

OCCGS REFERENCE ONLY

John Kennedy Street



John Kennedy Street

John Kennedy STREET was born in Cornersville TN in 1837. He moved to Paris TX before the Civil War. He joined Maxey's Army from Paris TX and fought in the War, rapidly reaching the rank of major. After the War ended he moved to Waco TX and taught private school for four years. He then moved to Cherokee County TX, but returned to live in Waco just three years later. In Waco, J.K. STREET established **Street's Illustrated Monthly** and later became the editor of **Central Texan**, a weekly paper. In the 1880s he had charge of the **Waco (Daily) Examiner**.

The following information was submitted by Julie Williams COLEY, a J.K. Street descendant that resides in Wichita Falls TX. To view STREET civil war letters, photos and document images, please visit her website at <http://wehaveneatstuff.com/streetpapers.htm>

The information below starts with J.K. STREET's parents, Mary Armstrong KENNEDY and Joseph Boston STREET. However, John Kennedy STREET's ancestry has been traced back to Anthony STREET and Elizabeth BROCKMAN (See J.K. STREET Pedigree).

First Generation

1. **Mary Armstrong KENNEDY** was born 13 Jan 1817 in TN. She died 31 Aug 1899 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX and was buried 1 Sep 1899 in First St. Cemetery, Waco, TX.

Mary married (1) Joseph B. Street (1 child); (2) Frank Alexander or Alexander Frank Kennedy (3 children); and (3) Jacob Long (no issue).

DEATH: Waco Times - Herald 1899

Fri. Sept 1 - Mrs. M.A. Long died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. M.A. Trice in East Waco yesterday, age 83. Resident of Waco 40 years. Widow of Jacob Long, who was a former mayor. Three surviving children: Hon. J.K. Street, Mrs. J.N. Harris and Mrs. M.A. Trice. Burial at Odd Fellows cemetery tomorrow.

Mary Armstrong KENNEDY married (1) **Joseph Boston STREET Jr.**, son of Joseph STREET Sr. and Lucinda KEY, about 1836. Joseph was born 19 Aug 1814 in Lincoln Co, Tennessee. He died about 1854 in Johnson Co., IL.

From Streets and Sidewalks Volume II - Joseph Boston Street's father died when he was about three years old. His mother, Lucinda, chose her cousin, William Jones as guardian for Joseph and his brother, Ballinger Street. When Joseph was 15 years old, he was apprenticed with his cousin, Allen Jones, to learn the saddler's trade in Pulaski, TN. He worked there until his marriage in 1836. Mary Kennedy (his bride) had nine brothers who opposed the marriage, and finding it unpleasant in that neighborhood, Joseph went to Vienna, Johnson Co., IL, and in six months sent for his wife, but her mind had been turned away from him and they divorced. She had a son three months after he left, but he never saw the son. He married(2) Caroline Ladd 28 Nov 1840 in Johnson Co., IL. They had a son who died at the age of four. She died in 1856. He was elected sheriff of Johnson Co., IL in 1842, and held this office until his death by cholera in 1854.

Mary Armstrong KENNEDY and Joseph Boston STREET Jr had the following children:

- 2 M i. **John Kennedy STREET** was born 13 May 1837 and died 1 Oct 1914.

Mary also married (2) her cousin, **Frank Alexander KENNEDY**, @ 1841/1842. Frank was born in TN. He died 1848 in Giles Co., TN.

Mary Armstrong KENNEDY and Frank Alexander KENNEDY had the following children:

- 3 M ii. **William Riley KENNEDY "Willie"** was born about 1842 in TN. He died 20 Mar 1862 in Iuka, MS and was buried 23 Mar 1862 in Tishomingo Co, MS Pace Cemetery.

Kennedy, William Riley, age 19, born abt. 1842, Pvt., Co. A, enlisted 4 Jan 1862 at Paris, Lamar Co., TX. Died in Civil War of the fever. J.K. took him by wagon to his wife's (Melinda) grandmother's home (Elizabeth Pace in Tishomingo CO.) and buried him there. Put a head stone that said Brother Willie (from J.K. Street Papers - U. of North Carolina - Chapel Hill).

1860 CENSUS LAMAR AND FANNIN CO., MALES BORN 1811-1847, AGES ELIGIBLE FOR MILITARY SERVICE IN THE CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY

Kennedy, William Riley, Lamar Co., age 17, born @ 1843, in TN, occup. unk, Pct. 6, Dwl#370/374, worth ?/? Page 138?

Street, John K., Lamar Co., age 23, born @ 1837, in TN, occp. Minister, Pct. 6, Dwl#124/125, worth 0/0 Page 128

1862 - J.K. Street Civil War Letters - 9th TX Infantry

- 4 F iii. **Sarah Olivia KENNEDY "Ollie"** was born 28 Oct 1846 in Cornersville, Giles Co, TN. She died 2 Oct 1930 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery Waco, TX. She was related to her parents by adoption.

DEATH: Mrs. J.N. Harris - Oct. 2 1930, 1811
Barnard, int. Oct 4 at Oakwood: Will Trice, Waco,
sine debility, female, white, widowed, Methodist,
born Oct. 28 1846, Tennessee, father Frank A.
Kennedy, b. TN, mother Mary ____, b. TN, informant
Mrs. E.H. Hardin, Waco.

Ollie married J.N. HARRIS. J.N. was born 1839. He died 18 Nov 1914 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX.

- 5 F iv. **Mary A. KENNEDY** was born 27 Apr 1847 and died 27 May 1929.

Mary Armstrong Kennedy also married¹ (3) **Jacob LONG** on 3 Sep 1861 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX. Jacob was born 1811. He died 1878 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX and was buried in First St. Cemetery Waco, TX. Jacob was married to Mary D.? ca. 1848. They had children William H.H., Margaret A, Mary A.R., James R.J., Julia A., Josephine A. and Nannie. He was a City Collector and former Mayor for McLennan Co. TX.

Second Generation

2. **John Kennedy STREET "J.K."** (Mary Armstrong) was born 13 May 1837 in Cornersville, TN. He died 1 Oct 1914 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX and was buried in First St. Cemetery, Waco, TX.

This letter from J.K. Street to his daughter, Lizzie Wallace, telling her of the death of his mother, Mary Armstrong Kennedy. The original is kept at the Univ. of NC, Chapel Hill Library:

Thurs. 6 p.m. Aug., 31, 1899

Darling Lizzie - Mama died this afternoon at 1:45. She was perfectly conscious to the last. The last thing she said was "I am so tired; I want to go to heaven; I'll soon be there," and in two minutes after saying this she passed away. She was an awful sufferer. We are thankful that God has relieved her of that - what we could not do. She served her master well and waited patiently the summons home. The lady will lie interred in Odd Fellows Cemetery 10 a.m. to-morrow. I have just selected a duplicate coffin of your dear Mama. Mama said when Darling was put away, "I want to lie buried in a coffin like that." She died of her old complications rectal and womb disease - cancer of the womb coupled with old age - born Jan 13 1817. God Bless you all. Write to us in Houston. With love and kisses as ever your affectionate Papa.
P.S. I kissed Mama before she died for all of you.

BIOGRAPHY:

J.K. Street was a Mason for many years, being buried with Odd Fellows rites. He was a newspaper man in Dallas and Waco, a "minister of the gospel" and a Civil War Veteran serving out of Paris TX as Chaplain. The Street Papers are being held at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. These papers are a complete diary to his wife Melinda "Ninnie" and tell about his day to day happenings in the war. In one of J.K.'s letters in 1865 (p. 182 - J.K. Street Civil War Letters) he talks about stopping to visit "Old Master." This was what all the students called J. W. P. McKenzie who ran McKenzie College in Clarksville. Old Master ruled with an iron hand & had mandatory chapel for every student every morning before daylight where he delivered long, loud, fire and brimstone sermons before breakfast. Only then could the student begin his day of differential calculus, Greek Grammar, astronomy, Latin, etc. etc. Debate teams were encouraged and had many participants. It conferred bachelor degrees on those who survived its rigors. This college turned out a large number of Methodist ministers and is surely the place J.K. Street obtained his religious training and his love of debate. At the onset of the war, most of the students and instructors at the college joined the Confederacy and began training at Camp Rusk in Lamar Co. but Maxey soon moved them to Camp Benjamin in Fannin County. Most were in the 9th infantry.



J.K. Street in his Civil War uniform

DEATH: PIONEER EDITOR PASSES AWAY HERE

**J.K. STREET DIES OF HEART FAILURE AT HOME OF COL. W.A. POAGE
ALSO A CIVIL WAR VETERAN**

Formerly Proprietor of Daily Examiner -Founder of Holland's Magazine

J.K. Street aged 77 years last April, a veteran newspaper man of Texas, was found dead at the residence of Col. W.A. Poage, 1407 Lyle street, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. Mr. Street was an intimate friend of the Poage family and often stopped at the home while in Waco. Wednesday night he arrived in the city from Dallas, where he had resided for several years and retired soon after supper. Before doing so he complained of a pain which indicated indigestion. He was given a simple treatment and felt better.

Although he was usually an early riser the family thought little of his remaining in bed through the breakfast hour until

it was decided to awaken him at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Poage found him dead when she went to his room.

The funeral will take place this morning from the chapel of Undertaker L.C. Puckett. The Masons of whom he was a member for years, will have charge of arrangements and will conduct the services.

Justice Harvey M. Richey, who viewed the body, expressed the opinion that death was due to heart trouble. The body was still warm when it was found that he was dead.

Mr. Street was born at Cornersville Tenn., and graduated from McKinney's institute near Clarksville, Tenn. He moved to Texas before the war locating in Paris, where he was principle of the Paris seminary.

He joined Maxey's army from Paris and fought through the Civil war, entering the southern army as sergeant and being rapidly promoted to the rank of major.

After the war he located in Waco and for four years taught a private school. He then moved to Cherokee county and moved back to Waco after three years' absence. In Waco he published Street's Weekly for a number of years. He was later connected with the Central Texas and was afterward editor of Texas Resources. In the eighties he was proprietor of the Daily Examiner. At the time of his death he was editor of the Masonic Light, published at Dallas. He founded the magazine now known as Holland's Magazine at Dallas, selling to the present owners.

Many well known newspaper men of Texas received their early training under Mr. Street. About 25 years ago he injured himself accidentally with a pitch fork while pitching hay. He walked with the assistance of a cane for a number of years.

He was at one time a Methodist preacher and later was a preacher in the Universalist church. He was a leader for years in Masonic circles.

Mr. Street was well know not only as a newspaper man but as a public speaker, and was always a leader in movements of uplift. He ran for congressman - at - large in 1912 and in the recent election entered the race for congressman from the Fifth district but withdrew on account of bad health.

The only relatives he has living in Waco are Mrs. J.W. Harris and Mrs. Mary A. Trice, half sisters, and Alex and Harvey Harris nephews. Four grandchildren are Misses Julia and Sybil Wallace, teachers in the public schools at Ennis; Miss Olive Villpie in school at Brownwood, and Mrs. Homer Griffin who lives near Dallas.

J.K. married (1) Melinda Elizabeth PACE, daughter of Ruel PACE and Susan Bazel EAST "Jincey", on 9 Jul 1861 in Lamar Co, TX. Melinda was born 3 Dec 1839 in Tishomingo Co, MS. She died 2 Dec 1897 in Waco, McClennan Co, TX and was buried in First Street Cemetery, Waco, TX.

**Death of Mrs. Street
by J.K. Street Waco, TX
December 2, 1897**

Melinda Elizabeth Street was the eldest child of Ruel and Susan Pace. She was born in Tishomingo Co, MS, Dec 9, 1839. She removed to Texas with her parents in 1849 and settled at Starville, Smith County, where she grew to young womanhood and attracted to her a large circle of friends. Her parents died when she was about 12 years old and she lived thereafter with her uncle and aunt, (the aunt being a sister of her mother and the uncle a brother of her father) Scion and Martha Pace, who educated her and cared for her until her marriage to the writer, which



Melinda Elizabeth Pace

was on July the 9th, 1861 at the residence of Rev. A.C. McDougal in Lamar Co, Texas. Mrs. McDougal was her aunt, a sister of her mother. She had two brothers, Edwin and David and a sister, Eugenia. Edwin died when about 7 years old. David resides at Lamasco, Lamar Co, Texas. Eugenia was married to Henry Luck. She died at Kimball, Texas, leaving three children, Harry, Jessie and Fred, who, on the death of their mother came to live with "auntie". Fred died when about 3 years old, Harry is a distinguished minister in this state of Christian Church; Jessie resides in Waco with her brother - in - law and half sister, Mr. and Mrs. A.R. McCallum. Only a few of the immediate family of the deceased survive her, her two daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Kennedy Wallace, of this city, and Mrs. Jeanie Kate Villepique of Washington, D.C., three little granddaughters, Julia and Sibyl Wallace and Sunshine Villepique, her brother David Pace and his children, her nephew and niece Harry and Jessie Luck, the balance of her family including her uncles and aunts having preceeded her to "the sun bright clime;" -- We laid her to rest in our own lot in Odd Fellows Cemetery beside her two sleeping babes, Lillie Luck and Mary Marvin.

John Kennedy STREET and Melinda Elizabeth PACE had the following children:

- 6 F i. Elizabeth Kennedy STREET was born 31 Jul 1862 and died 10 Apr 1912.
- 7 F ii. Jeanie Kate STREET was born 6 Nov 1876 and died about 1906.
- 8 F iii. Mary Marvin STREET was born 5 Oct 1871 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX. She died 11 Apr 1873 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX and was buried in First Street Cemetery, Waco, TX.
- 9 F iv. Lillie Luck STREET was born 11 Apr 1868 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX. She died UNKNOWN in Waco, McLennan Co, TX and was buried in First St. Cemetery, Waco, TX.

Donated By
Pearl Deford

OCGS REFERENCE ONLY

J.K. also married² (2) **Ada A. GODWIN**, daughter of John D. GODWIN and Mary D., on 1901 in Dallas, Dallas Co., TX. Ada died UNKNOWN.

5. **Mary A. KENNEDY** "Mollie" (Mary Armstrong) was born 27 Apr 1847 in Cornersville, Giles Co, TN. She died 27 May 1929 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery Waco, TX.

Trice Mary A. May 27, 1929., res. 414 N. 23rd; int. May 29 from Methodist Church at Oakwood, senile debility, female, white, widowed, Methodist, born Apr. 27, 1847, Cornersville, TN, father Alexander Kennedy, b. Tenn. mother Mary A. Kennedy, b. Tenn. informant, Mrs. J.N. Harris.

Mollie married¹ **Sion B. TRICE** on 25 Sep 1867 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX. Sion was born 5 Nov 1836 in Wilson Co, TN. He died 3 Aug 1879 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX.

They had the following children:

- 10 F i. **Beuleh TRICE** was born 1868 in TX. She died UNKNOWN.

Beuleh married **T.H. BROWN**.

Deputy County Clerk, Waco, TX

- 11 F ii. **Hattie TRICE** was born 1870 in TX. She died UNKNOWN.

- 12 M iii. **Sion TRICE** was born 1875 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX. He died 22 May 1911 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX.

- 13 M iv. **Willie TRICE** was born 1876 in TX. He died UNKNOWN.

- 14 F v. **Mary TRICE** died UNKNOWN.

Sources

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

EARLY McLENNAN COUNTY MARRIAGES, Central Texas Genealogical Society, as viewed on McLennan County TXGenWeb page.

J.K. Street Pension App and 1920 Dallas City Directory. "City Directory shows Ada A. Street is widow of John K. Street 1105 N. Bishop Ave."

Street Letters, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Library. STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, Vol. II, 1680-2003, by Mavis Street Clemmer, 2003.

Data and photos submitted by Julie Williams Coley.

Edited by Carol Anne Wilson, CTGS.

Editor's Note: According to The Handbook of Waco and McLennan County, Texas, Edited by Dayton Kelley, 1972, J.K. Street and the Ross brothers established the **Waco Reporter** newspaper in 1874. In 1875, he and J. W. Speight purchased the **Waco Daily Advance** from Judge Gerald. In that same year, the **Waco Reporter** and the **Waco Daily Advance** were consolidated into the **Waco Reporter-Advance**. caw