

Descendants of Thomas Martin

Generation No. 1

1. THOMAS¹ MARTIN¹ was born Abt. 1798 in SC², and died Aft. 1865 in Dallas, Texas³. He married MARTHA ESTHER MASON⁴ 29 April 1821 in Rutherford County, Tennessee. She was born Abt. 1798 in NC⁵, and died Aft. 1865 in Dallas, Texas⁶.

Notes for THOMAS MARTIN:

Thomas is listed in the Tishomingo Co., MS census of 1850, page 138- HH 691 Southern Dist. 4 age 54 born in SC with wife Esther age 54 born NC, Franklin age 20 TN, Betsy D. age 22 born TN, Caroline age 18 TN, Thomas P. age 16 born TN, Horten F. age 14 TN, Amanda R. age 12 TN.

He is also listed on the 1850 Slave Schedule of the county with 1 F black age 27, 1 F black age 7 and 1 M black age 3.

On the 1860 Slave Schedule is a Thomas Martin page 196 with 1 F black age 31; 1 M black age 22, 1 F black age 12, 1 M black age 6, 1 F black age 3, 1 F black age 2 and 1 male black age 1.

there is only 1 other Thomas Martin and on the index it says P. but on the schedule it looks like D. and there is such a man who is a DR. on page 465 but it is not our Thomas.

No more slaves than Thomas had in 1850, and with son Thomas P. only a farm laborer, I doubt it is Thomas P. on the Slave Schedule.

Also on page 138 HH 681 are listed John W. Martin age 40 SC , Narscissa M. age 35 TN, Gilam M. age 4 MS, Susie age 3 and Mary J. age 1 both born MS.

John W. is also listed on Slave schedule with 1 M black age 13, 1 F black age 34, 1 F B age 18, 1 F black age 17, 1 F black age 7. {John W. is also listed on the 1860 census }

HH 682 Henry Ausburn 39 Ga with wife Amanda age 29 TN and several Children.

HH 683 William R. Martin age 50 RE 1500 SC, Almira age 35 AL, James W. age 21 , Harriet age 19, Matthew A. age 17, Elizabeth age 13, Richard H. age 12 MS, Malissa age 10, Nancy A. age 8, John G. age 6, William T. age 5, Mary 6/12. All rest born MS.

Slave Schedule 1 F black 15, 1 F black age 4.

HH 685 Richard J. Martin age 49 SC, Sarah age 36 SC, Nathan 18 AL, Elizabeth 18, James 16, Mary age 12, Caroline M. age 1 MS (or 11) Charles M. 5 MS. also a Matthew Martin age 70 or 76 SC.

Slave Schedule: 1 F black age 25, 1 F mulatto 18, 1 F mulatto age 10, 1 M black age 7, 1 F mulatto age 4, 1 F mulatto age 4.

Found Thomas on the 1860 census of Tishomingo Co., MS by scrolling through countless pages as there is not an index available.

Listed on page 341 HH 2278/2275 Thomas Martin age 65 600/6735 born NC

Ester age 65 born NC

I am a researcher on the life and works of Texas writer Robert E. Howard, 1906-1936, whose maternal grandmother was a Sarah Jane Martin.

My information, as briefly as possible.

Howard's maternal grandfather, George W. Erwin/Ervin, born 1830 married Sarah Jane Martin in 1849, and the only piece of writing that seemed to exist on the subject was the following, written by Howard himself in 1933:

"About 1848, Dr. Thomas Martin, of Maury County Tennessee, and a member of an old pioneer family, moved to Tishomingo County, and in 1849 G.W. Ervin married his daughter, Sarah Jane. That same year, her brothers, Joseph and Benjamin Franklin Martin, went to California in the gold rush."

That Thomas Martin was a physician is possible, but not that imperative: Howard was used to making such mistakes. The 1850 Tishomingo Census shows the following (From: "Carol Anderson" <sharander@Sdccu.net>)

household #691	Thomas Martin	age 54	M	farmer	val 1100	born SC
	Esther	age 54	F			born NC
	Franklin	age 10	M			born TN
	Betsy D.	age 12	F			born TN
	Caroline	age 18	F			born TN
	Thomas F.	age 16	M	farmer		born TN
	Horton H.	age 14	M			born TN
	Amanda R.	age 12	F			born TN

[I see the readings differ in a few places with some I have seen on the site I was mentioning, so any correction is welcome. My scan of the page is not very readable and is incomplete]

Now here follows household #696

household #696	Robert Ervin	age 50	farmer	value 500	born NC
	Jane	age 44			born NC
	George W.	age 18			born NC
	Sarah	age 16			born NC

Robert and Jane are George W.'s parents, and I very strongly suspect the Sarah to be Sarah Jane Martin. I recently got hold of a transcript from the Ervin family Bible, and one entry has "Sarah J. Martin born 09 May 1832 - died 02 June 1874" I have Sarah Jane's history more or less mapped after the marriage. She had ten children in all, and died either in Arkansas or near Dallas, Texas, probably from complications after the birth of her last child, Lizzie Ervin (16 Apr 1874 - 03 Jun 1874)

(Another clincher for me: Howard's mother was named Hester Jane Ervin. Jane was the first name of her paternal grandmother and Esther would thus have been the one of the maternal one.)

I am of course interested on the background you have on this family, and also on their moves. The mention of Thomas Martin's death sometime after 1865 in Dallas may help me a lot, since I have the family in too many places in a few years. Howard's mother, Hester Jane Ervin, was apparently born in Dallas in 1870, and it was also there that George W. Ervin remarried in 1875 - less than a year after Sarah Jane's death - to Alice Wynne. I was wondering if George W. Ervin was not following his wife's father (or the reverse), after all.

Hope you can make sense of all this. I am decidedly not a professional genealogist.

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Notes for MARTHA ESTHER MASON:

On page 133 Tishomingo Co., MS 1860 census is a William Mason age 36, wife Sarah 25, William 18, Martha 19, Reubin 13, Gideon 10, John 9, Rebecca 7 Squire age 4.

Children of THOMAS MARTIN and MARTHA MASON are:

- i. PHYLLIS² MARTIN⁶, b. Abt. 1822⁶.
- ii. JOHN MARTIN⁶, b. Abt. 1823⁶.
- iii. ELIZABETH D. BETSY MARTIN⁷, b. Abt. 1825⁸; m. WILLIAM PHILLIPS, 07 March 1855, Tishomingo Co., MS.

Notes for ELIZABETH D. BETSY MARTIN:

Denson says in his notes about the family that Elizabeth did marry a Phillips and perhaps later a Parrick...writing is difficult to read. They had a son Kenny Phillips and lived below Lockhart in Caldwell Co., TX

I found an Elizabeth Phillips in a Caldwell Co., Cemetery "Hall Cemetery". Her dates were 1 September 1821-14 September 1903. Believe there were some other Phillips there but not a Kenny. A Sarah Hall b. about

1823 was the only Hall there. Suppose the cemetery got it's name from another source.

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 - iv. ESTHER MARTIN, b. 09 May 1826, Rutherford County, Tennessee; d. 14 March 1871, Tennessee.
 - v. JOSEPH MARTIN^{9,10}, b. 11 April 1828, Tennessee¹¹; d. 14 February 1905, Hays County, Texas; m. (1) ELIZABETH¹², Bef. 1872; m. (2) SUSAN F. FRANKS, 17 March 1881, Hays County, Texas¹³; b. 10 September 1842; d. 02 May 1907, Hays County, Texas.

Notes for JOSEPH MARTIN:
1828-1905

HE CAME FROM THE HOG AND HOMINY STATE by A.B. Fowler (about 1898)

Far out on the banks of the Mississippi was born the subject of this sketch in the quaint old county of Rutherford, Tennessee, in the early days of 1828. Uncle Joe Martin, as he is familiarly called, who resides at Goforth, Hays County, Texas constitutes our subject, as he is one of the old veterans who mingled the early days of trials and tribulations beneath the banner of our grand and glorious Lone Star State, we shall give vent to our thoughts and tell out readers something about "Uncle Joe Martin".

Early in 1851, feeling that Texas offered splendid facilities for the young, true and brave, Joe started from his home in far away Tennessee, bound for the breezes of the far south, and after several weeks on horseback, he reached the central part of our young republic only to remain in it's barren fields one year. He decided that to go farther west would be his fortune, so in 1852 he mounted a finely trained steed and pulled for the forest clad hills of California, reaching there after a long and perilous journey of several months.

Here he remained and made a stake until 1872 when he sold out and set out once again for Texas. Coming this time to live out his days here, he bought 550 acres of land on what was then known as the Doctor Culberson Ranch, which is located in Hays County, 8 miles east of Kyle.

For this land, Mr. Martin paid \$2.00 per acre and the same land can not be bought today for \$30.00. So thinly were the settlements then, that Mr. Martin would not move on his possessions, but lived on Slaughter Creek, 9 miles west of Austin, until emigration began to drift around his land and in 1880 moved to it to begin the battles of a successful career. He has 350 acres in cultivation with several hundred in pasture, has plenty of fine stock and holds a share in the splendid cotton gin at Buda, also one in the mammoth dry goods and grocery store at Goforth. In fact, Uncle Joe is well fixed and taking life easy.

He is 70 years old and hale and hearty as a youth. He fought in the Indian Wars of Oregon and California and carried with him the laurels of true marksmanship and bravery. He delights in calling back the days that they chased "poor lo" from the mountains of Oregon to the shores of the Pacific. Looking back over the reminiscences of his past life, Uncle Joe says the Lord has always fulfilled his promises and is now one of the strongest in the Christian faith.

May Uncle Joe live yet the hours of many happy days and when his time is ended on earth, may he find a joyful home beyond where all is peace, love and happiness, is the wish of his friend.

In another article written by his nephew Denson Martin and Neice Delta Martin Dalton and great Neice Jo Beth Crist is as follows:

Born in Rutherford County, Tennessee in 1828.

Uncle Joe was from a large family of thirteen children and has been a Christian since early in his life. His wife Susan was also a Christian.

His father Benjamin Franklin Martin was a Church of Christ minister, a school teacher and a lawyer.

In 1901, the land for the Martin Church was deeded to J.T. Goforth, J.M. Casseberry, and D.F. Fielder, Trustees of the Prairie Hill School and their successors for church purposes only. He had deeded the land for the cemetery in 1900.

Dedication of the Martin Church was in 1904. Uncle Joe died in 1905, burial in the Church cemetery.

From the research I have done, I have not found a Benjamin Franklin Martin in Rutherford County, Tennessee from 1830-1850, but it's possible Joseph was born there and they moved to another county or it was the old Rutherford and then a new county formed.

James Crist says of his grandfather in law: "Denson said his Dad and Uncle (Joe) came to CA in 1849 to look for gold. I can't recall what they found but must have.[found some?] They started a dairy in Eureka, CA,

worked it for awhile and headed back to Texas. They bought 7 leagues of land in the San Joaquin Valley. That is like a section, but I forget the acres. They later traded it for a new rifle and headed back to Texas with a chest full of money." This in a letter received August 20, 2001.

There is a Joseph Martin listed on the tax and voter list in Tulare Co., CA in 1866, also on same in 1872 is a Franklin Martin. These may be this Joseph and his brother or another, I do not know. [6-1-2002]

1870 census of Humboldt Co., CA in Pacific Township, P.O. Eureka page 297 140/138
Joseph Martin age 41 stockraiser 3500/5650 born TN
Benjamin F. Martin age 40 dairyman /854 born TN
Francis Adams age 22 male dairyhand born Ireland
Rummerell? age 18 male milkman born NY
Buck Smith age 18 male cattleheader born CAL?COL?

A Joseph Martin received a land grant in Humboldt Co., CA (2)
In the Humboldt Meridian- 10 N Township-30 W Range
Land in Section 26, Document ID 531, 1 November 1865
Land in Section 25, Document ID 1655, April 5 1871
The below deeds were sent by Tina Chester of Las Vegas, which she has had for some time. Deed Book #'s not given but page numbers are printed.

Joseph Martin to Joseph Duss (?) Page 217, made 5 June 1861
Joseph Martin of Humboldt Co., of 1st part and Joseph Duss of same, 2nd part.
Martin in consideration of \$500 paid, received and acknowledged has granted unto Duss a certain parcel of land in Humboldt Co.;
W 1/2 of SE 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and N 1/2 of SW 1/4 and S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 23
Township 1N, Range 3W of Humboldt Meridian, 280 acres, same tract as purchased from the State of CA by Martin.
Cert. of Location 301 State School Land unto party of 2nd part, his heirs and assigns forever.
Signed and sealed in presence of David W. Nixon Notary by Joseph Martin
Recorded June 5, 1861
[this land in Section 23 is not listed above]

Contract of Sale page 215-216 William J. Malone and Nancy A. Malone of Humboldt Co. of the 1st part and Joseph Martin of Marote/Makote Township, Humboldt Co of the 2nd part, 18 Feb. 1867
Described in Deed dated 28 April 1860 to Malone.
Commencing at a corner in the Section line 40 rods N of SW corner of SW 1/4 of Section 15 Township 4 N Range 1 W of Humboldt Meridian and running due E 160 rods then N 90 rods, W 160 rods and S. 90 rods containing 90 acres, all buildings etc. and described articles of personal property.
1-- 2 horse [peoria?] plow 2 shovel plows 1 lg. barrow
3 potatoe ? forks 2 brush sythes 2 mowing sythes 1 roller 2 long handled shovels 1 cross cut saw
1 spade 1 bead saw and square 2 grub hoes
4 augers 1 cooking stove 1 seed drill
1 double wagon & double harness 5 chairs 2 bedsteads
1 clock 1 yoger? 1 musket
1 lot of crockery & knives & forks 1 lot of hay and peas in barn

for consideration of \$1500. in US gold coins, parcel of which I am to wit the sum of \$40.00 has been paid by the 2nd party to said Malone before time named of the last currency mentioned at or before time named, to execute to the said 2nd party and to surrender peacable possession, if default shall be made by 2nd party or shall forfeit to Malone.

Signed by W.J. Malone
Nancy A. Malone
Joseph Martin

James M. Short, County Clerk of Humboldt Co., CA 8 Feb. 1867
Recorded at the request of J. Martin and W.J. Malone 8 Feb. 1867

Humboldt Co., Ca pages 257-259
William J. Malone and Nancy his wife to Joseph Martin 18th March 1867 of Elk River in Humboldt Ca of 1st part and Joseph Martin of same of the 2nd part.
In consideration of the sum of \$1500 in gold coin paid by Martin..
Malone bought land from Job S. Edgar 28 April, 1860 containing 90 acres more or less(description in deed selling in 1874) is free and clear.
Hand and Seal signed William J. Malone and Nancy A. Malone
C.W. Carens, State of CA, Co. of Humboldt before David W. Nixon "Notary"
Recorded by request of Joseph Martin March 18, 1864 by James M. Short, County Recorder.

Humbolt Co., CA pages 759-761 Joseph Martin to Daniel Keating 24 Feb. 1874
Joseph Martin of Travis Co., TX of 1st part< by B.F. Martin of Humbolt Co., CA his attorney in fact> and Daniel Keating of Humbolt Co. of the 2nd part.
Martin in consideration of \$3000 paid in gold coins of US to him in hand paid by Keating, receipts acknowledged sell to Keating to his heirs and assigns forever 90 acres on Elk River in Bucksport Township Humbolt Co., being land purchased by me from William Malone and described as follows:
W corner on section line 40 rods N of SW corner of SW 1/4 of Section 15 in township 4N of Range 1W, Humbolt Meridian running due E 160 rods, N 90 rods, W. 160 rods, S 90 rods to beginning, together with all appurtenances belonging, right, title, claim of homestead property to part of 2nd part forever.
Martin set his hand and seal above written in presence of K. K. Clyde.
signed Joseph Martin by B. F. Martin, his attorney in fact.
24 Feb. 1874 Notary Public J.G. Swinneton
Recorded May 12, 1874

Found on the Travis Co., TX Tax list for 1874 Joseph Martin who owned 100 acres of the original survey of S. F. Slaughter. This was valued at \$1000. He also had 4 horses and 3 cows. The writing was so small and hard to read on the microfilm, I didn't check his other entries.

In this same Tax year there were these other Martins listed: Robert, Charles, Sam J., Fredrick, J.W. , G.W., another Joseph, G.D., Wade, John, none with any land. There was a S.H. Martin and Enoch Martin with land but could not read the original owner. Some pages and areas of the film were lighter than others.

Deed Book Vol. M pages 356-57 , dated 16 Oct. 1879 gives the information that Joseph was a resident of Travis County and had been married before to a Elizabeth. It concerns the land known as the Neil McLean Survey 320 acres and 117 acres on the east end of the J.M.W. Hall survey (survey was for 1280 acres) but the land had then been bought by James Culbertson, conveyed to J.C. and Sarah Cabeen(?) to F.N. Butt to Joseph Martin and Elizabeth Martin his wife. From them to Barton and Jennie M Hays who couldn't pay and sold it to Mary F. McCullough who sold it back to Joseph Martin for \$3,000.

Deed Book Vol. G 525-6 dated 1 Feb. 1872 Joseph (of Travis County) buys the above land for \$900.00 gold dollars from F.N Butts of Harris Co. TX.

Vol. 33 page 141 Van Harber and wife Dora sell to Joseph Martin 12 Nov. 1895 for \$1272.00 for 60 acres of the Z. Hinton Original Survey.

Vol. P page 63-64 Joseph Martin sells to B.F. Martin for \$1000.00 the land he bought above called the J.M.W. Hall survey 117 acres. 18 Jan. 1882. Then in Vol. R page 370 (I only have a little bit on the bottom of the page) B.F. and R.V. sell to Joseph for \$1000.00 some land)

Vol. N page 602-3 Joseph Martin buys from John P. and Mary A. Blessing of Maryland for \$107.45 part of the Hinton Survey #4, 30 and 7/10 acres. (This shares a corner with the Franks land. 14 Nov. 1880

Vol. M page 622-23 is a law suit in District Court 9 Mar, 1880 between J.P. Blessing and James Franks and others. There appears to be a lot of heirs suing on this but it was found for James Franks. The remainder of the 1/2 league of land (some over 2000 acres) for J.P. Blessing (known as Z. Hinton survey) And found for the Mclean and Hall survey to Joseph Martin.

Time Line for Joseph Martin

1828 Born(according to tombstone)
1851 Left TN for Texas and CA (Bio. by A.B. Fowler)
1861 Sold land in Humbolt Co., CA page 217
1865 Rec. land from State
1867 Buys land and sale contract (Malone) page 215-216
1867 Receives land from state of CA
1870 Census of Humbolt Co., CA
1872 Joseph buys land in Hays Co., TX..married to an Elizabeth
1874 sends Benjamin to sell land in CA
1874 Tax list of Travis Co., TX
1879 Deed Bk. M 356-157, buys land back that bought in 1872(Hays Co)
1880 Buys land, Hays Co., Vol. N 602-3
1881 Married Susan Franks
1895 Buys land in Hays C. Vol. 33 page 141
1905 dies, buried in Martin Cemetery, Hays Co., TX

More About JOSEPH MARTIN:

Burial: 1905, Martin Church Cemetery, near Buda, Texas

Notes for ELIZABETH:

Some notes of Denson says Uncle Joe married a woman who came from Falcon, Old McNairy Co., TN and she had married 2nd to a man named Lawson and had 4-5 children by her 1st husband. P.O. was named after 1 of them.???

More About SUSAN F. FRANKS:

Burial: 1907, Martin Church Cemetery, near Buda, Texas

3. vi. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MARTIN, b. 30 May 1830, Rutherford Co. Tennessee; d. 17 March 1909, Hays Co. Texas.
4. vii. CAROLINE MARTIN, b. Abt. 1832, TN; d. Bet. 1860 - 1862, Franklin Co., AL?.
5. viii. THOMAS PINKNEY MARTIN, b. Abt. 1834, TN; d. Bet. 1864 - 1870, Tishomingo Co., MS.
- ix. HORTON F. MARTIN¹⁴, b. Abt. 1836, TN¹⁵.
6. x. AMANDA R. MARTIN, b. 03 January 1838, TN; d. 23 October 1909, Stephenville, Erath Co., TX.

Generation No. 2

2. ESTHER² MARTIN (*THOMAS*¹)¹⁶ was born 09 May 1826 in Rutherford County, Tennessee¹⁶, and died 14 March 1871 in Tennessee¹⁶. She married WILLIAM JAMES WILLIAMS¹⁶ 15 December 1847 in Rutherford Co., Tennessee^{16,17}. He was born 23 March 1830 in Rutherford County, Tennessee¹⁸, and died 24 February 1907 in Selmer, McNairy County, Tennessee¹⁸.

Notes for WILLIAM JAMES WILLIAMS:

They were married 1847 in Rutherford Co., TN and says they moved to Tishomingo Co. in Sept. 1849 and back to Madison Co., TN Sept. 1854 joined CSA Dec. 1861 Company B, 52nd TN and was discharged Columbus MS May 1865. They moved to McNairy Co., TN in January 1873. This was from Artie Jeanes book on the Williams family.

I did not find this family in Tishomingo Co., MS but it was not well indexed but I did search many many pages to find Thomas Martin and did not see this family.

Children of ESTHER MARTIN and WILLIAM WILLIAMS are:

- i. JAMES THOMAS³ WILLIAMS¹⁸, b. 25 January 1849, Mississippi.
- ii. JOSEPH FRANKLIN WILLIAMS¹⁸, b. 17 July 1850, Mississippi; m. LOUISA JANE PARKS, 1878, Alcorn Co., MS¹⁸; b. Mississippi.
- iii. J.J. WILLIAMS¹⁸, b. Abt. 1852.
- iv. WILLIAM L. WILLIAMS¹⁸, b. Abt. 1853.
- v. ARTELIA WILLIAMS¹⁸, b. Abt. 1860.

3. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN² MARTIN (*THOMAS*¹)¹⁹ was born 30 May 1830 in Rutherford Co. Tennessee²⁰, and died 17 March 1909 in Hays Co. Texas^{21,22}. He married R.V. HERRING²³ 07 December 1874 in Travis Co. Texas^{24,25}, daughter of LAFAYETTE HERRING and CATHERINE LUTZE?. She was born 22 October 1857 in Alabama²⁶, and died 21 August 1931 in Comal Co. Texas^{27,28}.

Notes for BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MARTIN:

1830-1909

A descendant of the Esther Martin who must be a sister to B.F has letters from relatives which give some family history and clues to the background of this family. Some are old letters and memories of some who should know if their memory has not failed.

The William's and Martin's came from North Carolina to Rutherford Co. Tn. near Nashville. (Nashville is the county seat of Davidson County) They were considered wealthy before the Civil War.

Joseph Franklin Williams, a nephew of B.F says Grandfather and Grandmother Martin died in Dallas Texas and buried there. Grandfather Martin was a small, straight dignified old gentleman. He was said to be a Baptist Minister but I never heard of his preaching. He was a practicing physician. They were both old and white when

they died. (What does the White mean?)

Uncle Joe and Frank went to Eureka, California in 1851, lived there till after the Civil War when they came back to Texas and located in Dallas. They were well fixed financially and both unmarried. Knowing their parents had lost their home and all other property (in the Civil War) and were dependant on their children, they came to Tennessee where their parents were living with a son near Milan (Gibson County) and took them to their Dallas home and cared for them until they died.

Uncle Joe and Frank later moved 15 miles west of Austin TX. P.O. Goforth (not correct.. this was later and Goforth is in Hays Co) bought considerable land and both married. Uncle Joe had no children but Uncle Frank raised several boys and girls.

My father and mother were both raised near Nashville. Both families, Martin and Williams moved to north Mississippi, Tishomingo Co. near Jacinto and where Mother and Father married and where I was born. In 1851 my family moved to Madison Co. Tn, near Jackson.

During the Civil War a band of Federals came to Martins home and ordered them out, refusing them permission to take out even any wearing apparel. The house and contents were burned and the two old people left standing in the yard. The Federals claimed as their excuse that a Union man's house had been burned and they had orders to burn 25 rebel sympathizers houses as a reprisal. Such was war in a Christian land.

Our grandparents underwent many privations and hardships. They were good people and fully worthy of their offspring. I only hope that we may be an honor to them.
This was written by Joseph Franklin Williams to his daughter dated September 30, 1923 when he was 73 years old.

The following is taken from notes made by his daughter some few months before he died in 1933 while reminiscing.. some repetitive and rambling.

We were at Milan, one of my Uncles lived at Milan (Gibson Co) Uncle Joe and Uncle Frank came from California and carried them to visit one of their sons, Pinkney or Horton. Mother and I went down to meet them. Mother was very intensely religious and she was interested about her children. Grandfather Martin was a lay preacher...only time I remember seeing my Martin Grandparents. Uncle Joe and Uncle Frank brought them to Dallas. Cemetery has been moved, ...tried to find their graves. They were buried in Dallas. I visited Uncle Joe and Uncle Frank down in Texas.

Uncle Joe had told me they had pretty substantial grave stones.

They (Joe and Frank) went to Eureka California to hunt for gold. Never got anything out of gold. Went into boating business. Boat went down and put them flat again but they worked up once more. The boat line was between San Francisco and Seattle.

Mother used to talk about Rutherford and Bedford County.

Below from Maxine Elliott Gilliam

I have the 1900 census of the Martin family at Buda and it shows "Desha" as a son, white male, born Sept. 1884. He was 15 years old at the time.

It has Denson shown as Benson.

Does not have Alta. [She was already married and gone.]

I have just noticed something that has me very puzzled.

It shows :B. F. Jr. G. Son white male born April 1900 and age 2/12. I take that to be grandson 2 months old. Where does he fit in. How would a grandson be a "Junior" ? Could be be B. F. Joe or possibly B. F. Josh. Delos was 25 at the time. Maybe he and Josh were living back at home. What do you think? That would be about the right age for Josh and Delos would be about the right age to have a son that age. Did his first wife die or were they divorced? Josh was raised by someone in West Texas or the panhandle.

The census shows R. V. as grandma's name. That's so unusual for a woman to have initials for a name. Shows N. E. for Aunt Edith and we know she had a name of "Edith". Aunt Beulah named her daughter "Arvina" and I think that must have been after her mother. What do you think?

(The N.E. is discovered later to be Nannie Emma Parks Martin and the B.F., Jr. is listed just below her. Believe

Delos and Nannie had this son and must have died early, then they adopted)

I received copies of notes from Tina Shelton Chester in April of 2002. Most of the information on the Martin's (Joseph (Joe) and B.F.) came from Denson she says. She does have the deeds to the CA land mentioned but did not include those in what she sent.

She said that her mother (Edith) and her Aunt Alta said the Martins had slaves in TN and brought some to Texas with them after the Civil War. They wouldn't leave. They said they had black nannies when they were little. They both agreed on this. (They were in Tishomingo Co., MS in 1860 and listed on the slave index, see later)

Joe, B.F and Frank [she says, but Frank is the same as B.F...Benjamin Franklin] came by horseback to Texas, stayed awhile, then went on to CA. [she thought for the Gold Rush, but that started in 1849 and Franklin age 20 was on the 1850 census with his family in MS] Says B.F. bought land 1 Sept. 1850 in Eureka, [Humbolt Co.] CA where they run a dairy. They shipped butter to San Francisco in 50 gallon barrels [420 pounds] and received \$420.00 per barrel. He sold his land 2 Dec. 1861.

B.F. left Eureka and went down to Torron (?) Mexico for awhile then they returned to Texas. Joseph bought land there in Eureka in June 1861 and in 1867 and he gave B.F. power of attorney to sell his land in Eureka 24 February 1874, so he made a trip back to CA to do this before coming back to marry R.V. in Dec. 1874. B.F. returned to Joe's place on Slaughter Creek and the Herrings lived right across the road in a log house.

The notes said that Joseph first built a rock house on Slaughter Creek in Travis Co., TX [this runs from the west right through a little town named San Leanne in the very lower SW part of Travis Co.] He married a woman named Rolley (?) Williams and she had a son before they married. They later divorced and he bought her a years supply of groceries and took her home.

B.F. and R.V. married in 1874 and there was something about a sheep ranch, maybe in San Saba Co. At least they were going to move there and a man told them not to move to San Saba as there was a "mob" there and they just killed people they didn't want in.

B.F then built a "great" house when "Son Boss" or Sam Bass? was killed, evidently in Williamson Co. near Round Rock and then later sold the Round Rock home and bought Uncle Joe's rock house on Slaughter Creek and Joe bought 550 acres of land [Culberson Ranch] then B.F. and R.V. left the rock house on Slaughter Creek and moved into Hays Co., TX

Joe married Susan and they built a house in 1889, also built the Prairie Hill School. [Alta got Joe's old house in the settlement with her mother] B.F. built a house by the school and a tornado blew the school house away before 1892.

After Joe and then Sue died, B.F. and R.V. moved back to Joe's place and built a new house.

Some other information in the notes was an older paper with some family information on it. Some I know is connected with the family so I believe it may all be correct.

Aunt Amanda Tidwell (Grandpa Martin's sister) died at the home of Jim Oxford in Stephenville on October 23, 1909. She was born January 3, 1838. [There was an Amanda R. on the 1850 census in Tishomingo Co., MS born 1838 with Thomas and Martha Esther]

Elizabeth Phillips Parricke[?] buried below Lockhart. She had a son Kenny Phillips.

Mattie Hall (Martin cousin) lived at Round Rock and had 2 girls, Moses[?] and Nora; and two boys Jonney and Leonard.

Then another notation which is somewhat confusing (same Mattie?) Mattie married 1st to Aught Martin, B.F.'s brother, married Aught Pike then Aught Martin.

Grandpa's sister's boy: Joe Williams, James Williams. They also give street addresses and phone numbers for them but no town. [These are the ones that Artie Jeanes tells about in her book. They are Esther's children] [the rest of the notes I made from the letters are about Hazel and S.J. Shelton's family so will put them on their family page]

B.F. was listed with Joseph in the 1870 Humbolt Co., CA census.

Benjamin F was listed in the 1880 Williamson Co., TX census in Pct. 8 HH120, in HH 22 is a Barkley Martin age 42 born in TN, both parents born TN. Barkley was the mayor of Round Rock.

Tina Chester of Las Vegas sent these copies of deeds below she has had for some time. The pages have numbers but no Deed Book # given.

State of California to B. F. Martin pages 112-113..... 1856

"Sale of Swamp and Overflow Lands Donated to State of CA", certificate of Secretary of State dated 20 October 1856, State Treasurer has paid 280 acres situated in Humboldt Co. and identified in County Records as SE 1/4 and SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 12 in Township 6N, Range 1W and the E 1/2 of NE1/4 of Section 13 in Township 6N, Range 1W Humbolt Meridian.
All Requirements have been fully complied with and said Benjamin F. Martin entitled to patent.

J. Neely Johnston, Gov. of CA caused to make this patent. Given under hand at city of Sacramento, 20th Oct. 1856

attested by David F. Douglas Sec. of State

Received for record Dec. 8, 1856 by Lewis K. Wood, recorder

pages 211-212

Benjamin F. Martin to Charles McAlister made 5 Dec. 1860 between B.F. Martin of Humboldt Co., CA of the 1st part and Charles McAlister of 2nd(of same) part in consideration \$160.00 in lawful money, S1/2 of the NW 1/4 and N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 4 of Township 2N, Range 1W, Humbolt Meridian.
signed and sealed B. F. Martin

Wit: J. S. Murray

On 5th Dec. 1860 before Clerk of County Court appeared B. F. Martin

A.W. Honmay CC by J.W. Davis Deputy

Rec. for record 24th May 1861

_____These two are not the same land, so evidently not all the deeds were copied)_____

Tina also sent copy of a letter to the Director of Research of Texas Historical Commission from Martha Philo November 24, 1980 in response to a letter Denson had sent them complaining about the history of the Martin Church. He had believed the land for the church was donated by B.F. and R.V. Martin apparently, but that is not what the records show.[Mr. and Mrs. Philo and son actually paid for the marker]

One thing he objected to is the mention of "relatives" referring to T.J. Warwick and wife Matilda. Mrs. Beulah Goforth Rushing of Sabinal, TX states that Joseph Martin's wife Susan and Matilda Warwick were sisters as well as Mrs. Rushings mother, Mrs. James T. Goforth.

This is a 2 1/2 page letter detailing the points objected to by Denson, but it appears she did her research and Denson was relying on memory, which is faulty at times. I do not have a copy of Denson's letter to them but a note he sent to some of the kin which vented his anger at the history as presented. I also have a copy of the Martin Church History by Mrs. Philo.

Time Line for Benjamin F. Martin

1830 Born in TN(B.F. & R.V Bible, 1850 MS census born in TN)

1850 1850 Tishimingo Co., MS census

1851 Left and went to TX and CA (according to A.B. Fowler writeup)

1856 bought land Humbolt Co. CA Deed pages 112-113

1860 sold land bought in above deed , pages 211-212

1870 listed on census with Joseph in Humbolt Co., CA

1874 Attorney in fact for Joseph to sell land in CA

1880 census of Williamson Co., TX

1882 buys land in Hays Co.

1900 buys land in Hays Co. from Joseph Vol. P pages 63-64

1900 census of Hays Co., TX

1909 dies and buried in Martin Cemetery, Hays Co., TX

Tina Chester said he died from the measles, then also had pneumonia.

More About BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MARTIN:
Burial: 1909, Martin Church Cemetery, Goforth, Texas

Notes for R.V. HERRING:
1857-1931

Her grandson's wife (Alta Martin Parks son Gordon's wife Lola) told me that Alta had told her that her mother's name was R Venia and she had a sister Sue, their Mother had died young. At age 16 she had an 16 inch waist. Another person told me both parents died, and R V raised by Aunt and Uncle???

This is again from Lola) One day soon after hog killing(after a freeze in fall) Mr. Herring left to go to town, leaving instructions for R Venia to make some cornbread from the "cracklin's"(which is fat and skin cooked down from the fat of the hog, and skimmed off) and B.F. also knew Mr. Herring had gone to town and sent R Venia a note saying THIS IS THE DAY and she replied in the affirmative and they got ready and eloped before Mr. Herring returned. He and B. F. were about the same age and were friends but he didn't want R Venia to marry him. It is said he never forgave her. B. F. was 44 and she was 1 month over the age of 17.

Mrs. R . V. Martin signed a document 30 September, 1910 as follows:

State of Texas, County of Hays: Know all men by these Presents:
That I, Mrs. R.V. Martin, a widow, of said county and state, for the consideration hereinafter shown, have granted, sold conveyed and by these presents do grant, sell and convey unto Mrs. Alta Parks, wife of H.J. Parks of Hall Co. Texas; Mrs. Edith Shelton, wife of S.J. Shelton of San Saba County, Texas; Mrs. Beulah Hofheinz, wife of August Hofheinz, of Caldwell County, Texas; Mrs. Zada Dickey, wife of Ira Dickey of Hays county, Texas, Tinie Martin; Denson Martin and Delta Martin of Hays County, Texas, all that certain real property situated in said Hays County and made up of a tract of 90.7 acres of the Z.Hinton survey # 4, 107 acres out of the J.M.W. Hall survey and the Neill McLean survey of 320 acres(Total of 515.7 acres)

The 90.7 acres of the Hinton Survey was conveyed to Joseph Martin by two deeds, one from John P. Blessing and wife Mary A. A. Blessing dated Nov. 4, 1880, recorded in Book N pages 602-3 of Hays County Deed Records, and the other from Van Harber and wife dated Nov. 12, 1895, recorded in Book 33 at page 141 of said Deed Records.

The 107 acres of the J . M.W. Hall Survey is the same conveyed by and described in a deed from Joseph Martin and his wife Susan Martin to B.F. Martin and his wife R.V. Martin recorded Book 33 pages 208-9 of said Deed Records.

The 320 acres of the Neil McLean survey is the same conveyed by and described in a deed from F.N. Butts by his attorney J.W. Lawrence to Joseph Martin dated February 1, 1872 recorded in Book G pages 525-6 of the Hays County, Texas Deed Records and the title to which was confirmed in said Joseph Martin by a judgement rendered in the District Court of Hays County on March 9, 1880 in Cause No. 726 styled John P. Blessing Et Al Vs James Franks Et Al, a certified copy of which is recorded in Book M pages 622-3 of said Deed Records.
And each and all of the instruments hereinabove recited are referred to and made a part hereof for fuller description.

By this deed there is to vest right and title to an undivided 1/7 interest in all said lands in Mrs. Alta Parks as her separate estate, a like interest in Mrs. Edith Shelton as her separate estate; a like interest in Mrs. Beulah Hofheinz as her separate estate; a like interest in Mrs. Zada Dickey as her separate estate; and then a like interest in each of the other three grantees named.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises together with all and singular, the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances there unto in any wise incident or appertaining unto the grantees above named and their heirs, assigns and legal representatives forever.

And I hereby bind myself, my heirs executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend, all and singular, the title to the above described premises unto the grantees above named and their heirs, assigns and legal representatives as against all persons whomsoever lawfully claiming the same or any part thereof.

The consideration for this conveyance is love and affection of the grantor for her children the grantees, and further consideration that each of the grantees agrees and obligates himself or herself respectively to pay to the

grantor or her order at San Marcos, Hays County, Texas the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) on the 15th day of October 1911 and a like sum on the 15th of October each succeeding year thereafter as long as the grantor shall live, and each payment to be made shall draw interest from the 15th day of October preceding that upon which it becomes due until it is paid at the rate of 8% pre annum, that is each grantee herein agrees to pay annually that sum of one hundred dollars a part of the consideration for this conveyance, same to be due on 15th October 1911 and at the same time there will be due one years interest on each annual installment of the price to be so paid. And in the case it becomes necessary to bring suit for the collection of any one or more of these specified amounts then there shall be an added 10% my rest of the amount due and owing as attorney's fees for the collection thereof and each separate \$100.00 so agreed to be paid shall be secured by the vendor's lien against the interest of the party failing to pay same. That is, 1/7 interest conveyed to Mrs. Alta Parks shall be liable for the payment of the \$100.00 payment to be made by her each year together with all interest thereon, and in the same way the share of each party shall be separately liable for the payment of the amount to be paid by such party.

And each and all of the grantees herein accent to the terms and provisions hereof by the acceptance of this deed. And the lien as hearby recited shall attach to the entire estate in such land including the fee simple title thereto. But on the death of Mrs. R. V. Martin the liability or obligation to pay this stated amount shall thereafter cease except as to payments then al ready accrued and due.

Witness my signature at Goforth, Texas on this September 30, 1910

D.L.Martin a Justice of the Peace notorized this document, on said date.

Delos is the son of Mrs. R.V. Herring and the only child not mentioned in the document. Mrs. Martin lived 21 more years after this document, 19 payments of \$100.00 from each of 7 children. (Calculated to begin in 1911 and she died 2 months before the due date in 1931)

The document does not mention some of these tracts of land being transferred to her and her husband, but B.F. and Joseph were brothers and Joseph and Susan did not have any children so I assume his land went to them in a will or administration of estate. Evidently it was solely hers to dispense.

In a message Maxine Elliott Gilliam of Borger TX related remembering going to R.V.'s funeral." She lived in New Braunfels with Beulah and Tiny. Her casket was in Beulah's living room in front of the windows when they lived very near downtown New Braunfels. I remember Grandma in the casket and her hand was not placed like her daughters wanted it but none of them would touch her(because she was dead) and my Mother reached in and placed her hand like the daughters wanted it. I thought my Mom was so brave!

More About R.V. HERRING:

Burial: 1931, Martin Church Cemetery, Goforth, Texas

Event 2: 1931, Comal Co. Texas Index 1 Page 369

Children of BENJAMIN MARTIN and R.V. HERRING are:

7. i. DELOS³ MARTIN, b. 16 December 1875, Comfort, Kendall Co., Texas; d. 17 March 1959, New Braunfels, Comal Co., TX.
8. ii. ALTA MARTIN, b. 31 March 1878, Round Rock, Williamson Co., Texas; d. 26 August 1948, Spur, Dickens Co., Texas.
9. iii. EDITH MARTIN, b. 22 March 1880, Hays County, Texas; d. 21 February 1947, Artesia, NM.
10. iv. ZADA BELL MARTIN, b. 05 September 1882, Hays County,Texas; d. 23 November 1957, Sweetwater, Texas?.
- v. DESHA MARTIN²⁹, b. 23 September 1884, Texas²⁹; d. 26 October 1902, Hays Co. Texas.

More About DESHA MARTIN:

Burial: 1902, Martin Church Cemetery,near Buda, Texas

- vi. TINA MARTIN²⁹, b. 19 December 1886, Hays County,Texas²⁹; d. 27 November 1967, Hays Co. Texas³⁰.

More About TINA MARTIN:

Burial: 1967, Martin Church Cemetery,near Buda, Texas

11. vii. BEULAH MARTIN, b. 02 May 1889, Hays County,Texas; d. 10 May 1950, Comal Co. Texas.
12. viii. DENSON MARTIN, b. 23 August 1892, Hays County, Texas; d. June 1986, Napa, California.
13. ix. DELTA MARTIN, b. 27 August 1895, Hays County,Texas; d. 26 June 1990, Lockhart, Caldwell Co., TX.

4. CAROLINE² MARTIN (*THOMAS*¹)³¹ was born Abt. 1832 in TN^{32,33}, and died Bet. 1860 - 1862 in Franklin Co., AL³⁴. She married JOHN PINKNEY PIKE³⁵ 23 October 1851 in Tishomingo Co., MS³⁶, son of JOHN PIKE and MARY TILFORD. He was born Abt. 1834 in TN³⁷, and died Aft. 04 May 1885³⁸.

Notes for CAROLINE MARTIN:

Probably is the one referred to in Densons notes as Mattie who married a Pike. Her name was probably either Martha Caroline or Caroline Martha.

Notes for JOHN PINKNEY PIKE:

On the 1850 Tishomingo Co., Ms census page 143 (B I think) is John Pike age 54 (200) born TN with wife Mary age 47 VA; John P. age 22; Susan M. age 18, Honorietta age 16, Elizabeth age 12 and next house is James T. Pike age 30 with Mary J. age 24, John A. age 8, Fred B. age 6, Julianne age 4, Rufus age 2 and David N. age 3/12.(children were carried to next page.

Hi Rosa,

Great to hear from you. Pike is one of my direct lines that I have had a lot of trouble with. At one time I thought my G-Grandmother, Mary Jane Pike, was the daughter of John P and Caroline. As it turned out she was the dau. of John P's brother James T. and Mary Jane Vawter. I was never sure enough of Thomas and Esther being Caroline's parents to put them in my database.

Her age is several years different in the 1850 and 1860 census.

I am not directly related to the Martin line, but am interested because of the family relationships. John P remarried in 1872 to an "Ome" unknown last name. She was widow and had been married to a Mr. Sarten. John P and his 2nd wife are found in the Lee County MS 1880 census Beat 2, Enumeration Dist 87, sht 26. John Pinkney Pike was a resident of AL in 1863 and 1867. John must have died by April 1885 because that is when Ome took her 5 children and moved to TN. I have not been able to find John P in the 1870 census.

I would be interested in any data you might be willing to share on Caroline and her siblings and parents.

There are some researchers who claim that Mary Tilford is not the mother of John Pinkney Pike. They seem to think that a "Choat" was the husband of John Pike Jr, born 1795. I don't agree, because John and Mary named one of their oldest children James Tilford Pike.

I have listed as brothers to James T and John P a couple of names that I don't think belong to this family. They are Alfred (b.1815) and Ransom (b.1812). Birth dates are approximate. What do you think?

I have the names of some other Pike researchers if you are interested.

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Glendale, AZ 85304
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Children of CAROLINE MARTIN and JOHN PIKE are:

- i. JOHN A.³ PIKE³⁹, b. Abt. 1852⁴⁰.
- ii. JOSEPH F. PIKE⁴⁰, b. Abt. 1853⁴⁰.
- iii. JAMES T. PIKE⁴⁰, b. Abt. 1855⁴⁰.
- iv. WILLIS N. PIKE^{41,42}, b. Abt. 1857⁴³.

5. THOMAS PINKNEY² MARTIN (*THOMAS*¹)⁴⁴ was born Abt. 1834 in TN⁴⁵, and died Bet. 1864 - 1870 in Tishomingo Co.,MS⁴⁶. He married TANZY C. HARRIS^{47,48} 17 December 1853 in Tishomingo Co., MS⁴⁹. She was born Abt. 1838 in Mississippi⁵⁰, and died Aft. 1870⁵¹.

Notes for THOMAS PINKNEY MARTIN:

Is probably the one referred to in the Tishomingo Co. Marriages as Thomas P. Martin

Listed in home of James Lee on the 1860 census of Tishomingo Co.,MS page 391, Iuka P.O., with Tansey C. age 22 born MS and Saphronia A. age 1.

Children of THOMAS MARTIN and TANZY HARRIS are:

- i. SAPHRONIA A.³ MARTIN⁵², b. 1859.
- ii. JAMES MARTIN⁵³, b. Abt. 1863.
- iii. THOMAS MARTIN⁵⁴, b. Abt. 1864.

6. AMANDA R.² MARTIN (*THOMAS*¹)⁵⁵ was born 03 January 1838 in TN^{56,57}, and died 23 October 1909 in Stephenville, Erath Co., TX⁵⁸. She married (1) JAMES HENRY TENNISON⁵⁹ Abt. 1855 in MS?. He was born July 1835 in TN^{60,61}, and died 22 January 1872 in Tishomingo Co.,MS^{62,63}. She married (2) JOHN GILBERT STEWART^{64,65} February 1874 in Burnet Co., TX^{66,67}. He was born 13 March 1811 in Overton Co., TN^{68,69}, and died 23 May 1875 in Burnet Co., TX⁷⁰. She married (3) WILLIAM TIDWELL^{71,72} 30 March 1879 in Johnson Co., TX⁷³. He was born 1818 in AR⁷⁴.

Notes for AMANDA R. MARTIN:

Probably the one Denson Martin refers to in his notes as Amanda Tidwell born January 3, 1838 and died October 23 1909 at the home of Jim Oxford Stephenville TX, says she has a daughter and son Randolph.

Is this Amanda Martin, perhaps, the mother of Fannie Bell Tennyson, who married James Robert Oxford?

I have a Fannie Belle Tennyson (Tennison) listed on my family tree whose mother was Amanda Martin. It also says that a 1910 Texas census of Erath County, lists a Dessie Tidwell (niece), age 2, living in the home, with James Robert Oxford and Fannie Belle Tennyson.

Just to let you know, I am the gggranddaughter of James Robert and Fannie Belle, so any info that I can provide to you makes me feel good, but anything that you can provide to me would be filling in gaps of many generations! Let me know if we have struck gold!

Your husband's great grandfather was Benjamin Franklin Martin? That would make him Amanda R. Martin's brother, right? Where does the name Tidwell fit in to all this? Going off of the family sheets that I have, James Robert Oxford and Fannie Belle Tennison were married Nov. 19, 1887 in Texas. Fannie is listed as the daughter of James H. Tennyson and Amanda R. Martin, and was born in Mississippi in 1867. A 1910 Texas census in Erath County (ed 18 sheet 03) has James 40 years old, Fannie 42, living with 3 of their own children and a niece by the name of Dessie Tidwell, age 2. Now, the print on my family sheets is distorted a little, and the name "Dessie" may be incorrect as far as the first letter of that name. It goes on to say that Fannie Belle Tennison died in Haskell County Texas, and that a death certificate was filed there, which would have had to have been after 1926. I have a court transcript from a trial of my ggrandfather, Jessie Dee Oxford, that has testimony from his mother who gives her name as Mrs. Belle Oxford (a.k.a. Fannie Belle Tennison).

Glenda Boling

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----- Original Message -----

From: Rose Parks

To: Glenda and Scott Boling

Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2002 9:41 PM

Subject: Re: Amanda Martin

The information on the 1910 census was a bit off..it was ED 18, sheet 1 and household 3.(RP)

Burnet County Court Road Minutes A, page 5

Robert Lee Stewart born 10/25/1874 to John G. and Amanda Stewart

Filed 1/25/1875

An article in Burnet County History, Vol. II, indicated that Amanda Tennison was the third wife of John Gilbert Stewart (b 3/13/1811, d 5/23/1875).

Robert Lee (Loll) Stewart, born 10/25/1874, was the only child listed as born to that marriage. He was the 10th child of John G.

Tem Moody

He also posted that the marriage of Amanda Tennison to John Gilbert Stewart is in Book C page 253

Burnet Co., TX, issued and married on 3 Feb. 1874 and filed Feb. 14, 1874, married by C.C. Stewart, JP (son of the groom)

More About AMANDA R. MARTIN:

Burial: 1909, Erath Co., TX?

Notes for JAMES HENRY TENNISON:

From information submitted by Marie Keeler and given as source from Tennyson/Tennison Family Records on Ancestry.com Trees Hiram Abraham Tennison born 1805 as father and Sarah Vawter as his mother.

They had James Henry b. 1834, Lucinda Jane 1836-1868 md. Charles P. Malone B. 1835.

Nancy Lee 1836-1920 married George Milford, Cynthia Eliza 1840-1925 married Marshall Henry Jernigan, Hiram Franklin 1842-1863, died in Civil War 26th MS Regiment

Hiram's parents were Abraham Tennison born 1763 in Edgecombe Co., NC and Jane Adams born 1760 in Edgecombe Co., NC

The Tennyson I see on your page also has to fit somewhere in this. Robert Erwin, Geo's father, had married a Tennison, and was a part of a caravan that came from NC in the late 1830ies, Tennysons, Wilhelms and at least this Erwin. They settled in the Cartersville/Iuka section.(Patrice Louinet)

One other element that incites me to believe there has to be a link somewhere is that there are several Tennyson/Tennyson people in this line. Sarah Jane Martin, as I have told you, was married to George W. Ervin. Geo, in turn, was son of Robert Erwin (abt 1800, Rowan Co, NC- ??) and Jane Tennyson/Tennison (abt 1806, Rowan Co, NC - ?? aft 1880), herself daughter of Benjamin Tennison (1772, Edgecomb Co, NC - 1847, Tishomingo Co, MS) and Phoebe Cooper (1772-1830, Rowan Co, NC). Much too close for a simple coincidence.

The Tennison, Wilhem and Erwin families emigrated from NC in the late 1830ies and settled near Iuka/Cartersville, Tishomingo Co. From what I know, they left it for Texas just after the War. It seems likely more people were involved in the move than I had previously thought: Jane (Tennison) Erwin was living with her son in Denton Co at the time of the 1880 census.(Patrice Louinet)

More About JAMES HENRY TENNISON:

Burial: 1872, Tishomingo Co.,MS

Notes for JOHN GILBERT STEWART:

There is the following account of the STEWART family's arrival in Texas in The Land of Good Water, by Clara Stearns Scarbrough:

"John G. STEWART and family left Tennessee for Texas in 1851, had their horses stolen by Indians in Houston, finally reached Gabriel Mills on March 5, 1852. The STEWART women took their muskets when they did the family wash in the San Gabriel River. When serious threats of Indian attack were rumored, the women and children were moved to Fort Black 25 miles up the North Gabriel until danger was over."

This book also states that the STEWARTs "put up a log store" in the Gabriel Mills community.

John and Margaret STEWART and their family are on the 1860 Williamson County census but are not found on the 1870 Williamson County census. I do not know at what point they moved to Burnet County but the Gabriel Mills community is very near the border of Williamson and Burnet Counties.

Wife was Margaret Copeland.

John G. Stewart and wife Sarah were on the 1870 census in Burnet Co., TX

The Stewarts were members of the Christian Church and John G. Stewart was a minister. he performed many early marriages in Williamson and Burnet Co. He was a Mason and member of the Mt. Horeb Lodge, then located at Gabriel Mills in 1855 and later moved to Mahomet in 1857.(The above from the "Burnet County History" pages 304 and 305 sent by Tem Moody.

More About JOHN GILBERT STEWART:

Burial: 1875, Mahomet Cemetery, Burnet Co., TX

Children of AMANDA MARTIN and JAMES TENNISON are:

- i. LUCINDA³ TENNISON⁷⁵, b. Abt. 1856, Tishomingo Co.,MS⁷⁶; d. Bef. 1870, Tishomingo Co.,MS⁷⁷.

- ii. WILLIAM R. TENNISON⁷⁸, b. Abt. 1858, Tishomingo Co.,MS⁷⁹; d. Bef. 1870, Tishomingo Co.,MS⁸⁰.
- iii. SINTHA JOSEPHINE TENNISON^{81,82}, b. June 1860, Tishomingo Co.,MS^{83,84}; d. Abt. 1917, Atoka, OK⁸⁵; m. MARTIN ENGRAM⁸⁵, 1880, Johnson Co., TX⁸⁵; b. 1862, AL⁸⁵.
- iv. HENRY D. TENNISON⁸⁶, b. 28 January 1863, Tishomingo Co.,MS^{87,88}; d. 1947, Vernon, Wilbarger Co., TX⁸⁹; m. REBECCA STURDIVANT⁸⁹, 1894, Hopkins Co., TX⁸⁹; b. October 1874, Hopkins Co., TX⁸⁹; d. 1942, Vernon, Wilbarger Co., TX⁸⁹.
- v. JOHN HORTON TENNISON^{90,91}, b. 24 January 1865, Tishomingo Co.,MS^{92,93}; d. 23 April 1909, Peerless, Hopkins Co., TX⁹⁴; m. LILLIE CATHERINE CRANE⁹⁴, 26 September 1892, Sulphur Springs, Hopkins Co., TX⁹⁴; b. 29 March 1876, Hopkins Co., TX⁹⁴; d. 31 January 1944, Hopkins Co., TX⁹⁴.
- 14. vi. WILLIAM HENRY TENNISON, b. 24 January 1865, Tishomingo Co.,MS; d. 22 July 1957, Peerless, Hopkins Co., TX.
- 15. vii. FANNIE BELLE TENNISON, b. 19 August 1867, MS; d. 03 August 1935, Haskell Co., TX.
- viii. JULIA ELLA TENNISON⁹⁵, b. December 1869, Tishomingo Co.,MS^{96,97}; d. 1894, Peerless, Hopkins Co., TX⁹⁸; m. SAMUEL L. HETTICH⁹⁸, July 1886, Hopkins Co., TX⁹⁸; b. September 1865, IL⁹⁸; d. 23 January 1921, Peerless, Hopkins Co., TX⁹⁸.
- ix. JAMES LOVELACE TENNISON⁹⁸, b. 25 December 1871, Tishomingo Co.,MS⁹⁸; d. 03 September 1953, Ft. Worth, Tarrant Co., TX⁹⁸; m. EDDIE⁹⁸, Abt. 1893, Hopkins Co., TX⁹⁸; b. 07 April 1878, Hopkins Co., TX⁹⁸; d. 14 October 1932, Hopkins Co., TX⁹⁸.

Child of AMANDA MARTIN and JOHN STEWART is:

- x. ROBERT LEE³ STEWART^{99,100,101}, b. 25 October 1874, Burnet Co., TX^{102,103}.

Notes for ROBERT LEE STEWART:

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Tem Moody(2-18-2003)

Child of AMANDA MARTIN and WILLIAM TIDWELL is:

- 16. xi. ADDISON³ TIDWELL, b. 05 May 1881, Texas; d. 12 March 1955, Hopkins Co., TX.

Generation No. 3

7. DELOS³ MARTIN (*BENJAMIN FRANKLIN*², *THOMAS*¹)^{104,105} was born 16 December 1875 in Comfort, Kendall Co., Texas^{106,107}, and died 17 March 1959 in New Braunfels, Comal Co., TX¹⁰⁸. He married (1) TIDY MAE HERRING^{109,110,111} 23 April 1893¹¹², daughter of JOSHUA HERRING and MARY HERRING. She was born 09 April 1874 in Boerne, Kendall Co., TX^{113,114}, and died 20 August 1942 in Medina Co., TX^{115,116}. He married (2) NANNIE (NANCY) EMMA PARKS¹¹⁷ 20 November 1898 in Hays or Travis County Texas¹¹⁸, daughter of JOSEPH PARKS and ALTHEA COX. She was born 10 March 1874 in Benton Co. Arkansas¹¹⁸, and died 20 December 1937 in Pawnee, Bee Co., TX^{118,119}. He married (3) ROSA Aft. 1938. She was born Abt. 1880, and died Aft. 1959.

Notes for DELOS MARTIN:

They lived in Buda for awhile after his marriage to Nanny, until after the two children were adopted. Maxine sent me a photo of a house she believes to have been in Buda with delos, Nanny and the 2 children out front about 1911.

They moved to Pawnee in Bee County in 1914 and were in Sabinal, Uvalde Co. by 1928. They later lived in Big Wells where Delos truck farmed. Maxine sent several photos made during the time in Sabinal, with her as a baby.

Maxine says Delos was living in New Braunfels when he died but was buried at Pawnee.

When Delos married Rosa they lived in San Marcos, Texas, first on North St. then in some Senior Apt's.

More About DELOS MARTIN:
Burial: 1959, Pawnee, Bee Co., TX¹²⁰

Notes for TIDY MAE HERRING:

Daughter of Pioneer Family Passes Away

Mrs. Tidy Mae Griffin, wife of Mr. D.H. Griffin, of Devine, died at the Nix Hospital, at 11:40 P.M., August 20th, age 68. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josh Herring, born near Boerne, Kendall County; her father was a Confederate vet-eran, and the family came to Devine now is before the town was laid off; he was one of the founders of the town, an addition named for him. Deceased attended the old Coronal Institute, at San Marcos; was married to David H. Griffin Jan. 13, 1901; the surviving children are: Josh Martin (by a first husband), San Antonio; Claude D. Griffin, Devine; Alton L. Griffin, San Antonio; daughters, Mrs. G.W. Evans and Mrs. Dan Thetford, Devine; Mrs. Herbert Haass, Dunlay; Mrs. Fletcher Rabb, San Antonio; 18 grandchil-dren and 6 great grandchildren. Chapel services were held at the Alamo Funeral Chapel at 2:00 P.M. Sunday and at Methodist Church, in Devine, Sunday, 4:30 P.M.

Services at the chapel and the church here were conducted by Rev. W.J. Weimer, the Alamo Fu-neral directors in charge: W.L. DuBose, for half a century close friend of the family, brought a brief message in the church here, as the body lay in a beautiful grey steel casket banked with rich floral offerings, church crowded with friends and relatives of the family. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery beside the grave of a daugh-ter who passed away a few years ago. The pall-bearers were Fred Bowman, George Thompson, Marshall Littleton, Ernest Crutchfield, Charlie DuBose and Charles Rogers.
(the obit was sent by Billie R. Martin Sorsby March 2002)

More About TIDY MAE HERRING:
Burial: 1942, Evergreen Cemetery, Devine, Medina Co., TX¹²¹

Notes for NANNIE (NANCY) EMMA PARKS:
From Maxine Elliott Gilliam, June 19, 2001

Nannie always had black hair and always wanted to have grey hair. I can remember her saying" I am 65 years old and not a grey hair in my head".

Nannie suffered from severe asthma since my mother ws small. My mother grew up doing the laundry, ironing, cooking and cleaing because Grandma was always sick. They called it cardiac asthma. She would have coughing spells and turn kinda blue. Delos would give her a shot and bring her out of it. She did the most beautiful hand work you ever saw. Did tatting, crochet, cut work and regular embroidery. I have the baby caps she made for me and my next younger sister. I also have some other pieces she made.

More About NANNIE (NANCY) EMMA PARKS:
Burial: 1937, Pawnee, Bee Co., TX¹²²

Notes for ROSA:

In a message from Maxine Elliott Gilliam she relates that Rosa was 65 when she and Delos married and Grandpa was older but don't remember her age. they were so exited about geting married and she had to be sure she had a very pretty nightgown for their wedding night. my Mother thought that was so funny because of Rosa's age.(June 12, 2001)

Child of DELOS MARTIN and TIDY HERRING is:

- i. JOSHUA HERRING⁴ MARTIN¹²³, b. 19 June 1894, Hays Co., Texas or Medina Co., TX¹²⁴; d. 05 November 1968, Ingram, Kerr Co., Texas¹²⁵; m. (1) LOUISE BURRIS¹²⁶, 02 July 1914, Karnes Co., TX¹²⁷; b. Abt. 1895¹²⁸; d. Abt. 1931, Kerrville, Kerr Co., TX¹²⁹; m. (2) GRACE CORNELIA SURBER¹³⁰, 12 March 1934, Fredricksburg, TX; b. 16 May 1904, Kerrville, Kerr Co., TX¹³¹; d. 04 July 1997, San Antonio, TX¹³².

Notes for JOSHUA HERRING MARTIN:

"I am not certain about this, Rose, but I am under the impression that Josh was raised by his mother

somewhere in West Texas or the Panhandle. I know he and DeLos made contact at times through the years. My Mother did not have any contact with Josh, they did not see each other or correspond or anything. I do believe she had seen him when she was young. I never saw him or if I did I was too young to remember."

He may be the Josh Martin who is listed on the SS Death Index# 458-09-1668
born June 19 1894 and died November 1968 in Ingram, TX (Kerr Co)
The is a Josh Martin in the Nichols Cemetery at Ingram with these dates with a Grace Martin.

Another researcher has said that her Griffin ancestor was married to Tidy Mae Herring and that her grandmother had often spoken about Josh Martin and that they were related but she never knew how.

Rites Wednesday for Josh Herring Martin, 74
(Kerrville Mountain Sun Nov. 13, 1968)
The last rites for Josh Herring Martin Sr. 74 were held last Wednesday afternoon in the Plummer-Fair Chapel with Rev. Sid Reeves officiating. He died Nov. 5 in Peterson Hospital where he had been a patient for six days. Interment was in Nichols Cemetery.

A native of Medina County, he had lived in Kerr County for 34 years and in Ingram for 10 years. He was a retired auto mechanic, farmer, ranchman and was a former Kerr County Deputy Sheriff.

He is survived by his wife of the home; three sons Dick Martin of Kerrville, Josh W. Martin of Ingram and Quincy Martin of Alpine; five daughters Mrs. Virgil Beam, Kerrville, Mrs. Gladys Mendoza ,San Antonio; Mrs. Georgia Crow, Helotes; Mrs. Hazel Arthur of Riverside CA and Mrs. Edgar Forsby of Houston, 25 grandchildren and 10 g- grandchildren.

Obituaries 1997 by Gloria Dozier, copied by Gloria for me...
In a newspaper (name not given, but may also be Kerrville Mountain Sun) Sunday July 6, 1997 Grace Martin.. services pending, died in San Antonio on Friday July 4, 1997 age 93.

Kerrville Mountain Sun, July 9, 1997

Mrs. Grace Martin 93 of Helotes died Friday in a San Antonio Hospital. Born May 16 1904 in Kerrville, she was a long time resident of Kerrville before moving to Helotes in 1979.

Martin was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters Georgia Crow and husband Clyde of Helotes, Rita Mendoza of San Antonio, a son Quincy H. Martin and wife Linda of Alpine; step daughters Hazel Arthur of Riverside CA; Billie Sorsby of Kerrville and Catherine Beam of Floresville, 14 grandchildren, 26 G-Grandchildren and one GG grandchild.

Her husband Josh Martin preceded her in death in 1968.
Graveside services were Sunday at Nichols Cemetery in Ingram with Dr. Phil Tilden officiating.

Kerrville Mountain Sunday Oct.16 1982

Josh W. Martin
Memorial services for Josh W. Martin 69 of Ingram were held from the Chapel of Kerrville Funeral Home. He passed away October 12 in a local nursing home.

A resident of Ingram for 31 years, he was born May 28 1913 in Medina County. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and a painting contractor. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth of Ingram, two sons Walter Martin of Ingram and Joe Martin of Levelland; 3 sisters Mrs. Catherine Beam of Floresville, Mrs. Billie New of Coleman and Hazel Arthur of Riverside CA and 8 grandchildren.

To Maxine from Rose Aug. 7, 2001
Enclosing results of some searches on Birth and SSDI. Also found one on SSDI for Georgia Crow 29 May 1916 to 23 Oct. 1997 Leander, Travis Co. and Clyde Crow 28 Oct 1910 to 17 March 1995 San Antonio, Bexar Co. and a Dick Martin 12 Oct. 1935 to Feb. 1987 in Rosemead, Los Angeles Co. CA, SS card applied for in TX Check more tomorrow, maybe the kids are not divided up as I thought.??? Rose
[Herring-Martin.FTW]

Nichols Cemetery 3 mi. west of Kerrville in Kerr County. Ingram is a little town near Kerrville. That was his last address. The graves are listed alphabetically and there are only 2 Martins listed so I would assume the other one was his wife:

Josh Martin Born: 1894 Died 1968
Grace Martin Born 1904 Died no date

Also on 1910 Kerr Co. census

Page 2B line 56 Amelia Martin age 24, ED 162 Handwritten page 212
Page 56 Garrett Martin 30 162 262

1920 Kerr Co. Tx census

Page 3A line 17 Emilie Martin age 34 ED 125 handwritten page 210
18 Chester 10 125
19 Mabel 7

Page 1B line 82 Jennie S. Martin 21 125 208

Services for Josh Martin Held Today

Funeral Services for Josh Herring Martin Sr., 74, of Ingram, who died in a local hospital will be held this afternoon at 3 PM in Plummer Fair Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Sid Rees of Country Community Church officiating. Burial will be in Nichols Cemetery.

Mr. Martin had lived in Ingram ten years and in Kerr County for 34 years.

He was born June 19, 1896 in Medina County, Martindale, TX.

Mr. Martin was a retired automobile mechanic and farmer rancher. He was also a former Kerr County Deputy Sheriff.

His marriage to the former Grace Surber took place March 12 1934 in Fredricksburg.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Grace Surber Martin; sons Quincy Harrison Martin, Alpine; Dick Martin, Kerrville, Josh Martin, Ingram, five daughters Mrs. Virgil Beam, Kerrville; Mrs. Hazel Arthur, Riverside CA; Mrs. Edgar Sorsby, Houston; Mrs Gladys Mendoza, San Antonio; Mrs. Georgia Crow, Helotes; 25 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

(sent by Billie Sorsby, March 2002)

More About JOSHUA HERRING MARTIN:

Burial: 1968, Nichols Cemetery, Kerr Co., TX¹³³

Notes for LOUISE BURRIS:

REMAINS OF LAREDO WOMAN BROUGHT HOME FOR BURIAL

The remains of Mrs. Louise Martin, 36, wife of Josh Martin, daughter-in-law to Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Griffin, arrived here Saturday night, from Kerrville, accompanied by the husband, five children, and Mr. and Mrs. John Carnes, brother and sister. Deceased's maiden name was Burris, born and reared at Cannes City; was married July 2nd, 1914, in Kennedy, coming to his home here, where they resided for a time, moving later to Laredo, where four years ago she contracted tuberculosis troubles. She spent some time at Carlsbad sanatorium, was pronounced cured; but after returning home, the trouble came back. A month ago she came to her mother's home here at Devine; and after a rest went on to Kerrville, but it was too late, as her immortal spirit quietly slipped out of the emaciated body early Saturday morning. Besides her husband, she leaves six children, ranging in age from 18 to 3 years:

Willard, Inez, Catherine, Richard, Hazel and Billie Ruth; two brothers, Delbert Burris, of Hazelton, N.M., and Berle Burris, of San Antonio; three sisters, Mrs. Kate Spencer, of Ingleside; Mrs. Virgie Hobbs and Miss Mary Burris, of San Antonio. The funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon, at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Evans, by Rev. A. M. Foster and the writer. Deceased had been a member of the Methodist church at Devine for 18 years, joining the church soon after her marriage, under the pastorate of Rev. S.M. Hull. the pallbearers were Elbert, Arnold and Alton Griffin of Devine; John Carnes of Kerrville; Carl Nichols of Ingleside; and Willie Evans of Devine.

(sent by Billie R. Sorsby March 2002)

More About LOUISE BURRIS:

Burial: Devine, Medina Co., TX¹³⁴

More About GRACE CORNELIA SURBER:

Burial: 1997, Nichols Cemetery, Kerr Co., TX¹³⁵

Children of DELOS MARTIN and NANNIE PARKS are:

- ii. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁴ MARTIN¹³⁶, b. April 1900, Hays Co., TX¹³⁷; d. Bef. 1909, Hays Co., TX¹³⁸.
- iii. JOSEPH FRANKLIN MARTIN¹³⁹, b. 01 August 1906, Central Texas¹⁴⁰; d. April 1957, Houston, Harris Co., Texas¹⁴⁰; Adopted child; m. EDITH GLYNN FOWLER^{141,142}, Abt. 1936; b. Abt. 1909, Uvalde, TX; d. 09 June 1980, Galveston, TX¹⁴³.

Notes for JOSEPH FRANKLIN MARTIN:

Information from Maxine Elliott Gilliam, July 3, 2001:

He was adopted by Delos and Nancy, sometime before 1909. He lived at home until he married. He was living with them in Sabinal when I was very small and I thought he was the "greatest". He married Edith Fowler from Uvalde and I am not sure but believe they lived in Uvalde before they moved to Houston. When in that area he worked for the electric company that supplied the electricity to that area. When there was a thunderstorm he would have to go out to repair the lines, etc. to restore electricity. He was tall and slender. I will send you pictures of him. Then he and Aunt Edith moved to Houston and Uncle Joe worked as an inspector for the Texas Highway Dept. The first place I visited them there was at Addicks (a tiny suburb in the mid 1940's.) Then they moved to Spring Branch. They lived in an older house that was in very good condition and had quite a bit of land around it, not just on a lot. It was down the street from the Spring Branch School. Their street dead-ended at the school. They had several children. The oldest was a boy who was born probably about 1938 and he was called Frankie. Not sure but think he was a Jr. Then they had a girl Mary Ann. After that there was Bobby, Donnie, Shirley and maybe more. I can't remember the names of any others. Uncle Joe was an inspector on all the first freeways built in Houston and that big tunnel. We visited them several times there and he took us though the tunnel and to see a lot of places and showed us the super highways he was inspector on. Aunt Edith was a "stay-at-home" Mom and such a good one. She was a good housekeeper and cook and took such good care of all her family. She sewed beautifully and even made western shirts for the boys with all the trim they put on them in the 1950's. In about 1959 Uncle Joe was on an overpass that was under construction and some of the state officials were up there with him. It is believed that he caught his pant leg on welding rods that were sticking up and he fell to the pavement below----if my memory is right it was about 30 feet down. They said his head was bursted open and when they got to him he said "Go tell my wife." and he was gone. Frankie graduated from Spring Branch High School the next month and all the children were younger of course.

Aunt Edith managed to raise them all and lived to see some grandchildren. I can't remember just what year she died. Since her death we have completely lost contact with any of them. We would love to get in touch with some of them. We have some things such as pictures that we would like to share.

Uncle Joe graduated high school at Pawnee, TX where he and Mother grew up and Mother graduated there. We were in close contact with them always until Uncle Joe died and then continued contact with Aunt Edith since we all loved both of them.

- iv. GLADYS MAE MARTIN¹⁴⁴, b. 07 December 1907, Austin, Travis Co. TX¹⁴⁴; d. 22 January 1996, New Braunfels, Texas¹⁴⁴; Adopted child; m. HENRY HOBSON ELLIOTT¹⁴⁵; b. 05 September 1898¹⁴⁶; d. 22 February 1972, Pawnee Cemetery, Bee Co., TX¹⁴⁶.

Notes for GLADYS MAE MARTIN:

I really do not know if they went through legal procedures and papers would be filed or not===I have always assumed they did. My mother said she remembered a young lady coming to visit Nannie when mother was about 5 yrs. old and Nannie called Mother in to talk to the lady. She said when the lady left she was crying and Mother wondered who she was and why she was crying. In later years she always thought that had been her birth mother. Sarah Gravis had promised Nannie and Delos that she would never contact my mother as long as they were alive. It was not very long after the death of Delos that Sarah Gravis Darty contacted Aunt Delta to find out where Mother was and then contacted her. Aunt Delta was the one who knew about the little Gladys and arranged for the adoption.

Sarah Elizabeth Allen Gravis who in later years married a Darty. The adoption would have been about 1910, not sure of the date. My mother's name was Annie Mae Gravis before the adoption and it was changed to Gladys Mae Martin. There were 2 or 3 "Gravis" families in Hays County on the 1900 census. The story I have been given was that her father refused to work and her mother got sick and could not care for her. I knew nothing more until recently when I ordered and got a copy of Sarah Elizabeth's Social Security application. I found out her parents were Joseph Allen and Mary Elizabeth Edwards Allen.

More About GLADYS MAE MARTIN:

Adoption: Abt. 1909

Burial: 1992, Pawnee Cemetery, Bee Co., TX¹⁴⁶

More About HENRY HOBSON ELLIOTT:
Burial: 1972, Pawnee Cemetery, Bee Co., TX¹⁴⁶

8. ALTA³ MARTIN (*BENJAMIN FRANKLIN*², *THOMAS*¹)¹⁴⁷ was born 31 March 1878 in Round Rock, Williamson Co., Texas¹⁴⁷, and died 26 August 1948 in Spur, Dickens Co., Texas¹⁴⁸. She married HARRISON JOE (JOSEPH?) PARKS 21 December 1896 in Travis Co., Texas^{149,150}, son of JOSEPH PARKS and ALTHEA COX. He was born 12 September 1877 in Benton Co., Arkansas, and died 27 October 1961 in Brownwood, Texas.

Notes for ALTA MARTIN:
1878-1948

She is well remembered by many people. I do not believe she was the type of person to be outgoing, but she was friendly and had a caring personality toward every one she came into contact with.

She became a mother figure to Maggie when she came into the family as Maggie's own mother had died 3 years earlier.

She probably petted and did for her children TOO much, as it seemed many of them tended to stay too close for too long.

L.D. remembers going to her house and every time she would ask "Are you hungry?" She told Maggie that the reason L.D. was not growing was because she spanked him too much. You can bet how that went over!!

She had dark brown hair and brown eyes. When she died at age 70 her hair was only about 1/2 grey.

She spent a lot of time in the kitchen cooking for the large family, their friends and guest. She was apparently proud of her family background as she had several pictures of them, and would tell L.D. who they were, but child that he was, he didn't remember the stories she told about them.

A poem written by A. Parks

As I journey toward the evening of my time
What have I done for this Savior of mine
Have I turned a stranger from my door?
Or, have I the widows and orphans ignored-
Have I trampled the mercies of God under my feet?
Or counted the floor of the covenant incomplete
Then I see Jesus at the end of time.
Searching for fruit upon my vine
He says the axe is laid at the root of the tree
For everyone that bareth no fruit for me.
So let us come down from our lofty heights
and humble ourselves in Jesus sight-
Pride and high looks doth God hate
And it will surely turn us from the gate.
So let us now begin to repent of days gone by and a life misspent
And Jesus is ready to forgive
If we for him our lives would live.

When Alta died in 1948 Delos lived in San Antonio, Denson and Tiny in San Marcos, Beulah Hofheinz in New Braunfels, Delta in Houston and Zada Dickey in Sweetwater. Her sister Edith Shelton had died the previous year and brother Desha died in 1902.

Final Rites for Mrs. Alta Parks

Funeral services were conducted in Bethel Baptist Church at 9:30 A.M. August 29 for Mrs. Alta Parks, 70, a resident of Dickens county for 30 years. Officiating pastor was Rev. Doc Love assisted by Rev. J. F. Eads of

Assembly of God Church. Interment was in Spur Cemetery with Chandler Funeral Home in charge.

Mrs. Parks was born in Round Rock , TX in 1878. She was married to H.J. Parks at Austin and they lived in Goforth before moving to this county in 1918. Mrs. Parks joined the Nazarene Church at an early age.

Survivors include her husband, H.J. Parks; four sons: Allison R., Ervin (Irving) TX; Gordon, Arizona; Martin and Rev. Billy Sunday, CA; two daughters: Mrs. Bernice Markham, CA and Mrs. Beryl Harris, Kansas City, MO.; two brothers: DeLos Martin, San Antonio; Denson Martin, San Marcos; four sisters: Miss Tiny Martin and Mrs. Beulah Hoffines, New Braunfels; Mrs. Delta Dalton, Houston; and Mrs. Zada Dickey, Sweetwater. Active pallbearers were W.R. Hill, Jimmy Hahn, Lafayette Robinson, Lester English, Elmer Thomason and Clark Morgan.

More About ALTA MARTIN:

Burial: 1948, Spur Cemetery, Spur, Dickens Co., Tx.

Fact 6: housewife

Fact 7: loving, caring person

Fact 9: Church of Nazareen

Medical Information: Heart disease

More About HARRISON JOE (JOSEPH?) PARKS:

Burial: 1961, Spur Cemetery, Spur, Dickens Co., Tx.

Comment 1: heavy dark brown hair and brown eyes

Event 2: 1896, Volume 9 page 403

Fact 6: farmer, owned a wagon yard in Hays Co.

Children of ALTA MARTIN and HARRISON PARKS are:

- i. ALLISON (PAT) R.⁴ PARKS, b. 06 March 1898, Hays Co., Texas; d. 10 September 1971, Irving, Texas; m. NANNIE SHELTON, 22 December 1922, Hamilton, Texas; b. 05 February 1906, Hamilton, Hamilton County, Texas; d. 20 July 1980, Irving, Texas.

Notes for ALLISON (PAT) R. PARKS:
1898-1971

He was named after his father's twin brother, but I never heard what the R. stood for. He had sandy hair and brown eyes and was not as tall as many of the Parks boys, about 5 foot 7 inches. He moved to the Dallas area before his marriage, I believe and evidently started his mechanic work then. He had his own garage for many years, later leasing it out to some one else. One or two of his brothers came down to live with him and his wife for short periods of time to find employment.

More About ALLISON (PAT) R. PARKS:

Burial: 1971, Oak Grove Cemetery, Irving, Texas

- ii. R. BEN PARKS, b. 28 October 1900, Hays Co. Texas; d. 16 July 1925, Spur, Dickens Co., Texas; m. IRENE HAMMONDS.

More About R. BEN PARKS:

Burial: 1925, Spur Cemetery, Dickens Co., Texas

- iii. DELOS ELMO PARKS, b. 16 September 1902, Hays Co., Texas; d. 28 September 1938, Spur, Dickens Co., Texas; m. MAGGIE LEE HORN¹⁵¹, 23 May 1923, Lubbock, TX; b. 21 February 1906, Hopkins Co., Texas¹⁵¹; d. 07 March 2002, Clarksville, Red River Co., TX.

Notes for DELOS ELMO PARKS:
1902-1938

His life began in Hays County, Texas near Goforth. Later his parents moved to Memphis in Hall County, Texas. I believe they bought a farm but lost it and moved to Dickens County, near Spur. This is where the family stayed for many years and there in the Spur Memorial Cemetery are where many of them are buried.

Delos told his son he attained his height of about 6 foot by the time he was 13 years old. He had heavy dark

brown hair and hazel eyes.

He farmed with his father off and on for several years, going off to the wheat/grain harvest sometimes and working in Dallas once. He and Maggie both went to Barber College in Oklahoma City, Delos quit before finishing, but Maggie got her certificate. Neither of them ever did this as a profession.

Delos found out a few years before his death that he had diabetes, after an accident at the gin where he worked, but he would not watch his diet and did not take his medicine. Some thought because he was a large, healthy looking man, that he was lazy, but most of his problem stemmed from the untreated diabetes.

His wife says he was ordained into the Assembly of God Church, but the offices of the church can find no records, but he did preach for several years around Spur and held some revivals, I'm told. They are perhaps some of those records which disappear sometimes, or perhaps he made the profession, but never followed through on the paper work.

His wife said he would work hard on the farm with his father and about when time came to lay-by the crop for the year, his father would pick a fight and then Delos, Maggie and L.D. would leave and never get the crop profits due them.

Delos was a strict parent, and when he told L.D. to do something, he meant for him to do it NOW, and a few times had to show L.D. what he meant.

He did not get out and play ball or other games with his son, perhaps he was not sport minded, and also did not have the energy, due to his diabetic condition.

More About DELOS ELMO PARKS:

Burial: 1938, Spur Cemetery, Spur, Texas

More About MAGGIE LEE HORN:

Burial: 09 March 2002, Lydia Cemetery, Red River Co., TX

- iv. RAYMOND PARKS, b. 28 March 1903, Hays Co. Texas; d. 28 February 1904, Hays Co. Texas.

More About RAYMOND PARKS:

Burial: 1904, Martin Church Cemetery, Goforth, Hays Co., TX

- v. GORDON PARKS, b. 02 January 1906, Hays Co., Texas; d. 11 November 2000, Dell City, Texas; m. LOLA MAE WEAVER, 27 July 1924, Dickens Co., Texas; b. 01 October 1907, Carbon, Eastland Co., Texas; d. 06 January 2000, El Paso, Texas.

Notes for GORDON PARKS:

1906- 2000

He had very dark brown/black hair and hazel eyes. He is of slim build and about 5 foot 11 inches tall.

At age 80, his hair is still dark, not very much grey. But by 90 his hair was mostly gray but a very full head of hair.

He has been a farmer all his life.

More About GORDON PARKS:

Burial: 14 November 2000, Dell City, Texas Cemetery

More About LOLA MAE WEAVER:

Burial: 09 January 2000, Dell City, TX Cemetery

- vi. GRACE VIVRENE PARKS, b. 02 September 1908, Hays Co., Texas; d. 08 August 1934, Dallas, Texas; m. B.B. MCMEANS.

More About GRACE VIVRENE PARKS:

Burial: 1934, Spur Cemetery, Spur, Dickens Co., Tx.

- vii. MARTIN PARKS, b. 11 May 1911, Hays Co., Texas; d. 01 August 1986, Oakland, California; m. LORETTA MATTIE SPARKS, 03 June 1933, Dickens County, Texas; b. 01 January 1915, Dickens County, Texas; d. 25 May 1995, Oakland, California.

Notes for MARTIN PARKS:

1911--1986

He was given the name for his mothers family name. He had black slightly wavy hair and hazel eyes. He was about 5 foot 10 inches tall.

He had lost all his fingers on one hand in a farm accident but it did not hamper his mechanic ability, or in any other way deter him from what he wanted to do.

After he moved to Oakland, California in early 1940's he began mechanic work and eventually had his own garage.

He loved to tease but did it in such a way that you were never sure if he was joking or not.

Martin Parks

Services for Martin Parks, 75, San Leandro, CA were held at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward CA August 5, 11 A.M. with the Rev. Harold Thomas, pastor of Grace Baptist Church officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Bill Parks Fresno, CA.

Burial was in Chapel of Chimes Cemetery.

He was born in Goforth, TX on March 11 1911 and moved to Dickens County as a small child, living most of his life near Spur.

He married Loretta Sparks and in 1937 moved to CA where he operated his own business until he retired.

Survivors include his wife Loretta; one son Jerome Parks, Hayward CA; two sisters Beryl Harris, Kansas City, Kansas and Bernice Jackson, Patterson, CA and Gordon Parks, Dell City, TX, two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

More About MARTIN PARKS:

Burial: 1986, Chapel of Chimes Cemetery, Hayward, CA

- viii. VIRGIL PARKS, b. 06 May 1913, Hays Co., Texas; d. 15 March 1933, Spur, Dickens Co., Texas.

More About VIRGIL PARKS:

Burial: 1933, Spur Cemetery, Spur, Dickens Co., Tx.

- ix. UNA BERYL PARKS, b. 20 June 1915, Hays Co., Texas; d. 18 October 1994, Independence, Missouri; m. (1) VIRGIL LEE BILBREY, 25 December 1928; b. 01 March 1907; d. 20 March 1932, Dickens County, Texas; m. (2) KENNETH WAYNE HARRIS, 10 February 1946; b. Abt. 1914; d. 05 October 1991, Independence, Mo..

More About VIRGIL LEE BILBREY:

Burial: 1932, Spur Cemetery, Dickens Co., Tx.

- x. BERNICE PARKS, b. 06 January 1917, Hays Co. Texas; d. 21 November 1990, Patterson, Stanislaus Co., California; m. (1) J.B. MARKUM, 22 June 1935; b. 22 July 1905, Waco, Texas; d. 08 February 1968, Patterson, Stanislaus Co., California; m. (2) STERLING JACKSON, 20 October 1973; d. 12 October 1976.

Notes for BERNICE PARKS:

1917-1990

She had brown hair with very little gray at age 70. She had hazel/green eyes and about 5 foot 7 inches tall. She had her License Vocational Nurse Certificate, I am not sure how long, but before 1975. Her last job as LVN was at an industrial plant which she said was the easiest job she had ever had.

More About BERNICE PARKS:

Burial: 1990, Patterson, Stanislaus Co. California

More About J.B. MARKUM:

Burial: 1968, Patterson, Stanislaus Co. California

- xi. BILLY SUNDAY PARKS¹⁵², b. 18 April 1920, Spur, Dickens Co., Texas; d. 24 September 2002, Fresno, CA; m. (1) EDNA GERALDINE JACKSON, 09 December 1939, Spur, Dicken Co., Texas; b. 13 February 1923, Stevenville, Texas; d. 17 February 1949, Galt, California; m. (2) JEAN IONE DANIELSON, 09 August 1949, Everett, Washington; b. 16 July 1928, Tacoma, Washington.

Notes for BILLY SUNDAY PARKS:

1920-

He has brown hair and hazel/blue eyes and about 6 ft. tall. A bad hip joint caused a limp for many years but he had replacement surgery and is spared much pain because of it.

He has been an Assembly of God preacher all of his adult life. He left Texas for California in early 1940's and has pastored many churches in the central part of California.

He and L.D. were so close in age, even though he was the Uncle, they were good buddies. They have many stories of things they did together.

He has had diabetes from a young age, but lives with it fairly well and keeps it under control. (Until 1999 when his kidney's failed)

He was named for an evangelist very popular about the time he was born.

More About BILLY SUNDAY PARKS:

Burial: 27 September 2002, Floral Memorial Park, Selma, CA

More About EDNA GERALDINE JACKSON:

Burial: 1949, Matador, Texas

9. EDITH³ MARTIN (*BENJAMIN FRANKLIN*², *THOMAS*¹)¹⁵³ was born 22 March 1880 in Hays County, Texas¹⁵³, and died 21 February 1947 in Artesia, NM^{153,154}. She married STEVENS JASPER SHELTON^{155,156} 11 March 1896^{157,158}. He was born 16 September 1869¹⁵⁹.

Notes for EDITH MARTIN:

I got the address from L.D.'s cousin last week and wrote to Tina, Edith and S.J. Shelton's daughter and sent her some information on Delos you had given me and told her something of what we knew and what we needed to find. She called me this morning. I did not follow all she said because she talked about some of her brothers and sisters, then their children and I was lost... but she does have some things and will package them up and mail me. She said it might be a few weeks, she was slowing down, she is 86. Her husband is still living and they have a son living with them.

She told me some amazing things though that I did not always know where she was...

She did not mention any place they lived after Hays Co. until Matador and one of her brothers stayed there when the rest of the family moved on to Roswell NM. They had gone to visit "Aunt Alta" and she had made a pie crust out of bacon grease. Bernice wanted to make it out of some new lard or shortening she had bought at the store but Alta wouldn't let her. This was in 1933. She remembered Delos and saw L.D. They seemed to have stayed several days. She wanted some of the boys to take her to town to catch a bus or something home but Alta said they had to work and she could catch the mail man and ride back to town with him, so she did.

Tina had sisters Dorothy, Hazel, Rena and a brother Cecil and Jack, these are all I got down but believe she said there were 8 of them. They were in Ca last year she said and visited Bill, then again she said 1999, so not sure which, had been there 5 years earlier.

Her sister Hazel died in July 9 (of 1999 or 2000, whichever year they visited CA) and her sister Dorothy died Sept. 16 and Rena died Dec. all the same year. I believe she said again on this it was 1999 when they died. Dorothy lived in Mt. Shasta, then Redding, CA (and they died just after they were in CA so it was probably 1999 and just seems like last year)

So I hope she sends me the packet of items, she seems in good health, and I'll get them sent back to her.

She has a photo of R.V. Herring and Tilda and she has a photo of B.F.

She said that she was told that Joseph , B.F. and a brother all went to CA. One brother went into southern CA and stayed there. Joseph and B.F. stayed in CA then went to Oregon and she had been up there and found the deed to land B.F. had bought and then he sold and went to Mexico for awhile, then he and Joseph got back together and came back to Texas.

She said that Denson had a little cedar box, about a foot long or a bit more but not as deep and wide with some old photos and she would have died for a copy of them but Denson wouldn't part with them. She doesn't know

what happened to them but thinks Gloria may have had them. She said Denson bought Bryon and Gloria a place (don't know if he lived with Bryon or just near) thinking that when he got old, then Byron and Gloria would take care of him but after Byron died, Gloria moved a man in with her and Denson left. Denson said that is the only reason she let him move in is because she knew Denson wouldn't put up with it and move out. He died in a nursing home Tina said.

Tina said her fathers name was Stevens Jasper Shelton and went for awhile by Stevens but later started going by Jack and named a son Jack. Someone in the family now has a son named Carroll Shelton in Dallas.

Some of Tina's sisters lived in CA and when they went to visit them they would visit the other relatives out there. She mentioned Jo Beth. (Rose to Maxine , Aug. 11, 2001)

Tina did send me the packet which contained some wonderful items. In her notes, she give a sketch of her parents life and where they lived, etc.

Tina says Edith and Jasper married in Goforth in 1896.[My question is where did they get the license, must be Travis Co.] Her sister Dorothy says that the first 2 children Alta Dena and Richard Delos were born in Hamilton Co., Cecil b. in 1903 in San Marcos and Dorothy in San Saba Co. in 1905 then in 1907 they moved to Fredricksburg where the next 3 children were born and Tina was born in 1915 in Comfort in Kendall Co., TX. When Tina was 7-8 months old they moved to Kerrville. S. J. drove a mail truck. It was a German town and they tried to run everyone out of town that wasn't German and Tina got poisoned on ground glass in her oatmeal, was sick several weeks and lost all her hair. After that about 1917 or 1918 they moved to San Saba Co., again and in 1920 we boarded up the house, stored all the furniture in one room and moved to Matador. Daddy and Cecil had 2 trucks and one burned up the night before we got to Matador.

We left Matador in the truck on our way to Boulder Dam, drove off the cap rock at Bottomless Lake and entered Pecos Valley [I don't know where Bottomless Lake is but Pecos Valley is not anywhere near the way to Boulder Dam from Matador , or not the Pecos Valley I know about] acres of apples and celery, the first celery I had ever seen.

Daddy and the truck went to work hauling apples to packing sheds. Mother, Dorothy and Hazel packed apples, when the season was over we picked cotton.

Jack ran away from home while we were at Roswell, he was about 12. Then Dorothy met Wilburn Bogart from Hope, NM and it was love at first sight. They got married in October 1920 (or 1921) This really put Mother down for awhile with both the children gone.

Then we moved to Artesia, NM. It was an oil boom town and at the time there were no houses to rent, Daddy bought a WW II tent, made a board floor and boards up about 3 foot high. We lived there in the tent 2-3 years. Later moved to Thomas Camp in 1932 and Mother ran a boarding house in 1936.

Tina said her mother remembers when Grandpa Martin built the house in Goforth. She was jumping from 2x4 to 2x4 and fell and broke her arm at the elbow. It was set crooked and hurt her all her life and it wasn't straight,

More About EDITH MARTIN:

Burial: 1947, Artesia, NM

Children of EDITH MARTIN and STEVENS SHELTON are:

- i. ALTA DENA⁴ SHELTON¹⁵⁹, b. 06 May 1899, Hamilton Co., TX^{159,160}; d. 24 October 1910, San Saba, San Saba Co., TX¹⁶¹.
- ii. RICHARD DELOS SHELTON¹⁶², b. 11 June 1901, Hamilton Co., TX^{162,163}; d. 21 May 1907, San Saba, San Saba Co., TX¹⁶⁴.
- iii. CECIL SHELTON¹⁶⁵, b. 16 February 1903, San Marcos, Hays Co., TX¹⁶⁵; d. September 1999; m. GRACE.
- iv. DOROTHY SHELTON¹⁶⁵, b. 16 May 1905, San Saba, San Saba Co., TX^{165,166}; d. 16 September 1999, CA; m. WILBURN BOGART¹⁶⁶, October 1920, NM¹⁶⁶; b. Hope, NM.

Notes for DOROTHY SHELTON:

Dorothy Shelton spent 1-2 years, 1917 and 18 (9th grade) with her Grandmother, R.V. Herring Martin and learned manners, poise and style the rest of us didn't know. It was called the "Martin Pride" by us sisters. She could meet anyone and know how to act, joined the Women's Club in Mt. Shasta, CA. [according to notes

written by Tina Shelton Chester] R.V. had moved from the farm to San Marcos when Dorothy lived with her.

More About DOROTHY SHELTON:

Burial: 1999, CA

- v. TOMIE HAZEL SHELTON¹⁶⁷, b. 16 March 1909, San Saba, San Saba Co., TX¹⁶⁷; d. 25 July 1999; m. CLYDE PARKS, Abt. 1935.
- vi. JACK SHELTON¹⁶⁷, b. 26 January 1911, San Saba, San Saba Co., TX¹⁶⁷.
- vii. RENA JEAN SHELTON¹⁶⁷, b. 24 April 1913, San Saba, San Saba Co., TX^{167,168}; d. December 1998, CA¹⁶⁸.

More About RENA JEAN SHELTON:

Burial: 1998, CA

- viii. TINA JUNE SHELTON¹⁶⁹, b. 01 November 1915, Comfort, Kendall Co., TX¹⁶⁹; m. DOC CHESTER, Abt. 1934; b. Abt. 1915¹⁷⁰.

10. ZADA BELL³ MARTIN (*BENJAMIN FRANKLIN², THOMAS¹*)^{171,172} was born 05 September 1882 in Hays County, Texas¹⁷³, and died 23 November 1957 in Sweetwater, Texas¹⁷³. She married IRA DICKEY¹⁷³ 14 October 1900¹⁷³, son of JAMES DICKEY and D.K. SIMMONS. He was born 16 February 1877¹⁷³, and died 17 March 1931 in Hays Co. Texas^{173,174}.

More About IRA DICKEY:

Burial: 1931, Martin Church Cemetery, near Buda, Texas¹⁷⁵

Children of ZADA MARTIN and IRA DICKEY are:

- i. MARVIN D.⁴ DICKEY, b. 02 February 1901; d. Abt. 1946, Brownwood, Brown Co., TX; m. LENA FRANCES MANN¹⁷⁶, Abt. 1928.
- ii. INEZ DICKEY, b. 07 August 1902; d. 29 March 1980; m. JOHN HAZZY GREEN; b. 14 August 1892; d. 10 April 1976.
- iii. JESSIE LYLE DICKEY¹⁷⁷, b. 30 November 1904, GoForth, Hays Co., TX¹⁷⁷; d. 30 June 1997, Coleman, Coleman Co., TX¹⁷⁷; m. ELMER CALVIN EVANS¹⁷⁸, 20 February 1925, Brownwood, Brown Co., TX¹⁷⁹; b. 06 August 1900, Indian Creek, Coleman Co., TX¹⁷⁹; d. 23 March 1957, Dallas Co., TX¹⁷⁹.

More About JESSIE LYLE DICKEY:

Burial: 1997, Rocky Creek Cemetery, Brown Co., TX

More About ELMER CALVIN EVANS:

Burial: 1957, Rocky Creek Cemetery, Brown Co., TX¹⁷⁹

- iv. OPEAL R.V. DICKEY, b. 08 August 1907; m. ? GOWEN.
- v. HOWARD DELBERT DICKEY¹⁸⁰, b. Abt. 1910; m. (1) MARY JANE BRINKLEY¹⁸¹, Abt. 1937; m. (2) CORRINE CROSSLAND¹⁸¹, Abt. 1944; m. (3) DOROTHY FAY BROWN¹⁸¹, Abt. 1949.
- vi. ERNEST DICKEY, b. Abt. 1912.
- vii. ROY MARTIN DICKEY, b. Abt. 1915; m. DOROTHY JEAN BENNETT¹⁸¹.

11. BEULAH³ MARTIN (*BENJAMIN FRANKLIN², THOMAS¹*)¹⁸² was born 02 May 1889 in Hays County, Texas¹⁸², and died 10 May 1950 in Comal Co. Texas¹⁸². She married AUGUST JOHN HOFHEINZ¹⁸² 17 November 1909¹⁸². He was born 10 March 1880¹⁸², and died 02 August 1957 in Comal Co. Texas¹⁸².

Notes for BEULAH MARTIN:

Its a common German name and New Braunfels is definitely a German town. The Martins were German and the Hoffhienz were German. Aunt Beulah and Uncle August were just ordinary people---good people, hard working, honest, loving caring people. I always enjoyed being around them when I was a child.

They first lived in a white frame house with a front porch and a white wood picket fence. Just an ordinary house. It was near downtown and in those days New Braunfels was a small town. I am remembering 1931 when Great Grandma R. V. died. I think I spotted that house a few years ago--still there.

That was in the days of the depression when many hobos were traveling across the country. They had many men come to their door wanting food. I remember the adults said they had the house "marked" as one where food would be handed out. I looked but I could not see a mark on the gate or the house. Maybe I wasn't a very good "hobo".

Grandma R. V. was a kind, loving, compassionate person who could not say "no" to a hungry person. The other family members were at work (not sure if Aunt Beulah ever worked outside the home) and Grandma was there all day and she just kept feeding the men who knocked at the door. Finally Auntie and Aunt Beulah told her they would have to stop handing out food because they could not afford all that food.

One day R.V. was home alone and a nice looking young man came to the door with a "story". They all had a story! He had been in California or someplace and his mother was dying across the country and he was trying to get home to her. The story touched Grandma R.V. and she packed him a great meal in a shoe box--fried chicken and other things and stuck a \$1.00 bill in there just in case. She told no one what she had done. She also put her name and address in the box. A couple of months later Grandma got a letter from this young man with a \$1.00 bill in it and a letter thanking her for the good food and telling her that he did reach home and get to see his mother before she died.

Grandma could not hide her joy and shared the event with Auntie, Aunt Beulah and Uncle August. Who knows? She may have said "I told you so." Later they decided to move further out and bought the old two story white frame house that was about a mile farther from town than any other house. In front you could see the highway from New Braunfels to San Antonio maybe 1/2 mile or a mile away and see the cars on the road. There was no electricity at this house and by then they were used to electricity.

Uncle August worked at the plant that made the electricity for the city. That plant building is still there although they shut the operation down many years ago. When we drive by it I always think of them. One day Uncle August took my parents, Aunt Beulah, my little sister and I down to the plant and showed us inside the building where the electricity was made. The building seemed much larger to me then than it does now. I had never seen anything like this before.

Uncle August asked his employer to run an electric line to his new home which would involve about a mile of poles and wires. They told him they would if he would buy an electric stove. So they bought a good used electric stove from someone and put it in the very large kitchen. They also had their old familiar wood stove in the kitchen and they both loved to cook on it. Aunt Beulah said they just told us we had to buy a stove---they didn't say we had to use it! So they did not use the electric stove except when they were in a hurry for something. They continued to cook that very delicious food on the wood stove--great homemade bread, cakes, etc. How hungry I always was at their house!

On one side of the house was an unattached garage and an unpaved driveway. The other side of the house had a very large garden fenced in. Uncle August raised quite a garden. I believe there was a water well in the back yard but not positive about that. The bathroom was on the back of the house. It was an afterthought I am sure the house was built long before average people had bathrooms. A screened porch and bathroom had been added onto the back of the house.

Auntie worked at the cotton mills which were I suppose the main industry in New Braunfels. In the late 1940's I used to go there and buy beautiful plaid gingham fabrics that were so popular at the time and made dresses and shirts from that fabric. Very good fabric. Auntie's job was putting cotton thread on wooden spools. She did this for years and years until she finally retired.

They had two children who were grown and away from home when they bought the big house. Arvina was the oldest and she married a man named James Baker. She was a teacher and he was a school superintendent at a little town on the Texas Gulf Coast. I believe the town was LaMarque or something like that. Willburn was younger than Arvina and may have been in college at that time. I have not seen either of them since Carroll Martin's funeral. When I talked with Wesley Dalton's widow recently she told me Arvina and James are both dead. She has not heard from Willburn since Wesley died in 1994 but so far as she knows he is still alive.

The August Hoffhienz home was sold years ago but is still there and being lived in and does not look bad. I saw it about five years ago. It is in the middle of a busy neighborhood now with houses all around it in every direction. Houses stand where the garden once was and a house right on the other side of the old driveway. Wesley's wife said Willburn had married a girl from New Braunfels and they had lived in her parents old home. She did not know if they still live there or if they were at Dickinson, TX where their son lives. My sister moved from N. B. about two years ago and she said Willburn did not live there when she was there. So, he may still be alive and living at Dickinson. I don't know.

Uncle August was always so good to the kids when we visited. He would put all the kids in his car and drive to Landa Park and show us around and then take us to a place named "The House That Jack Built". He would line us all up on stools and he would order a bottle of beer and all the kids would get ice cream cones. I no longer can find "The House That Jack Built". That was only something over 60 years ago so one would think it should still be there! Really it was closer to 70 than 60 years ago. I can remember times that Uncle Joe and his family and Delos would be there at the same time we were there and some of the Daltons and I don't remember just who all was there.

I attended Aunt Beulah's funeral, but not Aunties for some reason. The last time we saw Uncle August was not very many years before he died. We were traveling through on a Sunday afternoon and we stopped for a short visit. He was on his tractor plowing his garden. Seems like Auntie still lived there then, but not sure about that. I was with my husband and son at that time. He was so happy to see us. We walked out in the garden to the tractor and he was so surprised. From there we went to San Marcos and stopped to see Grandpa (Delos) and Rosa when they lived in the brick senior apartments. That was also the last time I ever saw them.

You said to tell you about Beulah. She was a pleasant, sweet, caring lady who always made us feel welcome. She and Uncle August had a dog that was a Scotty breed. The dog was very old and irritable and they were afraid it would bite kids if they touched it because the dog was not used to children. She would put the dog on the back porch and tell the little ones to stay away from it. This was in the mid to late 1940's. Hope this helps you to know them better.[Maxine Elliott Gilliam]

More About BEULAH MARTIN:

Burial: 1950, Martin Church Cemetery, near Buda, Texas¹⁸³

More About AUGUST JOHN HOFHEINZ:

Burial: 1957, Martin Church Cemetery, near Buda, Texas¹⁸³

Children of BEULAH MARTIN and AUGUST HOFHEINZ are:

- i. ARVINA⁴ HOFHEINZ, b. Abt. 1911; m. JAMES BAKER; d. Abt. 1971, LaPorte, Texas?¹⁸⁴.

Notes for ARVINA HOFHEINZ:

Taught school at Lamarque, TX on the coast. Her husband was a Superintendent or Principal there.

Maxine talked with Arvina Hofhienz Baker on August 1, 2001. She said Arvina told her she is 90 and outlived all her friends. She lives at 208 S. Virginia, La Porte TX 77571 phone 281-471-1304.

She had done a lot of work on the Hofhienz family and found that her grandfather had been a Luthern preacher and preached in several different languages. They had been to Egypt, Russia and the Holy Land, and just all over preaching.

She said Grandma R.V.'s name was just initials but since she was the first granddaughter, her mother wanted to name her for her mother R.V. and just "coined the name Arvina" for her.

(In this she is incorrect because Alta had a daughter Grace Virene born 1908, which we believe was also a form of name for her mother and Zada had a daughter Opeal R.V. born 1907 and Arvina was not born until about 1911 if she is 90, note by Rose)

She said R.V. lived with her family just outside Atlanta GA and they had lots of land and slaves. She didn't know how they got to the Texas Hill Country. R.V.'s mother died from measles about the end of the Civil War and R.V. lived with a Deets family in the Texas Hill country in a log cabin dog trot house with a front porch. Mr. Deets was a cattle driver and was gone all the time on cattle drives but came home several times a year.

The Deets had 6-7 children and they all went to a school that was in the cedar breaks. Sometimes someone would come to the school to tell them to send the children home, the Indians were coming, they were a real threat.

Mr. Deets had a fine blooded horse and the indians would try to steal it. They put a post by the door and chained the horse and locked the chain inside the house. They would hold on to the chain in the house to keep the indians from stealing the horse.

The Bakers had no children.

- ii. WILBURN HOFHEINZ, b. Abt. 1914; m. MARTHA.

Notes for WILBURN HOFHEINZ:

Wilburn told Maxine Gilliam July 31, 2001 in a phone conversation he was teacher and school administrator all his working years.

He said his grandfather Hofheinz was German and his grandmother French. His father August grew up in a home where French was spoken as an everyday language and that August could speak French, German, Spanish and English.

He said the Martins were a superstitious people and believed in ghost. He remembered his mother, Tina and R.V. talking about a house where they lived and it had ghost and they really believed it. He did not remember where the house was but maybe near Kerrville.

He did not think R.V. had a name, just the initials

He has a residence in 815 Rosewood Dr., Dickenson TX 77539, 281-337-2171 and sometimes lives at New Braunfels, which must be the O.M. Hofheinz I found at 412 N. Union Ave. New Braunfels 78130 because the phone number is the same that his son David gave Maxine, 830-625-4474.

12. DENSON³ MARTIN (BENJAMIN FRANKLIN², THOMAS¹)¹⁸⁵ was born 23 August 1892 in Hays County, Texas¹⁸⁵, and died June 1986 in Napa, California¹⁸⁶. He married IRENE H. CARROLL^{187,188} 18 February 1912 in Hays Co., Texas^{189,190}. She was born 09 March 1892 in San Saba Co., TX^{191,192}, and died 12 May 1976 in Napa, Napa Co., CA¹⁹³.

More About DENSON MARTIN:

Burial: 1986, Napa, Napa Co., CA

More About IRENE H. CARROLL:

Burial: 1976, Napa, Napa Co., CA

Children of DENSON MARTIN and IRENE CARROLL are:

- i. CARROLL DELOS⁴ MARTIN¹⁹⁴, b. 03 May 1913, TX^{195,196}; d. 23 April 1936, TX.

Notes for CARROLL DELOS MARTIN:

He was away in some state that was just a far away place to me at the time. He was in the C.C.C.s the government had at the time--a make work program the government had during the depression. I remember going to his funeral and that all the family was at the Beulah and August Hoffhienz home in New Braunfels. I believe he was killed in some type of accident.

More About CARROLL DELOS MARTIN:

Burial: 1936, Martin Church Cemetery, near Buda, Texas¹⁹⁶

- ii. BYRON FREDRICK MARTIN^{197,198}, b. 1916, Hays Co, TX^{?199}; d. 31 January 1974, Colorado²⁰⁰; m. GLORIA C.²⁰¹, 21 October 1942²⁰²; b. 1918²⁰³; d. 1990, Hays Co, TX²⁰⁴.

Notes for BYRON FREDRICK MARTIN:

Byron lived in Colorado Springs when he died. He was on a step ladder in his home to change a light bulb and he fell off the ladder and broke his neck. {Maxine Elliott Gilliam}

More About BYRON FREDRICK MARTIN:

Burial: 1974, Martin Church Cemetery, near Buda, Texas²⁰⁴

More About GLORIA C.:

Burial: 1990, Martin Church Cemetery, near Buda, Texas²⁰⁴

- iii. JO BETH BESS MARTIN²⁰⁵, b. 15 December 1924, Bee Co., TX^{?206}; d. 06 October 1998, Napa, Napa Co., CA²⁰⁶; m. JAMES F. CRIST²⁰⁷, 12 June 1943, Seguinte, Comal Co., TX²⁰⁸.

More About JO BETH BESS MARTIN:

Burial: 1998, Napa, Napa Co., CA

13. DELTA³ MARTIN (*BENJAMIN FRANKLIN*², *THOMAS*¹)²⁰⁹ was born 27 August 1895 in Hays County, Texas²⁰⁹, and died 26 June 1990 in Lockhart, Caldwell Co., TX²¹⁰. She married WALTER EWEN DALTON²¹¹ 07 September 1915²¹¹. He was born 20 May 1893 in Caldwell Co., Texas²¹², and died 11 September 1966 in Brookshire, Waller Co., Texas^{213,214,215}.

Notes for DELTA MARTIN:

They lived in San Marcos, Luling, Lockhart, Houston and Brookshire according to Maxine Gilliam.

Rose, Aunt Delta and Uncle Ewen always considered Lockhart their home. Its in Caldwell county just a few miles from San Marcos. He was a native of that area also. Wesley's wife told me that Uncle Ewen is related to the Scotts in that area and I am related to the Scotts in that area by marriage on my Dad's side. I remember visiting them in Lockhart when I was just a kid, probably about 1937. Uncle Ewen was a car salesman for many years. I think he was selling Dodge cars in Lockhart. I don't remember Wesley being there at the time, but he could have been. Hal was older than me and of Jr. High or High School age. He was a very handsome boy and was the image of the "all-American boy". Very friendly and very nice. Bobby was younger than me. During the early 1940's I would guess they moved to Houston and I visited them there in the summer of 1945 right after Hal was killed. Then in early 1950's my husband and son and I visited them like for an evening when we were visiting Uncle Joe and Aunt Edith. I don't remember just when Uncle Ewen died. Aunt Delta lived in Brookshire for years--that is a Houston suburb. Wesley's wife told me that Aunt Delta lived at Brookshire until she had to go to a nursing home and they brought her to Lockhart and she died in the nursing home there. I feel sure Uncle Ewen, Aunt Delta and Wesley are all buried at Lockhart and that Hal and Bobby would be, too. They are not in the Martin cemetery.

Bobby and Hal neither one were ever married.

Bobby was shot and killed in Houston--supposed to be a case of mistaken identity.

Hal attended college in San Marcos and then was in the Army Air Corps in World War II. He was a Bombardier. He flew his required missions (can't remember if it was 25 or 50) and some of them were over Berlin. He came back to the states and was stationed at San Angelo, Texas. One night there was Hal and one other soldier in a plane and it crashed and Hal was killed. Uncle Ewen and Aunt Delta were enroute from Houston to San Angelo to spend the week-end with Hal and pick up Bobby who had been visiting Hal there. The highway patrol stopped them enroute and told them that Hal had been killed. I was in college at Kingsville, TX at the time and when summer school was out I went by train to Houston to visit several different relatives. I spent a couple of days with the Daltons and Aunt Delta showed me Hal's flight jacket with all his missions on the back, the flag that had draped his coffin and boxes of letters and sympathy cards. Hal had been very popular in high school and college and so many kids and written to them. Such nice letters. She showed me lots of pictures.

Bobby followed his Dad in the car sales business and that's when he was shot.

Wesley was a rural mail carrier at Lockhart and retired there.

His widow still lives there.

It is possible that Ewen was considered self-employed and if so he would not have been required to pay Social Security. For many years that was the law and then they changed it. Only those who paid into Social Security are listed on the SSDI. Aunt Delta never worked outside the home.

More About DELTA MARTIN:

Burial: 1990, Lockhart, Caldwell Co., TX²¹⁶

More About WALTER EWEN DALTON:

Burial: 1966, Lockhart, Caldwell Co., TX²¹⁷

Children of DELTA MARTIN and WALTER DALTON are:

- i. WESLEY EWEN⁴ DALTON²¹⁸, b. 19 August 1916^{219,220}; d. 16 October 1994, Lockhart, Caldwell Co., TX^{220,221}; m. EVELYN.
- ii. HAL WILLIAM DALTON²²², b. Abt. 1920²²³; d. 30 June 1945²²⁴.
- iii. ROBERT MARTIN DALTON²²⁵, b. 31 July 1932, Hays Co., Texas²²⁶.

14. WILLIAM HENRY³ TENNISON (*AMANDA R.² MARTIN*, *THOMAS*¹)^{227,228} was born 24 January 1865 in Tishomingo Co., MS^{229,230}, and died 22 July 1957 in Peerless, Hopkins Co., TX²³¹. He married DORA A. CUNDIFF²³² 14

February 1894 in Hopkins Co., TX²³². She was born 1874 in Hopkins Co., TX²³³, and died 1961 in Peerless, Hopkins Co., TX²³³.

Child of WILLIAM TENNISON and DORA CUNDIFF is:

- i. WILLIAM HENRY⁴ TENNISON, JR.²³⁴, b. 19 October 1898, Peerless, Hopkins Co., TX^{234,235}.

15. FANNIE BELLE³ TENNISON (*AMANDA R.² MARTIN, THOMAS¹*)^{236,237} was born 19 August 1867 in MS^{238,239}, and died 03 August 1935 in Haskell Co., TX²⁴⁰. She married (1) DANIEL CLINE 29 August 1880 in Hill Co., TX²⁴¹. He died Bef. 1887. She married (2) JAMES ROBERT OXFORD 19 November 1887 in Hunt Co., Texas²⁴². He was born 05 November 1869 in Paluxy Creek, Erath Co., Texas²⁴³, and died 20 November 1937 in Rule, Haskell Co., TX²⁴⁴.

More About FANNIE BELLE TENNISON:

Burial: 1935, Rule, Haskell Co., TX Cemetery

More About JAMES ROBERT OXFORD:

Burial: 1937, Rule, Haskell Co., TX Cemetery

Child of FANNIE TENNISON and DANIEL CLINE is:

- i. W. DAVID⁴ CLINE²⁴⁵.

Children of FANNIE TENNISON and JAMES OXFORD are:

- ii. ETHEL RILLA⁴ OXFORD²⁴⁶, b. 07 August 1888, Erath Co., TX²⁴⁷; d. 12 May 1971, Porterville, CA.
- iii. HORTIE VIRGIL RICHARD OXFORD²⁴⁷, b. 05 December 1889, Erath Co., TX²⁴⁷.
- iv. MATTIE B. LAURA OXFORD²⁴⁷, b. 03 October 1892, Erath Co., TX²⁴⁷.
- v. EFFIE LEE OXFORD^{247,248}, b. 23 January 1896, Erath Co., TX²⁴⁹.
- vi. JESSE D. OXFORD^{249,250}, b. 23 January 1896, Erath Co., TX²⁵¹.

Notes for JESSE D. OXFORD:

In doing research for my family tree, I came across info on my ggrandfather Jesse Dee Oxford, James Robert and Fannie Belle's son. This info was that Jesse was involved in a bigamy trial in 1926, where my ggrandmother, Grace Mahan, was ruled to be his only legal wife. Grace was Jesse's 4th wife!! I managed to get hold of copies of the entire court transcripts, including the appeals. I can feel confident in saying that I am the only person to have such copies. In the court transcript, there are testimonies from a Mrs. Belle Oxford, who says she is Jesse's mother, and a man by the name of W.D. Cline, who describes himself as Jesse's half-brother! Fannie had to be married before she married James Oxford. I just didn't think to look in a county that was that much farther from Erath County. You gave me that clue! And, if Belle had a niece by the name of Tidwell, Amanda had to have other children by the name Tidwell as well. So, we want to look at the time frame of say, 1870 to 1895, for Amanda to have been married to someone by the name of Tidwell. Let me know where you plan on looking for such info and I will spread out my research somewhere else. Also, If we can obtain birth certificates, marriage, and death certificate's for Fannie and Amanda that should be a big help as well. Good Luck!!

Glennnda

- vii. JAMES EARL OXFORD^{251,252}, b. August 1898, Erath Co., TX²⁵³.

16. ADDISON³ TIDWELL (*AMANDA R.² MARTIN, THOMAS¹*)^{254,255} was born 05 May 1881 in Texas^{255,256,257}, and died 12 March 1955 in Hopkins Co., TX²⁵⁸. He married (1) MAUDE BELL DAVIS²⁵⁸ 06 December 1903 in Delta Co., TX²⁵⁸. She was born 1886²⁵⁸, and died 1909²⁵⁸. He married (2) JANISE Bet. 1911 - 1920. She was born Abt. 1875, and died Bef. 1930²⁵⁹.

Notes for ADDISON TIDWELL:

John B. Haws says he is listed as R. C. Tidwell in the 1910 Hopkins Co., Texas census and is living alone. (daughter Dessie is in Erath Co. census with Oxford Family in 1910.)

More About ADDISON TIDWELL:

Burial: 1955, Hopkins Co., TX

Children of ADDISON TIDWELL and MAUDE DAVIS are:

- i. DALTIE BELLE⁴ TIDWELL²⁶⁰, b. 04 October 1904, Hopkins Co., TX²⁶⁰; d. 07 April 1905, Hopkins Co., TX²⁶¹.

More About DALTIE BELLE TIDWELL:

Burial: 1905, Hopkins Co., TX

- ii. DESSIE MAE TIDWELL^{262,263}, b. 19 June 1907, Hopkins Co., TX²⁶⁴; d. 17 February 1942²⁶⁴; m. ROBERT LEE DICKEY²⁶⁴, 05 November 1927, Texas²⁶⁴; b. Abt. 1884, TN²⁶⁵; d. Aft. 1930²⁶⁶.

Endnotes

1. Artie Jeanes, Artie says from letters written by family members that Thomas was a Dr. but the census gives only that he was a farmer.
2. 1850 Census of Tishomingo Co., MS, 138, gives his age as 54 born in SC.
3. Artie Jeanes, *Artie Jennes*.
4. Rutherford Co., TN marriage records, give name as Martha Mason, she is listed on 1850 and 1860 Tishomingo Co., MS census as Esther (only Esther).
5. 1850 Census of Tishomingo Co., MS, gives her age as 54.
6. Artie Jeanes.
7. 1850 Tishomingo Co., MS census, listed as Betsy D. age 22.
8. 1850 Census of Tishomingo Co., MS, Bitsey D. listed age 22.
9. Martin Church Cemetery Records.
10. R.V. Martin contract.
11. Martin Church Cemetery Records.
12. Hays Co., TX Deed Book Vol. M, 356-357, dated 16 Oct. 1879. The land was bought and 1st mentioned in Hays Co., Deed Book Vol. G pages 525-526 dated 1 February 1872.
13. Martin Cemetery listings, <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txcaldwe/martin.txt> My sister had found this in a Hays Co., Marriage Book and read as 1889 or I made a typo. On the tombstone is listed they married 17 March 1881.
14. 1850 Tishomingo Co., MS census, listed as Horton F age 14.
15. 1850 Census of Tishomingo Co., MS.
16. Artie Jeanes.
17. Rutherford Co., TX Marriage Index, 1847, On line index gives December 16.
18. Artie Jeanes.
19. 1850 Tishomingo Co., MS census, listed as Franklin age 20.
20. 1850 Census of Tishomingo Co., MS.
21. Martin Cemetery listings.
22. B. F. and R. V. Martin Family Bible.
23. 1860 Census of Choctaw Co., AL, 422 HH270/270, Lafayette C. Herrin age 25 farmer RE \$500 ,PE \$3435. Catherine age 22 born AL, Mary A. age 4, R.V. Olivia age 2, William C. age 7 months (all children born AL).
24. Travis Co., TX Marriages, 1840-1882, 173, Call # 976.4G723T at Texas State Library They were married by Ben. Chote , Baptist Minister Of Gospel (MG) (mentions JP Prec. 8 Gives in book married 1 Dec. 1874, Bible says 7th..
25. Travis Co., TX Marriage Index, List them in index in Book 4 page 173 from microfilm viewed 8-1-2002 from Austin History Center (Austin Public Library) #978162-Index from 1840-1938 Volume I. I have a copy of the record but this gives source.
26. B. F. and R. V. Martin Family Bible.
27. Martin Cemetery listings, tombstone on grave gives date.
28. Comal County, TX County Clerk, gives record that R.V. Herring died there in Comal Co. (New Braunfels).
29. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
30. Martin Church Cemetery Records.
31. 1850 Tishomingo Co., MS census, Caroline age 18.
32. 1850 Census of Tishomingo Co., MS.
33. Franklin Co., AL 1860 census, 721, has Caroline age 35 born in TN.
34. Jerry Lee Smith <SmithGen@att.net>, Found on Ancestry.com tree. Sources showed they were in MS by 1872 and on the Lee Co., MS 1880 census. by 1874 he was married to Ome born about 1840 and had 3 other children.
35. Franklin Co., AL 1860 census, listed him as John P. Pike age 26 born TN.
36. Tishomingo Co., MS Marriage Records on line.
37. Franklin Co., AL 1860 census, 721, Western Dist. Pleasant Sale PO, List John as given, Caroline age 35, John A. age 8; Joseph F. age 7; James T. age 5; Willis N. age 3. All children born in MS.
38. Jerry Smith <smithgen@att.net>.
39. Franklin Co., AL 1860 census, 721, listed as John A. Pike age as given.
40. Franklin Co., AL 1860 census.

41. Franklin Co., AL 1860 census, I read as Willis N.
42. Jerry Lee Smith<SmithGen@att.net>, On Ancestry.com he shows Willis middle initial as V.
43. Franklin Co., AL 1860 census.
44. 1850 Tishomingo Co., MS census, listed as Thomas P. age 16.
45. 1850 Census of Tishomingo Co., MS, listed as Thomas P.,given as Pinckney/Pinkney by Artie Jeanes.
46. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS.
47. Tishomingo Co., MS Marriage Records on line.
48. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, 366 Twp. 4 Range 11, HH 63 list Tansy Martin age 35 , Saphrona age 12 MS, James age 7 and Thomas age 6.
49. Tishomingo Co., MS Marriage Records on line.
50. 1860 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, 391-image394 Ancestry.com, Listed in the HH of James Lee age 53 of TN and wife Maria age 48 TN with children Silas 28, Martha M. 16 AL, John S. 11 AL, William R. 4 TN is Thomas J/P Martin (listed in index as J) age 24 day laborer TN, Lansey C. or Pansey C. age 22 MS and Saphrona A. age 1.
51. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS.
52. 1860 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, listed with Thomas P. and Tansey.
53. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, 366, James age 7.
54. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, 366, Thomas age 6.
55. 1850 Tishomingo Co., MS census, listed as Amanda R. age 12.
56. 1850 Census of Tishomingo Co., MS.
57. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>, says Amanda was born in Marshall Co., TN but is not on census there in 1840.
58. Erath County Newspaper obit via Denson Martin& Tina Chester.
59. Glenna Boling <thebolings5@hotmail.com>.
60. 1860 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, page 366. HH2459, James H. age 26 farmer born TN PE 200, Amanda age 21 born TN, Lucinda age 4, William R. age 2 and Sintha 3/12.
61. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, Twp. 4 Range 10, page 318, taken 16 July , Cartersville PO, 29/29 James age (?) unclear looks like a 2 for second number, farmer 1000/300 born MS (said in 1860 born TN) Amanda age 31 TN, Josephine 9, Henry D. age 7, William age 5, John age 5, Bellora age 3, Ella 5/12.
62. Ancestry .com tree of Marie Keeler< keeler@southwind.net>, Says the Tennyson/Tennison Family Records is source. James was living in 1870.
63. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>, gave full date of death.
64. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>.
65. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txburnet/StewartJohnG.html>, From Burnet County History, Vol., II page 304.
66. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>, Burnet Co., TX is just next to Williamson Co., where her brother Benjamin F. lived in 1880.
67. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txburnet/StewartJohnG.html>, Book C, page 253 Burnet Co., Marriages on line. Married by C.C. Stewart JP.
68. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txburnet/StewartJohnG.html>.
69. Burnet County (Texas) History,, 304, says this date is correct birthdate even though his tombstone in Mahomet Cemetery gives an 1809 date.
70. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txburnet/StewartJohnG.html>.
71. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>, He said the Tidwell who married Amanda was Adison Tidwell and he may be, but they also had a son Addison.
72. FamilySearch.org, Amanda Stewart married William Tidwell on March 30, 1879 in Johnson Co., TX, on IGI.
73. FamilySearch.org.
74. 1880 Johnston Co., TX census, 356D, Pct. 5, William Tidwell age 62, A. (f)age 42 TN, Josephine Hohe age 20, D. Tennyson 18 MS, Wm. Tennyson 15 MS, John Tennyson 15 MS,Fannie Tennyson 13 MS, Ella Tennyson 10 MS, Lovelace Tennyson 8 MS, Robt. Lee Tennyson age 5 TX(this should be Robert Lee Stewart).
75. 1860 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, other sources list her name as Lugenia, but it looked like Lucinda to me.
76. 1860 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, not listed in 1870 with family, what happened?
77. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, not listed with family.
78. 1860 census of Tishomingo Co., MS.
79. 1860 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, not listed in 1870 and another William is listed, maybe this one died?
80. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, not listed with family, one William was listed but only age 5.
81. 1860 census of Tishomingo Co., MS.
82. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, 318, Twp. 4 Range10 Josephine is listed as age 9, Sintha was only 3 months old in the 1860 census. This must be the same daughter.
83. 1860 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, listed as Sintha age 3 months and in 1870 a Josephine given as 9 years, Is this the same person? There couldn't be 2 so close together in age, unless twins and both are not given.
84. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>, e-mail message gives birth Cynthia and Josephinia and born in 1860. The census does not confirm this. He says he got this list from his father. (message 1-26-2003).
85. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>.
86. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS.
87. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, Listed as Henry d. age 7 in James HH.
88. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>, gave full birthdate.
89. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>.

90. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS.
91. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>, gave full name.
92. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, 318, listed as John age 5 with William age 5 also. Believed to be twins.
93. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>, gives full date.
94. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>.
95. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS.
96. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, 318, listed as Ella age 5 months. Census was supposed to counted as June 1 so that would make her born in January 1870 or Dec. 1869.
97. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>, gave full date.
98. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>.
99. [Http://www.rootsweb.com/~txburnet/StewartJohnG.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txburnet/StewartJohnG.html).
100. Burnet County (Texas) History,, 305, gives him the nickname of Loll.
101. Burnet County (Texas) Road Records, says he was born to John and Amanda Stewart and gives date.
102. [Http://www.rootsweb.com/~txburnet/StewartJohnG.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txburnet/StewartJohnG.html).
103. Burnet County (Texas) History,.
104. Herring-Martin.FTW, Date of Import: 13 Aug 2001.
105. 1880 Williamson Co., TX census, ED 162 Precinct 8, 4 June 1880, Benjamin Martin age 50 laborer born TN father SC mother NC; R.V. age 22 born AL and both parents born AL, Delos age 4, Alta age 2 and Edith 2 months.
106. Maxine Elliott Gilliam, according to her Mother, Gladys.
107. Herring-Martin.FTW, Date of Import: 13 Aug 2001.
108. Maxine Gilliam, died at the home of Beulah Hofheinz, his sister.
109. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
110. Herring-Martin.FTW, Date of Import: 13 Aug 2001.
111. 1880 Medina Co., TX census, Is this Mary T. the same as Tidy Mae? It is likely. Age is close and initials match.
112. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
113. IGI, given as daughter of Joshua Ellis Herring and Mary Elizabeth Herring.
114. 1880 Medina Co., TX census, list her as Mary T. age 5.
115. Herring-Martin.FTW, Date of Import: 13 Aug 2001.
116. Obituary of Tidy Mae Griffin, included in Notes, Newspaper and date of publication not known. Sent by Billie Ruth Sorsby.
117. Maxine Elliott Gilliam, She gave me the name Emma.
118. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
119. Maxine Gilliam, Died at Maxine's home (Gladys Martin Elliott and Hobson Elliott) Maxine was 10 years old at the time.
120. Herring-Martin.FTW, Date of Import: 13 Aug 2001.
121. Obituary of Tidy Mae Griffin.
122. Maxine Elliott Gilliam.
123. Kerrville Mountain Sun Nov. 13, 1968, Rites for Josh Herring Martin, 74.
124. SSDI on line.
125. Kerrville Mountain Sun Nov. 13, 1968.
126. Texas Birth Records, gives Louise Burris as mother and Josh H. Martin as father of Billie Ruth Martin.
127. Louise Burris Martins obit.
128. Louise Burris Martins obit, It did not give her birth nor was the death date exact.
129. Billie Ruth Martin Sorsby, telephone conversation on January 11, 2002.
130. Herring-Martin.FTW, Date of Import: 13 Aug 2001.
131. Texas Birth Records.
132. Obit from San Antonio paper, services pending.
133. Kerrville Mountain Sun Nov. 13, 1968, also found on the Kerr Co. web site, on line, Nichols Cemetery.
134. Louise Burris Martins obit.
135. Kerrville Mountain Sun, 1997.
136. 1900 Hays Co., TX census, listed just below N.E. (Nancy Emma) Martin as B.F. , Jr. 2/12 as grandson to HH which is B.F. Martin (Delos father) and N.E. is listed as daughter in law.
137. 1900 Hays Co., TX census.
138. Martin Church Cemetery Records, there is no marker for him but believe this is where he was buried. Records say there are several unmarked graves andhe must have died sometime before the other two were adopted.
139. Maxine Elliott Gilliam.
140. SS Death Index on line.
141. Maxine Elliott Gilliam.
142. Texas Birth Records, show Edith GLYNN Fowler to be spouse of Joseph Franklin Martin.
143. SSDI, probably the same, both given names on SSDI was spelled exactly the same as Ias given. The area matches well.
144. Maxine Elliott Gilliam.
145. Maxine Elliott Gilliam, sent photo of tombstone.
146. Maxine Elliott Gilliam.
147. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
148. Texas Death Index of PARKS, 7842, Death date and place same death Certificate #34174.
149. Travis Co., TX Marriages,, 199, Alta Martin to Harrison J. Parkes.

150. Travis Co., TX Marriage Index, The microfilm viewed from Austin History Center (Austin Public Library) on 8-1-2002 gives that the record is in Book 9 page 403. This microfilm case showed #978162 from 1840-1938 Vol. I. I have a copy of the record, but this gives location.
151. Records of Maggie Horn Parks Thacker.
152. Haywood Co., NC Marriages Book 1.
153. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
154. Billy S. Parks, remembered taking his mother Alta to visit her sister Edith in Artesia NM.
155. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
156. Tina Chester, daughter of Edith Martin and S.J. Shelton, born about 1915.
157. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
158. S.J. and Edith Shelton Family Bible, gives 1 March instead of 11th.
159. S.J. and Edith Shelton Family Bible.
160. Dorothy Shelton via Tina Shelton Chester, Dorothy said that Alta was born in Hamilton Co., TX.
161. Obituary of her from Tina Shelton Chester.
162. S.J. and Edith Shelton Family Bible.
163. Dorothy Shelton via Tina Shelton Chester.
164. Obituary of him from Tina Shelton Chester.
165. S.J. and Edith Shelton Family Bible.
166. Tina Shelton Chester.
167. S.J. and Edith Shelton Family Bible.
168. Tina Shelton Chester.
169. S.J. and Edith Shelton Family Bible.
170. Tina Chester tape 2-2003, says she and Dock are both 88 this year.
171. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
172. Elizabeth Evans Smith, G-grandaughter of Zada says her middle name is Bell. May be GG Grandaughter??
173. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
174. Martin Church Cemetery Records.
175. Martin Church Cemetery Records, Listed in the Hays County (TX) Genealogical & Historical Society, Vol.III #4 Dec. 1969pages 24-26.
176. Texas Birth Records on line.
177. Bobby Gene Evans.
178. Elizabeth Evans Smith.
179. Bobby Gene Evans.
180. Texas Birth Records on line, Delbert was given as a middle name, Bobby gave his first name and that they grew up in Brown Co. TX.
181. Texas Birth Records on line.
182. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
183. Martin Church Cemetery Records.
184. Arvina Baker, tod Maxine he had been dead 30 years on July 31, 2001 in a phone conversation.
185. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
186. SS Death Index on line.
187. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible, list her as Irene C. (may be Carroll as surname).
188. James Crist, son in law of Denson and Irene, husband of Jo Beth "Bess" she never liked the nickname Bess so went by Jo Beth or just JO.
189. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
190. Hays Co., TX Marriages Vol. J, 155, T.B. Graves O.M.G. united in marriage on 18 Feb. 1912, D.M. Martin and Miss Irene Carroll, license taken out on 17th Feb. 1912.
191. CA Death Index on line, List her as Irene H.
192. James Crist, says Irene was from San Saba (town or county) TX and a descendant of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independance. (Does he mean if US orTX?).
193. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible, extra entries sent by Bobby Evans July 2001, gave her death as 12 March 1976 but the CA Death Index gives this as 12 May, 1976..
194. Maxine Elliott Gilliam.
195. Maxine Elliott Gilliam, identified from Martin Church Cemetery Listing, only knew him as Carroll.
196. Martin Church Cemetery Records.
197. Maxine Elliott Gilliam, says Byron was son of Denson and Irene.
198. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
199. Martin Church Cemetery Records, taken by Bobby Gene Evans in July 2001.
200. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
201. Martin Church Cemetery Records, Maxine E.Gilliam said Bryons wife was Gloria. She is also buried next to Bryon.
202. Maxine Elliott Gilliam, Has photo of Byron and Gloria taken 22 Oct. 1973, said it was their31st anniversary.
203. Martin Church Cemetery Records, taken by Bobby Gene Evans, July 2001.
204. Martin Church Cemetery Records.
205. Maxine Elliott Gilliam, She gave her name as Bess, she had known her as as child, but she was identified with her father and Aunt Delta as doing some research on Joseph Martin as Jo Beth Crist.
206. SS Death Index on line.

207. Maxine Elliott Gilliam, One of her cousins had mentioned his name as Jimmy and that Bess had died. Found his name and address on line.
208. James Crist, gives sons names birth dates and marriage but not places.
209. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
210. Maxine Elliott Gilliam.
211. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
212. SS Death Index on line, listed his name as Walter Dalton dying in Brookshire, Waller Co., TX.
213. Maxine Elliott Gilliam.
214. SS Death Index on line, gives his death date and place as Brookshire, Waller Co., TX SS # 458-09-5408 This also gave his birth date.
215. Texas Death index on line, gave his name as Walter Ewen Dalton.
216. Maxine Elliott Gilliam.
217. Maxine Gilliam, She says he was definatly buried there, she had talked to his son Wesleys widow a few months ago. (Dec. 2002).
218. Texas Death index on line, gave full name as Wesley Ewen Dalton, Maxine just knew Wesley.
219. SS Death Index on line.
220. Maxine Elliott Gilliam.
221. SS Death Index on line.
222. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
223. Maxine Elliott Gilliam, knew name and it is also listed in B.F. and R.V.'s Bible but only death date is given.
224. B.F. & R.V. Herring Family Bible.
225. Maxine Elliott Gilliam, called him Bobby.
226. Texas Birth Records, gave his father's name as W. Ewen Dalton and mother Delta Martin.
227. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, The previous William born in 1848 must have died?
228. Marie Keeler<keeler@southwind.net>, Ancestry.com has information on him, sources from Tennyson/Tennison family Records.
229. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, listed with James as father, same age as John (5) believed to be twins.
230. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>, gave full date.
231. Marie Keeler<keeler@southwind.net>, she gave place only, Franklin Tennison gave date.
232. Marie Keeler<keeler@southwind.net>.
233. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>.
234. Marie Keeler<keeler@southwind.net>.
235. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>, gave full date.
236. Glenda Boling <thebolings5@hotmail.com>.
237. 1910 census of Erath Co., TX, image on line.
238. Glenda Boling.
239. 1870 census of Tishomingo Co., MS, 318, listed as Bellora(to best ability to read) age 3 which fits date and parents as given by Glenda Boling.
240. Texas Death Index-1902-1940.
241. FamilySearch.org.
242. Ancestry.com Texas Marriages 1850-1900,Hunt Co., James Oxford to Mrs. Belle Cline, 19 Nov. 1887.
243. 1910 census of Erath Co., TX, image on line, ED 18 sheet 1 HH 3, Jim R. Oxford age 41 born TX parents born TX farm manager, Belle F. age 42 born MS had 9 children, 7 living. Jessie I son age 14, Offia L. daughter age 14, Jimmie E. age 11 son and Dessie Tidwell age 2 born OK.
244. Texas Death Index-1902-1940.
245. Haskell Co., TX trial for Jesse D. Tennison for Bigamy, said he was 1/2 brother to Jesse D.
246. James F. Oxford<joc@cox.net> Web page, <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~joxford/>.
247. James F. Oxford<joc@cox.net> Web page.
248. 1910 census of Erath Co., TX, image on line, ED 18, sheet 1 HH 3.
249. James F. Oxford<joc@cox.net> Web page.
250. 1910 census of Erath Co., TX, image on line.
251. James F. Oxford<joc@cox.net> Web page.
252. 1910 census of Erath Co., TX, image on line.
253. James F. Oxford<joc@cox.net> Web page.
254. *Franklin Tennyson* <hiten@bellsouth.net>.
255. John B. Haws <johnbhaws@yahoo.com> San Leandro, CA.
256. 1920 census of Hopkins Co., TX, Pct. 8 ED 82 page 7A, listed as Adson Tidwell age 38 born TX , father born AR and mother TN, listed as head of house, Janise age 45 wife and Dessa M. age 12 daughter. Also listed was Iry Cundiff age 40 brother in law.
257. 1930 census of Hopkins Co., TX, Pct. 4 ED 17 page 3B, listed in HH of Willaim A. Speed age 55 wife Dora L. age 49 and some children, listed as Adiva C. Tidwell age 48 TX brother in law to head of house.
258. John B. Haws <johnbhaws@yahoo.com> San Leandro, CA.
259. 1930 census of Hopkins Co., TX, Addison Tidwell islisted as widower in this census.
260. John B. Haws <johnbhaws@yahoo.com> San Leandro, CA.
261. John B. Haws <johnbhaws@yahoo.com> San Leandro, CA, he did not say Hopkins Co. but appears to be tombstone inscriptions.

262. John B. Haws <johnbhaws@yahoo.com> San Leandro, CA.
263. 1910 census of Erath Co., TX, image on line, list Dessie age 2 as neice in HH of Jim R. Oxford(really neice of Fannie Belle).
264. John B. Haws <johnbhaws@yahoo.com> San Leandro, CA.
265. 1930 census of Hopkins Co., TX, 3a Pct. 4 ED 17, Robert L. Dickey age 46 born TN and Dessie M. wife age 22 with several Dickey children ages 16-8.
266. 1930 census of Hopkins Co., TX.