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This Book Is
DEDICATED TO MY DEAR SON
CECIL V. LAWRENCE
WHO INSISTED THAT IT BE WRITTEN

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FOREWORD

It is a joy as well as a privilege to have the opportunity to speak about Varuna Hartmann Lawrence, a distinguished woman of the charming Old South, Poet, Historian, Essayist and Artist.

Many have been benefited and made better and richer mentally by knowing her and reading her writings, especially through her poetry which reflects her faith in God and her philosophy of life, finding the good and the beautiful in everything.

She was born in what is now Chambers County. Received her early schooling there, married and became the mother of a large family. She knows the intricacies of farm and ranch life from the Texas Longhorn to a large and valuable herd of pure bred Brah-mans. She has experienced the thrill of oil development on her vast acres of pasture land and she has known the honor of finding her four books of poetry gracing the shelves of many Universities and Public Libraries.

Over the crest of life, when most people rest on their oars, she has made herself famous as an artist, a successful business woman

and author whose words are thought-bearers, we are stronger, better, happier when we read them. Her experience, her travel, her intimacy with good literature; her love of life and her patience and faith in people give her a versatility of mind and new trails of thought that lead the reader into pleasing fields of action. In her poetical works some excell in loftiness of thought, others in majesty. Her paintings portray the mountains, the plains and blue-bonnet fields in their natural beauty as well as wooded vales with deep rutted wagon roads of yesteryears, before the towering derricks dotted the valley and brought good roads with modern transportation.

In this volume the reader will find a condensed authentic history of the rise and progress of spiritual and cultural life in the Gulf Coast territory, with brief sketches of many of the leading families in Chambers County.

In many intimate and interesting reminiscences of the author her gifted pen touches the secret springs of meditation and reflects a type of literature that is universally loved by Texans and admirers of Texas, to keep alive the love of freedom, the love of humanity, the courage and strength of purpose which characterized the pioneer mothers of Texas.

This book is a contribution of merit in the annals of Texas and

thus serves to preserve our Americana. I believe such a compilation better than a volume of statistics. Speeches like these from Christian mother, faithful friend and neighbor have moved and affected the world's history.

Phylura Skalinder Dancer,

Texas State President,

National League American Pen Women.

AN APPRECIATION

or

PEN PORTRAIT

Mrs. Lawrence has made a worthwhile contribution to regional literature. With the heart of a poet she has combined her knowledge of local history and her own experiences in the portrayal of an age which is gone. She is herself the product of what we know as "the old regime" and of our modern atomic age—a true gentlewoman as efficient in administering the business of her ranch as she is gracious in entertaining friends in her modern hotel apartment. Widely traveled and well read she has within herself broad understanding and aristocracy of the spirit. In addition to her unseen characteristics she is always beautifully dressed and well groomed—"lovely to look at, delightful to know."

May this little book receive the response it deserves and, like her volumes of verse, be prized by all who own it.

Mae Wynne McFarland (Mrs. I. B.)

**The Gulf Coast Pioneers of Texas:
Authentic Reports Gathered from Many
Reliable Sources.**

(Many things cannot be verified as the old Record Book burned in the fire that destroyed the old Court House at Wallisville, then County seat of Chambers County 1875 or '76).

Have talked with many of those who had lived in those bygone days, and in whose word there was no question, concerning the things given here.

Varuna Hartmann
(Mrs. A. B.) Lawrence.

These names are the ones signing the Petition of the Settlers along the Trinity and San Jacinto Rivers in 1832-1833 to the Governor of Coahuila and Texas began November 2, 1827. Signed by Mateo Ohumada and sent by him to His Excellency Commander in General of the Internal Eastern States. Don Anastacio Bustamante. This is a copy Juan Antonio Padella, Sec.,

Jose W. Broun	Duncan St. Clair	Amos Grem
Tomas Nash	John Berry	Juan Jimenes
Tomas D. Gewer	Madrah Brooney	(Mexican)
Isaac Moore	William H. Taylor	James Knight
Jorge Orr	Franklin Hardin	William Taylor
Josiah Taylor	Joseph Lawrence	Francis Smith
James Morton	William Milspaugh	William H. Serveal
B. W. Hardin	Elisha H. R. Wallace	Joseph Dunman
David Mincha	B. M. Spinks	T. Berger
Thomas Williams	James McCrakin	Henry W. Munson

Villin Whitlock	Solomon Barrow	Daniel Lyon
William Haris	Reuven Barrow	William Everett
Jacob Eself	Benjamin Barrow	James Griffin
Joseph Black	John A. Williams	William Israel
John Drak	Hugh B. Johnston	Vincent Kirkland
Humphrey Jackson	John P. Smith	Henry Griffith
Robert Rogers	Tomas Empe	Mathew G. Wiht
Jesse Reunite	Christian Smith II	James Robeson
Absolom Young	Richardo Haris	Philip B. Dever
Samuel Whiting	Isaac Haris	Augustin B. Harden
James McCoy	Josiah C. Martin	Samuel Strong
Richardo H. Chisholm	Joseph Green	William Duncan
Thomas Davis	McRea	Meredith Duncan
James Canimel	Aaron Drak	James Humphrey
James McFadin	Jose Carnaiz (Mexican)	

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ALLEN: A family lived along the shore of Trinity Bay, on a tract of land nearly adjoining that of Solomon Barrow. Barrow bought their land when the Allen's decided to move away.

Know nothing more concerning them. Have been told by Historians that they were not the Allens that founded Houston.

ALGIERS: Mrs. Jacob Winfree was an Algiers and had a sister (or niece) Martha Algiers who visited in the Winfree home, and as Martha was a young girl, a friend of Adaleso Fitzgerald, they were often together at "Aunt Polly" Winfree's home.

CAPTAIN JAMES ARMSTRONG: A family of this name located in Cedar Bayou, consisting of Father (James) Mother and three sons, Jim, Will, Raoul, and a daughter Ann.

The elder James Armstrong was a man who held many positions of legal authorities in the county in which he lived.

Jim Armstrong married Alice Hutt, a young lady from the North,

who with her sister came to visit their kinsman Dr. Asa Morgan, a well known physician, who lived in that community.

Will Armstrong never married, was devoted to books and literary items. Raoul never married, nor did Ann ever marry. She passed her time amid books and flowers, loved her plants like they were children, and how they did reward her care.

ATWELL: A man came to Texas from (it was said) Utah. No one knew why he came, alone telling nothing of his past nor of his people. He was a rather short, stout man of mild manner and a kindly face.

He married Mary Jane (Stubbs) Davis a widow, and lived a quiet peaceful life. A great believer in Religion and Peace. This man taught many children to pray, and one night at a card party, as he sat in a corner near the fire-place, he gathered the four children there and taught them their first prayer. "Now I lay me." We crowded near him to hear, for the card party gaiety nearly drowned out his words to us. This was my nightly petition for years, until Mama taught me "The Lords Prayer."

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BAKER: There was a man of this name on Cedar Bayou, he and his wife had two daughters,

Anna and Emma, two boys Hans and George.

Anna married Wes Magee.

Emma married Ed Busch.

Don't know who Hans married.

George died unmarried.

BARBER (a): There were a number of families moving into Texas in the early days. Among them the Barber family consisting of Amos, Liza, Ben, Reuben, Addison, Melissa and Annie. These are the ones that I knew personally.

They came here from Louisiana but were originally from Virginia. Amos was the oldest and married Susan Ann Hodges Fitzgerald, the widow of Francis Marion Fitzgerald, who was drowned near Galveston and buried in a grove of trees near the southwest end of Galveston Island called Eagle Grove. There was a little girl in the home when Francis Marion was drowned, named Adalesa Martha and a little boy was born about five months after his father's death. This boy was given his father's name and was called Frank.

Amos Barber and his wife had ten children. Betty died in early childhood. They were as follows: Amanda, Albert Milby, Elmer Watson, Ella, Josh, Lillie (Lil), Estelle, Bertha Aquilla, William Henry (Will).

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Ella married Joe Fisher and they had the following children:
Amos, Jenira, Martha, Walter, Irene, Henry, Zeidee, Lula and one
baby died.

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Elmer married Amanda Fisher and their children were: Lillie,
Quinton, Julian, Elsie, Bessie, Schuyler. They also lost one baby.

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Albert married Henrietta Lawrence and their children were:
Celina, a son who died young and Arthur.

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BARBER (b): Lillie married Robert Barrow and their children
were: Stella, Forest, Arizona, and Emmory; one tiny babe died.

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Josh married Cornelias Lawrence and their children were: Amos,
Julia, Archie, and Lucille; one young child died.

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Estelle married Mat Fisher and their children were: Hayes, Leola,
Bertram, Eula, Bethel, Schuyler and Melvin, who died a young man.

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Bertha married Henry Fisher, their children were: Ossee, Horton,

Leon, Willard, Pirtle, Floyd and Hyman. They had one baby girl who died.

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Will married Mamie Scott, their children were: May, Estelle, Birdie, John, Will Albert.

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Amos and Ann Barber's oldest girl, Amanda, married Marion Williams. Their children were:

Mary Ella who married Jim Davis; Emmett who married Loula Williams (no kin); Frank ??; Oscar married Florie Stubbs; Josh married Olie Stubbs; Linna who married Cyrus Williams (no kin); Jesse who married ??; Rowena who married Erastus Stubbs; Ross who married Hazel Kelly; Watson married a Miss Carmody; Then another son Ira Williams married Viva Maley; Claude married Emma Josephine Mackey.

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BARBER (c): Amos and Ann Barber's next child Albert married Henrietta Lawrence, they had two children to live, Celina and Arthur.

Ella married Joe Fisher and their children were:

Amos who married Martha Mackey; Jenira married Bee Pruitt;

Martha married Edd Pruitt; Irene married Ollie Barber (a second cousin); Walter never married; Zadie was never married; Lula married Julian Barber (a cousin); Henry died unmarried.

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Amos and Ann's next child Elmer who married Amanda Fisher and their children were:

Quinton who married Clara Scott; Lillie who married Jim Stockbridge, had no children; Julian who married Lula Fisher, had no children; Elsie who married George Gilbert, had one child Mary Sue; Bessie who married Max Brown, had one child, a son; Schuyler Colfar who married a Miss Southern, had one child.

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Amos and Ann's next child Lillie (Lit) married Robert Barrow. Their children were:

Stella married Bill Smith; Forest married Iris Barrow; Arizona married ?? ; Emory married Georgia Maley.

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BARBER (d): Amos and Ann's next child was Josh, who married Cornelia Lawrence; their children were:

Amos who married Stella Dugat; Julia married ?? ; Lucille married George Tait now deceased. She has one son, George Lawrence.

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Amos and Ann's next child Estelle married Matt Fisher and their children were:

Hayes who married Willie Brown; Leola who married Charles Kilgore, had no children; Odell who married a Miss Rickett, they had one child; Bertram Fisher married Ura Barrow, they had several children; Bethel who married ?? Woods, they adopted one or more children; Melvin who died in young manhood.

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Amos and Ann's next child Bertha, who married Henry Fisher and their children were:

Ossee who married Zoe Lawrence; Horton who married Hazel Smith; Leon who married Bertha Barber; Willard who married ?? ; Floyd who married Eunice ?? ; Pyrtle who married Annie Parker; Wyman married ?? ; Bertha Fisher died some years before Henry, her husband.

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BARBER (e): The next child of Amos and Ann was Will, who married Mamie Scott, and their children were:

May, who married ?? Wilson; Estelle married Chris Shepherd; Byrdie; John; Will Albert.

BARBER: Eliza Barber, a sister of Amos Barber, married Philip Winfree, had one child Lucinda, who married R. L. (Coon) Dun-

man, then she married Gus Buck, and their children were:

Augusta, married Dick Dunman; Emmett; Babe who married
Huddleson; Viola who married Jones; Leona who married ?? ;
Loula; Austin.

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BARBER: Ben Barber, brother to Amos Barber, original family.

Ben Barber's first wife's name is unknown to me, but she died
leaving two sons, Mosely and Lewin. Then Ben married Jane ??
and their children were:

Frank; Rufus; Annie; Mary; Addie; Walter.

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BARBER: Reuben Barber, a brother of Amos Barber, original
family.

Reuben Barber ?? and moved to Refugio.
He had six daughters and two sons, they were namely:
Susan; Alice; Sultana; Abbey; Hannah; ?? ; Abner;
Willard.

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BARBER: Addison Barber, brother of Amos Barber, original
family.

Addison Barber was married and had one daughter Annie, who
married a man named Williams; they had the following children:

Cyrus who married Linna Williams; Ruby who married Daniel Barrow.

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BARBER: Mellissa Barber was married to George Maley, a brother to the "old man" Maley who lived down in Winfree's cove.

George and Melissa had a daughter Alice, who was married, and had a little golden haired girl. Henry a young man. Two younger boys, names forgotten, Marina and forgot name of other girl. They had one thousand head of sheep, that were fed salt at night.

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BARBER: Annie Barber, a sister to Amos Barber, original family.

Annie Barber married a man named Tilton their children were:

Ben married the widow Clark divorcee Couryill, Narcissa Henrietta nee Barrow; Jane married Luther Wilburn; Milton married Effie Brashear; Laura married "Doc" Fielding Stubbs; Ann married Martin Carmody; Dave died very old but unmarried.

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BARROW, Solomon: About the year 1824, a group of men petitioned the Mexican Government for titles to the land they had settled on and wished to have the legal right to, as they had made it their home for some time. They considered it their own and now asked the Mexican Government to give them deeds to the lands.

One group consisted of the following names:

Solomon Barrow; Bartell Sims; Thomas Jefferson Chambers; Juan Antonio Padillo; Benjamin Winfree; Jacob Winfree; Francesco Madero.

These names appear in the instrument awarded to Solomon Barrow in 1830, from the translation of the Spanish Grant received by him in answer to his petition.

Solomon and Benjamin Barrow came to this part of Coahuila and Texas together and Solomon took up land on the West side of the Trinity River along the highland on the borders of Trinity (or Galveston) Bay. Benjamin took up on the East side of the river and a wide marsh lay along the mouth of the river, between them.

Solomon took up a League along the highland bordering the Bay and a Labor bordering the wet marsh. Barrow's friend, Joseph Lawrence took up an island that lay between the marsh and the river, and thus as Solomon's brothers-in-law had taken up the lands along his Northern boundaries line, it only remained to have some one take up the wet marsh land, to make a solid block of land miles across in every direction.

Solomon had a friend who was his guest for some years, a Mr. James Grant who took up the wet marshland and when some time later he left that part of Texas, he sold his marshland to Solomon Barrow. A neighbor whose name was Hill also sold his land, which

adjoined Solomon Barrow on the Southwest, when he left Texas. Barrow was an exceedingly hospitable man and many visitors were entertained. Colonel Ashbel Smith was a guest who came for two or more days visit at a time. Many others were frequent guests in his home, for the latchstring was ever out and food and drink was ever ready. A barrel of whiskey was kept on tap and cups to help one's self were just above it, at all times. General Sam Houston was a friend and neighbor with whom, as was the pioneer custom, to send fresh meats, as one or another would kill something for fresh eating. There being no ice in those days, neighbors exchanged a piece of fresh meat with his friends.

The neighbors on the West side of the river were few and far between, but very friendly toward one another. There were the Hills, Allens and further along the Bay front the Armstrongs and the Houstons. Then up the Cedar Bayou stream and out on the prairie, were the Steels, Iiams, Shepherds, Shorts, and the Porters. The Porters were joined on their North line by the Townsends who joined Solomon Barrow's Northwest corner (Barrows Ben Winfree land). The North line of A.B.J. Winfree's land is the South line of the Flewellen land. It was a large spread of land and was the scene of entertainment of that day.

People were invited for a week or more and there were Bull-Fights in the real Mexican style. There were Mexican laborers as

well as numerous negroes on the place, but the Bull Fighters were brought from Mexico for the occasion. Of course there was an unlimited amount of food, for the negroes raised everything in the fields that had ever been planted in this new and very productive land. These fields had been drained by ditches reaching to the marshland. As for the rest of the food supply, there were sheep, goats, hogs and hundreds of cattle bearing the Barrow brand roaming the broad lands, sheltering wood and rich marshes of this domain. Barrow spoke the Mexican language like a native. Remember, this was before the Texans wanted to be free from Mexico! Solomon Barrow had married Elizabeth Winfree of Louisiana, a placid kindly woman, who bore him eleven children, five sons, namely, Allen, Ben, Amos, Solomon, and William who died when a young boy. They had six daughters named Sarah, Mary (or Polly) Martha, Tabitha, Elizabeth and Narcissa Henrietta who all called Sis.

Solomon Barrow had erected a large two-story house, overlooking the waters of the Bay, where the high bluff banks and large groves of trees made a splendid site for a home. There were long drain ditches leading to the marsh planted with trees in their banks. This was done by his numerous slaves. These trees still outline the overgrown ditches through the woods.

The Mexican town and Army Post was Anahuac and was near the site of Benjamin Barrow's home. He had married a lady of

culture, a Miss Amelia White, whose father came to Texas before or about the time of the Barrow Brothers' arrival. As there were schools near Ben's home, Solomon sent his daughters to stay with his brother's family and attend those schools, with Ben's own children. "Aunt Melia" saw after them as she did her own, in manners and behavior.

Mrs. Solomon Barrow (or Aunt Betsy, as those related called her) had a young brother, Philip Winfree, who seemed to have been rather impetuous, had some words or argument with Solomon and later when he came to the Barrow home, went out to where Solomon was supervising the cooking of the fat and the heads of some freshly killed hogs. Young Phillip went out to where this work was going on and demanded to know whose hogs had been killed? Barrow said, "They were mine." Said Phillip, "I'll look in at the heads in the pot and see," stepping forward. And Barrow said, "if you uncover that pot I'll kill you." There were more hot words and when Phillip attempted to uncover the kettle, Barrow drew his gun and shot and killed him. The Mexican troops came over from Anahuac and took Barrow to the jail there, where he remained for some time. Solomon's brother (Ben) came one day to see him, riding a beautiful black mare, noted for being the fastest horse in Texas. Cohuila as it was called by the Mexicans.

Leaving his mare unhitched, the reins over the pommel, Ben went

in the jail and as Ben entered the door, Solomon came out and ran to the mare, leaped on her back, and while a few sentries shot widely at the escaping man, the black mare soon outdistanced the Mexican soldiers, sent in pursuit. The mare found her way back home during the night, but Solomon Barrow was in the impenetrable marshes between Anhuac and his home.

The Mexican authorities stationed at Anhuac sent out parties to try and discover the fugitive without success. They came many times to his home thinking to surprise him there. But the children playing about the place, at times were encouraged by their mother, to play with a large ox-bell that could be heard far back into the marsh. Therefore, he was never found at home and at night food was taken to a certain spot, through the dense woods and thickets that bordered the marsh land.

After a period of time the people were dissatisfied with the rule of the Mexican Government and although they had received their titles to lands from the Mexican Government those set to control this part of the country were not just and considerate of the newly settled Americans.

Further along, war against Mexico was to be considered and all the so-called Texas Pioneers became partisans of the Texans. Solomon Barrow was friendly with the Texans, but he was not bitter against the Mexicans, for he remembered the years of peace

and harmony he had enjoyed under the Mexican Government before the settlers came to take up this land, that was offered at such attractive prices. He would help the Texans; but he would never take up arms against Mexico!

On the day of April 21st he was on a hill overlooking the battle-field, where he watched the Texans win, in that historic struggle. The hill where he had stationed himself to view the battle, is still called Tory Hill.

Later on after the battle Solomon Barrow went across the San Jacinto River and picked up a cannon ball, took it home and it lay around there for years. After his death, his daughter Elizabeth (wife of Joseph Lawrence) took it to her home, where her sons and their "hired help," usually young men, would use it to contest as to who could throw the cannon ball highest up the trunk of a great oak tree, that stood near the wagon and buggy house. The tree like the human body stood this for a long time, then began to decay, about as high up the trunk, as the solid iron ball could be thrown.

This cannon ball was said to have been from the Twin Sisters, but there was no verification of it. It was taken to the home of A. B. Lawrence (Elizabeth's second son) where it lay around for a few years, then A. B. gave it to Dr. Sam E. Jones of Houston. Dr. Jones had quite a collection of curiosities in the suite of rooms where he had his dental office. After the death of Mr. Jones his

curios were given to some museum. Dr. S. E. Jones was an uncle of Judge Chas B. Ashe, now deceased.

After the capture of Santa Anna, General Sam Houston took him under heavy guard to Anahuac. It was more than one day's journey and they stopped for the night at the home of Joseph Lawrence (of Westchester County, New York) on Lawrence's Island.

When coffee was served to Santa Anna, he refused to use honey to sweeten it with and sent one of his men out to his pack-mule and had sugar brought in! That was the first sugar that little four year old Joseph Lawrence had ever tasted in his whole life. The Lawrences, of course, like all other settlers used honey for all sweetening purposes. Salt, by the way, was obtained by large open wells along the Bay shore, where the waters were evaporated naturally. It does not seem, they had any difficulty about salt as the salty bay water in the large open wells or ponds supplied their needs.

We of today think of stocks and bonds as of something of our time, but in 1852, Solomon Barrow for One Thousand Dollars bought one share in the newly organized "Sabine & Lumbermans Rail Road" running in to Houston, Texas. This line was transferred, sold reorganized, merged and resold until the Southern Pacific bought it and extended it through to New Orleans. We, the descendants of Solomon Barrow have the first certificate of a shareholder, beautifully engraved and signed in the neat small hand of that day showing payment for the instrument.

As the years went by, the Barrow family married and moved away to homes of their own, and it was split up in two factions over the killing of Phillip Winfree, for Mrs. Barrow never spoke to her husband after that and lived in her own apartments with her younger children. An efficient young mulatto woman was house-keeper and was a favorite of Solomon Barrow. He told her that whenever he died, she should be free. Sometime afterward, he became ill and she made a soup for him and while he was eating it, his pet raccoon came to share his master's meal. A small dish of soup was given to the "coon" and before it was all eaten, the "coon" lay over and died.

Solomon by now was suffering intensely and looking at the dead Coon, knew that he was poisoned. They sent hurriedly for a doctor but as the distance was many miles, they found him on arrival beyond saving, either dead or dying. Dr. E. G. Hartmann, the doctor who attended him, was a chemist and analyzed the contents of the stomach, as well as the remainder of the soup, finding in both a deadly poison.

When Solomon knew that he was dying, he sent for his wife to come to his room, he wanted to see her. But she refused to come.

There were no papers freeing the negress and after imprisonment and a process of law, it was found advisable to sell her. Some one bought her in and soon she was making trouble in that family.

A young son in the Confederate Army, came home on a furlough, found his mother cowed and ill-treated by this negro woman, so when she, the negress, entered the room, he drew his pistol and shot her dead, then mounted his horse and rode to join the Army again.

STORIES CONNECTED WITH THE BARROW PLACE—MRS. RACHEAL DUNMAN: A very old lady, a relative of the Barrows, told of an incident once when she was visiting the Barrow home. There was a large and much prized brood sow on the place and as the young lady was walking in the upper "gallery" of the spacious house one day, she saw this sow catch a little negro child and run with it in her mouth toward the woods. The girl screamed and leaped off of the porch "and Honey I hit the ground a running" and so prevented the sow from killing the child.

It is not known if Solomon Barrow used snuff, but he had a very beautiful snuf-box. The wood was of unusual coloring, tan with dark brown mottled and blended in a most attractive combination. It was beautifully polished and bound with silver and the hinged opening was also bound and hinged with silver. It was about four inches long and about two and one-half inches wide. Years after Solomon Barrow's death, his widow gave the snuff-box to her little grandson, Amos B. Lawrence whose mother put it away for him. Later on his mother gave it to her daughter, where it was lost to

any record. It was evidently made to be carried in the pocket for its rounded corners were substantially bound in silver, that went all the way around the box. Solomon Barrow was a man of peculiar ideas, gentle and tender to a little child, or anything under his protection. He was fond of pets, had a raccoon and a black bear that were brought up together like a cat and a dog. He sometimes took his little daughter, Narcissa Henrietta (Sis) in his arms and they would tramp through the woods, he would stop and chop on a tree now and then; this gave rise to the belief that he had buried money at different spots in the woods. Many persons dug for hours at night at many different places thinking to find the buried coin. The child as she grew older tried often to find the marked trees. She dimly remembered seeing him hack on, but to no avail.

Then there was the tale of when his young son William who died. Barrow had sold a steer belonging to the young boy but had not given him the money received for the animal. When William lay in his coffin, Solomon Barrow came and placed the money beside his dead body.

This gave rise to the tale of fabulous amounts, "handfuls of silver and gold," that was said to have been poured in the casket and the tale grew with the years. A number of times people who believed this, dug at night at different points trying to find the treasure. They nearly uprooted the one great Magnolia tree on the

land, to the amazement and displeasure of the owners of the land, who knew nothing of the prowlers' activities. After many years several graves were opened by the treasure seekers, hoping to find the one of the young boy William, but they did not succeed in finding it.

There was a very long double silver chain with two guards; a very small chain and a small writing desk (Lap-desk) to hold on the lap to write on. This was a dark rose wood case lined with purple velvet, had a place for pens with long staffs, a sloping compartment for paper and a lid to close it up; a beautiful ladies' writing cabinet bordered with gold braid around the edges of the purple velvet. This case was given to little Lillah Lawrence by her grandmother, Elizabeth Lawrence who insisted that she take it out to play with. Result was not cared for, so is no more.

Mrs. Elizabeth Winfree Barrow, had a brother or brother-in-law, who came from Louisiana to see her after her husband's death. It must have been some years after, for little Amos B. Lawrence remembered his name, and how he looked and acted. His name was Allen Burr or Burrough.

The children of Solomon Barrow and his wife, were married and each received a portion of the Barrow estate and as the need came up for extra money, the widow would sell cattle or land to her son-in-law, Joseph Lawrence. Later on she lived mostly with Lawrence

and his wife Elizabeth (her daughter) until Narcissa Henrietta's children were about grown and the eldest, a girl Mattie, was married to Jim Robinson, when she, the grandmother put up a house for Mattie and went to live with her grand-child. She was there still, at the time of her death. There were three of Narcissa Henrietta's children. Their names were Martha (Mattie), William and Barton Clark. Their father was Barton Clark who died while these children were young. The oldest daughter of Solomon Barrow and his wife, named Sarah, married Jeremiah Conrad Fisher, a half brother to Henrietta (Harriet) Haney Lawrence. The next Barrow daughter, Mary (Polly) married Oliver Williams; another daughter, Martha married Henry Dutton; Tabitha married Eularia Mackey; Elizabeth married Joseph Lawrence; Narcissa Henrietta (Sis) married Barton Clark; the Barrow's son, Allen married Liz. Tilton; next was Ben who married Matilda Courville; then was Amos who married Minerva Stubbs; then Solomon the 2nd who married Henrietta always called Babe Lawrence; William as noted, died in his youth. Some of the above daughters married more than once. Tabitha's second marriage to Guilliame Voortmann, a Frenchman from Ghent, Europe. She had one son by Mackey; Eularia Mackay 2nd. She had two children by Voortman; Sarah, who died at about twelve years; Allen is still living in Baytown and has a family.

Narcissa Henrietta (Sis) had three Clark children and when

her husband died, she married Sol Courville whom she later divorced. Then later she married Ben Tilton and had seven more little girl children, descendants still living. Allen Barrow's wife died leaving him two children, a girl and a boy, died when a child. The girl, Elizabeth (Little Lizzie) married Baptiste Dugat and they had six daughters, no son. Some are still living, have families and grandchildren. Ben Barrow's wife Matilda, died leaving two children, a girl, Jane and a boy, Hayden Henry who moved to West Texas near Odessa, soon after growing up. Jane married Joe Dugat (called Buffalo) and had a son and a daughter, still living near Dayton, Texas. Amos Barrow was drowned in Cedar Bayou, and left his wife Minerva and two children, Amos 2nd and Alice who married Alden Tullar. Alice is still living and had four daughters and two sons, Wilbur and Lionel; also a grandson that she raised named Ivory.

Amos the 2nd married Agnes Wilburn, had a son, Ivce who died unmarried and a younger son name forgotten; three daughters Iris, Ura and a younger girl name unknown, Amy perhaps; Iris Barrow married Forest Barrow, a third or fourth cousin, died leaving two little sons, one of whom died while small. Ura married Bertram Fisher (3rd or 4th cousin) and is still living; has several children and grandchildren. The younger of the three daughters of Amos Barrow the 2nd., died unmarried.

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BROOKS: Old man Gilbert Brooks with his white head, long white beard was indeed a Patriarch in the Community. He and his wife had two children, Jesse and Jane.

Jane married Fred Martin, a good man and they had a number of children.

Jesse married ?? He had two sons, Jesse Jr., who married Annie Williams, no children.

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The elder Jesse also had two daughters, and a young son, Sam. One daughter, Annie, married George Leavens. Another daughter, Lucy, married Ellender. George married ??

BRUCE: John and Murdock Bruce came from Canada or Prince Edward Island. Murdock had a wife who was devoted to him. She was reared on Prince Edward Isle and her family spoke the Gaelic language.

Murdock died a few years after they came to Texas, then later on, she married Peterson. They had two children, Micheal and Sarah Catherine. Micheal married a daughter of Feilding (Doc) Stubbs. Sarah Catherine married Martin Franszen.

BUSCH: A family of this name came from over seas and had four sons:

Ed, Bill, Bob and Tom, and one daughter, Eliza.

Some have said that August Ilfrey's wife was a Busch, but while they were related, I do not know that she was a Busch.

Ed married Emma Baker; Bob and his wife had two children; Mary who died unmarried, and Maxie who married a Miss Jones.

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Tom and his wife had two sons, and three daughters; John who married Mary Williams, Henry who married Nancy Williams, Eliza who married a man named Posky, Ellen who married a Mr. Tuffley, Bessie married someone, name unknown.

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Bill married Annie Morgan, and they had two boys and three girls:

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There was another Busch family nearer Barbers Hill. Celestine (or Ceely) had a number of children; Gusta, Annie, two younger girls, Molly and Emma. One of them married Amos Smith. One of the older girls married John P. Sjolander, the Dean of Texas Poets. Then a son, Antone married Carrie Sharp.

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CAREYS: The old Carey family had five sons and one daughter, namely: Jeff, Wesley, Franklin, John, Robert, the youngest son. The daughter, Leona, married Solly Barrow, Jeff married Nep Prince.

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Wesley married Eunice Battison, at least she had a brother of that name, they had six or more children.

Leona and Solly had six or seven children.

Franklin had a wife and children.

John married but don't think there were any children before his death.

Robert died before he was grown.

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CARMEN: The Carmen family lived at Old River where many prominent families lived. They had one son, John, and three daughters, Roberta, Francis, Martha.

Martha was a bridesmaid to Adaleasa Fitzgerald when she and Ed. Hartman were married. The Carmens were cousins to the Hartmans. At that wedding Martha wore a pink silk dress.

Frances married Mike Shaw, a Galveston jeweler, they had one

daughter named Ada, who married and moved to California, name unknown.

Martha Carmen married Speights (?).

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COOPER: I do not know who the first Cooper was, but his widow came to our house one time, I remember. She had two sons, Bill, Charles, and one daughter, Laura. Do not know of any other children.

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DAVIS: A family of this name lived down the Bayou below the store, that also was the Post Office. Their children were Ed, Mattie, Sophronia, Katie and Chadwick (Nick) and a daughter who married a Mr. Pease.

There was an older daughter who was married to a Mr. Leavens, do not know these two older daughters' names.

Ed Davis married Edith Bryant.

Mattie married Gardener Brown.

Katie married Willie Foyle.

Chadwick (Nick) married Adlesa Fitzgerald.

Sophronia never married.

This was a very pious family.

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DUTTON: There was a man who came in from Louisiana named Henry Dutton. He married Martha Barrow, a daughter of Solomon Barrow 1st. The Duttons had seven children:

James; Betty; Henry; Martha (Sis); Sol; Ben; Amanda.

James (Jimmie) married Ada Lawrence (daughter of Daniel Lawrence) and they had four children: Ruby, Audrey, Lloyd and Clinton.

Henry died unmarried in early manhood.

Ben never married.

Betty married Perry Maley.

Martha (Sis) married Elmer Fisher.

Amanda married Ernest Winfree.

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E

ELLENDER: Jim Ellender and his wife lived on Cedar Bayou, and had three children; Kate, George and Josie.

Some of their descendants still live on Cedar Bayou.

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EPPERSON: The Epperson family that I knew consisted of the

mother and two sons. One son, Reuben, married Sarah McLean.

They had seven children:

Wilson married Elmira Winfree; George; Lanetta married Chris Casey; Cora married Thos. Rackley; Sadie married Jeff Harbour; Harrison married Ruby Parker.

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George Epperson, brother to Reuben, and his wife had three children:

Jennie; George 2nd; Lee.

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F

FARINGTON: A German or Dutch family came to live a few years, a mile or so from Barbers Hill. They spoke very broken English, it was hard to understand them. They had one son, Herman, who came to our school, and was in my class. He sat next to me when the teacher was pointing out the alphabet that we must learn, "because we would never be able to read, if we did not know the letters of the alphabet."

Herman would slyly stroke my curls in class and said I was his sweetheart. How I hated that boy. My cousin Jerry Fitzgerald hit him one day and he yelled, "Teacher! Teacher! dat boy out dare hit me ofer de head mit a steek!" Mrs. Farington called on Grandma

dressed in her full gathered stiff silk rather short dress. Of course, "Mother" was kind and treated her nice, but understood her with difficulty.

They soon left the little house down near the Cedar Bayou woods, and it stood vacant for many years, but was always called the Farington house.

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FISHER: Jeremiah Conrad Fisher, the son of Mary Haney and her husband (?) Fisher married Sarah Barrow, daughter of Solomon Barrow and his wife Elizabeth Winfree Barrow, and their children were: Solomon, who married Isobel Coerville, they had eight children namely: John who married Anna Fisher (no kin) Sarah Barton Clark, and they had one daughter; Mary unmarried; Solomon (Solly) unmarried; Ebb married Maude Daniels, and they had three children, Ila, Bud and Teeny; Orin, unmarried; Elton married Lorene Williams; Walter (Boss) married Vivian Wilburn. Henrietta (or Hetty) daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Fisher married Ben Wilburn, and their children were: Jerry who married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Williams; Zachariah (Zack) married Ocia McLean, their child died: Sarah died in girlhood; Amanda married Ed McKinney, and baby died; Hugh married Nora Carmody, they had three children; Dora married Phil Cezeaux, they had five children; Ollie married Willie Fitzgerald, they had one daughter; Asa

married Essie Smith, they had two children; Susan married Gabe McKinney and she and her baby died.

Amos Fisher, son of Jeremiah and Sarah Fisher married Apsley McNeice, he died shortly after or during the War between the States.

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Ann Fisher, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Fisher married Francis Marion Fitzgerald, and their children were: Jerry who married Betty Williams, they had six children; Joe who married Lula Davis, they had four children; Adalesa married Chadwick (Nick) Davis, they had five children; Alma married Will Leavens, they had one son; Ophelia married Duncan Scott, they had three children; Sarah married Frank Morgan, they had three children; Myrtle married Willie Fitzgerald, they had two sons; Pearlie married Jim Meadows, they had two children; Monroe married Nellie Shearer, they had three sons; Temple first wife died leaving a child, Mildred, he was married again to Elda Gennessee, and they had three children; Tillman married Elsie Clark, they had two children;

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Mary Fisher, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Fisher married Taylor Winfree, their children were: Edwin married Elizabeth

Hunt, they had five children; Kinney married Nan Hunt, no children; Elmira married Wilson Epperson, they had ten children; Earnest married Amanda Dutton, they had two children; Otis married Atha Moody, they had three children.

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Joe Fisher, son of Jeremiah and Sarah Fisher married Ella Barber, and they had nine children, namely: Amos married Martha Mackey; Jenira married Bee Pruitt, they had two children; Martha married Edd Pruitt, she died soon after; Zadie who never married; Irene who married Oscar Barber, they had three children; Walter who never married; Lula married Julian Barber; Henry never married; Cornena married Ollie Barber, they had two children.

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Ben Fisher, son of Jeremiah and Sarah Fisher married Alma Merritt, and their children were: Elma who married Martha (Sis) Dutton; Vivian who died in childhood; Edgar who married Lettie Winfree, they had three children; Virlie who married Fred Long, they had one daughter; Elmira married Willie George; Wilbur married Bell (?); After Alma's death Ben married Nora Brown, they had two children that died, and one son Cecil;

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Martha Fisher, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Fisher, married

John Smith, and their children were: Lizzie who married Price Pruitt, died in child-birth; Henry married Mamie (?) they had two sons; Gertrude married Ben Barrow, they had five children; Howard married Carrie McDonald, they had three children; Orabel married Sidney Collins; Ozman married Eva Dugat, they had two sons; Audrey married Jess Fowler, they had one daughter; Vernon married Alice Franzen, they had two children;

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Amanda Fisher, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Fisher, married Elmer Barber and their children were: Lillie who married Jim Stockbridge, no children; Quinton married Clara Scott, they had three children, Vera, Bertha and Merial; Julian married Lula Fisher, no children; Elsie married George Gilbert, they had one child, Mary Sue; Bessie married Max Brown, they had one son, Delno; Schuyler married Wilma Southern, they had one daughter Eloise.

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Mat Fisher, son of Jeremiah and Sarah Fisher married Estelle Barber and their children were: Hayes who married Willie Brown; Leola married Charles Kilgore, no children; Bertram married Ura Barrow; O'Dell married a Miss Ricketts, they had one son; Eula married Joe Syars; Schuyler married Emma Hill; Melvin married Vera Clark, and they had one son; Bernice married (?) Bethel married Wesley Woods.

Henry Fisher, youngest son of Jeremiah and Sarah Fisher married Bertha Barber, their children were: Iva Lilly who died about the age of one year old; Ossee who married Zola Lawrence; Horton who married Hazel Smith; Leon who married Bertha Barber; Willard who married Arabel (?); Pirtle who married Annie Parker; Floyd who married Willeigh (?); Wyman who married Eunice (?)
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FITZGERALD: Francis (Frank) Marion Fitzgerald married Ann Fisher and their children were as follows:

Jerry; Joe; Adeleasa; Alma; Sarah; Ophelia; Pearlie; Myrtle; Monroe; Temple and Tillman.

Jerry married Betty Williams.

Adeleasa married Nick Davis.

Alma married Will Leavens.

Joe married Lula Davis.

Ophelia married Duncan Scott.

Myrtle married Willie Fitzgerald.

Sarah married Frank Morgan.

Pearlie married Jim Meadows.

Monroe married Nellie Sheerer.

Temple's first wife died and left him one daughter, he then married Eda Smith.

Tilman married a Miss Clark.

Adaleasa Fitzgerald step-daughter of Amos Barber married Edward George Hartman, they had two children to live and grow up, they were Canora Silvis and Varuna Ann. Edward Hartman died when the youngest girl was about three years old. Ten years later Adaleasa married Daniel Lawrence and they had one child to live, named Frankie Daniel, who married Leon Smith and had two sons, Lanis and St. Elmo, both of them are married and have families.

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FRANZIERN or FRANSZEN: There was a Dutch family, Hugo Franzirn, wife, three daughters and five sons, namely:

Hugo Jr., Martin and James (twins); Henry, Garrett, Caroline, Christrana and Christina (Trick).

Caroline died unmarried.

Hugo Jr. married Laura Duncan.

Martin married Sarah Catherine Peterson.

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G

DR. GODDARD: A physician of this name came with his wife and two children, Elwin and Eldrid. They were devout Christians, both of the young men, at times came to Barbers Hill and held religious services.

Dr. Goddard was a well known physician with quite a practice.

GRIFFITH: Henry and his wife, a son, Henry 2nd and two daughters, Betty and Jermina.

Betty married a Donahoe.

Henry 2nd married Rebecca Hartman and their children were Amos and Wilmuth (twins), Armilda, Charley, Uriah (Si) "Teeny" and Susie.

Amos married "Dump" Fransen (Franzen).

Wilmuth married McKay.

Armilda married Henry Icett.

Uriah (Si) married Christina Franzen.

Teeny married ??

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HADEN: Dr. Haden and his wife had eight children. Robbie (named for her father Robert), Annie, John, Charles, Jim and Dick, Hopkins and Will.

Robbie first married Clarence Berry, had a daughter (Clarence) then being left a widow, she married John Parker.

Annie married George Kelly.

Jim married Kate McCrary.

Dick a cripple married late in life, an unusual fine widowed lady.

Will married Lucy Lawrence, moved to Galveston and had a family of seven children. He made a fortune in the boat line and shell and gravel business. After his decease, his sons carry on the W. D. Haden business in Houston.

Charley died unmarried.

Hopkins married Anne Laurie Matthews.

John married a Miss May.

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HAMMOND: A man of this name was here in the earlier days of Texas Settlement. This man was a welcome visitor at the Solomon Barrow 1st home, on Trinity Bay. He married Lucinda Wilburn, a widow with three sons. As everyone called him "Nick", she became "Mrs. Nick" to everyone far and near.

An amusing story has been told of one of Nick's visits to Solomon Barrow. As the two men sat before the fireplace, a cat passed by Nick's side toward the warm fire. Without breaking the conversation, Nick suddenly jerked his foot, and the cat leaped in the fire! After a time another cat entered and as it passed by Nick, again he jerked his foot; and that cat leaped in the fire! A third cat came in, and as it passed, Nick again jerked his foot suddenly and of course the cat leaped ahead in the fire! "What in H— is the

matter with the cats?" said Solomon to Nick, "they all come in and then jump in the fire." But Nick did not answer this question. He told the story later when he was far away from Solomon.

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HANEY: Mary Haney, a widow with a girl child, named Henrietta (called Harriett) married a man named Fisher. Mary Haney Fisher then had a daughter named Ann and a son named Jerry Conrad. Their mother died and Harriet (Haney, the half-sister who was called Harriet Fisher) and Ann Fisher "raised" brother Jerry Fisher.

Harriet Haney was married to Joseph Lawrence from Westchester County, New York. They lived on Lawrence Island. Ann Fisher married ?? Stubbs, who lived on a small piece of land on Lawrence's Island.

Joseph Lawrence and his wife Harriet Haney had six children. After Harriet his wife died Joseph Lawrence 1st married again and they had one child, Albert Lawrence.

Their first child was a son named Robert who married Josephine Clark. They had two children:

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Charles Henry who married Emily Stubbs; Emma Josephine who died as a small child.

Charles and Emily Lawrence had eight children:

Bertie who died in early childhood; Emma Josephine, who married Joseph Wilburn; Edna who married Dempsey Reeves; Robert who married Mary Green; Charles who married Violet Barrow; Joseph (Joe) who married Mrs. Cora Henry.

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HANNON: There was a handsome young Doctor in the community for a time. He was an attractive man of pleasant kindly speech, and was successful in his practice. His name was Hannon, an Irishman, who galloped over the country to see his patients.

He would come to see my father, run right up to the yard fence, and his trained horse would run right up to the fence, then stop and then the doctor would get down, and come briskly in, while the horse waited. He treated my grandmother for some time, until she was cured and well again.

Then there was the time when a man was kicked in the face while branding a colt. An artery in the face was cut through. He fainted from loss of blood, some one ran a horse at top speed for Dr. Hannon, who only said, "Lead the way," dropped the reins around the pommel of his saddle, thrust his hand deep in his coat pockets and ran all the way across the miles, leaped from his horse, and with his hands held the cut until it stopped bleeding. He had kept his hands warm during the wild ride by keeping them in his

pockets, and was ready to use them when he knew they were needed.

This man was drowned in Cedar Bayou, and his horse was still on the little ferry, he used to cross the stream. Who he was, no one knew, where he came from none knew. So a brilliant doctor was lost to the world that needed him.

He gave a picture of himself to Grandma Barber, but no address of his people was ever found.

Some said he was shot, was why he fell from the little ferry flat, that he and his horse crossed each day to see patients.

So ended a valuable life.

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HARRELL: An old man of the above name lived on Cedar Bayou in the early days. His wife Caroline was a sister of Mrs. Collins Milam; they were the Bridges Sisters. John Harrell and Caroline had five children:

Molly; Barnie; Willie; Jackie; and Jimmie.

Molly married Willie Mills after his wife (Laura Anderson) died.

Barnie married Wylie Jones.

Willie married Gardner Brown.

Jackie was married after they had left Cedar Bayou (name unknown).

Jimmie may or may not have ever married.

HARTMANN: The Hartmann family consisting of a father and two sons came to the U. S. A. about the year of 1800 from Baden-Baden, Germany. They were from the Court circles of the Kaiser of that day and were educated or had their education finished in Heidelberg. After the death of his wife, the father of the sons who had just been graduated from Heidelberg, decided to come to the new country and avoid a military life for his sons. He settled in New Orleans where he had a drug store and one son, like himself, was a physician connected with the store. The other son was a musician of note and his descendants are still in the music department of the oldest piano and music house in New Orleans.

Edward George Hartmann the 1st died of Yellow Fever when it killed so many at the beginning of the century. Dr. Edward George Hartmann the 2nd took his family across Lake Pontchartrain to his summer home to escape the scourge.

In 1825 he moved to Texas, having joined the Texas Army and serving as Quartermaster in Sam Houston's efficient Army. In 1849 he took his two oldest sons, Uriah and Edward, and went round by the Southern route to California. The passage was very slow as the boat was of course a sailing vessel. One boy, Edward George the 3rd was a very sick boy and only the kindness of the steward kept him alive. Each day there would be dainties brought

to tempt the sick boy's appetite, from the Captain's table.

Dr. Hartmann went to the gold producing area of California and there he and his sons dug quite a bit of the precious metal. Dr. Hartmann being a skilled goldsmith made from this ore, a ring for each member of his family. Edward had a small ring made from the gold he had dug for himself and gave it to the girl he later married. This ring is now in my possession.

The brother of Dr. Edward F. Hartmann was named Ferdinand. He was killed in the Texas Mexican War, leaving a family in New Orleans. Dr. Edward Hartmann married in Louisiana and while we are not sure about his wife's surname, we know she had a brother named Geo. Smith living near Waco in 1860. We know that Edward George 3rd (my father) saw him and raided Uncle George's turkey roost for his company in the War between the States.

Dr. Hartmann and his wife had eight children: Uriah who married Jeanette McNeece, left 2 children; Louisa who married Philip Winfree, both died, left no children.

Rebecca who married Henry Griffith, had 7 children:

Charley who died unmarried; Mary who married Joe Kilgore, she reared 12 children; Willie who married after moving to West Texas, wife's name unknown—left some children; Edward G. married Adaleasa (or Ada) Fitzgerald, they had two girls to live, these girls married Joseph Lawrence's two sons; Robert Hartmann who

never married, died at the age of 26 years.

Uriah Hartmann's wife Jeannette was frail and delicate, so he moved to West Texas and there he became a member of Texas Rangers, at that time doing police duty and fighting Indians.

His son, U. E. Hartmann of Balinger, Texas, has the old records of the Rangers' work of that day.

Dr. Edward George Hartmann the 2nd died in Galveston of Yellow Fever in the Sixties when many citizens of that city died of its outbreak. Dr. Hartmann was buried in the old Cemetery there in the Crain burial plot where his little son Frankie Hartmann was laid to rest, by his Mother, Mrs. Emily E. Crain Hartmann. Their monument (Crain's) placed there by Charley Crain does not record Dr. Hartmann nor his little son's burial there.

Canora Silvis, daughter of Edward George Hartmann the 3rd. married Edmond Lawrence; they had three children to live, Dell who married Dr. W. C. Brown of Dallas, they had one child, Margery who now lives in Hawaii, they had a son, Leroy Joseph, who married Emma Williams and they had three children, a son, Leroy Joseph, Jr., Maggie Dell and George Edmond. Leroy Joseph, Jr. married Mary Starck, and their children are Marylyn, Carolyn and Joseph, Jr. Maggie Dell married Lewis Mickley, their four children are: sons Pat and Steve, their daughters are: Kerry and Betsy. George Edmond Lawrence married Nancy Woods, they have two

children, Mark and Diane.

After the death of Edmond Lawrence, Canora Silvis married Robert Foster Carter a minister of the Christian Church. They had one son, Robert Foster Carter, who now lives at Willis, Texas.

Canora Silvis Hartmann was the oldest daughter of Edward George Hartmann III of the name. Their Grandfather, Dr. Edward George Hartmann II of the old name died in Galveston of yellow fever before the younger daughter was born. Ward, a son of Canora and Edmond Lawrence died about age 40 years—unmarried.

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HODGES: William Henry Hodges married Fidelity Mary Dorsett. They had the following children born to them: Mary, Martha, Susan Ann, Margaret, Fidelity and a son named William Henry. These are all that I know of.

Susan Ann (called Ann) married Francis Marion Fitzgerald and they had a daughter, Adaleasa Martha and a son, Francis Marion, always called Frank. After her husband's death Susan Ann married Amos Barber and became the mother of a large family of Barber children. Many of their descendants are living in the Barber's Hill community that now has the old Spanish name of "Mount Belvieu" for its Post Office designation.

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ICETT: A family of that name was in the coastal part of Texas. There were two daughters, Mary and Kate. Three sons, Willie, Henry and Dan. Kate married a man named Orin (or Oren). Mary married George Maley. Willie married ?? . Henry married Armilda Griffith and Dan married a Miss Williams.

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ILFREY: Two brothers August and Charley Ilfrey came to Texas about the time the Busch family came from Holland and settled here. August married a Miss Busch, and Charley married Annie Harris. Charley had a general merchandise store and at times Annie's brother helped in it, as Charley was a cripple from a back injury in childhood.

Charley and Annie had three children; Emma, Henry and Oscar. Annie's father was a photographer of some note, but of course there were only tin-types then. After Charley's death the family moved to the young city of Houston to live. August and his wife had seven children; Frank, Willie, Johnnie, Sarah, Bessie, Eddie

and Josie. All grew up and married. Frank to a Miss Schoverling, Willie to Mary Cooke, Johnnie to Caroline Lawrence, Bessie to Magruder Kelly, Eddie to Ella McLean, Sarah to Jim Casey and Josie to Francis Gibbs.

Josie had no children and married again after Francis' death. Sarah and Jim Casey had three or four boys. Jim was drowned in the Galveston storm in 1900. Willie and his wife had six children; Erette, Mattie May, Willie, Florence, Violet and Myrtle.

Johnnie and his wife had four children; Ilma, Lawrence, Lola and Marjory.

Florence married Charles Cardiff, had two sons, but know of no other children.

Frank and his wife had one son, and perhaps more children, I do not know.

Erette married and had one son. Mattie May married Willie Woodall, and had one son. Woodall died; she married John Kilgore of Baytown.

Willie, Violet and Myrtle all married, but do not know who they were, nor if they had children.

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KILGORE: There came from Ireland to Texas some members of a family of this name along in the 1860s or thereabouts. They were

Joe, Charley and John Kilgore, a sister Maggie. They left their parents and one sister (Elena) in their Homeland. Charley and John never married. Maggie married John Bruce, they had one little daughter, then Maggie died. Joe had married Mary Hartman, and they took the little girl and reared her as their own. When the little red haired girl was about twelve years old, her father married again and took her to his new home to live. He engaged in the sawmill business for some time in Wallisville. Joe Kilgore and Mary his wife had fourteen children. One died in infancy, those living were Willie, Eddie, Elmer, Elena, Henry, Maggie, Emma, John, Charles, Marvin, Roberta, Matilda and Hartman.

Eddie was lost in Galveston storm in 1900 with his wife and baby. Charles died a few years ago, left a wife but no children. Willie died in an accidental fall in a tank, while on the way to work, he left two grown children. All the others have families and descendants.

Dr. Hartman Kilgore is a well known physician of Houston, on whose clinic staff is his nephew (John's son) Dr. Morris Kilgore.

KINGSLEY: A man of this name and his wife and adopted daughter lived on Cedar Bayou many years as highly respected people. He was a clerk in Charley Ilfrey's store for a number of years. His name was Lyman Kingsley.

They were a cultured and refined family, who moved away near the center of the State.

KIPP: The Kipp family consisted of father, mother, one son and several daughters. John and Alice are the names remembered. All left Cedar Bayou and reside in Houston and nearby towns. Were all staunch members of Masons and Eastern Star.

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CAPTAIN LABETT: He was an old man who lived a short distance from Aunt Mary and Uncle Joe Kilgore when they first were married. They were kind to him, and he became very fond of their little boy Willie.

When he died he left a will leaving everything he owned, mostly land, to Willie.

No one knew where he was from.

LAWRENCE FAMILY: Statement concerning the name of the Lawrence family of Lawrence's Island, wife of Joseph Lawrence 1st of Westchester County, New York:

It was during the early days of my connection with the family of Joseph Lawrence 2nd that he, my father-in-law, told me this about his Grandmother, Mary Haney, a widow with one child Henrietta (but called Harriet) when she married Fisher. I wrote

the statement down, for every one knew whatever he told was true.

It is said the Charles Lawrence family has an old Bible that lists Henrietta (or Harriet) as Harriet Fisher but that is not correct, possibly put in by some one who did not know that Mary Haney had this little girl before she married Fisher. Mary Haney Fisher and her Fisher husband had a daughter, Ann, and left a small son, Jerrymiah Conrad, that the two girls "raised" after their mother's death.

Daniel Lawrence also said that their mother was a Haney and not a Fisher.

(Signed) Varuna Lawrence

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When the War of 1812 was being fought along the Canadian Border there lived a man named Lawrence in Westchester County, New York. He was not a rich man, had a farm and a family of seven boys. His wife, a step-mother to his children, rebuked a teen-aged boy named Joseph, who during the night, ran away and joined the American Army.

He was in the Battle of Lundys Lane where his knee was broken, then in the storming of Queenston Heights his cheek bone was broken down by the butt of an enemy's gun. He stayed with the Army and after the War was over he came to Texas and married Henrietta Haney. Henrietta Haney was always called Harriet.

Harriet's mother, Mary Haney, had lost her husband and had married a man named Fisher by whom she had a daughter named Ann, and a son named Jeremiah Conrad. Harriet was called Harriet Fisher, and some still believe she was a Fisher.

When Mary Haney Fisher died she left her little son to her daughters, Harriet and Ann, to care for and as "Aunt Ann" Stubbs often said, "Me and Sister Harriet raised Brother Jerry." Joseph Lawrence and Harriet Haney Lawrence lived on what was known as Lawrence's Island as this land was cut off from the mainland by a wide marsh and numerous bayous on the west and on the east by the Trinity River.

After the Battle of San Jacinto, Santa Anna was brought to Lawrence's for a night on the way to the Fort or Mexican Post, where he was put in the jail by the victorious Texans. When the supper was served to Santa Anna he refused the honey that was used by the pioneers to sweeten their coffee and sent one of his men out to the pack-mules for sugar. That was the first sugar that little 4-year-old Joseph Lawrence 2nd had ever seen.

Joseph Lawrence 1st and his wife Henrietta (Harriet) Lawrence had six children, namely:

Robert who married Josephine Clark; Joseph who married Elizabeth Barrow; Martha who married Baptiste Dugat; Daniel who married Celina Blanchette; Henrietta (Babe) married Sol Barrow

2nd; Solomon Freeman (Bud) married Julia Rhea.

After the Mother's death, the Father married again and a child, Albert, was born to his wife. Then he, the Father of the family died. The two oldest sons bought off their step-mother and took over the family of younger children, except Albert who was taken by his Mother when she left the Island.

Robert and Joseph hired a teacher for the children and looked after the welfare of those in their care. The youngest was "Bud" who was frail at first, but they finally reared him to manhood.

Robert Lawrence married and they lived in the old home where many years later they passed on.

Robert and Josephine Clark Lawrence had two children, their little girl Emma Josephine died when small.

Their son, Charles Henry married Emily Stubbs.

Their children were: Bertie, died when small; Emma Josephine, who married Joseph (Seeph) Wilburn; Edna, who married Dempsey Reeves; Louise, who married Robert Smith; Robert, who married Mary Green; Charles, who married Violet Barrow; Joseph, who married Mrs. Cora Henry; Flourney, who married Gladys Fisher.

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Harriet Haney's second child, Joseph Lawrence, married Elizabeth Barrow.

They had three children: Joseph Edmond, who married Canora

S. Hartman; Amos B. Lawrence, who married Varuna A. Hartmann; and one daughter, Julia Henriett, who married Michael Casey.

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Harriet Haney's 3rd child, Martha Lawrence, married Baptiste Dugat.

They had two children, both girls: Marcelite married Eularia Mackey; Lucinda married George E. Truscott. The Truscott's had several children, moved to Knox County and founded town of Truscott.

Marcelite and Eularia had many children; seven lived to be grown, namely:

Freeman, who married Olga Stubbs; Martha, who married Amos Fisher; Mary Alice, who married Daniel Grant; Emma Josephine, who married Claude Williams; Cleveland died a young man; Welder married ?

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Harriet Haney's 4th child, Daniel Jeremiah, married Celina Blanchette. They had eight children to live:

Henrietta, who married Albert Barber; Cornelia, who married Josh Barber; Ada Josephine, who married James Dutton; Caroline Julia, who married John Ilfrey; Robert Baptiste, who married Barney Milam; Ella Amanda, who married Thomas McLean; Charles

Edward, who married Ira Davis; Sylvester Hallie, who married Joe Barrow.

When the youngest child was about 4 years old Celina died in childbirth. Daniel then married again to Mrs. Adaleasa Hartman. They had two children, a girl Frankie Daniel who married Leon Smith, and Joseph Freeman who died in childhood.

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Harriet Haney's 5th child Henrietta (called Babe) married Solomon Barrow 2nd. Their 10 children were:

Robert, who married Lillie Barber; Sarah, who married Joe Dugat; Sollomon (Solly), who married Leona Carey; Daniel, who married Ruby Barber; Joseph, who married Sylvester Lawrence; Jeanette (Bettie), who married Nick Haddon; Charles, who married Minnie Carmody; Josephine, who married Charley Wilburn; Monroe, who married Beth Smith. Morris who died unmarried.

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Harriet Haney's 6th child, Solomon Freeman married Julia Rhea.

Their children were:

Bessie, who married Henry Pruett; Lucy, who married W. D. Haden; Georgia, who married Price Pruett; Hardy, who married Betty Milam; Lizzie, who married Joe Strous; Daniel, who married Willie ? ; Morgan, who married Minnie May ?? ; Virginia, who married Warren Crocker; Preston Magruder, who

married Zenia ? ; Zoe, who married Osee Fisher.

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The descendants of Joseph Lawrence and his wife Elizabeth were:
Edmond, Amos and Julia.

Edmond's children were:

Ethel who died at the age of 4 years; Dell Evelyn who married Dr. William Claibourne Browne, a well known physician of Dallas.

(Dr. Browne and Dell had one child, Margie, who had been married three or four times, is now Mrs. O'Daniel. This lady had a son first, Billy Jordan; then a daughter Margie Dell McManus, now in her teens. Mrs. O'Daniels has a small child now, Ex-Governor O'Daniels grandchild); Leroy Joseph, who married Emma Williams (their children were Joe—who now lives in Houston—George Edmond, and Margie Dell).

Joseph and Elizabeth Lawrence's second son, Amos B. Lawrence, and his wife Varuna Hartman Lawrence had eight children:

Cecil Vance, who married Martha Byrd Parker, no children, he is deceased; Mamie Fay, who married Will Sellman and later married Herbert Marx, no children; Valda Ella, who married Carl Wertz, no children—divorced; Pearl Gwen, who never married, a trained nurse; Elva Ada who married Wyatte Busch, has 2 sons, Kirk and Adrian Busch; Lillah Rosamond, married Claude W. Smith and has one son, Claude Jr.; Joseph Fenton who married Ila Cora

Fisher (both deceased), they had one child Ila Joy who married David Oliver.

A. Belmont, who married Stella Gebeaur, they had 2 children, Gwenlyn who married O'Neil Loftis, and Dorothy Grace who married John Glenney.

(A. Belmont then married Lena Williams. No children, divorced.

A. Belmont then married Dolores Vander Stay. Have 2 boys).

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The daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Lawrence, Julie Henrietta, married Mike Casey, had 6 children:

Elton D. who married Agnes Fisher, no children; Norman, who is an invalid, never married; Basil who married Hazel ? ; Ora Glenn who married Ivy Ilfrey now deceased, 1 child; Drouette who married Troy Enderly (?), 2 children; Erma Joyce who married Johnnie Leslie, has 1 child.

M

McCANN: An elderly mother with two large beautiful daughters—one named Inez, the other Eretta.

There was evidence of very easy financial conditions, very much admired by all, after some years they left the home they had bought, and Cedar Bayou knew them no more.

McCARTY: McCarty married a widow, a Mrs. Henry, who had two children, Will and Sally Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarty had three children, Joe, Lillie and Lou.

Joe died unmarried.

Will Henry married Viola (Babe) Gates.

Sally married a widower Ben Barrow, with two nearly grown children; Sally had three Barrow children; Henry and Betty died when about one-half grown. Ben called (Sally's Ben) is still living and has a family near Crosby.

McCRARY: An old resident of those days was "McCrary" an elderly man of seemingly polished manners. A widower who had left his two daughters in a distant city with their grand-parents.

After they were grown girls they came to live with him.

Kate married Jim Haden.

Anna married a man in Galveston, name unknown.

McGAR: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McGar with a young family lived on the banks of Cedar Bayou, they were cultured people, and easily made friends with those already here. The oldest son Will was a grown young man, but the daughter next in age was a cripple named Mary, smiling, kind, gracious, but barely able to walk. Then Estelle, and another son Eddie, and a baby boy named Walter (I think). They moved away, and all stopped by our house for dinner,

as they passed through Barbers Hill.

Mrs. McGar and my mother were very good friends. When mother could not get any dress material for her wedding, during the war between the States, Mrs. McGar opened a chest of clothes she had not used since coming to Texas and they found a lovely cream silk mull that remodeled made a beautiful bridal dress. Mother had a new pair of Satin house-slippers, and she rode the thirty miles to Liberty to a cobbler shop, and he put high heels on the slippers, so they became nice wedding shoes for this 1863 bride. The bridegroom had come home for a short furlough, so there was need for haste.

McLEAN: The McLeans were an old family in Cedar Bayou. Grandma McLean, a tall neat woman with gray hair, and a devout Christian, had four sons: Wilson, Billy, Ephraim and Harrison.

Wilson married Emma ?

Ephraim married Inez Fayle.

Billy married Mellissa Weeden.

Harrison married Edith Pease.

The McLeans had two daughters, Annie, who married Hazard Williams after she was left a widow with one son, named for his father Madison George. Annie and Hazard had eight children, namely, Ida, Loula, Lizzie, Minnie, Sarah, then Charley and Lilley (twins), then Clarence. Sarah was lost in the Galveston storm.

Lizzie (Wilburn) is the only one now living of that family. She has a large family of her own and lives in comfort in Baytown.

The McLean's other daughter was Sarah, who married Reuben Epperson and had about seven children; Wilson, George, Lanetta, Rachel, and two younger girls, Cora and Sadie, and a young son, Harrison.

McNEICE: There was a family of this name lived on Old River, consisting of Father McNeice and wife, a son John and two daughters, Apsley and Jeannette. Apsley had been a widow and later on married Albert Lawrence. Jeannette married Uriah Hartman.

Old man McNeice died, and his widow and son moved away. Mrs. McNeice rode out to my mother's home, and the son went away on a business trip, and stayed a week while his mother visited at our house. She taught me some old-time songs, while she was there. She was a small, short, stooped figure. Her son, a tall rawboned dark man. Apsley was a plain oldish woman, but Jeannette was a beautiful girl, large dark eyes, curly black hair, regular features, complexion like a Magnolia flower.

Uriah and Jeannette had two children, U. E. and Rebecca, who are living in Ballinger and Brownwood, Texas. Jeannette died while the children were small and Uriah married again, had four or five more children before he passed away.

MAGEE: An aristocratic old family of the above name came to Texas in the early days of its settlement. The family consisted of Father, Mother and three Daughters and two sons, namely: Ellen (My Mother's especial friend) and her two younger sisters. The second daughters name I do not know, the youngest was named Winnie. One son was named Jake, the other Wes.

Wes married Anna Baker.

Winnie married Mr. Yarrington, a school teacher.

Ellen was a fine looking girl who attracted the notice of a Col. McPherson who was determined to marry her. She did not like Col. McPherson at all, but he was well off, a Col. in the Army (Southern) and Mr. Magee highly approved of his courtship. When the Col. asked for permission to marry Ellen, gave his consent and told Ellen to accept this man. In those days a girl did not have little (if any) say about it.

Meantime Ellen had met a young Cavalry man that she did like. But the Col. came and came again, and finally Ellen said Yes. The Col. gave her a diamond ring, and when he went to take leave of her he kissed her! That was too bad, she snatched off his ring and threw it as far as she could. It landed in a briar patch. The Col. left and her parents were determined she should marry him when he returned, and used their authority to bring it about.

A few months later the Col. was again in their part of the State,

so the wedding plan was all ready and a big ball, supper, with a large crowd of invited guests.

Adaleasa Martha Fitzgerald was the bridesmaid, and once while Ellen and Adaleasa were alone looking in the ball room at the dancers the Col. passed by in the dance. Ellen clutched Adaleasa's hand and said in a low voice, "My God Ada! why did I ever marry that beast! I hate him.

Later on when Adaleasa was dancing with the Col. he looked across the room at Ellen and said "Is she, my bride, not lovely". His voice filled with admiration and pride. Time went by and, Ellen gave birth to a red haired, blackeye little daughter.

It was not long until Col. McPherson was found dead, a bullet in his head. No one knew who killed him nor how he met his death. The time was full of unexpected deaths and such law as they had, was not always enforced. Ellen soon married the young Cavalry soldier named "Bill" Weaver. Her little girl was always called by her step-father's name, and every one knew her as Bell Weaver. They had other children of their own.

After some time the younger sister married a man named King, and had several children who grew up in Cedar Bayou also, for all this happened in that Community strung along the Bayou from mouth to its head.

MILAM: Collins Milam's wife died and he moved to Cedar Bayou,

and with his brother Bob of Galveston, and an old friend of his home town founded the mercantile firm of Rosamond Milam & Brothers, that flourished in Cedar Bayou for many years.

Collins, a widower with three children, married again to Mary Bridges. They had seven children, namely: Barney, Susie, Rob, Betty, Will, Rose Jimmy. All grew up and married except Rosamond. She was named for the third partner in the Rosamond Milam & Brothers firm.

Colins' brother, Bob, and his family lived in Galveston where he took care of the supplies and shipments needed at the Cedar Bayou Store. Their brick kilns employed many men.

They bought and used a large 3-masted boat to conduct their business. The boat was named the P. J. Willis, the firm's name in Galveston that they bought it from.

There were many smaller boats plying between Cedar Bayou and Galveston but none so large as the "Willis".

It was said that Galveston was built of the bricks made in the kilns of Cedar Bayou.

Later on the Milam firm built a tug, the "S. G. Rosamond" named for the third (and influential) member of the firm.

MILLS: There were two young men of that name in the Old River Community. Willie the elder lived at Robert Lawrence's home on Lawrence's Island.

Alfred Mills worked each year for people as a general farm hand. He never married.

Willie married Laura Anderson who with her brother lived in the home of Robert Lawrence, whose wife was an invalid. Jimmie Anderson was a well liked young man, was a great favorite of Robert Lawrence's young son Charles. It would have been a lonely life indeed for Charles, an only child, away back on the Island, where there were no neighbors, and Jimmie was his companion and friend.

They were together when Jimmie rode his horse in the swollen waters of Cedar Bayou and was drowned before his eyes.

COL. MILLS: There was in the edge of the Cedar Bayou wood about two miles below Barbers Hill, an old mansion or large two story house that had belonged to Colonel Mills, who had left that part of the State when the war (1860-65) was ended. This old house stood vacant for many years. I remember being there and seeing many of the people assembled there for a picnic and horse racing. There was a long table out in front of the house and lots of food on it. There I saw for the first time the Lawrence family and made friends with Julia Lawrence, who was ever-after my friend, as well as sister-in-law.

The Mills had been gone from there some time. My Grandmother bought the geese from the Mills when they were moving away.

They were large fine geese, very old, and prized by Grandmother.

MITCHELL: A fine old family, who used to attend church at Cedar Bayou. They lived on West Bay. Field Mitchell married Jenny Gaillard. The Mitchells lived where the Baytown Refinery is now located.

DR. MORGAN: When the War between the States ended, a man with his family came to live on Cedar Bayou. He was a physician, and was needed in that area. He had three children, Annie, Frank and Albert.

Annie married Bill Busch.

Frank married Sarah Fitzgerald.

Albert married Josie Ellender.

Doctor Morgan a widower many years went back to his home and married again. A woman he had known in his early years. She was a lady of culture and refinement, but died in a few years after coming South, leaving a baby boy, who died before his second birthday after being taken back to her people in the North.

Dr. Morgan was a graduate of The Rush Medical College.

BAPTISTE MUECHER: Baptiste Muecher, a Frenchman, came and lived alone in a little cabin across the ridge from the Kilgores.

Now and then he attended the monthly church services at Barbers Hill. His ways were amusing, for instance, when he became ill,

he mounted his horse, and rode the five miles to summon a doctor. Yes the doctor would come, so Baptiste ran his horse all the way to his home, so as to be in bed, when the doctor arrived.

He had a sweetheart in his home across the sea that he got letters from occasionally. One letter caused a lot of interest in the community, for it told of her marriage to a man in her home town. Baptiste in despair decided to kill himself, took a knife and tried to cut his throat. Found bleeding by a neighbor from a short cut in his throat, a doctor was summoned, the cut proved not to be very serious, so he recovered, and left that part of the State soon after.

O

O'BRIEN: There was a family of O'Briens, consisting of two girls, Kate and Alzenith, and one son Sidney.

Kate O'Brien married "Old man" Larry Dugat, a widower with grown children namely: Freeland, Mary, Joe, and Jessie.

Mary Dugat married Sidney O'Brien, they had one daughter.

Alzenith who married Taylor Southern.

Kate and her husband Larry Dugat had three sons, Charley, Ed and Larry.

Mary, when left a widow, married a man named Littles, a widower with several children.

OLFORD FAMILY: Along in the 1850-60 there was a family estab-

lished here, a Dr. Olford, wife and 2 daughters. They were cultured and refined and the two daughters were noted for their looks and courteous, gentle bearing.

Do not know what state they came from.

The Doctor and his wife died many years ago.

The oldest daughter, Mary, married Jesse Harmon and became the mother of several sons and one daughter, Annie.

The Olford's youngest daughter, Virginia, married a man named Tupps Reeves, also of that neighborhood and had children. The Reeves couple may be still living, near their old home.

Annie Harmon married Larry Dugat.

P

PARKER: A family of this name came from Alabama, to make their home in Texas. There were some of the sons who had seen service in the Confederate Army, Jim and Dave.

Dave married Maggie Rabb and they had six children.

Octavia who married Eddie Kilgore.

Emory who went to Victoria as a druggist under his uncle, a noted physician, married Bertha ? of that city.

John married, lost his wife and later on married Robbie (Haden) Berry a widow with one child and they had four children to live:

Maude who married Austin Smith; John who married Lena Law-

rence; Ruby who married Harrison Epperson; Annie who married Pirtle Fisher.

Lucille who married young Carter, son of a prominent lawyer in Baytown.

The original Parkers had four daughters: Hattie, Lou, Molly, Jane.

Hattie married ? Matthews.

Lou died unmarried.

Molly married George Kelly.

Jane married Frank Waters.

Miss Sally never married.

Jim married late in life to Lola Dolen, and they had the following children; James, Roland, John, Marguerite and Mattie Byrd, who died early.

Dave and Maggie had a daughter named Octavia, who married Eddie Kilgore, had a little daughter. Her sister Mamie, all four were drowned in the Galveston storm in 1900. Dave and Maggie also lost a small son about this time, named Julius. Their next daughter, Prudence, who married Fred Watrous and they had three children: Dorothy, Frederick, Marty.

Dave and Maggie's next daughter Martha Byrd married Cecil V. Lawrence, and they had no children.

Frederick married Juanita ?? and had several children.

POUNDS: A family of the above name lived at Cedar Bayou, and had the first Cotton Gin ever put up there, and the first saw mill also.

There were two sons, John and Tobe, that is all I know of them.

R

RHEA: The Rhea Family consisted of the parents, four daughters and two sons.

One daughter married ? Kelly; another daughter married ? Carey; Julia married Freeman (Bud) Lawrence; Amanda never married; Chris died soon after he was married, leaving one daughter; Billie never married.

S

SHARP: Charley Sharp was a widower with two children, Fred and Carrie. He kept Fred with him, Carrie was cared for as a daughter by the Smith's, old friends of the Sharps.

SHEPHERD: An English family settled on Cedar Bayou, consisting of Father, Mother, Son and Daughter. The son Thomas married Ellen Casey; they had four children; Mary, Henry, Fred and Velma, a tiny child who with her mother was drowned in Galveston storm

of 1900. Mary died some time before that date. Thomas married again to Lillie Westbrook, a new family that had moved in near the old Shepherd home. Tom and Lillie had several children, then Tom passed on. Tom's sister married first a man named Bradford. A widow for years, she then married Tom Wright and they had two daughters, Rose and Lizzie. Rose married Elmer Kilgore.

Lizzie married Layfitte Jones.

COLONEL ASHBEL SMITH: Colonel Ashbel Smith was the Officer commanding the Second Texas Division of the Army of the Confederate States of America. He was a very learned and brilliant officer, looked up to by his neighbors at home, as well as highly regarded by those under his Command during the War between the States.

His home on the Bay was known as Evergreen. Like many of those old time mansions it had a name of its own. The old Bayland Orphans Home was not far from Evergreen and was under the supervision of a relative of the Colonel's. This was Mr. Henry Gillette and the home of the Dukes was nearby. I think Mrs. Duke was a sister of Henry Gillette's.

On further along the Bay was the home of Mr. Gailliard in a beautiful setting; on further was Major Simmons home and Captain Hare's home.

Captain Christian's home was near and there were numerous

homes scattered above and below Baytown as it was called. When Colonel Smith called for volunteers for the Confederacy, the place of enlistment was Baytown, as shown by the papers issued then.

After the close of the War Colonel Smith was sent as a Minister to France and England and remained prominent in foreign affairs. His sister, Mrs. Kittredge, was a leading figure in social life of that day. When she came to visit her brother in his country home, there would be dinners on a par with those of the cities, given to large numbers of friends.

The Colonel attended the Church at Cedar Bayou at times and was known and respected by everyone that knew him. I remember seeing him, a short man in a rather long snuff-colored coat, and asking who he was, one time in the Methodist Church at Cedar Bayou.

Colonel Smith left a very valuable library to the College in Austin and interesting papers and reports of his services to Texas.

DUTCH SMITH: These Smiths lived near Barbers Hill and were a friendly lot of Dutch people, and well liked. There were five children, two boys and three girls:

Johnnie who married Martha Fisher (daughter of Jeremiah Fisher).

Amos who married Emma Busch.

Elizabeth who married Sol Fisher.

Ann who married Barney Donnelly.

Mary who married Gustave Genessee (called Kelly).

JOE SMITH: (Descendents of Christian Smith) Joe Smith and his wife Nancy had five sons: Monroe, Ed, Austin, Harmon, Collins.

Monroe married Laura Weeden.

Ed married Mattie Hunt.

Austin who married a widow late in life.

Harmon who married a young girl of European parentage.

Collins who married a relative of Harmon's wife.

STUBBS FAMILY: Ann Fisher, daughter of Mary Haney Fisher and her husband, ? Fisher, married a Mr. Stubbs, a man living on a small piece of land on "Lawrence's Island."

Her children were:

Cornelius, married Caroline ? ; Hellen married a widower, Baptiste Dugat; Fielding (Doc) married Laura Tilton; Mary Jane married first ? Davis, then Atwell, later married Henry Dutton, a widower; Francis married Sally Barrow, widow of Ben Barrow; Joanna married Jim Southern; Washington (Wash) married Eva Brashear.

V

GUILLIAME VOORTMAN: A Frenchman from Ghent came and

made his home with the Barbers at Barbers Hill for a time.

He had a small house near their kitchen, where he sold small needs to those passing by.

He married Tabitha (Barrow) Mackey. She had two Mackey sons, Eularia and William. Tabitha and Guilliame had two children: Sarah who died young, and Allen who is still living and has a wife and family.

W

WEISER: There came three brothers to this part of Texas, Ed, Lem and Barney. Barney had a beautiful young wife. He had a general store in the Cove Community where they had their home. Barney and his wife had one son Eddie, when they moved away.

Ed and Lem were not married when they left this part of Texas.

WILLIAMS: Olliver H. Williams was an arrival early in Texas from Louisiana. He married Mary (Polly) Barrow, a daughter of Solomon Barrow the first. Olliver and Polly had nine children:

Solomon married Elvira Blackgraves; Hazard married a widow, Annie George, who had one child, Madison George; Hazard and Annie had seven children; Ida who married Tom Smith; Lula who married John Hare; Lizzie who married Jerry Wilburn; Minnie did not marry; Sarah who was drowned in the Galveston storm of

1900; Charley, do not know if he married; Clarence, do not know if he married.

All of them are now dead except Lizzie who lives in Baytown and has a number of children and grandchildren near her.

WINFREE: A. B. J. Winfree and his brother Ben came to Texas in its earlier days of settlement. Ben may have had children. A. B. "Jacob" had none, so he and his wife adopted a baby boy, from the Long family near Houston. This child was legally adopted and took the name of his adopted parents, and was therefore their son, and was so considered by everyone. He was given the name of Taylor, and as Taylor Winfree was an influential citizen in that part of Texas.

Taylor Winfree married Mary Fisher, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Fisher. Taylor and Mary had five children namely: Edwin, Kinney, Elmira, Ernest and Otis.

Elmira and Otis are still living and have families, living near the old home on Barbers Hill.

Edwin's family and Ernest's still live at Mont Belview too.

Kinney left no family. His widow married Will Donnelly.

THE EAST SIDE OF THE
TRINITY RIVER IN
CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS

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A House Moving

When Baptiste Dugat did not like the location of his house down in the woods, he decided to have it moved out on the prairie about a mile distant.

He called a man that did such things, who first cut down some large trees, then made large blocks of the trunks for the wheels, put holes through the center of the large round blocks to admit of large strong timbers to connect the wheels and cross pieces that were to support the weight of the house. It took some time and Baptiste had a water well put down at the desired location.

When all was ready the man (he was called a carpenter, his name was Atwell) dug beside the house and put those big "Wheels" on each side and put the timbers under the house through the holes in the wheels and pegged the timbers fast through the holes made near the end of the timbers. Thus the house rested on the timbers and only needed power to move it from its site.

This power was provided by oxen, that were supplied by the settlers far and wide. Baptiste sent out an invitation to all the neighbors to come to a House Hauling and Dance, and to bring or send their oxen!

Of course every one had one or more yoke of oxen, and all were

willing to help a neighbor to move, and certainly all wanted to attend a big party.

From every settlement the families came, in their wagons and on horseback. All of the oxen for eight to ten miles away, were brought by the men and boys.

From our home there were two yoke of oxen brought by my uncle and a boy. One old yoke was a tall gaunt pale red ox called Red, his mate a stout black ox called Nig. A younger yoke was fine strong steers, called Bright and Broad.

In all there were eighteen yoke of oxen hitched on, one yoke behind the other and as they strung out each yoke with his driver, it looked like the line was a mile long. Slowly but surely the house began to move, when each driver shouted to his team, and the oxen all leaned forward in their yoke bows and exerted all their enormous strength in a steady powerful pull.

The big blocks of tree trunks turned over and began to roll just like real wheels would do. The house came slowly across the mile to the new site and came to a stop while the oxen were taken off and put at ease in a corral nearby.

The people were going in and out of the house and all were having a gay time, when suddenly one man was shown the displeasure of the others by "riding him on a rail". This offender was thrown across a stout split oak rail, in a sitting posture, while four men

raised the rail to rest on their shoulders, they carried him around the house amid shouts, jeers and laughter of everyone they passed. Do not know what his offense was, but he surely had an uncomfortable and humiliating ride.

Supper was served and the violinists tuned up their instruments, and the dancing began.

Those who had little children put them cross-ways in the two large beds in the hostess room, adjoining the dancing room. The idea of putting the children crossways the bed, was to give room for a larger number of the little ones who were going to sleep.

The dancing was fast and enjoyable until twelve o'clock when cakes and coffee was served to everyone.

I was not yet asleep when two very pretty young ladies came in to change their shoes. They put on a pair each of white kid, very high topped shoes and the shoes had red buttons, fit perfectly and were very trim and beautiful. These girls were nieces of Barney Weiser, a storekeeper in the settlement and their names were Hannah and the prettiest one's name was Racy.

When morning dawned the dancing was over and the people returned to their homes. All talking of having such a good time and looking forward to the next "gathering", which would perhaps be a "Chimney Daubing" when a neighbor would make a mud chimney for a fire-place in his home, and of course assisted by all neighboring settlers.

“The Goodnight Scrape”

Down in the Coastland in Chambers County the old man Jeremiah Fisher and his wife “Aunt Sarah” lived alone in their old home on the bay shore.

They had reared their 10 children there and all had married and gone to homes of their own.

As they were getting well along in years and were considered wealthy with a large stock of cattle on the Ranges, they could afford and did have a hired man to do the hardest of the work. As was usual in that part of the country they had hired a young man, son of a distant relative who worked their farm, fed the horses, milked the cows, and lived in their home like a son, and was treated as such.

This young man’s name was Joseph Wilburn, and he had no home, his parents were both dead and he had only one sister living. He went to live at “Uncle Jerry’s” and work there. Joe was liked by the Fisher family, especially by the two younger boys.

One day two men came up the steep thirty foot bluff from the beach below the house, and asked for something to eat.

They said their boat was aground, and they were trying to get it off again.

Of course they were given whatever they needed, and they left, going back down to the bay shore.

Next afternoon when the old man Fisher had ridden off to drive in the cows for the milking time that evening, these men came again and asked for cotton to caulk their boat. Aunt Sarah told Joe to get the cotton for them, which was kept in a shed room on one of the galleries.

He was slow for he did not like their looks nor ways, and Aunt Sarah went to see what was keeping him.

One of the men followed her and when she went in the room he shut the door!

Aunt Sarah turned and was pushing the door open when the man hit her across the head with a pistol, and she fell to the floor.

Oh said Joe, you've killed Aunt Sarah! Yes, said the man and I'll kill you too if you don't keep back. Then he fastened the door on them and joined his companion, who was breaking open the two trunks in the old couple's bedroom.

After working a bit on the slats on the little window that let light in the cotton room, Joe got it open far enough to squeeze himself out, and ran to the barn to get a horse to run for help. He saw the two men coming out of a thicket on horses while he was saddling up.

In the meantime Aunt Sarah had come to, got to work on the

door, and got it open. She went through the hall and stopped and looked in to see those men tearing up everything in the trunks, and putting the money they collected in their pockets, and in a bag they carried. As much of the money was gold in those days, they had saddle bags to carry it in.

As Aunt Sarah looked in at the backs of the robbers, she wished for a gun to shoot them down.

When the men saw Joe out, they began to urge their horses to get away faster. He mounted and pursued them for several miles. They kicked and used their whips on their horses, and tried to make Joe believe that their horses were tired out. (Later they confessed they were trying to get Joe to come near enough, to kill him with a pistol shot.)

When it became to dark to see the men who had gone into a point of trees jutting out on the prairie, Joe rode to a settlement at Barber's Hill, a few miles on and reported the robbery. A lot of the men there armed themselves, and off they went to try to find the robbers.

The news spread like wild-fire, everyone was afraid that the robbers would come to their house. The families of the robber hunters were too scared to stay alone, so took their children and hurried to stay through the night at a neighbors.

The armed men searched the woods where the robbers were last

seen, but owing to the darkness could not pick up the trail of the two horses.

With daylight it was discovered that two horse tracks lead across the prairie to another timbered strip along a river about five miles away.

Investigation revealed that the robbers came to a man's house, and he and his wife had fed them, even before the robbery. It was said that these people had told of the Fisher's having their money, locked in the two trunks in their front bedroom. Also that the robbers paid them for their information. This couple told of the robbers returning after they had robbed the old Fisher couple of their savings.

The County Officers formed a posse and pursued the robbers to Dayton, a railroad town some twenty miles distant. They wired authorities on all points to hold the men, and found them on a train near the little town of Palestine.

When they went to take them, they found a woman had the money in a belt around the body. The woman was the wife of the older, stouter one of the robbers. His name was Goodnight. He resisted arrest and tried to jump from the train, but an officer shot him in the head as he leaped.

He died a few days later in a hospital. His wife gave up all the money she had in her belt, but the younger and more slender

robber got away with some money, for a time, but the officers trailed him closely and soon had him in jail where he was sentenced for a number of years in the penitentiary.

The old Fishers got their money back and Aunt Sarah who had never been fifty miles from home in her life, was one of the main witnesses against him in court. Wearing a very nice dress for the occasion, she glared at the man Merritt during the trial. Aunt Sarah had the dress material of black silk alpaca on hand for some years. Uncle Jerry had bought it for her in Galveston. But when she had to go to court to testify against the thief on trial, her daughters made up this very up to date material for her trip to the county seat. They said she looked very nice in the new dress and a plain black hat when she appeared in court. She was proud of the fact she had hidden six hundred dollars in lid of one trunk, and the robbers did not find it.

Joe Wilburn, of course, was an important witness also.

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Any or all of the above story was printed in the Galveston Weekly News at the time of the robbery, about 1877 or a few years later.

State Fair 1875

The State Fair of Texas was held for a few years in Houston beginning in 1870. In 1875 Jefferson Davis spoke at the opening

of the Fair. The Fair Grounds were in charge of Col. Robt. Kyle, for some years. It is what is now known as Fair Grounds Addition. Was bounded on the north by McGowan Street, on the West by Louisiana and extended across Travis Street and the entrance gates were at junction of McGowan and Louisiana Streets.

The Grounds were laid out in checks and squares, divided by small ditches with many bridges, with many paths and roadways and it covered 30 acres. The grounds were reached by street-car drawn by mules, whose bells tinkled musically as they trotted along a wide plank, while the car wheels ran on iron tracks. Your fare, the little colored tickets about an inch wide and one and one-half inch long. Many small purchases were made in those days, by the payment of street car tickets and all out through the Country change was made frequently by using the little yellow, blue, red and green tickets from the Houston and Galveston street car lines.

There were many buildings inside the Fair grounds, where exhibits of all kinds were housed. In the Agricultural hall there were two plows made by the B. F. Avery Plow Company of Louisville, Kentucky, that were very beautiful, one made of pure gold and one of silver, they were about 8 or 10 inches long, an exact replica of those in use by the farmers throughout the country.

The Goggan Piano Company had a splendid line of pianos in use at that time. I remember hearing two beautifully dressed ladies

talking of the wonderful tone of these instruments, then one lady said "sit down and play on that one Katie, which "Katie" did to my surprise and delight.

In the Floral Exhibit was a lovely and peculiar arrangement, where a round circle of glass kept the public away from the hundreds of flowers, some of them the largest and finest of their species that I have ever seen. There was an ornamental fountain in the center that sent a misty spray on the flowers all the time. I distinctly remember a blue Lily that was at least a foot across that would hold its cup to the misty spray that kept the flowers fresh and lovely. The Lily would have its heart full, yet hold its cup for more of the cooling mist.

A young deer ran about in a small enclosure near the floral display, where many tiny children patted its nose between the wires.

There was a "Grand Opera House" in the upper story of the fine new Market house with its look-out on the roof, where one could look all over the City. This was railed in (or walled up) about waist high, with red painted iron or tin. Someone lifted me for a moment, that I might look out at this sight. It was in this opera house that I saw the play, "The Hidden Hand" and it was a source of lively remembrance to me for many years. I always felt grateful to my Mother's escort (she was a young widow) for seconding my plea to be allowed to accompany the theatre party that night. In

later years when I was permitted to read Mrs. Southworth's books, it was made clear to me many things, which I did not understand when I saw the play.

In one of the open Halls, that had a stout railing around it, a number of athletic young men rode on beautifully painted and polished bicycles, that had only two wheels, one very large and a really small one just behind it. They raced and did tricks, each trying to outdo the others in daring and skill, on these wonderful new vehicles, before the admiring crowds. How dangerous this looked!

There were, of course, horses, cattle, sheep and hogs in the Live-stock Exhibit and quite a number of Durham cattle were shown. One Durham cow had a blue ribbon tied on her horn, another had a red one. A red and white spotted bull had a blue ribbon on his horn.

The hogs, sheep and other animals did not make a deep impression on me as the hay was too deep for me to get around in, and I only saw the prize winners when held up in a kindly man's arms.

There were small tables out on the Market Square, where light meals were served, in the open air. A young Italian boy strolled among the tables playing a violin and dancing to his own music. Another boy passed a hat and gathered a lot of small change. The violin had one side completely gone from the bridge to the tailpiece, but the tone was lovely and they were very popular with the diners.

There were pictures made of some of the young people in the group with us and one of Sister and Me. These tintypes show the quaint costumes of that day, high lace or button shoes, dresses tight basque, Spencer or yoke waist, full skirt, but the sleeves were leg-o-mutton or full gathered, in a tiny band at the wrist. Many had the drop shoulder and the off shoulder waist on their full gathered or many gored skirts. Their hair was cut and waved as now. The hats were like today also.

There were Fortune Tellers there as is usual at such places. There was one really interesting in its appeal. The Attendant gave you a blank sheet of nice quality paper with envelope to match for one dollar. You folded the paper, put it in the envelope and sealed it and tore off a bit of one corner of the envelope, then gave it back to him. Then he put them all in a tall glass tank of colorless liquid or gas and you watched the letters go up and down, up and down. After a minute or two the attendant stopped the moving liquid or gas, took out the letters, handed them to those having invested, who fitted their bits retained, until they were sure they had their own, then tore them open and there was writing on one side of the paper telling of the Past, Present and Future of the subject. The envelope and paper was dry as when they had it in hand before.

There were horse races and I recall clearly one I saw. It was a trotting race which was won by a big sorrel horse, white spot on his

face and one or two white feet. This horse was driven to a two wheeled sulky and seemed to go by as fast as a horse running.

Someone kindly held me up that I might see over the board railing surrounding the track and I still appreciate being enabled to see my first harness race.

There were prize drawings of dear little blown glass birds in their natural colors and I as the small one of the group was made happy by the gift of many of them.

This concludes the memories I hold of the Texas State Fair, held in this City in 1875.

(Mrs. A. B.) Varuna Hartmann Lawrence.

ALICE L. MAYES, ET AL

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IN RE: HEIRS OF HUMPHREY

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& SARAH JACKSON

CHAMBERS COUNTY,

TEXAS.

No. 738.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BEXAR

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Alice L. Mayes, and Guy C. Jackson, Sr. to me well known and they, after being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that they are each well acquainted with the history of the Jackson Family that has resided in Chambers County for the past 100 years or more and that said family are the descendants of Humphrey Jackson who was born in Ireland on November 24th, 1784 and who migrated to America in the year of 1804, with his two brothers named Henry and Alexander. Affiants further state that Henry Jackson went to Old Mexico and was never heard from, and that Alexander Jackson lived for a

few years with his brother Humphrey in Louisiana, then returned to Ireland. Affiants further state that Humphrey Jackson after migrating to America settled in Louisiana where he married a sister of Taylor White Sr. and that she died shortly after marriage, leaving no issue. Humphrey Jackson later married Sarah Merriman on October 13th, 1814 and moved to Texas in the year of 1823, first settling on the banks of the San Jacinto River. Affiants further state that the children born to Humphrey Jackson and Sarah Merriman were as follows:

- (1) Letitia Jackson
- (2) Hugh Jackson
- (3) John Jackson
- (4) James Jackson

Affiants further state that the descendants of these children were as follows:

(1) Letitia Jackson, was born on August 30th, 1815 and died November 1st, 1881, that she first married Meredith Duncan on February 4th, 1832, he died and she later married A. H. Long on January 1st, 1849 and lived with him until his death on June 28th, 1881, that no children were born to either of these unions.

(2) Hugh Jackson, was born on August 23rd, 1817, and died many years later, that he was married to Sophia Bond on March 21st, 1843, and to this union the following children were born:

- (a) Alexander Bond Jackson
- (b) James Scott Jackson
- (c) John Henry Jackson
- (d) Alice and Decandia Jackson (twins)

Affiants further state that the descendants of these children were as follows:

(a) Alexander Bond Jackson, born February 10th, 1844 and was killed September 25th, 1866, having never married and leaving no issue.

(b) James Scott Jackson, born March 5th, 1846 and died April 26th, 1910, having never married and leaving no issue.

(c) John Henry Jackson, born July 17th, 1848, and died January 15th, 1934, having never married.

(d) Alice and Decandia Jackson were born in the year of 1850 and Alice died February 6th, 1855 from poisoning; Decandia married Solomon Barrow and to this union the following children were born and survived their parents; Alice, now married to a man named Stevens; Laura now married to G. M. Johnson; Edna who married a man named Smith and who is now a widow; Ezma who married a man named Reagan and R. J. Barrow.

(3) John Jackson was born January 10th, 1820, and died June 15th, 1877, was married to Sarah Ann Wallis on August 31st, 1843, and to this union the following children were born: Jonie Ann

Jackson; Letitia Jackson; Rufus Humphrey Jackson; Hugh Jackson; Fannie Jackson; Lottie Jackson; Rachel Jackson and Lula Jackson.

(4) James Jackson, born February 15th, 1822 and died June 5th, 1895, was married to Sarah White on December 23rd, 1847, and she died April 30th, 1917 and to this union the following children were born.

- (a) Sarah Ellen Jackson
- (b) Humphrey Taylor Jackson
- (c) Mary Permelia Jackson
- (d) Alice Letitia Jackson
- (e) Robert Thurston Jackson
- (f) James Edward Jackson
- (g) Humphrey Hugh Jackson
- (h) John Claude Jackson
- (i) Ralph Semmes Jackson
- (j) Guy Cade Jackson
- (k) Ula Jean Jackson

Affiants further state that the descendants of these children were are follows:

(a) Sarah Ellen Jackson was born September 18th, 1849 and died on October 1st, 1876, was married to Leverett Sherman on January 29th, 1873 to which union one child was born, being Dur-

wood Jackson Sherman, who died August 12th, 1894 having never married and leaving no issue.

(b) Humphrey Taylor Jackson, born December 17th, 1851 and died on November 1st, 1863, having never married and leaving no issue.

(c) Mary Permelia Jackson, born April 9th, 1854 and died on March 9th, 1914, having never married and leaving no issue.

(d) Alice Letitia Jackson, born August 25th, 1856, was married to Geo. W. Mayes on January 10th, 1877 and he died of smallpox fifteen days later on January 25th, 1877, no issue was born of this union and Alice Letitia Mayes has never married again and is now affiants.

living at 517 E Park Ave. in San Antonio, Texas and is one of the

(e) Robert Thurston Jackson, was born January 6th, 1859 and died October 8th, 1923, having never married and leaving no issue.

(f) James Edward Jackson, was born November 12th, 1861, and was married to Lizzie Womble on November 27th, 1885, both of whom are now living at 1925 W. Grammercy St. in San Antonio, Texas and to this union the following children were born: Maud K. Jackson who married Sam Briscoe, and who is now living at Trinity, Texas; Roy Jackson, married and living at Montgomery, Texas; Roger Jackson, married and living in Houston, Texas; Sarah Mae Jackson, who married Harvey Huie and now living in San Antonio,

Texas; and James Edward Jackson Jr. who is single and living with his parents in San Antonio, Texas.

(g) Humphrey Hugh Jackson, born January 6th, 1864 and died on January 10th, 1928, was married to Emma Toland on April 20th, 1898, there were no children born to this union and Emma Toland Jackson is now living with her sister, who is her guardian, she having been adjudged non compos mentis.

(h) John Claude Jackson, was born April 12th, 1867, and was married to May C. Andrews on October 24th, 1898, both of whom are now living in Chambers County, Texas and to this union two children were born, Phoebe Jackson who married John Moir, and Claudia Jackson who is single.

(i) Ralph Semmes Jackson, was born on January 18th, 1870 and was married to Pearl Ross Shardine on December 22, 1898, both of whom are now living at 210 Mary Louise Drive in San Antonio, Texas; to this union one child was born, Alice Jackson, who first married F. B. Ray, who was killed at Harlingen, Texas on April 1st, 1928; no children were born to this union, and she later married J. T. White, Jr. of Stowell, Texas and they are both living there now.

(j) Guy Cade Jackson, born March 26th, 1872, was married to Berta Nell Briggs on November 20th, 1901, both of whom are now living, and to this union the following children were born: James B.

Jackson, married and living in Chambers County, Texas; Guy Cade Jackson Jr., married and now living at Anahuac, Texas; Zuill B. Jackson who died at the age of 5 years; Ralph S. Jackson, married and now living in Crowley, Louisiana; Horace R. Jackson, single and now living in Houston, Texas; Berta M. Jackson, single and living in San Antonio, Texas, and Ula Jean Jackson, single and living in San Antonio, Texas.

(k) Ula Jean Jackson, was born on January 24th, 1876 and was married to Joseph L. Cline on December 18th, 1901, both of whom are now living at 231 W. 12th St., Dallas, Texas; one child was born to this union, being Durwood J. Cline, who is married and living in Dallas, Texas.

Affiants further state that the dates given herein were principally taken from the Jackson Family Bible, which has been kept for more than 100 years.

Guy C. Jackson

Alice L. Mayes

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 11th day of October, A. D. 1934.

(SEAL)

Frank Cummins Notary Public
in and for Bexar County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BEXAR

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Alice L. Mayes and Guy C. Jackson, Sr., known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 11th day of October
A. D. 1934.

(SEAL)

Frank Cummins, Notary Public
in and for Bexar County, Texas

AMANDA M. SMITH, AFFIANT A F F I D A V I T

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CHAMBERS COUNTY

No. 2260

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Amanda M. Smith, known to me to be a credible person, and who, after being by me first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and says as follows:

My name is Amanda M. Smith. I am 78 years of age and I am the daughter of James Taylor White, II, and Amanda Speights White, his wife. I am well acquainted with the history of the White Family, who have resided in Chambers County for more than one hundred years. This family are the descendants of James Taylor White, who was born on the Isle of Wight about the year of 1779. He migrated to America when he was a young man, landing in New York, and shortly thereafter came to Louisiana and settled near the present town of New Iberia. He married Sarah Cade, who was a sister to Bob Cade, and they moved to Texas in the territory which is now Chambers County, about the year of 1819. His wife, Sarah Cade, was born in the year 1795, and died March 14, 1852. James Taylor White died March 5, 1852. He was married once and only once, and they had only seven children, as follows, to-wit:

I. Elizabeth White

II. John White

III. Permelia White

IV. Robert White

V. Joseph White

VI. James Taylor White, II, and

VII. Sarah White

I. Elizabeth White, a daughter of James Taylor White and Sarah Cade White, who was called "Betsy", was born February 8th, 1814,

and died in the month of December, 1890. She first married Robert Booth, on February 5th, 1828. Robert Booth was born January 11th, 1806, and died April 5th, 1848. They had seven children, to-wit:

- (A) Reuben M. Booth
- (B) Robert Franklin Booth
- (C) Sarah Elmira Booth
- (d) Mary Ann Booth (Mollie)
- (E) John Anderson Booth
- (F) James Taylor Booth, and
- (G) Josephine Cade Booth

Her husband, Robert E. Booth, died and she later married a man by the name of Cotton and there were no children born of this marriage.

II. John White, a son of James Taylor White and Sarah Cade White, was born in the year of 1817, and died on February 15th, 1859. He was married once and only once, marrying a woman named Martha Wallis. They had only eight children, to-wit:

- (A) Sarah White
- (B) Elizabeth (Lizzie) White
- (C) John Oliver White
- (D) Robert D. White
- (E) James E. White
- (F) Joseph Cade White

(G) Mary White, and

(H) Martha White.

III. Permelia White, a daughter of James Taylor White and Sarah Cade White, was born in the year of 1820, and died September 11th, 1861. She was married once and only once, and then to Bon Barrow. They had only nine children as follows, to-wit:

(A) J. Shadrack Barrow (who was nicknamed "Shake")

(B) Sarah Barrow

(C) Mary Ann Barrow

(D) Benjamin Barrow

(E) Solomon Barrow

(F) Robert Cade Barrow

(G) Josephine Barrow

(H) Permelia Jane Barrow, and

(I) Eugenia Barrow.

IV. Robert White, a son of James Taylor White and Sarah Cade White, was born November 18th, 1823, and died October 14th, 1903, having never married.

V. Joseph (Joe) White, a son of James Taylor White and Sarah Cade White, was born August 15th, 1826, and was married once and only once, and then to Clara Thompson. They had only two children as follows, to-wit:

(A) Ellen White, who died as a small child, and

(B) George White

VI. James Taylor White, II, a son of James Taylor White and Sarah Cade White, was born on June 13th, 1829, and died December 24th, 1905. He was married once and only once and then to Amanda Speights on December 7th, 1852, and Amanda died December 25th, 1892. They had only seven children, to-wit:

(A) James Taylor White, III

(B) Robert Munroe White

(C) Amanda Melvina White

(D) Sarah Benetta White

(E) Joseph White

(F) Nancy Josephine White, and

(G) Forrest E. White.

VII. Sarah White, a daughter of James Taylor White and Sarah Cade White, was born July 13th, 1832, and died April 27th 1917. She was married once and only once and then to James Jackson, on December 23rd, 1847, and to this union the following eleven children were born:

(A) Sarah Ellen Jackson

(B) Humphrey Taylor Jackson

(C) Mary Permelia Jackson

(D) Alice Letitia Jackson

(E) Robert Thurston Jackson

- (F) James Edward Jackson
- (G) Humphrey Hugh Jackson
- (H) John Claude Jackson
- (I) Ralph Semmes Jackson
- (J) Guy Cade Jackson, and
- (K) Ula Jean Jackson.

I. (A) Reuben M. Booth, a son of Elizabeth Booth and Robert Booth, was born March 3rd, 1829, and he was killed on August 17th, 1851. He married a woman whose name I do not remember, but they had no children.

I. (B) Robert Franklin Booth, a son of Elizabeth Booth and Robert Booth, was born in the year of 1832. He was killed on August 17th, 1851 having never married and leaving no issue.

I. (C) Sarah Elmira Booth, a daughter of Robert Booth and Elizabeth Booth, was born December 2nd, 1835, and died January 28th, 1877. She was married once and only once and then to Erastus Moss, and to this union the following eleven children were born:

1. Mary Ellen Moss, who married David Middleton
2. Robert Moss, who never married
3. Josephine Elizabeth Moss, who married Joe Watson
4. Annie Laurie Moss, who married Fred Sargent
5. John Erastus Moss, who never married and is now living at Anahuac, Texas

6. Sarah Elmira Moss, who married James Taylor White, III.
7. James Taylor Moss, who married Hattie Thomas
8. May Iola Moss, who married Munroe Shelton
9. Blanche Moss, who married Forrest E. White
10. Fannie Daisy Moss, a girl, who died very young, and
11. Edward Andrews Moss, a boy, who died very young.

I. (D) Mary Ann Booth, a daughter of Robert Booth and Elizabeth Booth, whom we called "Mollie", first married a man by the name of Gidrey. He died and she then married a man named Frank Rhodes and later married Phil Shardoin. There were no children born to any of these marriages, and she died without leaving any issue.

I. (E) John Anderson Booth, a son of Elizabeth and Robert Booth, was born December 2nd, 1833, first married Sarah Barrow and to this union no children were born. He later married a widow named Cawthorne, and to this union three children were born as follows:

1. Mollie Booth
2. Lola Booth, and
3. As near as I can remember, a boy named Robert Booth.

His second wife died, and he married a third time, but I do not know his third wife's name.

I. (F) James Taylor Booth, a son of Elizabeth and Robert Booth,

was born February 19th, 1841, and died at the age of about 19 years, having never been married and leaving no issue.

I. (G) Josephine Cade Booth, a daughter of Elizabeth and Robert Booth, was born April 6th, 1846, and married a man named Welsh, but they never had any children.

II. (A) Sarah White, a daughter of John and Martha White, first married a man named Albert Lee, and they had the following listed children, to-wit:

1. Mattie Lee, who married Robert Hankamer
2. Mollie Lee, who married Fred Hankamer, and
3. Alfred Lee.

Albert Lee died and Sarah later married Charles Willcox, who was a brother of W. D. Willcox. As near as I remember they had the following children, to-wit:

1. Digby Willcox
2. Dorby Willcox
3. Hugh Willcox
4. Dozra Willcox, and
5. Captola Willcox

Sarah is still living and her home is in Hankamer, Texas.

II. (B) Elizabeth White, a daughter of John and Martha White, first married Tom Shelton and to this union the following listed children were born:

1. Haywood Shelton
2. Monroe Shelton, who married Ola Moss
3. Mattie Shelton, who married a man named Dick
4. Lura Shelton, who married W. D. Gordon
5. Johnnie Shelton, who never married.
6. Frank Shelton, a boy who died young, and
7. Annie Shelton, who married a man named Barrow.

Tom Shelton died and Elizabeth then married a man named Alfred Barrow who was commonly called "Tot", and they had two children as follows:

1. Josephine Barrow, who married a man named Barrow
2. Claude, who first married Emma Rucker and later married Christine Jonny.

II. (C) John Oliver White, a son of John and Martha White, married a woman named Sue Warron, and they had two children:

1. Daisy White, and
2. John Oliver White, Jr.

John and Sue separated but I do not know whether they ever obtained a divorce or not.

II. (D) Robert D. White, a son of John and Martha White, who never married.

II. (E) James E. White, a son of John and Martha White, married a woman named Zilliahann Lee, who was a sister of Albert

Lee, and they had several children. I do not remember the names of all of them, but some of their names are as follows:

1. Adelia White
2. Cecilia White
3. Sue White
4. Eugene White
5. Jim White

and I believe some others.

II. (F) Joseph Cade White, a son of John and Martha White, married Emma Van Pradelles. They had only one child, a girl which was named Dell, and I do not know what became of this child.

II. (G) Mary White, a daughter of John and Martha White, was born January 24th, 1850, and died December 20th, 1867. She was married once and only once, and then to John Sherman. They had only one child, who was named Lela, and she married a man named Dick. Mary died at the birth of this child. Her husband, John Sherman, later married a woman named Mary Wallace.

II. (H) Martha White, a daughter of John and Martha White, first married a man named Frank Whittington, and they had three children as follows:

1. Ora Whittington
2. Oscar Whittington, and
3. George Whittington.

Frank Whittington died and she later married a man named Edwards, and they are still living now in Beaumont, Texas.

III. (A) J. Shadrock Barrow, a son of Permelia White and Ben Barrow, married a woman named Eliza Jane Whittington, and to the best of my memory they had the following listed children:

1. Snow Barrow
2. Maggie Barrow
3. Ollie Barrow
4. George Barrow
5. Urdley Barrow, and
6. Lee Barrow.

They had more children, as near as I remember, but I do not remember their names.

III. (B) Sarah Barrow, a daughter of Permelia and Ben Barrow, married John Booth, who was a son of Robert Booth, and they never had any children. She died a few months after marrying.

III. (C) Mary Ann Barrow, a daughter of Permelia and Ben Barrow, was born in the year of 1845, and died October 13th, 1864. She was married once and only once and then to W. Jett Norman. They had one child, W. Jett Norman, Jr., who lived about ten days. Mary Ann died at the birth of this child.

III. (D) Ben Barrow, a son of Permelia and Ben Barrow, first married Sarah Middleton, and they had five children as follows:

1. Jett Barrow
2. Evie Barrow
3. Elton Barrow
4. Mamie Barrow, and
5. Ovie Barrow.

Sarah died and Ben then married Cora Sterling and to this marriage several children were born, only three of which I remember as follows:

1. Sadie Barrow
2. Bennie Corine Barrow, and
3. Erwin Barrow.

III. (E) Solomon Barrow, a son of Permelia and Ben Barrow, married once and only once and then to Decandia Jackson, and as near as I remember, there were five children born to this union, as follows:

1. Alice Barrow
2. Ralph Barrow
3. Edna Barrow
4. Lollie Barrow, and
5. Ezma Barrow.

III. (F) Robert Cade Barrow, a son of Permelia and Ben Barrow, died July 18th, 1864, at about the age of 13 years, having never married, and leaving no issue.

III. (G) Josephine Barrow, a daughter of Permelia and Ben Barrow, married once and only once and then to Bruce Pipkin, and they had the following listed children, to-wit:

1. Mary Pipkin
2. Benny Pipkin
3. Munroe Pipkin
4. Carey Pipkin, and
5. Lenora Pipkin.

III. (H) Permelia Jane Barrow, a daughter of Permelia and Ben Barrow, was born on February 10th, 1856. She was married once and only once and then to S. S. Scherer, and they had the following listed children, to-wit:

1. Clinton L. Scherer, who married Robert Fourquan
2. Walter A. Scherer, who married Annie L. Willcox
3. Benjamin Gideon Scherer, who married Lola Ray Eley
4. S. S. Scherer, Jr., who married Edna Ray Broussard
5. Octavia P. Scherer, who married G. H. Fahring
6. Phillip H. Scherer, who first married Anna Belle Stovall, and later married Ula Page, and
7. Sarah Inez Scherer, who married E. K. Smith. Permelia Jane is now living at Beaumont, Texas.

III. (I) Eugenia Barrow, a daughter of Permelia and Ben Barrow, was married once and only once and then to Steve Pipkin, and

they had the following children, to-wit:

1. Eugene Pipkin, and
2. Johnnie Pipkin.

V. (A) Ellen White, a daughter of Joseph White and Clara Thompson White, died as a small child.

V. (B) George White, a son of Joseph White and Clara White, first married a woman named Ella Kulenthal, and later married a widow named Jeanette Stewart. No children were born of either marriage.

VI. (A) James Taylor White, III, a son of James Taylor White, II, and Amanda White, was born July 24th, 1854, and died December 30th, 1927. He was first married to Annie Gordon on December 23rd, 1885, and they had one child, Bertha White, who was born October 7th, 1886, and who married John Wooten on October 16th, 1907. Annie Gordon White died January 1st, 1889 and James Taylor White, III, later married Sarah Elmira Moss, on December 29th, 1890, and had three children, to-wit:

1. Kyle Erastus White, who was born January 7th, 1892, married Myrtle Willcox, and is now living at Anahuac, Texas.
2. James Taylor White, IV, who was born February 19th, 1895, first married Virginia Holmes, and later married Mrs. Alice Ray and is now living at Stowell, Texas.
3. Samuel Roy White, was born March 17th, 1902. He married

Ethel Harman and now lives at Anahuac, Texas.

Sarah Elmira White died June 13th, 1936.

VI. (B) Robert Munroe White, a son of James Taylor White, II, and Amanda White, was born on December 15th, 1856, and died August 24th, 1935. He was married once and only once and then to Mattie E. Smith, on January 19th, 1887, and to this union were born only four children, to-wit:

1. James Cade White, who was born June 29th, 1889, who married Jeanette McFarlin, and later married Doris Southern and he now lives at Winnie, Texas.
2. Forrest Munroe White, who was born July 2nd, 189?, married Ida Hunter and is now living at Stowell, Texas.
3. Anna White, who married Bill Edwards, and is living at Beaumont, Texas, and
4. Lilly Mae White, who married George B. Hamilton, and is living at Stowell, Texas.

VI. (C) Amanda Melvina White, a daughter of James Taylor White, II, and Amanda White, being this affiant, was born July 2nd, 1858. I was married to Dr. H. W. Smith on November 18th, 1879, and he died April 28th, 1917, and to this union there were born the following children:

1. Rowel Smith, who was born April 23rd, 1881, and died August 17th, 1888.

2. Lucille Smith, who was born February 20th, 1883, and died August 19th, 1888.
3. Mildred Smith, who was born May 8th, 1885, first married Lewis Westbrook and later married P. C. Covington.
4. James White Smith, who was born January 1st, 1890, and died November 16th, 1893.
5. Henry W. Smith, Jr., who was born July 1st, 1893 and married Jeanette Busch.
6. Kendall S. Smith, who was born September 5th, 1895 and who married Velma Hall, and
7. Polly Smith, who was born February 4th, 1899 and who married Galen Meyer.

I have never married since Dr. Smith's death.

VI. (D) Sara Bonetta White, a daughter of James Taylor White, II, and Amanda White, was born September 23rd, 1860, and died May 23rd, 1899. She was married once and only once on October 25th, 1881, to D. L. Broussard, and to this union the following children were born:

1. James Earl Broussard, who first married Lula Nelson and later married Dimmie Sherman, and now lives at Anahuac, Texas.
2. Edna May Broussard, who married S. S. Scherer, Jr., and is now living at Anahuac, Texas.

3. Cecil Broussard, who married Harry Warner, and now lives in the state of Kansas.

4. D. L. Broussard, Jr., who married Effie Rush, and they had several children, and he died a few years ago.

5. Sampson Broussard, a boy, who died in infancy, and

6. Doris Broussard, who first married Donald Warner and later married Bunce LaCoff, and they are now living in Beaumont, Texas.

VI. (E) Joseph White, a son of James Taylor White, II, and Amanda, was born February 27th, 1863, and died June 15th, 1864.

VI. (F) Nancy Josephine White, a daughter of James Taylor White, II, and Amanda White, was born on March 3rd, 1865. She first married Ben McNulty, on September 21st, 1887, and to this union one child was born, Hazel McNulty, who was born October 16th, 1888. She is now married to Harry Fisher and living in Dallas, Texas. Ben and Josephine separated, and she later married Fred Connerly and to this union no children were born. Fred died about a year ago and Josephine is now living in Austin, Texas.

VI. (G) Forrest E. White, a son of James Taylor White, II, and Amanda White, was born August 29th, 1867. He first married Blanche Moss, on July 15th, 1891, and to this union were born two children:

1. Lucille White, who was born June 16th, 1892, and is now mar-

ried to Alvin Lange and living in Galveston, Texas, and

2. Ruth White, who was born June 16th, 1898, and died a few years ago without leaving any issue.

Blanches died several years ago and Forrest married a woman named Nona Alexander and they are now living in Dallas, Texas.

Affiant states that some of the dates given herein were taken from the White family Bibles, which have been kept for many years.

Amanda M. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 5th day of September, A. D. 1936.

Guy C. Jackson, Jr.

(SEAL)

County Judge in and for
Chambers County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Amanda M. Smith, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 5th day of September, A. D. 1936.

Guy C. Jackson, Jr.

(SEAL)

County Judge in and for
Chambers County, Texas.