

Nelms, Salome                      Nelms, children  
wife of J.C.                      (no names-no dates)  
d. 1822 aged 22 yrs.

Christian County Cemetery Inscriptions- Vol. IV- Grove City Cemetery-page 23-located ten miles north and a quarter mile west of Taylorville. Col. Peter Porter, b. Jan. 16, 1787, died

Mar. 17, 1869, is buried in this cemetery. He came to Mt. Auburn Twp. in 1830, joining a settlement begun in 1820 when Ephraim Cooper and Benj. Ceiger with their families came to this area from Tennessee.

Nelms, Minnie Irene, dau. L.E.  
d. 1882

BISHOP Family

As I approach the end of this year late issue. This current article is added. Because it has greatly disturbed me and I feel that it should be publicized at the earliest possible time. It is written for use in this publication. However my circulation is only about 300 copies. In a hope for wider circulation, I invite other editors, to reprint it, or extract and make their own comments. Only wide circulation will help deter others who would seek to degrade good genealogists and cast dishonor upon the ancestors we are proud of.

On page 49 of the Sept.-Oct. 1972 issue of a bi monthly magazine "CHICAGO". Begins an article titled "How to grow yourself a family tree" author Dan Rottenberg; Outside a couple of emphasized remarks that I will treat later, the story could well be that of any one of several thousands of 3rd or 4th generation Polish Jews in Chicago, it cites few facts but in general it is a reasonable study of the methods to employ in tracing ones ancestry. However there is a note of humor added by an emphasized statement at the bottom of the page. "From the Garden of Eden to Chicago: One Family's Journey in Time" while we know that it has to be the beginning of all ancestries there are very few that are foolish enough to think it possible to do. And if it could be why I ask would anyone waste their time trying to prove that he is a 32nd cousin of someone else, that is a foregone conclusion.

Personally my interest is no farther back than those glorious men and women who 350 years ago braved the stormy seas in ships not much bigger than rowboats to plant the seeds of democracy on the shores of this greatest nation on earth and their descendants who a 150 years later bled and died to preserve those principles and establish this nation with freedom and justice for all.

Basically what aroused my ire is the fact that all through the article, the writer refers to our ancestors of whom we are proud as WASPS, and infers that they should be scorned. Certainly he does not realize that had it not been for these ancestors of ten and twelve generations ago, there would have been no land of bread and honey to welcome his ancestors of 3 or 4 generations ago. In my opinion the writer can be nothing less than a reactionary, with a heart full of ethnic and

Racial prejudice. This writer has often described himself as an unorthodox genealogist. It is my feeling that race, religion, politics and financial status are the individuals personal business. The family group sheet should be used and the the statistical information, should be as complete as possible, the dates and places of birth, death, marriage, together with the parents names are all that are important. Any thing else such as place of burial, sometimes occupation, if provable facts are helpfull but not neccssarily essential. I am a surname genealogist. My principle function is to accumulate data, cvaluate it and credit it to the proper line of descent from any one of hundreds of people named BISHOP who have migrated to this country since its beginnning. I have no interest in their national origin, their religion, race or politics. Some of the various names that translate to Bishop are Bischoff, Biskup, Bishov, Leveque and many others.

Now it is time to take up the emphasized misstatements in the article. # 1 " The Newberry Library has the best genealogical collection between the East Coast and Salt Lake City." rumors that what was written were not to well appreciated by people at Newberry have been heard. Perhaps they will not appreciate this evaluation of it either. In his text he points out the purposes for which Walter L. Newberry endowed the library That part is well and good, I feel sure Mr. Newberry had much pride in his anectry and that of other founders of Chicago and this nation. What is wrong is that the writer likens it to a monument to those WASPS for whom he bears so much prejudice. He goes on to state, " So the half dozen or so WASPS left in Chicago have Newberry Libray as a splendid reminder of their bygone days of glory". most certainly he does not realize that of the three and a half million population to which he credits Chicago, no less than 75% are intermarried with those terrible WASPs and now form the vast number of family tree climbers who are in search of their WASP ancestors as well as those of their lately arrived Polish, Jewish, Latin, Lithuanian or black ancestors. Here he probably got in bad with Newberry people was glorifying their collection. It is possible that he may have created a rum on the library by amateur family tree climbers. Those of us in the know are well aware that this has long since been fact.

Newberry Library in days gone by was rated one of, if not the top genealogical library in the country. Like many other of the finer things about Chicago of the past, for the last quarter century has been deteriorating. Perhaps not in all respects, but in its original purpose that of a genealogical nature. It is doubtful if it is now numbered in the top twenty five. In this last quarter century genealogy has been advancing by leaps and bounds. The Mormon Church, Genealogical Society without a doubt holds 1st place. But more locally Fort Wayne (Ind.) Public Library is fast becoming # 2, financed by a federal grant, in very recent years it has come up fast. Presently it has an arrangement with Newberry where by it is either photo copying or micro filming the rarer publications in the Newberry collection. In addition many State Libraries such as Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, and others are now high on the list of good genealogical libraries. Not to mention cities like Milwaukee, Detroit, St. Louis and even tiny Valparaiso, Ind. has an amazing collection. Quite recently the CHICAGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, turned its collection over to the Winnetka Public Library, which has a librarian dedicated to genealogy and that institution is fast acquiring a good collection. Near by Wilmette is the seat of one of the branch libraries of the Mormon Church Society where the researcher can order micro film from the more than a million roll collection of the main library at Salt Lake City and read it at his leisure. Many other suburban libraries are building genealogical collections. With - in the last month a new library has been established on the campus of Thornton Community College at So Holland, by the former So. COOK and No. WILL Counties Genealogical and Historical Society for which this writer is known as the founder. The name has also recently been changed to SOUTH SUBURBAN Genealogical & Historical Society. The average genealogist no longer depends on Newberry Library. Situated in a hard to get to location, with danger to personal life, and impossible parking situation. Hard put for time and money he prefers to drive a little further and be able to have better service with greater variety than now offered by Newberry. One thing that surprised me was that this writer did not mention the block square park across the street from Newberry which in the good old days was called "Bug House

Square. Also endowed to the public by some public spirited individual, (I don't have the time to check it.) Perhaps also by Mr. Walter L. Newberry. It was dedicated to our right of free speech. On a balmy summer evening as many as eight or ten persons of the type that the writer of the article I question appears to be, could be found each on his own soap box expounding on the terrible circumstances that had been created by this writers pet peeve the WASPS who created our great country. That was half a century ago, more or less. Their audiences were mostly made up of WASPS who looked upon the activities as sort of a free three ring circus. Today those characters basking in the sun enjoying free college educations provided by the sons and daughters of those terrible WASPS, have taken their propaganda to the press in articles like the one I refer too. They find time while waiting for their welfare check to congregate at Newberry in search of the point where some little Russian or Polish Jew or some black man from the jungles of Africa has by virtue of the principles of demaocracy created by those terrible Wasps has permitted them to intermarry and now have that encesty to point to in pride. The writer probably failed to find the point so adopted the fairy tale of his descendance from Adam and Eve.

Statement # 2 " A city full of descendants of immigrants and slaves now has the leisure to wonder where we came from and the self-confidence to assert our backgrounds." The leisure has always been there for those that had the desire to use it for a noble purpose. The costs were no greater comparably than they are today. An example is the collection this writer now owns that was made in the very late years of the last century and the first quarter of this one, by the grandfather of todays celebrated news commentator Paul Harvey, then an aged Civil War veteran struggling to eke an existance from a few acres of arid Kansas prairie. Poor soul, he did not live to publish, but since some 25 years after he passed on another dedicated family member who had enjoyed slightly better financial result from his labors in the slave market did publish it in part and the Lord willing I hope in my day to publish more of it.

Statement # 3. " Genealogy - hunting is a lonely hobby because nobody is likely to be interested in your particular family other than you and

your relatives." Why I ask, such a statement ? There are tens of thousands of people doing genealogy today. There are hundreds upon hundreds of genealogical societies. All willing and able to help you do your genealogy or climb your family tree. No less than twenty are nation-wide in there scope and coverage. Almost every one of the fifty states has a society geared to that particular states materials, Yet their membership is scattered over the country, due to the highly migratory make up of the present population. Time was when the movement was westward, an people sought their ancestors back in the east. That has all changed and now those in the south are searching in the north and west and those in the east all over the country.

In the state of Illinois there are now twenty five local societies. In the Chicago metropolitan area there are two. CHICAGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box, 1160, Chicago, IL. 60690 meets monthly at the M.C.A College on Wacker Drive. Pres. Miss JUNE B. BAREKMAN a genealogist of national and international reputation. Second is the SOUTH COOK and NORTH WILL COUNTIES GENEALOGICAL and HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Recently renamed the SOUTH SUBURBAN G. & H. SOCIETY, P.O. Box 96, So. Holland, IL. 60473; Meets monthly in their library on the Campus of Thoraton Community College, So. Holland. Pres. Mrs. BARBARA M. MILBY, not yet as well known as Miss Barekman but growing fast in genealogical circles. The vast majority of societies publish a periodical devoted to usable source materials from their particular area. Membership fees may run as high as \$ 50.00 annually for some of the large national groups, but the average I would say for all societies is about \$ 5.00 per year and usually includes the publication.

Another large group is the family association or individual working on one surname. Here again the average yearly dues are about \$ 5.00 and also includes a periodical of which this is an example. Being the individual project of this writer.

There are also many commercial firms publishing genealogical materials in periodical form. The largest is the Genealogical Helper which has a circulation in excess of 20000 copies. Several devote much space to foreign source materials. Two that comes to mind are World Records, and Genealogy Club of America. Here again one can have a years subscription for from 5 to 7 dollars.

One of, if not the best of the latter type, periodical as well as possibly the longest in continuous publication is the American Genealogist. The late Donald Lines Jacobus, for many years known as the dean of genealogists, starting in 1922 done eight volumes on the "Ancient Families of New Haven" probably the best multi family genealogy of all time. (Of course devoted to Mr. Hottenberg's hated WASPs.) After which he became editor and publisher of American Genealogist, a position he continued in almost until his death a couple of years ago. When Dr. George E. Mc Cracken took over the editorship and it continues to be a very high class periodical in the field.

So in closing my remarks on the loneliness of a genealogist I want to say that any who are have only themselves to blame. I pride my self in the fact that mine is a WASP descent from one of those "Ancient Families of New Haven," traditional Connecticut Yankees, of independent natures, with the inclination to go through life as lone wolves. Due to this my younger years may have been some what lonely and my friends few and far between, now I count them in the thousands.

It is prsumable that some of the organizations and individuals mentioned above are among those that the writer was referring to when he made the statement, "There is no shortage of fast-buck operators anxious to cash in on the new American rot-consciousness". There is nothing new about the interest in genealogy. It has always been there among those whom Webster described when he said " He that careth not from whence he came, careth little wither he goeth." The greater interest of today is reflected in the larger population and the better economic situation of the average person thanks to our WASP ancestors who established this nation and its democratic principles. The writer mentions the professional who charges \$ 5.00 and up. a very few of these may be chislers but on the average the professional is a good buy at any price, because he knows the short cuts and can in the long run save you money. The only real chisler general in operation is the peddler of false coats of arms. Personally I sell a Bishop Coat of Arms but with a definite staement that it is only that, not that it belongs to any individual. Then there is an occasional character such as the reprinted item on page 189, whom we seek to stop just as we do these that try to degrade us anf this great work.

Henry height in  
late 60 grey small  
dark eyes full ruddy  
face -

Cressy Craig

(H.C. Bishop Dallas  
Contractor - Cleveland - )

~~Wm~~ Wm  
(Archibald <sup>and</sup>  
Palestine

Dave (Dallas)

James

Nelson data

J. D. Bishop (phone)

Louisiana where Mary <sup>Shuler</sup> learned of hoop snakes &

Key Area M + Wealey <sup>Sunday</sup> there

1921 William Bishop (c)

in Amarillo - <sup>area</sup> ~~dedicated~~ <sup>Pop</sup> ~~Pop~~  
in Wealey Fargo week -  
(newspaper)

Oct. 1937

Mary Bishop, J. D. and  
Victoria went to ~~Crockett~~  
Texas for court hearing  
(over)

on oil property  
litigation

D. J. Bishop

Alberta Lehman

Barry Judd

~~Anna Marie~~  
~~Lehman~~



Wesley  
Roland  
Vic  
Lafayette  
John Douglas  
James Joseph

Wellman  
Texas

7 (carpenter)

(J - Wesley D Bishop  
Wellman, Texas  
1-806-637-3013)



Bishop

J. D. Bishop  
(Lincoln Co Ill) - (Harry's dad!)  
Lincoln, Logan Co. Ill  
1881 born Lincoln Co. Sept 21

1968 - June 

1932 saw E.C. Nelson



William  
Arch  
Tom  
James  
Dane

Not killed  
for Wells  
Fargo Exp. 1928  
El Paso

Got killed  
Dallas  
Cleveland } Bishop  
disappeared - Cont. 1928  
Play boy  
model T  
red headed

magnolia ferry

1937  
hip scumbe

oil  
property

Lincoln County

(Harry's Dad)

1928

William

O.B.

Alexandra

Mrs. Shambler  
Anna Mae <sup>8</sup> 440

Wampers - obituary  
pictures

Forey 1/2 brother

Ben Samek take

Wesley Nelsons  
Civil War

(Emmanuel Nelsons Spanish Grant  
named Nagodoshes  
for granted 1870)

Wesley lived where  
anna may in

until Wm Nelsons came  
to America  
1923

Galveston - flood

(Gladys to Sammie)

Jack & Lucy Elen married  
in Palestine 1910 - 11

Anna Mae born 1912

(1898)

Weatherford (?)

Carl Proctor Dallas

~~Neils~~ Bishop

Wesley, wife Florence .....70 yr in Sept  
Wellman, Texas, Box 12, 79378  
1-806-637-3013

Roland..... (R.H)  
Sacramento, Calif .....1-916-627; .3279  
351 Harding Ave.....95833

Victoria Stewart  
Steckten, Calif....1428 No. E. St.....95205.....died 1970

Lafayette Bishop....died in elevator accident

John Douglas Nelms....Amarillo, Texas' .....79109  
3406 Eddy.....1-806-355-2816

James Joseph.....701 Birmingham...Amarillo, Texas....79109  
1-806-373-2678

Texas  
Old Mexico 1923

father of freighter  
Wm (Lafayette)  
5 yrs

Temple  
Felton

~~Wm (Lafayette)~~  
Arch to Okla

Millers store

7 1/2 yrs  
1950-51  
22  
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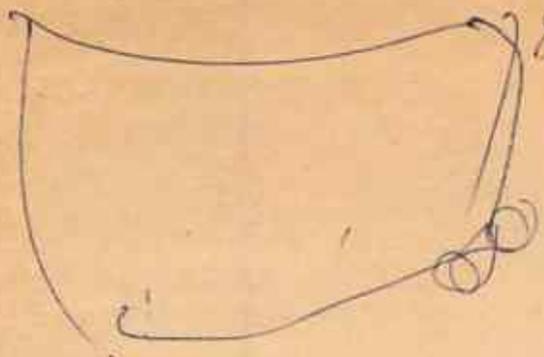
Uncle Henry

Tom  
Lockhart

Joe's father was  
Wm of Temple Texas  
had brother Lafayette  
Arch was a brother

Wesley Helms

Illinois 70 in Sept

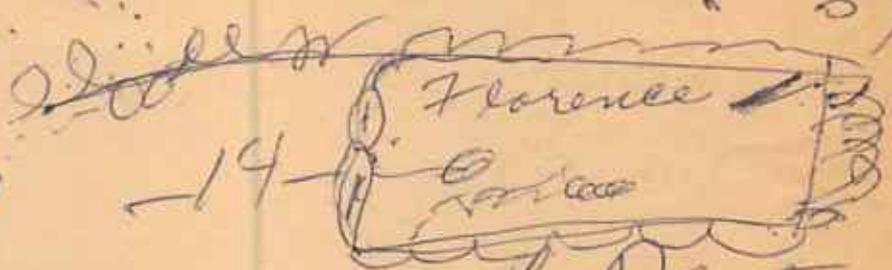


W<sup>m</sup> - (17-22)

Paestine - (60%)

(Helms)

Paul  
2 wives  
40..



12 mi So of Paestine



Jim - make charcoal

(3 children -

Box 12  
29378

When W<sup>m</sup> Helms Anna Ill die  
Mr. Uncle

Uncle <sup>W<sup>m</sup></sup> visited Amarillo 1923  
Killed El Paso Wells Fargo  
Fm line Bad range as San Pdu

When James Ralland  
~~When Mannie~~ <sup>Ralland  
born  
Lubbock,</sup> die  
W.W.I Vet What outfit

When <sup>sd</sup> Mannie die  
~~Palastorie~~ 1945 Rusk Texas

Where Wesley from  
Bishop Wesley  
home 729 5717  
shop 723 8262

Jarvis  
mont Alba

May 4  
Manned at Palestine

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THOMAS & JAMES NELMS FAMILIES

Holyoke Colo

July 26 1972

Dear Mrs Swires. ~

Oh should I say cousin or what?

I received your letter and charts. Some I had. But most of the Texas Nelsons is new to me. I am 74 years old my mother died Aug 25. 1911 at Inocale Neb. I was sure she said her father had 3 Brothers. But all I have been able to find is one.

Mary Zarelde 1852 can't be

children of Thomas & Sarah

James Dennis my Grandfather

Mary E Oct 11 1824

Sarah M. Dec 28 1826

Captain EPHRAIM C Bon Nov 8 1828 Died 1858

Oct 18

James' Mother married a Ephraim Cooper They had six children I do not know their names. Ephraim Cooper died a tragic death their neighbors were cutting logs. Cooper fell in a vat of boiling water. His Grandmother married a third time her 3rd husband died a natural death in about 4 years

I am sending you a list of the Cousins -  
~~children~~ Grand children of James + Sally  
In some cases I got down to the 4th generation  
but I doubt they would be any value to you  
Thanks for the charts.

yours Les & Ruby

Box 125  
706 S. Baxter  
Holyoke Colo

Chart # 1

Luther C Ruby

Homerus Pa

1/22/1860

M Sept 17-1889

Died Nov 7, 1949

Pueblo Colo

Buried at Inosole  
Nebr.

Louis C Ruby

B 3/29/98

Quick Nebr

M June 16 1921

Buried with

Holyoke Colo

Born 4/6/1900

Holyoke Colo

Mother

Henrietta Alice Nelms

B Dec 15 1865

Christian Co Ill.

Died 8/25/1911

Inosole Nebr.

father James Bonies Nelms

B 6-25-1823

Christian Co Ky

married 1-1-1850

Died 4-29-1913

Assumption Ill

Sally Ellen Neely

B 4-21-1833

Jackson Co Penn

Died 11-14-1914

Jay-horville Ill

Thomas Nelms

B 7-25-1800

W Christian Co Ky

M about 1822

D 8-4-1830

W Mt Zion Ill over

M Sarah Wadsworth

B 10-30-1807

W Rocking ton Co Va

D 6-22-1887

W Buckhart Ill

David Helms

unknown

father of  
Thomas

M<sup>rs</sup> Margaret

*[Faint, illegible handwritten notes]*

*[Faint, illegible handwritten notes]*

# 2

children of James & Sarah Nelms

Doctor

Thomas Neely Telegraph Operator

B 15-10-1850

4/30-1912

Jennie Day

B 1861

D.H. 1935

children

Maud 7/28/1888

Gertrude Zola

Ella O

Fairy Alma

Thomas Wilson

Sarah L Nelms

B 15-9-1852

D 3-31-1931

M. Nelson Shannon McCouhey

George Wilson

10/22/1875

James Albert

11/26/1879

Joseph E Nelms nephew

B 12-28-1854

D 8-14-1941

M. Laura Mae Frampton 2nd wife

Salome A. Mastal 1st wife

children Joe & Salome

Elmer

Frank

Blanton

William

children of Joe & Mae

Charles Troy

James Calvin & Joseph E

John Newton

B 10/6/1857

D Jan 24, 1930

M. Charlotte Yockey

one child

Luella Pearl

Mary Maudie Nelms

B 5/28/1858

D 2/27 1932

M. Frank Whalley - Farmer

children of Frank & Mary

Anna Mae

Bertie Alice

Leola Carl

Sister is still alive & visited  
him in 1968

James Henry Nelms School Teacher

B 11/13/1859

M. Twice

Aminda Greenwalt

Minnie Irene Young

children of James & Aminda

Blyde Harold

Merrill Lorena

Laura Ethel

Harry Lee

Inez Eugenia

Minnie Ella

William Howard Helms  
#3 B 3/11/1884  
D 12/20/1924

M Minnie Brown  
B 8/9/1868

D 1/24/1942

Children

William Howard  
B 12/14/1901

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Henrietta Alice  
B 12/15/1862

D 8/25/1911

M Luther Calvin Ruby  
Farmer

Children of Henrietta & Calvin

Bernice

Elaine May

Albert Ross

Les Cecil

Laurence Elton

---

George Edward  
B 9-10-1870

D 8-30-1959

M La Una Eunice Helms

Children of George & Eunice  
Gladys 8/31/1895

Harold Luther 1/6/1897

Charles Oscar Helms

B 3/4/1874

D 9-22-1946

M 9-21-1896

Alice Peterson

M Cora Pearl Allen

Children of Charles & Cora

Lucille

Charles was a Doctor  
ear Eye & Nose & Throat.

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Emery Erant

B 7/4/1876

D ? about 1955

M Mae Henry

8/1/1897

Emery was a Veterinarian

---

There was two Baby girls  
who died in less than one  
year old

Children of James & Sarah

MRS. L. S. PRIOR  
PRIOR LANE  
ATHERTON, CALIF. 94025

May 18, 1975

Dear Mrs. Swires,

Thanks for your recent letter with the items of RICKMAN data.

As it happens, I have the same data from Sumner Co., Tennessee, but still appreciate your sending it, for I'd rather have it twice than not at all.

However, one item was new to me, but you failed to mention the name. Will you please check your records and let me know? Here is what you wrote:

In Jackson Co., Tenn., 1802 Tax List, Roll 5, Tenn. State Archives  
O W P this is none WP what that is is not given.  
640 acres in Capt. Jabez Fitzgerald's Co.

My understanding of this information is that he had no WP (whitespoll), although he owned 640 acres of land. Men under a certain age (I'm not sure, but probably 16 or 18) and over a certain age (probably 60 - I don't know) did not have to pay poll tax. So, if a man owned land but paid no poll tax, he was either under or over the age, and in the case of a man's owning 640 acres, he was undoubtedly over the age.

If you have notes on this, please send me the name of the man for whom the data is given. But please don't go read the microfilm again, for that is a great deal of trouble.

I have made no further progress on my Rickman line, but will continue to work on it. If I should learn anything further about the NELMS family, I will advise you.

Enclosed is a postcard addressed to me -- to make it easier for you to send me the name requested. Thanks.

Sincerely

*L. S. Prior*

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Henry E. Don  
James Horne  
Mary Daniel Wordern  
Betsey Wordern

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*[Handwritten signature]*

MRS. L. S. PRIOR  
PRIOR LANE  
ATHERTON, CALIF. 94025

February 19, 1975

Dear Mrs. Swires,

This is certainly a tardy acknowledgement of your letter of last April, but I truly did appreciate it and the page of Nelms and Holland data (from Mrs. Eckhardt) which you sent. Actually, I have little or nothing to pass along to you, but did want to say thanks for your letter and attempt to help me.

I am sorry to say that I have made no progress on my RICKMAN line during the past year - or over all the many years I've been working. Every now and then I feel that I am really on the right track and work at it earnestly, but to no avail. So please remember me whenever you encounter the name as you do research and correspond with others. Frequently I run across a name which really rings a bell with me and I search until I find where I had seen it before, then pass along the bit of data to the person interested - sometimes JUST the right piece of the puzzle. So I hope others will do the same for me. Heaven knows I need help, especially with the Rickman line!

Here is one item: SARAH HOLLAND m. SAMUEL H. NELMS (I didn't seem to make further notes on this. If it seems important, I'll search for date and place.

*- b. 8-19-1797, Greene Co., Ga.; d. 1-12-1865, Texas*

*m. 12-28-1815*

"One Dozen Pre-Revolutionary War Families of Eastern North Carolina and some of Their Descendants", by Fisher: NELMS and Shepard among them. Book contains crests, charts, etc.

Thanks for thinking of me in connection with Mrs. LaMaster. I have appreciated my correspondence with her -- she impresses me as an outstanding researcher. I hope to meet her whenever we get around to a trip to Southern California.

Thanks again -- and please bear my RICKMANS in mind, as I will your Nelms. Good luck!

Sincerely,

*Lizbeth Prior*

*son of NIOLE + Nancy Hardy Nelms  
+ gr son of THOMAS NELMS of Greene Co., Ga.  
Thomas' will recorded in Bk E,  
Greene Co Ga. 1798*

*(I see that I sent this item earlier)*

*Swires?*

Prior Lane  
Atherton, Calif. 94025  
October 22, 1974

Dear Mrs. Swires,

Thank you for your recent note and the page on the PRIOR Family. Actually, I do not work on my husband's family (he's retired and has as much or more free time than I have); also, his grandfather came to San Francisco in 1852 from England, so what little work we have done on his line has been in England. I am returning your page, just in case you may want to send it to someone else.

Thanks for the NELMS-HOLLAND item. Here are a couple more items:

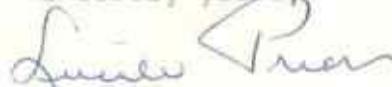
Wm. Andrew Holland m. Amanda M. Nelms, Alabama - to Texas. m. in 1814

(See my last letter, dated 4-2-1974)

WILSON NELMS was a son of THOMAS NELMS of Greene Co., Ga. Thomas' will is recorded in Book E, Greene Co., Ga., 1798.

Still no progress on my RICKMAN line, which may have been connected with the Holland/Nelms line. Please keep me in mind as you do further research.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. L. S. Prior

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Prior Lane  
Atherton, California 94025  
April 2, 1974

Miss Lucy J. Swires  
Lucia Lane  
Huntington Beach, California 92647

Dear Miss Swires:

Is your NELMS line related to the Hollands? Sarah Rickman Holland, b. 8-19-1797, Greene Co., Ga., d. 1-12-1865 in Texas. She married 12-28-1815 Samuel Hardy Nelms (d. 1838, Perry Co., <sup>Ala.</sup>), son of Nial and Nancy Hardy Nelms.

Thomas Holland, father of Sarah, married Phoebe RICKMAN, probably in Nansemond Co., Virginia, ante 1779. Migrated to Georgia, Alabama, and some descendants to Tennessee or Texas.

My interest is particularly in the Rickmans, but I've had so much difficulty with that line that I have begun working on related lines in an effort to learn anything about the Rickmans. Do you find any mention of the name RICKMAN in your research data or correspondence?

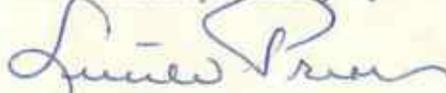
*Swires* → If you find, or suspect, that your Nelms are related to the Hollands, you will find the Holland-Jackson Genealogy very valuable. I copied a few pages from it at a library in San Francisco because of the Rickman connection.

I have a good deal of notes on the Hollands, but all I have on the Nelms is in the above mentioned genealogy.

I hope that you can help me somehow with my Rickmans, who, incidentally, ended up in Texas in the early 1800's. My mother, Beulah Mae Rickman, was born in Collin County, Texas.

I hope that we can be of mutual help.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. L. S. Prior

## PRIOR FAMILY.

John and Daniel Prior, sons of John Prior, late of Watford, Hertford Co. England were at Scituate Massachusetts from 1638 to 41.

MATTHEW<sup>2</sup> PRIOR and Mary came from Setauket to Matinecock before 1670, she d. 1700. Their children were:

John<sup>3</sup> b. 1651, m. 1678, Elisabeth Bowne, he d. 1698.

Mary<sup>3</sup> b. 1652, m. 1668, John<sup>3</sup> Underhill.

Elisabeth<sup>3</sup> b. 1656, m. 1673, John Feaks.

Sarah<sup>3</sup> b. 1664, m. 1685, John Gould, son of Daniel and Wait of R. I.

Martha<sup>3</sup> b. 1672, m. 1693, Simeon Cooper.

Children of JOHN<sup>2</sup> PRIOR and Elisabeth:

John<sup>3</sup> b. 1679, d.

Hannah<sup>3</sup> b. 1681, m. William Frost.

Elisabeth<sup>3</sup> b. 1683, m. William Carpenter.

Mary<sup>3</sup> b. 1685, Sarah<sup>3</sup> b. 1687.

Matthew<sup>3</sup> b. 1690, m. Hannah Cock, dau. of John and Dorothy.

Samuel<sup>3</sup> b. 1692, m. 1728, Mary Powell, dau. of Thomas.

Joseph<sup>3</sup> b. 1695.

MATTHEW<sup>3</sup> PRIOR (John<sup>2</sup> Matthew<sup>2</sup>) and Hannah (Cock) had:

Hannah<sup>4</sup> b. 1720.

Mary<sup>4</sup> b. 1723.

Matthew<sup>4</sup> b. 1729, m. Ann b. 1722 (Pearsall) widow of Silas Willis and had:

Henry<sup>4</sup> b. 1755, no children.

James<sup>4</sup> b. 1757, m. Theodosia Derby.

SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> PRIOR (John<sup>2</sup> Matthew<sup>2</sup>) and Mary (Powell) had:

Samuel<sup>4</sup> b. 1729, d. 1732.

Joseph<sup>4</sup> b. 1732, m. 1753, Phebe Titus, dau. of Edmond.

Thomas<sup>4</sup> b. 1734, m. 1756, Martha Willets.

Mary<sup>4</sup> b. 22, 3, 1738, m. 1765, John Searing, son of John.

JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> PRIOR and Phebe Titus had:

Sarah<sup>5</sup> b. 1753.

Edmond<sup>5</sup> b. 1755, m. Phebe she d. 1791.

Thomas<sup>5</sup> Prior and Martha (Willets) had:

THOMAS<sup>5</sup>:

Hannah<sup>6</sup> b. 1757, m. Benjamin Cock.

Phebe<sup>6</sup> b. 1759.

Elisabeth<sup>6</sup> b. 1761, m. 1781, John Underhill of O. B.

Sarah<sup>6</sup> b. 1765. Samuel<sup>6</sup> b. 1770.

HOMAGE TO THE KING



A World, despoiled by sin, lay mute in space,  
With man an outcast from God's holy face.  
The Hebrew Prophets, true, had long foretold  
That "One whose goings forth were from of old,  
From Everlasting" should come down from Heaven  
Redeeming Men. To them GOD'S SON be given.  
Astronomers scanned Oriental skies  
For promise of the birth of One more wise  
Than all the Seers of Earth. Men's hearts grew numb  
Expecting Him. And still He had not come.

When suddenly, in God's appointed time  
An angel chorus burst in song sublime  
And carolled, on a midnight crystal-fair  
Glad tidings to awed Shepherds standing there.  
Stars beamed in firmament of sapphire mold  
Like silver candles tipped in gleaming gold;  
And lo! as Wise Men watched, one blazed alight  
Unmatched for brilliance in the jeweled night.  
It beckoned - called them on - this radiant gem;  
It led them to a Babe in Bethlehem.

But could He be CREATOR OF ALL THINGS?  
This lowly babe the mighty KING OF KINGS?  
A crown men gave Him? One of thorns! A jeer!  
Led Him to Calvary, nor shed a tear.  
The World rejected Him; such was His lot;  
He came. Even "His own" received Him not.  
But Victor over Grave and Death, He rose!  
Returning, He shall conquer all His foes.  
Receive thy PRINCE OF PEACE, Earth, torn with war!  
Come, Thou who art the BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR!

For He shall come with clouds; each eye shall see  
His glory. Then shall bow each knee;  
And He shall wear "a vesture dipped in blood";  
His name inscribed thereon, "THE WORD OF GOD".  
And many crowns shall be upon His head;  
But men shall lay theirs at His feet, instead.  
Oh, open wide, ye Eastern Temple Gats!  
He who walked here in shame returns in state.  
Oh, Heavenly choir, resound in glad refrain!  
Proclaim the "LORD OF HOSTS"; He comes - to reign!

by  
Ura Link Eckhardt

(Written for a Christmas program and luncheon of the Axson Club at the Warwick Hotel, Houston, during World War II, while all three of her sons were away in the service.)

the chief of the shield; H C I, its base; D F H the dexter flank; E G I, the sinister flank; and in each case the centre letter marks the "point" of that particular region.

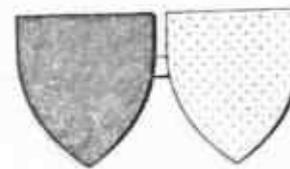
#### TINCTURES.

Armorial insignia consist for the most part of one or more objects called "charges," depicted on a *field*, i.e. the escutcheon which represents the knightly shield, and whose points have been already explained. One coat of arms differs from another, not by the differences of the charges only, but by differences of colour: or, more correctly speaking, of tincture, both in the charges and in the field. The field may be of one, or of more than one tincture, divided by the partition lines hereafter to be explained, which are represented on page 75. The tinctures used in British Heraldry are nine in number; and comprise two metals, five colours, and two furs. Of these furs there are several variations to be noted presently.

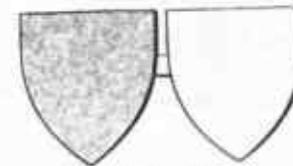
The metals are *Or*, that is gold, Plate III., fig. 1; and *Argent*, that is silver, fig. 2; in painting these are often represented by the colours yellow and white; but they are more properly represented by the actual metals.

The colours are red, known as *gules*; blue, known as *azure*; black, as *sable*; green, as *vert*; purple, as *purpure*. The French equivalents are, *d'azur*, *de gueules*, *de sable*, *de sinople*, *de purpure*.

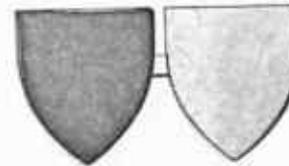
Besides these are two other colours mentioned in old heraldic treatises—orange, known as *tenny* or *tenné*, and blood colour, termed *sanguine*. These last occur so rarely in British Heraldry as to be scarcely worthy of enumeration with the other five. They were intended by the old heralds to be used in the system of "abate-ments" which they had invented, and of which some



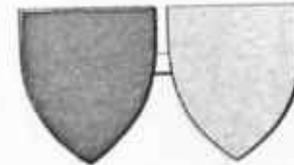
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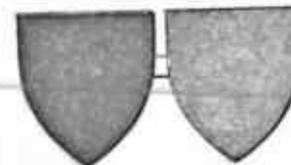
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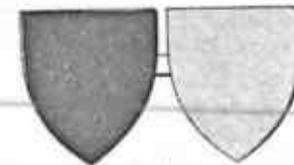
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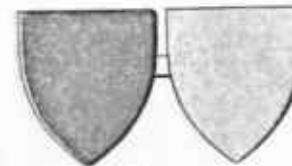
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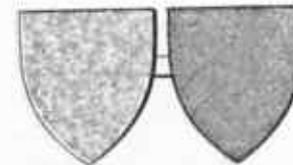
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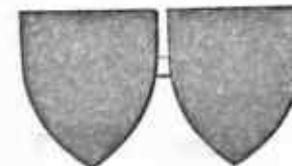
6. Vert.



7. Purpure.



8. Tenny.



9. Sanguine.

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March 11, 1977

Mrs. Henry B. Swires  
Lucia Lane  
Huntington Beach, California 92647

Dear Mrs. Swires:

You may recall that we corresponded about two years ago regarding the Nelms family.

I am sorry that I do not have a copy of my last letter to you, so I don't remember what information I gave you. I have found some more information, so I will just bring you up to date.

My great-great-grandfather, James H. Nelms, was born in Indian Territory (later to become Troup County, Georgia) on March 9, 1818. According to later census records, both his parents had been born in Georgia.

James married Francis D. Pierce at DeKalb, Kemper County, Mississippi, on July 23, 1840. They moved to Texas in 1845, settling at Henderson, Rusk County.

James died in Denison, Grayson County, Texas, on April 4, 1891. Francis died there on Feb. 6, 1897.

I have succeeded in tracing nearly all of their direct descendants, about 230 persons. None of them, except myself, know anything of the family's origins.

1391 too early for James Nelms  
names giving groom's bride county  
1825 - (1830 - 1850)  
date of marriage  
\$3000 ~~plus~~ per surname SASE  
address (only)

*if know name of gr gr gr grand father  
write! Florida Mike Variot 116 Glenhaven Terrace  
Tallahassee Florida 32303*

I have run across a Joseph Horace Nelms who, in a newspaper article, was identified as my great-grandfather's first cousin, making him the son of James H. Nelms' brother.

Joseph was born on June 28, 1848, in Mississippi. He married Lillian Hudson of Panola County, Mississippi. He died in Greenville, Mississippi, on May 13, 1916.

One of James' grandsons was named Horace. It may be that that was just a popular name in those days, but I have wondered if two Horaces in the family might not be a clue to some ancestor.

You mentioned in your letter of March 31, 1975, that you have three censuses from Mississippi counties where the head of the household is from Georgia and in the age bracket of my GGGF; also the names of the Nelms in Georgia and the counties where they lived 1756-1909. I would like to see those.

I know of no Nelms family history in Dallas. My family has been here since 1872, so I know most of the old ones. There was another family of Nelms here, but I don't know if they were interested in genealogy or not. Ocie Lee Nelms and his brother, Bennie Buell Nelms, are both deceased. I think that Bennie did sell cars at one time. O.L., who ran an ad daily in the newspaper for many years ("Thank you, Dallas, for helping O.L. Nelms make another million."), started out in the candy and tobacco business, but made his fortune in real estate.

If you have any other information on the early Nelms and their origins, I would surely appreciate a copy. If you are interested in James H. Nelms and his descendants, I would be happy to send you what I have.

Sincerely,

*John R. Nelms*

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Mrs. Henry B. Swires  
Lucia Lane  
Huntington Beach, California 92647

Dear Mrs. Swires:

Thank you for your response to my inquiry.

Yes, the Nelms mentioned in the 1870 census of Rusk County, Texas, are my great-great-grandparents and their family.

My g/g/gf, James H. Nelms, was born in Troup County, Georgia, on March 9, 1818. According to a Mexican War Pension application he made, his parents were also born in Georgia. I do not know their names or whether they had other children. I do know that my great-grandfather, Richard Runnels Nelms, referred to Joseph Horace Nelms as his cousin. Joseph was born June 28, 1848, in Mississippi. He married Lillian L. Hudson of Panola County. They moved from Batesville, Mississippi, to Greenville, Mississippi, about 1888. He died there on May 13, 1916. He is memorialized by a window in St. James Episcopal Church in Greenville. Evidently, they had no children.

James H. Nelms married Frances D. Pierce in DeKalb, Kemper County, Mississippi, on July 23, 1840. In 1845 they moved to Henderson, Rusk County, Texas. Between 1872 and 1873 they lived in Longview, Corsicana, Dallas, and Red River City, Texas, following the railroads which were just coming into North Texas. In 1873 they settled in Denison, Grayson County, Texas. He died there on April 4, 1891, at the age of 73 years, 26 days.

James and Frances had fourteen children, six of whom lived to maturity. I know the names of only eight of them: James A., John, William, Fannie, Richard Runnels, Harry Hobbs, Pauline, and Thomas A.

I am presently tracing all of the descendants of James H. and Frances and am well on the way to completion of the task. If you are interested, I will send you a copy when I have finished. From my investigations thus far I have learned that nobody in the family knows anything about the family history. What I have dug up is about all that is known.

I have seen a copy of the book on the Nelms of Fannin County, Texas, but was unable to draw any connection.

There was another Nelms family here in Dallas for many years, but O.L. Nelms and his brother ~~Bebbie~~ *Bennie* Buell Nelms both died in the past year. I always heard that their family had come from Tennessee.

As you know, most of the early Georgia census records are missing. In 1820 there was no Troup County; it was created in 1826. At the time of James H. Nelms' birth it was Indian Territory.

There are no Nelms in the 1840 Troup County census, nor are there any in the 1830 census. Neither were there any in the 1850 Kemper County, Mississippi, census (of course, my family had left for Texas by that time). There are no Nelms in the 1850 Mississippi Mortality Schedules either.

If any of this information helps you to break the riddle, please let me know. I am desperate for information myself.

It was nice hearing from you. Genealogists are the friendliest people.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

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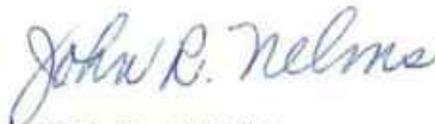
Dear Mrs. Swires:

I have just gotten around to examining the March 1974 Geneological Helper and noticed that you are interested in contacting researchers on the Nelms family. I am one, of sorts.

My great-great-grandfather, James H. Nelms, was born in Georgia in about 1814, married Francis D. Pierce in Mississippi in 1840, and moved to Henderson, Rusk County, Texas, in 1845/46. I know nothing about his ancestors, but have traced most of his descendants.

If more detailed information on this branch of the family would be of any interest to you, I would be happy to supply it. If you have any information which might help me to dig further back, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,



JOHN R. NELMS



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Desc. of Richard Everett of Dedham,  
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Claron ms by Capt W. Q. Everett  
of N.C found in the files  
of the late Mrs Charles E. Hodson  
and sent me by her bro. and  
my cousin, Roy W. Everett  
over

Families of Boston and  
Eastern Mass --- Cutter  
Vol 2 - much material

also  
w/m Richard Cutter

Dedham records  
trans from Dedham Church records

1638-1845

edited by <sup>Don</sup> John Allanson Hill  
pres Peter Dedham Hist. Society

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Eliz. Melms (Everett) N 1775  
Bedford Co. Virginia

land grant

daughter ——— Melms  
Susannah Doughton

Rappahannock Co. Va.

JOHN W. MOORE

John W. Moore  
Mull Ave., Apt. 2-A  
Akron, Ohio 44313

27 October 1973

Ms. Lucy J. Swires,  
Lucia Lane  
Huntington Beach, Calif. 92647

Dear Ms. Swires:

Thank you for your letter of 19 October. I am sorry that I have nothing on a Wesley Nelms.

My people came from Christian county, Ky. (James Carmichael Moore, /Sr. & Jr., Gustavus Henry Moore, myself; Benjamin S. Campbell, Sr. & Jr., Bettie Campbell; Thomas Green, Lucy Williams Green; William Starling, Maria Starling; Lucy Peyton; Elizabeth Bradshaw). I have no records of any Nelms marriages, but would be interested in any, particularly on the Campbells and Bradshaws, where I'm stumped on getting further back).

This is incidental, however; my wife is the Nelms descendant:  
George Everett, d. about 1690, Northumberland co., Va., had  
Thomas Everett, d. 1726/7, who had  
Raleigh Everett, d. 1758, Lancaster co., Va.,  
Simeon Everett (1755-1823), Bedford co., Va. m. twice, once to  
=Elizabeth Nelms, d. 1823, daughter of Susanna or Elizabeth Vaughn  
They had (among others) Jeremiah, who married twice, reportedly  
and improbably, once to an Elizabeth Nelms; and  
William (1785-1863) who m. Eleanor Humphrey and had  
Elizabeth Everett (1827-1875), Barren co., Ky., who first m.  
=Robert Fields, second m. (as his second wife) Hiram Smith, by  
whom she had:  
John Robert Smith (1856-1926), Knox county, Texas, who second m.  
=Maggie Vernon Benedict, and by her had:  
Virginia Everett Smith, b. 1919, my wife.

The earlier Everetts have not been straightened out; in Northumberland and Westmoreland counties, they intermarried with the Nelms.

I would be very much interested in any information you might have on any of these 1680-1730 Nelms-Everett connections, and any information on either of the Elizabeth Nelms who married Simeon and Jeremiah Everett.

Yours very truly

*John Moore*

Huntington Beach, Cal.  
Oct. 19, 1973.

Mr. John W. Moore,  
Mull Ave,  
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Moore:

Re. your query in the Helper.

Would be pleased to send you any information I may have on your Nelms line. I have been searching for something on Wesley C. Nelms for the past three years and have a good bit of data. Not too much in Ky. Something on the Presley Nelms line of Va. The Nelms that came to Christian Co. Ill. from Christian Co. Ky. and the descendants of Rev. John Nelms who came from Ky. to Fannin Co. Texas( 4 books) Also something on a Memphis Tenn. line. Have the Soundex on Nelms of Ohio, Ind. Ill. and Texas and Ark. If you care to send me your line and pertinent data I would be only too willing to check what I have for you. Have you ever encountered the name of Wesley Nelms? I do not know what the C. stands for although his oldest son's second name was Coving. I have found the lines for at least four Nelms among my collection but no one has a Wesley.

Wesley Nelms died as the result of an accident and the court house in Palestine burned with all the records.

Sincerely

Lucy J. Swires  
Lucia Lane  
Huntington Beach, Cal  
92647

AVERY HEIGHTS DR.

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12/4/78

DEAR MS. SWIRES

I WAS RECENTLY CORRESPONDING WITH JOHN MOORE OF RICHMOND, VA AND HE MENTIONED YOUR NAME.

I AM TRYING TO TRACE THE EVERETTS OF VA, MY PARTICULAR LINE, AS I KNOW IT, IS AS FOLLOWS:

WILLIAM EVERETT b. CA 1800, VA, d. CA 1850  
m NANCY JACKSON b. CA 1798 PAOCC VA, d. ?

CHILDREN

EDWAR b. CA. 1834

AGNES b. CA 1831 m JOHN PEAKE 10/10/78

JEREMIAH b. CA 1836

THOS. b. CA 1839 SAILOR

WILLIAM A b. CA 1828 PORTS, VA., SAILOR

WILLIAM A. m ANN STEVENS AT BATH, ME CA 1858  
AND SETTLED IN BOSTON SOMETIME AFTER

CHILDREN

MINNIE b. CA. 1859

WILLIAM J. b. CA. 1861

EDWARD b. CA. 1864

AGNES b. CA. 1866

ALBERT b. CA 1868 MY GRANDFATHER

THOS. J. b. CA. 1870

HAROLD ?

IDA. ?

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A REASON WHY WILLIAM A  
SETTLED IN BOSTON, BUT WITHOUT ANY LUCK.

I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION  
YOU MAY HAVE ON WILLIAM EVERETT

THANK YOU,

SINCERELY,  
Way Everett

FAMILIES  
OF

REVEREND JOHN A. NELMS, METHODIST MINISTER, AND WIFE, MARY  
BELL CRAIN NELMS

C.C. NELMS AND WIFE, DELILAH DAMRON NELMS

GEORGE DAMRON AND WIFE, DELILAH FISHER DAMRON

MOSES ALLEN AND WIFE, MALVINA OWENS ALLEN

A. FORD AND WIFE, LUCY FORD

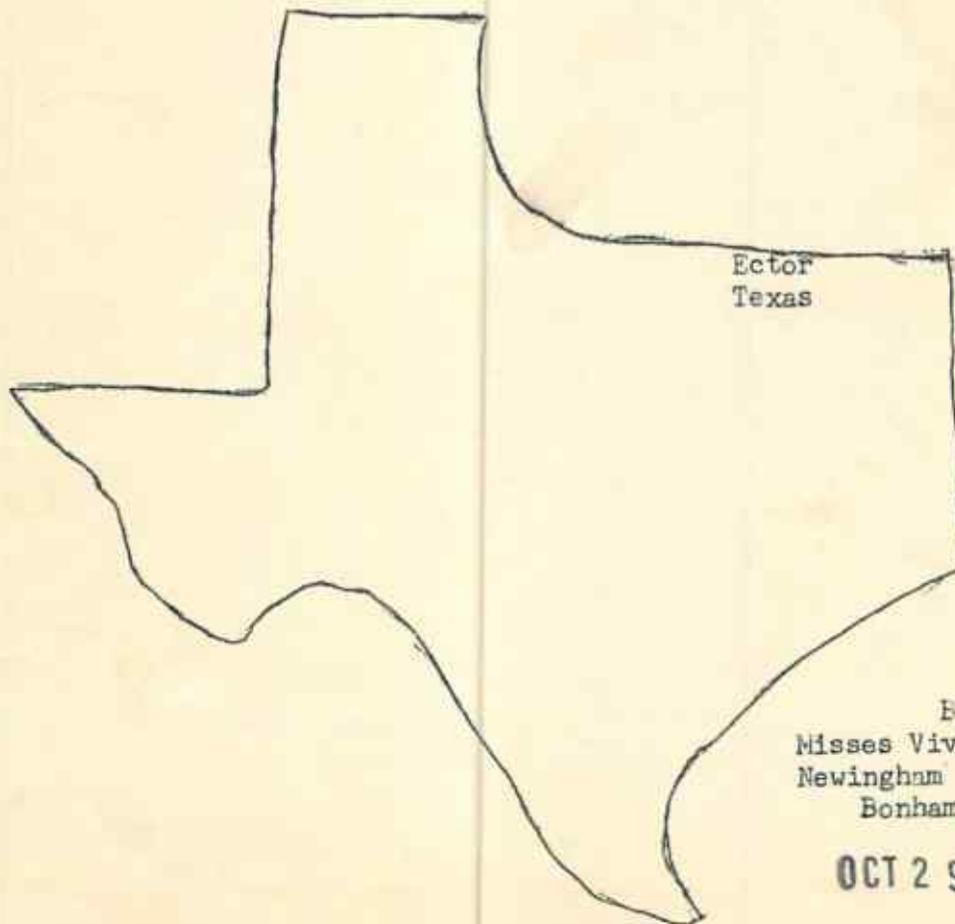
DR. WM. HUNTER AND WIFE, MINERVA HUNTER

ALL OF WHOM WERE AMONG THE FIRST SETTLERS AT ECTOR, FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS  
IN THE DAYS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

BY

MISSES VIVIAN AND BRENDA NEWINGHAM OF BONHAM, FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS  
WHO ARE GREAT, GREAT, GREAT GRAND-DAUGHTERS OF GEORGE DAMRON AND WIFE,  
DELILAH FISHER DAMRON AND MOSES ALLEN AND WIFE, MALVINA OWENS ALLEN AND  
REVEREND JOHN A. NELMS AND WIFE, MARY BELL CRAIN NELMS. *They are grand*

*daughters of Mrs. Nellie Allen Newingham, Bonham, Texas.*



Ector  
Texas

BY

Misses Vivian and Brenda  
Newingham  
Bonham Texas

OCT 29 1966.

DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF  
 JOHN EDWIN ALLEN AND WIFE, DELILAH CATHERINE NELMS ALLEN, WHO WERE  
 BOTH NATIVES OF ECTOR, FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS

Reported by Henry & Lucy Ann  
 (children)

1. VELA EVELYN ALLEN DAVIS
2. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DAVIS - - - WAR II VETERAN
3. JOE ALLEN DAVIS
4. WALTER RALPH DAVIS
5. MARY ELLEN DAVIS
6. JOE DAVIS - - - WAR II VETERAN
7. ALLEN DAVIS
8. MARY LOUISE DAVIS
9. BENJAMIN EDWARD DAVIS
10. ALLEN DAVIS - - - WAR II VETERAN
11. VERA NELL DAVIS MAYBURY
12. KATHLEEN PATRICIA MAYBURY
13. WIMIFRED GERTRUDE ALLEN LUTON
14. JOSEPH ROBERT LUTON Jr. - Served in U.S. Army in peacetime
15. RONALD DARR LUTON
16. JOHN EDWIN LUTON - Served in U.S. Army in peacetime.
17. KENNETH WILSON LUTON - - - WAR II VETERAN
18. KENNETH JOE LUTON
19. GARY LEE LUTON
20. DENNIS WAYNE LUTON
21. PATRICK LUTON
22. HAROLD EVANS LUTON - - - WAR II VETERAN
23. FRANCINE LUTON
24. JOETTA LUTON
25. MARY FRANCES LUTON HERNDON
26. JERRY DON HERNDON, SR.
27. JERRY DON HERNDON, Jr.
28. ALLEN KETH HERNDON
29. LINDA FAYE HERNDON SPRADLING
30. ROBERT AVERY SPRADLING
31. KENNETH WAYNE SPRADLING
32. VIRGINIA ANN HERNDON
33. DONNA MARIE HERNDON
34. SALLIE D. ALLEN NEWINGHAM
35. FRANK NEWINGHAM - - - WAR II VETERAN
36. JAMES ALTON NEWINGHAM - Served in U.S. Army in peacetime.
37. DANA YVETTE NEWINGHAM
38. DELILAH CATHERINE NEWINGHAM 39.
39. VIVIAN LOU NEWINGHAM
40. BRENDA JOAN NEWINGHAM
41. JAMES ALTON NEWINGHAM, Jr.
42. FAY ALLEN ELLISON
43. MILDRED CATHERINE ELLISON MORGAN
44. MARY SUE MORGAN WILLIAMS
45. DEBRA KAY WILLIAMS
46. TERRI SUZETTE WILLIAMS
47. GEORGE EDWIN ELLISON - - - WAR II VETERAN
48. WAYNE EDWIN ELLISON
49. SHERRILL ELLISON
50. JOYCE ANN ELLISON STEPHENS
51. SCOTT MCLEAN STEPHENS
52. JOHN GORDON STEPHENS
- 53.

53. MILDRED NELMS ALLEN JONES	-	-	-	WAR II VETERAN
54. WILBUR LINDSEY JONES				
55. WILBUR LINDSEY JONES, JR.				
56. DEREK LIN JONES				
57. STANLEY CHARLES JONES				
58. ALLEN KENT JONES				
59. WELDON T. JONES	-	-	-	WAR II VETERAN
60. PATRICIA ANN JONES FARLEY				
61. CRAIG ALLEN JONES				
62. BILLY JOE JONES	-	-	-	WAR II VETERAN
63. JUDITH ANN JONES				
64. LESLIE EDWINA ALLEN WILCOXSON				
65. BESSIE PEARL ALLEN WILLIAMSON				
66. BILLIE JACK WILLIAMSON	-	-	-	WAR II VETERAN. HE LOST HIS LIFE DURING WAR II IN SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY.
67. JACK LARRY WILLIAMSON				
68. STANLEY ELMO ALLEN	-	-	-	WAR II VETERAN
69. [REDACTED] JUANITA CATHERINE ALLEN				
70. CHARLES EDWIN ALLEN	-	-	-	WAR II VETERAN
71. GENE EDWIN ALLEN	-			Served in U.S. Army in peacetime
72. SANDRA KAY ALLEN GERSBACH				
73. PAMELA GERSBACH				
74. DEBRA KAY GERSBACH				



5. Rachel Nelms

born 1765 Virginia m. <sup>neumann.</sup> Dempsey ~~1790~~ 1790 Va.

William Nelms born 1756 Virginia was a 2nd. Lt. in the Virginia Militia.  
He married Grace Fall in 1774

Children

- |                   |           |          |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| 1. Presly Nelms   | born 1775 | Virginia |
| 2. Aaron Nelms    | " 1778    | Virginia |
| 3. Sarah Nelms    | " 1782    | Virginia |
| 4. Ellender Nelms | " 1784    | Virginia |
| 5. Edwin Nelms    | " 1786    | Virginia |
| 6. Penelope Nelms | " 1788    | Virginia |

Presly Nelms born 1775 Virginia . He married Frances Lunsford 1794 in Virginia

Children

- |                         |           |          |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|
| 1. Thomas Nelms         | born 1795 | Virginia |
| 2. John Archibald Nelms | " 1797    | Virginia |
| 3. Richard Nelms        | " 1799    | Virginia |
| 4. Jeremiah Nelms       | " 1801    | Virginia |
| 5. Minerva Nelms        | " 1803    | Virginia |
| 6. Edwin Nelms          | " 1807    | Virginia |

John Archibald Nelms , a Methodist Minister, was born in 1797 in Virginia. He died July 22, 1867 at his home at Ector Texas. and is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas. He was a Circuit rider in Fannin County Texas in the early days. He married Mary Bell Crain who was born December 18, 1793 in Tennessee. she died August 5, 1874 at her home at Ector Texas. and is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas.

Reverend John A. Nelms was a Methodist Minister and also a Shoe and Boot maker. He and his wife, Mary Bell Crain Nelms, came with their family from Kentucky to Texas in 1842. They lived in Dallas for awhile and then moved to Bonham, Fannin County, Texas in 1845. Bonham is 12 miles from Red river and Red river separates Texas and Oklahoma.

When John Archibald Nelms and his family moved to Bonham Texas there were only about 75 families living there. He and his two oldest sons went into the Shoe and Boot business for two years, then the married son went into the saddle business.

Reverend John A. Nelms and wife settled on land where they built a home six miles west of Bonham Texas and two miles northeast of Ector Texas , where they lived the remaining years of their life.

Their son, Christopher Columbus Nelms, (C.C. Nelms) settled on land at Ector Texas He came to Texas in 1842 with his parents and sisters and brothers in a covered wagon drawn by oxen.

C.C. Nelms married Delilah Damron January 24, 1856 at Ector Texas . C.C. Nelms built the first house at Ector Texas where he and his wife's children were all born and reared. C.C. and Delilah Nelms lived their entire married life together in that house . They were married 55 years when C.C. Nelms died in 1911. Delilah Damron Nelms died in 1912.

Reverend and Mrs John a. Nelms's children were:

- |                                      |           |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Mary Nelms                        | born 1817 | Tennessee |
| 2. Susan Nelms                       | " 1818    | Tennessee |
| 3. John T. Nelms                     | " 1819    | Tennessee |
| 4. Martha Jane Nelms                 | " 1822    | Kentucky  |
| 5. Christopher Columbus (C.C.) Nelms | 1825      | Kentucky  |
| 6. Felicia Nelms                     | " 1827    | Kentucky  |
| 7. Americus Leonidus Nelms           | " 1832    | Kentucky  |
| 8. Laura Nelms                       | " 1837    | Kentucky  |

Mary Nelms born 1817 Tennessee married Richard Alderson born 1814 Tennessee.

Children

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|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. Jerry A. Alderson         | born 1846 | Ector Texas |
| 2. Robert Alderson           | " 1849    | Ector Texas |
| 3. Franzine (Fanny) Alderson | " 1850    | Ector Texas |
| 4. Polly Alderson            | " 1853    | Ector Texas |
| 5. Richard Alderson, Jr.     | " 1860    | Ector Texas |
| 6. John Grain Alderson       | " 1863    | Ector Texas |

Jerry A. Alderson b. 1846 married Mary E. Lackey

Children

1. Alberta Alderson b. Sept. 18, 1894 Ector Texas she died in 1965 at Lonham Texas. she married George E. Lewis b. Texas.

Children

1. George Lewis, Jr. b. Ector Texas. Methodist Minister.

he married \_\_\_\_\_

Children

2. Alene Lewis b. Ector Texas m. J.T. Eason

Children

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Karen Eason  | b. Lonham Texas               |
| 2. Cheryl Eason | b. Lonham Texas Oct. 31, 1954 |

2. Nettie Alderson b. Ector Texas. married Alec Pratt b. Texas

Children

1. Charles Pratt b. Ector Texas m.

3. Charlie Alderson b. Ector Texas m. Hattie Kyle b. Texas

Children

1. Wendell Alderson b. Ector Texas m. Theodore Newell b. Ector Texas

Children

2. Monroe Alderson b. Ector Texas m.

Children

3. Tinker Alderson b. Ector Texas m. Aghley Ray b. Randolph Texas

Children

4. Charlie Faye Alderson b. Ector Texas m.

4. Beatrice Alderson b. Ector Texas single.

5. Belle Alderson b. Ector Texas m. Norris b. Texas

Children

1. Bill Norris b. Ector Texas

Children

6. Alpha Alderson b. Ector Texas

2. Robert Alderson b. 1849 Ector Texas married Ellen Myers

Children

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|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Richard Alderson | b. Ector Texas                 |
| 2. Larley Alderson  | b. Ector Texas                 |
| 3. May Alderson     | b. Ector Texas m. Robert Hodge |

3. Franzine (Fanny) Alderson b. 1850 Ector Texas m. Charles H. Bellows Aug. 19, 1868 Ector Texas.

Children

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|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. Maggie Bellows  | b. Ector Texas |
| 2. John R. Bellows | b. Ector Texas |

3. Arch Lee Bellows            b. Ector Texas  
 4. Robert bellows            b. Ector Texas  
 5. Wm. H. Bellows            b. Ector Texas

Arch Lee Bellows b. Ector Texas    m. Etta \_\_\_\_\_

Children

- I. R.D, Bellows    b. Ector Texas    m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children

2. Robert Bellows    b. Ector Texas    m. Mary BellewBooksey

Children

- I. Marietta Bellows    b. Ector Texas    m. David Snow    b. Texas  
 Children

1. Gary Snow    b. Ector Texas    m. Linda Fast    b. Oklahoma  
 in 1965

2. Rhonda Snow    b.

3. Linda Snow    b.

4. Ronald Enew    b.

2. Fannie Bellows    b. Ector Texas    m. Charles Shackelford    b. Texas

Children

- I. Candra Shackelford    b. Texas

3. Hez Bellows    b. Ector Texas    m.

Children

4. Herman bellows    b. Ector Texas    m.

Children

5. Vera Ruth Bellows    b. Ector Texas    m. Ernest Hill, Jr.

Children

1. Ernie Hill    b. Bonham Texas

2. John Hill    b. Bonham Texas

3. Judy Lee Hill    b. Bonham Texas

6. Joe Bellows    b. Ector TEXAS    m. Evelyn Shinpaugh

Children

1. Joevelyn Bellows    b. Texas

2. Juliann Bellows    b. Texas

7. Roy Bellows    b. Ector Texas    m. Baker

Children

1. Debra annette Bellows    b. Texas

2. Darrin Arnette Bellows    b. Texas

8. Ray Bellows    b. Ector Texas    m. Woodal

3. Vernie Bellows    b. Ector Texas    m. Ray Wilson    b. Texas

Children

I. Sue Wilson    b. Texas    m. Raymond Taylor    b. Ector Texas

Children

2. Alice Wilson    b. Texas

3. Relecca Wilson    b. Texas

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4. Douglas Bellows    b. Ector Texas    m. \_\_\_\_\_

Children

5. Taylor Bellows b. Ector Texas m.  
Children
6. Ruth Bellows b. Ector Texas m. Simer  
Children  
1. daughter
7. Marie Bellows b. Ector Texas m. J.L. Johnson b. Bonham Texas  
Children  
1. Jim Boyd Johnson b. Ector Texas m. Call  
2. Etta Bell Johnson b. Ector Texas m. Jesse Hill  
Children  
1- Wynetta Hill b. Bonham Texas  
2- Rena Hill b. Bonham Texas
8. Wayne Bellows b. Ector Texas m.  
Children
4. Robert Bellows b. Ector Texas (son of Fannia and Charles Bellows)  
M. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children
5. Wm. H. Bellows b. Ector Texas m.  
Children
4. Polly Alderson b. 1853 Ector Texas (daughter of Mary and Richard Alderson)  
she married James Miller b. Texas  
Children  
1. Edward Miller b. Ector Texas  
2. Betty Miller b. Ector Texas
5. Richard Alderson, Jr. b. 1860 Ector Texas m. Jennie Bell  
Children  
1. Roy Alderson b. Ector Texas  
2. Ruby Alderson b. Ector Texas  
3. Thomas Alderson b. Ector Texas
6. John Crain Alderson b. 1863 Ector Texas m. Annie Murphy b. Ector Texas  
Children  
1. Lucian Alderson b. Ector Texas m. Sue Long b. Ector Texas  
2. Fanny Alderson b. Ector Texas m. Perry Brown b. Savoy Texas  
3. H.L. Alderson b. Ector Texas m. Ottie Miller b.
2. Susan Nelms b. 1818 Tennessee. (daughter of Reverend and Mrs John A. Nelms)  
She married Will Beaty born in Kentucky. they both died at Ector Texas.  
Children  
1. William Beaty b. 1842. m. Annie Gusta Hill in 1864 at Bonham Texas  
Children  
1. John Beaty b. 1868 Ector Texas m. Addie Perry  
2. Armon Beaty b. 1870 Ector Texas m.  
3. Maggie Beaty b. 1874 Ector Texas m.  
4. Jessie Beaty b. 1878 Ector Texas m.  
5. Clint Beaty b. 1882 Ector Texas m.
3. John T. Nelms b. 1819 Tennessee. (son of Reverend and Mrs John A. Nelms )  
He died at his home west of Bonham Texas and northeast of Ector Texas. He was a  
Saddle maker by trade and came to Bonham, Fannin County, Texas with his parents  
in 1845. He was the eldest son of Reverend and Mrs John A. Nelms of Ector, Fannin  
County, Texas. He married Mary Ann Clutter, daughter of Mr and Mrs Grant C.

## Clutter of Bonham Texas in 1849

## Children

1. Calvin A. Nelms b. 1852 Ector Texas m.
2. Minerva A. Nelms b. 1853 Ector Texas m. George Alderson
3. John Arch Nelms b. 1854 Ector Texas m. Pauline Kantz
4. Grant C. Nelms b. 1856 Ector Texas m. Mary Hampton b. 1867

## Children

1. Archie Nelms b. Ector Texas
2. Calvin Nelms b. Ector Texas
3. Leonard Nelms b. Ector Texas
4. Peace Nelms b. Ector Texas m. Brown
5. Sam Nelms b. Ector Texas m. Bradford
6. Ella Mae Nelms b. Ector Texas m. Dye
7. Paul Nelms b. Ector Texas m. Dorothea Tidwell
8. Mary Nelms b. Ector Texas m.
9. Helen Nelms b. Ector Texas m.
10. Almeta Nelms b. Ector Texas m.

5. Lenora Nelms b. 1858 Ector Texas m. Jake Fitch b. 1857 Tennessee.  
(Lenora was daughter of John T. and Mary Ann Clutter Nelms)

## Children

1. Clay Fitch b. Ector Texas m. Etna Angus
2. Eva Fitch b. Ector Texas m. Huggins
3. Bird Fitch b. Ector Texas m. Jim Long
4. Donald Fitch b. Ector Texas m.
5. Jones Fitch b. Ector Texas m. Eunice Baker

## Children

1. Geraldine Fitch b. Ector Texas m.

## Children

2. Son b. Ector Texas m.
6. Joe Fitch b. Ector Texas
7. Cudahay Fitch b. Ector Texas m.

## Children

4. Martha Jane Nelms b. 1822 Kentucky (daughter of Reverend and Mrs John A. Nelms)  
She married Samuel K. McKowan in 1847 at Bonham Texas.

5. Christopher Columbus Nelms (C.C. Nelms) b. March 20, 1825 Kentucky. He enlisted in the Civil war July 6, 1861 at Bonham, Fannin County, Texas.

He served in the Ind. Mtd. Vols. 14th brigade, Texas Militia. He died July 2, 1911 at his home at Ector Texas. He is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas beside his beloved wife, Delilah Damron Nelms.

He married Delilah Damron who was born April 18, 1837 two miles northeast of Ector Texas. she died at her home at Ector Texas November 23, 1912. she is buried beside her beloved husband, C.C. Nelms at Carson cemetery at Ector Texas.

They married January 24, 1856 at Ector Texas. Delilah Damron Nelms knitted socks for the soldiers during the Civil war. she was a lifelong native and resident of Ector, Fannin County, Texas.

C.C. Nelms joined the Constantine Lodge with his brothers in 1849 at Bonham Texas. He was a Master Mason. He was sent as a delegate to the Grand Lodge at Tyler Texas in 1854.

C.C. Nelms built the first house at Ector Texas. All of his and Delilah Catherine Damron Nelms children were all born and reared in the house. C.C. Nelms was among the first settlers at Ector, Fannin County, Texas.

C.C. Nelms and wife, Delilah Catherine Damron Nelms's children were:

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| I. Sarah J. Nelms                  | b. 1858 Ector Texas |
| 2. Mary Bell Nelms                 | b. 1859 Ector Texas |
| 3. Laura Nelms                     | b. 1860 Ector Texas |
| 4. John T. Nelms                   | b. 1862 Ector Texas |
| 5. Moses Damron Nelms              | b. 1864 Ector Texas |
| 6. Christopher Columbus Nelms, Jr. | b. 1865 Ector Texas |
| 7. Richard A. Nelms                | b. 1867 Ector Texas |
| 8. Minerva Ann Nelms               | b. 1869 Ector Texas |
| 9. Lee Nelms                       | b. 1870 Ector Texas |
| 10. Delilah Catherine Nelms        | b. 1872 Ector Texas |
| 11. Michael Fisher Nelms           | b. 1878 Ector Texas |

August 23.

I. Sarah J. Nelms b. 1858 Ector Texas m. James I. Hodge b. 1856 Texas

Children

I. Minnie Hodge b. Ector Texas, she died when a baby and is buried in Carson cemetery. Sarah J. and James I. Hodge are also buried in Carson cemetery.

2. Mary Bell Nelms b. 1858 Ector Texas m. George Crittenden b. Texas

Children I. Nell Crittenden b. Bonham Texas m. Will H. Nevill

Ch. I. Mildred Nevill b. Bonham Texas m. Malcolm Campbell

Children

I. Carolyn Campbell b. Bonham Texas m. Joe Denton b. Bonham Texas

Children

I. Cathy Denton b. Bonham Texas

2. Martha Ellen Campbell b. Bonham Texas m. R.H. Kennard

Children

2. Martha Nevill b. Bonham Texas m. James Bybee b. Texas

Children

I. William Bybee b. Bonham Texas

2. Ann Bybee b. Bonham Texas

3. Alice Bybee b. Bonham Texas

2. John Dalton Crittenden b. 1864 Bonham Texas m. Beulah Johnson b. 1866 Randolph Texas (son of George and Bell Nelms Crittenden)

Children

I. Albert Crittenden b. Bonham Texas m. June Norris

Children

I. Donna Ray Crittenden b. La Forte Texas

2. Dudley Crittenden b. La Forte Texas

2. John Dalton Crittenden, Jr. b. Denison Texas m. Pearl DeMoss b. La.

Children

I. Betty Crittenden b. Houston Texas m. J.W. Norwood b. Houston

Children

2. Johnny Crittenden b. Houston Texas

3. Charles Crittenden b. Houston Texas

3. Lissia Bell Crittenden b. Randolph Texas m. Lawrence Brewer

Children

I. Larry Brewer b. Aruba (overseas)

2. John Dalton Brewer b. Aruba (overseas)

4. Harry Crittenden b. Bonham Texas m. Audrey Williams
3. Alice Crittenden b. Bonham Texas (daughter of George and Bell Nelms Crittenden) she married \_\_\_\_\_ Nicholas b. Texas
4. Christa Bell Crittenden b. Bonham Texas m. Aubrey Sampsell  
Children  
I. Sadde Sampsell b. Texas m.  
Children
5. Clara Crittenden b. Bonham Texas m. Charlie Roberts b. Texas  
Children  
I. Ralph Roberts b. Bonham Texas m.  
Children  
I.  
2. Nick Roberts b. Bonham Texas m.  
Children  
3. James Wm. Roberts b. Bonham Texas m.  
Children  
4. Mary Bell Crittenden b. Bonham Texas m.  
Children
3. Laura Fredonia Melms b. Sept. 22, 1860 (daughter of C.C. and Delilah Damron Melms)  
She married Clinton A. Dulaney Nov. 7, 1880 Ector Texas  
Children  
I. Grace Fay Dulaney b. Ector Texas died April 21, 1941.  
she married Walter Garner b. Texas  
Children  
I. Brann Garner b. Texas m.  
Children  
I. Gail Garner b. Texas m. Noble b. Texas  
Children  
I. Brann Noble b. Texas  
2. Carl Garner b. Texas m.  
Children  
I. Gene Garner b. Texas m.  
Children  
I. Marvin Garner b. Texas  
2. Gary Garner b. Texas
2. Thurman Dulaney b. 1886 Ector Texas. died April 19, 1966  
He married \_\_\_\_\_  
Children  
I. Paul Dulaney b. Texas m.  
Children  
I. Elizabeth Dulaney b. Ector Texas m. Myrtle  
2. Michael Dulaney b. Texas  
3. Maria Dulaney b. Texas
3. Carrie Dulaney b. Ector Texas. she died 1918 Ector Texas
4. Edith Dulaney b. Ector Texas m. J.J. Jousan

5. Chris Dulaney b. Ector Texas m. Myrtle Norman b. Texas  
 Children  
 I. Norman Dulaney b. Ector Texas m.  
 Children  
 I. Linda Dulaney b. Texas
2. Ned Dulaney b. Texas m.  
 Children  
 I. Jerry Dulaney b. Texas  
 2. Carey Dulaney b. Texas  
 3. Scotty Dulaney b. Texas
3. Patricia Dulaney b. Texas m. J.R. Burton b. Texas  
 Children  
 I. Anita Burton b. Texas  
 2. Laura Burton b. Texas
6. Frances Dulaney b. Texas m. Henry Dobbins b. Texas
7. Varner Dulaney b. Texas m. Ava Blair b. Texas  
 Children  
 I. Wanda Dulaney b. Texas  
 2. Desmond Dulaney b. Texas m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children  
 I. Braán Dulaney b. Texas
3. Bob Dulaney b. Texas m.  
 Children  
 I. Mike Dulaney b. Texas  
 2. Pat Dulaney b. Texas
4. John T. Nelms b. 1862 Ector Texas (son of C.C. and Delilah Damron Nelms)  
 He married Belle Dulaney b. Texas John T. Nelms died 1951 at his home  
 Children at Ector Texas.  
 I. Lottie Nelms b. Ector Texas m. Jim Banta b. Texas  
 Children  
 I. J.T. Banta b. Ector Texas m.  
 Children  
 2. Mary Louise Banta b. Ector Texas m. Wm. Hamp Harper b. Tex  
 Children  
 I. Two sons b. Bonham Texas
3. Felix Banta b. Ector Texas m.  
 Children
2. Lila Nelms b. Ector Texas m. Walter Fain White b. Ector Texas  
 Children  
 I. Lucille White b. Ector Texas m. Foster McCollum b. Savoy  
 Texas.  
 Children  
 I. Tommy McCollum b. Texas
2. Walter Nelms white b. Ector Texas m. Margie Kelly b. Tex  
 Children  
 I. Janice White b. Bonham Texas  
 2. Margie Lou White b. Bonham Texas

5. Moses Damron Nelms b. 1864 Ector Texas m. Elva Hodge b. Texas  
 Children  
 1. Clara Nelms b. Bonham Texas  
 2. Paul Nelms b. Bonham Texas . He died 1963 .  
 He married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children  
 I.  
 3. Pat Nelms b. Bonham Texas  
 4. M.D. Nelms b. Bonham Texas  
 5. Alpen Nelms b. Bonham Texas m. Ralph Lipford b. Texas  
 Children  
 1. Lanny Lipford b. Bonham Texas m.  
 2. Mary Ann Lipford b. Bonham Texas
6. Lila Bell Nelms b. Bonham Texas m. Frank Bishop b. Texas  
 Children  
 1. Beverly Bishop b. Bonham Texas m. Bob Nunnelee b. Bonham Texas.  
 Children  
 I. Daughter b. Bonham Texas  
 2. Betty Bishop b. Bonham Texas
7. Joe Bailey Nelms b. Bonham Texas m. Geneva Kinkaid b. Bonham Tex.
6. Christopher Columbus Nelms, Jr. b. 1865 Ector Texas  
 He died young and is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas.
7. Minerva Ann Nelms b. October 25, 1869 Ector Texas. she died October 8, 1896 at her home at Ector Texas. she is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas She married Jim Hughes in the home of her parents Mr and Mrs C.C. Nelms at Ector Texas . A reception was held in the home after the wedding. Jim Hughes died in 1959 at his home at Cleburne Texas  
 Children  
 I. Effie Geneva Hughes b. July 1893 Ector Texas  
 She married John Quinton Price b. August 26, 1868 . He died 1927  
 Children  
 1. James Quinton Price b. Oct. 28, 1912 Texas War II Veteran  
 He served with the 5th Army in Italy. he married Eulita Woodal April 6, 1941  
 Children  
 I. Mary Lou Price b. May 28, 1952 Texas  
 2. William Yates Price b. May 21, 1921 m. Nell Symonds 1951  
 Children  
 I. Becky Price b. Texas  
 3. Jack Price b. Oct. 17, 1922 Texas War II Veteran  
 He married La Monne Eicknell Sept. 2, 1946  
 4. Geneva Minerva Price b. 1916 Texas. m. Carl Marshall b. Texas  
 Nickell b. Texas  
 Children  
 I. Geneva Carlene Nickell b. Aug. 28, 1935 Texas  
 she married George Harris January 15, 1955  
 Children  
 1. George Harris, Jr. b. Dec. 19, 1956 Texas  
 2. Tina Lynn Harris b. Dec. 2, 1963 Texas

2. John Marshall Nickell b. May 27, 1939 Texas  
He married La Rue Kinsey b. August 31, 1958 Texas  
Children  
I. Daughter b. Texas
3. Richard Lee Nickell b. Sept. 2, 1944 Texas  
He married Elizabeth Ann Carson April 21, 1965
4. Gerald Wayne Nickell b. April 8, 1949 Texas
2. Carey Loran Hughes b. Nov. 5, 1891 Ector Texas  
He married Czella Johnson (she was born Aug. 5, 1896) They married  
July 1921.  
Children  
I. Mary Nell Hughes b. Aug. 26, 1922 m. Wesley W. Neill  
Children  
I. Carol Neill b. 1946 Texas m. R.L. Smith b. Texas  
2. David Neill b. 1948 Texas  
3. Kathy Neill b. 1952 Texas
2. Virginia Hughes b. Aug. 3, 1926 m. Bill B. Hulsey  
Children  
I. Kim Hulsey b. Oct. 13, 1962 (girl)
3. Billie Francis Hughes b. Sept. 17, 1929 m. J.C. Steele  
Children  
I. James Steele b. Texas  
2. Viskie Steele b. Texas
3. Laura Belle Hughes b. Dec. 6, 1894 Ector Texas  
She died June 9, 1896 at Ector Texas . she is buried in Carson cemetery  
at Ector Texas
9. Lee Nelms b. 1870 Ector Texas (son of C.C. and Delilah Damron Nelms)  
He married Cla Turner b. Texas  
Children  
I. Katherine Belle Nelms b. Oct. 5, 1900 Ector Texas  
2. Edith Nelms b. Oct. 29, 1903 Ector Texas  
3. Christopher Columbus Nelms b. Jan. 20, 1907 Anadarko, Oklahoma  
4. Willa Doris Nelms b. June 16, 1912 Anadarko, Oklahoma
- I. Katherine Belle Nelms m. T.S. Grant b. Oklahoma. ~~She was born in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma~~  
Children T.S. Grant was born and reared in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma  
I. Carrie Lee Grant b. March 11, 1927 Oklahoma  
Pauls Valley, Oklahoma . she married Gerald Young b. Duncan Oklahoma  
Children  
I. Stephen Young b. July 30, 1947 Oklahoma City Oklahoma  
2. Chris Young b. May 13, 1953 Hobbs, New Mexico  
3. Larry Young b. 1957 La Fayette, Louisiana  
4. Tom Grant Young b. May 1966 La Fayette, Louisiana
2. Catherine Love Grant b. Feb. 26, 1934 Pauls Valley Oklahoma  
She married Joe Dutcher b. Lawton Oklahoma  
Children  
I. Joe Blake Dutcher b. Lawton Oklahoma  
2. Kristen Dutcher b. Lawton Oklahoma

After the death of T.S. Grant in July 1961 at Pauls Valley Oklahoma, Catherine Belle Nelms Grant married 2nd. Paul Allen. They married Feb. 13, 1966

2. Edith Nelms b. 1903 Ector Texas (daughter of Lee and Cla Turner Nelms)  
She married William Clarence Lryan b. Feb. 1, 1902.
3. Christopher Columbus Nelms b. 1907 Anadarko Oklahoma (son of Lee and Cla Turner Nelms) He married June Simmons b. March 24, 1907 Yukon Oklahoma  
Children
  1. James Nelms b. Sept. 12, 1945 Oklahoma City Oklahoma
4. Willa Doris Nelms b. June 16, 1912 Anadarko Oklahoma  
She married William Thomas Lester b. Feb. 27, 1910 Lindsay Oklahoma  
Children
  1. Beverly Anne Lester b. Sept. 1, 1931 Fairfax Oklahoma  
She married David Conrad b. Aug. 22, 1928 Marietta Oklahoma  
Children
    1. Cynthia Ellen Conrad b. Jan. 9, 1957 Norman Oklahoma
    2. Edward David Conrad b. Aug. 13, 1959 Norman Oklahoma
  2. Patricia Doris Lester b. Nov. 8, 1932 Fairfax Oklahoma  
She married Robert Carlyle Starzer b. July 20, Norman Oklahoma  
Children
    1. Linda Sue Starzer b. April 27, 1955 Norman Oklahoma
    2. Donna Gail Starzer b. Aug. 3, 1958 Norman Oklahoma

10. Delilah Catherine Nelms b. August 23, 1872 Ector Texas (daughter of C.C and Delilah Damron Nelms of Ector Texas)  
She married John Edwin Allen who was born Dec. 17, 1867 Ector Texas. They married July 6, 1890 at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs C.C. Nelms of Ector Texas. A reception was held in the home after the wedding.

John Edwin Allen died October 1, 1929 at his home northeast of Ector Texas. He died of a heart condition and is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas. Delilah Catherine Nelms Allen died October 17, 1960 at her home northeast of Ector Texas. she died of a heart condition and is buried beside her beloved husband, John Edwin Allen, in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas. She was buried in a white dress, with her white bible in her right hand and a white carnation in her left hand, a symbol of the beautiful life she lived. She had always requested for many, many years that she be buried in white.

John Edwin Allen was a cowboy in his youth and rode the range for many years. riding herd on the cattle and helping at the round-ups. Then he and Mr Cain were in partners together for many years in a ranch across Red river over in Oklahoma where they raised cattle. They rounded up the last herd of wild horses in the Indian Territory in Oklahoma. Allen Duckworth, nephew of John Edwin Allen used to help him and Mr Cain when they would round up the herds of wild horses in Oklahoma territory.

Ed Allen and Mr Cain went to and fro from their homes in Fannin County, Texas to their ranch and cattle business in Oklahoma. Always coming home on week-ends (Red river separates Texas and Oklahoma. Ector is about 8 miles from Red river Bonham Texas is 12 miles from Red river)

The great flood of 1908 washed away all their cattle and outbuildings as they all went floating down Red river. and they had to start all over again in their cattle business. They quit ranching in Oklahoma in 1920. They farmed in the later years of their life in Fannin County, Texas. John Edwin (Ed) Allen was a native of Ector, Fannin County, Texas and lived his entire life there.

John Edwin (Ed) Allen and Delilah Catherine (Katie) Nelms Allen, our beloved great grandfather and our beloved great grandmother, were school day sweethearts. They were both born and reared at Ector, Fannin County, Texas and both lived their entire life there at Ector Texas. They both attended the First Methodist Church at Ector Texas and both attended the same school there at Ector Texas. (Ector is only about 500 population and only has one Public school) They were both lifelong Methodists and were members of the First Methodist Church at Ector Texas

aunt Kate, as she was called by everyone, professed religion and took the Vows of the First Methodist Church at Ector Texas in 1885 when she was 13 years old. Her daughter, Juanita, took the Vows of the same Church in 1917 when she was 8 years old. Our beloved great grandmother, Delilah Catherine Nelms Allen, lived every day of her life for Christ, so did our beloved greatgrandfather, John Edwin Allen. Every one knew him as Ed. Ed and Kate Allen were both from the best and most respected family and the oldest pioneer families in Fannin County, Texas. They were both loved and respected by all who knew them. They were a friend to all. and always lent a helping hand to all those who were in need.

All ten of Ed and Katie Allen's children were born and reared at Ector Texas. (Fannin County) and all ten of their children attended the same First Methodist Church and attended the same school at Ector, Fannin County, Texas that they attended.

John Edwin and Delilah Catherine Nelms (Ed and Kate) Allen's children are:

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|----------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1. Vela Evelyn Allen       | b. Dec. 7, 1891  | Ector Texas |
| 2. Winifred Gertrude Allen | b. Mar. 16, 1893 | Ector Texas |
| 3. Sallie D. Allen         | b. May 27, 1895  | Ector Texas |
| 4. Fay Allen               | b. Feb. 6, 1897  | Ector Texas |
| 5. Mildred Nelms Allen     | b. Oct. 11, 1898 | Ector Texas |
| 6. Leslie Edwina Allen     | b. Aug. 7, 1900  | Ector Texas |
| 7. Bessie Pearl Allen      | b. May 21, 1903  | Ector Texas |
| 8. Stanley Elmo Allen      | b. Apr. 24, 1906 | Ector Texas |
| 9. Juanita Catherine Allen | b. Dec. 11, 1908 | Ector Texas |
| 10. Charles Edwin Allen    | b. Oct. 3, 1910  | Ector Texas |

1. Vela Evelyn Allen b. 1891 Ector Texas married Milam Davis b. Oklahoma  
Children

1. Benjamin Franklin Davis b. 1914 Oklahoma. War II veteran  
He served overseas during War II with the U.S. Navy. He married  
Mary Lou Matlock b. Oklahoma.

Children

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|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Joe Allen Davis    | b. Oklahoma | m. Nancy Taylor Aug. 1966 |
| 2. Walter Ralph Davis | b. Oklahoma |                           |
| 3. Mary Ellen Davis   | b. Oklahoma |                           |

2. Joe Davis b. 1916 Oklahoma War II Veteran  
He served with the U.S. Navy during War II overseas. He married  
Louise Cowin b. Jan. 30, 1924 Nampa, Idaho

Children

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|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Allen Bruce Davis     | b. Oct. 14, 1947 | San Francisco, Calif. |
| 2. Mary Louise Davis     | b. Nov. 4, 1950  | Seattle, Washington   |
| 3. Benjamin Edward Davis | b. Mar. 7, 1953  | Seattle, Washington   |

Allen Davis is now attending the University of Washington and studying Engineering courses.

Joe Davis is employed on the State Ferry going from Seattle to Bremerton.

3. Allen Davis b. 1918 Oklahoma War II veteran  
He served overseas with the U.S. Army during War II
4. Vera Nell Davis b. 1920 (June) Ector Texas. She worked in Washington, D.C. for many years for the U.S. Government. She m. Edward Maybury, a War II veteran. He is with the U.S. Army and was in Italy, his wife and daughter were with him. but he has recently been returned to the States and is stationed at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.
- Children  
I. Kathleen Patricia Maybury b. Oct. 7, 1962 Rome N.Y.
2. Winifred Gertrude Allen b. 1893 Ector Texas m. Joseph Robert Luton who was born 1892 at Ector Texas and was reared at Ector Texas.  
They were both reared attending the same First Methodist church and the same school at Ector Texas.
- Children  
I. Joseph Robert Luton, Jr. b. January 21, 1912 Ector Texas.  
He served with the U.S. Army in peacetime. He married Irene Crow Harrison at El Paso Texas in 1933.
- Children  
I. Ronald Darr Luton b. Oct. 17, 1934 Big Spring Texas  
He died Feb. 23, 1935 and is buried at Big Spring Texas.
2. John Edwin Luton b. March 14, 1916 Ector Texas  
He served in the U.S. Army in peacetime and also worked for an Oil Company in Saudi Arabia. He died in 1946 at Houston Texas.
3. Kenneth Wilson Luton b. Aug. 17, 1918 Colorado Texas. War II veteran  
He enlisted in U.S. Air Corps in the spring of 1941 after graduating from High School and was sent to the Phillipine Islands three weeks before Pearl Harbor was bombed Dec. 7, 1941. He was captured on Corregidor. and was in the death march from Bataan and was a prisoner of war of the Japanese from May 1942 until the war ended in September 1945. He served with the U.S. Air Corps from 1941 until his retirement from the Army in 1964.  
He married Sue Ann Butler b. Houston Texas.
- Children  
I. Kenneth Joe Luton b. 1949 Houston Texas  
2. Gary Lee Luton b. 1951 Houston Texas  
3. Dennis Wayne Luton b. 1953 Houston Texas  
4. Patrick Luton b. Houston Texas
4. Harold Evans Luton b. July 4, 1921 Colorado Texas War II veteran  
He served overseas with the U.S. Marines during War II. He was wounded overseas. He married Blair Helen Jeffries b. Louisiana.
- Children  
I. Franzine Luton b. 1949 Houston Texas. she died 1950 at Houston Texas.  
2. Joetta Luton b. Dec. 4, 1953 El Paso Texas
5. Mary Frances Luton b. June 8, 1924 Colorado Texas  
She married Charles Donzel Herndon b. Dec. 18, 1922 at Bonham Texas  
They married June 20, 1942 at Bonham Texas.
- Children  
I. Jerry Don Herndon b. Aug. 12, 1943 Denison Texas  
He married Patricia Haynes b. Houston Texas.
- Children

## Children of Jerry Don and Patricia Haynes Herndon:

1. Jerry Don Herndon, Jr. b. 1963 Houston Texas
2. Allen Keith Herndon b. 1964 Houston Texas

2. Lirda Faye Herndon b. August 31, 1945 Houston Texas  
She married Robert Spradling b. Pasadena Texas

## Children

1. Robert Avery Spradling b. 1964 Pasadena Texas
2. Kenneth Jayne Spradling b. 1965 Pasadena Texas Oct. 9.

3. Virginia Ann Herndon b. Sept. 27, 1949 Pasadena Texas

4. Donna Marie Herndon b. Oct. 20, 1951 Pampa, Texas

3. Sallie D. allen b. 1895 Ector Texas m. C.J. Newingham. He was a City Councilman of Bonham Texas at the time of his death Sept. 29, 1961.

## Children

1. Frank Newingham b. May 20, 1922 <sup>SHERMAN</sup> Bonham Texas. War II veteran  
He married Edith Young b. Bonham Texas. He served with the U.S. Army overseas in Germany during war II.

## Children

1. James Alton Newingham b. <sup>JUNE</sup> ~~May~~ 21, 1943 <sup>DEVISON</sup> Bonham Texas  
He served in U.S. Army for two years, part of which time was in Germany. He received his discharge in 1963.  
He married Bennie Windle b. Bonham Texas. They married 1961.

## Children

1. Dana Yvette Newingham b. Sept. 10, 1962 in Allen Memorial Hospital, Bonham Texas
2. Delilah Catherine Newingham b. Oct. 9, 1964 Allen Memorial Hospital Bonham Texas.
3. James Alton Newingham, Jr. b. Oct. 31, 1965 Dallas Texas

2. Vivian Lou Newingham b. March 19, 1947 Allen Memorial Hospital Bonham Texas

3. Brenda Joan Newingham b. July 26, 1950 Allen Memorial Hospital Bonham Texas/

4. Fay Allen b. 1897 Ector Texas She married Mancel James Ellison b. Lamasco Texas. They married Nov. 3, 1917 at Ector Texas

## Children

1. Mildred Catherine Ellison b. Sept. 15, 1918 Bonham Texas  
She married Brown Morgan b. Savoy Texas

## Children

1. Mary Sue Morgan b. Jan. 21, 1936 Savoy Texas (Fannin County)  
She married Dudley Williams b.

## Children

1. Debra Kay Williams b. Texas
2. Terri Suzette Williams b. Texas

2. George Edwin Ellison b. Nov. 14, 1921 Savoy, Fannin County, Texas  
War II veteran. He served with the U.S. Navy during War II. He married Catherine Moore b. Bonham Texas

## Children

1. Wayne Edwin Ellison b. 1943 Texas. Wayne graduated from

at Arthur High School in 1960 and attended San Antonio College and St Mary's University. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Corps in 1963 and upon completion of his basic training applied for training as a Helicopter Pilot. After completing the advanced training at Ft. Rucker, he was sent to Viet Nam in April 1966 and was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division. He was a Warrant Officer.

He flew all kinds of missions, supply, taking troops into battle zones, reconnaissance, observation, spotter for Air strikes, everything they used a Helicopter for.

His Helicopter was shot down Sept. 26, 1966 in Viet Nam. He lost his life in line of duty. His body was flown back to the home of his parents in San Antonio Texas. He was buried in the Veterans cemetery at San Antonio Texas.

2. Sherrill Ellison b. 1945 Texas. (daughter of George and Catherine Moore Ellison)  
She is a Stewardess on a plane making a non stop flight here in the States. from Los Angeles, California to New York. Wayne Ellison was her only brother.

3. Joyce Ann Ellison b. Dec. 21, 1924 Bingham Texas (Fannin County)  
She married Thomas McLean Stephens.

Children

1. Scott McLean Stephens b. Jan. 23, 1962 Dallas Texas  
2. John Gordon Stephens b. 1964 Dallas Texas

5. Mildred Nelms Allen b. 1898 Ector Texas War II veteran  
She married Wilbur Lindsey Jones, Ector Texas

Children

1. Wilbur Lindsey Jones, II b. Jan. 26, 1918 Ector Texas  
He married Elouise Appling Nov. 7, 1938 Slaton Texas

Children

1. Wilbur Lindsey Jones III, b. Dec. 7, 1940 Lubbock Texas  
He married Sandra Miller 1960. She is a school teacher. he finished College in 1963 and is in Medical School.

Children

1. Derek Lin Jones b. Jan. 6, 1966 Texas  
2. Stanley Charles Jones b. July 27, 1943 Lubbock Texas  
He is in Medical School.  
3. Allen Kent Jones b. July 1, 1945 Lubbock Texas

2. Weldon T. Jones b. April 26, 1920 Slaton Texas. War II veteran  
He served overseas with General Patton in the Third Army in Germany during War II. He is a 32nd degree Mason.  
He married Mary Lou Allen June 27, 1941 at Slaton Texas

Children

1. Patricia Ann Jones b. Nov. 29, 1943 Stockton, California  
She married Neil Farley b. N.Y. They married June 12, 1964  
2. Craig Allen Jones b. July 15, 1948 Stockton California.

3. Bill Nelms Jones b. July 25, 1925 Slaton Texas. War II veteran  
He served in the U.S. Navy in the Cahu Islands during War II.  
He died at Stillwater Oklahoma in 1963.  
He married Patricia Dawson Sept. 16, 1949

Children

1. Judith Ann Jones b. Oct. 18, 1955 Bakersfield, California

6. Leslie Edwina Allen b. August 7, 1900 Ector Texas she died 1931. and is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas. She married J. Wilcoxson.
7. Bessie Pearl Allen b. 1903 Ector Texas she died 1931 and is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas .  
She married Leslie A. Williamson b. Trenton Texas  
Children  
I. Lillie Jack Williamson b. Oct. 9, 1923 Dallas Texas . War II veteran  
He gave his life in service to his Country Oct. 16, 1944. All 14 soldiers on board the Bomber lost their lives.  
he married Frances Kay b. Greenville, S.C.  
Children  
I. Jack Larry b. August 12, 1944 Greenville S.C.  
He married Sandra Cobb in January 1966 in Greenville S.C. They had a Church wedding. and a reception was held after the wedding in the home of her parents.
8. Stanley Elmo Allen b. 1906 Ector Texas War II veteran  
He married Minnie Lee Helton b. June 8, 1906 Princeton Texas . Her parents were both born in Georgia.
9. Juanita Catherine Allen b. 1908 Ector Texas. *m. Rube McNew*  
*July 1929. D. Dec. 1930*
10. Charles Edwin Allen b. Ector Texas War II veteran  
He served overseas with the U.S. Army during War II. in North Africa . He was in the U.S. Army for about 26 years. He has received many citations and Awards during his many years of service to his Country.  
In 1952, he was sent to Germany where he served with the U.S. Army for two years or more. His wife and children were in Germany with him.

The following is a letter, a copy of, that he wrote to his beloved Mother while on his way overseas during War II.

"Somewhere on the Atlantic Ocean"

May 1943

Dear Mom:

By the time this reaches you it may be past Mother's Day but I want you to know I am thinking of you and will be thinking of you on that day.

Of all the things you did with your dear little toiled and worn hands. The prayers and tears you've shed over our fevered brows. The times you've dried our eyes and kissed our dirty chubby little hands when they were hurt. When and as I think of you and all you've did and cared for me I cannot restrain the tears from flowing down my cheeks. At daybreak this morning, while I was on watch high upon this ship, a light came through the clouds and I immediately thought of Mother.

It was like a Blessing sent from heaven and like you have always been to me. Before very long, I'll be at my destination and this trip has had its trials and its triumphs.

Remember, I love and cherish Mother in all I do.

Your Son,  
Pony.

"Pony" is what his beloved father and his beloved mother always called him all through his childhood years. and even after he was grown. All his sisters and brothers called him Pony. His brother, Stanley, was called "Tubby" after an Indian Chief in Oklahoma named "May-Tubby" who was a friend to their father when he was in the ranch and cattle business in Oklahoma. Juanita was called "Wanie" by her parents when she was growing up and then when she was grown they called her Nita.

Charles Edwin Allen b. Ector Texas m. Frances Timms b. Morgan Texas.

Their children

- I. Gene Edwin Allen b. May 27, 1940 in an army hospital.  
He served with the U.S. Army in peacetime. He married Cynthia Lynn Crabtree in December 1964.

2. Sandra Kay Allen b. Feb. 17, 1943 Texas

She married Marc Gerstach.

Children

1. Pamela b. 1960 Austin Texas
2. Debra Kay b. 1964 Austin Texas

- II. Michael Fisher Nelms b. 1878 Ector Texas. (youngest son of C.C. and Delilah Darron Nelms) he died when young. and is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas.

6. Felicia Nelms b. 1827 Kentucky. (daughter of Rev. and Mrs John A. Nelms)

7. Americus Leonidus Nelms b. June 17, 1832 in Logan County, Kentucky  
) He died 1925 Ector Texas and is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas. He was the youngest son of a Methodist minister and his wife, Reverend and Mrs John A. Nelms. He served in the Civil War, enlisting at Lonham Texas July 6, 1861.

He married Maria J. Pierce who was born 1837 in North Carolina. They married April 16, 1856 at Ector Texas. They both are buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas.

Children

1. Thomas Nelms b. 1858 Ector Texas
2. Mary R. Nelms b. 1860 Ector Texas
3. Laura Belle Nelms b. 1868 Ector Texas
4. Robert C. Nelms b. 1870 Ector Texas
5. Leona Nelms b. 1874 Ector Texas
6. Monta Nelms b. 1880 Ector Texas

- I. Thomas Nelms b. 1858 Ector Texas m. Sallie Duncan b. Texas

Children

1. Loyal Nelms b. Ector Texas
2. Dwight Nelms b. Ector Texas
3. Helen Nelms b. Ector Texas
4. Dewitt Nelms b. Ector Texas

2. Mary R. Nelms b. 1860 Ector Texas died 1942. she married Warren Dulaney

Children

1. Paul Dulaney b. Ector Texas
2. Winnie Dulaney b. Ector Texas
3. Zeda Dulaney b. Ector Texas

3. Laura Belle Nelms b. 1868 Ector Texas m. Lee Dulaney b. Texas

Children

1. Clarence Dulaney b. Ector Texas
2. Frank Dulaney b. Ector Texas
3. Almeta Dulaney b. Ector Texas
4. Irene Dulaney b. Ector Texas
5. Nora Dulaney b. Ector Texas
6. Ruby Dulaney b. Ector Texas
7. Mary J. Dulaney b. Ector Texas

4. Robert C. Nelms b. 1870 Ector Texas m. Lessie \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children  
 I. Ruth Nelms b. Ector Texas  
 2. Lee Evans Nelms b. Ector Texas m.  
 Children  
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 3. Robbie Jane Nelms b. Ector Texas m.  
 Children
5. Leona Nelms b. 1874 Ector Texas m. Eud McDuffy b. Texas  
 Children  
 I. Claude McDuffy b. Ector Texas  
 2. Benjamin McDuffy b. Ector Texas
6. Monta Nelms b. 1874 Ector Texas m. C.L. Weddle b. Texas  
 Children  
 I. Nelms Weddle b. Ector Texas  
 2. Charles Weddle b. Ector Texas  
 3. Joe Tom Weddle b. Ector Texas  
 4. Robert Weddle b. Ector Texas  
 5. Lorilee Weddle b. Ector Texas  
 6. Frances Weddle b. Ector Texas  
 7. Earline Weddle b. Ector Texas
4. Robert Weddle b. Ector Texas m. Avis Williamson b. Arkansas.  
 Children  
 I. Tim Weddle b. Feb. 16, 1947 Lubbock Texas  
 2. Teresa Weddle b. Oct. 11, 1948 Dallas Texas
8. Laura F. Nelms b. 1837 Kentucky (daughter of Reverend and Mrs John A. Nelms)  
 She married William Dulaney b. 1823. He was a Captain in the Civil war.  
 They married at Bonham Texas.  
 Children  
 I. Rebecca Dulaney b. 1857 Ector Texas  
 2. Chris Dulaney b. 1860 Ector Texas  
 3. Julia Dulaney b. 1861 Ector Texas  
 4. William H. Dulaney b. Ector Texas
4. William H. Dulaney b. Ector Texas m. Belle Irby b. Texas  
 Children  
 I. Jim Dulaney b. Texas  
 2. Fred Dulaney b. Texas  
 3. John Dulaney b. Texas  
 4. Laura Dulaney b. Texas  
 5. Frank Irby Dulaney b. Lakey, Texas June 30, 1892
- I. Jim Dulaney b. Texas m. Cathey \_\_\_\_\_ b. Lakey Texas  
 Children  
 I. James V. Dulaney b. Texas m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children  
 2. Lois Belle Dulaney b. Texas m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children
2. Fred Dulaney b. Texas m. Lula Marshall b. Silsby Texas  
 Children  
 I. Fred A. Dulaney, Jr. m. Reo Munday b. Carthage Texas  
 Children  
 I. Marilyn Ann Dulaney b. Texas m. Bob Spears b. Midland Tex.

He is an Attorney.

Their children

- I. Reece Dulaney Spears      b/ Texas.
  
2. Gordon Dulaney      b. Texas      m. Ruby \_\_\_\_\_  
He was a War II veteran and lost his life in service to his Country during War II.
  
3. John Dulaney      b. Texas      m. Lillie Payne      b. Lakey Texas  
Children  
I. Johnny Lillian Dulaney      b. Texas      m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children
  
4. Laura Dulaney      b. Lakey Texas      m. Sam Batchelor  
Children  
I. Sammie Evelyn Batchelor      b. Texas      m. Thomas P. Johnson      b.  
Nacogdoches Texas  
Children  
I. Sherry Batchelor      b. 1948      Nacogdoches Texas
  
5. Frank Irby Dulaney      b. June 30, 1892      Lakey Texas      m. Verna Harris      b. Jasper Tex  
Children  
I. Frank Irby Dulaney II,      b. 1922      Silsby Texas      . he married Alice Smith  
b. Dallas Texas. She is a Nurse.  
Children  
I. Frank Irby Dulaney, III,      b. Houston Texas      m. Dean Ward      b.  
Houston Texas.  
2.      Sandra Lynn Dulaney      b. Houston Texas  
She married Herman Conway      b. Texas  
Children  
I. Tracy Conway      b. Houston Texas  
3. Kenneth Dulaney      b. Houston Texas
  
2. 2. Mary Jean Dulaney      b. 1932      Silsby Texas      m. Frank Spitzenberger      b. Texas  
Children  
I. Jerry Spitzenberger      b. Houston Texas  
2. Steven Spitzenberger      b. Houston Texas  
3. Ricky Spitzenberger      b. Houston Texas

**GEORGE DAMRON**

Born 1796 in Tennessee. He died December 1849 at his home northeast of Ector Texas. He is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas

He married Delilah Fisher who was born 1798 in Kentucky. she died December 11, 1857 at her home northeast of Ector Texas. she is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas. They married in 1816.

In 1829, George Damron and his wife, Delilah Fisher Damron and their children came to Bonham, Fannin County, Texas. with Bailey English and his family and several other families, among whom was Dr. Wm. Hunter and his family. Delilah Fisher Damron Bailey English and Dr, Hunter were all cousins.

George Damron, Bailey English and several other men built Fort English, a stockade fort with several buildings inside of it, at Bonham, Fannin County, Texas. in 1836.

George Damron and his family were the first settler near Caney creek, northeast of Ector Texas and six miles west of Bonham Texas. They built a log cabin there and their daughter, Delilah Catherine Damron, was built in that log cabin April 18, 1837. The farm is now owned by Euál Ramey and wife, Nita Clayton Ramey.

George Damron was a man of many talents. He was a Road Engineer. He was also an Indian fighter, and a man prominent in civic affairs of the settlement. He was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge of the community around Fort English in Fannin County, Texas.

He was appointed to build the Rocky Ford toll bridge across Red river north of Bonham Texas in 1839. He and three other men completed it in 1840. He also was appointed to build the old Jefferson-Warren trade road. Joseph Swagerty, Daniel Montague were also appointed to help build the road.

In November 1838, George Damron received a Headright certificate for 1280 acres of land northeast of Ector, Fannin County, Texas. where he and his wife, Delilah Catherine Fisher Damron settled and spent their last days. The farm in later years was owned by Jake Fitch and wife.

Children of George Damron and wife, Delilah Fisher Damron were:

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|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Judith Damron  | b. Nov. 1, 1817   | Illinois                     |
| 2. John Damron    | b. July 17, 1820  |                              |
| 3. Mary Damron    | b. Nov. 21, 1823  |                              |
| 4. Mark Damron    | b. April 12, 1826 |                              |
| 5. Moses Damron   | b. April 17, 1829 | Bonham Texas (Fannin County) |
| 6. Sarah Damron   | b. March 1, 1833  | Bonham Texas (Fannin County) |
| 7. Matilda Damron | b. April 5, 1835  | Bonham Texas (Fannin County) |
| 8. Delilah Damron | b. April 18, 1837 | Ector, Fannin County, Texas  |
| 9. Nancy Damron   | b. June 1, 1841   | Ector, Fannin County, Texas  |

I. Judith Damron b. 1817 Illinois m. George W. Duncan b. 1814 Tennessee.  
They married at Bonham, Fannin County, Texas.

Children

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|------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| 1. John Richard Duncan | b. 1839 | Ector, Texas (Fannin County) |
| 2. Mary J. Duncan      | b. 1842 | Ector, Texas                 |
| 3. Arminda Duncan      | b. 1844 | Ector Texas                  |
| 4. Sarah J. Duncan     | b. 1846 | Ector Texas                  |
| 5. William M. Duncan   | b. 1847 | Ector Texas                  |
| 6. Rebecca Duncan      | b. 1849 | Ector Texas                  |
| 7. Hiram T. Duncan     | b. 1854 | Lockhart Texas               |
| 8. George Duncan       | b. 1858 | Lockhart Texas               |
| 9. Julia A. Duncan     | b. 1859 | Lockhart Texas               |

Judith Damron was loved and respected by all who knew her. she designed the quilt pattern "The broken wedding ring." Her husband, George W. Duncan died in 1869. At the time of his death, they were living on a ranch at Llano County, Texas. where they had moved to from Caldwell County, Texas. They raised cattle and after his death, Judith Damron stayed on at the ranch with her son . she is listed as a cattle raiser in the 1870 Llano County, census at Cave Settlement.

William Duncan b. 1847 Ector Texas (son of George and Judith Damron Duncan)  
m. Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ b. 1851 Texas. He is listed in the 1870 Llano County census as a stock raiser.

Hiram T. Duncan b. 1854 Lockhart Texas (Caldwell County) (son of George and Judith Damron Duncan) m. Harriet \_\_\_\_\_ b. 1856 Tennessee.

Children

1. Alice Duncan b. 1874 Llano County Texas
2. Eddie Duncan b. 1876 Llano County Texas
3. Lora Duncan b. 1877 Llano County Texas

Mark Damron b. 1826 (son of George and Delilah Damron) m. \_\_\_\_\_

Children

1. Mark W. Damron b. 1849 Jack County, Texas m. Martha Slaughter b. 1853 Texas. she was the daughter of Nancy Slaughter b. 1833 Tennessee.

Children

1. Eva Damron b. 1876 Jack County, Texas
2. Martha Damron b. 1879 Jack County, Texas

Moses Damron b. 1829 Bonham Texas moved from Bonham, Fannin County, Texas to Jack County, Texas in 1853. He married Julia A. \_\_\_\_\_ b. 1829 Missouri.

Children

1. George Damron b. 1854 Jack County, Texas May 25,
2. John Damron b. 1858 Jack County, Texas April 12

George Marvin Damron b. May 25, 1854 Jacksboro, Texas m. Rose Ellen Butler at Seymour Texas April 12, 1878. he died Oct. 9, 1909. He was nicknamed "Shad."

Children

1. Fannie Belle Damron b. Apr. 6 1879 Seymour Texas. d. Apr. 6, 1879
2. Burt Lewis Damron b. Dec. 10, 1881 Seymour Texas d. Dec. 31, 1945  
at Amarillo Texas
3. Joseph Damron b. Mar. 22, 1882 Seymour Texas
4. Charles Ed Damron b. Aug. 15, 1885 Seymour Texas d. Feb. 24, 1959. at Amarillo Texas.

2. William John Damron b. Jan. 18, 1858 Jacksboro Texas (son of Moses and Julia A. Damron) m. Leona Mask Dec. 21, 1889 at Seymour Texas. he died Sept. 6, 1932.

Children

Three boys and one girl. all born Texas.

Moses Damron moved to Jack County Texas from Fannin County, Texas in the middle 1800's. He built the first school house in Jack County, Texas. It is being used to day for a Church house. It is 13 miles northeast of Jacksboro Texas . Moses and Julia, his first wife, settled on the Wichita river north of Seymour Texas . He built a ranch house there and raised cattle. He is listed in the 1860 Jack County Texas census as a stock raiser. and that he had real estate valued at \$450.00 and personal estate valued at \$3,500.00 which was cattle.

Moses Damron was a Scout for Randal McKinsie in his fight against the Indians in west Texas. They had a camp near Quitaque Texas about 40 miles northeast of Matador Texas.

After the death of Moses Damron's first wife, Julia Damron, he married 2nd. *Salitha*

Ann Raines at Jacksboro Texas. She was born Aug. 21, 1844 <sup>Mary Ann</sup> at Corsicana, Navarro County, Texas. She was the daughter of John and ~~John~~ Raines. They moved to Jack County, Texas from Corsicana Texas in 1854. Mary Ann Raines was half Cherokee.

Children of Moses Damron and wife, Salitha Ann Raines Damron:

- I. Mary Elizabeth Damron b. Feb. 28, 1863 Jacksboro Texas.  
She married 1st. Joseph William Ventioner in 1879. He died 1884.  
She married 2nd. James Pleasant Hart II. at Seymour Texas Dec. 23, 1890.  
He was the son of James Pleasant Hart, I. and Margaret Jane McElwain Hart. He was born May 29, 1862 at Weatherford, Texas and he died Jan. 8, 1945 at Whiteflat Texas.

Children of Mary Elizabeth Damron Hart and her husband, James Pleasant Hart

- I. Charles Franklin Hart b. Aug. 7, 1892 Seymour Texas  
He married Charity Emoline Keasler Jan. 19, 1913 at Floydada Texas.

Children

- I. Margaret Chloe Hart b. Jan. 29, 1914 Petersburg Texas  
She married Joel Edward Winans Feb. 18, 1939 at Yuma, Arizona

Their children

- I. Roger Thomas Winans b. Mar. 21, 1942 Pasadena, Calif.  
m. Thea Soos May 21, 1961 in Pasadena California

Children

- I. Lisa Winans b. Dec. 13, 1963 Pasadena Calif.
2. Shazzi Winans b. 1965 Pasadena Calif.

2. Nedra Ann Winans b. Nov. 1, 1943 Pasadena Texas

3. Margaret Dolores Winans b. March 16, 1947 Pasadena California.

2. Crval Franklin Hart b. Feb. 6, 1916 Petersburg Texas  
m. Margaret Lucille McCoy March 12, 1938 in North Carolina

Children

- I. Crval Franklin Hart, Jr. b. Dec. 25, 1939 Norfolk, Virginia.  
m. Norma Landing Aug. 31, 1960 Temple City California.

Children

- I. b. 1966
2. Margaret Irene Hart b. Nov. 26, 1941 Norfolk, Virginia  
m. Robert Dennis Kavanaugh Feb. 6, 1966 Temple City California.

3. Robert Hart b. Jan. 15, 1946 Norfolk Virginia

3. James Willis Harrison Hart b. Oct. 16, 1918 Plainview Texas  
m. Evelyn Leola Mentzer May 15, 1946 Pasadena California

Children

- I. James Willis Hart b. July 2, 1950 Pasadena Calif.
2. Charles Frank Hart b. Nov. 12, 1957 Pasadena Calif.

4. Inez Beatrice Hart b. Jan. 16, 1922 Plainview Texas  
m. Frank George Winans (brother of Joel Edward) March 29, 1947 Temple City California.

Children

- I. Jedonna Rae Winans b. May 20, 1952 Los Angeles, California.

5. Martha Irene Hart b. Feb. 14, 1925 Penrose, Colorado  
d. Aug. 27, 1927 Fort Collins, Colorado

2. Katie Belle Hart b. Feb. 8 1894 Archer City Texas (daughter of James Pleasant and Mary Elizabeth Damron Hart)  
She married James Thomas McLain June 30, 1912 at Plainview Texas  
Children
1. Audrey Orlena McLain b. April 30, 1914 Floyd County Texas  
she married Roy Tyler
  2. Melba Glee McLain b. March 21, 1916 Floyd County Texas  
m. Luther Byerly.
  3. Loraine Frances McLain b. Nov. 9, 1917 Floyd County Texas
  4. Clifton Udally McLain b. Aug. 15, 1919 Floyd County Texas
  5. Cleta Lodene McLain b. Aug. 2, 1921 Floyd County Texas  
married John E. Brown b. Texas
  6. James Hollis McLain b. June 19, 1923 Floyd County Texas  
m. Doris Cornelius
  7. Cella Ovelene McLain b. May 10, 1925 Floyd County Texas
3. James Pleasant Hart, III b. Nov. 22, 1895 Archer City, Texas  
He died Oct. 16, 1950 at Amarillo Texas  
He married 1st. Lillian Kate Bolton 1915.  
Children
1. Clara Mae Hart b. Dec. 28, 1916 Plainview Texas

James Pleasant Hart, III, married 2nd. Laura Rigsby in 1919.

Their children

1. Lizzie Pearl Hart b.
2. James Cloyd Hart b. Feb. 28, 1926 Matador Texas
3. James Pleasant Hart IV b. 1935 m. Alda Hamilton b. Texas

James Pleasant Hart III, married 3rd. Lollie \_\_\_\_\_ in 1935

Their children

1. Aron Simpson Hart b. 1937 b. Texas
2. Marilyn Yvonne Hart b. 1938 m. Ivor Lynn White b. Texas
3. Robert Edward Hart b. 1943 Texas
4. Michael Lee Hart b. 1945 Texas m. Herma Lee Warren b. Texas

4. Mary Elizabeth Hart b. July 29, 1898 Archer City Texas  
m. Linzie Leonard Mahagan Sept. 15, 1915 Plainview Texas  
Children

1. Lois May Mahagan b. July 4, 1916 Plainview Texas  
m. Quinton Ralph Pritchard May 10, 1946 Clovis N.M.

2. Olledene Mahagan b. March 26, 1919 Plainview Texas  
m. Virgil A. Carpenter Oct. 19, 1936 Tuumcari N. M.

Children

1. Joann Carpenter b. Nov. 25, 1937 Amarillo Texas
2. Jean Carpenter b. Nov. 25, 1937 Amarillo Texas.
3. Sondra Kay Carpenter b. Oct. 19, 1940 Amarillo Texas  
m. Milton \_\_\_\_\_

Children

- Two sons. b. Texas
4. Jerry Wayne Carpenter b. Sept. 27, 1945 Amarillo Tex.
  5. Robert Dale Carpenter b. Dec. 18, 1959 Amarillo Tex

5. Aron Simpson Hart b. Oct. 12, 1900 Archer City Texas  
He married Delta Bailey Dec. 3, 1922 at Matador Texas

6. Annie Beatrice Hart b. July 28, 1905 Matador Texas  
m. John Silver Brogdon Aug. 8, 1925 at Flomot Texas

Children of John Silvan Brogdon and wife, Annie beatrice Hart Brogdon :

1. Juanita Brogdon b. Sept. 26, 1926 Matador Texas m. Karl Maurice Walker June 19, 1947 at Yuma Arizona<sup>a</sup>  
Children
  1. Karl Maurice Walker b. April 16, 1948 Amarillo Texas
  2. Kenneth Wayne Walker b. Dec. 12, 1950 Amarillo Texas
  3. Robin Renea Walker b. Oct. 24, 1962 Amarillo Texas
  
2. Silvan Vernon Brogdon b. March 5, 1928 Matador Texas  
He married Ollie Sue Lancaster - Sept. 25, 1948 at Amarillo Texas  
Children
  1. Randy Vernon Brogdon b. May 11, 1949 Matador Texas
  2. Karen Sue Brogdon b. Aug. 2, 1952 Matador Texas
  
3. Oleta Brogdon b. April 27, 1930 Matador Texas  
She married W.F. McCaghren Dec. 24, 1950 at Amarillo Texas  
Children
  1. Marty Don McCaghren b. July 10, 1953 St. Louis, Mo.
  
4. Cecil Troy brogdon b. May 28, 1932 Matador Texas. m. La Royce Mitchell Dec. 23, 1953 at Spur Texas.  
Children
  1. Debbie Ann Mitchell b. Aug. 10, 1956 San Manuel, Ariz.
  2. Lisa La Royce Mitchell b. July 15, 1962 Oracle, Ariz.
  3. Cecil Troy Mitchell, Jr. b. 1965
  
5. Annie Beatrice Brogdon b. Feb. 24, 1935 Matador Texas  
She married Lewis Henry Clifton  
Children
  1. Denise Ann Clifton b. July 4, 1955 Matador Texas
  
2. Sarah Delilah Damron b. March 26, 1866 Jacksboro Texas m. Henry Kell Jones Feb. 20, 1881 at Seymour Texas. She died Aug. 25, 1952 at Cortez, Colorado  
Their children
  1. Dennis Jones b. Dec. 17, 1881 Seymour Texas.. he died Dec. 4, 1938 Duncan, Arizona
  2. Robert Dowl Jones b. June 12, 1887 Seymour Texas. he married \_\_\_\_\_ March 15, 1909 Toyah Texas
  3. Etta Jones b. July 22, 1888 Seymour Texas
  4. Mose Jones b. Oct. 23, 1893 Seymour Texas
  
3. Fredrick Damron b. 1867
  
4. Annie Damron b. March 22, 1869 Jacksboro Texas. m. John William Miller Dec. 28, 1892 at Matador Texas . she died May 7, 1951 at Matador Texas  
Children
  - I. Lena Miller b. Matador Texas
  2. Fred Miller b. Matador Texas
  3. Dollie Miller b. Matador Texas
  4. Francis Miller b. Matador Texas
  5. Mary L. Miller b. Matador Texas m. \_\_\_\_\_ May 2, 1925 at Plainview Texas
  6. Harry Lucious Miller b. Matador Texas
  7. Gracie Miller b. Matador Texas
  8. Nannie Irene Miller b. Matador Texas Feb. 26, 1909 she died July 14, 1919 and is buried at Matador Texas
  9. Marie Miller b. b. Matador Texas
  10. Honera Miller b. Matador Texas
  - II. Loyd Clide Miller b. Matador Texas March 11, 1916. he died Dec. 20, 1942 at Pearl Harbor.

5. Charley Damron b. March 22, 1879 Jacksboro Texas . he died March 22, 1879 at Jacksboro Texas.
6. James Taylor Damron . Feb. 2, 1882 Seymour Texas. He married Jennie May Smith June 22, 1902 at Whiteflat Texas. Her mother had a wagon yard at Whiteflat Texas in the old days. He died Feb. 8, 1936 at Matador Texas

## Their children

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|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Bonita Damron       | b. Whiteflat Texas |               |
| 2. Buster Damron       | b. Whiteflat Texas |               |
| 3. Annabelle Damron    | b. Whiteflat Texas |               |
| 4. Roberta Damron      | b. Whiteflat Texas |               |
| 5. Lewis Warren Damron | b. Whiteflat Texas |               |
| 6. Raymond Damron      | b. Matador Texas   | June 22, 1914 |
| 7. _____ Damron        | b. Matador Texas   | Sept. 8, 1919 |

7. Nancy Belle Damron b. March 17, 1884 Seymour Texas m. Jay Henry Stradley January 8, 1908 at Whiteflat Texas. she died Dec. 21, 1959 at Matador Texas.

## Children

1. Eula Lee Stradley b. April 14, 1909 Matador Texas. m. Cecil Jeter Sept. 23, 1925 at Plainview Texas.

## Children

1. Billie Joe Jeter b. Feb. 9, 1927.

Eula Lee Stradley Jeter married 2nd. J. Matt Sullivan. they live in Sacramento, California.

8. Chris Damron b. Aug. 22, 1886 Seymour Texas. m. Annie Winston at Matador Texas

## Children

1. Mose Damron b. Matador Texas. He is a School Teacher m.

2. D. Lewis Damron b. Aug. 30, 1914 Matador Texas . m. \_\_\_\_\_

## Children

- Two daughters b. Matador Texas.

Delilah Catherine Damron b. April 18, 1837 Ector, Fannin County, Texas. (daughter of George and Delilah Fisher Damron) married Christopher Columbus (C.C.) Nelms who was born March 20, 1825 in Kentucky. They married January 24, 1856 at Ector Texas.

C.C. Nelms served in the Civil war. he enlisted July 6, 1861 at Bonham Texas and served in the Ind. Mtd. Vols. 14th Brigade, Texas Militia. He died July 2, 1911 at his home at Ector Texas. Delilah Damron Nelms knitted socks for the soldiers during the Civil war. C.C. Nelms built the first house at Ector Texas. where all eleven of their children were born and reared. Delilah Damron Nelms died at her home at Ector Texas November 23, 1912. She is buried beside her beloved husband, C.C. Nelms in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas.

C.C. Nelms was the son of Reverend John A. Nelms , a Methodist Minister, who was born in 1797 in Virginia. Reverend and Mrs John A. Nelms came to Texas with their family in 1842 from Kentucky. settling in Ector, Fannin County, Texas.

C.C. Nelms joined the Constantine Lodge with his brothers in 1849 at Bonham Texas. He was a Master Mason and was sent as a delegate to Grand Lodge at Tyler Texas in 1854.

Delilah Damron Nelms was a native and lifelong resident of Ector, Fannin County, Texas. she was born two miles northeast of Ector Texas.

Children of C.C. and Delilah Damron Nelms were:

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|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------|---|
| I. Sarah J. Nelms                 | b. 1858 | Ector Texas  | (Fannin County)   |
| 2. Mary Bell Nelms                | b. 1859 | Ector Texas  |   |
| 3. Laura Fredonia Nelms           | b. 1860 | Ector Texas  |   |
| 4. John T. Nelms                  | b. 1862 | Ector Texas  |   |
| 5. Moses Damron Nelms             | b. 1864 | Ector Texas  |   |
| Jr. 6. Christopher Columbus Nelms | b. 1865 | Ector Texas  |   |
| 7. Richard A. Nelms               | b. 1867 | Ector Texas  |   |
| 8. Minerva Ann Nelms              | b. 1869 | Ector Texas  |   |
| 9. Lee Nelms                      | b. 1870 | Ector Texas  |   |
| 10. Delilah Catherine Nelms       | b. 1872 | Ector Texas  | August 23. m. John Edwin  |
| II. Michael Fisher Nelms          | b. 1878 | Ector Texas. | Allen who was born in<br>1867 at Ector Texas in<br>a log cabin. |

All eleven of C.C. and Delilah Damron Nelms children were born and reared at Ector, Fannin County, Texas. They were all reared attending the First Methodist Church at Ector Texas and attending the School at Ector Texas. They were loved and respected by all who knew them.

Delilah Damron Nelms, who was born April 18, 1837 two miles northeast of Ector, Fannin County, Texas, planted the large old cedar trees at Carson cemetery at Ector Texas. She died in 1912 at her home at Ector Texas so we know the cedar trees are at least 54 years old. and they still stand there today, like large tall sentinels over the graves. A living memory of Delilah Damron Nelms who was born two miles from that same cemetery 129 years ago in a log cabin when Fannin County was nothing but a vast wilderness. in the days of the Republic of Texas.

Nancy J. Damron b. 1841 Ector Texas (Two miles northeast of Ector Texas)  
(daughter of George and Delilah Fisher Damron) m. John W. Carmack  
Children.

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|--------------------|----------------|
| I. Delilah Carmack | b. Ector Texas |
| 2. John T. Carmack | b. Ector Texas |

Patterson (Pat) Damron b. 1822 Tennessee m. Tina Fisher Nov. 2, 1851 at Bonham Texas. Pat Damron was a brother of George Damron. *B. 1796 Jenn*  
Pat Damron was a Texas Ranger in the 1860's in Jack County Texas.

Children of Pat and Tina Fisher Damron were:

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|--------------------|---------|-------------|
| I. Texana Damron   | b. 1851 | Ector Texas |
| 2. John Damron     | b. 1854 | Ector Texas |
| 3. Julia A. Damron | b. 1856 | Ector Texas |
| 4. Sarah Damron    | b. 1858 | Ector Texas |

Tina Fisher Damron was born in 1829.

The Damrons and Nelms families were among the oldest settlers in Fannin County, and were among the most respected and prominent families in Fannin County Texas.

Vivian and Brenda Newingham's great Aunt, Juanita Allen, saw a large golden beautiful Cross in the sky about dusk late one evening in June 1924. It was in the west and a little to the north. at her farm home two miles N.E. of Ector Texas. The morning her father died Oct. 1, 1929, she saw a large beautiful Star, high in the sky directly over his home, a few minutes before he died, After he died, the Star was gone. Her father, John Edwin Allen died at his home northeast of Ector Texas. In June, 1960, she took a picture of her mother, Mrs John Edwin Allen, sitting in her porch swing, and a large Kotalpo tree was in bloom by the front porch. and in the picture, you can see the sunshine on the white flowers of the Kotalpo tree. Mrs John Edwin (Katie) Allen died 4 months later, in October 1960. In June 1961, two zinnia bushes sprung up through the grass under Juanita's bedroom window. no flowers had ever been planted there. they bloomed all summer long.

## A. Ford

Born 1805 Kentucky. His parents were both born in Kentucky. He died at his home at Ector, Fannin County, Texas and is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas.

He married Lucy \_\_\_\_\_ born 1808 in Kentucky. she died at her home at Ector Texas and is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas. Her father was born in Virginia and her mother was born in Maryland.

A. Ford and wife, Lucy Ford came to Ector, Fannin County, Texas in 1842 from Kentucky

## Their children

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|-------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Jane Ford      | b. 1829 | Kentucky                    |                           |
| 2. William Ford   | b. 1831 | Kentucky                    |                           |
| 3. James Ford     | b. 1832 | Kentucky                    | <i>He was an attorney</i> |
| 4. Elizabeth Ford | b. 1837 | Kentucky                    |                           |
| 5. Laura Ford     | b. 1839 | Kentucky                    |                           |
| 6. Joyce Ford     | b. 1841 | Kentucky                    |                           |
| 7. Martha Ford    | b. 1843 | Ector, Fannin County, Texas |                           |
| 8. Lucy Ford      | b. 1849 | Ector, Fannin County, Texas |                           |

1. Jane Ford b. 1829 Kentucky married Richard M. Howard Oct. 16, 1861 at Bonham Texas

## Children

1. Dona Howard b. 1862 Ector Texas

2. William R. Ford b. 1831 Kentucky married Martha Jane Smith b. 1831 Tenn. They married in 1858 at Bonham Texas

## Children

1. Alfred B. Ford b. 1859 Ector Texas  
2. Ida L. Ford b. 1865 Ector Texas

3. James Ford b. 1832 Kentucky married Mary Hoffman in 1856 at Bonham Texas He was an Attorney at Bonham Texas in the 1860's.

## Children

4. Elizabeth Ford b. 1837 Kentucky married \_\_\_\_\_ Fulton

## Children

5. Laura Ford b. 1839 Kentucky married Robert Pierce in 1861 at Bonham Texas

## Children

1. Bryant Pierce b. Ector Texas  
2. Bob Pierce b. Ector Texas  
3. Lucy Pierce b. Ector Texas  
4. Med Pierce b. Ector Texas  
5. Amborse Pierce b. Ector Texas

1. Bryant Pierce b. Ector Texas m. Roy \_\_\_\_\_

## Children

1. Ray Pierce b. Ector Texas m. Barbara Allen

## Children

1. Rudolph Pierce b. Ector Texas m. Pauline Blackerby b. Texas

## Children

1. James Pierce b. Bonham Texas

2.

3. Martha Pierce b. Bonham Texas m. Max L. Chandler

2. Mary Lois Pierce b. Ector Texas m.

## Children

3. Jean Pierce b. Ector Texas m.  
Children

2. Ruth Pierce b. Ector Texas m. E.E. Ohmert  
Children

1. Roy Ohmert b. Ector Texas m. Edna Veinot 1946  
Children

1. Bryan Lee Ohmert b. Texas  
2. Beverly Lynn Ohmert b. Texas City, Texas.

Roy Ohmert is a Teacher in the Public school at Texas City.

2. Harold Ohmert b. Ector Texas m. Naomi Fleming t. Texas  
Children

1. Barbara Jean Ohmert b. Texas. m. \_\_\_\_\_ Von Buttran  
Children

1. Troy Von Buttran b. Texas

Mrs Ruth Pierce Ohmert was a Teacher in the Public school at Ector Texas for many years.

2. Bob Pierce b. Ector Texas.

3. Lucy Pierce b. Ector Texas m. Horace Greely Dulaney  
Children

1. Hays Dulaney b. Ector Texas m. Caloma \_\_\_\_\_ b. Texas  
Children

1.  
2. Betty Dulaney b. Bonham Texas m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

2. Robert Dulaney b. Bonham Texas  
3. Sue Dulaney b. Bonham Texas

2. Ray Dulaney b. Ector Texas m. Fanella black t. Texas.  
He died 1964 at Crangeville Texas.

3. Fay Dulaney b. Ector Texas m. Avery Jones b. Texas  
Children

1. daughter

4. Wynona Dulaney b. Ector Texas m. \_\_\_\_\_  
she died 1937. she was beautiful.

5. H.G. Dulaney b. Ector Texas m. Rita Redmon b. Texas  
Children

1. Mike Dulaney b.  
2. Loretta Dulaney b.

4. Med Pierce b. Ector Texas m. Eula Bales t. Texas  
Children

1. Anna Bell Pierce b. Ector Texas m. Robert Feagan b. Texas

2. James Walter Pierce b. Ector Texas

5. Antorse Pierce b. Ector Texas m.  
Children

1. Minnie Pierce t. Ector Texas m. Will Wright b. Texas.

6. Joyce Ford b. 1841 Kentucky (daughter of A. Ford and wife, Lucy Ford)  
she married John R. McKinney January 11, 1866 at Bonham Texas

*Children*

7. Martha Ford b. 1843 Ector Texas m. Wm. Riley Allen who was born Sept. 24, 1841  
Ector Texas. He was a Civil war veteran. He served in the 9th Texas Cavalry

## Children

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|---------------------------------|-------------|------|-------------|
| 1. Annie Allen                  | b.          | 1865 | Ector Texas |
| 2. John Edwin Allen             | b. Dec. 17, | 1867 | Ector Texas |
| 3. Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Allen | b.          | 1869 | Ector Texas |
| 4. Lucy May Allen               | b.          | 1871 | Ector Texas |
| 5. William Butler Allen         | b. May 5,   | 1875 | Ector Texas |

8. Lucy Ford b. 1849 Ector Texas m. Wm. J. Duckworth b. 1846 Illinois  
(His father and mother were both born in Tennessee.)

Lucy Ford and Wm. J. Duckworth married 1868 at Ector Texas

## Children

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|-----------------------|---------|-------------|
| 1. Minnie Duckworth   | b. 1869 | Ector Texas |
| 2. Laura Duckworth    | b. 1870 | Ector Texas |
| 3. Lawrence Duckworth | b. 1872 | Ector Texas |
| 4. Lucy Duckworth     | b. 1874 | Ector Texas |
| 5. Martha Duckworth   | b. 1876 | Ector Texas |
| 6. Wallace Duckworth  | b. 1877 | Ector Texas |

## ARTHUR ALLEN

Born 1602 England. He came to Virginia as an immigrant. He married Alice Tucker who was a sister of Daniel Tucker of Virginia.

## Children

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|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. John Allen       | b. Virginia |
| 2. Arthur Allen II. | b. Virginia |
| 3. Susanna Allen    | b. Virginia |
| 4.                  |             |

## John Allen

Born in Virginia. He received a land grant in 1638 in Virginia. He married Catherine Major b. Virginia.

## Children

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|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Thomas Allen    | b. Virginia |
| 2. Valentine Allen | b. Virginia |

Valentine Allen b. Virginia. He received a Headright certificate in 1657 in Virginia. He married Mary Page of Virginia.

## Children

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|--------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Samuel Allen    | b. Virginia |                                    |
| 2. Reynolds Allen  | b. Virginia |                                    |
| 3. Charles Allen   | b. Virginia |                                    |
| 4. Richard Allen   | b. Virginia |                                    |
| 5. Edmund Allen    | b. Virginia |                                    |
| 6. Susanna Allen   | b. Virginia |                                    |
| 7. Judith Allen    | b. Virginia |                                    |
| 8. Valentine Allen | b. Virginia |                                    |
| 9. Christian Allen | b. Virginia | b. 1675 m. Richard Dison 1693 2nd. |
| 10. William Allen  | b. Virginia | Henry Long 1708                    |

All of the above Allens were the descendants of Valentine Allen and his tribe of the Rappahannocks.

Edmund Allen (son of Valentine and Mary Page Allen) married Mary Sandford.

## Children

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| 1. Littleberry Allen | b. Virginia |
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William Allen (son of Valentine and Mary Page Allen) married Mary Hunt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs Wm. Hunt of Virginia.

## Children

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|---------------------|---------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Samuel Allen     | b. 1713 | Virginia |                                |
| 2. Judith Ann Allen | b. 1716 | Virginia |                                |
| 3. Hannah Allen     | b. 1717 | Virginia |                                |
| 4. Wm. Hunt Allen   | b. 1719 | Virginia |                                |
| 5. John Allen       | b. 1720 | Virginia | m. Ursula Withers, daughter of |
| 6. Valentine Allen  | b. 1722 | Virginia | James Withers of Stafford      |
| 7. Mary Allen       | b. 1724 | Virginia | County, Virginia.              |
| 8. Susannah Allen   | b. 1726 | Virginia | Children                       |
| 9. Daniel Allen     | b. 1728 | Virginia | 1. John Allen                  |
| 10. Joseph Allen    | b. 1730 | Virginia | 2. Thomas Allen                |
|                     |         |          | 3. William Allen               |
|                     |         |          | 4. Joseph Allen                |
|                     |         |          | 5. James Allen                 |
|                     |         |          | 6. Anne Allen                  |

## Daniel Allen

Born 1728 in Virginia. He married Ist. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_  
He was a Revolutionary soldier in Dragoon service.

## Children

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|--------------------|---------|----------|--------------------|
| 1. Moses Allen     | b. 1754 | Virginia | m. Elizabeth _____ |
| 2. Frances Allen   | b. 1756 | Virginia | m.                 |
| 3. Priscilla Allen | b. 1757 | Virginia | m. Richard Wilson  |
| 4. Benjamin Allen  | b. 1759 | Virginia | m. Smith           |

5. Annie Allen	b. 1761 Virginia m.	Watson. 2nd. Claybrook
6. Cary Allen	b. 1763 Virginia m.	Fleming
7. Sarah Allen	b. 1765 Virginia m.	Snoddy
8. Patsy Allen	b. 1766 Virginia m.	Smith

After the death of Daniel Allen's first wife, he married 2nd. Johanna Reed Hill .

#### MOSES ALLEN

born in Shenandoah County Virginia in 1754. He died in 1843 in Wilson County Tennessee. He married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_

He was a 1st Sgt. in the Revolutionary war, serving in the Third Virginia Regiment from 1776 to 1782.

He fought in the great battle of Brandywine where his Captain fell and 1st Lt. John Blackwell took command. He was also in the action at Germantown and was in the battle at Monmouth Courthouse. He was also in the siege of Charleston, where he was taken prisoner.

During part of the time he was a prisoner, he was confined on a ship which was built by the enemy on a small island in Charleston bay which was under water in high tide. Sometime in 1781 he was exchanged as a prisoner and was sent to Virginia where he later received a discharge from the Army in 1782.

In 1819, he moved with his family, from Virginia, to Lebanon, Wilson County, Tennessee.

#### Children

1. Nancy Allen	b. Virginia m.	Hancock
2. Mary Allen	b. Virginia m.	Edwin Young b. Virginia

#### Their children

1. Nancy Atwood	b. Virginia m.	Courtney
2. Sarah Atwood	b. Virginia m.	Whitlock
3. Martha Atwood	b. Virginia m.	Morris
4. Jane Atwood	b. Virginia m.	Henderson
5. Edwin Atwood	b. Virginia m.	
6. Moses Newton Atwood	b. Virginia m.	
7. Franklin Atwood	b. Virginia m.	

3. Archibald Allen	b. Virginia	
4. Elizabeth Allen	b. Virginia	m. William Bridger

#### Children

1. Joseph Bridger
2. Martha Bridger
3. William Bridger
4. Samuel Bridger

5. Moses Allen, Jr.	b. Virginia	He was an Attorney.
6. Gilbert Allen	b. Virginia	m. Nancy Smith b. Tennessee
7. Joseph Allen	b. Virginia	m. Hannah _____

#### Children

1. Moses Allen	b. Virginia
2. Denward Allen	b. Virginia
3. Caty Allen	b. Virginia
4. Elizabeth Allen	b. Virginia

6. Gilbert Allen b. Virginia (son of Moses and Elizabeth Allen) married Nancy Smith who was born in Tennessee.

#### Children

1. William Allen	b. 1799 Virginia	m. Jane _____	b. 1811 Tenn.
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#### Children

1. Margaret Allen	b. 1836 Tenn.
2. Martha Allen	b. 1842 Tenn.

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|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 3. Amanda Allen         | b. 1846     | Mo.          |                                     |
| 4. Sarah A. Allen       | b. 1848     | Mo.          |                                     |
| 2. John Wesley Allen    | b. Virginia |              |                                     |
| 3. Alcindy Allen        | b. Virginia |              |                                     |
| 4. Thomas Allen         | b. Virginia | 1814.        | He married Mary A. Thornton         |
| in 1845 at Bonham Texas |             |              |                                     |
| Children                |             |              |                                     |
| I. James Allen          | b/ 1848     | Bonham Texas |                                     |
| 5. Moses Allen          | b. 1815     | Virginia.    | m. Malvina Owens born 1823 Kentucky |
| 6. Archibald Allen      | b. 1817     | Virginia     | m. Martha _____ b. 1821 Tenn.       |
| Children                |             |              |                                     |
| 1. Helena Allen         | b. 1842     | Tennessee    |                                     |
| 2. Robert Allen         | b. 1843     | Tennessee    |                                     |
| 3. Henry Allen          | b. 1846     | Tennessee    |                                     |

Moses Allen b. 1815 Virginia. (his father and mother both were born in Virginia) He died January 5, 1903 at his home at Ector, Fannin County, Texas and is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas.

He married Malvina Owens who was born in 1823 in Kentucky. she died December 1874 at her home at Ector Texas. she is buried in the Allen cemetery south of Ector Texas on land that was given for the cemetery by her and her husband, Moses Allen. They married in 1839.

Moses Allen came to Bonham, Fannin County, Texas in 1835 when he was 19 years old. and later settled at Ector, Fannin County, Texas. five miles west of Bonham Texas

Moses Allen and wife, Malvina Owens Allen, had the first Grocery store and Dry Goods store at Ector Texas. They also owned several hundred acres of land at Ector Texas in the early days.

Moses Allen was also a School Teacher. He and Malvina Owens Allen had twelve children They were all born and reared at Ector, Fannin County, Texas.

Their children

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|------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. William Riley Allen | b. 9-24-1841 | Ector Texas |
| 2. John W. Allen       | b. 1844      | Ector Texas |
| 3. Elizabeth Allen     | b. 1847      | Ector Texas |
| 4. Mary Ann Allen      | b. 1848      | Ector Texas |
| 5. Sarah Allen         | b/ 1850      | Ector Texas |
| 6. Joseph Allen        | b. 1851      | Ector Texas |
| 7. Thomas Allen        | b. 1852      | Ector Texas |
| 8. Nancy Allen         | b. 1855      | Ector Texas |
| 9. Samuel Allen        | b. 1857      | Ector Texas |
| 10. Elias Allen        | b/ 1859      | Ector Texas |
| 11. Noah Allen         | b. 1861      | Ector Texas |
| 12. Martha Allen       | b. 1862      | Ector Texas |

William Riley Allen who was born Sept. 24, 1841 at Ector Texas served in the Civil war in the 9th Texas Cavalry. He died Sept. 24, 1921 on his 80th birthday at his home at Denison Texas. He is buried at Denison Texas.

He married Martha Ford who was born in 1843 at Ector Texas. she died at her home in 1876 from childbirth. she is buried in the Allen cemetery south of Ector Texas beside her husband, Wm. R. Allen's mother, Malvina Owens Allen. she is buried on the north side of Malvina Owens Allen's grave.

Martha Ford Allen's parents were both born and reared in Kentucky. and came to Texas from Kentucky in 1842.

Wm. R. Allen was a 32nd degree Mason. and was a member of several other fraternal Organizations at the time of his death in 1921 at his home at Denison Texas. He and his wife, Martha Ford Allen, were landowners at Ector Texas where all their children were born and reared. Martha Ford Allen was Mohawk and Cherokee Indian.

After the death of his first wife, Martha Ford Allen, Wm. R. Allen sold his property at Ector Texas and moved to Denison Texas in 1893 where he went into the Grocery and Dry Goods business for many years until his death Sept. 24, 1921. He is buried in the cemetery at Denison Texas.

Children of Wm. R. Allen and wife, Martha Ford Allen were:

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|---------------------------------|-------------|------|-------------|
| 1. Annie Allen                  | b.          | 1865 | Ector Texas |
| 2. John Edwin Allen             | b. Dec. 17, | 1867 | Ector Texas |
| 3. Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Allen | b.          | 1869 | Ector Texas |
| 4. Lucy May Allen               | b.          | 1871 | Ector Texas |
| 5. William Butler Allen         | b. May 5,   | 1875 | Ector Texas |

I. Annie Allen b. 1865 Ector Texas m. 1st. Michael

Children

I. Ed Michael b. Ector Texas m. Lula Rigsley b. Oklahoma. he died in 1918 from Influenza in Lawton Oklahoma

Children

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Blondell Michael    | b. Lawton Oklahoma                  |
| 2. W.L. (Bill) Michael | b. Shawnee Oklahoma March 19, 1911. |
| 3. Wesley Michael      | b. Shawnee Oklahoma                 |

2. Susie Michael b. Ector Texas m. Hershell Herrington . They live in Tennessee.

3. Lizzie Michael b. Ector Texas m. Jay Courrick. they live in Okla.

4. Willie Michael b. Ector Texas m. Lives in Oklahoma.

W.L. (Bill) Michael b. 1911 Shawnee Oklahoma m. Dorre \_\_\_\_\_ at Lubbock Texas.

Children

I. Querida Michael b. Lubbock Texas m. George Henderson., Jr. Del Rio, Texas.

Children

Four sons. b. Texas.

2. Marty Michael b. Lubbock Texas. m. Thomas Carpenter b. Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He is in U.S. Air Force and is at present overseas.

Children

One boy and two girls. b. Texas

3. Nancy Michael b. Lubbock Texas. m. Robert Rogers b. San Angelo Texas.

Children

I. son b. Texas

After the death of Annie Allen Michael's husband, she married 2nd. \_\_\_\_\_ Lee.

Children

I. Truma Lee b. Texas. m. Charlie Clark

Annie Allen Michael Lee died in 1932 at her home in Oklahoma. she is buried in Oklahoma.

2. John Edwin Allen born 1867 in a log cabin at Ector Texas (son of Wm. R. Allen and wife, Martha Ford Allen) He died October 1, 1929 at his home northeast of Ector Texas. He is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas. beside his beloved wife, Delilah Catherine Nelms Allen. He died of a heart condition.

He married Delilah Catherine (Katie) Nelms July 6, 1890 .They married at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs C.C. Nelms at Ector Texas. A wedding reception was held in the home after the wedding.

Delilah Catherine Nelms (Katie) Allen was born August 23, 1872 at Ector Texas. She died October 17, 1960 at her home northeast of Ector Texas. she is buried beside her beloved husband, John Edwin (Ed) Allen in Carson cemetery at Ector Tex. She died of a heart condition. she was buried in white as she had always requested that she be buried in a white dress with her white Bible in her right hand. A white carnation was placed in her left hand as a symbol of the beautiful life she lived and of how she had always planted a yard full of beautiful flowers. she loved flowers.

John Edwin Allen was a cowboy in his youth and rode the range for many years. riding herd on the cattle and helping at the round-ups. Then he and Mr Cain went in partners together for many years in a ranch over across Red river in Oklahoma where they raised cattle. They rounded up the last herd of wild horses in the Indian territory in Oklahoma. (Ed Allen's Nephew, Allen Duckworth , used to help him round up wild horses in the Indian territory in Oklahoma). John Edwin (Ed) Allen and Mr Cain went to and fro from their homes in Fannin County, Texas to their ranch and cattle business in Oklahoma. Always coming home on the week-ends (Red river separates Texas and Oklahoma) Ector is about 8 miles from Red river and Bonham is 12 miles from Red river.

Ed Allen used to tell his daughter, Nita, when she was a little girl, how he used to sit around the campfires with the Indians in their camps in Oklahoma and he showed her how he used to dance with them around their campfires.

John Edwin Allen and his wife, Delilah Catherine Nelms Allen (Ed and Kate) our beloved great grand parents, were school day sweethearts. They were both born and reared at Ector Texas and spent their entire life at Ector Texas except for the time he spent at his ranch in Oklahoma but even then, he was always home on week-ends. They both attended the First Methodist Church at Ector Texas and attended the same School at Ector Texas. (Ector only has one school and it only has a population of about 500 persons.)

Ed and Katie Allen were both lifelong members of the First Methodist Church at Ector Texas . Aunt Kgte, as she was called by everyone, professed religion and took the Vows of the Methodist church at Ector Texas in 1885 when she was 13 years old.

She lived every day of her life for Christ. so did her beloved husband, Ed Allen Everyone knew him as Ed. Ed and Kate Allen were both from the best and oldest and most respected families in Fannin County, Texas. They were loved and respected by all who knew them. They were a friend to all. They always lent a helping hand to all those who were in need.

All ten of Ed and Katie Allen's children were born and reared at Ector Texas. (Fannin County) and all ten of their children attended the same First Methodist Church at Ector Texas and also attended the same Public School that their parents attended at Ector Texas.

Ed and Katie Allen's children are:

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|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1. Vela Evelyn Allen       | b. Dec. 7, 1891   | Ector Texas |
| 2. Winifred Gertrude Allen | b. Mar. 16, 1893  | Ector Texas |
| 3. Sallie D. Allen         | b. May 27, 1895   | Ector Texas |
| 4. Fay Allen               | b. Feb. 6, 1897   | Ector Texas |
| 5. Mildred Nelms Allen     | b. Oct. 11, 1898  | Ector Texas |
| 6. Leslie Edwina Allen     | b. Aug. 7, 1900   | Ector Texas |
| 7. Bessie Pearl Allen      | b. May 21, 1903   | Ector Texas |
| 8. Stanley Elmo Allen      | b. April 24, 1906 | Ector Texas |
| 9. Juanita Catherine Allen | b. Dec. 11, 1908  | Ector Texas |
| 10. Charles Edwin Allen    | b. Oct. 3, 1910   | Ector Texas |

3. Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Allen b. 1869 Ector Texas. (daughter of Wm. Riley and Martha Ford Allen) she died at Ector Texas at her home and is buried in the Allen cemetery south of Ector Texas. She married Clint Lee .

Children

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Lucille Lee | b. Ector Texas |
| 2. Clyde Lee   | b. Ector Texas |
| 3. Manuel Lee  | b. Ector Texas |

- I. Lucille Lee married Ira Brister b. Oklahoma

Children

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|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. Olga Mae Brister | b. Oklahoma |
| 2. Ira Brister, Jr. | b. Oklahoma |
| 3. Patty Brister    | b. Oklahoma |

4. Lucy May Allen b. 1871 Ector Texas Ector Texas. (daughter of Wm. Riley and Martha Ford Allen) she died at her home at Ector Texas from childbirth and is buried in the Allen cemetery south of Ector Texas. She married Manuel Duckworth .

Children

- I. Allen Duckworth b. 1889 Ector Texas. he married Evelyn Fleetwood b. 1895 in Marlow Oklahoma.

Children

- I. Thelma Nima Duckworth b. 1913 Lawton Oklahoma . she m. Virgil R. Smith b. Oklahoma . They live at Lone Wolf Okla.

Children

- I. Mary Lou Smith b. Oklahoma. m. Herb Wilson

Children

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|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Scott Renfroe | b. Sept. 14, 1951 Oklahoma |
| 2. Cherie Meyers | b. Feb. 13, 1955 Oklahoma  |
| 3. Jeff Essary   | b. Oct. 22, 1960 Oklahoma  |
| 4. Mark Wilson   | b. Oct. 29, 1962 Oklahoma  |
| 5. Lisa Wilson   | b. Aug. 12, 1965 Oklahoma  |

2. Billy Ray Smith b. Oklahoma m. Bonnie \_\_\_\_\_

Children

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|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Houston Smith | b. Dec. 25, 1951 Oklahoma  |
| 2. Neta Smith    | b. Mar. 10, 1953 Oklahoma  |
| 3. Nina Smith    | b. June 21, 1955 Oklahoma  |
| 4. Neva Smith    | b. April 29, 1963 Oklahoma |

2. Martha Marie Duckworth b. 1915 Lawton Oklahoma  
She married Whon Cooper b. Oklahoma (They live at Marlow Oklahoma.)

Children

- I. Bobby Cooper b. Oklahoma m. Rudy Wildes b. Oklahoma

## Children

- I. Kim Cooper b. July 3, 1957 Oklahoma
2. Tracy Cooper b. Aug. 9, 1959 Oklahoma

2. Barbara Cooper b. Oklahoma m. Bobty Thomas b. Oklahoma  
Children

- I. Tonya Thomas b. Nov. 23, 1962 Oklahoma
2. Lisa Thomas b. July 12, 1964 Oklahoma

## 3. Aline Laura Duckworth b. Aug. 8, 1918 Lawton Oklahoma (daughter of Allen and Evelyn Fleetwood Duckworth) she married Ura Lee Harris b. Dec. 17, 1913 Oklahoma

## Children

- I. Cecil Ray Harris b. Dec. 31, 1936 Oklahoma
2. Carl Rube Harris b. Oct. 3, 1941 Oklahoma. He married Peggy Darlene Anderson b. Oklahoma

## Children

- I. Sandra Sue Harris b. Oklahoma  
she married \_\_\_\_\_ Moore b. Oklahoma

## Children

- I. Darla Joe Harris b. Oct. 8, 1957 Oklahoma
2. Carl Rube Harris b. Aug. 1965 Oklahoma

## 4. Manuel Duckworth b. 1919 Lawton Oklahoma m. \_\_\_\_\_

## Children

- I. Allen Duckworth b. March 29, 1941 Oklahoma  
He married Jessie \_\_\_\_\_

## Children

- I. Glen Allen Duckworth b. March 1951 Oklahoma

5. Sarah Evelyn Duckworth b. 1925 Lawton Oklahoma m. Jay Clements  
b. Oklahoma

## Children

- I. Jimmy Clements b. 1944 Oklahoma . He married Rowena Jones b. Oklahoma

## Children

- I. David Clements b. Oklahoma

## 2. Velda Clements b. 1946 Oklahoma b. James Greene b. Oklahoma.

## Children

- I. Terry Greene b. Oklahoma

6. Roxie Geneva Duckworth b. Aug. 12, 1933 Lawton Oklahoma  
she married \_\_\_\_\_ Tucker b. Oklahoma

## Children

- I. Sharon Kay Tucker b. Oct. 29, 1953 Oklahoma
2. Richard Conway Tucker b. Aug. 31, 1955 Oklahoma
3. Connie Renae Tucker b. Aug. 17, 1958 Oklahoma
4. Regina Elaine Tucker b. Jan. 1, 1963 Oklahoma

2. Glen Duckworth b. 1891 Ector Texas (son of Manuel and Lucy Allen Duckworth)  
He married Rena Shoemaker b. Oklahoma

## Children

- I. Avis Duckworth b. Lawton Oklahoma. m.

## Children

2. Frances Duckworth b. Aug. 7, 1920 Lawton Oklahoma  
 married Henry W. Preston b. Oklahoma.  
 Children  
 I. Bobby Dee Preston b. Jan. 26, 1947 Lawton, Okla.
3. Juanita Duckworth b. Dec. II, 1923 Lawton Oklahoma  
 she married Comly Nolf Sine, Jr. b. March 18, 1918  
 Lambertsville, New Jersey.  
 Children  
 I. Constance Lee Sine b. Dec. 26, 1944 Lawton Oklahoma  
 she married Phillip Martin McAtee b. Aug. 28, 1942  
 Worcester, Massachusetts.  
 Children  
 I. Beborah Lynn McAtee b. Oct. 8, 1964 Miami,  
 Florida  
 2. Patricia Ann McAtee b. Oct. 6, 1965 Rantoul,  
 Illinois
5. William Butler Allen b. May 5, 1876 Ector Texas (son of Wm. Riley  
 and Martha Ford Allen) he died Nov. 22, 1955 at his home at Denison Texas  
 He married Ada Linda Williams b. Nov. 1878  
 Children  
 I. Ruby Frances Allen b. Nov. 1898 Denison Texas  
 she married Bert Walker b. Denison Texas He was employed as a  
 Fireman for many years at Denison Texas.  
 Children  
 I. James William Walker b. 1919 Denison m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children  
 2. Rubert Walker b. II-II-1930 Denison Texas m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children
2. Rennie Allen b. 1900 Denison Texas
3. Bert Allen b. 1903 Denison m.  
 He died 1962 at his home at Denison Texas where he was in the  
 Grocery business.
4. Ollie Allen b. 1905 Denison Texas m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children  
 Three sons b. Texas
5. Virgil Allen b. Feb. 22, 1907 Denison Texas  
 He married Viola \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children  
 I. Robert Allen b. 1930 Denison Texas  
 2. Jackie Allen b. 1932 Denison Texas  
 3. Lonnie Allen b. 1934 Denison Texas  
 4. Stanley Allen b. 1936 Denison Texas  
 5. Joy Kaye Allen b. 1940 Denison Texas
6. Stanley Elmo Allen b. 1908 Denison Texas. m. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Mildred Marie Allen b. May 17, 1913 Denison Texas  
 she married Hoyt Thames b. Texas  
 Children  
 I. Lois Jean Thames b. Texas m. \_\_\_\_\_ Mauldin b. Texas  
 Children  
 I. Michael Alan Mauldin b. Feb. 22, 1956 Texas

2. Lori Ann Mauldin      b. Aug. 22, 1963      b. Texas
2. Shirley Ann Thames      b. 1935 Texas      m.      Ligon b. Tex  
Children
1. Cheryl Jean Ligon      b. July 22, 1953      Texas  
    2. Stephen Austin Ligon      b. April 9, 1960      Texas
3. Peggy Sue Thames      b. March 5, 1940      Texas      m. \_\_\_\_\_ Briggs  
Children
1. Clinton David Briggs      b. Aug. 25, 1961      Texas  
    2. Curtis Michael Briggs      b. May 19, 1963      Texas  
    3. Karen Dianne Briggs      b. Mar. 23, 1965      Texas
4. Ira Linda Thames      b. Jan. 11, 1944      Texas      m. \_\_\_\_\_ Odom b.  
Children      Texas
1. Leslie Kaye Odom      b. Feb. 22, 1961      Texas  
    2. Kellie Dawn Odom      b. Apr. 28, 1962      Texas
8. Edgar (Eddie) Allen      b. April 1, 1916      Denison Texas
9. Jewel Melba Allen      b. April 10, 1919      Denison Texas      m. Richard  
Mathis  
Children
1. Patricia Mathis      b. 1947      Dallas Texas

After the death of William Riley Allen's first wife, Martha Ford Allen, he married 2nd. Sallie Fulton, whom everyone called "Bammer Allen".

Children

1. Stanley Elmo Allen      b. 1888 Ector Texas.      m. Edna \_\_\_\_\_  
They had no children. He was in the Furniture business for many years in Denison Texas. He died in the State of Colorado while on a vacation trip with his wife in 1946. He was brought back to Denison Texas and was buried in a cemetery at Denison Texas.

After the death of his 2nd wife, Sallie Fulton Allen, Wm. R. Allen married Madeline Bogar, a widow with three children whom he reared. they married in 1903 at Denison Texas where he was in the Grocery and Dry Goods business.

Stepchildren of Wm.R. Allen that he reared.

1. Bernard Bogar      b. Michigan  
2. Frederick Bogar      b. Michigan  
3. Libbie Bogar      b. Michigan      m. Charles Mayer.  
They had no children. after her mother, Madeline Bogar married Wm. R. Allen in Denison Texas in 1903, Libbie took the name of Libbie Bogar Allen. her stepfather's last name.

2. John W. Allen      b. 1844 Ector Texas (son of Moses and Malvina Owens Allen)  
He married Mary Jane Fitzgerald  
Children
1. Barbara Fitzgerald      b. 1874      Ector Texas  
    2. A.N. Fitzgerald      b. 1876      Ector Texas
3. Elizabeth Allen      b. 1847 Ector Texas (daughter of Moses and Malvina Owens Allen) she married Levi Kerr in 1867 at Ector Texas. Jan. 5,  
Children
1. Moses Kerr      b. Ector Texas.
4. Mary Ann Allen      b. 1848 Ector Texas (daughter of Moses and Malvina Owens Allen) she married George Long      b. 1844. They married Oct. 10, 1866 Ector Texas  
Children
1. John A. Long      b. 1867      Ector Texas.

2. Martha J. Long      b. 1871      Ector Texas  
 3. William Long      b. 1879      Ector Texas      Aug. 12  
 4. Sue Long      b.      Ector Texas

Sue Long b. Ector Texas m. Lucian Alderson b. Ector Texas.

Children

1. J.C. Alderson      b. Ector Texas      m.  
 2. Esma Alderson      b. Ector Texas      m. Adams Talley b. Texas  
 Children  
 3. Mary Jo Alderson      b. Ector Texas      m. W. H. Manahans b. Texas  
 Children  
 1. Tommy      b. Texas  
 2. Mary Ann Manahans b. Texas

4. Margaret Alderson      b. Texas      m. Lloyd Wooten      b. Texas.

5. Sarah Blanch Allen      b. 1850 Ector Texas (daughter of Moses and Malvina Owens Allen) she married Thomas Patton b. Texas. they married Dec. 16, 1869 at Ector Texas.

Children

One of their granddaughters' is Ella Cavaner. her husband is Harrison Cavaner. They live at Lone Wolf Oklahoma.

6. Joseph Allen      b. 1852 Ector Texas (son of Moses and Malvina Owens Allen)

He married \_\_\_\_\_

Children

7. Thomas Franklin Allen      b. June 20, 1852 Ector Texas. (son of Moses and Malvina Owens Allen) He married Nancy Jane Rice b. Aug. 8, 1855 at Hazel Hill Missouri. they married Aug. 10, 1871 in Fannin County Texas. (bonham)

Children

1. Nettie Fielden Allen      b. Aug. 18, 1872. she died April 19, 1966  
 She married Robert Henry Turnage Feb. 9, 1887

Children

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Roy Turnage            | b. Paris Texas                   |
| 2. Vernon Turnage         | b. Gainesville Texas             |
| 3. Valley Mildred Turnage | b. Gainesville Texas m. Athenous |
| 4. Wayne Turnage          | b. Gainesville Texas             |
| 5. Velma Turnage          | b. Gainesville Texas m. _____    |
| Magnuson.                 |                                  |

2. Mary Malvina Allen      b. Jan. 14, 1874 Bonham Texas

she married Mac Gilliland

Children

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Clarence Fielden Gilliland | b. 2-12-1893  |
| 2. Nannie Franklin Gilliland  | b. 1-7-1895   |
| 3. Claude Alvey Gilliland     | b. 11-29-1897 |
| 4. Erroll Lindsay Gilliland   | b. 1899       |
| 5. Jimmie Mossie Gilliland    | b. 7-25-1901  |
| 6. Robert Dealton Gilliland   | b. 11-25-1903 |

3. Samuel Thomas Allen      b. Sept. 21, 1876 Ector Texas. he died July 20, 1960. He married Helen Maude Graham June 17, 1908. she was born in 1883 in Birmingham.

Samuel Thomas Allen was a Mason and a cattleman.

Their children

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|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Helen Douglas Allen   | b. Aug. 10, 1910 Gainesville Texas |
| 2. Janie Emaline Allen   | b. April 7, 1913 Gainesville       |
| 3. Maudie Florence Allen | b. Dec. 3, 1914 Gainesville        |
| 4. Opal Christine Allen  | b. April 28, 1919 Gainesville      |

- 5. Lillie Fern Allen b. Aug. 30, 1921 Gainesville Tex
- 6. Sammie Louise Allen b. Mar. 21, 1923 Gainesville Tex

All six children were born and reared north of Gainesville Texas one half mile from Red river near Callisburg, Texas.

- 1. Helen Douglas Allen b. 1910 Gainesville Texas m. W.B. Nelson  
Feb. 14, 1947.
- 2. Janie Emaline Allen b. 1913 Gainesville Texas m. James Mathew  
Hollandsworth who was born Feb. 10, 1910. They married in 1929.  
Children
  - 1. James Mathew Hollandsworth, Jr. b. 1930 Spring Grove Community  
N.E. of Gainesville Texas.  
He married Wanda Lee Price b. July 25, 1936 Cook County Texas  
Children
    - 1. James Lukenith Hollandsworth b. Dec. 31, 1954
    - 2. Karon Lee Hollandsworth b. Nov. 13, 1957
    - 3. Karol Mathew Hollandsworth b. July 22, 1960

All three children were born at Gainesville Texas

- 2. Mary Frances Elaine Hollandsworth b. Feb. 5, 1936 Gainesville  
Texas.  
She married Charles Dean West b. June 25, 1936 westview Texas  
They married at the Callisburg Methodist church by Reverend  
R. Craig of Gainesville Texas. a wedding reception was held  
in the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs James M. Hollandsworth  
after the wedding.  
Children
  - 1. Kemberly Elaine West b. Nov. 16, 1955
  - 2. Dena Gay West b. Nov. 7, 1957
  - 3. Charles Trent West b. Mar. 1960
  - 4. Vince Noble West b. Jan. 29, 1962
  - 5. Aleta Grace West b. April 13, 1964

All five children were born at Gainesville Texas.

- 3. Carl Dennis Hollandsworth b. Feb. 21, 1942 Gainesville Texas  
He married Sharon K. Ellis b. May 20, 1944 Wilson Cklahoma  
They married Oct. 20, 1962  
Children
  - 1. Jeffrey Allen Hollandsworth b. March 24, 1965 at  
Sherman Texas.

4 Brent Hollandsworth b. Gainesville Texas

- 3. Maudie Florence Allen b. 1914 Gainesville Texas m. Charley Thompson  
Children
  - 1. Linda Gail Thompson b. June 6, 1938 Texas  
She married Waymon Mayo in 1963
- 4. Opal Christine Allen b. 1919 Gainesville Texas  
She married Aubrey Sasser of Cook County Texas. he died 1941.  
Their children
  - 1. Joyce Christine Sasser b. Oct. 31, 1938 Cook County Texas  
she married Joe McDonald b. Mesquite Texas  
Children
    - 1. Debra Renea McDonald b. Mesquite Texas
    - 2. Debra Ann McDonald b. Mesquite Texas

3. Carol Lynn McDonald b. Mesquite Texas  
 4. Christina McDonald b. Mesquite Texas Aug. 1964

2. La Wana Jeneane Sasser b. June 21, 1941 Gainesville Texas  
 She married Wayne Morgan b. Texas  
 Children  
 I. Sherri Morgan b. 1964 Texas

after the death of her first husband, Aubrey Sasser in 1941, Opal Christeen Allen Sasser married 2nd, in 1948, James Harold Wickersham b. April 28, 1924  
 Children

- I. Linda Carol Wickersham b. Aug. 4, 1949 Garland Texas  
 2. Carolyn Lee Wickersham b. Apr. 13, 1951 Garland Texas  
 3. Denise Marie Wickersham b. Jan. 3, 1956 Garland Texas

5. Lillie Fern Allen b. 1921 Gainesville Texas married Jennings B. Utsey who was born Dec. 1916. They married in 1942  
 Children

- I. Sarah Mae Utsey b. Dec. 11, 1943 , Eddie Sampert in 1964  
 2. Robert W. Utsey b. Nov. 2, 1944 Texas  
 3. Johnny Utsey b. Oct. 6, 1951 Texas  
 4. Mary Utsey b. Oct. 1953 Texas  
 5. Lottie Utsey b. Feb. 26, 1956 Texas  
 6. Samuel Utsey b. Jan. 1, 1958 Texas

6. Sammie Louise Allen b. 1923 Gainesville Texas m. Raymond Metcalf b. Sept. 13 1924.

Children

- I. Donald Ray Metcalf b. Sept. 23, 1942 Gainesville Texas  
 2. Sandra Kay Metcalf b. 1954 Gainesville Texas  
 3. Sharon Ann Metcalf b. 1956 Gainesville Texas

Donald Ray Metcalf b. 1942 Gainesville Texas married Donna Kay Campbell in 1963.

Children

- I. Christopher Metcalf b. 1964

4. Norma Allen b. 1878 Bonham Texas. (daughter of Thomas Franklin and Nancy Jane Rice Allen)

5. Georgia Joyce Allen b. Bonham Texas (daughter of Thomas Franklin and Nancy Jane Rice Allen)

8. Nancy J. Allen b. 1855 Ector Texas (daughter of Moses and Malvina Owens Allen)  
 She married Rube Taylor.

9. Samuel Allen b. Oct. 8, 1857 Ector Texas (son of Moses and Malvina Owens Allen) he died Feb. 20, 1922. He married 1st, Nettie Russell

Children

- I. Minnie Lee Allen b. May 5, 1878 Ector Texas. she died June 29, 1947  
 Dallas Texas. she married Sim Ruth Melugin Dec. 16, 1894

Children

- I. Clarence Ruth Melugin b. Oct. 14, 1895 Savoy Texas  
 2. Edna Faye Melugin b. July 21, 1897 Savoy Texas  
 she married \_\_\_\_\_ Rino. they live at Savoy Texas.  
 3. Fane Samuel Melugin b. Feb. 18, 1900 Savoy Texas  
 4. Hazel Ann Melugin b. May 4, 1904 Savoy Texas  
 5. Emmett Jewel Melugin b. Aug. 25, 1909 Savoy Texas

2. Mattie Ann Allen b. Jan. 22, 1883 Ector Texas she died Aug. 5, 1918  
Savoy Texas.

## Children

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|------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1. Orvil Pinkney Seals | b. Oct. 14, 1900 | Savoy Texas |
| 2. Claudie Lee Seals   | b. July 18, 1902 | Savoy Texas |
| 3. Minnie Faye Seals   | b. Sept. 4, 1904 | Savoy Texas |
| 4. Gracie Faye Seals   | b. May 30, 1910  | Savoy Texas |
| 5. Mildred May Seals   | b. May 6, 1913   | Savoy Texas |
| 6. J.D. Seals          | b. Nov. 25, 1916 | Savoy Texas |

After the death of Samuel Allen's first wife, Nettie Russell Allen, he married  
2nd, Sallie Elmerine Hodges b. Jan. 11, 1872. They married April 14, 1889 at  
Ector Texas by Reverend E.M. Hunt. Methodist Minister.

## Children

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|------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1. Luther Emmett Allen | b. Aug. 7, 1890  | Ector Texas |
| 2. Gracie Jane Allen   | b. Mar. 29, 1892 | Ector Texas |
| 3. Flossie Faye Allen  | b. Jan. 12, 1896 | Ector Texas |

She married John Douglas Simmons July 24, 1917. He is a War I veteran

## Children

I. son

War II veteran

4. Stanley Elmo Allen b. Sept. 10, 1900 Ector Texas he died July 3,  
1901 and is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas.

Luther Emmett Allen b. 1890 Ector Texas m. Mattie McCutchen Dec. 24, 1913  
Ector Texas. (son of Samuel and Sallie Hodge Allen)

## Children

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|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1. Mable Christene Allen | b. Aug. 19, 1917 | Ector Texas |
| 2. Luther Clifton Allen  | b. Aug. 15, 1922 | Ector Texas |

Gracie Jane Allen b. 1892 Ector Texas (daughter of Samuel and Sallie  
Hodge Allen) married William Turner Godfrey Nov. 24, 1910 Ector Texas.  
she died Jan. 12, 1963

## Children

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|---------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Neil Aught Godfrey     | b. Oct. 27, 1912 | Ector Texas | he died<br>April 5, 1913. |
| 2. Ruben Wright Godfrey   | b. Mar. 7, 1915  | Ector Texas |                           |
| 3. Yeltive Marie Godfrey  | b. July 22, 1917 | Ector Texas |                           |
| 4. Mavis Kathleen Godfrey | b. May 28, 1921  | Ector Texas |                           |

10. Elias Allen b. 1859 Ector Texas (son of Moses and Malvina Allen)

II. Noah Allen b. 1861 Ector Texas (son of Moses and Malvina Owens Allen)  
He married Lettie Bales b. Texas  
Children They live at Talequah Oklahoma.

12. Martha J. Allen b. 1862 Ector Texas (daughter of Moses and Malvina Owens Allen) married Jim Mayes b. Arkansas.

Children

I. Audrey Mayes b. Ector Texas m. Homer Batsell b. Texas

Children

I. James Batsell b. Ector Texas m.

" Children

2. Marvin Batsell b. Ector Texas m.

Children

After Moses Allen's first wife, Malvina Owens Allen's death in 1875, Moses Allen married 2nd, Mary Hamilton.

Children

I. Louella Allen b. 1878 Ector Texas m. Ed Holcomb b. Texas

Children

I. Mose Holcomb b. Ector Texas m. Fannie Keeton b.  
Bonham Texas

Children

I. Virginia Holcomb b. Ector Texas m.

Children

2. J.D. Holcomb b. Ector Texas m.

Children

3. Billie Ruth Holcomb b. Ector Texas m. Bob Moore  
b. Telephone Texas

4. Lou Ray Holcomb b. Ector Texas m. Dick Wait, Jr.

Children

I. Cathi Wait b. Bonham Texas

2. Chris Wait b. Bonham Texas

5. Kay Holcomb b. Ector Texas m.

Children

2. Finley Holcomb b. Ector Texas

3. Cleo Holcomb b. Ector Texas m.

4. Eddie Holcomb b. Ector Texas m.

2. Robert Allen b. Ector Texas 1879 (son of Moses and Mary Hamilton Allen)  
He married Ida L. Ford  
Children  
I.
3. Laura Allen b. Ector Texas m. Ed Fincher t. Texas  
Children  
I. Dan Fincher b. Ector Texas m.  
Children
4. George Allen b. Ector Texas. m. Emma Brown b. Texas  
Children  
I. Carse Allen t. Ector Texas m.  
Children  
2. Tommy Allen b. Ector Texas m.  
Children  
3. Mary Allen b. Ector Texas m.  
Children  
4. Doris Allen t. Ector Texas m. T.J. Morrow b. Texas  
Children  
I. Mary Dean Morrow t. Ector Texas
5. Valentine (Tine) Allen t. 1885 Ector Texas (daughter of Moses and Malvina  
Owens Allen) she died March 6, 1965 at Bonham Texas  
she married L.M. Miller b. Texas  
Children  
I. M.J. Miller t. Ector Texas m.  
Children  
2. Jesse Miller b. Ector Texas m.  
Children  
3. E.J. Miller b. Ector Texas m.  
Children  
4. Audrey Miller b. Ector Texas m. C.H. Johnson t. Texas  
Children
6. Jim Allen b. Ector Texas he died at the age of 15 years.
7. Henry Allen b. Ector Texas m. Nell Julian t. Texas (Wichita Falls)  
Children  
I. William Douglas Allen (Billie) b. Oct. 16, 1916. Ector Texas. War II  
veteran.  
He married Anita \_\_\_\_\_  
Children  
I. Henry Douglas Allen t. 1949 Bonham Texas  
2. Robert Thornton Allen t. 1950 Ft. Worth Texas  
3. Emma Nell Allen b. 1956 Ft. worth Texas  
4. Rose Ann Allen t. 1957 Ft. Worth Texas

After the death of Henry Allen's first wife, Nell Julian Allen, he married 2nd,  
Emma Mallow in 1944 at Bonham Texas .

8. Ben Allen t. Ector Texas (son of Moses and Mary Hamilton Allen ) married

Susie Pearson b. Texas

Children

Two daughters b. Ector Texas

Twenty children in all were born to Moses Allen and all twenty children were born and reared at Ector, Fannin County, Texas.

Moses Allen was one of the first settlers at Ector, Fannin County, Texas. He came to Fannin County, Texas in 1835 when he was 19 years of age.

The families of Allen, Ford, Damron, Nelms, Hunter were among the most prominent and most respected families in Fannin County, Texas. They were all settlers in the Frontier days of the Republic of Texas in Fannin County Texas.

## DR. WM. HUNTER

Born 1790 Kentucky. He came to Bonham, Fannin County, Texas in 1836. He was with Bailey English, George Damron and their families and several other families. They built Ft. English, a stockade fort at Bonham, Fannin County, Texas in 1836 which had several buildings inside of it.

Dr. Hunter married Minerva Turner in 1818 in Kentucky. she died in 1842 at her home six miles west of Bonham Texas and two miles northeast of Ector Texas. she was the second burial in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas.

Dr. Hunter was a brother of John Hunter who was born in 1792 in Kentucky and who was also an early day settler in Fannin County Texas. They were cousins of Delilah Fisher Damron, wife of George Damron, who were early day settlers in Fannin County, Texas. George Damron and wife, Delilah Fisher Damron moved to Fannin County Texas in 1829.

Children of Dr. and Mrs Hunter were:

1. Wm. F. Hunter      b. 1820 Kentucky.      m. Margaret Marrs      at Bonham Texas  
in 1849.

Children

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|-------------------|---------|-------------|
| 1. Harriet Hunter | b. 1850 | Ector Texas |
| 2. Minerva Hunter | b. 1852 | Ector Texas |
| 3. Sarah Hunter   | b. 1854 | Ector Texas |
| 4. Wm. Hunter     | b. 1856 | Ector Texas |
| 5. Martha Hunter  | b. 1859 | Ector Texas |

Wm. F. Hunter b. 1820 Kentucky, son of Dr. and Mrs Wm. Hunter, served in the Civil war, enlisting at Bonham Texas in 1861. He served under Captain John W. Noah. Mtd. Co. Beat No. 2. Fannin Co. 14th Brigade. TM. 1861 age 41

2. Harriet Hunter      b. 1822 Kentucky      m. Hugh Simpson      b. 1822 Arkansas.  
Children

3. John F. Hunter      b. 1823 Kentucky      m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_      b. 1823 Arkansas  
Children

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|----------------------|---------|-------------|
| 1. George G. Hunter  | b. 1844 | Ector Texas |
| 2. John W. Hunter    | b. 1847 | Ector Texas |
| 3. Manerva J. Hunter | b. 1850 | Ector Texas |
| 4. Sarah A. Hunter   | b. 1852 | Ector Texas |
| 5. Mary F. Hunter    | b. 1855 | Ector Texas |
| 6. Joseph C. Hunter  | b. 1857 | Ector Texas |
| 7. Martha T. Hunter  | b. 1859 | Ector Texas |

John F. Hunter b. 1823 Kentucky (son of Dr, and Mrs Wm. Hunter) served in the Civil war at Bonham Texas. Under Captain Wright A. Stanley. "The Stanley Light Horse, Ind. Mtd. Vols. 14th Brigade TM. 1861 bonham Texas.

4. Elizabeth Hunter b. 1824 Kentucky. married William Lanford in 1842 at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs Hunter, near Ector Texas. William Lanford lived at Warren Texas. near Red river. a small community.

Children

5. Joseph S. Hunter      b. 1825 Kentucky      married Sarah Jeffries      b. 1833 Mo.  
Children

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|-------------------|---------|-------------|
| 1. John F. Hunter | b. 1857 | Ector Texas |
| 2. Moses Hunter   | b. 1859 | Ector Texas |

6. Manerva Hunter      b. 1830 Kentucky      died 1842 at her home northeast of  
Ector Texas. she is buried in Carson cemetery at Ector Texas.

7. Amanda Hunter b. 1832 Kentucky. married Henry Jeffries in 1850 at Ector Texas.

## Children

1. James Jeffries
2. Joe Jeffries
3. Caroline Jeffries

- b. 1852 Ector Texas
- b. 1854 Ector Texas
- b. 1856 Ector Texas