

Descendants of John Butler

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN¹ BUTLER was born Abt. 1760 in VA, and died 1820 in Wayne Co MS. He married MARYANN JONES (POSSIBLY SECOND WIFE) Bet. 1785 - 1805 in Logan Co KY. She died Abt. 1840 in Scott Co MS.

Notes for JOHN BUTLER:

The fact that John and Mary Butler are the parents of Burnell Butler is recorded in the Burnell and Sarah Ann Butler family Bible. The fact that John and Mary Butler are the parents of Landon C. Butler is recorded in his family Bible. The family Bible of John Jackson Smith and Margaret Butler Smith records the fact that John Butler, Margaret's father, married Miss Jones.

In 1786 Kentucky was divided into three counties. Logan county was formed in 1792 from Lincoln County. Christian Co was formed from Logan Co in 1796. So the family was probably in the same place during the period 1786-1815 while the county changed.

1 May 1795 - Taxpayer - Logan Co KY tax records Book 1 page 2 1 white male over 21, 9 horses, 4 cattle. ("a" William Butler possibly John's brother or father and Reason Bowie on same page)

1 Apr 1796 - Taxpayer - Logan Co KY tax records Book 1 page 2 1 white male over 21, 6 horses, 4 cattle

6 Oct 1796 - Logan Co KY Tarpen (sic) Cr, surveyed 200 acres by virtue of Comm.Cert No.211 on a post oak in Reason Bewey's line - Survey Records Book A pg.18

1797 - Taxpayer - Logan Co KY Tarpen Cr. 200 acres , 1 white male over 21, 4 horses. Tax records Book 2 pg 2

12 Mar 1799 - Logan Co KY Terrapin Cr. Assignee of Francis Haney, surveyed 200 acres by virtue of Comm.Cert 245, William Butler (son William 1786 would only be 13) and William Stewart chain carriers - Survey Records Book B pg.121

26 Dec 1801 - Logan Co KY William Butler Survey 200 acres by virtue of Comm.Cert No.3091, John Butler and Reason Bowie chain carriers. - Survey Records Book B pg.325 (Jim Bowie born 8-25-1796)

Feb 1802 -Tarrapin Cr, Logan Co KY - Comm.Cert No 448 , enters 200 acres of land - Court Records Order Book I pg. 130 ----- Comm.Cert No.449 ordered that John Butler be allowed 200 acres agreeable to his entry - Court Records Order Book 2 pg. 231

30 Mar 1802 - Tarrapin Cr, Logan Co KY - 700 acres, 1 white male over 21 and 6 horses-Tax Records Book I pg.3

25 Aug. 1803 - Tarrapin Cr, Logan Co KY - 700 acres, 1 white male over 21 - occupation carpenter, 1 white male over 16 (son William) and 6 horses - Tax Records Book I pg.4

6 Dec 1803 -Logan Co KY - John Butler and his wife Mary Butler sold 200 acres to Henry Anson - Deed Records Book A pg. 111

25 Aug. 1804 - Tarrapin Cr, Logan Co KY - surveyed 200 acres, Henry Anson director, Elisha Hayden and William Hayden chain carriers. Survey Records Book C pg. 122

16 Aug 1806 - Burnell born - Chickasaw Hunting Grounds, Graves Co KY - "Men of Texas" pg. 818 (Date from family Bible)

This area did not become US land until 1818 when purchased from the Indians. Graves Co KY was formed in 1821. Why was family in Indian Territory ?

1807 - Christian Co KY - I white male over 21, I black over 16, 3 total blacks, 2 horses, I qualified voter - Tax Records, West District - pg.4 (Year 1808 Same - but 4 horses - Tax Records Book 2 pg.3)

3 Feb 1808 - Christian Co KY - surety on marriage of William Butler to Sophia Starr - "Marriage Records of Christian Co Kentucky 1795-1825" - Ellsberry

13 Feb 1809 - Christian Co KY - Muddy Fork of Little River about 150 yds below the mouth of Wallace's Cr - applied to build water grist mill. Court Records pg. 283 Muddy Fork of Little River about I mile above Cerulean Springs erected a water mill. "County of Trigg, Kentucky" by Perrin pg. 124

19 Oct 1809 Christian Co KY - I white male over 21, 2 blacks over 16, 4 blacks total, 3 horses. Tax Records Book 2 pg. 6 (Year 1810 same)

1810 - US Census Christian Co KY - pg. 86 - John Butler head of household

2 Males 0-10 (Burnell, Landon)

0 Males 10-16

1 Male 16-25 (William 24 married)

0 Males 26-45

1 Male 45+ (John himself)

2 Females 0-10 (Martha and William's daughter)

2 Females 10-16 (Elizabeth, Margaret)

2 Females 16-25 (Susannah, William's wife Sophia)

1 Female 26-45 (Mary Ann)

0 Females 45+

2 slaves

1811- Christian Co KY - I white male over 21, 2 blacks over 16, 4 blacks total, 2 horses, I qualified voter. Tax Records Book pg. I 1

1812 - Christian Co KY - Muddy Fork of Little River 355 acres 2 nd rate land, I white male over 21, I blacks over 16, 1 black total, 4 horses. Tax Records Book pg. 5 (Year 1813 same)

26 Jun 1813 - Christian Co KY - sold negro man named Sam to Stephen Ashby - Deed Records Book D pg. 263

1814 - Christian Co KY - I white male over 21, 1 black over 16, 6 horses and \$600 total value. Tax Records (Year 1815 = 5 horses, \$525 total value)

1815 - John, Mary Ann and the remaining children moved to Washington Co, Mississippi Territory which is now Alabama.

1816 - Washington Co, MS Terr (AL) - 1slave and tax \$.50, Peter Cartwright and Robert Rankin also on this tax roll. "Washington County, MS Territory 1803-1816 Tax Rolls" by Strickland pg. 96

1820 - MS State Census - Wayne Co MS - 3 males, 3 females, 1 taxable
What date taken? Would give John's date of death between State Census and US Census showing widow MaryAnn

1820 - US Census Wayne Co MS pg.112 - Mary Butler listed as head of household, I M 10-15 (Burnell), I M 18-25 (Landon Carter), I F 10-15 (Martha), IF 45+ (Mary Ann)

From biography of William Green Butler "A Twentieth Century History of Southwest Texas" by Lewis Vol2 pg332 published in 1907 :

John Butler of Virginia is indicated to be a veteran of the Revolutionary War, and later he settled in Kentucky when it was a frontier district. A few years later he moved to Mississippi where he spent the rest of his life. He was a natural mechanic and designer for mills, grinders, burrs, chairs and furniture. He was a quiet unassuming man and never cared for public office. His children are listed as William, Landon, Burnell, Martha, Susan, Ruth, Peggy, Elizabeth and Fanny.

Notes for MARYANN JONES (POSSIBLY SECOND WIFE):

1820 US Census - Wayne Co MS

Butler, Mary (head of household)

1M 10-15 (Burnell), 1M 18-25 (Landon), 1F 10-15 (Martha), 1 F 45+ (MaryAnn herself)

1830 Lawrence Co AL Census lists "a" Mary Butler 01100000000011110100
and William Butler 0000000001000 - also John Reynolds.

Children of JOHN BUTLER and MARYANN WIFE) are:

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 - i. WILLIAM² BUTLER, b. 1786, KY; d. 22 January 1847, Polk Co TX.
 - ii. RUTH BUTLER, b. 1788, VA; d. 1811, Christian Co KY; m. WILLIAM COLLEY, 06 January 1808, Christian Co KY; b. 13 July 1781, SC; d. 13 August 1858.
 - iii. FRANCES BUTLER, b. 1790, Logan Co KY; m. JAMES KIDD, 17 January 1809, Christian Co KY.
 - iv. SUSANNAH BUTLER, b. 1794, Logan Co KY; m. JESSE GOODWIN, JR, 29 September 1811, Christian Co KY; b. March 1792.

Notes for SUSANNAH BUTLER:

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Notes for JESSE GOODWIN, JR:

JEFFERSON DAVIS PRYOR, M.D. Grandson of Jesse & Susannah Butler Goodwin

Jefferson Davis Pryor, M.D., of Mayfield, was born in Graves county, Kentucky, July 5, 1861, and is a son of James Calvin and Emma

(Goodwin) Pryor. James Calvin Pryor was born in Logan county, Kentucky, February 3, 1820; became an early settler of Graves county,

and to farming devoted his active years. His father was James Pryor, also a native of Logan county, Kentucky, and was a son of Jonathan

Pryor, who settled at Pryorsburg, Graves County, Kentucky. He was of Irish lineage and by occupation a farmer. His son James settled about six miles east of Mayfield on Panther Creek. He was a farmer. He married a Miss Phelps. The Pryors are numerous in Graves County. The mother of Dr. Pryor was born in

Henry County, Tennessee, March 9, 1826, and removed with her father, JESSE GOODWIN, to Kentucky when she was a girl. Her mother bore the maiden name of SUKIE BUTLER. Dr. Pryor was reared on the farm. In the Graves County schools and Clinton College he received a fair literary education, and then took up the study of medicine. In 1890, he graduated in medicine from the University of Louisville, and since his graduation he has practiced his profession in Mayfield. He has met with pleasing professional success. He is a member of the Graves County Medical Society, of the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Society and of the Kentucky State Medical Association. Politically he is a Democrat, and fraternally a Mason, Knight of Pythias and an Odd Fellow. He is also a member of the Missionary Baptist church. He was married June 22, 1895, to Miss Annie Watts, daughter of Mr. N.B. Watts, of Mayfield.

3. v. ELIZABETH BUTLER, b. 15 October 1798, Logan Co KY; d. 01 May 1867, DeWitt Co TX.
4. vi. LONDON CARTER BUTLER, b. 14 April 1800, Logan Co KY; d. 24 March 1871, Anderson Co TX.
5. vii. MARGARET KATHERINE BUTLER, b. 03 November 1802, Logan Co KY; d. 03 January 1880, Bosque Co TX.
6. viii. BURNELL BUTLER, b. 16 August 1806, Christian Co KY; d. 23 April 1870, Karnes Co TX.
- ix. MARTHA BUTLER, b. 1809, Christian Co KY; d. Aft. 1880, Hinds Co MS; m. WILLIAM PORTER, JR; b. 1809; d. 18 October 1860.

Notes for MARTHA BUTLER:

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1850 Hinds Co MS age 41 born KY

1860 Hinds Co MS age 54 born KY (husband age 50, born MS, farmer)

1870 Hinds Co MS age 62 keeping house

1880 Hinds Co MS age 72 born KY parents born VA & PA

Generation No. 2

2. WILLIAM² BUTLER (*JOHN*¹) was born 1786 in KY, and died 22 January 1847 in Polk Co TX. He married (1) SOPHIA STARR 03 February 1808 in Christian Co KY. She was born in KY, and died in KY. He married (2) SARAH (BUTLER) Abt. 1818. She was born Bet. 1799 - 1800 in KY, and died November 1849 in Polk Co TX.

Notes for WILLIAM BUTLER:

Born 1786 KY according to 1830 Census Record and Nov.1846 Deposition of William Butler in the case of Mrs. Peggy Rankin for Revolutionary War widow's pension:

State of Texas - Polk County

Be it known that I, James P. Collins, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby state that William Butler of said county, about sixty years old, and well known to me as a sober, mature, truthful and honest man, personally appeared before me and made oath to the following facts (to wit): "In the year eighteen hundred and two when I was about sixteen years old., my father with his family resided in Logan County Kentucky. Robert Rankin with his wife Peggy Rankin and his family removed and settled within two miles of my Father, and that both families resided at their respective places for two years. They then separated and again resided near each other in the States of Alabama and Mississippi. In eighteen hundred three Thomas B. Rankin, the oldest son, was a bearded man and grown, and I am feeling satisfied that he must have been at least twenty years old. I have

seen and examined the deposition of Williford Cartwright and I verily believe all the material facts therein contained as they correspond with my own recollection of details which I often heard as my father had been in the Revolutionary War at the same time with Robert Rankin. I have seen the family record (a transcript of which accompanies the deposition of said Cartwright) and I believe it to be genuine and true, as from the appearance, as from my knowledge of the various members of the family. Owing to the intimate and frequent intercourse of the families of my Father and Robert, I have often heard both Mr. and Mrs. Rankin speak of their marriage which they said took place while he was on furlough from the army; and that he left for the army again and did not return home until after the war which, to the best of my recollection, was about two years. My recollection of the Rankin family is more particular from the fact that Jno K. Rankin, the fourth son in the family, married a sister of mine in 1815 or 1816 and I have resided within eighteen miles of Mrs. Peggy Rankin in Texas for years and often see her and other members of the family. (signed) William Butler

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of Nov. 1846 - James P. Collins, Justice of the Peace

6 Jan 1808 Christian Co KY - surety, marriage of Ruth Butler to William Colley

3 Feb 1808 Christian Co KY - Marriage to Sophia Starr, surety by John Butler, Minister GS Foster - Ellsberry "Marriage Records of Christian Co KY 1795-1825" and Neel "The Statistical Handbook of Trigg Co KY" pg. 15

19 Jan 1809 Christian Co KY - surety, marriage of Frances Butler to James Kidd

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24 Sep 1811 Christian Co KY - surety, marriage of Susannah Butler to Jesse Goodwin

5 Apr 1821 Montgomery Co AL - land purchase, Section 15, Township 17, Range 20 - Hahn "Old Cahaba Land Office Records and Military Warrants 1817 - 1853" pg.38

1 Jan 1829 Autauga Co AL - land purchase, Section 34, Township 18, Range 12 - Hahn "Old Cahaba Land Office Records and Military Warrants 1817 - 1853" pg.70

US Census 1830 - Monroe County ALA

William Butler, Head of Household

2 males under 5 (Leander 1, Henry 3)

2 males 5-10 (Silas 5, Jonathan 9)

2 males 10-15 (Stephen 11, Landen 15)

1 male 40-50 (William himself 44)

1 female 5-10 (Mary 6)

1 female 15-20 (Susannah 18)

1 female 30-40 (wife Sarah 33)

3 Sep 1833 Monroe Co AL - land purchase, Section 23, Township 8, Range 5 - Hahn "Old Cahaba Land Office Records and Military Warrants 1817 - 185 3 " pg. 108

18 Jan 1836 Monroe Co AL - land purchase, Township 8, Range 5 - Hahn "Old Cahaba Land Office Records and Military Warrants 1817 - 1853" pg. 132

Dec 1837 Liberty Co TX - White " 1840 Citizens of Texas" Vol. I pg. 38 TGLO records of land grants for Liberty Co dated 1841. He never used this grant. Instead he settled on land that was part of Robert Rankin's Mexican Land grant in what is present day San Jacinto County TX

1838 Liberty Co TX - 200 acres, I slave - Tax Records Book I pg.2

5 Sep 1839 Liberty Co TX - Land Grant Certificate for 640 Acres White " 1840 Citizens of Texas" Vol. I pg. 3 8

Elected Justice of the Peace for Pct.5 Liberty County in February 1839.

1839 Liberty Co TX - 275 acres, I slave, land grant cert for 640 acres - Tax Records

1840 Liberty Co TX - 186 acres, I slave, land grant cert for 640 acres - Tax Records

7 Jun 1841 Land Grant Cert TX for 640 acres becomes unconditional.
TGLO has no record of Cert ever being used by William, Sarah or his children.

Aug 3, 1843 William Butler made obligation to Thomas Haynes for a tract of land in Polk Co (now San Jacinto Co) west of the Trinity River bordering on south by FH Rankin, on west by James Rankin, and on north by Mathew Hubert consisting of 296 acres.

WILL - made 23 Aug 1840 and probated 31 May 1847:

In the name of God Amen. I William Butler being yet of sound mind and memory yet laboring under sore affliction and feeling my bodily strength failing and believe my end near of my natural life do by the duty imposed on me as a husband, parent and citizen make, constitute and ordain this my last will and testament. That my wife Sarah have and retain possession of all my lands and possessions on which we now live during her natural life or widowhood and that all or so much as is necessary of all my other property be sold to pay my debts except a certain Negro woman named Nancy which is her own property inherited by heirship and at her death or remarrying all the provision bequeathed or settled on her my wife must be divided equally amongst all of my children and further it is my will and wish that John R. Johnson be my executor with my wife Sarah. [That the words "named Nancy" were interlined between the seventeenth and eighteenth lines before assigned and forming a part of the eighteenth line] And this my last will made at my residence in the Republic of Texas, North Division of Liberty County 23 August AD1840 and solemnized by being signed by me in the presence of witnesses and in my proper sences (sic). William Butler

Test Matt Hubert Joel P Wofford JG Perryman

The State of Texas "=SEAL="

County of Polk "=====" Personally came and appeared in open court before me Matthew Hubert one of the subscribing witnesses to this written will who took and subscribed this following oath: I do solemnly swear that William Butler whose name appears on this written will was of sound mind and memory and of his own free will signed and acknowledged this same will in the presence of me as his last will and testament so help me God. Mat Hubert

Sworn and subscribed before me this 31st day or May 1847 C. Halshausen, Judge of Probate

Recorded 13th June 1847 John A. Wooten C.P.C.D.C. By Wm.D.Dillon D.C.

March 9, 1847 - Sarah Butler widow of William Butler petitioned for letters of administration and was appointed May 31. She filed an inventory of estate July 25. That modest inventory did not contain

anything to indicate he farmed more than enough to support his family and had only a minimal amount of stock. However, he was a beekeeper having 23 hives.

Sarah Butler died Nov. 1849 according to the Polk Co 1850 Mortality Schedule (age 50 - born in KY)

COURT DOCKET - County Court, July Term 1851 Application for final settlement & C.
Whereas James Winn, Administrator of said Estate having presented to the Court his final exhibit and account of said Estate for final settlement, and the Court being satisfied that the notice herein ordered has been given proceeded to examine said account and exhibit, and after careful examination, audits and settles the same and ordered that the vouchers presented to be filed and recorded by the Clerk and after payment of all the debts against the Estate, the sum of four hundred and twenty five 20/100 dollars is left in the hands of Admin. and subject to distribution & partition among the heirs of said Estate and from enquiry & testimony, the heirs of said Estate found to be: John Childress & wife, Susan; Edward Irons & wife, Mary; Stephen Butler, Henry Butler, John Butler, Elisha Irons & wife, Delila; Silas M. Butler, Leander Butler, Kessiah Butler, who are adults & Elizabeth Butler, a minor, who are each entitled to one tenth part of said sum above named and Wm. S. Vance having presented to the Court transfers duly authenticated by the above named adult heirs, to him for their interest in said Estate. It is therefore ordered by the Court that Jas. Winn, administrator of said Estate, pay to W. S. Vance the sum of Three hundred and Eighty two 68/100 Dollars, being the interest of the said nine adults heirs, which leaves the sum of the minor Elizabeth of Forty-two 52/100 Dollars in the hands of said Winn, Admin. It is therefore ordered by the Court that James Winn be and is hereby appointed guardian Ad.Litem of the said minor & it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said administrator has accounted for all the assets -that has come into his hands and that all debts against the same have been paid, also the distributive shares of all the adult heirs. It is therefore ordered by the Court that James Winn, Administrator of the Estate of Wm. Butler Dec'd. be and is hereby discharged from all further liability or responsibility of the same and is discharged from his trusts as aforesaid.

Notes for SARAH (BUTLER):

In Jan 1851 William S. Vance was appointed administrator of Sarah Butler's estate. Application for final settlement in May 1852 showed that the estate was valued at \$785. Heirs named to receive a share were John Childress and wife Susan (Susannah), Edward Irons and wife Mary, Stephen Butler, Henry Butler, John Butler (Jonathan), Elisha Irons and wife Delila, Silas M. Butler, Leander Butler, Kessiah Butler, Elizabeth Butler a minor. Landon died before William's will proved.

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Children of WILLIAM BUTLER and SOPHIA STARR are:

7. i. SUSANNAH³ BUTLER, b. 1812, KY; d. Aft. 1860, TX.
- ii. LANDEN A BUTLER, b. 1814, KY; d. Bef. 1851.

Notes for LANDEN A BUTLER:

Smith Co TX Probate Records page 22 shows John R Butler petitioning the court for administration of Landen's estate and was approved on 7 June 1855. His estate consisted of his 320 acre land grant. His heirs were Stephen A Butler (brother), John R Butler (brother), Edward Irons as guardian of Child Irons (from first marriage to Mary Butler sister), Silas M Butler (brother), Henry C Butler (brother), Kesiah Butler Irons (now second wife of Edward Irons), Leander G Butler (brother), Delilah and Elisha Irons (sister and brother-in-law), and Elizabeth Butler (sister).

No mention is made of his supposed wife Mary Ann Ricks or supposed child Candacy Butler Pullin.

Footprints of Hiram Rand Pullin by Geraldynne Spenser claims:

"Hiram R (Pullin) and his wife Candacy Butler, the daughter of Landon Butler and Mary Ann Ricks, had settled their family in Karnes County." Could this be another "Landon" instead of this one as some researchers assume.

Children of WILLIAM BUTLER and SARAH (BUTLER) are:

- iii. STEPHEN A³ BUTLER, b. 1819, AL; d. Bet. 1870 - 1880, Liberty Co TX; m. MARY E (BUTLER).
8. iv. JONATHAN RANKIN BUTLER, b. 1820, Montgomery Co AL; d. 1899, Johnson Co TX.
9. v. MARY BUTLER, b. 1824, Montgomery Co AL; d. Bef. 1854, Polk Co TX.
10. vi. SILAS MAGBY BUTLER, b. 1825, Montgomery Co AL; d. Aft. 1880, Johnson Co TX.
11. vii. HENRY C BUTLER, b. March 1827, Autauga Co AL; d. 16 June 1901, TX.
12. viii. LEANDER GASTON BUTLER, b. December 1829, Monroe Co ALA; d. 09 August 1903, Lavaca Co TX.
13. ix. KESIAH BUTLER, b. 1831, Monroe Co AL; d. Bef. 1870, Trinity Co TX.
- x. DELILAH BUTLER, b. 1834, Monroe Co AL; m. (1) ELISHA IRONS; m. (2) WILLIAM BRANTLEY, Bef. 1860.
- xi. ELIZABETH BUTLER, b. 1837, Liberty Co TX - Mexican Terr.

3. ELIZABETH² BUTLER (*JOHN*¹) was born 15 October 1798 in Logan Co KY, and died 01 May 1867 in DeWitt Co TX. She married JOHN KEITH RANKIN 16 June 1816 in Wayne Co MS, son of RICHARD RANKIN and MARGARET BERRY. He was born 05 January 1791 in Mason Co KY, and died 17 November 1884 in De Witt Co TX.

Notes for ELIZABETH BUTLER:

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Notes for JOHN KEITH RANKIN:

From DeWitt Co History written by Herbert C Rankin

John Keith Rankin, son of the Colonial Soldier, Richard Robert Rankin, was an early settle in DeWitt County, and was known by the "Old Timers" as Uncle Jack Rankin. John Keith Rankin as born to Richard Robert Rankin and Margaret Berry, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Frances Kendall Berry, on January 5, 1791, on the Ohio River in the State of Kentucky. From this place the family immigrated to Tombrigby River in Alabama. When war was declared in 1812, John Keith volunteered and served during the war, for which he was drawing a pension when he died. In the year of 1816 he married Elizabeth Butler, and moved to Wayne County, Mississippi, then in 1825 to that position of Hines County, which later, became Rankin County. After 25 years residence in Rankin County, immigrated to Texas, residing for a time in Polk County and finally in DeWitt County in 1850. In the 34 years he lived in DeWitt County his life was one of peace and goodwill to man. He never had a serious problem with anyone. John Keith and Elizabeth Butler Rankin had four sons and four daughters.

MS Land Patents Patentee Name State County Issue Date Land Office Doc.Nr.Accession/Serial Nr.
RANKIN, JOHN K MS Rankin 2/10/1840 Mt.Salus 16180 MS1860___.287
RANKIN, JOHN K MS Rankin 2/10/1840 Mt.Salus 16181 MS1860___.288
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RANKIN, JOHN K MS Rankin 12/10/1840 Mt.Salus 21662 MS1970___.013
RANKIN, JOHN K MS Rankin 12/10/1840 Mt.Salus 23105 MS1990___.417

Children of ELIZABETH BUTLER and JOHN RANKIN are:

14. i. MOSES BERRY³ RANKIN, b. 09 November 1817, Washington Co MS Terr; d. 08 January 1895.
15. ii. MARY RANKIN, b. 06 July 1819, Washington Co MS Terr; d. 30 September 1896, De Witt Co TX.
16. iii. MESSINA RANKIN, b. 05 January 1825, Wayne Co MS; d. 08 February 1869, DeWitt Co TX.
iv. MARIANNA RANKIN, b. 1833, Rankin Co MS; m. M ALVIN MEYERS, 11 May 1846.
v. JAMES BERRY RANKIN, b. 1833; m. LUCINDA CALLAHAN, 1853.
17. vi. ROBERT WESLEY RANKIN, b. 13 August 1833, Rankin Co MS; d. 04 August 1898, Gonzales Co TX.
vii. SAMUEL S RANKIN, b. 1835; d. In prison camp during Civil War; m. EVALINE COX.
viii. MELINDA RANKIN, b. 09 November 1840, Rankin Co MS; d. 30 July 1910; m. VALENTINE COOK.

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BUTLER, LONDON C MS Scott 2/27/1841 Columbus 25560 MS1320__492
 BUTLER, LONDON C MS Scott 2/27/1841 Columbus 26778 MS1350__109
 BUTLER, LONDON C MS Scott 2/27/1841 Columbus 27759 MS1360__500
 BUTLER, LONDON C MS Scott 2/27/1841 Columbus 28931 MS1390__086
 BUTLER, LONDON C MS Scott 2/1/1841 Columbus 6237 MS0980__336

US Census 1850 Scott Co MS shows:

Dwelling 392 - Landon Butler 50 KY, Elizabeth 45 NC, William R 21 MS, Reason 16 MS, Jane 13 MS, Emily 10 MS, Wade 7 MS, George 1 MS, Jane Ryerson (servant?) 15, Robert Petty 23 MS and Mary Ann Petty 19 (son-in-law and daughter).

Dwelling 393 - Benj Butler (grown son of Landon) 28 MS, Erandie 24 SC, Nancy 7 MS, Elizabeth 6 MS, Richard 5 MS, Lucretia 3 MS

Dwelling 394 - John Butler (grown son of Landon) 25 MS, Matilda 24 MS, Carolina 6 MS, Marjan 4 (M) MS

Slave schedule: 1850 Scott Co MS:

| Owner | Female slaves | Male slaves | Total |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Bernal Butler | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| Landon C Butler | 15 | 13 | 28 |
| Benjamin Butler (grown son of Landon) | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| John H. (grown son of Landon) | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Children of LONDON BUTLER and ELIZABETH BYRNE are:

18. i. BENJAMIN WARD³ BUTLER, b. 17 July 1822, Wayne Co MS.
19. ii. JOHN H BUTLER, b. 02 October 1825, Wayne Co MS.
20. iii. WILLIAM RICKS BUTLER, b. 15 November 1828, Wayne Co MS.
- iv. MARYANN BUTLER, b. 02 May 1831, Rankin Co MS; d. 27 March 1892, Scott Co MS; m. ROBERT L PETTY, 1850, Scott Co MS; b. 1826, AL.
- v. REASON B BUTLER, b. 08 February 1834, Rankin Co MS; d. Anderson Co TX; m. SARAH E MOORE.
- vi. SARAH JANE BUTLER, b. 11 November 1836, Scott Co MS; d. Bef. 1860; m. HIRAM PETTY.
- vii. EMILY BUTLER, b. 10 July 1840, Scott Co MS; d. Anderson Co TX; m. JAMES EASTLAND, 30 October 1856, Scott Co MS; b. 01 November 1827, Madison Co AL; d. 13 January 1911, Anderson Co TX.

Notes for JAMES EASTLAND:

James Eastland lived with parents in TN until they moved to Scott Co MS in 1843 where he worked as a clerk. In Dec 1846 he enlisted in the army for service in the Mexican War under Gen. Zachary Taylor. Afterwards he worked on construction of the Vicksburg and Meridian Railroad in MS. In 1850 he was an Indian trader in AR. He married Emily Butler in 1856 and the couple moved to TX in a train of 100 wagons settling in Pert in 1856 to raise cattle and operate a corn mill. Eastland taught at Flinn's Schoolhouse for five months then established Clear Springs Academy for their children and others in the community. In 1862 Eastland was made Captain of Company F, 16th Cavalry, Walkers TX Division. He saw action in LA and AR and was forced to resign in the winter of 1863 because of bad health. The Eastlands had 10 children.

21. viii. WADE HOLLAND BUTLER, SR, b. 02 June 1843, Scott Co MS; d. 25 October 1898, Anderson Co TX.
22. ix. GEORGE W BUTLER, b. 01 October 1848, Scott Co MS; d. 23 January 1897, Anderson Co TX.

5. MARGARET KATHERINE² BUTLER (JOHN¹) was born 03 November 1802 in Logan Co KY, and died 03 January 1880 in Bosque Co TX. She married JOHN JACKSON SMITH 17 October 1818 in Hinds Co MS, son of JOHN SMITH and MARTHA JONES. He was born 22 August 1799 in Edgefield Co NC, and died 1867 in Bosque Co TX.

Notes for MARGARET KATHERINE BUTLER:

1810 Census John Butler in Christian Co KY - William (24) and Sophia(20) in his fathers household (with daughter under 5?).
 2 Males 0-10 (Burnell, Landon)

0 Males 10-16
 1 Male 16-25 (William 24 married)
 0 Males 26-45
 1 Male 45+ (John himself)
 2 Females 0-10 (Martha and William's daughter)
 2 Females 10-16 (Elizabeth, Margaret)
 2 Females 16-25 (Susannah, William's wife Sophia)
 1 Female 26-45 (Mary Ann)
 0 Females 45+
 2 slaves

Notes for JOHN JACKSON SMITH:

It is said that his mother Martha Jones was at least 1/2 Choctaw and his father was Welsh. In the 1830's he had a government contract to move Choctaws from MS to reservations in OK. He administered "Choctaw Certificates" as assignee of land for 5 Native Americans. There are papers in the NARA about the dispute over Indians who died during a steamboat trip up the Mississippi River. Smith felt he should be paid for those who boarded while the Indian Bureau felt he should only be paid for those who arrived.

He was a pioneer settler of Scott Co and their first sheriff about 1840. JJ Smith and his wife Margaret were wealthy plantation owners in MS (approx. 200 slaves) who bought several thousand acres in TX that became known as Smith Bend. In 1856 their son Burton came with horses, cattle and 100 slaves ahead of his parents but died before they arrived in TX.

Children of MARGARET BUTLER and JOHN SMITH are:

23. i. MARTHA³ SMITH, b. 1822, Wayne Co MS; d. Bef. 1870, Karnes Co TX.
24. ii. MARGARET ANN SMITH, b. 14 October 1824, Rankin Co MS; d. 19 February 1898, Bosque Co TX.
25. iii. SEABORN JONES SMITH, b. 11 October 1826, Rankin Co MS; d. 17 September 1867, Bosque Co TX.
26. iv. ANDERSON B SMITH, b. 14 August 1828, Scott Co MS; d. 26 October 1879, Scott Co MS.
- v. ELIZABETH SMITH, b. 1830, Rankin Co MS; m. HIRAM EASTLAND, Scott Co MS; b. 1825, Lincoln Co TN.
- vi. BURTON SMITH, b. 30 April 1832, Scott Co MS; d. 05 July 1856, Bosque Co TX; m. JENNY (SMITH).

Notes for BURTON SMITH:

In July 1856 John J Smith sent his son Burton with slaves, cattle and horses to settle the land he had acquired in TX while he arranged the sale of his plantation in MS. Burton and his hunting party were trying to track a bear that had been raiding their livestock. After pursuing it for miles, the bear was finally brought down after a long and exciting chase. Hot, thirsty and exhausted, Burton hurriedly drank alot of water, turned blue and fell over dead. When the news reached his parents, they notified their daughter (Margaret) Ann and husband Silas McCabe to go to Smith Bend and take care of things until they could get there.

27. vii. THOMAS JEFFERSON SMITH, b. 30 May 1834, Scott Co MS; d. 31 December 1882, Bosque Co TX.
28. viii. EMILY SMITH, b. 29 April 1837, Scott Co MS; d. 30 July 1911, Bosque Co TX.
- ix. MARTIN VANBUREN SMITH, b. 06 November 1839, Scott Co MS; d. 10 July 1908, Bosque Co TX; m. AILEEN HAM; b. 1840.
- x. THOMAS GIBSON SMITH, b. 30 June 1844, Scott Co MS; d. 28 November 1912, Bosque Co TX; m. ELIZABETH BONDS; b. 1852.
- xi. LAURA SMITH, b. 1847.
- xii. SLIAS SMITH, b. Unknown.

6. BURNELL² BUTLER (*JOHN*¹) was born 16 August 1806 in Christian Co KY, and died 23 April 1870 in Karnes Co TX. He married SARAH ANN RICKS 02 July 1826 in Wayne Co MS, daughter of WILLIAM RICKS and MARTHA WARD. She was born 17 February 1811 in NC, and died 24 September 1900 in Karnes Co TX.

Notes for BURNELL BUTLER:

1810 Census John Butler in Christian Co KY

2 Males 0-10 (Burnell, Landon)
0 Males 10-16
1 Male 16-25 (William 24 married)
0 Males 26-45
1 Male 45+ (John himself)
2 Females 0-10 (Martha and William's daughter)
2 Females 10-16 (Elizabeth, Margaret)
2 Females 16-25 (Susannah, William's wife Sophia)
1 Female 26-45 (Mary Ann)
0 Females 45+
2 slaves

MS Land Warrants

| Patentee Name | State | County | Issue Date | Land Office | Doc.Nr. | Accession | Serial Nr. |
|----------------|-------|--------|------------|-------------|---------|-----------|------------|
| BUTLER, BURNEL | MS | Scott | 1/5/1841 | Augusta | 1092 | MS0640__ | .055 |
| BUTLER, BURNEL | MS | Scott | 1/5/1841 | Augusta | 1870 | MS0650__ | .323 |
| BUTLER, BURNEL | MS | Scott | 1/5/1841 | Augusta | 2385 | MS0660__ | .326 |
| BUTLER, BURNEL | MS | Scott | 1/5/1841 | Augusta | 2386 | MS0660__ | .327 |
| BUTLER, BURNEL | MS | Scott | 1/5/1841 | Augusta | 3318 | MS0680__ | .214 |
| BUTLER, BURNEL | MS | Scott | 1/5/1841 | Augusta | 4155 | MS0700__ | .015 |
| BUTLER, BURNEL | MS | Scott | 1/5/1841 | Augusta | 5588 | MS0720__ | .368 |

US Census 1850 Scott Co MS

Family #2 Bernal (sic) Butler 45 KY, Sarah 39 SC, Woodward 20 MS, James 18 MS, William 16 MS, Mary A 14 MS, Ruthy 11 MS, Twins Robert and Elizabeth 8 MS, Albert 6 MS, Hulda 3 MS, Bernal P 6/12 MS. (Daughter Susan was already married to Elmer Johnson in 1845)

From Footprints of Hiram Rand Pullin by Geraldine Spenser

John Wofford had made the trip to TX and wrote back to the Butlers telling of the prairie with grasses to feed many cattle. Butler history tells of the trip during 1852 when Burnell Butler and Sarah Ann Ricks Butler came to Texas from Scott Co MS with their children. The trip was made overland in wagons; there were three ox-drawn wagons, the family and seven Negro slaves. With these wagons were the families of John Pullin and William Mills. In Sept 1852 the train set out for the limitless country of TX. In the cavalcade were numerous ox teams and a "hack" drawn by horses. Small children rode in this luxurious vehicle. For three months the party moved westward and they reached the San Antonio River on Dec 24 1852 to land described to them by Wofford. Here they set up tents and built homes. They settled just below Wofford's land (he settled in Karnes County in 1848 at what is now known as Wofford's Crossing) on the west side of the San Antonio River. Indian attack had been a problem as recently as Oct 1848 when there was a skirmish with Indian horse thieves at Escondido Creek just southwest of Wofford's Crossing. Karnes County was formed in 1854 from Bexar and Goliad Counties - the first Anglo settlement was in 1852 at Helena on the site of a Mexican settlement called Alamita on the road from San Antonio to Indianola. John and Mary Pullin with their sons Hiram, Thomas Leavin settled not far from the Butlers. Hiram and his wife Candacy Butler Pullin brought two small children with them from Mississippi with another born in Lavaca.

From Lavonne's Butler Family WebPage

In Sept 1852 Burnell Butler sold his land in MS to a Mr.Lay for \$1 an acre (\$1750) and moved to Texas traveling overland with his family nad 7 Negro slaves in ox-drawn wagons. On Christmas Eve they reached their son Woodford's camp on the west bank of the San Antonio River and there established their home. They were accompanied to Texas by 12 of their children (Woodward having been sent on ahead) ranging in age from 24 years to 1 year old and their granddaughter Jane Johnson age 6. Their 14th child Daniel was born 6 years later.

According to "Trail Drivers of Texas" pg. 479 - 480

In 1849 Woodward, then a youth of twenty years, left his home in MS to seek out a new location for the family. He crossed the Mississippi River into Louisiana where he remained long enough to make a crop and, selling out, journeyed on until he reached Karnes County, then a part of Goliad County in 1850, where he stayed on a tract of land near the San Antonio River. In Sept 1852 his father sold out in MS and started to join him with his wife, twelve children and seven Negro slaves, traveling in covered wagons (3) each drawn by two yoke of oxen, his wife Sarah driving a hack with a team of big horses and himself riding a fine saddle horse. They stopped at Jackson MS to bid goodbye to sister Martha Butler Porter. She drove down the road with them, riding in a great carriage with a Negro driver on a high seat in front, a barouche of the real Old South. They crossed the Mississippi River at Natchez, spending three months on the road. The families of John Pullin and his sons Hiram, Thomas and Calvin Pullin came with them, as well as John, Richard, Landon and Stephen Ricks. They reached the banks of Ecletto Creek on the west side of the San Antonio River, 6 miles from the future town of Kenedy on Dec 24, 1852. In the spring of 1853 Burnell cleared 14 acres, pushing back the brush to make a fence and planted corn. He made 50 bushels of corn to the acre. Also that spring he leased land and bought cattle. In Nov 1863 Woodward drove to Port Lavaca to bring the winter's supply of groceries. While there he contracted yellow fever and died.

The first Polish settlers came to TX in 1854 and settled in Panna Maria, Karnes County. In 1856 there was a severe drought and these poor immigrants were starving. The Butlers gave 12 steers to them and other families supplied corn to them.

Burnell was deaf and dumb - not certain whether from birth or from a childhood disease.
Religion - Baptist

Unconfirmed tradition says that Burnell had to commit his son Robert to a mental hospital in Austin. Robert escaped and made his way back to Karnes County. He murdered his father on April 23, 1870 by pushing him off a cliff. His older sister Susan was a witness and he killed her two days later. Then on May 20 Robert was shot to death by authorities on the steps of the Capitol Building in Austin.

Burnell's obituary in the Corpus Christi Weekly Advertise, May 20 1870 page 2:

"Burnell Butler died at his residence, seven miles below Helena on the west bank of the San Antonio River, on April 24. He had been a resident of Karnes County since 1845." (not accurate according to tax records)

Children of BURNELL BUTLER and SARAH RICKS are:

29. i. SUSAN COLLIER³ BUTLER, b. 24 May 1828, Rankin Co MS; d. 25 April 1870, Karnes Co TX.
- ii. JOHN WOODWARD BUTLER, b. 28 March 1830, Rankin Co MS; d. 02 November 1863, Karnes Co TX.

Notes for JOHN WOODWARD BUTLER:

In 1849 Woodward, then a youth of twenty years, left his home in MS to seek out a new location for the family. He crossed the Mississippi River into Louisiana where he remained long enough to make a crop and, selling out, journeyed on until he reached Karnes County, then a part of Goliad County in 1850, where he stayed on a tract of land near the San Antonio River. In Sept 1852 his father sold out in MS and started to join him. In Nov 1863 Woodward died of yellow fever on a trip to Port Lavaca for the winter's groceries.

Here is the story of Woodward's death, as published in the Floresville Chronicle-Journal, Jan 18, 1968: In 1853, Woodward took a slave to Indianola (near present Port Lavaca, TX) for winter supplies. An epidemic of yellow fever was raging along the coast, and Woodward contracted the disease. Becoming ill in route home, he made it to Yates Creek (just below the present town of Runge) and could go no further. His Negro companion hurried to the banks of the San Antonio River opposite the Butler ranch house. The river was at flood stage as a result of heavy rains. He finally made himself heard above the roar of the water to convey the news that Woodward was sick and needed help quickly. With darkness setting in, Sarah Butler saddled a horse, took some extra clothing and her medical supplies, and swam the river to nurse her son. She improvised a camp and nursed her son three or four days before he died. She and the Negro companion had to dig a grave and bury her own son. (The grave has been moved to the Butler Family Cemetery, Kenedy, TX)

- 30. iii. WILLIAM GREEN BUTLER, b. 14 June 1831, Scott Co MS; d. 20 June 1912, Karnes Co TX.
- 31. iv. JAMES B BUTLER, b. 21 January 1832, Rankin Co MS; d. 1910, Campbelton TX.
- 32. v. MARYANN BUTLER, b. 15 May 1836, Scott Co MS; d. 08 February 1915, Karnes Co TX.
- 33. vi. RUTH ELLEN BUTLER, b. 11 December 1838, Scott Co MS; d. 1925.
- 34. vii. ELIZABETH BUTLER, b. 13 September 1841, Scott Co MS - twin; d. 05 February 1879, Karnes Co TX.
- viii. ROBERT ANDREW BUTLER, b. 13 September 1841, Scott Co MS - twin; d. 20 May 1870, Austin TX.

Notes for ROBERT ANDREW BUTLER:

Unconfirmed tradition says that Burnell had to commit his son Robert to a mental hospital in Austin. Robert escaped and made his way back to Karnes County. He murdered his father on April 23, 1870 by pushing him off a cliff. His older sister Susan was a witness and he killed her two days later. Then on May 20 Robert was shot to death by authorities on the steps of the Capitol Building in Austin.

- 35. ix. ALBERT BROWN BUTLER, b. 24 May 1844, Scott Co MS; d. 22 January 1927, Bee Co TX.
- 36. x. HULDA LOU BUTLER, b. 1846, Scott Co MS; d. 1884, Monterey, Mexico.
- 37. xi. PLEASANT BURNELL BUTLER, b. 13 September 1848, Scott Co MS; d. 17 August 1930, Karnes Co TX.
- xii. GEORGE WASHINGTON BUTLER, b. 19 February 1851, Scott Co MS - twin; d. 04 August 1879, Karnes Co TX.

Notes for GEORGE WASHINGTON BUTLER:

From the Kenedy Advance-Times, June 23, 1982:

George Washington Butler (son of Burnell and Sarah) was killed in a gunfight in 1878 at age 28. He and a friend, John Cooper, rode their horses to Helena on a hot evening and went to a saloon where they drank. After an argument arose between them, they went out into the street for a shoot out. When the dust cleared they both lay dead, having shot each other.

- 38. xiii. MARQUIS LAFAYETTE BUTLER, b. 19 February 1851, Scott Co MS - twin; d. 06 February 1916, Karnes Co TX.
- xiv. DANIEL WEBSTER BUTLER, b. 1858, Karnes Co TX; d. 1926, Karnes Co TX; m. (1) MARTHA SPENCER, 12 December 1881, Karnes Co TX; m. (2) ANN COLBREATH, 01 December 1891, Bee Co TX.

Generation No. 3

7. SUSANNAH³ BUTLER (*WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 1812 in KY, and died Aft. 1860 in TX. She married JOHN C CHILDERS Bet. 1834 - 1838 in Was there a first husband- father of Elizabeth (?Wright)?.

Notes for JOHN C CHILDERS:

US Census 1850 Polk Co TX page 182B family #92 shows:

JC Childers 38 AL Farmer, Susan 35 KY, Elizabeth 15 KY, Sarah 5 TX, Margaret 3 TX, Rebecca 1 TX, Cullen Night 14 AL. (Could Cullen be son from a first marriage along with oldest daughter ?)

Children of SUSANNAH BUTLER and JOHN CHILDERS are:

- i. ELIZABETH⁴ CHILDERS, b. 1835.
- ii. SARAH CHILDERS, b. 1845.
- iii. MARGARET CHILDERS, b. 1847.
- iv. REBECCA CHILDERS, b. 1849.
- v. LUCINDA CHILDERS, b. 1854.

8. JONATHAN RANKIN³ BUTLER (*WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 1820 in Montgomery Co AL, and died 1899 in Johnson Co TX. He married (1) CATHERINE BURT Abt. 1843. She was born 08 March 1821, and died 27 June 1884 in Bosque Co TX. He married (2) ADA ELIZABETH SMITH 08 February 1888 in Her second husband. She was born 1863 in Lavaca Co TX, and died 1932 in TX.

Notes for JONATHAN RANKIN BUTLER:

Children of JONATHAN BUTLER and CATHERINE BURT are:

39. i. SARAH E⁴ BUTLER, b. 19 September 1845, Liberty Co TX; d. 06 October 1940, Bosque Co TX.
40. ii. MARY E BUTLER, b. 17 November 1847, TX; d. 23 November 1914, Bosque Co TX.
- iii. DAUGHTER BUTLER, b. August 1850.
41. iv. WILLIAM ANDREW BUTLER, b. 31 August 1853.
42. v. JOHN HENRY BUTLER, b. 17 October 1855; d. 21 July 1925, Dallas Co TX.
43. vi. JAMES FRANKLIN BUTLER, b. 16 October 1857; d. 10 May 1926, Tarrant Co TX.
- vii. ROBERT H BUTLER, b. 1862.

Children of JONATHAN BUTLER and ADA SMITH are:

- viii. EMMETT⁴ BUTLER.
- ix. THEODORE BUTLER.
- x. PEARL BUTLER.
- xi. GUY BUTLER.

9. MARY³ BUTLER (*WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 1824 in Montgomery Co AL, and died Bef. 1854 in Polk Co TX. She married EDWARD IRONS 31 August 1848 in Polk Co TX.

Children of MARY BUTLER and EDWARD IRONS are:

44. i. JOHN W⁴ IRONS, b. 1849.
- ii. MARY IRONS, b. 1852.
- iii. SARAH DELILAH IRONS, b. 1853.

10. SILAS MAGBY³ BUTLER (*WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 1825 in Montgomery Co AL, and died Aft. 1880 in Johnson Co TX. He married MARYANN PROCTOR 14 March 1858 in Harris Co TX, daughter of JEREMIAH PROCTOR and NANCY (PROCTOR). She was born Bet. 1839 - 1842 in TX, and died Aft. 1886.

Children of SILAS BUTLER and MARYANN PROCTOR are:

- i. SARAH E⁴ BUTLER, b. 1859.
- ii. WILLIAM F BUTLER, b. November 1862.
- iii. REBECCA ANN BUTLER, b. 1865; m. EDWARD REID, 14 November 1880, Johnson Co TX.
- iv. SILAS JEREMIAH BUTLER, b. 24 August 1875, Harris Co TX; d. 26 April 1934, Harris Co TX; m. MARGARET ELIZABETH DONAHOE; b. September 1875; d. 13 June 1943.

11. HENRY C³ BUTLER (*WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born March 1827 in Autauga Co AL, and died 16 June 1901 in TX. He married (1) NANCY (BUTLER) Abt. 1849 in first wife. She was born 1833 in AL, and died Bet. 1870 - 1872. He married (2) NANCY (BUTLER) Bet. 1870 - 1872 in Second wife. She was born August 1847 in MS, and died 20 October 1915 in Trinity Co TX - Malaria. He married (3) MARY JANE MEYNARD 1880. She died 09 June 1936.

Children of HENRY BUTLER and NANCY (BUTLER) are:

- i. WILLIAM S⁴ BUTLER, b. 1851.
- ii. JOHN ERVIN BUTLER, b. January 1853.
- iii. ANDREW JACKSON BUTLER, b. 1855.
- iv. HENRY O BUTLER, b. July 1869.

Children of HENRY BUTLER and NANCY (BUTLER) are:

- v. STEPHEN⁴ BUTLER, b. June 1874.
- vi. JUBAL C BUTLER, b. October 1875.
- vii. RUDOLPHA BUTLER, b. June 1877.
- viii. CASS BUTLER, b. October 1878.

- ix. NAOMI BUTLER, b. December 1884.
- x. OSSO BUTLER, b. May 1886.
- xi. EMALIUS BUTLER, b. February 1890.

12. LEANDER GASTON³ BUTLER (*WILLIAM*², *JOHN*¹) was born December 1829 in Monroe Co ALA, and died 09 August 1903 in Lavaca Co TX. He married (1) LAVINIA P REYNOLDS 17 July 1854 in Polk Co TX, daughter of JOHN REYNOLDS and CLARINDA BRYANT. She was born 1834 in Clark Co MS, and died October 1864 in Goliad Co TX. He married (2) RACHEL LEE CONN 02 May 1868 in Goliad Co TX - 2nd wife, daughter of NAPOLEON CONN and LAURA CLEMENTS. She was born 07 February 1849 in Live Oak Co TX, and died 30 April 1925 in Lavaca Co TX.

Notes for LEANDER GASTON BUTLER:

1850 Polk Co TX Census page 180B family #60 shows: Farmers

BUTLER, Silas 24 M ALA - Stephen 30 M ALA - Leander 20 M ALA, Kesiah 18 F ALA, Elizabeth 12 F TX,

Henry 22 M ALA.

1860 Walker Co TX Newport PO pg 103 lists LG Butler

Confederate War Records indicate that he enlisted on May 14, 1862 in Company D of the 8th Texas Infantry at Goliad Co TX under Capt. C. Russell - he was listed as 30 years old (actually 32?) and a James C. Butler age 30 (Burnell's son ?) also enlisted at the same time and place. He is listed as deserting at Lavaca TX on Dec. 21, 1863.

Letter - Boethel Collection, Friench Simpson Mem.Library: Oakville Texas 3/6/71 (1871)
 Gov.Davis, Office of sheriff of Live Oak I understand is about to be vacated by the present incumbent & I consider myself qualified to do the duties of sheriff & would respectfully solicit the appointment. I am living in Live Oak County & am a registered voter at this time & expect to live here for some years to come.
 Leander G. Butler 1st Texas Cal. USA
 Answered Apr.18, 1871 - no vacancy.

1880 CENSUS Karnes Co TX pg 36 Family 132

Butler, LG white, M47, BLACKSMITH, ALA, Father & Mother born KY

Rachel L white, F28, keeping house, TX, Father born Missouri ?, Mother born TX

Lefronia 15, Laura 11, Cora Lee 9, Lavinia 6, Louis N 4, Sarah 1

Boarder - Sadie Taylor, 22, teacher

1900 CENSUS Lavaca Co TX ED92, sheet 5, line 1 - Dwelling 65 Family 69

Butler, LJ Head, Male, White, born Dec 1829, age 70, married 32 yrs, born ALA, Father KY, Mother KY

Buter, RL wife, female, white, born Feb 1850, age 50, married 32 yrs, 13 children 4 living (at home), born TX, father KY, mother TX

Josephine - June 1890 - age 9 - father ALA, mother TX, at school

Mason - Mar 1887 - age 13 - at school William - Jul 1883 - age 16 (no school ?)

Hannah - Feb 1881 - age 19 - single

OBITUARY in Hallettsville Herald Aug.13, 1903

"W.G. Butler (sic), aged between 68 and 70(he was 72), died at his home a mile and a half of Hope (sic) last Sunday. Mr. Butler had been ailing for some months from a chronic complaint and the end was not unexpected. He was an old resident of Lavaca County and the Hope community and had a wide circle of acquaintances. A wife and several children survive him. The interment occurred Sunday afternoon at the Hebron Cemetery in De Witt County."

Notes for LAVINIA P REYNOLDS:

Notes for RACHEL LEE CONN:

1860 Goliad Co TX Census page 10 Family 64 shows: Enumerated on 19 Jul 1860
RM Myers 40M Stockraiser, E. Myers 28F, DW Myers 10M, LP Myers 8M, MJ Myers 6F, JE Myers
4F,
JB Myers 2M, M(Maldona) Conn 10 F, RL (Rachel Lee) Conn 12F, SM (Samuel - Nep's
nephew)Conn19 M.

1870 Goliad Co TX Census page 397 shows: Dwelling 588 Family 603
Conn, Norman 53 KY - stock raiser 1000, Winifra(sic) 32 MS, Maldona 19 TX, Adeline Butler 6
TX (their granddaughter by Leander's first wife).

Children of LEANDER BUTLER and LAVINIA REYNOLDS are:

- i. JAMES⁴ BUTLER, b. 1859.
45. ii. ADELIN E BUTLER, b. 1862, TX.
- iii. LEFRONIA BUTLER, b. 1864.

Children of LEANDER BUTLER and RACHEL CONN are:

46. iv. WILLIAM LEROY⁴ BUTLER, b. 16 July 1883, Oakville, Live Oak Co, TX; d. 27 April 1965, San Antonio,
Bexar Co, TX.
47. v. LAURA FRANCES BUTLER, b. 10 September 1869, TX; d. 1908, TX.
48. vi. CORA LEE BUTLER, b. 30 August 1871, TX; d. 12 October 1959, Tarrant Co TX.
49. vii. LAVINIA VENYN BUTLER, b. 10 September 1873, Live Oak Co TX; d. 15 June 1907, TX.
50. viii. LOUIS NEPOLEAN BUTLER, b. 17 March 1876, Live Oak Co TX; d. 04 September 1943, Live Oak Co TX.
51. ix. MELSADY BUTLER, b. 29 July 1878, Live Oak Co TX; d. 07 May 1902, TX.
 - x. SARAH BUTLER, b. 1879, Died as a child.
 - xi. HANNAH ELIZABETH BUTLER, b. 19 February 1881, Karnes Co TX; d. 17 November 1968; m. EMERY
JORDAN; b. 21 November 1880, La.
52. xii. MASON FRANKLIN BUTLER, b. 12 March 1887, Live Oak Co TX; d. 21 January 1953, Fresno CA.
53. xiii. DELILAH JOSEPHINE BUTLER, b. 24 June 1890, TX.

13. KESIAH³ BUTLER (*WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 1831 in Monroe Co AL, and died Bef. 1870 in
Trinity Co TX. She married EDWARD IRONS 25 May 1854 in Polk Co TX - 2nd wife.

Children of KESIAH BUTLER and EDWARD IRONS are:

54. i. SILAS ELISHA⁴ IRONS, b. June 1858.
- ii. LEONARD IRONS, b. 1859.
- iii. SUSAN IRONS, b. 1861.
- iv. SALLY IRONS, b. 1863.

14. MOSES BERRY³ RANKIN (*ELIZABETH² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) was born 09 November 1817 in
Washington Co MS Terr, and died 08 January 1895. He married (1) CHRISTINA METCALF 22
November 1843, daughter of ANTHONY METCALF and MATILDA BEASLEY. He married (2) SARAH
METCALF 1856.

Children of MOSES RANKIN and CHRISTINA METCALF are:

- i. MINERVA⁴ RANKIN, m. (HUSBAND) RHODES.
- ii. MARGARET RANKIN.
- iii. LOUIS RANKIN.
- iv. BENJAMIN RANKIN.

Children of MOSES RANKIN and SARAH METCALF are:

- v. CHRISTINA⁴ RANKIN.
- vi. ELIZABETH RANKIN.
- vii. ANTHONY METCALF RANKIN.

15. MARY³ RANKIN (*ELIZABETH² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) was born 06 July 1819 in Washington Co MS Terr, and died 30 September 1896 in De Witt Co TX. She married SAMUEL HOUSTON MEYERS 15 April 1838. He was born 18 September 1818 in Rankin Co MS, and died 13 December 1877 in De Witt Co TX.

Children of MARY RANKIN and SAMUEL MEYERS are:

- i. HOUSTON PIERCE⁴ MEYERS, b. 28 November 1840, Rankin Co MS; m. MARY ELIZABETH BOWLES, 20 July 1870.
- ii. VIRGINIA MEYERS, b. 1842.
- iii. VIENNA MEYERS, b. 1844.
- iv. LAURA MEYERS, b. 1846, Polk Co TX; m. AARON NEIL.
- v. MARIANNE MEYERS, b. 1849, Polk Co TX; m. JAMES MILLS.
- vi. ALONZO MEYERS, b. 1850, Polk Co TX; m. MARY CLAY.
- vii. MARSHALL MEYERS, b. 1852, Polk Co TX; m. OLIVIA LEGALLO.
- viii. ALBERT MEYERS, b. 1855, Polk Co TX; m. LYDIA FINK.
- ix. SARAH MEYERS, b. 1860.
- x. LAFAYETTE MEYERS, m. ELIZA LEGALLO.
- xi. THOMAS MEYERS, m. LAURA CEMES(?).

16. MESSINA³ RANKIN (*ELIZABETH² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) was born 05 January 1825 in Wayne Co MS, and died 08 February 1869 in DeWitt Co TX. She married GILBERT NEIL Abt. 1842. He was born 20 July 1823.

Notes for MESSINA RANKIN:

U. S. Census Lavaca County, TX, 13 June 1870

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| 308-275 M C_____? | Solomon | 33 | Farmer | TN |
| | Elizabeth A | 29 | Keeps House | TX |
| | Mary E | 11 | At Home | TX |
| | Martha | 8 | At Home | TX |

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| NEEL Rufus | 15 | Wks on Farm | TX |
| Harriett | 12 | At Home | TX |
| Edward | 10 | At Home | TX |
| Lee | 7 | At Home | TX |
| Thomas | 2 | At Home | TX |

Children of MESSINA RANKIN and GILBERT NEIL are:

- i. CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH⁴ NEIL, b. 26 November 1843.
- ii. MARGARET ANN NEIL, b. 28 September 1846.
- iii. JOHN WESLEY NEIL, b. 15 February 1849.
- iv. ROBERT MARSHALL NEIL, b. 15 August 1852.
- v. RUFUS WALKER NEIL, b. March 1855.
- vi. HARRIET VIRGINIA NEIL, b. 04 December 1857.
- vii. SAMUEL EDWARD NEIL, b. 30 August 1860; d. 04 September 1937.
- viii. WILLIAM LEE NEIL, b. 13 June 1863; d. 21 January 1927, Beaumont TX.
- ix. THOMAS MESSINA NEIL, b. 30 January 1869; d. 24 February 1938, Beaumont TX.

17. ROBERT WESLEY³ RANKIN (*ELIZABETH² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) was born 13 August 1833 in Rankin Co MS, and died 04 August 1898 in Gonzales Co TX. He married IRENE ANN RHODES 21 August 1857 in Rankin Co MS.

Child of ROBERT RANKIN and IRENE RHODES is:

55. i. MARY ELIZABETH⁴ RANKIN.

18. BENJAMIN WARD³ BUTLER (*LONDON CARTER², JOHN¹*) was born 17 July 1822 in Wayne Co MS. He married (1) ELLEN WALTERS 1844 in Scott Co MS, daughter of JOHN WALTERS and LUCRETIA THOMAS. She was born 1825 in SC. He married (2) LEENORA (BUTLER) Bef. 1860.

Children of BENJAMIN BUTLER and ELLEN WALTERS are:

- i. NANCY⁴ BUTLER, b. 1842.
- ii. ELIZABETH BUTLER, b. 1844.
- iii. RICHMOND BUTLER, b. 1845.
- iv. LUCRETIA BUTLER, b. 1847.

19. JOHN H³ BUTLER (*LONDON CARTER², JOHN¹*) was born 02 October 1825 in Wayne Co MS. He married MATILDA (BUTLER) 1843 in Scott Co MS.

Children of JOHN BUTLER and MATILDA (BUTLER) are:

- i. CAROLINA⁴ BUTLER, b. 1843.
- ii. MARION BUTLER, b. 1845.

20. WILLIAM RICKS³ BUTLER (*LONDON CARTER², JOHN¹*) was born 15 November 1828 in Wayne Co MS. He married JULIA E LONG August 1854 in Scott Co MS. She was born 1836 in Hinds Co MS.

Children of WILLIAM BUTLER and JULIA LONG are:

- i. EUGENE⁴ BUTLER, b. 1855.
- ii. LAURA BUTLER, b. 1856.
- iii. HIRAM BUTLER, b. 1858.
- iv. MARY E BUTLER, b. 1860.
- v. WILLIAM L BUTLER, b. 1863; d. 1947, Jasper Co MS; m. LILLY BOWDEN.
- vi. EDWARD J BUTLER, b. 1864.
- vii. GEORGE L BUTLER, b. 1866, MS.
- viii. LUCY E BUTLER, b. 1868.
- ix. ANDERSON BUTLER, b. Unknown.
- x. ALICE BUTLER.
- xi. EULA BUTLER, b. Unknown.
- xii. JULIA BUTLER, b. Unknown.

21. WADE HOLLAND³ BUTLER, SR (*LONDON CARTER², JOHN¹*) was born 02 June 1843 in Scott Co MS, and died 25 October 1898 in Anderson Co TX. He married MARY LULA BRADLEY 23 December 1886 in Freestone Co TX. She was born 28 April 1857, and died 21 February 1921.

Children of WADE BUTLER and MARY BRADLEY are:

- i. LONDON CARTER⁴ BUTLER, b. 01 October 1887, Anderson Co TX; m. WINIFRED LORENE FITZGERALD; b. 26 June 1890.
- ii. GEORGE THOMAS BUTLER, b. 20 December 1889; d. 1921.
- iii. EMILY EASTLAND BUTLER, b. 09 July 1893, Anderson Co TX; m. AMOS WATTS.
- iv. MAGGIE JO BUTLER, b. 02 July 1895, Anderson Co TX; m. DURNAL CROSS.
- v. WADE HOLLAND BUTLER, JR, b. 29 October 1898, Anderson Co TX; d. 25 July 1983; m. ANN JOHNSTON CLARK.

22. GEORGE W³ BUTLER (*LONDON CARTER², JOHN¹*) was born 01 October 1848 in Scott Co MS, and died 23 January 1897 in Anderson Co TX. He married FLORENCE MCCABE 18 March 1872 in Anderson Co TX, daughter of GEORGE MCCABE. She was born 01 April 1852 in Scott Co MS.

Children of GEORGE BUTLER and FLORENCE MCCABE are:

- i. IVA EUGENIA⁴ BUTLER, b. 31 May 1873, Anderson Co TX; m. HERMAN SCHMIDT.
- ii. CLAUDE MCCABE BUTLER, b. 11 February 1878, Anderson Co TX; d. 09 July 1879, Bosque Co TX.
- iii. GUY DENSON BUTLER, b. 15 January 1883, Anderson Co TX; d. September 1888.
56. iv. EARL CLIFFORD BUTLER, b. 16 January 1886, Anderson Co TX.
- v. TWIN BOY BUTLER, b. 16 January 1886.
- vi. FLORENCE MAY BUTLER, b. 29 September 1892, Anderson Co TX; m. HARVEY ATKINSON.

23. MARTHA³ SMITH (*MARGARET KATHERINE² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) was born 1822 in Wayne Co MS, and died Bef. 1870 in Karnes Co TX. She married ROBERT ELDRIDGE RICKS 1838 in Scott Co MS, son of WILLIAM RICKS and MARTHA WARD. He was born 1809 in SC, and died 01 March 1866 in Karnes Co TX.

Notes for MARTHA SMITH:

It is said that Martha was disinherited by her father for marrying Ricks, an overseer for the Smiths in Scott Co MS. Others say her father's objection was that Ricks was a divorced man not accepted by his church.

Children of MARTHA SMITH and ROBERT RICKS are:

- i. SARAH⁴ RICKS, b. 1839.
- ii. BABY BOY RICKS, b. 1840.
57. iii. MARY JANE RICKS, b. 19 October 1842, MS.
- iv. ALFRED RICKS, b. 1844.
- v. MARGARET RICKS, b. 1845.
- vi. ELIZABETH RICKS, b. 1846.
- vii. EMILY RICKS, b. 1848.
- viii. ROBERT BURNELL RICKS, b. 1851.
- ix. RUTH RICKS, b. 1853.

24. MARGARET ANN³ SMITH (*MARGARET KATHERINE² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) was born 14 October 1824 in Rankin Co MS, and died 19 February 1898 in Bosque Co TX. She married SILAS MCCABE 23 December 1841 in Scott Co MS, son of JAMES MCCABE and REBECCA BAINES. He was born 28 July 1817 in Smith Co TN, and died 19 April 1876 in Bosque Co TX.

Notes for SILAS MCCABE:

US Census 1850 Scott Co MS

Silas McCabe 33 TN, Ann 26 MS, Antonette 7 MS, Byron 6 MS, James 4 MS, Albert 2 MS, Ann 7/12 MS, Morgan Protho 20 GA.

US Census 1860 Bosque Co TX

Silas McCabe 43 TN, Ann 35 MS, Byron 15 MS, James 14 MS, Franklin 6 TX, Delina 4 TX, John 9/12 TX.

Silas had a steam grist mill weighing 13,505 lbs. brought from MS and operated it for a long while. He raised cotton which was hauled by ox-cart and then shipped to Galveston. He also had a sawmill to provide lumber for the houses being built.

Children of MARGARET SMITH and SILAS MCCABE are:

- i. ANTOINETTE⁴ MCCABE, b. 1843.
58. ii. BYRON LLOYD MCCABE, b. 1844, Scott Co MS; d. 1924, Hill Co TX.
- iii. JAMES H MCCABE, b. 08 January 1846.
- iv. ALBERT MCCABE, b. 22 April 1848; d. 1852.
- v. EMILY ANN MCCABE, b. 12 January 1850; d. 25 June 1852.
- vi. MATILDA MCCABE, b. 24 January 1852; d. 10 December 1860.
- vii. FRANKLIN SEABORN MCCABE.
- viii. DELINA MCCABE.

- ix. JOHN QUITMAN MCCABE.
- x. ELIZABETH MCCABE, b. 05 December 1861; d. 21 August 1874.
- xi. HELEN MCCABE.

25. SEABORN JONES³ SMITH (*MARGARET KATHERINE² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) was born 11 October 1826 in Rankin Co MS, and died 17 September 1867 in Bosque Co TX. He married DELINA WILSON EASTLAND April 1848 in Scott Co MS, daughter of ALFRED EASTLAND and ELIZA PETTY. She was born 14 October 1832 in Lincoln Co TN, and died 10 February 1921 in Hill Co TX.

Children of SEABORN SMITH and DELINA EASTLAND are:

- 59. i. SELDEN ALFRED⁴ SMITH, b. 1849, Scott Co MS; d. 1921, Hill Co TX.
- ii. MARY MEDORA SMITH, b. 1850.
- iii. SYDNEY SMITH, b. 1851.

26. ANDERSON B³ SMITH (*MARGARET KATHERINE² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) was born 14 August 1828 in Scott Co MS, and died 26 October 1879 in Scott Co MS. He married (1) LUCY FENNEL GRAHAM 1850 in MS. She was born 1832, and died 1878. He married (2) MAGGIE HORNE 1879 in Scott Co MS. She was born 1840.

Children of ANDERSON SMITH and LUCY GRAHAM are:

- i. MARGARET⁴ SMITH, b. 1850.
- ii. ELIZABETH BIRDIE SMITH, b. 1852.

27. THOMAS JEFFERSON³ SMITH (*MARGARET KATHERINE² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) was born 30 May 1834 in Scott Co MS, and died 31 December 1882 in Bosque Co TX. He married (1) JANE BYRNE Abt. 1851. She was born 16 November 1835 in MS, and died 12 July 1931 in Bosque Co TX. He married (2) LODEMI HERING 29 July 1860 in Bosque Co TX.

Children of THOMAS SMITH and JANE BYRNE are:

- i. LAURA⁴ SMITH, b. 1853, MS; m. CHARLES HAYES, 25 June 1878, Bosque Co TX.
- ii. CORA SMITH, b. 1855.
- iii. EMMA SMITH, b. 1857; m. E F WRIGHT, 15 January 1879, Bosque Co TX.
- iv. ELLA SMITH, b. 1859; m. J H SIMMLER, 12 October 1882, Bosque Co TX.

Children of THOMAS SMITH and LODEMI HERING are:

- v. SON⁴ SMITH, b. 15 October 1867.
- vi. LETA SMITH, b. 30 August 1871; d. 1882.

28. EMILY³ SMITH (*MARGARET KATHERINE² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) was born 29 April 1837 in Scott Co MS, and died 30 July 1911 in Bosque Co TX. She married BENJAMIN FRAKLIN BURKS 1854 in Bosque Co TX, son of JAMES LYON BURKS. He was born 08 February 1830, and died 1895 in OK.

Children of EMILY SMITH and BENJAMIN BURKS are:

- i. MARYANN⁴ BURKS, b. 1855.
- ii. BURTON BURKS, b. 1858.
- iii. IDA BURKS, b. 1865.
- iv. DELINA BURKS.

29. SUSAN COLLIER³ BUTLER (*BURNELL², JOHN¹*) was born 24 May 1828 in Rankin Co MS, and died 25 April 1870 in Karnes Co TX. She married ELMER JOHNSON 02 July 1845 in Scott Co MS.

Notes for SUSAN COLLIER BUTLER:

Unconfirmed tradition says that brother Robert murdered his father on April 23, 1870 by pushing him

off a cliff. His older sister Susan was a witness and he killed her two days later.

Family story from descendant Charles Tarver:

Susan was kidnapped by a "real mean" Choctaw Indian and was rescued by her brother William Green Butler, but by then she had a half-Indian baby, Jane Elizabeth. Another branch of the family says that Susan ran off and married an Indian - could Elmer Johnson have been the "mean Indian" who her family took her away from ?

Child of SUSAN BUTLER and ELMER JOHNSON is:

60. i. JANE⁴ JOHNSON, b. Abt. 1846.

30. WILLIAM GREEN³ BUTLER (*BURNELL², JOHN¹*) was born 14 June 1831 in Scott Co MS, and died 20 June 1912 in Karnes Co TX. He married ADELIN RIGGS BURRIS January 1858 in Goliad Co TX, daughter of BENJAMIN BURRIS. She was born in OH.

Notes for WILLIAM GREEN BUTLER:

From "Trail Drivers of Texas"

His first string of cattle were driven to market in Abilene, Kansas in March 1868 with hands including his brothers Robert and Wash. From one to three herds were driven by him every year up to 1886, sometimes he was his own boss, sometimes his partners included Pleas and Lafayette Butler. Some of the herds were driven to Ogallala, Nebraska or Dodge City, Kansas. In Karnes Co he owned nearly 75,000 acres of land and 10,000 head of cattle.

From Handbook of Texas:

After the (civil) war, Butler like many other South Texans started ranching and trail driving "to connect the four-dollar cow with the forty-dollar market". He soon became important in the cattle industry in southern Texas. His first string of cattle was driven to Abilene in the spring of 1868. For many years he and Seth Mabry of Austin were partners and together sent up the trail an estimated 100,000 cattle.

From "A Twentieth Century History of Southwest Texas" 1907

He was engaged in stock raising until 1862 when the Civil War broke out and he joined the Confederate army in Karnes County, becoming a member of Wilkes' Cavalry, but later transferred to the Trans-Mississippi department, being engaged in service in Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas. He continued at the front until the Battle of Arkansas Post when the command was all taken prisoner and taken to Springfield Illinois by Federals. At the time of the surrender the troops were ordered to stack their arms which they did and Mr. Butler with two other men quietly walked away unnoticed and thereby escaped imprisonment. They were soon out of sight of their command but found it difficult to make their escape as they had to swim rivers and keep out of sight of the Federal forces. They were hungry and tired but pressed on until they reached McCulloch's command where they were fed and sheltered and were then ordered to join a refugee camp at Pine Bluff Arkansas. Mr. Butler later joined Carter's command and was active in service in Arkansas and Missouri until the close of the war. He was never wounded nor taken prisoner and had but one furlough during his entire service. Two story frame residence one mile from Kenedy on a natural elevation overlooking the town. A staunch Democrat but opposed Bryan and free silver. He was a Mason and attained the Royal Arch degree.

THE SAN ANTONIO DAILY EXPRESS, December 31, 1884 (Pg.2,col.3)

Helena, December 29

In broad daylight, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of December 26, the usually quiet town of Helena was the scene of a most terribly tragedy. The people here are noncommittal about the affray, and it is very hard to get the facts in the case, even a perusal of the evidence given at the inquest is very

unsatisfactory, but the facts are essentially as follows:

As is the custom in country towns during the holidays, many were indulging in whiskey too freely and E.W. Butler and Hugh McDonald both were disarmed of their Winchesters by the sheriff. They were under the influence of whiskey and inclined to be quarrelsome. The sheriff followed them with a posse, to arrest them when Butler wheeled around and, with a six-shooter which was previously concealed under his coat, fired at the sheriff, shooting him in the region of the heart and killing him almost instantly. After being shot Leary (the sheriff) said to his posse: "He has killed me! Shoot him!" and then expired. The dying sheriff, his posse, and, it is supposed, others fired at Butler who had mounted and was riding away. Three shots took effect, one through his brain and two in his right leg below the knee. Butler was shot at 3:40 p.m. and died at 1:00 o'clock the next morning. It is said that fully forty shots were fired. At the inquest held on the 27th inst., the verdict was that E. W. Butler was killed by the posse, he, the said Butler, having first shot and killed said sheriff, and that Edgar Leary, sheriff, was killed by a leaden bullet fired out of a pistol by E. W. Butler, in Helena, at about 3:10 p.m. The first I learned of the tragedy was at Yorktown yesterday and then too late to reach Helena before night and over muddy roads. This morning I found the town full of armed men, each faction being about equal in point of numbers. The accidental discharge of a six-shooter, Winchester or perhaps even a firecracker might have made the streets run with blood, but the coolness and judgement of Lieutenant Scott, of the state troop, who, with two of his command, left their post at Yorktown and rode to this place in darkness and rain on hearing the news prevented all trouble and the crowd dispersed and went to their homes. Lieutenant Scott, after making preparations for the safety of the late sheriff's posse and closing all saloons, met W.G. Butler, father of the deceased E. W. Butler, and that gentleman told him that neither he nor his late son's friends came for any trouble, and that after attending to his business he would leave town. About 2 o'clock p.m., as both of the Messrs. Butler drove out of the town the crowd dispersed, having remained for several hours without making a threat or using an angry or profane word. The tragedy is supposed to be the result of an old feud, and dire apprehensions are felt that the end is not yet. E.W. Butler was only 19 years of age, and bore an excellent reputation. He was reputed to have been brave even to rashness, and that quality, mixed with whiskey caused his death. His father is one of the wealthiest stockmen in Karnes County. Edgar Leary was claimed by many to have been the best sheriff that Karnes County has ever had, and while some question his discretion, all agreed that he never feared to go where duty called him. He was the only sheriff Karnes County ever had who rigidly enforced the six shooter law. Six-shooters have been carried openly in this town, and the law has been denied. The county has now an opportunity to place itself on record as a law and order place, but unless a man of courage and judgment is elected to fill the office of Sheriff, county organization ought to be abandoned, and attachment to some adjoining county for judicial purposes ought to be its fate.

My note:

The Butlers had the reputation of being quick to feel insulted and quick to take action which in that time of openly wearing guns was often fatal. According to neighbors, there was ill-feeling between the Butler family and Sheriff Leary stemming from a charge horse stealing that Emmett had been questioned about. Leary had searched the Butler home at a time when the men were out working and one of the daughters of the family was ill in bed. The Sheriff insisted on searching her very bedroom since he thought that Emmett might be hidden under the sheets in his sister's room. This embarrassed the women and was a grave insult to her dignity. On the other hand, Emmett had been charged with murder in an earlier incident and was definitely a suspect in the thievery.

DID CATTLE BARON W.G. BUTLER "KILL" THE TOWN OF HELENA?

SOME BUTLER DESCENDANTS SAY IT WAS A BUSINESS TRANSACTION

The San Antonio & Aransas Pass (SAAP) Railroad began building a line to the coast in 1884. Karnes County had the reputation of being a gunfighter's haven and according to the newspapers a railroad developer said, 'If the new line could be run around Karnes County, it would be better for everybody'. Events occurred which were to spell the doom for Helena's prosperity and lead to its eventual downfall, Helena was the largest city on the proposed route of the railroad to the Gulf. It was the policy of the day that the railroad demanded both right-of-way and cash to bring the rail line to a

community. The citizens of Helena were to raise between \$35,000 - \$60,000 toward construction costs as well as donate the right-of-way. The town was prepared to donate the land but some overconfident citizens thought that Helena was too important to possibly be bypassed so no effort was made to cooperate with the railroad. Other citizens realizing the importance of having the railroad come through town made the effort to raise the money but succeeded in getting only \$32,000. When this sum was offered the railroad refused. Thomas Ruckman vainly tried to raise the additional funds but failed. He did his utmost to prevail upon the railroad officials to bring the railroad into Helena, but the railroad remained adamant. William Green Butler got in touch with B.F. Yoakum and offered the railroad a full right-of-way across his lands and also paid a lofty amount toward construction costs. The offer was accepted and when the tracks were laid seven miles to the southwest of the town, Helena began to suffer. It became a virtual ghost town as its stores and businesses moved to the new Karnes City. Butler was a rancher, cattleman, and businessman. On those cattle drives to Kansas, he learned the economic power of the railroad in providing a market for cattle. Butler's business attention was on the railroad and not on Helena. In his twilight years, he sat in a rocking chair on the gallery of his mansion and looked at the SAAP line two hundred yards to the east, running trains in his own front yard.

OR WAS HE MOTIVATED BY REVENGE AS THE LEGENDS SAY?

"Col. Butler buried his son on Sunday. On Monday he rode into Helena with 25 armed men, demanding to know who had killed his son. When no one would tell him, he rode away, shouting behind him: 'Then I'll kill the town that killed my son!' " - San Antonio Express-News Magazine January 24, 1993 -"Ghost Town"

"The next day the boy's father, William Green Butler, showed up with 25 ranch hands to claim the body. W. G. Butler rode up and down the street shouting for someone to identify the killer, but got no response. He dismounted and drew a line in the street with his quirt handle, offering to shoot it out with six-shooters with any man who dared to cross. He threatened 'to kill the town that killed my boy.' He still could not learn his son's killer."

San Antonio Express Magazine, March 15, 1953, "Vengeance Kills a Killer Town,"

"To Col. William Butler, the area's wealthiest rancher, his son's death called for vengeance. He buried his boy on Sunday, and Monday rode into Helena with a Colt on his hip and a rifle in his saddle scabbard. He trotted up and down the town's main street, demanding that someone reveal who murdered his son. No one obliged him. He screamed harshly, his voice echoing from the false fronts of the stores and saloons. 'For that, I'll kill the town that killed my son !' "

Newspaper article by John Ruckman.

"Butler, riding his horse up and down the street and waving a rifle about in one hand, yelled to the citizenry in general, 'I want the men who killed my son!' Nobody would tell him. After a fruitless effort to find out who they were, he said, 'Alright then, I'll kill the town that killed my son' ."

Wofford Crossing Road by Maxine Yeater Linder, 1994

JUDGE FOR YOURSELF BY THE EVENTS 1 ½ YEARS LATER.

THE SAN ANTONIO DAILY EXPRESS
SEPTEMBER 16, 1886

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

AN ELECTION RIOT - Officers of Karnes County Shot to Death HELENA, TX, September 13

At the request of our county attorney I furnish you with the following account of the killing at Daileyville last Monday as gathered from the evidence taken before the jury of inquest:

Somewhere about 12 o'clock on the 6th day of September, 1886, at Dalleyville, Karnes County, Texas, where a local option election was being held, for the Fourth precinct, two Mexicans, Epatacio Garza and Juan Coy, came riding up to a hack that was standing about 25 or 30 steps from the southeast corner of C. P. Dailey's store. They alighted, hitched their horses, pulled from their scabbard a long barreled Winchester gun each and walked toward and up to the hack with their guns in hand.

Someone at this time remarked that "there were two men with the longest guns he had ever seen," and someone else remarked "there were two men who were violating the law." At the time, deputy Sheriff Jack Bailey stepped out of the front door of the store and walked towards the hack where the Mexicans were, and met Newton Butler where the two stood in conversation. Sheriff Elder was then seen walking rapidly towards the hack, whittling with his knife, which he had in his hand. When near

the hack one of the Mexicans threw up his gun and fired at Sheriff Elder, missing him. Then Sheriff Elder drew his pistol and tried to fire, but it snapped. Another shot then came from the Mexicans, after which Sheriff Elder staggered. In the next instant Sykes Butler, who had advanced immediately to the rear and a little to the right of Elder, placed his pistol within about four or five inches of the side of Sheriff Elder's head and fired, when he (Elder) instantly fell and expired. The Mexicans and others then began firing rapidly towards the door of the store where J.J.Elder, deputy sheriff, is said to come out. When J.J.Elder came to the door he saw Wm.G. Butler coming out of a gate towards the front of the store very near him, he (Elder) opened fire on Butler, shooting at him twice before Butler got in any shots; after which Elder and Butler advanced close upon each other and exchanged several shots between them. Elder was killed and Butler was shot in one ear, both had their faces powder-burnt. Butler fired four or five shots and Elder emptied his pistol. Elder had six or eight balls penetrate his person and two which glanced his body making deep furrows. It is the general supposition that Elder received a fatal wound from the volley fired on him from near the hack before he encountered Butler, as he was known to be a good shot with his pistol and in good practice; hence his bad shooting. J.J.Elder fought to his death. After he was shot to his knees he still tried to work his pistol, although all the loads were gone, and he died with his pistol cocked and his finger on the trigger. Poor Jack Bailey took no part in the shooting, for he at once saw that the officers were overpowered and had no earthly chance, as it is said at least 15 or 20 were shooting. He therefore retired to the yard, where some unknown person willfully and most cruelly shot him down, and although he called out after being shot down, "don't shoot me again. I don't want to hurt anyone." The murderer cruelly shot him again, from the effect of which wounds he died the next day. Some have tried to create the impression that Jack Bailey was killed accidentally by a ball from J. J. Elder's pistol, but there is the most unimpeachable evidence that neither Jack Bailey or Hiram Pullin were in range of Elder's pistol. Henry and Hiram Pullin are supposed to have been killed accidentally, but some persons question that fact. The following is the verdict of the jury of inquest over the bodies of the three men shot dead: "We, the jury empanelled and sworn to inquire into the cause, manner, etc., of the death of I.L.Elder, Bud Elder and Henry Pullin, find that Henry Pullin came to his death by gun shot fired by someone, striking him accidentally; that I.L.Elder came to his death by gun and pistol shot wounds fired by Espotatio Garza and Juan Coy (called by some Beohola) and Sykes Butler; that Bud Elder came to his death by gun or pistol shot wounds inflicted by a gun or pistol fired by Wm.G. Butler. (Signed) J. M. Choate, J. A. Martin, John S. Wycar, J. H. Little, J. W. Rutledge, C. A. Conway, D.B.Butler, JP Precinct No. 1, Karnes County"

And so ends another episode of crime in our county, in which the officers of the law and the conservators of the peace are foully dispatched. When will such things cease?

Testimony was taken at the inquest from 30 people - 18 were subpoenaed for the trial - but none of them saw anything incriminating even though there was a fusillade of at least 75 shots by at least 17 people

Georme W. Little testified: " I was sitting near a live oak tree about 60 or 70 feet from the front of the store. The first thing I noticed was two men I took to be Mexicans coming up toward a hack that stood about 30 steps from the SE comer of the storehouse and about 40 steps from where I was. They both had guns in their hands. I first noticed Fate Elder going toward the hack and I heard a shot. There were several men around the hack as I heard the first shot. I ran around the storehouse to the back end of it. I did not look toward the shooting. I did not notice anyone out there with a gun or pistol."

J..H. Trimmell testified: " I was standing in the yard near the rear of the storehouse on the east side of the house with my back toward the front where the shooting begun. I had not seen any difficulty until I heard the first shot. I then ran down toward the gate in the direction where the shot was fired. I saw nothing but a lot of smoke and heard a bullet or two whistling. I turned then and went back into the back room as fast as I could. I told Uncle Monroe Choate to come with me when I started to run back. When I ran up to the gate I found W.G. Butler there with Uncle Monroe Choate. Several shots had then been fired. I did not see Mr. Butler shoot nor did I see him with a pistol. I did not come out until the firing was over."

S. O. Dailey testified: "I was standing about 5 steps in front of the storehouse near the east door. I saw two Mexicans coming up to a hack in front of the store. They both had guns. I then saw Fate Elder go out there. I heard a shot and turned and saw the crowd scattering but could

not see who shot. I then saw Bud Elder pop out of the west room to jerk his six-shooter and fire toward the gate. I looked toward the gate and saw William Butler coming out of the gate. I did not see Mr. Butler shoot." William G. Butler testified: "I was just inside the gate in the yard and Mr. M. Choate was standing beside of me. I saw Fate Elder walking very fast like he was going to do something. He was going in the direction where Newton Butler was standing talking to Jack Bailey. Fate pulled out his pistol and pointed it out in front of him and about that time I heard a shot and thought it was Fate that fired at Newton. I then ran out of the gate. I did not look over there anymore. I saw several parties with guns after the shooting but everything was in such confusion that I cannot remember who they were. Just a few minutes before the shooting I noticed several persons out by the hack that I took to be Mexicans. From the beginning of the shooting to the ending of it, I did not see any one shoot except Bud Elder." Sykes Butler testified: "I was right by the hack when the trouble began. Newton was out there just the minute before when Jack Bailey called him off. The Mexicans were also out there. I saw Garcia and a Mexican I had heard called Bevheola or some such name ride up and hitch their horses. When I first saw Fate Elder, he came right straight on toward me until he got about 3 or 4 feet in front of me and I saw him jerk his six shooter as if to bring it up. I dodged down as I did not know whether he was drawing it at me or not as he was coming toward me. As I dodged down I heard somebody shoot. I did not know whether it was him or not. Then he jumped and ran sorta to my right. Then I saw Pa and Bud Elder shooting at one another and I ran toward them. When I got to about half way I saw Bud fall.

A niece remembered that day differently. "It was a bit different from most shootouts. It was a spur-of-the-moment shootout that involved good guys on both sides and at least one case of mistaken motive. Lots of people were in town for the whiskey referendum. Some, including Sheriff Isham Elder, wanted the precinct voted dry. Others, including the Butlers, were 'wets'. It was against the law to carry a gun in public on Election Day. During the day a couple of men rode into town, one of them carrying a rifle. When the sheriff told him about the gun law, the man took a shot at him. Elder was in luck though as the slug hit his belt buckle. So the sheriff drew and took aim. About that time, Uncle Butler turned and saw the sheriff aiming. It appeared to him that Elder was aiming at Sykes and Newton, who were across the street. It is believed that he retrieved a gun from his buggy. He shot and missed. Bud Elder, who was in the polling place, came running when he heard shots, saw Uncle shooting at his brother and took aim at him. To protect their father, the Butler sons began shooting at the Elders. The Butlers survived the shootout. A trial was held, but no one was found guilty. No one admitted seeing the fight. The man with the rifle who had initially shot at the sheriff disappeared, along with his companion, when the shooting started."

Although this was supposedly "spur-of-the-moment", a wagon full of rifles had been brought to town earlier in the morning by a son-in-law of W.G. Butler on a day when guns were forbidden.

Children of WILLIAM BUTLER and ADELIN BARRIS are:

- i. NEWTON GREEN⁴ BUTLER, b. 07 December 1858, Karnes Co TX; d. 12 March 1895, New Orleans, LA; m. MARY ELDER.

Notes for NEWTON GREEN BUTLER:

Letter from Dr. H.L. Lewis of New Orleans, LA, March 15, 1895, concerning the death of Newton Green Butler:

Mr. Butler

Dear Sir,

Mr. N.G. Butler came to the Hotel Dieu about a week ago and consulted me in reference to some hemorrhoids, which were troubling him considerably. He was exceedingly nervous at the time of admission, and I suspected that he had been drinking too freely. He assured me, however, that he had not indulged in more than a couple of

drinks a day, and attributed his nervousness to loss of rest from the painful hemorrhoids. Not knowing positively that Mr. Butler had been on a protracted spree, I consented to operate on him the following day.

The operation is a simple one, unattended with any danger. Before beginning with the chloroform, my assistant Dr. Bloch remarked to me that my patient had been drinking very freely, but again Mr. Butler denied the charge.

After the operation he began to get more and more nervous, and kept demanding drink. His friends

unfortunately locked his door, preventing the good little sister in charge from interfering, and gave Br. Butler large and frequent drinks. Several large bottles that had contained liquor were found emptied in his room when the sisters succeeded in entering. Delirium Tremens set in on the day after the operation, and Mr. Butler died from the effects of that and not from any hemorrhage, the only danger following an operation for hemorrhoids.
Respectfully,
H.L. Lewis, MD

- ii. HELEN ADELIN BUTLER, b. 22 April 1860, Karnes Co TX; d. 04 May 1948, Karnes Co TX; m. ANDREW M NICHOLS, 17 March 1884, Karnes Co TX.
- iii. LOUISA M BUTLER, b. 04 April 1862, Karnes Co TX; d. 07 September 1944, Bexar Co TX; m. JOSEPH W ADAMS.
- iv. EMMETT W BUTLER, b. 08 November 1864, Karnes Co TX; d. 26 December 1884, Karnes Co TX - gunfight.
- v. MARION BUTLER, b. 09 November 1866, Karnes Co TX; d. 19 November 1866, Karnes Co TX.
- 61. vi. SYKES C BUTLER, b. 1867, Karnes Co TX; d. 08 April 1946.
- vii. CORA ANN BUTLER, b. 25 February 1870, Karnes Co TX; d. 30 July 1947, Karnes Co TX.
- 62. viii. THEODORE GREEN BUTLER, b. 14 September 1871, Karnes Co TX; d. 02 February 1948, Karnes Co TX.
- ix. WILLIAM GREEN BUTLER, JR, b. 08 November 1876, Karnes Co TX; d. 20 November 1913, Karnes Co TX - automobile accident; m. IDA BRIGHT.

31. JAMES B³ BUTLER (*BURNELL², JOHN¹*) was born 21 January 1832 in Rankin Co MS, and died 1910 in Campbelton TX. He married (1) ELIZABETH WALLACE BURRIS 1854 in Karnes Co TX, daughter of BENJAMIN BURRIS. She was born 1830 in OH. He married (2) CLARA HARGRAVE Aft. 1876 in Second wife - her second husband.

Children of JAMES BUTLER and ELIZABETH BURRIS are:

- i. WOODWARD⁴ BUTLER, b. 1856.
- ii. SEABORN G BUTLER, b. 1857.
- iii. LEANDER G BUTLER, b. 1860.
- 63. iv. JAMES STANTON BUTLER, b. 1863.
- v. ANDREW H BUTLER, b. 1867; d. Went to Montana in 1893 and changed name to Andy Fulton; m. AMELIA WINTER.
- vi. SIDNEY W BUTLER, b. 1870.
- vii. OPHELIA BUTLER, b. 1876.

Children of JAMES BUTLER and CLARA HARGRAVE are:

- viii. ESTELLA⁴ BUTLER.
- ix. RHODA BUTLER.
- x. BESSIE BUTLER.

32. MARYANN³ BUTLER (*BURNELL², JOHN¹*) was born 15 May 1836 in Scott Co MS, and died 08 February 1915 in Karnes Co TX. She married (1) FRANKLIN FOWLER Bef. 1855. She married (2) IRA HINTON 1856 in Karnes Co TX.

Child of MARYANN BUTLER and FRANKLIN FOWLER is:

- i. SEAGER⁴ FOWLER.

Children of MARYANN BUTLER and IRA HINTON are:

- ii. MONROE⁴ HINTON.
- iii. LEMUEL HINTON.

33. RUTH ELLEN³ BUTLER (*BURNELL², JOHN¹*) was born 11 December 1838 in Scott Co MS, and died 1925. She married LEMUEL WELLS BURRIS, SR.

Children of RUTH BUTLER and LEMUEL BURRIS are:

- i. VIRGINIA⁴ BURRIS.
- ii. CORDELIA BURRIS.
- iii. ROBERT BURRIS.
- iv. FELIX BURRIS.
- v. JOHN BURRIS.
- vi. PEARL BURRIS.
- vii. LEMUEL BURRIS, JR.

34. ELIZABETH³ BUTLER (*BURNELL², JOHN¹*) was born 13 September 1841 in Scott Co MS - twin, and died 05 February 1879 in Karnes Co TX. She married JOSEPH D NEWBERRY 25 August 1858 in Karnes Co TX.

Children of ELIZABETH BUTLER and JOSEPH NEWBERRY are:

- i. SARAH⁴ NEWBERRY.
- ii. JOSEPH MARVIN NEWBERRY.
- iii. CORNELIUS NEWBERRY.
- iv. VIRGINIA NEWBERRY.
- v. SALOME NEWBERRY.

35. ALBERT BROWN³ BUTLER (*BURNELL², JOHN¹*) was born 24 May 1844 in Scott Co MS, and died 22 January 1927 in Bee Co TX. He married SARAH EMALINE WALLER 24 September 1864 in Karnes Co TX.

Notes for ALBERT BROWN BUTLER:

Albert Brown Butler was born about 1844 in Scott County, Mississippi and died January 15, 1929 at his home in Bee County, Texas.

Albert filed for his civil war pension, # 42193, on May 17, 1921. He was age 77, born in Scott County, MS. He had been a resident since 1852, 35 years, of Monteola near Pettus in Bee County, Texas and was a farmer. He enlisted on June 26, 1862 at Escondedo, and served in Pyron's Regiment. He was captured at Tippedoreville, Bayou LaFouche, Louisiana on June 21, 1862, was imprisoned Algiers, paroled New Orleans, LA, and sent to Fortress Monroe, VA, recvd. At City Point, VA for exchange on July 6, 1863. He was discharged April 1865 at Galveston. An affidavit included in Albert's pension application was signed by Willis Franklin Cude also from Company K. Mr. Cude states that Albert Butler was a Texas Ranger in Capt. John Donaldson's Company in 1861, before me. in the Confederate Army. Albert's pension was finally approved on June 22, 1926.
Dahl Ranch Cemetery Bee County TX

Pvt. Albert Brown Butler Albert enlisted near Helena (Karnes County) on June 26, 1862. He was enlisted by Captain John Donelson. Albert was using his own horse and equipment and the Cavalry set a value on it of \$ 118.00 for the horse and \$ 45.00 for his equipment. He was paid \$ 24.40 for the use of his horse. On the Muster Roll of June 30, 1863 he is listed as a Prisoner of War. Captured on June 21, 1863 near LaFourche Crossing. He was sent to the Algiers prison camp. Muster Roll dated February, 1864 - " Paroled as prisoner, not yet reported for duty." Muster Roll dated April 1864 - it notes he is on detached service with Capt. Littleton as of April 30, 1864.

Notes for SARAH EMALINE WALLER:

BUTLER, Sarah Emmaline, #42718, I Feb 1927, approved 3 Feb 1927. Age 80, born 9 Nov 1846, Houston Co. TX, resided Bee Co.45 yrs,
P. O. Caesar. Marr. Albert Brown BUTLER 24 Sep 1864, Live Oak Co. TX. Sarah BUTLER died 25

Jan 1939, Kenedy Hospital, Kenedy, Karnes Co. TX. Appl. for mortuary warrant by grandson Herbert PUCKETT of Karnes City, TX. Death certificate, Karnes Co., shows birthplace as Red River Co. TX, father Henderson WAILER, born TN, mother Sophie W. HARDINICK, born AL.

Children of ALBERT BUTLER and SARAH WALLER are:

- i. EDWARD⁴ BUTLER.
- ii. VIOLA BUTLER.
- iii. ETTA BUTLER.
- iv. MATTIE BUTLER.
- v. CLARA BUTLER.
- vi. LOUIS BUTLER.
- vii. GRANT BUTLER.
- viii. HOMER BUTLER.
- ix. SOPHIA BUTLER.
- x. MYRTLE BUTLER.

36. HULDA LOU³ BUTLER (*BURNELL*², *JOHN*¹) was born 1846 in Scott Co MS, and died 1884 in Monterey, Mexico. She married ASTYNAX TROY SMITH 15 March 1866 in Karnes Co TX. He was born 19 February 1842 in Gonzales Co TX, and died 22 June 1892 in Zavala Co TX.

Children of HULDA BUTLER and ASTYNAX SMITH are:

- i. RUTH ELLEN⁴ SMITH.
- ii. GUY EDWARD SMITH.
- iii. ELIZABETH SMITH.
- iv. FRENCH M SMITH.

37. PLEASANT BURNELL³ BUTLER (*BURNELL*², *JOHN*¹) was born 13 September 1848 in Scott Co MS, and died 17 August 1930 in Karnes Co TX. He married SARAH JANE AMMONS 14 February 1871 in Karnes Co TX.

Children of PLEASANT BUTLER and SARAH AMMONS are:

- i. PLEASANT BURNELL⁴ BUTLER, JR, b. 24 October 1874, Karnes Co TX; d. 26 December 1895, Karnes Co TX.
- ii. ESTALINE BUTLER.
- iii. RUTH BUTLER.
- iv. DELIA BUTLER.
- v. BERTHA BUTLER.

38. MARQUIS LAFAYETTE³ BUTLER (*BURNELL*², *JOHN*¹) was born 19 February 1851 in Scott Co MS - twin, and died 06 February 1916 in Karnes Co TX. He married LOUISA CAROLINE HALL 02 March 1871 in Karnes Co TX.

Children of MARQUIS BUTLER and LOUISA HALL are:

- i. LELA⁴ BUTLER, b. 06 May 1882.
- ii. INFANT BUTLER.
- iii. MARCUS FOSTER BUTLER.
- iv. IDA BUTLER.
- v. VIRGINIA BUTLER.
- vi. DAN BUTLER.
- vii. ZENA BUTLER.
- viii. ALMA BUTLER.
- ix. W EMMET BUTLER.
- x. PLEASANT H BUTLER.

39. SARAH E⁴ BUTLER (*JONATHAN RANKIN*³, *WILLIAM*², *JOHN*¹) was born 19 September 1845 in Liberty Co TX, and died 06 October 1940 in Bosque Co TX. She married LEROY WILSON LANE 22 September 1869 in Bosque Co TX - double wedding. He was born 03 January 1843, and died 25 April 1904 in Bosque Co TX.

Children of SARAH BUTLER and LEROY LANE are:

64. i. MARY ELIZABETH⁵ LANE, b. July 1870, Bosque Co TX.
- ii. WILLIAM ROBERT LANE, b. 16 April 1872, Bosque Co TX; d. 07 November 1891, Bosque Co TX.
65. iii. JOHN JAMES LANE, b. 09 June 1874, Bosque Co TX; d. 12 February 1959, Bosque Co TX.
- iv. FRANCES LANE, b. 1876; m. ANDREW NICKEL, 16 July 1894, Somervell Co TX.
- v. MATILDA LANE, b. March 1880.
- vi. GEORGE W LANE, b. May 1882.

40. MARY E⁴ BUTLER (*JONATHAN RANKIN*³, *WILLIAM*², *JOHN*¹) was born 17 November 1847 in TX, and died 23 November 1914 in Bosque Co TX. She married JOHN W BOWDEN 22 September 1869 in Bosque Co TX - double wedding. He was born 07 September 1847 in TX, and died 07 April 1913 in Bosque Co TX.

Children of MARY BUTLER and JOHN BOWDEN are:

66. i. MOLLIE⁵ BOWDEN, b. 22 October 1870.
- ii. ALLAN BOWDEN, b. February 1873.
- iii. FRANK HENRY BOWDEN, b. November 1875.
- iv. GUS BOWDEN, b. July 1878.
- v. WILLIAM R BOWDEN, b. 23 December 1880.
- vi. JOHN BOWDEN, b. October 1881.
- vii. JOSEPH BOWDEN, b. July 1884.
- viii. DAVID M BOWDEN, b. February 1888.

41. WILLIAM ANDREW⁴ BUTLER (*JONATHAN RANKIN*³, *WILLIAM*², *JOHN*¹) was born 31 August 1853. He married IZA V STANFORD 24 April 1877 in Johnson Co TX. She was born 20 December 1863, and died 26 June 1919.

Children of WILLIAM BUTLER and IZA STANFORD are:

- i. BERTIE⁵ BUTLER, b. 1878; m. W B WALTON, 18 November 1894, Somervell Co TX - first wife.
- ii. VIVIAN BUTLER, d. 05 December 1927; m. W B WALTON, Aft. 1895, Second wife.

42. JOHN HENRY⁴ BUTLER (*JONATHAN RANKIN*³, *WILLIAM*², *JOHN*¹) was born 17 October 1855, and died 21 July 1925 in Dallas Co TX.

Child of JOHN HENRY BUTLER is:

- i. WILLIE EMMA⁵ BUTLER.

43. JAMES FRANKLIN⁴ BUTLER (*JONATHAN RANKIN*³, *WILLIAM*², *JOHN*¹) was born 16 October 1857, and died 10 May 1926 in Tarrant Co TX. He married MATTIE PEARSON 30 October 1879. She was born 29 April 1863, and died 20 February 1946.

Children of JAMES BUTLER and MATTIE PEARSON are:

- i. MINERVA⁵ BUTLER, b. December 1881.
- ii. BIRDIE BUTLER, b. October 1883.
- iii. GUY BUTLER, b. October 1887.
- iv. ADA BUTLER, b. June 1889.
- v. INA BUTLER, b. March 1893.
- vi. NINA BUTLER, b. March 1893.
- vii. EVA BUTLER, b. August 1898.

44. JOHN W⁴ IRONS (*MARY³ BUTLER, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 1849. He married MARY (IRONS). She was born February 1853.

Child of JOHN IRONS and MARY (IRONS) is:

- i. SUSAN E⁵ IRONS, b. March 1888.

45. ADELINE⁴ BUTLER (*LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 1862 in TX. She married HENRY H HASSON 16 October 1885 in Karnes Co TX.

Children of ADELINE BUTLER and HENRY HASSON are:

- i. CLOMA⁵ HASSON, m. LUDWIG ROTH.
- ii. MATILDA HASSON, m. JOHN ROGERS.
- iii. JAMES HASSON.
- iv. MASON HASSON.
- v. HENRY HASSON, JR, m. EMILY DOUGHERTY.

46. WILLIAM LEROY⁴ BUTLER (*LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 16 July 1883 in Oakville, Live Oak Co, TX, and died 27 April 1965 in San Antonio, Bexar Co, TX. He married (1) JENNY LORENA O'NEILL 20 December 1911 in Third wife, daughter of WILLIAM O'NEILL and CLARA CALLAWAY. She was born 28 November 1882 in Leesville, Gonzales Co TX, and died 25 December 1978 in Yoakum, Dewitt Co, TX. He married (2) BEATRICE CLIFTON 1906. She was born 30 August 1886, and died 15 August 1907. He married (3) MAGGIE ALEXANDER 13 September 1909 in Second wife.

Notes for WILLIAM LEROY BUTLER:

1900 - 1930 US Census shows William Leroy Butler and family at Yoakum, Lavaca Co TX Willis Ave

Children of WILLIAM BUTLER and JENNY O'NEILL are:

67. i. CURTIS LEE⁵ BUTLER, b. 20 November 1913, Yoakum, Lavaca Co, TX; d. 09 March 1994, Lavaca Co, TX.
- ii. GLADYS ELIZABETH BUTLER, b. 06 April 1915, Yoakum, Lavaca Co, TX; m. JAMES TRAVIS FULLER; b. 28 September 1913.
68. iii. IMA FAE BUTLER, b. 28 May 1918, Yoakum, TX; d. 14 June 1991, Harris Co, TX.
69. iv. INA MAE BUTLER, b. 28 May 1918, Lavaca Co TX - twin #1; d. 04 June 1991, Lavaca Co TX.
70. v. ERNEST MERLE BUTLER, b. 11 June 1920, Yoakum, Lavaca Co, TX; d. 08 February 1990, Harris Co, TX.
71. vi. WILLIAM JEWEL BUTLER, b. 03 April 1924, Yoakum, Lavaca Co, TX; d. 16 December 1994, Bee Co, TX.

Child of WILLIAM BUTLER and BEATRICE CLIFTON is:

72. vii. FARRELL GAFFNER⁵ BUTLER, b. 15 September 1907, Lavaca Co TX; d. 15 October 1985, Lavaca Co TX.

47. LAURA FRANCES⁴ BUTLER (*LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 10 September 1869 in TX, and died 1908 in TX. She married JAMES STANTON BUTLER 1889 in Bee Co TX - 2nd wife - they are second cousins, son of JAMES BUTLER and ELIZABETH BURRIS. He was born 1863.

Children of LAURA BUTLER and JAMES BUTLER are:

- i. VIRGINIA⁵ BUTLER, b. 17 November 1896.
- ii. MYRTLE BUTLER, b. 1898; m. W YARBOROUGH.

48. CORA LEE⁴ BUTLER (*LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 30 August 1871 in TX, and died 12 October 1959 in Tarrant Co TX. She married S S STREETMAN 1890.

Children of CORA BUTLER and S STREETMAN are:

- i. JESSIE LUVENIA⁵ STREETMAN, b. 07 September 1894.
- ii. LEMA STREETMAN.
- iii. HOBSON STREETMAN.
- iv. MILAM STREETMAN.
- v. DIXIE LEE STREETMAN.
- vi. MINNIE STREETMAN.
- vii. PERCY STREETMAN.

49. LAVINIA VENYN⁴ BUTLER (*LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 10 September 1873 in Live Oak Co TX, and died 15 June 1907 in TX. She married JAMES C KITE 1891.

Children of LAVINIA BUTLER and JAMES KITE are:

- i. DEWEY⁵ KITE.
- ii. ONIA KITE.
- iii. MARION KITE.
- iv. PAL KITE.
- v. EVA KITE.
- vi. SHELLY KITE.

50. LOUIS NEPOLEAN⁴ BUTLER (*LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 17 March 1876 in Live Oak Co TX, and died 04 September 1943 in Live Oak Co TX. He married MITTIE EMMA COPELAND 30 May 1906 in Live Oak Co TX, daughter of WILLIAM COPELAND and LUCILLE BOATWRIGHT. She was born 04 July 1888 in Lavaca Co TX, and died 19 June 1967 in Live Oak Co TX.

Notes for LOUIS NEPOLEAN BUTLER:

Lived in Lavaca Co from 1878 - 1913, in Live Oak Co from 1913 - death in 1943

Worked as Carpenter, on Railroad, Farmer, Water Co

Moved to Yoakum with his parents in 1878 where he lived until 1913. They moved to Pleasanton in 1913 where Nep worked for the railroad until 1915 at which time Nep and Mittie moved to Karnes Co where Nep farmed. In 1918 they moved to Liberty Co and in 1919 to Live Oak Co. Nep worked at the Three Rivers City Water Dept until his death in 1943. Mittie lived in Three Rivers until her death in 1967 and they are both buried in Three Rivers.

Children of LOUIS BUTLER and MITTIE COPELAND are:

- i. ELEANOR MAE⁵ BUTLER, b. 02 April 1906, Lavaca Co TX; d. 16 April 1907, Lavaca Co TX.
- 73. ii. RAYMOND LEE BUTLER, b. 16 September 1908, Lavaca Co TX; d. 24 May 1909, Lavaca Co TX.
- 74. iii. ROY WILLIAM BUTLER, b. 09 May 1910, Lavaca Co TX; d. 17 March 1975, Tom Green Co TX.
- 75. iv. BIRDIE LUCILLE BUTLER, b. 31 May 1912, Lavaca Co TX.
- 76. v. FLOYD BUSTER BUTLER, b. 06 June 1916, Karnes Co TX; d. 30 September 1980, San Patricio Co TX.
- 77. vi. OLEATA PEARL BUTLER, b. 10 May 1918, Liberty Co TX.
- 78. vii. LOUIS EARL BUTLER, b. 11 May 1920, Live Oak Co TX; d. 23 July 1960.
- viii. ONA INEZ BUTLER, b. 19 December 1921, Live Oak Co TX; d. 04 December 1973.
- ix. BENNY JOE BUTLER, b. 08 November 1923, Live Oak Co TX; d. 24 January 1924, Live Oak Co TX.

51. MELSADY⁴ BUTLER (*LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 29 July 1878 in Live Oak Co TX, and died 07 May 1902 in TX. She married SAMUEL AUGUSTUS SMITH 11 February 1898 in Lavaca Co TX, son of JOHNSON SMITH and MARY HORNBERG. He was born 16 May 1877 in Lavaca Co TX.

Child of MELSADY BUTLER and SAMUEL SMITH is:

- i. NORA ETHEL⁵ SMITH, b. 27 May 1900, Sweet Home, Lavaca Co TX; d. 16 July 1969, Hallettsville, Lavaca Co TX; m. HILLARY GARRETT, 24 July 1918, Yoakum, Lavaca Co TX; b. 10 December 1894, Yoakum, DeWitt Co TX; d. 24 February 1975, Lavaca Co TX.

52. MASON FRANKLIN⁴ BUTLER (*LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 12 March 1887 in Live Oak Co TX, and died 21 January 1953 in Fresno CA. He married LAVINIA ELIZABETH EHAT 03 March 1913 in Fresno CA. She was born 20 March 1889 in Merced Co CA.

Child of MASON BUTLER and LAVINIA EHAT is:

- i. MALCOLM FRANKLIN⁵ BUTLER, b. 27 May 1916, Fresno CA; m. HELEN ROBERTS, January 1938.

53. DELILAH JOSEPHINE⁴ BUTLER (*LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 24 June 1890 in TX. She married (1) (HUSBAND) C HOUCHINS 1910. She married (2) JOSEPH CLIFTON 1920.

Children of DELILAH BUTLER and JOSEPH CLIFTON are:

- i. TESSIE BELLE⁵ CLIFTON.
- ii. EVAN CLIFTON.
- iii. NORMAN CLIFTON.

54. SILAS ELISHA⁴ IRONS (*KESIAH³ BUTLER, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born June 1858. He married LAURA (IRONS). She was born November 1864.

Children of SILAS IRONS and LAURA (IRONS) are:

- i. IRA⁵ IRONS, b. January 1889.
- ii. EMMIE IRONS, b. November 1892.
- iii. CHARLES IRONS, b. May 1895.
- iv. WILLIAM IRONS, b. October 1898.

55. MARY ELIZABETH⁴ RANKIN (*ROBERT WESLEY³, ELIZABETH² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) She married THOMAS JEFFERSON THOMPSON.

Child of MARY RANKIN and THOMAS THOMPSON is:

79. i. ROBERT RANKIN⁵ THOMPSON.

56. EARL CLIFFORD⁴ BUTLER (*GEORGE W³, LANDON CARTER², JOHN¹*) was born 16 January 1886 in Anderson Co TX. He married DIXIE MASSENGALE.

Child of EARL BUTLER and DIXIE MASSENGALE is:

- i. EARL CLIFFORD⁵ BUTLER, JR.

57. MARY JANE⁴ RICKS (*MARTHA³ SMITH, MARGARET KATHERINE² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) was born 19 October 1842 in MS. She married (1) ATTA O'NEAL Abt. 1862. She married (2) WILLIAM MASSENGALE Abt. 1869.

Children of MARY RICKS and ATTA O'NEAL are:

- i. MARY ALICE⁵ O'NEAL.
- ii. REATUS O'NEAL.
- iii. LAVINIA O'NEAL.

Children of MARY RICKS and WILLIAM MASSENGALE are:

- iv. HENRIETTA⁵ MASSENGALE, b. 24 July 1870, Karnes Co TX; m. LEANDER MILTON TRUITT, 15 September 1890, Bee Co TX; b. 22 January 1867, Hood Co TX; d. 23 December 1920, Real Co TX.
- v. ALFRED MASSENGALE.
- vi. SARAH MASSENGALE.
- vii. MATTIE MASSENGALE.

58. BYRON LLOYD⁴ MCCABE (*MARGARET ANN³ SMITH, MARGARET KATHERINE² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) was born 1844 in Scott Co MS, and died 1924 in Hill Co TX. He married MARTHA TRAYLOR.

Children of BYRON MCCABE and MARTHA TRAYLOR are:

80. i. FLORENCE⁵ MCCABE, b. 1878, Bosque Co TX; d. 1971, Brazos Co TX.
- ii. EMILY MCCABE, m. GEORGE BUTLER COX.

59. SELDEN ALFRED⁴ SMITH (*SEABORN JONES³, MARGARET KATHERINE² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) was born 1849 in Scott Co MS, and died 1921 in Hill Co TX. He married EMMA ALDORAH HARRIS. She was born 1854 in Scott Co MS, and died 1940 in Hill Co TX.

Child of SELDEN SMITH and EMMA HARRIS is:

- i. MARGARET⁵ SMITH, b. 1871, Hill Co TX; d. 1960, Curry Co NM; m. ENOCH JASON BROYLES; b. 1875, Cherokee Co; d. 1917, Hill Co TX.

60. JANE⁴ JOHNSON (*SUSAN COLLIER³ BUTLER, BURNELL², JOHN¹*) was born Abt. 1846. She married BENJAMIN BURRIS.

Child of JANE JOHNSON and BENJAMIN BURRIS is:

- i. ELLA⁵ BURRIS.

61. SYKES C⁴ BUTLER (*WILLIAM GREEN³, BURNELL², JOHN¹*) was born 1867 in Karnes Co TX, and died 08 April 1946. He married EMMA JANE SEALE 30 December 1890 in Karnes Co TX.

Children of SYKES BUTLER and EMMA SEALE are:

- i. ADDIE MAY⁵ BUTLER, b. 30 November 1891; m. NICK LYNCH.
- ii. MYRTLE BUTLER, b. 10 September 1893; d. 1971; m. GARLAND GRADY.
- iii. WILLIAM BRYAN BUTLER, b. 17 November 1896; d. 1969; m. ALICE (BUTLER).
- iv. EMMA EVA BUTLER, b. 23 October 1898; d. 1964; m. JOE TOM HOUSTON.
- v. BESSIE BUTLER, b. 1900; d. 1990; m. (HUSBAND) HARBECK.

62. THEODORE GREEN⁴ BUTLER (*WILLIAM GREEN³, BURNELL², JOHN¹*) was born 14 September 1871 in Karnes Co TX, and died 02 February 1948 in Karnes Co TX. He married MARTHA LOUISE SEALE.

Children of THEODORE BUTLER and MARTHA SEALE are:

- i. LUCILLE⁵ BUTLER, b. 1897; d. 1964; m. CHARLES HUMMELL.
- ii. NORINE BUTLER, b. 1900; d. 1930; m. ROY MCCRADY.
- iii. THEODORE GREEN BUTLER, JR, b. 1907; d. 1972; m. BESS GARY.

63. JAMES STANTON⁴ BUTLER (*JAMES B³, BURNELL², JOHN¹*) was born 1863. He married (1) LAURA FRANCES BUTLER 1889 in Bee Co TX - 2nd wife - they are second cousins, daughter of LEANDER BUTLER and RACHEL CONN. She was born 10 September 1869 in TX, and died 1908 in TX. He married (2) EVA MAY COLLINS Aft. 1903.

Children are listed above under (47) Laura Frances Butler.

Children of JAMES BUTLER and EVA COLLINS are:

81. i. VIDA BYRD⁵ BUTLER, b. 1904; d. 1983.
82. ii. LULA MAE BUTLER, b. 27 February 1906, TX; d. 17 January 1930, Dimmit Co TX.
- iii. FAYE BUTLER.

64. MARY ELIZABETH⁵ LANE (*SARAH E⁴ BUTLER, JONATHAN RANKIN³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born July 1870 in Bosque Co TX. She married WILLIAM H BOWDEN 16 September 1887 in Bosque Co TX. He was born July 1867.

Children of MARY LANE and WILLIAM BOWDEN are:

- i. BELLE⁶ BOWDEN, b. October 1888.
- ii. LOUIS BOWDEN, b. May 1890.
- iii. FLOYD BOWDEN, b. October 1893.
- iv. ROY BOWDEN, b. June 1896.
- v. ANDREW BOWDEN, b. August 1898.

65. JOHN JAMES⁵ LANE (*SARAH E⁴ BUTLER, JONATHAN RANKIN³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 09 June 1874 in Bosque Co TX, and died 12 February 1959 in Bosque Co TX. He married MARY PAZETTE SHANNON 28 November 1897 in Somervell Co TX. She was born 08 December 1879, and died 26 September 1916.

Children of JOHN LANE and MARY SHANNON are:

- i. EVA MERL⁶ LANE, b. March 1899; m. CLYDE HACKNEY.
- ii. JESSE DOLA LANE, b. September 1901.
- iii. LEITA MELVINA LANE, b. September 1904; m. FRED LAIN.

66. ALLAN⁵ BOWDEN (*MARY E⁴ BUTLER, JONATHAN RANKIN³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born February 1873. He married EMMA (BOWDEN). She was born October 1877.

Children of ALLAN BOWDEN and EMMA (BOWDEN) are:

- i. LOLA⁶ BOWDEN, b. September 1893.
- ii. EVA BOWDEN, b. February 1900.

67. CURTIS LEE⁵ BUTLER (*WILLIAM LEROY⁴, LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 20 November 1913 in Yoakum, Lavaca Co, TX, and died 09 March 1994 in Lavaca Co, TX. He married MARGARET MERLE WARREN 24 December 1935 in Hallettsville, Lavaca Co, TX, daughter of HARVEY WARREN and LULA REED. She was born 20 April 1921 in Yoakum, Lavaca Co, TX, and died 2001.

Children of CURTIS BUTLER and MARGARET WARREN are:

- i. ROSE LEE⁶ BUTLER, b. 04 December 1937, Yoakum, Lavaca Co, TX; m. JAMES LEON PISH, 21 August 1954, Yoakum, TX; b. 07 October 1934, Yoakum, Lavaca Co, TX.
- ii. JUDY BETH BUTLER, b. 22 December 1947; m. JOHNNIE EUGENE PLUMLEY, SR., 16 November 1965, Mexico; b. 04 January 1940, Austin, Travis Co, TX.

68. IMA FAE⁵ BUTLER (*WILLIAM LEROY⁴, LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 28 May 1918 in Yoakum, TX, and died 14 June 1991 in Harris Co, TX. She married CLAUDE OLEN WHITLEY, SR.. He was born 27 February 1917, and died 10 February 1984 in Lavaca Co, TX.

Child of IMA BUTLER and CLAUDE WHITLEY is:

- i. HELEN FAY⁶ WHITLEY, b. 03 July 1939; m. (HUSBAND) BOZE.

69. INA MAE⁵ BUTLER (*WILLIAM LEROY⁴, LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 28 May 1918 in Lavaca Co TX - twin #1, and died 04 June 1991 in Lavaca Co TX. She married (1) CLAUDE A HARMES. He was born 13 April 1914, and died 05 October 1980 in Lavaca Co, TX. She married (2) OLIVER EDWARD FRANKLING JACKSON. He was born May 1906.

Children of INA BUTLER and OLIVER JACKSON are:

- i. EDDIE JOYCE⁶ JACKSON, b. 17 March 1938; m. (HUSBAND) COPELAND.
- ii. MELBA LOIS JACKSON, b. 26 June 1940, Lavaca Co, TX.
- iii. WANDA JACKSON, b. 14 November 1941.
- iv. BILLY FRANK JACKSON, b. 17 August 1943.
- v. TRAVIS LEON JACKSON, b. 25 April 1945.

70. ERNEST MERLE⁵ BUTLER (*WILLIAM LEROY⁴, LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 11 June 1920 in Yoakum, Lavaca Co, TX, and died 08 February 1990 in Harris Co, TX. He married ANN MAE HENRY. She was born 17 December 1917 in Lavaca Co, TX, and died 02 March 1980 in Harris Co, TX.

Child of ERNEST BUTLER and ANN HENRY is:

- i. CHERYL ANN⁶ BUTLER, b. 24 October 1947; m. (1) JAMES RONALD WILLIS, 27 January 1968, Harris Co, TX; m. (2) DONALD L CURTIS, 22 August 1981, Harris Co, TX.

71. WILLIAM JEWEL⁵ BUTLER (*WILLIAM LEROY⁴, LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 03 April 1924 in Yoakum, Lavaca Co, TX, and died 16 December 1994 in Bee Co, TX. He married (1) BERNICE BREWER Bef. 1946. He married (2) MARY JOSEPHINE GEMELLINO 16 February 1947 in Kings Co, New York, daughter of DOMENICO GEMELLINO and JOSEPHINE DARIENZO. She was born 07 August 1927 in Kings Co, New York. He married (3) GLORIA ANN MARTINDALE 19 January 1955 in Yoakum, TX, daughter of WILLIAM MARTINDALE and NANELLA WEBB. She was born 27 March 1936 in Burley, Idaho.

Notes for WILLIAM JEWEL BUTLER:

William Jewel Butler - his own account:

I was born on April 3, 1924 in Yoakum, Texas, Lavaca County. My Father was William Leroy Butler who was born in Oakville Texas in Liveoak County 19 July 1883. My mother was Jenny Lorena O'Neill who was born in Leesville Texas in Gonzales County 23 Nov 1882. During my early childhood my father was a car knacker, a carpenter who builds and finishes the insides of railroad cars. He worked for the old San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad. In 1929 when the stock market fell causing the beginning of the Depression, my father lost his job. Also the Southern Pacific Railroad purchased the old SAP and closed all the facilities in Yoakum. Mom and Dad had purchased the old homestead at 211 Willis Avenue in Yoakum and managed to get it paid for some way. In that old house is where my memories started. It had four rooms about twelve feet by twelve, shaped in an ell. In the corner of the ell was a porch which Dad closed in and made a room. He also built a small back porch that was attached to the big back room and to the other room that he had enclosed. It had a front porch all the way across, The two front rooms were next to the road. All of the roads in our neighborhood were dirt roads. There was very little mud in the area where we lived. The old house was what they called a box house which meant the walls were nothing more than one by twelve inch boards nailed in the upright position from the floor to the ceiling. Each crack between boards had a smaller board called a batten board nailed over it. That was our walls. Needless to say, in winter when the wind blew it was very drafty. We had two flues in the house. A flue is a hole in the ceiling for stove pipe so that the smoke could get out of the house. One in the front room and one in the big back room. We had running water to the house but we only had one faucet in the house and that was on the back porch. All the water for cooking, washing and bathing had to be drawn from the faucet. We had quite a few windows in the house but it was very hot sleeping in the summer months. Some of the window screens had holes in them and all through spring and summer we were bothered by mosquitoes. Many times I could hear my mother swatting at mosquitoes on summer nights. They got so bad at times that Mother would get some old rags, put them in a can on some sand and burn the rags to run the mosquitoes away. When we were small, my brother and I slept in the room that Dad had made when he enclosed the porch. It had an almost flat roof and was covered with roofing tar paper. When it rained the roof would leak. Mom would get some tin cans or pots from the kitchen and put them under each leak. At night it would sound pretty when we were trying to sleep. I sure could sleep

good when rain was falling on that roof. Mother always did her washing on the back porch. She had an old wooden bench that she used to sit the wash tubs on. She would put three wash tubs on the bench near the water faucet. Just outside the door of the porch was a large iron pot about 20 gallons with three little legs. In this pot is where she boiled the clothes to be washed. It was my job to cut the kindling and wood to build a fire around the pot to get the water to boil. Sometimes I had to fill the tubs and the pot with water too. I had to carry that in a bucket. We would carry the clothes from the pot to the tub after they had boiled. We would put them in the first tub on the bench, then Mom would start rubbing them on a rubbing board. The rubbing board was made from two legs of wood with a board across the top with a place made to hold bar soap, usually P&G or Chrystal White. Sometimes she used lye soap which had been made before. The washboard also had a piece of tin from one leg to the other and it was crated crossways so when you rubbed clothes up and down on the board the clothes would rub across corgated tin which helped to get the clothes clean. Another piece of board was put between the legs near the bottom in order to hold the corgated tin at the bottom. The second tub was for rinse water. Mom washed them in the first tub, then wrung them out as best she could, then rinsed them in the second tub. The third tub had water with blueing in it. Blueing was used in place of bleach which we didn't have. After wringing them out of the second tub, she put the clothes thru the third tub then wrung them and hung them on the clothesline at the back of the house. After I got older I helped her pack water, wring clothes and even scrub the clothes sometimes. The depression was very bad for everyone. The first thing I can remember about things getting bad was the night I went down to the street light to play with the other kids and when I came home the house was very dark. I asked mother why she had the lamps burning (we had had electricity for a couple of years) and she said that Dad didn't have the money to pay the light bill and the lighting company had cut the electricity off. I was scared until I got accustomed to the lamps. I had just started school the year before. That summer we went to our uncle's house about twenty miles south of Yoakum to pick cotton. The family all went except the two oldest kids. There were six of us and we stayed all summer in a two room shack near my uncle's place. Everyone picked cotton but I was so small I couldn't do much. While we were there my dad had to hunt when he could to help out our eating. He took me with him one Sunday to hunt squirrels. It was a beautiful day and we went to a creek bottom and were walking in the bed of the creek when I stepped over some cow tracks. Dad hollered and I jumped. When I turned around Dad shot a small rattlesnake in the cow track right next to where I had walked. I still don't remember if we got any squirrels to eat or not. That place had the first windmill I had ever seen up close. It was on my uncle Bud Smith's ranch. When we came back home in the fall, dad got a job with the school in Yoakum. They had a woodworking shop that dad ran. He overhauled all the old stuff the school used and built new stuff when necessary. He was paid \$1.00 for 8 hours of work Out of that he fed a family of 8 and sent 4 of them to school. Times were very bad. Nearly all kids went to school barefoot and wore patched clothes. Besides gravy and biscuits my brother and I would eat a gallon of Brer Rabbit syrup each week.

I remember this because mom gripe about it so much. Besides raising the family mom also got a job picking feathers off the turkeys at the Swift Packing Company. I would go by to see her sometimes an the plant stunk very bad. The would get about five cents for each turkey they cleaned. If for any reason they tore the skin under the turkey's feathers they got paid less for that turkey. My sister Gladys also worked there during the summer. When there was no work for the women a few of them would get together and have what they called a sewing circle. It consisted of 6 to 8 women and they would go from one's house to another's and sew quilts. That's how we had heavy covers during those cold winter nights. The stove in the front room was a wood stove and after supper in the cold weather the whole family would gather in that room to keep warm. None of the bedrooms had any heat so when I was ready to go to bed I would back up to the stove and get myself good and warm then run to the bed and jump in. The bed was very cold but I would pull the heavy quilt over me and in a few minutes I'd be warm. We had to buy wood for the stoves and sometimes I got to go with dad to Mr. Steen's house to order it. We had a small outhouse about four feet by five feet. It had a little bench inside with two holes - a small one for children and a large one for adults. Because of the odor the toilet (as we called it) was located at the very back of the lot away from the road by the alley. The city had a wagon with a tank on it that used to collect all the refuse from each toilet. We used lime to help with the odor but many times we couldn't afford the lime and the toilet sure did stink. It was always

very refreshing to get up on a rel cold morning and have to go out and use the toilet. It would wake you up. We had a nice pasture that we boys always went to to play and hunt. It was called Hagan's pasture because an old man by that name lived there. After I was grown the city bought that land and it is now Yoakum City Park. There was a small creek running through the pasture called Soupy Jack. It had a couple of holes deep enough to swim in. My brother Mearl caught typhoid fever from swimming in that creek. I spent many happy hours playing in those big trees or hunting rabbits, doves or robins. I had a BB gun and later when I was older I used a twenty two rifle. One day when I was hunting I had walked and walked but hadn't killed anything when I came to the fence line of the pasture. There was a large round spot with senny beans all around. Senny beans grew around water and I decided to check out that old water tank. I heard some bull frogs jumping into the water. They were the largest frogs I had ever seen, from ten to fourteen inches across. I killed 12 of them and took them home, cleaned the legs and had a frog leg supper. They sure were good. When I was little Mom and Dad were so poor that they couldn't afford to buy me toys. I played with old snuff boxes and sardine cans and thread spools. Most of my playing was done by myself. Mearl was four years older than I was and wouldn't play little games with me. Sometimes the little girl that lived down the corner would come over and play. One of the first whippings that I can remember happened when she and I were playing momma and daddy under the house and Mearl told Momma. When she found us she spanked me and sent the girl home. We made play guns out of an old apple box, rubber from an inner tube and a clothes pin. We made kites too. One day my friend and I put our kite strings together and flew a kite so high that when the string broke we found our kite completely on the other edge of Yoakum. Of course I didn't realize how poor we were until later. I enjoyed these toys just as if they had cost ten dollars apiece.

Children of WILLIAM BUTLER and MARY GEMELLINO are:

- i. MARYANNE TERESA⁶ BUTLER, b. 15 August 1948, San Antonio, Bexar Co, TX; m. ROBERT RICHARD WALSH, 03 June 1967, Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York; b. 26 January 1947, Kings Co NY.
- ii. ROBERT WAYNE BUTLER, b. 16 April 1950, Brooklyn, Kings Co NY; d. April 1950, Brooklyn, Kings Co NY.

Children of WILLIAM BUTLER and GLORIA MARTINDALE are:

- iii. DEBORAH LYNN⁶ BUTLER, b. 22 November 1955, Lavaca Co TX; m. GARY TAYLOR HALL; b. 04 May 1955, Beeville, TX.
- iv. ROBERT WILLIAM BUTLER, b. 08 December 1958, Lavaca Co TX; m. (1) KATHY YOASTS; m. (2) JULIE ANN LYVERS; b. 03 January 1959, Bardstown KY.
- v. DAVID WAYNE BUTLER, b. 21 November 1959, Lavaca Co TX; m. TAMMY STEPHENS; b. 28 January, Alaska.
- vi. NANCY LORENA BUTLER, b. 08 October 1963, Lavaca Co TX; m. (1) TODD NIARBACH, Bef. 1994; m. (2) LESTER DICKENSON, 04 November 1995, 2nd husband.
- vii. BRANDON SCOTT BUTLER, b. 27 April 1975, Lavaca Co TX.

72. FARRELL GAFFNER⁵ BUTLER (*WILLIAM LEROY*⁴, *LEANDER GASTON*³, *WILLIAM*², *JOHN*¹) was born 15 September 1907 in Lavaca Co TX, and died 15 October 1985 in Lavaca Co TX. He married EDITH ROHDE 16 November 1924 in Lavaca Co TX.

Children of FARRELL BUTLER and EDITH ROHDE are:

- i. JOAN⁶ BUTLER.
- ii. BETTY BUTLER.
- iii. FERRELL BUTLER, JR, b. 06 July 1926.
- iv. EDITH BUTLER, b. 1943.

73. ROY WILLIAM⁵ BUTLER (*LOUIS NEPOLEAN*⁴, *LEANDER GASTON*³, *WILLIAM*², *JOHN*¹) was born 09 May 1910 in Lavaca Co TX, and died 17 March 1975 in Tom Green Co TX. He married CAROL MAE CHURCHILL 24 May 1929 in Lavaca Co TX. She was born 05 January 1915 in TX.

Children of ROY BUTLER and CAROL CHURCHILL are:

- i. GENE LAWRENCE⁶ BUTLER, b. 06 March 1931; m. ANNIE MAE COOPER, 03 April 1954; b. February 1937.
- ii. BARBARA BUTLER, b. 27 January 1933; m. JOSEPH GIRARD, 02 October 1943.
- iii. ROY BURNELL BUTLER, b. 08 February 1936.
- iv. MARY JOCELYN BUTLER, b. 09 May 1938; m. (1) JC POUNDS; m. (2) JACK PINARD, 11 February 1959.

74. BIRDIE LUCILLE⁵ BUTLER (*LOUIS NEPOLEAN⁴, LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 31 May 1912 in Lavaca Co TX. She married LUTHER PENN CASEY 21 July 1930. He was born 23 September 1909 in McMullen Co TX, and died 03 April 1985 in Corpus Christi TX.

Child of BIRDIE BUTLER and LUTHER CASEY is:

- i. BETTY JOYCE⁶ CASEY, b. 09 October 1933; m. STEPHEN GOYNES, 07 November 1950; b. April 1930.

75. FLOYD BUSTER⁵ BUTLER (*LOUIS NEPOLEAN⁴, LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 06 June 1916 in Karnes Co TX, and died 30 September 1980 in San Patricio Co TX. He married JOHNNIE ANDERSON 11 April 1936. She was born 12 January 1915 in Lampasas Co TX.

Children of FLOYD BUTLER and JOHNNIE ANDERSON are:

- i. NORMANVAN⁶ BUTLER, b. 02 February 1938; m. JOYCE MIKESKA, January 1975.
- ii. JOEL FLOYD BUTLER, b. 22 September 1939.

76. OLEATA PEARL⁵ BUTLER (*LOUIS NEPOLEAN⁴, LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 10 May 1918 in Liberty Co TX. She married HOWARD LASSITER 09 November 1939 in Lavaca Co TX. He was born November 1915.

Children of OLEATA BUTLER and HOWARD LASSITER are:

- i. JUDITH KAY⁶ LASSITER, b. 08 August 1940; m. JOHN BURTON, 12 September 1959.
- ii. CYNTHIA GAYLE LASSITER, b. 13 February 1951; m. (1) PATRICK HURLEY, 30 May 1973; m. (2) ROBERT COLES, 24 December 1981.

77. LOUIS EARL⁵ BUTLER (*LOUIS NEPOLEAN⁴, LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 11 May 1920 in Live Oak Co TX, and died 23 July 1960. He married ELAINE ROSENTHAL.

Child of LOUIS BUTLER and ELAINE ROSENTHAL is:

- i. BETTY LEE⁶ BUTLER, b. 16 August 1947; m. ROY FOREHLICH, 18 May 1969.

78. ONA INEZ⁵ BUTLER (*LOUIS NEPOLEAN⁴, LEANDER GASTON³, WILLIAM², JOHN¹*) was born 19 December 1921 in Live Oak Co TX, and died 04 December 1973. She married EARL LASSITER 19 October 1940.

Children of ONA BUTLER and EARL LASSITER are:

- i. MARCY JEAN⁶ LASSITER, b. 05 February 1943; m. JAMES ARMSTEAD.
- ii. RANDALL EARL LASSITER, b. 06 November 1945.
- iii. JEFFREY LYNN LASSITER, b. 01 December 1949; m. PAULA WEBB, 06 November 1976.

79. ROBERT RANKIN⁵ THOMPSON (*MARY ELIZABETH⁴ RANKIN, ROBERT WESLEY³, ELIZABETH² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) He married DORA MAE JOHNSTON.

Child of ROBERT THOMPSON and DORA JOHNSTON is:

- i. WILMA JEANETTE⁶ THOMPSON, m. BENJAMIN SMITH.

80. FLORENCE⁵ MCCABE (*BYRON LLOYD⁴, MARGARET ANN³ SMITH, MARGARET KATHERINE² BUTLER, JOHN¹*) was born 1878 in Bosque Co TX, and died 1971 in Brazos Co TX. She married WILLIAM D

NUCKOLS.

Child of FLORENCE MCCABE and WILLIAM NUCKOLS is:

- i. FRANCES⁶ NUCKOLS, b. 1910.

81. VIDA BYRD⁵ BUTLER (*JAMES STANTON⁴, JAMES B³, BURNELL², JOHN¹*) was born 1904, and died 1983. She married JOSHUA WHITE 16 October 1919 in Dimmit Co TX.

Children of VIDA BUTLER and JOSHUA WHITE are:

- i. EVA MAE⁶ WHITE, b. 17 October 1920.
- ii. JOSHUA RICHARD WHITE, b. 02 December 1931.

82. LULA MAE⁵ BUTLER (*JAMES STANTON⁴, JAMES B³, BURNELL², JOHN¹*) was born 27 February 1906 in TX, and died 17 January 1930 in Dimmit Co TX. She married CLARENCE RAYMOND TOLLETT 15 December 1921 in Dimmit Co TX.

Children of LULA BUTLER and CLARENCE TOLLETT are:

- i. STILLBORN⁶ TOLLETT, b. 26 January 1923.
- ii. JAMES RAYMOND TOLLETT, b. 22 March 1924, Dimmit Co TX; d. 26 June 1944, WW II - Saipan South Pacific.
- iii. VIRGINIA LORENE TOLLETT, b. 19 August 1926, Dimmit Co TX.
- iv. JACKSON CLARENCE TOLLETT, b. 04 September 1928.