

Wilbanks Genealogy
Pierces & Wilbanks At "Goatneck on The Brazos"
Johnson County, Texas SC GA TX

The Descendents of Captain Andrew Jackson Pierce
Descendents of his Daughter
Rhoda Pierce & A.M. Wilbanks

Please note no other descendants of AJ Pierce are included in this book
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Dedication:

I want to dedicate this book to the memory of two persons: The first is my Grandfather Lorenzo Dowell Pierce (LD Pierce) who died in 1971 when I was a junior in High school. He was a great "old" man and quite a character, and remembered the times in Texas before automobiles. He lived with us in his old age, and I shared a room with him, and my parents JL and Juanita Pierce took care of him till he died. The second person I want to dedicate this book to is my mother Juanita Faus Pierce. She passed away in August 1995 of cancer. She inspired me to write. She was a history nut and devoted a lot of time to hosting family reunions, and keeping track of her large family. She urged me to start looking into the Pierce genealogy as early as 1985 but I could not get interested. That too bad because if I had started when she wanted I could have gotten much information from Dee Peterson of "GoatNeck on the Brazos". He passed away in 1990. My search still has uncovered much info about the PierceFamily as presented here.

Thanks to Eddie Force of Russelville Arkansas for making this book possible. If I had not found him and his prior research on the Internet. I probably would not have continued this project. Finding him meant there was more to my family history than I knew. He encouraged me to continue my research.

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Intro/preface March 01, 1999

Hello Pierce relatives! Here is the second edition of my Pierce Genealogy book. What a 3 ½ year “whirlwind of knowledge collecting” this has been. I have my deceased mother Juanita Pierce to blame. She is the one who set me on this quest to gather the Pierce history and genealogy prior to her death from cancer in Aug 1995. She had worked periodically on her Faus family tree since 1954, and had hosted many family reunions for that family. It became apparent to me after her death that no one was going to tackle this project, so I bought a computer and began my searching. (I also have a FAUS genealogy book available)

We knew nothing about the Pierces except what was in the Hansford County History Book. My great Uncle Allen Pierce, lots of times, mentioned “Olla Dell”, but I really never knew who she was until I found Eddie Force, one of her great nephews, while searching on the internet in 1995 (with my first computer). I do remember Uncle Allen saying that Ola Della was descended from the only other line of Pierce relatives that he knew of. Eddie Force had already been researching the family tree for 13 years, when I contacted him,

but did not know anything about LD or Rhoda Pierce's descendents and little about his own family's tree. He had been to Spearman, TX and actually met Uncle Allen in person. He had done an immense amount of research, (which myself and a few other cousins are continuing) concerning the Brothers and Sisters of Andrew Jackson Pierce, and his father Rueben Pierce born 1768 in the Old 96 District, Edgefield District, South Carolina.

Oct 21 1998 I received the written permission from the Hansford County Historical Society to reprint the Pierce and Wilbanks and other family biographies contained in their two books History of Hansford County Vol. 1 and 2. I have received permission on Oct 8 1998, from Molly Mimms, the author and copyright holder of the Johnson County History Book, to reprint Biographies and other information from her book. I want to thank both of these organizations for their cooperation in making this a more readable book, than it would have otherwise have been!

All the information concerning the descendents of LD Pierce Sr. and Jr., and much of the Rhoda Pierce Wilbanks info is of my own information and knowledge of my own family. I have received no response in requesting information from the descendents of George Taylor Pierce, of the Alice Texas area. He was my grandfather's brother. I only have the

basic outline of their tree. 10-29-98 I have finally got most of their addresses and mailed them information and family group sheets today. Nov 24 1998 Received Info from Luther Dowell Pierce of Robstown TX. (yes another LD Pierce!)

Also new is the almost complete workup of the descendants of Rhoda Ann Pierce and Allen Mansel Wilbanks.(and their biographies) I want to thank Sally Dawn Davis (saldavis7@aol.com) of Dension TX and Margaret Evans of Spearman, TX for all the information they have provided. I have not had much luck in getting Wibanks mailing address for the possible reunion in 1999 or 2000.

I have also included James Madison Conn as the husband of Nancy E Pierce, "Jacks" daughter. I am now positive that this is the correct family and that the Nancy Pierce and Abercrombie line in KS is not part of Andrew Jackson Pierce's family. Nov 15 I have now received some of the basic Conn lines from Jimmie Conn in Lawton, OK. She states: "your information on our family is very interesting—I remember my Grandma Conn talking about "Peg Leg Pierce" enclosed is the family tree of my father" She has sent the line of Andrew Jackson Conn and Mattie L Garvin Conn. January 18, 1999 Received info today on the brothers and sisters of James Madison, and some info about his father, from Beth

Sauceman of GA. March 25, 1999 I have heard from Connie Hunt Springerville AZ who appears to be descended from another of Nancy's children

Also new is the complete family tree of Visa Pierce Compton. She was AJ Pierce's granddaughter by LD Pierce Sr. Thanks to Arland Phelps of Vero Beach FL for providing this information. In examining our exchange of information Arland has found that some of his Phelps Cousins, married into the family of H L (Hix) Wilbanks, former Sheriff of Hansford County, TX. Jan 18 1999, have now received addresses of descendants of Jerry Bowling. Also new is the completed descendants of George Washington Pierce (Eddie's gggrandfather). Lester Jones is the elder of this family and he and his wife Clarice have provided me with this information. He is 84 in bad health and living with his wife in Wichita Falls TX. He attended the Goat Neck Reunion last month--I would have gone but I did not hear about it. Information on Bertha Tule Force was provided by Eddie Force of Russellville, (eforce@cswnet.com). He also did most of the original research on the father, brothers and sisters of Andrew J. Pierce.

It is with sadness that in 1996 I finally found the one person who could have told us ALL ABOUT ALL THE PIERCES ON THE BRAZOS, AND THEIR RANCH AND ALL. This was Dee Peterson of Goat Neck. He passed away in 1990. He was 100 years old. He was born in the same age as LD Pierce Sr. (Peg Leg) and was neighbor and friend with the

Pierces. He spent 25 years as foreman of the Clem Pierce Ranch. His father was one of the other settlers in the 1860s, and they spent their entire lives living next door to the Pierce Ranch. Lester Jones talked with Dee Peterson in the 1980's and Dee gave him a tour of the old home place and told him many stories. The Ormsby Ranch is in the area and they still have Ormsby's living in Goat Neck but they are of our generation and though they can still tell a few stories about Peg Leg Pierce, most of the info has been forgotten and lost.

Need Help---Any Info on Fanny Pierce or Elizabeth Pierce daughters of Andrew Jackson Pierce Sr. (Also Andrew Jackson Pierce Jr.)

Please send comments and corrections as you may have them.

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Journal LD Pierce Oct 15 1998

"The Joel J Pierce Mystery and Nolan's Expedition"

Last Week while searching for genealogy information in Cleburne TX I finally got a chance to browse the book "It Took Their Kind" by W.E. "Jack" Carlton of Cleburne TX. I had spoken to Mr. Carlton in 1996 while out in Cleburne selling door chimes and, also doing some poking around in the Leyland Museum for additional genealogy stuff on my Pierce family tree. I was trying to find additional information about the Pierce Ranch at GoatNeck and Mr. Carlton had a paper back book about history of the area. When I called him he had some additional information to supply about a certain Pierce who had joined the Nolan Expedition. This person was Joel J (Joseph) Pierce. More about Nolan: "Born in Ireland first came to Texas and established residence at Nacogdoches in 1791. When killed was a resident of Natchez, Miss. Killed near Blanco River (present Day Nolan River), March 21, 1801 by the Spaniards. Was buried here by his Negro slaves Caesar and Robert. Nolan's death aroused a wave of indignation that led to the Independence of Texas through Texas in the 1800-1801.

" All of these prisoners perished in Mexican prisons by 1818 after long and cruel punishment., One of them Joel J Pierce was allowed to Correspond with the world outside and his correspondence revealed many circumstances of importance. His letters to relatives in SC described Nolan's journey through the lower part of what is today Johnson County TX. It provided an excellent description of what was to enable his relatives far away to acquire the present day Pierce homestead familiar to so many in the county today. As late as 1965 the family held firmly to the belief that Joel and Francis Pierce were buried under the selfsame oak that rises about the resting place of Nolan, and this plot is recognized as the "old Pierce burial ground" situated near the Blanco River, now named the Nolan" page 20

From the Book "It Took Their Kind" by: WE Jack Carlton Cleburne TX
"... That many of his family would traverse the many hundreds of miles from the upper Carolinas to Johnson County, settle there, and found a famous ranch known to this day...(The Clem Pierce Ranch)" same book above page 5

I wrote Mr. Carlton Oct 13 1998 as follows: Hi Jack I finally got over to the Cleburne TX Library the other day and got to browse through your Book "It Took Their Kind". I assume the ranch you refer to on page 20 and 52 is the Pierce Ranch at GoatNeck? Do you have any other info on how the Pierces gathered this ranch. In the Johnson County History book it states that Clem Pierce had as much as 6500 acres of land. I have heard from Relatives Lester Jones that part of the Pierce Ranch was not sold but leased for 99 years and the descendants of Clem Pierce had been to Cleburne in 1998. This has not been verified. We are interested in contacting these Pierces for genealogy and history reasons (obviously!). I plan to call the tax collector of Johnson County today possibly.

With whom was Joel J Pierce corresponding with in Carolina?? North or South??(Person City and State County?) Any other info on Francis Pierce?? Who were the Pierces you visited with when you write "as late as 1965" in talking about the old Pierce burial ground.

Any and all help you could give would be greatly appreciated. I am almost done with the descendants of Capt. Andrew Jackson Pierce if you want a copy. Clem Pierce and his brother LD Pierce (my great great grandfather) were his sons. Thanks LD Pierce

Mr. Carlton returned my call and was unable at this time to send copies of several documents we discussed. He was ill with chronic inflammation and going to Doctors, and his mother was in the Hospital with a hip replacement. We did spend over 2 hours discussing his findings, which will occupy two whole chapters of a new book (Sequel to the first) that is in the final stages of editing. In 1954 he became interested in the Nolan Expedition, and in investigating the details of this expedition, became familiar with Joel J. Pierce and wife Francis Roye, after locating the burial

ground of Nolan Himself. His research turned up some letters from Rev. Ray Kurkendall of Silver City NM, one dated Aug 4 1949, and the other 1965.

The letters were to Maureen Wilson, a historian, and student at the University of Texas, Austin, who wrote her Thesis on the exploration of the Hill (Johnson County) area on the Brazos River from present day Waco TX to North of Cleburne. He wrote her searching for information (genealogy related) about his father Joe Pierce and Grandfather Joseph (Joel) Pierce. His search led him to locate some living relative (unknown to us now) who lived in the Blum Whitney area who had information about the whereabouts that these Pierces were buried. This cousin led him to the oak tree at the river crossing of the Blanco River (now the Nolan) where supposedly Nolan himself was buried. This cousin stated that Joel Joseph himself, and his wife were buried on the other side of the oak tree from Nolan's grave.

This letter also writes of Kurkendall's discovery that Joseph Pierce was ½ Cherokee and migrated from Mississippi to East Texas Henderson County when the Cherokees were relocated there. His letters also mention the names of Hugh Pierce

and Aquilla Carruthers Pierce. More info will follow later in the year when Jack Carlton can get me a copy of these letters.

Kurkendall's concern for the preservation of Nolan's grave, and the graves of his ancestors led to a couple of newspaper articles: one Jan 8 1988 in the Cleburne Eagle News, and the 2nd in the Fort Worth Star Telegram in 1941.

The 2nd letter concerned Raymond McDearmon, who was a very good friend and colleague of the past chairman of the Historical Commission of Johnson County, Mrs. Tommie Kimbro, wife of Dr. Robert W Kimbro of Rio Vista. Mr. McDearman had a ten-year assignment from the State Hwy Dept concerning highway markers, and it he who eventually got the historical marker placed at Nolan's grave.

Other documents (from the Univ. of TX and from Mexico) that Kurkendall use as source documents (which were in Spanish and had been obtained with the help of Mrs. Kimbro who was Spanish with Mexican Heritage) stated info about the settlement of the Pierce Ranch itself. Information here stated in 1841 the "Pierce wagon train with over 103 persons, including slaves left Kemper County Mississippi,

and Migrated to Rusk, Henderson County, and then to Hill County (Now Johnson County). In searching the county North of Waco on the Brazos, when crossing Mustang Creek, Mr. Pierce, found two natural springs." Mr. Pierce exclaimed " these springs are what I have been looking for" in that this area fit the exact descriptions that were written by Joe Joseph Pierce from the Mexican Prisons. It was his detailed descriptions and maps that had led his Pierce family to migrate to the present Day Johnson County and Hill County areas. The Pierce Ranch eventually stretched from near present day Blum-Whitney, all the way up the Brazos River, past Cleburne, encompassing some ten square miles of land. (7,400 acres) Oct 27 1998 Lester Jones the eldest descendent of the Andrew Jackson Pierce family states that the ranch was as much as ten sections. His mother inherited part of it. Per Lester the Clem Pierce Ranch House was on Ham Creek.

Jack Carlton has indicated that Maureen Teresa Wilson of Austin has even more information contained in her master's Thesis at the University of Texas. It is possible that Kurkendall descendents of Rev Kurkendall in Silver Springs are in

possession of his original research documents. He was a doctor and a Reverend and I feel sure he had quite a genealogy collection. I am going to begin trying to contact his descendents soon. I am also going to try to contact this Mrs. Kimbro former chairman of the Johnson County Historical Commission. (I have since found that she is deceased)

It looks like I will have several more years of searching and locating some of these documents and sources to track down how the Pierces obtained the 6,500 acre ranch. I also hope this info will lead to finding out who are the mother and father or brothers and sister of Rueben Pierce—our Andrew Jackson Pierces father. Mr. Carlton's new book has two chapters on these matters.

Oct 28 1998 Journal I have info from Wanda Ruby (granwan@aol.com) who lives in Mississippi. "I am very interested in the wagon train. My grandmothers's Uncle Henry Hart wrote articles for the Terrell, TX newspaper. That is where I got my lead on the Hart and Pierce line. He said they came from Kemper Co. MS on a wagon train with over a hundred people. You are the first person I have heard of who had

info on it. I would love to have any information that you have about the wagon train." "LD can you clarify these Pierces for me and the Frances buried under the tree. I was thinking Frances DeLoach but she was too young to be there when Nolan was. Maybe you can straighten me out. There are too many Joseph. Joel, and Joe's.:" " My sister is very confused. She read Rhea Kurkendall's papers where he said Joseph and Frances Deloach were buried under the tree. Of course she knew they were married in Alabama and not in Texas at that time. I told her to read your info and forget the other. I know yours will be correct when published? Am I not right??" " I believe his papers are in Dallas or Fort Worth. Will ask my sister. I never heard of him till she sent me copies. Will get back to you" "My sister said the Kurkendall papers are at the FW Library...in the genealogy Dept. you have to ask for them...." So now I have my future research path set out for me!! **LD Pierce**

Journal Nov 14, 1998

I received more information today from Wanda Ruby in Hernanado Mississippi. I knew she was going to send some copies of Ray Kurkendall's papers but lo and behold the first document was from my great Uncle Clem Pierce to Ray Kurkendall. (Clem was my grandfather's brother) He writes:

"My fathers name was LD Pierce, he and his brother Clem lived in Cleburne TX. He died in 1907. (Spearman TX cemetery shows death of 1923) He was a cousin of "Dave and Quill" Pierce (Here Ray Kurkendall wrote in "the latter was my grandfather--R.K" meaning Quill. He was born in GA and came to McClennan Co when he was just a boy. They moved to Johnson County on the Brazos across from Bosque County. The Pierce Heirs still own the place---Uncle Clem's Bunch.I have four brothers: LD, George, Allen & Felix. LD is in Spearman, TX, also Allen. George lives at Dalhart, TX. Felix our baby brother is in the army at Cheyenne, Wyoming. "

"He was 24 years old last Dec. 16. I am 43, born in Johnson County. I am the oldest boy in our family, also two sisters. PA had lots of brothers. Their names were George, John, Clem, & Andrew. My grandfather's name was Andrew Jackson Pierce. My father-in-law, I.F. Dacus used to know your folks in Hill County. He died here at home the 3rd of Jan. I expect Dave Mosley knows more about my folks than I do. Best Regards, Signed Clem Pierce Arch New Mexico Jan 22 1937"

So here is the link I have been looking for in my **Joel J Pierce Mystery**. **QUILL** Pierce was Rhea Kurkendall's grandfather. David Pierce was sheriff of Johnson County 1855. **Clem says they were cousins**. I have sent copies of Wanda's material to Dan Pierce in CA, Dorman Thomas in Arlington, TX, and Carol Behringer of Houston, TX. All are much more highly trained genealogists than I am and soon we will get to the bottom of this mystery. As time permits I will begin processing some of Kurkendall's information to insert in this journal. Dec 9 1998 Found info today in GA that indicates that Dave Mosley's mother was a Pierce (Calhoun Co. GA)

THE MAIN POINT TO ALL THESE FINDINGS : IF THIS LETTER IS PROVED TO BE CORRECT OUR FAMILY IS RELATED IN SOME WAY TO THE DESCENDENTS OF HUGH PIERCE BORN FREDRICKSBERG VA 1749 HE WAS A REV WAR SOLDIER. RHEA KURKENDALL WAS DESCENDED FROM HIS SON GEORGE WASHINGTON PIERCE BORN SC AROUND THE TIME THAT REUBEN PIERCE WAS BORN IN 1768. WANDA RUBY OF MISSISSIPPI IS ALSO DESCENDED FROM THIS FAMILY. **LD Pierce**

Father and Brothers/Sisters of Andrew Jackson Pierce

Reuben¹ Pierce was born **About 1768 in SC, and died Aft. 1850 in Hall Co., GA.** He married **LaVisa (Lavicia,Vicy)** in South Carolina, They attended Hightower Church located two miles south of where AJ, Wilson, and Reuben Pierce lived.

ORIGINAL RESEARCH BY EDDIE FORCE ATTRIBUTED SEVERAL OTHER CHILDREN TO REUBEN PIERCE. NOW WE FEEL IT IS PROBABLE THAT THEY ARE DESCENDED FROM AN "UNKNOWN" JAMES H PIERCE SR. FOR THE TIME BEING WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE RESEARCH ORIGINATING WITH DORMAN THOMAS AND DAN PIERCE, THAT REUBEN PIERCE IS THE PROBABLE FATHER OF ANDREW J PIERCE AND WILSON PIERCE, AND SAMPSON PIERCE.

Children of Reuben Pierce and Louise are:

- 1 i **Sampson Pierce**, born 1805 in SC; died November 11, 1886 in Lumpkin Co., GA, buried in Wahoo Cemetery, Lumpkin Co, GA. He married Rachel.
- 2 ii. **Wilson Pierce**, born 1813 in GA.. He married Nancy Barton October 27, 1835 Hall GA
- 3 iii. **Andrew Jackson Pierce**, born July 16, 1815 in Hall Co., GA; died May 20, 1892 in Johnson Co., TX. He married Nancy Abercrombie July 02, 1837 in Lumpkin, GA Cherokee GA. AJ Pierce and wife both buried In the Pierce Cemetery. Pierce Ranch, GoatNeck on Brazos, Johnson Co., TX

Descendants of Andrew Jackson Pierce

1. **Andrew Jackson² Pierce (Jack)** (Reuben¹) was born July 16, 1815 in Hall Co., GA, and died May 20, 1892 in Johnson Co., TX. He married **Nancy Emaline Abercrombie** July 02, 1837 in Lumpkin, GA Cherokee GA, daughter of John Abercrombie and Fannie Cavender. Abercrombie: Several different branches of the family are known. Among these are: Robert Abercrombie, born 1715 in Scotland, who came to the area now known as Orange County, North Carolina. He was the father of Charles and Robert Abercrombie, who migrated to Hancock County, Georgia and whose family later moved to Russell County, Alabama. Among their descendants was James Smither Abercrombie (1891-1975) the oilman of Houston, Texas. My grandfather LD always told me his grandmother was related to the Houston group.

Obituary of Andrew Jackson Pierce dated 24 May 1892 Johnson County Texas:

"Old Settler Dead. Capt. A. J. Pierce died at his home on Friday Last. His home nestled in the timber overlooking the Brazos. He was born in Hale (Hall) county, Georgia on the 16th of July 1815. His home was under the shade of mountains where

their peaks kiss his new home above. He was one who lived to love a friend, his friends. He feared no enemy. In 1851 Capt. Pierce went to California. He was there when the golden gates were opened to the outside world. He came to Johnson County in 1866. He selected his home where the bluff banks of the Brazos reminded him of his Native hills. He has gone to his grave. He leaves behind forty-five grand children and twenty great grand children. Two of his boys fell in battle, and sleep under the soil of their native state. His aged wife, who was before she took his name, Nancy C Abercrombie, lives to mourn his going. Their Children, C.A. Pierce, L.D. Pierce, Mrs. G.W. Pierce and Mrs. Roddie Wilbanks are here to mourn the loss of a father and friend. We write this only as a token of respect to him who is one of our mourned dead. May the youngest of his great grand children only live to emulate his example."

Another obituary reads, "Mr. A.J. Pierce died at his home May 20, and was buried in the family Cemetery, by the side of his former wife. He was born in Hall county, Georgia., July 15, 1815, and so was 77 years old. In 1866, after losing all his property, because of the war, He moved to Texas and settled in, what was then in the wild

west. He settled and improved the farm in Johnson county, in 1866 on which he died. In early life he married and he and his wife had born to them eleven children, five sons and six daughters. Three of their sons and six of their daughters are still living. There are of his descendents, forty-five grand children and twenty great grand children. Mr. Pierce was a member of the Baptist church. He loved his family and friends. He was bold and fearless in the expression of his opinion and never deceived anyone. He leaves a wife and many friends to mourn him. The family has the sympathy of this community, but the hope and trust sustains us that when life's parting comes, that beyond the fleeting dust the severed links are gathered home and God, in love and patient care, will reunite them over there."

These two obituaries contain at least one bit of conflicting information. The first names His wife as Nancy C Abercrombie and states she was living. The second states he was buried beside his former wife, but also states that he is survived by his wife. I believe he was married only once and this to Nancy Abercrombie.(This analysis furnished by my cousin Dorman Thomas of Arl, TX) Mrs. G. W. Pierce is listed as a

child, while in fact she would have been a daughter-in-law since G. W. was a son who survived until 1896. It is probably that Capt. Andrew Jackson Pierce "JACK" went to the California gold rush with his other brothers in the 1850's. We have no records of this except as is stated in the Obituary above.

Pre Robertson Colony and more Phillip Nolan Information

The Phillip Nolan Expedition. It was at this height of Spanish xenophobia regarding individuals from the newly independent Confederation of American States that the first Texas filibustering expedition from the east of historic note occurred in the period from 1791 to 1800 with disastrous results. Phillip Nolan, born in Belfast, Ireland in 1771 and a resident of Kentucky in 1789. Nolan was a student of James Wilkinson, a self-serving political and economic opportunist of the period with influential contacts at all levels of the governments of New Spain and the USA. Nolan was interested in the vast herds of horses that roamed Texas and filling the void for working ranch horses that existed in Louisiana with the growing cattle industry which itself had been exported from Texas. Nolan, who carried papers approved by the

highest levels of Texas officials, in his numerous trips to Texas between 1791 and 1799 in which he delivered several thousand head of Texas mustangs to buyers in the east became suspected of a spy for Wilkinson and his associates. Despite his awareness of the suspicions of both governor Manuel Gayoso de Lemos in Natchez, Governor Munoz of Texas and Commandant Nava, Nolan entered Texas in 1800 with 25 associates, crossed the Trinity River and built a corralling station for mustangs on the Brazos River. Governor Juan Bautista de Elguezabal authorized the commander Manuel Muzquiz at Nacogdoches to arrest Nolan and encountered Nolan and associates in Mar 1821 near Blum in current Hill County, Texas. In the confrontation that followed, a cannonball killed Nolan, and his men surrendered. Eight Nolan associates were forced to roll dice, the lowest number of which was to be executed for resisting the king's soldiers. A man named Ephraim Blackburn rolled a four and was hanged in Chihuahua in 1807. Joel J Pierce who was also imprisoned, died later in the Mexican prison from an unidentified illness.

From: Robertsons Colony in TX by Dr. Malcolm D. McLean I nternet

Early Settlements

UPPER COLONY (1831-1834). The former Nashville Colony area was referred to as the Upper Colony from 1831 to 1834, but during That period Austin & Williams failed to get a land commissioner appointed, so they did not issue a single land title to actual settlers However, they did sell permits to non-resident speculators to locate huge grants in that area. These grants, totaling 1,459,155 acres, later became involved in lawsuits and delayed the settling of Central Texas for many, many years. On May 22, 1834, the governor cancelled the Austin & William's contract, insofar as it affected the Nashville Colony, and awarded a new contract to Sterling Clack Robertson as empresario. After that the area was called Robertson's Colony.

(Austin & Williams did get a decree passed on May 18, 1835, returning the colony to them, but it turned out that the legislature did not have a constitutional quorum present when that decree was passed.) . From: Robertsons Colony in TX by Dr. Malcolm D. McLean Internet

ROBERTSON'S COLONY (1834-1835). The decree of May 22, 1834, awarding the colony to Robertson confirmed the boundaries as they had been defined in the Nashville Company's contract of October 15, 1827. Beginning at the point where the road from Béxar (San Antonio) to Nacogdoches, known as "the Upper Road," crossed the Navasota River, a line was to be run along that road on a westerly course, to the heights which divided the waters of the Brazos and Colorado Rivers; thence on a northwest course along that watershed to the northernmost headwaters of the San Andrés River (Little River), and from the said headwaters, northeast on a straight line, to the belt of oaks extending on the east side of the Brazos, north from the Hueco (Waco) Village, known as the "Monte Grande" ("Great Forest"), and in English as "the Cross Timbers," and from the point where that line intersected the Cross Timbers, on a southeast course along the heights between the Brazos and Trinity rivers, to the headwaters of the Navasota, and thence down the Navasota, on its righthand or west bank, to the point of beginning. That included all or part of the 17 counties listed above, under Leftwich's Grant, plus the 13 additional counties shown under the Nashville Colony, constituting an area 100 miles wide, beginning at the San Antonio- Nacogdoches Road and extending

northwest up the Brazos for 200 miles, centering around Waco. In that 1834 session of the legislature, Robertson was recognized as the empresario of the colony, and he was to introduce the rest of the 800 families into the colony before April 29, 1838. Each family that dedicated itself solely to farming was to receive one LABOR (177.1 acres) of land; those who also engaged in ranching were to receive an additional SITIO (1 league, or 4,428.4 acres). Single men were to receive 1/4 league (1,107.1 acres). For each 100 families introduced, Robertson was to receive 5 leagues and 5 labors (or a total of 23,027.5 acres) of premium lands. William H. Steele was appointed Land Commissioner of the Nashville (or Robertson) Colony on May 24, 1834, and he appointed John Goodloe Warren Pierson as Principal Surveyor, on September 17, 1834. The capital of the colony was laid out at the Falls of the Brazos (near present Marlin, Texas) and named Sarahville de Viesca: "Sarah" for Empresario Robertson's mother, Sarah (Maclin) Robertson, who had loaned him the money for the project, and "Viesca" for Agustín Viesca, the Mexican official who was presiding over the state legislature when it granted the contract to Robertson. All the Robertson Colony land grants were issued in Viesca, Texas.

The first land title was issued on October 20, 1834, but all the colonial land offices were closed, by the Provisional Government of Texas, on November 13, 1835, because of the outbreak of the Texas Revolution, thus preventing Robertson from completing the full quota of 800 families. However, according to a ruling handed down by the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, in December of 1847, Robertson was given credit for having introduced a total of 600 families. Following the Texas Revolution, the Robertson Colony area was broken up to form all or part of the thirty present-day Texas counties, which have been listed under Leftwich's Grant and the Nashville Colony.

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In 1865 after Sherman's March to the sea, the Pierces migrated to Hill County. They had originally settled some 20 miles north of present day Waco TX before moving to Bosque County (now Johnson County-used to be Hill County) to a crooked stretch of the river they named "[Goatneck](#)" near present day Cleburne, TX. Little is know of those early years.

I am researching the land titles to the Pierce Ranch to determine how they obtained land from the former Robertson's Colony. (the Robertson's Colony ceased to exist as a

colony when Mexico declared their independence in 1836) I had heard stories that Jack could stay gone years at a time and that Nancy Pierce drank, chewed tobacco, and cussed like a man. They built a log cabin on the Brazos. It was later stuccoed over heavily and was torn down by the current owners in 1997. The Johnson County Historical Society tried to have it saved, but it was beyond repair due to termite's etc. The Pierce cemetery is located on the adjoining land.

Johnson County was named for Middleton T. Johnson (1810-1866), native of South Carolina, for 7 terms an Alabama legislator, a leading Texan after 1840. Served in 9th Texas legislature; in Texas Rangers, Mexican War, Civil War. Settlement began under the auspices of Robertson's colony. In the 1840s the northern half of the county was included in the Peters colony and the southern half in the Mercer colony. The County created and organized 1854, from land earlier in counties of Ellis, Hill and Navarro. First county seat, Wardville, 1854-1856. Second was Buchanan, 1856-1867. Camp Henderson, at famous springs 3.5 miles southeast of Buchanan, a recruiting place in county during civil war, in 1867 it was made county seat and renamed in honor of a confederate general Patrick Cleburne. Had Wood Picnic grounds was used after the

1854 start of Camp Henderson (named for land-owner-townsite donor) for decisive public meetings. In 1867 Camp Henderson became the county seat. The men at 4th of July picnic here name town "Cleburne" for civil war commander of many local veterans. Located in an area of Johnson County's earliest settlement, Rio Vista was founded on the railroad in 1885. The townsite, which affords views of both Nolan River and Mustang Creek, was given the spanish name for "River View". Johnson county's second seat of government. (Wardville, just west of Nolan River, at U.S. 67, was first). Buchanan, named for president-elect of the United States, was founded in December 1856 on 60-acre townsite donated by John P. Bailey. A jail (first for the county) and office for the district clerk were built 1858. But lack of a reliable water supply hindered town's growth. Later resurvey of county lines showed necessity for a new site. In 1867, camp Henderson (renamed Cleburne, July 4, 1867) was chosen. Cemetery is only remaining trace of Old Buchanan townsite...from Texas Archives internet web site.

"The Brazos Valley was one of the first communities in part of what is now Johnson County. In the early 1850's a few settlers came to live among a few friendly Indians.

Geographically it is an area starting at the NE corner of GOATNECK Community (near the old Pierce Ranch)".....Johnson County History Book pg. 83

Old Cattle Trails: connection to the Chisholm Trail, since it connected with that famous route lying to the north. At Kimball crossing this trail entered Hill County Where drovers rested and reshod horses at Towash and Fort Graham, and then forded the Nolan River into Johnson county passing through the large ranch owned by Clem and LD Pierce (now known as present day GoatNeck). This community was also called Freeland, and was settled as early as 1856.

" There were several big Ranches in the area: Cameron, Pierce Willingham, Mertz, and others, with many more across the river in what is now Hood and Somervell Counties" from:...Johnson County History Book C406 about Freeland

Log House Memorials: by Vilola Block Johnson County History book page 257 "Two old log houses in the Freeland Community in western Johnson County are memorials to the sturdy pioneers who build them. Although both have been covered over in recent years it proves that this type of house was built to last. Southeast on the Brazos River is the old Jack "Uncle Jackie" Pierce log cabin, which was overlaid with stucco

in 1933 or 1934 (by the Peabody's who bought the ranch. Editor, LD Pierce) The bottomland between the house and the river was cleared for crops by Negro Slaves. A huge bluff on the river was walled up by the Negroes for their abode. (editors note: this bluff was bulldozed in 1996) Albert Crook's fathers once worked for Jack Pierce and the Crook Family lived here in this old house. He said the Negroes continued to live under the bluff long after the Civil War, and that it was no trouble to see where their cooking fires were built. Floods on the river finally undermined the bluff so completely that it caved off, and now there is no evidence left of the early home of the Negroes. Many of them are buried along with the Pierce family in the Cemetery north of the house. There is only one large rock tombstone in this Cemetery, which contains about 20 graves." Johnson Co. History Book

Pierce Cemetery

Pierce Cemetery Located at GoatNeck on the Brazos Johnson County TX (Cleburne)
Located at GoatNeck not far from Goatneck community center on private property owned by Dyer but Deeded to Pierce Heirs.

Surveyed June 1996 by LD Pierce, Dallas TX. eztone@swbell.net P O 141324 Dallas TX 75214. Write or email for directions to this cemetery.

Andrew Jackson Pierce (born 1815 Lumpkin GA) and his wife Nancy Emaline Abercrombie (Pierce) are buried in the Pierce family in the Cemetery north of the old Pierce log cabin (torn down in 1996). This part of the Old Pierce ranch with the Cemetery is now owned by Dyer but deeded to pierce heirs. The Cemetery is approximately one acre There is one very large tombstone marking AJ's and Nancy's graves. There is one other cement tombstone listing Jessie Pierce (Clem Pierce and Mollie Gordon's daughter) plus several flat native stone head and foot markers. They

are buried edgeways with no identification. The cemetery used to be completely fenced with Cast Iron, but it has been torn down. The cemetery was almost completely covered by overgrowth in 1996 but Lester Jones; the Elder of the Andrew Jackson Pierce descendents paid to have most of the growth cut down. A gravel company excavated a large hold in search of gravel within 15 feet of the graves and left the hole open. The company went bankrupt and the hole is still there. Floods have washed even closer to the Cemetery, and needs to be filled in or the entire Cemetery will wash out soon. There is only one large rock tombstone in this Cemetery, which contains about 20 graves. Viola Block noted historian of Johnson County TX states that many of AJ's and and Nancy's Negro slaves (freed) are also buried in the cemetery. Andrew Jackson Pierce died in 1892.

“Andrew Jackson Pierce moved to Texas in 1866 some twenty miles from Waco, and moved to Johnson County in 1869. Not legible...think it reads had six boys and six

girls. Both are buried in the old homestead Cemetery in Johnson County." From Wilbanks bible-from Margaret Evans Searman TX.

It seems that George Washington Pierce had migrated to the Brazos River area first, and Andrew Jackson, LD and Rhoda came in 1869. Lester Jones relates the story to me that: "George had come to TX after getting out of the Civil war, and he had gotten into a fight and knocked the man down, hitting his head on the corner of a porch and he died. He ran off to Texas to avoid charges. He later returned to face charges and was acquitted." Lester Jones heard from his mom that the family spent as much as one year in Little Rock AR on the journey to Hill and Johnson Counties.

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My researching has finally led me to locate Herbert E Blackstock, formerly of Johnson County now living in Pecos, TX. He is 86 years old. It was he that wrote many of the history and stories about the Pierces that appear in the Johnson County History Book. He remembered all the stories his dad used to tell him about the Pierces. You can never imagine his surprise when I call out of the blue one Sunday

morning and announced my name as "LD Pierce" he was quite surprised!! He grew up in the Cleburne and GoatNeck area, and his dad grew up there. He says they were living in GoatNeck before the Peterson's arrived. He thinks this was around 1860 same time as the Pierces arrived. His Uncle Frank Long was Sheriff of Johnson County. He remembered the story of LD Pierce's son who was killed and threw down in the water well. The family did not know anything about it till they notice the smell in the drinking water and found the body. They never found out anything about who killed that son or why he was killed. Herbert could not remember the son's name. Herbert recalls that the well is still there, and that it was covered by a huge flat rock with a hole in the center. A small stone wall had been built up around the well with the rock on top. The last time he was at the Pierce Ranch he could not find the rock and the well was all caved in. He recalls that the Pierces "came from Mississippi to Johnson County soon after the civil war" and that Clem Pierce owned much land before LD Pierce arrived. LD Pierce owned a huge tract of land that today is known as GoatNeck (all the land around the GoatNeck Community Center) LD Pierce came to

the land on the Brazos and his freed slaves traveled with him, and worked for him on the ranch. They were known with the last name Pierce also. He had heard there were as many as 20 freed slaves. LD Pierce built the old log house, which was described by both Herbert Blackstock and Mrs. Viola Block. Pierce Crossing on the Brazos River was close by the Old Log House. He recalls that the description of GoatNeck included land from Fishtrap Crossing to Bluff Mills and Bee Mountain and Back to the north crossing. Part of that area used to be in Hill and Bosque Counties. Herbert says he has an extra copy of the first edition of the Johnson County History Book, and will autograph it and give it to July 1999 at the GoatNeck Reunion. [Nov 1 1998](#)

Letter from Allen Pierce to Eddie Force May 1980

George Pierce died at Cisco Texas. He died when Ola Dell was a baby. I don't know what year it must have been between 1893 and 1895. I have not idea where Bertha was born. She married and her husband went through with most of her property. Uncle Clem Pierce went to Cisco to get the 3 girls & brought them to Johnson County TX, where he raised Olla Dell and Mattie. Bertha your Grandmother lived with her

uncle LD (Lorenzo Dowell). That was my dad. I have heard of the man's name that Ola married but I have forgot. Jack Pierce married Nancy Abercrombie. I don't know where she is buried, but I believe in Johnson Co. Jack Pierce died 1891 or 1892, he is buried close to his old farm in Johnson County TX. When the Pierces moved to Texas there was just Jack and Nancy's family. I will try to name the kids and don't know which was oldest. George and Clem came first. Then Grandmother and children, Rhoda Dad and LD. Uncle George's first wife Mollie (this is in error Mollie was Clem's wife LDP Editor) and cousins came later. Aunt Jane the oldest girl married and stayed in GA. The Pierces settled on the Brazos River 20 miles NW from Waco TX. They stayed there 3 years then went to Johnson County TX. Uncle George Moved to Cisco, TX. I am not much help-I know-but the older Pierces were rough and had to be. Signed--Allen Pierce

Children of Andrew Jackson Pierce and Nancy E. Abercrombie

John R. Pierce born 1838 Lumpkin , GA; died 1863-1864 R Road Montgomery.Md. Nancy J Wimpey.

George Washington Pierce, born January 01, 1841 in Lumpkin Co., GA; died September 30, 1896 in Cisco, TX (Eastland County) at 55 years of age. Buried Oakwood Cemetery. He married Nora I. Daniels bf. 1889

Clemeth Pierce was born 1842 in Lumpkin, Co., GA. Died 1907 Johnson CO, TX
He married (1) Altha White. He married (2) Mollie Gordon, October 26, 1875.

Elizabeth Pierce, born 1844 in Lumpkin Co., GA. No other information available.

Andrew J Pierce, born August 07, 1847 in Lumpkin Co., GA;

Vicatians M. Pierce, born 1851 in Lumpkin Co., GA. No Other Information found.

Nancy Emaline Pierce, born February 15, 1852 in Dahlonega, Lumpkin Co., GA; buried In Caty Cemetery She married James Madison Conn.

Lorenzo D (L.D.) Pierce, born January 26, 1856 in Cherokee Co., GA Near Rome GA; died 1923 in Spearman, TX. He married (1) Aqua Ora Finley. He married (2) Susanna Pluckett.

Fanny Pierce, born 1858 in Cherokee Co., GA. No other information available.

Rhoda Ann (Roddie) Pierce, born April 19, 1862 in Cherokee Co., GA (Rome??); died November 25, 1941 in Spearman,Hansford Co., TX. She married Allen Mansel (Mannie) Wilbanks May 24, 1877.

Descendants of Rhoda Ann (Roddie) Pierce

(2nd Generation of Andrew Jackson Pierce)

1. **Rhoda Ann (Roddie)³ Pierce** (Andrew Jackson², Reuben¹) was born April 19, 1862 in Cherokee Co., GA (Rome??), and died November 25, 1941 in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. She married **Allen Mansel (Mannie) Wilbanks** May 24, 1877 in Johnson Co. TX at the Pierce Ranch Homestead, son of Hiram Wilbanks and Permelia Hale. Notes for Rhoda Ann (Roddie) Pierce: Gravestone Marker states death as Jan 25 1941 not Nov 25 1941 More About Rhoda Ann (Roddie) Pierce: Buriedford Cemetery, Hansford Co., TX.

Wilbanks Gardner: By Gail G Hazlewood Johnson County History book.

Allen Mansel Wilbanks son of Hiram, was born in 1858. Although a very small boy he served as a lookout for the Indians during the War Between the States. The older youths and men were away at war and the community was in a constant fear of Indian Raids. He married Rhoda Pierce, who had come to Johnson County from Georgia at age three by covered wagon. In 1902 Allen and his family of eight

children, including two married sons, moved to Hansford County in the Texas Panhandle travelling by wagon for sixteen days. One son Andrew Jackson Wilbanks, had married Dove Oaks of Hood County. The other son, Allen Mansel, jr., had married Ophelia Ewing of Johnson County. Allen had a contract to drill forty water wells on the XIT ranch and had purchased four sections of land in Hansford County for two dollars an acre. This land is being cultivated by his Descendants today. Allen's two brothers, Ernest, Married to the former Eva Mae Burran, of Johnson County, and Floyd, married to the former Susan Bowden, also of Johnson County, traveled to the Panhandle and settled on adjoining land. Another brother Arthur Died in Hansford County in 1908. He never married. Thomas Calvin Hazlewood, an active businessman of Cleburne, TX is the great grandson of Allen Mansel Wilbanks. Mary and Calvin Hazelwood of Fort Worth TX are his parents. His grandfather was Howell L (Hix) Wilbanks who was born in Johnson County in 1886. Hix was a pioneer farmer and rancher and was Sheriff-Tax Collector of Hansford County for twenty years. Note on death date: Gravestone death date and death date in Hansford

County History book differ. (date here is from gravestone until I can obtain copy of death certificate.) LD Pierce editor 1998.

A M and Rhoda Pierce Wilbanks Story:

In 1877 Manny and Rhoda Wilbanks were married in Cleburne TX where they made their home and were farmers. Nine children were born to the couple. A desire to move west for better land and brighter opportunities, the Wilbanks family moved to Hansford County in 1902. Packing their belongings in some two covered wagons, a buggy and a surrey, the family joined some thirty-five families from Fort Worth with the same desire. Arriving in Hansford County on may 2 1902, the family made their home on four adjoining sections which Manny Wilbanks had purchased for \$200 each. Their first home was a dugout, which was quite small. Until their home was built, some of the family slept in covered wagons at night; while the kitchen table was made into a pallet for the two small girls. Mr. Wilbanks broke his sod and planted his crops, as well as fenced his land, to make preparations for his first crop. Aside from farming and ranching Mr. Wilbanks also drilled water wells. He was assisted by his

son Edgar who continued to drill wells throughout his life. Many of the first water wells in the county were drilled by Manny Wilbanks and his son Edgar. They also drilled many of the wells on the XIT Ranch. The early pioneer days brought service of a telephone service atop a barbed wire fence. Many hardships were encountered by the family. One of the biggest was getting to market and back. The closest market and railroad was Channing, and the eighty-mile trip would take three days to make, while another day was needed to buy supplies. Many times the men were unable to make the trip, and Rhoda Wilbanks, and the two small girls would go by themselves. They would camp out on the prairie and cook out on a campfire during the six day trip. The children who had not completed their education at Cleburne, attended the school of Happy Jack. The Wilbanks home was often the center for parties, and several members of the family were musically talented. Many dances and socials were held in their home. Some of the younger children attended school at Goodwell, Oklahoma. The family attended the Church of Christ

Memorial: from Hansford County History Vol. 1 1980 page 325 author not listed
Partial History of the Wilbanks family: Allen M Wilbanks a retired rancher with homes in Spearman TX Hansford County, was born on the frontier of Tennessee, and has spent most of his life among the advance guard of settlers, having come up into the Panhandle of Texas (July 17 1902) a quarter of a century ago. He was born Dec 15 1858, son of Hiram and Fanny Hale Wilbanks, the former a native of Tennessee, and the latter of Georgia. They were married in Rusk County Texas where Hiram settled before the Civil War. He was a Confederate Soldier under Capt. Jack Hart. He had ten sons and three daughters. Allen M Wilbanks grew up on a frontier farm in Johnson County Texas in an area known as GoatNeck. He was about three years old when the War broke out and the family lived in a time of general alarm caused by Indian raids. When he was five or six years old he was put to the task of herding cattle. Some years later a large party of Indians surrounded the Wilbanks home and he was sent away on a pony by his mother to secure help, returning with two men and a local preacher who used a stratagem to scare the Indians away. Mr. Wilbanks

attended an old log cabin school with split log benches. Beyond this he gained his real education by experience after leaving school. He worked for a salary for several years, and the first money he earned was ten dollars paid him for breaking sixty acres of land for his father. This money he used to buy a dress for his bride. On May 5 1877 at his father's home in Johnson County, Mr. Wilbanks married Rhoda Pierce, daughter of Jack Pierce and Nancy (Abercrombie) Pierce, natives of Georgia who moved to Texas when Rhoda Pierce was four years old. The father of Allen M Wilbanks (Hiram) died in Oklahoma and his mother died at the old homestead in Johnson County. A.M. remained with his father for a year after his marriage and then was given 160 acres of land, improved with a house, which his father built. There he lived and pursued farming and ranching until 1901 when he came up into the Texas Panhandle and settled Hansford County, buying four sections of land for eight hundred dollars. He increased his holdings from time to time as his boys married he gave each of them a section of land. He still owns a large acreage and has about 540 acres under cultivation. He also owns vacant and improved real estate in Spearman.

Early in 1927 the first strike of oil was made on his land. Mr. Wilbanks is a democrat but has never sought any public office. He is a member of the First Christian Church. More About Allen Mansel (Mannie) Wilbanks: buried in Hansford Cemetery, Hansford Co., TX

Children of Rhoda Pierce and Allen Wilbanks are:

- + 2 i. Andrew Jackson⁴ Wilbanks, born March 19, 1878 in Johnson Co., TX; died July 1943 in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX.
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- + 4 iii. Percy Fone Wilbanks, born February 17, 1881 in Johnson Co., TX.
- 5 iv. Stillborne Child Wilbanks, born January 21, 1883 in Johnson Co., TX; died January 21, 1883 in Johnson Co., TX.
- 6 v. Angie Wilbanks, born June 04, 1884 in Johnson Co., TX.

- + 7 vi. Howell Lorenzo (Hix) Wilbanks, born September 17, 1885 in Johnson Co., TX; died June 02, 1963 in Spearman TX, Hansford Co., TX.
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- + 9 viii. Edgar Napoleon Wilbanks, born March 11, 1889 in Johnson Co., TX; died February 19, 1955 in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX.
- + 10 ix. Samuel Theodore Wilbanks, born November 20, 1891 in Johnson Co., TX; died November 20, 1918 in killed during WW I
- + 11 x. Wanda O. Wilbanks, born January 09, 1895 in Johnson Co., TX; died April 09, 1977 in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX.
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Cleburne, "on the square" as most business buildings were designated as to location in the early years. In September 1915, A.J. Wilbanks and Emma Dove Oakes Lowe were married in Cleburne. A Young son, Fred Lowe, by a previous marriage of Emma Dove, and a you daughter, Flake, born before the passing of A.J. 's first wife, made up the newly merged family when they settled on Section 84 in Hansford County.

Water the source of life, was the primary concern of early settlers. A.J.'s brother, Ed, who also drilled water wells, had previously drilled a well on the section of land and also, build a house which he and his family lived in until A.J. brought his family to Hansford County. This house was lived in until 1967 when it was replaced by a new home. The farming business of the 1920's and 30's wasn't fondly remembered as a chore from the "good old days". It was an occupation of survival most of the time, hoping, and praying that the next year would bring the all time bumper crop. The breaking and planting of the land was done with horse drawn power for a number of years and it was not until 1926 that A.J. owned his first tractor and also the year that all of his wheat blew away. Wheat, oats, barley, and rye were the main grain crops. One season a good crop of rye was grown and upon picking up the mail A. J. found a letter with a tidy amount of money enclosed. The letter was brief and to the point: Leave so many bushels of rye at the mailbox that night. This business "venture" went on for a few weeks-always a note in the

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after his birth, and it was over a month before they were to see their baby. J.D.'s half-brother, Fred Lowe, made his home in Brownfield, TX, where he was engaged in the photography business until his death in 1946. He and his wife Ruth had three daughters. J.D.'s half-sister Flake Wilbanks Reed attended the Amarillo schools. She is married to Harry Reed, and they have four children.

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with a tidy amount of money enclosed. The letter was brief and to the point: Leave so many bushels of rye at the mailbox that night. This business "venture" went on for a few weeks-always a note in the mailbox for X number of bushels of rye, always with the payment enclosed. Borger was a "boom town" and the demand for good rye whiskey was probably hard to come by. When the railroad came to Hansford it bypassed the town of Old Hansford, and Spearman was the location the railroad would pass through. Some thought the county seat should be in the railroad town, so one night several of these civic-minded citizens moved all the records to the new town of Spearman. Even though everyone was accustomed to hard work, neighbors seemed to have time to visit more than our ultra modern world today. There were enjoyable socials at the Happy Jack School where not only the students but also the whole community participated in one-act plays. The boarding house experience came in handy for Emma Dove after moving to the panhandle, for there were harvest crews to cook for three meals a day. When rains came and the field hands couldn't work the kitchen duties still went on as usual. A garden, chickens, and pits were as important

as field crops in those days. One could not dash to the local grocery store and pick up fresh vegetable, an already dressed fryer, or a neatly wrapped pound of bacon. In spite of these never ending household duties, Emma Dove found time for creative realizations. The many quilts and pieces of crocheting she completed over the years are valued in the homes of a host of relatives. J.D. their son, was born in PRIVATE, a winter when the flue epidemic had spread nationwide. Both parents were stricken with the dreaded illness shortly after his birth, and it was over a month before they were to see their baby. J.D.'s half-brother, Fred Lowe, made his home in Brownfield TX, where he was engaged in the photography business until his death in 1946. He and his wife Ruth had three daughters. J.D.'s half-sister Flake Wilbanks Reed attended the Amarillo schools. She is married to Harry Reed, and they have four children

[Child of Andrew Wilbanks and Nettie Cameron is:](#)

- + 2 i. Flake⁵ Wilbanks, born February 16, 1920 in Canadian; died March 1985.

Child of Andrew Wilbanks and Emma Oaks is:

- 3 i. J. D.⁵ Wilbanks, born February 16, PRIVATE in Canadian. He married Ruby Jo Simmons January 03, 1942.

[J. D. Wilbanks Story:](#)

Section 84 in Hansford County has been home to JD Wilbanks since 1920 prior to being born in Canadian TX. This section of land along with three other sections of railroad land was purchased and homesteaded by A M Wilbanks and AJ Wilbanks, JD's grandfather, and father, paying the going price at the time (1906) of \$2.50 an acre. The real estate agent who sold this particular parcel of land didn't have an imposing brick office with comfortable chairs and appealing art on the walls. He had pitched a tent in the middle of the acreage, hobbled his horse, say and played his fiddle while waiting for a prospective buyer. The era of the early 1930's is remembered by many as the dust bowl days not only of the Panhandle but other surrounding states. Homes of that day weren't equipped with modern insulation, so the fine powder dirt could fill a house until he had to be literally scooped out. In

order to breathe without choking, wet sheets were stretched from foot to head of the beds and one would sleep in this manner.

Like other youngsters of the 30's, JD learned hard work at an early age. Farm machinery was a far cry from what we know it today. There were no easy riding tractors with enclosed cabs not to mention power steering, radio and air conditioning. JD remembers a fine link chain around his waist, which in turn was fastened to the choke of the cumbersome old international lug tractor. This chaining wasn't a means of punishment but one of precaution. If the lad fell asleep (and what 10-year-old wouldn't inch along the long field rows on a hot summer day) the chain around his waist would bring the tractor to a stop. Even though JD's dad was nearby on another tractor this was a preventative method to stop accidents. JD attended the Spearman Public Schools in both grade school and High school, and participated in athletic and academic activities. Throughout the years he has enjoyed a variety of hobbies, photography, leather craft, square dance calling and teaching, silver-smithing, interspersed with owning and operating a drive-in theater and a water well

drilling service for a number of years. JD is a past master of Hansford Masonic Lodge, and past District Grand Master of the 102nd Masonic District. He has some 6000 hours as a private pilot having owned five airplanes. And from the sublime to the ridiculous he has the steam engineers license in KS OK TX. The past few years he has been engaged in the restoration of antique farm machinery with some antique cars and players thrown in for good measure.

It wasn't all hard work though during the Depression. Once each year JD and his mother, Emma Dove (Oakes) Wilbanks went to visit his mother's relatives for a month in Bluff Dale TX. Trunks were packed several weeks in advance and on one of these memorable trips they almost missed the train. About a mile from town they could see the train pulling away from the Spearman Depot. At the break-neck speed of 35 mi. per hour, JD's dad cut some corners bouncing trunks and picnic baskets in the 1924 Dodge to overtake the "iron Horse" by the time it pulled into Waka TX. Soon after WW II was declared JD and Ruby Jo Simmons (From Ochiltree County) were married. J D enlisted in the US Air Force and was stationed at the Glider

School Base in Dalhart TX. Due to the illness of his father, JD received an honorable discharge to pursue the family farming interest.

JD's father died in 1943, and his mother died in 1958. His sister Flake (Wilbanks) Reed resides in Amarillo. In 1963 JD and Ruby Jo converted the family farm to irrigation farming, and a few years later the old family home was replaced with a new one where they now reside four miles east of Spearman. Ruby Jo Simmons Wilbanks from Hansford County History Vol. 1 pg. 301

The first drive-in theater North of the Canadian River was the Wagon Wheel Drive-in owned and operated by J.D. and Rubyjo Wilbanks. it was built in the winter of 1950 with only a three many labor crew....JD, Elmo Latham and Vester Smith. The theater had its first premiere Aril 7 1951 showing a Monogram Studio Production, "Blue Grass of Kentucky" in Technicolor of course!! Wilbanks and Latham were projectionists; RubyJo and Virginia Latham headed the concession building. Mrs. Emery Oakes was employed at the box-office and remained at this position for seven of the thirteen years the theater was in business. The Wagon Wheel was listed as

the first Drive-in Fly-in Theater. A plane could land on the Wilbanks private runway and taxi a short distance to the theater. Favorable publicity was publicized by an Oklahoma City film exchange, and Bob Hope mentioned the theater on one of his programs. Admission price was 50 cents; anyone under 12 years old was admitted free. In a few years adult admission soared to the exorbitant price of 75 cents. There were some for a time who thought this raise of price was outrageous. In the Concession prices included: cold drinks 10 cents and 20 cents, or a gallon for 50 cents; coffee ten cents; Bar B Q sandwiches fifty cents; hot dogs 30 cents; popcorn and candy bars ten cents; Shades of the Good Old Days!!!

Generation No. 2

2. **Flake⁵ Wilbanks** (Andrew Jackson⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born February 16, PRIVATE in Canadian, and died March 1985. She married **Harry Reed** November 28, 1928 in Amarillo Potter Co., TX in the home of Baptist Minister JC Sizemore. Notes for Flake Wilbanks:

Harry and Flake (Wilbanks) Reed

Harry Reed and I were married Nov 28 1928 by JC Sizemore, Baptist minister, in his home in Amarillo TX. Harry's parents are GA and Sarah Anna (Westfall) Reed. He had had one brother and five sisters, all now deceased. He was born in Sayre, Oklahoma, July 4 1909. His parents moved to Potter Couty in 1918. My parents were AJ and Nettie (Cameron) Wilbanks. They were born and raised south of Cleburne, TX in Johnson County. I was born there too. My mother died when I was fourteen months old, so I don't remember her. I lived with her parents until I started to school in Cleburne in 1913. My father married Emma Dove (Oakes) Lowe in 1915 in Cleburne, the moved to their homestead, Section 84, in Hansford County. They lived there until their deaths. He was a farmer and water well driller, and raised cattle.

Their son, JD was born Feb 29 PRIVATE, raised on the farm, graduated from Spearman High School, Same as I. He has many hobbies. He married Ruby Jo Simmons and they built themselves a beautiful home and still live on the old homestead. Our father A.J. Wilbanks built and patented a gate that cars could drive through slowly. That was when cars had running boards. It would scratch the car sides now. He built the gate in front of our house and there was always someone driving through it to try it out. I walked a mile a half every day to a country school called "Happy Jack". It was originally a one room dug out, but later they built a big white room building. The sign on the front proclaimed it to be the "Wilbanks School District #5". It was moved to the Spearman school grounds when Old Hansford moved in to become the City of Spearman to meet the railroad in 1919. I worked nine years as an operator at the office of Western Union in Amarillo. My husband was a mechanic and service station owner at the time of our marriage. He now travels a thousand miles a week selling agricultural chemicals to airplane sprayers. His headquarter are Riverside Chemical Co. located in Plainview TX. Our son, George Allen

Reed, married Clydeen Allard and they live in Checotah, OK. She is secretary to the manager of FountainHead Lodge. George is a night auditor there and owns an upholstery shop. Their son Michael Wayne, lives in Albuquerque, NM, and is a cook, a mechanic, and a truck driver. Their other son, Brian Allen Reed and his wife Marie, live in Kilgore, TX. He works for an oil field supplier. Their daughter Stay Lynn Schultz, and son, Jason Live in West Covina, CA. She works for Ryder Truck Rentals. Our son, Carlos Eugene, married Marjorie Daughetee. They live in Hereford TX. Their daughter Kay lives in Lubbock. She is in charge of young folks, music and office for the Oakwood United Methodist Church. Their daughter, Kimberly Ann Lewis, and daughter Katy, live in Gruver with her husband David. Their son Steven Anthony Reed married Donna Robinson and lives in Dallas TX and works as an administrative assistant of the City of Dallas Municipal Court. Carlos and Marjorie owned and ran the "Reeds Shoe Store" in Spearman and Perryton a number of years. They sold it in March 1981, and moved to Hereford TX. He is the manager of J I Case Company there. Our daughter Tommie Ruth Turner, married Gene Turner, He is

a building contractor. They live in Lubbock, and she is a teacher of deaf children in the Lubbock Schools. Her son Marlowe Bently, by a former marriage, lives in Houston TX and is a Mechanical Engineer for Brown and Root, Inc. He received his degree from Texas Tech University in 1980. Her other son, Danny Bently, was killed Sept 9 1977, in a car wreck. Out other daughter, Carolyn Sue Draper, married Loyd Draper. He is chief engineer for the American National Bank in Amarillo, TX. She works as a secretary for the Lone Star Life Insurance Co. She has two children, Kevin, and Angelia. We have lived in our present home in Amarillo at Spring Street 1001 for forty-two years and have loved every minute of it. I am a member of the North Seminole Church of Christ. I love dolls and have over sixty. Many I have made, and I have been given several. Of course I buy the ones I especially like. I put them out on display every Christmas and leave them out for a month. Several people have come to take pictures of them. They are beautiful.

By Flake (Wilbanks) Reed from Hansford County History Vol. 1 page 206

Children of Flake Wilbanks and Harry Reed are:

- + 4 i. Carlos Eugene⁶ Reed.
- + 5 ii. George Allen Reed.
- + 6 iii. Tommie Ruth Reed.
- + 7 iv. Carolyn Sue Reed.

Generation No. 3

4. Carlos Eugene⁶ Reed (Flake⁵ Wilbanks, Andrew Jackson⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹). He married **Marjorie Daughetee**. Notes for Carlos Eugene Reed:

lived in Hereford TX in 1980

Children of Carlos Reed and Marjorie Daughetee are:

- 8 i. Kay⁷ Reed.
- + 9 ii. Kimberly Ann Reed.
- 10 iii. Steven Anthony Reed. He married Donna Robinson.

5. George Allen⁶ Reed (Flake⁵ Wilbanks, Andrew Jackson⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹). He married **Clydeen Allard**.

Children of George Reed and Clydeen Allard are:

11 i. Michael Wayne⁷ Reed.

+ 12 ii. Brian Allen Reed.

6. Tommie Ruth⁶ Reed (Flake⁵ Wilbanks, Andrew Jackson⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹). She married **(1) Gene Turner**. She married **(2) ?? Bently**.

Children of Tommie Reed and ?? Bently are:

13 i. Marlowe⁷ Bently.

14 ii. Danny Bently, died 1977 in Car Accident.

7. Carolyn Sue⁶ Reed (Flake⁵ Wilbanks, Andrew Jackson⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹). She married **Loyd Draper**.

Children of Carolyn Reed and Loyd Draper are:

15 i. Kevin⁷ Draper.

16 ii. Angelia Draper.

Generation No. 4

9. Kimberly Ann⁷ Reed (Carlos Eugene⁶, Flake⁵ Wilbanks, Andrew Jackson⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹). She married **David Lewis**.

Child of Kimberly Reed and David Lewis is:

17 i. Katy⁸ Lewis.

12. Brian Allen⁷ Reed (George Allen⁶, Flake⁵ Wilbanks, Andrew Jackson⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹). He married **Marie ??**.

Child of Brian Reed and Marie ?? is:

18 i. Nathan⁸ Reed.

Descendants of Percy Fone Wilbanks

Generation No. 1

1. Percy Fone⁴ Wilbanks (Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born February 17, 1881 in Johnson Co., TX. She married **(1) Fone**. She married **(2) J. B. Tower** September 10, 1910.

Children of Percy Wilbanks and J. Tower are:

- 2 i. Arnette⁵ Tower.
- + 3 ii. Rhoda Tower.
- + 4 iii. Colleen Tower.

Generation No. 2

3. Rhoda⁵ Tower (Percy Fone⁴ Wilbanks, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹). She married **Everette Overton** January 25, 1933 in Amarillo Potter Co., TX, son of Charles Overton and Ms Moore. Rhoda Tower Overton--Hansford County History Book Vol. 1

I came to Hansford County when I was 1 month old in February 1914, from Liberal Ks, where I was born. My parents JB Tower and Percy Wilbanks Tower were married September 10 1910. at Lipscombe TX. My father, a farmer, and house and sign painter, and artist, came from Boston Mass. My Mother was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Mansel Wilbanks and was born in Cleburne Johnson County TX. My Wilbanks family was farmers, and left Johnson County to come to Hansford County because of good farmland available. They came by covered wagon. My oldest sister was Arnette Ruth Tower, and lived only 22 months. I have a sister who lives in Strathmore, Calif. She is Colleen Tower (Busby,Martin) and her husband Chester Martin were owners and operators of the San Jacinto Beauty School in Amarillo for Many years. Colleen had one daughter Melva Busby-Martin. Melva Married Gary Moore and had four children. I graduated from Spearman High School and attended San Jacinto Beauty College in Amarillo. I am a hairdresser, have been for 36 years at the Stylist Beauty Shop in Spearman. My first job was in Hansford County Courthouse researching the history of the county from its beginning. I compiled a

history of A. M Wilbanks and it was put in the Canyon Museum. I then worked at the Amarillo Army Airfield in the office and at Pantex, in the office before entering beauty school. While in Amarillo I met and married Everett Overton. We were married Jan 25 1933 and Being a Catholic he desired the marriage be solemnized in the church-so in March of that year we did so. Everetts parents were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overton. his grandfather Overton came from England. His maternal grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore. Everette was born in Eldorado Springs Missouri and attended school there. One of my fondest memories is of him taking me and our children back to Missouri to meet his family. It was a nice trip, and we saw beautiful country. Everette, an interior decorator, died in 1947. We had 2 children Larry Born July 4 PRIVATE, married Shirley Ruth Jackson. The have four children and live in Port Arthur TX. Our daughter Nancy was born Dec 20 PRIVATE and married NP Thompson. They have a son Steve and one daughter Cynthia, who married Tom Mauldin. Nancy and family live on a ranch near Utopia TX. I remember living in a one-half dugout, mother ironing with flat irons, and going to church every

Sunday at Black Schoolhouse in a buggy. I remember how terrible I thought it was when the beautiful school, moved from old Hansford burned. I hope I can continue to work as a hair-dresser and as an artist in this great county. I am a member of the Church of Christ as is all my family. By Rhoda Tower Overton Notes for Everette Overton: was an interior decorator by profession

Children of Rhoda Tower and Everette Overton are:

- + 5 i. Larry⁶ Overton, born July 04, PRIVATE.
- + 6 ii. Nancy Overton, born December 20, PRIVATE.

4. Colleen⁵ Tower (Pearcy Fone⁴ Wilbanks, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹). She married **(1) Melvin Busbee**. She married **(2) Chester Martin**. She married **(3) ?? Dutton**. Notes for Colleen Tower: lived in Strathmore California. She and her husband Chester Martin were the owners and operators of the San Jacinto Beauty College in Amarillo for many years.

Child of Colleen Tower and Melvin Busbee is:

- + 7 i. Melva⁶ Busbee.

Generation No. 3

5. Larry⁶ Overton (Rhoda⁵ Tower, Percy Fone⁴ Wilbanks, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born July 04, PRIVATE. He married **Shirley Ruth Jackson** in all children born in Port Arthur TX.

Children of Larry Overton and Shirley Jackson are:

8 i. Jody E⁷ Overton.

9 ii. Penny Ruth Overton.

10 iii. Brando Overton.

11 iv. Rachel Elaine Overton.

6. Nancy⁶ Overton (Rhoda⁵ Tower, Percy Fone⁴ Wilbanks, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born December 20, PRIVATE. She married **N P Thompson**.

Children of Nancy Overton and N Thompson are:

12 i. Cynthia⁷ Thompson. She married Tom Maupin.

13 ii. Steve Thompson.

7. **Melva⁶ Busbee** (Colleen⁵ Tower, Percy Fone⁴ Wilbanks, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹). She married **Gary Moore**.

Children of Melva Busbee and Gary Moore are:

14 i. Teresa⁷ Moore.

15 ii. Marla Moore.

16 iii. Debra Moore.

17 iv. Janet Moore.

Descendants of Howell Lorenzo (Hix) Wilbanks

Generation No. 1

1. **Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴ Wilbanks** (Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born September 17, 1885 in Johnson Co., TX, and died June 02, 1963 in Spearman TX, Hansford Co., TX. He married **Trixie Evans Winn** October 10, 1908 in Rev Wilson's dugout parsonage 5 miles SE of Old Hansford. She was the daughter of Young Ewing and Alice Evans.

Hix L and Trixy Winn Wilbanks Story From Hansford County History Vol. 1 p. 275
In Johnson County, Texas, on September 17 1885, H.L. (Hix) Wilbanks was born to Allen Mansel and Rhoda Pierce Wilbanks. His wife Trixy Winn, was born Feb 26 1883 at Rich Hill in Bates County Missouri. She was the oldest of six children. She trained to be a teacher in the Schools of Warrensburg, Missouri. Upon completion of her education she came to Hansford County to teach school. She taught at the Happy Jack and Micou Schools, and stayed with the Sanders family. In 1902, at the age of sixteen, Hix left Johnson County TX with his parents, four brothers, and

three sisters and traveled to Hansford County TX. His father Manney Wilbanks had purchased previously four sections of land in Hansford County for \$200 a section. They arrived May 2nd. the father, AM (Manney) Wilbanks, had a contract with the XI T Ranch to drill forty water wells. It was against the rules for a schoolteacher to be married. Hix and Trixy decided to elope and keep their marriage a secret. The Rev. Wilson performed the ceremony. He could not wait to tell of the marriage. The morning following the wedding, when Mrs. Wilbanks arrived at the schoolhouse, her students had written the good news on the blackboard. However, she was allowed to continue teaching. The wedding had taken place in a dugout parsonage near the town of Old Hansford, Oct 11 1908. Later purchased the section of land where the dugout was located, attaching a sentimental value to the site. Their first home was on land adjoining his parents, which they had purchased for six dollars an acre from a woman in Kansas City. When they could not make their payment, they tried to return the land to the former, but never having been to Texas, she considered the land worthless, and refused the return of the land. Hix and Trixie managed to pay back

the loan and received a clear title to the land. He was elected Sheriff of Hansford County in 1918. The family moved to the town of Old Hansford the County Seat. In 1920 many families including the Wilbanks, moved their houses to the new town of Spearman where the railroad was located. Hix farmed and ranched, but he also served as Sheriff and Tax assessor and collector for twenty years, serving the terms from 1919 to 1922 and 1928 to 1945. Known as the "Sheriff who never wore a gun", Hix would often say that he kept one around where it was handy in case he needed it. During his first three years in office he never made an arrest. He would not go out to look for an accused or guilty party. He would just send word to the party to come by his office and the party would drop by and see him. When elected sheriff there were only 135 votes in the county. While the depression and dust bowl days were devastating the residents, Mr. Wilbanks would investigate the drought-burdened farms in the county. the farmers could receive help to keep their land and belongings. Pioneers recall that Sheriff Wilbanks never found a farm that he could not he could not approve for a loan. In April of 1941, Hix tracked down Orrin J Brown

of Lookout, Calif., from a shoe label. He was brought back to Hansford County where he faced murder with malice for the hammer slaying of a 40 year old woman. Mrs. Leota Murphy, of Marian, Indiana, was the woman whose body was found on a country road some seven miles west of Gruver TX. In 1936 Hix and Trixie moved to their farm to the southeast of Spearman. They built a ranch-style home in 1950. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1958. On Nov 25 1959, Hix and Trixy were involved in a car accident, which took Trixy's life. Hix recovered and lived on the homeplace until his death on June 2 1963. They were active members of the First Christian Church. Trixy was a charter member of the church. They had four daughters and one foster son. Mary married Calvin Hazelwood and resides in Fort Worth Texas. One of the twin daughters, Beth, married Ray Phelps and resides in Spearman; the other twin daughter, Ruth, married Joe Dan Bryan, and they reside on the Hix Wilbanks Homeplace. The younger daughter Julia, married Randolph Billingsley, and they reside in Lubbock. Hix and Trixy have three granddaughters,

and nine grandsons. Their foster son, Marcus Larson married Rita Jo Kiker, and they have three children, and they reside in Spearman TX.

[Hix L and Trixy Winn Wilbanks Story](#) Hansford County Hist Vol. II

In Johnson County, Texas on September 17, 1885, H.L. (HIX) Wilbanks was born to Allen Mansel and Rhoda Pierce Wilbanks. His wife Trixy Winn, was born February 26, 1883 at Rich Hill in Bates County, Missouri, to Young Ewing and Georgia Alice Evans Winn. She was the oldest of six children. She trained to be a teacher in the school of Warrensburg, Missouri. Upon completion of her education, she came to Hansford County to teach school. She taught at the Happy Jack and the Micou Schools, and stayed with the Sanders family. In 1902, at the age of sixteen, Hix left Johnson County with his parents, four brothers, and three sisters, and traveled to Hansford County. His father had previously purchased four sections of land in Hansford County for two hundred dollars a section. They arrived May 2nd. The father, A.M. Wilbanks, and some of the boys had a contract with the X.I.T. Ranch to drill forty water wells. It was against the rules for a school teacher to be married. Hix and

Trixy decided to elope and keep their marriage a secret. The Reverend Wilson performed the ceremony. He could not wait to tell of the marriage. The morning following the wedding, when Mrs. Wilbanks arrived at the schoolhouse, her students had written the good news on the blackboard. However, she was allowed to continue teaching. The wedding had taken place in a dugout parsonage near the town of Old Hansford, October 11, 1908. Hix purchased the section of land where the dugout was located, attaching much sentimental value to the site. Their first home was one land adjoining his parents, which they had purchased for six dollars an acre from a woman in Kansas City. When they could not make their payment, they tried to return the land to the former owner, but never having been to Texas, she considered the land worthless and refused it. Hix and Mrs. Wilbanks managed to pay back the loan and received a clear title to the land. He was elected Sheriff of Hansford County in 1918. The family moved to the town of Old Hansford, the county seat. Hix Wilbanks is buried in Hansford Cemetery, TX

Children of Howell L"HIX" Wilbanks and Trixie Winn are:

- + 2 i. Mary⁵ Wilbanks, born August 12, 1913.
- + 3 ii. Beth Louise Wilbanks, born March 24, PRIVATE.
- + 4 iii. Ruth Lucille Wilbanks, born March 24, PRIVATE in Hansford County.
- + 5 iv. Julia Wilbanks, born May 20, PRIVATE in Dalhart TX.
- + 6 v. Marcus Larson, Foster child.

Generation No. 2

2. **Mary⁵ Wilbanks** (Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born August 12, 1913. She married **Calvin Hazelwood** September 26, 1937 in HL Hix Wilbanks home Spearman TX, son of G Hazelwood.

Notes for Mary Wilbanks: Calvin and Mary Wilbanks Hazelwood Calvin and Mary Hazelwood were married Sept 26 1937 at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. H.L. (Hix) Wilbanks, near Spearman. Mary Hazelwood, formerly Mary Wilbanks, was born and reared in Hansford County, beginning school in Hansford and graduating from Spearman High School. Calvin's parents were Mr. and Mrs. GW Hazelwood of Mineral

Wells TX. Hix and Trixy Wilbanks, with their small daughter, made their home in the loft of the barn while their first home was being built on the farm, which was the "homeplace" until their deaths. It is now the home of their daughter, Ruth Bryan and her husband Joe Dan Bryan. Although Mary cannot remember the incident, she often heard the tale of the time a great prairie fire was raging near their home. Her father plowed a fireguard around the house, leaving her mother there, and went off to help his neighbors fight the fire. Although the fire came near it did not reach their home. Childhood was neither dull nor lonely for the twenty-seven grandchildren of Manney and Rhoda (Pierce) Wilbanks. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, made life full and interesting. The Wilbanks' family moved to Hansford when Hix was elected Sheriff in 1920 and they moved to the new town of Spearman. One of the most exciting early experiences was going with the family to the home of the school Superintendent W.A. Clark JR, and listening to one of the first radios in Spearman. Reception was not outstanding. One night on May 123 when the schoolhouse burned, Hix shot his pistol to waken his neighbors. The students and teachers loved "Uncle"

Jimmy Kelly, the school janitor. The Wilbanks Children went often to the grocery store owned by Mr. W.L. Bill Russell. He was perhaps the only merchant in history who would let a child have 25 cents or more in an "emergency" and put it on the family "bill". Social life centered on family groups in the 1920's. The families of A F Barkley, RW Morton, HE James, and Hix Wilbanks, had picnics, social activities and overnight camping trips. The celebrations at Adobe Walls, site of an Indian Battle, was attended by many Spearman families. Many spent the night. On Christmas Eve the entire community had a program and visit from Santa Claus at one of the churches. During Santa's visit Hix would go home and light the candles on the tree and return for the family. The sight of a real tree with lighted candles was breathtaking. Although the tree was freshly cut from the area around Hansford, it is a miracle it did not ignite and set fire to the whole town. Calvin Hazelwood has spent most of his adult life in the dairy manufacturing business in Dublin and Fort Worth TX. Mary was a homemaking teacher several years. Their present home is in Fort Worth. The children are Julianne Hazelwood Grieder, a medical illustrator at

the Ear Research Institute of LA California. Thomas Calvin, plant manager for Rangeaire Corporation in Cleburne; and Travis Wilbanks, controller for Vortt Exploration in Fort Worth TX. Two grandchildren, Matthew Calvin and Miranda Grieder, live in LA California. Mary's sisters, Ruth Bryan, and Beth Phelps live in Hansford County, and Julia Billingsley lives in Lubbock TX. Mary Wilbanks Hazelwood cherishes her Hansford County Heritage and wish to express her love and appreciation to all the family friends for their kindness and friendship these many years

By Mary Wilbanks Hazelwood from Hansford County History Vol. 1 pg. 167 printed 1980

[Children of Mary Wilbanks and Calvin Hazelwood](#) are:

- + 7 i. Thomas Calvin⁶ Hazelwood, born in Fort Worth, Tarrant Co.
- + 8 ii. Travis Hazelwood.
- + 9 iii. Julianne Hazelwood.

3. Beth Louise⁵ Wilbanks (Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born March 24, PRIVATE. She married **Raymond Lloyd Phelps** September 03, 1937 in the home of her parents Hix Wilbanks in Spearman TX. Notes for Beth Louise Wilbanks: Raymond Lloyd Phelps is the third of eight children born to Ewing W and Nettie Forman Phelps .He was born Aug 6 PRIVATE on a farm in the Oklahoma Panhandle. He attended a rural school until the age of twelve, when the family moved to a farm near Perryton TX. He attended school at Perryton and graduated in 1934. During the depression of the thirties jobs were scarce. Ray worked on pipeline construction and for his Uncle BJ Phelps, the Sinclair Oil dealer at Perryton. Beth Louise Wilbanks was one of four daughters born to Hix and Trixy (Winn) Wilbanks. She was born on a farm two and 1/2 miles southeast of Spearman TX. Beth has an identical twin sister Ruth Lucille Bryan. They are the middle children of the family. Her sisters are Julie Billingsley and Mary Hazelwood. Beth attended school at Spearman and Texas Tech in Lubbock TX. She met ray while they were both in High School. Four years later they were married in the home of her parents.

They were married Sept 3 1937. After a week's honeymoon in Colorado, they returned to Perryton where they lived until the early part of 1938 when they moved to Spearman. In Spearman, Ray worked for R E Lee Oil Company. Their son, Howell Ray, was born in Amarillo TX while they were living in Spearman. In April 1942 Ray and Beth moved their house to their farm two miles east and one mile south of Spearman. The land is one of the original sections that Beth's Grandfather A.M. Wilbanks bought when he came to Hansford County in a covered wagon in 1902. After Ray and Beth moved to the farm they remodeled the original house into a barn. The house was built of cottonwood lumber hauled from a lumber mill near the river. Their daughter Janice, was born in Amarillo TX. Janice Attended the Spearman schools and Texas Tech University. She now resides in Dallas TX. Howell attended the Spearman schools, and studied Electrical Engineering at Texas Tech. He and his wife Sandra Davis Phelps have two sons, David Ray and Howell Todd. Howell is and Electrical Engineer. He and his family live in Austin Texas. Ray and Beth built a new

home and moved back to Spearman in 1978. Ray and Beth are active members of the First Christian Church. Ray Farms and ranches

By Ray and Beth Phelps from: Hansford County History Vol. 1 pg. 230 (1980)

Children of Beth Wilbanks and Raymond Phelps are:

- + 10 i. Howell Ray⁶ Phelps, born July 11, PRIVATE in Amarillo Potter Co., TX.
- 11 ii. Janice Phelps, born 1941.

4. Ruth Lucille⁵ Wilbanks (Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born March 24, PRIVATE in Hansford County. She married **Joe Dan Bryan** October 16, 1938 in New Mexico.

Joe Dan and Ruth Wilbanks Bryan Story:

Joe Dan was born on a farm near Elk City, Ok to Daniel Boone and Jennie Vardell Bryan, May 26 PRIVATE. He has one sister Carrie Luzelle Beene. His father was a farmer near Elk City, OK. He later went back to school and became a pharmacist. He owned a drug store in Hart, TX, and one in Littlefield TX. Jo Dan graduated from Littlefield High School and received a degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock

TX. Ruth Lucille Wilbanks, was born on a farm 2 1/2 miles southeast of Spearman TX. One of four daughters of Hix and Trixy Winn Wilbanks, Ruth and Beth are identical twins. Her other sisters are Mary Hazlewood of Fort Worth, and Julia Billingsley of Lubbock. She has one foster brother, Marcus Larson, of Spearman. When Beth and Ruth were small, relatives and friends visiting the family would send them out of the room and then have them come back and try to tell them apart. They would also discuss which was prettier in the twin's presence. After graduating from Spearman High, Ruth received her degree from Texas Tech. Joe Dan and Ruth met and married while attending the University. Joe Dan worked for the National Youth Administration in Lubbock. When World War II was declared he was hired by the head of the office of Price Administration to help set up the rationing program for the state of Texas. The office was located in the capitol building in Austin. One man drove from Abilene to Austin thinking tires were kept in the basement of the capitol building. The office was transferred to Fort Worth, where the Bryan's lived until Joe Dan Enlisted in the Army. He served twenty-six months over seas, not returning

home until the end of the war. After a period of employment in Fort Worth, they moved with their two sons, Joe Michael, and Hugh Mansel, to the Wilbanks farm Southeast of Spearman, TX. Their third son James Ellis was born in PRIVATE. He was killed in a car accident while attending Texas Tech University in 1985. He had also worked at Lubbock State School there in Lubbock. The oldest son Joe Michael and his wife Dee Brunner Bryan and their two sons, Christopher Michael, and Timothy Daniel, reside in Houston TX where he is employed by Brown and Root. He received his master's degree from Texas Tech. Hugh Mansel and his wife Charlene Chambers Bryan reside in Tacoma Washington. He is an Army flying officer holding the rank of Captain and is stationed in Ft Lewis Washington. He received his degree from Tarleton Tech in Stephenville TX. Joe Dan is actively engaged in farming and ranching and he and Ruth are active members of the First Christian Church. By Ruth and Joe Dan Bryan from: Hansford County History Vol. 1 page 112 (1980)

Children of Ruth Wilbanks and Joe Bryan are:

- + 12 i. Joe Michael⁶ Bryan, born September 15, PRIVATE.
- 13 ii. Hugh Mansel Bryan. He married Betty Charlene Chambers July 11, 1975 in
First Christian Church Temple Texas
- 14 iii. James Ellis Bryan, born 1955; died 1985 in hit by car Lubbock

Hugh Mansel Bryan Family Story

Hugh Mansel Bryan was born in Fort Worth Texas. His parents were Joe Dan and Ruth Lucille Wilbanks Bryan. Joe Dan and Ruth met while they were students at Texas Tech University. Mansel's mother, Ruth was born on a farm southeast of Spearman, one of the four daughters of Hix and Trixy Wilbanks. Ruth and her sister Beth were identical Twins. Joe Dan grew up in Littlefield TX, and Mansel's paternal grandparents were Daniel Boone and Jennie Bryan.

After a short stay in Fort Worth, the family moved to a farm southeast of Spearman in 1949. Mansel attended Spearman Schools graduating in 1968. He then went on to Tarleton State where he obtained his Agriculture Ed Degree in Dec 1972.

He went on active duty in the Army as a Second Lieutenant in Jan, 1973, and was sent to Ft Eustis, VA to Transportation's Officer's Basic Course. In May 1973, he was sent to Ft Walters, Mineral Wells, TX for the beginning part of the flight school. In Oct 1973, he went to Ft. Rucker, AL for the completion of the rotary wing flight school. In February 1974, he was assigned to duty at Ft. Hood, TX, where he went through the AH-1 (Cobra) helicopter training. In August 1974 he was sent to Aviation's Maintenance At Ft Eustis, VA for four months. In Belton, TX, on Jan 1 1975, he met Betty Charlene Chambers who on July 11 1975, became his wife in the First Christian Church in Temple, TX. On Jan 6 1975, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. In Dec, 1975, Mansel received orders for a year tour in Korea with the CH-47 (Chinook) transition in route. They spent April and May 1976 in Ft Rucker for the CH-47 transition. In Aug 1976 Mansel went to Camp Humphreys, South Korea. Charlene joined him in Sept 1976 until June 1977. He was promoted to Captain in Jan 1977. Mansel came back to the USA in Aug 1977., and reported to the Transportation's Officer's Advance Course in Sept 1977 to May 1978. In June 1978,

the moved to Ft Lewis, WA, close to Tacoma and Seattle, where they purchased their first home in Spanaway, WA. They lived there for three years, even enduring the eruption of Mt. St. Helen's, the volcano, which was 60 miles from where they lived. Mansel left the army in 1981 to move back to Spearman to farm and ranch with his father. Charlene is a Teller/secretary for Interstate S & L, in Spearman.

The family are members of the First Christian Church in Spearman,. Mansel belongs to the Henry A Green Lodge #250 in Tacoma, and the Hansford Lodge #1040 in Spearman. Charlene is a member of the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce. She is the secretary. She is a member of the Spearman Chapter #721 Order of the Eastern Star, and the Spearman Music Club. They think that Hansford County is a nice warm and comfortable community with caring people in it. They hope to grow old still living in this area. By Hugh Mansel Bryan from: Hansford County History Vol. II , (1983)

1. **Julia⁵ Wilbanks** (Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born May 20, PRIVATE in Dalhart TX. She married **Randolph Billingsley** 1946 in Lubbock TX, son of Elliot Billingsley and Leona Wood.

[Julia Wilbanks Billingsley](#) :

The fourth daughter of Hix and Trixie Wilbanks was born May 20 PRIVATE in Dalhart TX. Since the first three girls were born at home, perhaps the fourth child, born in a hospital, would be a son. Such was not the case, but for the rest of his life Julia's father called her "Jo" Several years after Julia was born the Wilbanks family moved from Spearman to a house they built 2 1/2 miles to the southeast. Most of the family's activities centered around farm life, The First Christian Church, and school. It was a mile walk to catch the school bus. When it was time for piano lessons, the girls rode horseback double or triple to Mrs. Mear's. Mrs. Jess Womble, a patient and compassionate person, was Julia's first grade teacher. Mrs. Ruth Murphy (Mrs. Major Lackey), her fourth grade teacher, instilled a love for reading that continues until the present time. In the fourth grade, Elma Gunn, taught fractions by cutting an apple into pieces. Every year that Julia was promoted he was promoted, until she graduated from

High school, he was Superintendent. Being able to play basketball in High school, under the coaching of James Morris, influenced her major, physical education--in college. Hanging wet sheets over the windows, the Wilbanks family survived the dust bowl days. After years of crops blowing away, the family moved back to Spearman. Once Julia, Colleen Tower, and her parents left Spearman, to take the oldest daughter Mary to college. On their return trip a blizzard blew in covering the highway between Stinnett and Spearman. Mr. Wilbanks left the women in the car while he followed a fence line in search of help. Two hours later, Mrs. Wilbanks had almost given up hope, when her husband and a farmer returned with a team of horses. The farmer and his family took them in and spent they spent the next three days snowbound. A new litter of baby pigs had been born, so they were brought into the house to keep them from freezing. Due the kindness of this family, both the Wilbanks and the farm animals survived. Another childhood memory was her Dad Hix being Sheriff, who brought young offenders to their home instead of jail so they could have nourishing food and a warm bed. Julia attended Texas Tech and graduated with a BS Degree in 1941. She started her teaching career making \$69.00 a month, in Idalou TX. The School Board convinced her

to teach there promising that she would be married in a year. A single year later, and still single, she taught in Santa Rosa, NM. A year later still single she taught in Amarillo TX. A year later, still single, she accepted a position as supervisor for the Recreations Department in Lubbock TX. Success at last!! Julia married G. R. Billingsley in 1946. Randy is an Architect and Engineer in Lubbock, TX. They have three children, Bill, Gary, and Sharon, and have two grandsons, Jeremy and Andrew. Bill is working on his doctorate in Clinical Psychology. Gary is a communications Specialist. Sharon received her green from Texas Tech University in May 1979. By Julia Billingsley: from the Hansford County History Book Vol. 1 page 101

[Children of Julia Wilbanks and Randolph Billingsley are:](#)

- + 15 i. William Randolph⁶ Billingsley, born June 12, PRIVATE in Lubbock TX other source says born July 1 PRIVATE.
- + 16 ii. Gary Bryan Billingsley, born April 30, PRIVATE in Lubbock.
- + 17 iii. Sharon Billingsley, born January 04, PRIVATE in Lubbock TX.

6. Marcus⁵ Larson (Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴ Wilbanks, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹). He married **Jo Kiker**. Notes for Marcus Larson: Marcus, son of HE and Nellie Larson was born in Marshall Minnesota, one of five children; Lorraine, Edward, Harold and Anna Louise. the family moved to Texas in 1828, and then to Colorado and back to Texas in 1932 after the death of his mother. Marcus was raised by Hix and Trixy Wilbanks. Hix was instrumental in Marcus becoming a farmer and rancher. After graduating from Spearman High School in 1942, Marcus joined the Navy, and served four years. After WW II, he returned to Spearman and married Reda Jo Kiker, daughter of Dick and Addie Kiker, who owned a grocery store on Main Street. On Saturdays all the farmers and their families would come into town for weekly shopping and visiting. It was always a fun day. Jo was born and raised in Spearman. She and her sister Dickie, attended and graduated Spearman High School. After Marcus and Jo Married, they resided on Hix Wilbank's farm until they moved to town in 1957. Marcus farmed and drilled water wells.

Marcus drilled his own irrigation well on his land in 1954 and then it was full time farming. Marcus and Jo have three children; Michael Lee born in PRIVATE; Richard Charles Born in PRIVATE; and Marcia Jo, born in PRIVATE. All three children were raised in Spearman and graduated from Spearman High School. Mike attended West Texas State University. He married Rita Hollingsworth of Odessa TX, in 1973. They have two children William Lee, and Addie Amanda. They live in Amarillo TX where Mike is employed by the Amarillo Independent School District. Richard attended West Texas State and Stephen F Austin University in Nacodoches, where he graduated with a degree in Forestry. He married Pat Hanson of Dallas TX in 1973. They have a daughter Jennifer Elaine. They reside in Houston TX, where Richard is employed by Geochem of Houston. Marcia attended West Texas State University and Amarillo College. She was employed by northwest Texas hospital for two years. She married James E Wood of Lubbock in 1977. They now reside in Houston where both are employed by Tri-Air of Houston.

By Jo Kiker Larson from: Hansford County History Vol. 1 page 198

Children of Marcus Larson and Jo Kiker are:

- + 18 i. Michael Lee⁶ Larson, born PRIVATE.
- + 19 ii. Richard Charles Larson, born PRIVATE.
- 20 iii. Marcia Jo Larson, born PRIVATE. She married James E Wood 1977.

Generation No. 3

7. **Thomas Calvin⁶ Hazelwood**

(Mary⁵ Wilbanks, Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born in Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., TX. He married **Gail Gumm**, daughter of Charles Gumm and Mary ???. **Thomas Calvin Hazelwood**: Thomas Calvin Hazelwood, an active businessman of Cleburne, TX is the great grandson of Allen Mansel Wilbanks. Mary and Calvin Hazelwood of Fort Worth TX are his parents. His grandfather was Howell L (Hix) Wilbanks who was born in Johnson County in 1886. Hix was a pioneer farmer and rancher and was Sheriff-Tax Collector of Hansford

County for twenty years. Tom Hazelwood was elected Mayor of Cleburne TX in 1996 and still owns a title and abstract company there.

Child of Thomas Hazelwood and Gail Gumm is:

21 i. Holly⁷ Hazelwood

8. Travis⁶ Hazelwood (Mary⁵ Wilbanks, Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹). He married **Charwynn Bass**, daughter of J Bass and Fleeta ??.

Children of Travis Hazelwood and Charwynne Bass are:

22 i. George Bass⁷ Hazelwood.

23 ii. Errin Hazelwood.

9. Julianne⁶ Hazelwood (Mary⁵ Wilbanks, Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹). She married **(1) Stuart Browne**. She married **(2) Terry Grieder**.

Child of Julianne Hazelwood and Stuart Browne is:

24 i. Stuart⁷ Browne.

Children of Julianne Hazelwood and Terry Grieder are:

25 i. Miranda⁷ Grieder.

26 ii. Mathew Calvin Grieder.

10. Howell Ray⁶ Phelps (Beth Louise⁵ Wilbanks, Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born July 11, PRIVATE in Amarillo Potter Co., TX. He married Sandra Davis December 22, 1963 in Lubbock TX Second Baptist Church by Rev Chapmond Davis, daughter of Otis Davis and Irma Chapmond.

[Howell Ray and Sandra Phelps Story:](#)

Howell Ray Phelps is the son of Ray and Beth Phelps of Spearman, TX. Hal was born July 11 PRIVATE in Amarillo TX. His one sister was born Nov 22 PRIVATE, and lives in Dallas TX. Hal and his parents lived in Spearman until he was almost two years old. In April of 1942 they moved their house to a farm two miles east and one mile south of Spearman. Electricity on the farm was supplied by a windcharger with power being stored in a bank of batteries contained in large glass battery jars. The power was a

six-volt DC system, which powered the lights and radio. In the 1940's the Rural Electrification Association started installing power lines in that area and the wind generated power was no longer used. The water supply was provided by a windmill and an overhead storage tanks that held enough water to last for several calm days. Hal's mother did the ironing with an iron heated by gasoline. Te iron had a small tank that was pressurized by a hand pump. Children were told to 'Stand back" when Mother was lighting the iron, as these irons did not always perform as planned. A storm cellar was constructed on the farm, in case one of the tornadoes got too close. The cellar was also used as a storage room for eggs, and home canned fruits and vegetables. Although the family went to the storm cellar many times during violent storms our home was never actually struck by a tornado. Hal's Grandparents farm ,which was on the adjoining section was not so lucky. One Sunday afternoon in 1950 when the family had gathered at Hix and Trixy Wilbanks' house,(Hal's grandparents home) a tornado was sighted approaching from the west....Everyone Quickly went to the storm cellar and Hal remembers listening as the storm roared outside. When the

storm passed, four buildings were completely gone. Although two granaries, a machinery repair shop and the chicken house were gone, the funnel cloud has missed the houses. Hal attended Spearman school in the Fall in 1958 entered Texas Tech University. He received his Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in August 1964. While attending graduate school, Hal met and was married to Sandra Davis who was also attending Texas Tech. They were married Dec 22 1963 in the Second Baptist Church of Lubbock with Sandra's brother, the Rev. Chapmond Davis performing the ceremony. Sandra was born in Winters, TX and her family moved to Lubbock when she was ten years old. She attended Lubbock Schools and then entered Texas Tech. Upon graduation Hal took a job with Texas Instruments and he and Sandra moved to Houston. Sandra finished her degree in Elementary Education at the University of Houston. Their son David Ray Phelps was born Feb 9 PRIVATE and their son Todd Howell Phelps was born Oct 28 PRIVATE. In June 1976 the family moved to Austin TX for Hal to work at the Texas Instruments plant. Hal has been involved with the marketing, new product planning and business development

functions in Texas Instruments computer systems business. Hal's business activities have resulted in his and Sandra's traveling throughout much of the USA and Japan and Europe, and Israel. Hal and his family are active in the Hyde Park Baptist Church of Austin TX and a number of community organizations.

by Howell Phelps from: Hansford County History Vol. 1 page 231

Children of Howell Phelps and Sandra Davis are:

+ 27 i. David Ray⁷ Phelps, February 09, PRIVATE in Houston TX.

28 ii. Todd Howell Phelps, born October 28, PRIVATE.

12. Joe Michael⁶ Bryan (Ruth Lucille⁵ Wilbanks, Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born September 15, PRIVATE. He married **Dee Brunner** 1966.

[Joe Michael Bryan Story](#): Joe Michael Bryan was born in Fort Worth Texas Sept 15 PRIVATE. He is the eldest son of Joe Dan and Ruth Wilbanks Bryan, and grandson of Hix and Trixy Wilbanks. He moved to Spearman with his family when he was six years old and grew up on the family farm about two miles from Spearman. He

attended and graduated Spearman Schools in 1961. While in school, he enjoyed such activities, as Future Farmers of America, band and school sports. Joe Mike, as his friends call him, began attending Texas Tech in Lubbock in 1961. While there he graduated with a Bachelor and a Master of Arts in government and history. It was also in Lubbock that he met and in 1966 was married to Dee Brunner, also a graduate of Tech and a schoolteacher. Later , he and Dee moved to Fort Worth TX, where she taught elementary school and Joe Mike attended Texas Christian University. While at TCU, he became a teaching fellow and taught science labs. He also received as Masters of Science in Environmental Science. In Feb 1974 the family moved to Houston where he became the environmental planner for a government agency. It was in Houston that Joe Mike and Dee's first son, Christopher Michael, was born on June 4 PRIVATE. On May 26 PRIVATE, the family welcomed another son, Timothy Daniel, to their home. Joe Mike is now an environmental scientist for Brown and Root, and engineering and construction firm in Houston. He spends his spare time fishing and helping with Young Men's Christian Association's sports. Joe mike has fond

memories from his life growing up in Spearman and brings his family there to visit as often as possible. By J.M. and Dee Bryan from: Hansford County History Vol. 2 1983

Children of Joe Bryan and Dee Brunner are:

29 i. Christopher Michael⁷ Bryan, born June 04, PRIVATE.

30 ii. Timothy Daniel Bryan, born May 26, PRIVATE.

15. William Randolph⁶ Billingsley (Julia⁵ Wilbanks, Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born June 12, PRIVATE in Lubbock TX other source says born July 1 PRIVATE. He married **Kathy Wells** 1971 in Waco McLennan County TX.

Child of William Billingsley and Kathy Wells is:

31 i. Andrew Randolph⁷ Billingsley, born December 28, PRIVATE.

16. Gary Bryian⁶ Billingsley (Julia⁵ Wilbanks, Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born April 30, PRIVATE in Lubbock. He married **Jane Young** 1982. Child of Gary Billingsley and Jane Young is:

32 i. John Bryan⁷ Billingsley, born November 05, PRIVATE.

17. Sharon⁶ Billingsley (Julia⁵ Wilbanks, Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born January 04, PRIVATE in Lubbock TX. She married **(1) Sammy Richard Hill**. She married **(2) Jim Shaw** PRIVATE in SanteFe NM.

Child of Sharon Billingsley and Sammy Hill is:

33 i. Jeremey⁷ Hill, born February 10, PRIVATE.

Children of Sharon Billingsley and Jim Shaw are:

34 i. Alexander Frankline⁷ Shaw, born January 06, PRIVATE.

35 ii. Daniel Randolph Shaw, born December PRIVATE.

18. Michael Lee⁶ Larson (Marcus⁵, Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴ Wilbanks, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born PRIVATE. He married **Rita Hollingsworth** 1973.

Children of Michael Larson and Rita Hollingsworth are:

36 i. William Lee⁷ Larson.

37 ii. Addie Amanda Larson.

19. Richard Charles⁶ Larson (Marcus⁵, Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴ Wilbanks, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born PRIVATE. He married **Pat Hanson** 1973.

Child of Richard Larson and Pat Hanson is:

38 i. Jennifer Elaine⁷ Larson.

Generation No. 4

27. David Ray⁷ Phelps (Howell Ray⁶, Beth Louise⁵ Wilbanks, Howell Lorenzo (Hix)⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born February 09, PRIVATE in Houston TX. He married **Stephanie Smith**.

Child of David Phelps and Stephanie Smith is:

39 i. Infant⁸ Phelps, born PRIVATE

Descendants of Edgar Napoleon Wilbanks

Generation No. 1

1. Edgar Napoleon⁴ Wilbanks (Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born March 11, 1889 in Johnson Co., TX, and died February 19, 1955 in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. He married **Ruby Compton** in all children born in Hansford County TX. [Edgar Napoleon Wilbanks Story:](#)

Ed came to the plains of TX from Johnson County in the early 1900's with his parents A.M. and Rhoda Wilbanks, four brothers and three sisters. About this same time Mary Ruby, with her parents, the James Compton family, of four boys and five girls, moved to this part of the country from McLennan County. Our parents met and were married on May 25 1911, and to this union were born four girls, Greta, Loretta, Joyce, Jo Ann, and one boy, Carl Edd. Old Hansford was the shopping center for the plainsmen and supplies were brought home from there in a wagon. The railroad owned the land in this area and after they began selling it to the pioneers for \$1.00 an acre, the town of Spearman soon came into existence. All records at the Old Hansford

were moved to Spearman one night and thus Spearman became the County Seat. My parents often spoke of the all night dances attended by neighbors with the pallets being made on the floor for the kids to sleep on. Ice cream parties were also enjoyable functions for happy "Get Togethers." We had many cousins so we were never in want of company and fun times. The "Happy Jack School" was the education center for the Plains area. Aunt Opal, our mother's youngest sister, lived with us in order to attend this school. We lived about a mile from the school where the mailman made his "stop". On the days our mother expected fresh tomatoes on the "Mail Hack", Great and I would pull a creaking little red wagon to the schoolhouse so we could bring the tomatoes home. This school was closed after the railroad came in as a 3-story school was moved from Old Hansford in 1920, to the Spearman townsite. This building burned in 1923 and a new school was built, from which we all graduated. We moved to town when Spearman was first beginning to build. Our father learned the Water Well Drilling Trade from his father, Manney Wilbanks, and pursued this occupation along with farming. He later began the drilling of irrigation

wells in the Panhandle and was known "far and wide" for his expertise in the trade. We lived about a block from Grandpa and Grandma Wilbanks and have many fond memories of them, such as Grandpa driving his car to town on the muddy street after a big rain, and not shifting gears for two blocks as he said he would only have to shift again when he got to the mudhole down the street. Grandpa often told real "Indian Stories" and about the time he was chased up a hill as a boy by the Indians and his mother having to hide him in the cellar. Greta married Auburn Curtis of Spearman in 1933. They had one daughter Melba Dell. Auburn preceded Greta in death. Greta died of a heart attack in 1964, while living in Dallas where she was a beautician. Melba Dell is married to Jack Oakes, and has one daughter, Stephanie, by a previous marriage. She is employed in her husband's firm Brown-Graham & Co., Certified Public Accountants. Joyce married Don Schockley from Perryton in 1936. They had two boys, Joe Don and Charles Paul (Chuck). Don died in 1971 and Joyce, employed with the Federal Government was transferred to Amarillo. Jo Don received his degree from Texas Tech and now lives in Dallas, employed as a supervisor of the

National Computer Center of St. Regis. He married Kathy Belew and they have two daughters Lana Gay, and Kimberly Jo. Chuck received degrees at Wayland Baptist College, and is now in social work in Plainview TX. Jo Ann married Jimmy Crawford from Spearman in 1948. They had one girl Vicki Jane, and two boys, Jim David and Joe Edd. Vicki is employed with the Post Office in Amarillo, having graduated from TSTI in Amarillo. Jim David is geologist have received his degree from West Texas University and is married to the former Sandy Huling. Joe Edd graduated from the Tulsa Welding School in Tulsa OK, and lives in Odessa with his wife the former Debbie Weaver. and his daughter Mandi. Jimmy passed away in 1969. Jo Ann married Billy Jeff Hawkins and they have one daughter Jana Jo. They have continued to reside in Spearman. Jo Ann is secretary to the County Judge and Jeff is Chief Deputy Sheriff of Hansford County. He is the son of the late Perry Hawkins, pioneers of this community. Carl Edd married Odessa Winkler in 1939, a teacher from Pampa. Odessa was the granddaughter of the late Will Castleberry's, pioneers in that area. Carl Edd and Odessa had one son Carl Shane. Shane received

his degree at North Texas State University and married Paula Snelling and they have one daughter Kimberly Shaye, and two sons, Paul Chadwick and David Shane. They reside in Dallas where Shane is Personnel Director of Hunt Energy, a branch of the H.L. Hunt Corporation. Carl Edd was killed in a construction accident in 1973 while living in Mooreland OK. I met my husband Mallie Hoyt Boyd while living in Amarillo Attending Beauty School. We were married in 1934. We had one daughter Sally Dawn, and two sons, Ronald Hoyt and Mallie James. Mallie passed away in 1945 while we were living in Orange TX, where he and Don, Joyce's husbands were working in the Shipyards at the beginning of WW II. Sally Dawn married Troy Davis, a minister's son from Durant, Oklahoma. They have one son Kyle Ray, and one daughter Joretta Dawn. Sally is a schoolteacher having received her degrees from Texas Tech. She also studied under Dr. Ethna Reid of Salt Lake City Utah for teaching mastery learning in the language arts programs. Ron is an owner of Duncan and Boyd Jewelers in Amarillo. He married Susan Wineinger and they have one son Ronald Scott. and one daughter Shannon Michelle. James is self-employed with Demetri jewelers of New

York. He married Carol Warren. They have two sons James Todd, and Jason Adam. and two daughters, Holli Erin and Abbe Amanda. Ron and James received their degrees from Amarillo College and West Texas University. I was employed as a secretary with Phillips Petroleum Company for 22 years until the phasing out in the Amarillo Area, and am now a secretary for Mason & Hanger at Pantex. I enjoy being a grandmother to my eight great grand children.

Loretta Wilbanks Boyd: Hansford County History Vol. I page 300

More About Edgar Napoleon Wilbanks: buried in Hansford Cemetery, Hanford Co., TX

Children of Edgar Wilbanks and Ruby Compton are:

- + 2 i. Greta⁵ Wilbanks, born June 04, 1912; died August 25, 1964 in Dallas TX of a heart attach burial Hansford Cemetery.
- + 3 ii. Loretta Sue Wilbanks, born June 19, PRIVATE.
- + 4 iii. Joyce Wilbanks, born April 24, PRIVATE.
- + 5 iv. Carl Edd Wilbanks, born April 07, 1919; died July 11, 1973 in Mooreland Oklahoma Buried in Hansford Cemetery
- + 6 v. JoAnn Wilbanks, born November 06, PRIVATE.

Generation No. 2

1. **Greta⁵ Wilbanks** (Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born June 04, 1912, and died August 25, 1964 in Dallas TX of a heart attach burial Hansford Cemetery. She married **Auburn Rueben Curtis** October 17, 1931 in Clayton NM.

Children of Greta Wilbanks and Auburn Curtis are:

- 7 i. Infant⁶ Curtis, born 1933; died 1933.
- + 8 ii. Melba Dell Curtis, born November 23, PRIVATE in Amarillo TX.
- 3. **Loretta Sue⁵ Wilbanks** (Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born June 19, PRIVATE. She married **Mallie Hoyt Boyd** November 05, 1934 in Amarillo Potter Co., TX.

Children of Loretta Wilbanks and Mallie Boyd are:

- + 9 i. Sally Dawn⁶ Boyd, born May 26, PRIVATE in Amarillo Potter Co., TX.
 - + 10 ii. Ronald Hoyt Boyd, born November 16, PRIVATE in Orange TX.
 - + 11 iii. Mallie James Boyd, born PRIVATE in Orange TX.
2. **Joyce⁵ Wilbanks** (Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born April 24, PRIVATE. She married **Donald Charles Schockley** August 08, 1936 in Guymond Oklahoma.

Children of Joyce Wilbanks and Donald Schockley are:

+ 12 i. Joe Don⁶ Schockley, born July 18, 1941.

+ 13 ii. Charles Paul Schockley, born January 12, PRIVATE in Perryton TX.

5. **Carl Edd⁵ Wilbanks** (Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born April 07, 1919, and died July 11, 1973 in Mooreland Oklahoma Buried in Hansford Cemetery Spearman TX. He married **Odessa Winkler**.

[Carl Edd Wilbanks Obituary:](#)

Accident Claims the life of Carl Edd Wilbanks from Spearman Reporter Funeral services for Carl Edd Wilbanks, who was killed Wednesday afternoon in a construction accident, were held at 10 am Friday July 13 in the Assembly of God Church in Mooreland OK. The Rev Norman Hardin, a former pastor officiated. Graveside services were held at 3:30 p.m. in Hansford Cemetery, here in Spearman, with arrangements by Knittell Funeral Home of Mooreland. Mr. Wilbanks was one of two men who died in the accident at Western Farmers Electric Co-op about a mile east of Mooreland. The two were atop a building under construction when steel

beams fell, causing the men to fall to the ground. They were crushed. Mr. Wilbanks, was dead on arrival at Northwest Community Hospital in Mooreland. The other victim, Terry Smith, 18, of South Carolina, died en route to Oklahoma City Hospital. He was the son of the Construction manager for the South Carolina company, which is handling the steel work for the co-op's expansion project. Mr. Wilbanks, born in Spearman, had been a resident of Mooreland about eight years. He was a self-employed welder. Survivors, include his wife, Flo; a son, Carl Shane Wilbanks of Grapevine, TX; a stepson, Jack L Trotter of Oklahoma City OK; three sisters, Mrs. Loretta Boyd and Mrs. Joyce Shockley of Amarillo, and Mrs. Jo Ann Hawkins of Spearman; his mother, Mrs. Ruby Wilbanks of Spearman, and six grandchildren.

Child of Carl Wilbanks and Odessa Winkler is:

+ 14 i. Carl Shane⁶ Wilbanks, born April 26, PRIVATE in Pampa TX.

6. JoAnn⁵ Wilbanks (Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born November 06, PRIVATE. She married **(1) James Otto Crawford**

August 02, 1948 in Booker TX. She married **(2) Billy Jeff Hawkins** October 02, 1967 in Spearman TX Hansford TX.

[Billy Jeff and Jo Ann \(Wilbanks\) Hawkins Family Story:](#)

Bill Jeff, the first child of Perry and Lois Hawkins was born on September 24 PRIVATE at the family farm 6 1/2 miles southeast of Spearman with Dr. Gower in attendance. In 1925 the Hawkins moved to Hansford County from Young County., though Perry had come earlier in the fall of 1924 to purchase their land. Perry the son of William Henry and Lou Ellen Hawkins, was born in Indian territory in Oklahoma, one of eight children. His family lived in Oklahoma until he was around nine years old when the family moved to New Mexico. His father filed claims for settlers of that area. in 1909 the family returned to Oklahoma by covered wagon. His father was in the cattle business and practiced as a veterinarian. Perry and his brothers helped him with his work. Perry Hawkins and Louse Ellen Jordan were married on November 11 1923 in Young County Texas. Perry came to Hansford County to find land of his own. After purchasing land he moved his wife to Hansford County to make their home. Things were not easy. He borrowed money to buy seed wheat selling at \$.82 per bushel, rented more land, and

planted the seed. the crop made 50 bushels per acre in 1926 on dry land. He sold the wheat for \$1.02 per bushel. After the birth of Billy Jeff's sister, Sue Ellen, the Hawkins family moved into Spearman. Billy Jeff attended the Spearman Schools, through the seventh grade. Then in 1945 his father purchased the ranch owned by the MCCreas where Zulu Stockade was built. Zulu was built by the Cator brothers as a trading post for the buffalo hunters and became the first Post Office in the county. The Hawkins moved to the ranch to live, and Billy Jeff finished High school in Gruver. After graduation, Billy Jeff attended West Texas State University in 1952 and 1953 majoring in Agriculture. He left college to enter the Armed Service, returning to college in 1955. Lois Hawkins passed away march 4 1956. Billy Jeff returned home to farm. He moved to Perryton to work for Dean Slaughter. On Oct 3 1966, Billy Jeff Hawkins and JoAnn Wilbanks Crawford were married in the Baptist Church Parsonage in Spearman. They made their home in Spearman. JoAnn's parents were Edgar Napoleon and Ruby Wilbanks. JoAnn attended the Spearman School system, and graduated there. After her graduation she had worked for the Texas Employment Commission and for J.L. Brock Insurance Agency. She was working for Hansford County Judge Johnny

C Lee as a Secretary, and is now is the Secretary for County Judge R L McClellan. In 1977 Billy Jeff attended Law Enforcement School, and became a law officer. He became Chief Deputy under County Sheriff R.L. McFarlin. Billy Jeff and JoAnn have six children, four girls and two boys. They are: Jim David Crawford who married Sandra Heuling and lives in Oklahoma City; Teri Hawkins Ferguson who is married to Joe Ferguson, and lives in McAllen TX; Vicky Crawford lives in Amarillo; Tami Hawkins lives in McAllen; and Jana Jo Hawkins, lives in Spearman. At this writing they have three grandchildren. They belong to the First Baptist Church. The Hawkins family plans to make Spearman their permanent home. Billy Jeff thinks that Hansford County is the "best place of all to live." They are very excited about the work being done at the site of the Zulu Stockade on their ranch by the team from the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas

By Billy Jeff Hawkins from: Hansford County History Vol. II (1983)

Children of JoAnn Wilbanks and James Crawford are:

- + 15 i. Jim David⁶ Crawford, born March 30, PRIVATE in Amarillo Potter Co., TX.
- + 16 ii. Jo Edd Crawford, born September 09, PRIVATE in Amarillo Potter Co., TX.
- 17 iii. Vicki Jane Crawford, born January 30, PRIVATE.

Child of JoAnn Wilbanks and Billy Hawkins is:

- 18 i. Jana Jo⁶ Hawkins, born February 12, PRIVATE.

Generation No. 3

8. Melba Dell⁶ Curtis (Greta⁵ Wilbanks, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born November 23, PRIVATE in Amarillo TX. She married **(1) Jerry Quittman Floyd** October 08, 1954 in Spearman TX Hansford TX. She married **(2) Jack Oakes** May 15, 1975 in Spearman TX Hansford TX.

Child of Melba Curtis and Jerry Floyd is:

- + 19 i. Stephanie Gay⁷ Floyd, born July PRIVATE.

9. Sally Dawn⁶ Boyd (Loretta Sue⁵ Wilbanks, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born May 26, PRIVATE in Amarillo Potter Co., TX. She married **Troy Ray Davis** June 04, 1960 in Durant Oklahoma.

Children of Sally Boyd and Troy Davis are:

- + 20 i. Kyle Ray⁷ Davis, born November 10, PRIVATE.
- + 21 ii. Joretta Dawn Davis, born October 27, PRIVATE.

10. Ronald Hoyt⁶ Boyd (Loretta Sue⁵ Wilbanks, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born November 16, PRIVATE in Orange TX. He married **(1) Susan Rhea Wineinger** September 25, 1964 in Amarillo Potter Co., TX. He married **(2) Cheryl Jean Bennett Ware** May 20, 1987 in Amarillo Potter Co., TX.

Child of Ronald Boyd and Susan Wineinger is:

- + 22 i. Ronald Scott⁷ Boyd, born PRIVATE.

1. Mallie James⁶ Boyd (Loretta Sue⁵ Wilbanks, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born PRIVATE in Orange TX. He married **Carol Elaine Warren**.

Children of Mallie Boyd and Carol Warren are:

23 i. James Todd⁷ Boyd, born November 01, PRIVATE in Amarillo Potter Co., TX. He married Ruby Celeste Flores September 30, 1997 in Brownsville TX.

24 ii. Jason Adam Boyd, born July 22, PRIVATE in Irving TX. He married Ginger Hipscher.

25 iii. Holli Erin Boyd, born December 21, PRIVATE in Milwaukee Wis. She married Brian Hofstetter.

26 iv. Abbe Amanda Boyd, born September 19, PRIVATE in San Angelo TX.

12. Joe Don⁶ Schockley (Joyce⁵ Wilbanks, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born July 18, 1941. He married **(1) Kathy Belew** May 27, PRIVATE in Perryton TX. He married **(2) Cheri Fearn** October 30, 1987 in Carrollton

Children of Joe Schockley and Kathy Belew are:

27 i. Lana Gay⁷ Schockley, born July 20, PRIVATE in Lubbock T

28 ii. Kimberly Jo Schockley, born March 01, PRIVATE in Amarillo Potter Co., TX.
She married (1) Robert James Evans May15, 1988 in Lake Dallas TX. She married (2) Michael Babb 1994 in Beaumont TX.

Children of Joe Schockley and Cheri Fearn are:

+ 29 i. Cheri⁷ Fearn, born February 09, PRIVATE in Calif.

30 ii. Kathleen Fearn, born February 29, PRIVATE in Dallas TX

13. Charles Paul⁶ Schockley (Joyce⁵ Wilbanks, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born January 12, PRIVATE in Perryton TX. He married **Cynthia Green** 1988 in Dallas TX. Child of Charles Schockley and Cynthia Green is: 31 i. Gabriel O⁷ Schockley.

14. Carl Shane⁶ Wilbanks (Carl Edd⁵, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) ws born April 26, PRIVATE in Pampa TX. He married **Paula Snelling** August 1964.

Children of Carl Wilbanks and Paula Snelling are:

- + 32 i. Kimberly Shaye⁷ Wilbanks, born February 06, PRIVATE in Denton TX.
- 33 ii. Paul Chadwick Wilbanks, born April 22, PRIVATE in Fort Worth TX. He married Rachelle Vignaroli July 25, 1994 in Hurst TX.
- 34 iii. David Shane Wilbanks, born September 23, PRIVATE in FW Texas.
- 13. Jim David⁶ Crawford** (JoAnn⁵ Wilbanks, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born March 30, PRIVATE in Amarillo Potter Co., TX. He married **Sandra Huling**.

Children of Jim Crawford and Sandra Huling are:

- 35 i. Jared David⁷ Crawford, born September 25, PRIVATE in Amarillo TX.
- 36 ii. Joel Crawford, born October 16, PRIVATE in Amarillo Potter Co., TX.
- 37 iii. Jill D'Leigh Crawford, born February 27, PRIVATE in Edmond Ok.
- 16. Jo Edd⁶ Crawford** (JoAnn⁵ Wilbanks, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born September 09, PRIVATE in Amarillo Potter Co., TX. He married **Debi Weaver**.

Children of Jo Crawford and Debi Weaver are:

38 i. Mandi Jo⁷ Crawford, born February 25, PRIVATE.

39 ii. Hayli Crawford, born May 14, PRIVATE.

40 iii. Zachary Ross Crawford, born December 18, PRIVATE.

Generation No. 4

19. Stephanie Gay⁷ Floyd (Melba Dell⁶ Curtis, Greta⁵ Wilbanks, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born July PRIVATE. She married **Ned Davis**. Children of Stephanie Floyd and Ned Davis are:

41 i. Brady⁸ Davis.

42 ii. Lacey Davis.

20. Kyle Ray⁷ Davis (Sally Dawn⁶ Boyd, Loretta Sue⁵ Wilbanks, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born November 10, PRIVATE. He married **Sandra Lynn Schiveley** February 10, 1996 in Riverside California.

Children of Kyle Davis and Sandra Schiveley are:

43 i. Johnathan Michael⁸ Davis, born PRIVATE.

44 ii. Kylie Rhea Davis, born PRIVATE.

21. Joretta Dawn⁷ Davis (Sally Dawn⁶ Boyd, Loretta Sue⁵ Wilbanks, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born October 27, PRIVATE. She married **Max Rochstroh Friz** June 20, 1987 in Longview.

Children of Joretta Davis and Max Friz are:

45 i. Jared Rockstron⁸ Friz, born PRIVATE.

46 ii. Davis Max Friz, born PRIVATE.

47 iii. Jordon Dawn Friz, born PRIVATE.

22. Ronald Scott⁷ Boyd (Ronald Hoyt⁶, Loretta Sue⁵ Wilbanks, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born PRIVATE. He married **Frances Cummings Ligon**.

Child of Ronald Boyd and Frances Ligon is:

48 i. Maxson Scott⁸ Boyd, born PRIVATE.

29. Cheri⁷ Fearn (Joe Don⁶ Schockley, Joyce⁵ Wilbanks, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born February 09, PRIVATE in ?? Calif. She married **Steven Schuler**.

Child of Cheri Fearn and Steven Schuler is:

49 i. Ashley⁸ Schuler.

32. Kimberly Shaye⁷ Wilbanks (Carl Shane⁶, Carl Edd⁵, Edgar Napoleon⁴, Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born February 06, PRIVATE in Denton TX. She married **Christopher John Kopec** March 12, 1988 in Dallas TX.

Child of Kimberly Wilbanks and Christopher Kopec is:

50 i. Zachary Shane⁸ Kopec, born PRIVATE.

Descendants of Samuel Theodore Wilbanks

1. **Samuel Theodore⁴ Wilbanks** (Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born November 20, 1891 in Johnson Co., TX, and died November 20, 1918 in killed during WW I (or date of Oct 20??). He married **Lucille Kizzar**.

Children of Samuel Wilbanks and Lucille Kizzar are:

- 2 i. O T⁵ Wilbanks.
- 3 ii. Wanica Wilbanks. She married Elmer Ooley.
- 4 iii. H L Wilbanks. He married Loreen Madden

Notes for H L Wilbanks:

HL was the deputy Sheriff in Hutchinson County, then Juvenile officer over Hutchinson Ochiltree and Hansford Counties. Loreen Larson Madden was sister of Marcus Larson who was raised by Hix and Trixie Wilbanks.

Descendants of Allan Mansel (Bogus) Wilbanks

1. **Allan Mansel (Bogus)⁴ Wilbanks** (Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born June 22, 1879 in Johnson Co., TX, and died 1932 in Perryton, Ochiltree Co., TX 52 years old. He married **Ophelia Ewing** 1896 in Johnson Co. Ophelia was 16 when married he was 18. More About Allan Mansel (Bogus) Wilbanks he was buried Ochiltree Cemetery, Ochiltree Co., TX.

Children of Allan Wilbanks and Ophelia Ewing are:

- 2 i. Allen Mansel⁵ Wilbanks. He married (1) Willa Fay. He married (2) Lorene Madden.
- 3 ii. Stella Wilbanks.
- 4 iii. Trixie Lee Wilbanks, born 1906. She married Red Deaspin.
- 5 iv. Wilbanks. She married Paul F Stewart.
- 6 v. James Wilbanks.
- 7 i. Jack Wilbanks, born PRIVATE. He married Dorthea Main

Descendants of Monica Ruth Wilbanks

Generation No. 1

1. Monica Ruth⁴ Wilbanks (Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born July 17, 1897 in Johnson Co., TX. She married **Floyd Hawkins**.

Children of Monica Wilbanks and Floyd Hawkins are:

- 2 i. Bettie Helen⁵ Hawkins, born PRIVATE.
- 3 ii. Hal Hawkins, born PRIVATE.
- 2 iii. Allen Hawkins, born PRIVATE.

Descendants of Wanda O. Wilbanks

Generation No. 1

1. Wanda O.⁴ Wilbanks (Allen Mansel (Mannie)³, Hiram Henry², Gardner¹) was born January 09, 1895 in Johnson Co., TX, and died April 09, 1977 in Amarillo, Potter Co., TX. She married **G. B. (Barm) Reed**.

Amarillo Nurse's Services Planned obituary from the Amarillo Daily News April 10 1977

Mrs. Wanda Wilbanks Reed of 5510 Everett, nursing leader in Amarillo for more than 30 years, died today. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. today in Paramount Terrace Christian Church with the Rev. Roy Wheeler Officiating. Burial will be in the Llano Museum under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors. Mrs. Reed was born in Cleburne and moved with her family to Spearman in 1902. After graduating from the Wesley Hospital School of Nursing in Wichita KS, she began her nursing as operating room supervisor at Northwest Texas Hospital in 1924. She was made superintendent of nurses in 1934 and served in that capacity until her retirement in 1961. Professional Accomplishments include appointments to the Advisory Hospital Council of Texas and the State Board of Nurse Examiners. She was a member of the Texas Nursing

Association, and the National League of Nursing. Mrs. Reed was also a member of Bonita Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and Daughters of the Nile. She also belonged to Paramount Terrace Christian Church. Survivors include the widower, G.B. of the home; three daughters Mrs. Nell Rogers of Austin, Mrs. Nelda Vernon of Amarillo, and Mrs. Jean Somsen of Center, CO., and one sister Mrs. Ruth Hawkins of San Antonio. The family requests memorials to be to the Wanda Reed Memorial Foundation for Nursing Education.

Reed Memorial Foundation Amarillo Daily News April 10, 1977

Services for Mrs. Wanda Wilbanks Reed were conducted at the Paramount Terrace Christian Church April 9 1977. The Wanda Reed Memorial foundation has been established to honor a Great Lady and Humanitarian. For more than three decades she has served as a leader in health care in Amarillo. the results of her efforts are very visible in many on-going health services today. The development of the Northwest Texas Hospital School of Nursing was a continuous goal during her many years of service at the hospital. Her interest and dedication to the school has been continuous, even after retirement. She was instrumental in establishing scholarships and loan fun resources that assisted many deserving students who could not have pursued a career in Nursing without financial assistance. The purpose of the Foundation is to provide financial assistance for nursing students. This assistance may be in the form of Scholarships or

loans depending on the need. The Northwest Texas Alumni Association and the family of Mrs. Reed hope that her many friends and professional colleagues will make annual gifts to the Foundation, in order that the vital need for highly qualified registered nurses in the community will continue to be met. Memorials to Wanda Reed Memorial Foundations for Nursing Education should be sent to PO Box 1110, Amarillo, and TX 79175

[Children of Wanda Wilbanks and G. Reed](#) are:

- 2 i. Nelda⁵ Reed, born PRIVATE. She married (1) Rogers. She married (2) Jack Vernon.
- 3 ii. Nell Reed, born PRIVATE.
- 4 iii. Jean Reed, born PRIVATE. She married (1) Gary Samson. She married (2) ??? Sorenson.