

## Descendants of Lorenzo D (L.D.) Pierce

### Generation No. 1

**Lorenzo Dowell (L.D.)<sup>3</sup> Pierce** (Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born January 26, 1856 in Cherokee Co., GA or near Rome GA, and died 1923 in Spearman TX. He married **(1) Susannah Pluckett Lott on** June 30, 1874 in Johnson County TX, daughter of A C Lott and ?? Lott. He married **(2) Aqua Ora Finley** after 1884, daughter of John Finley and Fannie Wright. Ora Finley was born February 10, 1867 in Johnson Co., TX, and died November 26, 1929 and was buried Nov 28 Hansford County Cemetery. Info of L.D.'s 2nd wife came from Lester Jones-descendent of LD Sr 's son George. He found this info researching in Hillsborough TX, Hill County in 1997. He sent the deed he found in Hill County detailing the transfer of land from Susannah Pluckett. She was a widow of Andrew Plucket. She remarried to LD Pierce Sr. and evidently passed away also. A C Lott sold LD Pierce Sr. a parcel of land that Mrs Pluckett had owned. It was situated in Hill County on Nolan's River. Vol 12 page 21 Hill County Records. Aug 12 1884

**THE STORY OF LORENZO DOW** By Myra Vanderpool Gormley, C.G.(c) 1997, He was a large, raw-boned man, stopped-shoulder, with a beard reaching to the middle of his body, his hair loose and flowing to his shoulders. He was an uneducated man and some thought him insane, but many Americans named sons for him. The name was Lorenzo Dow. Wyatt Earp, one of the personalities at the Gunfight at OK Corral, had a paternal uncle, born in 1809 in North Carolina, named for him. In fact, the name of Lorenzo Dow is found in many families. Dow was born in 1777 in Connecticut, of English ancestors, and died in Washington, D.C., in 1837. During his 57 years, he spent 39 of them in the ministry and traveled in every state, Canada, England, Ireland and Wales. His only child was born in Ireland and died in England. He began as a Methodist, but was never officially accepted by them. He first visited Ireland in 1799 where he was jeered and persecuted. He returned the following year to America and preached in New York, Alabama and Kentucky. In 1805 he revisited both Ireland and England, where he instituted the camp meeting. This custom was such an innovation that it led to controversy, resulting in the organization of the Primitive Methodists in England. While Dow was generally looked upon as an eccentric, it is also said that he was singularly pious, Self-sacrificing, zealous, laborious and useful as a wandering evangelist. He asked no

pecuniary compensation for his services. Sometimes he would sell his watch and use the funds to aid a poor Community in the erection of a place for public worship. He would sell his own clothes to raise a few dollars to pay his expenses through the Indian Nations or elsewhere, that he might promptly meet all his speaking engagements, which were often published a year or more beforehand. No doubt many of our ancestors, particularly those who lived in Kentucky, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, heard him speak in camp meetings. Others may have read some of his books, as he was a voluminous writer also. It is said that he was powerful orator but awakened much controversy and serious thought. ``Holistic Methodism,''' by R.N. Price, which was published in 1906, provides a great deal of information about Lorenzo Dow. You may be able to obtain a copy of this book via interlibrary loan. Many names found upon our genealogy charts reflect our ancestors' admiration for ministers, military heroes and politicians as well as a beloved neighbor. It is easy to recognize many of these -- George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Francis Marion, Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee -- but you may have to dig a bit deeper in the history of the locality where your ancestors resided or expand your research into the events happening at a particular time in order to determine for whom a child was named. A good example is the origin of Wyatt Earp's given names. His father, Nicholas Earp, served in the Mexican War as a sergeant in Captain Wyatt Berry Stapp's company of Illinois Mounted Volunteers and named his son Wyatt

Berry in honor of his captain. 1997 Written by Previously published by Julia M. Case and Myra Vanderpool Gormley, CG, Missing Links: A Weekly Newsletter for Genealogists, Vol. 3, No. 48, 27 November 1998. You may visit the MISSING LINKS Web page at <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mlnews/index.htm>>.

## Goat Neck to 1836

by Herbert E Blackstock Johnson County History book

After the War Between the States, a few settlers began to settle in the area that is part of Hill County. Some of the former plantation owners from the eastern southern states were the first to settle the area. LD Pierce came with his former slaves, settled on a tract of land near a big bend on the Brazos in the western part of the area. On this tract of land was a big bluff. There were overhanging rocks that made a shelter. LD Pierce's former slaves lived in the shelter of that bluff. LD Pierce built a log house on a hill overlooking his farm. The log house had a large auger drilled through the walls, and the holes were used as a window for firing rifles. The Log house is still standing , although it has had more rooms made of lumber added to it. (editor's note: this log cabin was torn down in 1996) It has also been plastered over the logs. Clem Pierce established a large cattle ranch in the eastern part of the area, Beginning at Barnard's

Mill and over to Ham Creek running in a northerly direction in a fan shape. It included several hundred acres of land. The ranch has been cut up into smaller ranches including the Klondike and Gatewood (owned by Floyd Ormsby) and some still owned by the Pierce Heirs. After the area called Goatneck because part of Johnson County, Frank Long, then sheriff, found a dead man on the Clem Pierce Ranch under a stack of hay. There is an old ranch house still standing on the old Pierce Ranch. It may be the second house built by Clem Pierce. (Editor note: this building has since burned) On the LD Pierce farm is the Pierce family Cemetery. ....

## **GoatNeck 1878 to 1905**

The area called Goatneck became well settled by farmers during the late 1800's and early 1900's. It was during that era that the Settlers petitioned the Commissioners Court of Johnson County that the area be annexed to Johnson County. The Commissioners hearing asked for a description of the area. It was described by one of the men present at the hearing. After giving all the bends in the course of the Brazos



River He said, "It is just the shape of a goat's neck" So the area has been called Goatneck since. Herbert Blackstock

"Dee Peterson, Goat Neck's oldest resident at 83, states that Goat Neck got its name during the legal transfer of the area from Hill to Johnson County. Clem Pierce, one of the early settlers of the area, was asked to describe the piece of land for one of the legal documents necessary to transfer. According to Legend: He said: "It's just a little ole' goat's neck out in the cedar brakes along the river." The name stuck and goat's neck eventually became Goat Neck.:" written by: Steve Bell Johnson County History Book

Goatneck has had its share of tragedies and disasters through the years.....One of LD Pierce's sons was murdered and thrown into a hand dug well near Pierce's House. In the 1880's a man by the name of Crane was found murdered on the Clem Pierce Ranch. Mr. Shaw accused of murder, was tried, convicted and hanged for the crime. He claimed he was innocent till the very last. By: Herbert Blackstock Lorenzo D

(L.D.) Pierce is buried in Old Hansford Cemetery, Hansford ., TX, with his wife Ora Finley. 1<sup>st</sup> Wife: Susannah Lott Pluckett Pierce was born December 10, 1850, and died April 03, 1884 in Bosque County, Buried in Kimball Cemetery. She married Lorenzo Dow Pierce, son of Andrew J Pierce and Nancy E. Abercrombie.. She had a first husband- Andrew Pluckett- deceased. She is buried at Brazos river crossing-Kimball Bend, Bosque County, TX. Kimball Cemetery is located on highway 174, Bosque County, TX. Tombstone reads:

"PIERCE, SUSANNAH LOTT w/o L.D. PIERCE- "By Her Mother"; DEC. 10, 1850-APR. 3, 1884"

The cemetery at the old town of Kimball on the Brazos River was relocated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1950 when the dam for Lake Whitney was being built. A total of 639 graves were moved, 420 of which were unknown. The new location is three miles west on Highway 174. Since then, many more burials have been added in this new cemetery. Other smaller cemeteries were re-interred in this enclosure, such as Powell and Allen Bend, originally in Bosque County. Poque Cemetery, originally in Hill County, is also now in this one. The cemetery Association has an all day gathering to work in the cemetery the second Saturday of June. Copied by Rebecca Radde and Jeanne Owen in March 1985.

### Children of Lorenzo Pierce and Aqua Ora Finley Are:

- + 1 i. Sally<sup>4</sup> Pierce, born 1898; died April 03, 1930 in Spearman TX.
- + 2 ii. George Taylor Pierce, born July 23, 1899; died 1980 in Alice, Jim Wells Co., TX.
- + 3 iii. Lorenzo D (L.D.II) Pierce, born March 16, 1895 in Cleburne TX Johnson County; died June 16, 1971 in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX buried in Old Hansford Cemetery.
- 4 iv. Clem Pierce, born 1893 in Cleburne TX Johnson County; died 1957. He married Winnie Dacus.
- 5 v. Felix Diaz Pierce, died 1945 in WWI I. He married (1) Della Faye Koontz. He married (2) Ruby Womack.
- + 6 vi. Visa Lou Pierce, born October 04, 1891 in Johnson County TX. died March 1985 in Luling TX.



- + 7 vii. Allen Mansel Pierce, born February 12, 1901 in Cleburne, Johnson Co., TX; died May 09, 1987 in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
- + 8 viii. Susan (Susie) Pierce, born June 17, 1904 in Cleburne, Johnson Co., TX; died December 08, 1978 in Amarillo Potter Co., TX buried Memorial Park Amarillo TX.
- +9 Viii Unknown- Son Killed and thrown down well on Pierce Ranch

**Notes for Felix Diaz Pierce:** buried in Hansford Cemetery Spearman TX.

BURIAL NOTE: listed on Monument in front of Hansford County Courthouse dedicated to WW I and WWII dead Sergeant 18th Infantry 1st Division WWII Article from Borger Herald 1945 "Borger Man Dies in Action" Sgt. Felix D. (Diaz) Pierce of Borger was killed in action on Jan 18 1945. He was fighting with the infantry in the First Army in Belgium. The family was first notified that the sergeant was missing in action; Yesterday the second message came through with the killed in action report. The sergeant was reared in the vicinity of Spearman in Hansford County. He attended school at Spearman. He had been in the service two years, and overseas since last

August. His wife, Mrs. Della Faye Pierce, lives at Borger. Sergeant Pierce was working in Borger at the time of his induction.

There are four Brothers, LD Pierce and Allen Pierce of Spearman, G T Pierce of Alice and Clem Pierce of Arch NM, and Two sisters: Mrs. Vernon Compton of Odem TX, and Mrs. Henry Dacus 1109 Harrison in Amarillo TX. Editors Note: [see Jan 22 1937 Clem Pierce letter to Rhea Kurkendall located in Journal Entry page 20-21. He mentions Felix Pierce](#).....Felix Pierce was in Cheyenne, WY had his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday Dec 22, 1936. Spoke to my dad JL Pierce 11/14/98 he said that Uncle Allen Pierce went to Wyoming shortly after this date and "bought" Felix out of the US Army. He had been in the army several years. Unfortunately he was forced to re-enlist when war was declared and lost his life in Belguim. I have Felix's last letter written to him by his mother Ora Pierce, it was returned "Deceased". I plan to insert it here later, when I have more time.

## **Descendants of Sally Pierce**

Generation No. 1

1. **Sally<sup>4</sup> Pierce** (Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born 1898, and died April 03, 1930 in Spearman TX. She married **(1) Fisher**. She married **(2) Clark**.

Child of Sally Pierce and Fisher is:

+ 2 i. Valney (chunk)<sup>5</sup> Fisher, born April 20, 1904.

Child of Sally Pierce and Clark is:

3 i. Harbert<sup>5</sup> Clark, born in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX; died in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.

#### Generation No. 2

2. **Valney (Chunk)<sup>5</sup> Fisher** (Sally<sup>4</sup> Pierce, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born April 20, 1904. He married **Madeline Cheek** December 1932 in Cleburne TX.

Children of Valney Fisher and Madeline Cheek are:

- + 4 i. Joanne<sup>6</sup> Fisher, born December 22, PRIVATE in Cleburne, Johnson Co., TX.
- 5 ii. David Fisher, born September 18, PRIVATE in Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., TX.

### Generation No. 3

4. **Joanne<sup>6</sup> Fisher** (Valney (chunk)<sup>5</sup>, Sally<sup>4</sup> Pierce, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born December 22, PRIVATE in Cleburne, Johnson Co., TX. She married **Donald Loving Hallfield** July 17, 1954 in FW TX.

Child of Joanne Fisher and Donald Hallfield is:

- + 6 i. Donna Marie<sup>7</sup> Hallfield, born January 17, PRIVATE in Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., TX.

### Generation No. 4

**6. Donna Marie<sup>7</sup> Hallfield** (Joanne<sup>6</sup> Fisher, Valney (chunk)<sup>5</sup>, Sally<sup>4</sup> Pierce, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born January 17, PRIVATE in Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., TX. She married **Kevin McCullough**.

Children of Donna Hallfield and Kevin McCullough are:

- 7 i. Jordon Lee<sup>8</sup> McCullough, born July 12, PRIVATE in Abilene, Taylor Co., TX.
- 8 ii. Mason Elaim McCullough, born May 03, PRIVATE in Abilene, Taylor Co., TX.

## Descendants of George Taylor Pierce

1. **George Taylor<sup>4</sup> Pierce** (Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born July 23, 1898 in Indian Territory OK, and died July 16, 1976 in Alice, Jim Wells Co., TX. He married **Goldie Marie Barkley** Bef. 1943.

### Children of George Pierce and Goldie Barkley are:

- + 2 i. Virginia Mary<sup>5</sup> Pierce, born February 16, PRIVATE in Spearman TX Hansford County.
- 3 ii. Georgia Bell Pierce, born August 21, PRIVATE in Spearman TX Hansford County. She married Duggan Campbell 1947.
- 4 iii. Edwin Taylor Pierce, born March 15, 1929 in Spearman TX Hansford County. Died January 21, 1982 in Alice, TX Jim Wells County.. He married Floy Crisp.
- 5 iv. Florence Laverne Pierce, born December 22, PRIVATE in Clayton, NM.. She married Bruce Kale.
- 6 v. William (Bill) Howard Pierce, born PRIVATE. He married Maxine Niel.
- + 7 vi. Clem Abercrombie Pierce, born April 26, PRIVATE.
- 8 vii. Irvan Ray Pierce, born August 03, PRIVATE in Dalhart, TX. He married (1) Carolyn Matula. He married (2) Denise Joy Eckenrode.

- 9 viii. Ivan Shay Pierce, born August 03, PRIVATE in Dalhart, TX. He married Mary Elizabeth Glick.
- + 10 ix. Luther Dowell Pierce, born August 07, PRIVATE on a farm Jim Wells County, near Alice, TX.
- 11 x. Allan Wayne Pierce, born August 21, PRIVATE in farm Jim Wells County, near Alice, TX. He married Mary Tirott.
- 12 xi. Felix Dwayne Pierce, born PRIVATE. He married Loretta ??.

Generation No. 2

2. **Virginia Mary<sup>5</sup> Pierce** (George Taylor<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born February 16, PRIVATE in Spearman TX Hansford County. She married **Jack Olen Starr** in a church by the old Pierce farm.

Children of Virginia Pierce and Jack Starr are:

- + 13 i. Margie JoAnn<sup>6</sup> Starr, born November 14, PRIVATE in Alice, TX Jim Wells County.
- 14 ii. Jack Olen Starr, born PRIVATE in Alice, TX Jim Wells County.
- 15 iii. Howard Taylor Starr, born PRIVATE.

7. **Clem Abercrombie<sup>5</sup> Pierce** (George Taylor<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.), Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born April 26, PRIVATE. He married **Rosie** .

Children of Clem Pierce and Rosie are:

16 i. Robin<sup>6</sup> Pierce, born April 11, PRIVATE. She married ?? Harrington.

17 ii. Wendy Pierce, born March 16, PRIVATE. She married ?? Whidley.

10. **Luther Dowell<sup>5</sup> Pierce** (George Taylor<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D LD)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born August 07, PRIVATE in farm Jim Wells County, near Alice, TX.. He married **(1) Lelia Rose Kelly**, daughter of William Kelly and Virginia Brown. He married **(2) Roxanne Vanette Fisher** April 10, 1982.

Children of Luther Pierce and Lelia Kelly are:

18 i. Pamela Diane<sup>6</sup> Pierce, born September 04, PRIVATE. She married Fred Terrell.

+ 19 ii. Kelly Lynn Pierce, born April 23, PRIVATE in Alice, TX Jim Wells County.



## Generation No. 3

**13. Margie JoAnn<sup>6</sup> Starr** (Virginia Mary<sup>5</sup> Pierce, George Taylor<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.), Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born November 14, PRIVATE in Alice, TX Jim Wells County.

She married **William Bud Surber**.

Children of Margie Starr and William Surber are:

20 i. William Tate<sup>7</sup> Surber.

21 ii. Daryl Wayne Surber.

22 iii. Brenda Kay Surber.

**23** iv. Buddy William Surber

**19. Kelly Lynn<sup>6</sup> Pierce** (Luther Dowell<sup>5</sup>, George Taylor<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born April 23, PRIVATE in Alice, TX Jim Wells County.. She married **William James Mrazek**, son of Joe Mrazak and Sylvia Stagner. Child of Kelly Pierce and William Mrazek is: 24 i. Megan Kelly<sup>7</sup> Mrazak, born November 25, PRIVATE.

## Descendents of Lorenzo D (L.D.II) Pierce

(3<sup>nd</sup> generation of Andrew Jackson Pierce)

**Lorenzo D (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup> Pierce** (Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born March 16, 1895 in Cleburne TX Johnson County, and died June 16, 1971 in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX buried in Old Hansford Cemetery. He married **Jimmie Francis Scott**, daughter of John Scott and Sophy Woody.

L. D. Pierce and Jimmie Francis Pierce Story Written By Juanita Pierce  
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Lorenzo Dowell Pierce Jr., was born in Johnson County, Texas March 16 1895. His father L.D. Pierce Sr. and his Mother Ora (Finley) Pierce lived along the Brazos River in a bend in the river called Goatneck. His grandfather Andrew Jackson Pierce and his grandmother Nancy (Abercrombie) Pierce came from Rome GA, to Texas. L.D. Sr. lost his leg in an accident with a train while he was riding horseback. He had a wooden peg leg and was called "Peggy" or "Peg Leg Pierce" because of it. L.D. Jr. told many tales of swimming in the Brazos River and of the big water rises in the river. In 1909 the Pierce family rented a boxcar for their belongings and came to the Texas

Panhandle. As the train did not come to Hansford, they came in from Channing in wagons. It took four days to come from Channing to Hansford. L.D. Sr. was engaged in farming for many years. Around 1916 L.D. worked on Turkey Track Ranch along with many other Hansford County boys. Among the many things he did was breaking sod and working with threshers on a threshing machine. As a Young man, he and his friend, Jim Compton took a trip to Galveston by train. They stayed in Childress awhile and picked cotton for traveling money. Between Wichita Falls and Fort Worth the train derailed. No one was hurt, but L.D. and Jim had lots of excitement. When they came home, they came through Dalhart, then to Texhoma, Oklahoma, because the track did come to Hansford. They hitched a ride with Luken Walker who was freighting with mules and three wagons hooked together. Luken accidentally fell on the tongue of the front wagon. That scared the mules and they took off running. Before the boys could get the wagons stopped, all three wagons had run over Mr. Walker. He died in Texhoma that night. L.D. and Jim drove the wagons on home to

Hansford. L.D.'s brothers and sisters were: Clem, Allen, George, Susie Dacus, Visa Compton, and Sally Clark.

Jimmie Francis Scott was born in Denton, Texas, January 25, 1905. She spent most of her life growing up in and around Eric, Oklahoma. On a visit to her Aunt Mrs. Jim Mayfield, Jimmie met L.D. Pierce. They were married May 19, 1924, in Eric, Oklahoma. They had four children: James Lorenzo (J.L.) born PRIVATE; Bobby Jack, born PRIVATE; Peggy June, born PRIVATE; and one daughter who died, Jaynell, 1927-1928.

For several years, L.D. worked for his cousin, Ed Wilbanks, drilling water wells. In 1932 while drilling a water well on the Morton Place, there was an accident that killed Roy Martin who was working with L.D. Roy left two young daughters Sybil and Sylvia, and a wife, Mareta. L.D. was very sad at his death.

During the Depression, L.D. worked on the WPA building the dam that first formed Lake Fryer. In the late thirties, he went into business for himself, putting up windmills and repairing water wells. L.D. died of heart trouble at the age of 76 in

1971. Jimmie Francis died in 1946 of heart trouble. She had one brother, Lymon Hensley, and four sisters: Doris, Iris, Isabell, Dorothy, and Ceretha

Short Article Spearman Reporter: 1970;s LD Pierce in Hospital L.D. Pierce local windmill repairman, lost his balance and fell down the basement stairs at his sons home Thursday. The accident broke part of a vertebra in his neck. Mr. Pierce is in Hansford Hospital for treatment. When he is released he will have to wear a neck brace for some time."

(reality check: in reality my grandfather LD was down the street at a neighbors (Kathleen ???) Kathleen's grand-mother and my grandfather had a love affair going on, and when grandpa was going over to her house(alley catting around) and he got too drunk and fell down the stairs and broke his neck. So much for that romantic liaison)

LDP- LD's grandson written 1998

Lorenzo D (L.D.II) Pierce is buried in Old Hansford Cemetery, Hansford Co., TX with his wife Jimmie Francis Scott. Info on Jimmie Francis Scott lineage provided by

Dorothy Franklin (Scott) and other information she had received from Jimmy Dewitt Spivey of Houston TX (deceased) On his genealogy form he states that his information was obtained from May Oma and Jim Mayfield, Lavern Loyd Woody, and James Dewitt Spivey Jr.---

**Children of Lorenzo (L.D.) Pierce and Jimmie Scott are:**

- + 22 i. James Lorenzo (J L)<sup>5</sup> Pierce, born April 10, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
  
- + 23 ii. Bobby Jack Pierce, born May 08, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
  
- + 24 iii. Peggy June Pierce, born November 01, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
  
- 25 iv. Infant Janell Pierce, born 1927; died 1928.

## Descendants of James Lorenzo (J L) Pierce

Generation No. 1

1. **James Lorenzo (J L)<sup>5</sup> Pierce** (Lorenzo D (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born April 10, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. He married **Juanita Lois Faus**.

J.L. and Juanita (Faus) Pierce Story:

JL Pierce son of L.D. Pierce and Jimmie Scott Pierce was born in Spearman in PRIVATE. He is a 1942 graduate of Spearman High. He spent most of his younger years working with his father on water wells and windmills. After High School he spent time in Holly, Colorado running a Pool Hall. J.L.'s mother died when he was 20, so he helped his dad raise his only sister Peggy (Ferguson).

During WW II, J.L. tried several times to join the service but was rejected because of a childhood accident that blinded him in one eye. So he was left home to take care of the girls and he did a good job. J.L. has one brother Bobby Jack Pierce of Amarillo TX, and one sister Peggy Ferguson, of Sun City AZ

I, Juanita, the daughter of Rube and Julia Faus was born in Spearman in PRIVATE. I was raised in the back of Rube's Boot Shop. My dad, Rube Faus, has run Rube's Boot Shop for 47 years. For several years his family lived in the back of the "shop". One year was well remembered: it was spent in the Old Spearman Hotel. Mama (Julia Hibbs Faus) leased the hotel for one year. It was very cold and dark. We "kids" had to be quiet all the time.

I was very glad to move back home to the back of the boot shop. Daddy moved us to Amarillo in 1942. So most of my growing up years were spent in Amarillo Schools. We moved back home in 1948. No house could be found for us, so my folks bought a laundry with living quarters in one side and the laundry on the other side. I helped my mother in the Faus Laundry, until I married and left home. I have four sisters: Rosa Steele, Vernonia Oregon (retired to Gage Ok, deceased 1996), Ruby Saltness, Lubbock TX, Bertha Willison and Phyllis Mann both of Gage, OK. I have one brother Harry Faus, of Fountain Valley, CA.





J L and I married in 1952. We spent the first two years farming and Colorado, close to Ignacio. We made \$45 over our room and board, so we haven't tried farming again. For the next couple of years, J L worked for Baker and Taylor Drilling Co. We traveled with the rig, which went to Springfield, CO, and Boise City, OK. We returned home and J L went to work for his dad LD Pierce and Pierce Water Well Service. We settled down raising a family: 3 Girls, Karon Hardy of Chesapeake VA, Jammie Pierce of Amarillo, TX, Rosa Roberts, of Chesapeake, VA; two sons: Lynn (LD) Pierce of Dallas TX, and Tylan Pierce of Spearman. We also helped raise two other boys: John Riley, and my nephew, Mike Pierce- (my sister Rosie's son). Mike lives in Gage OK and we last heard John Riley was living in the Victoria TX or Houston TX area. J L bought Pierce Water Well Service from his dad in 1963. His dad's health got so bad he came to live with us in 1962. We lost him to death in 1971. We all loved him very much.

J L loves hunting, fishing, and riding the dune buggy at Wyonka Park in Oklahoma (the buggy was sold in the late 1970's) and he also loves going to the mountains of Colorado and New Mexico.

Juanita enjoyed fishing and the mountains. She was a Hansford County Historical Commissioner, and a volunteer ambulance driver, both which She enjoyed doing very much. Juanita also carried the US Mail for 12 years running the mail route from Spearman to Gruver and Morse, then Stinnett and Back to Spearman. Juanita loved the prairies of our county and always talked about the birds, flowers, snow, and all things beautiful. Juanita discovered some rare "White" bluebonnets, and the State of Texas and Texas Highways Magazine came to collect specimens.

We have four grand children: Shameka and Derek Hardy of Chesapeake VA, and Jessie and Austin Roberts, born in Spearman, and now living with Rosa their mother in Chesapeake, VA.

Editors Note from son LD Pierce: My mother Juanita Pierce died of cancer in 1995 and Jesse her granddaughter was the light of her life during her long one year decline into death from bone cancer. It was very painful and Jessie brought much joy and love into my dying mother's life. Juanita was diagnosed with cancer as being terminal in 1990, but she was a survivor, and took five years of chemotherapy to live. Juanita lived to see Jessie born and knew that she had another grandson on the way. Juanita was a tough lady, and died with grace and no pain thanks to the help of the Hansford Hospice, and the St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo TX. I especially want to thank Erin Bergin of Hansford Hospice for all her help and comfort during the passing of my mother. Other Note: She was followed to death by the passing of her sister Rosie Steele one less than one year later----also from cancer.

By Juanita Pierce from Hansford County History Vol. 1 page 233 with additions and updates by son LD Pierce Dallas TX 1998

## Notes for Juanita Lois Faus:

Obituary for Juanita Faus Pierce from The Spearman Reporter Statesman Aug 3 1995 Juanita Faus Pierce

SPEARMAN Juanita Faus Pierce 61, died Friday July 28, 1995.

Services were held on Tues. August 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the Union Church with the Rev. Dan Carter officiating. Burial was at Hansford Cemetery with Boxwell Brothers handling the arrangements. Mrs. Pierce was born in Spearman on December 15 PRIVATE, and was married to J.L. Pierce on July 5 1952 in Clovis, New Mexico. Juanita was a rural mail carrier for 16 years, a member of the Union Church of Spearman, was on the Hansford County historical Commission, and was an EMT Ambulance Driver and a Museum Volunteer. Juanita is survived by her husband; two sons; L.D. Pierce of Dallas, and Tylan Pierce of Spearman.; three daughters, Jammie Pierce, Rosa Roberts of Spearman, and Karon P Hardy of Chesapeake, VA; her mother, Julia McManus of Gage OK, one brother Harry Faus of Fountain Valley CA, and four sisters, Rosa Steele, Ruby Saltness , and Phyllis Mann of Gage OK , and

three grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be to the Hansford Hospice or a favorite Charity. Juanita died in the St Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center Amarillo, Texas. Casketbearers: Monty Ferguson, David Oakley, Ulysses Hardy, Derek Hardy, Ray Roberts. Larry McCoy Honorary Casketbearers: Tommy Jack Bruce, Bobby Jack Pierce, Billy Miller, W E Sparks, John Steele. Leroy Man, George Bushman, Tracy Mann, Kim Mann, Ruben Mann, David Pierce, Mike Pierce, Jody Willison, John Bushman, Tracy Vernon, Frank Salgado, Willie Salgado.

**Children of James (J.L.) Pierce and Juanita Faus are:**

2 i. Lynn Diaz (L D III)<sup>6</sup> Pierce, born February 26, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. Notes for LD Pierce

I, LD Pierce III (Lynn Diaz) am third generation of the pioneer settlers named Pierce who moved to Hansford County from Johnson County TX. My father JL Pierce, carries on the pioneer tradition of "Windmilling", taught to him by my grandfather LD Pierce, and Ed Wilbanks, his cousin..... My dad, JL is one of the very few practicing

"Windmill Men" left. His services provide area ranchers with virtually "free energy" water, thanks to the plentiful panhandle wind. I am very proud to have learned this lost art from childhood, and also I have personally helped my father and grandfather erect hundreds of these steel & wood towers all over the vast waterless plains; I have had to fight the strong winds while working on windmill motors many times. My father lost his right index finger while working on a well when I was a child. When I was 11 or 12 we were working on one of HB Parks wells, near Morse, and I jumped from the 1st cross of a wooden tower right onto a large piece of wood with a railroad spike sticking up through it. It went all the way through the middle of my right foot. I eventually recovered even though they called me "hob a long" for a while. I never feel off a tower, but came close several times; my dad's cousin Harbert Clark did fall from a tower---right into a stock tank below that was full of mud and he was unhurt. This happened at Bernice Brown's farm east of town. Boy did Harbert stink of stock tank mud. On the way back to town, we made him ride in the back of the truck! At age six, I began helping my grandpa LD, and my daddy work on

windmills during the summer and on weekends. I was paid 50 cents per well., I finally got a raise to a dollar a job by age ten. I loved the prairie and the countryside especially in the springtime. I enjoyed working on the many wells at Turkey Track Ranch, and the 47 windmills at Red Camp by Pampa. We worked on Vera Wroten's two section ranch and wild life refuse, keeping her wells up. I really enjoyed going there: for years she had dug cactus from her pasture and would show me the back of her pick-up or car and it was filled with cactus and she kept a couple of quart jars she had filled with rattlers from the hundreds of Rattlesnakes she had killed on her two sections. She always had "Swimming Pool" clean stock tanks and there was no cactus on her property. She was an " Original" free spirit. Grandpa LD, was one of eight children: Allen, Susie, Clem, Felix Diaz, George, and Visa. LD Pierce, Sr. was called "Peg Leg Pierce or Peggy" and he accidentally lost his leg while horseback riding at night in Johnson County on the way to play his fiddle at a dance; he began racing a train and collided with it. I finally sought out and found the old Pierce Ranch on Goatneck on the Brazos in 1996, and there they men still living in Goatneck still tell



tales of LD Pierce Sr. One told me that day was when the men used to steal other persons fishes off the line--they would swim across to the other side of the Brazos--they would always carry a big stick--so that if they were caught they could stick the big piece of wood out of the water, and the people would blame the theft on who else---but LD Pierce. I finally heard of Dee Peterson (one of the oldest Living Pioneers in Johnson County) who lived on the land adjoining the Pierce Ranch but by the time I could call him to have him tell me more about LD and Rhoda Pierce he had already passed on. He was the Forman of the Clem Pierce Ranch for 45 years. He knew Rhoda and Peg Leg and had grown up with them all his life till they moved to Hansford County. I was born in PRIVATE and have one brother Tylan, and three sisters; Karon, Jammie, and Rosa. I graduated Spearman High in 1972 and was very active in speech and debate all through High school under the leadership of June Heidelberg Porter. I was elected most studious of my class and also was Editor of the 1972 LYNX yearbook my senior year, under the direction of Dwayne Mitchell. I attended Texas Tech University getting a BBA in Business in the fall of 1977. I



served on the Business Administration Student Council from its inception until 1976. After my graduation with a degree in marketing I was a sales rep for J & G Waste Systems of Lubbock selling dempsty dumpsters. The moved me to Dallas TX in the fall of 1979 to start a new company. Joan Giannattasio the owners daughter is still one of my very good friends to this day and they own Anchor Waste in Houston TX. I have been self employed owning SOS Products in Dallas TX selling security products to businesses, especially the eztone entry alert security door chimes. I became interested in geneaology and the internet in 1994, and have spent the three years since my mother's death researching Pierce, Faus, Hibbs, Wilbanks, Scott family histories. In July 1996 I too lost a finger like my DAD, JL. I was bicycling in Lakewood, and hit a large crack in the road, landed very hard in the cement road on my left hand, amputating the little finger on my left hand. Baylor Hospital re-attached it, but still waiting to get in to have the joint replaced. by LD Pierce from Hansford County History Vol. 1 page 233 updated and re-edited by LD Pierce August 1998



Article from Spearman Reporter when LD was junior At Texas Tech University PIERCE NAMED TECH OFFICER LD Pierce, junior marketing major at Texas Tech University, recently received word from the President of the Business Administration Student Council that he has been appointed to the post of Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. The Business Administration Student Council was created in 1971 by Dean Jack Steele of the College of Business Administration at the university. Its purpose is to improve communications and relations between students and the faculty at Tech's College of Business. The Council also administers college wide faculty evaluations to all of Tech's Business Professors. These evaluations are used in determining teacher promotions, salary, and must be submitted if the Professor is being considered for tenure. LD has been a member of the Council for 3 years, and he also chaired the faculty interview committee. He is also a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity. LD, son of Mr. and Mrs. JL Pierce was named to the Dean's Honor list for the spring semester with a 3.0 average on a 4.0 scale.

From Article in Spearman Reporter Dec 1998

## "Pierce Publishes Genealogy Book"

LD Pierce of Dallas, TX, (formerly of Spearman) has recently published a book on Pierce Genealogy. He is the son of JL Pierce, and the late Juanita Faus Pierce. Juanita Faus Pierce was a member of the Hansford County Historical Society until her death in 1995. She was the inspiration for the book. She had worked on her Faus family tree for many years and encouraged LD to research the Pierce family tree. LD Pierce's great-great-grandfather, Lorenzo D Pierce, (AKA PegLeg Pierce) was born in 1857 in Hall County Ga, and moved to the Johnson County (Cleburne, TX) in 1866 with his father Capt. Andrew Jackson Pierce. His sister, Rhoda Pierce, married Manney Wilbanks. In 1904 the Pierces and the Wilbanks moved to Hansford County, Where many of their descendents remain to this day. A copy of the Book has been donated to the Hansford County Library.

- + 3 ii. Karon Francis Pierce, born July 05, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
- 4 iii. Jammie Pierce, born September 18, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
- 5 iv. Tylan Pierce, born PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
- + 6 v. Rosa Joyce Pierce, born December 15, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.

#### Generation No. 2

3. **Karon Francis<sup>6</sup> Pierce** (James Lorenzo (J L)<sup>5</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born July 05, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. She married **Quinton Ulysses Hardy**, son of Albert Hardy and Louise Harrah.

## Notes for Karon Francis Pierce: Pierce-Hardy

Born July 7 PRIVATE, Karon Pierce is nothing special but it's interesting to note my mother Juanita Pierce was born PRIVATE, my sister Rosa, was born PRIVATE, and my daughter was born PRIVATE. My son Derek was born March 16 PRIVATE, the same day as my grandpa, L.D. Pierce, who was born 1895. I was born in Hansford Hospital, reared and educated in Spearman. Prior to graduating in 1973 I worked for Dr D.E. Hackley, D.O., as a student employee, through the Spearman Schools. After working in Oklahoma and Arlington, I joined the U.S. Army. I Graduated from Basic Training April 1975 as an honor trainee of my platoon. I was ordered to Frankfurt, Germany, after advanced individual training. While in Germany I was promoted to Radio Teletype Tech Chief and Rank of Sergeant. I met my husband, Ulysses Quincy Hardy, while stationed in Germany. We married in East Point, GA, when he returned from Europe. I was stationed in Atlanta, GA at the time. my daughter Shameka, was born in East Point GA. Quint, is the son of Albert Louise (Harris) Hardy. He attended Durham junior College, in Durham, North Carolina, before joining the

service. He has one sister Jocelyn Hardy Stephens, a teacher in the Norfolk School VA School System. She is married to Harry Stephens. We are both students at Tidewater Community College, in Chesapeake, VA. My son, Derek Quincy, was born in Norfolk, VA. I am very proud of my heritage. People are in awe when I tell of my Great-grandpa coming to Texas in a covered wagon, my grandpa, LD, and My Dad , JL Pierce, the windmill men, and my grandpa Rube Faus, the bootmaker. The biggest adjustment moving East is the abundance of water and the lack of windmills. By Karon Pierce Hardy from: Hansford County History Vol. 1 page 234 (1980)

Children of Karon Pierce and Quinton Hardy are:

- 7 i. Shameka<sup>7</sup> Hardy, born September 28, PRIVATE in East Point, Fulton Co., GA.
- 8 ii. Derrik Hardy, born March 16, PRIVATE in Norfolk, Northampton Co., VA.

6. **Rosa Joyce<sup>6</sup> Pierce** (James Lorenzo (J L)<sup>5</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born December 15, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. She married **Clarence Ray Roberts** in Amarillo TX.

Children of Rosa Pierce and Clarence Roberts are:

- 9 i. Jessie Renee<sup>7</sup> Roberts, born March 05, PRIVATE in Lubbock, Potter Co., TX.
- 10 ii. Samuel Austin James (A J) Roberts, born February 06, PRIVATE in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX.

## Descendants of Bobby Jack Pierce

### Generation No. 1

**1. Bobby Jack<sup>5</sup> Pierce** (Lorenzo D (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born May 08, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. He married **(1) Faye B Hardy**. He married **(2) Susan Patterson**.

Notes for Bobby Jack Pierce:

Child of Bobby Pierce and Faye Hardy is:

+ 2 i. Lynette Louise<sup>6</sup> Pierce, born PRIVATE in Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., CA; died 1981 in CA.

Children of Bobby Pierce and Susan Patterson are:

- 3 i. David (Patterson)<sup>6</sup> Pierce, born in Naples, Collier Co., FL.
- 4 ii. Stephen (Patterson) Pierce, born PRIVATE.
- + 5 iii. Bobby Jack Pierce, born July 11, PRIVATE.
- + 6 iv. Michael Pierce, born December 19, PRIVATE.
- + 7 v. Danny Lee Pierce, born March 28, PRIVATE.



## Generation No. 2

**2. Lynette Louise<sup>6</sup> Pierce** (Bobby Jack<sup>5</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born PRIVATE in Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., CA, and died 1981 in CA.

Children of Lynette Louise Pierce are:

8 i. Son<sup>7</sup> Pierce.

9 ii. Son Pierce.

**4. Bobby Jack<sup>6</sup> Pierce** (Bobby Jack<sup>5</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born July 11, PRIVATE. He married **Deanna Marie Pendergraft**.

Child of Bobby Pierce and Deanna Pendergraft is:

- 10 i. Christopher Dustin<sup>7</sup> Pierce, born January 14, PRIVATE in Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN.
  
5. **Michael<sup>6</sup> Pierce** (Bobby Jack<sup>5</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born December 19, PRIVATE. He married **Dena Glass**.

Children of Michael Pierce and Dena Glass are:

- 11 i. Kendra Nicole<sup>7</sup> Pierce, born July 28, PRIVATE in KS.
- 12 ii. Cody Michael Allen Pierce, born July 23, PRIVATE in KS.



7. **Danny Lee<sup>6</sup> Pierce** (Bobby Jack<sup>5</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born March 28, PRIVATE. He married **(1) Celena Cole**. He married **(2) Stephanie Hamilton** April 11, 1996 in Hutchinson Ks.

Child of Danny Pierce and Celena Cole is:

13 i. Ashley Leanna<sup>7</sup> Pierce, born in Hutchinson, Harvey Co., KS.

Child of Danny Pierce and Stephanie Hamilton is:

14 i. Jacob Daniel<sup>7</sup> Pierce.

## Descendants of Peggy June Pierce

1. **Peggy June<sup>5</sup> Pierce** (Lorenzo D (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo(L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born November 01, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. She married **Robert Clark Ferguson** May 20, 1951, son of Arnold Ferguson and Mildred Weaver.

### The Arnold Ferguson Family 1876-1981

This all started in 1876 when the Reverend Robert Alexander Ferguson from Pilot Grove Iowa, was visiting his sister, Mrs. Joseph Rayburn (Aunt of Sam Rayburn) and her family near Mesquite, TX. While in the vicinity he met Mr. W.W. Purinton, Esq. Who was a land agent for the railroads. Rev. Ferguson was interested in making some investments in land, so on the 5th of April 1876, he and Mr. Purinton left from Sherman, Texas In a buggy with a team of horses heading West. After several days of travel they arrived at a place near what was known as the Big Wichita River where two families had settled and they planned to start a town, which they would call ??? City. Later to become Wichita Falls. One of the families was a Mr. and Mrs. Williams

with whom they spent several days. If the trip was continued on into the Texas Panhandle, it is not known, however, at this time he also bought three sections of land in what is now Hansford County, Texas for fifty cents per acre. Some years later this land was leased to Clayton McCrea of the Zulu Ranch and to the James Cator Ranch for grazing purposes. In 1929, Arnold E. Ferguson, grandson of the Reverend Ferguson moved to one of the sections near the new town of Gruver in Hansford County, bringing with him his wife and a year old son, Roy Donnell (Don). That summer and fall he broke out 600 acres of sod and planted a wheat crop. He and his father also put up two barns and a house and had a water-well dug. This all happened at the beginning of the great depression along with the years of drought and the awful dust storms that continued throughout the 1930's. Thus was a difficult time for most farmers in the area and especially for Ferguson who had spent all the money he had and all he could borrow to get started farming. There was a tractor, plows, drills and a combine to buy, operating and living expenses, then, fighting the wind erosion, terracing and strip-planting the land. During the 1930's three more children were

born to the family: Robert Clark (Bob), Corinne A, and Richard (Dick). In 1941 Arnold E Ferguson accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Agriculture as the Commodity Loan Supervisor for grain in the state of Texas. In 1943 he was transferred to Washington, D.C. as the supervisor of grain loans for the nine southern states. In 1945 he transferred to Kansas City, MO., as the Field Representative for the Commodity Credit Corporation. In 1949 he returned to the farming and cattle business on the farm near Gruver. In 1954 when son, Robert (Bob) was discharged from the US. Air Force, he took over the operation of the Ferguson farm and grassland. While Bob was in the service, he was married to Peggy Pierce. They have three children, Monte R., Douglas E., and Denise. Bob continues to farm the land that has been in the Ferguson family for more than 105 years. Written by Arnold E. Ferguson. Hansford County History Vol. II page 112-113 1983

### [Robert Clark Ferguson Story](#)

Robert Alexander Ferguson was born in 1833 in Blount County Tennessee. He entered Ewing and Jefferson College In 1855, and graduated in 1861, and was soon after

ordained as a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. During the fall of 1863, East Tennessee was the scene of contending armies. The forces of General Burnside and General Longstreet, occupied the country most of the time. Battles were fought, and the country generally laid to waste. The churches were either burned, or used as hospitals. Since he was unable to accomplish much in his field in that area, he decided to move to Illinois. In 1867, now married, he moved to Iowa, where he lived until his death, in 1899. He was a popular and sought after minister in his church, consequently, he was called upon to do considerable traveling. He made a number of trips to various places in Texas on his church work, and when there would usually include a visit to his brothers and sisters who had moved there from Tennessee. His sister had married Joseph Rayburn (Sam Rayburn family). Reverend Ferguson's wife, Helen A., had a substantial inheritance from her family, and this he invested in new lands. In 1876, he purchased several sections of land in what is now Hansford County, and one section in Wichita County. In his diaries, he tells of a trip he took over his land. He and Land Agent Mr. W.W. Purinton, Esq., left from Sherman, Texas in a buggy and a team of horses. After several days of travel, and camping out at night, they reached the pro-

posed town of Wichita City (now Wichita Falls), where there were two houses and where two families lived. They stayed with one of them, Mr. and Mrs. Williams. He looked over his land nearby, and also over the section a friend of his had purchased, declaring this to be some of the finest land he had ever seen. There is no information available on the continuation of his trip to the Panhandle. After his death in 1899, his two sons, Robert D. and Roy C. Ferguson, became owners of the Hansford County land. They arranged grazing leases with Mr. Clayton McCrea of Zulu, and, later with Mr. W.B. Hart, and with Mr. James Cator, Sr. This arrangement continued until 1929, when Arnold Ferguson, son of Robert D. Ferguson and his wife Mildred (Weaver) Ferguson, and their son Roy Donnel, moved to the land and began wheat farming and a small cattle operation. The dust storms, drought, and depression, in the early and mid-thirties, nearly ended his career as a farmer and rancher. Wheat was sold at the elevator for as little as 26 cents per bushel, and several years during that period, there was no crop production. Also born to Arnold and Mildred Ferguson were, Robert Clark, Corrine Amelia and Richard Albert Ferguson. In 1954, Robert C. Ferguson, after being discharged from the US Air Force, and his wife Peggy (Pierce), moved to the farm and



took over the operation, which they have continued to do to this date. They have raised their family of two sons and a daughter there. All of the children are married and have children of their own, making Bob and Peggy grandparents to four boys and two girls. Monte Robert Ferguson lives at Wellington, Texas. His wife is Brenda (Childers) and they have one son, Damon Lee. Douglas Earl Ferguson lives in Gruver, Texas, with his wife, Cindy (Wallin). They have two sons, Tek Douglas and Travis Lynn. Peggy Denise Canada lives in Gruver and has three children, two daughters and a son; Shannon Denise, Mark Cole, and Diana By Robert C. Ferguson from Hansford County History Vol. II pg. 113 1983

**Children of Peggy Pierce and Robert Ferguson are:**

- + 2 i. Monte Robert<sup>6</sup> Ferguson, born July 22, PRIVATE in Aurora, Arapaho Co., CO.
- + 3 ii. Douglas Earl Ferguson, born October 06, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
- + 4 iii. Peggy Denise Ferguson, born December 04, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford

## Generation No. 2

1. **Monte Robert<sup>6</sup> Ferguson** (Peggy June<sup>5</sup> Pierce, Lorenzo D (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born July 22, PRIVATE in Aurora, Arapaho Co., CO. He married **Brenda Kae Childers** May 30, PRIVATE in Wellington

Children of Monte Ferguson and Brenda Childers are:

- 5 i. Damon Lee<sup>7</sup> Ferguson, born July 19, PRIVATE in Wellington, Collingsworth Co, TX.
  - 6 ii. Cassandra Kae Ferguson, born October 19, PRIVATE in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX.
2. **Douglas Earl<sup>6</sup> Ferguson** (Peggy June<sup>5</sup> Pierce, Lorenzo D (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born October 06, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. He married **(1) Cindi Kay Wallin** May 30, 1974 in Gruver TX. He married **(2) Mary Ferguson** April 14, 1991 in Amarillo TX.

Children of Douglas Ferguson and Cindi Wallin are:

- 7 i. Tek Douglas<sup>7</sup> Ferguson, born April 27, PRIVATE in Perryton, Ochiltree Co., TX.
- 8 ii. Travis Lynn Ferguson, born April 20, PRIVATE in Perryton, Ochiltree Co., TX.
- 9 iii. Trevor Lee Ferguson, born May 12, PRIVATE in Perryton, Ochiltree Co., TX.

Children of Douglas Ferguson and Mary Ferguson are:

- 10 i. Kody<sup>7</sup> Ferguson, born February 12, PRIVATE in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX.
- 11 ii. Susanne Ferguson, born October 10, PRIVATE in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX.

**4. Peggy Denise<sup>6</sup> Ferguson** (Peggy June<sup>5</sup> Pierce, Lorenzo D (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born December 04, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. She married **(1) James Finley Canada**. She married **(2) Russell David Hext** May 17, 1981 in Borger TX.

Children of Peggy Ferguson and James Canada are:

- + 12 i. Shannon Denise<sup>7</sup> Canada, born July 14, PRIVATE in Tulia, Swisher Co., TX.
- 13 ii. Mark Cole Canada, born January 25, PRIVATE in Perryton, Ochiltree Co., TX.
- 14 iii. Diana Janene Canada, born January 16, PRIVATE in Leoti, Wichita Co., TX.

Children of Peggy Ferguson and Russell Hext are:

- 15 i. David Rance<sup>7</sup> Hext, born June 29, PRIVATE in Pampa, Gray Co., TX.
- 16 ii. Codi Levi Hext, born August 02, PRIVATE in Perryton, Ochiltree Co., TX.

### Generation No. 3

**12. Shannon Denise<sup>7</sup> Canada** (Peggy Denise<sup>6</sup> Ferguson, Peggy June<sup>5</sup> Pierce, Lorenzo D (L.D.II)<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born July 14, PRIVATE in Tulia, Swisher Co., TX. She married **Kevin Blackwell** 1995 in San Diego CA.

Child of Shannon Canada and Kevin Blackwell is:

- 17 i. Kayla Machea<sup>8</sup> Blackwell, born September 15, PRIVATE in San Diego CA.

## Descendents of Visa Lou Pierce

1. **Visa Lou<sup>4</sup> Pierce** (Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born October 06, 1891 in Cleburne, Johnson Co., TX, and died March 1986 in Luling TX. She married **Vernon Compton** March 1912, son of James Compton and Mary Black. Buried in Odem Cemetery, Odem, TX.

### Children of Visa Pierce and Vernon Compton are:

- 1 i. Leona Compton, born 1912 in Spearman TX. She married Leon Bowling.
- 2 ii. Gail<sup>5</sup> Compton, born August 11, PRIVATE. He married (1) Rosalie McDonald. He married (2) Avabelle Milligan. He married (3) Norma Jean Washington.
- 3 iii. Mary Jane Compton, born June 27, 1919 in Spearman TX. She died December 16, 1996 in Fentress, TX. She married Thomas Eugene Phelps.
- 4 iv. Edna Lucille Compton, born April 05, PRIVATE.

## Descendants of Gail Compton

### Generation No. 1

**1. Gail<sup>3</sup> Compton** (Vernon<sup>2</sup>, James Warren<sup>1</sup>) was born August 11, PRIVATE. He married **(1) Rosalie McDonald**. He married **(2) Avanalle Milligan**. He married **(3) Norma Jean Washington**. Currently living in Village Mills TX.

Child of Gail Compton and Rosalie McDonald is:

+ 2 i. John Borden<sup>4</sup> Compton, born December 25, PRIVATE.

Child of Gail Compton and Avanalle Milligan is:

3 i. Ronnie<sup>4</sup> Compton, died when 3 1/2 years old.

Child of Gail Compton and Norma Washington is:

4 i. James Vernon<sup>4</sup> Compton.

## Generation No. 2

2. **John Borden<sup>4</sup> Compton** (Gail<sup>3</sup>, Vernon<sup>2</sup>, James Warren<sup>1</sup>) was born December 25, PRIVATE. He married **Tammy Woodward**. Lives in Village Mills TX.

Children of John Compton and Tammy Woodward are:

- 5 i. William<sup>5</sup> Compton, born May 17, PRIVATE.
- 6 ii. Heather Compton, born February 24, PRIVATE.

## Descendants of Leona Compton

### Generation No. 1

1. **Leona<sup>3</sup> Compton** (Vernon<sup>2</sup>, James Warren<sup>1</sup>) was born 1912 in Spearman TX. She married **Leon Bowling**.

Child of Leona Compton and Leon Bowling is:

- 2 i. Jerry<sup>4</sup> Bowling, Born Nov 23, 1933 Spearman TX, Hansford CO. Died Feb 17, 1993 in Kerrville TX.

## Descendants of Mary Jane Compton

### Generation No. 1

1. **Mary Jane<sup>3</sup> Compton** (Vernon<sup>2</sup>, James Warren<sup>1</sup>) was born June 27, 1919 in Spearman, TX, and died December 16, 1996 in Fentress, TX. She married **Thomas Eugene Phelps**, son of James Phelps and Johanna Brandt.

Children of Mary Compton and Thomas Phelps are:

- + 2 i. Arland<sup>4</sup> Phelps, born January 05, PRIVATE in Borger, TX.
- + 3 ii. Darrell Wayne Phelps, born June 19, PRIVATE in Borger, TX.
- + 4 iii. Harry Lynn Phelps, born October 18, PRIVATE in San Diego, Calif.

### Generation No. 2

2. **Arland<sup>4</sup> Phelps** (Mary Jane<sup>3</sup> Compton, Vernon<sup>2</sup>, James Warren<sup>1</sup>) was born January 05, PRIVATE in Borger Texas. He married **Martha Mabel Baker** June 22, 1963 in Aschaffenberg Germany, daughter of Merle Baker and Doris Pifer.



Children of Arland Phelps and Martha Baker are:

- 5 i. Randolph Arland<sup>5</sup> Phelps, born March 22, PRIVATE. He married Melissa Obermyer.
- 6 ii. Joel Edward Phelps, born November 15, PRIVATE. He married Laura Scalia October 31, 1992.
- 7 iii. Jennifer Ann Phelps, born June 22, PRIVATE.

**3. Darrell Wayne<sup>4</sup> Phelps** (Mary Jane<sup>3</sup> Compton, Vernon<sup>2</sup>, James Warren<sup>1</sup>) was born June 19, PRIVATE in Borger TX. He married **(1) Joan Tipson**. He married **(2) Letha Nell Hoop**. He married **(3) Sandra Nell Smith** August 18, 1963 in Prairie Lea TX, daughter of James Smith and Maggie Miller.

Children of Darrell Phelps and Sandra Smith are:

- + 8 i. Shannon LeAnne<sup>5</sup> Phelps, born August 02, PRIVATE in Okinawa Japan.
- + 9 ii. Sharla Dawn Phelps, born June 26, PRIVATE in San Marcos TX.

4. **Harry Lynn<sup>4</sup> Phelps** (Mary Jane<sup>3</sup> Compton, Vernon<sup>2</sup>, James Warren<sup>1</sup>) was born October 18, PRIVATE in San Diego Calif. He married **Carolyn Rae Smith**, daughter of James Smith and Maggie Miller.

Children of Harry Phelps and Carolyn Smith are:

- 10 i. Donna Lynn<sup>5</sup> Phelps, born March 13, PRIVATE. She married Richard Weinberg April 30, 1995 in Niagara Falls NY.
- 11 ii. Darrin Ray Phelps, born October 01, PRIVATE in Lockhart TX. He married Brenda Lee Hicks September 16, 1995 in Fentress TX.

Generation No. 3

8. **Shannon LeAnne<sup>5</sup> Phelps** (Darrell Wayne<sup>4</sup>, Mary Jane<sup>3</sup> Compton, Vernon<sup>2</sup>, James Warren<sup>1</sup>) was born August 02, PRIVATE in Okinawa Japan. She married **Skip Eugene Sandell** July 22, 1989 in Austin TX.

Children of Shannon Phelps and Skip Sandell are:

- 12 i. Amanda Rochelle<sup>6</sup> Sandell, born September 14, PRIVATE in Austin tx.
- 13 ii. Lauren Nicole Sandell, born May 12, PRIVATE in Kissimmee Florida.

9. **Sharla Dawn<sup>5</sup> Phelps** (Darrell Wayne<sup>4</sup>, Mary Jane<sup>3</sup> Compton, Vernon<sup>2</sup>, James Warren<sup>1</sup>) was born June 26, PRIVATE in San Marcos TX. She married **Richard Ray Hartwick** July 28, 1990 in San Marcos TX.

Children of Sharla Phelps and Richard Hartwick are:

- 14 i. Megan Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> Hartwick, born February 11, PRIVATE in Austin TX.
- 15 ii. Kirsten Elise Hartwick, born February 12, PRIVATE in Austin TX.

## Descendents of Allen Mansel Pierce (3<sup>rd</sup> generation of Andrew Jackson Pierce)

**Allen Mansel<sup>4</sup> Pierce** (Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born February 12, 1901 in Cleburne, Johnson Co., TX, and died May 09, 1987 in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. He married **Eva Cator** December 30, 1926 in Spearman TX.

Notes for Allen Mansel Pierce:

Allen Pierce and Eva (Cator) Pierce

My parents: L.D. Pierce, SR, was born near Rome, GA, Jan 23 1856. My mother, Ora Finley, was born in a covered wagon in Arkansas on the way to Texas from Missouri in 1866. They were married in 1885 in Johnson County. To this union were born eight children: Clem, Sally (Clark), Visa (Compton), L.D. JR, Susie (Dacus Allen), George, Allen, and Felix.

I, Allen, was born Feb 12 1901 in Cleburne, Johnson County TX, moved with my parents and family to Seymour, Baylor County Texas in 1906. We stayed in Baylor



County until 1909 when we loaded our horses, mules, and household goods on an immigrant car and shipped by rail to Channing Texas, Dec 27 1909. We unloaded horses, and mules, in the stock pen, got wagons put together, loaded the household goods and started to Hansford County across the flattest land that I have ever seen!! Antelope, hundreds in bunches and grass nearly knee high. We arrived in Hansford County, December 31st. We stayed the old year at the Jim Edwards place on Horse Creek 9 miles southwest from where Spearman is now. In 1913 my father lease a farm 7 miles southeast of the town of Hansford. The lease was from Mr. and Mrs. RA Jarvis, father of OW Jarvis. That farm was farmed by the Pierce family for 27 years. We kids went to Happy Jack School 3 miles east from where Spearman is now and later to Old Hansford, where I met Eva Cator in 1914. Her home was about 6 miles west of the town named Hansford. We were married, Dec 30, 1926. Our baby daughter, Betty Jo, was born December 19 PRIVATE. We farmed all our married life until 1972. We bought a farm 10 miles SW of Spearman and lived there until 1967 when we built a home in Spearman. This home was built from the wood taken from the



huge barn, where Allen and Eva had many barn Dances and gatherings for the community. We have lived in the house in town every since. We never could leave this good Country for any other place. My wife is the daughter of Leslie Stuart and Bessie Cator. Eva and I celebrated our 50th Anniversary in 1976. Our daughter Betty Jo, attended school in Morse and later at Spearman where she graduated in 1945. She then went to West Texas Sate for two years. She married Johnny P Vernon (Peter) Justice of the Peace of Hansford County. He also served as Coroner and V.A. Administrator. They married Nov 6 1946. We have five grandkids scattered all over Texas, and several great grandkids. So we are rich in kids...broke financially...boy its great to be alive!! By Allen Pierce from: Hansford County History Vol. 1 1980 page 232

### [EVA CATOR Pierce OBI TUARY BY James Hanson](#)

Her name was Eva. She came to Winters to live with her daughter and her son-in-law. She was tool old to live alone. I t wasn't too long she needed more care, and she took up residence at OUR HOUSE in winters. I t was there that she died at the age



of 96 on Friday August 29, 1997. Her last days on earth were a lot like her first. In bed. Cradled in her hospital bed. Baby food was all she could handle. Didn't talk but would open her eyes and listen when summoned by her name. She was preparing for her new birth, her birthing into eternal life. On Monday, Labor Day, it was my privilege to conduct her funeral. She was buried in Hansford Cemetery near Spearman, TX. It was a beautiful day. Surrounded by green grass hills, with a big blue-sky overhead. When I read the 23rd Psalm, it was as if we were all composing it-the words came from deep in our well as also David's. A young man opened the graveside service by singing: "surely the presence of the lord is in this place" We could all feel it. Eva was a pioneer woman, one of the true old-timers. Her death and burial was like a summons, a call to come and pay respects and remember this woman. Many came and stood around her grave to pay respects. Some shed tears. And smiled as they saw an old friend- that they hadn't seen since the last funeral they attended. And recalled and remembered the "old days." Born alongside Palo Duro Creek, she spent her early years in a dugout. Her childhood was not a lonely one-she



was surrounded by four brothers and three sisters. She grew up connect to the real things in life; home and family, food, church, and fun. Not a particularly social person, she focused on her family; First her brothers and sisters. Then her daughter. Later her grandchildren. She was a great cook. Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, and creamed carrots-just the mention of them made the mouths of her grandchildren water! She not only raised the chickens; she raised the potatoes and carrots in her garden. And when she went to the garden, she wore a bonnet- so precious that one of her grandsons has it in his possession today. She was a churchwoman! Every Sunday. And she made sure her flocks were part of that flock. She preferred her religion "traditional", as traditional and real and nourishing to the soul as the chicken and mashed potatoes and carrots were to her body. She found her place in church as her connection to heaven. She found her family as her connection to humanity. And she did it all with a kind of class that her grandchildren will never forget. To top it all off, as kind of icing on the cake, she was a "fun" person. A Dallas Cowboy Fan, she really loved to watch them play. Her grandkids said



that there were times when she would run the length of the room, replaying the pass that Roger Staubach had just thrown!!! The service ended with a grandson singing, "In the Garden". As he sang, we could see her their, bonnet and all, with the Lord. Only this time, He bid her "come", and together they walked "through the valley of the shadow of death", all the way home, to the place he had prepared for her. The Scripture says, "Blessed are the dead who die in the lord...Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors." And, so it is. For Eva. On Labor Day, 1997. In the Cator family plot in the Hansford County Cemetery, In the Panhandle of Texas.

Child of Allen Pierce and Eva Cator is:

+ 31 i. Betty Jo<sup>5</sup> Pierce, born December 19, PRIVATE in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX.

### Descendants of Betty Jo Pierce

1. **Betty Jo<sup>5</sup> Pierce** (Allen Mansel<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born December 19, PRIVATE in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX. She married **Preston (Pete) Vernon** November 09, 1946 in Spearman TX.

Notes Betty Jo Pierce: Johnny P and Betty Jo (Pierce) Vernon

I moved to Spearman with my mother, Lora Ellen Vernon in 1927. I was one year old. We made our home at 706 South Bernice St. I attended Spearman Public Schools, and I graduated in 1943. Upon graduation, I enlisted in the Navy where I served three years on the U.S.S. Silversides Submarine. I was discharged from the navy in 1946. I came home and on Nov 9 1946, I married Betty Jo Pierce. We attended West Texas State University for one year. We then moved back to Spearman and our first daughter Johnny Jo, was born on July 9 PRIVATE. I was a carpenter and I built a home for our family at 804 S Bernice. Four years later our second daughter, Bonnie Bernice was born on July 31, PRIVATE. I continued carpentering until January 1955, and became the Veterans County Service Officer. Soon after taking the job, our first son, Scott Preston, was born on April 28 PRIVATE. In 1957 I became Justice of the Peace along with my Veterans Job. On Sept 8 PRIVATE, our fourth child, a girl, Connie Lou was born. We built a new home at 712 S Bernice where we now live.( Editors note: The Vernon's moved to Winters



Texas in 1995 where they retired and bought a very nice ranch south of town. They also run JP Enterprises in Winters, selling produce, nursery items, and BBQ Sandwiches. ) Three years later, our fifth child, Tracy Dow was born on Nov 26, PRIVATE. Johnny Jo graduated from Spearman High and attended West Texas State University. She graduated in 1970 with an Elementary Education Degree. She married Greg W Roach, and they have three children: Greg age nine born Oct 31, PRIVATE., Chris age five born June 16 PRIVATE; and Courtney, age one born Aug 26, PRIVATE. Their home is in Huffman, TX. Bonnie Bernice graduated from Spearman High in 1969, and attended West Texas State. She graduated in 1973 with a Speech and Hearing Therapist degree. She now teaches in the Jacento City Elementary School, and lives in Houston TX. Scott Preston graduated from Spearman High in 1973, and attended Texas Tech University. He graduated in 1976, and is now teaching Drama and Speech at Ball High School in Galveston, TX. Connie Lou graduated from Spearman High in May 1979. She entered West TX State University in June 1979. Tracy Dow will be a sophomore in Spearman High School. When he



graduates from High School he hopes to attend Texas A & M University. By Johnny P Vernon from: Hansford County History Vol. 1 page 294

Children of Betty Pierce and Preston Vernon are:

- + 2 i. Johnny Jo<sup>6</sup> Vernon, born July 09, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
- + 3 ii. Bonnie Bernice Vernon, born July 31, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
- + 4 iii. Scott Preston Vernon, born April 28, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
- + 5 iv. Connie Lou Vernon, born September 08, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
- + 6 v. Tracy Dowell Vernon, born November 26, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.

## Generation No. 2

2. **Johnny Jo<sup>6</sup> Vernon** (Betty Jo<sup>5</sup> Pierce, Allen Mansel<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born July 09, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. She married **(1) Robert (Bob) Phillips**. She married **(2) Donald Whitmore Roach**.

Children of Johnny Vernon and Donald Roach are:

- 7 i. Christopher Lynn<sup>7</sup> Roach, born June 16, PRIVATE in Friendswood, Galveston Co., TX.
- 8 ii. Courtney Lynn Roach, born August 26, PRIVATE in Houston, Harris Co., TX.
- 9 iii. Gregg Roach, born October 31, PRIVATE.

3. **Bonnie Bernice<sup>6</sup> Vernon** (Betty Jo<sup>5</sup> Pierce, Allen Mansel<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born July 31, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. She married **Jackson**.

Child of Bonnie Vernon and Jackson is:

10 i. Amanda Jo<sup>7</sup> Jackson, born July 01, PRIVATE.

**4. Scott Preston<sup>6</sup> Vernon** (Betty Jo<sup>5</sup> Pierce, Allen Mansel<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born April 28, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. He married **Molly McCalley**.

Children of Scott Vernon and Molly McCalley are:

11 i. August<sup>7</sup> Vernon.

12 ii. Austin Vernon.

**6. Connie Lou<sup>6</sup> Vernon** (Betty Jo<sup>5</sup> Pierce, Allen Mansel<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born September 08, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. She married **Jimmy Bridges**.

Children of Connie Vernon and Jimmy Bridges are:

- 13 i. Blake<sup>7</sup> Bridges, born April 20, PRIVATE in Odessa, Ector Co., TX.
- 14 ii. Brady Bridges, born June 08, PRIVATE in Odessa, Ector Co., TX.
- 15 iii. Bailey Bridges, born September 09, PRIVATE in Odessa, Ector Co., TX.

**6. Tracy Dowell<sup>6</sup> Vernon** (Betty Jo<sup>5</sup> Pierce, Allen Mansel<sup>4</sup>, Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born November 26, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. He married **Regina**.

Child of Tracy Vernon and Regina is:

- 16 i. Samantha (Mandy)<sup>7</sup> Vernon, born January 08, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.

## Descendents of Susan Pierce

(3<sup>rd</sup> generation of Andrew Jackson Pierce)

**Susan (Susie)<sup>4</sup> Pierce** (Lorenzo D (L.D.)<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Jackson<sup>2</sup>, Reuben<sup>1</sup>) was born June 17, 1904 in Cleburne, Johnson Co., TX, and died December 08, 1978 in Amarillo Potter Co., TX buried Memorial Park Amarillo TX. She married **(1) Henry (Mutt) Dacus** February 1924 in Amarillo TX, son of Ira Dacus and Susie Parrish. She married **(2) Cleston Allen** December 1966. Notes for Susan Susie Pierce Dacus Allen and Henry (Mutt) Family History a Poem

My mother was born in a covered wagon  
Enroute from Missouri to Texas land  
A baby among siblings  
In an ox-drawn caravan.  
The year was 1867  
The State was Arkansas





A family of young pioneers  
Bound for the Washita.  
A sturdy home in a meadow  
With springs of water at hand  
Soon the family prospered  
As they began to till the land.

They passed many graves on the roadside  
In the journey to their new home  
They rejoiced that it had not been their lot  
To be left on the roadside alone.

Life went well for a few years  
Till the father fell ill and low  
The buried him by the riverside  
In the and they had come to know.



Three months later the wife and mother  
Was laid to rest beside him there  
A family of young orphans  
Was left for friends to care.

A dove came in through the window  
And perched on the head of her bed  
(just before the wife and mother was lain to rest)  
She called her children around her  
To tell them about heaven, when dead.

MEMORIAL TO SUSIE Pierce DACUS ALLEN AND HENRY (Mutt) (Ira) Frank  
Dacus and his wife, Susie Parrish Dacus were early residents of Hansford. They  
came from Alpine. Texas. He had heard of good land here, so traded his farm in  
Alpine for land near Old Hansford. Here he farmed for awhile. He was often called

"Mustang Dacus" because of his ability to capture and tame wild horses. He knew Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid. He felt he had a shrewd trader. One of the stories concerning Frank was on in which he, loving to trade, traded the stove on which Susie was preparing a meal. She calmly moved her food to an outside location, lit a campfire and continued cooking the family's meal. He had traded the stove for a horse. Frank's father, John, fought on the side of the Confederate Army. John never swore allegiance to the USA after that war. It took him two years to get to Boone County Arkansas because he walked home from the north. He could have ridden on the train in a box car had he sworn the oath of the Yankee. Susie Parrish Dacus came to Texas in her early childhood. She loved the outdoors and was a hardy, rugged, individualist. She lived 96 years. Frank and Susie's children are: Lena (McCrary), Winnie Pierce( Allen), Della Dacus, Leo Dacus and Henry (Mutt) Dacus. They moved to their farm near old Hansford around 1910. When the railroad missed Old Hansford. Frank promptly traded his farm for the first hotel in Spearman. (This hotel has a Texas Historical plaque on it). It was a place of fun as

the teenagers of Spearman congregated in the Dacus kitchen. Many yarns are still being told with this hotel as the setting. Some of these teenagers were Chip Martin, Frank Dillow, Eva Cator, Hazel Lowe and Susie Pierce. This was 1920. Old Hansford Cemetery is a place where one can find the names of the pioneers (dates, births, and deaths), along with many of their descendants. L.D. Pierce, Sr. and Ora Pierce are buried there. L.D. was the brother of Rhoda Pierce Wilbanks. They were born in Cherokee County Georgia before the Civil War. After Shaman's "March to the Sea," when the Pierce home in Georgia was decimated, the family decided to move to Texas. At first they settled in Johnson County before moving to Hansford County in 1908. They loved the land for farming and Hansford County was virgin soil.

Before moving to Hansford, L.D. Pierce, Sr., married Aqua Ora Finley. They produced L.D, Jr., Allen, Clem, George, Sally, Visa, Felix and Susan (Susie)...who were at one time residents of Hansford County. Rhoda Pierce married Manny Wilbanks and they also produced many residents of Spearman and Hansford County. My mother, Susie Pierce loved Hansford County, it's history and its people. Her family's first

home in Hansford County was a half dug-out. They were one of the first families to put up barbed wire fences to the annoyance of the ranchers. They were nesters and loved the land to farm. Susie often described the prairie country. She said that for miles you could see only the grasses of the prairie, no fences. Many of her poems published in "Prairie Profiles," were her memories of childhood and Hansford. A volume of these poems are in Hansford County Library for all residents to share. LD Pierce, her nephew was the Editor of this poetry book, working on the book while he was in College at Texas Tech University. Susie Pierce married Henry Dacus in Feb 1924. Henry Dacus died June 10 1963. They had two children. Mary Lee and Patsy Ruth Dacus who grew up in Spearman during the Depression years, both having been born in the 1920's. Susie married Cleston Allen in December of 1966. I Mary Lee Dacus Crew can remember the fun of the Spearman Schools, the dust storms and being poor. Henry Dacus was a long time employee of R W Morton, Ford Dealer of Spearman. I remember the Fords of the 1930's very well, and those of the WWII years. I can remember the thrill of being one of the first to see the new Fords each

year. Another thrill I experienced was the Day that Lindbergh landed at Spearman. My father came to school to get my sister and I see to see this historic event. R W Morton's gas pump was used to supply Lindbergh with fuel to get airborne again. Just think--Lindbergh had found Hansford County Also. I Graduated from Spearman High School in 1942 and went on to college, and in my senior year there I met and married a Yankee from New York June 1 1945. He was a handsome Air Corps Pilot stationed at Amarillo Field during WW II. Patsy Dacus married George Adamachak. Their son was George Patrick. He married Jo Helen Godby of Dumas. They produced a son John Ray Adamchak in PRIVATE. Mary Lee Dacus Crew and William L Crew produced Mava Johann in PRIVATE. Mava married Daniel C Riehle in Deep Park Washington in 1974. The have 2 children: Peter William born May 4, PRIVATE, and Jeramiah Daniel Born Nov 18 PRIVATE. They will probably never know the prairie of Hansford County, except through their great grandmother's poems. "Prairie Looking Glass" "Prairie Sunset" Hog Killing Time" all printed in her book "Prairie Profiles"

They may visit Old Hansford Cemetery as I have and try to dream up images of their ancestors, Pioneers of Hansford County. They will not find Susie Parrish Dacus nor Ira Frank Dacus for they are buried in another prairie Cemetery in the town of Portales NM.

Susie Pierce Dacus Allen and Henry Dacus are buried in Memorial Park Amarillo, Texas, along with their daughter Patsy Ruth Adamchak, and their grandson George Patrick Adamchak---the prairie for them. By Mary Lee Dacus Crew from: Hansford County History book Vol. 1 1973 pg. 315

### **Children of Susan Pierce and Henry Dacus are:**

- + 32 i. Patsy Ruth<sup>5</sup> Dacus, born December 08, 1924 in Panhandle, Carson Co., TX; died January 29, 1950 in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX.
- + 33 ii. Mary Lee Dacus, born March 21, PRIVATE in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX.

## Descendants of Patsy Ruth Dacus

### Generation No. 1

1. **Patsy Ruth<sup>3</sup> Dacus** (Henry (Mutt)<sup>2</sup>, Ira Frank<sup>1</sup>) was born December 08, 1924 in Panhandle, Carson Co., TX, and died January 29, 1950 in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX. She married **George Adamachak** Sept. 1948 in Amarillo TX.

Child of Patsy Dacus and George Adamachak is:

- + 2 i. George Patrick<sup>4</sup> Adamachak, born December 16, PRIVATE in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX; died December 1978 in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX.



## Generation No. 2

3. **George Patrick<sup>4</sup> Adamachak** (Patsy Ruth<sup>3</sup> Dacus, Henry (Mutt)<sup>2</sup>, Ira Frank<sup>1</sup>) was born December 16, PRIVATE in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX, and died December 1978 in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX. He married **Helen Godby** in Dumas TX.

Child of George Adamachak and Helen Godby is:

- 3 i. John Ray<sup>5</sup> Adamachak, born July PRIVATE in Dumas, Moore Co., TX.