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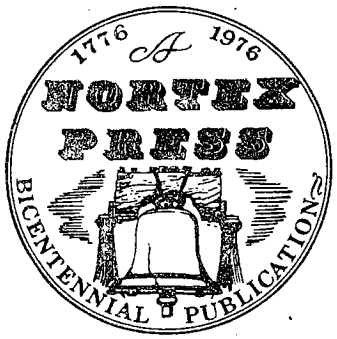

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associates would receive one section of land.

Gen. Mercer had a contract to settle in four parts of Texas but was interested in Navarro County only. As mentioned before, settlers came from many states of the Union. Such was the case of the McKinneys. Jubilee McKinney came to Texas from Illinois and was well impressed with Navarro County. He returned home to bring back his two brothers, Hampton and Jefferson, and their families, who reached Dresden in 1846.

Land certificate number 305 was given to Hampton McKinney who was one of the Mercer colonists. The land certificate was issued on April 20, 1850, and was signed by Anson Jones, Governor of the State of Texas.

By 1848, Gen. Mercer was claiming every family who moved into Navarro County as a Mercer colonist, since Navarro County was designated for Mercer. The State said that he was claiming every new immigrant to Texas.

Gen. Mercer made four trips to Texas from his home in Florida and had claimed 1,853 families as his colonists to Texas. As a result of his claim, a suit was filed in Navarro County against him and his associates by the State.

By the act of the Legislature, the Governor was authorized to appoint John M. Crockett, a kinsmen of Davy Crockett, as Land Commissioner in 1850. Crockett made his office in the Hampton McKinney Tavern in Corsicana for two years or more. He was authorized to make the same land grant to immigrants moving into Texas and for the writing of each certificate and locating the land, he was to charge a fee of 30 dollars.

The record of the Mississippi Colony was found in a faded paper in a treasure chest that was the property of G.W. Brown.

This account was written by Mrs. E.A.E. Stokes Fullwood:

"Following the close of the Civil War the South was in ruins, suffering on all sides, broken homes all over the lands, many were talking of going to Texas to get a new start in a land of opportunities. Preparations were made in the summer of 1869 to organize a group to join the wagon train and leave Meridian, Mississippi some time that fall, heading for Dresden, Texas by Christmas. To each wagon was hitched four oxen, some of the others were pulled by eight mules, also two hacks pulled by horses.

"Traveling was very slow especially through the river bottoms. Much of the traveling was through sleet, snow, rain, mud and over narrow roads. You could hardly travel. It took six weeks to reach Corsicana.

"After we crossed the Trinity River, David Maggard, Thomas and Dick Stokes were sent on ahead to make plans for us to find

lodging in Corsicana.

"On December 22, we drove into this town of Corsicana without stopping for breakfast, only to find there was no place to stay. There was no room at the tavern, no hotels, not even a vacant house. The merchants looked at us sympathetically and told us they could do nothing for us. They did tell us we could find a tank of water some three miles west of town on the road to Dresden.

"We drove to the tank, placed our wagons in a circle, gathered wood and made a fire, cooked and ate, then laid down to rest and sleep. After all had thawed out, we felt better, but our stock was tired and the wagons needed repairing. After a few days' stop, we continued our journey to Dresden, where we had friends and kinfolks. They were Dick Stokes and a Mr. Thomas.

"We remained in Dresden until the winter blizzard had spent its force. The men in our party, W.W. Stokes, S.W. Stokes, G.W. Brown, R.T. Brown, Hiram Brown, Charles Ransom, Henry Edwards and others, went over to a community called Melton Town, near Cryer Creek, Texas. The Melton Community was bought and with Dave Maggard and Dave Williams the group formed the Mississippi Colony, with Father Stokes' home as headquarters.

"As there was no furniture stores in Corsicana, we sent a four-ox wagon to Kosse to purchase some beds, chairs, and other things. It took three weeks to make the trip. The only store near us was one at Cryer Creek run by a Mr. Kelton and in Corsicana, there were three log houses, a log courthouse, a jail and a blacksmith shop, a saloon, and newspaper.

"In the spring of 1870, the Mississippi Colony met on Sunday at the home of Father Stokes. The day was spent in telling of events of the past and making plans for the future. As the day closed, all returned to their homes. The nearest living to the home of Father Stokes was Mr. and Mrs. Brazelle, a family who made the journey with us from Mississippi.

"Shortly after nine o'clock, we heard two shotgun blasts. Then we heard a woman calling for help in the distance and screams the most pitiful I ever heard. The men folks rushed over to the Brazelle home and found him dead—shot twice through the chest. First to reach the Brazelle home was John Maggard. It was learned later that some white man living across Chambers Creek did the killing. No reason was given and nothing was ever done about it."

ROADS IN NAVARRO COUNTY

By the year 1848, there was a great need for roads in Navarro County. The Springfield Road being most traveled between Hous-

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STOKES & RELATED FAMILIES

THOMAS STOKES, one of the prominent settlers of Navarro county, was born in Simpson county, Mississippi, June 2, 1828, a son of W. W. and Martha F. (McMullen) Stokes, natives of South Carolina and Georgia. The father was a son of George Stokes, of Virginia. The latter afterward removed to South Carolina, where he married a Miss Middleton, then went to Tennessee, a short time afterward to Kentucky, next to Louisiana Territory, and then to the then Territory of Alabama, where he was killed by the Seminole Indians. The remainder of the family were wounded and left for dead, but all survived. The father of our subject, the second child, remained with his widowed mother and family until twenty years of age, when he went to Mississippi. He afterward located in Clarke county, Alabama, but again went to Mississippi. He was a farmer through life, was a true Christian gentleman, and was a man of prominence in his community. He was married in Alabama to Miss Martha McMullen, a daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Childress) McMullen, natives of Virginia and Georgia. The parents moved from Virginia to Alabama, in 1835 to Mississippi, and in 1853 to Bastrop county, Texas. The father afterward went to Austin for medical treatment, where he died in 1861, having passed hsi four-score years. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes were the parents of fourteen children, five of whom are still living, four in Texas and one in Louisiana. Six of the sons served in the Confederate army, two were killed at Richmond and two wounded, both of whom recovered. Afterward one died in Georgia.

Thomas Stokes, the second child in his father's family, was reared to farm life, and while a resident of his native State served as Deputy Sheriff and Bailiff. In 1857 he located near Dresden, Navarro county, Texas, and the following year bought a farm of Mr. Key. In 1862 he sold his place, took his pay in Confederate money, and then enlisted in the late war. After nine months of service he was discharged on account of rheumatism, and returned home. He found his farm gone, his money worthless, and he was obliged to farm on rented land. After seven years he bought 100 acres of his present place, to which he has since added until he now owns 265 acres, all well improved, and 135 acres cultivated to cotton and corn. He raises sufficient stock for farm use. Mr. Stokes has resided in this county for thirty-four years, has never been sued, nor sued any one, has never attended court except as a witness, and has never owned or carried a pistol, as has also his sons.

Our subject was married November 14, 1855, to Miss Melissa M. Harper, who was born in Kemper county, Mississippi, June 23, 1841, a daughter of R. B. G. and M. A. (Thomas) Harper, natives of South Carolina. He moved to Mississippi in an early day, where he spent the largest portion of his days, dying about 1879 in Louisiana. He served four years as Tax Collector, six years as Sheriff, was a farmer, stock-raiser and merchant by occupation, and was a prominent man wherever he lived. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes have had twelve children, viz: William G., a farmer of Lampasas county; Thomas F. D., deceased in 1869; aged ten years; Samuel L., a farmer of Runnels county, Texas; Lulu, wife of J. H. Watson, a native Texan and a farmer of Navarro county; Ida, wife of L. J. Harris, also a farmer of this county; Mary A., wife of Wallace Brown; Richard H.; James C.; Olo; George M.; Eugene S.; and Hubert, at home. Mr. Stokes is a Democrat in his political views; socially, is a member of the Masonic fraternity; and religiously, his wife and six of their children are devoted Methodists.

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ANDREW JACKSON BABERS

Andrew Jackson Babers, son of John Babers and Martha Elkins, was born in Barnwell District, South Carolina, on 23 January 1825. He married Elizabeth Stokes, daughter of William Willson Stokes and his wife Martha McMullen, on 31 Jan 1850 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. They had 12 children in a period of 26 years, 8 in Mississippi and 4 in Louisisna. (See Family Group Sheet for A.J.Babers) They lived in Lauderdale Co.,MS, until after the Civil War, and moved to Bienville Parish, Louisiana, in 1865.

A.J. was a stock farmer and did much buying and selling of livestock. He later moved near Natchitoches, LA, on the Cane River, where the family lived some 20 years until his retirement, after which he moved to Corsicana, Navarro County, Texas and died 24 April 1904. Elizabeth Stokes Babers, died 11 Feb 1911. They are buried in a private cemetary called Cryer Creek Cemeyery, near Blooming Grove, Navarro Co., Texas.

Andrew J. Babers enlisted in the Thirty-sixth Regiment of the Mississippi Infantry, Confederate States of America from Lauderdale County, Miss., and was a Private in Company C of this Regiment.

His daughter, Lillie Babers Gulley, loved to tell her children stories of her parents. One of their favorites was one about Andrew while he was in the War. It seems that when he enlisted a negro slave went along to look after him. Time passed without word of them. Then one night, Elizabeth (his wife) heard a tapping on her window. Andrew's slave had come to tell her that his master was seriously ill and would surely die if she couldn't find a way to help him. Elizabeth Stokes Babers mounted a horse and the man servant sneaked her through the enemy lines. Somehow she managed to get him aboard a train. She hid him between the seats and covered him with her full skirt and petticoats as they wore many in those days. Since Elizabeth was a beautiful young woman the Yankee soldiers allowed her to travel through their lines and she got him home safely. She nursed him back to health and off to the War again he went, accompained by the faithful darky. He was wounded three times but returned home to resume management of his affairs. He took a lot of good natured ribbing from family and friends for it appeared that Elizabeth had done a better job of "running" things than he!

Another Civil War story the children never tired of hearing was about a visit from the Yankee soldiers. Sherman made a sweep through that section of Lauderdale County, MS. It seems that they had visited all of the plantations along the river, stripping them of everything they had need of and burning the rest. They stripped pillow cases from the pillows and filled them from the pantry. They took bacon, hams, sausage and any beef on hand. They took the chickens, geese, turkeys and guineas. They took the horses and cows and any other live stock they found. They burned barns, gins, and many times the houses as will.

They finally reached the Babers ranch. They rolled out the bales of cotton ready to burn. About that time two small girls, identical twins, came skipping around the house. They had long red curls and looked just alike. They were not afraid of the soldiers and talked to them. Well - the Yankees were delighted with Anna Jane and Josephine Babers. They gave them money and gifts. Then they had the cotton rolled back without burning it. They left without taking or damaging anything.

FAMILY GROUP No. _____

HUSBAND'S FULL NAME Andrew Jackson Babers

HUSBAND'S DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY, TOWN OR PLACE	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
BIRTH	23 Jan 1824		Barnwell Dist	SC
MAR.	31 Jan 1850		Lauderdale	MS
DEATH	24 Apr 1904		Navarro	TX
BURIAL		Cryer Creek Cem - Blooming Grove - Navarro - TX		

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:
Babers Family Book
Texas Death Index
Babers Family Bible

PLACES OF RESIDENCE (Barnwell) SC; (Winn) Hotbar LA; (Navarro) TX; (Lauderdale) MS

OCCUPATION Stock Farmer CHURCH AFFILIATION MILITARY REC. * 1

OTHER WIVES, IF ANY. No. (1) (2) ETC.
MAKE SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH MAR.

HIS FATHER John Babers MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Martha Elkins

WIFE'S FULL MAIDEN NAME Elizabeth Stokes

WIFE'S DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY, TOWN OR PLACE	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
BIRTH	31 Dec 1831		Simpson	MS
DEATH	11 Feb 1911		Navarro	TX
BURIAL		Cryer Creek Cem. - Blooming Grove - Navarro - TX		

NOTE: IN RECORDING DATES, LIST DAY, MONTH AND YEAR:

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PLACES OF RESIDENCE (Simpson) MS; (Lauderdale) MS; (Winn) LA; (Navarro) TX

OCCUPATION IF OTHER THAN HOUSEWIFE CHURCH AFFILIATION Methodist

OTHER HUSBANDS, IF ANY. No. (1) (2) ETC.
MAKE SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH MAR.

HER FATHER Wm. Willson Stokes MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Martha McMullen

SEX	CHILDREN'S NAMES IN FULL (ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH)	CHILDREN'S DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY-TOWN-PLACE	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	ADD. INFO. ON CHILDREN
M	1 William Thomas	BIRTH	3 Jul 1851		Lauderdale	MS	killed when horse fell on him
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* Liza Barron	MAR.					
		DEATH				TX	
		BURIAL					
M	2 John Wesley	BIRTH	31 Oct 1853		Lauderdale	MS	died of thyroid along with 4 of his children
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* M.E. Watson	MAR.	1876				
		DEATH	Nov 1890	Shiloh Community near Montgomery	Winn	LA	
		BURIAL					
F	3 Martha Melissa	BIRTH	5 Feb 1856		Lauderdale	MS	
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* James Madison Callicutt	MAR.		Montgomery	Winn	LA	
		DEATH	27 Nov 1940		Navarro	TX	
		BURIAL		Cryer Creek Cem - Blooming Grove - Navarro - TX			
F	4 Anna Jane	BIRTH	7 Mar 1858		Lauderdale	MS	
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* William A. Little	MAR.	1 Feb 1882	Montgomery	Winn	LA	
		DEATH	11 Mar 1938		Harris	TX	
		BURIAL		San Antonia	Bexar	TX	
F	5 Josephine	BIRTH	7 Mar 1858		Lauderdale	MS	
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* A. Thomas Neal	MAR.	1872	Winnifield	Winn	LA	
		DEATH	2 Jul 1928				
		BURIAL					
M	6 Lewis (Louis) Levi	BIRTH	29 Jun 1860		Lauderdale	MS	
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* Emma (Oliphant) Edwards	MAR.	18 Jun 1895				
		DEATH	5 Sep 1940		Harris	TX	death Certificate #41919
		BURIAL					
F	7 Sarah Elizabeth	BIRTH	21 Feb 1862		Lauderdale	MS	
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* Manson B. Little	MAR.	6 Dec 1886	Montgomery	Winn	LA	
		DEATH	11 Feb 1939				
		BURIAL					
M	8 Samuel Andrew	BIRTH	30 Sep 1865		Lauderdale	MS	drowned while fishing in the Cane River
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* never married	MAR.					
		DEATH	Nov 1891	Natchitoches		LA	
		BURIAL					

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*IF MARRIED MORE THAN ONCE NO. EACH MAR. (1) (2) ETC. AND LIST IN "ADD. INFO. ON CHILDREN" COLUMN. USE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL CHILDREN, OTHER NOTES, REFERENCE OR INFORMATION.

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City–Town–Place	County	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
F	9. Fannie	Birth	24 Mar 1868			LA	fell off porch & broke neck – age 4 years
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death	1872				
		Burial					
F	10. Mary Iola (Molly)	Birth	8 Jul 1871			LA	
	Full Name of Spouse* 1. Warren Mixon 2. Wm. Massey Freeman	Mar.					
		Death	22 Jan 1953				
		Burial					
F	11. Lillie Olivia	Birth	21 Jun 1873	Near Montgomery	Winn	LA	
	Full Name of Spouse* Robert Edward Gulley	Mar.	11 Nov 1891	Natchitoches		LA	BR. 12, pg 189
		Death	29 Nov 1956	Farmerville	Union	LA	
		Burial		Famerville Cem.			
M	12. Edwin Edgington	Birth	14 May 1878			LA	
	Full Name of Spouse* Pearl Lynn Finch	Mar.	1905	Blooming Grove	Navarro	TX	
		Death	15 May 1952				
		Burial					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					

Pertinent Facts on Parents or Children: (Education, Military Service, Civic Service, Etc.)

*1. Andrew J. Babers served in the 36th Regiment - Mississippi Infantry - Confederate States of America from Lauderdale County, MS. Pvt - Company C.

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Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. ____ on chart No. ____.

Chart No. ____

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Bobbye Nan McGuire
b. 16 Nov 1928
p.b. Farmerville (Union) LA
m. 14 Dec 1951
d.
p.d.

2 Jewel Harrison McGuire (Father of No. 1)
b. 8 Jan 1902
p.b. (Cherokee) TX
m. 11 May 1927
d. 19 Aug 1976
p.d Mt. Pleasant (Titus) TX

3 Lucille Elizabeth Gulley (Mother of No. 1)
b. 21 May 1906
p.b. Farmerville (Union) LA
d.
p.d.

4 William Jefferson McGuire (Father of No. 2)
b. 14 Mar 1875
p.b. (Cherokee) TX
m. 2 Aug 1896
d. 13 Mar 1948
p.d Rusk (Cherokee) TX

5 Mary Melissa Holcomb (Mother of No. 2)
b. 26 May 1860
p.b. (Cherokee) TX
d. 15 Sept 1926
p.d. Rusk (Cherokee) TX

6 Robert Edward Gulley (Father of No. 3)
b. 13 Nov 1872
p.b. Oakland (Union) LA
m. 11 Nov 1891
d. 17 Mar 1956
p.d Farmerville (Union) LA

7 Lillie Olivia Babers (Mother of No. 3)
b. 21 June 1873
p.b. Montgomery (Winn) LA
d. 29 Nov 1956
p.d. Farmerville (Union) LA

Joseph Carl Brannan (Spouse of No. 1)
b. 26 Dec 1922 d.
p.b. Gillett (Ark) AR p.d.

8 Lawrence B. McGuire (Father of No. 4)
b. 1848
p.b. (Sabine Co.) TX
m. 1870
d. 1884/5
p.d (Wood) TX

9 Sarah America McNiel (Mother of No. 4)
b. Jan 1850
p.b (Cherokee) TX
d. 9 Dec 1918
p.d Alto (Cherokee) TX

10 Joseph C. Holcomb [California Joe] (Father of No. 5)
b. 17 Jan 1831
p.b. (Washington) AR
m. 22 Feb 1858
d. 12 Aug 1878
p.d (Cherokee) TX

11 Helen Frances Adelaide Selman (Mother of No. 5)
b. 2 Dec 1840
p.b. (Benton) AL
d. 30 Aug 1897
p.d. (Cherokee) TX

12 John Purifoy Gulley (Father of No. 6)
b. 1 Feb 1850
p.b. Cherry Ridge (Union) LA
m. 10 Dec 1871
d. 20 Sept 1914
p.d Elm Grove (Bossier) LA

13 Henrietta Parthenia Murphy (Mother of No. 6)
b. 28 Mar 1853
p.b. Oakland (Union) LA
d. 28 Oct 1922
p.d. Elm Grove (Bossier) LA

14 Andrew Jackson Babers (Father of No. 7)
b. 21 Jan 1825
p.b. (Barnwell) SC
m. 31 Jan 1850
d. 24 Apr 1904
p.d (Navarro) TX

15 Elizabeth Stokes (Mother of No. 7)
b. 21 Dec 1831
p.b. (Simpson) MS
d. 11 Feb 1911
p.d. (Navarro) TX

16 Hamilton Bell McGuire (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. 2)
b. 1809
m. c 1832
d. 1862

17 Melinda Berry (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. Mar 1819
d. 1921

18 James W. McNiel (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. 1820 - NC
m. 10 Nov 1842 - AL
d. 3 Aug 1878 - TX

19 Elizabeth Selman (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. 5)
b. 1827 - TN
d. 27 Jul 1881 - TX

20 Zachariah Holcomb (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. 6)
b. 1799 - KY
m. 1818
d. 1865 - TX

21 Jane Simmons (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b.
d. 1834 - AR

22 Willis Selman (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. 8)
b. 29 Apr 1804
m. 4 Nov 1828
d. 11 Feb 1858 - TX

23 Anne Embry (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. ____)
b. 25 Jun 1811
d.

24 James Haywood Gulley (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. 10)
b. 14 Nov 1814
m. 28 Feb 1836
d. 10 Oct 1883

25 Mary E. Purifoy (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. 11)
b. 28 Jun 1820
d. 11 Nov 1857

26 George West Murphy (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. 12)
b. 29 Jan 1817
m. 2 July 1840
d. 20 Nov 1894

27 Elizabeth Clardy (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. 13)
b. 9 Mar 1824
d. 10 Jan 1889

28 John Babers (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. 14)
b. 1794
m. 15 Feb 1815
d. 16 Aug 1864

29 Martha Elkins (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. 15)
b.
d. 9 Jan 1886

30 William Willson Stokes (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. 16)
b. 12 Feb 1805
m. c 1827
d. 4 Jul 1880

31 Martha F. McMullen (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. 16)
b. 18 Jan 1810
d. 14 July 1881

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WILLIAM WILLSON STOKES

William Willson Stokes was born in South Carolina on 12 Feb 1805. An article in "The Lone Star State", published by the Lewis Publishing Company in 1893 states that W.W. Stokes was a son of George Stokes, of Virginia. George moved to South Carolina, where he married a Miss Middleton, then to Tennessee, Kentucky, the Louisiana Territory, and then to the then Territory of Alabama, where he was killed by the Seminole Indians. The remainder of the family were wounded and left for dead, but all survived. William, the second child, remained with his widowed mother and family until twenty years of age, when he went to Mississippi. He afterward located in Clarke County, Alabama, but again went to Mississippi. "He was a farmer through life, was a true Christian gentleman, and was a man of prominence in his community." He married Miss Martha McMullen, a daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Childress) McMullen, natives of Virginia and Georgia.

Tax records show us that William Stokes paid taxes in 1824 in Simpson County, Mississippi, and lived in that county until 1835 when he began paying taxes in Lauderdale County. A Simpson County census taken in 1833 shows 3 males and 3 females in his household. Deeds show that he acquired land in Lauderdale County from 1837 before first selling some in 1851. He did quite a bit of land trading from then on.

The above quoted article from the "Lone Star State" says that the Stokes, William & Martha, had 14 children. I can name eleven. Family stories have indicated a daughter older than his daughter Elizabeth, our ancestress, but I have not been able to find her.

The article also says that six of William's sons served in the Confederate army, two were killed at Richmond and two wounded, both recovered. However, one died later in Georgia. Thomas, the 2nd child, moved to Navarro County, Texas, in 1857. He served in the War, but I don't know if it was in Texas or Mississippi. Elizabeth & her husband, A.J. Babers, sold out and moved to Bienville Parish, Louisiana, in 1865 after the war was over.

Life was hard after the war in the South, specially in the areas where Sherman had passed. Lauderdale County was one of those. So, in the summer of 1869 a group of families from Meridian organized a wagon train to head for Dresden, Navarro County, Texas. Thomas and Richard Stokes, both sons of W.W. Stokes, were already there and met the train when it arrived in Corsicana on December 22, 1869. Samuel W. Stokes and his family went, too, along with several other families from Lauderdale County. They all settled near Cryer Creek. The group was called the Mississippi Colony, with W.W. Stokes' home as headquarters.

William Willson Stokes died on 4 July 1880 and was buried in the Cryer Creek Cemetery. His wife Martha died on 14 July 1881 and buried by his side.

FAMILY GROUP No. _____

HUSBAND'S FULL NAME William Willson Stokes

HUSBAND'S DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY, TOWN OR PLACE	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
BIRTH	12 Feb 1805			SC
MAR.	c 1827		Simpson	MS
DEATH	4 Jul 1880		Navarro	TX
BURIAL		Cryer Creek Cem - Blooming Grove - Navarro - TX		

PLACES OF RESIDENCE SC ; (Monroe) AL ; (Simpson) & (Lauderdale) MS ; (Navarro) TX

OCCUPATION _____ CHURCH AFFILIATION *2. MILITARY REC. _____

OTHER WIVES, IF ANY. No. (1) (2) ETC. MAKE SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH MAR.

HIS FATHER George Stokes MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Middleton

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:
Census Records
1830 Simpson Co MS
1840, '50, '60 - Lauderdale County MS
Cryer Creek Cemetery
Babers Family Book & Bible
Lauderdale Co. Marriages
Navarro Co. TX - History
Texas Death Index
Thomas Stokes Bio.

NOTE: IN RECORDING DATES, LIST DAY, MONTH AND YEAR:

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WIFE'S FULL MAIDEN NAME Martha F. McMullen

WIFE'S DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY, TOWN OR PLACE	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
BIRTH	18 Jan 1810		Jones	GA
DEATH	14 Jul 1881		Navarro	TX
BURIAL		Cryer Creek Cem. - Blooming Grove - Navarro - TX		

PLACES OF RESIDENCE (Jones) GA ; (Clarke) AL ; (Simpson) & (Lauderdale) MS ; (Navarro) TX

OCCUPATION IF OTHER THAN HOUSEWIFE _____ CHURCH AFFILIATION _____

OTHER HUSBANDS, IF ANY. No. (1) (2) ETC. MAKE SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH MAR.

HER FATHER Alexander McMullen MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Sarah Childress

SEX	CHILDREN'S NAMES IN FULL (ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH)	CHILDREN'S DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY-TOWN-PLACE	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	ADD. INFO. ON CHILDREN
M	1 George	BIRTH	1828	Simpson		MS	
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	MAR.					
		DEATH					
		BURIAL					
M	2 Thomas	BIRTH	2 Jun 1828	Simpson		MS	*2.
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	MAR.	14 Nov 1855	Lauderdale		MS	BRA-1, pg 146
	Melissa M. Harper	DEATH	22 Oct 1894	Navarro		TX	
		BURIAL		Cryer Creek Cem - Blooming Grove			
F	3 Sarah	BIRTH	c 1830	Simpson		MS	*1. Note on back
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	MAR.	c 1849	Lauderdale		MS	
	E. T. R. Miles	DEATH					
		BURIAL					
F.	4 Elizabeth	BIRTH	31 Dec 1831	Simpson		MS	
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	MAR.	31 Jan 1850	Lauderdale		MS	
	Andrew J. Babers	DEATH	11 Feb 1911	Navarro		TX	
		BURIAL		Cryer Creek Cem - Blooming Grove			
M	5 Samuel W	BIRTH	17 Sep 1835	Simpson		MS	
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	MAR.	21 Nov 1858	Lauderdale		MS	BR 1, pg 35
	E. A. E. (Emily) Brown	DEATH	20 Dec 1875	Navarro		TX	
		BURIAL		Cryer Creek Cem - Blooming Grove			
M	6 Richard S.	BIRTH	Feb 1838	Lauderdale		MS	
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	MAR.	15 Aug 1858	Lauderdale		MS	BR 1, pg 18
	Elizabeth Rawson	DEATH	26 Oct 1920	Lampasas		TX	death Certificate #25615
		BURIAL					
M	7 John W	BIRTH	1839	Lauderdale		MS	
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	MAR.					
		DEATH					
		BURIAL					
M	8 James G.	BIRTH	1842	Lauderdale		MS	
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	MAR.					
		DEATH					
		BURIAL					

*IF MARRIED MORE THAN ONCE NO. EACH MAR. (1) (2) ETC. AND LIST IN "ADD. INFO. ON CHILDREN" COLUMN. USE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL CHILDREN, OTHER NOTES, REFERENCE OR INFORMATION.

SEX	CHILDREN'S NAMES IN FULL (ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH)	CHILDREN'S DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY–TOWN–PLACE COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY	ADD. INFO. ON CHILDREN
M	9. Columbus C.	BIRTH	1845	Lauderdale MS	
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	MAR.			
		DEATH			
		BURIAL			
F	10. Amanda M.	BIRTH	1848	Lauderdale MS	*1.
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	MAR.	19 Jul 1865	Lauderdale MS	
	Robert Brown	DEATH			
		BURIAL			
F.	11. William A.	BIRTH	1851	Lauderdale MS	*1.
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	MAR.		Lauderdale MS	
	Emma Adelaine Clay	DEATH			
		BURIAL			
M	12. Andrew Jackson	BIRTH	1853	Lauderdale MS	
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	MAR.	17 Feb 1876	Navarro TX	#369
	Georgia Fannie West	DEATH	1884	Navarro TX	
		BURIAL		Cryer Creek-Blooming Grove-above	
		BIRTH			
		MAR.			
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	DEATH			
		BURIAL			
		BIRTH			
		MAR.			
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		BIRTH			
		MAR.			
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	DEATH			
		BURIAL			

PERTINENT FACTS ON PARENTS OR CHILDREN: (EDUCATION, MILITARY SERVICE, CIVIC SERVICE, ETC.)

W. W. & Martha Stokes raised a foster son - Josiah (Joseph, - Joe) Hatcher who was the son of close friends. *1.

*1. This information given by Mrs. James White - Lauderdale County, Ms.

*2. Belonged to Masons - emblem on grave stone