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JOHN WESLEY WAYBOURN

John Wesley Waybourn was born December 4, 1840 in Rockingham County, North Carolina and died February 4, 1903 in Matador, Motley County, Texas. He was the third son of William Thomas and Elizabeth Brown Waybourn. The family started their westward movement when John was about two years old. They first went to Virginia where they lived for two to three years before settling in Mississippi for about six years. By the time that the family arrived in Rusk County, Texas in 1852 three girls had joined the three older brothers to complete the family.

In 1860, John was twenty-one years old when the family along with his oldest married brother Wess were said to be the first white settlers in Clay County, Texas. (Note: Wess was the grandfather of W.W. (Bill) Waybourn and the great grandfather of Charlene, Janie and William Waybourn all formally of Matador) Indian raids proved too much for the families and they returned to the relative safety of Montague County, Texas.

On September 5, 1861 John Wesley Waybourn along with his father William Thomas and brother Wess joined the Minute Men of Clay County. This was an early division of the Texas Rangers in north Texas. Their commanding officer was Captain Sam Green. The three Waybourns spent 88 days assigned to this group that had been formed to help settle the Indian uprisings in the area. They were discharged December 2, 1861.

The Civil War was underway in the East and unrest was spreading rapidly to the West when John Married Elizabeth Bryant in Montague on January 25, 1862. He enlisted in Main's Company of Bourland's Texas Regiment in Montague, Texas in 1862 and served to the close of the war.

Over the next fourteen years the couple had six children with all of them being born in Montague County. The children were Charles Preston (C.P.) 1867, Eula Lee 1869, Neva B. 1872, Joseph Calvin (Joe) 1873, Ollie Bell 1875 and Frances Adline (Babe) 1876. By the 1880's there were many people in Montague County and because of financial opportunities John moved his family to Mud Creek, Chickasaw Nation Indian Territory, Oklahoma. While in Indian Territory John served as inspector on the cattle trail. A white person could not own land but could own their house, out buildings and equipment, which John and Elizabeth did. Many changes occurred in the next twelve years as the children grew up. C.P rented land and moved out on his own.

In the late 1890's John and his son C.P. started looking for land to purchase. The western counties in Texas were opening up and they made several trips to Motley County and began purchasing land in 1900. The next three years were busy for the family. C.P. married Mattie Gerald and the older and younger Waybourns established their homes in Motley County.

On February 4, 1903, John died of scarlet fever at age 63. On the top of his tombstone is the insignia for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. As we have researched the Waybourn family we find this to be an important part of all of their lives as far back as



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Editors note: *A couple of months ago we were discussing DNA on the SELLERS-L Rootsweb list and the above company's name was mentioned. Several of us visited their website and we were all impressed. Seven SELLERS direct descendants, including myself have since ordered and submitted our DNA kits. The kit cost is \$99 plus \$2.00 shipping. I was hoping to have the results back in time to include them in this newsletter, but to date I have not received the results.*

Marie Sellers Hollinger is our Rootsweb list administrator and she has also agreed to administer this endeavor. The seven of us have all traced our ancestors back to TN, NC, VA, GA & KY, but we have not proven a connection to each other. This test will let us know if we are related and approximately how many generations before we have a common ancestor.

For more information, I encourage you to visit: <<http://www.familytreedna.com>>

"We sleep safely in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would harm us." --George Orwell

Did you hear about the Jew, the Hindu and the Democrat who were traveling though the country and had car trouble? They stopped at a farmhouse and the farmer said they could spend the night, but one of them would have to sleep in the barn as there wasn't room for them all in the house. The Hindu said he had always lived a simple life and didn't mind, so out he went. Two minutes later there was a knock at the door. It was the Hindu. "There is a cow in the barn", he said, "and we Hindus consider them sacred. I couldn't possibly impose upon her space." So the Jew goes to the barn to sleep. Two minutes later there was a knock at the door. It was the Jew. "There is a pig in the barn", he said, "and we Jews consider them unclean. I couldn't possibly spend the night with a pig." The Democrat was then dispatched to the barn. Two minutes later there was a knock at the door. It was the cow and the pig.

"If one asks me the meaning of our flag, I say to him: It means all that the Constitution of our people, organizing for justice, for liberty, and for happiness, meant. Our flag carries American ideas, American history and American feelings. That it meant, that it means, and, by the blessing of God, that it shall mean to the end of time!" --Henry Ward Beecher

we can find records and we believe that this connection goes back to England where the first documented evidence is dated 1748. We believe that the first Waybourns came to America From England in the mid to late 1700s and brought with them their connection to the "Odd Fellows". It was a group of men who banded together for the mutual aid of each other by working to relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the underprivileged in their communities and for this they were considered to be "odd". John's father before him, his sons and grandsons were all members of the group and followed their ideals and beliefs.

When we study the history of the Waybourn family we find a long list of Texas Rangers and other law enforcement officers. Besides his father and brother, John had two nephews W. D. Waybourn and W. L. Waybourn that were also early day Texas Rangers. John's father was the third sheriff of Montague County and his father-in-law had been the first sheriff in Bosque County. Several descendants of his nephews are now or have been a part of law enforcement. His great, great grandson, his great, great grandson-in-law and great great great grandson all work in the prison system.

Grand Children
John Gerald Waybourn

Gilbert Charles "Buck" Waybourn
Oma Link Rowley
Lewis Charles Link Jr.

John Love Gray

Great Grandchildren
Geraldine Waybourn Key
Barbara Waybourn West

Eula Jane Rowley Davis
Frances Link Matthews
Sarah Lew Link Grimes

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Queries

I am searching for descendents of William Wales Slaton and his wife Irene Lovedy Strong Slaton. William was a captain in the Oklahoma City Police Dept. He died at age 56 on August 1, 1924. His mother was Georgia Flournoy Leonard Slaton.

Children of William and Irene are:

Bernice (b. 1902) married T.J. Mathers
Ruby (b. 1904) married M.S. Warren
Gertrude (b.1908) married R.M. Moore
Muriel (b.1909) married Minnie
Hattie (b. 1911) not married

Last known addresses of children:

Bernice was Fort Worth
Ruby was Los Angeles
Gertrude, Muriel and Hattie were Oklahoma City.

Muriel was a WWII veteran and drown in an accident at Ardmore OK, October 13, 1950.
Hattie died in Oklahoma City April 8, 1965

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I am searching for descendents of Mrs. Bob Lanier who was living in New Orleans in 1931. She had at least one brother Samuel A. Gerald who died in 1931 at age 85 in Matador, TX. Their father was Trevant Gerald and their mother was Sallie Harfun Gerald from Amite County, Mississippi.

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"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."
-John Wesley

Mayflower passengers known as 'First Comers'

NEW YORK - This time of year, classrooms across the United States are filled with tales of the first Thanksgiving feast. But children may not be getting the whole story, said Kenneth C. Davis, author of "Don't Know Much About the Pilgrims."

In the book, Davis sheds new light on the Pilgrims' voyage and their lives in the New World:

The Pilgrims would not have identified themselves as such - they were known as "saints" or "First Comers" and they made up only about half of the passengers on the Mayflower. The rest were members of the Church of England who sought property and were called "Strangers."

The Pilgrims thought it was dangerous to wash their bodies and did not change clothes or bathe during the 66-day journey aboard the Mayflower.

The origin of the Christmas tree topper

Not long ago and far away, Santa was getting ready for his annual trip, but there were problems everywhere.

Four of his elves got sick, and the trainee elves did not produce the toys as fast as the regular ones, so Santa was beginning to feel the pressure of being behind schedule.

Then Mrs. Claus told Santa that her Mom was coming to visit. This stressed Santa even more. When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two had jumped the fence and were out, heaven knows where to. More Stress!

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the boards cracked and the toy bag fell to the ground and scattered the toys.

Totally frustrated, Santa went into the house for a cup of coffee and a shot of whiskey. When he went to the cupboard, he found the elves had hit the liquor and there was nothing to drink.

In his frustration, he dropped the coffee pot and it broke into hundreds of little pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found that mice had eaten the straw it was made from.

Just then the doorbell rang and Santa cursed on his way to the door. He opened the door and there was a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said: "Where would you like to put this tree fat man?" And that my friend is how the little angel came to be on top of the Christmas tree.