

Descendents of Susan Pierce

(3rd generation of Andrew Jackson Pierce)

Susan (Susie)⁴ Pierce (Lorenzo D (L.D.)³, Andrew Jackson², Reuben¹) 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 WWI I 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 Ruth⁵ 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 Ruth³ Dacus** (Henry (Mutt)², Ira Frank¹) 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 Patrick⁴ Adamachak, born December 16, PRIVATE in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX; died December 1978 in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX.

Generation No. 2

3. **George Patrick⁴ Adamachak** (Patsy Ruth³ Dacus, Henry (Mutt)², Ira Frank¹) 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 Ray⁵ Adamachak, born July PRIVATE in Dumas, Moore Co., TX.

Descendants of Mary Lee Dacus

Generation No. 1

1. **Mary Lee³ Dacus** (Henry (Mutt)², Ira Frank¹) was born March 21, PRIVATE in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX. She married **William L Crew** June 01, 1945.

Child of Mary Dacus and William Crew is:

+ 2 i. Mava Joann⁴ Crew, born January 14, PRIVATE in Utica, Oneida Co., NY.

Generation No. 2

2. **Mava Joann⁴ Crew** (Mary Lee³ Dacus, Henry (Mutt)², Ira Frank¹) was born January 14, PRIVATE in Utica, Oneida Co., NY. She married **Daniel C Riehle** September 15, 1974.

Children of Mava Crew and Daniel Riehle are:

3 i. Peter William⁵ Riehle, born May 04, PRIVATE in WA.

4 ii. Jeremiah Daniel Riehle, born November 18, PRIVATE in WA.

5 iii. Nathan Riehle, born July 20, PRIVATE in WA.