

ORANGE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL  
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NO. 5214 DATE: 7/75

DOES NOT CIRCULATE

Descendants of James Patterson THOMPSON  
and Mary Elizabeth Hairgrove

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Son of Stephen M. and Mary M. Hairgrove

Newell Adams Hairgrove

Born April 20, 1810 Bedford County, Tenn.

Moved to Aberdeen, Miss. 1836

Moved to east Texas 1855

Died 6-7, 1894 Buried Thompson Cem. Bullard

Married at Aberdeen, Miss. 8-24, 1837

Mary Louise Lann

Born July 27, 1814 Aberdeen, Miss.

Died 7-8, 1866 Buried Thompson Cem. Bullard

Their Children		Born
Mary Elizabeth Hairgrove		8-11, 1838
Ulysses Cincinnati Hairgrove		11-27, 1839
David Thompson Hairgrove	MM	11-7, 1841
Permelia Penelope Hairgrove		6-4, 1843
Newell Hanabal Hairgrove	MM	1-5, 1845
Louisa Ann Hairgrove	MM	1-12, 1847
Martha Caroline Hairgrove		4-19, 1849
Sallie Madley Hairgrove	MM	5-14, 1851
Amarda Melvina Hairgrove		6-15, 1853
Stephen Douglas Hairgrove	MM	7-18, 1855
Leander Hairgrove	MM	8-16, 1857

Daughter of Newell A. and Mary L. Hairgrove

Mary Elizabeth Hairgrove

Born August 11, 1838 Aberdeen, Miss.

Moved to east Texas 1855

Died 2-11, 1905 Buried Nixon, Texas

Married

James P. Thompson (Jim) Youngest son of John & Elizabeth

Born June 9, 1824 Aberdeen, Miss. (Edmonds) Thompson)

Died 2-26, 1906 Buried Nixon, Texas

Their Children		Born
Joel Acker Thompson		6-24, 1860
Dora Thompson		1-3, 1867
Rufus Thompson		5-9, 1869
Minnie Thompson		8-10, 1870
Mary L. Thompson (Mollie)		4-7, 1872
Virginia A. Thompson (Aggie)		1-17, 1873
Daniel Thompson		10-23, 1882

*James P. Thompson's children as listed*

## Son of Mary E. Haingrove-Thompson

Joel Acker Thompson

Born June 24, 1880 Aberdeen, Miss.

Died 2-12, 1939 Buried Nixon, Texas

Married at Nixon, Texas 1-23, 1890

Laddie Musick

Born September 1, 1874

Died 2-27, 1953 Buried Nixon, Texas

## Their Children

Born

Jin Hoag Thompson DI 12-25, 1890

John Douglas Thompson 8-29, 1892

Ollie Bernice Thompson 10-24, 1894

Iva Lee Thompson 2-10, 1897

Mary A. Thompson 11-4, 1898

Robert Edgar Thompson 11-15, 1901

Edna Turner Thompson 11-15, 1901

Gordon Russell Thompson 8-17, 1904

Joel Earl Thompson 9-3, 1907

Sallie Florell Thompson 8-5, 1910

J. A. Wyland Thompson 5-12, 1913

Jewel Agnes Thompson 4-8, 1916

## Son of Joel Acker Thompson

John Douglas Thompson (Joe)

Born August 29, 1892

Married 5-20, 1922

Lela Fannie Bell Carlile

Born November 19, 1904

## Their Children

Born

George D. Thompson 3-13, 1923

J. T. Thompson MI 5-16, 1924

Lano Thompson (Pete) 6-25, 1925

J. Douglas Thompson 8-19, 1926

## Son of John D. and Lela Thompson

George Donel Thompson

Born March 13, 1923

Married 8-16, 1947

Mary Ellen Zellars

Born October 6, 1929 Alabama

## Their Children

Born

George Wayne Thompson 7-1, 1948

Steven Lynn Thompson 8-10, 1952

## Son of John D. and Lela Thompson

Lano Thompson (Pete)

Born June 25, 1925

Married 9-8, 1950

Bobby Nell Aaron

Born February 14, 1929

## Their Children

Born

Bill Douglas Thompson 11-27, 1951

Sammy Joe Thompson 8-20, 1953

## Son of John D. and Lela Thompson

James Douglas Thompson

Born August 19, 1926

Married 10-30, 1943

Erma Lee Zellars

Born December 29, 1925 Alabama

## Their Children

Born

Michael O'Neal Thompson 1-8, 1944

Leroy Eugene Thompson 12-9, 1947

John Douglas Thompson, Jr. DI 9-19, 1951

## Daughter of Joel Acker Thompson

Ollie Bernice Thompson

Born October 24, 1894 Troup, Texas

Married

Charlie Emmett Stephenson

Born February 4, 1896

## Their Children

Born

Charline Stephenson 7-18, 1918

Kenneth Elvis Stephenson 10-13, 1921

Rhu Mae Stephenson 2-21, 1925

Annell Stephenson 4-12, 1928

## Daughter of Ollie B. Thompson-Stephenson

Charline Stephenson

Born July 18, 1918

Married 1-5, 1938

Charlie Arthur Cornelison

Born May 17, 1916

## Their Children

Born

Wilma Jane Cornelison 8-16, 1938

Robert Glenn Cornelison 1-21, 1945

## Son of Ollie B. Thompson-Stephenson

Kenneth Elvis Stephenson

Born October 13, 1921

Married

Opal Edna Cooper

Born January 28, 1932

Their Children

Born

Glanda Winnette Stephenson

3-9, 1948

Paul Wayne Stephenson DI

8-17, 1951

Louis Clay Stephenson

2-2, 1954

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Daughter of Ollie B. Thompson-Stephenson

Rhu Mae Stephenson

Born February 21, 1925

Married

James Allen Jennings

Born May 26, 1919

Their Children

Born

Patricia Anne Jennings

8-13, 1949

Allen Robert Jennings

2-17, 1952

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Daughter of Ollie B. Thompson-Stephenson

Annell Stephenson

Born April 12, 1928

Married

Cecil Overton Womack

Born

No Children

-----  
Daughter of Joel Acker Thompson

Iva Lee Thompson

Born February 10, 1897

Married

Ernest Partin

Born July 23, 1902

Their Children

Born

E. A. Partin

DI

4-15, 1921

Ernestine Partin

8-31, 1925

Christine Partin

12-20, 1927

## Daughter of Iva L. Thompson-Partin

Ernestine Partin

Born August 31, 1925

Married 2-1, 1952

Bud F. Gallagher

Born

No Children

-----  
Daughter of Joel Acker Thompson

Mary Anette Thompson

Born November 4, 1896

Married

Charles E. Benedict

Born July 22, 1894 Died 6-13, 1936

No Children

-----  
Son of Joel Acker Thompson

Robert Edgar Thompson

Born November 15, 1901 Died 2-17, 1948

Married 1st

Jessie Bonner-Brown

Born

Their Children

Born

Eual Eugene Thompson

12-24, 1924

2nd Marriage

Margaret Ford

Born

Their Children

Born

Mary Lee Thompson

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Son of Robert Edgar Thompson

Eual Eugene Thompson

Born December 24, 1924

Married

Wanda Winona Butcher

Born May 13, 1931

Their Children

Born

Warren Gene Thompson

7-27, 1949

Robert Lee Thompson

5-9, 1951

Daughter of Joel Acker Thompson  
 Edna Turner Thompson  
 Born November 15, 1901  
 Married  
 Sam Frank Stephenson  
 Born

Their Children	Born
Imogene Stephenson	8-5, 1924
Jo Nell Stephenson	8-11, 1932

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 Daughter of Edna T. Thompson-Stephenson  
 Imogene Stephenson  
 Born August 5, 1924  
 Married  
 Harold Troy  
 Born February 7, 1923  
 No Children

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 Daughter of Edna T. Thompson-Stephenson  
 Jo Nell Stephenson  
 Born August 11, 1932  
 Married  
 William Shuttleworth  
 Born Div.  

Their Children	Born
Gloria Jean Shuttleworth	1-22, 1948
Beverly Ann Shuttleworth	9-15, 1950

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 Son of Joel Acker Thompson  
 Gordon Russell Thompson  
 Born August 17, 1904  
 Married 1st  
 Hazel Williams  
 Born

Their Children	Born
Travis E. Thompson	7-20, 1927

2nd Marriage  
 Gwendolyn Eutler  
 Born November 2, 1916

Their Children	Born
Carl Thompson	9-23, 1935
Gwendolyn Thompson	6-10, 1937

Son of Gordon Russell Thompson  
 Travis Eugene Thompson  
 Born July 20, 1927  
 Married  
 Catherine Joiner  
 Born January 25, 1928

Their Children	Born
Travis Eugene Thompson, Jr.	7-21, 1945
Donna Thompson	2-16, 1947

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 Son of Joel Acker Thompson

Joel Earl Thompson  
 Born September 3, 1907  
 Married 1931  
 Pauline Carlile  
 Born 1914 Died 1933

Their Children	Born
Bobby Jo Thompson	8-22, 1932

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 Daughter of Joel Acker Thompson  
 Sallie Florell Thompson  
 Born August 5, 1910 Died 12-29, 1926  
 Married  
 William Partin  
 Born

No Children

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 Son of Joel Acker Thompson

J. A. Wyland Thompson  
 Born May 12, 1913  
 Married

Cecil Shuttleworth  
 Born

Their Children	Born
Mary Lynn Thompson	2-10, 1951

Daughter of Joel Acker Thompson

Jewel Agnes Thompson

Born April 8, 1916

Married

Euel T. Sanders

Born August 3, 1910

Their Children

Ray Joe Sanders

Born

12-17, 1936

Anona Sanders

11-18, 1938

Earline Sanders

7-19, 1941

Daughter of Jewel A. Thompson-Sanders

Anona Sanders

Born November 18, 1938

Married 6-14, 1953

Wayne Kellion

Born

No Children

Daughter of Mary E. Hairgrove-Thompson

Dora Thompson

Born January 3, 1867

Died 12-24, 1938 Buried Mixon, Texas

Married 12-2, 1883

James S. Gayden

Born August 24, 1862

Died 4-28, 1913 Buried Mixon, Texas

Their Children

Born

Emery A. Gayden

8-29, 1887

Alice Gayden

3-17, 1886

Clyde Gayden

1-29, 1888

Ernest Gayden

1-25, 1889

Clarence Gayden

DI

2-14, 1890

Lena Gayden

12-24, 1891

Son of Emery Gayden

Robert LeRoy Gayden

Born October 4, 1918

Married

Florance Mac Williams

Born

No Children

Son of Dora Thompson-Gayden

Emery A. Gayden

Born August 29, 1884

Married

Rose Anna LeRoy

Born June 6, 1892

Died 8-12, 1928 Buried

Their Children

Born

Emery A. Gayden, Jr.

MM

6-12, 1916

Robert LeRoy Gayden

10-4, 1918

Annadyne Gayden

2-3, 1924

Ruth Lee Gayden

12-19, 1926

Raymond D. Gayden

12-19, 1926

Daughter of Emery A. Gayden

Annadyne Gayden

Born February 3, 1924

Married

R. D. Williams

Born

No Children

Daughter of Emery A. Gayden

Ruth Lee Gayden

Born December 19, 1926

Married

H. Q. Adams

Born

No Children

Son of Emery A. Gayden

Raymond D. Gayden

Born December 19, 1926

Married

Jane Ann White

Born

Their Children

Born

Bruce Allen Gayden

9-27, 1948

Debra Lynn Gayden

6-25, 1952

Brenda Sue Gayden

10-2, 1953

## Daughter of Dora Thompson-Gayden

Alice Gayden

Born March 17, 1886

Married

James McWilliams

Born January 4, 1878

No Children

Nell Maurine Gayden

Born April 12, 1910

Married

Aaron B. Langston

Born June 21, 1909

Their Children

Born

Nelda Ann Langston

9-29, 1939

Billy James Langston

5-8, 1943

## Daughter of Dora Thompson-Gayden

Clyde Gayden

Born January 29, 1888

Died 1-14, 1954 Buried

Married

Emit Braly

Born May 27, 1887

Their Children

Born

Louise Braly

9-1, 1910

Fay Braly

3-29, 1912

James Braly

4-2, 1916

Claudine Braly

5-28, 1918

Eura Mae Braly

2-19, 1921

Vernon Braly

7-1, 1923

Wanda Braly

7-11, 1926

Virginia Braly

10-25, 1928

Sam L. Braly

## Daughter of Clyde Gayden-Braly

Fay Braly

Born March 29, 1912

Married

Barney Poole

Born August 12, 1908

Their Children

Born

Billy Joe Poole

1-21, 1929

## Daughter of Clyde Gayden-Braly

Claudine Braly

Born May 28, 1918

Married 8-31, 1935

Elnor Mullican

Born May 11, 1916

Their Children

Born

Gerald E. Mullican

6-22, 1936

Jeanne Mullican

7-18, 1937

Faelynn Mullican

5-31, 1940

Carla Mae Mullican

6-26, 1944

Linda Sue Mullican

3-22, 1947

## Son of Clyde Gayden-Braly

Vernon Braly

Born July 1, 1923

Married 10-11, 1941

Ruby Williams

Born September 13, 1922

Their Children

Born

Gwenette Braly

11-1, 1951

## Daughter of Clyde Gayden-Braly

Louise Braly

Born September 1, 1910

Married

Ray King

Born August 29, 1906

Their Children

Born

Mary Lynn King

1-22, 1929

Royce Braly King

1-20, 1932

Jimmie Dale King

3-29, 1941

Kenneth Ray King

DI 2-16, 1936

## Son of Clyde Gayden-Braly

James Braly

Born April 2, 1916

Married 11-9, 1935

Bertha Samples

Born April 10, 1917

Their Children

Born

James Harold Braly

7-24, 1940

Gary Lee Braly

12-19, 1945



## Daughter of Clyde Gayden-Braly

Eura Mae Braly

Born February 19, 1921

Married 8-7, 1936

Walter Clyburn

Born October 24, 1915

Their Children

Beta Karal Clyburn

Born

9-13, 1942

## Daughter of Clyde Gayden-Braly

Wanda Braly

Born July 11, 1926

Married 12-22, 1945

Alfred Weigman

Born February 17, 1922

No Children

## Daughter of Clyde Gayden-Braly

Virginia Braly

Born October 25, 1928

Married 8-2, 1952

Luther Willingham

Born May 14, 1918

Their Children

Ronald Bruce Willingham

Born

6-26, 1953

## Son of Dora Thompson-Gayden

Anthony Ernest Gayden

Born January 25, 1889

Married 12-16, 1916

Minarah Inetta Howard

Born October 24, 1898

Their Children

Ruby Ernestine Gayden

MM

Born

3-18, 1919

Nazel Maxine Gayden

8-4, 1921

Sarah Ellen Gayden

7-10, 1923

Jimmie Lou Gayden

6-16, 1926

Hood Anthony Gayden

12-12, 1928

William Robert Gayden

MM

9-5, 1935

## Daughter of Dora Thompson-Gayden

Lena Gayden

Born December 24, 1891

Married 12-3, 1910

John Partin

Born February 9, 1887

Their Children

Aubrey Doris Partin

Born

1-17, 1913

## Daughter of Lena Gayden-Partin

Aubrey Doris Partin

Born January 17, 1913

Married

Bennie Pope

Born August 29, 1915

Their Children

Retha Nan Pope

Born

3-11, 1935

Martha Sue Pope

10-10, 1937

## Son of Mary E. Hairgrove-Thompson

Rufus Thompson

Born May 9, 1869

Married 31-June 1895

Ida Jane Thurmond

Born 4-10, 1878

Died 3-18, 1951

Their Children

Blanch Thompson

Born

11-16, 1895

James Eldred Thompson

6-29, 1897

Albert Ottis Thompson

6-1, 1899

Leslie Thompson

DI

10-28, 1902

Carroll Dallas Thompson

2-17, 1904

Willie Frank Thompson

NM

10-6, 1906

J. B. Thompson

5-17, 1909

## Daughter of Rufus Thompson

Blanch Thompson

Born November 16, 1895

Married 4-17, 1919

John J. Cook

Born August 30, 1894

Their Children

Richard Allen Cook (Pete)

Born

3-24, 1922

Leslie Ray Cook

3-20, 1924

James Leroy Cook

12-21, 1926

Bobby Joe Cook

9-12, 1929

Edna Earl Cook

4-10, 1934

## Son of Blanch Thompson-Cook

Richard Allen Cook (Pete)

Born March 24, 1922

Married

Vivian Miller

Born November 28, 1926

## Their Children

Linda Joanne Cook

Born

8-26, 1948

James William Cook

8-16, 1951

## Son of Blanch Thompson-Cook

Leslie Ray Cook

Born March 20, 1924

Married

Wanda Lou Collins

Born November 24, 1923

## Their Children

Ronnie Ray Cook

Born

11-11, 1952

## Son of Blanch Thompson-Cook

James Leroy Cook

Born December 21, 1927

Married

Sallie Joyce Rees

Born August 24, 1931

## No Children

## Son of Blanch Thompson-Cook

Bobby Joe Cook

Born September 12, 1929

Married

Patricia Ann Perryman

Born September 15, 1933

## No Children

## Daughter of Blanch Thompson-Cook

Edna Earl Cook

Born April 10, 1934

Married

Ernest Mathew Bell, Jr.

Born November 14, 1929

## Their Children

Born

## Son of Rufus and Ida Thompson

James Eldred Thompson

Born June 29, 1897

Married

Minnie Bradshaw

Born

## No Children

## Son of Rufus and Ida Thompson

Carroll Dallas Thompson

Born February 17, 1904

Married

Reta Harrison

Born

## No Children

## Daughter of Mary E. Hairgrove-Thompson

Minnie Thompson

Born August 10, 1870

Married 11-16, 1893

Henry O. Darby

Born April 25, 1873 Troup, Texas

## Their Children

Born

Leta Darby

2-25, 1896

Veta Darby

DI 2-25, 1896

Myrtle Darby

7-9, 1898

James C. Darby

12-10, 1900

Rufus A. Darby

DI 10-28, 1902

Vera Dillon Darby

9-11, 1905

Henry Bryant Darby

2-26, 1908

Birdy Darby

DI 2-26, 1908

Mary Annette Darby

NM 3-21, 1910

Bessie Louise Darby

6-18, 1912

## Daughter of Minnie Thompson-Darby

Leta Darby

Born February 25, 1896

Married 6-12, 1912

Kyle Roddy

Born February 28, 1888

## Their Children

Born

Myrtle Roddy

3-1, 1915

Travis Roddy

1-3, 1922

Bonnie Merl Roddy

9-10, 1926

Maxine Roddy

7-24, 1931



Daughter of Leta Darby-Roddy

Myrtle Roddy

Born March 1, 1915

Married

James E. Searlock

Born October 22, 1919

No Children

Daughter of Leta Darby-Roddy

Bonnie Merl Roddy

Born September 10, 1926

Married

S. E. Morris

Born

Their Children

Born

Sandra Merl Morris

11-7, 1944

Travis Elbert Morris

10-21, 1947

Jimmie Dale Morris

3-4, 1949

Rebecca Elizabeth Morris

8-23, 1952

Daughter of Leta Darby-Roddy

Maxine Roddy

Born July 24, 1931

Married

Troy J. Adams

Born July 19, 1929

Their Children

Born

Cynthia Adams

7-30, 1950

Daughter of Minnie Thompson-Darby

Myrtle Darby

Born July 9, 1898

Married

Alonzo Porter

Born November 9, 1893

Their Children

Born

W. L. Porter

11-29, 1921

Mary Jane Porter

5-11, 1927

Billy Gene Porter

12-24, 1935

Son of Minnie Thompson-Darby

James C. Darby

Born December 10, 1900

Married

Bonnie Kirby

Born September 2, 1903

Their Children

Born

Lois Darby

8-5, 1924

Carlton Darby

1-19, 1928

Son of Myrtle Darby-Porter

W. L. Porter

Born November 29, 1921

Married

Dell Johnson

Born

No Children

Daughter of Myrtle Darby-Porter

Mary Jane Porter

Born May 11, 1927

Married

Albert Lee Kelley

Born May 18, 1923

Their Children

Born

Kitty Colleen Kelley

8-26, 1949

Daughter of James C. Darby

Lois Darby

Born August 5, 1924

Married

Travis Long

Born

Their Children

Born

Jimmie Long

4-11, 1949

Daughter of Minnie Thompson-Darby

Vera Dillon Darby

Born September 11, 1905

Married

Walter Porter

Born April 14, 1898

No Children

## Son of Minnie Thompson-Darby

Henry Bryant Darby

Born February 26, 1908

Married

Gertrude Luce

Born July 27, 1912

Their Children

Roy Wayne Darby

Born

1-25, 1937

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Daughter of Minnie Thompson-Darby

Bessie Louise Darby

Born June 18, 1912

Married

Alton Partin

Born October 26, 1907

Their Children

Aubrey Lynn Partin

Born

12-30, 1942

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Daughter of Mary E. Hairgrove-Thompson

Mary Louise Thompson (Mollie)

Born September 16, 1875

Died 10-16, 1900 Buried

Married

Newton Stovall (Nute)

Born August 18, 1866

Died 11-2, 1925 Buried

Their Children

Annie Stovall

Born

1-7, 1893

Desford Ewing Stovall

9-22, 1896

Clara Nevada Stovall

10-20, 1897

Henry Edgar Stovall

DI

10-8, 1899

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Daughter of Mary L. Thompson-Stovall

Annie Stovall

Born January 7, 1893

Married 12-4, 1908 1st

S. E. Lee

Born

Div. 1914

Their Children

Mary Elizabeth Lee

DI

Born

2-6, 1911

Flora Lee

DI

10-4, 1912

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Annie Stovall-Lee

2nd Marriage 1-26, 1915

Robert Preston Metcalf

Born January 22, 1874

Their Children

Robert Preston Metcalf, Jr.

Born

12-12, 1915

Desford Ewing Metcalf

2-7, 1917

Montye Marie Metcalf

4-20, 1922

3rd Marriage 12-24, 1938

M. Walter Smith

Born December 3, 1879

No Children

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Son of Annie Stovall-Metcalf

Robert Preston Metcalf

Born December 22, 1915

Married 12-19, 1935

Olievia Alyum McWilliams

Born September 30, 1921

Their Children

Carol Ann Metcalf

Born

11-29, 1940

Robert Ewing Metcalf

1-20, 1951

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Son of Annie Stovall-Metcalf

Desford Ewing Metcalf

Born February 7, 1917

Married 12-8, 1946

Laura Jean Johnson

Born

Their Children

Montye Elizabeth Metcalf

Born

4-12, 1948

Connie Lynn Metcalf

1-2, 1952

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Daughter of Annie Stovall-Metcalf

Montye Marie Metcalf

Born April 20, 1922

Married 9-14, 1942

Oliver Blacksten

Born

Their Children

Joseph Oliver Blacksten

Born

3-14, 1944

John Paul Blacksten

8-14, 1952

Daughter of Mary L. Thompson-Stovall

Clara Nevada Stovall

Born October 20, 1897

Married 12-20, 1919

William Lee Eldredge

Born September 15, 1873

Died 12-20, 1940 Buried

Their Children

Born

William Lee Eldredge, Jr.

5-2, 1922

Mary Martha Eldredge

12-2, 1924

James Edward Eldredge

6-13, 1930

Ernest Floyd Eldredge

2-4, 1936

Son of Clara Nevada Stovall-Eldredge

William Lee Eldredge, Jr.

Born May 2, 1922

Married

Marina

Born October 15, 1923

Their Children

Born

William Lee Eldredge, III

10-30, 1943

Evelyn Ann Eldredge

12-15, 1944

Clara Joan Eldredge

10-25, 1953

Daughter of Clara N. Stovall-Eldredge

Mary Martha Eldredge

Born December 2, 1924

Married

Frank L. Scarborough

Born

No Children

Son of Clara N. Stovall-Eldredge

James Edward Eldredge

Born June 13, 1930

Married

Janet Christian

Born

Their Children

Born

Jamelyn E. Eldredge

9-8, 1952

Daughter of Mary E. Hairgrove-Thompson  
Virginia Agnes Thompson (Aggie)

Born January 17, 1876 Milton, Texas

Married 1st

Andrew Myers

Born 11-25, 1872 Died 1-1, 1934

Their Children

Born

Gaynilla Myers

10-12, 1900

Huel Myers

5-1, 1904

Willie Caloway Myers

DI

10-15, 1895

Lillian Myers

DI

7-21, 1897

James Caloway Myers

MM

9-24, 1916

Hubert Myers

12-13, 1906

2nd. Marriage

J. Luther Meek

Born December 4, 1877 Lake County, Tenn.

No Children

Daughter of Virginia A. Thompson-Myers

Gaynilla Myers

Born October 12, 1900

Married 1st

Willis Miller

Born

Their Children

Born

Wilford Miller

MM

11-11, 1916

2nd. Marriage

Carl Morris

Born July 11, 1893 Talahona, Tenn.

Their Children

Born

Colletta Carroll Morris

9-29, 1923

Gloria Evelyn Morris

DI

1-12, 1925

Carl Morris, Jr.

MM

8-14, 1926

Jacqueline Morris

9-1, 1928

Dorothy Katherine Morris

DI

11-25, 1933

## Daughter of Gwynilla Myers-Morris

Colleta Carroll Morris

Born September 22, 1923

Married

Glenn Webb

Born June 26, 1915

Their Children

Born

Glenn Webb, Jr.

12-13, 1942

Wilford Webb

1-29, 1945

Barbara Carroll Webb

2-8, 1951

## Son of Virginia A. Thompson-Myers

Huel Myers

Born May 1, 1904

Married 9-12, 1932

Pearl Morris

Born November 15, 1902

Their Children

Born

Huel Myers, Jr.

6-13, 1926

## Son of Huel Myers

Huel Myers, Jr.

Born June 13, 1926

Married 12-21, 1946

Mary Sue Williamson

Born January 12, 1930

Their Children

Born

Lobby Lynn Myers

10-8, 1947

Renny Glenn Myers

DI 5-22, 1949

Barbara Francis Myers

7-29, 1951

## Son of Virginia A. Thompson-Myers

Hubert D. Myers

Born December 13, 1906

Married 1st.

Tansey Davis

Born

Their Children

Born

Floyd Myers

III 8-3, 1932

2nd. Marriage

Millian Sadaska

Born

Their Children

Born

Linda Sue Myers

3-4, 1950

## Daughter of Gwynilla Myers-Morris

Jacqueline Morris

Born September 1, 1926

Married 1st

James Cashion

Born

Their Children

Born

James Rolland Cashion

8-14, 1946

Michael Rolland Cashion

1-13, 1948

2nd. Marriage

Charlie J. Cvancar

Born August 30, 1915

Their Children

Born

Charline Cvancar

9-8, 1953

## Son of Mary E. Hairgrove-Thompson

Felix Danie Thompson

Born April 18, 1882 Nixon, Texas

Died 10-24, 1937 Buried Nixon, Texas

Married

Grace Chiles

Born March 23, 1886 Troup, Texas

Their Children

Born

Mildred Thompson

12-23, 1907

Eula May Thompson

5-5, 1910

Sam Courtney Thompson

10-5, 1919

Ruth Thompson

8-28, 1922

Ruby Thompson

8-28, 1922

Dania Marshall Thompson III 1-2, 1928

## Daughter of Felix D. Thompson

Mildred Thompson

Born December 23, 1907

Married

George Jordan

Born July 29, 1903 Died 1-11, 1949

Their Children

Born

Cecil Wayne Jordan

7-31, 1927

Wilfred Jordan

10-22, 1929

Barbara Marie Jordan

2-8, 1932

## Son of Mildred Thompson-Jordan

Gecil Wayne Jordan

Born July 31, 1927

Married

Mildred Ruth Cooper

Born November 12, 1906

## Their Children

Born

Katherine June Jordan

1-6, 1953

Fairfield Ann Jordan

2-15, 1954

## Son of Mildred Thompson-Jordan

Wilford Jordan

Born October 22, 1929

Married

Marie Smith

Born May 20, 1930

## No Children

## Daughter of Mildred Thompson-Jordan

Barbara Marie Jordan

Born February 8, 1932

Married

Irving Adanson

Born September 15, 1929

## Their Children

Born

Marita Charlotte Adanson

5-13, 1952

Robert Wayne Adanson

5-14, 1953

## Daughter of Felix Dania Thompson

Eula May Thompson

Born May 5, 1910

Married

Willie Stewart

Born November 28, 1906

## Their Children

Born

Floyd Newton Stewart

9-23, 1927

Gladys Elvyn Stewart

2-21, 1929

Ray Alice Stewart

MI 2-28, 1936

## Son of Eula May Thompson-Stewart

Floyd Newton Stewart

Born September 23, 1927

Married

Ruby Maynard

Born

## Their Children

Born

Linda June Stewart

6-10, 1947

Donald Earl Stewart

11-7, 1948

## Daughter of Eula M. Thompson-Stewart

Gladys Elvyn Stewart

Born February 21, 1929

Married

John Propes

Born

## No Children

## Son of Felix Dania Thompson

Sam Courtney Thompson

Born October 5, 1919

Married

Maggie Pickle

Born

## No Children

## Daughter of Felix Dania Thompson

Ruth Thompson

Born August 28, 1922

Married

Thomas Jay

Born

## Their Children

Born

Thomas Courtney Jay

7-27, 1943

Robert Wesley Jay

11-23, 1953

## Daughter of Felix Dania Thompson

Ruby Thompson

Born August 28, 1922

Married

Ernest Dudley

Born

## No Children

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## PERRY DeWITT THOMPSON

Thompson  
Family

PERRY DeWITT THOMPSON was born 28 October 1865 in Fulton, Illinois, was married to Mabel Ida Hendrix, May 1893 at Ashland, Oregon. Perry died 30 July 1941 in Redding, California and is buried in Oakhill Cemetery, Red Bluff, California. Before death he resided in Illinois, Colorado, California in Tulare, Shasta and Siskiyou Counties.

MABEL IDA HENDRIX (HENDRICKS) was born 23 Feb 1875 in Dayton, Butte County, California, the daughter of Miles Baron Hendrix and Louisa P. Henderson. Her second marriage was to Lee Berkeley and third to Albert Bryson Jones. Mabel died 19 March 1963 in Woodland, California and is buried in Oakhill Cemetery, Red Bluff, California. Before death she resided in Butte, Siskiyou, Stanislaus and Tehama Counties, California.

### ISSUE:

1. GLADYS LOUISE THOMPSON, Born 25 March 1894, Chico, Butte County, California, Married 1st Al Williams, 1912 in Chico; 2nd. Charles Doll, 1962 in San Mateo. Died 22 Nov 1962, Burlingame, California. Has two sons.
2. CLEO ANN THOMPSON, Born 30 January 1896 Yreka, California, married William Charles Castro 10 March 1914, Yreka, California. Died 2 November 1987, San Jose, California. Has two sons.
3. FRANCES IRIS THOMPSON Born 24 April 1901 Yreka California Married George Arthur Dryselt 11 June 1927 Yreka, California. Died 19 October 1985 San Francisco and is Buried in Oakhill Cemetery, Red Bluff. Has 1 son.
4. VERNE ROLLIN THOMPSON Born 10 February 1903 Yreka, California Married Martha Ellen McDaniel 16 November 1942 in Alameda, California. Has 5 children
5. LEOLA MAY THOMPSON Born 24 May 1906 Yreka, California Married George Lester Hammans 27 November 1931 in San Francisco. Died 18 July 1982 Red Bluff, California Buried Oakhill Cemetery, Red Bluff California. Has 1 son.
6. BERYL EMMA THOMPSON Born 3 May 1908 Yreka, California Married Fred Wass 14 July 1933 Sparks Nevada. has 2 children.
7. JEANNE EDNA THOMPSON Born 16 Feb 1914 Yreka, Ca. Married Henry Cody 27 June 1936, Alameda, California Died 23 Apr 1988 Davis, California. Has 2 children  
Martha McDaniels Thompson





## PEARL GRACE DOGGETT

Pearl Grace Doggett was born 8 April 1883, Klamath River, California and died 8 June 1917. She was the daughter of William Davis Doggett and Grace Ann Crary. On 24 December 1906 in Yreka, Siskiyou County she married Francis Patrick McCarthy who was born 7 May 1873 at Scott Barr, California and died 5 March 1958.

Francis Patrick McCarthy was an early day U. S. Forest Ranger in Siskiyou County, Klamath river area. He was the son of Michael Henry McCarthy. Michael's son Michael, publisher of the Western Sentinel at Etna, California, wrote: "Michael Henry McCarthy was born in Ireland and came to the United States in 1859. He settled in the State of Massachusetts for a brief time then came to Scott Valley. In 1860 he began mining and in this occupation and in farming, he continued during the remainder of his life, which terminated 18 January 1918."

Daniel McCarthy, Micheal's brother came to California in 1854 and made some good gold strikes but later lost his money in future ventures.

Six children were born to Michael and Hanora McCarthy namely: Daniel, a miner who died in 1921; John, who died in his youth; Eugene, who also died young; Michael, Jr. of this interview; Mary, who married Charles Humphreys, a miner and lives in Scott Valley; Francis P, who is engage in business in Fort Jones and Scott Bar, California.

George Humphrey stated his grandfather Micheal Henry McCarthy came to the United States when about 10 or 12 years of age. Later he landed in San Francisco 1 April 1861. He came to Redding by boat about 10 April 1861 then walked over the Trinity Mountains, finally arriving at Scott Bar 21 April 1861. He was now 18 years old and spent the rest of his life there. He died 18 January 1918. He was born in Southern Ireland and his wife Hanora Danihy was born in Castlemaine, Northern Ireland and she died April 1918 at Scott Bar and both are buried in the Scott Bar Cemetery.

Michael Henry McCarthy Jr. studied in the common schools of his home country, and his early education has been supplemented over the years by his extensive reading and observation. He has always remained a student and never ceased acquiring education. His first activity in newspaper work was at Scott Bar, then at Fort Jones, following which he was at Santa Cruz, California for sixteen years, then Monterey, California for ten years, followed by a stay at Oakland and Santa Clara. In 1906, Mr. McCarthy returned to Siskiyou County and for ten years was a ranger, after which he established his newspaper at Etna. Having a circulation of between six and seven hundred. He also conducted the Standard at Fort Jones for three years, or until 1916. He was a democrat in his political faith and is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West. Mr. McCarthy was married in 1893 to Miss Serena Thompson, who was born in Kansas and came to California in 1889.

Blanch Doggett Heflin

VERNE ROLLIN THOMPSON  
A Native of Siskiyou County

The Beginning:

1903 February 10th, birthday of Verne (birthname Vernard Perry) Rollin Thompson. At home just outside the south of city limits of Yreka, Almost opposite present day hospital, Siskiyou County. California. Parents Perry DeWitt and Ida Mabel Hendrix Thompson. Weight 31/2 pounds. Mother did not take off his undershirt for over three months when she bathed him for he was so delicate.

School: Greenhorn, Maude Dangle, Teacher.

1909 September, one year in Yreka School the family moved to Cherry Hill Mine

1910 Rose District school 4 miles west of Yreka, Mr. M. H. Madden, teacher for first years. Kate Bissel, teacher the 1st year. Came to Cherry Hill Mine when 8 years old and stayed there 15 years.

1915 Cherry Creek School 4th Grade, Margaret Wolford Teacher

1916-17 Cherry Creek School, Delia Raney, Teacher

1917-18 Cherry Creek School, Marie Piscantor, Teacher

Work:

1919 Worked at Hoboken Mine for Bob Diggle, about 1 mile north of Cherry Hill Mine.

1920 to September 1931 Worked at Cherry Hill Mine with father. In 1921 for one month he was in the Citizen Military Training Camp at Monterey, California. Ten were chosen by drawing from 200 applicants in Siskiyou Co.

1931 in September to spring 1933 on Cascade Ranch at Half Moon Bay, with George and Frances Dryselt harvesting vegetables during depression.

1933 Worked one summer on Red Bluff Ranch for Henry Bishop in Los Molinas baling hay.

1933 34 In fall was in CCC camp at Paskenta

1934 35 In Turlock 1 1/2 years on Chris Reher ranch. Left Spring 1935

1935 Worked at Brown Bear Mine at Lewiston, Trinity County.

1936 In Fall at Forest, Seirra County one winter in gravel gold producing mine.

1937 39 Kenton Mine in Alleghany, Sierra County 2 winters just over hill south of the gravel mine in Forest. Operated by George Gamble of Proctor & Gamble fame.

1939 At mine in Shingleton, Eldorado County for 3 or 4 months

1940 41 At Knob, Trinity County at Midas Mine. Gamble & Gowing leased it. Verne and Brown took over lease on year.

1941 43 At Reed mine in Monticello, Yolo County. Quicksilver Mine with Bradley Mining Co.

Town of Monticello now under water. Georgwe Gamble also operated this mine. Married 16 Nov 1942 while at the mine.

1943 July 4th was transferred to Reed mine on the slopes of Mt. Diablo at Clayton, Ca. Quicksilver mining was classed as defense work and a person could not quit a

- defense job during the war. First child Vernele Ida born there on 7 Nov 1943.
- 1944 In September started construction work for Barrett & Hilp in Concord building Igloos for storage of ammunition by U. S. Navy. 2 years.
- 1946 Worked with Standard Oil in Concord.
- 1947 Helped with building station.
- 1948 He and Harley Bradbury built a house on St Clair St in Concord.
- 1949 Spring, summer & fall prospecting with Harley Bradbury on Klamath River.
- 1950 On July 4th to Red Bluff to begin building ranch house. Had started it in spring while living with Ed Vaughan. Moved into unfinished house in November.
- 1951 Helped with block building in Concord.
- 1952 Built house on Carol Avenue in Music Subdivision.
- 1954 54 Finished inside of 2 prefabricated Government houses in Dale's subdivision, the flat tops were torn down in Napa, trucked to Red Bluff and erected again.
- 1955 56 Built one house in Dale's subdivision. Sold it to Hernandes.
- 1957 Remodeled Baker house. Received medallion from Sacramento Medical Foundation Bloodbank for donating 1 gallon of blood, a positive.
- 1958 With another carpenter completed Gerber house.
- 1959 60 Built Breckenridge House in Red Bluff.
- 1961 62 Did some sewer work on East Way house in Redding.
- 1963 64 Built 3782 Alma Ave house in Enterprise.
- 1965 67 Built second house on Alma Avenue.
- 1968 Retired.

Martha McDaniels Thompson



Parade in Yreka - Early 1940's - Photo - C. H. Russell



## By Phyllis Zauper

"One of the favorite times in all my life was the day I spent skiing on the shores of Lake Superior. It was 10° below, there was no wind and no clouds and there was all sunshine and the creaking of snow beneath my skis, and it really felt so colossal just to be alive!"

That's no dedicated, long-time skier talking. It's a novice describing his first experience on Nordic "cross-country" skis.

If you haven't tried cross-country skiing yet, you're missing one of the greatest forms of outdoor recreation.

It's hard to beat that feeling you get cutting tracks through forests of snow-draped pines, gliding past half-frozen streams or skiing in the shadow of mountain ranges whose scenery is almost monotonously magnificent. On cross-country skis you're a natural part of the winter setting, completely in harmony with the land, not just an intruder from the great indoors.

Best of all, you're warm and comfortable even in sub-zero weather, exhilarated by the exercise.

Cross-country (XC) skiing is one of the fastest-growing winter sports in America, and there's little wonder why. Equipment is inexpensive (when compared to downhill), one lesson, if any, is all that's needed to start out, the whole family can do it together, you can do it any time of day, limited snow pack is required, and it is far less punishing on muscles and bones than jogging or downhill skiing. But, perhaps the biggest reason for the sport's growth is its accessibility. No longer are those long drives to the mountains necessary to find good skiing; a local park or nearby field will do just fine.

According to the U.S. Ski Association, in 1971 a mere 1,000 skiers were into cross-country; by 1981 the number had leaped to 4 million. And the majority of those recruits had been novice skiers.

One of the main allures for the kick-and-glide set is the sport's unhurried solitude. Many of the enthusiasts are defectors from assembly-line downhill ski lifts, who have come to enjoy the rhythmic, exhilarating exercise in country air where they can relax, unwind and get away from the throngs of hot doggers and snow bunnies.

Cross-country skiing can be as exciting as whitewater rafting for those who like challenging terrain. Skiing downhill in deep unbroken powder is proba-



## Snowshoe Thompson

Most remarkable of all cross-country skiers was the Norwegian, John "Snowshoe" Thompson, who brought skiing to this country.

In the 1860s, when the Comstock silver mine was at its peak, Thompson undertook delivery of mail from Sacramento, Calif., to Virginia City, Nev., on promise of a mail delivery contract. Wearing 10-foot skis and carrying a long balance pole in front of him, like a tightrope walker, he flew down mountain slopes with the ease of an eagle soaring.

He carried no blankets. He wore no overcoat. At nightfall, he fashioned pine boughs into a lean-to, huddled by a fire in a hollow tree log, or danced on a flat rock to keep from freezing. While on the move he would dip into a small packet of beef jerky and hardtack. Usually it took him three days for his 90-mile trip up the Sierra Nevada mountains, and two days to return downhill. His compass was the stars.

For nearly 20 years, this remarkable man made an incredible two-to-four round trips a month alone, in defiance of blizzard, avalanche and wild animals. He always set out on the day appointed, without regard to weather, often carrying up to 100 pounds. There were times, during the Civil War, when Thompson was the only link between California and the Union. In addition to mail delivery, he rescued sick and injured, carried food to snowbound families,

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bly the ultimate XC experience. When the powder rises in clouds around you, it's like being engulfed in a surfer's wave. For some, the thrill of the sport is racing, to explore the limits of their body's endurance and to pit themselves against the excellence of other skiers.

But the fact is, most tourers are simply family groups that strike out from their back door after a snowfall, or head for the nearest open space—unplowed roads, golf courses and frozen lakes all provide suitable paths. A Minnesota skier thinks the Midwest has the best of it. "Here we cross-country ski like Californians jog. Before and after work we get out and ski a few miles. You can ski tour just about everywhere here, you know. We've learned to enjoy winter, not merely endure it." Even in Chicago, office workers use their lunch hour to take a ski break in downtown Lincoln Park.

Still and all, not everyone wants to be a trailbreaker. Especially not at first. So: enter ski touring centers with mechanized grooming and track-setting equipment.

Skiing in unbroken snow on rolling terrain is as different from gliding over a perfectly set track as hiking on a rocky trail differs from riding a ten-speed bicycle on a well-paved country road. Each has its own rewards.

But for those who enjoy skiing with a sense of controlled speed, prepared tracks are something to try. For beginners, more intent on where their ski tips are heading than what their body is doing to move them forward, groomed tracks allow for concentration on balance and arm-and-leg coordination.

Ski touring centers are a relatively new development. In many cases the people who manage them are involved more for love of the sport and the lifestyle than for financial rewards. They are the sport's best salesmen because they invariably infect others with their enthusiasm.

Lately, regiments of "skinny ski" addicts have been attracted to a new form of the mania. A string of cross-country inns has started sprouting from Maine to California. These havens offer miles of groomed track, comfortable lodgings, instruction and equipment, saunas, wine sipping and hearty home-cooked meals—or, in some cases, lavish French cuisine. Weekends like that are not hard to take.

Picture yourself in this scene: A maple syrup farm on 300 rolling acres of  
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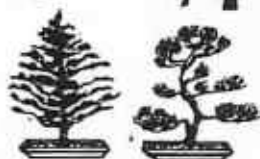


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Ski camping combines two skills: skiing and backpacking. The ski camper works harder than the summer backpacker; but for aficionados, the enchantment of the winter landscape and the excitement of skiing in back country—photographing elk, ermine and eagles—make it a special outdoor adventure.

Some cross-country fanatics even combine skiing with mountaineering. One grueling six-day endurance test that has a fascination for hardy (or foolhardy, depending on how you look at it) XC skiers takes them along the backbone of the Sierra Nevada range at elevations ranging from 6,000 to 13,000 feet.

But of the thousands upon thousands of cross-country skiers in the United States, perhaps only a handful will ever try ski camping or ski mountaineering. Most participants aren't out for thrills. They are simply looking to leave civilization behind, if only briefly.

Most of us live in a world where we are insulated from the natural environment around us—so much so that we are barely conscious of it. Even when we make an effort to contact it, we bring the trappings of our "civilized life" along. Camping is done from a trailer, fishing from a power boat.

To ski without seeing or hearing the rest of mankind, to experience the eerie calm of remote woods while gliding over virgin snow where the only tracks are your own or those of the coyote—that is the ultimate in the cross-country experience.

## Snowshoe

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delivered medicines and mining supplies, and even a font of newspaper type for Nevada's first newspaper, the Territorial Enterprise.

"I have found a great many lost men," Thompson once said, "and have rescued some when they were at death's door."

He was never paid by the U.S. government for his years of mail delivery service. He had been promised a contract and an appointment, but they were never forthcoming. He died at the age of 49, still trying to collect.

He is buried in Genoa, Nev., a small Sierra Nevada village. At the base of his tombstone is a plaque, placed there by the Norwegian ski team to the 1960 Olympics at Squaw Valley, commemorating "our fellow skier from Telemark (Norway)." ☺

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## GENEALOGY

OF

## Descendants of John Thomson

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## INTRODUCTION.

The name THOMSON has long been known in England, Scotland and Ireland. The first certain knowledge we have of it is from the records of ancient heraldry, when aristocracy invented badges to distinguish the different degrees of family greatness; each spelled the name differently and were considered distinct families; whether, originally, all who bear this name, however spelled, were of the same family, cannot easily be ascertained.

In the southwestern part of England the name was spelled TOMPSON. Rev. John Tompson, who settled in the ministry at Berwick, on the Piscataqua river, was descended from this family. In Ireland it was THOMPSON, and in the south of Scotland it was THOMSON; of this family were James Thomson, the celebrated poet, and Charles Thomson, secretary of the Continental Congress in Revolutionary days. Born in the northern part of Wales, in the vicinity of Scotland, we are led to consider the subject of our sketch a descendant of the Scottish family. The signature to his will is spelled TOMSON.

The circumstance of his youth when he arrived in this country, and the limited means of education which he had, lead us to conclude he did not know his lineage. This may not seem strange or unaccountable when we bear in mind the vast number of persons in Europe who then and even now have no specific knowledge of their grandparents, and in our own country, with all the means of education and records, cases may easily be found where a person could not tell from what nation in Europe his progenitor descended. We naturally look among the best-informed people for correct information: Rev. John Cotton, the first minister in Halifax, Mass., spelled our progenitor's name THOMSON, the records of the town of Mendon spell it the same, and in his deed of Spring-hill it is

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spelled THOMSON. The letter *p* was not introduced into the name by any of his descendants till a century and a half had rolled away. Judge Hayward says "the name at first was probably Thomasson, originally the son of Thomas; there does not remain a reasonable doubt that the correct spelling is Thomson, the son of Thom, an abbreviation of Thomasson." Mrs. Lydia H. Morton, of Halifax, Mass., whose opinion is based partly on tradition and partly on what she learned from people of forty or fifty years ago, on this subject, says: "The first two generations spelled their names TOMSON, also generally the third generation did so. The fourth generation thought the name should have an *h*, the name did not seem right; probably the first and second generations did not write and spell very well (many deeds and wills are signed with a mark), but when more learning became common, people began to see how much better the name would look with an *h*, and by common consent it was added. I find on the oldest stones in our cemetery the names of TOMSON only in the third generation, but in the fourth the *h* added. My great grandfather spelled the name without the *h*; my grandfather added it, and it is on his tombstone. IGNATIUS THOMSON would not add the *p* to his name. His brothers and many others, however, did so, which he would not acknowledge and never used it when writing to them. They thought the name looked better with a *p* and continued to use it; others followed. I do not know of a family in town who does not use it, although should you look over the old records or walk over the graveyard you would scarcely find a record or stone that has an *h* or *p* on it, and it is only till late in the last century that the name TOMSON was discarded."

In this work the spelling "Thompson" is introduced in the fifth generation, which seems about the time it was adopted.

From Francis' History of Watertown, p. 131-132, is found: The following named persons with others had plough lands allotted to them February 28, 1636, and were the inhabitants of Watertown: John Tomson 2 acres; John Eddy 9 acres; John

Hayward seven acres; William Swift five acres; Abram Shaw ten acres.

The following extracts pertaining to JOHN THOMSON have been taken from Plymouth Colony Records in the Astor Library, New York. The spelling and contractions are as in the original; quotation marks signify exact copy: "li" stands for pounds, "s" for shillings; in many words u is used for v and in others v for u; the original print is followed. As to extract from Vol. VI, page 238, entry is dated May, 1690, and the matter is dated October, 1690; the discrepancy may be in the original printed copy. In Vol. VII, where it says "John Tompson, a juror," it does not necessarily mean in only one case. The spelling of the name is not uniform, it is given as in the record. Parts of the original records were destroyed. The omissions in the entry in Vol. VIII, page 4, are caused by the injury which the original record had received.

Lieut. John Thomson was evidently a man of consequence in the colony, and it is a source of gratification to his descendants that their family has been here long enough to help make all the history this country has.

## COURT ORDERS.

Vol. 2, page 80 & 81—"At the Gen<sup>all</sup> Court of o<sup>r</sup> Sou<sup>a</sup>igne the King, holden at Plym<sup>t</sup> aforesaid the third Day of March in the XX<sup>a</sup> Yeare of the now Raigne of our said Sou<sup>a</sup>igne Lord Charles by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland Defendor of the Fayth &c."

3 Mar 1644-5

"John Tompson James Hurst	{	bound in tenn pounds a peece vpon the same condicon Default p <sup>s</sup> ently made of this recogn. Released.
"John Tompson Thomas Willett		bound in X <sup>a</sup> a peece vpon the same condicon P bona port, for John Tompson. Released."

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


*Copy of Deed from William Weetispaguin and others—Indians—to John Thompson and others.*

WINSLOW, GOV'R.

Know all men, Present and to Come, that we William Wetyspaquin, Ananeta Tabyas, O. Benatt, Indians, of the Colony of New Plymouth, in New England, for and in consideration of the full and just sum of ten pounds to us in hand already paid before the in sealing hereof by John Thompson, Joseph Laythorp and Barnabas Laythorp, all of Barnstable in the Colonie of Plymouth aforesaid, with which sum we do acknowledge ourselves to be fully satisfied, and thereof do acquit and discharge the said John Thompson, Joseph Laythorp and Barnabas Laythorp, their and every of their heirs, executors and administrators forever, have freely, fully and absolutely given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed and confirmed, and by these presents for us and our several heirs do give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoffe and confirm unto the said John Thompson, Joseph Laythorp and Barnabas Laythorp, and to their heirs and assigns forever, a tract of land lying and being in the Colony of New Plymouth aforesaid,—bounded Northerly by \* \* etquash pond, Easterly by quetoquash River and Snetpetuit pond, and so from the Eastermost end and Southermost side of a little neck of land by the said Snipatuitt pond, and so from the Eastermost side of a little pond on a straight line from thence to Dartmouth path an hundred rod southerly from Dartmouth's now bound tree, and so from thence bounded all along by Dartmouth path until we come within sight of Quetequas pond, and from the path upon a straight line to the southermost end of the pond, and by the pond.

To have and to hold all the above bonded land with all and singular the benefits, profits, privileges and hereditaments whatsoever unto the said John Thompson, his heirs and assigns forever; unto the said Joseph Laythorp, his heirs and assigns forever; and unto the said Barnabas Laythorp, his heirs and assigns forever. To the onely proper use and behoof of them the said John Thompson, Joseph Laythorp, their heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof we the abovesaid William Watuspaquin, Asanetta Tobias and Benatt have hereunto set our hands and seals this first day of November in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred seventy and three, 1673.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us, John Bryant, Nathaniel Thomas.	The mark  of William Weetispaguin & a	(SEAL)
	The mark of Asaneta 	(SEAL)
	The mark of Tobias 	(SEAL)
	The mark of Benatt  and a	(SEAL)

This deed of sale was acknowledged by William Tispaquin, Asanetta, Tobias, and Benatt, this first day of November, 1673. As also Old Tispaquin alias the Black sachem and Daniel, alias Pachange, the same day gave up their right in the abovesaid deed expressed before me.

CONSTANT SOUTHWORTH, *Assistant*.

Another Indian called Acteswanequa, who is said to have right in or to the said lands abovementioned did resign up unto the purchasers abovenamed, his right, title and interest in and unto the lands abovesaid.

June the 23th, 74, before

JOSIAH WINSLOW, *Gov'r*.

July the 8, 1675. This Court allow & confirm all the lands contained in the above mentioned deed unto the bove mentioned Mr. Barnabas Lothrop, Capt. Joseph Lothrop, & John Thompson, according to ye order of the General Court to hold to them the said Barnabas Lothrop, Joseph Lothrop, John Thompson, their heirs and assigns forever.

Attest: NATHANIEL CLARK,

*Secretary of the Jurisdiction of New Plymouth.*

February 4, 1889. The foregoing is a true copy from Plymouth Colony Records of Deeds, Vol. IV., page 41.

Attest: WM. S. DANFORTH, *Reg.*

*Copy of the Will of John Tomson.*

Know all men to whom these presents shall come, that I John Tomson Senr, of ye township of Middlebury being at this present day weak in body through my infirmities and diseases that are upon me, but of sound and perfect understanding & memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament to continue forever firm and inviolable.

*Imprimis.* I will & bequeath unto Mary Tomson my beloved wife ye use of one half of my house during her widowhood which half she pleaseth, and ye use of all my household goods during her widowhood, and six cows and a score of sheep, and thres or four acres of land lying by my house. All these to have and to use during ye time of her widowhood. And also my will is that ye executors shall see that ye said land shall be improved for her, and they shall be paid out of ye estate. And also I will leave her one hundred pounds in money to dispose to her children as she shall see cause, but if in case she should die intestate my will is that this said hundred pound shall be equally divided among them all sons and daughters, that is my own children & hers. Also my will is that she shall have a cow or a steer yearly for her provisions. And if she cannot spare it out of that stock of cattle then it shall be provided for her out of ye estate. Also my will is that whatsoever provisions and clothing is left at my decease shall belong to ye family. And my wife shall have a double part of it at her disposing. And whereas I gave unto my son John half a score of land formerly and he hath nothing to show for it I now give it him by will



and he shall have fifty acres of land where his house standeth taking it up the whole length. Also I give and bequeath unto my son Jacob the house wherein he dwelleth, and ye fourth part of ye upland that is of ye two hundred acres of upland. And also I do give and bequeath unto my sons Thomas and Peter the one half of my house wherein I do dwell during their mother's life conditionally that they will agree to keep together and maintain their mother's stock of cattle aforesaid. And they shall have the increase both of cattle and sheep, so that they maintain & make good ye principal. And if they should come to some extraordinary losses so that they are like to be losers by it, they shall be considered in ye estate. And my will is that there shall be meadows set apart to keep those cattle during their mother's life. And I do give and bequeath unto my son Thomas all my house and the barn and ye orchard and ye lands adjacent therabout after his mother's decease that will amount to a fourth part of two hundred acres, only if my son Peter have not land enough fenced and broken up he shall have ye use of two or three acres of land for two years if he desires it. And also I do give and bequeath unto my son Peter that my fifty acres of upland that I bought of John Morton. And whereas I have given to my sons John and Jacob and Thomas three quarters of this two hundred acres of upland, my will is that in ye division the fourth part be left so as to be most suitably divided amongst them all four. Also I give unto my four sons aforesaid a third part of land that was purchased by Captain Joseph Lothrop and Mr. Barnabas Lothrop and myself. And also I give unto my four sons above written ye one half of that third part of upland that was purchased by Captain Church and myself the one half of that third part next to Snipetrist pond and my one sixteen shilling purchase and that which I bought of John Irish, and that tract of land at Assawamsett that I bought of Felix ye Indian, and that which I bought of William Clark formerly called ye Majors' Purchase lying betwixt the two paths. A fifth part of that tract all which I give to them to divide equally amongst themselves. And also I give unto my four sons aforesaid all that my two hundred acres of upland lying between Monponsett Pond and the Little Herring Pond with my four acres of meadow and my two shares and half in ye Great Cedar Swamp and my two shares and half in ye undivided lands, all which shall be equally divided among my four sons aforesaid. Also my will is that my four sons shall have all my tools of all sorts for Carpentry or Husbandry, and also all my arms all to be equally divided among them. Also I give unto my son Peter twenty pounds in money towards ye building him a house besides four or five thousand foot of boards and plank. Also I do give unto my daughter Mary Tabor thirty and five pounds besides w<sup>h</sup> is due to me from her husband. Also I do give unto my daughter Esther Read thirty and three pounds besides what is due unto me from her husband. Likewise I do give unto my daughter Elizabeth Swift twenty and five pounds. And also to my grandson

Thomas Swift ten pounds when he cometh to ye age of one and twenty years. And if he should die before then it shall be forthwith paid unto his mother. Also I give unto my daughter Sarah Tomson forty pounds. Also I give unto my daughter Lydia Soul thirty and four pounds besides what she hath had already. Also I do give unto my daughter Mary Tomson forty pounds. Likewise I do give unto my son Jacob a yoke of steers of four years old or upwards or ye value of them. Also I give unto my son Thomas a yoke of steer and two cows or ye value of them. Also I give to my son Peter a yoke of steers and two cows or ye value of them. Also my will is that my four sons John and Jacob and Thomas and Peter Tomson shall be my executors who shall receive what is due unto me and shall pay all my just debts, and shall see that my body be decently buried, and out of my estate to defray ye charges. And whatsoever is left after my and my wives' decease when all charges is cleared shall be equally divided amongst them, all my children sons and daughters. Thus hoping that this my last will and testament will be kept and performed according to ye true intent of ye same, I commit my body to ye dust and my soul to God that gave it me.

In witness whereof I set unto my hand and seal this twenty third day of April one thousand six hundred ninety and six.

23 APR. 1696

JOHN TOMSON. [SEAL.]

Witness:

JONATHAN SHAW Jun<sup>r</sup>.

JOSEPH RING his I K mark.

ANNE WATERMAN, her J mark.

Memorandum ye 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 1696.—That Jonathan Shaw, Joseph Ring and Anne Waterman the witnesses hereto subscribing made oath all of them that they were present and saw and heard John Tomson ye testator here named sign, seal and declare the above written to be his last will and testament, and that to ye best of their judgment he was of sound disposing mind and memory when he did ye same.

Before WM. BRADFORD, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Judge.

Attest: SAML. SPRAGUE, Register.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN C. SULLIVAN, Register.

Thompson  
Family

## OCCGS REFERENCES ONLY

## ROBERT JAMES and ANNIE MARIE (HARRISON) THOMSON BIBLE

This Bible is in the possession of the Damascus Historical Society, Damascus, Ohio 44619. These records were written in two different handwritngs, as indicated below.

Holy Bible and New Testament, A.J. Holman & Co., No. 930 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1875

## First handwriting:

This is to certify that Robert James Thomson of the city of Newark, State of Ohio U.S.A. and Annie Marie Harrison of the city of Newark, State of Ohio, U.S.A. were by me United together in Holy Matrimony on the Thirty first day of August in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty four.

In Presence of  
Bertrand B. Eddy  
Hannah Ferguson

E. P. Hall  
Minister, M.E. Church

## MARRIAGES

Robert James Thomson and Annie Marie Harrison were married in Newark, Ohio USA Wednesday August the Thirty (31st) first A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty four (1864).

Robert James Thomson's Father- John Thomson and his Mother Hannah Graham were married at blank County Tyrone Ireland on the tenth (10th) day of August One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty one (1841).

## Second handwriting:

Hugh Charles Thomson, son of Robert James Thomson and Annie Marie Thomson, and Maude M. Kines were married at Salem, Ohio on Saturday September twenty-second (22nd) One Thousand Nine Hundred and twenty three (1923) by the Rev. Geo. Beers.

## BIRTHS

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## First Hand:

Robert James Thomson was born near Omagh, County Tyrone, Ireland August Twenty Seven (27th) One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty two (1842).

Annie Marie Harrison was born in the city of Newark, Ohio Thursday May (15th) fifteen One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty six (1846).

## "Nanie"

Minerva Leah Thomson Daughter of R. J. and Annie M. Thomson was born at Newark, Ohio Thursday May (15th) fifteen One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy three (1873).

continued



Thompson Family

Hugh Charles Thomson Son of R,J. and Annie M. Thomson was born at Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio USA Tuesday January 29th, 1878.

DEATHS

Hannah Thomson, R.J. Thomson's Mother died Thursday April first (1st) One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty seven (1847).

"Nanie"

"Safe in the arms of Jesus"

Minerva Leah Thomson died Wednesday morning August (9th) ninth One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Six (1876) aged Three years Two months and Twenty four days. Our Lord Jesus says - Mark 10th C, 14th V Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for such is the Kingdom of God.

Second hand:

John Thomson, Father of Robert James Thomson died at Mt Vernon, Ohio Setp 21st, 1891 in his 81st year.

MEMORANDA

Annie M. Harrison, Wife of Robert James Thomson and Mother of Hugh Charles Thomson, died Monday, March (23rd) twenty third One Thousand Nine Hundred and twenty five (1925).

Robert James Thomson, Husband of Annie M. Harrison and Father of Hugh Charles Thomson died Wednesday October (30th) thirtieth One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Nine (1929), aged 87 years 2 months and 3 days.  
Both died at the family home in Salem, Ohio.

American Bible Society, Troy, NY 1846

David Shortess was born November the 17th, 1827  
Sarah A. Shortess was born August the 30, 1856  
John F. Shortess was born September the 22, 1858  
Charles T. Shortess was born August the 4, 1860

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SPELLBOUND

I have a spelling checker,  
It came with my PC.  
It plainly marks four my revue  
Mistakes I cannot sea.  
I've run this poem threw it,  
I'm sure your please to no.  
It's letter perfect in it's weigh,  
My checker tolled me sew.  
..fr Colorado Chapter, OGS

GRAND COUNTY CALIFORNIA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WORD PROCESSOR.....



Willis HOTALING, husband of Vida Guild, died (date not given).  
 Philetus R. GUILD of Oak Hill Died 10-15-1933, age 75 yrs.  
 Susan M. GUILD, wife of Alonzo Hunt, died 6-2-1937, age 74.  
 Martha HUNT died Sept. 1929

**T**HOMPSON Family Records from a Bible in the possession of Mrs. G. T. Sims, Yellville, Arkansas, and supplied by Glenna Gandy Carlson of La Verne, California. She states that the records apply mainly to Dallas County, Arkansas, and that the Cathey family was in Augusta County, Virginia, prior to the Revolution.

William THOMPSON married Perlina Susannah HOLLIS July 31, 1845.  
 Perrilda Jane THOMPSON married William W. BRIDGES October 9, 1873.  
 Emily F. THOMPSON married James W. C. WOOD January 26, 1874.  
 Martha E. THOMPSON married Peter E. DOSHER February 8, 1874.  
 Sarah Alice THOMPSON married Jo T. DOSHER (DOSHER) October 21, 1875.  
 James I. THOMPSON married Octavia MORROW October 19, 1887.  
 Bina C. THOMPSON married J. H. DOSHER September 23, 1888.  
 Vesta THOMPSON married J. W. SNIPES July 19, 1892.  
 B. F. THOMPSON married Hannah E. GRAY (Note: "Uncle Ben and his family moved to Oregon.")  
 William THOMPSON married Sarah Selina CATHY October 10, 1856 (his second marriage).

William THOMPSON was born June 8, 1824.

Perlina Susanah HOLLIS (his first wife) was born January 19, 1829.

#### Children by First Wife

Mary Louisa THOMPSON was born October 18, 1846.  
 Susannah Lacy THOMPSON was born January 4, 1849.  
 Emily Frances THOMPSON was born September 12, 1850.  
 Perrilda Jane THOMPSON was born November 16, 1852.  
 Martha Elizabeth THOMPSON was born May 23, 1855.  
 Sarah Selina CATHY (his second wife) was born January 21, 1832.

#### Children by Second Wife

Sarah Alice THOMPSON was born July 7, 1857.  
 James Isaac THOMPSON was born October 2, 1858.  
 Nueva Sylvesta THOMPSON was born February 15, 1860.  
 William Pillow THOMPSON was born August 14, 1861.

Ammon Davis THOMPSON was born March 22, 1863.  
 Barbara Ette THOMPSON was born August 10, 1865.  
 Benjamin Franklin THOMPSON was born March 3, 1868.  
 Alva Alexander THOMPSON was born June 8, 1869.  
 Albina Caroline was born October 26, 1871.  
 Perlina S. THOMPSON died October 7, 1855.  
 Mary Louisa THOMPSON died October 14, 1855.  
 Susannah Lacy THOMPSON died July 19, 1849.  
 Sarah Alice THOMPSON died September 6, 1956.  
 William Pillow THOMPSON died April 14, 1862.  
 Ammon Davis THOMPSON died October 26, 1863.

From a Loose Sheet of Paper in Thompson Bible:  
 Benjamin F. CATHEY was born March 23, 1824.  
 Rachel Jane MOORE was born November 12, 1828, died February 25, 1865.  
 B. F. CATHEY & R. Jane MOORE were married December 14, 1845.  
 James Josiah CATHEY was born December 10, 1849.  
 Alexander Graham CATHEY was born February 21, 1852, died October 10, 1853.  
 Sarah Lawson CATHEY was born April 29, 1854.  
 Bettie Melinda CATHEY was born November 29, 1856, died August 5, 1863.  
 Laura Ellin CATHEY was born June 8, 1859.  
 Lucy Jane CATHEY was born February 16, 1862.

**A**NDREWS Family Records, from an ancient Bible printed in England in 1730 A.D., the entries being made nearly a century later. They were copied for "The Searcher" by Elizabeth Fuller Jago of Laguna Beach, California, and the listing was accompanied by a note of explanation written by Homer M. Parsons, who has the book in his possession. It reads, "The leather-bound Bible, printed in 1730 (the title page of the New Testament bears a date two years earlier, MDCCXXVIII) was the property of Gertrude Mary (Shouler) Rumsey, a descendant of the Thomas Palmer Andrews whose marriage to Sarah Harris May 11, 1820, is the first entry in the list of family records. The Andrews family, and the later Shoulers and Rumseys, claimed collateral descent from Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626), prominent among the translators



THIS FAMILY came to Southwest Arkansas by horse drawn wagons to escape the aftermath of the Civil War in Alabama, sometime after 1865.  
**HELP US COMPILE A BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS**

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURN WITHIN TWO WEEKS TO:

SO WE AR Genealogical Society  
 1016 Highland Drive  
 Magnolia, Arkansas 71753

PLEASE USE FULL NAMES,  
 INCLUDING MAIDEN NAMES

ULL NAME OF YOUR FIRST ANCESTOR INTO SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS:

NAME Jonathan Kannon Thompson

Birthdate: 1814 Place of Birth: Georgia

Where did he live in southwest Arkansas? Lisbon, Union County

Where did he move from prior to living in southwest Arkansas? near Auburn, Alabama *near Auburn, Alabama, Newton County*

Date of Death: 3 March 1868 Place of Death: Lisbon, Union Co.; buried Salem Cemetery

Occupation or profession: Farmer Military Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of above ancestor's father: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of above ancestor's mother: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Last)

Name of ancestor's wife: Sara (Sally) Amelia Perry Thompson  
 (First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Last)

Wife's birthdate: 8 March 1821 Place of wife's birth: South Carolina

Wife's death date: 13 January 1901 Place of wife's death: Union Co., Ark.; buried Salem Cem

Wife's father's name: Docton Perry

Wife's mother's name: Mary Yarbrough  
 (First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Last)

CHILDREN OF ABOVE ANCESTOR AND WIFE:

Name	Birthdate	Who Married (Spouse)
1 Mary Candace Thompson	1836, Georgia	James West Smith DDS, died Civil War
2 Beany D. Thompson	1842, Georgia	Unmarried; died in Civil War 22 June, 1863, Vicksburg, Miss.
3 Barsilla (Barcella) Quincy Thompson	20 Nov 1844, Georgia	(1) Nancy Rebecca Murphy (Missy) (2) Virginia T. Howard
4 Sara Jane Thompson	1845, Georgia	
5 Abner Perry Thompson	12 June 1849, Alabama	Martha Rebecca Murphy
6 Martha Elizabeth Thompson	3 July 1850, Alabama	James Warren Murphy
7 Eliza Alice Thompson	21 January 1853, Ala.	Timothy C. Murph
8 Fanny R. Thompson	July 1855, Alabama	Never married
9 Laura Thompson	6 October 1856, Alabama	Edward Lamar Murph
10 Emma Victoria Thompson	13 July 1859, Alabama	Benjamin H. Murphy

(If anymore children, write on back)

YOUR NAME Suzanna Byrd Norwood (Eliza Alice Thompson Murph was my grandmother.)

YOUR ADDRESS 1201 Richmond Road, Texarkana, Texas 75503

YOUR PHONE NUMBER (214) 794-8285 DATE 22 September 1983

The oldest daughter, Mary Candace Thompson Smith, *not sure* died in Alabama and did not make the trip to Arkansas. Have no information on Sara Jane, but all the others married in Union County, Ar

# Murph Family

11-4-77

(Suzanna Norwood)

→ 1850 Census, Union County, Arkansas

Jackson Township  
p. 557 and/or 279

Family #432	Wen's Murph	42 M	Farmer	b. S.C.
	Susan "	38 F		b. Geo.
	Wm. H. "	22 M	Farmer	
	Francis L. "	16 M		
	Jno. D	10 M		
	Mary F.	6 F		
	Timothy	2 M		

Franklin Township p. 567 and 234

Family #135	T. E. Dunaway	64 M	Farmer	b. Geo.
	Penelope "	50 F		b. Geo.

Show this to Rod Bush

11-12-77

→ 1870 Census, Union County, Arkansas

Van Buren Township p. 597  
p.o. Lisbon

Family #125	Sarah Thompson	50 F	Keeping House	b. Geo.
	Abner "	22 M		b. Ala.
	Mattie "	19 F		"
	Alice "	17 F		"
	Fanny R	14 F		"
	Laura "	13 F		"
	Emma "	11 F		"
	James W. Smith	8 M		b. Miss.

Son of Mary Caudace Thompson  
and James West Smith  
Grandchild →

1. Benny D. and Maryilla Quincy Thompson joined the 37<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Infantry  
 - Benny D. joined the Jasper Guards for Jasper County, which became Company K

2. Mississippi Census Records - 1860. This is what they looked like to me - I didn't try to fudge any names.

	John Thompson	45 M Farmer	\$750 pers prop	Georgia
	Sarah	39 F		South Carolina
	Benjamin	18 M Farm laborer		Georgia
<u>B. Quincy?</u>	John	16 M	"	"
	Sarah	15 F		"
	Martha	10 F		Alabama
	Abner	10 M		"
<u>Alice?</u>	Harris	9 M		"
	Rebecca	7 F		"
	Laura	4 F		"
	Emma	2 F		"

Newton County 1860 Page 37 Line 24  
 Chunky Mill, P.O.

Hope this is of use,

Sincerely yours  
 David L. Lick  
 12 Riverview Ct. # 302  
 LAUREL, MD  
 20707



A HISTORY OF THE THOMPSONS AND MCBRIDES  
of

Northern Ireland

Abbeville, South Carolina

Randolph County, Illinois

Written in 1896 by Henry C. McDill

hand copied by

Jean A. McDill\* and his wife Esther Venus McDill

Henry Clay McDill was the son of  
William Henry McDill b. 20 June 1809 and  
Hannah (Thompson) Pollock b. 18 Dec 1809,  
Abbeville, S. C. m. 31 Dec. 1830  
Henry Clay McDill, M.D. b. 18 Nov 1844, d. 9 Mar. 1911  
m. 5 April 1870, Jeanette (Jean) Grenslet, b. 25 Jan 1850  
d 29 Aug 1910 Sparta, Ill, dau of Elighu and Harriet  
(Wittum) Grenslet. See: McDills in America, R. M. Woods.

Added: Grenslets of Bennington, Vermont

\* Grandson of Henry C. McDill and son of  
Thomas Archibald McDill and Jean (Neal) McDill  
designated in McDills in America, by Woods,  
as Robert Eugene McDill, b. 14 Oct. 1922.

Typed by Mary Helen Emerson Limebrook, (see  
McDills in America, p.144.) April, 1977 from a  
hand copied version, supplied by Esther V. McDill.  
who lives at 1144 W. Chateau, Anaheim, California  
Phone (714) 635-7463



## HISTORY OF THE THOMPSON FAMILY by H.C. McDill (1896)

At the request of my wife and children, I, H. C. McDill, on this 25th day of February, 1896, begin this history of our family with the statement that the facts herein given are authentic; collected from various though reliable sources, mostly from people who were either participants or who had information from their parents, or others who had personal knowledge of the same. Some of the dates are not absolutely correct, but are as nearly so as is possible to obtain at this late date.

It is extremely difficult to fix the date of any event that has for its authority common neighborhood tradition, no matter if the occurrence be of comparatively recent date; twenty-five or thirty years. When you come to writing of events seventy-five or a hundred years back, with no records, the difficulties are greatly multiplied. Realizing the facts, I have taken great pains to make all dates as nearly correct as possible, and if errors be found in them you may lay it to the head and not the heart.

It is customary to begin your story or history at the earliest date obtainable and bring it down in one continuous whole, weaving your new characters into it as the proper time to do so comes along. This is the usual way to do it and I guess I will have to follow the beaten path though I am not in the habit of doing it when another way can be found. But in this case, I will have to give up and conform to the usual style from inability to devise a better way, or even as good a way. So I will begin with the earliest date possibly obtainable and this date leads me to begin my story with the Thompson side of the house.

### THE THOMPSONS AND McBRIDES

Just when the Thompson family came to America is not known, but it came some time before the Revolutionary War. They came from the North of Ireland and were of Scotch-Irish stock, staunch members of the old Scottish Kirk. The first fact that the original Robert Thompson died in South Carolina in 1772 is evidence enough that they came over before that year.

There is an old story in our family which I will tell you partly to fix the date as nearly as possible, but mostly to show you how narrow an escape you ran of not being born at all. Over in Auld Ireland, my great-grandfather, Robert Thompson, was very intimate with a family named McBride, a kind of David and Jonathan friendship. When he came to America it was understood between them after Thompson got settled down and prospects appeared favorable he would write the McBrides and they would join him in the new country.

Well, Thompson came over and settled in the Abbeyville District, South Carolina, and built himself a little home and probably opened up and planted a little plot of ground to feed himself and his expected friends. Then he wrote the McBrides to come. Now the McBrides had children of their own and the old father and mother were still living. When their son went to America they would be left childless. To console the old people, McBride promised to leave with them the youngest child, a girl of probably two years of age. When the time came for them to leave all their old friends and neighbors came down to see them off, for in those days a voyage across the ocean was a wonderful undertaking and requiring three or four months for its accomplishment. Among the crowd at the dock was the elder McBride and his wife with the little girl in their arms. Well, all baggage was aboard, the younger McBride standing on the

the deck with his wife waving goodbye to their friends when they expied the father with their baby in his arms. Blood is thicker than water. Maybe the wife urged him to do it, possibly the little girl stretched out her arms with a cry for its parents. Anyway the father rushed down the gangplank, took the little girl in his arms and managed to get on board before the ship cast off. The little girl afterward became my grandmother and I have often wondered what would have become of us if she had been left with her grandfather. Would we have been born in Ireland or America? Or would we have been born at all? It's a big question.

In due time the McBrides landed in Charleston Harbor and found Robert Thompson waiting for them, probably having been notified when to expect them. Anyway, they were on hand with a team of oxen to carry them (the McBrides) and their plunder to Abbeyville. All hands went on board the ship to help the McBrides get their effects ashore. Archibald Thompson, my grandfather, then was a lad of 7 or 8 years went along. When everything was ready, Mrs. McBride said to Archeibald, "Take the little girl up on your back and carry her, who knows but what she may be your wife someday?" And so it afterwards turned out to be.

The two families settled near each other and the soil being new and productive they grew and prospered exceedingly. Now this union of the families must have taken place about 1767 or 1768 and that is as far back as I have authority to go in fixing the date of the arrival of the Thompsons in this country. But from these facts I think it is safe to say that they must have come over some time near 1760, or 136 years ago.

The Thompsons were blacksmiths, and good ones I guess, for in those days men did useful work. They were held in high esteem. It's different now. In 1772 Robert Thompson died and his sons continued the work in the shop and on the farm. Archiebald, my grandfather, learning the trade as well as working on the farm. Everything prospered with them up to 1776 when the revolutionary war broke out. Then everything changed. Everybody tood one side or the other. The Thompsons were active whigs or Revolutionists, while the McBrides became tories, or adherents to the British King. This difference in political belief didn't seem to have made much difference in the family relations between the two families.

All through the war one or the two families were generally in hiding. When the Brittish or Torries came around the Thompsons would take to the woods: when the Patriots under Marion or Sumpter came that way the McBrides would drop everything and break for the tall timber. Early in the war the Thompson blacksmith shop became noted for miles around as a place where patriots could get their guns, pistols, swords and pikes repaired at a very small price and spot cash. This of course, led to very bitter feelings and their shop was raided and burned several times in a year or two. In about 1779 the Torries again raided the place, this time destroying everything. Burning the shop home and destroying fences and crops. In this year their mother, Mary Thompson died. And I suppose the family scattered. At least it is certain that Archiebald, then 18 or 19 years old, with one or two of his brothers joined General Marion's army and served under him the remainder of the war.



It would be very interesting to tell you of the battles he was in, but I have no record of them and do not care to hazard a guess. One thing you can be certain about. That is, he and his brothers did their whole duty. That's a family trait.

The Revolutionary War closed in 1783 and the boys came back to the old home to start anew. Archiebald probably married Molly McBride (the little girl he carried from the ship at Charlston years before) sometime in 1784 as I find their first child was born on October 1786. They lived and prospered and children were born to them. By 1800 they had become prominent citizens of that community.

Before going farther I WANT TO GIVE YOU THE RECORDS OF A BIBLE I have in my possession at this writing. It is the property of Mrs. Wehrheim, formerly a Thompson. It has the imprint of 1834 on its title page. And the records on its pages are for two generations. I give you a copy of these records partly because I think they will interest you, and partly to show you that the old Thompsons were a methodical people. And for that matter so are all the descendants of that name today. Slow of speech, slow of motion, methodical, precise: But they get there just the same.

This record was written by John Thompson, an uncle of mine, who was at one time Sheriff of this county (Randolph, Illinois) and who died at the age of 36, a member of the State Legislature. It was written between 1834 when the Bible was printed, and January 16, 1835 when he died.

My great grandfather Robert Thompson's date of birth is unknown, he died in 1772. Mary Thompson, his wife, date birth unknown, died in 1778.

Their children:

William	b. 24 March 1745
Robert	b. 11 January 1750
Mary	b. 27 December 1753
Elizabeth	b. 13 August 1758
Archiebald	b. 13 September 1760, d. 15 September 1833
Moses	b. 16 December 1762
John	b. 24 April 1767
Molly	b. June 1769

The fifth child, Archiebald, was my grandfather, and as I said before, he married Mary McBride just after the war, say about 1784 and the following is a list of their children:

Robert	b. 28 Oct 1786, d 1 Jan 1790
Janet	b. 18 Aug, 1788
Robert (2nd)	b. 23 Mar. 1790, d 31 Aug 1859
William	b. 4 Mar. 1792
Moses	b. 30 Nov. 1793, d 1 Feb. 1848
Archibald	b. 8 Aug. 1795. d Jan 1854
Mary	b. 19 July 1797
John	b. 10 Sept 1799 d. 16 Jan 1835 (Served with Lincoln in State Legislature)
Margaret	b. 11 Aug 1801
Elizabeth	b. 16 Feb 1806
Hannah	b. 16 Dec 1807, d 13 July 1884
James	b. 1 Jan. 1810, d. 12 July 1835

The women married in due season. Janet married whom I knew but very little. Mary married Samuel Douglas of Evansville, Ill., for years Justice of the Peace of that village.

Margaret married James Thompson, a cousin, who for long years was a prominent citizen. He was a surveyor and was employed by the United States in surveying the territory of Illinois. He was a captain in the Black Hawk War, and for nearly 20 years was probate judge in Randolph Co. Ill. Elizabeth married Samuel Hill while Hannah, my mother, married Robert Pollack, then W. H. McDill, of whom we will hear more later. The men of the family became useful citizens of whose deeds their children may write as I am doing.

Now, before going further it is but proper that I detail briefly the cause of the Thompson family leaving their home in S. C. and begin life anew in a frontier country like Illinois was when they moved to it in 1804. Of course there were other causes that led them to make the change, but the principal one was slavery, the eternal contest between right and wrong.

After the Revolutionary war was over the old soldiers settled down to repair the wastes of the seven years of struggle. Every available man was used to his full capacity in developing the country. Slavery had been in existence for a hundred years or more and but little thought had been given to the right or wrong of it under the good old days before the war. But now everything was changed. The country had achieved its independence. Now the ambitious strife among the people, that greatest curse of mankind,-- greed for gain-- took on power. And under it the old patriarchal system of slavery in which the slave was treated more as a dependent than as a slave, began to change. It became the proper thing to look upon him as property and to value him solely by the amount of work he could do with the least possible expense.

Now it stands to reason that this changed action could not go far before it would arouse a strong opposition from the grand men who battled but recently for the divine Declaration-- that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And such proved to be the case.

At the close of the last century there had grown up quite a sentiment against it. Men of strong convictions of right and wrong protested against it, and especially was this feeling strong with some members of the Old REformed Church. These men finally refused to take communion at the same table with slave-holders, claiming that no man could wrong his fellow-man and be a Christian at the same time. Church tried as usual to temporize with the evil. On one side was wealth and power. on the other side was right and justice. It has been my observation that when the Church is placed in this predicament, it always takes the side of wealth and power. At least it did in Carolina. And along in 1801 or 1802 a split occurred, and the seceder Church was organized. And-- I say it with pride-- the old Tory McBride, and the Patriot Thompson, our ancestors, were the active and influential members of the new church. It may not strike you as much to be proud of, but then you don't know what slavery was. What a force and power to mould opinion. What a tyrant it was to all who dared oppose it. Only men of strong character could resist it.

Well, by 1804 our people had become so dissatisfied and disgusted that they concluded to leave the old home. And as a number of their old neighbors and friends had moved to Illinois they concluded to come also. In the spring of 1804 they started overland.

There were quite a number of families came together. Archibald Thompson and one or two of his brothers, and the elder McBride and members of his children's families being of that number. They came through by team and it is said that when they struck some of the beautiful prairies of Illinois, some of the emigrants wanted to settle on them. But Grandfather Thompson said "No, boys. If it won't grow trees, it won't grow anything." Which goes to show that one man can't know it all. So he led them down into the timber, where they grubbed out their farms.

Here they lived and prospered. In 1818 Great Grandfather died. Grandfather Thompson became a leading man in the community. In 1809 he was elected one of the County Justices. He was elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, which office he held until 1819. His children settled around him and begat Thompsons without end, until the old Irish Settlement became known as the Thompson Settlement. It's a fact that along in 1850 or 1860 out of every ten men you would meet in the neighborhood, nine of them would be Thompsons. It is changed now. There is not a dozen of that name in the vicinity.

In 1833 Archibald Thompson died, age 73. A true Christian, an honest man, and a loyal friend. What more could you say of a man? Peace to his Ashes. I am sorry that I can give you no personal description of him, but I have no data to go by.

But in the case of great grandfather McBride, I had better luck. He was short, stout and dressed in old Colonial style-- powdered hair, a queue hanging down his back, velvet knee breeches, silk stocking, low shoes with big silver buckles. Quite a dandy, I expect.

This is a family history written by Henry C. McDill, Sparta, Illinois and dated March, 1896. Acknowledgement is made to Robert S. Hamilton, Marissa, Ill.

Copied by J. E. Williams, Murphysboro, Ill.

Copied by Ruth Borders Baldwin, 1257 Hafner Place, University, Missouri, October 18, 1931; who begs leave to add to the above history that the McBrides and Thompsons founded the first Presbyterian Church in the Territory of Illinois in, or near, Preston, the date being 1806. To the best of her knowledge, the little old church, built of logs, is still standing. Also that James Thompson, mentioned above, surveyed the first lots in the city of Chicago, now the LOOP District. At the time he was offered lots in the District or \$100 as his pay. He chose the \$100. In order to link his name with the developemtn of that City, William Hale Thompson, Mayor of Chicago, has caused a monument to be erected at his grave in Preston, commemorating the fact of the survey. His surveying instruments are on display at the Chicago Historical Society now. The mayr is no relation to him that can be traced.

The children of James and Margaret Thompson (son of Archibald Thompson) were:

John Porter Thompson

Archibald

Molly

James Dorris, b. 1831, d. 1900

Samuel

Robert (Pressley?)

Nancy m Hill?

Sarah (married Douglas)

James Dorris Thompson married Eliza Ann McDonald 12 Dec 1861 and their children were:

Samuel Rosencrans Thompson

James Glenn

Louisa Clara b. 5 Aug, 1866, d. 30 Oct, 1918

The following is copied from the FILES OF THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY: (Mrs. Margaret Thompson was the Aunt of Henry C. McDill, being the sister of his mother.)

Mrs. Margaret Thompson died in Chester, Illinois on Thursday, May 29, 1890 at 6:00 A.M., at the age of 88 years, 9 months and 18 days. Funeral services were held in the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah A. Douglas, in Chester on Friday evening at 5:00 o'clock conducted by Rev. J. H. Jones of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Interment took place at Preston cemetery on Saturday when a large assemblage of friends and acquaintances had gathered for the purpose of participating in the last rites of one of the old pioneer citizens of Randolph Co.

Mrs. Thompson was born in Abbeville District, S.C. on August 11, 1801. In 1804 her parents, Archibald and Mary Thompson in company with Absalom Cox, Wm. McBride and Robert McDonald, with others, they being the leaders of the party, emigrated to the Ill. territory and settled on the east side of the Kaskaskia river near what is now the town of Evansville. Her parents and Grandparents were natives of the County Terrone, Ireland (Archibald and Mary Thompson) and emigrated from there to South Carolina in 1750. Her father and Grandfather were gun and blacksmiths and repaired old guns and sabres in the beginning of the Revolutionary War, but soon were forced by the Tories to join the forces of John Francis Marion. She was married to James Thompson,\* October 9, 1817, who settled on a farm five miles east of Evansville where they resided until his death, October 6, 1872.

James Thompson was one of the early pioneers of Randolph County and has often been reputed and known by all residents of this County as one of the surveyors of the early days. He sectionized a great deal of the public lands now comprising the counties of Will, McHenry and Kane and surveyed the islands of the Mississippi River from the mouth of the Missouri to the mouth of the Ohio. He also surveyed the main line of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, also the canal lots, or original lots of the City of Chicago.

Mrs. Thompson was the mother of 12 children:

Mrs. Mary Cochran 14 Dec. 1818

Mrs. E. J. Douglas 1825

Mrs. L. E. McAuley 1827

Mrs. Sarah A. Douglas 1843

A. C. Thompson 1822

J. D. Thompson 1831

S. H. Thompson 1834

R. P. Thompson 27 JAN 1837

John P. Thompson 7 July 1820

Lucinda Thompson 14 Dec 1829

Hannah A. Thompson 25 Sept 1839

Mrs. Nancy A. Douglas, the latter four being dead.

She (Mrs. Margaret Thompson) was the grandmother of 48 children, 15 of whom are dead and Great Grandmother of 26 chn.

\*a cousin, see page 4

Jane Law

William McBride: born in Ireland; died 1818, married in Ireland, came from North of Ireland to South Carolina and in 1804 to Randolph County, Ill, near Baldwin. His sister Jane married Absolom Cox.  
Chn: 1 Thomas McBride wife and 3 children.

2 John McBride, m Sarah Little in Ky

a. Jane McBride, m. John Thompson, son of Archibald Thompson and was the first bride in the precinct. Res.: Evansville, Ill

3. William McBride b 1784 in S. C. d 1856 Married first in S.C.; second in Randolph County, Ill Eliza Nelson. 10 children by second marriage, only John given here.

a. John T. McBride b 5 Oct 1838, m (1) Mary A Wilson 21 Apr 1859 who d Dec 1861; m (2) 4 Mar 1873 Mary C. Smith b. in Chester, Ill d. 1875; m (3) Mary E. Brown.

4. Eliza 1. By 1st Marriage: Eliza G. McBride who m Louis C. Stebbins  
2. By 2nd Marriage: Kinney S. McBride

4. Nancy

5. Margaret

6. Jane m.

7. Elizabeth

All of these children were married before arriving in Ill in 1804.



Grenslet/ Greenslit

Elihu Grenslet, born Bennington, Vermont in 1825, died at Sparta, Illinois in 1906 age 81 years. Married in 1847 to Harriet Wittum born in 1825 in Vermont and died in 1903, age 78 years. Both were buried in Caledonia Cemetery, Sparta, Ill.

He came to Sparta in 1854, had a stave mill at the corner of Market and College Street, was a cooper by trade. He had a citation from the Government for work at Cooper trade during the Civil War.

Elihu and Harriet were the parents of four children:

Jeannette Grenslet  
Eugene Davis Grenslet  
Fred Grenslet  
Herbert Grenslet

Jennette Grenslet born in Bennington Vt. on 25 Jan 1850, died in Sparta, Illinois in 1910. Married in 1870 to Henry Clay McDill who was born near Preston, Illinois 18 Nov 1844. He died at Sparta Ill in 1911. Both are buried in Caledonia Cemetery, Sparta, Randolph County. Their children were: (see McDills in America, Woods, p. 149)

1. James Theodore McDill, b. 1871, d. 1939 m Eva Ellen Gordon
    - a. Grace McDill b. 22 Jan 1911, Nashville, Tenn m. Dimer Wm. Reaves
    - b. Carlton Clay McDill b. 22 March 1914, Dolores Colo.
  2. Elihu Grenslet McDill b. 1874 d 1934 m. Mary Roberta Dennis
    - a. Marshall Clay McDill b. 5 Oct 1907
    - b. Robert Elihu McDill b. 22 Oct 1911
  3. William Harper McDill b. 1 July 1875 m. (1) Dora Chilcote d 1914
    - a. William Glenn McDill b. 13 Aug 1898 m. (2) Mabel Montgomery  
World War: 6 Aug 1919
    - b. Barbara Janet McDill b. 14 June 1929 Sparta m Richard Miller
  4. Charles Fredrick McDill b. 15 July 1878, d. 7 Oct. 1918.
    - a. Lelia McDill, b. april<sup>m</sup> 1901 Mary Smith  
m. 1916, Mentloe E. Huff.
  5. Thomas Archibald McDill b. 13 May 1887 Fort Worth, Tx.
    - m (1) Jean Neill, May 1911, she d. Jan 1923
    - m (2) Ellen Stucker, 2 Dec 1925
    - a. Thomas Archibald McDill Jr. b. 6 Sept 1914 m 1936 Martha Sisk
      1. Michael David McDill
      2. Patricia Ann McDill
    - b. Jean Ardell McDill b. 16 Nov 1923, m. Dorothy Esther Venus
      - b. 3 Aug 1930. m. 24 Dec 1947
      1. Neill Jean McDill, b. 8 Oct 1948
      2. Claudia Ann McDill, b. 6 March, 1952
      3. Robert Warren McDill b. 23 Aug 1953
      4. Mary Elizabeth McDill, b. 9 Oct, 1955
- Chn of Ellen Stucker:
- c. Kenneth Leland McDill b. 4 Dec. 1926, Dolores, Colorado
    - m. Hisaye Shimada b 17 Oct 1922 Hawii,

b 9 July 1947 ?  
Kumamoto, Japan)

1. Robert James McDill m. 21 Aug 1947 KOBE, Japan
2. Helen Marie McDill 16 Nov 1948, East St. Louis, Ill.
3. Jane Lucille McDill b 17 Nov 1949, E. St. Louis, Ill.
4. Lois Eve McDill, b. 24 Dec. 1951, East St. Louis, Ill.
5. Phylis Kay McDill, b St. Louis Mo 26 Aug 1956
- d. Betty June McDill b. 12 Sept 1930 Dolores, Colo. m Wm. Davis 1948
  1. 7.
  2. 8.
  3. 9.
  4. 10.
  5. 11.
  6. 12.

- a. George McDill b 12 Dec 1924, d. after one week.
  - g. David Edward McDill, b. 2 Aug 1936, Dolores, Colo. (unmarr. 1964)
  - \* f. Charles William McDill 2 Sept 1938 Dolores, Colo.
  - h. John Louis McDill b. 19 Dec 1941, m in Oklahoma, 1962.
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Eugene Davis Grenslet born in Bennington Vermont, 5 July 1852, d. Sparta, Ill, 12 Oct 1935. Married Nancy Minerva McDill, b. 14 Nov 1851 died 17 Jan 1938 age 86 years, Sparta, Randolph Co. Ill (See McDills in America, R. M. Woods, page 141.) m. 12 Feb 1874.

He attended Pharmacy School in Poughkeepsie, New York, came with his parents to Illinois in 1854, went into the drug business at Sparta in 1880 and continued until his death. They are both buried in Caledonia Cemetery. They were parents of two children:

1. Eva Grenslet, b. 15 April 1875, m. James Hood in 1898
    - a. Hortense Hood, b. 16 Feb 1901 Springfield, Ill.
  2. Prentis Simpson Grenslet, b. 8 July 1888, m 1912, Roberta Barnes whose father was an implement dealer in Chicago. They had no children.
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Fred Grenslet born at Chester, Illinois, d. at Sparta, 30 Dec. 1926. Married Alice Philips who was born in Franklin County 8 June 1877. (a daughter of John W and Nancy (Clark) Philips of Macedonia, Ill. She died in 1949 age 71 years. Both are buried in Caledonia Cemetery, Sparta, Ill. He was a baker by trade. Their child was Fred Grenslet Jr who died in 1924 age 20 years, as the result of a car accident.

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Herbert Grenslet born at Sparta, Illinois, 24 July 1859 died 16 Jan 1927 at Sparta. Married Clara Lusk, who was b. 3 Dec 1855 in New York, d. 10 Sept 1938 at Sparta. She was a daughter of Salmon B. and Sarah (Howe) Lusk who lived in Batavia, New York where he was a breeder of Merina sheep. He was also sheriff of Genesee County, N.Y. Herbert was a druggist at Marissa, Ill for a time and Sparta. Later he was a farmer. Their children were:

1. Helen Grenslet b. 1891, m. Walter Ervin, 13 Mar 1913. He was b. 1889 or 1890. They lived on a large farm near Sparta, Ill.
  - a. Floyd Ervin Ervin, m. and lives on a farm.
  - b. Evelyn Ervin, m Gerald Shaw
2. Harriet Grenslet attended the Goddard School and Sparta High. m. Leo F. Allen and lived at Elgin, Ill.
  - a. Dau. who died 5 hours after birth.
  - b. Albert Joslyn Allen who m an Elgin, Ill. girl.
3. Altha Grenslet, m. Sylvester A. Batson
  - a. Charles H. Batson, East St. Louis, Ill.
  - b. Clara A Batson, m Charles W. Johns.
    1. a son \_\_\_\_\_ Johns
    2. Susan Johns
  - c. James A. Batson

Typed April 1977 from notes made by  
James Ardell McDill in the 1950s at Sparta, Ill.

\* Charles William McDill married Kaoru (Carol) in Japan 1959 Have three children, but no names.

Thomas Archibald McDill b. in Dallas Txx 13 May 1887 d, St. Louis, Mo  
28 Mar 1960

to Springfield, offered their services to the government. The war, however, about that time came to an end, and they were never in the field.

Gifted with more than ordinary endowments and energies, a genial nature and a generous flow of good humor have contributed to establish his hold on the affections of the people. As Judge of the county court he is winning golden opinions from the people and the bar by his sound judgment and fair decisions.

#### FREDERICK GUKER, (DEC.)

THE name of "Kaskaskia Fred," proprietor of the Eagle Tavern, is still in pleasant recollection by the old pioneers of Randolph county; a native of Alsace, near Strassburg, he emigrated to America in 1827, having served his time as miller and afterward as baker at Strassburg. He landed at New York, and after working at the baker's trade for five years in New York State, he left there for New Orleans, where he landed on the 4th of July, 1832. On February 6th, 1836, he came to Kaskaskia, where he worked one year for McGinnis; he bought McGinnis out, and in the Spring of 1840 he

built the spacious "Eagle Tavern," the only brick hotel in the town, which for a number of years was the principal resort of lawyers and officers visiting Kaskaskia. In the summer of 1834 he married Miss Margaretha Medart; they had twelve children: Carolina, (dec.) Louisa, wife of Geo. Hatters, of Algiers, Louisiana, Frederick D. J. P., Notary Public, Insurance and Real Estate Agent, and City Clerk of Red Bud, Margaret, wife of John Rall, farmer, near Red Bud, Sophia, (dec.), John, (dec.), Sophia, wife of James Ashton, Algiers, Louisiana, Mary, wife of Wm. H. Toy, printer, at St. Louis, Missouri, Daniel R., baker and confectioner at Red Bud, Julia, (dec.) and Ferdinand, (dec.). Mr. Guker lived at Kaskaskia from 1836 to 1858; during this time he grew to be one of the wealthiest men of Randolph county. He lived for two years on a farm two miles above Evansville; from thence he removed to Algiers, Louisiana, and after the Rebellion returned north, living at Thebes, Kaskaskia and Red Bud. He carried on a bakery and confectionery at Red Bud till his death, which occurred April 22nd, 1875, leaving his widow and children. His remains are interred in the old city cemetery at Red Bud.

## BALDWIN.

### RANDOLPH CO.



BALDWIN precinct lies in the northern part of Randolph, adjoining St. Clair county, and embraces about forty-five sections of land. It is principally prairie, although the southern part and the western, along the Kaskaskia river, were originally wooded. Hill prairie lies in the northeastern part, and stretches eastward into Tilden. It is separated

from Heacock, now commonly called Plum Creek prairie, by a belt of somewhat broken surface extended north and south, of which the locality of Jordan's Grove is a part. Heacock prairie, so named from George Heacock, who was an early settler in it, is a level area. The surface in the south, along Plum creek, is considerably broken. The timber originally consisted of large, thinly set post oaks, among which was a heavy growth of tall grass. The principal streams which supply water and drainage are the Kaskaskia river and Plum and Little Plum creeks. Doza creek is so named from a French hunter who frequented its banks in quest of game. The soil is productive and the improvements are good. Wheat is the staple, and the other cereals receive but little attention. Fruit is not raised for the

market. Sheep farming receives some attention and is found to be profitable; a small flock of sheep on the farm is quite common. Thomas Black introduced the Cotswolds and Southdowns about twenty years ago. The Berkshire hogs, introduced by D. R. McMaster, are the approved and prevailing breed. Attention has been paid to the breeding of suitable farm horses. The English draft Clidesdale breeds were brought in several years ago by Thomas McIlhatton. The facilities for travel are among the best. The Kaskaskia and St. Louis State road is a wide thoroughfare, extending north and south, passing through Baldwin village. The Cairo and St. Louis railroad with its connections affords excellent shipping advantages. The precinct was first settled in the southern and western part by immigrants, principally from South Carolina and Kentucky. Several settlements were made here prior to 1812. The Scotch some years later settled the northeastern part in Hill prairie. The Germans in 1844 or 1845, began to push their settlements southward from Dutch Hill, so called, in St. Clair county, into Heacock prairie. This region, however, had been to some extent, previously occupied. The Germans, first to make settlements here, were Conrad Spitz, Michael Bilger and Francis Koener. Teutonic blood is now largely in occupancy of this part of the precinct, and the Germans are among the best farmers in the community. There are eight schools in the precinct, provided with suitable buildings. In 1812,



about three, and a half miles above the mouth of Plum creek, and a half mile east of the west bank of the Kaskaskia, near a spring of lasting water there stood a small log building in which James St. Clair taught the children in the settlement. This was the first school-house. In these early days it was the custom enforced by necessity for the settlers to detail and employ one of their own members to act as teachers. From this rude beginning almost as by magic, has developed the present advanced condition of the common schools. Husbandry in early days was confined to the timber districts, partly from other circumstances and necessarily on account of the immense numbers of green-headed flies that infested the prairies, and rendered the horses in daylight utterly unmanageable. The primitive prairie farmer was obliged to do his team work at night. Not the least among the burdens that fell to the lot of the pioneer, were those in respect of milling and clothing. The responsibility and care of the latter fell principally upon the women, who plied the spindle and the shuttle with diligence. About 1816, on a settler's claim in section 28 or 29, on the banks of the river, Robert McDaniels built the first mill, and supplied a much felt need.

The earliest important American settlements in what is now Baldwin precinct were made by Absalom Cox, of Cox's ferry notoriety, David Anderson and William McBride, who came with other families from South Carolina in 1801. There were three of the Anderson brothers who played an important part in the development of the country around Plum creek. They were besides David just mentioned, James and John. The two former came together in company with Cox, McBride and Robert McDonald. Cox located on a four hundred acre settler's claim in the N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 28. This claim, No 1044, and the one adjoining it on the south, No 1992, were located respectively in favor of two bachelors named Hix and Smith. Each had a cabin on his claim, but they lived principally together and took their meals at the upper cabin. One day one of them went to the river to get water. His long absence excited some alarm, and his companion, who was deaf, went in search and found his comrade lying in the canoe dead and scalped. This so alarmed him that he never returned from the burial of the body for which he started, in the canoe, to Kaskaskia. The lower claim was afterwards confirmed to General Edgar, by whose permission Cox located on the one lying above. He brought with him to the county his wife, whose maiden name was Jane McBride, sister of Thomas, William and John, and three children. Five other children were born in the county, Mr. Cox was a man of courage and enterprise. The former made him a leader in the ranger service. The latter shortly after his arrival showed itself in the establishment of a ferry. This was at first operated by means of a canoe. About 1816 or '17 increased immigration demanded better facilities for crossing the river, and Mr. Cox built a ferry boat sufficient to carry two wagons at a trip. But exposure to the sun during low water soon ruined it. After its abandonment, about 1822, the ferry was operated again in the old way. As early as 1815 or '16, Thomas Wideman, who married Cox's sister in Tennessee, operated a ferry

about a mile up the river, and had, in a rude form, the first ferry boat. It consisted of a deck formed of puncheons, resting on two canoes placed side by side. This ferry was largely patronized by the settlers prior to the building of Cox's boat. Wideman brought his wife and daughter to the country with him and settled on section 21. He excited the suspicions of the company of regulators, a sort of censorial vigilance and police committee, whose business it was to deal summary justice to offenders and suspicious characters; and to escape punishment he left the country about 1819. One of the most active in the prosecution of Wideman was his brother-in-law, Cox, evincing a disapproval of lawlessness and disorder, even though found near his own door.

David Anderson brought with him one child, Jane, who died unmarried. His wife was Nancy, daughter of Adam Hill, who settled south of Plum creek. His children, besides Jane, were Mary, Elizabeth, and Julia. He located on section 5, T. 5, R. 7, where he lived and died. The McBride family was a large one, and a valuable accession to the new settlement. It consisted of William and his wife, whose maiden name was Jane Law, and their children, Thomas, John, William, Jr., Nancy, Margaret, Jane, and Elizabeth, all married before their arrival in the county. Thomas had a wife and three children, Elizabeth, John, and William. He settled about three miles south of Baldwin, on the E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 26. Here he made improvements, reared a large family and lived all his life. He began blacksmithing soon after he located, and was the first to ply that trade. He was the only man in the entire settlement who could make cow-bells, an article then in great demand. He understood the art of brazing, by which he rendered the bells sound. John married Sarah Little, in Kentucky, where the McBrides had stopped a number of years before coming to Illinois. Jane McBride, whom John Anderson brought with him, in 1806, as his adopted daughter, was the result of this union. About 1815, Mr. McBride settled on the E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 23. William, Jr., who was also married in Kentucky, settled in section 24, southeast of Baldwin, where he remained a few years and then moved to what is now Ruma precinct, and there died. He was an intelligent man, a teacher, and county superintendent of schools about forty years ago. He also represented his district in the State Legislature.

In 1806, George Wilson, John Anderson, and John Douglas located here. Mr. Wilson was in the ranger service for three years; other early settlers were John G. Nelson and Samuel Douglas. Mr. Nelson was a justice of the peace for many years, and was the first in what is now this precinct.

Jane McBride became the wife of John, son of Archibald Thompson, and theirs was probably the earliest marriage in the precinct. Thompson subsequently settled in Evansville precinct. He became a member of the legislature, and died at his boarding place during one of the sessions. The Thompson family came to the county in 1804. Robert McDaniels built the first mill. He settled here in 1812. Thomas and David Fulton, South Carolinians, came in 1814. George Heacock was an eastern man, and settled north of

Baldwin, in section 2, in 1818, in the prairie, which bears his name. He and Stephens, who came about the same time, lived in separate cabins in the same yard. They had a dairy and were also cattle dealers. The Scudder family also settled in this prairie. They came from Tennessee here in 1816. The family followed hunting and fishing and made no permanent settlement. James Redpath, a native of Scotland, came to Heacock prairie in 1821; his wife dying on the voyage at sea. In 1825 the neighborhood of Jordan's Grove was settled; at that date William Rutherford, Robert Redpath, Hugh Leslie, and John McMillan began improvements in that vicinity.

In the edge of Jordan's grove the first post office was established as early as 1850. The office was kept by William Meek; he also had a stock of goods there. The next nearest store was at Sparta. The post office is now kept at the store of Thomas Boyles. The territory embraced by what is now Baldwin precinct was represented in the Black Hawk war by James A. Bean, Abalom McBride and David Anderson. "The fort," so called, was built in 1812, by the Andersons, Wilsons, McBrides, Thompsons, Cox and others, because of the murder of the Lively family in Washington county. The wives and children were placed within its walls for protection while the fathers and husbands went into the ranging services. The enclosure consisted of heavy pickets. It was located on section thirty-three.

#### VILLAGE OF BALDWIN.

The charter of incorporation was granted in 1876. The first trustees were S. B. Adams, S. H. Johnston, J. E. Davis, W. T. Thompson, J. R. Holden, William M. Wilson. S. B. Adams, President; S. D. Lindsey, Clerk. The first business building was a grain and machinery house, put up by S. C. Jordan in the fall of 1873. The railroad was built the previous spring. The village is situated on Heacock prairie, and has a population numbering about two hundred and fifty. There are three neat frame church buildings. The Presbyterian was built in 1872, at a cost of \$800; the Methodist in 1874, at a cost of about \$2,200; and the

Campbellite, in 1875, costing about \$600. The school-house is a frame two-room, 24x50 building, erected in 1874-5 at a cost of about \$2,000. The Baldwin flouring mill was built by James Scott & Son in 1876. The property after changing hands several times, came into the possession of the present proprietor, S. H. Johnston, in 1880. It has two run of burrs and a capacity of twenty-four barrels a day. The saw mill was moved from St. Clair county in 1874 or '75. It is owned by Holden & Johnston. The grain house of W. B. Preston was built by its present owner, in 1877, at a cost of \$2,200. The grain is elevated by steam at the rate of four hundred bushels an hour. From seventy-five thousand to a hundred thousand bushels of wheat are handled annually. The grain is discharged from the bins directly into the cars of the Cairo & St. Louis railroad.

#### BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

*Physicians.*—C. F. Marshall, O. H. Rhodes, J. M. Campbell, J. McMenomy.

*General Stores.*—Mrs. S. H. Spaeth, W. B. Preston.

*Groceries, Provisions and Post Office.*—William T. Thompson.

*Drug Stores.*—O. H. Rhodes, McMenomy and Fellows.

*Grain Dealers.*—William B. Preston, S. H. Johnston.

*Blacksmiths.*—C. H. Wiltshire, H. C. Fink, Joseph Holden.

*Shoemaker.*—William Weierbach.

*Harness Maker.*—J. W. Porch.

*Wagon Maker.*—William Fink.

*Hotels.*—G. W. Nelson, Mrs. Jane Douglass.

*Milliners and Dressmakers.*—Mrs. James Holden, Mrs. W. L. Wiley.

*Carpenter.*—J. C. Wells.

*Barbers.*—R. L. Nelson, H. A. Rhodes.

*Livery Stables.*—J. A. and R. L. Nelson.

*Police Magistrate.*—W. G. Young.

*Village Attorney.*—John A. Douglass.

*Saloons.*—George Helfer, Henry Baumann, Mrs. John Scheak.

## TILDEN.

### RANDOLPH CO.



THE precinct of Tilden is situated in the extreme northern part of the county. It is bounded north by St. Clair and Washington counties, east by Coulterville, south by Sparta and Central and west by Baldwin. The surface is rolling prairie, with but little timber. The precinct is made up from parts of township 4, range 5, and township 4, range 6, the greater portion being in the latter township. It occupies portions

of Grand Cote and Flat prairies, the soil of which is very rich and productive. Plum creek and its several tributaries, drain the lands and furnish water for stock purposes.

The Cairo Short Line Railroad traverses the northeast corner, on the line of which is located the village of Tilden, which gives facilities for the shipment of stock and produce. Wheat is the principal crop, although corn, oats, hay, fruits and vegetables are cultivated and yields abundantly. About 1840 the chief industry was the cultivation of castor beans, and it is related that most of the money with which

the lands were entered in this precinct, was obtained from the production of this article. There were several oil mills then operated in the county. Since 1860 but little of this product has been grown. There is, at this writing, considerable attention being paid to fruit growing, especially among the Scotch citizens, who form a great portion of the population. The raising of a cock also receives a fair share of attention. About the first blooded stock was the Durham breed introduced by B. Crawford, some time during the decade of 1850-60. Daniel McIntosh introduced the Alderney stock about 1872. In the business of sheep raising, there has existed quite a rivalry between the Scotch settlers. Among the breeds popular with them are Merinos, the Southdowns and the Cotswolds. Matthew Kirkwood, John Andrews and W. J. Crawford are among the leading men engaged in this industry.

Samuel Henry, James Clark and Nathan Davis, all settled here about the same time and improved the first farms in the precinct. These parties entered their land, upon which they settled prior to or about 1820. We will here give a few of the earliest land entries which will show the names of others who probably settled here.

Nov. 17th, 1818, Samuel Stubblefield entered W. 1, S. E. 1, Sect. 19, 80 acres. Same date Samuel F. Henry entered W. 1, N. E. 1, Sect. 19, 80 acres. Nov. 17th, 1818, James Clark entered E. 1, N. E. 1, Sect. 18, 80 acres. March 9th, 1819, Nathan Davis entered the E. 1, S. W. 1, Sect. 8, 80 acres. The above entries are in township No. 4 south, range 5 west. The following entries are in township No. 4 south, range 6 west. March 9th, 1818, Hugh Leslie entered the E. 1, S. W. 1, and the W. 1, S. E. 1 of Sect. No. 20, 160 acres. Aug. 5th, 1818, W. C. Ballard entered the E. 1, N. E. 1, Sect. 23, 80 acres.

It does not always follow where these early entries were made that the parties became actual settlers, for in many cases the lands were entered by those who were never residents of the county.

1820 census James Strahan, a Pennsylvanian, came as early as 1822, and located on the E 1 of S. W. 1 of section 8, T. 4, R. 5, which tract he purchased of Nathan Davis. Strahan, brought with him a wife and family—John, Blair, Jane, Margaret, Mary Ann and Nancy, were the names of his children. John married Mary Boyd, and entered land in section 9, and resided there until his death, about 1860. Blair married Jane Campbell, and is still living on section 8. Jane married Thomas Lindsey, who entered land and settled in S. E. 1 of section 13, about 1828. Mary Ann died single. Margaret became the wife of John Hair, and Nancy the wife of Alexander McGuire, who first settled on vacated land in section 18, remained in the county a few years, and finally located in Washington county.

John and William K. McDill, brothers, and natives of South Carolina, came to the county with their father, in 1819 or '20. He settled in the vicinity of Sparta, and John and William K. became early residents of this precinct, locating in section 21. John reared a large and much respected family of children, several of whom are living in this part of the county. William K. McDill, was born in

1797, and after coming to this county married Janett Munsford, in 1823. His father's name was John. He also came with the family to the county, but died in 1824. His mother died in South Carolina. William McDill's children were John, James, Robert, Thomas, Jane, Margaret and a daughter who died young. Some of them are living in this county.

Samuel Boyd, Sr., was a native of Ireland, born in 1777. He was married in South Carolina, to Nancy Varner, and came to Tipton, about 1825. He settled on section 17, where he improved a good farm. His children, brought from South Carolina, were Samuel L., Margaret, Eliza, Agnes, Jane, Mary, Sarah, Abigail and Rebecca. Samuel L. married Jane Gibson, located on section 17, improved a farm, and remained there until his death, leaving a large family. He was twice married, and all the daughters except Sarah, married and had families.

Anderson Jones, from Lincoln county, Tennessee, came about 1829, and located on section 19, where he remained a few years, and then moved to Jackson county, this State. He brought with him a large family, but none of them are now living in this county.

Stewart Burns, from South Carolina, came with a wife and family, and selected a home on the N. E. 1 of section 19, in 1830. He improved a fine farm, upon which he resided until his death, about 1865. His wife was Sarah Gillespie, daughter of James Gillespie, an old resident of Washington county. She is still living on the old homestead. Burns served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and was a much respected citizen in the community. He reared a family of intelligent children, many of whom reside in various parts of the county, and are much respected in their community. Hugh C. Gault, also from Lincoln county, Tennessee, was another early arrival. He came in 1831, and brought with him a family of five or six children. In the latter years of his life he resided in Sparta, where in 1878, he died, at the age of 86 years.

William Edmiston, a native Virginian, was one of the prominent arrivals of 1832. He came here from Tennessee, from where he had enlisted in the war of 1812, and where in 1816, he married Sarah Askins. He emigrated to Illinois in 1832, making his home on the N. W. 1 of section 5, T. 4, R. 6, in the spring of that year. He entered three or four hundred acres of land, and became one of the prosperous citizens of the county. His children were Albert, Harmon, William, Rufus, James, John, Polly, Sarah and Taylor. John Edmiston, a younger brother of William Edmiston, came with his family, to this county, and in 1832 located on the N. E. 1 of section 19, where he improved a good farm, and reared a large family, none of whom are now residing in the precinct. His children brought with him to this county, were John, Abner, Thirsa, Betsy, Susan and Rhoda.

John McMillan, Mark Wilson and Mrs. Sarah Clark and their families were among the early settlers here.

William Chambers, a native of South Carolina, and another old veteran of the war of 1812, emigrated with his family to this county in 1822, and settled here. He reared a large family, improved a good farm, and died in 1840.

John 1815?



The first settlers in this precinct located along the various streams where water and timber were plenty, and it was not until about 1833 that the prairies began to be settled.

The first mill was constructed by Samuel Boyd on his place about 1831. It was what is known as a horse-mill. Rude as it was, it served a good purpose in its day. Near this mill, in section 17, was the first grave-yard in the precinct. Sarah Boyd was the first person buried there.

Schools were early taught and have been liberally maintained. The first church erected was in 1864 by the Presbyterian denomination. It was constructed of brick, and stands on the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 7. Rev. Gibson was the earliest preacher. Dr. Marshall was the earliest physician, locating here as early as 1840.

#### VILLAGE OF TILDEN.

This thriving little village was laid out by William Edmiston, Robert Matthews and William G. Crawford, and surveyed and platted by James D. Thompson, county surveyor. The plat was recorded in the office of the circuit

clerk May 8, 1871. The first building was a hotel, built by Daniel McIntire in the spring of 1871. A post-office was established the same year, with James Watt as post-master. The first blacksmith shop was opened by P. T. Jones in April, 1871. The first goods sold in a building used for that purpose was by William Poyle, prior to the laying out of the town in 1860. The village is situated on the line of the Cairo Short Line Railroad, and is quite a shipping point, and a great convenience to the inhabitants of the precinct.

#### PRESENT BUSINESS.

*General Store and Post-office.*—James Watt, R. K. Torrens.

*Blacksmith.*—James W. Armour.

*Wagon Maker.*—John Neil.

*Shoe Maker.*—Alexander Ricket.

*Grain Dealers, Farm Machinery, Coal and Lumber.*—Edmiston & Fombelle.

*Drug Store and Physician.*—Dr. T. J. Garrett.

*Carpenter.*—S. R. Thompson.

*Custom Mill.*—R. K. Torrens, proprietor.



Thompson Family

**A New York Branch of the James Thompson Family of Woburn, MA**

by John M. Thompson, Columbia, SC

Dr. Thaddeus **THOMPSON**, was born 5 July 1751 in Brimfield, MA, a fifth generation descendant of James **THOMPSON** (Jonathon<sup>5</sup>, James<sup>4</sup>, Jonathon<sup>3</sup>, Jonathon<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) who migrated to Cambridge, MA, in 1630 and was one of the founders of Woburn, MA, . During the Revolutionary War, he became a surgeon in the Continental Army. He continued to practice medicine after his discharge from the Army and he married Elizabeth **WHITLOCK**. They took up residence in Lenox, MA, where their nine children were born between 1782 and 1797. In 1802, they moved to Lisle, Broome Co., NY, with their five surviving children (Jonathon, b.1782; William, b.1786; John Whitlock, b.1788; Harriet, b.1791 and Thaddeus (jr.), b.1793).

The eldest, Jonathon, married Anne **WILLIAMS** of Philadelphia. They had four children but the entire family is reported to have died of yellow fever in Natchez, MS.

William married Lucy Peck **MANNING** in Lisle, NY, in 1808. They moved to the area of Detroit, MI, in 1815 and eventually settled in Pontiac, MI, where he practiced obstetrics.

John Whitlock married Sophronia **MANNING** in Lisle, NY, in 1811. He married a second time to a widow in 1840, Sarah (**FAIRCHILD**) **BEARDSLEY**. He died in 1841, presumably in Lisle, NY.

The surviving daughter, Harriet, never married and moved with her parents to Michigan in 1826. She resided in Independence, MI, where she died in 1869.

The youngest son, Thaddeus (jr.), also became a physician. He married Mercy **STODDARD** from Whitney Point, NY, in 1820. They had five children, four born in Whitney Point between 1821 and 1826, the third oldest was born in nearby Lisle in 1824. The elder Dr. Thaddeus, Elizabeth, and their daughter Harriet and the younger Dr. Thaddeus, Mercy, and their children moved to Michigan in 1826. However, the elder Dr. Thaddeus died enroute at Yorkshire, NY, on the border between Cartaugus and Wyoming Counties, NY. He is presumably buried at Yorkshire. His widow, Elizabeth died at Pontiac, MI, 27 October 1826, shortly after arriving there.

The oldest son of Thaddeus (jr.), Orange, married Helen E. **HAMLIN** of Avon, MI, in 1849. They had three children, George, William, and Maggie. Orange died in Saginaw, MI, in 1875 and no record of his wife's death has been located, nor is there any further data pertaining to their children.

Harriet, the daughter of Thaddeus and mercy, married a Charles **SHELDON**, but no additional data is available.

The third son, Jonathon, that was born in Lisle, NY in 1824, was married in Detroit, MI, in 1855 to Harriet **BREWSTER**, a descendant of Elder William **BREWSTER**, a spiritual leader of the Pilgrims on the "Mayflower." Their son, Charles Thaddeus **THOMPSON**, born in 1858 is the grandfather of the writer.

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Dec 1823 in Yates Co, NY that he was present when William Graham came home from serv in 1777, in 1823 Mary Bigelow & Elizabeth Gates made affds in Wayne Co, PA & stated both were present when sol left for Canada & saw him when he came home, a Silvanus Gares of Wayne Co, PA stated he was William Graham enl in 1775

William, Mary, W10068, MA & NH Line, sol enl at Peterborough NH, sol appl 21 Apr 1818 Saratoga Co, NY aged 62 a res of Hadley NY, sol m Mary China or Chena in Jul 1782 at Deerfield MA, sol d Jan 1824 at Corinth in Saratoga Co, NY and wid appl there 25 Mar 1837 aged 86, wid d 27 May 1838 or 10 Jun 1838 (both dates shown), a daughter Lucinda was b 29 Jun 1793 at South Ash MA & in 1837 was the wife of Amos Eggleston of Corinth NY & in 1853 she was living in Litchfield Twp in Hillsdale Co, MI & her son Henry Eggleston was aged 38 in 1854, a daughter Nancy who m Farmer Clayton of Ephratah in Fulton Co, NY d about 1844 leaving 4 children (not named), a daughter Rhoda never m & she d at Ballston Springs NY before the wid, there were 4 children older than Lucinda but only a son Wm. was named

#### Grainger.

Zaccheus, S13206, Cont Line (NY) see Zaccheus Grenger (not included in list)

#### Gramps.

Henry or Henry Kramps or Krembs or Grimbs or Grembs, Nancy, W16273, NY Line, sol was b 2 May 1753 at Palatine in Tryon Co (now Montgomery Co), NY & he lived there at enl, sol appl 6 Sep 1832 at Palatine NY & sol d there 19 or 23 Mar (both dates shown) 1837, sol m Nancy daughter of Desbolt Nellis in the summer of 1775 at Fort Plain NY, wid appl 29 Sep 1837 at Palatine NY aged 78 & she d there 16 Dec 1843 leaving 2 children; John H Gramps & Mary wife of Christopher Nestall or Nestle & in 1849 both lived at Palatine NY, in 1837, wid's bro John D. Nellis was aged 81 a res of Whitestown in Oneida Co, NY

John P., Nancy, W17959, NY Line, sol was b in Tyron Co, NY & he lived at Stone Arabia in Tyron Co (now Montgomery Co), NY at enl, sol m Nancy daughter of John Bellinger 17 Jan 1783 at Canajoharie NY, sol d 5 Aug 1819 at Stone Arabia NY & wid d 5 Sep 1838 at Palatine NY aged 78 leaving children: Caty or Catharine who m Aaron Vedder & in 1840 they lived at Palatine NY & she was aged 48 (note: there is further info on pg 1402 that submitter did not have)

#### Grover.

Nehemiah, S23662, NY Line, appl 10 Sep 1833 Warren Co, NY, sol was b 13 Mar 1755 at Killingly CT & he lived at Adams in Berkshire Co, MA at enl & in 1785 moved to Moreau NY for 4 yrs then to Johnsburch NY for 30 yrs then to Warrenburgh in Warren Co, NY

#### Grow.

Ambrose, Amy, W1416, BLW #26560-160-55, CT & VT Line, appl 11 Sep 1832 Onondaga Co, NY, sol was b 27 Jul 1756 at Pomfret CT & he lived at Mansfield CT at enl, sol m Mrs Amy Thomas 5 Apr 1810 at Russel in Hamden Co, MA, sol d 12 Jul 1845 at Fabius NY & wid appl there 19 Mar 1853 aged 73, a son Almerin Grow lived at Syracuse NY in 1854, sol's sis Abigail Grow was mentioned John, S13211, CT Line, sol was b 9 May 1750 (old style) at Pomfret CT & he lived at Canterbury CT at enl & he lived at Hartland VT from Feb 1779 to 1794, appl 2 Oct 1832 Monroe Co, NY a res of Penfield

Further abstracts will follow in future issues.



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EPHRAIM THOMPSON  
1792 - 1836

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## FOREWORD:

It is regrettable that a more complete and interesting History, can not be written about Ephraim Thompson.

These few pages of facts and figures are the result of research and interviews, during the past twenty years. I am now, working in Kentucky and Virginia records; and hope to continue the research into England, the Ancestral home of our Thompsons.

It has been a slow, painstaking task, as one can see by studying the sources listed. Consider --- Ephraim Thompson did not leave a Will or Bible. He died about two months before his youngest son, Nathaniel (my grand-father) was born. His oldest son, Joseph died soon afterwards, in 1841. His second son, Grigsby T. died in 1847. His wife, Susan died in 1849.

Nathaniel Thompson was an orphan at twelve years of age. He served in the Civil War and married Caroline Smith in 1865. Their son, Jack Hansford (my father) was only six years old when his father died. My father was killed in 1915 --- when I was three years old. A few years later, my mother moved our family to Williamson Settlement, Orange County, Texas.

We had slight knowledge of, and little association with our Thompson relatives in Jasper County. There was little Family Tradition, and NO RECORDS. However, there was one tradition that interested me --- "Joseph Grigsby was the founder of Decatur, Texas".

From simple curiosity, this research started. Twenty years work has developed a complete Pedigree on the GRIGSBY - THOMPSON and Allied lines back to England. There are still, much history and interesting data in the Kentucky and Virginia records pertaining to our family.

I welcome correspondence with descendants of Ephraim Thompson.

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2. PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF CAROLINE SMITH THOMPSON.
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EPHRAIM THOMPSON came to Texas in the year, 1829 and lived first in the Beech Grove area of Jasper County. He had moved his family from Deviss County, Kentucky, in company with his father-in-law, Joseph Grigsby, and numerous relatives of that family.

In 1834 he made application to Lorenzo de Zavala for land, as a colonist. He stated in this application that he came from the East, and his family consisted of ten. In the 1835 Census for Texas - we find:

EPHRAIM THOMPSON, SR. - aged 43 - a farmer - Beril District.

wife: SUSAN GRIGSBY THOMPSON

children: Joseph, Grigsby T., Mary, Thomas J., Sally, Frances, Susan,  
Ephraim, Jr. This Census did not name the youngest son:  
Nathaniel - born - 1836, or William, died before 1835

Title for this Spanish Land Grant was issued 31 Oct 1834. There was a league of land located in two portions, divided by the Beech River. One tract was in Jasper County and the remainder of 2612 acres in what is now, Tyler County. Since Tyler was not formed until 1846, the deed for this land would be in Liberty County records; but these records were burned in fire that destroyed the building.

The Thompson home-site was located on a high bluff over-looking the Beech River. There is evidence today of that site --- a large Mulberry tree, an old well, and a foundation of a house. About seventy acres of level land was evidently cultivated into a field. This bluff stands 50' over-looking the river below. A landing on the river near this site was used to ferry across to Jasper County. This was known as "Thompson Bluff".

It is not known if Ephraim Thompson was active in the Texas movement for Independence from Mexico. Before the Big Battle was shaping up for the stand at San Jacinto, he died at the age of forty-four. We have records in regards to his estate that say: Ephraim Thompson died in the Spring of 1836.

Two graves are discernable today. They are located between the home-site and the bluff over the river. A large Pine Tree that stood beside these graves was marked several years ago; but this tree was cut with the rest of the timber on the M.R. Smar tract of land, the present owner. Later, a great-grand daughter, Camellia Thompson Dwyer, and a great-great-grand daughter, Alice Oden, placed two metal markers at the graves of Ephraim Thompson and Susan Grigsby Thompson.

We are grateful to know that the Historical Society will erect suitable Markers for these first settlers in Tyler County.

EPHRAIM THOMPSON, did not live to make his mark in Texas, but his in-laws did. His father-in-law, Joseph Grigsby, was a wealthy cotton Planter in the Green River Country of Daviess County, Kentucky. He moved his large family with fifty, slaves, first to Jasper County, Texas, then to a site near Decatur, called "Grigsby Bluff", now Fort Reches. He, with Henry Travis and the Paladisher Company, gave 200 acres of land and laid out the present city of Decatur. Joseph Grigsby supported the band of Texans who fought for and gained Independence. He was a prominent citizen, who served three terms in the Legislature of the young Republic.

Ephraim Thompsons brother-in-law, George Washington Smyth, was appointed by the Mexican Government to survey the early Spanish Land Grants

in Texas. He was married to Frances Orledge, sister to Susan Orledge Thompson. When Texas gained her freedom, George W. Naylor was one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence. He was the first Land Commissioner and served thirty years in various offices of the State. He was one of six men who stood with Sam Houston when they tried unsuccessfully to keep Texas in the Union.

The background and ancestry of Ephraim Thompson has been traced to England. The earliest Thompson came to Virginia with William Claiborne about 1637. They took a prominent role in the settlement and government of the Virginia Colony. The Thompsons intermarried with Claibornes, Forses, Beilers, Forsters, Hostes, and many other first families of Virginia.

When the Revolutionary War was fought, four Thompson brothers served as officers. In the D.A.R. records, we find them as Colonel John Thompson, Colonel George Thompson, Captain Roger Thompson, and Lieutenant Leonard Thompson. After the war, they were given Military Grants of land in Kentucky for their services. Thus, we follow our line of descent to DeWitt County, where our Joseph Thompson claimed 1000 acres of land in 1792. He and his wife, Catherine can be found on the Tax-list and Census of that county for forty years.

Here, Ephraim Thompson was born in 1792 -- here, he married Susan Orledge on the 5th of February 1817. She was born 12 October 1799, the eldest daughter of Joseph Orledge and Sarah Mitchell Graham.

Descendants of Ephraim Thompson and Susan Orledge follow:



1. JOSEPH EPHRAIM THOMPSON  
b. 27 Aug 1818 - Daviess Co. Ky.  
- never married  
d. 1841 - Tyler Co. Tex.
2. GRIGORY T. THOMPSON  
b. 27 Sep 1820 - Daviess Co. Ky.  
md 1843 - ADALINE GRAY  
d. 1847 - Tyler Co. Tex.
3. NANCY E. THOMPSON  
b. 23 Aug 1823 - Daviess Co. Ky.  
- probably never married  
d. after 1835 - Tyler Co. Tex.
4. THOMAS F. THOMPSON  
b. 25 Aug 1825 - Daviess Co. Ky.  
md 3 Sep 1862 - MARY CLARK  
d. 1903 -
5. SARAH MITCHELL THOMPSON  
b. 1827 - Tyler Co. Tex.  
md 19 Sep 1843 - RUFUS KING BATCLIFF  
d. - Mar 1861 - Jasper Co. Tex.
6. FRANCES ANN THOMPSON  
b. 2 May 1829 - Daviess Co. Ky.  
md 27 Dec 1849 - HENRY HALL WILLIAMS  
d. 1 Dec 1907 - Jasper Co. Tex.
7. WILLIAM THOMPSON  
b. 1831 - Jasper Co. Tex.  
d. before 1835 - Tyler Co. Tex.
8. SUSAN THOMPSON  
b. 1832 - Jasper Co. Tex.  
d. after 1835 - Tyler Co. Tex.
9. EPHRAIM LOGAN THOMPSON  
b. 1834 - Jasper Co. Tex.  
md 14 May 1866 HARRIET MORGAN  
d. 31 Jan 1875 - Jasper Co. Tex.
10. ~~SARAH KILL THOMPSON~~  
b. 23 Apr 1836 - Tyler Co. Tex.  
md 30 Jun 1865 CAROLINE SMITH  
d. 10 Dec 1884 - Jasper Co. Tex.



Children of NATHANIEL THOMPSON and CAROLINE SMITH

1. SARAH FLORENCE THOMPSON  
 b. 11 Apr 1866 - Beech Grove, Jasper Co. Tex.  
 m. 3 Sep 1882 - RICHARD GLENN  
 d. 5 Nov 1897 - Jasper Co. Tex.
2. WILLIAM NEWTON THOMPSON  
 b. 25 Mar 1868 - Beech Grove, Jasper Co. Tex.  
 m. 1892 - IDA KICKETS  
 d. 6 Jul 1950 - Oist, Newton Co. Tex.
3. SUSAN THOMPSON  
 b. 23 Jan 1870 - Beech Grove, Jasper Co. Tex.  
 d. 30 Mar 1875 - Jasper Co. Tex.
4. ELIZA JANE THOMPSON  
 b. 10 Apr 1871 - Beech Grove, Jasper Co. Tex.  
 d. 18 Mar 1875 - Jasper Co. Tex.
5. SON THOMPSON  
 b. 1874 - Beech Grove, Jasper Co. Tex.  
 d. infant - Jasper Co. Tex.
6. SON THOMPSON  
 b. 1876 - BEECH GROVE, Jasper Co. Tex.  
 d. infant - Jasper Co. Tex.
- \*\*\*\*\* 7. JACK HANSFORD THOMPSON  
 b. 12 Jun 1878 - Beech Grove, Jasper Co. Tex.  
 m. 12 Oct 1901 - SIMA COLE  
 d. 12 Apr 1915 - Beaumont, Jefferson Co. Tex.
8. SON THOMPSON  
 b. 1880 - Beech Grove, Jasper Co. Tex.  
 d. infant - Jasper Co. Tex.
9. MARY ANN THOMPSON  
 b. 18 Oct 1881 - Beech Grove, Jasper Co. Tex.  
 d. 18 Aug 1889 - Jasper Co. Tex.
10. HENRI CLAY THOMPSON  
 d. 10 Oct 1884 - Beech Grove, Jasper Co. Tex.  
 m. - ALLA TENNIS

Children of JACK HANSFORD and SINA COLE

1. MAKIE POWELL THOMPSON  
b. 25 Jul 1902 - Deweyville, Newton Co. Tex.  
md 18 Apr 1920 - VIVAN DAVID CHRISTMAN  
d. 25 Jul 1947 - Provo, Utah - buried: Williamson, Tex.
2. SENE CLARK THOMPSON  
b. 28 Mar 1904 - Jasper Co. Tex.  
d. 31 Jul 1904 - Jasper Co. Tex.
3. SINA AGNES THOMPSON  
b. 23 May 1905 - Jasper Co. Tex.  
md 17 Dec 1922 - NOAH LEE CROSETT  
d. 26 May 1961 - Provo, Utah Co. Utah
4. COLE JACKSON THOMPSON  
b. 12 Apr 1907 - Jasper Co. Tex.  
md - never married
5. MILTON THOMAS THOMPSON  
b. 14 Nov 1908 - Jasper Co. Tex.  
d. 19 May 1927 - Abilene, Texas
6. HARRY LEE THOMPSON  
b. 22 Aug 1910 - Jasper Co. Tex.  
md 6 Sep 1957 - CORINNE ALICE CHAPMAN
- \* 7. CAMELLIA THOMPSON  
b. 6 Feb 1912 Jasper Co. Tex.  
md 23 Feb 1933 GEORGE FREDERICK DENNIS  
d.
8. DORIS IDELLA THOMPSON  
b. 27 Nov 1913 - Jasper Co. Tex.  
d. 21 Feb 1918 - Williamson, Orange Co. Tex.

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CAMELLIA THOMPSON DENNIS  
1251 Briar  
Provo, Utah

George Thompson who lives at Shawnee Springs moved to this place 20th of May 1792. The said George Thompson was born on the North Fork of James River (called the Savania River) in the state of Virginia on the 12th Feby 1748 old style, now 23rd of Feby 1749.

grandfather on his father's side was Col. Roger Thompson. The said George Thompson (of Blackwell Neck) Hanover Co., Virginia. His wife was the name of Foster. The said George Thompson's grandfather on the mother's side was Col. Thomas Claiborne who lived at Sweet Hall in the County of King William, state of Virginia, his wife was the name of Fox.

The eldest son of Col. R. Thompson named Joseph Thompson married the eldest daughter of Col. Thomas Claiborne named Sarah Claiborne, was born in the year 1713 and died in the year 1777. The said Joseph was the father and the said Sarah was the mother of the said George Thompson. They had ten children named as follows: Joseph L; Mary; Frances; (Ann Fox); Ann Claiborne; Elizabeth; Roger; George; Leonard; John.

Col. Roger Thompson by one wife, Miss Foster had twenty children. Col. Thomas Claiborne by one wife, Miss Fox had twenty children, each of them raised seventeen children to be men and women.

The present George Thompson on the 6th of Dec. 1773 married Rebecca Burton who was daughter of Capt. William Burton who married a daughter of Capt. John Cobb, who married a daughter of John Addison who was a brother to Joseph Addison the poet.

I know very little of Capt. William Burton's family. He was an honest gentleman of good character and lived on the James River at a place in Albemarle County called Buffalo.

George Thompson and Rebecca his wife had a son born on Wednesday about Sunset 29th of November 1775, his name was Samuel. He died Friday following. They had another son George Claiborne Thompson born on Thursday about one hour by sun in the evening of 30th of April 1776. Rebecca Thompson departed this life on May 21st 1776.

I George Thompson am now writing 9th of October 1823 Shawnee Springs, This paper is intended for my two grandsons, George Madison Thompson and William Thompson each of them is to copy this account and keep it as coming from their grandfather who loves them very much as also the rest of his grandchildren and hopes they may be happy in the world here and die Christians and be happy in eternity. I pray that all my grandchildren may have good tempers, be kind to everybody particularly to those that they may have power over, be kind to the poor negroes, this is the account and prayers of George Thompson.

Col. Roger Thompson and Col. Thomas Claiborne were each of them very rich. They were my grandfathers. My father Joseph Thompson was six feet two inches high, weighed about two hundred and had more strength and activity than almost any man on earth. My mother, middle size, uncommonly handsome.

(Original in possession of John L. Thompson, son of George C. Thompson, New Orleans, La.)