

# *Descendants of J. Norment*

## *Generation No. 1*

1. J.<sup>1</sup> NORMENT<sup>1</sup> died Unknown.

Notes for J. NORMENT:

J. Norment emigrated from Edenburg, Scotland early in the 17th Century and settled near the Rappahannock River in Virginia, then a British Colony (Norment Family Bible )

### Covenanters

According to the obituary of his grandson, James Norment, Jr., J. Norment was a "Scotch Covenanter." From Encarta Encyclopedia, the "Covenanters" were 17th-century Scottish Presbyterians who were devoted to maintaining Presbyterianism as the sole religion of Scotland. They helped establish the supremacy of Parliament over the monarch in Scotland and England. Early covenants, the written documents which bound them to their cause, supporting Protestantism were signed in 1557 and in 1581. James VI of Scotland (later James I of England) was compelled to sign the second of these, and it was reendorsed in 1590 and 1596. The adherents became known as the Supplicants.

### The National Covenant of 1638

When Charles I came to the throne in 1625, he was opposed by the Scottish bourgeoisie because of oppressive taxation and trade restraints and by the Scottish nobility because of his attempts to impose the Anglican church on Scotland. In 1638 the covenant of 1581 was revived, and its signatories added a vow to establish Presbyterianism as the state religion of Scotland. Charles, fearing a revolution, convened a General Assembly of Scotland in November 1638. Consisting exclusively of Supplicants, the assembly defied royal authority and abolished the Anglican episcopacy. The resulting First Bishops' War (1639) was settled by referring the dispute to another General Assembly and to a new Scottish Parliament. In 1639 the new assembly reaffirmed the decisions of its predecessor, and the new Parliament decreed limitations on royal authority. Charles broke his pledge to accept the decisions of these bodies. In the Second Bishops' War (1640) a Scottish army invaded England, defeating Charles at Newburn. At about this time the Supplicants became known as Covenanters.

### The Solemn League and Covenant

Similar social and religious conflicts led the English and Scottish parliaments to take common action against Charles, and the Solemn League and Covenant was adopted by the two parliaments in 1643 during the civil war between Royalists and Parliamentarians. The signatories of the compact took an oath to preserve the reformed religion in Scotland and to work for religious reform in England and Ireland. The compact, however, was more a treaty of political and military alliance.

During the First Civil War (1642-46) the Covenanters fought with the Parliamentarians against the Royalists. Charles surrendered to the Covenanters in 1646; on his refusal to subscribe to the Solemn League and Covenant, he was turned over to the Parliamentarians in 1647.

In December 1647, alarmed by the growing strength of the English Independents (supporters of Protestant religious tolerance and of the English leader Oliver Cromwell), the Covenanters made a secret treaty with Charles against the Parliamentarians. In return for aid in regaining his throne, Charles consented to abolish the Anglican episcopacy. In the ensuing conflict between Covenanters and Independents, however, coinciding in part with the Second Civil War, Cromwell conquered (1649-50) Scotland.

When Charles II came to the throne in 1660, the episcopacy was reestablished. Throughout his reign and that of his Catholic brother James II, the Covenanters were cruelly persecuted, and they attempted several revolts. After the Glorious Revolution deposed (1688) James II, Presbyterianism was restored as the state religion of Scotland, although the covenants were not revived. ("Covenanters," Microsoft(R) Encarta(R) 98 Encyclopedia. (c) 1993-1997 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.)

Child of J. NORMENT is:

2. i. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> NORMENT, d. 1787, Mecklenburg County, VA.

*Generation No. 2*

2. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> NORMENT (*J.*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>1,2,3</sup> died 1787 in Mecklenburg County, VA<sup>3</sup>. He married MARY RICHARDSON<sup>4,5</sup> 10 Nov 1747<sup>6</sup>. She died Unknown.

Notes for WILLIAM NORMENT:

ID: I238051

Name: William NORMENT

Sex: M 1 2

Birth: 1741 in Virginia

Death: 1785 in Virginia

Change Date: 8 FEB 1998

Marriage 1 Mary RICHARDSON b: 1750 in Virginia

Married: 1762 in England

Children

Jane NORMENT b: 1764 in Mecklenburg Co., VA

Sources:

Title: Grvtrain@wizrealm.Com

Abbrev: Grvtrain@wizrealm.Com

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There is a Will of Mary Norment, Mecklenburg County Will Book 9, Page 448 (Diane Bender, exeline@erols.com)

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In the Caroline County, Virginia Court Order Books: 9 Aug 1753 William RICHERSON (RICHARDSON) is appointed guardian to John, Elizabeth, Micajah, and Jane JOHNS, orphans of John JOHNS, who with Thomas RICHARDSON and William NORMENT acknowledge bond. Micajah Johns, born Bet. 1742 - 1748 in Caroline County, Virginia; died Bef. 09 August 1781 in Caroline County, Virginia. He was the son of John Johns and 405. Betty Unknown. He married 203. Mary Unknown. (From Eleanor Colson, eleanorcol@aol.com)

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From Monica Elam-Christensen (JMK9CATS@aol.com)

EARLY WILLS, MECKLENBURG CO., VIRGINIA, 1765-1800. (Book.)

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Division of slaves and money in estate of William NORMENT made in accordance with Order of June Court 1786 to lay off & assign dower and distribute personal estate. 11 slaves and 422p 4s 7p.

To Mary NORMENT, widow, 2 slaves, 12p 13s in hands of John JOHNS or

JONES above his share, 2p 6s 6p as full dower in slaves and 66p Os Op. To

Legatees: Recorded 12 February 1787.

James HUGHES - 1 slave and cash as his wife's part - now in State of Georgia. (m Frances NORMENT.)

John JONES - 1 slave after payment by him of 12p 13s to widow. (m Elizabeth NORMENT.)

John BRAME - 1 slave as his wife's part. (m Mary NORMENT.)

Samuel PURYEAR - 1 slave as his wife's part.

Thomas NORMENT - 1 slave. (m Ann JEFFRIES.)

Alexander ELAM - 1 slave and money as wife's part. (m Jane NORMENT. )

Chandler NORMENT - 1 slave. (Mother's will indicates his full name was William Chandler NORMENT.  
John PURYEAR, Junr. - 1 slave and money as wife's part.  
James NORMENT - 1 slave and money. (m Jane JEFFRIES.)  
Ann NORMENT - 1 slave and money. (Mother's will indicates her full name was Nancy Ann NORMENT.

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Will Books & Accounts, 1819-1824. #0031520

Page 448. MARY NORMENT - Will.WB Book 9.

Written 31 Dec. 1817; proved 15 Sept. 1823.

"I, Mary NORMENT of the county of Mecklenburg and state of Virginia"

..... as I have already given to my sons Thomas NORMENT and James NORMENT and my two daughters Jane EALAM, and Susanna PURYEAR, to each of them that portion of my estate which I have allowed, I shall leave them no part of my estate which I now possess at my death." (Mention of grandson Giles PURYEAR, son of Susanna PURYEAR.)

.... .."Estate to be divided between my six children namely Elizabeth Johns, Mary BRAME, Frances HUGHES, Susannah PURYEAR, William C. NORMENT and Nancy SMITH." Son Thomas NORMENT and friend Robert SMITH to be Executors.  
Witnesses: William RICHARDS, Thomas NORMENT, Jr., Hugh F. NORMENT.

Name: David Clark Dorsey

Email: dcdorsey@hotmail.com

URL:

URL title:

Note:

WILLIAM NORMENT; Division of Estate,

June 1786: Recorded December 1, 1787 Mecklenburg Co., VA WB 2 p. 198-200

{not final proof}

Pursuant to an order of Mecklenburg County Court bearing \_\_\_\_ date June 1786. We the subscribers being appointed to lay off a lot and assign to Mary Norment widow of William Norment deceased her dower in the slaves and personal estate of which her deceased husband died possessed have done the same accordingly. Viz. We a lot and assign to said Mary Norment two slaves Viz. Minney & Grace appraised to one hundred and Fifty five pounds also the sum of twelve pounds thirteen shillings and four pence in the hands of John Johns being a balance due from the said Johns over and above his part of said decedents estate for one Negro boy Jack aloted him, also a further sum of two pounds six shilling and eight pence all which slaves and sums of money is to be in full of her dower in the slaves belonging to her deceased husbands estate. We also assign to the said Mary Norment the sum of Sixty six pounds the same to be in full of her dower in the personal estate of the said decedent. We also alot & assign the surplusage there of amongst the several legatees entitled there to amounting to four hundred and twenty two pounds

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four shilling and seven pence half penny. Adding thereto the value of the several Slaves and personal estate received by such of the legatees as appears to be charged on the books of the Intestate before his death all which amounts to the sum of Seven hundred and forty nine pounds eleven shilling and seven pence half penny each legatees part of this sum is twenty four pounds 9 shilling and two pence deducting therefrom the amount of the Several slaves and personal estate they have received before the Intestate death we find each legatees respective part of the slaves and personal estate belonging to the said decedent as Follows. Vizt We a lot and assign to James Hughs of the State of Georgia one Negro women named Junor appraised to ten pounds Also the sum of sixty pounds six shillings & two pence in full of his wife's part in the slaves and personal estate belonging to her deceased fathers estate. We also a lot & assign to John Johns one Negro boy named Jack appraised to forty five pounds he paying unto the said Mary Norment administra- -trix of said William Norment deceased the sum of twelve pounds thirteen shilling and (four) current money of Virginia which said slave to remain with the said Administratrix until the said sum is fully paid and discharged with out being liable to pay any hire for the same.

We a lot and assign to John Brame one Negro boy named Tom appraised to twenty pounds also the sum of Six pounds six shillings a eight in full of his wifes part of the slaves and personal estate belonging to her deceased fathers estate. We also a lot and assign to Samuel Puryear one Negro girl named Lydia appraised to fifteen pounds also the sum of nine pounds seven shilling & eight pence in full of the slaves and personal estate belong -ing to her deceased fathers estate. We also a lot and assign- to Thomas Norment one Negro girl Disey appraised to ten pounds

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pounds. Also the sum of ten pounds nine shillings and (nine) pence in full of the slaves and personal estate belonging to his deceased fathers estate. We also a lot and assign to Alexander Elam one Negro women named Jane appraised to thirty-five pounds. Also The sum of thirty pounds four shillings and two pence in full of His wife's part of the slaves and personal estate belonging to her de- -ceased fathers estate. We also a lot and assign to Chandler Nor- ment one Negro man named Dick appraised to fifty pounds Also the sum of eighteen pounds eleven shillings and eight pence in full of his part of the slaves and personal estate belonging to his deceased fathers estate. We also a lot and assign to John Puryear junior one Negro boy named George appraised to thirty pounds Also the sum of thirty two pounds nine shillings and two pence in full of his wife's part of her deceased fathers estate. We also a lot & assign to James Norment one Negro boy named Edmund apprais- -ed to seventy pounds Also the sum of one pound four shillings and two pence in full of his part of the slaves and personal estate belonging to his deceased fathers estate. We also a lot and assign to Anne Norment one Negro Women Slave Named Molly appraised to Seventy pounds. Also the sum of four pounds nine- -teen shillings and two pence in full of her part of the slaves and personal estate belonging to her deceased fathers estate. Given under our hands this 1st day of December 1787

Clausel Clausel  
Edward Finch  
Thompson Fawlkes  
William G. Baptist

Is it possible to get a copy or a transcript of the Norment bible. other wills on Mecklenburg County site

Notes for MARY RICHARDSON:

ID: I238052

Name: Mary RICHARDSON

Sex: F 1 2

Birth: 1750 in Virginia

Death: 1823 in Virginia

Change Date: 8 FEB 1998

Marriage 1 William NORMENT b: 1741 in Virginia

Married: 1762 in England

Children

Jane NORMENT b: 1764 in Mecklenburg Co., VA

Sources:

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HATCHELL-RICHARDSON-MORRIS. Posted by William Hatchell <wmflaxcomb@earthlink.net> on Sat, 05 Sep 1998, in response to

NORMENT/RICHARDSON </~genbbs/genbbs.cgi/USA/Va/Mecklenburg?read18> , posted by Ava Powell on Mon, 17 Aug 1998, Surname:

William RICHARDSON was associated with my William HATCHELL (HATSELL) and John MORRIS families

in Isle of Wight County, and also appears in southern Lunenburg which became Mecklenburg County where he was executor and witness of the will of William HATCHELL, Jr. in 1764, recorded 10 December 1770. I believe RICHARDSON owned land in Isle of Wight on Blackwater River. John MORRIS, father-in-law of William HATCHELL, was one of the appraisers of the estate of William RICHARDSON (Sr.) in Isle of Wight County on 5 August 1762. William RICHARDSON was one of the executors of the estate of William HATCHELL, recorded 10 December 1770 in Mecklenburg County. A William and John RICHARDSON of "Roanoke" (Mecklenburg County?), VA also settled in Marion County SC near my HATCHELLS who were also from VA via NC ca 1800. All these William RICHARDSONS may not be the same individual. Any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated, and I am more than happy to share information. (I have tried to email Ava Powell, but the address is no longer valid - Tom Butt)

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In the name of God, amen, I, Mary Norment of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia being in common health of body and of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same and not knowing how soon I may be called of this stage of action do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following (viz impremises, as I have already given to my two sons Thomas Norment & James Norment and my two daughters Jane Ealam, and Joannah Puryear to each of them that portion of my estate which I have allowed I shall leave them no part of my estate which I may pass at my death. Item. I lend to my guardian Giles Puryear one Negro girl Malvinia during the life time of his mother Joanna Puryear and at his death it is my will and desire that the said Negro girl Malvinia and her future increase be sold and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between each of the children of the said Joanna all the rest of my estate of which I may die posed. It is my will and desire shall be equally divided between my five children namely Elizabeth Johns, Mary Brame, Francis Hughs, Susannah Puryear, William C. Norment and Nancy Smith which I give to them and each of them and their heirs forever. Lastly, I do hereby appoint my son Thomas Norment and my trusty friend Robert Smith executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of December one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

her  
Signed and acknowledged in presence of Mary X Norment (SEAL)  
William Richards mark  
Thomas Norment, Jr.  
Hugh \_ Norment

At a court held for Mecklenburg County the 15th day of September 1823  
The within written last will and testament of Mary Norment dec'd was exhibited in Court. Proved by two witnesses and ordered to be recorded and Thomas Norment one of the executors herein came into Court and commenced the burden of the execution of said will.

Another Court held for the said county the 20th day Teste of October 1823 On the motion of John \_\_\_\_\_ who made Edwd D. Tabb C.M.C \_\_\_\_ \_ certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration of the estate of the said Mary Norment dec. with the will announced \_\_\_\_ \_ John B. Smith Robert L. Gregory & Elijah Gregory his security as \_\_\_\_\_ into and acknowledged this hand is the penalty of three thousand dollars conditioned as the said \_\_\_\_.

Test Edwd D. Tabb

More About WILLIAM NORMENT and MARY RICHARDSON:  
Marriage: 10 Nov 1747<sup>6</sup>

Children of WILLIAM NORMENT and MARY RICHARDSON are:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> NORMENT<sup>7</sup>, d. Unknown; m. JOHN JONES<sup>7</sup>; d. Unknown.
- ii. FRANCES NORMENT<sup>7</sup>, d. Unknown; m. JAMES HUGHES<sup>7</sup>, 13 Mar 1769<sup>7</sup>; d. Unknown.

Notes for JAMES HUGHES:

Database: tombutt1944

Individual: I07294

Link: <http://worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=tombutt1944&id=I07294>

Name: Mary Jeanne Riley Lentz

Email: Mary\_Melody@yahoo.com

URL:

URL title:

Note:

I have Frances Norment married to John Hughes. My source is: EARLY WILLS, MECKLENBURG CO., VIRGINIA, 1765-1800. (Book.)

More About JAMES HUGHES and FRANCES NORMENT:

Marriage: 13 Mar 1769<sup>7</sup>

- iii. MARY NORMENT<sup>7</sup>, d. Unknown; m. JOHN BRAME<sup>7</sup>; d. Unknown.
- iv. SARAH NORMENT<sup>7</sup>, d. Bef. 1817<sup>7</sup>; m. JOHN PURYEAR, JR.; d. Unknown.
- v. SUSANNAH NORMENT<sup>7</sup>, d. Unknown; m. SAMUEL PURYEAR<sup>7</sup>; d. Unknown.
- vi. THOMAS NORMENT<sup>8,9</sup>, d. Unknown; m. ANN JEFFRIES<sup>10,11</sup>, 14 Feb 1785, Mecklenburg County, VA<sup>12</sup>; d. Unknown.

Notes for THOMAS NORMENT:

Monica at JMK9CATS@aol.com has the marriage date as 3/23/1785,

Database: tombutt1944

Individual: I07280

Link: <http://worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=tombutt1944&id=I07280>

Name: Mary Jeanne Lentz

Email: Mary\_Melody@yahoo.com

URL:

URL title:

Note:

I will verify the marriage of Thomas Norment and Ann Jeffries as February 14, 1785 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. I have this book, THE Marriage License Bonds of Mecklenburg County, Virginia from 1765 to 1810 and the marriage date is listed as above. Mary Jeanne Riley Lentz, descendent from Jane Norment.

More About THOMAS NORMENT and ANN JEFFRIES:

Marriage: 14 Feb 1785, Mecklenburg County, VA<sup>12</sup>

- vii. WILLIAM CHANDLER NORMENT<sup>13</sup>, d. Unknown.
- 3. viii. JANE NORMENT, b. Abt. 1764; d. Abt. 1814.
- 4. ix. JAMES NORMENT, b. 25 Feb 1766, Caroline County, VA; d. Unknown.
- x. NANCY ANN NORMENT<sup>13</sup>, d. Unknown; m. ROBERT SMITH<sup>13</sup>, 08 Jan 1787<sup>13</sup>; d. Unknown.

More About ROBERT SMITH and NANCY NORMENT:

Marriage: 08 Jan 1787<sup>13</sup>

### *Generation No. 3*

**3.** JANE<sup>3</sup> NORMENT (*WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, J.<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>4,15</sup> was born Abt. 1764<sup>16</sup>, and died Abt. 1814<sup>17</sup>. She married ALEXANDER ELAM<sup>18,19</sup> 17 Mar 1785 in Mecklenburg County, VA<sup>20,21</sup>, son of JOEL ELAM. He was born 1762 in Lunenburg County (Later Mecklenburg County)<sup>22</sup>, and died Bef. 10 Apr 1800<sup>22</sup>.

Notes for JANE NORMENT:

ID: I237820

Name: Jane NORMENT

Sex: F 1

Birth: 1764 in Mecklenburg Co., VA 2

Death: 1814 in VA 3

Note: [http://members.aol.com/VA1607/RR01/RR01\\_004.HTM](http://members.aol.com/VA1607/RR01/RR01_004.HTM)

Change Date: 8 OCT 1999

Father: William NORMENT b: 1741 in Virginia

Mother: Mary RICHARDSON b: 1750 in Virginia

Marriage 1 Alexander ELAM b: 1762 in Middle Bluestone, Lunenburg Co., VA

Married: 17 MAR 1785 in Boynton, Mecklenburg Co., VA

## Children

Mary Richardson ELAM b: ABT 1786 in Mecklenburg Co., VA  
William Branch ELAM b: 20 SEP 1788 in Mecklenburg Co., VA  
Elizabeth ELAM b: ABT 1789 in Mecklenburg Co., VA  
Chandler Norment ELAM b: 1790 in Mecklenburg Co., VA  
Charlotte ELAM b: ABT 1794 in Mecklenburg, VA  
Joel E. ELAM b: 23 MAY 1795 in Mecklenburg Co., VA  
Abner ELAM b: 25 NOV 1796  
Alexander ELAM b: 19 OCT 1797 in NC  
Thomas ELAM b: 19 OCT 1798 in Mecklenburg Co., Virginia

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## Notes for ALEXANDER ELAM:

Alexander Elam, son of Joel Elam of Mecklenburg County, is believed to have been born in Lunenburg County (later Mecklenburg County) VA in 1762. He married Janey Norment March 17, 1785. The marriage bond, dated March 14, 1785, lists Thomas Norment as Surety. (Page 43, "Marriage Records 1765-1810 Mecklenburg County Virginia," Collected and Compiled by Katherine B. Elliott, South Hill, VA, privately printed, 1963) Janey Norment, believed to have been born in 1764, was the daughter of William and Mary Norment. (Will of Mary Norment, Mecklenburg County Will Book 9, Page 448) The following are believed to be the names and possible birth dates of the children of Alexander and Janey Norment Elam: Mary Richardson, ca. 1786; William B., ca. 1788; Elizabeth, ca. 1789; Chandler Norment, ca. 1790; Charlotte, ca. 1794; Joel E., ca. 1795; Abner, ca. 1796; Alexander, Jr, ca. 1797; and Thomas, ca. 1798.

Alexander Elam died before April 10, 1800, the date his estate appraisal was returned, listing Jane Elam, Executor. (Mecklenburg County Will Book 4, Page 180) The estate was sold by William Baskerville, Sheriff, on November 12, 1813. Purchasers included Joel Elam, James Barnes, Thomas Norment and William Richards. (Mecklenburg County Will Book 8, Page 63) The final accounting, Jane Elam, Administrator, was completed November 18, 1813 and filed October 17, 1814. (Mecklenburg County Will Book 8, Page 82)

(Above from Diane Bender, exeline@erols.com)

More About ALEXANDER ELAM and JANE NORMENT:  
Marriage: 17 Mar 1785, Mecklenburg County, VA<sup>22,23</sup>

## Children of JANE NORMENT and ALEXANDER ELAM are:

- i. MARY RICHARDSON<sup>4</sup> ELAM<sup>24</sup>, b. Abt. 1786; d. Unknown.
- ii. WILLIAM B. ELAM<sup>24</sup>, b. Abt. 1788; d. Unknown.
- iii. ELIZABETH ELAM<sup>24</sup>, b. Abt. 1789; d. Unknown.
- iv. CHANDLER NORMENT ELAM<sup>24</sup>, b. Abt. 1790; d. Unknown.
- v. CHARLOTTE ELAM<sup>24</sup>, b. Abt. 1794; d. Unknown.
- vi. JOEL E. ELAM<sup>24</sup>, b. Abt. 1795; d. Unknown.
- vii. ABNER ELAM<sup>24</sup>, b. Abt. 1796; d. Unknown.
- viii. ALEXANDER ELAM<sup>24</sup>, b. Abt. 1797; d. Unknown.
- ix. THOMAS ELAM<sup>24</sup>, b. Abt. 1798; d. Unknown.

4. JAMES<sup>3</sup> NORMENT (*WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, J.<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>25</sup> was born 25 Feb 1766 in Caroline County, VA<sup>26</sup>, and died Unknown. He married JANE JEFFRIES<sup>27</sup> 28 Jun 1793 in Caroline County, VA<sup>28</sup>. She died Unknown.

Notes for JAMES NORMENT:

Monica at JMK9CATS@aol.com has marriage date as 6/30/1787.

More About JAMES NORMENT and JANE JEFFRIES:

Marriage: 28 Jun 1793, Caroline County, VA<sup>28</sup>

Children of JAMES NORMENT and JANE JEFFRIES are:

5.
  - i. JAMES<sup>4</sup> NORMENT, JR., b. 31 Jan 1802, Mecklenburg County, VA; d. 31 Oct 1875, Vidalia, LA.
  - ii. RICHARD NORMENT, d. Unknown.

Notes for RICHARD NORMENT:

See obituary of James Norment, Jr.

#### *Generation No. 4*

5. JAMES<sup>4</sup> NORMENT, JR. (*JAMES<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, J.<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>29</sup> was born 31 Jan 1802 in Mecklenburg County, VA<sup>30</sup>, and died 31 Oct 1875 in Vidalia, LA<sup>30</sup>. He married ELIZABETH MILLER 15 Jun 1831 in Natchez, Adams County, MI<sup>31</sup>, daughter of JOASH MILLER and ELIZABETH ??. She was born 22 Sep 1812 in Bayou Sara, MS<sup>32</sup>, and died 24 Dec 1894 in New Orleans, LA.

Notes for JAMES NORMENT, JR.:

·1828 In Alexandria, Rapides Parish (Obituary)

·1831: NORMANT, JAMES marr. MILLER, ELIZABETH 06/15/1831, Mississippi Marriages From 1829 to 1900, Surnames Beginning from N to O ([http://www.familytreemaker.com/\\_glc\\_/3544/3544\\_21.html](http://www.familytreemaker.com/_glc_/3544/3544_21.html))

1850, July 22, "James Norment, 48, merchant, \$1,000, VA; Elizabeth, 36, MS; John J., 18, LA; William, 11, LA; ?James?, 10, LA; Isabella, 3, LA; Archibold, 3, LA; Helena, 1, LA." S. Census, Jefferson Parish, LA.

· 1860, September, "J. Norment, 58, farmer, \$70,000, \$500, VA; E. Norment, 46, MS; J. J. Norment, 28, Clerk, LA; J. K. Norment, 20, Clerk on St. Boat, MS; A. W. Norment, 14, MS; H. N. Norment, 9, LA." S. Census, Concordia Parish, LA

· 1870, "James Norment, 68, Recorder, VA; Elizabeth, 55, Keeping House, MS. Harry, 19, LA, attending school." S. 1870 Catahoula Parish Census Ward 10, Page 71.

· Catahoula Newspapers: Southern Advocate, Catahoula Register, Trinity Gazette, Trinity Herald, Catahoula News-Booster, The Advocate [Trinity], Jonesville Advocate.

(Steve Kellar)

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no date, Natchez, MI admission to the Convention of the Natchez Church from Prytania Street Church, New Orleans, J.B. Stratton, Pastor (Cecilia King Butt)

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· 1875, October 31, "At his residence in Vidalia, LA on Sunday morning, Oct. 31, 1785, James Normant, aged 73 years and 9 months. \*He was born in Mecklenburg County, Va., where issues the first Declaration of Independence. His father was one of the descendants of the Scotch Covenanters, who settled in Virginia in the Seventeenth century. His religion was ever in accordance with the Presbyterian Church. It was his solace through life, from which he departed in the full assurance of acceptance by his savior. \*In the early part of his life, he was an assistant of the Clerk of the Court, which familiarized him to the duties to which his fellow citizens had elected him as magistrate, Clerk of Police Jury, and Recorder in Concordia Parish. In 1828, he removed to Alexandria, Parish of Rapides where he conducted a very heavy mercantile business in the company with his brother Richard, but on the death of the latter he gave up merchandising and began planting cotton. In a few years he sold his plantation and removed to New Orleans, where he engaged in the wholesale grocery business and remained there until his sons had obtained a fair education in the public schools. He then purchased a tract of new land in Concordia, on the banks of Black River, where he remained until his sons became planters, when he removed to Vidalia, at which place, being elected recorder, he lived until his death. \*In the family circle he was beloved as he loved, and among his numerous acquaintances he sustained the character of an honorable and true citizen." S. typed obituary provided by William Mount. (Also clipping in Norment Family Bible, in possession of Jack Butt, Fayetteville, AR)

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Portraits of James and Elizabeth Norment were painted by C.R. Parker, an artist from Louisville, KY, in the

1830's. ("Mistletoe is a Plantation Home in the Pine Ridge Area," Natchez, MI Democrat, Natchez Pilgrimage Edition, 1970).

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Notes for ELIZABETH MILLER:

East Feliciana Parish. St. Francisville, in district then known as New Feliciana. Originally Bayou Sara was merely the entreport and shipping point for St. Francisville, having merely a landing and such buildings that were necessary for receiving and storing merchandise and products in transit to and from St. Francisville, while the latter formed the depot of supplies from the surrounding country. At a later period, Bayou Sara, owing to its position, became the principal point of business (gives development, 188 - on) West Feliciana is the smallest of the Florida parishes containing within the boundaries a superficial area of about 324 miles of uneven and rolling country. The wealth of the soil is phenomenal, black loam to the depth of many feet held in its place and fertility year after year by the indigenous brake of wild cane, etc. Occupation date prior to 1800. (Notes of Cecilia King Butt)

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James Norment - Elizabeth Miller, married June 15, 1831 (Adams County, MI Marriages, 1802-1859, Book 5, p. 298) Cecilia King Butt notes

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Married in Natchez at Hope Farm, the home of her sister [cousin?] Marie Miller Montgomery and Eli Montgomery. (Helen MARTIN King, 1895-1988)

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6/13/1870, Natchez, MI Convention of the Natchez Church, dismiss to Prytania Street Church (Cecilia King Butt)

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"I was often a visitor in the Montgomery home, and the portraits hung in the Eli and Marie Montgomery home. They were verbally promised to me upon the death of the last Montgomery. There were three sisters and a brother (Charles) living then. I was named after Helen Montgomery who was my mother's (Isabelle NORMENT Martin) first cousin. (Helen MARTIN King, 1895-1988)

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In 1970, portraits of Elizabeth Miller Norment, her husband James Norment, Jr., and their son (age about 6) James R. Norment - lifesize - Hanging at the home of S.H. Lambdin, Mistletoe, Natchez, MI. (Cecilia King Butt)

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1882. Elizabeth Norment, widow James, N. 54 Brainard. Same address Heary N. Norment, clerk, J.H. Mengl. (New Orleans City Directory) Notes of Cecilia King Butt

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1883. Elizabeth Norment, widow James, resident 291 Jackson, 4th District (New Orleans City Directory) Notes of Cecilia King Butt

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1887. Mrs. Elizabeth Norment, resident of Fink Home (New Orleans City Directory) Notes of Cecilia King Butt

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Fink Home - Among the bequests designed to benefit the needy, of which the city has charge, none has served a better purpose than the Fink fund. It supports the Fink Home for Protestant widows at 3643 Camp Street. This fund was bequeathed to the city by John D. Fink, who died in 1856. The amount set aside under his will was \$215,000 which was invested in "premium" bonds, then worth 70 cents on the dollar, but now at par. The income, therefore, is between \$700 and \$800 a month. The Fink Asylum was opened in 1874. In 1875, the city council passed an ordinance authorizing the purchase of the present property. In 1874, also, the council provided for the appointment of a board of commissioners to manage the affairs of the institution, but with the condition that a quarterly report be rendered to it. this ordinance contained a provision to the effect that not more than \$1000 might be paid outright from the fund at any one time. The board of commissioners is composed of representatives (usually two) of the different Protestant denominations in the city, except the Lutheran, who are represented by one commissioner. It is not the policy of the home to care for orphan children, but children may be admitted with their mothers when such is deemed advisable (History of New Orleans, Vol. 11, by John Smith Kendall, 1922) Notes of Cecilia King Butt

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MRS. ELIZABETH MILLER NORMENT died New Orleans, La, Monday, December 24, 1894, at 4:30 P.M. Though an invalid and confined to her room for years, she was seriously ill for only a week before her death.

Mrs. Norment, nee Elizabeth Miller, was born of Christian parents in Bayou Sara, Sept. 22, 1812. When she was an \_\_\_\_\_, the family moved to Natchez, Mi. Early in her young womanhood, she was married to Mr. James Norment, with whom she lived happily till his death in 1875. From 1847 till 1860, her home was in New Orleans, to which she returned in 1880.

Mrs. Norment was a child of affliction. She was reared in wealth and luxury, and her marriage enlarged her material affluence. But many years ago she lost everything. She had eleven children, most of whom grew to maturity, and she lived to bury every one of them. For the past \_\_\_\_\_ years, she lived in the loneliness of widowhood, and for a very long time \_\_\_\_\_en a great sufferer. And yet she \_\_\_\_\_most patient, even cheerful Christian.

The last ten years of her life in the \_\_\_\_\_, she and her devoted sister beautifully exemplified the power of God's grace to sustain and comfort, \_\_\_\_\_money of her sister, who has been \_\_\_\_\_companion, to her conscientious, \_\_\_\_\_life, is impressive and edifying.

Mrs. Norment made a public profession \_\_\_\_\_in Natchez, Miss., under Rev \_\_\_\_\_ Winchester, who was for very many years a \_\_\_\_\_of the Prytania Street church of \_\_\_\_\_eans. "Precious in the sight of \_\_\_\_\_is death of his saints."

J.W.W. From a newspaper clipping in the Norment Family Bible, in possession of Jack Butt, Fayetteville, AR.

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Dear Mrs. Butts: I tried to call you tonight to relay my information on Elizabeth Norment but didn't get an answer. My information is that I have none. You see, somehow our generation had misunderstood Eliz. relationship to Eli Montgomery. We thought she was his daughter instead of his sister-in-law all these years. She was the niece of Christopher Miller (who is one of Waldo's ancestors) but we have no knowledge of the Miller (or Muller) family earlier than Christopher. except that he came here from Switzerland and had a brother, Eliz's father, who lived in Concordia parish, LA . I had gathered large amounts of material on this Montgomery family before I received your letter and realized our mistake (my mistake). I'm so sorry that I have no more information for you. But thank you so much for helping us to fix Elizabeth in her proper place in family and history (Letter dated June 26, 1980 from Bethany (Mrs. W.P.) Lambdin, Mistletoe, Rt. 6, Box 319, Natchez, MS 39120, to Cecilia King Butt)

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Mrs. Lambdin (601/445-8511) is the present owner of the Normant portraits. In 1988, was told she would no longer allow portraits to be photographed. She has been widowed and remarried as of 1988 according to Mrs. Ratcliff, Routhlands, Natchez. (Notes 1988? of Cecilia King Butt)

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By the 1950s, the Girod Street cemetery was badly overrun by vegetation and criminal activity. Grave robbers routinely looted the burial ground. Derelicts set up house in vacant crypts while prostitutes conducted business among the crumbling memorials. Deemed a threat to public health and safety, the ruined cemetery was condemned. Christ Church, in 1957, deconsecrated the 135-year-old burial ground which was then razed. A few families arranged to have their relatives' remains moved elsewhere, but most of the Girod Street Cemetery's dead were not relocated. In many cases, extensive vandalism or other damage had made impossible the identification of specific human remains. The site where the city's first exclusively Protestant graveyard stood has no commemorative marker. Although a legend asserts the New Orleans Saints's end zone rests atop old graves, the burial ground's exact location was closer to the New Orleans Centre shopping mall and a corner of the Superdome's parking garage.

More About ELIZABETH MILLER:

Burial: Unknown, Girod Street Cemetery, New Orleans, LA (now gone)

More About JAMES NORMENT and ELIZABETH MILLER:

Marriage: 15 Jun 1831, Natchez, Adams County, MI<sup>33</sup>

Children of JAMES NORMENT and ELIZABETH MILLER are:

- i. JOHN J.<sup>5</sup> NORMENT<sup>34</sup>, b. 1832, LA; d. Unknown.

Notes for JOHN J. NORMENT:

There is a photo in the Norment Family Bible believed to be John J. Norment in his Washington Artillery Uniform. (See Jack Butt, Fayetteville, AR)

- ii. WILLIAM NORMENT<sup>34</sup>, b. 1839; d. Unknown.

Notes for WILLIAM NORMENT:

1885: William T. Norment living 177 8th Street, New Orleans, Cashier, George T. Whorton Bros., City Directory p. 587 (Notes of Cecelia King Butt)

1887: William T. Norment living 125 4th Street, New Orleans, City Directory (Notes of Cecelia King Butt)

6. iii. JAMES R. NORMENT, b. 24 Apr 1840, Natchez, MI; d. 02 Feb 1880, Black River, LA.
- iv. ISABELLA NORMENT<sup>34</sup>, b. 1842; d. Unknown.
- v. ARCHIBOLD NORMENT<sup>34</sup>, b. 1847; d. Unknown.
- vi. HELENA NORMENT<sup>34</sup>, b. 1849; d. Unknown.

#### *Generation No. 5*

**6.** JAMES R.<sup>5</sup> NORMENT (*JAMES*<sup>4</sup>, *JAMES*<sup>3</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>2</sup>, *J.*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>35,36</sup> was born 24 Apr 1840 in Natchez, MI, and died 02 Feb 1880 in Black River, LA. He married SIDNEY WELCH SMITH<sup>37</sup> Oct 1863 in Concordia Parish, LA<sup>37</sup>, daughter of JAMES SMITH and ELIZABETH JONES. She was born 30 Dec 1840 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA, and died 24 Feb 1907 in Batesville, Independence County, AR.

Notes for JAMES R. NORMENT:

James R. Norment, son of James and Elizabeth Norment, was born at Natchez, April 24th, 1840. His father, James Norment, Jr., was born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia on 31st day of January, 1802, died at Vidalia, La. at 33 minutes past 6 o'clock, Sunday morning October 31st, 1785, aged 73 yrs, 9 months. He was the son of Jas. Norment born in Caroline County, Va., Feby. 25th, 1766, who was the son of William Norment, who was married to Mary Richardson, Nov. 10th, 1747, who was the son of J. Norment who emigrated from Edinburg, Scotland early in the 17th Century & settled near Rappahannock River in Va., then a British Colony. Sidney W. Smith and J.R. Norment married October 10th, 1863 at Ashcot, La. She was the daughter of Jas. Smith born in Belfast, Ireland, Sept. 20, 1799, who was the son of Sam'l Smith who was the son of Joseph Smith, all of Ireland. The father of both families were Presbyterians. (Page from Norment Family Bible)

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"Smith, Sidney Smith, wife of J. R. Norment December 30, 1840 - February 24, 1907." S. Tombstone Inscriptions, Powhatan Cemetery, Lawrence County, Arkansas, Enid Wells Sitton. (Steve Kellar)

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- Sidney, Dau of James Smith, # 36, b. ca. 1799, Probably Belfast, Ireland, d. 1876, January 18, Catahoula Parish, LA and Eliza Jones, # 37, b. ca. 1802, Jefferson Co, KY, d. ca. 1875, Catahoula Parish, LA
- Birth Record
- Baptismal Record
- Church Affiliation
- 1840, December 30, "Sydney W. Smith born Catahoula Parish, LA." S. 1860 Catahoula Parish, LA Census, Tombstone Inscriptions, Powhatan Cemetery, Lawrence County, Arkansas, Enid Wells Sitton.
- 1850, July 22, "James Norment, 48, Merchant, \$1,000, VA; Elizabeth, 36, MS; John J., 18, LA; William, 11, LA; ?James?, 10, LA; Isabella, 3, LA; Archibold, 3, LA; Helena, 1, LA." S. Census, ?Chisson? Parish, LA.
- 1850 Census Family Listing
- James Smith, 51
- Eliza Smith, 48
- Son, ca. 26
- Sarah Ann Smith, 24
- Mariah L. Smith, ca. 22
- Ambrose W. [A. W.] Smith, 19
- Josephine Smith, 11
- Sydney Smith, 8
- Clara Smith, 3
- 1858, James Norment and John H. Norman both of New Orleans. John H. is single. They buy 3 tracts of land in Concordia Parish, La. over 1,000 A. for \$37,000 payable in 6 notes." S. Abstracted by Sherry Manuel from Conveyance Book N Page 306.
- 1859, John H. is now of Concordia and James is still in N. O. a sale of slaves for Normandy Plantation." S. Abstracted by Sherry Manuel from Conveyance Book N Page 346.
- 1860, June 26, "Dwelling 140, Family 139; James Smith, age 61, Occ Planter, Real Estate 30,000, Personal Estate 1,500, POB Ireland; Eliza, age 58, POB KY; Josephine, age 21, POB LA, Attending School; Sydney, age 18, POB LA, Attending School; Clara, age 13, POB LA, Attending School; R. Brown, age 25, Overseer, Personal Estate 200, POB TN. [Listed above is: R. Reddick, age 48, Occ Planter, Real Estate 10,000, Personal Estate 2,000, POB NC; Sarah, age 34, POB IN; Ema, age 35, POB KY; Ana, age 3, POB LA; W. Griffin, age 28, Occ Lab., Personal Estate 1,500, POB NC]" S. 1860 Census, Page 444, Black River Twp, Catahoula Parish, LA, P.O. Trinity.
- 1860, September, "J. Norment, 58, farmer, \$70,000, \$500, VA; E. Norment, 46, MS; J. J. Norment, 28, Clerk, LA; J. K. Norment, 20, Clerk on St. Boat, MS; A. W. Norment, 14, MS; H. N. Norment, 9, LA." S. Census, Concordia Parish, LA
- 1861, "John H. Norman of Concordia gives power of attorney to James Norment of Concordia Parish, to sell John H.'s interest in Normandy Plantation." S. Abstracted by Sherry Manuel from Conveyance Book N Page 575.
- 1862, "Sydney W. Smith m. James R. Norment." S. Sherry Manuel Notes.
- 1863, "Sydney W. Smith ??????? married Oct 14, 1863 at Ashcot. La. She was the daughter of Jas Smith born in Ireland Sept 20th 1799 who was son of Sam'l Smith who was son of Joseph Smith all of Ireland. The Fathers of both families were Presbyterian's." S. Copy of family Bible of James R. Norment and Sydney ????? (Smith).
- 1866, "The Normandy Plantation is auctioned at a sheriffs sale on 16 Oct. 1866 and purchased by William J. Norman. James Norman is the court recorder. (It is not known who these Norman's are or if they are in any way related to the James R. Norman below.)" S. Abstracted by Sherry Manuel from Conveyance Book ) Page 98.
- 1870, "James Norman 25 m w farmer La., Sidney 22 f w keeping house La., James 6 m w La., Ambrose 4 m w

- La., Sally 2 f w La., Polly Woodruff 40 f w La., Betty Woodruff 11 f w La., Amanda Woodruff 7 f w La." S. Abstracted by Sherry Manuel.
- 1873, "Our James R. Norments purchase of what would become Live Oak Plantation. 10 A. in Concordia Parish on the east bank of the Black River. Beginning at the dividing line for T6 and T7. The NWfrac Sec 57 T6n R7e. (directly across the river from James Smiths property.) The land was owned by Jerome Taylor and George W. Robinson of Boston Mass. It was called Live Oak Plantation. James Norman was the Recorder of Deeds in Concordia Parish, La. during this time." S. Abstracted by Sherry Manuel from Conveyance Book P Pages 221-223.
  - 1875, March 25, "We Sidney Norment and James Norment her husband of Concordia Parish release unto James Smith of Black River Catahoula Parish who is the father of said Sidney Norment all or our right to the estate from Sarah Ann Reddick." S. Original Record, Conveyance Book O Page 633, Catahoula Parish, LA provided by Sherry W. Manuel.
  - 1875, October 31, "At his residence in Vidalia, LA on Sunday morning, Oct. 31, 1785, James Normant, aged 73 years and 9 months. \*He was born in Mecklenburg County, Va., where issues the first Declaration of Independence. His father was one of the descendants of the Scotch Covenanters, who settled in Virginia in the Seventeenth century. His religion was ever in accordance with the Presbyterian Church. It was his solace through life, from which he departed in the full assurance of acceptance by his savior. \*In the early part of his life, he was an assistant of the Clerk of the Court, which familiarized him to the duties to which his fellow citizens had elected him as magistrate, Clerk of Police Jury, and Recorder in Concordia Parish. In 1828, he removed to Alexandria, Parish of Rapides where he conducted a very heavy mercantile business in the company with his brother Richard, but on the death of the latter he gave up merchandising and began planting cotton. In a few years he sold his plantation and removed to New Orleans, where he engaged in the wholesale grocery business and remained there until his sons had obtained a fair education in the public schools. He then purchased a tract of new land in Concordia, on the banks of Black River, where he remained until his sons became planters, when he removed to Vidalia, at which place, being elected recorder, he lived until his death. \*In the family circle he was beloved as he loved, and a among his numerous acquaintances he sustained the character of an honorable and true citizen." S. typed obituary provided by William Mount.
  - 1876, "James Norman purchases from Robert Carter of Paris, France Lots 16 and 17 Square 13 fronting on Carter Street in the Town of Vidalia." S. Abstracted by Sherry Manuel from Conveyance Book P Page 500.
  - 1877, August 4, "James R. Norment as agent for Mrs. Josephine S. Mount and W. G. Mount her husband, Ambrose W. Smith of Arkansas, Mrs. S. W. Norment also came and appeared John DeArman representing Mrs. Maria L. DeArman his wife, the said Mrs. Mount, A. W. Smith, Mrs. DeArman and Mrs. S. W. Norment being the sole heirs and legal representatives of their father James Smith.....lands owned by James Smith.....1st the John Henry Rignet known as the security of Catahoula lying in Townships 5, 6, 7 Ranges 6 and 9E containing 676 A. 2nd tract NW4 Sec 5 containing 89.75 A tract NE Sec 6 containing 51.3 A. the E2 SW4 of same Sec containing 77.50 A. Lots 3&4 of Sec 6 containing 70.70 A. and the N@ Sec 9 containing 304.3 A. all the above in Twp 7 R 5E which they have divided into four lots described and valued as follows viz Lot 1 @ \$1,200.00, Lot 2 \$2,000.00, Lot 3 \$1,000.00, Lot 4 \$1,000.00 said parties declare that having divided the aforesaid lands in lots.....written on slips..... placed in a box were drawn as follows Mrs. E. H. Campbell drew Lot 1 for her father A. W. Smith, C. C. Duke drew Lot 2 for Mrs. S. W. Norment, John DeArman drew Lot 3 for his wife Mrs. Maria L. DeArman and Leonard F. Mason drew Lot 4 for Mrs. J. G. Mount.....the difference in value of said lots is to be equalized in the final partition." S. Original Record Conveyance Book P Pages 406-9, Catahoula Parish, LA provided by Sherry W. Manuel.
  - 1880, February 17, "Filed 17 Feb. 1880 by Mrs. Sidney W. Norman. James R. Norman died 2 Feb. 1880. She asks to be named tutor of her children and renounces her right to be administrator of his estate." S. Abstracted by Sherry Manuel from Conveyance Book Q Page 337.
  - 1880, February 17, "Petition of Sidney W. Norman on 17 Feb. 1880. Stating that her husband James R. Norman died 3 Feb. 1880 leaving 5 minor children. James, Whitlock, Sarah Reddick, Isabella Clark, and Charles Montgomery Norman. She asks to be made tutrix of the minors and that their uncle Henry N. Norman be made under tutor." S. Abstracted by Sherry Manuel from Succession Book O Pages 35-6.
  - Research the succession file for James in Catahoula / Concordia Parish, LA.
  - 1880, February 21, "G. C. Burrell and H. N. Norman are witnesses as an inventory of the estate of James R. Norman are taken at his residence at Henna Landing?." S. Abstracted by Sherry Manuel from Succession Book O Pages 37-41.
  - 1880 Census Concordia Parish, she's not there - try Lawrence County, AK
  - 1880, December 11, "Property sale of the estate on 11 Dec. 1880. John S. Boatner as attorney for Sidney W. Norman purchases the plantation for \$250.00." S. Abstracted by Sherry Manuel from Conveyance Book Q Page 497.
  - ca. 1881, "Before the 9th Judicial Court P. W. Chase administrator states that the estate is insolvent. After

liquidation of the estate it still owed \$3,475.96 in unpaid debts. He proposes to pay the debt 3 cents on the dollar." S. Abstracted by Sherry Manuel from Succession Book O Pages 204-5.

- ca. 1881, "The court approves his plan and discharges him of his duties on 8 June 1881." S. Abstracted by Sherry Manuel from Succession Book O Page 309.
- 1892, December 14, "Security, James Smith 20 Dec 1875; disc. 29 Feb 1876: Whitlock Norment 16 May 1888: Sidney W. Norment 14 Dec 1892." S. Post Office Records 1832-1900. Vol. 4, Donna Burge Adams.
- 1899, January 23, "Sale of Live Oak Plantation by Mrs S. W. Norman of Powhatan, Ark. She appoints Dr. Greenberry May of Catahoula Parish, La. as her agent to sell Live Oak Plantation. The plantation has now been cut into two sections by river levees. It was sold to Mrs. Jennie Goeta wife of Isadore Lippman on 22 Nov. 1899." S. Abstracted by Sherry Manuel from Conveyance Book V Pages 285-7.
- 1900 Census Lawrence County
- "Norment, Shine December 30, 1840 - February 24, 1907." S. Cemetery Records of Lawrence County, Arkansas, Powhatan, AR.
- "Norment, Sarah R. wife of A. J. Moore, b. July 30, 1868 at Ashcot, LA, d. January 10, 1897 at Powhatan, AR." S. Tombstone Inscriptions, Powhatan Cemetery, Lawrence County, Arkansas, Enid Wells Sitton.
- "Smith, Sidney Smith, wife of J. R. Norment December 30, 1840 - February 24, 1907." S. Tombstone Inscriptions, Powhatan Cemetery, Lawrence County, Arkansas, Enid Wells Sitton.
- Death Record
- 1907, "Death of a Good Woman. \*Mrs. S. W. Normant died Sunday Afternoon--Burial at Powhatan. (From Monday's Daily) \*Mrs. S. W. Normant died Sunday afternoon after an illness of several days of pneumonia and her body was taken today to Powhatan to be buried there. \*Mrs. Normant was born and reared in Louisiana and has been a member of the Presbyterian church since early girlhood, being for years a member of the LaFayette Presbyterian church of New Orleans (of which Dr. Markham, a man well known and lover in the Southern Presbyterian church, was pastor for years. She was a daughter of James Smith and a niece of Dr. Thomas Smythe, the old pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Charleston, S. C., and one of the ablest men the church has ever produced. \*She married in Louisiana and her husband died there. Her only living children are Mrs. J. W. Martin of Batesville and Wingate C. Normant of Powhatan. \*She herself lived in Powhatan for several years before moving to Batesville about a year ago. \*She was a godly, Christian woman, and a most splendid character. Although having lived in Batesville only about a year, she was known and loved by a host of friends. Her lovely character won friends wherever she went and by them her death is sincerely mourned, for she was one of the noblest works of God--a good woman." S. Original Copy provided by William Mount.
- General, "First, a few lines about my grandmother. I don't believe I admired any woman as much as I did my grandmother. She was born and grew up in New Orleans, educated in a Catholic convent, although she was a Presbyterian. I think she must have grown up "in the lap of luxury" as she knew nothing of domestic chores. The only thing I remember her cooking was bacon, and she made the best bacon gravy I ever ate! She did beautiful needlework. She was married just before or during the Civil War to James Norment of Normandy Plantation, Louisiana. She was left a widow with eight children and a large cotton plantation to manage. She became an excellent business woman and a successful cotton planter. She died when I was eleven years old. I shall always remember her with great love and affection. Helen Martin Hail King, about 1960." S. Internet, provided by Sherry Manuel.
- General, "Memory book of my great-grandmother Sidney Welch Smith who married James R. Norment.....I am not sure what year the family moved to Ashcot, adjoining the land of their other daughter Sarah Smith Reddick (Ransom Reddick). but I am sure they were living there in 1859 when she received this. \*So many of these names appear again in the 1890 family letters from Security where they lived from about 1879 (?) until she moved to Arkansas in 1901. \*J. R. Norment married Sidney Welch Smith of Ashcot (next to Reddick Lane). Daughter of Eliza Jones and James Smith. \*James R. Norment died of heart attack on steamboat returning home (Normandy on Black River) in 1880." S. Handwritten notes from Cecila Butt provided by William Mount.
- General, "A son, the eldest, John, was building a gin and house on Normandy in 1859 and we have the plantation Day-Book for that year. I have not found any record of John's death. He was with Washington Artillery in Civil War & was wounded. His brother left army in 1863 to return home to marry Sidney Smith and did not go back to the Army. The parents, Elizabeth and James Norment apparently lived in New Orleans until 1860 - but moved to Vidalia instead of to Norma - the sister plantation of Normandy. \*Sidney Smith Norment continued to live at Norma with her own five children and a foster daughter (Amanda Williams) after she was widowed in the 1880's. Before 1890 she moved to Security, ran a little store and maybe post office at Security. The oldest 2 sons "Zip" and "Wee Jim" died early in the 90's or late 80's. Zip was a deputy sheriff, by a Negro. "Wee Jim" cut his arm in a saw mill and died shortly from blood poisoning. Older daughter Sarah married Jed Moore and moved to Portia, Ark about 1892. Younger daughter Clara Isabelle in 1894 (my grandmother) married J.W. Martin and moved to Powhatan. (near Portia). \*In 1894 Sarah died in childbirth and her mother, Sidney Smith Norment) moved to Arkansas to help care for the 2 children. Ha??? left (the third being still born).

When Sidney died they joined the Martin family (Jessie and Sam Moore) - the Martin family having since moved to Batesville Ark. They "Bell and Johnny" Martin built a lovely home there and their daughter (Helen Martin King) evidently returned to live there until 1986 when she moved to a retirement home in Fayetteville, Arkansas where she now lives. At 93 and recently in failing health. One daughter Carol King Reid is deceased. I, Cecilia King Butt, live here in Fayetteville as does one of our sons. Jack who is an attorney and my husband Tom who is a state judge. Our other son Thomas King Butt lives in the Bay of San Francisco and is an architect. Both sons have young families." S. Handwritten note by Cecila King Butt provided by William Mount.

· Probate Record, Lawrence Co, AR  
(Above from research of Steve Kellar)

Business Card in Norment Family Bible:

J.R. Norment  
Norma Landing  
Black River  
Concordia Parish, La.  
Receiving & Forwarding Merchant  
And Dealer In  
Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware  
PATENT MEDICINES, ETC.

Inscription in Norment Family Bible: This Certifies That The Rite of Holy Matrimony was celebrated between Jas. R. Norment of Concordia Par. Loua and Sidney W. Smyth of Catahoula Par. Loua on Monday 31 octr. 1863 at residence of Jas. Smyth by William P. Churr\_\_ E. \_\_\_\_\_ Esq I Pope Ashcot 9 miles below Trinity Black River, La.

Witness B.F. Glasscock? Witness R. Reddick

James R. Norment died on board Steamer John H. Hanna in Black River la while en route from Natchez, Miss to his home in Concordia parish Black River La on the morning of Feby 2nd 1880. Aged 39 year, 9 mos. Died remarkably sudden of heart disease. (Handwritten in Norment Family Bible)

More About JAMES R. NORMENT:

Burial: 22 Feb 1880, Died on board steamer John H. Hanna

Notes for SIDNEY WELCH SMITH:

I (Helen Martin Hail King) want to tell you grandchildren what I know about the Smyth family. Most of what I know was told to me by my grandmother, Sidney Welch Smyth Norment.

First, a few lines about my grandmother. I don't believe I admired any woman as much as I did my grandmother. She was born and grew up in New Orleans, educated in a Catholic convent, although she was a Presbyterian. I think she must have grown up "in the lap of luxury" as she knew nothing of domestic chores. The only thing I remember her cooking was bacon, and she made the best bacon gravy I ever ate! She did beautiful needlework. She was married just before or during the Civil War to James Norment of Normandy Plantation, Louisiana. She was left a widow with eight children and a large cotton plantation to manage. She became an excellent business woman and a successful cotton planter. She died when I was eleven years old. I shall always remember her with great love and admiration.

Helen Martin Hail King (Abt 1960)

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DEATH OF A GOOD WOMAN

MRS. S.W. NORMANT DIED SUNDAY AFTERNOON - BURIAL AT POWATAN

(From Monday's Daily) Mrs. S.W. Normant died Sunday afternoon after an illness of several days of pneumonia and her body was taken today to Powatan to be buried there.

Mrs. Normant was born and reared in Louisiana and has been a member of the Presbyterian Church since early girlhood, being for years a member of the LaFayette Presbyterial church in New Orleans (of which Dr. Markham,

a man well known and loved in the Southern Presbyterian church was pastor for years). She was a daughter of James Smith and a niece of Dr. Thomas Smythe, the old pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Charleston, S.C., and one of the ablest men the church has ever produced.

She married in Louisiana and her husband died there. Her only living children are Mrs. J.W. Martin of Batesville and Wingate C. Normant of Powatan.

She herself lived in Powatan for several years before moving to Batesville about a year ago.

She was a godly, Christian woman, and a most splendid character. Although having lived in Batesville only about a year, she was known and loved by a host of friends. Her lovely character won friends wherever she went and by them her death is sincerely mourned, for she was \_\_\_the noblest works of God - a good woman.

(Newspaper clipping in the Norment Family Bible, in possession of Jack Butt, Fayetteville, AR)

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New Orleans, 31st August, 1850

Mr. Jn. De Arman, Rockport

Dear Sir

I send you our weekly news sheet which will give you some idea of the state of society & markets here. I am now in business on my own account (having dissolved with Mr. Kitchen) under the style of James Smith \_\_\_\_, & will probably remain at the old stu -- of Granier. I have no doubt of doing as good a business as formerly and will at least make all expenses. The family have had some sickness, Mrs. Smith has had a severe attack of sick head ache for 5 days which has left her very weak as she eats but little when she has such spells. Sarah has had a fever which lasted 24 hours.

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James Smyth's children gathered for his funeral, including the D'Arman kin from Vincennes, IN. The D'Armans were the only ones who stayed at Security after the funeral; apparently the other children lived nearby or were staying with their siblings who did live nearby. According to James Smyth's will, all of his land was divided into tracts; one tract was very small, but included the plantation house and all its fine furnishings. His beneficiaries drew lots to determine which tract each was to receive.

Sidney Welch Smyth (Norment) drew the lot entitling her to the home and its furnishings. The D'Armans were greatly disappointed, because they had little use for Louisiana land, and had counted on getting the valuable household furnishings to take home with them.

The next day, when James Smyth's children returned to Security, they found that the D'Armans were altogether gone; they had caught a steamer back up to Indiana, loaded with all the Smyth and Reddick furniture and furnishings: sterling, crystal, china, linens, and all the furniture. The only thing they didn't take was a huge solid mahogany secretary desk, almost 10 feet tall, that James Smyth had ordered from France years before. Presumably it was too big to conveniently move, and had gotten to be left in the D'Arman's haste to get away with their ill-gotten booty.

Years later, in the 1920's or 30's, Helen Martin (King), Sidney's granddaughter, was called to visit a lady she knew in Walnut Ridge, AR. The lady was elderly, in ill health, in poor financial shape and correctly predicted she was not long for the world. She was related, it turns out, some way to the D'Armans, and thus, presumably also to Helen Martin (King). When Helen arrived, the lady insisted that Helen take a large bag of sterling silver flatware. Upon inspection, it appeared to be at least part of the Reddick and Smyth silver! The lady said that it was rightfully Helen's, and in the lady's condition, she could never use or enjoy it. So, half a century later, the heirloom silver was returned to the rightful branch of the family. The large mahogany secretary is now in the home of William Jackson Butt, II, and in its drawers is flatware from Security Plantation.

As told by Helen Martin (King) to William Jackson Butt, II

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Following is part 3 of researchy Steve Kellar on James and Eliza Smyth:

- 1853, June 17, ".....Laura Sims, wife of James Sims for \$500.00 sell to James Smith of the City of New Orleans, her undivided 1/2 interest in the NWfrac4 Sec 5 T6 R7, 88A." S. Book J. Page 121, Catahoula Parish, LA abstracted by Sherry Manuel.
- 1853, June 17, "James & Laura Sims. Transfer to James Smith. Filed for record 14th June AD 1853. Recorded in Book of Notarial Records Book I folio 121, 2, 3. Parish of Catahoula.....Felix Robb Notary Public.....James Sims.....in consideration of \$1,500.....sold.....unto James Smith of the City of New Orleans.....Lots No 6 & 7 being the Efrac2 of SW|Fract4 Sec 5 Twp 6N Ran 7E containing 79.55 acres.....Sims is to retain possession of said tract of land till the 1st of Jan'y 1854.....this 12th day of May AD 1853." S. Original Record, Book J, Pages 121-5, Record 129J, Catahoula Parish, LA.
- 1853, June 17, "Purciro [Purchase] of Land. Transfer to James Smith. Filed for record 14th June AD 1853. Recorded in Book of Notarial Records I[J?] Page 123. N. E. Gaudier. Parish of Catahoula.....Felix Robb a Notary Public.....Laura Sims wife of James Sims.....sum of five hundred dol-lars.....sold.....unto James Smith of the City of New Orleans.....NWFract4 Sec 5 Twp6N Ran 7E containing 88.28 acres bounded by lands entered by Saml Waters on the East by Black River on the South of lands entered by James Sims and on the west by lands entered by William Kelly to have and to hold unto him the said James Smith..... this 12th day of May AD 1853." S. Original Record, Book J, Pages 121-5, Record 130J, Catahoula Parish, LA.
- 1853, August 15, "Smith, Ambrose W., Kellar, Sarah E. Ward of Isaac H. Kellar c. in.p., Witnesses: G.W. Hikes & W. Kellar, John Hulett." S. Jefferson Co, KY Mar-riages, Book 5, 222.
- 1853, August 15, "Ambrose W. Smith & Sarah E. Kellar ward of Isaac H. Kellar who consents in person.....I, a Minister of the Gospel, of the Christian Church, licensed for the purpose by the County Court of Henry Co, KY. Jno. R. Hulett. Witnesses; G.W. Hikes, W. Kellar." S. Original License, Jef-ferson Co KY.
- 1860, April 11, "From my eldest Brother but one, not seen for more than forty years. Black River, Parish of Catahoula, Louisiana. Dear Thomas. This is intrusted to Charles Jones, who visits Charleston to attend the Convention. My wife is a sister of his, and he lives about 3 miles above me on this river. The families however have no communication. I have left New Orleans to re-side on this place. The last t2 years it has been overflowed and I did not make expenses. This season I have the prospect of a good crop; and we are now well leveyed to keep out high water, but not quite enough yet. We do not apprehend high water this season. We received Wedding Cards of your son and Miss Briggs. Give the young folks our congratulations. I hear indirectly from you (or did in New Orleans,) frequently and hope your ailments are not such as to deprive you of comfortable recreation and exercise. I take out a little bored rifle gun (say 200 balls to a pound of lead.) nearly every morning and shoot the heads off Squirrels enough to eat. [Footnote: This brother, James, was an excellent shot, and very reckless: so much so that when troubled by an ingrowing nail, he shot off the offending toe. A niece writes:---As to my Uncle & his ingrowing nail, I know nothing but the fact---& think he might have been less impatient of pain & of other people.---Ed.] In the fall and winter, I change this rifle for a shot gun and kill abundance of wild ducks. We have been asked to dine out 2 times last week among neighbours who had wild turkeys for dinner. I have also a chest of tools (very good they are too,) with which I work considerably; last week I built a new Poultry house 12 feet square with 10 nests for the hens. We had a small one but the rising family of chick required more roost. We have any quantity of young chickens and turkeys. To day I intend making me a dip net with a piece of mosquito netting to catch minnows, with which to catch Barfish and herring. The Barfish are our best fresh water fish. I have also library enough for life with the help of the Newspapers occasionally and I trust I have obtained a good hope to join the ransomed of Christ in his heavenly Kingdom. My family at home and as far as I know abroad, are well. Give our love to your wife and family, and believe me affectionately yrs. Jas. Smith. P.S. Our ad-dress by mail would have the Trinity Post office in it. J.S." S. Autobiographical Notes, Letters and Reflections, 1914, by Thomas Smyth, D.D., Edited by Louisa Cheves Stoney, P. 549-50.
- 1860, June 26, "Dwelling 140, Family 139; James Smith, age 61, Occ Planter, Real Estate 30,000, Personal Estate 1,500, POB Ireland; Eliza, age 58, POB KY; Josephine, age 21, POB LA, Attending School; Sydney, age 18, POB LA, Attending School; Clara, age 13, POB LA, Attending School; R. Brown, age 25, Overseer, Personal Estate 200, POB TN. [Listed above is: R. Reddick, age 48, Occ Planter, Real Estate 10,000, Personal Estate 2,000, POB NC; Sarah, age 34, POB IN; Ema, age 35 [5], POB KY; Ana, age 3, POB LA [KY]; W. Griffin, age 28, Occ Lab., Personal Estate 1,500, POB NC]" S. 1860 Census, Page 444, Black River Twp, Catahoula Parish, LA, P.O. Trinity.
- 1861, December 10, "James Smith & Rob-ert W. Prater. Exchange of Land dated Feby 26th ??? [Call Catahoula for date] Parish of Catahoula .....Felix Robb a Notary Pub-lic.....james Smith of the above residence..... consideration.....deliver unto Rob-ert W. Prater of the Parish of Concordia.....James Smith.....twenty acres of land being the Southern portion of Lot No three, Section 8 Twp 6N Ran 7E in the Land District north of Red River La. having Black River for its Eastern boundry, the boundry line of Lot No two for its Southern, and Western boundaries and a line running due East and West from Black River to the Western boundry. Sufficiently for North. (Some three hundred and fifty yards) from the Southern boundary to make the quantity of twenty

acres.....R.W. Prater.....the division fence between the lands of the said Prater & Smith which is to owned and kept in good repair by them jointly.....transfer is made for and in consideration of the said R.W. Prater selling and transferring unto the said James Smith, he hereby accepting the same all his the said R.W. Prater.....W2 SW4 Sec 5 and the NW4 NW4 Sec 8 and that portion of the NW4 Sec 8 lying North of a line running due West of the Northern line of the land transferred by the said Smith to the said Prater. Said land being in Twp 6N Ran 7E, in the land district North of Red River, La. containing in the aggregate 127.60A.....James Smith to transfer to the said R.W. Prater 20A. of land fronting on Black River and of R.W. Prater to transfer to the said Jas Smith 127.60 A. of land..... lying in the rear of said Smith's plantation.....10th December, 1861.....It is stipu-lated between the parties that they are to set an iron post some 15 or 20 paces North of a hackbury tree on the bank of Black River, and to run from thence due West on the di-vision line between and they are to put and keep a good fence upon said line at the joint expense." S. Original Record, Book O, P. 52-55, Record O60, Catahoula Parish, LA. [Note: This was recorded just above an entry dated 26Dec1872]

· 1862, "Sydney W. Smith m. James R. Norment." S. Sherry Manuel Notes.

· 1865, "Smith, James \$4.15." S. Civil War Tax in Louisiana: 1865, Polyanthos.

· 1866, July 12, 1866, "Record of Confederate Dead. The subjoined list of those Confederate soldiers who died during the war, and were buried in and about New Orleans, has been furnished by Mrs. Dr. Ball to the Board of Managers of the 'Ladies Benevolent Association of Louisiana,' and is by them submitted for publication.....Smith Samuel, prisoner of war." S. New Orleans Daily Crescent.

· 1868, February 28, "William G. Mount to C. J. Smyth. On Feb 24 1868 the rites of matrimony according to the Presbyterian church were solemnized between William G. Mount of Lawrence Co. Ark. aged 28 years & Miss Charlotte J. Smyth of the same co. & State aged 30 ys. By Lewis McVelly." S. Copy Original Record provided by William Mount.

· 1870, June 20, "Dwelling 50, Family 60; Reddick Ransom, age 54, Occ Farmer, Real Estate 1,000, Personal Estate 2,750, POB NC, Male Citizen; Sarah, age 44, Occ Dry Goods Merchant, Personal Estate 5,000, POB IN; Molly Bunch, age 16, At-tending School, POB NC; Anna Noelle, age 23, occ School Teacher, POB LA; Emma Smith, age 15, Attending School, POB KY; Anna Smith, age 13, Attending School, POB KY; James Smith, age 70, Occ ???????? [Cleaning Stores], POB Ireland, Father of Foreign Birth, Mother of Foreign Birth, Male Citizen; Eliza, age 67, Occ Keeping House, Personal Estate 100, POB KY; ???? Black, age 13, Black, Occ Domestic Servant, POB LA, Cannot Read or Write; Elwood Johnson, age 11, Black Occ Domestic Servant, POB LA.." S. 1870 Census, Pages 8 & 9, Ward No. 13, Catahoula Parish, LA, P.O. Trinity.

· 1871, December 26. "Anthony Whitehead. Sale of Land. Recorded February 261872. Parish of Catahoula..... James Smith in consideration of five hundred dollars and five promissory notes..... amounting to five thousand dollars.....sold to Anthony Whitehead both parties residing in the same Parish.....found situated on the West bank of Black River, Parish of Catahoula, con-taining 300 A. viz. S2 NWfractional Sec 5 containing 45A. The Swfractional4 Sec 5 containing 157A. & northern portion of NW fractional4 Sec 8, 98A. all in Twp 6N Ran 7E and being in one body with all the homes and fences thereon.....26th day of Decem-ber 1871." S. Original Record, Page 54-5, Record O62, Catahoula Parish, LA.

· 1872, February 26, "James Smith of Catahoula Parish to Robert W. Prater of Concordia Parish the S. portion of Lot 3, Sec. 8 T6n R7e with the Black River for its eastern boundary 20 A. Prater sells to James Smith the W2 of the SW4 Sec. 5, the NW4 of the NW4 of Sec. 8. Portion of NW4 Sec. 8 lying N. of a line beginning due west of the N. line of land traded to Prather by Smith. All T6n R7e 127 A." S. Abstracted Record by Sherry Manuel of Deed Book O, Page 52, Cata-houla Parish, LA. [Copy Original]

· 1872, February 27, "James Smith to An-thonny Whitehead, land on the west band of the black River, 300 A.. S2 of NW frac. Sec. 5 45 A. SWfrac4 Sec. 5 157 A.. N. portion of NWfract.4 Sec. 8 98 A.. All T6N R7E. James Smith Signed." S. Abstracted Record by Sherry Manuel from Deed Book O, Page 54, Catahoula Parish, LA. [Copy Original]

· 1874, "Sarah Ann [Smith] Reddick died [Probate Record] Catahoula Parish, LA. [Sarah's husband, Ransom, preceded her in death June 1872, Catahoula Parish, LA]." S. Sherry Manuel Notes.

· 1875, March 17, ".....we A. W. Smith and Josephine S. Mount (brother and sister of Sarah Ann Reddick deceased) and William G. Mount husband of Josephine S. Mount in consideration of the natural love and affec-tion we bear our father James Smith and our decision to see him provided for in his declining years do hereby release unto our father all our inheritance to the estate of Sarah Ann Reddick." S. Original Record Conveyance Book O, Page 618, Catahoula Parish, LA provided by Sherry W. Manuel.

· 1875, March 25, "We Sidney Norment and James Norment her husband of Concordia Parish release unto James Smith of Black River Catahoula Parish who is the father of said Sidney Norment all or our right to the estate from Sarah Ann Reddick." S. Original Record, Conveyance Book O Page 633, Catahoula Parish, LA provided by Sherry W. Manuel.

· Tax Records, Catahoula/Orleans Parish

· Voter Records, Catahoula/Orleans Parish

- Death Record, Catahoula Parish
- Tombstone Inscription, Security, Catahoula Parish
- Obituary, Catahoula Parish Newspaper
- Will - District Court in the Parish, and in Orleans Parish the Civil District Court.
- Probate Records, Catahoula Parish
- Family Histories, LA
- Local Histories, LA
- 1876, January 21, "Parish of Catahoula..... petition of John DeArman a resident of said parish.....James Smith died on January 18, 1876 leaving a large estate of personal and real property.....the estate of said James Smith is involved unit that an administration is necessary.....your petitioner is a heir having married Mariah L. Smith the daugh-ter of said James Smith.....one heir absent in Arkansas.....petitioner be appointed and confirmed as administrator of estate..... make an inventory and appraisalment." S. Succession of James Smith, S-117, Original Record Catahoula Parish, LA provided by Sherry W. Manuel.
- 1876, January 31, ".....did proceed at the late residence of the deceased an inventory of cause to be appraised by G. B. May M. D. and James Young.....estate of James Smith in Parish of Catahoula.....a tract of land containing 676 A. containing the plan-tation and improvements situate on Black River in which John M. Phillips resided on the 28 day of December in 1848 and being the same confirmed to John Henry by the U. S. by virtue of the Settlement and occupa-tion under the Spanish Government by one Joseph Thomas.....the said Jas Smith re-sided at the time of his death. The said land and all the buildings improvements therein value at the sum of \$5.00 per acre [\$3,380.00] also one other track containing 44 A. being 1/2 of the NWfral4 Sec 5 T 6N R 1E valued at \$1.25 per acre [\$55.00]. The above described land being the same land purchased by Ransom Reddick on 8th day July 1851 at Tiffs sale in suit styled John M. Philips vs. Volley B. Perky et al. [letterhead of Mrs. S. A. Reddick Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats; Fresh Drugs and Medicines Always on Hand]." S. S-117 Original Record Catahoula Parish, LA provided by Sherry W. Manuel.
- 1876, February 2, "DIED. SMITH---At Se-curity Plantation, Catahoula parish, La., January 18, 1876, in the 77th year of his age, MR. JAMES SMITH, formerly a resi-dent of New Orleans. \*Charleston, S. C., Nashville, Tenn., Louisville, Ky., and Craw-fordsville, Ind., papers please copy." S. New Orleans Times Picayune, February 2, 1876, p. 4 c. 5.
- 1876, February 29, "Security, James Smith 20 Dec 1875; disc. 29 Feb 1876: Whitlock Norment 16 May 1888: Sidney W. Norment 14 Dec 1892." S. Post Office Records 1832-1900. Vol. 4, Donna Burge Adams.
- 1876, August 5 and 9, "Recd of John DeAr-man Adman James Smith \$55.00..... being a payment on my interest in the Estate of James Smith and delivered to my daughter Emma Campbell as her property. Emma H. Campbell for A. W. Smith." S. S-117, Origi-nal Record Catahoula Parish, LA provided by Sherry W. Manuel.
- 1877, August 4, "James R. Norment as agent for Mrs. Josephine S. Mount and W. G. Mount her husband, Ambrose W. Smith of Arkansas, Mrs. S. W. Norment also came and appeared John DeArman representing Mrs. Maria L. DeArman his wife, the said Mrs. Mount, A. W. Smith, Mrs. DeArman and Mrs. S. W. Norment being the sole heirs and legal representatives of their fa-ther James Smith.....lands owned by James Smith.....1st the John Henry Rignet known as the security of Catahoula lying in Townships 5, 6, 7 Ranges 6 and 7E containing 676 A. 2nd tract NW4 Sec 5 containing 89.75 A tract NE4 Sec 6 containing 51.3 A. the E2 SW4 of same Sec containing 77.50 A. Lots 3&4 of Sec 6 containing 70.70 A. and the N2 Sec 7 containing 304.3 A. all the above in Twp 7N R5E which they have di-vided into four lots described and valued as follows viz Lot 1 @ \$1,200.00, Lot 2 \$2,000.00, Lot 3 \$1,000.00, Lot 4 \$1,000.00 said parties declare that having divided the aforesaid lands in lots.....written on slips..... placed in a box were drawn as follows Mrs. E. H. Campbell drew Lot 1 for her father A. W. Smith, C. C. Duke drew Lot 2 for Mrs. S. W. Norment, John DeArman drew Lot 3 for his wife Mrs. Maria L. DeArman and Leon-ard F. Mason drew Lot 4 for Mrs. J. G. Mount.....the difference in value of said lots is to be equalized in the final partition." S. Original Record Conveyance Book P Pages 406-9, Catahoula Parish, LA provided by Sherry W. Manuel.
- 1877, September 17, "FINAL ACCOUNT NOTICE. State of Louisiana---Parish of Catahoula---{Probate Court--Clerk's Office. Succession of James Smith, dec's. Whereas: John DeArman, administrator of said succession, has this day filed in this of-fice his final account of administration, praying that the same may be homologated and approved---Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that unless opposition to said account is filed in this office in ten days from the date hereof, said account will be homologated and approved according to the prayer thereof. Witness my signature and the seal of said court this 17th day of Sep-tember, A. D., 1877. n41 2 t L. Gip. Duke, Depty. Clk." S. Newspaper clipping in suc-cession file.
- 1878, October 29, "Edward Jones died." S. Strickler file, Filson Club. Did he die in New Orleans?
- 1881, December 6, "Partition of Achcott Plantation. Filed Dec 6th 1881 & Recorded in ?Brvt? No ?14? Cnveyences Papers 569 & 570 - Dec 10, 1881. December 20th, 1880. We D.H. Cathorm and Charles G. Montgomery chosen by Anthony Gabe, & John Whitehead of the first party and |W. G. Mount and A. Whitlock Smith of the second party. To value and divide the Ashcot Plantation lying on Black River -- We have divided

that the party getting the upper half of Ashcot Plantation to pay the party getting the lower half to five hundred dollars in cash; and the plantation to be divided equally into two parts considering on the bank of the given and run strait back. P.S. Mr. Charles G. Montgomery for Mr. A. W. Smith & W. G. Mount of the second party divide the lower half of Ashcot ??????..... The land of Anthony Whithead, Gabe Whithead and John Whitehead commencing at an iron post, - where the line between W. G. Mount and the Smith place strikes the Black River, on the west bank Thence S 25 degrees E 25 chains, thence S 16 Degrees E 10 chains, thence S 8 degrees 5.90 chains, to a persimmon tree, thence due west to the back line of the Smith land, thence N to W. G. Mounts land, thence on Mounts line to iron post, being one hundred and fifty-one acres more or less. A. W. Smiths land commences at a persimmon tree, where the Whitheads line strikes the West bank of Blk River, thence S 8 degrees E 4.10 chains, thence S 3 degrees W 10 chains thence S 7 degrees W 10 chains, thence S 11 degrees W 16080 chains, to Wilsons line, thence W on Wilsons line to the back line of the Smith Place, thence N on said line to the Whitheads line thence on said line to the place of beginning containing 152.20 acres more or less. Security La Jan 11th 1881. Received of Anthony, Gabe and John Whithead the sum of \$500 being the difference in division of the Ashcot plantation upper part over the lower half. W. G. Mount, A. W. Smith." S. Original Record, Book 1, P. 569-70, Record 541-2, Catahoula Parish, LA.

· 1889, Various, "My Uncle Charles was killed by friends of En Lidell in Louisiana some few years after the war. The difficulty was of long standing & resulted in the killing of Judges[sp?][Justice] Lidell & my Uncle.....Elizabeth Whitlock (deceased) of near Crawfordsville was a relative." S. William H. English Collection, M98, Folder 3, Indiana Historical Library.

· 1898, October 22, "Ambrose W. Smith died Portia, Lawrence Co, AR, buried Powhatan Cemetery." S. Tombstone Inscription, Powhatan Cemetery, Powhatan, Lawrence Co, AR.

· 1890, August 26, Mariah L. Smith died [Prob Portia] Lawrence Co, AR, bur. Powhatan Cemetery, Lawrence Co, AR

· 1907, July 24, Sydney S. Smith died [Prob Portia] Lawrence Co, AR, bur. Powhatan Cemetery, Lawrence Co, AR

· General, "He ran a general store at Black River Landing, on Security Plantation, which he owned, in Catahoula Parish, LA. The plantation was on property known as the John Henry Requet.

· General, "Fact.....The only remaining letter of my youngest Br. Robert, enclosed in one from Isabella giving account of the death of my Second eldest Br. Samuel, who died of Cholera on his way home from N. Orleans at Vicksburg. He died a member of the Indiana legislature. He was highly educated and a man of great reading. James was wild and the first to leave home, from pure love of adventure. Mother persuaded Samuel to go after and take care of him. William followed Samuel and Robert, William, and all to Vincennes Ind. whither Mother and Father and Isabella went, when I went to Princeton. \*William fought in Florida and Mexico and probably died there..... [Foot-note] It is generally believed in the family, that, as William Smith was last heard of on the way to Japan, his death took place in that country. Samuel is recorded as having delivered the oration on July 4, 1830, at Vincennes.---Ed." S. Autobiographical Notes, Letters and Reflections, 1914, by Thomas Smyth, D.D., Edited by Louisa Cheves Stoney, P. 316-7.

· General, "William H. Mount, former proprietor of the Glade Plantation in Catahoula Parish, was a native of Arkansas, but spent most of his life in Louisiana. Mr. Mount was born in Lawrence County Arkansas, June 21, 1869, son of William G. and Josephine (Smith) Mount. \*William G. Mount had moved to Arkansas after the Civil War to take over the management of his deceased brother's gristmill. He married in Arkansas, Miss Josephine Smith, who was visiting there. She was born and reared in New Orleans, daughter of James Smith, owner of the extensive plantation on Black River in Catahoula Parish. In 1878, the Mount family moved from Arkansas to this plantation, locating at the village of Security. Mrs. Josephine Mount died there at the age of 42, and her husband subsequently returned to Mississippi and died at the age of 62 at Lake Providence, Louisiana. \*William H. Mount was one of two sons. Since the age of eleven years he had his home in Louisiana. After finishing his education, he was employed in government work and in sawmills and in 1900 began farming on Horseshoe Lake. In 1901 he took management of the plantation left by his mother which had been a part of the old Security Plantation. \*Mr. Mount married in 1903, Miss Ella Cross, daughter of Jonathan Cross, a native of Texas. Their children were Hobart, Eugene, Whitlock, Merthyr, and Katherine Bell." S. "Jonesville Through the Mirror of Time", Volume II, December, 1978.

The following is offered to disprove the parent-age of James Smith

· 1809, April 3, "Knox Co Tax register, Wash Twp, James Smith." S. William H. English Collection, M98, Box 34, Folder 12, Pages 22, 23, 36, Indiana Historical Library.

· 1812, September 12, "Muster Roll of Capt. James Smith's Company of mounted men of the 4th Regt Indiana Militia Commanded by Col. Rob't Evans called to service 1812, September 12, end of service 1812, September 28." S. Original Record, General and Staff Indiana and Illinois Territory Militia, September 1812-January 1813.

· 1817, "Nicholas Smith, father of Edward H. and John A. Smith, came to Vincennes in 1817 from New Jersey, where he was born in 1790." S. History of Old Vincennes and Knox County Indiana, Greene, Vol. 1.

· General, "Resolutions Concerning Indians, July 31, 1811, Dawson, Harrison, 187.....colonel Ephraim Jordan was ap-pointed President, and captain James Smith, Secretary.....James Smith was appointed a J. P. Dec. 3, 1812 at Vincennes. He settled in what is now Gibson Co. Feb. 3, 1813 he was appointed a captain in the militia 4th Regt. He came from Va. Ex. Jour. 178-9, History of Gibson County, 60 [page 540][likely that this is not my James Smith however it could be James' father]." S. Esarey, Logan, Editor, Governors Messages and Letters: Messages and Letters of William Henry Harrison, Volume 1, 1800-1811, Volume II, 1812-1816, Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Commission, 1922.

· General, "Smith, James, b. 1754 VA d. 1837 Gibson Co, IN bur. James Mont's farm near Owensville, IN, m. Margaret Truax, enlisted 1776 in 12th Virginia Regt. and re-enlisted for an additional 3 years." S. Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolutionary War Buried in Gibson Co, Indiana, D.A.R.

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Marriage Notes for JAMES NORMENT and SIDNEY SMITH:

More About JAMES NORMENT and SIDNEY SMITH:

Marriage: Oct 1863, Concordia Parish, LA<sup>37</sup>

Children of JAMES NORMENT and SIDNEY SMITH are:

- i. RICHARD<sup>6</sup> NORMENT, b. 01 Nov 1873<sup>38</sup>; d. 1874.

Notes for RICHARD NORMENT:

Richard Norment, born at Norma Nov. 1, 1873, at 9:30 P.M. (Norment Family Bible)

Richard Norment died at Norma, August 2, at 10 minutes past eight o'clock, aged 9 months, one day. (Obituary undated in Norment Family Bible)

- ii. ZIP NORMENT, d. Unknown.

Notes for ZIP NORMENT:

News reached the city today that Mr. Zip Norment, a prominent young man of Catahoula parish, was murdered by a negro named Joe Hastings, at the former's home, ten miles below Trinity, on Black River, Thursday morning.

Norment had a warrant for the arrest of Hastings, and when he tried to execute it Hastings shot him with a double-barreled shotgun loaded with buckshot, killing him instantly. Hastings rode his escape after the murder and fled toward the Mississippi River, but a posse went in pursuit and he was captured this evening on the river bank about ten miles below this city. He will probably be lynched when taken back to Catahoula.

A SEQUEL TO THE NORMENT TRAGEDY A IAUNDRY BURNED.

NATCHEZ, Miss., Oct. 29. - [Special] - The sequel to the Norment tragedy, in Catahoula parish, on Thursday morning, was enacted on the outskirts of Natchez at 3.0 o'clock this morning. Joe Hastings, the murderer of "Zip" Norment, together with his son, was supposed to be making his way toward this city. A posse of Catahoulans came over this morning, looking from them and found them in a house just outside of the city. They demanded the surrender of the two men, when Hastings' son, John, broke and ran. the posse fired at him, killing him instantly. Joe, the father and murderer escaped out of the rear of the house and concealed himself, where he eras afterwards found by the city police and placed under arrest.

Had the Catahoulans found him they would have killed him also. As soon as they did the shooting the posse returned to Louisiana side of the river, except one, who was exonerated by the coroner's jury, which returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by a gunshot wound at the hands of a party unknown to the jury. It is regarded as certain that the murderer, who admits firing the fatal shot, will be lynched when taken back to Catahoula.

Norment Family Bible

1863 Bible now in the possession of:

William Jackson Butt, 526 Lafayette, Fayetteville, AR 72701 (501) 443-3707

- iii. JIM NORMENT, b. 22 Jul 1864, Ashcot, LA; d. 16 Sep 1886<sup>39</sup>.

Notes for JIM NORMENT:

James Norment, son of J.R & S.W. Norment, born at Ashcot, July 22, 1864, Friday. (Handwritten in Norment Family Bible)

James Norment, residing about 12 miles below Trinity, in Concordia parish, met with an unfortunate accident on last Friday afternoon, while at work in the Trinity Saw Mill, resulting in the loss of his left hand. He was engaged at the edging saw and by accident his left hand came in contact with it, the thumb probably striking first, then the whole hand was deflected to the ulnar side and the saw passed through the carpus, cutting all but the tendons of the little and ring fingers. He received prompt attention from Drs. B.F. Baker and J.L. Violet.

Thursday's Trinity herald announces that Mr. James Norment, who resides on Black River in this parish, had the sad misfortune on last Friday afternoon, of losing his left hand by getting it caught in a saw while working in the Trinity Saw Mill. After the above was put in type, we learn of Mr. Norment's death from the effects of the wound.

On the morning of the 16th, about 7 o'clock, James Norment, who lost his left hand by an accident at the Trinity Saw Mill on the 10th, died never having rallied from the shock and hemorrhage. His body was taken to Security, his home, for internment, where over a hundred friends had gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to one universally liked by all who knew him.

All of the above from newspaper clippings in the Norment Family Bible, in possession of Jack Butt, Fayetteville, AR.

Norment - At Trinity, La., on the 16th day of September, 1886, James Norment, oldest son of Sidney W. and the late James R. Norment, of Security Catahoula parish, La. Obituary and inscription in Norment Family Bible) Handwritten - aged 22 years, one month and 25 days.

- iv. ELIZABETH NORMENT<sup>39</sup>, b. 30 Nov 1865<sup>40</sup>; d. Unknown.

Notes for ELIZABETH NORMENT:

Elizabeth Norment, born at Ashcot November 30, 1865 (Handwritten in Norment Family Bible)

Died, On Black River, Catahoula, La. August 18, 1866, at 6 ¼ o'clock A.M., Libby, infant daughter of James and Sidney Norment, aged 8 months.

Elizabeth Norment died at Security Catahoula La August 8, 1866, aged eight months (handwritten) (Obituary and inscription in Norment Family Bible)

7. v. SARAH REDDICK NORMENT, b. 30 Jul 1868; d. 10 Jan 1897, Powhatan, AR.  
8. vi. CLARA ISABELLE NORMENT, b. 03 Oct 1871, Norma Plantation, LA; d. 17 Mar 1940, Memphis, TN.  
vii. WINGATE CHASE NORMENT, b. 21 Aug 1880<sup>41</sup>; d. Abt. 17 Sep 1929<sup>42</sup>.

Notes for WINGATE CHASE NORMENT:

Wingate Chase Norment born at Norma Landing, Black River on the 21st of August, 1880 at 4 o'clock P.M., Saturday. (Norment Family Bible)

Lived in Powhatan in 1907. See Sidney Smyth Norment Obituary.

The remains of W.C. Norment, brother of Mrs. J.W. Martin, was taken to Lawrence County last Wednesday and laid to rest in the Powhatan Cemetery. The funeral party returned to Batesville in the afternoon.

September 17, 1929?

Wingate Chase Norment

Wingate Chase Norment \_\_\_\_ away at 4 o'clock \_\_\_\_ at the local hospital \_\_\_\_ removed to Powhatan \_\_\_\_ Wednesday morning. Sept 17, 1929

W.C. Norment

W.C Norment, aged 49, died at Batesville Tuesday morning at 4:30 o'clock with heart trouble. He had been making his home at Searcy for several years but he is a former resident of the county, having lived at Walnut Ridge and Powhatan. The body was shipped to Hoxie Wednesday and taken to Powhatan where funeral services were held at the cemetery in charge of Dr. J.P. Stevenson, pastor of the Walnut Ridge Presbyterian

church. Friends from all parts of Lawrence county attended the funeral.

The deceased is survived by his wife and one son.  
(Above fromclippings in the Norment Family Bible)

- viii. CHARLES MONTGOMERY NORMENT, b. 27 May 1877<sup>43</sup>; d. 1880.

Notes for CHARLES MONTGOMERY NORMENT:  
Charles Montgomery Norment born at Norma Sunday morning at 20 m to 5 o'clock May 27, 1877

Charles M. Norment, son of Jas. R. and Sidney W. Norment on Friday, 20h August 1880 at 11 o'clock A.M. aged 3 years & 2 months & 33 days (Handwritten in Norment Family Bible)

- ix. WHITLOCK NORMENT, b. 21 Dec 1866<sup>43</sup>; d. Unknown.

Notes for WHITLOCK NORMENT:  
Whitlock Norment, born at Ashcot, Dec 21 1866 (Norment Family Bible)

- x. ISABELLA NORMENT, b. 03 Oct 1876<sup>43</sup>; d. Unknown.

Notes for ISABELLA NORMENT:  
Isabella Norment, born at Norma, Oct. 3, 1876, at 10 minutes to 10 P.M. (Norment Family Bible)

#### *Generation No. 6*

**7. SARAH REDDICK<sup>6</sup> NORMENT** (*JAMES R.<sup>5</sup>, JAMES<sup>4</sup>, JAMES<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, J.<sup>1</sup>*) was born 30 Jul 1868<sup>44</sup>, and died 10 Jan 1897 in Powhatan, AR<sup>44</sup>. She married ALFRED JUDSON MOORE Jun 1893<sup>45</sup>, son of D.W. MOORE and ELIZABETH PARSONS. He was born 11 Apr 1859<sup>46</sup>, and died Unknown.

Notes for SARAH REDDICK NORMENT:  
Whitlock Norment, born at Ashcot, Dec 21 1866 (Norment Family Bible)

"Norment, Sarah R. wife of A. J. Moore, b. July 30, 1868 at Ashcot, LA, d. January 10, 1897 at Powhatan, AR." S. Tombstone In-scriptions, Powhatan Cemetery, Lawrence County, Arkansas, Enid Wells Sitton. (Steve Kellar)

More About ALFRED MOORE and SARAH NORMENT:  
Marriage: Jun 1893<sup>47</sup>

Children of SARAH NORMENT and ALFRED MOORE are:

- i. HARRY ALLEN<sup>7</sup> MOORE, b. 02 Dec 1896<sup>48</sup>; d. 01 May 1897<sup>48</sup>.
9. ii. SAMUEL SIDNEY MOORE, b. 20 Jan 1894, Powhatan, AR; d. 17 Jan 1961, Ft. Bayard, NM.
- iii. JESSIE MARIE MOORE<sup>49</sup>, b. 22 Oct 1895, Powhatan, AR; d. 29 Dec 1967, Silver City, NM.

More About JESSIE MARIE MOORE:  
Burial: Unknown, Masonic Cemetary, Silver City, NM

**8. CLARA ISABELLE<sup>6</sup> NORMENT** (*JAMES R.<sup>5</sup>, JAMES<sup>4</sup>, JAMES<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, J.<sup>1</sup>*) was born 03 Oct 1871 in Norma Plantation, LA, and died 17 Mar 1940 in Memphis, TN. She married JOHN WILLIAM MARTIN<sup>50</sup> 04 Sep 1894 in Security Plantation, Catahoula Parish, LA, son of FELIX MARTIN and SUSAN DOYLE. He was born 16 Jun 1860 in Louisiana, MO, and died 14 Jan 1939 in Batesville, AR.

More About CLARA ISABELLE NORMENT:  
Burial: 20 Mar 1940, Buried Oaklawn Cem., Batesville, AR

Notes for JOHN WILLIAM MARTIN:  
F.G. Martin, having succeeded his brother, Josiah, in the business of making wagons, continued it until 1881, when he sold out to his two sons, J.A and J.W. Martin, who after a short time turned their attention to the manufacture of farm implement stock and hard wood lumber, with mills located on Black river twenty miles below Black Rock. Their new enterprise proved very successful, as reflected by a business that shipped forty-five carloads of timber products per month during the period from 1897 to 1900, when they sold their mills and fund

other interests to occupy their time.

The Martin brothers, while engaged in the timber business were acquiring some good farm lands in the vicinity of Lauratown until they owned several hundred acres. About 1825, J.A. Martin sold his interest to John K. Gibson, who then moved the Lauratown postoffice from the old site on the bank of the Black River to its present location.

Mr. J.W. Martin, now 76 years of age, has resided at Batesville since his retirement from the timber business. he and his wife, Mrs. Belle Norment Martin, Have one daughter, Mrs. Helen Martin King, of Searcy, Ark. Her husband, Mr. Harry King, was for eleven years associated with Galloway College as teacher and Dean of the faculty. They have two children, Carol 16, and Cecilia 14.

(McLeod, Walter E., "Centennial History of Lawrence County," Russellville, AR, Russellville Printing Company, 1936, 125, Reprinted by the Lawrence County Historical Society, 1980)

More About JOHN WILLIAM MARTIN:

Burial: 1939, Buried Oaklawn Cem., Batesville, AR

More About JOHN MARTIN and CLARA NORMENT:

Marriage: 04 Sep 1894, Security Plantation, Catahoula Parish, LA

Child of CLARA NORMENT and JOHN MARTIN is:

10. i. HELEN CHRISTINE<sup>7</sup> MARTIN, b. 20 Sep 1895, Powhatan, AR; d. 11 Dec 1988, Fayetteville, AR.

#### *Generation No. 7*

**9.** SAMUEL SIDNEY<sup>7</sup> MOORE (*SARAH REDDICK<sup>6</sup> NORMENT, JAMES R.<sup>5</sup>, JAMES<sup>4</sup>, JAMES<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, J.<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>51</sup> was born 20 Jan 1894 in Powhatan, AR, and died 17 Jan 1961 in Ft. Bayard, NM. He married PERLA MAE EVANS<sup>51</sup> 27 Aug 1925 in Alexandria, LA. She was born 08 Sep 1903 in Olla, Catahoula Parish, LA, and died 17 Aug 1996 in Bayard, NM.

More About SAMUEL MOORE and PERLA EVANS:

Marriage: 27 Aug 1925, Alexandria, LA

Child of SAMUEL MOORE and PERLA EVANS is:

11. i. JOHN EDWARD<sup>8</sup> MOORE, b. Private.

**10.** HELEN CHRISTINE<sup>7</sup> MARTIN (*CLARA ISABELLE<sup>6</sup> NORMENT, JAMES R.<sup>5</sup>, JAMES<sup>4</sup>, JAMES<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, J.<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>52</sup> was born 20 Sep 1895 in Powhatan, AR<sup>52</sup>, and died 11 Dec 1988 in Fayetteville, AR<sup>52</sup>. She married (1) FITZHUGH N. HAIL, son of STEVARDSON HAIL and LUCY HAIL. He was born 26 Jan 1878 in Batesville, AR, and died 06 Jun 1914 in Batesville, AR. She married (2) HARRY KING<sup>52</sup> 31 Dec 1916 in Batesville, AR, son of LILBURN KING and MINNIE CHILDRESS. He was born 06 Sep 1886 in Van Buren, AR<sup>53</sup>, and died 22 Jun 1971 in Batesville, AR<sup>54</sup>.

Notes for HELEN CHRISTINE MARTIN:

HELEN MARTIN KING

In 1933 the King family (Helen and Harry) bought a very old (past the century mark) house in Searcy, Arkansas. It was a great challenge to turn this crazy quilt of a house into the first real home of their own. The central hall had once been a long, slanting front porch, with two rooms added along the outer side later. With each new addition, floors and foundations had to be leveled and then steps added at new doorways. In the center of the house stood a two-story, very thick brick "cooling house" for milk and other refrigeration needs. A true relic of earlier times.

Needing rugs to match the period of the old house, and to decorate the wide plank floors held together by wooden pins, Helen recalled the hooked rugs she had seen in pictures and uses of early American home furnishings. Those rugs had been made from scraps of wool, a fabric, which not only wore well, but held fast the dye colors. Old sewing scraps, worn out blankets and clothing could be salvaged for a second life: an appealing consideration in those mid-depression days. She decided to make and use hand-hooked rugs throughout the house.

A base fabric for the rug had to be selected, a design decided on and drawn onto the base fabric (burlap). A quick-drying but permanent paint and one which would not smear onto the wool hooking material was necessary. A hooking tool had to be found or designed and made. Woolens must be dyed to the desired colors, as colors in hooking were to be blended as were paintings in oil or water color; shadings were to be delicate and graduated. They would be the palette of the artist.

As these problems were worked out, friends and neighbors became interested in the project as an art exercise, a congenial pastime (hookers clubs and groups) and a means of self-expression in the production of something beautiful for their homes.

The first rug pattern, drawn directly onto the burlap, went to an eager neighbor; the next to a friend, and a line of waiting "hookers" grabbed patterns, as they were ready. It was quickly evident that it would be necessary to use a stencil to reproduce the same pattern rather than transfer by tracing or free hand drawing. Stencil board the proper weight must be located, cutting tools for the stencils found, and skill acquired in using the cutting tools to reproduce enough of the pattern to be painted through the openings, but not so delicately cut that it could not withstand the heavy crushing on of paint without breaking.

Eventually Helen was working on her own first rug for her new home but was also busy filling the growing demand for new pattern designs as well as the original ones. Groups of hooking artists were formed for fun and learning. She was asked to instruct, to show finished rugs, to share the hard-learned secrets of dying cloth to achieve gradations of color and shading, and to plan entire color schemes for rugs and the rooms they would decorate.

Within two years, this newly discovered art occupied enthusiastic homemakers throughout Arkansas and into surrounding states.

Four years later she was creating custom designs on 9' X 12' patterns, as well as hall runners. She was teaching technicians to help operate a full-time, stencil-stamping workshop. There were stencilers, burlap checkers-menders-hemmers, touch-up artists to connect the unfinished stencil lines, a secretary to help answer inquiries, a mail clerk to package and mail patterns ordered from a color brochure or price list. Making hooks was a full time local cottage industry by itself. She was dealing directly with importers to acquire the finest and best of burlap for patterns and buying in multi-bolt quantities. Putnam Dye Co. had their chemist work with her to analyze her dye formulas and achieve blends of color she had laboriously created from their basic dyes. Then they marketed "Mahogany Rose" and other new colors for home use. They worked with the Dor Woolen Mills in New England so six different shadings of that and other color groups could be vat dyed at the mills and shipped by bolts to Arkansas. Here they were cut into about 4" x 12" strips, and then the five to eight shades needed for a single flower, leaf or scroll would be bound together for a "swatch," ready for customer use. A refined version of turning an old pink robe into green for leaves, in the kitchen dye pot.

By shaded drawings and numbered directions Helen compiled a book, *How To Hook Rugs*, for far-away rug makers needing instructions.

Beginning hookers were becoming experts and forming classes (in which they were teachers) themselves; they also acted as representatives for the "Mrs. Harry King Hooked Rug Patterns," as well as for woolens, cutting machines (which cut the wool into multiple uniform strips), and hooking needles and her books.

Bus was booming. LIFE magazine sent a writer and photographer to get material for the feature article they printed about Helen and her hooked rugs. National Geographic featured her in an article about Arkansas. This additional publicity resulted in immediate invitations to New York, Chicago and other cities of the South, East and Central United States to put on rug shows, sell patterns, and to give instructions.

Museums, department store needlework departments, ladies' clubs, church groups and other associations vied for a place on her calendar.

Helen's older daughter Carol King Reid was a skilled, artistic and capable partner in all these developing events. A silk screening process she had seen at the Art Department of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville led to the application of this method in stamping patterns. It was much faster and better than hand-stenciled stamping, but required that every stencil had to be redrawn on a different material, and the new stencils cut on a special machine, the cutting lines guided by hand. Billy Hill of Pine Bluff, who had used silk screening in his advertising business, was soon turning out patterns for her in 100-count lots of each design, and the number of different patterns regularly produced had grown to 50 or more.

Special orders were continuously arriving for custom designs, which she created. The mother of a Naval Academy student wanted the Naval Academy seal drawn on a round rug into which she planned to hook the materials of his Midshipman uniforms. Rug designing turned from roses to eagle feathers.

The director of one of the United States armed forces bands (Navy or Marine) wanted a runner for a long stairway with a different musical instrument on each upright section.

Nor was rug hooking restricted to ladies only; her most frequent orders for 8' x 10' or 9' x 12' room-sized rugs came from an active surgeon who found pleasure in the hand work and felt that the exercise helped hone the agility and skill of his hands.

Throughout this period of explosive growth in the hooked rug world, Carol continued to be her talented right hand, and her husband Harry was her loving strength, support, anchor, and bookkeeper! All this, while he still gave full time to his job as pastor in a community or dean of Arkansas College.

Helen's scrapbooks contain hundreds of pictures and articles reporting her rug exhibits, newspaper interviews, radio talk and show reviews which announced her arrival and activities in different cities.

The full blossoming and bloom of her artistic talent and ability had, during these years, been shared with thousands as they, too, found satisfaction and beauty in the creation of lovely and loved objects for their homes and families; it provided a happy communion with friends who worked and learned together.

She was a Cinderella who had overcome great personal grief and tragedy, later emotional and physical hardships; she had mastered technicalities, and other seemingly impossible barriers to find, to give, to share the joy of creating beauty.

Helen Martin was born September 20, 1895 in Powatan, Arkansas, a small community in Lawrence County on the Black River where lumbering, mill work and fertile farm land formed the hub of business. Her father was a successful businessman who manufactured wagons and wagon parts from the fine hardwoods along the river at nearby Black Rock. He had invested wisely and heavily in farm lands and later in other real estate—a long leap from his penniless departure from home at age 16 to be a "man on his own." He had a fine tenor voice and loved to sing shaped-note harmony; he had a devilish sense of humor, yet a deep and ever-present, active concern for his family and anyone who was in need in any way.

In about 1903 he brought his family to Batesville to live. Their household goods, his wife "Belle" and daughter Helen made the move in two covered wagons, two days to make the 80-mile trek. By 1905 their new home was completed at 225 North 8th Street in Batesville, though he kept expanding for the next few years. The only child of "Belle and Johnny" (Isabell Norment Martin and John William Martin) was Helen. She was adored and indulged by a generous father but kept in line by a stern, firm, sensible mother. After a paddling in the public school administered as punishment in grade for talking out of turn, her father indignantly withdrew her from the vulgarities of public school, and she thereafter attended the academy of Arkansas College. His break with the public school system was not permanent, as he served on the board in later years. The 1916 edition of the school yearbook was dedicated to him.

The day in 1905 the Martins moved into their new home on 8th Street across from the Hail family one of the Hail sons, Fitzhugh, fell in love with the little 10-year-old Helen. He was then 27 years old but vowed to wait for a wife until she was grown and could become his wife. Seven years later they were married. He built her a lovely cottage home next door to her parents, took her to St. Louis to select everything beautiful her heart desired to furnish their home. She was loved and adored and lavishly provided for in every way possible. A full-time housekeeper was hired to care for the couple's needs so no work could disturb the throne, the loving pedestal upon which Fitzhugh had placed his bride.

And only powers beyond those of man could and did leave heartbreaking disaster and a crumbled life and dream in its path. A ruptured appendix claimed the life of the new husband, Fitzhugh, within the year, and a son was stillborn, thought to have been caused by the anesthetic.

Again, an indulgent father and loving mother nurtured Helen's strengths and talents to lead her toward a new life. She had had her grand piano for several years and played and sang well (she never knew whether her father or Fitzhugh had bought it, as it was just announced as "paid in full" when she went to make a second payment on it). It was agreed that she should pursue musical studies at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, where she could also have access to the fine musical productions of opera, concert and theater that the city offered. She did this to the fullest. And a little more, perhaps. At 93, it still brings a spirited twinkle to her eye to tell of some of the girlish skylarks she indulged in while a student away from parental eye and hand for the first time, and in concert with her young girl roommates at the dormitory.

The following year she determined to go southward toward the part of the country where her mother had grown up and her forbears had lived in Louisiana -- to Sophie Newcomb College in New Orleans for the study of art. This experience provided great growth, satisfaction and inspiration, which would be more fully developed in years to come.

Soon after her year at Newcomb, a second great love entered her life--a recently graduated divinity student from Vanderbilt University where he had prepared himself for the ministry and led the entire school in grades for which he had received the Founders Medal, a highly coveted award. This followed his undergraduate degree earned at the University of Arkansas where he had been prepared as a teacher and had graduated as valedictorian of his class. Harry King's career would follow both of these directions, teaching and the ministry. However, both were delayed by World War I, during which he served as Christian advisor and recreational director for the YMCA at Camp Seville near Greenville, South Carolina. Helen and Harry King were married December 31, 1916. Helen was a willing camp follower, bearing her first daughter Carol at Atlanta, Georgia. Later she was the popular and able pianist and song leader for the troops at the YMCA recreational hall where Harry was assigned. Her thick portfolio of popular sheet music of the time remains a favorite family heirloom from which great

granddaughter Katie (age 6 in 1988) has learned to sing "K-K-K-Katy, beautiful Katy, you're the g-g-g-girl that I adore . . ." And from which, the week of September 20th, 1988, Helen sang, at the end of a happy celebration of her 93rd birthday, "When you come to the end of a perfect day . . ."

A faculty position at Galloway Methodist College for Women in Searcy, Arkansas followed the end of the war and the YMCA work. Harry had the title there of "Dean," but he also held chapel every day, taught one course in history, was scholastic advisor and acting parental advisor for all students. Part of his duties might now be entitled father-confessor, psychological counseling and Christian leadership director.

Helen, again, entered school as a Galloway student, taking all the Home Economics courses offered and becoming an excellent seamstress for her two little girls (Cecilia being born at Galloway)-and a splendid home manager.

In the role of Dean's wife she also gave "little teas" frequently to demonstrate to the young lady students the finer points of preparation, table setting, and serving as a cordial, refined and gracious hostess.

Next she entered the college art department, where she took every course offered, covering oil and water color painting, drawing and design, china painting, interior design and others. And all of these came into full play eventually enriching her ever-changing life and the lives of those she touched.

Returning to the --Hooked Rug designed by Mrs. Harry King" theme, as well as the rugs she not only designed for others but made into beautiful finished rugs of her own . . .

With the termination of World War II in the 1940s and the return of our armed forces from all around the globe, the country's population went through an entirely new mixing, mingling, moving, shifting, resettling of homes. She and Harry had spent two of the war years (as had many Americans) harboring children and grandchildren while young husbands and fathers were serving overseas. Both daughters, each with a baby boy, were added to the King household at Batesville. Their home then was again at 255 North 8th Street as Helen's had been in 1905, in the very same home, and Harry was dean at Arkansas College.

By the late fifties and early sixties, the hooked rug venture had almost come to a halt, though Helen still held classes for a new generation of rug makers until 1977. It had been a magnificent experience, but with Harry's illness and many more new, growing grandchildren begging for time with them, it was perhaps a good time to wind down. Even so, in the summer of 1988, I received two orders for her rug patterns, 44 years after the first one was conceived and created. There was somewhat of a continuation of the business with Ann Lacey of Searcy still supplying existing patterns but doing no designing.

However, Helen's eye and appreciation of beauty and her ability to create beauty continue to remind all who have known her of her touch as an artist as she has advised, approved, and taught. Each who entered her sphere has experienced the gift and joy of art, which she has so generously shared.

Harry died in 1971, and Carol in 1972. These losses took away her drive and desire to continue the hooked rug work in any way. A door had closed on a vast and beautiful segment of her life. Though it would never close on the continued ties of family and friends and her ever-giving love and the sharing of herself with them. Her own rugs, which she considered her most beautiful, she gave to two state museums: the Daisy Scroll to the Arkansas Arts Center and the Broken Wreath to the Powatan Court House (now a state park) and another to the Arkansas College museum.

In 1988 she is at Butterfield Trail Village in Fayetteville, a retirement community where she first had an apartment and later moved into the Health Care Center where she has the good care that her increased immobility requires. Her daughter Cecilia Butt and a grandson Jack Butt live in the same town with their families.

1990 Addendum: Helen Martin King died December 12, 1988 at Fayetteville. She is buried in Oaklawn Cemetery in Batesville, Arkansas. Her own grandsons and the "boys" (students who stayed at her house after Harry's death) were there to serve as pallbearers. She would have been so proud of the two former college boys who are now ministers who shared in her funeral service with music and prayer.

Cecilia King Butt 1988; 1990 addendum

Life Magazine, January 29, 1940

National Geographic, 1944

This was written in answer to Nancy Britton's request for information about how the hooked rug business started and for a bit of biographical information on Helen King.

## PART 2

Summers at Batesville from 1946 on were to be shared with and devoted to the three grandsons and one granddaughter. Each child had his own special time with Murt and Ha-Ha (the family names for Helen and Harry). There were daily outings in the family jeep -- a thrilling ride for small children, and the same vehicle in

which they all had their first driving lesson later. Now, in the autumn of 1990, the same jeep is being restored to pristine original condition, a joint effort of two of those grandsons, Thomas King Butt and William Jackson Butt II.

On early visits to the jeep and its family in Batesville, there were caves to be explored, woods to walk through, fishing and swimming expeditions, and picnics were frequent affairs. Storytelling during quiet hours was a special time. Ha-Ha effortlessly spun tales for hours from the world of "Mr. Coon," "Sly Fox," and all their friends and enemies from the woods, though all the seemingly bad guys finally become good. Murt was ever ready with tales of her childhood and family lore that went back generations into Louisiana and Mississippi. The stories were repeated joyfully for all who shared those happy hours. The devotion of the grandchildren to grandparents grew into mature and deep understanding, admiration and love as they became older. And ties became strengthened with each passing year.

Nor was the sharing of home and love limited only to family and close friends. Both sad and happy times were part of later, newer friendships and experiences. For 16 years after Harry's death in 1971, Helen gave a room to a college boy, or sometimes two, from Arkansas College. They prepared, planned, and served the evening meal together or turned about as chef and dishwasher. However, a constant standard was dictated that the dining room table was prettily and properly set for every meal; that the requirement of good etiquette be practiced at mealtime (and that sometimes needed to be first taught and then learned); and that a beginning blessing of the occasion was to be given.

Many boys learned proper eating habits and the use of eating tools they had never seen before. They all experienced a gracious way of life frequently strange and new to them at the time, but it became a continuing part of their lives when they left. They often had fraternity

More About FITZHUGH N. HAIL:

Burial: 1914, Buried Oaklawn Cem., Batesville, AR

More About HARRY KING and HELEN MARTIN:

Marriage: 31 Dec 1916, Batesville, AR

Child of HELEN MARTIN and FITZHUGH HAIL is:

- i. INFANT<sup>8</sup> HAIL, b. 22 Aug 1914, Batesville, AR; d. 22 Aug 1914, Batesville, AR.

Children of HELEN MARTIN and HARRY KING are:

12. ii. CAROL<sup>8</sup> KING, b. 08 Feb 1918, Athens, GA; d. 15 May 1975, Memphis, TN.
13. iii. CECILIA KING, b. 06 Mar 1922, Searcy County, Arkansas; d. 08 Nov 1991, Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas.

#### *Generation No. 8*

**11.** JOHN EDWARD<sup>8</sup> MOORE (*SAMUEL SIDNEY<sup>7</sup>, SARAH REDDICK<sup>6</sup> NORMENT, JAMES R.<sup>5</sup>, JAMES<sup>4</sup>, JAMES<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, J.<sup>1</sup>*) was born Private. He married THELMA LEE BOWMAN Private. She was born Private.

More About JOHN MOORE and THELMA BOWMAN:

Private-Begin: Private

Children of JOHN MOORE and THELMA BOWMAN are:

- i. VALERIE ANN<sup>9</sup> MOORE, b. Private.
14. ii. BRIEN EVAN MOORE, b. 07 Oct 1957, Fullerton, CA; d. Unknown.
15. iii. SCOTT EDWARD MOORE, b. 22 May 1960, Fullerton, CA; d. Unknown.

**12.** CAROL<sup>8</sup> KING (*HELEN CHRISTINE<sup>7</sup> MARTIN, CLARA ISABELLE<sup>6</sup> NORMENT, JAMES R.<sup>5</sup>, JAMES<sup>4</sup>, JAMES<sup>3</sup>,*

WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, J.<sup>1</sup>)<sup>54</sup> was born 08 Feb 1918 in Athens, GA<sup>54</sup>, and died 15 May 1975 in Memphis, TN<sup>54</sup>. She married CHARLES PINKNEY REID, JR. Private, son of CHARLES REID and CRAVENS HOLENBERG. He was born Private.

More About CHARLES REID and CAROL KING:

Private-Begin: Private

Children of CAROL KING and CHARLES REID are:

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  - i. HELEN<sup>9</sup> REID, b. Private.
  - ii. CHARLES PINKNEY REID III, b. Private; m. BETTY NIX, Private; b. Private.

More About CHARLES REID and BETTY NIX:

Private-Begin: Private

**13.** CECILIA<sup>8</sup> KING (*HELEN CHRISTINE<sup>7</sup> MARTIN, CLARA ISABELLE<sup>6</sup> NORMENT, JAMES R.<sup>5</sup>, JAMES<sup>4</sup>, JAMES<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, J.<sup>1</sup>)<sup>55,56,57,58</sup> was born 06 Mar 1922 in Searcy County, Arkansas<sup>59,60,61</sup>, and died 08 Nov 1991 in Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas<sup>62,63,64</sup>. She married THOMAS FRANKLIN BUTT<sup>65,66,67,68</sup> 25 Apr 1942 in Fayetteville, Arkansas<sup>69,70,71</sup>, son of FESTUS BUTT and ESSIE COX. He was born 26 Mar 1917 in Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas<sup>72,73,74</sup>, and died 20 May 2000 in Fayetteville, AR.*

More About CECILIA KING:

Burial: Unknown, Fairview Memorial Gardens, Fayetteville, AR

Notes for THOMAS FRANKLIN BUTT:

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Thomas Butt is an attorney, like his father. He has also served many terms as Washington County Circuit Judge in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/9/21/98  
Washington County Chancellor Tom Butt, 81, still holds court. In 2000, 50 years will have passed since Butt, the longest-serving judge in Arkansas and perhaps in state history, was elected chancellor. Headline : Chancellor Butt has spent nearly 50 years of hard work and no nonsense on the bench  
FAYETTEVILLE -- As far as Washington County Chancellor Tom Butt knew, Shirley Curry was just a person he ruled against in another emotional custody case. On July 20, 1974, the day after the ruling, a detective woke Butt by calling him at 4 a.m. Curry went on a shooting rampage, killing her ex-husband, her ex-sister-in-law and her three children -- 17, 14 and 11. She outlined her murderous plans on a cassette tape police found. "We heard the tape," the detective told Butt. "She said, 'The next person I'm after is that man in the black robe.'" Police arrested Curry before she could follow through with her threat. At 61, she's serving life without parole in an Arkansas prison.

Twenty-four years later, at 81, Butt is still trying custody cases. In 2000, 50 years will have passed since Butt, the longest-serving judge in Arkansas and perhaps in state history, was elected chancellor. He recently had a rebirth of sorts. On Aug. 31 he marked the first anniversary of his second marriage. Lawyers and others who work with Butt say he remains personable, knowledgeable, hard-working and sharp on the bench. While he hasn't lost his sense of humor, he's retained his grit, a no-nonsense attitude and a demand for decorum and proper legal procedure. Lawyers know better than to play games in Butt's court. It's a lesson a man upset over the judge's ruling in a property dispute quickly learned one day some 40 years ago. "This fellow came into my office pretty hot around the collar," Butt recalled last week. "He thought I was crooked and had been bought out by the other side. I lost my cool and said, 'You son of a b\*\*\*\*, you get out of this office.'" The judge paused in the middle of the story, embarrassed by the memory. He was young and inexperienced. I would not do that now," Butt said, pausing again, gazing upward in thought. "Well, I'm not sure I wouldn't do it, either, because that cuts pretty close to the bone when somebody accuses you of selling out to the other side."

'CREDIT TO THE STATE'

Born March 26, 1917, in Eureka Springs, Thomas F. Butt is nowhere near slowing down if family history means anything. His grandfather, William Alvin Butt, lived to be 94; his father, Festus Orestes Butt, practiced law for more than 70 years before his death in 1972 at 97. Ripley's Believe It or Not noted Festus' longevity with a comic strip. William Alvin Butt, a Union veteran from the Civil War, moved to Arkansas from Illinois to work on the railroad when Festus was 9. Butt's other grandfather, Andrew Jackson Cox, an Alabama native, fought for the Confederacy. Butt followed his father into law, graduating from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Law School in 1938.

One of his first cases went to the U.S. Supreme Court. The telephone company sued a woman who allowed university students free use of a telephone at her cafeteria. The telephone company accused her of cutting into its profits, saying a pay phone should be installed at the cafeteria for student use. The woman hired Butt, and the high court sided with him. It ended up as his only case before the Supreme Court.

"I was able to brag after that that I won every case I ever had in the Supreme Court," Butt said. During World War II, Butt served as a military lawyer, investigating claims by European civilians that soldiers had damaged their property. In 1949, his brother, John K. Butt, the chancellor in Fayetteville, died in a car wreck. The next year, Butt ran to fill the vacant spot. He won, he said, not by his own merit, but by the great respect the people had for his brother. Over the years, however, the younger Butt slowly distinguished himself. The military awarded him the Legion of Merit for his service as chief judge of the Court of Military Appeals, although he was never called to active duty. That court hears appeals from court martials in each branch of the armed forces. He retired in 1972 as a brigadier general. Other honors include the Arkansas Certificate of Merit for his work as chairman of the Judicial Discipline Commission and the American Bar Association's Award for Judicial Excellence, a national distinction given a handful of judges each year.

Lewis Jones, a lawyer in Fayetteville for 43 years, says Butt has a calming influence in the courtroom. He recalled one case about 20 years ago when about 50 or 60 angry "mountain-type people" gathered in Butt's courtroom over a custody battle. The judge, like he does after all cases, explained his decision in detail and complimented both sides. "I'm convinced that's what prevented bloodshed in the courtroom," Jones recalled. State Supreme Court Justice Bob Brown and others cite Butt's colorful speech and marvel at his vocabulary. His Southern gentlemanly manner and down-home phrases impress others. "He has a really refined sense of justice and has the mannerisms and decorum of a Shakespearean actor," Brown said. "He's a real credit to the state. He's unique."

#### 'A POST TO WHACK A GNAT'

Currently, Butt finds himself in a dispute with the county's other judges. He's been the lead opponent of a statewide movement to combine the circuit and chancery courts. Circuit courts handle mostly civil suits and criminal cases while chancellors, such as Butt, hear mostly divorces and land disputes. At a recent Washington County Bar Association lunch, Butt spoke strongly against the plan that he described as "using a post to whack a gnat." Favoring the plan was one of Butt's lunch buddies, Fayetteville attorney John Everett, sitting two chairs to the judge's left. Showcasing his sense of humor, Butt reminded the crowd he and Everett disagree, "but you can see we're just as much in love with each other as ever." The attorneys and University of Arkansas athletic director Frank Broyles, the speaker at the lunch, roared in laughter. By a show of hands, the bar sided with Butt, voting 43-32 against recommending a similar plan to the Legislature.

A few days before the vote, a lawyer suggested a secret ballot, in part because some feared alienating the veteran judge -- lawyers hate to offend judges. But the proposal was rejected, Everett said. He describes Butt as "perfectly fair," and unlikely to hold a grudge.

Driving back to the courthouse in his light blue, 1989 Honda Civic station wagon, Butt is consumed by the court proposal. Car after car passes him as he cruises slowly down Archibald Yell Boulevard, detailing the history of the state's court system. The current system is fine, he said, as long as folks work together. Over the last decade, some lawyers grumbled that maybe Butt was too old and had worn out his black robe. Some cite his continued opposition to court consolidation.

In 1990, Butt faced a challenger for re-election for the first time in his political career. Butt won by a 3-2 margin. 1996 was tougher. He faced opposition in the Democratic primary and from a Republican in the general election. His opponents told people he was slipping. It was time for new blood, they said. There was some talk that Butt should switch parties, since Northwest Arkansas has become strong GOP territory. Butt refused and campaigned door-to-door for hours each day in the sun, shaking as many hands as he could, asking for votes. A small group of county lawyers secretly supported his Republican opponent Jim Burnett, a former judge in Lonoke County, Everett said. But the majority in the bar openly supported Butt. The incumbent lost Washington County but received enough votes in Madison County, the other county covered by his judicial circuit, to squeak by -- 25,731 to 25,473.

#### 'AS LONG AS I CAN'

The close vote didn't insult Butt, despite his years of service. He said he understands that someone could legitimately make a political issue out of his age. He said people have a right to choose their leaders, even if that means he may lose. "I'm just hanging around as long as I can," he said. "My guess is that when my present term ends I'll retire as gracefully as I can." In 1997, Butt disposed of 1,321 cases compared to 1,369 filings, a rate better than average, according to the state Administrative Office of Courts. "Chronologically he's 80-plus but his

mental stamina is 60," said Everett, a lawyer since 1974. "You can't imagine the respect he has. He's a nice guy. He's learned. He's interesting to talk to. He'll take young lawyers by the ears ...to show them what needs to be done and mold them. That's what he did with my generation." For example, one day last week a lawyer asked to call his client for rebuttal testimony. Butt quickly reminded the lawyer he may call his witness but not for rebuttal testimony. He then defined the legal term. "Thank you, your honor," replied the humbled lawyer.

Butt believes lawyers still have much to learn after passing the bar exam. "He proceeds to teach them," Jones said. "He's not liked generally by the young lawyers." One lawyer, Kathryn Platt, 30, said she enjoys going before the judge. She just has to remember to stay alert and respectful, she said. Technology and society, however, have changed since Butt took office in 1950. Last week he questioned a witness at length about her caller ID box and how call-blocking works. He's also frustrated by court delays caused by interpreters for the growing Hispanic population in Northwest Arkansas. "If you ask a [Hispanic] fellow what time did he get up this morning, instead of saying '6:30/ he'll ripple on for about 30 seconds and then the translator says, 'He got up at 6:30,'" Butt said. Butt doesn't appreciate his time being wasted. He'll do what the law says, even if he doesn't agree with it. He said he "detests" a law requiring him to issue domestic protective orders if shown evidence of violence. Ordering people to stay away from each other solves nothing, he said. He grew impatient last week after a couple testified they had been married for 20 years but that they never liked each other. He approved the protective order against the husband but said they should hire a lawyer and get divorced. "What these people need are to be taken out with a wet rope and given a whuppin'," the white-haired, thin-mustached, red-faced Butt said, peering behind his glasses as he rocked in his courtroom chair.

Older lawyers such as Everett openly disagree with the judge on some topics. Almost every afternoon, Everett joins Butt for lunch at Hoffbrau steakhouse on Center Street, a block from the old courthouse. Other regulars include Circuit Judge Bill Storey and Municipal Judge Rudy Moore, old Bill Clinton confidants, and attorney Woody Bassett. "It's the Round Table," Butt joked. "Although, it's not round; it's oblong. Everybody's an expert on something. All amounts of wisdom is passed around." Recently, the group was lamenting Clinton's troubles and offered theories on what the scandal will bring next. Then, they plotted mock attempts to steal a fellow lawyer's Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Bassett said he can always count on Butt for lunchtime facts or theories on the Civil War. A Confederate sympathizer, Butt would have pleased his Alabama grandfather. "My perception of the Constitution is that a state had a right to secede," Butt explains. "Well, it didn't work, and we're better off for it."

#### 'FORGOT HOW TO COURT'

Away from the courthouse bunch, Butt spends his time tending his vegetable garden and spoiling his five grandchildren. Three are nearby, the children of his youngest son, Jack Butt, a Fayetteville attorney. Two grandchildren are in San Francisco with his son, Thomas K. Butt, an architect. A third son, Martin, died in a car wreck in the early 1970s after returning from the Vietnam War. His first wife, the former Cecilia King, died in 1991 after a prolonged battle with emphysema. For the last 18 months of her life, she required constant attention. Butt took her to hospitals in Denver and Tucson, Ariz., but the treatments failed. Initially, he never thought about remarrying. Later, however, he began corresponding with Frances Trotter, a friend of his late wife who had moved to Mississippi some 30 years earlier. She had recently been widowed and after a while they arranged a meeting. For their first anniversary, they spent a few days at a lakeside bed-and-breakfast Oklahoma. "After being married to Cecilia for 50 years, I forgot how to court," he said. "[Frances and I] just met each other and let each other know we found each other's company pleasant. I don't care about movies; neither does she. I like reading and she's an avid reader. We both like classical music. We figured we'd better quit seeing each other or get married."

Friends say he doesn't take himself too seriously. When he's not wearing his black robe, it lies crumpled on a chair. "I'm going to burn this damn robe someday," he growled, frustrated with the robe's difficult zipper as he left his chambers for a hearing. The day's court business had lasted longer than he thought. At 5 p.m., he quickly tossed his robe and donned his hat and wrinkled light blue pin-striped blazer. Come back tomorrow, he tells a visitor. "I've got a date with my wife," he said, smiling.

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2/18/00 Northwest Arkansas Times: Judge retiring out of 'fairness to the people'

Washington County Chancery Judge Thomas Butt, battling cancer since November, has decided to retire after nearly 50 years on the bench. In a letter being sent to local media today, Butt, 82, will announce he is retiring effective March 26, and has requested the governor to appoint an interim judge to serve until this year's general

elections. Contacted at his home Thursday, Butt said his health complications were keeping him away from work too often for him to remain on the bench, and said he was retiring "for fairness to the people." The judge said he was leaving office at the recommendation of his doctor.

Butt is the oldest and longest-serving judge in Arkansas, taking office in 1951 when only two judges served Washington County. He has practiced law for 61 years. Known as an eloquent orator and Southern Democrat, he has attracted attention on several fronts, including his adamant appeal to local attorneys two years ago to reject a plan consolidating the chancery courts of equity with the circuit courts of civil and criminal law. After a stirring speech to the local bar association, the measure was defeated locally but will be decided by Arkansas voters soon. "I do have strong opposition to the proposal to eliminate the chancery court," Butt told the bar. "My opposition is based in tradition, custom and habit,"

Butt also garnered attention for honoring his southern roots. Often seen in a light blue suit and gentlemanly straw hat, he posted a notice on his door every year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, advising his court would be closed for Robert E. Lee Day in honor of the Confederate general's birthday. The Washington County Courthouse finally followed suit this year, posting a notice on the courthouse doors that the building was closed in honor of both the civil rights leader and Lee.

Butt has also had his share of dangerous backlashes to his rulings. In 1974, he denied a mentally disturbed Lowell woman custody of her two sons, and she retaliated by executing both of them while they slept and then killing three other members of her family who had testified against her. In the woman's letters and tapes, investigators later found direct references to Butt and believed he might have been a target of Shirley Marie Curry, now a 63-year-old life inmate in a state penitentiary. The judge said he had received a lengthy letter from the convicted killer just last year.

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2/18/00 Springdale Morning News: Judge Butt to resign because of illness

Chancellor Thomas F. Butt, 82, the longest serving judge in Arkansas history, will resign because of illness. Butt made his decision public Thursday in a letter to The Morning News of Northwest Arkansas after a meeting with judicial colleagues in Fayetteville. Butt, a chancellor and probate judge in the 4th Chancery Circuit, composed of Washington and Madison counties, will resign on March 26, his 83rd birthday.

"This early retirement (by two years) for reasons of health, is deemed proper in the best interest of the people of the 4th Circuit," Butt wrote. "I have been privileged, beyond my deserts, to serve as judge for 50 years, for which I am profoundly grateful, not alone to the people who have elected and re-elected me, but as well to the members of the bar and my fellow judges, who have uniformly accorded me all courtesies and support in the administration of justice in the 4th Circuit.

"I have enjoyed good health for all of my adult life until quite recently when a wholly unexpected illness struck me, without warning, requiring me to leave my office for the past three months," Butt continued. "The people are entitled to a full-time judge, and that I can no longer give them.

"Thus I take early retirement with regret that I cannot fulfill my contract with the people, but with the sure knowledge that a successor will be named and elected who can and will do a creditable job the better to serve the people. I am more grateful than I can adequately express to all who have supported and helped me during my tenure in office, and I entertain the hope that my services have been generally acceptable to the public whom it has been my duty and pleasure to serve."

Butt has long been considered the senior judge of the Arkansas judiciary, serving on the bench since he was first elected in 1950.

He is currently in the midst of a six-year term to which he was elected in 1996. Butt, a 1938 graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville, was elected after his brother, Chancellor John K. Butt, was killed in an automobile accident. Thomas Butt was first hospitalized in late November after returning home from vacation. Tests then revealed a cancerous condition in his lung. After undergoing radiation treatment, Butt had said earlier this year that he expected to recover and come back to the bench. In the interim, local judges and judges appointed by the Arkansas Supreme Court Administrative Office of the Courts have been filling in where needed.

Butt's decision to step down before the May primaries will allow Democrats and Republicans to field candidates for the office, one of whom will be elected in the November general election and take office Jan. 1. Gov. Mike Huckabee will presumably appoint someone to fill the position through the end of the year. Had Butt waited until after the November general election to step down, Huckabee would have appointed someone to complete the remainder of Butt's term, ending Dec. 31, 2002.

Butt is the second chancellor to announce retirement this year. Chancellor John Lineberger, 62, announced earlier that he would forgo seeking re-election in order to spend more time with his family and pursue other interests. He has served for 25 years.

2/19/99 Northwest Arkansas Times: Colleagues speak of civility, eloquence of retiring judge

Chancery Judge Thomas Butt will perhaps be best remembered for the decorum and civility he brought to the 4th Circuit bench during his 50-year tenure. As news of the 82-year-old judge's retirement trickled through the law offices of Washington County Thursday and Friday, colleagues spoke highly of him and the eloquence and respect he brought to the bench.

"He has one of the best reputations statewide as far as a fair and impartial judge and he's well thought of by every judge in this state," said Circuit Judge Kim Smith, who's served alongside Butt the last 13 years. "He's very highly respected by all his peers on the bench."

Circuit/Chancery Judge Mary Ann Gunn concurred with Smith, reiterating his importance to the local bench. "I feel that his presence on the bench for the last 50 years and his leadership to the bar has been, and will continue to be, an invaluable asset to this community and the state of Arkansas," Gunn said. "He inspires not only attorneys but me as a judge. He inspires that higher calling to the law, one of honor and integrity."

Citing his battle with cancer, which he was diagnosed with three months ago, Butt announced Thursday he will retire on his 83rd birthday March 26, leaving the position open for a temporary appointee and this year's general elections.

A signed letter of retirement was sent to local lawyers, judges and media Thursday, thanking the citizens of the 4th Judicial Circuit for their support.

"I have been privileged, beyond my desserts, to serve as judge for 50 years, for which I am profoundly grateful, not alone to the people who have elected and re-elected me, but as well to the members of the bar and my fellow judges, who have uniformly accorded me all courtesies and support in the administration of justice in the 4th Circuit," Butt wrote.

The Washington County Bar Association is holding a reception for Butt on March 1, his last scheduled day on the bench, and is planning another tribute to the retiring judge.

"He's the most respected jurist in the state," said Kitty Gaye, bar president. "We're all very sorry to see him go."

Lawyers who've practiced in Butt's court for decades remember him as a civil and respectful judge.

"I've known Judge Butt since the '50s, and have practice before him since 1962," said lawyer Bill Bassett. "While to some, his manners might have seemed old fashioned, to me they weren't. They just kept demonstrating his respect for the law."

Butt attended the University of Arkansas School of Law and practiced law for 12 years before elected to the chancery bench in 1950. Serving in World War II, he was appointed Judge Advocate General before taking the local judgeship. He took the chancery seat of his brother, John Butt, who had died in a car accident that year on Mountainburg Road.

His tenure on the bench was highlighted with his service as president of the Arkansas Judicial Council in 1956 and 1957. The council later handed him the Community Service Award in 1993.

Smith said local judges entered him into a national contest after he won that distinction, and he was bestowed the

Award of Judicial Excellence by the National Conference of State Trial Judges during their national conference in August 1996.

Lewis Jones, a local lawyer who coordinated Butt's last run for office - one of only a few he was opposed in - said Butt made a run for the Arkansas Supreme Court years ago, but his lack of statewide recognition led to his only electoral defeat.

Butt became known for his steadfast devotion to courtroom decorum and a gift of eloquence, both in speech and writing.

"He has been (a mentor) as far as the conduct of the trial and the decorum in the courtroom and the civility that a judge should always show the litigant and attorneys," Smith said. "Judge Butt never gets mad, he never gets ruffled. He's very courteous to everyone."

Lawyers remember him for the notes of congratulation or compassion he often hand-wrote them. Beneath a nearly illegible scribbling were spirit-filled words few forgot.

"His ability to be eloquent, his ability to write, is something that all of us ought to strive for," Bassett said. "It's somewhat a lost art in this day and time. But he is just so articulate in the way that he writes, and the way that he speaks, and we could all learn from that."

Younger up-and-coming lawyers were also shaped by Butt's service on the bench.

"In my mind, he's always been the grand ol' man of the law," Gaye said. "And he's taught generations of young lawyers how to do things, including me."

Circuit/Chancery Judge Mary Ann Gunn practiced law for 18 years in front of Butt, specializing in Chancery law. She remembers, as a young lawyer, feeling intimidated by the judicial icon.

"As young lawyers, our legal education continued under his tutelage," Gunn remembered. "He was strict but fair - a kind judge who nurtured us as trial lawyers. And he engaged us intellectually as advocates of the law."

Bassett's son, Woody Bassett, agreed, saying the judge had instilled important lessons in new lawyers who practiced in his courtroom.

"Judge Butt has taught several generations of lawyers how to practice law," the younger Bassett said. "I know I - and any other lawyer - feel that he's an inspiration and a leader to younger lawyers."

Gunn will be one of the last two judges sworn in by the senior member of the bench. Along with fellow Circuit-Chancery Judge Stacey Zimmerman, she stood before the veteran jurist last year to take her oath of office.

"I love him and will miss him very much," she said. "As a judge, he's an icon."

In his letter of retirement, Butt said he is stepping down so citizens can have a full-time judge, something that in light of his health, he can "no longer give them."

"Thus, I take early retirement with regret that I cannot fulfill my contract with the people, but with the sure knowledge that a successor will be named and elected who can and will do a creditable job the better to serve the people," Butt concluded in his letter. "I am more grateful that I can adequately express to all who have supported and helped me during my tenure of office, and I entertain the hope that my services have been generally acceptable to the public whom it has been my duty and pleasure to serve."

State's longest-serving judge leaving bench on 83rd birthday

ANDY DAVIS

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

This article was published on Saturday, February 19, 2000

FAYETTEVILLE -- The state's oldest and longest-serving judge announced Thursday that he will step down after 50 years on the bench.

Fourth Judicial District Chancellor and Probate Judge Thomas F. Butt, who colleagues said is one of the state's

most learned jurists and an imposing figure on the bench, has been in radiation therapy for cancer in his left lung and suffered a relapse a few weeks ago. The cancer is now in remission, he said.

Gov. Mike Huckabee will appoint an interim judge to fill the remaining two years of Butt's term. Other judges have filled in for him, but Butt will don the robe one last time March 1 to say goodbye to his friends at the courthouse and will officially retire March 26, his 83rd birthday.

"I am more grateful than I can adequately express to all who have supported and helped me during my tenure in office, and I entertain the hope that my services have been generally acceptable to the public, whom it has been my pleasure to serve," Butt said in a statement.

Butt, a Eureka Springs native whose father practiced law for more than 70 years, graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville in 1938. One of Butt's first cases, a dispute between a woman and a phone company, went to the U.S. Supreme Court -- and Butt won.

He was elected chancellor in 1950 after his brother, Chancellor John K. Butt, was killed in a car accident. Only once, in 1968, did Butt run for another seat, on the state Supreme Court, and Butt said Friday that he's glad he lost.

"The only real benefit of serving on the Supreme Court is the prestige, which is worth about 25 cents," Butt said. "I probably wouldn't have enjoyed it as much as trial work."

With his stone face and strict adherence to the law, Butt could be an imposing figure on the bench, colleagues said. Circuit-Chancery Judge Mary Ann Gunn remembers being fresh out of law school and facing the prospect of trying her first case in his court.

"The thought of being before him was a source of intimidation and fear among young lawyers," she said. "But our legal education under his tutelage was fair and strict."

A scholarly, "southern gentleman," he was a patient teacher for young lawyers, delighting in pulling a book from his extensive library to answer a question, said Circuit-Chancery Judge Stacey Zimmerman. Outside the courtroom, he's known for his seersucker suits and, in the summer, dapper straw hats, she said.

Butt has been a leading opponent of proposals to consolidate the circuit courts, which handle civil suits and criminal cases, and chancery courts, which handle divorces, custody issues, land disputes and other matters that don't require a jury. Arkansas voters will vote on an amendment to consolidate the districts in November, but Butt said he won't politick against it.

Butt also received attention for a 1976 custody case in which he denied custody to a woman who later killed her ex-husband, sister-in-law and three children. Shirley Curry is serving a life sentence and recently sent Butt a rambling but fairly cordial letter, he said.

More About THOMAS FRANKLIN BUTT:

Burial: 23 May 2000, Fairview Memorial Gardens, Fayetteville, AR

More About THOMAS BUTT and CECILIA KING:

Marriage: 25 Apr 1942, Fayetteville, Arkansas<sup>75,76,77</sup>

Children of CECILIA KING and THOMAS BUTT are:

- i. MARTIN ANDREW<sup>9</sup> BUTT<sup>77,78,79</sup>, b. 17 Jul 1947, Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas<sup>80,81</sup>; d. 19 Oct

1969, Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas<sup>82,83</sup>; m. NANCY ANN STAIR, Private; b. Private.

More About MARTIN ANDREW BUTT:

Burial: 1969, National Cemetary, Fayetteville, AR<sup>84</sup>

More About MARTIN BUTT and NANCY STAIR:

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- 17. ii. THOMAS KING BUTT, b. Private.
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Notes for SCOTT EDWARD MOORE:

Imaging technologist at Mercy Hospital in Folsom, specializing in CAT Scan and MRI. Family lives in Citrus Heights, CA.

More About SCOTT EDWARD MOORE:

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More About SCOTT MOORE and AMY McLAUGHLIN:

Private-Begin: Private

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- i. CHRISTOPHER JOHN<sup>10</sup> MOORE, b. Private.
- ii. RHIANNON LEIGH MOORE, b. Private.
- iii. TEAGHAN ROSE MOORE, b. Private.

**16.** HELEN<sup>9</sup> REID (*CAROL<sup>8</sup> KING, HELEN CHRISTINE<sup>7</sup> MARTIN, CLARA ISABELLE<sup>6</sup> NORMENT, JAMES R.<sup>5</sup>, JAMES<sup>4</sup>, JAMES<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, J.<sup>1</sup>*) was born Private. She married WILLIS DOUGLAS PHILIP III Private, son of WILLIS PHILIP and FRANCES MOORE. He was born Private.

More About WILLIS PHILIP and HELEN REID:

Private-Begin: Private

Children of HELEN REID and WILLIS PHILIP are:

- i. KATHRYN CHRISTINE<sup>10</sup> PHILIP, b. Private.
- ii. WILLIS DOUGLAS PHILIP IV, b. Private.

**17.** THOMAS KING<sup>9</sup> BUTT (*CECILIA<sup>8</sup> KING, HELEN CHRISTINE<sup>7</sup> MARTIN, CLARA ISABELLE<sup>6</sup> NORMENT, JAMES R.<sup>5</sup>, JAMES<sup>4</sup>, JAMES<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, J.<sup>1</sup>) was born Private. He married SHIRLEY ANN RYLAND Private, daughter of JAMES RYLAND and MARY BRUMMETT. She was born Private.*

More About THOMAS BUTT and SHIRLEY RYLAND:

Private-Begin: Private

Children of THOMAS BUTT and SHIRLEY RYLAND are:

- i. ANDREW MARTIN<sup>10</sup> BUTT, b. Private; m. KIMBERLY MARTIN, Private; b. Private.

More About ANDREW BUTT and KIMBERLY MARTIN:

Private-Begin: Private

- ii. DANIEL RYLAND BUTT, b. Private.

**18.** WILLIAM JACKSON<sup>9</sup> BUTT II (*CECILIA<sup>8</sup> KING, HELEN CHRISTINE<sup>7</sup> MARTIN, CLARA ISABELLE<sup>6</sup> NORMENT, JAMES R.<sup>5</sup>, JAMES<sup>4</sup>, JAMES<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, J.<sup>1</sup>) was born Private. He married (1) MARY ANNE WELLS Private, daughter of CLARENCE WELLS and MARY GRAINGER. She was born Private. He married (2) MARY ANNE WELLS Private. She was born Private. He married (3) MARY ANNE WELLS Private. She was born Private.*

More About WILLIAM BUTT and MARY WELLS:

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Children of WILLIAM BUTT and MARY WELLS are:

- i. WILLIAM JACKSON<sup>10</sup> BUTT III, b. Private.
- ii. MARY CLAIRE BUTT, b. Private.
- iii. ANNA KATHLEEN BUTT, b. Private.

### *Endnotes*

1. *Butt, Cecilia King, deceased, researcher. Files now in possession of William Jackson Butt, II, Fayetteville, AR (501/443-3707).*
2. Norment Family Bible, 1863, in possession of Jack Butt, Fayetteville, AR.
3. Elam-Christiansen, Monica, jmk9cats2@aol.com.
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8. Ballew, Annabel Raney, 4047B Soda mountain Drive, Ft. Irwin, CA 94310; ballew@msccomm.com, speculative - from marriage records.
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16. Ballew, Annabel Raney, 4047B Soda mountain Drive, Ft. Irwin, CA 94310; ballew@msccomm.com.
17. Barger, Beverly Himes, NM, grvtrain@twrol.com.
18. Ballew, Annabel Raney, 4047B Soda mountain Drive, Ft. Irwin, CA 94310; ballew@msccomm.com, speculative - grom

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31. Marriage Records, See Notes.
32. *1850 U.S. Census*, Chisson? Parish, LA.
33. Marriage Records, See Notes.
34. *1850 U.S. Census*.
35. *Butt, Cecilia King, deceased, researcher. Files now in possession of William Jackson Butt, II, Fayetteville, AR (501/443-3707).*
36. Norment Family Bible, 1863, in possession of Jack Butt, Fayetteville, AR, Published 1870, a gift from James R. Norment's father July 27, 1873.
37. *Butt, Cecilia King, deceased, researcher. Files now in possession of William Jackson Butt, II, Fayetteville, AR (501/443-3707).*
38. Norment Family Bible, 1863, in possession of Jack Butt, Fayetteville, AR.
39. Norment Family Bible, 1863, in possession of Jack Butt, Fayetteville, AR, Obituary.
40. Norment Family Bible, 1863, in possession of Jack Butt, Fayetteville, AR.
41. Norment Family Bible, 1863, in possession of Jack Butt, Fayetteville, AR, newspaper clipping with obituary.
42. Norment Family Bible, 1863, in possession of Jack Butt, Fayetteville, AR, obituary.
43. Norment Family Bible, 1863, in possession of Jack Butt, Fayetteville, AR.
44. Tombstone in Powhatan, AR Cemetary.
45. *Butt, Cecilia King, deceased, researcher. Files now in possession of William Jackson Butt, II, Fayetteville, AR (501/443-3707).*
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47. *Butt, Cecilia King, deceased, researcher. Files now in possession of William Jackson Butt, II, Fayetteville, AR (501/443-3707).*
48. Tombstone in Powhatan, AR Cemetary.
49. *Birth certificate, Powatan, Lawrence County, AR.*
50. *Butt, Cecilia King, deceased, researcher. Files now in possession of William Jackson Butt, II, Fayetteville, AR (501/443-3707).*
51. John E. Moore, 7150 Sutter Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 (916/944-2307).
52. Butt2.FTW, Date of Import: Nov 6, 1998.
53. King Family Bible, Jack Butt, Fayetteville, AR.
54. Butt2.FTW, Date of Import: Nov 6, 1998.
55. Ronald E. Norris, Jr., Route 4, Box 1725, Stilwell, OK 74960, A-United States, 1-918-696-2941, outofthebox@intellex.com, see <http://familytreemaker.ge>, Date of Import: Nov 11, 2000.
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