

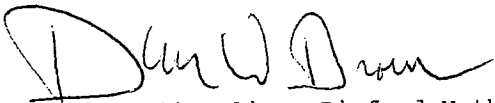
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This copy of the Book by Easter Ray Mathis Slemp, Daughter of James Frederick Mathis II and Letha Alzenia Pigford, was completed some years ago, however a number of people in Texas did not get a copy.

I managed to get a zerox copy from a Weaver Herriott, Grandson of William A Pigford (Brother of Letha Alzenia Pigford).

It is hoped that you enjoy the book. There are a few mistakes in it however for the most part I would say that it is correct.

Many thanks.



Dan W. Brown
Great-Grandson of Cornelia Oliver Pigford Mathis
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June 13, 1991

P.S. If anyone has any pictures of Washington Moody Mathis or his Brother James Frederick Mathis, I would certainly appreciate being able to get a copy and perhaps a negative. I do have one of the two of them sitting side by side that was taken from an old tintype, and which my Mother Lella Otis Griffin Brown, had given to me years ago.

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U S A

Dear Weaver:

I received the book (zerox copy of by Slamp) and I do appreciate getting it. It certainly answered a lot of questions that I had wondered about over the years.

I am enclosing a few dollars to cover your cost of zeroxing and postage. I realize that it won't cover all of it, but perhaps it will defray some of the expenses.

I hope that you by now have received all the copies (pages) of the book that I had sent. It will give you about all the information that is presently available on the Pigfords. There would be some present day knowlege about the present day survivors, but that would take too much work and too much time to ever get anything together.

I have continued to keep my line going on paper and that of my Brothers and Sisters and my Aunts and Uncles and their lines. It is just too difficult to try and keep track of the other descendents of the Pigfords.

I certainly do appreciate all that you have done. I really don't have anymore to give you at this time. If you do get down to Pearsall or to Wentworth, or wherever I would like whatever information that you come up with and a second set of the pictures that you may wish to take. I will pay you for them at that time.

Anyway Cousin: Many thanks. I am glad that you did write when you did and I have certainly enjoyed hearing from you.

Take care of yourself, and again many thanks.

Look forward to hearing from you again one of these days.

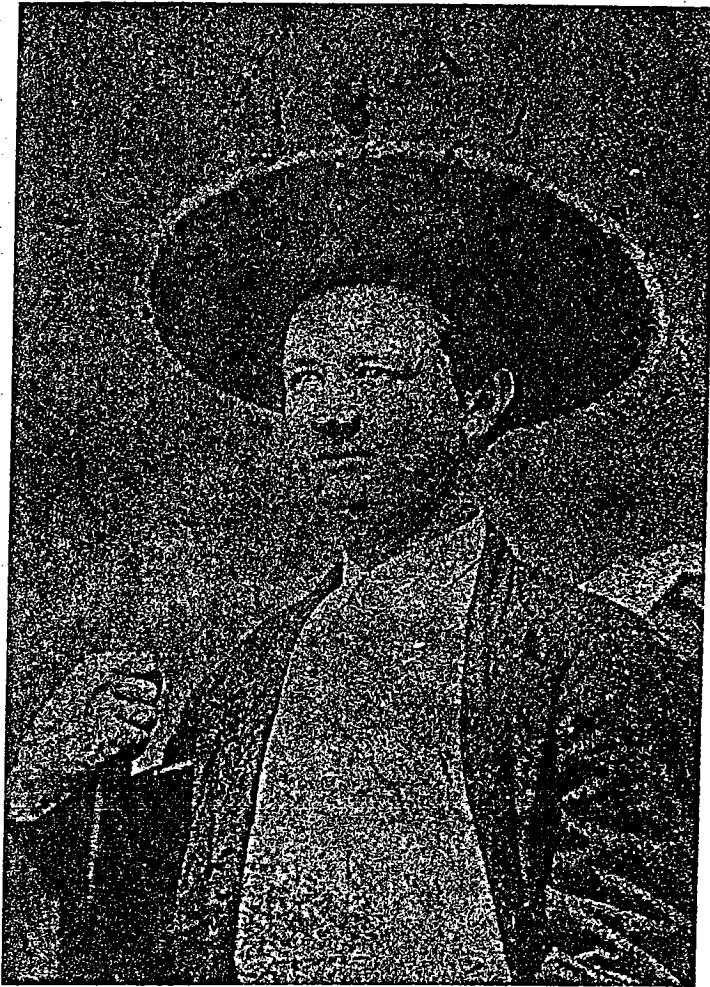
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WEST IS WHERE WE ARE

A History of the Mathis Clan

Compiled and Written by Ray Mathis Slemp



James Frederick Mathis, age 21,
wearing a home-spun suit and a buckskin hat

P R E F A C E

In memory of my father, James Frederick Mathis, I present the following account of the Mathis Clan.

The records are traced back to Frederick Mathis I, born in 1797 in North Carolina. I hope in some way we might trace back to the immigrant.

I have done my best to fill in for each respective family. Any that has been omitted, I invite you to send supplemental data that you feel will make this account more authentic and complete.

Ray Mathis Slemp

The first information of the family named "Mathes" was a Francis Mathes, born 1669, who was an important figure in New Hampshire history when it was a Royal Province. The name was spelled with an e, then, later, in the South, with an i. This was a quite common change in surnames.

One son of Francis Mathes, John Mathes went to North Carolina. This could be a different line. Some of the older ones in our family believe the ancestral immigrant landed in North Carolina from England.

Anyway, the first Federal Census, 1790, lists four families of Mathises. They are listed and discussed by number:

1. Josiah Mathis, Perquimans Co., N.C.
 - 1 male, over 16
 - 1 male, under 16
 - 1 female
2. Isham Mathis, South Carolina
 - 1 male, over 16
 - 2 males, under 16
 - 1 female
3. William Mathis, Tabor Creek District, Granville Co., N.C.
 - 1 male, over 16
 - 1 male, under 16
4. Slib Mathis, Tabor Creek District, Granville Co., N.C.
 - 2 males, over 16
 - 1 male, under 16

1. The Josiah Mathis family is very well tracked. They moved on into Trigg Co., Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas. Some moved on to Mathis, Texas. Others to Illinois and Missouri. I had a letter (1960) from John W. Mathis, age 95, Villa Ridge, Ill.--- a fine letter, well written. He tells of his family moving from Trigg Co., Kentucky. His grandfather and Mrs. O.G. McRill's (mentioned below) were brothers. The Mathis genealogy, Mathis, Texas shows the same lineage. For information contact Mrs. Mae Mathis Green Watson, 2703 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas or Mrs. O.G. McRills, 1128 7th Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho. If our line is ever completed, it would be nice to tie on to this line, so much work has been done on it. I am sure of a relation.

I have in my possession an article that appeared in a Texas newspaper in 1956, entitled "Land Owned by Sam Houston Increases in Value Over 460 Times"

"The old records found in the county courthouses at Sinton, Texas reveal many interesting facts of a century ago. Searching these old records is as fascinating as reading fairy tales in childhood.

"For instance, the deed records will show that a century ago Sam Houston, the first president of the Republic of Texas, owned 1,280 acres of land in what is now Sub-division 2 of the Taft farm lands, which brought the Houston heirs only \$660 when sold in 1871. The land came into Houston's possession through a Bounty Land Warrant issued to him by George W. Hockley, Sec. of War on June 20, 1838.

"In Sam Houston's will and testament dated April 2, 1863, he named J. Carroll Smith as executor. Smith sold the land to Coleman, Mathis and Fulton, 1,280 acres for '600 gold dollars in hand' in 1871.

"Coleman Mathis and Fulton was the largest cattle firm in Texas at that time. The partnership was dissolved in 1879 because of a 18 month drought which wiped out most of the stock.

"J.M. Mathis took as his share, the land in Goliad Co. The 24,000 acres of the Henry Bend Ranch went to T.H. Mathis, and he later established the town of Mathis. This land is now valued at \$288,000."

2. Isham Mathis was living in South Carolina in 1790, before great-grandfather. Frederick Mathis I was born in North Carolina in 1797, which almost eliminated him as our direct line. Of course, he could have moved into North Carolina at the time of Frederick's birth.

3 and 4. It is safe to assume our line is either number 3 or 4 (William or Slip). They are believed to be brothers. One in their family moved into middle Tennessee (Stephen Mathis, California, a descendant). Some in the family of Slip or William moved into South Carolina. There are a good many Mathis in South Carolina now. Information could be obtained.

I have located a Mathis family in Lancaster Co., S.C., on the North Carolina line. There are other counties where the name is an old established one. Duphin and Sampson Counties in North Carolina and Edgefield and Spartanburg Counties in South Carolina also have Mathis families. I believe our line lived in Duphin Co. The Pigfords lived in that county, and moved on into Alabama and Mississippi as the Mathises did.

Kate Cullum, Batesburg, S.C. might have information. Her mother was a Mathis. Her grandfather was James Lewis Mathis, Edgefield, S.C.

Our family moved on from South Carolina into Georgia, possibly through Augusta. Some of the family who remained there remembered others going West. I have corresponded with D.P. Mathis, North Augusta, S.C. There was a picture and a full page write-up about him in Progressive Farmer. He is a top-notch dairy farmer and rural leader. He is a "Master Farm Family". The Edgefield (county-seat) records should be studied. I am sure of a relation.

There is another Mathis line in South Carolina (Tom Mathis). They came from Colliers, South Carolina.

FREDERICK MATHIS I LINE (FIRST GENERATION)

I have positive proof of the following lineage. Our great grandfather, Frederick Mathis I was born in North Carolina, 1797 (county unknown). He must have been a Go-West-Young-Man type. He moved from North Carolina to South Carolina, to Georgia, on to Alabama, Mississippi and then to Texas, where he died, 1862, Madison Co., Texas.

By the time Frederick I got to Alabama he had reached manhood. He married Sarah (Sally) Waites who was born 1803 in Georgia. Her father was James (Jim) Waites. The date of marriage is not known, but they were listed in 1820 in Conecuh Co., Alabama. Frederick I was 23 years old. Living next to them was Micajah Mathis. He could have been Frederick's father. Frederick's mother's surname is thought to have been Patterson.

Frederick I and wife Sarah lived in Henry County, Georgia in 1825, in 1830 in Corveta County, Georgia. They were in Heard Co., Georgia in 1840. Heard Co. was formed in 1831 from Corveta, Carroll and Troy Counties.

In 1850, Frederick I and Sarah Mathis are listed in Lauerdale County, Mississippi. Willis Wilburne Mathis (our family line) their oldest son and his wife, Mary Marshall James (called Polly) were listed as living next to them. Going by the birthplaces and dates of the children, Frederick I moved to Mississippi between 1845-48.

The National Archives, Washington, D.C. Census Records of Lauerdale

Co. Miss. for the year 1850 were obtained from Dr. Prentiss Smith (deceased). (His wife's address is Box 1426, Nattisburg, Miss.) Dr. Smith's mother was Mattie Annie Mathis, daughter of Edwin Mathis (second son of Frederick I) Mrs. Smith could furnish more Mathis information if contacted.

Mrs. Smith has done a great deal of work on the descendants of Frederick I who remained in Mississippi. By completing the Texas line, a complete listing of Frederick I and Sarah Waites' descendants could be compiled. I hope to do this.

Lauderdale County, Mississippi 1850 Census Lists:

NAMES	AGE	SEX	OCCUPATION	BIRTHPLACE	DATE OF BIRTH
Frederick Mathis I	53	M	farmer	N.C.	1797
Sarah Waites, wife	47	F		Ga.	1803
their children:					
1. Willis Wilburne (our line)	26	M	farmer	Ala.	Dec. 30, 1823
Mary James, wife					
2. Edwin	24	M	farmer	Ga.	1826
3. Amanda	21	F		Ga.	1829
4. James	20	M	farmer	Ga.	1830
5. Jefferson	19	M	farmer	Ga.	1831
6. Irene	16	F		Ga.	1834
7. Josiah	15	M		Ga.	1835
8. Hannaniah	11	M		Ga.	1839
9. Hezzekiah	9	M		Ga.	1841
10. Eliza A.	5	F		Ga.	1845
11. Sarah	2	F		Miss.	1848

The date Frederick and wife Sarah moved to Texas is not known. I have a written record that their oldest son, Willis Wilburne, wife Mary James and 2 small sons left Mississippi, Dec. 1, 1856 in two ox wagons. They arrived in Madison Co., Texas, Dec. 25, 1856. It is possible Frederick I and Sarah were with them in the extra wagon.

Frederick and Sarah died in Texas. Frederick died in 1862.

SECOND GENERATION

The children of Frederick I and wife, Sarah Waites, Listed:

1. Willis Wilburne Mathis* was born Dec. 30, 1823 in Conecuh Co., Alabama. He married Mary (Polly) Marshall James, daughter of Enoch James of Tennessee. They had two sons, both born in Lauderdale Co., Miss.

Their first son (a) James Frederick Mathis* born Sept. 12, 1850. Second son, (b) Washington Moody Mathis, born Feb. 13, 1853.

Willis Wilburne Mathis* and wife Mary James Mathis moved to Texas, Dec. 1, 1856. (My brother, Avery, had a hammer they had made while on this trip. They camped on the banks of the Miss. River. The Blacksmith at the ferry made the hammer for them. This is probably the oldest family relic, 104 years old.)

They arrived in Texas, Madison Co., in time for Christmas dinner at the home of Bill Carmack, brother-in-law of Mary James Mathis.

Willis Wilburne's and Mary's first home in Texas was a one-room plank house on Cotton-Wood Prairie in Madison County, known later as the Heath Place. They lived here one year, 1857. In 1858, they moved five miles over on the

* indicates our line

"Old Mathis Place" as it is known today. This property is still in the family. It is owned by Glen Forest Mathis, who is a great, great grandson of Frederick I.

Willis Wilburne* and Mary built their home in 1858 in what we later called "The Big Pasture." The house consist of one living room and a small lean-to kitchen. Both were made out of logs and poles, and not one nail was used in the making.

They got their water from a dug well, seventy feet deep, drawn by two buckets. Wild meat was plentiful. Deer and turkeys followed the cows in at night.

In 1862, April 10, Willis enlisted in the Civil War at Madisonville, Texas. His troop went to Arkansas. He was a sergeant, Company K, Flournoy's Regiment, Texas Infantry. He was signed in by J.R. Peel for the duration of the war. (I have a photocopy of his war record from the General Service Administration, Washington, D.C.) He served under a Capt. Corington and Capt. Flowers.

Willis Wilburne* was made a sergeant in June. He took sick that month. His papers show a sick furlough. In September he was still ill. He was put back to private. In November, he was in the hospital at Austin, Arkansas. This is the last war record of him. He died of pneumonia in the army in Austin, Arkansas, January 2, 1863. He was buried in Arkansas. (I checked the Little Rock, Arkansas Cemetery. He was not buried there.) Any girl descendant can get into the United Daughters of the Conferacy.

2. Edwin Mathis, second son of Frederick I and Sarah Waites Mathis was born October 7, 1825 in Georgia. He remained in Clarke Co., Mississippi. when his parents moved on to Madison, County, Texas. At one time he lived at Energy, Mississippi. He lived in Choctaw Co. and owned a farm in Lauderdale Co., Miss. This farm is owned by a member of the Mathis family today, Irvin McDonald. Edwin visited his Texas family in the year 1885. He married twice. He died January 17, 1911. His and his wife's (Naomi Caroline Boutwell, second wife) graves are on the farm in Mississippi. They are marked. This is about twenty miles from Meridian, a town called Quitman.

I have a picture of Edwin Mathis sent to me by Dr. Prentiss Smith. He is a distinguished looking man. There is merriment in his eyes yet the fave shows strength of character.

CHILDREN OF EDWIN AND NAOMI BOUTWELL MATHIS

(a) Sarah Lunicia born May 3, 1853, died July 28, 1914, married Richard Albert McLemore.

(b) George Mathis, born May 18, 1854, died 1936, married Ella Gordon.

(c) John C. born January 3, 1856, died 1930, married Elizabeth Moseley.

(d) James B., born March 10, 1857 (deceased), married Mary Smith.

(e) Amelia, born November 22, 1858 (deceased), married Lwellyn Irby (Grandson is Irvin McDonald, Lamar Life Ins. Co., Meridian, Miss.) The Irby boys were my father's playmates in Mississippi.

(f) William Breckenridge, born February 24, 1860, died in Texas.

(g) Mary Ellen, born October 5, 1861 (deceased), married William Amos McLemore.

(h) Luvenia, born August 22, 1863 (living in 1957) married Collin Williams

(i) Edward Jones Mathis, M.D., born February, 1866, died October 26, 1954, married first Mary Estes, second, Jennie Leach.

(j) Mattie Anne, born January 22, 1868, died January 13, 1955, married Dr. Henry Pinkney Smith. (Dr. Smith's mother's maiden name was Harriett Roberts. My Maternal grandmother's maiden name was Julia Roberts.)

This son is Dr. Prentiss Smith, Hattisburg, Miss.

(k) Anna Eliza, born December 3, 1870 (deceased), married Jefferson Davis Fisher.

The above information on the children of Edwin Mathis was furnished by Richard Aubrey McLemore, PhD, Dean of Mississippi Southern College, and a son of (a) Sarah Lunicia Mathis who married Richard Albert McLemore.

I might say here that annually the first Sunday after July 4, a Mathis reunion is held at Stafford Springs, Miss. This has been the custom since the early days when one family lived in one side of the springs and another on the other. They had this as a mid-way meeting ground and set a day for it. It has not been changed.

In 1957, I had the honor of attending this reunion. I have never met a fine group of people. They are good, solid American citizens, and I am proud to have them as cousins. Too, the women are the finest Southern cooks ever, something that shouldn't be overlooked. A Mathis cook book would be in order.

3. Amanda, third child of Frederick I and Sarah Waites married first a Robinson and had one daughter, Organ who married a Griffin, Lauerdale, Co., Miss. Amanda married a second time, a Willis.

4. James moved to Texas with his parents. He married Bobby Della Hickman. He is buried at Hempstead, Texas.

5. Jefferson

These descendants may live in Miss. No record.

6. Josiah

(The children listed next moved to Texas with their parents.)

7. Irene, born 1894, to Frederick I and Sarah Waites, married W.R. Slaughter. He died in the Civil War in Tennessee. Their children were (a) Bill (b) Annie (c) James and (d) Mary Jane.

(a) Bill Slaughter, died, no family

(b) Annie Slaughter, married a Wise. Their children are (1) Walter Wise Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, (2) Robert, (3) Edna and (4) Bessie Wise.

(c) James Slaughter lived at Edge, Texas. He moved to Manericho in 1901 He was a store-keeper, died May 20, 1947. His children: (1) Mattie Kincannon died 1960, Winters, Texas. She had one daughter, Jewel, who married L.E. Allen. She married a second time after her mother's death. (2) Mollie, second child of James Slaughter, lives at 3003 Cedarview Drive, Austin, Texas. (3) Lily Slaughter Beard, 400 Riley Road, Austin, Texas. She has two sons, Berney Beard, San Antonio, Texas and Don Beard, Baton Rouge, La. (4) John Slaughter had one son, Ivan, Route 1, Ballinger, Texas. Ivan has four children, James, Danny, Linda, Johnie.

(d) Mary Jane, youngest daughter of Irene Mathis Slaughter married a Folks. She had two children (1) Willie Outlaw Neff, Bryan, Texas (2) Effie Franklin, Albuquerque, N. Mexico.

8. Hannaniah (Haney), son of Frederick I and Sarah Waites, married three times. The wives given names were Nancy, Lizzie, (surnames unknown) and Mattie Powers. The descendants live in Bryan, Texas. Some of the children's names were Tony, Ed, Sarah, Maude, Mary, Will and Jum Mathis. Haney died in Madisonville, Texas.

9. Hezzikiah (Hazy) son of Frederick I and Sarah Waites married a Collard. He died in Milam, Co. Texas.

10. Eliza, daughter of Frederick I and Sarah Waites married Neeley McBride. Their children were George and Jeff Mc Bride.

11. Sarah, daughter of Frederick I and Sarah Waites Mathis died during the Civil War in a measles epidemic, according to Martha Mathis Wakefield, Bayside, Texas.

This concludes the second generation, the children of Frederick I and Sarah Waites. I am sure a great deal could be added.

Enoch James, father of Mary James (wife of Willis Wilburne*), married three times. One wife was a Bragg. She is thought to be the mother of Washington James, Emma James and Mary Marshall James. Two of their half brothers and sisters were Lutensia and Sally James. Washington James was a lawyer in Madisonville, Texas. He could read Latin well. Many interesting stories were told about him.

THIRD GENERATION

Line of Frederick I and Sarah Waites Mathis, first generation,
and Willis Wilburne* and Mary James Mathis, second generation

1. James Frederick Mathis, son of Willis Wilburne and Mary James Mathis and grandson of Frederick I and Sarah Waites Mathis was born September 12, 1850, in Lauderdale Co., Miss. He was the first grandchild. He was christened James Frederick after his grandfathers, Enoch James of Tennessee and Frederick Mathis I.

He moved with his parents to Texas, Madison, Co. in December of 1856. Among Frederick II's friends he hated to leave were the Irby and Martin boys.

One of Fred II's earliest memories in Texas was his father's killing a turkey gobbler in the doorway of their home. An old flint and steel rifle was used. Frederick II's mother struck fire to the powder and his father fired the shot. In the year of '59 when young Fred was nine years old, his parents went to the cow-pen to milk. Fred II, feeling his freedom, got his father's rifle, went to the front of the house to some trees and killed his first deer. I am today the proud owner of this rifle.

Fred II's first illness was the that year ('59). He had an attack of the 'chills and fevers'. He was lying on his trundle bed (a small bed that goes under a large bed, often used in that day because of limited space.) Being out of his head, he thought something was rolling over him. He found himself rolling out on the floor. The trundle beds had their advantages--the spill wasn't so far.

In the year 1860, known as the Dry Y ear, everyone watered at the Mathis well on Iron Creek. Fred II then 10 years old, met many people, among them Seth Batson who became a life-long friend. In the year 1861, the year of the outbreak of the Civil War, Fred II's mother had a spinning wheel made for her. Fred II often held the brooch while his mother wind on the reel. Afterwards, they secured a loom.

On April 10, 1861, Fred II's father, Willis Wilburne Mathis joined the Confederate army. He died while in service in Arkansas, Jan. 2, 1863. He was only 40 years old. Fred II was 12.

Fred II's grandfather Frederick Mathis I had died in 1862, a few months before Willis Wilburne. These deaths, along with the war, put a terrific hardship on the family. Fred II, being the older of the two boys, shouldered many man-sized jobs.

Fred's mother, Mary James Mathis was called 'Aunt Polly'. She was a courageous woman. She went far and near serving as a mid-wife. Her bright, happy outlook on life helped many of the frontier people.

The above account was told to me by my father, Fred II. When I was a girl, I started a book of his life as he related it to me. I have this

book. What a shame it was never completed.

Fred II had to go several miles to a one-room school. In his day, he was considered a well educated man. He went to the fifth grade. He could work mathematical problems that would stump any high school student today. He was well read, and continued until his death to keep up with the news of the day. In his day radios and television were unheard of so this was done through daily newspapers.

I have his slate that he 'swapped for' when he started to school. It first belonged to James M. Armor. The date is carved on it, Sept. 20, 1843, then my father's name and birthdate. It is hanging in my kitchen, one of my prized possessions.

My father told many stories of his boyhood. I remember the stories of splitting rails for fences. This was a major problem, since there was so much land and it took a lot of rails. I can remember in my childhood some of these railfences still standing.

I can remember too, about his telling of the job of digging watering holes for the cattle. One was later enlarged on our farm and called "The Big Tank". It is still there today, but going by memories, not as large as I recalled.

Fred Mathis II had a very colorful life. When a young man, the call of the frontier appealed to him, and he went West to become a buffalo hunter and Indian fighter. The Houston Daily Post, March 4, 1917, printed the following account of his frontier days.

"WAS BUFFALO BILL'S HUNTING COMPANION"

"James Fredrick Mathis was born in Mississippi, September 12, 1850, came with his parents to Texas in 1856 and most of the time since then has made his home in Madison County. At intervals, however, he put in a good part of his young manhood in the wild and woolly West during which periods his life read like a romance, which is reality it was.

"In the early '70's Mr. Mathis was a companion of Buffalo Bill, and with that noted character hunted buffalo in the Smoky hills of western Kansas. Leaving Buffalo Bill in 1873 or '74 he came south through western Oklahoma, in which country he continued to hunt the buffalo, using Fort Sill as his base of operation, and while at Fort Sill he met several of the famous Indian chiefs of that day, among them were "Santanta" of the Apache tribe, "Big Tree" of the Kiowas and "Lone Wolf" and later he could count among his friends the well known Comanche chief, "Quannah Parker."

"During these days Mr. Mathis met most of the noted "bad men" who were famous as Indian fighters, and since have figured as heroes in dime novels. He knew well Frank and Jesse James, Will Bill (Bill Hichok), "Spotted Jack" who was killed by "Billy, the Kid". If any of the old pioneers and buffalo hunters of that period are still living and should read this, they will not recognize Mr. Mathis by the name Fred Mathis, but by the sobriquet of "Buckskin Charlie" Johnson, under which name he killed the buffalo, fought the Indians and lived the wild and romantic life of the trail.

"Mr. Mathis was in several fights with the Indians, in one of which he was severely wounded, from the effect of which he suffers today.

"On the plains of Northwest Texas he hunted buffalo with Marshall Sewell, who he says was the equal of Buffalo Bill as a hunter, though not as famous as the latter. Mr. Mathis was with Sewell on the day in which he met his death by the Indians. On this day, Sewell killed 73 buffalo, and having shot away all his ammunition therefore had nothing with which to defend himself and became an easy prey to the red devils.

"The death of Buffalo Bill a few weeks past brings to mind that, as the buffalo and "bad Indians" have passed on to the hunting ground on the other side of the great divide of eternity, so likewise are the men who

hunted and killed, then fast passing away. Mr. Mathis is perhaps one of the very few who remain and in his buggy, drawn by his Indian pony "Big Enough" is a familiar character on our streets each day." (Written by Joe Wren, post-master, Normangee, Texas.)

My father loved to sing an old ballad he learned while hunting on the plains, called "The Waterfall". I thought it appropriate to put here, and want to thank my sister, Emma Susan (Mrs. J.S. Young) for helping me remember the words.

The Waterfall

Come all of you that's been in love
And sympathize with me
For I've loved as fair a girl as ever
You did see.
Her age it was but seventeen,
A figure fair and tall
She was a handsome creature
And she wore a waterfall.

The first time that I met her
I never shall forget
I walked into a dry good store
Some handkerchiefs to get.
There stood behind the counter
All dressed up like a doll
I'd never seen a face so fair
Nor such a waterfall.

'Twas at a picnic party, I met
Her after that
I quickly introduced myself
And we had a pleasant chat
I saw her home, we walked along
I swore we'd never part
And when she asked me to come in,
I knew she'd won my heart.

While sitting there, I thought
I'd heard a footstep in the hall
All sorts of colors turned the girl
That wore the waterfall.

A great big fellow, six feet tall
Came stalking in the room
And when he saw me sitting there,
He at once began to fume.
'Tis my husband said the girl
That wore the waterfall.

Before I had time to say a word
The fellow he at me flew,
And whilst the maiden held me down
They beat me black and blue.
When up I got, I found I'd lost
Watch, money, chain and all
So I've never since gone near
A girl that wore a waterfall.

While writing of Fred II's frontier days, I'll add he killed one of the last buffalos left in Madison County. My brother Lush kept the horns. Fred II married first Francis Idell Pigford, January 28, 1873.

Issues:

(1) Julia Emily Mathis born March 4, 1874, married Thomas Warren Massey, died June 14, 1949.

(2) Willis Wilburne II, born June 9, 1875, died as a young man.

(3) Washington Moody, born February 22, 1880, married first, Susan Horne (died), married second, Jennie Rebecca Smith. He died April 12, 1940. She died 1964.

(4) Enoch Frederick, born December 11, 1882, married Susan Rebecca Casey, died July 3, 1932.

Francis Idell died and Fred married her sister, Letha Alzenia Pigford, born March 7, 1866, Lauerdale, Co., Miss. The Pigford farm joined the Mathis farm and later became a part of it. (The Pigford line will be sketched later.)

Children of Fred Mathis II and Letha Pigford:

(1) Idell Eliza, born August 31, 1884, died October 19, 1885.

(2) John, Wm. Jethro (Lush), born February 22, 1886, married Mary Brown, died 1959.

(3) Hezkiah, born October 24, 1887, died October 22, 1900.

(4) Jacob Franklin, born February 26, 1890, died October 6, 1890.

(5) Joseph Floyd, born March 29, 1891, died in the army in San Antonio, Texas, November 24, 1917.

(6) Ollie Pigford, born December 18, 1892, married Sig C. Crow.

(7) Louis Avery, born February 20, 1895, married first, Gladys Lewis, second, Sarah Brown.

(8) Jewell Florine, born May 16, 1896, married Duard M. Elliott.

(9) Marvin Diaz, born October 7, 1898, died August 16, 1899.

(10) Allie Roberts, born August 25, 1900, married Cecil Farman.

(11) Barbara Ellen, born March 21, 1902, died 1944.

(12) Emma Susan, born August 17, 1904, married J.S. Young

(13) Easter Ray, born March 31, 1907, married William Campbell Slomp.

As Fred II's family increased he built a larger house, two story, on a new site on the farm, near the road. All the children were born on this farm.

In 1913, Fred II moved from the Mathis farm which I often boasted was the largest in Madison County to a new home he had built at Normangee, Texas. His wife, Letha Pigford died there December 14, 1916. She had intestinal cancer.

Fred Mathis II reared the last of his family alone. He was very close to his children but held a stern hand over them. Each one of us had our own duties I remember being the youngest, my job was drying dishes, and getting the boot jack to help me Daddy get his boots off.

Fred was always active, though crippled. He ran his farm until his death. He drove back and forth in his buggy, eleven miles. I can recall making these trips with him many times. I played under the "Three Trees" in the front of the farm house. I visited there recently and these three oak trees, grown together still stand. A new brick house is near them now.

Fred II had a keen sense of humor and was a great story-teller. He loved people and was well liked. Fred provided well for his family. I can remember bolts and bolts of dress material being bought at one time. My mother was an excellent seamstress. After her death, a seamstress was hired.

To our delight, our father, Fred, bought one of the first cars in Normangee, an Overland. We had many experiences in that car. We were often caught out in a shower of rain. It took some time to figure out putting up the "curtains", something on the order of working a cross-word puzzle.

My father had all his teeth at his death. He never had a cavity. He never visited a dentist. His fingernails were always long and nicely kept. He cleaned them with his pocket knife.

Fred lived in an age of "Do It Yourself". He could make harness, sole shoes, bottom chairs, make whips and many other necessities. When he had finished with the "musts", he would make puzzles for the children to solve. I have a peg puzzle he made. The same puzzles are 'ready-made' today.

To us, he was truly The Greatest. His motto, Time and Silence, James Frederick Mathis passed away March 10, 1924. He and his wife are buried in the Pigford Cemetery, Madison County, Texas.

THIRD GENERATION(con't)

2. Washington Moody Mathis, the second son of Willis Wilburne Mathis and Mary James Mathis was born February 13, 1853 in Lauderdale Co., Miss. He was named for his mother's brother, Washington. The Moody was the surname of Mary James's mother. Mary James's grandmother's surname is thought to be Marshall or Mitchell. The Moody line would be a fine one to trace. My father told me we were the same line of Moodys as the one-time governor of Texas.

Moody moved with his family to Texas in 1856. He grew up on Madison Co, Texas. He married Cornelia (Ollie) Oliver Pigford, born August 22, 1854. She was a second cousin to my mother, Letha Pigford. The Pigfords and Mathis' were neighbors. Both families had moved from Mississippi, in different years.

Moody lived on the Mathis farm until 1890 when he moved his family West to Dentworth. His mother, Mary James Mathis, then a widow, went with them. Julia Mathis and Willis Mathis, children of Fred Mathis II also went. By this time Moody had 7 children of his own. Their children were

- (1) Mary Moody, born September 1, 1878, Madison Co., Texas
- (2) Edward Mathis, born February 1, 1875, died 1889
- (3) Fred Pigford Mathis, born April 17, 1880
- (4) Martha Washington, born June 28, 1882
- (5) Mexia Mathis, born April 16, 1884
- (6) French Mathis, born February 16, 1886
- (7) Russie Mathis, born January 11, 1890

Moody and his wife, Ollie, were hauling lumber to build a house. The wagon ran over Moody and he was killed, March, 1891.

I have a written report of this event as told by Ollie Pigford to her granddaughter, Imogene Wakefield, daughter of Martha Pigford Wakefield. It is well written and heart touching.

GOING HOME

by Imogene Wakefield

It was in the year 1890. We had left our home in Madison County and gone west because of the prolonged drouth. We had settled in the small town of Dentworth, a village of two stores, a two teacher school, a hotel and two small churches. The lumber for our home had to be hauled all the way from San Angelo, a distance of fifty miles. We were making our last trip before the winter snows.

I had taken the two youngest children, French, two years, and Russia, six months, and gone with Moody so we could get started with the house and maybe get the house weathered in before the winter rains and snows.

Moody led our tiny caravan, riding astride the lead horse of the team pulling the larger, more heavily loaded wagon. I followed, driving the single team that pulled the lighter of our two wagons. We were coming down a steep grade when something went wrong with the harness on his lead team. He immediately spotted the trouble and began trying to fix it. His precarious position, leaning over the moving horse while trying to adjust the harness, made his task even more difficult, as did also his lack of full physical faculties; he had been partially crippled in an earlier lumber haul and still had not

gained full usage of his right leg.

I looked up just as Moody fell and rolled under the wagon of lumber. My frightened horses snorted and swerved to miss his still crumpled body that lay front of us after the lead wagon had passed over him. It seemed an eternity before I could stop the nervous horses, leap from the wagon seat and rush to him. As I lifted his head with trembling hands from the dusty road, I realized instantly he was dead.

It was more than an hour later when a rancher that lived nearby saw us as he was riding along his new fence line. He helped get Moody into the wagon and drove for me. Slowly and silently our somber party headed back to Wentworth. I well remember the four elder children, Moody's mother and a niece and nephew that lived with us running out eagerly when they heard the dogs announcing our arrival at our meager camp in Wentworth. Little did they dream that the barking dogs heralded an event that would change their lives.

Since the task of running a ranch and rearing a large family was too much for me to accomplish alone, I decided to dispose of what I could and take my brood back to Madison Co., Texas, where I could have the help of my love ones and friends.

Several weeks later we started the long trip back across Texas with our two wagons carrying all our earthly possessions. The rolling Sonora hills stretched before us as far as the eye could see. The leafless trees and brown winter grass offered poor scenery for the long and wearying journey that lay ahead.

Since there was ten of us in our party, each had to do his share of the work. When not doing a particular job, some of the children would walk and some would ride, but most of them were glad when they could run or walk ahead of the wagon. Rather than sell our horses in San Angelo at a loss, we had decided to take them home with us. The older children, Mary, 15, Fred, 10, Julia, 11, and Martha, 8, under the direction of Willis, 13, took turns driving the small band of horses. Grandmother Mathis and I drove the wagons and could offer very little help with the stock.

I tried in many ways to cheer the children's spirit, as well as my own. It was so easy to fall into that sad depressed mood and begin feeling sorry for myself. At times like this, I would immediately begin to sing a ditty, encouraging the children to join in. One of their favorites was "Ole Suzanna." Our dogs guarded the camp at night and offered the smaller children a source of amusement which they sorely needed. Under each wagon a "coon" made of dried skins was hung for the dogs to ride on when they were tired.

By the fourth night of camp, we were becoming accustomed to our nightly routine. First, we always tried to select a camp site that was both convenient and safe from wild animals or intruders. I would worry most during the long nights, when everything around us seemed strange and unfriendly. After placing our wagons in a "V" formation to provide a windbreak, we would water and feed our horses. We knew that they must be well taken care of so that they could take us safely to our destination. Willis, my 13-year old nephew was in charge of our horses and seemed to shoulder his responsibilities well. He was somewhat proud of the fact that he was the "man" of our little company.

Grandmother Mathis, bless her wonderful heart, helped me all she could with the children. She knew that I must spend most of my time worrying with the necessities of our journey. Since she had volunteered to take the children under her wing, I made it my job to do most of the cooking, which I did with the help of my niece Julia and my oldest daughter, Mary. Together we always managed to cook a big evening meal and a hot breakfast everyday. For lunch, we munched on corn fritters and bits of food left from breakfast.

Shortly after we had all bedded down on the fifth night, our first trouble appeared. Out of the stillness of the damp night came the exciting and terrified whinies of the horses. Almost simultaneously from somewhere behind our wagons away from the campfire's glow came the startling, piercing screams of a panther. I almost froze on my pallet, but suddenly remembered that it was I who had

charge of this entire party of precious loved ones. After fumbling around in the wagon for a few second, my trembling hands found our only rifle, I rushed out to the point near the horses and shot past them into the inky blackness of the night- fervently hoping to scare the animal away.

With the sudden echoing off into the darkness, the others awoke instantly. Shocked out of their sleep, the children were frightened and called frantically for the reassurance that their mother was not hurt. Willis came immediately to my side. " Ah, let me try a shot at him, Aunt Ollie," he begged bravely.

After making relatively certain that the panther was gone, Willis and I went back to the fire and assured the children that everything was fine. When they had been quieted and put back to bed, we gathered firewood to make additional fires nearer the horses. Then Willis went reluctantly to bed to get his much needed rest.

Still rather nervous and very much awake, I sat up the rest of the night with the rifle across my lap. Early the next morning the children awakened with bursting curiosity, "to look for the panther Mama shot." They were very disappointed when it was not to be found.

Days went by without much excitement until we neared Austin. Everyone we met on the trail told us of the new capitol building. Many were questioning the wisdom of trading three million acres of good Texas land for the construction of a huge building that would probably never be filled to capacity. The wagon trail we were following went by there so I thought it would be a diversion from the trip to take the children into town to see the capitol building.

When we got there, Grandma stayed with the smaller children at the wagon yard. She was looking forward to talking with the other pioneer women that had stopped there on their way west.

The older children and I made our way toward the capitol. We could see the massive structure long before we got to town. Willis and Fred were as impressed with the matched teams and shining surreys that were in the square as they were with the building itself.

My excitement almost exceeded the children's because up to this time no finer building had been built in the South. We spent several hours wandering through the immense building, marveling at its beauty. We had heard that one of the thrills of visiting the capitol was to go up the narrow winding stairs to the top of the dome. We started up, but when we had reached a point about half-way up, Mary became so dizzy she couldn't go on. The girls sat down and waited for us, and Willis, Fred and I made our way to the very top. We waved to the girls, then I too had to hold on to the stairs to keep from getting sick. It was very high.

The next day as we rolled along, Martha sat at the back of the wagon with her feet hanging out, singing in a sort of a chant, "We saw the capitol, we saw the capitol," letting everyone know, when she could catch a glimpse of the dome through the bare, frost-bitten trees.

When we had been on the road for almost two weeks, and it had rained for several days, the children were edgy, crying often as they had to spend each day in the wagon. I couldn't help them much, as I was tired and needed some rest, too. Willis was up ahead with the horses when we heard a shrill, loud whistle. The first thing I knew the stock was running in every direction. The children couldn't imagine what it was, but I soon quieted them by telling them to watch for the train. Suddenly, here it came, puffing into view and we just gaped with open mouths at this strange sight. Everyone was tongue-tied until after it had passed out of sight. Just think! It would go without horses-----HORSES!! I suddenly realized our stock was not in sight. Hours later Willis had them all rounded up, but one, so trying to figure out what to do again, we camped. Next morning, however, the train-shy straggler returned of his own accord and we proceeded on our way.

Progress became slower because of the rain soaked earth. The creeks and rivers were all flooding and were difficult to cross. When we got to the Brazos River we joined the group that was waiting for the river to go down so that they could get to the ferry landing. We were there two days. Grandma Mathis sang every ballad she could remember and even began making them up in order to entertain the children.

By the second day everything was damp and soggy and our supplies began to mold. Willis and several other boys whose families were waiting to cross the river, went hunting and killed several squirrels. We all had a big squirrel stew for supper. Just as we had finished supper, the setting sun suddenly burst from the clouds, and there was laughing and hugging the children because we felt we could be on our way the next day. Most of the people were up early the next morning, with wagons loaded and teams ready, waiting to cross the swollen river by ferry. Grandma and I had drawn first place, so we began easing our wagon on to the ferry. Over anxiousness and a strong river current combined in an incident that almost proved catastrophic. The rear wheel of the second wagon slipped off the ferry just as we thought it secure on the floating raft. The ferry lurched and tilted and the wagon began to slide off, into the water, in spite of the ropes and wheel chocks we had frantically applied. The swift current relentlessly opposed all tendencies of the raft to right itself. Our wagons, belongings and transportation seemed doomed as the horses screamed and also began falling and sliding on the tilted raft. Just then, however, the strong hands and backs of the trail-toughened frontiersmen of the other families strained on the mooring ropes of the ferry. Their combined efforts thwarted the river's scheme and the large raft slowly was pulled to an upright position. Some of the men held the ropes, while others pried and pushed the wagon back upon the ferry. The rest of our crossing aside from the frightening pitching of the raft caused by the river's current, was relatively uneventful. Willis and Fred fared much better than we, swimming the other horses across the river with little difficulty.

As we drove away from the river I couldn't help being a little light hearted because I knew we couldn't be more than three or four days away from our home in Madisonville.

The next two days we began to look for familiar faces from home, as we had written Fred, Moody's brother, that we were coming.

The next morning, as I was cooking breakfast, Willis came running up excitedly shouting that we had company. I looked up to see Moody's brother, James Frederick Mathis, who had ridden out to meet us. For the first time in three weeks I just broke down and cried. Grandma Mathis joined me. The children who were delighted to see their uncle, were puzzled over our actions. Many years later they will understand how relieved I was to have someone make the decisions the rest of the way home.

Ollie Figford Mathis lived on the Mathis farm for a number of years. Then, she moved to San Antonio, Texas. She lived to be 98 year old, dying March 27, 1952. (See Figford genealogy for her complete lineage.)

Children of Washington Moody Mathis and Cornelia Oliver ^{Figford} Mathis.
FOURTH GENERATION

(1) Mary Moody Mathis, born September 6, 1876, Madison County, Texas, married John Howell Wallace, died December, 1961.

Issue: FIFTH GENERATION

(a) Warren Moody Wallace, born February 28, 1898, married Matie Dodd, born December 9, 1905.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Warren Moody Wallace, Jr., born November 19, 1926, married Jeanelle Dirm, born December 8, 1929.

Issue: SEVENTH GENERATION

- (a) Warren Randell Wallace, born September 22, 1956.
- (2) Mary Corrine Wallace, born October 14, 1942
- (b) John Morris Wallace, born May 11, 1899; married Millie Koliba. He died December 26, 1956.
- (c) Leroy Trice Wallace, born September 15, 1905, married Jackie White, first.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Gwendolyn Geraldine Wallace, born May 15, 1927, married married Lem Joel Stelle, born March 13, 1921.

Issue: SEVENTH GENERATION

- (a) Leroy Charles Steele, born Sept. 7, 1944
- (b) Johnie Joel Steele, born Nov. 26, 1946
- (c) Gwenda Jean Steele, born June 9, 1953
- (d) Gerald Lynn Steele, born April 6, 1956
- (c) Leroy Trice Wallace married second Opal Ply, born Nov. 17, 1916

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) A son, lived three days, 1943
- (2) Edwin Lynn Wallace, born July 6, 1945
- (3) Weldon Lee Wallace, born August 18, 1946
- (d) Iris Christian Wallace, born January 29, 1908, married Garland R. Bishop, born July 14, 1909

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Robert Morris Bishop, born September 12, 1927 in Corpu Christi, Texas, married Lucy Jane Treka, born April 17, 1926

Issue: SEVENTH GENERATION

- (a) Johanna Roberta Bishop, born October 18, 1952
- (b) Theresa Michelle Bishop, born July 17, 1954
- (c) Robert Morris Bishop, Jr., born April 11, 1957
- (d) Gregory Allen Bishop, born June 6, 1958

(2) Edward Mathis, son of Washington Moody Mathis and Cornelia O. Pigford Mathis, born February 1, 1875, died 1889.

(3) Fred Pigford Mathis, born April 17, 1880, married Rose T. Mathis(?), Sweeney, Texas. He is now deceased.

Issue: FIFTH GENERATION

- (a) Roy French Mathis, born _____, married Charlotte Elizabeth _____ (?)

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Lisa Youvne Mathis, born _____
- (2) Brenda Rose Mathis, born _____
- (b) Gordon Earle Mathis, born _____, married Lucille _____ (?)

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Gordon Earle Mathis, Jr., born _____
- (2) Deborah Kay Mathis, born _____
- (3) Janet Lynn Mathis, born _____
- (c) Florine _____ Mathis, born _____, married Charles Elliff.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Charles C. Elliff, Jr., born _____
- (2) Mary Jeanette Elliff, born _____
- (d) Elma Lucille Mathis, born _____, married Charles B. Robertson

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Cleo Irene Robertson, born _____
- (2) Charles B. Robertson III, born _____

(e) Iris Ozelle Mathis, born _____, married James Dallas Parnell.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Charlotte LaNella Parnell, born _____
- (2) Charles Leighton Parnell, born _____

(4) Martha Washington Mathis, born June 28, 1882, married Wilson Albert Wakefield. He died November 12, 1956. She lives at Bayside, Texas.

Issues: FIFTH GENERATION

(a) Ollie Imogene Wakefield (twin), born July 28, 1906, teacher, married Roy Delvin Buford, pastor, Church of Christ.

Issues: SIXTH GENERATION

(4) Carol Lee Buford, born March 19, 1934, married Frank Birdwell.

Issue: SEVENTH GENERATION

- (a) Lynn Dean, born September 28, 1959
- (2) Cornelia Sue Buford, born August 27, 1942, student, San Marcus, Texas.
- (b) Julia Lorene Wakefield (twin) born July 28, 1906, married Fred Pipes, auditor. He died July 21, 1959.

Issues: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Martha Hester Pipes, born Feb. 11, 1930, married Clyde Douglass Martin, M.A. Petroleum, address 4411 Randal, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Issues: SEVENTH GENERATION

- (a) Diane Clyde Martin, born Nov. 24, 1950
- (b) Byron Douglas Martin, born Feb. 22, 1952
- (c) Francine Martin, born Aug. 4, 1954
- (d) Lisa Lynett Martin, born June 3, 1956
- (2) Fred Pipes, Jr., born September 30, 1930, employed Sun Tide Refinery, married Christina Chappa, born May 21, 1932, teacher.
- (3) Wilson Louis Pipes, born October 4, 1933, salesman, address, 3406 Kenwood, Corpus Christi, Texas, married Shirley Burrus.
- (4) Imolouise, born December 27, 1934, married Richard Fish.

Issue: SEVENTH GENERATION

- (a) Janet Lynn Fish, born July 9, 1955
- (b) Joel Richard Fish, born March 11, 1958
- (5) Norma Lorene Pipes, born July 13, 1937, music teacher.
- (6) Clarence Eugene Pipes, born June 23, 1944
- (7) Jeff Dean Pipes, born October 7, 1945
- (c) W.A. Wakefield, born November 17, 1909 (ran for State Representative), married Elizabeth Lamon

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Shirley Ann Wakefield, born Feb. 6, 1935, married Bill Rice
- (2) W.A. Wakefield III, born Sept. 16, 1938
- (3) Clara Beth, born Aug. _____, 1951
- (4) La Mond, born _____, 1953
- (d) John Frederick Wakefield, born October 17, 1910, married Elizabeth Burrow, born 1912.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Sally Anna Wakefield, born Nov. 16, 1949
- (e) Clarence Frank Wakefield, born September 1, 1912, married Hazel Forsyth. She died Sept. 25, 1946

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Mary Janet Wakefield, born Sept. 25, 1946
- (f) Julian Carroll Wakefield, born August 30, 1915, married Margaret Sloma

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Jay Carroll Wakefield, born Feb. 10, 1946
- (2) Lucy _____ Wakefield, born May 10, 1948
- (g) Albert Moody Wakefield, born November 26, 1917, died November 18, 1923.

- (5) Mexia _____ Mathis, born April 26, 1884, married Hale Griffin

Issue: FIFTH GENERATION

- (a) Lella Otis Griffin, born April 14, 1906, married Horace Brown address, 815 Boco Chico, Brownsville, Texas.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Dan Willis Brown, born Feb. 19, 1931, married Joyce Roberts.

Issue: SEVENTH GENERATION

- (a) Gregory L. Brown, born March 20, 1958
- (b) Enet W. Brown, born September 1, 1960
- (2) Don Maynard Brown, born August 25, 1932
- (3) Doris Ann Brown, born Sept. 22, 1935, married John Buhr

Issue: SEVENTH GENERATION

- (a) Michelle Buhr, born Feb. 18, 1961
- (4) Dale Frances Brown, born October 16, 1937, married Kenneth Morgan
- (5) Ewane Allen Brown, born May 20, 1942
- (b) Lemma Mathis Griffin, born June 19, 1908, died April 26, 192
- (c) Frances Elizabeth Griffin, born May 17, 1914, married Robert Pearce, Box 46, Osages, Texas.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Christopher Pearce, born October 1, 1946
- (2) Richard _____ Pearce, born October 31, 1950

- (6) Jeesie French Mathis, born February 16, 1887, married Irene Armstrong.

Issue: FIFTH GENERATION

- (a) Hoffman Ailes Mathis, born December 5, 1915, married Elizabeth Milburn Rust Harves, July 3, 1941.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Willis Hoffman Mathis, born March 14, 1942
- (2) Katheleen Elizabeth Mathis, born Sept. 17, 1944
- (3) Diane Elaine, born Sept. 27, 1949
- (4) Deborah Kay, born Nov. 20, 1950
- (b) Winifred _____ Mathis, born November 8, 1917, San Antonio, Texas, married Walter Kenneth Nelson, December 24, 1942

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Walter Kenneth Nelson, Jr., born December 10, 1952

- (7) Russie Mosco Mathis, born January 11, 1890, married Dan McCarty, address, 322 Clifford St., San Antonio, Texas.

FORTH GENERATION

Children of James Frederick Mathis, son of Willis Wilburne Mathis, and Frances Idell Pigford Mathis, first wife.

- (1) Julia Emily Mathis, born March 4, 1874, died June 14, 1949
- (2) Willis Wilburne Mathis, born June 9, 1875, died in young manhood, si
- (3) Wabington Moody Mathis, born February 22, 1880
- (4) Enoch Frederick Mathis, born December 11, 1882

(1) Julia Emily Mathis; born March 4, 1874; married Tom Warren Massey, born March 3, 1877. He died May 30, 1936. Julia died June 14, 1949.

Issue: FIFTH GENERATION

(a) Palmer Massey, born March 13, 1899, married Doris Sims, July 25, 1922, address- 911 Ave H, N.W., Childress, Texas.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Nancy Jayne Massey, born January 25, 1933, married Sidney Murphy Holland

Issue: SEVENTH GENERATION

(a) Sidney M. Holland III, born Sept. 1, 1960

(b) Harrison Pigford Massey, born June 7, 1902, married Mary Alice O'Neal, address - 411 E. Grant, Pascogoula, Miss.

(c) Thomas Warren Massey II, born October 21, 1905, married Marion Hedges, April 16, 1930, address- 1222 Avant, San Antonio, Texas.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Thomas Warren Massey III, born July 31, 1931

(2) Carolyn Sue Massey, born July 14, 1936, married Don Linse.

Issue: SEVENTH GENERATION

(a) Bonnie Sue Linse, born Oct. 3, 1952

(2) Willis Wilburne Mathis, born June 9, 1875 to James Frederick Mathis and Frances Idell Pigford died in young manhood. He was single.

(3) Washington Moody Mathis, born February 22, 1880 to James Frederick Mathis and Frances Idell Pigford, married first Sue Delina Horn, born February 10, 1882, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Horn. She died Oct. 9, 1908. (Moody died Feb. ____, 1940.)

Issue: FIFTH GENERATION

(a) William Judson Mathis, born August 7, 1901, married Jewell Corley.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Donald Ray Mathis, born August 22, 1924, married Juanita Anderson.

Issue: SEVENTH GENERATION

(a) Donald Ray Mathis, Jr., born Nov. 11, 1952

(b) Debra Lynn Mathis, born April 20, 1955

(2) Imogene Mathis, born March 20, 1929, married Lee Roy

McLain

Issue: SEVENTH GENERATION

(a) Cynthia Ann McLain, born Dec. 1, 1952

(3) William Hubert Mathis, born October 11, 1933, married Jessie Mae Wells.

(B) John Luther Mathis, born April 14, 1903, died Sept. 19, 1903

(c) Ennice Frances Mathis, born June 9, 1904, married Truman

Madole.

(d) Robert Lee Mathis, born January 26, 1907, married Irene

Crow, first.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Alton Lee Mathis, born November 14, 1930, married Delores Jean Atwood

Issue: SEVENTH GENERATION

(a) Alton Gene Mathis, born November 30, 1955

(2) Juanita Mathis, born June 12, 1932, married Kenneth

Ray Tinnin.

(d) Robert Lee Mathis married the second time, Eula Akins.

(3) Washington Moody Mathis married the second time, Jenny Rebecca Smith

Issue: FIFTH GENERATION

(a) Willis Wilburn Mathis, born October 17, 1910, died of measles as a boy.

(b) Margie Cleo Mathis, born January 26, 1912, married John Cecil Hellums.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Billie Max Hellums, born May 1, 1929, married Imogene Carlisle

Issue: SEVENTH GENERATION

(a) Cynthia Ann Hellums, born March 28, 1952

(b) David Allen Hellums, born May 16, 1954

(c) Travis Lamar Mathis, Baptist minister, born June 18, 1913, married Faye Estelle Wortham

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Travis Lamar Mathis, Jr., born Oct. 15, 1944

(2) Carolyn Ruth Mathis, born Dec. 1, 1945

(3) Deborah Sue Mathis, born Feb. 14, 1950

(4) David Paul Mathis, born Aug. 29, 1956

(d) Neil Wallace Mathis, born November 30, 1914, married Odie Donia Batson.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Marilyn Mathis, born November 21, 1946

(2) Neil Michale Mathis, born April 3, 1950

(e) Merle Wilson Mathis, born July 11, 1916

(f) James Frederick Mathis III, born February 23, 1918, married Mary Frances Mobley.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Dennis Harold, born Feb. 24, 1947

(2) Elaine Gay, born April 2, 1950

(3) Lynda Elizabeth, born October 5, 1952

(g) Keith Malcolm Mathis, born September 1, 1919, married Janel Dodson.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Keith Malcolm, Jr., born Feb. 3, 1948

(2) Virginia Lynn, born August 8, 1949

(h) Aubrey Ray Mathis, born October 11, 1921, married Alyne Martin

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Patsy Jo Mathis, born Dec. 23, 1946

(2) Wanda Kay Mathis, born Nov. 2, 1948

(i) Washington Moody Mathis, Jr., born August 18, 1923, married Betty Bond.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Marcus Lynn Mathis, born May 14, 1952

(2) Frederick Daniel Mathis, born April 30, 1957

(j) Burtis Adair Mathis, born March 25, 1925, married Mary Trout

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Charlotte Ann, born Feb. 2, 1953

(2) Sharon Lee, born March 26, 1954

(k) Mavis Jewell Mathis, born July 29, 1926, married Richard Culver.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Karen Sue Culver, born May 29, 1951

(2) Everett Wayne Culver, born July 27, 1952

(l) A Son, born September 4, 1930, died November 20, 1930.

(4) Enoch Frederick Mathis, born December 11, 1882; the son of James Frederick Mathis and Idell Pigford, married Susan Rebecca Casey, daughter of John Wesley Casey and Martha Jane Denman. Snoch died July 3, 1932

Issue: FIFTH GENERATION

(a) Travis Frier Mathis, born October 10, 1906, married Theron Hensley

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Susan Mathis, born January 24, 1945
(b) Julia Alma Mathis, born November 9, 1908, married Morris

Mason

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Betty Nell Mason, born January 21, 1930, married Richard Smauel Evins

Issue: SEVENTH GENERATION

(a) John Franklin Evins, born Nov. 7, 1953
(b) Mary Karen Evins, born Aug. 17, 1955
(c) Paul Morris Evins, born Aug. 1, 1957
(2) Julia LaFay Mason, born May 16, 1933, married F.L. Sperle
(c) Ruby Irene Mathis, born March 19, 1913, married Samuel Weeks. (Ruby deceased)

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Smauel Weeks, born January 12, 1944
(2) Michael Weeks, born April 30, 1946
(3) Michelos Weeks, born May 17, 1948
(d) Irest Enoch Mathis, born March 7, 1915, married Virginia

Sagner

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Susan Mathis, born Dec. 8, 1953, died Dec. 15, 1953
(2) Michel Mathis, born May 10, 1955
(3) Gerald Mathis, born January 17, 1957
(e) Johnie Frederick Mathis, born August 10, 1917, married

Stella Catherine Clark

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Ronald Clark Mathis, born March 27, 1944
(2) Antonio Dee Mathis, born December 17, 1946
(f) Louis Edward Mathis, born May 28, 1920, married Vincent

Novis Lindsey

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Donna Dale Mathis, born January 17, 1947
(2) Louis Edward Mathis, Jr., born June 21, 1953
(3) Jay Mathis, born October 15, 1956
(g) Trice Pigford Mathis, born November 28, 1922
(h) Thomas Wesley Mathis, born June 18, 1925, married Mary

Culbert.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

Lesia Karen Mathis, born December 14, 1954

JAMES FREDERICK MATHIS (1850-1924) married LETHA ALZENIA PIGFORD (1866-1916)

LETHA ALZENIA PIGFORD (1866-1916), daughter of William and Julia A. Roberts Pigford, born Lauerdale County, Mississippi, March 7, 1866, died December 14, 1916, married James Frederick Mathis, son of Willis Wilburne Mathis and Mary James Mathis, born September 12, 1850, died March 10, 1924.

Issue: FOURTH GENERATION (all born in Madison Co., Texas)

(1) Idell Eliza Mathis, born Aug. 31, 1885, died Oct. 19, 1885
(2) John William Jethro Mathis, born Febuary 22, 1886 (J.M.H.)
(3) Hezekiah Mathis, born October 24, 1887, died October 22, 1900

Lung
Ollie
Florine
Allie
Sue
Ray

- (4) Jacob Franklin Mathis, born Febuary 26, 1890, died October 6, 1890
- (5) Joseph Floyd Mathis, born March 29, 1891, died in service Nov. 27, 1917
- (6) Ollie Pigford Mathis, born December 18, 1892 *Normangee, Tex*
- (7) Louis Avery Mathis, born Febuary 20, 1895 *D*
- (8) Jewell Florine Mathis, born May 16, 1896 *Temple, Tex*
- (9) Marvin Diaz Mathis, born October 1, 1898; died August 16, 1899
- (10) Allie Roberts Mathis, born August 25, 1900 *Normangee, Tex*
- (11) Barbara Ellen Mathis, born March 21, 1902; died 1945
- (12) Emma Susan Mathis, born August 17, 1904 *Temple, Tex*
- (13) Easter Ray Mathis, born March 31, 1907 *Tex*

The following children of James Frederick Mathis and Letha Alzenia Pigford Mathis did not marry:
 Idell Eliza Mathis, born August 31, 1884, died October 19, 1885
 Hezekiah Mathis, born October 24, 1887, died October 22, 1900
 Jacob Franklin Mathis, born Febuary 26, 1890, died October 6, 1890
 Joseph Floyd Mathis, born March 29, 1891, died November 27, 1917 while serving in the army of the United States.
 Marvin Diaz Mathis, born October 1, 1898, died August 16, 1899

FOURTH GENERATION

- (1) John William Jethro Mathis, (Lush) 1886-1959, son of James Frederick Mathis and Letha Alzenia Pigford Mathis, born Febuary 22, 1886 in Madison Co., Tex died _____, 1959, married Mary Brown, born December 4, 1893, daughter of M.C. And Jennie Venable Brown.

Issue: FIFTH GENERATION

- (a) Glenn Forest Mathis, born 1915
- (b) John William Jethro Mathis, Jr., born 1917
- (c) James Frederick Mathis, ~~born~~ 1931

(a) Glenn Forest Mathis, born 1915 (Febuary 27), married Lena Winship Campbell, daughter of Georgia Winship and Ben Campbell.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Glenn Forest Mathis, Jr., born September 4, 1943
- (2) Bruce Wayne Mathis, born December 31, 1946
- (b) John William Jethro Mathis, Jr., born April 1, 1917, married

Celeste Robinette, born December 27, 1918

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Mary Sue Mathis, born August 7, 1944
- (2) Barbara Ann Mathis, born May 16, 1958
- (3) Katherine Mathis, born January 9, 1951
- (c) James Frederick Mathis, born Madison Co., Texas, November 1, 1931, married Evelyn Jeanelle Harris

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) James Frederick Mathis, Jr., born August 29, 1951
- (2) Terry Randall Mathis, born October 29, 1954

(2) Ollie Pigford Mathis, daughter of James Frederick and Letha Alzenia Pigford Mathis, born December 18, 1892, married Sigmond Cohen Crow, born in Mississippi.

ISSUE: FIFTH GENERATION

- (1) Ayres Nelda Crow, born October 11, 1923, Normangee, Texas, married Andrew Luke Pierson III

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

- (a) Ayres Denise Pierson, born April 25, 1960

(3) Louis Avery Mathis, son of Frederick Mathis and Letha Alzenia Pigford

Mathis, born February 20, 1895, Madison Co., Texas, married first Gladys Lewis, born in Texas.

Issue: FIFTH GENERATION

(1) Louis Avery Mathis, Jr., born January 26, 1921

Louis Avery Mathis married second, Sarah Brown.

Issue: FIFTH GENERATION

(1) Charles Mathis, born 1936, married Ila Mae Prafka, born May 28, 1940

(4) Jewell Florine Mathis, daughter of James Frederick and Letha Pigford Mathis, born May 16, 1896 in Madison Co., Texas, married Duard Elliott, born in Texas.

Issue: FIFTH GENERATION

(a) James Malcolm Elliott, born April 16, 1924, Normangee, Texas married Norma Lea Haley, born in Texas

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) James Mark Elliott, born April 22, 1949

(2) David Kimberly Elliott, born November 25, 1952

(b) Donald Millard Elliott, born September 3, 1931, Longview, Texas, married Margaret Blake.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Karen Susan Elliott, born December 6, 1954

(2) Andrea Lynn Elliott, born December 11, 1954

(3) Nancy _____ Elliott, born _____

(c) Alethea Lou Elliott, born June 14, 1933, Longview, Texas, married Waldon Otto Winsauer, born Texas.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) William Otto Winsauer, born February 23, 1960

(2) John S. Winsauer, born _____

(5) Allie Roberts Mathis, daughter of James Frederick and Letha Pigford Mathis, born August 25, 1900, Madison Co., Texas, married Cecil Harrison Parman born Oklahoma, March 18, 1897, died November 15, 1958.

Issue: FIFTH GENERATION

(a) Janice Roberts Parman, born August 31, 1923, Normangee, Texas married Leonard Nelson Markle, born March 1, 1916.

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Sammy Ross Markle, born October 23, 1944, Eugene, Oregon
Janice Roberts Parman is now married to Jack Quincey Ross, born October 17, 1922, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

(b) Fred Maurice Parman, born December 2, 1927, Normangee, Texas married Wanda Elaine McGrath, born June 14, 1928

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Ellen Louise Parman, born March 27, 1952, Jasper, Texas

(2) John McGrath Parman, born May 9, 1953, Jasper, Texas

(3) Wanda Elaine Parman, born October 28, 1954, Jasper, Texas

(4) Paul Michael Parman, born November 1, 1956, Jasper, Texas

(5) Teresa Sue Parman, born Sept. 3, 1960, San Antonio, Texas

(6) Barbara Ellen Mathis, daughter of James Frederick Mathis and Letha Pigford Mathis, born March 21, 1902, Madison Co., Texas, married Charley Lewis, died 1945.

(7) Emma Susan Mathis, daughter of James Fredrick and Letha Pigford Mathis, born August 17, 1904, Madison Co., Texas, married James Sherman Young, born in Moore, Oklahoma, November 2, 1896.

(8) Easter Ray Mathis, daughter of James Frederick and Letha Pigford

born March 31, 1907 in Madison Co., Texas, married William Campbell Slemp,
born September 8, 1911 in Harold, Kentucky.

Issue: FIFTH GENERATION

Own daughter (a) Betty Jane Slemp, born January 28, 1940, Corpus Christi,
Texas, married David Buffington Wham, born May 25, 1937, Evanston, Illinois

Issue: SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Benjamin, born May 12, 1964, Powell, Wyoming

Benjamin
Betty Jane Slemp married and lives with Alan Dervey
living 7270 Crownview Dr. Houston, Texas 77072

Pigford

I will add a little of the Pigford lineage in order to have a more complete genealogy of Letha Pigford and James Frederick Mathis, my parents. Dr. Russell C. Pigford, 2427 East 26th St., Tulsa, Oklahoma is compiling a complete Pigford genealogy. *Dr. Pigford died 1966*

THE PIGFORD FAMILY

Sometime between the year 1735 and 1749 on the coast of North Carolina a small lad was picked up from off the wreck of a ship lost at sea. He could only tell that he with his parents had sailed from England. The boy was first kept by a woman named Rebecca Perry, and later raised by a man named Benjamin Fussel. He was taught the trad of a carpenter. He was called "Lost Willie."

I secured the following from the North Carolina Court records, March term court, Willington, N. Carolina, 1740-41. "On the petition of Rebecca Perry to have an orphan, William Pigford (Pigfoot) bound to her to age 21, the court having considered the affair thought fit to bind the said boy to Benjamin Fussel for a term of nine years, subject to his bond to teach the boy the trade of a carpenter, and provide that he pay Mrs. Perry 22 pounds, 10 shillings, current money of the Province." New Hanover County Court Minutes, page 22.

According to the court "Lost Willie" *Pigford* must have been about 12 years old in 1740, if the nine years covered his age until 21. This would make his birthdate about 1728. He must have been in this country for some time, judging by the bill turned in by Rebecca Perry for keeping him.

He married a woman of Dutch descent named Sarah, surname unknown. They had a family of 6 boys and 4 girls. (North Carolina census, 1790)

Some of these children were:

(1) William, born 1762, wife's name Hannah. He died 1850 or 51 in N.C.

(2) Jacob, born 1766, died Sept. 18, 1855, Mississippi, wife named

Andette (Aunt Ollie Pigford Mathis line)

(3) Edward, born 1778, died in N. C. This is the line of Isabella Luccy

(4) Timothy, born _____, died 1823, Duphin CO., N.C.

see line 5 (5) Solomon, born 1784, died probably in Mississippi, 1850-60/

(6) Elizabeth Aiken, who married Allen Fleming

(7) Martha Pigford

(8) Margaret Pigford

Two of the 10 children must have died before "Lost Willie" made his will in 1801, March 27. It was recorded March, 1803. He died in 1803 in N.C.

see ~~He is the only Pigford who came to America. All Pigfords, that we have any record of are his descendents.~~ *see notes, last page*

Little is known of "Lost Willie". We know that he did well in America. He is listed under Revolutionary Army Accounts Volume V, page 47, Folio 4. He was on Aaron Williams' payroll (state archives)

Dr. Pigford states that he might well have been looked upon as a patriarch, since all of his children, or at least his sons, remained in the home area until his death. Then, too, a plethora of Williams are found in succeeding generations.

The following is the will of "Lost Willie", immigrant to America, called William Pigford, Sr. This was furnished by Dr. Russell Pigford, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Will of William Pigford, dated 27 March 1801;
recorded in the March 1803 term of court
New Hanover County, North Carolina

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Pigford, Senior, of County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, being of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for his mercies, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, as such declare this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it; and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God—And as touching such worldly estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form—

First: I give and bequeath to Sarah my dearly beloved wife, all my household furniture, moveable effects and all other of my estate (except such parts as shall be hereunder bequeathed) to be by her disposed of amongst her children as she may think proper; and also the plantation whereon I now live with all the improvements thereon; and all the land I possess adjoining the same on the east side of Sill's Creek, for the term of her natural life.

Also, I give and bequeath my son, William Pigford, my son Jacob Pigford, my daughter Elizabeth Aiken, my son in law Allen Fleming, my daughter Martha Pigford, my son Edward Pigford, and my daughter Margaret Pigford, one shilling sterling each. Also, I give and bequeath to my son Timothy Pigford all the land I possess on the West side of Sill's creek, to him, his heirs and assigns forever; and also I give and bequeath my son Solomon the plantation whereon I now live, with all the improvements thereon; and all the lands I possess on the east side of Sill's Creek, after the decease of his mother, to him, his heirs and assigns forever— And in consideration of Solomon getting a plantation improved at the decease of his mother, he is hereby enjoined to assist his brother Timothy in building a dwelling house, kitchen, corn crib, smoke house, and dairy, and in clearing ten acres of land.

And I hereby appoint my said beloved wife and William Jones Executrix and Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and I hereby revoke all other wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 27th day of March, in year of our Lord 1801.

Signed, sealed, published and) William Pigford
declared in the presence of) (Seal)

The second generation is not complete.

(1) William stayed in North Carolina. I do not have the record of his family.

(2) Jacob moved to Mississippi. His wife called Judy was born in England 1785. She died August 11, 1855 in Mississippi. Their children were

Issue: THIRD GENERATION

(a) Jacob Oliver Pigford, born February 17, 1825 (N.C.), died July 1873 Madison Co., Texas, married Mary McMillian, born Sept. 2, 1828, Alabama, died November 12, 1926.

one line
near
William
N.C.

Issue: FOURTH GENERATION

- (1) Rebecca Catherine Pigford, born October 9, 1848, Mississippi married a Wolfe.
- Grand Papa* (2) Poahunatus, born February 1851, Mississippi, married John McIver. Died 1934. (Line could be completed, see Rebecca Clark, Madisonville, Texas.)
- (3) Knox Gates Pigford, born July 17, 1855
- Grand Ollie* (4) Cornelia Oliver (Ollie) Pigford, born August 22, 1853, died March 22, 1952, married Washington Moody Mathis (see Mathis lineage.)
- (5) Christine Stewart, born 1857, Mississippi, moved to Texas that year.
- (6) Mary Howard Greer, born 1859, Texas
- (7) Martha Ford Berry (living), married James Berry, Persall, Texas. (See newspaper clipping retyped below) *107*
- (8) Jacob Owen, born June 5, 1863
- (9) Therodore, born February 27, 1870, Texas.

From THE PEARSALL LEADER February 27, 1964

MRS. J.E. BERRY OBSERVES HER 103rd BIRTHDAY SUNDAY AT HER RANCH HOME

The road to the J.E. Berry ranch was a busy one Sunday afternoon, February 23rd when Pearsall friends as well as others from all over this area went to the ranch to greet Mrs. J.E. (Martha) Berry who was observing her 103rd birthday, which falls on February 25th, but due to her daughters living at other places it was decided to have the get together on Sunday.

The get together was held from 3 to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Berry is a charming little lady and was active until the last few months and is now confined to a wheel chair. A devout member of the Pearsall Presbyterian Church, she was a regular attendant at the Sunday morning services until the past several months.

A native Texan, Mrs. Berry was born in 1861 at Madisonville, Texas the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. ¹⁸⁴⁰ Pigford, early settlers of Frio County. Her mother lived to be in her late nineties and transacted all of her business at that age. In 1882, Mrs. Berry was married to J.E. Berry of the Sandhollow community of Frio County.

Later they built a house and moved to the ranch where she still resides. Mr. Berry, a native of Castroville, was a contemporary of the brush country cowmen. One of his neighbors was Big Foot Wallace, legendary Texas frontiersman. Mr. Berry was an extensive ranch operator, and in addition to his large Frio County ranch, also owned a large acreage in McMullen County. He passed away on his Frio County ranch May 24, 1949.

In 1932, the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Berry ranch home with an open house. At that time the family circle was unbroken with their six daughters and two sons present.

In the early days Mr. and Mrs. Berry had quite a few brushes with the Indians. She remembers the close of the Civil War, and vividly recalls the epidemic of cholera which swept thru this section. She has seen the country change from open grass covered prairies to dense mesquite thickets, and cattle change from the old Texas longhorn to modern beef breeds.

She is one of Frio County's best loved and most highly respected citizens and is beloved by her family and her friends for her interest in all this fast moving jet age.

Mrs. A.S. Martin of Laredo, Mrs. Dick Prassell of San Antonio, Mrs. Frank Davis of Pearsall, Mrs. Karl Ward of Big Wells, Mrs. ~~Carl~~ B.

Woodward of McAlpine and Miss Esther Berry of San Antonio; and a son Jack Berry who resides at the ranch home with his mother. Her oldest son, Ernest Berry died in May, 1961, following surgery.

She has one granddaughter, Mrs. Michael Ihnot of San Antonio, daughter of Mrs. Frank Davis and the late Mr. Davis of Pearsall. She also has one grandson Cavin B. Woodward Jr. (Chico) of Unalde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cavin Woodward Sr. of Alpine, and two great grandsons, Cavin Woodward III and Jim Berry Woodward.

*Wm's only
bro.*

(b) Sarah Mariah Pigford, born September 25, 1806, married her cousin Owen Pigford (Solomon's son)

Issue: FOURTH GENERATION

(1) Anna Jane Pigford, born September 29, 1829, married a McMillian; died April 21, 1889, Madison Co., Texas. One of her sons, Owen Pigford McMillian had a daughter, Mrs. Bertha Hollis, Normangee, Tex

(2) Mary Ellen, born September 10, 1831, married a Bond, died September 23, 1877, in Mississippi.

(3) William, born January 31, 1834

(4) Francenia Marie, born August 14, 1835, married Thomas J. M. Daughter Bell Millie, married Joseph Newton McElroy. Bell Millie's daughter is Mrs. Thomas C. Duncan, 830 George Washington Highway, Craddock, Portsmouth, Virginia. Other children were Newton B., Thomas W., Rev. James Lester McElroy, Ruth Elizabeth and Frances Marie.

(5) Sarah O., born 1839

(6) Elizabeth Tate, born 1842, married Rev. Samuel M. Gillima pastor of Oxford Presbyterian Church (1868).

(7) James L. Pigford, born 1848

(c) Joseph, born 1813, married twice. First, Elizabeth Newton

Issue: FOURTH GENERATION

(1) Jacob Lafton, born 1838

(2) William

(3) Isaac

(4) Robert

(5) Matilda

(6) Susan

(7) Mary C.

(8) Hannah

Second married C. Croom

Issue

(1) Lonnie

(2) Sally

(3) Jones

(4) Joe

(5) Becky

Joseph returned to North Carolina

(d) Robert Pigford, born _____, died _____

(e) Amelia Pigford, born _____, married William Pigford

her cousin. She died young. *Youngest of Jacob & Judy Pigford*

Issue: FOURTH GENERATION

(1) Gracie, born 1838, died _____

Uncle Rush (2) Lucian Owen, born September 7, 1839. He married twice, no He helped to raise my mother.

(3) Timothy, son of "Lost Willis" died in North Carolina. His widow and children moved to Mississippi. This is Dr. Pigford's line. (Tulsa, Oklahoma)

(4) Elizabeth Aiken Pigford, married Allen Fleming

(5) Martha Pigford (no record), born 1778, called Patsy.

(6) Margaret Pigford (no record)

(7) Edward Pigford, born 1778, wife Isabella, died in N.C.

Issue: THIRD GENERATION

(a) Issabelle Jane, born _____, married Dr. Wm. E. Freeman. She had one daughter Lucy who married John Brown. They had several sons, William, Kent, Allen Bradley and one daughter Lucy Isabella Brown. Not any of their children married. I visited Lucy Isabella Brown at Petersburg, Virginia shortly before her death in 1962.

(b) Edward's daughter Elisker married a Mills. She had three children raised by Edward. They were Isabella, Edward J. and Anna E. Mill

(c) Edward had one son named James called "Buck".

(8) Solomon Pigford, son of "Lost Willie" was born in 1784. He is our line. His wife was Jerusha. They had two sons, Owen and William, born in North Carolina. They moved to Mississippi.

I would like to visit her

The Rockfish Presbyterian Church at Wallace, North Carolina shows in their minutes from 1836 to 1838 that Solomon and Owen were ruling elders. Solomon and his wife Jerusha and son William (our grandfather) obtained a church certificate from the Rockfish Presbyterian Church after having made known their intentions to move West, February 25, 1838.

They moved to Lauerdale County, Miss., Oxford community. Solomon and Owen were excellent carpenters. They built a Presbyterian Church there. Solomon and his wife Jerusha, born 1785, Owen and his wife Sarah Moriah Pigford are listed as charter members in 1840. We do not know the burial place of Solomon and Jerusha. Their son Owen and wife are buried at the Oxford Cemetery in Mississippi.

Solomon probably died in Mississippi. His wife is listed alone in 1860 census. She was 75 years old.

Census records 1850 Mississippi list Jerusha as Lucinda. It is safe to presume her name was Jerusha Lucinda. From lists I have gathered, I believe Jerusha was a very strong, religious woman. She was the power back of Solomon. They spread the gospel from Wallace, North Carolina to Oxford, Mississippi.

I can remember my mother telling that her grandmother, Jerusha, never allowed anything to be done on Sunday. They bread was baked and everything was done on Saturday.

An Oxford Presbyterian Church was started in Madison Co., Texas where the Oxford Cemetery is today, on the Madison-Bryan highway. Julia Ann Roberts Pigford, wife of William (our grandparents), born July 15, 1827, died 1869 (married Sept. 2, 1846) and William Pigford, son of Solomon, grandson of Lost Willie, born February 27, 1811 and died March 23, 1872 are the first two graves on the left as you enter the cemetery. The church no longer stands. It would be nice if a chapel could be erected there some day in memory of our Pigford ancestors

Solomon Pigford, born 1784, wife Jerusha (Lucinda) born _____
Issue:

- (a) Owen Pigford, born October 25, 1806, married Sarah Moriah Pigford (See Jacob's line)
- (b) William Pigford, born 1811 (our grandfather)

Solomon and Jacob Pigford were the two sons of "Lost Willie" who moved to Mississippi, also Timothy's widow and family.

From the U.S. Census for Lauerdale Co., Miss. 1850

sons of	-- William Wells Pigford	32	b. N.C.	1818
Timothy	-- Arulia T.	22	b. Ala.	1828
	Elizabeth K.	6	b. Miss.	1844
	Jula A.	4	b. "	1846
	Sarah V.	3	"	1847
	James K.	6/12	"	1849
	Elizabeth M. Boney	10	"	
	David M. Pope	20	Ala.	

son of Timothy	--- Alfred D. Pigford	21	b. N.C.
	--- Charity A.	21	b. Ala.
	Henry S. Pope	11	b. Ala.
	Robert Williams	22	b. N.C.
son of Timothy	---Wright Pigford	38	b. N.C.
	---Lucretia <i>PASCROTHA Miss</i>	28	b. Ala.
	Timothy Daniel	11	b. Miss.
	<i>Susan G. E</i>	9	b. Miss.
	<i>W. W.</i>	7	b. "
	Jacob W.	6	b. "
	Opelia <i>FRED W</i>	4	b. "
	Alfred <i>W</i>	2	b. "
	Martha <i>L.</i>	3/12	b. "
son of Timothy	---Timothy S. Pigford	20	b. N.C.
	---Olive R.		b. Ala.
	Elizabeth A.	1	b. Miss.
	John T.	2/12	b. Miss.
our line	---Soloman Pigford	66	b. N.C.
	---Lucinda Pigford (Jerusha)	60	b. N.C.
son of Soloman	---William Pigford	38	
	---Julia A. Roberts	22	
	Gracie (child of William's first marriage to Amelia Pigford)	12	b. Ala.
	Mary E.	1	b. Miss.
	Sylvia Roberts (sister to Julia)	6	b. Miss.
son of Soloman	---Oliver (Owen) Pigford	45	b. N.C.
	---Sarah Mariah Pigford	45	b. N.C.
	Mary E.	19	b. N.C.
	William W.	16	b. N.C.
	Mariah F.	14	b. N.C.
	Sarah O.	112	b. Miss.
	Elizabeth	8	b. Miss.
	James L.	2	b. Miss.
Brother of Soloman	---Jacob Pigford (1766)	84	b. N.C.
	---Andette (called Judy)	65	b. N.C.
	Jacob Oliver (son of Jacob)	25	b. N.C.
	Mary McMillian	22	b. N.C.
	Rebecca (child)	1	b. Miss.
son of Jacob	---Joseph Pigford (moved back to N.C.)	57	b. N.C.
	---Emmeline	28	b. N.C.
	William J.	13	b. N.C.
	Jacob I.	11	b. N.C.

THIRD GENERATION. William Pigford, born Feb. 27, 1811, N.C. died March 23, 1872 in Madison County, Texas. He was the son of Soloman and Jerusha Pigford. William married first Amelia Pigford, his cousin. This was a common practice in that day since transportation was scarce and farms large. They had two children, Gracie and Lucian. Gracie was born 1838 and died young. Lucian Owen was born September 7, 1839 in Mississippi. Lucian (we called him Lush) was married twice. He did not have a family. My mother, whose parents were dead by the time she was six, lived with them in Texas.

My memory of my Uncle Lush was his white beard, and I always thought of him as being very kind.

William Pigford next married Julia Ann Roberts, born July 15, 1827 in Alabama. Though William lived in Mississippi, their farms joined the Ala.-Miss. line.

To this union was born:

FOURTH GENERATION

- (1) James M. Pigford, born Nov. 8, 1847; died
- (2) Mary E. Pigford, born Aug. 11, 1849, died
- (3) Frances Idell, born Nov. 17, 1851
- (4) John S. Pigford, born Jan. 31, 1854, in Miss.
- your line* (5) William A. Pigford, born Oct. 27, 1855, in Miss.
- (6) Julia A. Pigford, born April 25, 1858, in Miss., died
- (7) Jethro W. Pigford, born July 3, 1860, in Miss.
- (8) Rebecca J. Pigford, born Dec. 19, 1862, died
- my line* (9) Letha Alzenia, born March 7, 1866 in Miss.
- (10) Texanna Pigford, born Feb. 10, 1869, died.

I don't know anything of #1 and #2. They did not live to adulthood. #3, Frances Idell was the first wife of James Frederick Mathis: (see Mathis line).

4. John S. Pigford, born Jan 31, 1854, Miss. went still further West to Carlsbad, New Mexico. He never married. I remember him visiting us when I was a child. He was a tall, leather tanned man. He loved children and taught us many things about nature. I remember roasting acorns and frying craw-fish tails out in the open. At one time, he owned half of the Carlsbad lake but he was never interested in material gain. He lived a care-free, happy life until September 1929. He died at Carlsbad, New Mexico. (I had many interesting letters from him as a child. He was a great out-door type.

5. William A. Pigford born Oct 27, 1855, wife named Lota. Children living are

FIFTH GENERATION

- (a) Julia
- (b) Willie
- (c) Ida
- (d) Anna
- (e) Olen
- (f) Oliver
- (g) Tim

Deceased are Amelia, Rebecca, Tina, Letha, Grace and Tom. Tom and Tim were twins.

Some addresses:

- Oliver Pigford, 1650 Robinwood Dv. Ft. Worth, Texas
- Mrs. Anna McCoy, 1442 East Allen, Ft. Worth, Texas
- Mrs. Willie Brawley, 507 Samuels Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas
- Mrs. Ida Gentzke, R. 2, Box 542, Ft. Worth, Texas

Information furnished by Olen, address Box 243, McCamey, Tex. (Olen was born Dec. 29, 1892.

6. Julia A. Pigford, born April 25, 1858, died

7. Jethro (Jack) W. Pigford, born July 3, 1860 in Miss., died

July 5, 1919, married Mary Jane Fox. Children were

FIFTH GENERATION

- (a) Bartie Leon, born April 6, 1892, died April 9, 1895
- (b) Julia M., born Aug. 17, 1893, died July 2, 1936.

She married A.C. Barker and had 5 children

SIXTH GENERATION

- (1) Ruby Barker, born May 24, 1916, married had

one daughter, Barbara
(a) Barbara, married an Atkenson, Childress, Tex
(1) Joe Bruce
(2) Bill Don
Ruby is now married to Glen Mayor, Grand Rapids,
Mich.

(2) Raymond Barker, born June 21, 1918, died left
2 sons.

(3) Christine Barker, born July 18, 1921, married
Ed Cavener. She has two sons:

SEVENTH GENERATION

(a) Gary Don

(b) Roy Scott

(4) Albert Barker, born Oct, 1926 has 3 children

(5) Gordon Barker

(c) (FIFTH GENERATION CON'T:) Willie Pigford, born
Jan 4, 1895, married John Morris, Van Buren, Mo., died

(d) Jethro Wesley Pigford, born Dec 25, 1896, died March
March 1, 1950

(e) Sampson William Pigford, born April 7, 1898; died
Jan. 30, 1950, married Bossie Picture, raised Barbara, niece

(f) Pearl Mittie Pigford, born Jan. 23, 1902, died
Sept 1, 1954, married Ray Speck. They had 4 children

SIXTH GENERATION

(1) Albert Ray Speck

(2) Jane Speck Picture

(3) Norman Dale Speck married Dama, married

SEVENTH GENERATION

(a) Bertille

(b) Helen

(c) David

(d) Catherine

(e) Johnny Carol

(4) Quintille Speck, married David Friman

SEVENTH GENERATION

(a) Cassia

(b) Susie

(c) Rubcon

(8) Rebecca J. Pigford, born Dec 19, 1862, died

9. Letha Alzonia Pigford, (our mother) born March 7, 1866,
Lauerdale Co. Miss, died Dec. 14, 1916, Normangee, Texas (see Mathis
line)

10. Lexanna Pigford, born ^{Texas} Feb. 10, 1869, died

The children of Fred Mathis and Frances Idell Pigford and
Letha Pigford would be the fifth generation and traced down in
Mathis lineage. Our line of Pigfords (William) moved to Texas
in 1866. I remember my mother telling, there was an epidemic
of flu that claimed the lives of several of my mother's sisters
during the Civil War. They thought the house should be air-tight
and spread quilts up to keep out any air.

The Pigford men were all tall, stout men. They were farmers,
tailors, carpenters, inn keepers and elders in the church. They
were all Presbyterians. They were very active men and the
women were all very neat housekeepers and good seamstresses.

I am very proud of my Pigford blood and very, very proud of my
mother. She was a small, dainty woman, devoted to her family. She
gave birth to thirteen children. She kept a perfect house and
excelled in needlework. I remember her beauty. She had dark hair

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and eyes, an a light olive complexion. I have recently had a letter from a cousin who mentioned her beauty. She lost her parents at a young age and in ~~that~~ time it made a hard life. She also put her family first. For them she wanted the best.

FOR FURTHER NOTES

Not all Pigfords in this country are descendants of 'Lost Willie' as was first believed. In Collinsville, Ill. in front of the Miner Theatre is a carving of a Pigford who was a miner. He came from England. He had descendants. My aunt Ollie Pigford Mathis said she was always told there ^{were} 3 boys - One went west - and one went on to New York.

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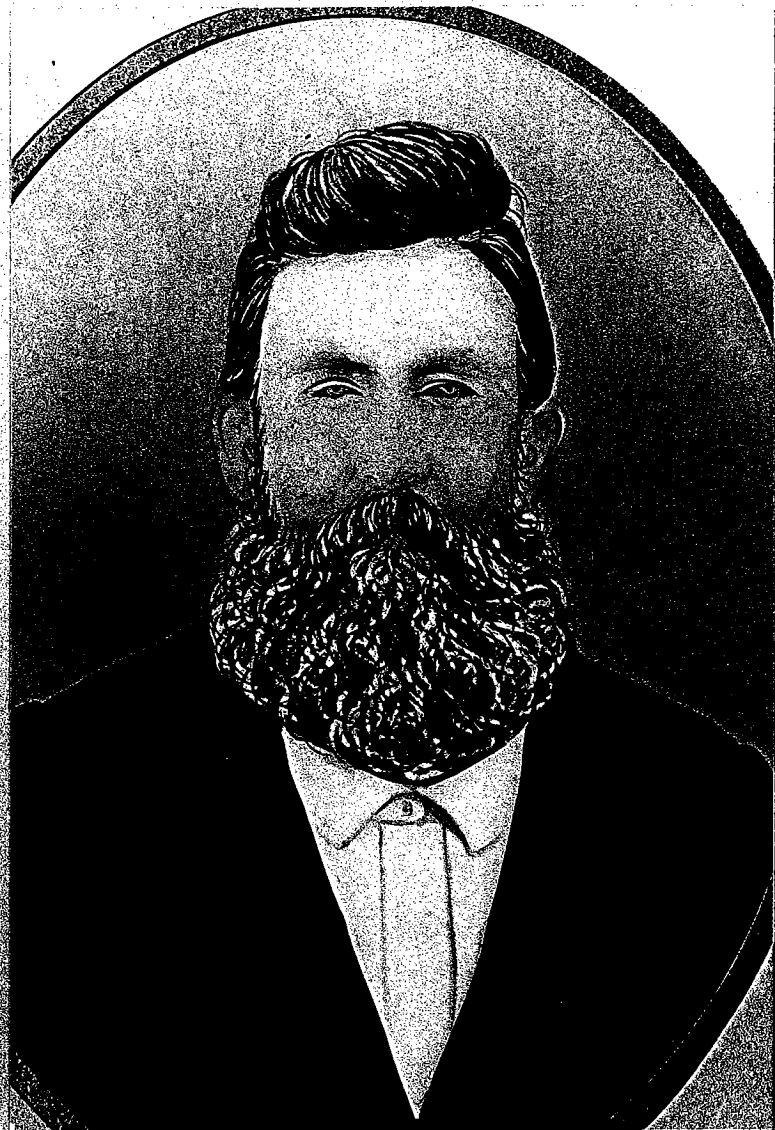
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Picture of Jacob
Oliver Pigford
taken around
1860-70

Probably taken in
Madisonville, Texas
OR
Pearsall, Texas

Probably from a
Tintype and/or
a painting.

He was the father
of Pocahontas,
Cornelia, Martha
and others.



Jacob Oliver Pigford
1825-1873