

After his overseas duty, he was stationed in Washington and Oregon until the war's end. He came back to Lubbock and worked as a carpenter with his father-in-law while awaiting the arrival of his first-born. After Jim's birth, J.D. went to work for Phillips Petroleum Company in Borger, Texas. Iris Ann was born four years later after a transfer to Shidler Oklahoma. Five years later it was back to Borger where their third child, Virginia Lynn was born.

Though he left the farm, J.D. never lost his love of the outdoors. He enjoyed maintaining a nice yard and watching his trees and garden grow. He instilled his love of nature and the scientific world in each of his children. A cocoon or an unusual bird became an object lesson in science. His love for the outdoors was also exemplified in his love for hunting. He enjoyed hunting dove, quail, pheasant, and deer.

J.D. was firm in his Christian faith. He served as a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School superintendent, and as a Deacon in the Baptist Church.

J.D. planned and saved to see that his children receive a college education. This desire was fulfilled. Jim received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering at Texas Tech University. Iris received a B.S. in Pharmacy from Southwestern State University in Oklahoma. Virginia received a B.S. in Microbiology.

J.D. died July 5, 1975 of cancer, but his life and values remain instilled in all his children and will be passed on to his seven grandchildren. *Iris Poffett, daughter*

## MORGAN-NEVINS

William Fruit Morgan was born 27 March, 1884 at the Grove, Coryell County, Texas, the ninth child of William Harrison Morgan and Lourena Woodley Morgan. He attended country schools, one of which was the Carden School taught by his oldest brother, Thomas A. Morgan.



Center: William Fruit Morgan, sister Sophronia Gertrude Morgan, left and sister Mittie Pope Morgan, right McKinley Studio — About 1905.

The family resided on a farm and young Fruit shared in the chores. When hired as a laborer he received a standard wage of fifty cents a day. When the streets of Gatesville were paved with brick, he was a helper. In his teens he became employed by F. A. Thompson Grocery as clerk and delivery boy.

It was customary in the early 1900's for housewives to order groceries by telephone rather than make a trip to the store. It was on occasion of delivering groceries to the home of Mrs. Wallace Blanton that Fruit met Sarah Elizabeth (Sallie) Nevins, sister of Mrs. Blanton. On 31 December 1906, Fruit Morgan and Sallie Nevins were married in Fayette County, Texas, the bride's home. The honeymoon consisted of a railway trip to Waco, Texas and a New Year's Eve celebration as the train pulled into the Waco Depot. The newlyweds established a home in Gatesville.

Five children, Bessie Mae, Joseph Alston, Vernon Francis, Adella Aloise (Della), and James Leland, were born in Gatesville. Young Joseph only lived two days. He is buried in the old Masonic part of the Gatesville City Cemetery near Fruit's brother, James Alston Morgan, who died of typhoid fever. In 1910 Fruit's sister, Lourena Adella Chatham, died suddenly after the birth of a daughter. *Phyllis*

In 1915 Morgan and family, his parents, and brother, Thomas A. and family, moved to Marlow, Oklahoma Territory. A lawyer by this time, established a law practice there. He was admitted to the Bar in Coryell County. In 1916 Fruit was employed by the City as "night watchman." Later he was employed in the Street Department operating a grader drawn by horses; next he became engineer at the City Light Plant. In 1929 he purchased The Marlow Mattress Factory, operating this business and continuing his employment at the light plant.

In 1936 Morgan sold his mattress factory and moved to Russellville, Arkansas, where he purchased a furniture store and added a mattress factory. He also bought a large stone house on Shinn Mountain. The Morgans were parents of four sons (besides the infant who died in 1909) and three daughters. Evy Opal, Edwin Buford and Travis Orin were born in Stephens County, Oklahoma. Three sons served in World War II: James L. in the Infantry, Buford in the Coast Guards, and Travis as an Ensign in the Navy.

In 1942 Morgan moved to Lubbock, Texas, where he owned and operated Morgan's Rushing Drug Store until 1944 when he moved to Irving, Texas and purchased the Twin Wells Grocery. He retired in 1948 when Loop 12, a state highway, was to be constructed and his property was purchased for a right-of-way.

On 21 May, 1955 William Fruit Morgan died in Dallas, Texas, the result of a heart attack. *Della M. Martin*

## SAMUEL MORGAN

The Samuel Morgans came to the Osage Community before nineteen hundred. This family is very important to the past of this community. Samuel and Susan Morgan were parents of seventeen children. Five girls and twelve boys. The boys were cowboys, farmers, blacksmith and God fearing men. The five girls taught their families to love God and each other. They gave to the community several preachers who are still well known.

Their children were: Mary Susan, Joseph and Frances, John Jefferson, Samuel Alexander, Sarah Elizabeth or Sallie, James Courtney and Isaac, Annaliza, Amanda or Mandy, Laura Ellen, Samuel Hickle Jr., Thomas Edward or Uncle Bud, Albert Curtis and William Delbert, Nathan or Uncle Bud and one child unnamed.

Mary or Aunt Bishop married John Perry Bishop. Their son Alfred married Ira Mae Merritt, a local girl in the community. Rev. Merritt P. Bishop, a Baptist minister in Arlington, Texas, is the grandson of Aunt Mollie and Uncle John Bishop. His brother Roy Judson Bishop, is deceased.

Sarah or Sallie married E. A. McKinney. They were my parents.

Frances or Aunt Frank married Rev. David Hull, a Baptist minister, who pastored churches in the community. They had seven children. One, Rev. Owen J. Hull, was pastor of the First Baptist church in Gatesville many

years.

Laura Ellen — Aunt Laura married W.H. Cranfill. They had one son, Henry Lee. A grandson, Henry Lee Cranfill Jr. lives in Waco.

Amanda or Aunt Mandy married Sam Raisback, and they lived near Carlton, Texas. This family had six children: Ed, Jeff, Fred, Mary, Sam and Ruth.

One of the big things was a trip to the Raisbacks. This took a wagon and team, loaded with food and kids and several days on the road camped out. The end of the trip meant good times and friendship with kin they liked to visit.

The get togethers the McKinnies had in the summertime were something else. Old stories told again and again. All day preaching and dinner on the ground.

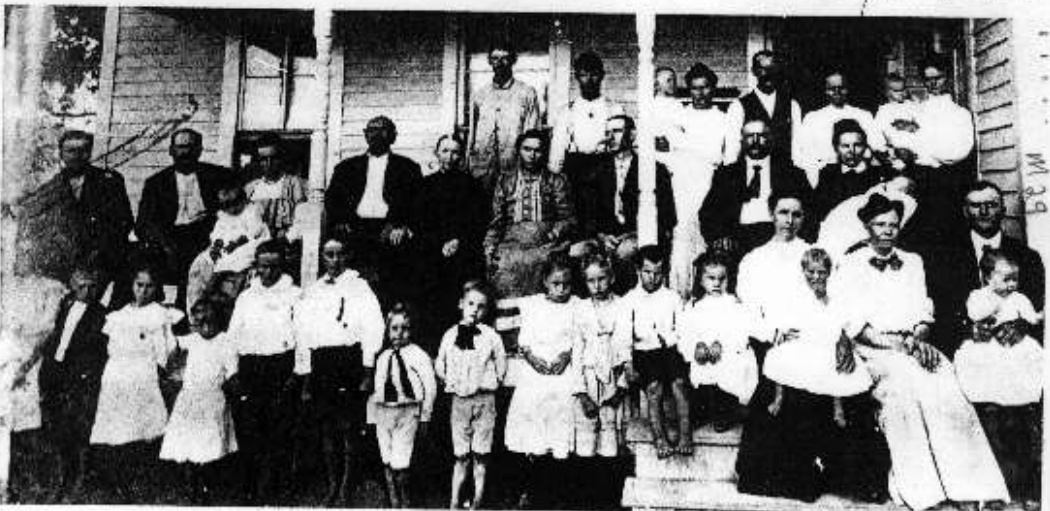
The families are getting few. We hope the spirit of our past is still strong and try with all our might to uphold the good name our parents and grandparents gave to this community in years past.

Sunday, June 3, 1984, was homecoming for Osage Baptist Church. As I stood in the church yard I could almost see and hear the family members talk and tell the stories I've heard so many times. This place holds so many memories of those gone before: The McKinnies, Morgans, Bishops, Hulls and Cranfills. All tied together by the same parents, The Morgans. *Alla B. Nettles*

## MORGAN FAMILY

The history of most families when traced back, becomes lost in the misty uncertainty of poor or no records. Especially is this true in Great Britain the unsettled period before 1660, due to destruction of church and public records of this era. The Morgan family is of Welsh origin. Family tradition in the family are among the early settlers of North America and landed somewhere near Plymouth. They lived in that vicinity and the colony of Virginia for sometime, settling in North Carolina by 1600.

Willis Morgan was born 1811 in North Carolina. In 1839 he entered into a marriage bond with Bethany Bailey Delamothé widow of Henry Delamothé who came to America from France in search of gold. He is listed in Montgomery County as early as 1796 as "Henri De La Mothe." At the time of Bethany Bailey Delamothé's marriage to Willis Morgan she had a small daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, born 1838, who also took the name of Morgan. Willis Morgan and family resided in Montgomery County near where the Yaddin and Uwharrie Rivers come together to form the Peebles River, until about 1846, when they moved to Campbell County, Georgia. The Morgan families were usually large; reportedly, Willis had about nine brothers and sisters. Willis and Bethany were the parents of (1) Rosannah (1840-1915) who married J.W. Upchurch; (2) John T. Morgan (1842-1922) married first Clara Ware, a widow (3) William Harrison (1844-1927) married Lourena M. Woodley and (4) Maryetta (1848-



Family Gathering at Home of William Harrison "Harris" Morgan, in Coryell County, Texas During Fall of 1908 — **Back Row, Standing:** Thomas L. Bond (son of Ada Morgan Bond); Robert L. Murphy and wife Mittie Morgan Murphy holding son, William Fruit Murphy; Will Chatham and wife Adella Morgan Chatham; Gertrude Morgan (by holding daughter Lela Irby). **Middle Row:** Guy A. Morgan; Henry Asbery Morgan and wife Anna Hodge Morgan holding son, John T. Morgan; William H. "Harris" Morgan and wife Lourena Woodley Morgan; Ada Morgan Bond and son, James H. "Dick" Bond; Thomas A. Morgan and wife, Emma Percy Morgan holding son, John Thomas Morgan. **Front Row:** Guy "Bud" Morgan; Mittie Lee Morgan; Dora Morgan (children of James Alston Morgan and Martha Clementine Chatham Morgan); Elmo Chatham and James Richard "Jim" Chatham (sons of Will and Adella Morgan Chatham); Clyde Morgan, Harris Morgan and Willie Morgan (children of Henry Asbery Morgan and Anna Hodge Morgan); Nannie Lou Morgan; Harrison Morgan and Alice Morgan (children of Thomas A. and Emma Percy Morgan); Martha Clementine Chatham Morgan (widow of James Alston Morgan) holding daughter, Allie; Sarah E. "Sallie" Nevins Morgan and husband William Fruit Morgan holding daughter, Bessie Mae Morgan.



Jacob Frantz is listed in Abbe's "Colonists of North Carolina" as "keeper of Fort Dobbs" in 1758 and as Patrolman in Wake County in North Carolina in 1777. He married Mary Ann Ashley, daughter of John Ashley of Anson County, North Carolina. They had 6 children. Our line descended from Andrew.

Andrew was born about 1758 in the Wake County, North Carolina, and married Celia McKenzie, daughter of Allen McKenzie, who died in Georgia. He served as a drummer in the Revolutionary War. Evidently he had the desire for other lands, as so many of the early colonists did and we find him in Missouri in 1790.

Peter Franks, son of Andrew and Celia Franks, was born December 5, 1781 and died August 14, 1866. He married Rachel Hitt on August 5, 1808, and they had 10 children. This marriage took place in the Camp Girardeau District, Missouri, as Peter was living there in 1808. However, he moved to Louisiana soon after his first child was born.

Henry Franks, son of Peter Franks and Rachel Hitt was born June 14, 1822, in Calbarne Parish, Louisiana and died July 23, 1920 in Coryell County, Texas. He married Nancy Crow, daughter of James and Mary Crow. As seemed to be the custom in those days, they had a large family — 12 children, 4 of whom died in Coryell County and are buried there — James Franklin Franks, John Walter, Rachel Sarah and Thomas Jasper Franks. Three of Peter's children were born in Arkansas and two in Texas.

James Franklin was Henry's oldest child and born in Louisiana in 1844 and died May 23, 1918, in Turnersville, Coryell County, Texas. He and his father and a brother fought in the Civil War as Confederates. He married Emily Jane Love, born December 28, 1855, on November 11, 1886. She died February 25, 1911, in Gatesville, Coryell County. They had 2 daughters — Nancy Jane and Lily May.

Nancy Jane was born May 16, 1888 in Gatesville, Coryell County, and died November 7, 1944, in Denison, Grayson County, Texas. She married Luther T. Tatum on May 18, 1906 (He died January 15, 1942.) They had 4 children — Nonah Joel, Weldon Clay, Luther Ivy and Fay Tatum.

The James Franklin Franks family ended with his death as he had no sons, but he had brothers and uncles to carry on the family name.

John Martin Frantz would be proud to know when he left Heidelberg, Germany, that his descendants helped to populate America and are still doing so.

From *German Carolinians in the Lineage of Emmett Rendell Felts*, by Gail Felts Davis Mrs. R. L. McMahon

## FRANKS' PASTURE

In 1921 the family of Gaines Carden and Martha Susie Tucker Franks became the owners and occupants of approximately 50 acres of land, bordered on the south by the Leon River and on the north, East Bridge Street. By 1925 there were five of us kids and this beautiful area surrounding our home was henceforth called Franks' Pasture. The pasture has provided children pleasure since the late 1830's when owned by my great grandparents, Hartley and Elizabeth Pidcocke. It offered the kids of our generations the same magic it did my mother's and my son's and others later, until it was sold in 1975. There



Left to Right: Jerry Franks, Maurice McCoy, Jack Franks, Hartley Franks and Lovan McCoy.

were annual community-wide Easter Egg Hunts in the pasture while my great grandparents were there; while my brothers were young, there was a basketball court, a baseball diamond and camping grounds where boys stayed for days, spending much time at the Pidcocke Swimming Hole, and using grapevines to swing themselves into the water. We had barns to play in, a donkey and shetland pony to ride and the perfect place for picnics, hikes, exploring, playing cowboys and Indians, all shared with cousins, neighbors and other friends.

I remember most the early morning breakfasts cooked in the pasture. After rains, dresses tucked in our bloomers, wading in the branch, almost to the river. Fishing for crawfish in the mud puddles with strings and bits of bacon. Packsaddling baby brother piece-of-the-way home from a pasture adventure. Picking wild flowers and smelling buttercups which yellowed our noses. "Doctoring" our hurts in a can of coal oil which always sat on the back porch. Red ant beds, horned frogs and doodle bugs. Our beautiful trees which provided shade for picnics, rest stops, playhouses and secret meetings. Eating mulberries, hackberries and wild plums without worms. Thrashing and gathering pecans. Choosing and chopping our annual Christmas cedar tree. The Jumping Off-Place! We girls played Indian maidens sacrificing our lives by leaping off a cliff onto a bed of sand 10 or 15' below. Our short cut to school, through our pasture, down the hill, over the stile and up Pidcocke Street, kids joining us all along the way. Sleeping outside, listening to the Whip-poor-will and other night sounds from the pasture.

In its time, Franks' Pasture belonged to all Gatesville children; we were just blessed to have lived there. *Cora Lee, Jack, Hartley (deceased, 1941) Jerry and Gaines C.*

## SARAH SCOGGIN FREE

My great great-grandmother Sarah Scoggin-Free came to Coryell County from Independence County, Arkansas 1853. Her husband, Isaac Scoggin died 1840/50 in Izard County, Arkansas. She came to Texas with her son, Jesse; her daughter, Martha Louisa Wood, wife of William Wilson Wood; her daughter, Nancy, who married Asa Johnson 23 Jan. 1856; William R. James 22 Sept. 1867, and E. J. Howell June 1885.



Sarah Scoggin Free

Sarah married W.M. Free in Bell County, 21 June 1854. Evidently, he died before 1860. Sarah lived through the Indian uprisings and the Civil War. Her son, Jesse, was killed by Indians 6 Dec. 1871; her daughter, Martha Louisa Wood, died in childbirth 7 Jan. 1861, Asa Johnson, the husband of her daughter, Nancy Jane, was killed near Ft. Smith, Arkansas in the Civil War.

Her son, Jesse, was a minister of the gospel, also her grandson, Isaac Hamilton Scoggin. It is believed her husband, Isaac Scoggin, was also a minister. It is told that Sarah took her knitting with her as she walked to church and when she got tired, she sat beside the road and knitted while she rested.

Sarah lived with her grandchildren and was a blessing in each household where she stayed. Alex Reed, her grandson; Malinda Hensley, her granddaughter; Nancy Johnson James Howe, daughter; and many other descendants in the area.

buried in 22 January 1882 and was buried in the Sugarloaf Cemetery and was moved to Ki loon City Cemetery in 1942. Her tombstone reads

Sacred to the Memory of Sarah Scoggin  
Born 1779 — Died Jan. 22, 1882  
Gone to Meet her Eighteen Children and Three Husbands

We have identified only three children and know nothing of the first husband. A sketch about William Wood in "A History of McLennan, Falls, Bell and Coryell Counties," published in the 1890s, list Louisa Scoggin as the daughter of Stephen Scoggin. Perhaps Stephen Scoggin was Sarah's first husband but none of Sarah's known descendants were named Stephen, so that is probably a mistake. Many of us are searching but so far haven't found Sarah's maiden name or the name of her first husband. The census list her being born in North Carolina. *Juanita Curry Phillips*

## FREELAND-YOUNG

David Willis Free and, son of Daniel Firman and Louisa May (Bowman) Freeland, was born in Lowndesville, South Carolina on September 21, 1854. His father had been born in Vienna, New Jersey. His had moved to South Carolina because of his asthma and had married a Lowndesville girl in 1850. Their children were Clara Jane, David Willis, and Charlotte, who died in 1860. D.F. Freeland was a merchant and lived in Lowndesville until the Civil War. He served in the Confederate Army while his relatives were on the Union side in New Jersey.

Soon after the war, the Freeland family moved to Strawberry Plains, Tennessee where Mrs. Freeland died in 1870. Clara was sent to school in Trenton, New Jersey, and D.W. went off to school for a year, but times were hard, so he went to work as a fireman on the railroad run from Chattanooga to Atlanta. His family protested about the danger so much that he gave it up. He and a friend decided to seek their fortunes in Texas.

In April, 1876, they rode a train to Waco and started walking westward looking for employment. They finally reached the ranch of William Ewing Young in Coryell County. Mr. Young was in need of ranch hands, because some cowboys had been found murdered nearby, and he couldn't get anyone to work or ride out to shear sheep. Mr. Young told the boys that their hands were soft, and city boys would not be able to do ranch work. As they were leaving, he noticed Freeland limping. He relented and agreed to give them a chance. It was a wise decision, because D.W. Freeland became his trusted foreman as well as his son-in-law.

On December 4, 1878, D.W. married Mr. Young's oldest daughter, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Caulfield Young. She was born January 7, 1858, in Wheelock, Texas. They bought land near Turnersville and later sold it and bought on Coryell Creek. They reared nine children. A tenth, David, was killed by lightning in 1898 at the age of thirteen.

They sent nine children to Daniel Baker College in Brownwood, a difficult feat for a farming family. All of the girls taught school for a time. They were: Clara (Mrs. J.D. Morgan), Grace (Mrs. Frank Keluc), Jennie (Mrs. Ernest Stewart), Theodora (Mrs. R.E. Blair), and Bessie (Mrs. Martin D. Clay). Three of the boys went from Daniel Baker to Vanderbilt. They were: Eugene (civil engineer, who married Gertrude King), Ewing (coach, who married Sammie Sanders), and Clarence (doctor, who married Nora Grimani and after her death, Mae Mitchell). Homer became a Presbyterian minister, graduating from the Austin Theological Seminary. He married Charlice Dickerson and after her death, Ruth Campbell.

Lizzie Young was teaching a Sunday School class in the Unity Presbyterian Church when she married Mr. Freeland and continued teaching until she was paralyzed in a buggy accident in 1917.

Lizzie was the first to arrive at the church. She swept the church, started the fires in winter and put things in order. Mr. Freeland was with her most of the time, but when the children were small or unable to attend, she went alone and did these things. She often walked the four miles through rain and cold when it was impossible to go by buggy. During the week she would go to teach the Sunday School lesson to those unable to attend. She grew many flowers and shared them with her friends and neighbors.

Mr. Freeland served many years as a trustee of the Turnersville school. He was a deacon in the Unity Church for 31 years. He was always in the leading group for





D.W. Freeland Family — Back: Theo, Homer, Clarence, E.Y., Gene, Jennie Front: Grace, D.W., Bessie, Lizzie and Clara.

improvement of schools, roads, and the general moral welfare of the community. He was a man of infinite patience with his children and grandchildren.

A few years after his wife became paralyzed, he was unable to continue farming. He leased his farm, moved to Brownwood, and devoted his life to her care until she died on July 13, 1936. During the two remaining years of his life, he enriched the lives of his children and grandchildren by his visits. He was never idle. Even though he was past eighty, he repaired furniture, mended fences, grubbed mesquite, cedar, and cactus, and still found time to play ball and swim with his grandchildren. He played the guitar and sang the songs of his childhood. He whittled toys and peach seed baskets. The heart of this kind and gentleman wore out on November 23, 1938, and he was buried with his wife in Turnersville. Roberta Blair Powell, granddaughter

## FREEMAN-ANDREW

Albert Freeman and Nellie Jewell Andrew were married at Pearl, Texas, 16 August 1917. Children born to this marriage were A.V. Freeman, Jr., Betty Diana Freeman and Joseph Winston Freeman.

A.V. Jr. married Lea Meyer of Sacramento, Calif. Betty married Travis Ballard of Pearl and Winston married Alma Clyde Overton of Belton.

Nellie Freeman passed on in 1958 and A.V. Sr. in 1978. Both are buried in Pearl Cemetery.

Family members now living in Coryell County are; A.V. Jr. (retired USAF), Lea and grandson Albert. "Ace" Lacayo-Freeman who operate the family ranch at Pearl. Betty Freeman Ballard and grandchildren, Don Jr., Kotha and Rease Ballard of Cooperas Cove. Betty is retired from Cooperas Cove School System. A.V. Freeman, Jr.

## FREEMAN-CHANDLER

Edward Newton Freeman was my grandpa. Newt Freeman came to Texas from Tennessee in 1891 with his mother and father Alex Freeman and Ann Dillingham. Newt married Sarah Francis Chandler in 1903. They raised a family of five children: Oscar Waldon Freeman, born March 31, 1904; Vera Mae Freeman Walker born Oct. 26, 1907; Alex Raymond Freeman born Aug. 19, 1915; Thelma Leona Freeman Walker, born Feb. 8, 1918; and Duncans Dawson Freeman, born Jan. 18, 1923.

Edward Newton Freeman was born Dec. 25, 1880 deceased Feb. 10, 1964. Sarah "Sallie" Freeman was born Dec. 6, 1879 deceased July 17, 1974. My Daddy was Waldon Freeman, my mother's name was Willie "Bill" Blakley Freeman. I was born into this union Oct. 22, 1928 at home over near Peabody, Texas. When I was about three and a half the house we lived in north of Pearl burned to the ground. My mother Bill, passed away in Pearl at Dr. King's house due to severe burns received in the fire on the morning of March 23, 1931. After "Bill's" death I stayed for a while with my Aunt Audie and Uncle Elmore Keeton. When my Daddy got out of the hospital due to burns he received in the fire, he and I went to live with his parents Newt and Sallie. I called them Papa and



Newt and Sally Chandler Freeman

Mama. Daddy married again in 1936 to Martha Violet White Freeman.

I graduated from Pearl High School in 1946. There were eleven in my class. On Aug. 17, 1946, I married C.B. Comer from Purmola, Texas. We lived in Van Horn, Texas a little while doing road work to Carlsbad. Lived in McGregor also doing road work, moved to Austin in Dec. 1946 and have lived here ever since. On June 15, 1949 my sister Shauna Faye Freeman was born. She finished school in Evant, Texas and married Oscar Melde June 3, 1967. They have two children, David and Connie Melde.



Seated: Will and Lenora Freeman. Standing, Left to Right: Annie, Thomas, Buena, Willie, Dena, Virgil, Charles, Leota, Byron and Mar-

C.B. and I have two children, Mical Freeman Comer born Aug. 15, 1950, married Peggy Nietche Jan. 23, 1971. They have two children, Matthew Lea Comer born May 27, 1972 and Matthew Mical Comer born July 11, 1975. They live in Austin, Texas. Barbara Dean Comer born July 14, 1953, married Roger Darrell Koenning Feb. 14, 1970. They have two children living; Kevin Shay Koenning born Dec. 4, 1972 and Thomas Chaney Koenning born Sept. 27, 1977, one son deceased, Darrell Dean Koenning July 1974. They also live in Austin.

Waldon Freeman passed away April 12, 1972 and was buried in the Pearl Cemetery. Violet "Piss" Freeman still lives on the old Sharpe place. We all enjoy going out there every chance we get. Freda Waldean Freeman Comer.

## FREEMAN-DILLINGHAM

The Alex Freeman family came from the hills of middle Tennessee in January, 1891 to the Pearl community. Alexander Freeman and his wife, Dianna Dillingham bought the Goosby land and lived there the remainder of their lives. They both passed away in 1932.

Alex and Ann Freeman's children married in the community and bought land and raised their families. There are now some of the fifth generation living in the Pearl community.

William Pickens (Bill) was the oldest of seven children born in Moore County, Tennessee Oct. 12, 1871. He married Lenora Vaughan, who was born in Bosque County June 19, 1883. They were married in Lampasas County Sept. 13, 1900 and Lenora's father gave them a big wedding supper and then spent most of the night with many friends. The next day William and Lenora rode their horses about 20 miles back to Pearl, and moved to their two room house (which cost about \$150.00) on their 400 acre farm and ranch 4 miles east of Pearl. They produced and raised cotton, corn, oats and milo in the fields and on the range there was sheep, cattle, mules and hogs. They lived together nearly 46 years and raised eleven children and while doing this they took active part in all community affairs and accumulated about 1800 acres of land. Lenora died August 26, 1946 and William died December 21, 1950.

All eleven children were born and raised in the Pearl community. They all attended school at Pearl and Sweet Home School (which was located on the Freeman ranch land — a one and later two teacher school). The children were raised to work, get an education, be productive in whatever endeavor they chose in life, and to believe in Christianity. These wishes have been fulfilled to the best of their ability, as homemakers, teachers, writers, tax consultants, bankers, farmers, ranchers, printers, nurses, secretaries and much more.

The children, spouses and their children are: Margaret Annie, June 17, 1901, (Oren Davis), Herschel, Elmer Glenn, Vera Joy, Olineola, William Alexander, Sept. 19, 1902, (Nellie Bunnell), Billye Gene, Mary Ann, Patsy Nell, Charles Elbert, Nov. 29, 1903, (D. Apr. 23, 1975), (Edith Walker), Dolious, John L., Inez, Thomas Victor, Jan. 5, 1905 (D. July 5, 1955), (Uneva Chafin), Jo Carol; Buena



William C. Kellum, III, born 22 January 1896, and married Ada Norton of Ireland, Texas. He had learned the steam boiler business from his father and was chief boiler inspector for the State of Texas. Later he followed the construction business and lived in Dallas.

Arminia (Kate) Kellum was born 8 March 1802, and married Joe Thompson, a linotype mechanic and distributor. They lived in Houston, Texas.

Perhaps the thing Will Kellum, Jr. was noted for was his knowledge of family history, and during the 1930's, every day someone was in to buy groceries but also to sit awhile and hear of the historical background of the family. From the time of the first Sellers Reunion in 1933, a standard feature of the reunion was the Saturday before session with Will Kellum with the Kellum-Neel Bible in his lap telling of the Neels, Kellums, Normans, and the Boyd Sellers clan.

Pennie Boyd Kellum died 5 April, 1936, and Will died 21 October, 1948. They are buried in the Kellum-Neel plot of the Jonesboro Cemetery. Robert Stockburger

## KELLUM-NEEL

William Carroll Kellum, Sr., the son of Harmon Kelmis and Catherine Fullen, was born 18 February, 1834 in Tipton County, Tennessee. The spelling of the name changed to be more like the German pronunciation of Kelm.



William Carroll Kellum Sr. and wife Rachael Elizabeth Neel

In 1838 the family moved to Champaign, Illinois where Harmon worked for the railroad. After residing there 20 years the family moved to Hornersville, Dunklin Co., Missouri and there on 24 June, 1861 Will C. married Rachael Elizabeth Neel, daughter of John Fisher and Lavinia Caroline Norman Neel. The Missouri Border Wars were then occurring and several homes were attacked by night riders. John Neel wisely left with his family for Coryell Co., Texas, but on 4 July, 1863 John Tipton Kellum, brother of Will C. was killed in Hornersville and his body thrown into the Kellum's yard and the house attacked, wounding several family members. These dipped their hands in their blood and stamped bloody prints in the Kellum Bible. As soon as possible William C. came to Coryell and at a later date Caroline Norman Neel removed the family history sheets of the Neel Bible and placed them in the Kellum Bible — a family which had been bound in blood to the Neels. The "Bloody Hand Bible" is still in the hands of the central Texas descendants. In late 1879 certain events in Coryell reminded Will Kellum of the Dunklin area and he took his family into the Indian territory in early 1880 where he had the misfortune of losing his wife in a runaway team accident 24 Sept. 1880. He died of smallpox 23 December 1882. Only Minnie, Harmon and Will Jr. ever made it back to Coryell County.

The children of William Carroll Kellum Sr. and Rachael Elizabeth Neel were:

Gilbert Norman Kellum, born 12 May 1862 stillborn; Callie Kellum born 10 Feb 1864 married Joe Richards in Coryell. Callie died 5 May 1908 at Choctaw, Indian Territory where her descendants still reside; Josiah Harmon Kellum born 22 Aug 1866 married Anna Sellers in Coryell County. They went to Brownwood; Arminia E. Kellum born 15 Sept 1871, Mint married F.S. Martinson and went to

Denver, Colorado; William C. Kellum, Jr. born 21 November 1869 married Bonnie Boyd in Coryell; Amanda Ellen Kellum born 15 August 1875 married Will Bennett and they lived in Spur, Texas; Minnie Kellum born 25 May 1879 married Lafayette Young in Coryell County and lived in Gatesville.

Monuments have been placed on the graves of Will C. and Rachael Elizabeth Neel Kellum at their graves near Choctaw, Oklahoma by Josie Richards Once of Yukon Oklahoma. She is a daughter of Callie Kellum, a daughter of Will C. and Elisabeth Neel Kellum. Robert Stockburger

## KELLY-McCARTY

William Kelly, son of James and Elmira (Stevens) Kelly, colonists of the Republic of Texas, resided in Jonesboro, Coryell County, Texas. His parents came to Texas some time in the 1830s. His father was in Austin's colony in 1836 when Santa Anna drove the Texans to San Jacinto. Documented evidence shows that James was detached to help move the families away from the battle area.

James and Elmira Kelly's children were: John, born October 14, 1835, died in 1875; William, born April 22, 1837, (subject of this sketch) a farmer and stockman near Jonesboro; Leonard, born July 29, 1839, died about 1880; Sarah, born July 22, 1840, died at the age of twelve years; Napoleon (Bud), born December 7, 1841; and Mary Ann, born August 28, 1842. Mrs. Elmira (Stevens) Kelly was married three times. She married her second husband ("Jim" James Jones) in Lavaca County on December 22, 1847. This marriage resulted in two children, to wit: Oliver, born December 9, 1848, and Laura Ann, born July 22, 1851. James Jones died in DeWitt County. Her third husband was John Chambliss. They had two children, namely: John, born October 15, 1855; and Wm. M., born December 7, 1856. Most are buried in the Woods and Kelly-Young Cemeteries in Jonesboro, Texas.

The subject of this sketch was born in Harris County, in the year of 1837, where Houston was only a big place in the road. In July of 1855, the family moved to Coryell County, Texas. Wm. Kelly married Mary Ann McCarty on May 24, 1857, at Gatesville. She was the daughter of Daniel McCarty and Mary (?). He was the first blacksmith in Gatesville, Texas. At this time, Gatesville was a very small place with only one dry goods store, one grocery, and one blacksmith shop making up the business district.

In 1858 Mr. Kelly fought against the Indian depredations in Coryell and adjoining counties before the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted in the Confederate Army. Mr. Kelly served under Col. Erath during the Civil War on the frontier. After the war Mr. Kelly followed farming for a livelihood. He and his wife reared a family of eleven children: David Reece, born 3/21/1873, died 11/3/1958; married Mary Elizabeth Young; William Louis, no dates, married twice; Daniel, born 12/1/1861, died 7/1/1861; Mary Catherine Caroline (Dutch), no dates, married Samuel M. Weaver; Mattie B., born 11/7/1871,

died 7/31/1900; married Henry Blackwell, Lillie, born 8/5/1880, died Nov. 20/1900; married James Albert Mashburn, Jr., Hettie Susan (Shug), born 4/30/1868, died 5/23/1911, married (1) Kell, 2) James (Jim) N. Foust; Sarah Francis (twin), born 1/24/1878, died 1/20/1931; married Robert Victor (Bob-Pappy) Young; Samuel (Sarah's twin), born 1/24/1878, died 9/29/1879; Thomas L., born 1/17/1853, died 9/28/1880; Alice E., 5/14/1875, died 9/27/1878.

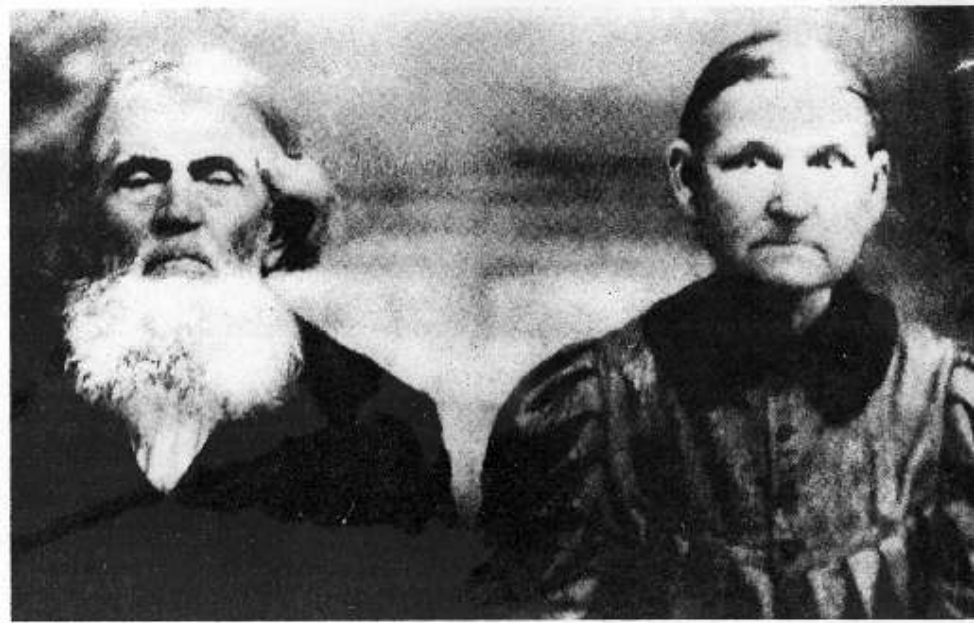
His descendants are still farming on this original, pre-empted patented, land of Wm. Kelly. His daughter Sarah Francis Kelly married Robert (Bob-Pappy) Young on 4/26/1893. They had ten children: Iva Lawson, born May 1, 1894, died Nov. 19, 1914, married Matt J. Cook; Citha Debbs, born Aug. 18, 1895, died 10/22/1896; Nellie (Nell), born June 16, 1897, married Jack Rankhead William Ernest Kelly, born Dec. 20, 1898, died March 24, 1900; Victor Francis, born March 9, 1900, died 1955, married Gladys Mayhew; Infant son, born 9/16/1902, died 10/11/1902; Love Durnan (L.D.), born 9/10/1903, married Lena Cambell, Alma Fleta Sellers Young Berrey; Robert Boone, born April 28, 1905, died August 17, 1925, married Alma Fleta Sellers; Mary Gladys, born April 2, 1910, married Willie Mack Mayhew; Paul Ray (Sonny Boy) Young, born 4/30/1913, died May 22, 1970, married Elizabeth Yows.

Wm. Kelly's grandson, Paul Ray Young, married Elizabeth Yows on Nov. 7, 1937. They had three children: Stanley Reed, born Aug. 28, 1938; Charles Ray Young, born 4/27/1940, married Teresa (Terry) Gail Long (Hilger) on June 22, 1974. They have a son Gregory Paul Young born 11/12/1978. In Temple, Texas; James Robert, born August 8, 1942, married Sharon Faye Endebrack on 8/14/1965. They have one daughter Tiffany Paige, born May 2, 1972.

Stanley Charles, and James Young descendants of Wm. Kelly, are proud to still be operating this farm. The land is registered in the Texas Land Heritage Program as of 1972. At this time, the heritage of this farm will continue with Tiffany Paige Young and Gregory Paul Young, cousins. Mrs. Charles Ray Young

## X KELSO-FREELAND

Not many young men would return to visit a young lady who hauled a snake around his neck! But Frank Kelso did! Six feet, three and one-half inches, he said he almost jumped his height in fright that Sunday afternoon in 1917 on the Freeland ranch near Turnersville. Not knowing he had arrived from Gatesville, Grace had gone to the chicken house to see what all the noise was about. She had known a chicken snake was raiding nests, so when she saw the snake that afternoon, she grabbed its tail and "popwhipped" it out the door just as Frank rounded the corner in search of her! But return he did, and my parents, Frank Kelso and Grace Freeland, were married in a garden wedding June 11, 1918, in Turnersville, Texas.



Wm. Francis and Mary McCarty Kelly





Frank and Grace Kelso

"Miss Grace," born September 12, 1892 to D.W. and "Lizzie" Freeland of Turnersville, had taught at Mt. Zion, Turnersville, and Gatesville after graduating from Daniel Baker College in 1914, in Brownwood, Texas. Frank, born November 29, 1882 to James S. and Amanda Louise Kelso of Bartlett, Texas, had moved to Coryell County with his family in 1903. After attending Daniel Baker College and graduating from Draughton's Business College of Fort Worth, he returned to work as a bookkeeper for William Cameron Company; later, Melbern's Mill, and finally, the Home Lumber Company. Mrs. Nela Scott Maharg of 810 Leon Street told me that she grew up there knowing the time of day as "Mr. Frank" opened the Cameron Lumber Company gates at 7 A.M. and then closed them at 6 P.M. six days a week for 20 years.

My parents maintained a home at 1702 Saunders Street for 54 years. Both were devoted members of the First Presbyterian Church. The church honored Mr. Kelso, an elder, with a plaque commemorating 40 years of continuous service as Sunday School Superintendent.

With the advent of the federal work programs of the mid-30's, the mayor, Dr. M.W. Lowrey, appointed my mother to administer the WPA, canning kitchen, sewing room, etc. She continued to help others as a Social Worker for 21 years. Her work didn't stop in the office — I can remember her bringing home neglected children, helping to rebuild a burned-out home of a black family, taking the elderly to a doctor, cooking for the sick, sponsoring hot meals for the children in the black school, being a character witness in court for a non-English speaking migrant worker being falsely accused, and making clothes for many.

The World War II years brought many lonely service men and their families into the Kelso home for Texas style cooking and southern hospitality.

Though the Kelsos had only one living child, Marguerite (3 having died in infancy), they provided a temporary home for several nephews, nieces, and children of friends. Their daughter married Edwin R. Ballard of Ponchatoula, La. Their two grand-children are Howard Kelso Ballard and Mrs. Elizabeth (Scott) Spann.

Both buried in the Gatesville City Cemetery. Frank died January 30, 1965 and Grace died March 23, 1976. Mrs. E.R. (Marguerite) Ballard.

## KELSO-ROBINSON

In September of 1871, a young Confederate veteran, James Stewart Kelso and his bride of two weeks, Amanda Louise Robinson, traveled from Spartanburg, South Carolina, with his widowed mother, Mary B. Clark Kelso, nine brothers and sisters, two spouses, a cousin, and an uncle to Bell County, near present day Salado. The bed the young couple took in their wagon to Texas is still in use in the home of their granddaughter, Mrs. Edwin (Marguerite) Ballard of Tyler, Texas.



Kelso Family — Back Row: Walter, Annie, Carrie, Frank, Lola, Palmer, Belle (Palmer's wife) holding Stuart, Mamie, Lula, Ellis, Jim. Front Row: Maud Ramsey (Annie's daughter), Ben Ramsey holding Lucille Ramsey, James S. Kelso holding Irene Ramsey, Amanda R. Kelso, Calvin Smith (Mamie's son), Henry Smith holding Mary Smith.

Finding the weather much hotter in Texas, young Jim complained that his clothes were too heavy for working in the field. His ingenious young wife made him some lighter weight trousers from one of her own gingham checked dresses.

Vary B. Clark Kelso decided to purchase rich black land in Bell County near present-day Bartlett, so the entire family moved with her. There they established the Nazareth Presbyterian Church and three schools — for whites, blacks, and Mexican Americans — all called Kelso Schools in Kelsoville.

On December 8, 1903, Jim and Manda, now parents of five boys and five girls, moved to Coryell County, with their seven single children, he purchased 127 acres of land east of Gatesville for his homestead as well as over 1,000 acres in a ranch north of town (an area later known as Hay Valley) to be farmed by his sons. A favorite hiking and picnic destination for the young people was a quarry located on a ridge at the northern edge of the ranch. From this quarry rock was quarried to build the present Coryell County Courthouse.

True to their Scotch religious background, all members of the family were very faithful members of the First Presbyterian Church of Gatesville where a large stained glass window memorializes the family.

The ten children of James and Amanda were Lola, who never married; Mamie, married to Henry Smith; Palmer, married to Belle Belk; Annie, married to Ben Ramsey; Car-

rie, married to F.E. Campbell; Franklin, married to Grace Freeland; Walter, married to Addie Belk; James R., married to Irene McClanahan; Ellis, married to Zayda Draper; and Lula, married to Mavin Williamson.

James died October 21, 1910 and Amanda died August 18, 1934. Both are buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Gatesville. Mrs. Edwin R. Ballard.

## KENDRICK-SUGGS

John Postell Kendrick came to Coryell County in 1901 from Hico, Texas with his wife and daughter Sara. He and a group of investors organized the Gatesville National Bank, which opened for business in 1902 on the north east corner of the square. The business prospered, and he remained a banker until his death in 1944.

Mr. Kendrick is best remembered for his integrity, ability and conservative ideals. One of his great interests was the First Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder, clerk of the Session for many years, Sunday School teacher, and faithful member.

Marie Suggs Kendrick had taught school in Hamilton before their marriage. She was well known for her interest in cultural activities, especially as a founding member of the Morris Federation, and her interest in the Presbyterian Church, where she was a Bible scholar and teacher.

The Kendricks had five children: Robert, who died at an early age, Sara, John Murray, Andrew Greene, and James Sherrill.



KELSOs at the rock quarry north of Gatesville. Rock to build the Coryell County Courthouse was quarried from here. L-R: Palmer Kelso, Belle Belk Kelso, Frank Kelso, Mamie Kelso Smith, Addie Belk Kelso, Carrie Kelso, Henry Smith, and Walter Kelso.