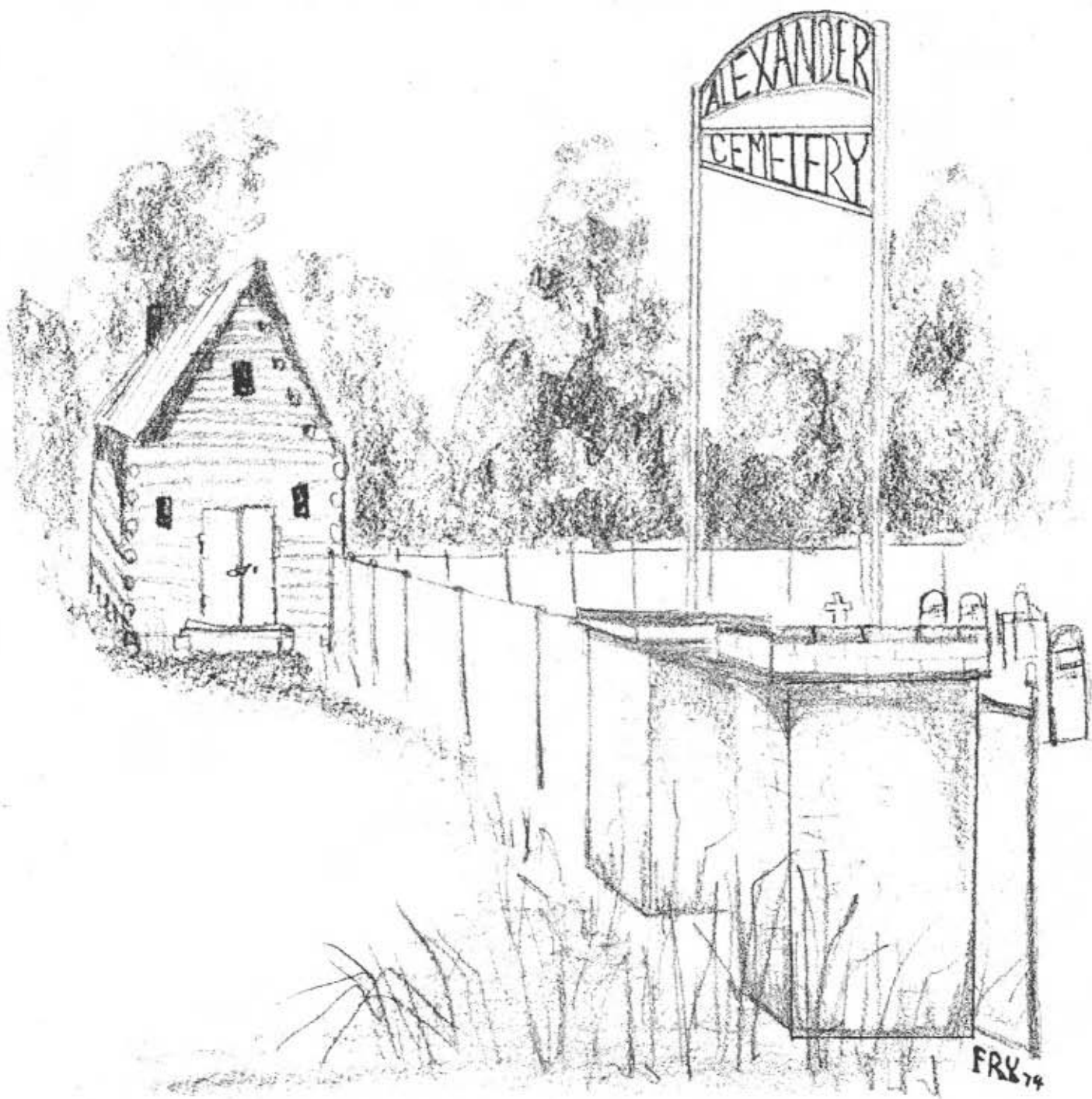


# Story of the Early Settlers and Deceased of Alexander



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IN MEMORY

OF THE DECEASED OF ALEXANDER COMMUNITY

WRITTEN BY DESCENDANTS FOR DESCENDANTS

I am indeed grateful to the descendants of the early settlers of Alexander Community for the stories and information supplied me on the families or members of families interned in Alexander Cemetery.

I am especially grateful to State Representative, Bill Presnal for being instrumental in securing the Historical Marker for the Alexander Cemetery.

It was the intent and purpose to establish a link between those long deceased with some living relative where possible, that you might know more about your neighbor's or friend's descendants who helped to make Alexander a strong Community.

Some settlers were living in this community as early as 1842 or possibly earlier.

The cover of this book was sketched by Johnny Fry.

Ola Maye Henry

## The Story of Alexander Cemetery

Alexander Cemetery acquired its name from the church located on the beautiful sand hill in what is now known as the Tabor community. The church was named for Reverend Robert Alexander, a circuit rider who organized the church at this site in 1854 in a log cabin school house located just outside the present cemetery grounds near the cemetery's east corner. The first church building was built in 1856. No specific mention was made of the cemetery in the deed records, but the cemetery is situated on the church grounds. Residents of the area gradually started burying their families here instead of maintaining a family cemetery on their own property. The cemetery is only a few feet from the present church building, all of which is approximately nine miles north of Bryan, Texas, and one mile off F.M. State Highway 974.

The ten acre tract of land belonging to the church is located on a hill which was the center of what was then known as the Alexander community, now the Tabor community. For many years there was also a school, located on the ten acres given to the church. The area was to become later identified as part of the Tabor community when the Alexander school was consolidated with the Tabor school, just 3 miles north. Alexander community eventually lost its identity as a community with the relocation of the school.

It is thought the first person to be buried in the cemetery was a small child whose surname was Whitley. The child was a great niece of E. W. Thompson, a carpenter and farmer, who built the casket of wood, lined it with white cloth and, with the help of a few friends, buried the child near the location for a proposed church building. The grave was fenced but no permanent headstone was provided, thus the grave was eventually lost. The first burial was around 1854, the same year the first church services were conducted by Reverend Alexander in the school building.

Many years later, in 1901, E. W. Thompson was buried in the cemetery near the entrance. His gravestone is one of the first you see upon entering the cemetery. Mr. Thompson moved here in the early 1840's from Mississippi State and acquired 300 acres of land just east of the church and cemetery grounds by building wagons for his neighbors and buying the land with the money he made from selling the wagons.

Mr. Thompson's second wife, Margaret McCollum is buried along-side him. His first wife, Jessie Nichol is also buried in the cemetery but the grave has been lost as so many others have been over the years.

E. W. Thompson was one of the descendants of one of the pilgrims who came over on the Mayflower.

The earliest identifiable grave is that of James Walker who was born September 9, 1817 and died May 18, 1874. He was one of the original trustees of the church, a landowner and a farmer. The Walker and Wilson families of today are descendants of James Walker.

James Walker originally settled at Staggers Point before moving to the Alexander community as a young man. His land was just west of the cemetery and is still owned by the Walker family. The church deed records make reference to James Walker's land and states that he had a 100 acre tract bordering the church property on the northeast boundary.

Many of the families and descendants of the Wesson community are buried here, as a result of the Wesson Methodist Church dissolving about 1900. Families such as the Hudspeths, Presnal's, Benbow's, and Moore's and others moved their membership to Alexander with the dissolution of the Wesson Church.

William Lawrence, one of the original trustees, was buried in the cemetery in 1879. He lived just south of the church grounds. Several other graves that have been permanently marked date back to the 1870's.

The site of the cemetery is land that was deeded by Elizabeth Boatwright and John Singleton to the Alexander Methodist Episcopal Church South, predecessor church to the present Alexander United Methodist Church which has remained active since 1856.

The land on which the cemetery is located was deeded to five trustees of the church: James Walker, William Lawrence, William L. Glass, John Wallace, and Harvey Mitchell. Deed records indicate this donation of land was made "from an ardent desire to promote the interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church South" and for five dollars. The land was deeded to the Church on December 5, 1856 by Elizabeth Boatwright and John Singleton. Neither of the donors apparently lived in the Alexander community and neither are buried here to anyone's knowledge.

Early identifiable burials were during the 1870's, shortly after the Civil War, at a time when settlement in this area was accelerating. Persons buried here are the early settlers of the Alexander community and their descendants, settlers of the Wesson community who moved their church membership to Alexander about 1900, and others who lived in the area.

Burial in the cemetery has been generally confined to church members and residents of the area desiring burial there, regardless of denominations.

It is estimated that there are over 300 marked graves in the cemetery and many others that have been lost. Some wooden grave markers still remain, while most have been lost.

There are persons of all denominations buried here. One of the largest family plots is the Barnes family (11 graves) who were never members of Alexander Methodist Church.

There are several Catholics buried here. The first Catholic to be buried here was buried outside the cemetery grounds because the family did not wish to have her buried in a Protestant cemetery. This story was related to Miss Mae Walker by her grandmother. At one time many Italian Catholics lived south of Alexander, just a few miles away.

Many descendants of the early settlers of this area are still returned here for interment. For example, Dr. Arch Stallings, who had moved away from this community in the 1920's, was recently buried here in the cemetery alongside his ancestors. Dr. Stallings was a Veterinarian and worked on the first hoof-and-mouth case in Texas.

The cemetery has been associated with both the Alexander Church and the now defunct Alexander School with all three having been located on the ten acres deeded to the church. The Alexander School building was moved several times until it was finally closed and the school children were transferred to the Tabor School.

The church building site has remained approximately the same since 1856. The present educational building was built in 1956 and the Parsonage was moved to its present location in 1960.

Until 1941, the cemetery was maintained by volunteer help and periodic cemetery work-days by the people of the community.

In 1941, the Alexander Cemetery Association was formed and from will

contributions have been accepted since then for the purpose of maintaining the cemetery. The first slate of officers to be elected in 1941 were: Mr. A. J. McCallum, President, and Mr. L. T. Wilson, Secretary-treasurer. Mr. Wilson served a short time and was replaced by the current secretary-treasurer, Joe B. Wlaker, who has served in that capacity for the past twenty-seven years.

The school was later housed in the first church building when the building was moved from the location of the present church to a location just west of the cemetery. The original church building was moved a second time to a location just off the church property approximately northwest of the church and continued to serve as a school building at its new location until it was eventually closed.

The property on which the cemetery is located is still owned by the church. The Cemetery Association provides a method of maintaining the cemetery. Since 1941, on each fourth Sunday in September, an annual homecoming is held at the church. The Cemetery Association conducts its annual meeting and accepts donations from friends and descendants of those buried at Alexander. Thus far these free-will donations have provided sufficient funds to maintain the cemetery quite adequately.

People are still being buried in the cemetery at the rate of about 8 or 10 per year. It is routinely maintained by hired help, with capital expenditures, in the past by the association, for a chain link fence and a water supply system.

Research of the history of Alexander (primarily the church) was compiled by Rev. Fred Dibble and Rev. Clifford Edge. Further research on the cemetery has come from interviews with senior citizens who are descendants of the families buried in the cemetery.

Bill Presnal-State Representative  
Joe B. Walker  
Ola Maye Henry



### The Alexander School

It is not known just when school was first held at Alexander, but in the book, The Life of Robert Alexander, in Carnegie Library are his writings. He states the Alexander Church was organized in 1854 in a one room log school house, wheather this was private or public it is not known.

As far back as we can trace from descendants of early settlers, they did have school in 1877-78.

The teachers from 1877 to 1925, Judge Board, J. W. Bandy, M<sup>r</sup> Williams, Mary Johnson, Bill Brogden, Jessie Johnson, Annie Arnett, Minnie Brogdon, Emma Orr, Eva McDonald, Joe McGee, E. C. Rollins, John Cobb, Willie Boyette, Bessie Stallings, Emma Montgomery, Mr. Green, Winnie Washburn, Suart McSwain, Mina Graham, Sue Benbow, Myrtle McCollough, Bertha Walker, Evie Hearne, Willie Fuller, Maude Saxon, Bessie Risinger, Bertie Risinger and Ola Maye Henry.

### Persons Born Before the Civil War, 1860-1865

#### Interned in Alexander Cemetery

John Nichol	born	1803
Jane Nichol	"	1808
William Lawrence	"	1815
James Walker	"	1817
William Broach	"	1819
John Walker	"	1820
H. J. Dean	"	1821
James C. Brogdon	"	1821
E. G. Skains	"	1822
Nancy Broach	"	1823
Mary Jane Dean	"	1826
W. J. Scoggins	"	1826
Capt. Robert Hudspeth	"	1828
J. H. Thompson	"	1829
E. W. Thompson	"	1831
Adam A. Benbow	"	1833
William Moss	"	1833
Mary Moss	"	1833
C. A. Lefevre	"	1834
Mary Walker	"	1834
J. C. Holmes	"	1837
Mary Hudspeth	"	1838
Darling P. Bloom	"	1839
William Barnes	"	1840
John McCallum, Sr.	"	1841
Joe E. Walker	"	1856
H. L. Wilson	"	1842
Martha Lefevre	"	1843
Mary Johnson Benbow	"	1843
Nanie Holden	"	1843
Julia Holden	"	1844
Donie Leathers	"	1844
Ann Barnes	"	1845
J. T. Josey	"	1845
William Brogdon	"	1845
Olivia Holmes	"	1846
Tom Holden	"	1846
Mae McCallum, Sr.	"	1846

George Brogdon	born	1847
H. P. Skains	"	1847
Grandma Mainord	"	1847
Zack Atkins	"	1848
W. S. Martin	"	1848
John T. Leathers	"	1848
John Rainey	"	1849
W. M. Boggs	"	1849
W. A. Johnson	"	1849
Fannie Wilson	"	1849
Aussie Dean	"	1850
Mattie Powers	"	1850
Margaret Johnson	"	1850
Grace Brogdon	"	1853
Mollie Dean	"	1855
James V. Walker	"	1855
James L. Broach	"	1855
W. H. Boyett	"	1855
Tom Fullerton	"	1855
Laura Brogdon	"	1856
E. O. Hall	"	1856
William Riley Ball	"	1856
Mary Alice Ball	"	1856
Joe B. Walker	"	1856
William Hudspeth	"	1857
T. W. Chatham	"	1857
Tom Ayers	"	1857
John Lindsey	"	1857
Walter Wilcox, Sr.	"	1859
Harriet Burnes	"	1859
William Berry	"	1860
J. D. Buchanan	"	1859
Mary E. Maniord	"	1847

Persons Buried ninety-five years or more  
in Alexander Cemetery that have Markers

Bobby Lawrence	died	1872
W. M. Berry	"	1873
James Walker	"	1874
W. J. Berry	"	1876
John Nichol	"	1877
Ed Mathis	"	1877
T. W. Chatham	"	1878
Wm. H. Fullerton	"	1878
Helen Irene Lawrence	"	1878
A. V. Lawrence	"	1879
Verzilla Lawrence	"	1879
William Lawrence	"	1879
James C. Brogdon	"	1877
E. C. Hall	"	1878
E. G. Skains	"	1878

Families and Persons buried at  
Alexander Cemetery

Abbott

Abbott, Evelina, daughter of T. M. & M. B. Abbott, born in 1884 died 1900.  
She was related to Jim & Carl Sealy families.



### The Ayres Family:

Thomas Ayres born 1859 died 1911. He and wife came to Texas from the State of Illinois. Nothing is known beyond that of where he lived. He married Gertrude Platsey from Germany. They came to Bryan to be near her brother who had come earlier.

They later moved to the James K. Presnal farm near Tabor and there lived for number of years.

Their children: Luis, born 1891, died 1966 married Rachel Finley.

Lena married Jim Sealy, now deceased and buried in Bryan Cemetery. Eva married Jack Galeo. Minnie married Will Prince. Other children were Faye, Jimmy, Tom and Benny.

### Riley and Mary Alice Ball Family:

Their lineage has been traced back as far as 1480 in England. Mary Ball, born in 1707 in Virginia married Augustine Washington. One of their sons being George Washington, the first President of the United States. Family tradition is that the Balls migrated from Virginia to Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and finally to Texas. It is not known just when they reached Texas, but Ferdinand James Ball and his mother built a two room log cabin on the east bank of the Navasota river in Madison County. At a place called Bundic Crossing. Ferdinand's father was a "slave trader" & once went away for a load of slaves and never returned.

Ferdinand's bible shows he married Sarah Curtis of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. They were members of the Sand Prairie Baptist Church in the community of George in Madison County. They are buried in Willow Hole Cemetery in Madison County. In 1876 Sarah and her children moved to Goliad. Ferdinand and Sarah had seven children. William Riley born 8-4-1856 is the only child buried in this area. William Riley married Mary Alice Crane of Shelby County Texas. She was born 3-4-1856, died 11-3-1928. Both of the above are interred at Alexander. William Riley and Mary Alice's children are: Mary Bell, born 5-3-1886, Roy, born 11-27-1888, married Ollie Frances, born 1-13-1900 died 1945. Lula born 4-10-1892 died 7-30-1960. She married John H. White, born 1892, died 1950. Charile E. 7-15-1894 married Elizabeth Mathis. Madama, born 1898 married Paul Martin of Brookwood, Alabama. Vera born 1901, married Robert Earl Carlton of San Saba, Texas. Rossew, born 2-4-1880, died 10-1-1945, married Mary Alice Mitchell.

### The Barmore Family:

This family lived where David Butler now lives. They were regular in attendance of the first church. Getting the days of the week confused thinking it was Saturday. Mr. Barmore went to plow the fields, Mrs. Barmore was making a cake for Sunday. Seeing her neighbors, the E. W. Thompsons passing on their way to church, she ran to the road and ask if someone had died. "No we are just going to church as usual on Sunday". After convincing her it was really Sunday, she said, "please go quickly and tell Mr. Barmore this is Sunday, to unhitch from the plow. I'll put the cake aside and dress quickly and we'll soon be on the way to church . . . . .

. . . . . As told by Mrs. Mae Thompson Henry

#### William and Ann Barnes Family:

William was born in 1840, died 1915. Ann born 1845 died 1931. William and his brother Lyon came from Ireland with Grandparents. It is believed that they landed near Galveston since they lived for many years where they farmed the land.

When he was in his teens he fell in love with a beautiful young girl who's family decided to move north. At the last moment William decided he could not part with his sweetheart and so as the covered wagon started to move away he ran, caught the wagon and climbed inside. He traveled with the family until they reached what is now Normangee. It was then called Old San Antonio Crossing. Homesickness over took him. Not knowing just what the future would hold for him, he said "goodbye" to his beautiful lover and left the family to walk back to Anahuac, Chambers County. He walked as fast and as far as possible during the day. Slept some at night, listened to the wild animals call in the dark. The trees were very thick along the way, which made the journey most dangerous. The only protection he had was a pocket knife. William often recalled in late life his spending the night alone at Bundic's Crossing on his way home. He walked to Milligan, there he caught a ride to near his home.

Soon thereafter he joined the army. Mrs. John Barnes has in her possession a letter William wrote to his grandmother in Anahuac from Camp Spright, date Dec 28th, no year given.

It is not known just where William met Ann Adkins. It is known that the Adkins family made a journey along the coastal area from Bell County. They mentioned the camp fires and deep wagon ruts. William and Ann were married and moved to Reliance, Brazos County. To this union was born thirteen children, however, only four lived to adulthood. Joseph, George (Dink), Mollie and John. Each married and reared their families in the Tabor community and are interred in the Alexander Cemetery.

The Barnes family have the distinction of having the most family graves in Alexander Cemetery.

#### The Benbow family:

Henry Benbow was born 1865 died 1940. Wife Martha was born 1865 died 1945. They came from Alabama and returned there several times. However, they purchased a track of land near the Harris School and Wesson Church.

To this union was born four children: Maggie & Sue, twins, born 1894, died 1963. Sue married Earl Presnal. Sue was very devoted to Alexander Church and assumed much of the responsibility of the church for a number of years. Sue was born 1894, died 1955. Tom, the son married Ella Edge. Tom & Ella are buried in Bryan City Cemetery. Sue and Earl are buried at Alexander. Mary Benbow, born 1891 died 1930 married Albert J. McCallum, born 1888, died 1959 also interred in Alexander Cemetery. Emily Roberta Johnson born 1874 died 1889. Margaret, wife of W. A. Johnson born 1850 died 1891 interred in Alexander Cemetery are relatives of the Benbows.

Mary Ann Johnson Benbow born 1843 died 1897 are parents of Mrs. Henry Benbow. Adam A. Benbow born 1833 died 1897.

### The Blum Family:

Darling Picney married Delanie Looney of Grimes County. Mr. Blum originally came to Texas from Germany when a very young boy. It is said that he never saw his folks after leaving Germany. Their children: Frank, John, Lee, -married Julia Hensley, Mack married Maggie Hensley, Maranda and Fannie. The Blums lived near Alexander in the early 1800's. D. P. Blum was born 1839 died 1918, wife Delanie was born 1841, died 1925. Both are buried at Alexander.

### W. H. & Sallie Boyett Family

W. H. Boyett was born in 1855 and died 1938. He came from Tennessee. Sallie Chilton Boyett was born 1871 and died 1956. They lived rich lives, worked hard farming. Reared a fine family. The Boyetts contributed much to the community. They settle at Alexander in 1883. Miss Willie Boyett, a daughter, taught school at Alexander. Mrs. Boyett usually led the prayer meetings at the church. Sons Horace and Chilton and one infant are also interned in the Alexander Cemetery.

### William And Abner Broach Family:

William & Abner Broach were twin boys and the only children in the family. I have no knowledge of who their parents were but they probably immigrated from Scotland in the early 1700's as William & Abner were born on April 10, 1819 in Georgia. The Broach's were immigrants from Scotland.

Little is known of the descendants of William's twin brother Abner, other than Norman Broach, M. D. who practiced medicine in and near Pinelevel, Alabama in Montgomery County for over a half of a century. Norman Broach M.D. followed in his father's footsteps who practiced medicine in the Shady Grove community near Troy, Alabama. His father's name was Frank Broach and Dr. Frank Broach had a son, Frank that was a dentist in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Norman and Frank Broach had a sister named Caudia and she lived with her widowed mother, Martha Broach until her death. Caudia never married. Dr. Norman Broach attended Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons which later absorbed by Emory University. Dr. Norman Broach married Myrtle Graves, a relative of a former Governor of Alabama, Bib Graves.

Dr. Norman and Myrtle Broach had a daughter, Martha, who married Sanderson Benbow of Pinelevel, Alabama, they in turn had a daughter Norma Sandra, she married and had two children, a son and a daughter. They all live in Pinelevel, Alabama.

Having lived in Montgomery, Alabama for twenty years, my late husband, Davis H. Rawls Sr., was born near Pinelevel, Alabama we come to know this family of the descendants of Abner Broach and we often visited with each other.

William Broach, as I have mentioned was born on April 10, 1819 married Nancy Eidson, both born in Georgia, moving to Alabama, then to Troup, Texas in Smith County in 1880. William and Nancy Broach stayed only a short while in Troup, Texas before moving to the Tabor community. Most of their children were reared in the Tabor community. William died on May 10, 1901 and Nancy E. Broach was born on Sept. 19, 1829, died on March 1, 1909. Both are buried in the Alexander cemetery.

William Broach owned & operated the first cotton gin & first mill in this part of the County. It was located on a 28 acre tract of land located between Tabor, Texas and the Alexander cemetery known as the old Broach place. Cotton was carried to the loading ramp by the Broach boys in hand woven cotton baskets. The press was powered by horses and mules. Three bales of cotton ginned per day was a full days work for all the boys.

William & Nancy E. Broach were the parents of ten children, all being born in Alabama before moving to Texas. Several of the children did not come to Texas along with their parents as one daughter, Ella was married and two of the boys were away at college. The following children were born to them as follows:

a. James L. (Jim) was the first child born to William & Nancy E. Broach, born in Alabama on Aug. 17, 1856. Died on March 22, 1934. He was married to Minnie Brodgon. James L. Operated a general store and post-office for several years at Tabor, Texas. They are both buried in the Alexander cemetery. Four children were born to the.

1. Gladys was the first child born to them, married Vernon Bailey of Bryan They have a son and daughter, Dorothy and Vernon. Gladys and Vernon live in Houston, Texas.

2. Laura was the second child born to Jim & Minner Broach, married Leroy Fouraker of Dallas, Texas, Leroy was a graduate of Texas A&M University and taught there until his death. He is buried in the Bryan City cemetery. They had two children, Lawrence & Linda. They both reside out of the state Laura lives in Bryan, Texas.

3. Douglas Brady was the only boy born to Jim & Minnie Broach. He left Texas about the year 1952 and resided in Santee, California until his death in 1972. He was married & had two sons, they both live in Houston, Texas and his wife Ruth, lives in Santee, California.

4. Dorothy was the fourth child born to Jim & Minnie Broach, she married Ray Fouraker a twin brother to Leroy Fouraker, he also was a graduate of Texas A&M University, taught there for several years, then moved to Rawleigh, North Carolina where he taught until his death. He is buried in Rawleigh. They had a son and a daughter. Dorothy resides in Rawleigh, North Carolina.

b. Ella N. was the second child born to William & Nancy Broach on Aug 30, 1858, died Dec 22, 1940. Married to Jim Watson of Montgomery, Alabama, she was the daughter that never moved to Texas when her parents did in 1880. They had one son, Arthur Watson, married to Jonnie Lou Edge of the Mt. Carmet community in Alabama. Ella N. her husband Jim, and son Arthur are buried in the Mt. Carmel cemetery in Alabama. Jonnie Lou lives in Montgomery, Alabama.

c. Robert A. (Bob) was the third child born to William & Nancy Broach, bo on Oct 1, 1859, near Rutledge, Alabama died Aug 6, 1938. I am not sure whether he came to Texas at the time his parents did in 1880 or not but he did live in Sommerville, Texas for several years, moving back to Greenville, Alabama and went into grocery business. He was married & his wife Lena died 8 months prior to his death. Lena was from Alabama and I just presume that he was married before moving to Texas. He died in Montgomery Alabama and they are both buried in a cemetery in Greenville, Alabama. They had three sons born to them.



1. Culver R. (Bob) the oldest, married Carrie Edna Smith of Montgomery, Alabama, Carrie Edna is deceased and buried in Montgomery, Alabama. They had one son, Bobby, he is married and has two children, a son and a daughter. They live in Montgomery, Alabama.

2. Raymond was the second son born to Robert A and Lena Broach and is married to the former Zuma Lee Misteldine of the Grady community near Ramer, Alabama. They live in Selma Alabama and they have one son.

3. Ferrel is the last son born to Robert A & Lena Broach. He is married and lives in Alexandria, La. His first wife is deceased and buried in Greenville, Alabama. He has a daughter by his first wife, Bettie, also a son.

d. William was the fourth child born to William & Nancy Broach, born April 7, 1861, died Jan 28, 1902. He and his wife Mary, lived in or near Troup, Texas. He never moved to Tabor, Texas along with his parents when they moved from Troup. Little is known of his family.

e. Richard was the fifth child born to William & Nancy Broach, born Dec 11, 1862, died in Lyons, Texas on March 30, 1930. Richard was born in Louisville, Alabama in Barbour County. He graduated in medicine from Nashville College, in Nashville, Tenn. in 1895. He came to Texas in 1895 after graduating from college & married Rosalie Madora Bettis of Merle, Texas on Dec 15, 1899, she was born on Jan 11, 1878, died May 16, 1948 in Bryan, Texas. Both are buried in Sommersville, Texas. They had five children.

1. Madeline Lucille, born Aug 25, 1900 in Merle, Texas in Burleson County married James Linton Robertson, born Sept 19, 1895 in Bryan, Texas, died July 2, 1959. Buried in the Bryan City cemetery. They had one son, James Linton, Jr. married Melba Steveson of Monroe, La. and had two children, William Linton & Dixie Lane. Madeline lives in Bryan, Texas.

2. Velma Madge was the second child born to Richard and Rosalie Broach, born Dec 22, 1903 in Lyons, Texas. She married James Davis, he is deceased they had a son, James Alan and he is married to Joan Zappe and they have three children, a daughter Alann, James Arthur and John Alan Davis. They all live in Ft. Worth, Texas.

3. Lloyd was the third child born to Richard & Rosalie Broach, born July 6, 1906, died Nov 12, 1946. Buried in the Sommersville cemetery. He was never married.

4. Leon Ruston was the fourth child born to Richard & Rosalie Broach, born Dec 24, 1909 in Lyons, Texas, died in Bryan, Texas in 1950, married Annie Dee Nix and they had no children. Leon is buried in the Sommersville cemetery, Sommersville, Texas. Annie Dee remarried after Leon's death & lives in Bryan, Texas.

5. Lena Mae was the fifth child born to Richard & Rosalie Broach, born Jan 6, 1915 in Sommersville, Texas. She married Mart Higgins Wilson and they had three children, Dianne Carol & twins Rosalie & Roseana Wilson. They all live in Ft. Worth, Texas, Richard Broach M.D. practiced most of his life in the Lyons, Texas community.

f. Duncan Broach was the sixth child born to William & Nancy Broach, born Feb 26, 1864, died June 26, 1911, married Mattie Eidson, born July 25, 1875 at Wellborn, Texas, died in Bryan, Texas and was buried in the Wellborn cemetery. Duncan is buried in the Alexander cemetery. Duncan

graduated in medicine from Nashville College, Nashville, Tennessee. He was living at Mumford, Texas at the time of his death. They had three daughters who were quite small when Duncan died and they were reared by a sister of Duncan's,, Mattie Broach Fullerton of the Tabor community.

1. Cecil was the oldest of the daughters born to Duncan and Mattie E. Broach, born Nov 6, 1899 and married Ross Dean of the Tabor community. He was born Nov 3, 1897, died Dec 3, 1972, buried in the Alexander cemetery. They had no children. Cecil lives in Bryan, Texas.

2. Thelma was the second daughter born to Duncan & Mattie E. Broach, born June 19, 1904, married Fred Pearson of Houston, Texas. Fred is deceased & buried in Houston, Texas. They had no children. Thelma resides in Houston.

3. Alma was the third child born to Duncan & Mattie E. Broach, born on Aug 18, 1906, married Walter Pate of the Harvey community near Bryan, Tex. They had two sons, Edwin and Donald Dean. Walter is deceased. Alma re-married after Walter's death and she lives in Dallas, Texas.

g. Martha (Mattie) Broach was teh seventh child born to William & Nancy E. Broach, born in Alabama June 22, 1865, died Jan 31, 1956. buried in Alexander cemetery. Mattie married John W. Fullerton of Tabor, Texas, born July 24, 1866, died 1957, buried in the Alexander cemetery. They had three children, all born in the Tabor community.

1. Jimmie was the first child born to John W. & Mattie Fullerton, born on March 9, 1889, died July 18, 1890. Buried in the Alexander cemetery.

2. Pearle was the only daughter born to John W. & Mattie Fullerton, born May 31, 1891, died Nov 30, 1956, buried in the Alexander cemetery. Pearle married Dr. A. L. Mondrick Sr., of Bryan. He is deceased and buried in Bryan City cemetery along with an infant son. The second son born to them was Albert L. Jr. born Nov 19, 1926, died Oct 2, 1965. Buried in Alexander cemetery.

3. Norman the third child born to John W & Mattie Fullerton was born Sept 9, 1897 died Dec 1, 1905. Buried in Alexander cemetery.

h. Mosdon S. (Marr's) was the eight child born to William & Nancy Broach, born March 3, 1866, died Jan 8, 1953. Buried in the Alexander cemetery. He was married to Effie Little Fullerton on Nov 28, 1895. Effie was born in the Tabor community on Dec 3, 1874, died Oct 6, 1956. Buried in Alexander cemetery. Marr's was born in Crenshaw County, Alabama. Marr's & Effie L. Broach owned & operated a general store & post-office at Tabor when they first married. Marr's later sold out his business to his James L. and went into the farming business. All of their seven children were born in the Tabor community except one.

1. Johnnie Selvin was the first child born to Marr's & Effie L. Broach, born Nov 4, 1898, married to Jessie Kelly of the Narvey Community near Bryan. They have one son, SelvinKelly, born in Bryan, Texas, married to Nancy McDonald of Bryan and they have two sons, Kenneth & Donald both students at Texas A&M University. They all live in Bryan.

2. Henry Howard was the second child born to Marr's & Effie L. Broach, born April 2, 1900, married Grace Gilland of Franklin. Grace is deceased and buried in the Alexander cemetery. No children were born to them. Howa lives in Bryan.



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1. Robert (Bob) was the oldest child born to Ed & Mary B. Elliott, born in the Tabor community, married Mattie Dell Meads, she is deceased and buried in the Hearne cemetery. They had three children and an infant child. The infant is buried in the Alexander cemetery. The other three children are, Dovie, Marjorie and Joe. They are all married. After the death of Mattie Dell, Bob married the second time. He & his wife owned & operated a grocery store in Hearne until their retirement. They both live in Hearne.

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5. Curtis is the fifth child born to Ed & Mary B. Elliott, born in the Tabor community, deceased and buried in the Bickham cemetery near Tabor. He was married to Dell Rudasill, born at Tabor, they had two children, Barbara and Billie. Both are married and Dell lives with her daughter Barbara and family at Tabor, Texas. Barbara has two children.

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j. Laura was the baby of the family, born March 30, 1870 to William and Nancy E. Broach, died in Alabama on June 15, 1871 and is buried in the Mt. Carmel cemetery in Alabama where her oldest sister Ella Watson is buried. She was born and died before William & Nancy moved to Texas in 1880.

Written and compiled by,  
Mrs. Davis H. Rawls Sr., (Tott Broach)  
Grand-daughter of William & Nancy Broach  
and Daughter of Marr's & Effie Fullerton  
Broach.

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#### The Brogdon Family:

James C. Brogdon was born 1821 and died 1901-- his wife-- Eliza H. Brogdon was born 1833 and died 1908. It is not known where the above were born but they came to Brazos County from Alabama in the year 1882.

James & Eliza had several children:

1. George Brogdon born in 1847 died 1907. Grace Brogdon, his wife born in 1853 died 1901. They had three sons. T. M. Brogdon was born 1874 died 1914. Cap Brogdon and Jim Brogdon, we are not sure where they are buried.

2. William Brogdon was born 1845 died 1921. Wife, Laura Cook Brogdon born 1846, died 1946. Their children: Minnie Vernon, born 1878 died 1951. Married James L. Broach, born 1856 died 1934. Their children: Gladys married Vernon Bailey. They live in Houston. Laura married Leroy Fouraker. Douglas married \_\_\_\_\_. Dorothy married Ray Fouraker. The two Fourakers are deceased and buried elsewhere.

3. Lucy born 1879 died 1961 never married.

4. Stance T. born 1872 died 1962 never married.

5. Wm Jr, (Bose) born 1884 died 1969 married Udell Rudasell born 1885, died 1966. Bose and Udell have one son Maurice Brogdon born 1901 died

died 1927, buried in Alexander cemetery. Willaim (Bill) Brogdon and daughter Minnie both taught school at different times at Alexander.

Buchanan Family:

J. D. Buchanan, born 1859 died 1882.

Burns Family:

Harriet Burns wife of A. B. Burns born 1859 died 1880 buried in Alexander cemetery.

Capps Family:

Athen Capps born 1893 died 1963. Lillie Capps born 1903 died 1973.

Chatham Family:

T. W. Chatham born 1851 died 1878. It is believed that he was related to the Deans and Hearnese.

The Conrad Family:

William Conrad was born 1888 died 1951. His wife Ruby Hudspeeth born 1890 died 1964. Children: Charles Roy born 1919 died 1962. Ruben F. born 1924 died 1971, Frank born 1917 died 1922, Kenneth W born 1928 died 1930. Charles Roy and Ruben were very devoted to Alexander church. In spite of handicaps they both rendered a valuable service to the church. Charles Roy drew the blueprint for the Education building and was recording Secretary and Ruben served as treasurer.

The Cooper Family:

Riley Cooper was born 1861 died 1937. His wife Minnie was born 1872 died 1963. Their children were Una who married Tom Smith, Luther, Charleston, married Ella Mae McCallum, born 1908 died 1961. Lanora (Rushie) born 1910 died 1969. Howard born 1910 died 1974. Mr. & Mrs. Cooper and two children buried at Alexander. The Coopers came to this area from Henry Prairie community.

The Coppock Family:

Chalmer Coppock born 1899 and died 1971 and wife Ethel lived in the community a few years and were faithful to the church. Mr. Coppock served as treasurer.

The Coyle Family:

Robert Coyle born 1904 died 1974. Mrs. Frankie Coyle born 1909 died 1974.

For the Dean Family, see story on J. H. & Sarah Fullerton.

The Edwards Family

Kirkland Edwards born 1907 died 1972. He was the brother of Mrs. Carro Mae McCallum (Tom). He was born at Milligan, Texas but often visited the Alexander church with his sister. He was educated in music and often played the piano when visiting Alexander church. At the time of his death he was teaching music in Texas City Public Schools. He is buried

### The Ellis Family:

Tommy Ellis was born in 1905 died in 1970.

### The Finley Family:

John Finley married Mollie Barnes born 1841 and died 1961. It is known that Mr. Finley came to Tabor from Alabama. The year is not known. John and Mollie Finley and two children, George & Mary are all buried in Alexander cemetery.

### John Henry Fullerton Sr. & Sarah Caufiled Fullerton Family:

Henry & Mary Caufield Sr., were the parents of ten children, including Sarah who married John Henry Fullerton Sr & Sarah's father, Henry Caufield Sr. was born in Lisbon County, North Ireland in 1760. He married Mary Castle's, she was born in Ireland in 1775. They immigrated to Charleston, South Caroline in 1821 and then to Alabama in 1825. Henry Caufield Sr., died July 21, 1840 and Mary Caufield died on Dec 1, 1840. Both are buried in a cemetery at Boligee, Alabama.

John Henry Fullerton Sr., was born in Belfast, Ireland in 1775, his wife Sarah was born in Belfast, Ireland in 1790. They were of average means. They owned their own home and 27 acres of land that he farmed to raise food for his family and rented land from the British Government to raise cattle, hogs, sheep etc. on to earn money for the other necessities of life. He was twenty-five and Sarah was twenty years of age when they married in the year 1810 in Belfast, Ireland. John Henry Fullerton Sr., and wife Sarah Caufield Fullerton are buried in the Dunn cemetery near Wheelock, Texas.

William Fullerton, a younger brother of John Henry Sr., (we do not want to confuse this William Fullerton with the son of John Henry Sr.,) whom I shall mention later. This William Fullerton decided he would not wait for his inheritance and left Ireland in the year 1818. He came to South Carolina, thence to Tennessee where he acquired quite an amount of land and was considered a bachelor of great means. He decided to gain more land and wealth in Robertson Colony and came to Texas. He later joined the Texas Army and fought in the battle of San Jacinto in 1836. Along with others his name is listed on the San Jacinto Monument.

At first the Indians were not hostile to the new settlers in Texas, but later the officials of the Mexican Government became suspicious of the settlers and incited the Indians to hostility against the Colonists. William Fullerton (this is the brother of John Henry Sr.,) along with Hugh Henry, brother of Robert Henry were killed fighting back to back with guns and knives to subdue the attack. That was in Jan of 1839 & William Fullerton, Hugh Henry along with others were buried in a cemetery called Old Franklin. This battle happened near the city of Marlin, Texas.

It was through William's letters to his brother John Henry Sr., and other relatives that they too would come to America to seek a better way of life. They being of the Irish Protestant faith, they were always in conflict with the Irish Catholics which were in power at that time. They in turn decided to join their other relatives in America. In 1821 they all embarked on their long journey to the new world. With great hope and faith in their hearts, they arrived by sailboat six weeks later to Charleston, South Carolina.

All the families were Presbyterians, after coming to Boligee, Alabama



they erected their first Presbyterian church. It was in the year 1831. Thomas Caufield, uncle of Sarah Caufield Fullerton was the first of these early settlers to die and was buried in the churchyard. Today this old church is still standing and in this churchyard you will see many graves of the early settlers that came to America.

William Fullerton, brother of John Henry Fullerton Sr., was still interested in his family and other relatives in Alabama so in the spring of 1833, he made a visit to see them. While he was there he met and married a widow with three children and her name was Margaret Henry Wilson. Her husband was deceased. William had already acquired land under Sterling C. Robertson and his story was so interesting and convincing that the others decided to move to Texas. They sold all their land, brought only what they could bring with them, some brought their slaves. I understand that the Fullerton's did not believe in slavery so they were of the ones that did not own slaves. They left Boligee, Alabama in Dec of 1833 for the long journey to Texas. John Henry Fullerton Sr., and his family, the Henry Caufield Sr., and his family and others were among the early settlers to leave Alabama for Texas. Hugh Henry and family were among them also. They left with the hope and faith that sustained them when they left Ireland for America.

These families came by carryalls and ox drawn covered wagons enduring the hardships that they encountered each day. They being christians, they rested on the Sabbath day and traveled only on the remaining days of the week. They encountered lots of difficulty in crossing the Mississippi River as they had to make their own makeshift barges of logs and it must have been days of waiting before they could journey on. They traveled the Old San Antonio road, often crossing the Navasota river. Often the wagons would bog down or need repair, it would take days before they could continue their journey. At the last stop, they investigated the surroundings and decided that would be where they would settle. The Mexican Government at that time gave each family of the Colonists under Stephen F. Austin and Sterling C. Robertson contracts, a head-right league containing 4428 acres of land and also a labor of land of 177 acres each. John Henry Fullerton Sr., and his son, John Henry, Jr., took their leagues of land of 177 acres each at Benchley, Texas, (then called Stagger's Point) William & Mary Fullerton adjoined the others but their land lay in Brazos County. Henry Sr., and wife Sarah Caufield Fullerton lived on their land of 177 acres in Robertson County. Isabella Caufield Dunn, sister of Sarah Fullerton and some of the Caufield's lived on Wheelock Prairie in Robertson County.

These families formed an Irish Protestant church known as "Concord" on Red Top Prairie.

John Henry Sr., and Sarah Caufield Fullerton had three children born in Belfast, Ireland, three in Boligee, Alabama and one in South Carolina.

1. Mary, the oldest child was born in Belfast, Ireland in 1815 and she was married to William Henry, Nov 1, 1831. William was also born in Ireland and they had three children.

2. John Henry Jr., was their second child born in Belfast, Ireland in 1817, married Nancy Walker, took his land as a colonists under Sterling C. Robertson, in Robertson County, Texas. Henry Jr's., name appears on the Roster of Rangers who went to Ft. Milan, Jan 17, 1836. He & Nancy later moved to Navarro County, Texas.

3. John was the third child born to John Henry Sr., and Sarah Caulfield Fullerton, born in Belfast, Ireland in 1820. He married his step cousin, Isabella Wilson, daughter of Margaret Henry Wilson Fullerton, and step-daughter of William Fullerton (this William Fullerton was the younger brother of John Henry Sr.,) Isabella died when her daughter Susan was born. The 1850 census shows that John & Susan lived with Margaret Fullerton's mother, Isabella.

4. Isabella was the fourth child born to John Henry Sr., & Sarah Caulfield Fullerton, born in South Carolina in 1823. She married John Walker of Robertson County & buried in the Walker cemetery in Robertson County. Isabella died before 1850 leaving her husband and two children, Sarah Elizabeth (Bettie) married Joe Berry, William Henry married Alice McMillan and they had one son, Claude Walker, he died in 1965.

5. William was the fifth child born to John Henry Sr., & Sarah Caulfield Fullerton, born in Alabama in 1825. He never married and lived at Benchley, Texas with his mother Sarah Caulfield Fullerton until her death in 1856. She was buried in the Dunn cemetery along with her husband, John Henry Sr., The Dunn cemetery is located in Robertson County near Wheelock, Texas. After William's mother died, he joined the Confederate Army and was killed at the Battle of Gettesburg.

6. Thomas J. the sixth child born to John Henry Sr., & Sarah Caulfield Fullerton, born in the year 1830, married Ann Jane Henry, she was born April 9, 1835 and died March 18, 1880. Thomas J. was scalped by the Indians and was buried in the Walker cemetery in Robertson County, Ann Jane is buried in the Alexander cemetery. They had three children, Mollie Bettie and William.

a. Mollie Fullerton, born Nov 16, married A. A. Dean of the Tabor community. A. A. Dean is buried in the Alexander cemetery, also his wife, Mollie. They had one daughter, Ollie Dean, married Paul Martin, Ollie is deceased and buried in Dallas, Texas.

b. Bettie Fullerton, born Dec 13, 1859, died Nov 25, 1906 and buried in Alexander cemetery. Bettie married John Rainey and had one daughter, Daisey Rainey, Born Jan 29, 1880, died Jan 1895. After the death of her husband John Rainey, and her sister Mollie Fullerton Dean, A. A. Dean married the second time to Bettie Fullerton Rainey and they had one son, Ross Dean, married to Cecil Broach, oldest daughter of Dr. Duncan Broach. Ross died Dec 3, 1972 and buried in the Alexander cemetery. Dr. Duncan Broach is also buried in the Alexander cemetery. Ross & Cecil were both reared in the Tabor community.

c. William Fullerton born Nov 25, 1856 died Aug 23, 1878. He never married and is buried in the Alexander cemetery.

7. George Hays is the seventh child born to John Henry Sr., & Sarah Caulfield Fullerton, born in Alabama on Aug 20, 1833, died in Bryan, Texas on May 29, 1922. He was married to Lucy Catherine McNair in 1857, she was born in Mississippi in 1834 died in 1899. Both are buried in the Alexander cemetery. Six children were born to them, John W., Catherine Ann (Kate), Henry, Mary Isabella, Effie and Barbara.

George Hays and Lucy Catherine Fullerton lived most of their lives in the Tabor community, reared his entire family there and most of his immediate children's children live in or near Tabor, Texas. Various children of John Henry Sr., and Sarah Caulfield Fullerton were instrumental in building the first Methodist church ever erected in the Tabor community. It was organized in 1854 in an old log schoolhouse by the Rev



Robert Alexander, a circuit rider. The first church was constructed of hand hewn logs. George Hays Fullerton (even though he was a Presbyterian) was one that gave of his time and energy to help build this church. The hammer that he used in helping to build this church is still in the Fullerton family and has been handed down to one of his great-great grandsons, Kenneth Broach, great-grandson of one of his daughters, Effie Fullerton Broach.

George Hays Fullerton was a Confederate Veteran of Company 1, Twenty First Calvary. In Dec, 1861 this Company was organized at Booneville, Texas. From there they went to Millican, Texas then the terminus of the H & T C R R from Millican, Texas to Navasota, Texas, hence to Shreveport, La. and joined what was known as Carter's Brigade composed of three regiments under the Generalship of Magruder, they were transferred to the front line of Missouri and Arkansas in the spring of 1862. At the end of the war in 1865, George Hays was given an honorable discharge. It is known that George Hays had a horse shot from under him and a bullet grazed his scalp leaving a bullet hole through his hat.

TO RECAP: The obituary that appeared in the Bryan Eagle in 1922 describes the kind of a man George Hays was and the kind of a life that he lived. Mr. Fullerton became a member of the Presbyterian church at an early age and remained a constant member up to the time of his death. He was an honorable, industrious intelligent farmer, interfering at no time with other peoples affairs. He had no enemies and was loved by all who knew him. He was never known to utter an oath, nor in anyway take the Lord's name in vain. He was the last of the early settlers in this part of the county. He remained on the farm as long as his health permitted. A home was purchased on the road to Bryan and College Station (known as Hillcrest) there he lived with his daughter Barbara Fullerton until his spirit was called hence, just at the close of the day on May 29, 1922, a befitting time for the departure of such a gentle spirit from time to eternity. Peace to his ashes, may his quiet life as a christian and death be a means of inducing many other's to so live that their final reward will be eternal happiness.

Signed, A FRIEND.

George Hays and Lucy Catherine Fullerton had the following children.

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Norman born Sept 9, 1897 died Dec 1, 1905, buried in the Alexander cemetery.

Pearle was born May 11, 1891, died Nov 30, 1956. Buried in the Alexander cemetery. Pearle was married to Dr. A. L. Mondrick of Bryan, Texas. He is deceased and buried in the Bryan City cemetery along with an infant son. They had another son, Albert L, Jr., born Nov 19, 1926, died Oct 2, 1965. Buried in the Alexander cemetery.

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Lucy Catherine Fullerton, born Aug 6, 1868, died in Franklin, Texas on June 14, 1943. Buried in the Alexander cemetery. Kate was married to Will Thompson, born near Tabor on Feb 4, 1872, died in Franklin, Texas on April 4, 1927. They had six daughters, Bessie Lee, Lucy Myrtle, Ruth, Lucille, Catherine Ann and Mattie. Will Thompson was buried in the Alexander cemetery.

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This concludes the lives of these early settlers and their families that live and have lived, born and reared in the Tabor community and adjoining County, Robertson. All of George Hays children were born and reared in the Tabor, Texas community. All of Effie Fullerton Broach's children are living and reside in Bryan, Texas.

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Glaze Family:

Louis Glaze born 1873 died 1959 married Hattie Josey born 1882 died 1941. They had no children but reared four of Mills and Leah Josey's children after Leah died.

The Glaze family lived near Benchley. Louis sisters were Mrs. Will Hill (Cora) of Edge, Mrs. Ed Payne also of Edge married Maggie Glaze, she died, he later married Etta Glaze. The brother Frank Glaze married Emily Skains.

Gregory Family:

Lee Otha Gregory born 1863, died 1941.

The Harrison Family:

Isaac R. Harrison born in 1861 died 1946. Mr. Harrison came from Putnam County, Georgia. He settled first at Livingston, Texas. After several years he moved to near Wheelock where he met and married Miss Nora Maniord who was born in 1873 died 1951.

To this union was born eight children: James Nathaniel born 1889 died 1959 married Verna Wilson. E. C. (Bud) born 1891 died 1971 never married. I. B. Harrison married Nora Holiday. George married Mary Frances Dunn and is buried in Wheelock cemetery. Edna born 1893 died 1918 married Matt Glover. Princess married Herman Blanton. Edgar born 1908 died 1910.

Mrs. Mary E. Maniord, mother of Mrs. Harrison is also buried on the Harrison plot. She was born 1847 died 1934.

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Jessie Haltom born 1882, died 1904.

The Hampton Family:

Aaron H. Hampton born 1900 died 1971.

The Hearne Family:

William Thomas Hearne was born 1855 died 1895 married Louella Dean who was born 1855 and died 1947.

Children: Edward Hearne born 1878 and died 1918, Stephen Dean, born 1880, died 1952, Lillie Dale born 1887 died 1942. Lula Hearne born 1889 died 1890, Bessie Hearne born 1891 died 1892. Mollie Shelton, wife on George Shelton was also related to the Hearnese and Deans, so was the mother of Mr. Pat Newton.

### The Boggs Family:

W. M. Boggs known as Billy was born 1849 and died 1918. He was a brother of Mrs. Lou Boggs Wilcox (Mark, Sr.,) Billy lived with Mrs. Wilcox. Milton and Hugh Boggs nephews of Billy are also buried at Alexander cemetery.

### The Henry Family:

The Henry's of Alexander community originated with Robert Henry of Ireland who married Elazabeth Downing of London in 1820. Shortly after their wedding, set sail to America. With him came his three brothers and seven other families. After three months on ship they finally reached South Carolina. They all stayed in South Carolina for a year then headed for Texas. They reached Alabama where they spent several years. Robert Henry was the first to reach the prairie near the Brazos in what is now Brazos County in 1829. He built the first cotton gin, and planted the first patch of rye, which in later years, became the name of a community near Benchley. Rye Community.

In a few years the Mexican government realized that the Scotch-Irish immigrants had taken definite control of their norther province. The Henry's and Houston families were friends in Ireland. Robert Henry was a soldier in the Texas Army before Sam Houston became its Commander in chief. Robert Henry was granted much land from the Mexican Grovernment for his participation in the battle of San Jacinto. The land office in Austin reveals that he received so much acreage that he returned field notes for 600 acres.

His wife Elazabeth was a courageous woman. She held her ground with the Indians and was very helpful with the sick.

They had several children that lived to adulthood. Mary Henry married Bradford Seale. Elizabeth married Columbus Seale. Hugh, the eldest took his portion of land in the area of Alexander community in 1842. He married Mary Foley. To this union was born, James Sidney Henry, who in later years settled in Hearne, Texas. Harvey Henry married Bettie Brogdon. Sam married Sallie McDonald. Margaret married Thomas Johnson, a school teacher. Susan married Henry Mc Donald.

After Hugh Henry's first wife preceeded him in death he later married Barbara McNair McDowell of Madison County. To them were born three children. Two of them died in infancy. George Henry grew to manhood and married Mae Thompson. He claimed his inheirtance, the homestead of his father Hugh, and reared his family. George was born 1882 died 1920. To this union seven children were born. Ola Maye, Bessie Marie, Willis Herbert, Loyce Selma, Eula Lee, Elzie Emmett & Leslie Bryan.

Hugh Henry like all early settlers chose to have a family cemetery on his own soil. He and his two wives, daughter Margaret and her husband and several infants of his sons are buried in this cemetery.

The cemetery is on the property now owned by Alex McCallum Jr. across the road from the old Hugh Henry place.

George F. Henry chose not to be buried in the Henry cemetery. He and two children, Leslie and Marie are buried at Alexander.

The descendants are still in possession of a part of the Hugh Henry property. Hugh Henry settled this land in 1842. The dug well used



a crepe myrtle tree still blooms that stood in the original yard. Homes were miles apart in those days and weary travelers were always welcomed at the Henry home. But one autumn night not so welcomed a guest appeared. Hugh Henry was awakened by a noise in the kitchen, no screens and all windows opened. It was his custom to sleep with his pistol under his pillow. He clutched his pistol and called "Who is there"? No answer, he called again and said if you don't talk I'm going to shoot, no answer came, and he shot. As she fell she said "Woman". She was a gypsy woman dressed in men's clothing. Seeing she was greatly in need of medical attention Hugh sent his oldest son to get Dr. Cameron who lived at Wheelock. In the meantime Hugh and family had placed the woman on a pallet on the long front porch. Dr. Cameron arrived at day break, examined her and said that she would soon die due to loss of blood.

She had in a sack on her body many jewels and articles thought to belong to citizens in Wheelock. Hugh asked Dr. Cameron to notify the persons missing articles to come and claim them. It was learned later that she or some of her party had climbed in a second story window of the Cavitt home with vicious dogs in the yard.

The gypsy woman died and was buried in the shade of an oak tree between the Henry home and the Henry cemetery.

#### The Holden Family:

Jeff Holden and wife Hannah had three sons, Charlie, born 1854, died 1941, married Lillie Martin, born 1885 died 1892 was Superintendent of Sunday in the first church for several years. They had no children, but reared Carrie Chilton Seale. George Holden married Florence Lemmons. Pee Holden married Maggie Martin. Thomas Holden born 1846 died 1925. A brother of Jeff Holden married Julia Leathers. Their children were Ella who married Billy Blanton, Walter married Laura Presnal, Horace born 1873 died 1947, married Margaret McMillian, born 1875 died 1892.

John Holden and wife Lennie cousins to the above Holdens also lived in the Alexander community for years. Their children: Nanie, born 1875 died 1891, Maggie married E. W. Thompson, Jr. Alma married Robert Bosque, Eddie and Ruby deceased early & Myrtle.

#### The Hensley Family:

John Hensley born Dec 31, 1868, died Jan 11, 1958, wife Mary born Oct 14, 1877, died June 1, 1951. Children were Julia married Lee Bloom, Gussie, married Robert Holiday, Maggie married Mack Blum.

#### The Holiday Family:

Grady Holiday son of Gussie and Robert Holiday was born 1920 and died 1960.

#### The Holmes Family:

J. C. Holmes born 1837 died Olivia Holmes born 1846. It is thought that these two persons are the mother and father of Will & Charlie Holmes who farmed around Alexander in their early days and decided farming was not for them. Charlie kept the post office at Tabor until he & Will came to Bryan. The following are probably children of J. C. & Olivia Holmes, Neppie born, 1874, Mattie born 1888, Thomas, born 1879.

Mrs. Lillie Flanigan Edge (J. L.) who is now one hundred and one years of age was orphaned at a very young age and lived with the above family of Holmes. Mrs Edge's mother and father are buried beside the Holmes family. A marker stands with only Mother and Father Flanigan inscribed on it.

#### The Hudspeth Family:

Robert Hudspeth was born Dec. 18, 1828 at Sommerville, Tenn. He came to Texas in 1848 and settled first at Marshall, Texas, where he lived until 1852, then moved on to Richmond, Texas. He stayed only a short time in this area. In 1853, he settled in Wheelock and lived there until 1861. It was at Wheelock that he met and married Miss Minurva Collins on Sept 6, 1854. To this union five children were born; Mary Frances, Wm. Moore (born 1856, died 1936), Laura Ann, Thomas Benton, and Robert Henry. Minurva died Feb. 1, 1964. He later married Mary Kellough born 1838 and died Jan. 27, 1894. They had no children. Robert Hudspeth owned a store at Wheelock. He enlisted in the army of the Civil War in 1861. He was in Company One, 21st Texas Regiment. Robert was made captain of his company. He served four years. He came back to Wheelock and lived one year.

In 1866 he moved to the Tabor Community of which Alexander was a part, after the schools were consolidated. In 1903, he married Myrtle Nichols, a step sister of Frank Nichol, Sr. of the Tabor Community. She lived only three years and is buried at Bickhan Cemetery.

In 1855, he was made a Royal Arch Mason and at the time of his death was one of the two oldest masons in the state of Texas.

Robert Hudspeth built a nice home on his 850 acres of land. He rode horseback to Houston to get the paper work done for his land and to buy the lumber for his home. The lumber was transported from Houston with oxen-drawn wagons.

He died Jan. 12, 1912. Each of his children inherited their fair share of land. William received the home place. There he and his wife Frances Roy born 1864 died 1945 reared their family. The children: Nell married Lute Woodall; Ruby married William Conrad; Martha married Claude Shannon; Maudell married Frank Worsham; Roland married Lavonia Turner, she died and he later married Lucile Gallatin Worsham; Hewell married Arnold Stevener. William Hudspeth's estate passed down to his children at his death. Jewell and Arnold Stevener received the home place of Robert, then William Hudspeth; therefore, the property meets the Land Heritage requirements of being in the same family of a hundred years or more.

Jewell and Arnold had one child Ralph Arnold who has contributed much since early childhood to the Alexander church by playing the piano for church services and funerals.

Robert Hudspeth and his second wife Mary Kellough, his son William and wife Frances are all buried in Alexander Cemetery.

#### The Jernigan Family:

Laura Jernigan was the daughter of J. T. Josey. She was born 1872 and died 1970. The following are her children: Baulah, born 1895, died 1921; Homer, born 1893, died 1959; Willie, born 1892, died 1892.

#### The Josey Family:

Census report of North Hampton Co., North Carolina list John Josey born 1730, children listed, 3 males, 2 females and 4 male slaves.

Thomas Jefferson Josey was born in 1845, Butler Co., Alabama. He died in 1904 and was buried in Alexander. He married Bessie Jackson on Dec. 1, 1871.

1848, Butler Co., Ala. and died in 1901, buried in Alexander Cemetery. Thomas and Emile Josey came to Texas sometime in the year of 1871 to Wheeler Co., Texas, and later moved and settled at Benchley, Texas. They had 12 children, 3 with them when they came to Texas.

The children of Thomas Jefferson Josey and Emile Josey and the following: Walter, born 1873, died 1896; Laura, born 1872, died 1967, married Chas. Jernigan; Della, born 1878, died 1929; Maggie, born 1884, died 1965, married Alex McCallum; Hattie, born 1882, died 1965, married Louis Glaze; Mills, born 1888, died 1966, married Leah Worsham; Will, born 1886, died 1966, married Lee Guthrie; Tomas Richard, 1870-1921, married Anna Jernigan, Hempstead, Texas; Lee, 1880-1954, married Minnie Allen and lived in Hearne, Texas; Edgar, born 1890, died 1900; Alice, born 1876, died 1877; Enma Elizabeth, born 1868, died 1956, married Billy Stallings. Nine of the twelve children above are buried at Alexander.

#### The Kennedy Family:

Oliver H. Kennedy, born 1885, died 1889.

#### The Lawrence Family:

William Lawrence was born in 1815 and died 1878. He was one of the trustees that the land for the church was deeded to; however, very little is known about him. He did have a brother, Jim Lawrence who was a large land owner and settled several miles northeast of the church very near the Hudspeth and Presnal homes.

There are several infants buried in the row with William Lawrence. It is not known whether they are his children. Each one has a marker, Helen Irene Lawrence, born 1877, died 1878, Mary Verzilla, daughter of J. C. and A. Lawrence, born May 1879, died Sept. 1879, Bobby Lawrence died Feb. 10, 1872.

#### The C. A. and Martha Lefevre Family:

Cornellious Lefevre was born Sept. 16, 1834, died May 5, 1915. Martha was born May 2, 1843 and died May 19, 1917.

Mr. Lefevre was a Frenchman. It is not known what year he came to the Alexander Community. But it is known that he lived near the church grounds and attended all services possible in the first church.

C. A. Lefevre married Martha Warren of the Wheelock Community. Their children were: Clara who married Jim Henry, Armanda who married Jim Parker, Bell who married Will Wallace, Eva, born 1879, died 1915 who married Mark Rudisel. Gus, Volney, and Albert the sons moved away before marriage.

The only living descendants of this family are Mrs. Mae Cloud, Mrs. Della Graham, Mrs. Katie Henry Dorrell, Claude Henry, and Lillie May Wallace.

#### The Effie and John Lindsey Family:

John Buchanan Lindsey's father and brothers came to America from Wales. They settled in Alabama for sometime. It is not known whether they all came to Texas or not. Mr. Lindsey was born 1857 and died 1947 not much is known of his early family. It is however known that he had one sister Fannie who married a Mr. Shehorn of Bell County. A niece, the daughter of this sister often visited them when she was young. Mr. Lindsey met and married Effie McWhorter in Grimes County. Her parents were William McWhorter Sr. and Ann McNair. The other McWhorter children were Ann who married a Mr. Harrison of Grimes County (a brother of the old Dr. Harrison of Bryan.) Bynum a son married Ann Duncan. This couple lived in the Alexander area for several years.

Effie and John Lindsey had the following children; Minnie, died in infancy, Walter married Hattie Alphin, Ola married George Wilson, Annie never married. Walter's daughter--Mrs. Ruth McCall has her grandfather McWhorter's discharge papers from the army of the Civil War, dated July 11, 1865 at Millican Texas, signed Joseph Berry. Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay and two daughters are buried at Alexander.

#### The Lyons, English and Beard Family:

There are three wooden markers in a row, still in tact except for the lettering, in Alexander Cemetery. They are probably among the oldest of graves. Some of the settlers remember the names on the markers to be Lyons, English and Beard. It was known that Grandma Lyons lived west of the cemetery. In the early 1800's it is thought that English and Beard may have been here married daughters or their husbands. They are buried near the Lawrences. It is also known that Dr. Lawrence, a dentist, who practiced in Bryan for many years (now deceased), nother was a Lyons. It is thought that one of these graves is Grandma Lyons as she was known.

#### The Ed Mathis Family:

Ed Mathis born 1875 died 1930 wife Lestina Mathis born 1885 died 1948 and several infants are buried at Alexander. This family also lived near Alexander for a while.

#### The McCallum Family:

John Hugh McCallum born 1841 in Glasco, Scotland, died 1927, married Mae Kennedy, born 1846 in Glasco, Scotland, died 1932. Both buried at Alexander. John, Sr. and Mae McCallum landed in Galveston, Texas near the end of 1866, with one son. From Galveston they traveled by train to Millican, Texas, which was the end of the line for the train. After a short stay in Millican they settled near Bryan, in the Cameron Ranch community. John owned and operated a cotton gin which was located on land between the Johnny Wilcox place and what is now the Carrol Cooper place, across the road from Alexander Church. They later moved to the Tabor community, where they continued to operate a cotton gin, the gin being then in the Tabor community. Upon retirement of John, Sr., John Hugh, Jr. took over the ownership and operation of the gin. They also farmed in the community.

During time of Service with the U.S. Navy, Albert (Buck) McCallum, the 8th child of nine children borned to John, Sr. and Mae McCallum, made several visits to Scotland. And during World War II Alex McCallum Jr., son of Alex McCallum, who was John and Mae's 3rd child, also visited in Scotland.

Children of John & Mae McCallum are: Arch born 1863 died 1900. He married Mattie Thompson. John H. born 1870 died 1961 and he never married. Alex born 1874 died 1931 married Maggie Josey. Ada Buried at Red Top (Seale) cemetery. Elizabeth married Ned McWhorter born 1882 died 1960. Annie born 1885 died 1956, married Marvin Thompson. Thomas J. born 1898 died 1960 married Carro Mae Edwards. Albert born 1888 died 1959 married Mary Benbow, died, he later married Susie Mitchell of Normangee.

#### The McDowell Family:

R. D. McDowell born 1863 died 1969.

#### The McMillan Family:

Buried in the Alexander Cemetery was born June 25, 1821 in Charleston South Carolina six weeks after the death of his father. His mother Ann McMillan and her four children came along to Staggers Point with the other Irish settlers. Ann McMillan received a league of land from the Mexican Government. She divided this land among her four children George's part was between Calvert and Bremond. George never



John Attended school near Tabor and with Tillie Chatham who he later married. He also attended College to prepare himself to be a teacher.

Tillie Chatham was the daughter of Tillman and Molly Hudspeth Chatham. Tillman Chatham was a native of the Shenandoah Valley in Tennessee. Molly was the daughter of Robert Hudspeth of Tabor. Molly married Tillman Chatham in the early part of 1877, he died in August of 1878. Tillie was born March 11, 1879 in the home of her grandfather Robert Hudspeth.

When Tillie was two years old Molly Chatham married James K. Presnal and settled on the ninety-eight acres tract left to Molly at the death of her first husband. James K. and Molly Presnal had five other children and Tillie to make it half a dozen. The Presnals attended Wesson Methodist Church until it closed its doors in 1900. Tillie joined the Church at an early age. When Wesson closed they moved their membership to Alexander Methodist Church. When Tillie was fourteen she went to live with her Grandfather, "Ole Pa" as she so fondly called him. She cooked and took care of the house for him until she married John M. Moore on December 2, 1896. They married in the home of her parents which left wonderful memories for both the bride and groom.

After John and Tillie were married they moved to Kurten and stayed about three years and moved to a place they bought near Mathis Creek where they expanded to a farm with nine hundred acres. John not only farmed but taught school at different places. There was Fickey School, a school in Robertson County near Hearne and finally Harris School, twenty-three years elementary education. After this there was 12 years of being a County Commissioner, afterward a farmer and rancher. John and Tillie were the proud parents of six children - Tillman, Aubrey, Inez, Irene, Henry, and Morris. Tillman and Inez were teachers following dad's footsteps.

Aubrey was an electrician. Irene one of the finest cooks anywhere, following Mom's footsteps. Henry and Morris were plumbers now turn ranchers.

This family attended Alexander until they married and moved away. Tillman married Velma Tauett of Beaumont and moved to Canyon, Texas to teach. Aubrey married Jewell Mathis of Steep Hollow, moved to College Station and later to Houston, Texas. Inez married John W. Stocton of Bryan and moved to Austin, Texas. Irene married Floy L. Saxon of Reliance and moved to Hearne, Texas. Henry married Vacielle Wright of Bryan still lived in community. Morris married Jane Moore in the same neighborhood. They lived nineteen years in the home of John and Tillie Moore.

There nine grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Tillman -- one son -- four grandchildren

Aubrey -- one son -- one daughter -- five grandchildren

Inez -- one son -- four grandchildren

Irene -- one son -- one daughter -- three grandchildren

Henry -- one daughter

Morris -- one son -- one daughter -- three grandchildren

Morris and Jane Moore are still members of Alexander.

Two of the nineteen grandchildren were married in the Church.

Frances L. Moore daughter of Morris & Jane married Marshall Wallace, Jr. of Silsbee, Texas April 15, 1964 with Rev. Bailey Officiating.

Janice Sue Moore married Jerry Wayne Jones of Texarkana, Arkansas on November 26, 1973 with Rev. Barnett doing the honors.

John and Tillie are now deceased and both laid to rest in Alexander Cemetery. Tillie passed away at the age of 80 years and seven months on October 11, 1959.

As I write this many many fond memories of those nineteen years spent when Papa John and Mama Moore come back. They were wonderful to me and I loved them for it. I think we made a record of time never any hard or bad feelings were ever between us. This proves that two families can live under one roof if they try. Maybe my nickname made a difference. I was known as the "Outlaw" in the Moore family. This was given to me by Tillman the eldest of the six children, now deceased, five years ago April, 1969.

lived on his land but chose to stay in Brazos county. George McMillan married Ann Jane Young April 5, 1855. To this union five children were born. Alice married W.H. (Bud) Walker, April 1, 1877. Mary Ann married George Wicker December 23, 1880. Betty married Charner Skains he died and she later married Thomas Skains. Emma died at 5 years of age. William Andrew married Maggie McMordie. George Mc Millan's first wife died and he later married Maggie Nichol May 4, 1871 to them was born one child Margaret Jane (Maggie) June 6, 1875 who later became Mrs. Horace Holden. Margaret's mother died when she was 7 months old. Mrs Tom Fullerton who lived in the Alexander Community and was a niece of George McMillan's. She took the baby to raise. Mrs. Fullerton then deeded 50 acres of land to George McMillan so that he could be near the baby. George McMillan devoted much of his later life making trips to Galveston and New Orleans to get articles for neighbors. He died May 21, 1884.

#### The McWhorter Family:

Ned McWhorter born 1882, died 1960. He came to this area from Grimes County. His first wife was Chappel. Ned's sister Addie also married a Chappel. The Chappel father is buried in Alexander Cemetery. Ned later married Elizabeth McWhorter. Ned and two sons Noah born 1903 died 1969 married Bessie McWhorter. Charlie born 1905 died 1950 are buried in Alexander cemetery. Also a daughter-in-law Margie McWhorter wife of John G. McWhorter born 1900 died 1969.

#### The Roland Crenshaw Family:

Roland Crenshaw born 1887 died 1966 was the son of Joe and Nellie Crenshaw. They lived near Wesson Church for sometime, then at Tabor for a few years. Roland married Lillian Elliott. The Crenshaws had three daughters Etna who married Arch Robinson. She is still a member of Alexander Church. Jessie married Rufus Batten. Irma is deceased.

#### The Tom Martin Family:

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Martin lived at Alexander in early days. Their children were: Will S. who married Lula Hall, Tom Jr., Henry married Clara Gallaton, Lillie married Charlie Holden. Maggie married Pee Holden. Will Martin was born 1858 died 1832, wife Lula Hall was born in 1865 died in 1907. Their children: Clifford, Robert, Oscar born 1889 died 1918. Nellie, married Paul Dansby. Will, Lula and son Oscar are the only members of the family buried at Alexander.

E. O. Hall Brother of Lula Martin was born in Crenshaw County, Alabama in 1856 died 1878. He is also buried on the Martin plot.

#### The Claud Martin Family:

Claud Martin born 1901 died 1957.

#### The John Mensik Family:

Born 1880 died 1961. He and wife purchased the Walter Armstrong place at Tabor.

#### The Moore Family:

John Marion Moore, son of Anthony and Elizabeth Black Moore natives of Alabama, was born in Montgomery Alabama on December 6, 1875. The Moore's moved from Alabama to Texas in 1880 settling at Kurten. John was five when they moved. There was a younger son, Huel two years, that died the next year and was buried at Kurten in Ebeneza Cemetery. At this time the Moore's were members of Ebeneza Free Will Baptist Church. They lived in this community until their deaths and are buried in Bryan City Cemetery.



"Papa John" was a wonderful person and never lost faith in human nature and it strengthen after he was blind. I remember so well our evenings reading and discussing the Bible. We enjoyed this so, for he missed being able to read. There were times when I could not read to him and Frances would read and she enjoyed being able to read and do for him because he appreciated everything so much.

Mama Moore was a person who was happy when she was busy in her yard and among her flowers. She was talented in the way of being able to keep everyone around busy and staying equally busy. She was wonderful and very patient. She also appreciated everything you did for her.

My memories are too many to write about, but those two people were wonderful.

#### The Moss Family:

William Moss born 1833 in South Carolina died 1897 in Brazos County. He married Mary Horton Moss born 1838 and died 1920. They had two children Steve Moss, born 1889 died 1914, never married. Anna born 1857 died 1905 married Robert J. Nichol. Mr. and Mrs. Moss lived for many years on the "cut off" road between the Wheelock road and Tabor, near the Ed Elliott place.

All of the named above are buried at Alexander.

#### The Nichol Family:

John Nichol born 1803 died 1877. Jane Nichol born 1808 died 1885. They came to America from Scotland. It was not known whether they ever lived near Alexander or not, but their son Robert John Nichol married Anna Moss who did live there. Robert John Nichol was born 1850 died 1896. Anna Moss Nichol born 1857 died 1905. Children of Anna and Bob (R.J.) Nichol are Maude born 1883 died 1913. Ella married Ollie Emmel. Mae married Rudolph Myers. Robbie married Morris Tatum. John William Nichol born 1875 died 1934. George Hartwell Nichol born 1897 died 1946. All of the deceased above are buried at Alexander.

#### The W. W. Parker Family:

One of the very early families of Alexander was William and Frances Parker. They owned land back of the cemetery. Their children attended school at Alexander. Hattie married, John Nash. James married Nora Thomas. Dochie married John Glover. Eddie and Harry died young and are buried in Alexander Cemetery.

#### The Parker Family:

James J. Parker born 1867 died 1949. Armanda Parker born 1871 died 1964. Children: J. Walter Parker born 1892 died 1919, John Dale Parker born 1905. Annie Lou Parker (daughter-in-law) born 1896 died 1968. Near the Parker plot are buried two son-in-laws, John Cloud husband of Mae Parker Cloud, Sam Graham husband of Della Parker Graham.

#### The William L. Powers and wife M. B. Brogdon Family:

Their children Willie married A. Scott, Maude married Ed Royal, Bessie born 1889 died 1971 married Dees, Norman born 1879 died 1880.

#### The Presnal Family:

Rhode Presnal, mother of J. K. Presnal, is the first generation of Presnals to be buried here.

J. K. Presnal and his wife, the former Mollie Hudspeth Chatham, represent the second generation buried here. Mollie's father, Robert H. Hudspeth, and first husband, Tillman Chatham, are also buried at Alexander. Tillman Chatham died leaving Mollie a widow with a small child, Tillie, who married John M. Moore and is buried in Alexander

Three sons of J. K. and Mollie, Charles, Earl, and Bobby, represent the third generation of Presnals to be buried at Alexander. Bobby died as an infant and was buried before a family plot was established. Both Charles' and Earl's first wives are also buried in the family plot.

Fourth and fifth generations of Presnals are the children and grandchildren of Will Presnal, Laura Holden and Mary Kern. Will resides in the Tabor community while Laura and Mary were both interred in the Bryan City Cemetery.

J. K. Presnal and his widowed mother moved into the community about the time of the Civil War and moved their church membership to Alexander about 1900 when the Wesson Methodist Church was disbanded.

#### The D. S. Purcell Family:

Mr. Purcell was born in 1832 died 1899. He came to the Alexander community from the state of Kentucky. He married Addie Boggs born 1832 and died 1899. They lived for many years on the William Lawrence place after Mr. Lawrence died. Mrs. Purcell and daughters sold the place to John Wilcox soon after Mr. Purcell died. They moved to Ford County. Lettie married Ike Venoy of College Station. Mrs. Purcell's body was returned to Alexander for internment.

#### The Roberts Family:

Mary E. Roberts born 1909 died 1966.

#### The Singletary Family:

Carl C. Singletary born 1893 died 1958.

William A. Singletary born 1865 died 1916.

Bettie Singletary born 1872 died 1916.

#### The Skains Family:

H. P. Skains born 1847 died 1886. E. G. Skains born 1822 died 1878. Nothing is known about these persons.

There was another Skains family who lived near Wesson or Wixson. They were Dick, Will, Fannie and Selman. Whether there was a connection here is not known. Other skains buried in Alexander cemetery are: Irene Mae Skains born 1863 died 1893; Oscar Skains born 1882 died 1884.

#### The Srimpton Family:

Carrie Srimpton born 1892 died 1973.

James (Jim) Srimpton born 1898 died 1960.

#### The Stallings Family:

Nicholas Stallings, a teen-ager, arrived in James City County, Virginia, in November 1635 from London, England. He had 3 sons, Nicholas, Jr., John and Elias. Those coming to Texas later were the decedents of Elias. William Danial Stallings, Jr., lived in Butler Co., Alabama, married Louise H. Wilson, died during the civil war. They had 3 children. Louise, (known as Eliza) then married James Brogdon and came to Texas. William D. Stallings III, (known as Bill or Billy) was borned in Butler Co., Alabama in 1860, came to Texas as a young child. In 1884 married Emma Elizabeth Josey, also borned in Butler Co., Alabama in 1863. They settled in the Cameron Ranch area, where they farmed and ranched. In November 1974 the Stallings family will have been in this country 340 years. They had 5 sons and 2 daughters.

The Children of Billy and Emma: Jack, William, Bessie, Robert, Henry, Arch, Leona, all attended school at Alexander. Bessie later taught school at Alexander. Henry married Pearl Drumond. Bessie married Herman Benkie. Leona married William Van'arworth

### The J. H. Thompson Family:

J. H. Thompson was born January 12, 1823, died May 17, 1886.

He was a brother to E. W. Thompson but came to the Alexander area much later. They were orphaned at a very early age, lived in different home, had not seen each other for years, when, one day J. H. drove us to E. W.'s home in a covered wagon from Mississippi with a beautiful red headed wife.

This John Thompson settled permanently at Wheelock. His children were: Eugenia, Ada, Blanch, Laura and John Adams born 1879 died 1955. Most of the girls moved to California. After John H. Thompson died his wife Fannie Montgomery married James V. Walker, no realtion to any of the other Walker's. James V. Walker was born 1855 died 1940.

John H. Thompson, two infants, John A. Thompson and Jas. V. Walker are all buried at Alexander. Fannie Walker went to live with daughters in California.

John Adams Thompson's wife Phanata born 1886 died 1973 is also buried in Alexander Cemetery.

### The Toomer Family:

John Toomer born 1893 died 1961.

His wife Millie Toomer born 1897 died 1960.

### The Walker Family:

James Walker an Irishman and an early settler of Alexander Community, Brazos County, was born September 2, 1817 and died May 18, 1874. He was one of the trustees of the first church at Alexander. The deeds of the church property show that James Walker owned land adjoining the church land. It is not known at this time if James Walker had a family.

John William Walker was born April 26, 1893 in Irland and died June 2, 1920. He married Mary Jane Wallace who was a sister to John Wallace another of the first trustees. Mary Jane was born in Mississippi February 11, 1834 and died March 22, 1920.

Their children were: Mary Isabella (Bell) who married Ezra Wilson, Tom married Mary Wilson, Joe Bennett married Lou Wilson, Jimmy died in infancy. After Mary Jane's death Mr. Walker married Isabella Fullerton born in South Carolina in 1823. Isabella died before 1850 leaving her husband and two children Elizabeth (Bettie) who married Joe Berry. William (Bud) married Alice McMillan. They had one son Claude Walker who died in 1965. All of the above are buried at Alexander except Claude Walker, William Walker and Isabella Fullerton Walker.

1. Joe Bennett Walker was born May 16, 1866, in Brazos County, died November 8, 1922, (buried in Alexander Cemetery). On November 26, 1890, he married Dora Wilson, born October 9, 1871, in Alabama, died February 15, 1933 (Buried in Alexander Cemetery). Born to Joe B. and Dora Walker were eleven children, five daughters and six sons--Myrtie, born October 17, 1891, died November 30, 1894, (buried in Alexander Cemetery); Una Mae, born August 26, 1893,; William John (Bill), born July 15, 1896, died June 22, 1971, (buried in Alexander Cemetery, married the former Ella Mae Stewart; Clarence Edward (Dock), born May 9, 1898, died July 24, 1969, (buried in Alexander Cemetery); Ruby, born December 17, 1899, died August 17, 1956, (buried in Alexander Cemetery) , married to Tom Heflin; Roy Herbert, born November 6, 1901, died December 27, 1956, (buried in Alexander Cemetery), married to the former Ruby Jean Stewart; Sherman Sidney, born August 25, 1903, died February 9, 1973, (buried in Navasota Cemetery), married to the former Vivian Pool; Bertha Irene, born June 30, 1905, married to Fred W. Locke, two daughters--Jo Ann and Jean married to Dayton Moses III, three children--Michele Ann, Melinda Sue, and Michael Dayton; Joe Bailey, born June 16, 1907,; Pauline, born August 6, 1910, married to John Brooks Thompson, two sons--Joe Brooks married to the former

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#### The Mark Wilcox Family:

Mark Willcox and his wife Elizabeth Cravey Willcox came to Smith County Texas from Abbieville, Willcox County, Georgia in about 1855. They moved to Red Top, near what is now Benchley, in 1865 or 1866 after the Civil War. Mark served in the Civil War.

To this union was born Walter M., Thomas M., Oscar L., John H., Minnie, Ida and Abbie .

Walter M. married Sally Lee and they had 10 children; Oscar L. married Canerey Peters and had 5 children; John H. married Esther Reynolds and they had 6 children. Thomas, Minnie, Ida and Abbie were never married due to early deaths.

Mark, Elizabeth and children Minnie, Ida, and Abbie are buried in Smith County. Oscar and wife; John and wife are buried in the Bryan Cemetery.

Walter and wife Sally; Oliver, son of Walter, and Roy, son of Oliver, are buried here in the Alexander Cemetery.

Mark Willcox had the name legally changed to Wilcox after he came to Texas. However his daughter Abbie's grave marker in the Seal's Cemetery reflects the old spelling.

A number of Mark's descendants still reside in Brazos County.

Note from Mark Wilcox's diary of January 1, 1857 "Not feeling too well today. Danced too late and had too much to drink last night. Had Vinson, blackeyed peas, sweet potatoes and greens for dinner today."

#### The H. Lafayette Wilson Family:

H. Lafayette Wilson was born February 25, 1842 and died March 16, 1911. He married Fannie Turner who was born November 27, 1849 died May 26, 1902. Children born to this union:

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2. Mamie married Tom Walker. Their children; Eddie, and Marie.

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### The J. H. Thompson Family:

J. H. Thompson was born January 12, 1823, died May 17, 1886.

He was a brother to E. W. Thompson but came to the Alexander area much later. They were orphaned at a very early age, lived in different home, had not seen each other for years, when, one day J. H. drove us to E. W.'s home in a covered wagon from Mississippi with a beautiful red headed wife.

This John Thompson settled permanently at Wheelock. His children were: Eugenia, Ada, Blanch, Laura and John Adams born 1879 died 1955. Most of the girls moved to California. After John H. Thompson died his wife Fannie Montgomery married James V. Walker, no realtion to any of the other Walker's. James V. Walker was born 1855 died 1940.

John H. Thompson, two infants, John A. Thompson and Jas. V. Walker are all buried at Alexander. Fannie Walker went to live with daughters in California.

John Adams Thompson's wife Phanata born 1886 died 1973 is also buried in Alexander Cemetery.

### The Toomer Family:

John Toomer born 1893 died 1961.

His wife Millie Toomer born 1897 died 1960.

### The Walker Family:

James Walker an Irishman and an early settler of Alexander Community, Brazos County, was born September 2, 1817 and died May 18, 1874. He was one of the trustees of the first church at Alexander. The deeds of the church property show that James Walker owned land adjoining the church land. It is not known at this time if James Walker had a family.

John William Walker was born April 26, 1893 in Irland and died June 2, 1920. He married Mary Jane Wallace who was a sister to John Wallace another of the first trustees. Mary Jane was born in Mississippi February 11, 1834 and died March 22, 1920.

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6. George married Ola Mae Wilson. Their children; Effie and Elmer.
7. Gertrude died in early adulthood did not marry.
8. Bertha (Bertie) married John Glover.
9. Fannie married George Maniord.
10. Lillie never married.
11. Blanch did not marry.

The William Worsham Family:

William Worsham born in 1840 came to this area from near Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He married Tennessee Rojhelia. She was the first school teacher in Roans Praire near Richards, Texas. Their children: Henry, Jeff, Jimmy, Buyon. Julia, married a Mr. Yeager of Grimes County. Hallie married Tom Daves also of Grimes County.

William Henry Worsham married Maranda Blum. Their children: Walter, Ruble, Leah, Plumer, Luster, Russell and Albert. Maranda died and he later married her sister Fannie Blum Goodman who was a widow. Their children: Frank, Tennie, Dee, Bessie, Houston, Woodrow, Allen and Dorothy. Fannie was born November 9, 1875. She will be one hundred years of age November 9 of this year. Henry was born 1865 and died 1924 and is buried at Alexander.

The Winters Family:

Candance Winters born 1947 died 1957. The daughter of Johnnie and Wanda Winters and the Granddaughter of Mrs. Mae Cloud.

## RESEARCH RESOURCES

Deeds records of Brazos County verbal accounts handed down from generation to generation:

Mrs. Mae Thompson Henry  
Miss Mae Walker--Joe B. Walker  
Mr. Bill Presnal--State Representative Bill Presnal  
Mrs. Nell Woodall--Jewell Hudspeth Stevener  
Mrs. Elizabeth McWhorter  
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Miss Barbara Fullerton  
Charles E. Ball, Sr.  
Mrs. Robbie Tatum  
Mrs. John Barnes  
Gladys Broach Bailey  
Mr. George Wilson  
Pauline Holden Thomas  
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Princess Harrison Blanton  
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Jane Moore  
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Dell Josey Sweeten--Alma McCallum Francis  
Robert Wilcox -- Walter Paul Jones

Note-- ( It is noted that Robertson county was formed between the Brazos and Navasota Rivers in about 1836, later it was sub-divided into several smaller counties. In 1841 Navasota County was formed from Robertson Co. and Wilson Co., in 1842 Navasota County was re-named BRAZOS County.

Note #2 -- Brogdon---James Brogdon married Louise H. (Wilson) Stallings after her husband, William D. Stallings, Jr. died and moved to Robertson Co. Texas. With them William D. Stallings III and 2 other children. The Brogdons had 4 children, John, Reuben, (father of Aline Brogdon) Betty and Bob. Bettie married Harve Henry, Reuben married Daisy Montgomery.

#### The Elijah Weathersby Thompson Family:

Born 1831 died 1901. He came to the Alexander Community as a young man from Mississippi. He married Jessie Nichol who lived only a short time. He later married Margaret Drew McCallum of Leon County born 1844 died 1923.

Being a carpenter and blacksmith well as stockman and farmer. He made wagons to sell. This his greatest profit, he purchased land with the income. At the time of his death he owned 300 acres a short distance from the location of the church and cemetery.

He put his talent as a carpenter into use by helping to build the first church. He continued to support the church throughout his life. He and his wife opened their home sometime for ten days at a time to ministers.

To this union was born four boys and four girls. The oldest daughter Margaret died in infancy. William E. born 1872 died 1927 married Katherine (Kate) born 1868 died 1945. John W. born 1874 died 1953 married Eva Doggs born 1884 died 1957. Elijah W. Jr. married Maggie Holden. This couple is buried in Bryan City Cemetery. Marvin E. born 1902 and died 1945 married Annie McCallum born 1885 died 1956. Eula married Elbert Moore. This couple buried in Edge Cemetery. Mattie married Arch McCallum born 1863 died 1900. After his death she married E. C. Rollins one of the early school teachers. This couple is buried in the Kirbyville Cemetery, Jasper County. Mae born 1835 married George F. Henry born 1882 died 1920. Mae is the only survivor of this family.

Elijah W. Thompson, two wives and four children and several grandchildren are buried in the Alexander Cemetery.

#### The John T. Leathers Family:

John Leathers was born 1848 died 1925, his wife Donie born 1844 died 1916. To this union was born four children. Mary married Sam Seale of Benchley, Texas, Maud married Tom Elliott of Edge, Texas, Alice married Frank Wallace of Edge, Texas, Frank the son died before reaching manhood. Mrs. Leathers was a devout christian and good shouting Methodist of Alexander. Mr. and Mrs. Leathers and son Frank are buried at Alexander.

#### The Wager Family:

Leroy Wager born 1902 died 1969.  
M. A. Thompson born 1923 died 1964.  
Willis Thompson born 1884 died 1957.  
W.S. Thompson born 1894 died 1967.