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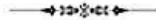
## The Yarbrough Family Quarterly

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There are many [spelling variations](#) of the Yarbrough name. Historically, the more common spellings are Yarborough, Yarbrough, Yerburgh, Yarburgh, and Yarbro. However the name may be spelled, all are members of the extended Yarbrough family, and this spelling is used throughout when referring to the family. Membership is open to anyone who claims a connection to a Yarbrough or allied family, and a [membership form](#) is available online. The YNGHA has an active [DNA project](#) and encourages members of Yarbrough families who have not yet been tested to do. This is essential to understanding the intertwined relationships within the extended families.

The *YFQ* succeeded Charles David ("Texas Charlie") Yarborough's *The Yarborough Family Magazine*. It, in turn, owed its existence to Mrs. Nelle Morris Jenkins, who first published *The Yarbrough Family Quarterly*. It was actually a newsletter, beginning in 1961 and continuing until her death in 1963. Charles began publishing in 1966 and continued until his death in 1985. Charles H. ("Tennessee Charlie") Yarbro next served as editor and publisher of an interim newsletter from 1986 until 1990. Publication of the current *YFQ* began in 1991 with Leonard Yarbrough as editor. Succeeding editors were Karen Mazock, Kent Goble and Gayle Ord.

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*The President's Corner ...* Dear Members and Friends:

Greetings and welcome to 2015. We are looking forward to completing our ongoing projects with the help of all our membership, not just only the Board. We are still working on our goals as set out this past year and really want to have them completed before our Conference in Dallas, September 2015.

Membership dues: Dues are now due on an annual basis beginning with each calendar year, so please remit your 2015 dues in this month. We appreciate each of our members and look forward to seeing many of you in Dallas in Sept. Thanks for all your financial support...

Our Treasurer's, address is Don Yarbrough, 927 Gailynn Marie Drive, Mount Juliet, TN 37122.

**Projects that we want completed by year's end:**

- (1) The digital copying and uploading of our research records that are now being stored in a climate controlled facility in Nashville;
- (2) Converting our ring binders of research material to library quality bound books (hard back) for preservation. The bound research books will be donated to the City of Franklin, Tennessee's Library for safe keeping. The bound books will be available to all who wish to visit the Library for in-depth research, unlike now when they are only available once a year during the conference.

Other issues that we want to address are:

We will continue to recruit members, friends and relatives to submit their DNA sample to the YNGHA data base as this has proven to be a very valuable research tool. We now have over 120 individuals that have submitted. Please see the information in the Quarterly. (Check with Ancestry.com they sometimes have a special price at this time of the year.)

New membership is vital and the life source of YNGHA. Please encourage your relatives to become members of the organization. Our original and early members have left us a legacy that we must preserve. This is not possible without new membership. We will have a membership campaign committee appointed in the near future with attainable new membership goals.

Please send [Leonard Yarbrough](#), Editor of the Quarterly, your stories, genealogy line, photos, obituaries, cemetery information, newspaper article and suggestions for new tools and websites for research. Leonard will publish your information for all to read; once in the Quarterly, it is part of the record for all Yarbrough's to view for generations to come.

Thanks in advance to everyone for your efforts in "Keeping the Family".  
Hope every Yarbrough Family member has a healthy and successful New Year.

*- Jim*



*Jottings...* Welcome to the New Year! Christmas is past, bills are paid, and holiday pounds are being shed, and all is more or less well with the world. Best of all, plans are well underway for the 2015 conference in Dallas next September. Mark the calendar now, as Rusty Moore and his band of fellow Texans are planning a “right nice shindig” for us. Reservation and date details are on page 6, and as more

information becomes available, it will be posted on our web site and emailed to those for whom we have addresses.

This issue also has excerpts from the newly scanned records. There is a wealth of information contained in these records, and it warms the heart of an old skin-flint editor to have his hands on so much material! We owe very, very much to those of our family who created these records and recorded some of the stories behind them.

Our past President, Joan Singlaub, once remarked to me that we were the old hands whose duty it was to pass the baton to the next generation. I thought nothing of it at the time, but the loss of Lecil Brown on New Year’s Day certainly served as a reminder that she was prescient. The Association’s connection with its beginnings is rapidly becoming tenuous as we older members check out. We are fortunate in that we have a strong Board of Directors and able Officers; the Board is dedicated to seeing the YNGHA become the strongest family association in the genealogical world. To that end, they will need the aid and advice of everyone, and there is certainly plenty to do!

We could use an associate editor for the Quarterly, one who has experience in composing and editing a journal or a similar publication. That person should be, obviously, computer savvy – knowledgeable in HTML, Javascript, Windows 7, Microsoft Word, Adobe Acrobat, and Photoshop/PaintShop Pro.

There’s also a need for an associate webmaster. So far, I’ve managed to keep the site current, but, it’s expected to become more daunting as more archived material is added. I’ve written a webmaster’s user’s manual, which includes just about everything that is necessary to manage the site, but it is useless with no one else to take over if and when I move on (not that I plan to anytime soon.) The minimum qualifications are essentially the same as for the Quarterly, with perhaps additional skills in PHP and CSS.

Lastly, a full-time coordinator for the Yarbrough DNA Project is needed. I took that on as an interim assignment following the death of Jim Yarbrough/Houston. There’s a lot of work that’s accumulated there, and I simply haven’t the time to devote that the project deserves. Fortunately, the hosting sites for the DNA data are very well documented, although the necessary computer skills are the same as for the Quarterly. An [email](#) indicating your interest in either (or both) positions would, as the saying goes, make my day.

– Leonard

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Please cite the "YNGHA Conference" when making reservations.

**ALL registrations are DUE 15 days (September 10<sup>th</sup>) before the Conference begins.  
ALL Banquet and reservations should be made by this time.**

Registration fee: \$25.00/person      Banquet fee: \$45.00/person

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This is the last appearance of the YNGHA's genealogical records in paper form. Upon completion of the digitization project, the records will be available on a CD/DVD ROM. Specific volumes of genealogical records and other records can be ordered from the Association.





† In Memoriam †

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## Lecil Brown



Lecil Brown, born January 4, 1927 in Augusta, Arkansas to Forrest and Lester Brown, and he died Thursday, January 1, 2015, three days short of his 88th birthday. He grew up on a farm near Letona, Arkansas. He was a Merchant Mariner during World War II, making several trips to Europe and Asia. After the war he attended Bethany-Peniel College (now Southern Nazarene University), met and married Glorene Faye Watt in August 1951. They graduated together in May 1952 and began their family in Wichita, Kansas where their four children were born. While in Wichita, they attended the First Church of the Nazarene; Lecil worked at Wichita State Bank and earned an M.A. Degree from Wichita State University in 1955.

The family moved to Lakeland, Florida in 1960, where he worked at Peoples Bank and was an active member of South Florida Heights Church of the Nazarene (now Highland Park). He served on the church board and as treasurer. He earned degrees from the Florida Bankers

Trust School at the University of Florida and the National Trust School at Northwestern University.

In 1978, Lecil and Glorene returned to Bethany, OK where they attended Bethany First Nazarene Church (BFC); Lecil became Director of Planned Giving at Southern Nazarene University. Lecil was a long-time member of the National Yarbrough Genealogical & Historical Association, serving as President and Director during its formative years. After retirement, Lecil enjoyed many activities – traveling with Glorene, doing genealogy, driving cars for several car dealerships, and starting the day with his coffee buddies. He was known for giving them daily history lessons. In Oct. 2012, he delighted in going on one of the Honor Flights to Washington D.C. Lecil loved his family and his Lord. His faith in God was steadfast, and he consistently modeled a devoted Christian life.

Lecil was predeceased by his parents, his brother, Lynn, and his wife of 62 years, Glorene Faye (Watt). He is survived by his four children: Dr. Deborah Brown of Oklahoma City; Rhonda Brown of Bethany; Tim Brown (Darlene) of Bethany, and Edward Brown (Kathy) of Yukon, OK. Lecil was a proud grandparent to four grandsons: Justin Brown (Lauren) of

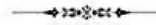
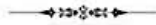
Bethany, Lee Brown (Bethany) of Yukon, Taylor Brown (Caleigh) of Bethany, and Alan Brown of Oklahoma City. He is also survived by four great grandsons: Clint, Luke, Griffin, and Devo.

The family has requested donations to the SNU Fund at Southern Nazarene University in lieu of flowers. Viewing was Sunday, January 4 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Monday January 5 at Mercer-Adams; family will receive visitors at the funeral home Monday evening from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, at Bethany 1st Church of the Nazarene with interment following in Bethany Cemetery.



## **Kenneth F. Yarbrough**

Kenneth F. Yarbrough, age 82 of Birmingham, passed away on Friday, December 19, 2014. He was a veteran of the Korean War and he started his own produce business in 1955. Mr. Yarbrough enjoyed traveling, reading, woodwork, music, and gardening; but more than anything, he loved his family. And his family loved him. Granddaddy will be greatly missed! Mr. Yarbrough is preceded in death by his parents, Edward R. Yarbrough and Margaret Yarbrough. He is survived by his wife, June Blackmon Yarbrough; son, Kenny Yarbrough (Pam); daughter, Teresa Allen (Johnny); grandchildren, John Allen, Wes Allen, Stephen Allen, Aubrey Allen, Kenneth Yarbrough (Lindsey), Matt Yarbrough (Paige), and Rebecca Trevarthen (Brian); great grandchildren, Bruin Trevarthen, Brooks Trevarthen and Jaxson Yarbrough; brothers, Edward Yarbrough and Tom Yarbrough; and sisters, Dot Williams, Margaret Souleyret and Sarah Steadman. Mr. Yarbrough's life was celebrated at a graveside service at 2pm on Sunday, December 21, 2014 at Southern Heritage Cemetery. The family received friends at Southern Heritage Funeral Home from 11:30am until 1:30pm on Sunday.

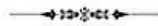


## **Denzil A. Yarbrough**

Denzil A. Yarbrough, born in Winston County near Haleyville, Alabama, served in the U.S. Air Force as a Gunner. He transferred to the Army during World War II and served in Europe. He was recalled for the Korean Conflict in 1950. He graduated from the University of North Alabama with degrees in Biology and Chemistry and taught in Cullman. He worked as a Biologist for the State of Alabama Health Department. He was Supervisor of Chemistry – Coke with U.S. Steel Corporation in Fairfield, Alabama. After retirement he worked as Consultant – Coal and Coke with Coal Systems Inc. Since 1990 he has delivered food from the food bank to Interfaith Hospitality House in Eastlake. He was a member of Ensley First United Methodist Church and the Victory Sunday School class, and a member of Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church and the Trinity Sunday School class. He was the song leader for a



gospel-singing devotion at Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church and a gospel sing-a-long at Galleria Woods. He served as President of Oak Hills Civitan Club and was a member of the American Chemical Society. He loved listening to and performing music. He lived life fully and marched to the beat of his own drum. He is predeceased by his wife, Ann Shelton Yarbrough, and is survived by his daughter and son, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two brothers, and one sister. A memorial service was held at Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 20 at 3:00 p.m.



## What We Are Doing...

### Chuck Yarborough, Master Teacher

Friendship Cemetery is a noted landmark in Columbus, MS. It was founded on a bluff overlooking the Tombigbee River in 1849. Named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, it encompasses over 65 acres with approximately 16,000 graves. Those who rest in the cemetery include veterans of almost every American war, various state and local politicians, and the founding fathers and mothers of the region. It is also known as the birthplace of Memorial Day, thanks to some local ladies who put the past behind them and decorated the graves of Confederate and Union soldiers. Since 1991, history students at the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science on the MUW campus present *Tales from the Crypt*, a dramatization where history comes to life.



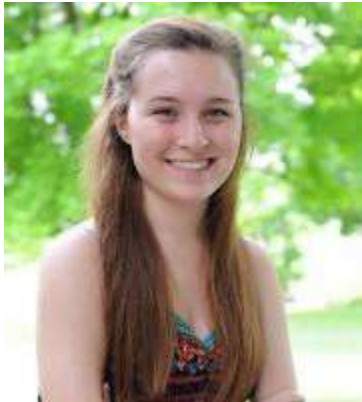
The program itself is a successful partnership between MSMS, the Columbus-Lowndes County Library, and the Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation (formerly the Columbus Historic Foundation), receiving national and regional awards while also gaining recognition through imitation and publicity throughout the country. The program was conceived by founding MSMS faculty member, Mississippi Master Teacher, and long-time Columbus resident Carl Butler. For the past 13 years, the program has been guided by MSMS History teacher, Chuck Yarborough, a 2010 inductee in to the Mississippi Hall of Master Teachers.

*Tales from the Crypt* involves a lengthy process that takes months to prepare. Once the students begin classes in the fall, Yarborough introduces them to the project and a brief overview of Columbus history. Then, each student selects the name of a person buried in Friendship Cemetery (not previously researched) who died in the nineteenth or early twentieth century (prior to 1930). An intensive process involving extensive research, character development, scripting, and auditions ends with nine students being selected based upon dramatic performance potential and historical accuracy. Each spring, visitors tour the cemetery by candlelight and stop by tombstones to hear monologues from authentically costumed students standing by graves of those whose lives they re-create. These performances culminate the students' intensive year-long research program.

A native of Pass Christian on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Chuck is married to Leigh, the new director of Sylvan Learning Center in Columbus. Together, they are the parents to daughters India (an incoming MSMS student) and Laurel, and a son, Sam. Chuck received his undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University, and his Master's degree at the University of Mississippi. When asked if it was hard or intimidating to take over the award-winning program, he replied, "No, I benefited from the wisdom, guidance and experiences of my predecessor, which, by the way, also gave me the confidence to make changes to the program over the years. I believe I have strengthened what was already a great program." His favorite part is observing the growth of his students as researchers, writers, performers, and young people with a great community service ethic. His advice to budding history buffs is, "If you don't smile once in a while when researching, you're not doing it right!"



### **Jackie Yarbro, Student Leader**



Jackie Yarbro of Suwanee, GA, a member of the Class of 2015 at Washington and Lee University, is the winner of this year's Decade Award. The award is given to a rising junior who has shown involvement and leadership in both academic and extracurricular activities, and has furthered discussions of women's issues on and off the campus. She is a philosophy and religion double major, with a minor in women and gender studies. She is founder and co-president of the new Campus Culture Initiative, which works to foster closer social relationships among W&L men and women.

She is treasurer of the Panhellenic Council, was a Rho Gamma helping freshmen women going through recruitment and is president of Washington and Lee's Mock Trial. Yarbro belongs to Chi Omega sorority and the peer tutoring program. She appeared as Rosalind in "As You Like It," was projector technician for "MacBeth" and assistant director for "MacBeth Jr."

"Campus Culture Initiative is an organization that works to bridge the gender divide present on Washington and Lee's campus," said Yarbro. "We provide programming that helps students in different sororities, fraternities and those without Greek affiliation interact outside of the classroom." Yarbro is part of the Law School Mentorship Program, attended the Women's Leadership Summit during the winter term 2012 and has just been named to a year-long appointment to the Student Faculty Hearing Board.

"Jackie recognizes what is positive about living in a small community like W&L, and seeks to enhance the sense of community for which there is already a foundation," said Melina Bell, associate professor of philosophy at W&L. "She also acknowledges the ways in which W&L culture could reflect a more cohesive and inclusive community, and she is committed to making that vision, shared by many of her peers, a reality through her excellent leadership."



## Mark Yarbrough, County Commissioner



In his first few days in office, Limestone County Commission Chairman Mark Yarbrough has been busy keeping his campaign promises. Last May, Yarbrough released his vision for the future of Limestone County in a detailed plan entitled “Leadership from Day One.” The plan itemized a series of steps that would make Limestone County government more transparent and financially responsible.

“‘Leadership from Day One’ was the guide for our campaign,” said Yarbrough. “Each of the points brought about in that plan came from the suggestions of concerned citizens in Limestone County. Now it’s my job to put this plan into place and, so far, we are well on our way to accomplishing the tasks set forth in that plan.”

The first stages of the plan were the most inventive in making government work for Limestone County residents. First, Yarbrough promised to have an audit of all county contracts and expenses to ensure that not a single penny of taxpayer funds were wasted. Additionally, he promised to remove the door from the Chairman’s office in an effort to show the people of Limestone County that their government is always open and transparent.

During Wednesday’s work session, Yarbrough’s first day on the job, he proposed the county-wide audit. The proposal will go to a vote of the entire Limestone County Commission on Monday. “Conducting an audit of all county-wide expenses is essential to doing a few things that I consider to be crucial parts of governing,” Yarbrough said. “The information gathered in the audit will allow us to trim the size of government, reprioritize the essential parts of the Commission’s job, such as economic development and road construction, and help keep taxes low. I am truly excited for what the future of Limestone County government holds.”

After a busy first day, Yarbrough began his second day on the job by keeping another major promise made during the course of the campaign, and took the door to his office off their hinges.

On Thursday morning, Yarbrough, with the help of a few county employees, took a power drill to the hinges of the office door and removed it. The door will be placed in a storage closet at the Washington Street Annex of the Limestone County Courthouse. “Taking the door from the Chairman’s office is more than symbolic. It is a literal message being sent out across the county that their officials have nothing to hide. In fact, we want people to know how hard we are working for them and what measures we are implementing in order to make Limestone County a better place to live, work, and grow.”

When asked what messages he would like the people of Limestone County to take from his first days in office, Yarbrough responded, “I’m here as a servant of the people. If there is anything I can do in this job to help people, or any suggestion that I can take in order to eliminate waste in county government, I’d appreciate it if folks would come by and let me know. After all, the door’s always open.”

## The Blandford Series of Genealogical Records & Papers

### Leonard Yarbrough

As reported previously, the records digitization project formally began with a work session last June in Mt. Juliet, TN. At that time, several board members and spouses met and began the arduous task of converting the Association's paper records into digital format. Some 30-odd of the 220 volumes were catalogued and scanned, with another nine being added since that time. Most of these records are searchable, although there is still post-processing editing needed – some re-ordering of material, removal of blank pages, breaking some of the larger files into two or more parts, so as to reduce the individual file sizes, etc.

The task of digitization is not so much difficult as it is one of painstaking detail. The scanning equipment is very good; it consists of two digital cameras, a laptop computer (not shown in the accompanying illustration), a jig that allows the proper positioning of the pages/volume to be scanned, and a frame and cover for controlling ambient lighting. The laptop controls the process and yields a digital file in Portable Data File (PDF) format as the completed output. Post-processing includes adding cover and an introductory pages, development of a table of contents for each volume and elimination of duplicate and unreadable pages.



It is appropriate to recognize those who have been instrumental into bringing this project into fruition: the late Cathy Y, Walker, whose vision and energy was the genesis of the project; Joan Y. Singlaub, who succeeded Cathy as our Association President and whose untiring efforts provided full formulation of the project; the late Bill Yarbrough, who defined the requirements and obtained the hardware and software needed to fulfill the project, and Hal Yarbrough, who stepped in after Bill's unexpected death and provided the impetus to get the project underway; and finally, the group (including yours truly) who met last June to get things going – Jim and Jan Yarbrough, Hal Yarbrough, Ann and Albert Bush, Joanne and Bill Augspurgen, Elaine and Lyle Wolf. It was also a time of being together as members of an extended family, and everyone left with a sense of satisfaction.

While creating a table of contents for the scanned volumes, it seemed fitting that they be identified by something other than “the set of digitized genealogical records”. After a bit of head-scratching, aided by a couple of sips of some fine single barrel bourbon, a title page and preface of *The Blandford Series* of the Yarbrough Genealogical Records and Papers came into existence (next two pages) and were inserted into each scanned volume.

It is fitting to begin this first issue of 2015 with excerpts from one of the first scanned volumes. The following pages show the resulting scanned quality of the various page formats found in this volume. As someone remarked, “They ain’t perfect, but they are pretty good!”

The Blandford Series  
of the  
Yarbrough Genealogical Records & Papers

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*Old Blandford Church, Petersburg, VA  
{Old Richard Yarborough's grave, tombstone and the  
YNGHA plaque are at the bottom center of the above photograph.}*



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# The Blandford Series of the Yarbrough Genealogical Records & Papers

## Preface

These records comprise a part of the written legacy of our Yarbrough family researchers. Many were provided by Ophelia Kessler and Frances (Rea) Donohue, sisters from Texas, who spent much of their lives traveling the states in search of Yarbrough family records. Some of these records have since been superseded by subsequent research, yet they nonetheless comprise a valuable record set of our family history. In particular, a number of these records include material that is now known to be contrary to fact:

- Richard (the Immigrant) Yarborough was never married to Frances Proctor;
- Ambrose Yarbrough did not immigrate from Yorkshire; he is a descendant of Richard the Immigrant;
- There are so far only two proven sons of Old Richard – John and Richard II;
- There is so far no evidence proving Joshua Yarborough I to be a descendant of Old Richard.
- The “Old Country” referred to in old documents and letters is the Colony of Virginia, not England or the Old World.

The originals of these volumes will be kept for the benefit of future generations by the Williamson County Library, Franklin, Tennessee.

We welcome the [submission](#) of any Yarbrough family information that can be added to our growing data base.





## A TENNESSEE YARBROUGH FAMILY

by

Raymond B. Yarbrough

with

Wanda Johnson, Karen Lambert and Melba Tullos

William Yarbrough Sr. was born on 4 January 1774 in North Carolina. He was in Greenville, South Carolina for the 1800 and 1810 censuses<sup>1</sup>. Family records<sup>2</sup> of Wade Hampton Yarbrough, b. 1809, give his mother's name as Martha<sup>3</sup>, so Martha was the wife in the 1810 census. Martha was born in South Carolina on 22 March 1780, so she could also be the wife in the 1800 census<sup>4</sup>. The last location we have for William and Martha Yarbrough is in the 1850 census of Gibson County, Tennessee where they are living next to William Lewis and Mahulda Yarbrough Sanders, between the towns of Milan and Trenton, not far from the Rutherford Fork of the Obion River.

The children of this William Yarbrough Sr. have been enumerated, (with errors) by Mrs. Ida Walling, dcd., of McMinnville, TN. Some independent proof exists for three sons of William Yarbrough Sr.: In a Power-of-Attorney, William Yarbrough named his son James of Hardeman County. Then, in a letter from James' son Newton to Benjamin, Hampton and Benjamin are referred to as uncles of his. Newton also mentioned Reuben Yarbrough, but did not indicate his relationship. There is circumstantial evidence that Jephtha, William Jr., Susanna Jane, Mahulda and George P. were children of William Sr.. Sarah Yarbrough Howard has been taken as a daughter of William because of Ida Walling's descent from her. There are no known public records connecting Sarah to the family, but the Greenville SC connection can be taken as evidence.

Numbering of generations is by Roman numeral, and family group placement is by Arabic numeral, except unknown family group placement is a question mark. The earliest known ancestors of the Yarbrough-Davis researchers are Conrad and Sarah Davis. Three children of William Yarbrough Sr. married great grandchildren of Conrad and Sarah Davis. These great-grandchildren are in the fourth generation, so William and Martha are placed in the third generation.

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1. 1800 Census of Greenville Co. SC page 254: William Yarborough 101-101  
1810 Census of Greenville Co. SC page 132: William Yarbrough 4101-0101

2. The family bible of Felix Grundy Yarbrough was copied by several of his children and passed on to his grandchildren, some of whom are living in 1992. The bible itself may have been lost, but might yet turn up.

3. Family records of Benjamin W. Yarbrough confirm the dates of William and Martha's births, Williams death, and adds the date of Martha's death which was not in the Felix Grundy Yarbrough record.

4. Mrs Ida Walling, a descendant of Sarah Yarbrough Howard, claimed that William Yarbrough, Sr. married only Rachel Shelby. There is no supporting evidence that he married her at all, but it has not been disproven. Genealogists of the Shelby family have decided to drop this claim from their records, as it was only supplied by Mrs. Walling. Mrs. Walling also claimed that Rachel was buried next to William Yarbrough, Sr. in a cemetery near Toone, Hardeman County, Tennessee. However, William Yarbrough's wife was Martha from before 1810 and up to 1850, so it is unbelievable that Rachel Shelby could be buried next to William. Mrs. Walling claimed she received this information from Franklin Pierce Yarbrough, a grandson of William Yarbrough, Sr. She may have misconstrued the given information.

The following list is in close agreement with the census information.

The Family of William and Martha Yarbrough

- III.? William Yarbrough b. North Carolina 4 Jan 1774, d. Tennessee 27 Mar 1857. He married:  
III.? Martha ----- b. South Carolina 22 Mar 1780, d. Tennessee 20 Jul 1854.
- IV.1. Sarah Yarbrough b. c1796 SC d. 1883 MO m. (1) Greenville SC c1812  
Robert Charles Howard, m. (2) Joshua Pennington between 1840 and 1850  
IV.2. ----- Yarbrough (male) b. c1898  
IV.3. Jephtha Yarbrough b. c1800 SC d. 1872 TN m. c1828 Lavinia Isham  
IV.4. William Yarbrough Jr. b. 1804 SC d. 1886 TN, m. (1) -- Gibbons, m. (2)  
Hannah Davis  
IV.5. James Yarbrough b. c1806 SC d. 1856 Henry Co TN m. Martha  
IV.6. Wade Hampton Yarbrough b. 1809 SC d. 1886 KS, m. c1830 Mary M. Davis  
IV.7. Susanna Jane Yarbrough b. 1812 SC d. 1854 TN m. 1829 John Porter Howard  
IV.8. Mahulda Yarbrough b. 1817 SC d. 1898 TN m. (1) c. 1831 Wm Lewis Sanders  
b. SC d. TN 1852 m. (2) TN 1853 Elisha Mathis  
IV.9. George P. Yarbrough b. c1820 TN m. Sparta TN 1838 Celia Davis  
IV.10. Benjamin Yarbrough b. c1825 TN d. 1861, m. Gibson Co TN 6 Mar 1845 Mary  
Jane McAllilley.

The William and Martha Yarbrough family left Greenville, South Carolina, around 1818, going first to Overton County, Tennessee where on 15 April 1820, William Yarbrough sold two Negro girls to Sterling Harris of Jackson Co. Tennessee<sup>5</sup>. A William Yarbrough is in the 1820 Census of Overton County, TN<sup>6</sup>, with a family listing corresponding to known ages of most children, except that Hampton is listed as under 10, when he would become 11 that year, but may have been 10 at the time of the census.

A William Yarbrough purchased a land grant in White County in 1812, but there is no tax list evidence that he occupied that land. William Yarbrough Sr. first appears on tax lists in 1824, and he bought and sold real estate in White County between 1824 and 1848. He had several properties on Calfkiller Creek and elsewhere near Sparta, and lived in White County from about 1823 through 1835. On 26 Feb 1828 William Yarbrough sold 90 Acres in White County to Reuben Yarbrough, witnessed by George Yarbrough<sup>7</sup>. In 1836 William Yarbrough Sr. gave Power of Attorney to Jephtha Yarbrough to sell property to Thomas Gibbons. Then in 1837 William Yarbrough Sr. gave Power of Attorney to his son Hampton to sell further land. His sons Jephtha, William Jr., James and Hampton also held land in White County. William Sr.'s last land transaction in White County was to legally transfer 12 acres to John Porter Howard. Susanna Jane Yarbrough married John Porter Howard in 1829, and they lived out their lives in White County. The oldest daughter of William Yarbrough Sr., Sarah Yarbrough, married Robert Charles Howard in Greenville, South Carolina, but came

5. From records provided by Melba Tullos.

6. William Yarbrough 211201-20010

7. Reuben is thought to be William Yarbrough, Sr.'s brother and George is Reuben's son. They are in the 1850 Census of Marshal County, TN. Reubin is 83 years old and living in the household of George Yarbrow (sic).

to White County Tennessee in what was apparently a large migration which included this Yarbrough family, J. Pennington's family, several Wallings and other Howards.

By letter, Brother William Yarbrough and Sister Martha Yarbrough were received into the Church at Mill Creek, Hardeman County, in August of 1842. They are believed to be the Wm Yarbrough family on page 211 of the 1840 census of Gibson County<sup>8</sup>, where the census taker has slipped one column in the female tally. On the same page is a Wm Yarbey family, which is thought to be that of William Yarbrough Jr.. In the 1850's William Yarbrough Sr. sold land in White County to sons William Jr. and George P. Yarbrough, but we don't know when William Sr. obtained these lands or if he ever lived in Hardeman County. In 1846 William Yarbrough Sr. bought 133 3/4 acres near Rutherford along the Rutherford Fork of the Obion River in Gibson County. He sold this land to his son James in 1854, the year that Martha died. In the 1850 census of Gibson County William and Martha Yarbrough are living next to Lewis and Mahulda Sanders<sup>9</sup>, their youngest daughter, between Trent and Milan. It is not known where William and Martha died. Lewis Sanders died in 1851 and Mahulda remarried, James died soon after Martha, so the nearest remaining relative that William could have lived with would have been son Benjamin, who is listed as living in the town of Gibson, not far from the Sanders' place. There is a possibility that both William Yarbrough Sr. and Martha Yarbrough are buried in the Sanders Cemetery in Gibson County, perhaps in the part that is now covered by a pond.

#### IV.1. SARAH YARBROUGH HOWARD PENNINGTON

Sarah Yarbrough's descendant Ida G. Walling of McMinnville, TN (deceased) claimed that William Yarbrough Sr. and his wife Rachel Shelby Yarbrough are buried in the William Yarbrough Jr. cemetery near the town of Toone in Hardeman County, TN, and that William Yarbrough Sr. ended his days living with William Yarbrough Jr.'s family. We know that Ida Walling is wrong about Rachel Shelby being William Yarbrough Sr.'s wife in Tennessee, and there is no other confirmation that William Yarbrough Sr. is buried in that cemetery, so Ida Walling may have been mistaken in that fact as well. She claimed that Franklin Pierce Yarbrough gave her that information, but she didn't make it public until after he had died. Ida Walling had obtained D.A.R. membership on the basis of Revolutionary War Service of William Yarbrough Sr., who was born in 1774 and certainly did not serve in a war that ended when he was 6 years old. The D.A.R. has disallowed this service, as it belongs to a different William Yarbrough (d. 1793). Ida Walling had a Revolutionary War headstone placed in the cemetery near Toone, with Williams birth listed as in 1766. This headstone should be removed, as it was obtained and placed there under false claims.

Mrs. Ida G. Walling disseminated information concerning her Yarbrough ancestors containing many errors. All claims by her must be verified by independent sources. The following is a compilation of Ida Walling's published information. Verified errors are underlined. Other probable errors can be -----

8. Page 211, 1840 Gibson Co TN Census: Wm Yarbrough 000110001-0010001; Wm Yarbey 300101-10001.

9. 1850 Gibson Co TN Census page 604: family 2471 Sanders, Lewis 79 SC, Mahulda 33 SC, William 14, George 12, Martha 11, James 8, Farrar Boyd farm hand; family 2472 Yarborough, Wm. 77 NC, Martha 71 SC

found by studying the listing on page 2 of William and Martha's family.

From Cass K Shelbys papers in the Felson Club Library, Frankfort KY, 1984  
Moses Shelby

Letters, Ida G. (Mrs Alonzo Nelson) Walling, "Rebel Hill," McMin-  
nville, Warren County, Tennessee, to C.K. Shelby.

(a) Aug. 2, 1932.-

My great-grandmother was Sarah Yarbrough, born in North Carolina about 1793 and died in 1882, Her mother was a Shelby. Sarah married Robert Charles Howard (b. Charleston, S.C.) about 1812. Their oldest daughter Minerva was born in 1813. My grand-  
mother, Mahala Howard, another daughter was born in Greenville, South Carolina, December 1815. She married a Walling.

There were Yarbroughs in Charlotte, North Carolina, also. A Raleigh genealogist told me that Moses's sixth child, Margaret, was born in 1772. I found a William Yarbrough and Robert C. Howard were granted land in White County, Tennessee, in 1824. I know that my Shelby-Yarbrough lived in Sparta in that county in the early twenties and that they moved to what was then called the "Western Districts" about 1830. South Carolina had no marriage license law until 1911. I am trying to find out the identity of the parents of the above Sarah Yarbrough.

(b) Jun. 5, 1933

I have at last found my Shelby connection. Goodspeed's History of Obion County, Tennessee, mentions a Jepsy (Jeptka) Yarbrough, son of William, a pioneer of Hardeman County, and on inquiry I learned of a Mr. F.P. Yarbrough at Toone, an undertaker, now eighty-six years old. He is a grandson of William Yarbrough, Sr., and wife Rachel Shelby, daughter of Moses Shelby. They died in the home of his father, who was William Yarbrough Jr., she in 1855 (ae abt. 81) and he in 1859 (ar 93).

The children of William and Rachel (Shelby) Yarbrough, the first five born on Dutch Buffalo creek in North Carolina, were: Sarah, b. 1792 (my gt-grandmother), m. Robert Charles Howard; Benjamin (killed in battle?); Hulda, m. ----- Sanders; Jeptha, m. Lavina Isham; William Jr. b. 1804m m. 1. Gibbons, m2. Hannah Davis; George, m. Celia Davis, Hannah's sister; Hampton; Susannah, b. 1812, m. Jack Howard.

William Yarbrough, Sr., was from Halifax County and served from that district in the Revolution under Captain Brinkley and was a captain in the War of 1812, living then in Nashville, Tennessee. He removed in 1824 to White County.

It was in White county that my grandmother, Mahala Howard, married Hiram Kilgore Walling. After 1830 the Yarbroughs lived in Hardin County.

William and Rachel are buried two and a half miles north of Toone, Hardeman County, in the Yarbrough graveyard. I happen to be Presbyterian.

(c) July 3, 1933,-

When I was ten years old (am now forty-five) a young lady in Evansville, Indiana, where I lived, married a man (from Ohio, I

think) named Frank Chapline. I was then living with my Father's sister, Mother having died when I was fifteen months old. Father often came to see me and I remember my auntie telling me on one occasion about Sadie Bennett's marriage, at which he remarked, "Some of Mother's people were Chaplines." Now, do you suppose that Moses's wife was Isabella Chapline, either a daughter or sister of Joseph?

I am waiting for a blank to fill in requesting a government marker for the Revolutionary soldier, William Yarbrough. Neither his nor Rachel's grave is marked, but old Mr. Yarbrough knows exactly where they lie, for he "cleans off the graves" every year. The old gentleman wrote that Rachel had dark eyes and hair; but that the Yarbroughs were fair.

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*note: The following is quoted from a booklet on the Yarbroughs that Pauline Gray found in the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City. Unfortunately she did not copy the title page. However, by comparing ages of Mrs. Walling to other information, it appears to have been written about 1954.*

(This from Mrs. Ida G. Walling of "Rebel Hill"  
McMinnville, Tennessee.)

"I do not have a great deal of Yarbrough data. Some years ago a woman from Iowa came to see me, got from me the Yarbrough Coat-of-Arms, and went on to N.C. to visit some Yarbroughs, and came back with most fantastic deductions. Somewhere in the attic I may still have her letters, but while she had lots of odds and ends, there was no proof of lines. I have only a few dates and got them from an old man at Toone, Hardeman Co., Tennessee, where William is buried.

South Carolina had no marriage license records until 1911, so wills are the only proof, and the Yarbroughs must have all been poor. I do not leave my D.A.R. ancestor papers open to the public, because I like to know who wants to use them and why. I will, however, give you an outline.

"I am a daughter of Felix Grundy Walling, born in 1839. I was a Walling before I married a distant cousin, Alonzo Nelson Walling, who died in 1947. I am 66 years old and teaching my last year. Felix Grundy Walling's mother was Mahala Howard, who married Hiram Kilgore Walling. She was the daughter of Sarah Yarbrough and Robert Charles Howard, who was born in 1796 and died in 1883. Mahala was borne in Greenville, Green Co., S.C., Dec 24, 1815, died March 21, 1876. (This is an error, as there is no Greene Co., in S.C.)

Sarah Yarbrough, born 1796, was daughter of Rachel Shelby, born 1776, died 1855. She married William Yarbrough in 1792. Rachel was a daughter of Moses and wife, Isabella. William Yarbrough was the son of Manohah Yarbrough, born 1766 and died March 20, 1859. William Yarbrough, born in N.C. 1766, died Hardeman Co., Tenn., March 20, 1859. Residence during Revolution was Halifax Co., N.C. (from affidavits of Henry Jones Cabitt, Wisconsin, and Franklin P. Yarbrough, Toome, Tennessee.) Service - Pvt. soldier Wm. Brinkley's Co., N.C. Col. Samuel Jarvis, 1st. N.C. Regiment, Halifax District. (N.C. Roster, p. 623)

Children of William Yarborough and Rachel Shelby:

Sarah m. Robert C. Howard and Joshua Pennington; Benjamin, Hampton, Jephtha m. Lavinia Isham, William m. Gibbons and Hannah Davis, George, Hulda m. Sanders, Johu m. Cath Davis, Susanna, b. 1/9/1812, m. Jack Howard 1/1/1829, Reuben.

William Yarborough moved to White Co., Teun., then to what was called Western District, and is now Hardeman Co., Tenn. I suppose he got land for Revolutionary service.

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*note: The following is from Yarbrough-Yarborough and Allied Families, a Quarterly by Nelle Morris Jenkins, Volume 1 pages 82 and 83. The direct author is Mrs. Jenkins. The year of publication is 1961, so Mrs. Walling would be then about 73 years old. RBY*

There is another mention of the name Jephtha Yarborough. A letter to me from Mrs. Walling of McMinnville, Tenn., states that hi she is the daughter of Mahala Howard Walling, whose mother was daughter of Sarah Yarborough and Robert C. Howard. This Sarah was born in 1796, was the daughter of Rachel Shelby born 1776. Rachel Shelby married William Yarborough born 1766, died 20 March 1859 - the son of Manoah Yarborough. (This Manoah was the brother of Zachariah who was the father of my Manoah and of the Henry Yarbrough who went to Tipton, Co., Teun.)Mrs. Walling said that her William Yarborough lived in Halifax District County, N.C. during the Revolution and upon the affidavit of several, among whom was Franklin P. Yarborough., he was given a pension. William Yarborough moved to White County, Tenn., then to Hardeman County, (then called Western Dist. William and Rachel (Shelby) had 10 children: Sarah, Benjamin, Hampton, Jephtha, William, George, Hulda, John, Susanna, Reuben. Mrs. Walling said that William Yarborough is buried in Toome, Hardeman County, Tenn. (To Dorothy Svec: ..... ) Mrs. Walling is an ex-school teacher and paints. She does nice work painting the Yarborough Coat of Arms, in case you would like to contact her, her address is Mrs. Ida Walling, Rebel Hill, McMinnville, Tenn. I have not heard from her for several years, but I presume she is yet living.

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*note: the following is from volume 2 of Nelle Morris Jenkins Quarterly, page 94. RBY*

... William Yarbrough who married Rachel Shelby (both born 1766) and he died in Hardeman County, Teun., 1859 was a son of Manoah who went to Georgia - so he was a first cousin of my Manoah. This William was a Rev. soldier and lived in Halifax County, N.C. during the Revolution. He received his pension on affidavit of Franklin P. Yarborough of Toome, Tenn. William and Rachel Yarborough had a son Reuben who was perhaps the youngest. Other children were Benjamin, Hampton, Jephtha who married Lavinia Isham, William who married (1) a Gibbons and (2) a Davis, George, Hulda, John, Susannah and the (hte above) Reuben. Mrs. Walliug of McMinnville, Tenn. Sent this to me - she is descended from ...

*end of compilation, 12 Mar 1992*

Shelby genealogical researchers have disallowed the claim that William Yarbrough married Rachel Shelby until independent verification can be ob-



tained. Ida Walling is their only source of that information. They are aware that William Yarbrough was married to Martha throughout his life in Tennessee.

A Helen W. Tomlinson of Brunsville, MN compiled an undated Family Group sheet which Karen Mazcock sent to Melba Tullos and Karen Lambert. This deals with the family of Robert Charles Howard and Sarah Yarbrough. It says Howard b. 1789 in Charleston SC., married Sarah in Greenville, Greenville Co, SC in 1812, died 19 May 1867 in Mineral Point, Iowa Co, MN. Sarah and Robert Charles Howard were divorced and he went to Wisconsin, changing his name to Hoard. Sarah Yarbrough Howard married Joshua Pennington after the 1840 census, and they moved to Warren County, Tennessee before 1860.

The information on Sarah is obviously tainted by Ida Walling, indicating birth in NC ca 1893 with parents of William Yarbrough and Rachel Shelby. Under places of residence are NC, Greenville SC, Sparta TN, Spencer TN, MO. Her death place is listed as Sedalia, Pettis Co MO in Apr 1883. It has the two oldest daughters born in Greenville in 1813 and 1815, and showing the eldest, Minerva, going to Minnesota with Hoard after marrying Warrington Jones in 1830, probably in Sparta TN. In a note: Hoard was in Mineral Point Wisconsin by 1828. Sarah divorced Robert Charles Howard and lived with daughter Mahala Walling on the Daniel Walling Estate on Spencer Mt. in Van Buren Co TN. There are 5 children listed on the sheet, and another sheet has a sixth. The children of Robert Charles Howard and Sarah Yarbrough are:

- V.1. Minerva b. 13 Feb 1813, d. 17 Feb 1874, m. 9 Dec 1830 Warrington Jones; 2.
- V.2. Mahala b. 24 Dec 1815 d. 31 Mar 1876, m. 21 Apr 1835 Hiram Kilgore Walling
- V.3. Malinda m. (Henry?) Jones [note: not brother of Warrington Jones]
- V.4. Felix Grundy b. 1822, d. California after 1850 in a mining accident
- V.5. Martha "Patsy" d. ca 3 Oct 1844 in childbirth, m. 14 Nov 1843 James Walling Sr., child Shelby.
- V.6. Thomas? d. California

The fact that Martha's son is named Shelby Walling may have been the source of Ida Walling's notion that she was descended from a Shelby. Perhaps the Wallings were so descended.

#### IV.3. JEPHTHA YARBROUGH

Jephtha Yarbrough first appears in White County, TN in the 1828 Tax List 85 1/2 acres of school land and 30 acres of other land. The same are listed for him in 1829. In the 1830 census of White County, TN he is listed with another adult male in his age range, a female in the same range, and a daughter under 5 years old. From later censuses Jephtha was born in 1800/1801, his wife is Levinia (Isham) and they have eight listed children<sup>10</sup>. As Jephtha acted as attorney in White County for William Yarbrough and James Yarbrough in 1835, and is listed in the 1840 Hardeman County Census, he came to Hardeman County

10. In the 1850 Hardeman Co TN census: page 397 Yarbrough, Jephtha 49 SC, Levinia 45 TN, Marielina 21, Arlecia 19, William 15, Nancy 12, Hampton 10, Sarah 7, Martha 6, Lausen 4.

1860 Hardeman Co TN Census: page 259 Yarbrough, Jephtha 60, Levinia 56, William 23, Nancy A. 21, Hampton 18, Sarah 17, Montgomery 14, John Crockett 20, Martha Yarbrough 16

between 1835 and 1840. He appears to be the second of this Yarbrough family to settle in Hardeman County, and he remained there the rest of his life. Jeptha Yarbrough sold land in Hardeman Co. in 1849 and 1850, and a Jeptha Yarbrough<sup>11</sup> bought property in 1853 and 1858 in Hardeman County. The Estate of Jeptha Yarbrough sold land in 1872 to W.H. Yarbrough, so our Jeptha Yarbrough died shortly before then. A J.W. Yarbrough bought and sold 109 acres in 1859, and a W.J. Yarbrough bought property in 1873.

HARDEMAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
FAMILY OF JEPHTHA AND LAVENIA ISHAM YARBROUGH  
By Karen Lambert

William Yarbrough I and Rachel Shelby had several children who lived in Hardeman County, Tennessee, where William I is buried. Jeptha Yarbrough and William A Yarbrough (II) settled in that county and their descendants remain there today. Jeptha was born around 1801 in North Carolina. He is found in White County in Capt. Malory's Company or District in 1828, and Bradford's Company in 1835 on tax lists. Jeptha Yarbrough sold property in Hardeman County Tennessee in 1849 and 1850. There is no record of the acquisition of this property in Hardeman County's Deed Books. He bought land in 1853 and 1858 in Hardeman County. His heirs sold land in 1872.

Jeptha Yarbrough married Lavenia Isham who was born in 1805. Jeptha and Lavenia are buried in an old cemetery on the farm of A.E. Smith Jr. near Toone, Tennessee. Her headstone is broken into several pieces but the date of birth is readable. Only a footstone remains for J.Y.. Lavenia and Jeptha had eight children (U.S. Census, 1860):

- V.1 Marelia, b. ca. 1829
- V.2 Alicia, b. ca. 1831
- V.3 William b. ca. 1835
- V.4 Nancy, twin b. ca. 1840
- V.5 Horace, twin b. ca. 1840
- V.6 Martha b. ca. 1842
- V.7 Sarah b. ca. 1843
- V.8 Lawson b. Aug 11, 1846, d. Jan 1881.

W.I. Yarbrough is buried in the cemetery with Jeptha and Lavenia, and this may be their son William. William Ira Yarbrough is listed on the Hardeman County Tenn. Confederate Pension List, naming his wife as Lucretia. A William H. Yarbrough married Catherine Davis in the Hardeman County Marriage Records, and W. H. Yarbrough purchased the land from the Jeptha Yarbrough heirs in 1872. Probably Wm. H. is not Jeptha's son William Ira Yarbrough, but could be another relative of Jeptha's.

In the following, various censuses, marriage records of Hardeman County and

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11. On 9 June 1846 in Hardeman County TN, a Jeptha Yarbrough married Nancy Sinkley. In the 1850 census, on the page before George Yarbrough's, page 364, family 1617 Yarbrough, Jesse 24, Nancy 24, Richard 2, John 1, James 14 (all born in TN).

Gibson County and various information from researchers have been used to construct the family of Jephtha and Lavinia Yarbrough. Neither the name Horace nor the information on twins is in the 1860 Census Index, and most of the marriages are uncertain. If Hampton's name is Wade Hampton, after his uncle, then he would be the person who bought the property after Jephtha died.

- V.1. Marelia, b. ca. 1829
- V.2. Arlicia Yarbrough, b. ca. 1831, m?. 17 Mar 1853 Samuel M. Justice
- V.3. William Ira Yarbrough b. 1835, d. 1909, m. 24 June 1877 Lucretia W. Jorden
- V.4. Nancy A. Yarbrough b. ca. 1839, m?. 16 Apr 1868 A.J. Harris
- V.5. (Wade?) Hampton Yarbrough b. ca. 1840, m. Alice [1880 Gibson Co census]
- V.6. Sarah J?. Yarbrough b. ca. 1843, m?. 3 Feb 1869 Rufus Raines
- V.7. Martha A?. Yarbrough b. ca. 1846, m?. 10 Aug 1884 John Wallace
- V.8. Lawson Montgomery Yarbrough b. Aug 11, 1846, d. Jan 1881. m. 9 Dec 1873 Elizabeth Lucretia Pirtle

#### IV.4. WILLIAM YARBROUGH, Jr.

William Yarbrough Jr. is first found in the White County Tax lists in 1828, but has not been found in the 1830 census there. The William Yarbrough Jr. family was probably in the Gibson County, Tennessee, census in 1840, and first appear in the Hardeman County census in 1850. They settled near Toone. William had married Hannah Davis, a daughter of Augustus Parks Davis, who was listed with the William Yarbrough Jr. family along with his youngest children in the 1850 census<sup>12</sup>. Augustus' property was East and next to that of William Yarbrough Jr..

#### HARDEMAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE FAMILY OF WILLIAM YARBROUGH AND HANNAH ADA DAVIS by Karen Lambert

William Yarbrough I had another son, William (II), who lived in Hardeman County. There is a Wm Yarbrough in Overton County TN in the 1820 Census and on the tax list of that county in 1823. He was in White County TN in the later 1820's and in the 1830 Census. There were two William Yarbroughs listed in the 1840 census in Gibson county TN that fit the ages and family ages for William I and William II. William II bought 175 acres in Hardeman County from his father in 1852. There was no record of this land through 1874.

According to a bible record transcribed by Rebecca Watson, a descendant of William Yarbrough II (this bible was in the possession of another descendant and has since been destroyed). William Yarbrough married Hannah Ada Davis on 2/25/1836. Hannah was born 6/18/1814 and died 5/15/1864. However Mrs. Watkins says the page this was on was very hard to read and this may have been 1884. Hannah was living in the later census records, so probably the correct date is 6/16/1884. Another transcription of the same bible record listed Martha Martella as one of the children, but this child was not included on Mrs. Watson's bible record. William and

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12. 1850 Hardeman Co TN Census page 367, family 1389: YARBROUGH, William 46 SC, Hannah 36 TN, James 13, Mary 10, William 6, Rebecca 1, Nero DAVIS 15, Catherine 13, Augustus 63 NC.

Hannah had the following Yarbrough children.

- V.1. James b. Jan 5, 1837
- V.2. Hampton b. May 23, 1838 d. April 20, 1843
- V.3. Jonathan b. May 23, 1838 d. April 17, 1843
- V.4. Mary Miranda b. May 17, 1841
- V.5. Elijah D. b. Oct 23, 1842 d. Jul 1, 1846
- V.6. William A. b. Jul 19, 1844 d. Feb 1864
- V.7. Mahulda b. Jan 26, 1846 d. 1849
- V.8. Martha Martella b. 1848
- V.9. Rebekah Jane b. Oct 17, 1849 d. Oct 16, 1884
- V.10. Franklin Pierce b. Aug 22, 1852 d. June 22, 1934
- V.11. Hopey b. 1854

#### IV.5. JAMES YARBROUGH

Several children of William Yarbrough Sr. settled in Hardeman County, Tennessee. James Yarbrough, whom William identified as his son and as living in Hardeman County in a letter granting James Power of Attorney on 27 Oct 1835, was probably the first of this Yarbrough family to settle there. James bought the property of Peter Howard at a Sheriffs' Sale in White County in 1829. On 9 Nov 1835 James gave Jephtha Yarbrough Power of Attorney to convey 53 1/2 acres to Thomas Gibbons in White County, which indicates he preceded Jephtha to Hardeman County. James Yarbrough received a land grant in Hardeman County in 1836. He sold Hardeman property in 1838 to John L. Weed and in 1847 to H.L. Doyle, and he moved to Gibson County, Tennessee, before the 1850 census. In Gibson County in 1838 James bought 640 acres from Lewis Sander, which he later sold to East Tennessee College<sup>13</sup>. In 1854 James purchased 133 3/4 Acres in Gibson County from William Yarbrough. James was the original executor of Lewis Sanders' estate, and had guaranteed Benjamin Yarbrough's guardianship of the minor children of Lewis and Mahulda Sanders. James moved to Henry County, Tennessee about 1855, and died there in early 1856. In his letter of 12 Feb 1855 to uncle Benjamin Yarbrough, James' son Newton mentions his father's health and urges Ben to come visit him in the spring. Newton says to send his letters to massadonia, (Macedonia?) Carroll County, which must be the nearest post office. In this same letter he mentions a letter from uncle Hampton saying they have bought land in Missouri. Wade Hampton Yarbrough is known to have purchased 120 acres near Columbus, Jackson Township of Johnson County, Missouri on 1 Dec 1854.

Newton R. Yarbrough signed an affidavit on 11 July 1852 attesting Rebecca A. Yarbrough was resident in Gibson County, and so eligible to marry James Davis in that county. Rebecca Armstrong is in the James Yarbrough family in the 1850 Gibson County census. Possibly this James Davis is a son of Augustus Parks Davis. James Yarbrough had another son, William who was 14 in the 1850 census. It is possible that this is the William H. Yarbrough who married Catherine Davis, youngest daughter of Augustus Parks Davis. A William H. Yarbrough witnessed the sale of property by William Yarbrough Sr. to William Yarbrough Jr. in 1851, and it is questionable that a 15 year old boy could witness a deed. In the 1840 Hardeman County census of James Yarbrough lists

13. East Tennessee College later became the University of Tennessee. James Yarbrough bought this land for \$600 and sold it for \$1. There must be a story here.

another male born 1830-1835 who is probably another son, possibly the Joseph H. Yarbrough who owed William Lewis Sanders \$12 on a note due 5 Jan 1845 in the estate papers.

JAMES YARBROUGH  
(W. James Yarbrough)  
by Wanda Johnson

James Yarbrough was born around 1806 in South Carolina. He was a son of William and Martha Yarbrough and a brother to Benjamin Yarbrough. His wife was Martha who was born around 1801 in Virginia.

James Yarbrough, Benjamin Yarbrough and several other men were named as administrators of the Lewis Sanders estate in 1852. James served in that capacity until 1854 when Benjamin took over the duties.

Probably in January of 1855 James, Martha, N.R. and Eurilda moved from Gibson County to Henry County, TN. (N.R., R.N. and Newton R. are used at various times. I believe these all refer to the same person). At least two older children remained in Gibson County<sup>14</sup>: Rebecca Yarbrough Davis who married James Davis, and possibly an older son.

James Yarbrough purchased 124 3/4 acres on 14 March 1855 in Henry County, TN. which was recorded 24 July 1855. On March 14, 1856, an inventory of the estate of James Yarbrough was submitted to the clerk. Administrator was N.R. Yarbrough. None of the names at the sale were familiar except Martha, N.R. and William Yarbrough (possibly the older child). An inventory of notes held by James Yarbrough was also submitted. Some of these date to 1835, but no county is given, and the names are very unclear.

Newton R. Yarbrough married Mary F. Anderson 12 December 1865 in Carroll County, TN. Eurilda Yarbrough married Lafayette Young on 22 November 1860 in Henry County. According the 1880 census of Henry County TN, 9th Civil District, Eurilda is listed as Childers, obviously a second marriage.

N.R./R.N. Yarbrough's will was dated 15 November 1911 and recorded in Henry County court Minutes 31 March 1925. "I give, devise, bequeath unto my son, James N. Yarbrough his heirs and assigns of State and County above said who now resides with me my entire farm on which I live." This being the same 124 3/4 acres purchased by James Yarbrough in 1855. He named one Grandson, William Gilbert Yarbrough, to whom he gave \$10.00. The remainder was given to James N. No other children or heirs were listed.

James N. Yarbrough, 2/29/1876 - 3/3/1933, is buried in the Shiloh Church Cemetery in Carroll County, TN, just a few miles from the Henry County line. No other Yarbroughs are listed as buried there, but it is an old cemetery with many unmarked graves. The Yarbrough stone appears to not be in the correct position according to the stones around it.

No other descendants have been found at this point.

1 April 1992.

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14. In the 1850 census of Gibson Co TN, page 608: Yarbrough, Jas 44 SC, Martha 49 Va, Newton 18, William 14, Eurilda 7 and Rebecca Armstrong 16.

#### IV.6. WADE HAMPTON YARBROUGH

Wade Hampton Yarbrough was born April 21, 1809 in Greeneville County, South Carolina. His parents were William and Martha Yarbrough<sup>15</sup>. Wade Hampton Yarbrough married Mary M. Davis in Sparta Tennessee about 1830, and carried on the business of farming several pieces of property there until about 1841<sup>16</sup>.

Mary M. Davis was a daughter of Jonathan C. Davis. She was born in Sparta, White County, Tennessee on 28 August 1814<sup>17</sup>. In 1840 they were living next to Jonathan C. Davis<sup>18</sup> near Rock Island. In 1841 Hampton Yarbrough and Owen Bates sold their (jointly owned) land, originally a grant to Jonathan C. Davis. Then these Yarbroughs and some relatives of Mary M. Davis Yarbrough went to Dade County, Missouri, where Wade Hampton Yarbrough pursued the trade of shoemaker and Saddler. In the 1850 census of Dade Co MO we find Owen Bates<sup>19</sup> who was probably Mary's brother-in-law. They were in Lawrence Co MO for the 1850 census<sup>20</sup>.

Lawrence County was organized from parts of Dade and Barry Counties on Feb 14, 1845, so this Yarbrough family and that of Mary's cousin Maxwell Davis<sup>21</sup> were among the earliest inhabitants of the newly established town of Mount Vernon, which was laid out also in 1845. In 1848 Wade Hampton Yarbrough was in a partnership with Rufus M. Elsey, a saddler, in purchasing a shop on a small lot in Mount Vernon<sup>22</sup>. The next year Wade Hampton Yarbrough bought Rufus out<sup>23</sup> and in 1850 sold it to John S. Williams<sup>24</sup>.

Wade Hampton and Mary M. Yarbrough went to Johnson County, Missouri, purchasing property near the town of Columbus in Jackson township to take up farming, just over the LaFayette County line, from where Rufus M. Elsey is

15. Family records of descendants of Felix Grundy Yarbrough held by Olive Maude Doty, 300 W Montana, Pasadena CA 91103; Mrs. W.E. Yarbrough c/o Jane Nippes, 16912 Ellison Way, Independence MO 64029, Frederick Clark Yarbrough 1645 6th St Livermore CA 94550.

16. White Co TN land records according to Karen Lambert, Rte 1, box 203 D, Toone TN 38381.

17. see footnote two before this.

18. Census of White Co TN 1840 page 3: Hampton Yarbrough 011001-11001  
Jonathan Davis 20010001-01000100001, Owen Bates 20001-02001

19. 1850 Dade Co MO Census: page 299 Bates, Owen Farmer Ga, Hannah 36 TN, Mary 18 TN, Emily 16, Mackafee 14 (m), Trent 11 (m), Seth 8, Jackson 6, May 2

20. 1850 Census of Lawrence Co MO: 13 Aug 1850, page 269 Dw 21 fam 22, W.H. Yarbrough 40, Shoemaker, SC; Mary 36 TN; Crocket 18 Saddler TN; Mary M. 17 TN; Martha 13 TN; Grundy 10 TN; Amanda 8 MO; Jackson 6 MO; Samantha 3 MO; Newton L 5/12 MO.

21. 1850 Lawrence Co MO Census: page 299 Davis, Maxwell Farmer TN, Holly 30 (f) TN, Cecilia 12 TN, Junior 9 MO, Hyrum 7 MO, Franklin 5 MO, Elizabeth 3 MO.

22. Lawrence Co MO Deed book B p 183.

23. Lawrence Co MO Deed Book B p 184.

24. Lawrence Co MO Deed Book B pp 235 and 236.



found in the 1850 census. Hampton's property had two parcels, one of 40 and the other 80 acres. It was purchased for \$200 from Samuel and Lucretia Cornett on 1 Dec 1854<sup>25</sup>.

Wade Hampton Yarbrough's family is in Johnson County MO for the 1860 census<sup>26</sup>.

In January of 1862 the worst in Johnson County of the violence of the war between the states took place. Union soldiers from Kansas (Jayhawkers) who had lost some of their number in an ambush in western Johnson County returned to wreak vengeance on South sympathizers. This Jayhawk regiment robbed and burned about forty homes in the south-west part of the county. Jayhawk troops were then sent to the Columbus area, but were tricked by the towns people into an ambush where 5 Kansans were killed and many more wounded. In retaliation, Columbus was burned along with surrounding area homes of some 50 Southern sympathizers<sup>27</sup>. Two of Wade Hampton Yarbrough's sons and two future sons-in-law somehow ended up in Union uniforms, in spite of the fact that they were all Southerners by birth.

In 1864 Wade Hampton and Mary M. Yarbrough sold their Johnson County property to son Felix Grundy for \$700<sup>28</sup>, but they remained on the tax lists through 1867. They are found in the 1870 census of Bourbon County<sup>29</sup>, where they remained for about two years, moving on to Cowley County around 1871. They are in Richland Township of Cowley County in the 1880 census. Crockett, their oldest son had gone to Sonoma County, California, but the three remaining sons and two daughters are also in Cowley Co, KS at that time. Their oldest daughter has settled in Labette Co, KS.

The following is a listing of the children of Wade Hampton Yarbrough and Mary M. Davis Yarbrough:

- V.1. CROCKETT DAVIS YARBROUGH b. White Co TN 18 Dec 1831 d. Sonoma Co CA 2 Oct 1898 m. Sonoma Co CA 29 Oct 1857 Jamima Ann Hill
- V.2. Mary Melissa Yarbrough b. White Co TN 28 Mar 1834 Rock, d. Parsons? KS March 2, 1906, m. 4 Apr 1851, Mt Vernon MO, Jonathan Freeman
- V.3. Martha Ann Yarbrough b. White Co TN 23 Oct 1837 d. before 1860, m. John Cornett
- V.4. Felix Grundy Yarbrough b. White Co TN 31 Aug 1840 d. 29 Apr 1917, bd. Box Cemetery m. Johnson Co MO 21 March 1859 Mary E. (Bell) Sanders
- V.5. Amanda Jane Yarbrough b. Dade Co MO 2 Mar 1843
- V.6. Andrew Jackson Yarbrough b. Dade Co MO. 26 June 1845 d. 31 Jul 1904 m. in -----

25. Johnson Co MO Deed Book Y pp 434 and 435

26. 1860 Johnson Co MO Census: p776, dw 354 fam 382 Yade Yarbrough 51 farmer 1200, 450 SC; Mary 45 TN; Andrew J. 15 MO; Sarah S. 12 MO; Newton 9 MO; Virginia 7 MO.  
dw 355 fam 383 Grundy Yarbrough 19 Farmer 0, 250 MO; Mary 17 MO; George 4/12; William Cornet 4.

27. Civil War in Johnson County Missouri Master of Arts thesis by Bruce E. Nichols, Central Missouri State University, 1974

28. Johnson Co MO Deed Book Y page 187

29. 1870 Census Bourbon Co KS, Timber Hill TWP:  
page 555, dw 56 fam 52 Yarbrough, W.H. 61 farmer 13000, 500 SC; Mary 55 TN; A.J. 25 farm labor 700,700 MO; N.S. 20 farm labor 0, 200 MO.  
Page 556 dw 57 fam 53 Cornett, Wm 12 MO.

- Cowley Co 21 Apr 1875: Mary Emma Marquis
- V.7. Sarah Samantha Yarbrough b. Mount Vernon MO 6 July 1847 m. Johnson Co MO Feb 19, 1865: Stephen Judd Holloway
  - V.8. Newton Leonidas Yarbrough b. Mount Vernon MO 20 Mar 1850 m. Cowley Co KS. 7 Nov 1875: Mary K. Stulter (Molly)
  - V.9. Virginia Catherine Yarbrough b. MO 26 Sept 1853 m. in Greenfield MO 28 Feb 1871 Charles Thomas Clabaugh
  - V.10. George William Yarbrough b. Johnson Co MO 25 May 1855 died in infancy.

#### IV.7. SUSANNA JANE YARBROUGH HOWARD

Susanna Jane Yarbrough was born in South Carolina, presumably in Greenville, on 19 January 1812, and died 16 Dec 1853 in Sparta, White County, TN. She married John Porter Howard on 1 January 1829. Robert J. Howard of Morrison TN in 1989 wrote that John Porter Howard and Susanna Jane Yarbrough were both born in Greenville SC, and that in White county they obtained a land grant<sup>30</sup> of 640 acres. William Yarbrough Sr.'s last land transaction in White County was on 10 Oct 1848 to legally transfer 12 acres to John Porter Howard.

According to Mr. Quill Howard, the Felix Grundy Howard Bible lists the following children of this marriage.

- V.1. Matilda Howard b. 11 Nov 1829 d. 9 May 1904 m. 7 Dec 1849 Thomas Goodwin
- V.2. William Porter Howard b. 23 Jan 1829 d. 1 Dec 1905 m. 30 Dec 1849 Mary Susan Goodwin
- V.3. Arlesa Howard b. 29 Mar 1833 d. 25 June 1893 m. 2 Aug 1855 Isaac Willhite
- V.4. Mahulda Howard b. 24 Mar 1834 m. 22 Oct 1857 William C. Elliot
- V.5. Elizabeth Maranda Howard b. 20 June 1838 d. 28 Feb 1864
- V.6. Lucenda Howard b. 16 Nov 1840 m. 18 Oct 1858 Green M. Wilson
- V.7. James Anderson Howard b. 1 Jan 1843 d. 13 July 1844
- V.8. John Denton Howard b. 10 Aug 1845 m. 28 Dec 1864 Susan Sliger
- V.9. Sarah Fine Howard b. 6 Jan 1848 d. 16 Sept 1857
- V.10. Manda Jane Howard b. 16 Aug 1850, d. 13 Mar 1929 m. 15 Jan 1874 Vance Dires Pistole
- V.11. Felix Grundy Howard b. 8 Oct 1853 d. 16 Mar 1939 m. 28 Aug 1873

#### IV.8. MAHULDA YARBROUGH SANDERS MATHIS

Mahulda Yarbrough probably met William Lewis Sanders in Gibson County after the Yarbroughs moved there from White County. There is no record of Sanders in White County. The first recorded contact of a Yarbrough with Lewis Sanders is in 1838 in Gibson County TN, when James Yarbrough purchased 640 acres from a Lewis Sander. However, the oldest son of Lewis and Mahulda is William Lewis Sanders Jr., who was born about 1836, so Mahulda and Lewis Sanders were married in 1835 or earlier. As William Yarbrough Sr. is still on the tax lists in White County as late as 1832, it is unlikely that the Yarbroughs went to Gibson County before about 1833. Both William Yarbrough Sr. and James Yarbrough gave Power-of-attorney to Jeptha in 1835, indicating they were already gone from White County at that time. So, in all likelihood,

30. A Land Grant was the initial establishment of property ownership and was available by application to settlers in new territory. Land grants associated with military service were usually issued to cover arrears in pay to the serviceman. Land Grants may have involved some cost, but in many cases they were free to encourage people to settle new territories.

William Lewis Sanders and Mahulda Yarbrough were married in 1834 or 1835. In the 1840 census, William and Martha Yarbrough are near the town of Rutherford, which is about 10 miles north-west of the Sanders place. In the 1850 census they are in the next dwelling from the Sanders.

Wanda Johnson wrote that William Lewis Sanders was born 1 January 1772 in South Carolina, where he was appointed constable for Union County in 1796; that he is in the 1800 Union Co SC census and in the 1810 and 1820 censuses of Chester Co SC.; that there is an L. Saunders in the 1830 census of Chester Co SC who may be Lewis Sanders; and that Lewis Sanders first appears on the Tax List of Gibson Co TN in 1836. Note that in the 1850 Gibson Co TN Census, his name is Lewis Saunders. As Lewis Sanders died on 1 September 1852, the 1850 census shows all of the known children of Lewis and Mahulda Sanders<sup>31</sup>.

After Lewis Sanders' death, both James Yarbrough and Benjamin Yarbrough served as executor of Lewis Sanders' estate. In the inventory of notes and accounts of Lewis Sanders (4 Feb 1853?) there are two notes of particular interest. One is a note for payment of articles purchased at the estate sale which is for \$55.50 cosigned by William Yarbrough and Mahulda Sanders. The other is an old note on Joseph H? Yarbrough, due 5 Jan 1845, for twelve dollars, with the words in solvent and dead. This may be James Yarbrough's missing son who was in the same age range as Newton in the 1840 Hardeman Co TN census. There is almost overwhelming circumstantial evidence that Mahulda is a sister of James and Benjamin and a daughter of William and Martha Yarbrough.

Mahulda married Elisha Mathis in 1853, and is not found in Gibson County until on 24 Feb 1880 she signed a Quit-Claim in favor of Lafayette Sanders, her son.

MAHULDA YARBROUGH SANDERS  
(Matilda Mahulda Yarbrough)

by  
Wanda Johnson

Mahulda Yarbrough was born 17 September 1817. She probably married William Lewis Sanders in 1831. Actual date and location are unknown. She is probably the daughter of William and Martha Yarbrough. They were living next door, or very close to, Mahulda in both the 1840 and 1850 Gibson Co TN Censuses. James and Benjamin were administrators of the estate of her husband, Lewis Sanders.

Four children were born to Mahulda Sanders: William Lewis, George Washington, Martha H. Pernelia, and James Lafayette.

The census records say Mahulda was born in SC, but the family says "9 miles from Sparta, White County, TN". Larry Morris has this figured out:

Census Taker: "Mrs. Sanders, where were you born?"

Mahulda: "I was born in SC."

Grandchild: "Grandmaw, where were yon raised?"

Mahulda: "White County, 9 miles from Sparta, TN."

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31. 1850 Gibson Co TN Census page 604, taken 30 Dec 1850  
family 2471, Saunders, Lewis 79 SC, Mahulda 33 SC, William 14 TN, George 12 TN, Martha 11 TN,  
James 8 TN, ?Furrow Boyd 19  
family 2472, Yarborough, William Yarborough 77 NC, Martha 71 SC.

Probably any variation of this scenario will produce the same results, especially if Mahulda was born in SC and moved soon afterward to TN. There is another remote possibility, but for now I am going with SC.

The census records say she could not read or write, yet the family has a small handbook of poems that belonged to her. This book also contains the name "John Pennington", and Mahulda's and Lewis Sanders' birthdates. The letter that accompanied her application for widow's pension is signed, but not with an X.

In 1853, Mahulda married Elisha Mathis. It has not been established where she spent the next 20 years. As far as we know, there were no children from this marriage. On 20 March 1878, Mathis applied for a pension on service during the war of 1812. It was rejected. He was 80 years old and a resident of Henderson, Texas.

Elisha Mathis died in Texas on 7 September 1883. Mahulda applied for a widow's pension on 18 March 1893. She believed that Mathis received a pension. Her application was rejected. She obviously did not know he had been rejected, which leads me to believe that she was not living with him at the time and probably did not live with him very long at all.

In later years, I think Mahulda lived with both children and grandchildren. My grandmother always said the "Grandmaw raised me" meaning Mahulda.

Mahulda Yarbrough Sanders Mathis died 10 September 1891 in Gibson County, TN. She is buried next to William Lewis Sanders in the old Sanders Cemetery in Gibson County.

Larry Morris of Humbolt TN gives the children of William Lewis Sanders and Mahulda Yarbrough:

- V.1. William Lewis Sanders b. ca 1836 TN, d. 31 Dec 1862 battle of Stones River, m. 4 Jan 1858 Louisa Pounds
- V.2. George Washington Sanders b. ca 1838 TN, d. Civil War
- V.3. Martha H. Pernelia Sanders b. ca 1840 TN, m. 10 Nov 1856 James Y. Hicks
- V.4. James Lafayette Sanders b. ca 1842 TN, d. 15 Mar 1931 TN, m.(1) 9 Feb 1862 Mary Caroline Pounds, m.(2) 13 Aug 1892 Nancy Adline Porter Reaves Waugh

#### IV.9. GEORGE P. YARBROUGH

George P. Yarbrough was born in Tennessee about 1820. If he was born in Overton County, then he was born before the census of that year, as he is a necessary member to make the census fit the family. He first appears in the White Co TN Marriage Book, where he married on 15 Sept 1839 Celia Davis, a daughter of Augustus Parks Davis. It is presumed that they are with William Yarbrough Sr. in the 1840 Gibson Co TN census, and that the census taker slipped a column in the female tally, so that both Celia and Martha are actually there.

George Yarbrough received a Hardeman Co TN land Grant of 189 1/2 acres in 1848. George P. and Celia Yarbrough appear in only one known census, in

1850<sup>32</sup> in Hardeman Co TN. They settled near Toone, having property facing that of William Yarbrough Jr.. George purchased 25 acres from William Yarbrough (Sr?) in 1850, and 206 acres from E.S. Legget in 1852. He sold 100 Acres to Benjamin W. Yarbrough in 1855 and sold 106 acres and 40 acres to B.N. Jones in 1859. George moved away, but may have sold 25 acres to William Yarbrough Jr. in 1870. At least one of George's children remained in Hardeman County.

Children of George P. and Celia Davis Yarbrough from 1850 Hardeman Co TN census :

- V.1. John C. Yarbrough b. ca 1841 TN, m. Hardeman Co TN 14 Nov 1866 Sarah E. Tate b. ca. 1845 [1880 Hardeman Co TN census]
- V.2. Mary Yarbrough b. ca. 1843 TN
- V.3. Felix Grundy Yarbrough b. ca. 1845 TN, m. Hardeman Co TN 23 Aug 1868 Malissa J. Lewis b. ca. 1853 [1880 Haywood Co TN census]
- V.4. George Yarbrough b. ca. 1847 TN
- V.5. Arlecia Yarbrough b. ca. 1849 TN m?. Madison Co TN 1870 Nathan Parlow

#### BENJAMIN YARBROUGH c1824 - 1861

Benjamin W. Yarbrough was born about 1824, probably near Sparta TN. His marriage in Gibson Co TN on 5 Mar 1845 to Mary Jane McAllilly is the first record of them. Mary Jane was born 1 Oct 1826 in TN and died 3 Mar 1891, she is buried with Mahulda Yarbrough in the Lewis Cemetery in Gibson Co TN. Her mother was probably a Delashment. She and her sisters were represented by George P. McAllilly in litigation over Elijah Delashment's estate<sup>33</sup>:

Deed Book R, p. 497 April 7, 1855. Benjamin Yarbrough and Mary Jane Yarbrough, formerly Mary Jane McAllilly; Job and Elizabeth Hicks, Formerly Elizabeth McAllilly, James and Margaret Cook, formerly Margaret McAllilly, appoint George P. McAllilly, attorney (Power of attorney). Ligation of Elijah Delashment, dec'd. Signed by Benjamin Yarbrough, Job Hicks, James Cook, Mary Jane Yarbrough, Margaret Cook, Elizabeth (X) Hicks.

When Lewis Sanders died, Benjamin became guardian of Lewis and Mahulda Sanders' minor children. When James Yarbrough could no longer carry out the duties of Administrator of Lewis Sanders' estate, Benjamin was appointed to carry on. These legal arrangements provide further evidence of the close relationship between these Yarbroughs and Mahulda Sanders.

Ben Yarbrough died in the War between the states probably in 1861. Benjamin apparently was with his parents until he married, and he appears in two Gibson Co TN censuses<sup>34</sup>, and Mary Jane remained in Gibson County for the rest of her life.

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32. 1850 Hardeman Co TN census: page 366 family 1531 Yarbrough, George 30 TN, Celia 30 TN, John 9, Mary 7, Felix 5, George 3, Arlecia 1

33. Provided by Karen Mazock

34. 1850 Gibson Co TN census: page 402 family 1084 Yarbrough, Benjamin 25 TN, Jane 23 TN, Lafayette 3, Margaret 1.

1860 Gibson Co TN census: page 323 family 269 Yarbrough, Ben 36, Mary 33, Richard 12, Margaret 11, May 9, Newton 6, Walter 4



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*The President's Corner ...* We are hoping to have another weekend working conference this summer in the Nashville area and will be needing all the help we can muster. It won't be all work, though, and there will be some time to relax and play. So far, we've been making great progress, but we still have 50,000 pages of wonderful Yarbrough –Yarbro – Yarborough – Yarber – Yarburg research documents to review and organize into books for binding, if we are to meet our 2015 goal.

Clark Hickman, our Board Member who heads up the “[Yarbrough Family FaceBook](#)” page, has reported that there are now 265 Friends. Please take time to visit the [YNGHA](#) group page on Facebook.

We are looking forward to the 2015 Yarbrough Family Conference in Dallas this September, with host Rusty Moore. Please see this Quarterly (pp 4 – 5) for more information and details. We encourage early registration, please! If you have any questions or suggestion, please [email Rusty](#) or give him a call (1-800-422-2004) or [email me](#).

Also, Rusty is now a member of our Board, replacing our past President Joan Y. Singlaub. We welcome Rusty, and we will certainly miss Joan's cheerfulness and enthusiasm for our Association's activities.

On a sad note, this is a belated acknowledgment of Lecil Brown' passing. Lecil was one of our more faithful members, as well as a founding member of the YNGHA. We wish to acknowledge Lecil's contributions to the Family over the many years.

Please, keep us informed as to what's happening with your Yarbrough Family; send [Leonard](#) items that you would like published in the Quarterly...

Please encourage your Yarbrough family to [join the YNHGA](#), support The Family and meet their cousins.

Jan and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in Dallas for the Yarbrough Family Conference next September.

*-Jim*



*Jollings...* It's been a long winter, but Spring has finally showed up with the first bulbs of the season blooming, followed almost immediately by the Bradford pear trees and the forsythia. The really definitive evidence, however, was the return of Mama and Poppa Canada Goose to the pond, where she is presently sitting upon seven eggs. Poppa keeps a weather eye from a short distance away.

The digitization project has taken a good bit of my time, although I haven't been as nearly productive as our President Jim Yarbrough – he's managed to get the by far larger majority of the spiral bound notebooks scanned. I've been slower, working primarily with the volumes that are kept in three-ring binders. Many of these have been handled so much during the past years that it is almost impossible to discern whether there is any sort of order to them. Interspersed among the pages are "post-its", some of which are relevant, and some of which have no discernible meaning whatsoever. As of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, we have a total of 142 of the 220 volumes scanned, made searchable and indexed.

We found a really outstanding software package for performing the indexing function. It was a bit pricey, but the results have been well worth the expense. The resulting indices require some editing, as errors are an inevitable consequence of pages with poor print definition. The software does not do well with cursive handwriting, although it is not too bad with neat printing. There will be a master index, and the volumes will all be renumbered after the titles are alphabetized. So far, there's about a terabyte of memory required to keep what's been scanned. The final estimate is expected to be something under two terabytes, whose master index will end up being two volumes approaching the size of the index volumes for the Encyclopedia Britannica.

This is a lot of material. Individual files range from less than two megabytes to more than sixty-five megabytes. While individual volumes could be down-loaded, most likely volumes will be made available on CD-ROM/DVD, once a pricing schedule has been determined. If it makes sense to allow online access – that's a matter of bandwidth and downloading time required yet to be determined – such access will necessarily be limited to YNGHA members.

This issue provides a sampling of material from one of the first volumes to be scanned. Even though I have seen much of this information before, I still noted a few things that I apparently had ignored or overlooked (or maybe even forgotten). It also seemed appropriate to highlight some Texas history and the part our family played in its formative years. Of course, there's a bit of Texas humor, too.

By the time the July issue arrives, hopefully with a finalized agenda, all volumes should be scanned, the indices edited, and perhaps even a few copies of CD-ROMs/DVDs prepared for the conference's research room. This will be the final appearance of our paper records. I can't help but be a bit sad to see the departure of these volumes from our conference. At the same time, it will sure be a heckuva lot easier to use the computer to search for missing family ancestors and kinfolk than by poring through all those bound volumes!

– *Leonard*

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This is the last appearance of the YNGHA's genealogical records in paper form. Upon completion of the digitization project, the records will be available on a CD/DVD ROM. Specific volumes of genealogical records and other records can be ordered from the Association.



## 2015 Conference Agenda



The Agenda for this year's conference is currently a "work-in-progress," but the following provides a general overview of our planned activities:

- **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>:**
  - **Arrival and check-in. Board members will meet informally to review the week-end activities.**
- **Friday – Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>:**
  - **Welcome by the Conference Host and President;**
  - **Overview to the weekend's schedule, plus any last minute changes;**
  - **Scheduled seminars/presentations –**
    - **Reports about the DNA Project and the Digitization Project;**
    - **Seminar(s) about family history/genealogy research;**
    - **Board and General Membership Annual Meetings**
      - **(including election of Officers and Directors);**
  - **Sight-seeing/Visiting local attractions;**
  - **Group Picture;**
  - **Banquet & Program.**
- **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>:**
  - **Breakfast & Farewells.**

If there are any suggestions, questions or requests about the conference, please contact host [Rusty Moore](#) or the YNGHA President [Jim Yarbrough](#).



## Return to Texas

Since the founding of the YNGHA, its annual conferences have more or less alternated between sites east of the Mississippi and those west of the river. We are once again meeting in this area, and our host, Rusty Moore, is putting together what promises to be another outstanding Texas meeting. It is fitting, therefore, to feature some of the Texas Yarbrough family members in this issue. Ordinarily, putting together a new issue of the **Quarterly** is somewhat akin to doing penance – much angst over what to feature, where to dredge up the material, how to arrange it, etc., etc., etc. As it happens, the digitization project provided relief from the usual routine – while scanning various volumes of the YNGHA records, material just seemed to leap into focus, and the problem now is one of too much material to choose from. Of course, given a choice, the option of too much is always preferable to too little!

Texans are arguably noted for pride in their state, self-independence, self-reliance, patriotism, and faith. According to some, Texans sprang up unassisted except by divine intervention, and of course the fact that those who died defending the Alamo were from a majority of the extant states in the Union at the time has been largely unremarked. Be that as it may, Texans are a pretty good role model, and we are proud of our many cousins there.



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## Texas Boar Hawg Barbeque

*Contributed by Cousin Knomo Yerabow, Toadstool, TX*

Git urself about a too yere old boar hawg (how yew ketch'm is up to yew), hang it up , gut 'im and scrape the hide reel gud. Whack off the haid, then make up some dippin' stuf, startin' wid two gallons of gasoline, a quart of Louisiany tabasco, throw in some jalapeno peppers, and some beans – enny kind as long as they's red. Also, lotsa tomatoes, peels an all, wid a few onions, sum garlic, and mebbe a bit of Maw's lye soap. Simmer for three or four days beforehand.

Then, make a fire – use a lot of mesquite; if'ns yew got nun, thowe sum diesel fuel mixed wid turpentine and creosote on it whenever yew kin to add flavor. Hang the hawg over the fire, and don't fergit to turn it sometimes, until it smells dun. Yew kin tell this by the number of turkey buzzards flying around. Five buzzards is about rite; four is still to raw un' six or more is too much cookin'. Find a stranger from Alabama and mak'm eat it. Serves most of Georgia.

## 18 MINUTES

In 1822 Stephen Austin led a group of 300 settlers - the Old Three Hundred, they were called - to Texas to settle a Spanish Land Grant taken out by his father, Moses Austin. The old three hundred became citizens of Mexico and, in tokens of their good faith, adopted Catholicism as Mexican law required. They bought land and settled down to establish a model colony - law abiding, literate and, within a few years, prosperous.

Ten years later, 55-year-old John Swanson Yarbrough entered Texas with his family of ten. Texas records describe him as a man of good moral habits, industrious, a good citizen and friendly to the laws and religion of the country. Family records characterize Swanson as being red-haired and hot tempered. This may have been true -- considering that just two months shy of his 85th birthday --he was killed by a man over a horse trade that went sour.

By the time John Swanson Yarbrough and his family arrived in Texas, they were but a part of some 20,000 Americans who had flooded over the border. These newcomers were a different breed than the Old Three Hundred. Some, in violation of Mexican law, had brought slaves with them. The newcomers did not want to give up their slaves, or be catholics; they didn't want to accept the Mexican law, preferring instead the laws of America. This flood of newcomers had settled the fate of Texas, and even the Mexicans knew it. They saw the Americans building schools and the Mexicans none; that the Americans were getting land and building houses while the few Mexicans in Texas stayed poor. Mexico suddenly tightened its control over Texas. They prohibited further immigration by Americans and sent troops into the region, trying to administer



the whole vast province from Mexico City. The inevitable happened. ~~The~~ Americans - Texians as they were beginning to call themselves - rose in revolt.

Sam Houston was sent to Texas to lead an army. Houston's ~~had~~ been a spectacular career. Bored with chores and life on the family farm, ~~at~~ age 17, he slipped away from home and wandered into a Cherokee Indian camp where he remained three years. The chief adopted Houston as a son.

At age 20, he enlisted in the army to fight the Creek Indians who were on a rampage in what is now Alabama; in 1812, he fought under Andrew Jackson and was badly wounded; at age 24 he was a government agent to the Cherokee chiefs under Monroe. While an Indian agent, his indian friends complained they had not received annuities promised by the War department in exchange for their ancestral land. Gravely, Houston acknowledged the injustice and went to Washington.

Never in the annals of the United States Army had an officer appeared before the Secretary of War quite so conspicuously out of uniform. When the group was ushered into the office of John Calhoun, there was Houston at its head, dressed in nothing but a breech-cloth and blanket. Calhoun heard him out, but was outraged at his dress. Houston explained he thought it only courteous to his Indian friends to dress as one of them since he was their spokesman.

By age 30 Sam was a Congressman; at 34, the governor of Tennessee; and by age 35, he was an heir apparent to President Andrew Jackson.

His fall was dramatic. This flamboyant, extravagantly picturesque and romantic figure was beloved of all women - except his wife. In 1829, while

governor, Sam married a Tennessee society beauty 17 years younger than he. Without explanation, they separated after only 3 months. Despite Houston's insistence that his marriage was a private affair, the public reaction when he left her forced his resignation as governor.

He went home to the Cherokees and when they were moved by government treaty to Arkansas Territory, Houston went with them. A demoralized and unkempt Houston drank his way through the trip. Houston wrote afterward that he was in "an agony of despair" and was once even tempted to end his "worthless life". But at that darkest moment came an omen: "An eagle swooped down near my head, and then, soaring aloft with wildest screams, was lost in the rays of the setting sun. I knew then that a great destiny waited for me in the West."

Omen or not, Houston did not emerge from his despondency for another three years - and most of that time he was drunk.

It was not until 1832 when Ohio Congressman William Stanbery slandered him on the floor of the House that Houston <sup>Recovered</sup> rallied. The attack was so unjust that Houston rallied to successfully defend himself. He never returned to his former despondency and, in 1833, he entered Texas on assignment of the American Government.

In 1835, Col. James Morgan arrived with his family and slaves to open a mercantile business, settling at a place where the San Jacinto Bay empties into Galveston Bay, southeast of present day Houston. He called his place New Washington; it is now known as Morgan's Point. Mexican law did not allow slavery, so he freed his slaves and converted them to "indentured servants for 99

years." One of his slaves was Emily West, a beautiful 20 year old mulatto with yellow skin. The mulattos were also known as high yellows. As was the custom, she took the name of her master and became Emily Morgan.

That same year, Widow Lucinda Dyches, along with her sons and sons-in-law, applied for a Spanish land grant. The interesting thing about Lucinda is that, at 72 years of age, she was one of the oldest to receive a land grant.

As many of you heard today, on March 6, 1836 - blood flowed. 183 Americans fought a desperate 90-minute battle with a vastly superior force of 4,000 Mexicans at the Alamo. Just days later, another clash occurred at Goliad where 350 more brave Texians died. Two-thirds of the Army of the Republic of Texas.

Santa Anna and his forces arrived in New Washington April 18, 1836. He was hoping to catch and kill the Texas government - but the government officials fled just moments before Santa Anna arrived. All he found was Col. Morgan's indentured servants helping load flatboats with supplies. Among those servants was Emily Morgan. Santa Anna determined on the spot to capture the beautiful young girl to be his lover. He took Emily and another young mulatto boy named Turner as captives.

Santa Anna sent out scouts to locate Houston's troops. For some unknown reason, he sent the young servant Turner with them. Emily Morgan had told Turner where Houston was camped and somehow Turner was able to slip away to warn Houston that Santa Anna was approaching.

Confident from two victories, Santa Anna felt that with less than 800 poorly supplied men - and many of them sick - Houston didn't have a chance

against his superior forces. So confident was he that he decided to rest for two days.

By April 20th, the Texans - enraged at the slaughter of their countrymen at the Alamo and Goliad - were eager to fight. Houston had been leading them into retreat for days. What he was actually doing is leading Santa Anna further and further from re-enforcements and supplies. Some 150 of Houston's men had the measles. Instead of fighting, Houston told his men to eat well and get a good night's sleep.

At the Mexican camp, the forces were up all that night, building barricades from saddle packs and supplies. The next morning, Santa Anna's brother-in-law, General Cos, arrived with 300 reinforcements. They had marched all night to get there. They stacked their guns and went into a grove of trees to sleep.

Houston's scouts reported a strange silence in the Mexican camp. Guns were stacked and all the men were inside tents with their camp women and Santa Anna was in his tent with Emily. Houston knew Emily was in the tent for he had climbed a tree and, with his telescope, had watched Emily prepare and serve breakfast to Santa Anna that morning. Houston is reported to have said: "I hope that slave girl makes him neglect his business and keeps him in bed all day." And she did.

On the afternoon of April 21st, Sam Houston conferred with his officers. Should they attack, or wait to be attacked? At 3:30 p.m., Sam Houston looked at his watch and issued the order: Attack.

743 ragtag Texians assembled. Buckskin breeches were the nearest approach to uniforms and there was a wide diversity even there, some being new, soft and yellow, while others, from long familiarity with rain, grease and dirt had become hard, black and shiny. Boots being an unknown quantity, some wore shoes and some moccasins. Here a broad-brimmed sombrero overshadowed the military cap at its side. One veteran said later, "Uniforms -- rags were our uniforms." But the one great purpose animating every heart clothed them in a uniform more perfect than was ever donned by regulars on dress parade.

The battle of San Jacinto began at four o'clock. You'll want to make note of that. The Texan commander raised his sword and the last ragtag army of the Texas Republic moved up from the woods and across the sloping plain. It was a swashbuckling spectacle that torrid Texas afternoon ... the silken flag of liberty flying in the wind, the glove of some first lieutenant's sweetheart bobbing from its staff. There was General Sam Houston, charging down the center on his splendid white stallion, waving his troops toward the enemy encampment.

There was no opposition at first. None. Then the first enemy volley thundered. General Houston's white stallion went down, but, blood filling his boot, he threw himself onto a cavalryman's pony and resumed his patrol of the line.

"REMEMBER THE ALAMO!" the battle cry ripped the sky. Then a shout came from somewhere in the rear ... "Fight for your lives! The bridge has been cut!" The bridge, their only avenue of retreat. For the Texians, it was now a fight to the death. Knives drawn, the infantry slashed ahead .. into and over torn barricades.

The Mexican force was in disarray and unready for battle. General Houston kept them off balance and drove them into the marsh.

General Houston's decision to attack was strategy timed to the clock. Though his troops were outnumbered by more than two to one, the decisive factor was in his favor. For Sam Houston knew what Santa Anna did at 4:00 p.m. Siesta. General Houston caught Santa Anna, literally, sleeping!

Santa Anna escaped, trying to reach his fresh troops. He found a deserted house where he changed into some discarded clothing. Then his sense of direction completely gone, he wandered back along the bayou and walked into a Texan search party who identified him immediately as a Mexican officer. In his vanity, Santa Anna still wore his elegant linen shirt with jeweled studs beneath the newly acquired blue cotton jacket. But they did not recognize him as Santa Anna until they brought him into the prisoners' compound and a prisoner saluted and cried out, "El Presidente!"

History does not record how Emily West Morgan survived the battle of San Jacinto, but she escaped and fled back to Col. Morgan's plantation at New Washington where she told her version of the battle to Col. Morgan two days later. She was given her freedom for her part in the battle and she returned to New York as a free woman. Her assistance at the battle, what she had done to detain Santa Anna, was reported in several early day histories and in documents, but later school histories ignored her part in the victory because it would have been a story difficult to explain to innocent school children. Most of you have known Emily Morgan for years.

The Yellow Rose of Texas was written as a tribute to her, possibly by one of Col. Morgan's slaves. The original words were: "She's the sweetest rose of color this darkey ever knew." Some of you may have noticed the Emily Morgan Hotel across the street from the Alamo.

General Sam Houston became the first President of the Republic of Texas and held it in tact until it became the 28th state in 1845.

John Swanson Yarbrough and his sons, John Swanson Y. Jr. and Joseph Randolph Yarbrough were with General Sam Houston at San Jacinto. John Swanson is listed as being on the left flank at the decisive battle. His sons, 19-year-old Joseph Randolph and 17-year-old John Swanson, Jr., were assigned to guard the camp of General Sam Houston's army and did not participate in the actual battle. Swanson Jr. had the measles. Joseph Randolph Yarbrough was one of the soldiers assigned to guard Santa Anna. He is, perhaps, one of the men in this picture.

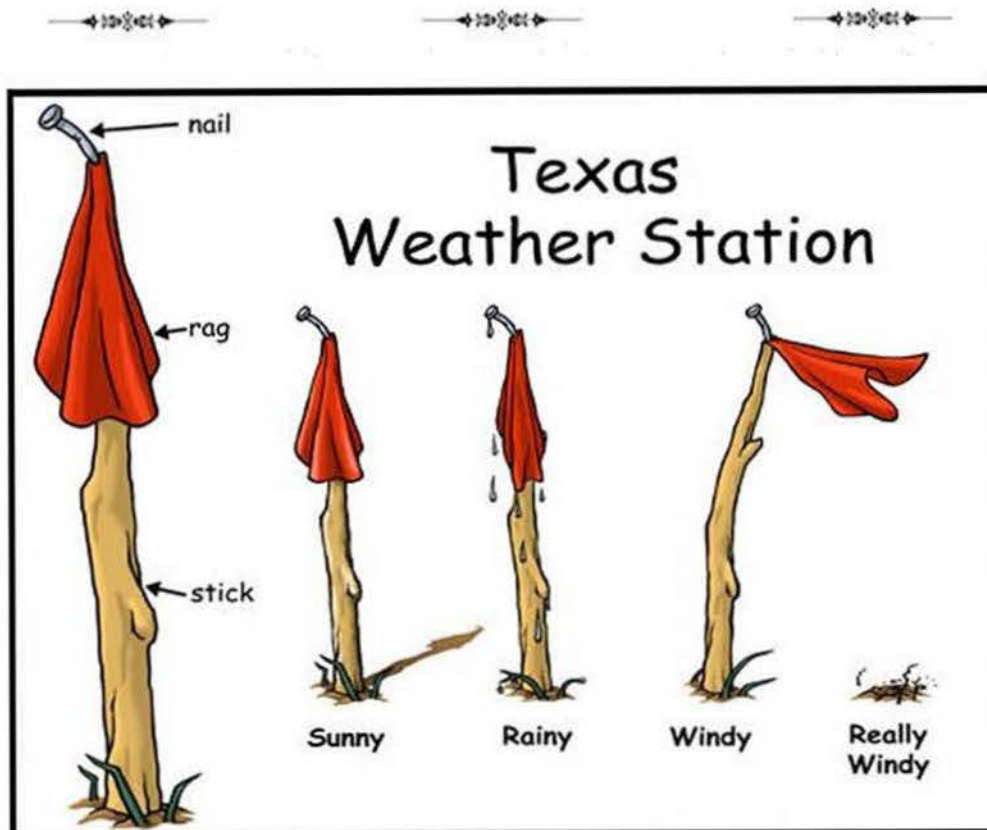
Lucinda Dyches' son-in-law, David Hutcheson McFadin, was at San Jacinto. Had a 72-year-old widow not had the courage to take out a land grant and settle her family in Texas, then perhaps her great, great, great grandson, Orman, might not be one of our hosts tonight.

If John Swanson Yarbrough had not had the courage to settle in Texas; had he and his sons not survived the battle of San Jacinto, then their descendants, Ophelia, Rea, and Billie might not be our hostesses tonight.

In fact, had Sam Houston kept drinking; had General Cos arrived a day earlier; had Emily West not been so charming ... we might be meeting in Mexico tonight.

These then were some of the times in which our ancestors lived; and some of the people who were shaping destinies and history. They are not merely names and dates in faded record books. The road to Texas independence was paved with blood. Some of our ancestors were there.

To quote Paul Harvey - here is the rest of the story. After retreating for days -- and some of the men had even heard rumors that Sam Houston was leading them not to fight Santa Anna, but back to Louisiana -- when the battle actually started, it was over in exactly the amount of time that I have taken to describe the events leading up to the battle and introduce you to some of the key people. That last ragtag army of the Republic of Texas, those brave men in their buckskin uniforms, won Texas independence in just 18 minutes. The Battle of San Jacinto lasted just 18 minutes.





F-Proven

NP-Not Proven

Misc. Information on John Swanson Yarbrough Sr. & families.

77 NP Born N.C.

Died October 26, 1862 age 88 yrs. (stone)

Buried Yarbrough Bend Cemetery McMullen Co., Texas on Frio River. First Settlement in McMullen Co. Cemetery removed to Hill Top Cemetery Tilden, Texas, to make way for Cheke Canyon Reservoir.

NP M. 1 Elizabeth Galbraith, Calbreath or Culbreath.

NP 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Coker thought to be a sister to wife #3.

P 3 Frances Coker Tope Moore, whose husband was killed in a wrestling match in East Texas in a Rodeo. Swanson & Frances married ca. 1845.

Nothing is found on Swanson until 1810.

180 P In the 1810 Census of Quachita Parish, La. a Swanson Yarbrough was found on page 4, Vol. 1 No. 6 of the Bulletin of the Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society.

181 P Swanson Yarbrough was denied a Land Grant of 640 Arpents of land on the south fork of Saline Creek district of St. Genevieve, Mo.

1817 P A son Joseph Randolph Yarbrough born Tennessee January 31, 1817 d. 1867 Houston Co. Tex. In 1838 on Petition to form Houston Co. Texas. Came to Texas in 1832 as a single man. m. Phoebe Clementine Crawford in 1840 in Houston Co. Texas. Both are buried in Grapeland Cemetery Houston Co. Texas. Historical Marker erected April 1986 for service at the Battle of San Jacinto. He was granted several land grants for the Battle of San Jacinto.

1819 P A son John Swanson Yarbrough Jr. was born in Hempstead Co. Arkansas. He married Mary H. Rounds on April 22, 1841 in Clark Co. Arkansas. It has been told he died at the Battle of San Jacinto, but his death records states he died Feb. 9, 1849 in Harris Co. Tex. He was granted several Land Grants for the Battle of San Jacinto.

1821 P A daughter Lucinda Jane Yarbrough was born in Hempstead Co. Arkansas. She m. John Andrew Box in 1837 in Houston Co. Texas. They are listed on the 1850 Houston Co. Texas Census.

1826 P A daughter Mariah Elizabeth Yarbrough was born at Hempstead Co. Arkansas. She m. Clayton Daniel Skidmore 27 March 1844 in Houston Co. Texas. On the 1850 Census of Houston Co. Texas they lived in the next dwelling after Lucinda Box (her sister). Two dwellings from Joseph Randolph Yarbrough (her brother).

1828 P A son Alfred Lorenzo Yarbrough was born at Hempstead Co. Arkansas. He m. Caroline Ethyl Dodd Davis, 13 November 1857. 1850 Medina Co. Census Lists a La. Private Tex. Vol. on the Medina river 10 miles above Castroville, Texas. They married in Guadalupe Co. Texas. D. 1903 13 November. Buried in Long View Cemetery near Big Foot, Texas.

1830 NP It is believed he remarried after the death of his first wife. and had a son Josiah Samuel Yarbrough. He married Pollu Brummett.

1830 P Hempstead Co. Arkansas Census lists 4 males up to 5 yrs. 1 male 30-40, 2 females to age 5 yrs. 1 female 20-31.

- 1831 P Sold his land grant in Arkansas Territory Townshio on Mine Creek near the town of Ozan, Arkansas to Matthew Gray. Date of this transaction was June 17 1831.
- 1832 P John Swanson Yarbrough Sr. entered Texas in February 1832 at San Augustine, Texas. His entrance papers lists him as a married man with a family of 10. Joseph Randolph Yarbrough and Swanson Jr. both entered at the same time as single men.
- 1835 P Operated the first Hotel in Crockett Houston Co., Texas.. John Swanson Yarbrough Sr. Papers in Spanish.
- 1836 P Swanson Yarbrough Jr. and Randolph Yarbrough was in Captian Hayden Arnold's Command at the Battle of San Jacinto. Swanson Yarbrough Sr. was in Col, Burleson's Cammand. It is Thought to be confusing because of the two Swanson Yarbrough's. Some think there was only one, but they were in different regiments. They joined Army March 6, 1836 at Nacogdouches, Texas. All three men recieved Bounty Warrenty for their servise. Swanson Yarbrough Sr. received Warrenty #2098 for 320 acres of land for War Service June 25, 1838. Service was for March 6 to June 6 1836 in Washington Co. Texas.
- 1837 P John Swanson Yarbrough was in Houston Co. in 1837 and signed Petition to form Houston Co. Texas. He was also in Houston Co. in 1837-1840-1842-1845-1846.
- 1838 P John Swanson Yarbrough Sr. was issued 1 league and 1 labour of land in Shelby Co. Texas.
- 1835 P Swanson Yarbrough Sr. owned his own horse, saddle, blankets, and Implements for servise in San Jacinto.
- 1837 P Received land grant in Nacogdoches, Texas Two thirds of a league and one labor of land.
- 1838 P Swanson Yarbrough Sr. sold his property in Houston Co. Texas to his Son-in-law John Box.
- 1839-1855 Several land grants were issued to John Swanson Yarbrough Sr. between the years of 1839-1855 from Houston Co., Shelby County, Gonzales Co., & McMullen Co.
- 1839 P A son Lorenzo Dow Yarbrough was born in 1839 or 1840. He died January 26, 1907 He served in the Civil War and m. Nancy Parilee White. Burried in Cotulla Cemetery with a military stone.
- 1840 P John Swanson Yarbrough listed on Houston Co., Crockett, Texas Census and Tax List. He appointed Isacc Parker to locate his headright. Joseph Randolph Yarbrough m. Phoebe Clementine Crawford. Lucinda Jand Yarbrough and John Andrew Box were already married on the 1840 Houston Co. Texas Census. They were also listed in the Citizen's Of Republic of Texas.
- 1841 Swanson Yarbrough Jr. married Mary H. Rounds April 22, 1841 in Clark Co. Arkansas. Sometime between 1840 and 1845 Swanson Yarbrough Sr. second wife died.
- 1845 P John Swanson Yarbrough Sr. Married Frances Coker Tope Moore, Mother of John Moore and James Tope. Her Husband had been killed in a Wrestling match at a Rodeo in East Texas.

- 186 P Swanson Yarbrough Sr. had a mail route and was paid for Mail Transportation on Rt. #15
- 186 P John Swanson Yarbrough Sr. owned land in Anderson Co. Texas. A daughter Amanda Amanda Yarbrough was born October 20, 1846 in Crockett Houston Co. Texas.
- 188 P In July 28, 1848 he lived in Grimes Co. and sold a Crockett lot to John Hall and Sold some of his property in Crockett, Houston Co. to his Son-in-law John Andrew Box. 124,7 acres in Duval Co. Ptd. on June 26, 1848. Pat. 399 Vol. 14 Abst. 634 Glo. file San Pat. Bty. 94.
- 189 P John Swanson Yarbrough Jr. died February 9, 1849 in Harris Co. Texas.
- 190 P John Swanson Yarbrough Sr. received 640 acres of donated land in Nacogdoches Co. Texas for participating in the Battle of San Jacinto. He also bought and sold land in Gonzales Co. Texas that same year. There are several records of land bought and sold by Swanson Yarbrough Sr. in Gonzales Co. Texas that year .
- 193 P The Gonzales Co. Probate file of Paul Murray listed Yarbrough, Swanson September 1853 and a Swanson Yarbrough in July 1853. Also land grant in Milam Co. Texas Nov. 30, 1853.
- 195 P Lived in Indionola Harris Co. Texas. Received Headright Certificate Donation Certificate #238 for 640 acres from AG. 1850 Noverber for being in the Battle of San Jacinto. 640 Acres in Coryell Co. were Ptd. to C. Ennis, Assgn. Feb. 24, 1854 Pat. 295 Vol. 2 Abst. 1141 Glo file Mil Don 991.
- 195 P John Swanson Yarbrough Jr. Public Debt paper sold by his widow Mary H. Rounds Yarbrough in Harris Co. Texas.
- 195 P The 1855 Gonzales Co. School Census showed John Swanson Yarbrough Sr. with 3 boys and 1 girl in School that year.
- 197 P Several more land deals in Gonzales Co. Texas for Swanson Yarbrough Sr. Alfred Yarbrough m. Caroline Ethyl Dodd Davis Guadalupe Co. Texas. Atascosa Co. San Antonio Genealogy Society, District Court Sat. Oct 3, 1857 #5 Swanson Yarbrough vs W.D. Davis rule for cash.
- 196 NP Josiah Samuel Yarbrough was born October 19, 1856. Grandson to Swanson Yarbrough Sr.
- 198 P #5 J.S. Yarbrough vs. W.D. Davis Wednesday April 14, 1858 Jury of 12. Received Donation Certificate in Washington Co. Texas. John Swanson Yarbrough Sr.. moved to McMullen Co. with about 40 other families and settled Yarbrough Bend Texas on the Frio River. Historical Marker. First Settlement in McMullen Co. The Cemetery on Private Property in 1880 the old stones still left. Five miles N.E. on Frio River. In 1982 the Cemetery and markers were moved to Hilltop Cemetery Tilden, Texas in order to build Choke Canyon Reservoir. The old markers have been lost somewhere in the move. New Markers were placed on the graves in Hilltop Cemetery.
- 1860 P Jonathan David Yarbrough married Rebecca Brown Atascosa Co. #77. She died 1863 age 24 yrs. Burried in Brummett Cemetery Frio Co. Texas.
- 1862 P John Swanson Sr. died. Tradition says he was killed in his horse pen by a horsetrader named Engate over a bad horse trade. He was 88 years old.

- 1863 P Lorenzo Dow Yarbrough married Nancy Parilee White live Oak Co. Texas November 30, 1863.
- 1864 P Amanda Arminda Yarbrough married Joseph Henry Walker, Atascosa Co. Texas May 2, 1864.
- 1867 P Joseph Randolph Yarbrough died. Buried Grapeland Houston Co. Texas. Cemetery Records. A Historical marker was erected on his grave in Grapeland in April 1986, for his participation in the Battle of San Jacinto.
- 1868 P Frances Coker Tope Moore Yarbrough died, Frio Co. Ft. Ewell. Buried beside Swanson Yarbrough Sr. in Yarbrough Bend Cemetery, age 55 yrs. She was a well known midwife. Her grave has been removed to Hilltop Cemetery Tilden, Texas in 1982.
- 1876 P Josiah Samuel Yarbrough married Elizabeth Owens 6 March 1876 in Frio Co. Texas. They are the Great-Grandparents to Ophelia Kessler and Rea Donohue. Josiah born 1856 died 1900 in Rockdale Milam Co. Texas. He is buried in Forest Grove Cemetery south of Rockdale Milam Co., Texas.
- 1883 P Alfred Lorenzo married #2 Harriett Netherlin, Frio Co. They are buried in Longview Cemetery, Big Foot, Texas Frio Co.
- 1907 P Lorenzo Dow Yarbrough died January 5, 1907. Buried Cotulla Cemetery Cotulla LaSalle Co. Texas. He has a Military Stone. Nancy Drew his Military Pension after his death.
- 1926 P Sosiah Samuel Yarbrough died, buried in Forest Grove Cemetery south of Rockdale, Milam Co., Texas.
- 1929 P Amand Arminda Yarbrough Walker died in Christine, Texas Atascosa Co. Buried Hill Top Cemetery Tilden Atascosa Co. Texas.

During the same time Swanson Yarbrough Sr. was making the land deals both of his sons Joseph Randolph and Swanson Jr. were also making several deals. It is not known where Swanson Jr. is buried but probably in Harris Co. Texas because that is where he died. The documents that are signed by Swanson Yarbrough are distinguished from Swanson Yarbrough Sr. and Swanson Yarbrough Jr. because Swanson Yarbrough Jr. couldn't write, so Swanson Yarbrough Jr. signed his signature with an X. Swanson Yarbrough Sr. signed his name.

All the above information was taken from Marriage license, Death records, Birth Records, Cemetery records, Land Donation Certificates, Land Commissioners records, Heros of San Jacinto, Texas Revolution Muster Rolls, Character Certificates, The First Settlers of Houston Co., Shelby Co., and Nacogdoches Co., County land Owners, Census Records, and Personal Knowledge. If anyone has any additions or corrections this would be appreciated.

## John Swanson Yarbrough & Frances Coker

The following excerpt is taken from one of the YNGHA archived volumes. Although the records were compiled by Ophelia Kessler and Rea Donohue, there is no indication as to whom attribution should be given. -- Leonard Yarbrough

Frances Coker Yarbrough was known throughout the country as an excellent nurse and midwife, while Swanson was a cattle and horse man. At that time there were no fences in McMullen County, horses and cattle roamed free where ever the grazing was best, and mavericks were for the taking. In October, 1862, John Swanson Yarbrough was shot and killed in his corral by a horse trader, believed to be Engate or Wingate, in a dispute over a horse. He was buried at Yarbroughs Bend, a few hundred yards from the bend of the river that was named for him. Frances died of unknown sickness at Ft. Ewell in 1868, while helping in the birth of a child. She was brought home and buried next to Swanson at Yarbroughs Bend.

The U.S. Department of Reclamation, when building Choke Canyon Dam over the Frio River, removed the graves from Yarbroughs Bend Cemetery to Hilltop Cemetery in Tilden, Texas. I witnessed part of this project, done by the University of Texas at San Antonio, Dept. of Archaeology. There were the bones of my ancestors, and I knew little about their lives, who they were or where they came from. I have begun a desperate search to know these people better, realizing that a part of them lives within me. Bits and pieces are coming, but slow; it was so long ago and records were not kept or were burned or destroyed. Swanson has never received due credit for his part of building Texas and his battle that freed Texas from Mexico fought on the twenty-first of April, 1836. No marker has been placed on his grave for being a citizen of the Republic of Texas, nor for his part in the Texas Revolution.

## Lorenzo Dow Yarbrough

***As is the case with the previous excerpt, it's not at all clear as to who is the author of the following account. – Leonard Yarbrough***

Lorenzo Dow Yarbrough was born January 1840, probably in Houston Co., TX, the son of John Swanson, Sr. and Cynthia Unknown Yarbrough. Dow, as his family and friends called him, was known to have lived with his family in Houston, Gonzales, Atascosa, and McMullen Counties, Texas. He very likely attended school in Gonzales County with his sister Mandy and stepbrother's Jim Tope and John Moore.

About 1858 when Dow was 19 years old he moved to McMullen from Atascosa County with his family. They settled on a bend of the Frio River with about 30 other families. This was the first settlement of McMullen County and was named Yarbrough Bend after Dow's father Swanson Yarbrough. He lived there for about three years, until 1861, when he enlisted in the Confederate States Army at Fort Brown, Brownsville, Texas on 23 September. He served first in Captain William G. Gobin's Company, 2nd Regiment, Texas Mounted Rifles, stationed at Helena. He was then transferred to Company K, 2nd Texas Cavalry, under Captain John Donaldson. He is found to be listed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reg't Texas Mounted Rifles Rolls for years 1861 and 1862 and 2nd Reg't Texas Cavalry Rolls for the years 1863, 1864, & 1865. Notes on the rolls say that the 2nd Regiment Texas Cavalry was also known as the 2nd Regiment Texas Mounted Rifles. The Second Texas Cavalry was originally organized in the spring of 1861 under designation of the Second Texas Mounted Rifles. It was reorganized with all the same officers and enlisted men and at that time it was re-designated the Second Texas Cavalry. Dow appeared on a list of killed and wounded, in an engagement on the Nueces River, near Fort Clark Texas, August 10, 1862, as having a wound in the left hip, a wound that would continue to give him trouble until his death.

He was home on furlough in 1863, when on November 30, he married, in Live Oak County, Miss Nancy Parilee White. She was born on August 28, 1848 in Leon County, Texas, daughter of Headley Coburn "Henry" White and Lydia Wright. Dow and Nancy are known to have lived in McMullen County, TX where it is expected that most or perhaps all of their children were home. Dow bought a lot of land in block# 36 in the town of Tilden from James Lowe and wife M. J. Lowe in Tilden, McMullen Co., Texas on 16 day of July 1884. Nine known children were born to Dow and Nancy:

- Selitha Y. Yarbrough was born December 1864, married December 27, 1883, McMullen County to Samuel H. Ratcliff.
- John Swanson Yarbrough born March 12, 1866 near Tilden, McMullen Co., TX, married Jane "Janie" Louise Crawford on May 14, 1891 in Corizzo Springs, Dimmit Co., TX.
- Betty Ann Yarbrough, born August 3, 1869 married Thomas Clinton "Clint" Edwards on May 15, 1888 in Tilden, McMullen Co., TX.
- Anthony Headley "Tone" Yarbrough, born about 1873, married Maggie Maples Kaminski.
- Nancy Parilee Yarbrough, born April 28, 1877 in Tilden, McMullen Co., TX, married Valentine Harris Tilley on June 1, 1898 in LaSalle Co., TX.

- Jonathan David "Dave" Yarbrough, born April 1881, didn't marry.
- Lidia "Lidy" Yarbrough, born after 1880 married a Mr. Booth.
- Alevia "Levi or Leavie" Yarbrough, born July 20, 1882, married John Allen "Pete" Blakeney on August 31, 1902/03 in Hope, Eddy Co., NM
- Lorenzo Skid Yarbrough, born August 24, 1885, married Maggie Jane Cleary on April 12, 1908 in La Salle Co., TX.

Dow and Nancy were living in LaSalle Co., TX by the 1900 census with their children Alevia and Lorenzo Skid. Other families living nearby were their children John Swanson & Janie (Crawford) Yarbrough, Samuel & Selitha (Yarbrough) Ratcliff, Clint & Betty Ann (Yarbrough) Edwards and Dave Yarbrough was living in the household of his brother John Swanson. Nancy's mother, Lydia Wright White was living in the household of her son Lorenzo D. White and another son Headly White lived with his family nearby as well. Other families in the vicinity are Oran and Tennessee Althea "Tennie" (White) Winters, Josiah & Elizabeth (Owings) Yarbrough, Joe & Nina (McDonald) Yarbrough, William & Jeanie (Wilson) Yarbrough and James & Elizabeth "Bettie" Davenport.

"Family Tradition" from my grandmother Cannen has also stated that around 1901 Dow and Nancy traveled by wagon train to New Mexico somewhere around Eddy County to see about a homestead from New Mexico, but returned, shortly after, back to Texas. We do know that Alevia did travel to New Mexico and circa 1902 married Pete Blakeney in Eddy County, NM, and raised her family there, but it is not exactly known if she was with her parents when she went.

Dow Yarbrough filed for his Civil War pension June 28, 1906. Dow states that he is 67 years old, he resides in McMullen County and has lived in Tilden for 40 years. He is not working at the time and his physical condition is not good. He states he suffers from old age and that he was shot during the war in the leg. He also states that he enlisted in 1861 and served until the close of the war. He states he owns 1 mule worth \$50, 1 horse worth \$50, and 1 wagon worth \$25. It appears that this was a long drawn out process where many Affidavits were taken. Notable affidavits were taken from Daniel T. Winters of Big Foot, Frio Co., TX and Jas. H. Tope of McMullen Co., TX to help prove that Dow actually served in the Civil War. Dow's civil war pension was finally approved on March 25, 1907, more than 2 months after his death.

Dow Yarbrough died January 5, 1907 and his grave is marked with a civil war military stone. Nancy White purchased a home from Bettie Davenport on March 11, 1908 in the town of Cotulla, TX county of LaSalle. Nancy died December 2, 1931 and was buried without a headstone. They are both buried in the Old Cotulla cemetery in Cotulla, Texas. Their son and daughter n law, John Swanson & Janie (Crawford) Yarbrough, and son Dave Yarbrough are also buried on the same row without headstones.



## What We Are Doing...

### Robert W. Yarbrough, Ph.D.

A lumberjack by trade, one-time high school and American Legion baseball coach, Robert Yarbrough is Professor of New Testament studies at Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO. He holds a BA in English and religion from Southwest Baptist College, and MA in Theological Studies/New Testament from Wheaton College, and the PhD from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. He has taught previously at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Covenant Theological Seminary, Wheaton College, and Liberty University. He has also participated in theological education in Eastern Europe and in Africa, as well as serving on pastoral staffs in Montana, Missouri, North Carolina and Illinois.



He is author of 1, 2, and 3 John in the Baker Exegetical Commentary Series. Other books include *The Salvation Historical Fallacy? Reassessing the History of New Testament Theology and the Gospel of Jhn.* He is co-author of the textbook *Encountering the New Testament: A historical and Theological Survey.* He is also author of the *Kregel Pictorial Guide to the New Testament*, as well as numerous articles and contributions regarding New Testament theological and historical interpretations.



### Jon Yarbrough, Gamer



As a college student in Tennessee, Yarbrough struck a deal with a local arcade: He'd lend the place his foosball table, and they'd split the revenue 50-50. People lined up to play. He doubled down after graduating, buying more foosball tables as well as pinball machines and put them in other arcades. He then started creating his own video games. He founded Video Gaming Technologies in 1991. The company makes networked multi-player video games and expanded alongside the rise of tribal casinos. Yarbrough sold the company to Australian firm Aristocrat Leisure for \$1.28 billion in October 2014. **Also, he graduated from Tennessee Tech with a BA in Arts and Science.**



## **Brian Yarbrough, CFA**

Brian Yarbrough began his career with Edward Jones in 2007 as an analyst in the Research department following the consumer and industrial industries, specifically Canadian companies. He currently follows U.S. consumer companies and has 14 years of experience as an analyst.

Prior to joining Edward Jones, Yarbrough served as an analyst following the retail industry for Flagstone Securities and Rockhouse Securities. He began his career at Kennedy Capital management Inc., where he spent six years as a research analyst following consumer companies.

Yarbrough earned his master's of finance from Saint Louis University. Prior to graduate school, he attended University of Missouri St. Louis, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance. In addition, Yarbrough holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and is a member of the CFA Institute and the CFA Society of St. Louis.



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## **Tyler Chance Yarbro**



Tyler Chance Yarbro brings her extensive experience in courtroom advocacy to advise and assist clients with their litigation needs. Yarbro graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude from Wellesley College where she studied English and economics. Prior to practicing law, Yarbro worked in politics. She served as a field director for Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign in a number of states, beginning with the first-in-the-nation New Hampshire primary and ending with a lesser-known vote recount in the Oregon general election.

Yarbro earned her law degree at the University of Virginia. Following law school, Yarbro worked at Nashville's Metropolitan Public Defender's Office representing thousands of indigent clients facing every level of offense. As a public defender, Yarbro appeared in court nearly every day and helmed numerous jury trials. She was also qualified under the Tennessee Supreme Court rules to serve as co-counsel on capital cases.

Yarbro is a member of the Nashville Bar Association, the Lawyers Association for Women, the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and a recent member of the Harry Phillips chapter of the American Inn of Court.

Yarbro maintains an avid interest in politics, regularly volunteering on behalf of local candidates. She is also very involved in the life of Christ Church Cathedral. She recently completed a three-year term on the parish vestry where she served as Junior Warden, member of the Cathedral Chapter, and delegate to the Annual Diocesan Convention. She continues her work there chairing the Committee on Parish Infrastructure and Administration.



## In Memoriam



### Austin Dale Yarborough

Austin Dale Yarborough, 57, of Lancaster, died Tuesday, March 10, 2015. He was a son of Austin Yarborough and Pearlie Beckham. Memorial services were March 13, at Pleasant Dale Baptist Church. Survivors include a son, Lee Yarborough of Tampa, Fla.; two daughters, Angie VanValkenburg of Wilmington, N.C., and Crystal Freeman of Hampstead, N.C.; his mother, Pearlie Beckham of Lancaster; his father and stepmother, Austin Yarborough and Eleanor Yarborough, of Wilmington; a brother, Scott Yarborough of Wilmington; a sister, Sheila McArdle of Lancaster; and four grandchildren.



### Louise North Yarborough

Norris Yarborough, 81, died Tuesday, March 17, 2015. A native and resident most of life of Buncombe County, she had resided in Henderson County the past 12 years. She retired from Square D Corp following 20 years of service and formerly was employed with American Enka Corp for over 18 years. She was a graduate of Candler High School and was an avid bingo player. Mrs. Yarborough was a daughter of the late Isaac Norris and Lois Henson Norris and was also preceded in death by her brothers, Ray and Joe. Surviving are her sons, Mickey Yarborough and Roger L. Yarborough both of Hendersonville; 5 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren and sisters, Eva Dean Burress of Candler and Loretta Spalone of Hendersonville. Memorial services were held Friday, March 20, 2015 at Refuge Ministries of Fletcher with Rev. Lonnie Yarborough officiating. The family received friends immediately following services at the church.



## Shirley Ann Yarbrough

Shirley Ann Yarbrough, 78, died peacefully surrounded by her family, Thursday, March 5, 2015. Funeral: 10 a.m. Tuesday at North Davis Church of Christ, 1601 N. Davis Drive, Arlington, conducted by Bill Moses. Interment: Moore Memorial Gardens, Arlington. Visitation was Monday at Wade Family Funeral Home, 4140 W. Pioneer Pkwy., Arlington. Shirley was born March 14, 1936, in Blackwell, Okla., to Jimmy and Velma Moore. Beloved wife and mother of four, she married Larry Yarbrough in Guam while Larry was serving in the Navy. They were married 57 years. Shirley taught at Park Row Christian School and volunteered at the Hearts and Hands Program. She taught Sunday school at her church for many years and was happiest when she was helping others. She is survived by her husband, Larry Yarbrough; son, David and wife, Karen; son, Robert; daughter, Teresa Smith and husband, Robert; daughter, Samantha Loftin; grandchildren, Rachel Roe and husband, Blake, Preston Smith and wife, Katie, Katherine Rodriguez and husband, John, Sean Smith and wife, Joanna, Stephen Loftin, Grant Yarbrough, Michael Smith, Joseph Felts and Brian Yarbrough; and great-grandchildren, Cason, Jaiden and Jaxon.



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## Texas Factoids

The entire Encyclopedia Britannica is banned in Texas because it contains a recipe for making beer.

[Texas](#) State representative introduced a bill that all criminals must notify their victims in advance of their crimes and remind them that use of deadly force is authorized.

To combat the deadly killer bee, the Harris County Fire Department has 11 trucks equipped with soapy water sprayers that do nothing but respond to killer bee calls. Currently, the Austin Fire Department will only deal with emergency situations involving killer bee attacks in progress.

In Texarkana owners of horses may not ride them at night without taillights, while in Houston it is illegal to sell Limburger cheese on Sunday.

In [Texas](#), it's illegal to put graffiti on someone else's cow.

<http://photos.legendsofamerica.com/amarillo/h268892b5 - h268892b5>The Big Texan Steak Ranch Restaurant in [Amarillo](#) serves a 4½ pound steak for free, if you can eat it in an hour.

You can be legally married by publicly introducing a person as your husband or wife three times.

In Lefors, it is illegal to take more than three swallows of beer at any time while standing.

It is illegal to milk another person's cow.

There's a [Texas](#) law that forbids people from carrying around a fence cutter or a pair of pliers that could cut a fence.



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*The President's Corner ...* Dear Members and Friends:

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer with family, friends, vacations and home grown tomatoes.

Our scanning and binding of the books project is nearing completion and will be completed by Conference time in Dallas, September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We want a big turn out, so contact your family members and get them on board...and please go to <http://www.yarbroughfamily.org> and sign up. I am signing up today.

**Just a reminder: Membership dues: Dues are due on an annual basis beginning with each calendar year, so please remit your 2015 dues to Don Yarbrough, 927 Gailynn Marie Drive, Mount Juliet, TN 37122. If you haven't yet paid, please do so. Thanks for all your financial support. We appreciate each of our members and look forward to seeing many of you in Dallas in September.**

We will continue to recruit members, friends and relatives to submit their DNA sample to the YNGHA data base as this has proven to be a very valuable research tool. We now have over 120 individuals that have submitted. Please see the information in the Quarterly. (Check with <https://www.familytreedna.com/login.aspx> -- they sometimes have a special price at this time of the year.)

New membership is vital and the life source of YNGHA. Please encourage your relatives to become members of the organization. Our original and early members have left us a legacy that we must preserve. This is not possible without new membership. We will have a membership campaign committee appointed in the near future and charged with obtainable new membership goals.

Please send Leonard Yarbrough ([lsyarbro@otelco.net](mailto:lsyarbro@otelco.net)) Editor of the Quarterly, your stories, genealogy line, photos, obituaries, cemetery information, newspaper article and suggestions for new websites for research. Leonard will publish your information for all to read, if it gets in the Quarterly, then it is part of the record for all Yarbrough's to view for generations to come.

Thanks in advance to the Officers and the Board for your efforts in "Keeping the Family", and we will see you in Dallas!

*-Jim*



*Jottings...* The digitization project is completed! Kudoes to Jim Yarbrough for “bird-dogging” the effort; he performed a Herculean task in scanning the majority of our records. There’s still a bit of post-processing editing and clean-up, but there will be a few DVD’s ready for the Conference in September. If all goes well, there will be a few individual family DVDs – most likely of

John Swanson Yarbrough’s line, Edmund Yarbrough, and perhaps of Zachariah, Thomas and Manoah Yarbrough’s lines. By then, the pricing for the various DVD’s will have been set. Hopefully, we’ll be able to take orders from attendees, but that’s still a detail to be determined.

Jim also located a local (to Nashville) firm who will bind our records. Their last appearance will be at our Conference in September; afterwards, they will be available at the Williamson County Library in Franklin, TN. The indices are not perfect – the quality is dependent upon the quality of the scanned originals, but each volume has at least a minimally satisfactory index. These indices, used with the search capability of Adobe Acrobat<sup>®</sup>, greatly improves the ease of use by family researchers. A word of warning, though – while the page numbers are for the most part accurate, in some instances they may be off a page or two. That’s an artifact of the indexing software, which has a tendency to skip some pages where the quality was very poor.

While the scanning process was laborious at times, it also afforded the opportunity to appreciate the contents of our records – not just the genealogical data, but the correspondence between family researchers and the family histories that brings alive the daily lives of our (persistent) researchers and our shared ancestors. One fact emerges from these records – while many of our ancestors were constantly on the move, just as many put down roots and stayed put. Both contributed immensely to their communities, and we all should be proud of them. After all, they made us who we are. We have a remarkable family archive, however poorly kept some of the records may appear, and there is much to be gleaned from them.

There’s quite a bit to be considered at the conference – we desperately need someone to take charge of the Yarbrough DNA Project. I simply cannot do what is required, and there are still unanswered questions that I believe will be answered by the project. One such is obtaining a DNA sample from Old Richard, so that we can determine precisely which family group is his. There’s also a business plan which requires attention. As a corporate entity, there are some outstanding issues that haven’t yet been addressed, notably just what is the value of belonging to our Association? I am of the opinion that our failure to address this question at least in part explains the lack of growth of the YNGHA.

Finally, I anticipate seeing everyone in Dallas this coming September. Rusty and his crew have been diligent in assuring that this will be a memorable family reunion!

– Leonard



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(registration, hotel, costs, etc).

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This will be the last appearance of the YNGHA's genealogical records in paper form. Upon completion of the digitization project, the records will be available on a CD/DVD ROM. Specific volumes of genealogical records and other records can be ordered from the Association.



## 2015 Conference Agenda



The Agenda for this year's conference is still subject to change a bit, but these are the currently planned activities:

- **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>:**
  - **Arrival and check-in. Board members will meet informally to review the week-end activities.**
- **Friday – Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>:**
  - **Welcome by the Conference Host and President;**
  - **Overview to the weekend's schedule, plus any last minute changes;**
  - **Scheduled seminars/presentations –**
    - **Reports about the DNA Project and the Digitization Project;**
    - **Seminar(s) about family history/genealogy research;**
    - **Board and General Membership Annual Meetings**
      - **(including election of Officers and Directors);**
  - **Sight-seeing/Visiting local attractions;**
  - **Group Picture;**
  - **Banquet & Program.**
- **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>:**
  - **Breakfast & Farewells.**

If there are any suggestions, questions or requests about the conference, please contact host [Rusty Moore](#) or the YNGHA President [Jim Yarbrough](#).

**SOME SONOMA COUNTY SETTLERS:  
THE CROCKETT DAVIS YARBROUGH FAMILY**

**1. SONOMA COUNTY HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

In 1812 the Russians landed at Bodega Bay and Fort Ross in California. From Bodega Bay they moved up the Russian River toward the Santa Rosa Valley, and from Fort Ross they moved up the coast toward Gualala, establishing operations along the Gualala and Russian Rivers. These settlements were support facilities for their Alaskan colonies, principally to grow agricultural products. They apparently formed good working relations with the local Coast Miwok Indians.

In 1823, Sonoma Mission was founded under the Mexican regime. Spanish settlers and missionaries had previously raided the Sonoma County Indians to obtain "converts" for the San Rafael, San Francisco and Mission San Jose missions, but the moist bay area climate proved deadly to these Indians, so the Sonoma Mission site was developed to make "better use of the Indians". The Indians of the Santa Rosa Valley, the Satayomi or Sotoyome, who were Coast Miwok, had resisted being converted by force, responding with guerrilla warfare.

In the 1830's when the missions were secularized, General Vallejo had laid out the streets of Sonoma, and began to build his adobe near Petaluma, establishing land grants for the purpose of bringing in settlers to counter the threat of the Russians. The Satayomi terrorized those who attempted to settle in the Santa Rosa Valley, and effectively prevented any early Spanish (or Mexican) settlements there.

In 1837 an epidemic of smallpox struck at Fort Ross, probably brought in by Russian visitors there. There had been thousands of Indians in the Sonoma county territory, including the Satayomi in Santa Rosa Valley along the Russian River, and toward San Francisco Bay, the more docile Petaluma, Cotati and other southern tribes. The epidemic wiped out most of the white population, and by 1838 had virtually wiped out the entire Indian population of Sonoma, Napa and Solano counties, estimated between 40,000 to 80,000 Indians. In 1841 the Russians traded their property and stock to Johann Augustus (John) Sutter for four years of supplies for their Alaskan colonies, and departed the scene. For perhaps a decade, from 1838 to 1848, most of Sonoma County was populated only by wild animals. In the Russian River basin there were a few surviving Satayomi, who lived in small families. Later in the century, Pomo Indians from Lake County drifted into the Mendocino-Sonoma county territory and Indians again became a presence by the end of the century.

The United States had tried to purchase California from the Mexican Government, and were pursuing that when the Mexican War broke out, further complicated by the Bear Flag revolt in 1846. The treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed in February 1848, ceding California to the United States, but giving legal status to Spanish and Mexican land grants. The discovery of gold in 1848 depleted Sonoma County of settlers, who were primarily located in Sonoma at that time.

**2. SOME RUSSIAN RIVER SETTLERS**

In the Santa Rosa Valley, which is the Russian River basin, Mark West was probably the first settler. One Markus West, age 20 and born in England, died in Sonoma County in 1851. Mark West left his name on a creek, a hot springs and village and a district between Santa Rosa and Healdsburg. In about 1844 he squatted on the land that was included in the Carrillo land grant. The Carril-

lo descendants, the Fitch Family, had sent an agent to establish a settlement which apparently failed to survive. The Fitch family did not arrive until some time in the 1850's, and even then did not immediately press their land grant claims so that much of the original land grant was lost to competing homestead claims. Other settlers had begun arriving in the late 1840's. In the mid 1850's a large influx of settlers arrived in Sonoma County, with many staking claims to land along the Russian River basin, some in conflict with the Carrillo Land Grant.

One Hugh Porter, was described in a History of Sonoma County (George K. Porter p. 413): Hugh Porter came to California in 1846, making the long overland trip by ox teams, and shortly after his arrival here he enlisted in the California Volunteers, with which he took an active part in the Mexican War. Later he turned his attention to mining, which vocation he followed for a few years, and then, about 1850, came to Sonoma County and took up 160 acres of land on the Russian River, nine miles west of Healdsburg, where he lived for nearly half a century, his death occurring there in 1897. The Porter ranch is now part of the Twin Valleys Ranch of Fred McMurray. This Hugh Porter was among the first settlers on the Russian River, and probably the first of the families of this history that came to the Russian River area.

Two Hugh Porters (one 24 and the other 22, from Tennessee) are together in the 1850 census of Mendocino County along with T.A.D. Porter age 26 and Missouri Porter (female aged 16). This census is presumed to be in the part of Mendocino County which later became Mendocino Township in Sonoma County - the area where the Porter brothers settled.

In 1963, the death notice of Benjamin McKinley Porter, George Porter's cousin, stated that Benjamin's father Thomas A.D. Porter and his brother Hugh settled on the Russian River near Windsor in 1846. Then the Porter brothers were among the next settlers to arrive after Mark West. It also stated they fought in an insurrection in Sonoma in 1870, and later took pack trains to Sonoma from Windsor for supplies. The Bear Flag revolt took place in Sonoma in 1846, but apparently that is not the insurrection mentioned here. By 1871 the railroads were running as far as Healdsburg, with the branch line from Fulton to Guerneville completed shortly afterward, so the purpose of the pack trains is not clear. Perhaps the 1870 date is in error.

Our next Sonoma County settlers were James Madison Hill, his wife Sarah, son Joshua Gilman Hill and daughters Jamima Ann and Emma. James M. Hill was involved in the 1849 gold rush, and had returned to Missouri to collect his family about 1852. They first settled in Fiddletown in Amador County, a town founded by Missouri folk. There he operated a hotel and ran a stage coach to Indian Diggins, a camp between Volcano and Pine Grove in Amador County which is now a state park and Indian cultural museum (Miwok).

In the wake of the gold rush, placer "panning" and loose surface gold had been exhausted, requiring elaborate mining operations with corresponding large mining companies to continue the industry. Former miners were finding their way to Sonoma County in the 1850's, and the James M. Hill family was among them, arriving in 1856. Hill obtained property, for which he later managed homestead status, on the Russian River in one of the few parts of Sonoma County where the land title was not clouded by Spanish and Mexican land grants. The Russian settlement in Fort Ross and along the lower Russian River must have discouraged the Mexicans from including of those areas in Mexican Land Grants, so they could be settled without the prospect of legal problems with the Mexican land grant claimants (Carrillo and Fitch).

Crockett Davis Yarbrough with his long-time friend Billy Bowers supposedly took part in the Mexican War. C.D. Yarbrough turned 14 years of age just before 1846 began, and may have volunteered along with Billy, who was a few

years older. It is further supposed that they served under Hugh Porter in the California company of irregular volunteers in the Mexican War. Bowers was referred to as an old war buddy of Crockett's by one of his grand-daughters, and the Mexican War appears to be the only war in which Crockett Davis Yarbrough could have engaged. After the war Yarbrough may have followed Hugh Porter back to California. However, in the 1850 census Yarbrough is listed with his family in Mount Vernon, Lawrence Co, Mo. Yarbrough. He and his brothers were noted teamsters (drivers of teams of horses and oxen) and supposedly he worked in or guided wagon trains from Missouri to the gold country.

In 1857, Jamima Ann Hill was married to Crockett Davis Yarbrough at James M. Hill's house above West Side Road across the Russian River from the future site of Mirabel Park. They initially resided in El Dorado County where their first child was born, but by the 1860 census they were at the James M. Hill ranch, and remained in the Russian River area the rest of their lives.

### 3. THE JAMES MADISON HILL FAMILY

William Hill and Catherine Wesley who were both born in Louisa County, Virginia, probably about the time of the Revolutionary War. They were the parents of James Madison Hill the 49er and 1857 settler in Sonoma County.

James Madison Hill claimed that his mother descended from John Wesley, whereas his daughter Jamima told her children that Catherine was the *niece* of John Wesley, the co-founder of Methodism. The Family of John Wesley is well researched, and the only possibility of an American connection seems to be his brother Charles Wesley, the other co-founder of Methodism who composed over 5000 hymns, some of which are familiar to church members today. James Ogelthorpe founded the Georgia Colony in 1733, and both John and Charles Wesley were there near the beginning, but John stayed only a short time. Charles Wesley spent a longer time, and his stay in the colonies is reported as having ended with an unhappy love affair, but the records give no mention of a child. After returning to England, Charles Wesley married Sally Gwyne on Apr 8, 1749. They had three children who lived to adulthood, but none could have been Catherine's parent. Possibly Catherine's father was the result of the unhappy love affair. Charles Wesley could not have been her father (she would have been born before 1750) because her son James M. Hill was born in 1810. 60 years is usually too old for women to give birth.

JAMES MADISON HILL, b. Apr 3 1810 in Madison Co, Ky, d. Feb 2 1895, Ca. bur. at McPeak Cemetery, off West Side Road, near Hacienda Crossing of the Russian River in Sonoma Co, CA. Before coming to California, J.M. Hill married:

SARAH H. ELSTON, b. May 15, 1811 in Tenn, d. Sept 16 1894 in Ca. buried beside J.M. Hill in McPeak Cemetery.

The following is a biographical sketch resulting from an interview with J.M. Hill in 1880: *reference: An Illustrated History of Sonoma County, The Lewis Publishing Co, 113 Adams St., Chicago Ill., 1889, pp.451-452.*

James M. Hill.- The subject of this sketch is a descendant from one of the old families of Virginia. His parents, William and Catherine (Wesley) Hill, were natives of Louisa County, that State, and his mother was a descendant of the great reformer, John Wesley. His parents moved to Madison County, Kentucky, at an early date, where he was born April 3, 1810. His father died when Mr.

Hill was but six years old, leaving the care and rearing of the family to the mother. In 1822 his mother moved with her family to Missouri, and located in Boone County, where she engaged in farming and stock-raising. Mr Hill was early in life engaged in farm work, and brought up in the rugged life of pioneer settlements, his schooling being almost entirely neglected. He resided on his mother's farm until he attained his majority, and, in 1831, married Miss Sarah Elston. Her parents were residents of Boone County, but natives of New Jersey. After his marriage, in 1832, he engaged in farming and stock-raising upon his own account, an occupation he followed until 1849. He was attracted by the glowing accounts of easily acquired riches to be obtained in the Golden State, and in the spring of that year he left his family on the old homestead and started across the plains for California. Nothing of particular interest was connected with this journey, and after months of slow and tedious traveling of the ox teams over plains and mountains he arrived in October, 1849, in El Dorado County. Upon his arrival he immediately commenced active operations in mining, which he successfully conducted until 1852. In that year he went by steamer route from San Francisco to New Orleans, and from there returned to his old home in Missouri. Upon his return he sold his farm, settled up his affairs, and in the spring of 1853 started upon his second trip overland, taking his family with him. Upon his arrival in California he again located in El Dorado County, where he established a hotel and freighting line between Fiddletown and Indian Diggings, and was also engaged in mining operations. He conducted these enterprises until 1856, when, desirous of some more congenial occupation, he determined to take up his old calling, that of a farmer. This in view he came to Sonoma County, and located on the Russian River in Redwood Township, where he secured 137 acres of Government land. Upon this he took up his residence and for many years devoted himself to clearing, cultivating and improving it. He continued his farming and stock-growing at this point until 1879, after which he was engaged in various occupations, among which was extensive stock-growing in San Luis Obispo County. He was successful in his various enterprises, and in 1884 purchases 640 acres of land in Mendocino County, which he stocked with 600 head of sheep. Mr. Hill is a resident of Forestville. His advanced age (nearly eighty years) has induced him to abandon the care and labor attending his ranch, and he is enjoying the well earned competency which his industry and energy have secured to him. He has always been an active and energetic citizen, and his success in life has been due to his well poised intellect and industrious habits rather than to any educational advantages he received in early life. His long residence in the county has made him well known. He is a strong supporter of enterprises that will build up and advance the interests of Sonoma County. In political affairs Mr. Hill is associated with the Democratic party. He is a life-long Democrat, and at the same time exercises an intelligent and liberal view upon all the leading party questions. He is a member of Sotoyome Lodge, NO. 123, F. & A.M., of Healdsburg. From the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hill there are but two children living, viz.: Emily, who is living on the old homestead on the Russian River, and Jemima A. (sic), who married C.D. Yarbrough, and is now (1888) living at Guerneville.

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Census records:

- 1860 James M. Hill, 49; Sarah Hill, wife, 48; J.G. Hill, son, 22; Emily Hill, dtr, 11. In same house: Davis C. Yarbrough, 29; J.A. Yarbrough, wife, 17; Mary E Yarbrough, dtr, 1; Sarah J. Yarbrough, dtr, 8/12.
- 1870 Sarah as head of household, living with Joshua G. and Emily C. Hill in the same house as Crockett D. and Jemimena Yarbrough with 5 children. Five households away is James M. Hill, 60.
- 1880 Sarah is listed as a widow living with Emily C. Hill in the house next to C.D. and J.A. Yarbrough and 8 children. However, James M. Hill is listed as living in across the Russian River in Forestville at that time.

In 1864 James and Sarah Hill were together, as Sonoma Co records show that on 1 Mar 1864 J.M. and S.H. Hill bought 160 acres in Analay Township from Jacob McReynolds and wife. This property would be listed as being in Forestville in the census. They were maintaining separate households by 1870. If they were divorced, Sonoma Co records have marriages of a James Hill and Nancy James Englehart Feb 3, 1866, a James Hill and Nettie Patterson June 28, 1877, and a James M. Hill and P.H. Boyes June 23, 1882. There is no proof that any of these James Hills were our James M. Hill. Family tradition is that James M. Hill had left Sarah and they were separated at the time of her death. They were re-united in McPeak's cemetery.

#### Children of James M. Hill and Sarah H. Elston

Joshua Gilman Hill b. Jul 19 1838, Henry Co, Mo, d. Nov 9 1879, Ca. He m. Mary Ann Beach b. Nov 22 1855, d. Apr 22 1876

JAMIMA ANN HILL b. Dec 6 1843, Mo, d. Jan 30 1918, Sonoma Co Ca. At the house of James M. Hilles (sic) on Oct 9 1857 she married: CROCKETT DAVIS YARBROUGH, b. Dec 18 1831, Tenn, d. Oct 2 1898. Both are buried in McPeak's Cemetery.

Emily C. Hill, b. 1848 in Mo.

The death date and burial place of Emily C. Hill are not known. She has been reported to be feeble minded because of a high fever in infancy, and never married.

#### JOSHUA GILMAN HILL 1838-1879

J.G. Hill was born in Missouri, and came west with his family in the early 1850's. He married Mary Ann Beach in Sonoma County on 7 Oct 1872. They had two daughters who died in infancy. Adele was born in Nov 1873 and died in June of 1875 at 18 months. Nora was born in Sept 1875 and lived only 7 months. Mary Ann died in April 1876, two weeks after Nora, which indicates they died in an epidemic. Joshua G. Hill was known as Sock and has been the subject of a family scandal that he was gunned down by a jealous husband. The Russian River Flag carried a story that he was shot down at a public meeting in Forestville by the brother of Miss Georgia Travis, whom he was courting after the death of his wife. John Litton told that his grandfather, Hamilton Litton, was with Sock the day that he was killed, and had earlier been in a duel with another man, and in the duel Hamilton Litton had been wounded by the other party. This is not in agreement with the account of the killing, which is given below.



While there were numerous witnesses to the fatal wounding of Sock , Wirt Travis was never brought to trial, and is listed in the 1910 census in Forestville. Joshua G. Hill, Mary Ann, Adele, and Nora are buried together at McPeak's cemetery.

The Russian River Flag carried a story that J.G. Hill was killed over Miss Georgia Travis, and was buried from the Christian Church at Ridenauer's Cemetery. The name of the cemetery changed when the McPeaks bought the property. An account of the incident is given in a collection of famous Sonoma County murders.

reference: History of Sonoma County, republished 1973 by Charmaine Burdell Veronden, P.O.Box 505, Petaluma CA 94952, Pacific Press, Oakland CA pp.168-169

Killing of J.G. Hill.- On Saturday evening, Nov. 8, 1879, the Blue Ribbon Club at Forestville met, as usual, in the hall of a building owned by the Santa Rosa Savings Bank, and occupied by Robert Weir and family. There were between sixty and seventy persons - men, women and children - present, among whom were Miss Georgia Travis and her brother Wirt Travis. A short time before the regular exercises of the Club had commenced Mr. Hill and Samuel Keys came in together, and immediately thereafter Miss Travis rose and approached Wirt, who was sitting a short distance from her, and the two went out together. In about ten minutes Wirt returned, passed near where Hill was sitting, and resumed his original seat, which was in front of Hill, and about eight feet from him. Wirt had not more than comfortably seated himself when his brother John entered the room, and went to near where Hill was sitting, taking about the same course his brother had done before, and appeared to be about to take a seat, but instead of this he struck Hill in the face, reaching over the head of a Mr. Morris to get at Hill. Hill immediately sprang to his feet, and a slight scuffle occurred, in which Hill faced John Travis, with his back to Wirt, and while in this position he was shot, the ball striking him in the back of the head, passing through the skull, ranging the entire length of the head, and is supposed to have lodged somewhere in the bones of the face. In its course it severed the parotid artery, which produced sufficient hemorrhage to cause his death. After this three other shots were fired, but the testimony is confused; some say there were three, and others two. It is altogether probable that there were three fired, as one statement is to the effect that at the time Wirt Travis fired, Hill had a pistol presented at John Travis, and that when Wirt fired, Hill fell, and his pistol exploding, the ball ranged upward and struck the wall in front of him, about four inches below the ceiling. Opinions differ on this point, however, and but little evidence was presented to the Coroner's Jury that would substantiate this. John then fired, the ball passing harmlessly over the heads of those present, striking a chimney in the north-east corner of the room, and glancing, struck the partition and passed out of the room. Not a word was said by the parties during the entire melee. By this time a number of those present had rushed from the apartment, and were thronging the corridor and stairway. Wirt strode to the door, and turning as he reached the threshold, fired another shot, which, is supposed, is the one that struck Hamilton Litton, and then sprang over the

bannister, and, with his brother John, passed along unmolested toward their home, which is about three-quarters of a mile east of Forestville. [end of article]

CROCKETT DAVIS YARBROUGH - JEMIMA ANN HILL FAMILY

CROCKETT DAVIS YARBROUGH, b. Dec 18 1831, Tenn, d. Oct 2 1898. Both are buried in McPeak's Cemetery.

JAMIMA ANN HILL b. Dec 6 1843, Mo, d. Jan 30 1918, Sonoma Co Ca. At the house of James M. Hilles (sic) on Oct 9 1857 she married:

Children of Crockett Davis Yarbrough and Jamima Ann Hill  
*All but VI.1 Mary Emily born in Sonoma County CA*

Children of C.D. Yarbrough and J.A.Hill. For Descendants see appendix A

- VI.1 Mary Emily Yarbrough b. El Dorado Co CA 4 Oct 1858, m. David Benjamin Peugh b. 20 Feb 1858
- VI.2 Sarah Jane Yarbrough (Sadie) b. 28 Nov 1859 d. 18 Aug 1922, m. Hamilton Burton Litton b. 11 Mar 1861, d. 8 Apr 1941.
- VI.3 Adelia Yarbrough b. 11 Sep 1861 d. 22 Sep 1861
- VI.4 Martha E. Yarbrough b. 27 Dec 1864 d. 24 June 1938 m. Albert Pernell (Bud) Laughlin b. 14 July 1856 d. 22 May 1930
- VI.5 Robert Edwin Lee Yarbrough b.30 Dec 1866, d. 25 Sept 1929. m. Anna Christina Peugh (Tini) b. 15 Oct 1870 d. 2 May 1953
- VI.6 Thomas J.J. Yarbrough b. 16 Oct 1866, d. 8 Nov 1868
- VI.7 Virginia Josephine Yarbrough (Jennie) b. 15 Jan 1869, d. 7 Sept 1938, m. 1890 William Henry Wess Howard b. 7 Aug 1867 d. 16 May 1951
- VI.8 George Davis Yarbrough b. 11 Dec 1871, d. 19 Dec 1879
- VI.9 Julia Mabel Yarbrough b. 6 Nov 1873, d. 8 Dec 1879
- VI.10 Hubert C. Yarbrough b. 14 Nov 1875, d. 27 Dec 1879
- VI.11 Ethyl Yarbrough b. 24 Sept 1879 d. 20 June 1948 m. VI.5 Rice Franklin McMichael b. 15 Jan 1877 d. 24 Jan 1951
- VI.12 Frederick Cleveland Yarbrough b. 6 Aug 1882, d. Essex Montana 22 Jan 1954 bd. Whitefish Montana m.(1) VI.7 Dena Alba McMichael b.Ark 1 Sept 1882 d. Richmond CA 9 Jan 1919 m.(2) Georgiana Melvina Miller Hudson

Jamima Ann Hill Yarbrough's first name is spelled in a variety of ways: On her Marriage certificate it is Jamima (which is probably correct, and is the spelling used here.); 1870 census: Jemimena; 1880 census: Jamimena; headstone: Jemima; and on the death certificate it is Jemila. Creative spelling was rather common even among educated people in those days. She was known familiarly as Ann. Crockett's name is consistently spelled that way, except that it is Crockit on his headstone. This may be due to Jamima's creative spelling. He was probably known as Dave.

On the marriage certificate Crockett is listed as a resident of El Dorado County. Family lore is that he came to California after the Mexican War and then worked wagon trains from Missouri, and that one of those wagon trains brought the Hill family. Some descendants think he is descended from a sister of the famous Davy Crockett, and was named after his him. Davy Crockett had 3 sisters, Betsy b. 1790, Jane b. 1792 and Sally b. 1794. Perhaps one of these was Mary M. Davis's mother, but if so, it is not remembered by the Cowley County Kansas Yarbroughs, while they do believe Mary M. Davis may have been a cousin of Jefferson Davis.

There is a story that C.D. and J.A. first moved to Downieville where

their first child was born, but returned to the ranch before the second was born, and all the other children were born on what was then the Hill Ranch. They had fourteen children, seven who lived to adulthood. Death due to epidemics were common, and in December of 1879 three of their children died. From the Russian River Flag, Jan 1, 1880:

*Mr. Yarbrough's family, living above Korbels Mill, has been sadly afflicted (diphtheria), six of his children have been sick, and three of them have died.*

Two other children died of "black measles". There may be some confusion between Yarbrough children and the children of Joshua G. Hill, as they all lived on the same ranch.

Crockett and Jamima lived in the original homestead house with the Hills at least until 1870, and it is probable that Crockett was employed by Mr. and Mrs. Hill during that time. The Thompson Atlas of Sonoma County, 1878, reveals that the Yarbroughs had obtained the Isaacs homestead, and a house is shown about a quarter of a mile up the canyon from Westside road. There is an old house still standing in that location. The 1880 census has the Yarbrough family living in the next house from Mrs. Hill. The children went to the Lafayette School, which was about 3 miles away by road, but less than a mile if they went cross-country (through Hugh Porter's ranch, which was east of the Isaacs Homestead).

The Atlas also shows that by 1878 the railroad ran along the river road on the south side of the river with nearby stations at Forestville (actually not in the town, but near Mirabelle Park) and one at Hilton, which came to be known as the Korbels Station. The impetus for the railroad was lumber, and the redwood forests were exploited. Korbels, long known for champaign, began there as manufacturers of match boxes. They began growing wine grapes in the river bottom land at Hilton only after they had logged the giant redwoods that had grown there for centuries. I recall the massive stumps along there during the 1940's, but they have since been removed. The railroad brought other possibilities, one of which was the vacation resort business.

At some time, a resort was built somewhere up Isaacs Canyon, and it was known variously as the Isaacs Canyon resort and the Mt. Jackson resort. Whether the Yarbroughs had anything to do with this resort is not known.

Crockett and Jamima ran the ranch for years, living in a house above Hill's house for some time, but had moved into Guerneville by 1888, but probably returned when Sarah Hill died in 1894. Because Joshua was killed and Emily was feeble minded, Jamima probably inherited the homestead when James M. Hill died in 1895. The 1878 map of homesteads shows Joshua G. Hill having the property across the river from the original homestead as well as some land adjacent to the Hill homestead on the Healdsburg side. Jamima probably had these properties too. This should be investigated in Sonoma County land records.

Crockett died in a wagon accident when returning from taking a load of beets to Guerneville to market. It supposedly occurred near Hacienda Crossing. There was a rumor that he had been drinking (Violet Madiera), and Jamima was such a strong member of WCTU that she would not allow hops to be grown on the ranch, nor could any of her children work on other ranches if they grew hops. After Crockett's death in 1898, Jamima and children ran the ranch until some time after the turn of the century. About 1902 Jamima sold the ranch and used part of the money to fix up the family plot in McPeak's cemetery. She bestowed a large sum of money on each of her living children (perhaps \$1000 each). She then went to Guerneville and took a position of housekeeper for a man, and

raised his daughters until they were old enough to take care of themselves (Lois Noffsinger). Then feeling she was too old to work, she spent the remainder of her life living 3 months at a time with her daughters. She was very careful to avoid carrying tales from one family to another. She died in Redwood Township in 1918. She was the last of the family to be buried in McPeak's cemetery.

A Herbert C. Yarbrough of Richmond California signed the death certificate of Jamima Ann Yarbrough in 1918. Herbert C. Yarbrough has not been identified. Crockett had no nephew by that name, and their son who died of diphtheria was named Hubert C. Perhaps the signature was by Frederick Cleveland Yarbrough, who for reasons of his own chose to use that signature. Fred was living in Richmond in 1918, and may have had more names than we know.

#### NEWTON AND MOLLY YARBROUGH

Crockett's brother Newton Leonidas Yarbrough married Mary K. Stalter in Cowley County in 1875 where son Ernest E. was born in 1879 and son Charles Roy was born in 1886. Shortly after Wade Hampton Yarbrough died Newton and a friend, William Henry Howard, son of Abiga and Ann Howard who lived only three houses away in the 1880 census, went to San Diego, California, by train, and then worked their way up the coast to visit Crockett Davis Yarbrough on the Russian River in Sonoma County. They liked what they saw, so they returned to Cowley County to pack up and move there. Newton was there in time to register to vote on 2 Sept 1892. Young Howard married Virginia Josephine Yarbrough, a daughter of Crockett.

In the 1880 census of Richland Township of Cowley County, Newton L. Yarbrough's family is farming at house 18 while his parents, Wade Hampton and Mary M. Yarbrough, are in house 19.

Newton first appears in California in the Great Registry in 1892 as Newton Leonidas Yarbrough. In the 1910 census Newton L. Yarbrough, 60, born in Missouri, his father born in Kentucky and his mother in Tennessee; and that he is running a home farm, owned by himself. His wife is Mary L Yarbrough, 53 b. Ohio, and had two children. Interestingly enough, in the next two houses on Mines Road (now Armstrong Woods Road) live Crockett and Jamima's two oldest daughters: family 11: Albert P. Laughlin 53, Martha E Laughlin (w) 49 had 4 children, who are all listed; family 12: David B. Peugh 53, Mary E Peugh 51, had 3 children, none living with them then. John Litton told me that these old guys were really tough teamsters, meaning that they drove wagons drawn by a team of horses. In the winter and other times when no farming could be done, they hauled mercury ore from the mines to the railroad. Mercury ore is very heavy, and the roads were very poor. The mines were up Mines Road from where they lived. Newton lived in Guerneville for a long time and later moved to Pacific Grove. His wife was Mary, but she was called Molly, and was thought to be a bit crazy by the Howard children. She supposedly traced the family back to the Mayflower. They had a son named Roy, who supposedly lived "at the foot of Willits Hill between Ukiah and Booneville" (Violet Yarbrough Madiera). Ed Yarbrough told me that Molly was emotionally disturbed because she accidentally ran over one of her children when she was backing her car out of her driveway. I think this may have been a grandchild, because cars were uncommon when her children were young. A newspaper account of the first pedestrian killed by a car in Guerneville occurred in 1914, and the person who picked up the unfortunate child victim was one Roy Yarbrough, who took the child to a doctor's office nearby, but the child had already died. There is no mention of Molly, and the child was not related. In the time from 1906 to 1909, and perhaps earlier and later, Newton and Molly had a "bed and breakfast" vacation farm

described in a pamphlet in 1909 (also in 1906). This is described in a brochure entitled: VACATION 1909

"Yarbrough's, Guerneville. One mile from town; will meet guests. A valley farm, surrounded by mountains covered with evergreen trees such as redwoods, madrones, etc; plenty of shade and fruit, hammocks, croquet grounds, piano and other amusements, boating and bathing on Russian River; swings, daily mail and telephone. Open June 1st until October 1st. Can accommodate 30 in rooms and tents. Adults \$8.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00 per week. Address N.L.Yarbrough, Yarbrough Farm, Sonoma, Cal."

*Newton and Molly were living in Pacific Grove in 1925 (Bonnie Yarbrough and Edwin Yarbrough).*

#### THE HILL HOMESTEAD

The Hill ranch is shown in a map of Sonoma County Homesteads in 1880 to lie north of the Russian River, across the river from the present site of the Rio Dell area, approximately bounded on the west by a line drawn from the mouth of the Green Valley Creek directly north to Westside Road. This road is so named because the river runs south past Healdsburg, turning west before reaching this area, and the road runs on the west side of the river from Healdsburg. The river runs north-west past the homestead. The Westside road is nearly parallel to the river, a quarter of a mile north-east from the river at this point. The eastern boundary is a line directed north from the river near the junction of the intersection of the Old Trenton Road with the present River Road, just down-river from Mirabelle Park. The homestead was bounded on the north by an east-west line drawn from the west boundary to the east boundary. The southern boundary is the river itself. The homestead was principally bottom lands, subject to flooding, and the mouth of Isaacs canyon above the road, with hills on either side. The next section to the north was homesteaded by Isaacs. It is largely hill country, with an old road leading up to Mt. Jackson. The original Hill homestead was 137 acres, and the Isaacs was no more than 160 acres.

This ranch lies at the boundary of Mendocino and Russian River Townships. In Thompson's Atlas of Sonoma County 1878, The original Hill homestead is shown as being divided into three parts. The largest portion is in the west, and listed as the property of Mrs. Hill. About a third of the homestead is cut off in the south east section, about half of which is bottom land lying below the road, and the rest hill country above the road. The western half of this is identified as belonging to JGH, which is Joshua Gilman Hill, and the eastern half is then part of the H. Wall ranch. The Wall property is entirely in Mendocino township, and both of the Hill properties are in Redwood Township. The map shows no buildings below the road, which was farmland, but a house above the road is seen on the JGH property, and a house and orchard are indicated for Mrs. Hill's property, above the road in the small valley at the mouth of Isaacs Canyon.

In addition to the part of the old homestead, along the eastern edge of Mrs. Hill's property, J.G. Hill is shown on this map as owning 140 acres across the river, the site of the present Rio Dell, extending along the river over the entire southern border of the original Hill homestead. This property is probably part of the 160 acres which James M and Sarah H Hill bought in Analy Township from Jacob McReynolds and wife on March 1 1864. The 1878 map shows this property as being in Analy Township.

The 1878 map also shows C.D. Yarbrough (sic) as the owner of the old Isaacs Homestead, abutting the Hill homestead to the north. There is a house shown which is probably the same house which today stands about a quarter of a mile up Isaacs canyon from the site of Mrs. Hill's house. The north-eastern corner of this property is divided from the rest by the township line.

*In the History of Sonoma County, p. 161, "Glen Purnell Laughlin":  
The testimony of Mr. Laughlin is that his mother, Martha Yarbrough was born on Crockett Yarbrough's ranch, which was formerly the old hill ranch (hill not capitalized), which was later known as the Isaacs' Canyon Ranch, and yet later Mt. Jackson Ranch.*

The original Hill homestead house was still standing in the 1920's, and is undoubtedly the house shown on the 1878 map on Mrs. Hill's property, at the mouth of Isaacs Canyon.

There is a mineral springs shown on the 1878 map, at the eastern edge of the dividing line between Mrs. Hill's and C.D. Yarbrough's properties. John Litton told me that this is on the top of a hill on the eastern side of the canyon, and he remembers remnants of a resort which once was built there to take advantage of the mineral springs as a health spa. This may have been part of the original Isaacs Canyon Resort, but surely was not part of the Mt. Jackson Resort, which operated well after 1923 according to Mrs. Nase. Around 1980 John Litton made a trip up there, finding the stage road filled with scotch broom, and a rose bush the only sign there had ever been people living there.

Some time after the death of J.G. Hill in 1879, his property came into the hands of Hamilton Litton, which he retained until the death of his wife Sara Jane Yarbrough Litton in 1922.

At some time there was a road from Isaacs canyon down to the river where there was a bridge near the mouth of Green Valley Creek. This bridge served the old Mt. Jackson resort, making a shorter run to the Forestville railroad station. The road split the property, and both the road and bridge were purchased by Hamilton and Roy Litton about 1920. Within a year the old bridge was destroyed by a flood. [John Litton]

Hamilton appears to have sold the strip adjacent to the old Hill ranch to his son Perry Litton. After Sara Jane's death, Hamilton sold most of the property above the railroad to a development company which almost went bankrupt developing Rio Dell. He kept a small portion of that property, running up a canyon on one edge, and built a small house and raised a garden. When the first heavy rains came and the river flooded, the canyon was filled and the house flooded up to the mantle. His car was garaged under the house, and was completely submerged. The family built him a getaway house further up the hill to take care of future problems, but when they occurred, Hamilton was stranded for several days in his escape house.

Hamilton retained some of the river frontage below the railroad tracks as he had a joint venture selling gravel with his son Roy, who also owned the old Wall ranch shown on the 1878 map adjacent to J.G. Hill's west side property.

APPENDIX A.  
CHILDREN AND DESCENDANTS OF  
CROCKETT DAVIS YARBROUGH AND JAMIMA ANN HILL

V.2 JAMIMA ANN HILL b. MO 6 Dec 1843, d. Guerneville CA 30 Jan 1918. m. At the house of James M. Hilles (sic) 9 Oct 1857 V.1 CROCKETT DAVIS YARBROUGH, b. TN 18 Dec 1831, d. Hacienda Crossing Sonoma Co CA 2 Oct 1898. Both are buried in McPeak's Cemetery.

VI.1 Mary Emma (or Emily) Yarbrough (Mamie) b. 4 Oct 1858 , m. David Benjamin Peugh b. 20 Feb 1857

VII.1 Jimella (or Jamella) Peugh m. Freedom Hoffman, no children

VII.2 Edward A. Peugh m. Georgia W. Guerne

VIII.1 daughter

VIII.2 daughter

VII.3 Erba Peugh m. Dr. William McCabe, no children

VI.2 Sarah Jane Yarbrough (Sadie) b. Hill Ranch, Sonoma Co CA 28 Nov 1859 d. 17 or 18 Aug 1922, m. Hamilton Burton Litton b. 11 Mar 1861, d. Sebastopol CA 8 or 18 Apr 1941.

VII.1 Roy Burton Litton b. 14 July 1881, d. June 1959 m. Lena Hildebrand

VIII.1 Helena May Litton m.(1) Irwin Goodrich

IX.1 Merle Goodrich

m. (2) Frank Shubetz , Hot Springs Ark.

VIII.2 Rhoda Litton m. Ken Easter, Dos Palos, CA

IX.1 Bill Easter m. Carolyn

X.1 daughter

X.2 daughter

IX.2 Steve Easter m. Joanne, live in Carmichael CA

IX.3 Ellen Easter m. Bob Coulter, a Veterinarian in Carmel

X.1 daughter

VIII.3 Eleanor Litton m.(3) Lou Morretti

IX.1 Dave Burmeister, a Professor at the University of California at Davis. He has seven children.

VIII.1 Roy Burton Litton (Jr.) m. Barbara Beeson of Healdsburg d. Sept 1982. Burton is a Professor and Chairman of the Dept of Forestry at the University of Calif. at Berkeley.

IX.1 Mary Litton m. Steve Traynen of Arbutle, Ca

X.1 Jimmy Traynen b. 1969

X.2 Susie Traynen b. 1971

IX.2 Thomas Litton b. 19?? d. 1973 unmarried

IX.3 Edward Litton b. Feb 1954

VII.2 Grace Erba Litton b. 30 Dec 1882, d. 20 June 1973 m. George Summerton King.

VIII.1 Barbara Jane King b. 9 Aug 1915 m. Charles Griffin. No children

VIII.2 Gladys Marne King b. 10 Sep 1918 d. 18 Mar 1921

VIII.3 Richard Ross King b. 30 Dec 1924. m. Malitha Lila Miller on 21 Dec 1946.

IX.1 Susan Malitha King b. 4 Nov 1947 m.(1) Herbert W. Rowe 7 Apr 1969. div. Jul 1974 m.(2) 20 Apr 1975, Carl

H. Parker

X.1 Nancy Jane Rowe b. 27 Nov 1970

X.2 Jerry William Rowe b. 27 Nov 1970

VII.3 Perry Ross Litton b. 13 Jul 1889, d. 1 Jan 1965 m. Helen



- VIII.I John Hamilton Litton b. 1914 m. Dolores Nickell b. Los Banos 18 Dec 1923, a great-niece of William Henry Howard from the Bever line. They live in Walnut Creek.
  - IX.1 Edward Charles Litton m. Christine Susan Elston
    - X.1 Sarah Jane Litton b. 14 Jun 1976
    - X.3 Michele Susan Litton b. 5 Apr 1979
  - IX.2 Carol Jane Litton m. Robert Wesley Honeyman
    - X.1 Summer Grace Honeyman b. 12 Sep 1975
    - X.2 Tyler Robert Honeyman b. 26 Nov 1978
  - IX.3 John Randall Litton m. (1)Bonnie Lee Carpenter, North Carolina, div. m. (2)13 Sept 1986 Mikelyn Buckley
- VIII.2 Dorothy Jane Litton m. Arthur Jones, Berkeley
  - IX.1 Gary Jones b. 1945 d. 1948
  - IX.2 Jill Susan Jones b. 5 Aug 1951
- VII.4 Ava Eleanor Litton b. 7 Feb 1891 Forestville, d. Berkeley 1986, m. Healdsburg Ca 1 Jan 1918 to Lawrence Moore b. 5 June 1891 Watcom WA, (1987 living in Berkeley)
- VIII.1 Margery Moore b. Berkeley Ca 19 July 1920 d. 29 July 1977 m. 29 July 1946 in Berkeley to Stanley Gerry
  - IX.1 David Gerry b. Berkeley 1 Feb 1950, m. 1978 to Kathy Frawley.
    - X.1 Bradley Gerry b. Concord CA 13 Oct 1978
    - X.2 Benjamin Gerry b. Concord CA 6 Nov 1981
  - IX.2 Stephen Gerry b. Berkeley 15 Aug 1952
  - IX.3 Lynne Gerry b. Berkeley 8 Nov 1960, m. Salt Lake City 28 Dec 1981 to Chad Remington b. Missoula Mont 22 May 1957
    - X.1 Aubrie Remington b. Orem Vt. 17 Nov 1982
    - X.2 Troy Remington b. Kalispel Mont 2 Oct 1984
    - X.3 Taylor Remington b. Woodland CA 20 Nov 1986
- VIII.2 Eleanor Moore d. 1985 m. Gayle (Tiny) Hultman. They operated the drawbridge in Petaluma, California. Sacramento 1987
  - IX.1 Patricia Hultman m. Bob Causey. Davis CA 1987
  - IX.2 Timothy Hultman
    - X.1 Garret Hultman
    - X.2 son
  - IX.4 William Hultman b. Nov 17 1960
    - X.1 William Hultman II
    - X.2 ?
  - IX.5 Kevin (K.C.) Hultman m. Diane. Sacramento CA 1987
    - X.1 Debbie Hultman
    - X.2 son
    - X.3 ?
- VII.5 Alta Mae Litton b. 29 Sept 1899, d. 1986 m. Walter Wendt, Santa Rosa
  - VIII.1 Donald Wendt m. Barbara
    - IX.1 Jeanne m. McCaen, Suisun CA, daughter, son
    - IX.2 Donna m. April 1982 Dr William Coleman
    - IX.3 Linda Wendt
  - VIII.2 Janis Wendt m.(1) Parr, m.(2) East
    - IX.1 Bobbie Ann
    - IX.2 son
- VI.3 Adelia Yarbrough b. 11 Sep 1861 d. 22 Sep 1861

- VI.4 Martha E. Yarbrough b. 27 Dec 1862 on Hill Ranch, d. 24 June 1938 m.  
 Albert Pernell (Bud) Laughlin b. 14 July 1856, d. 22 May 1930  
 VII.1 Lawrence L. Laughlin b. ca. 1887  
 VII.2 Glen Pernell Laughlin b. ca 1895 m. Margaret Mitchell  
 VIII.1 Glen Laughlin Jr.  
 VIII.2 Margaret Jean Laughlin  
 VIII.3 Doris Laughlin m. Gill  
 VIII.4 Eleanor Laughlin  
 VII.3 Bessie Laughlin b. ca. 1900 m. Corbet Miles  
 VII.4 Anne Laura Laughlin b. ca. 1904 living in Guerneville 1982, m.(1)  
 Lincoln Stewart, m.(2) Tom King
- VI.5 Robert Edwin Lee Yarbrough b. 30 Dec 1864 on Hill Ranch, d. 25 Sept 1929.  
 m. Anna Christina Peugh (Tini) b. 15 Oct 1870, d. 2 May 1950  
 VII.1 Hazel Yarbrough m. Philip Brick Dahlquist of the Crystal Dairy of  
 Sacramento.  
 VIII.1 Edward Dahlquist m. Edith Madsen  
 IX.1 Linda Dahlquist m. Don Dale  
 X.1 Todd Dale  
 X.2 Troy Dale  
 IX.2 Pat Dahlquist m.(1) William Hickam  
 X.1 Wendy Hickam  
 X.2 Bridget Hickam  
 m.(2) P. Benjamin  
 2 sons  
 VIII.2 Lucile Dahlquist m. Julian Wells  
 IX.1 Susan Wells m. Eldon JemTrud  
 IX.2 Sharon Wells m. (1) John Goadsby (2) Gordon Apon  
 X.1 Heather  
 X.2 Thomas  
 X.3 Joshua
- VII.2 Georgia J. Yarbrough m. John Holt  
 VIII.1 John Wesley Holt  
 IX.1 Jackie Holt (daughter)  
 VIII.2 Beverly Holt m. Audrey, Redwood CA  
 IX.1 Beverly Holt (son)  
 IX.2 Philip Holt  
 IX.3 James Holt  
 IX.4 Litha May Holt
- VII.3 Lela L. Yarbrough m. Donner d. 1931 in childbirth  
 VIII.1 Jerry L. Sather (was adopted by Sather)
- VII.4 Violet Yarbrough b. 1896 on Hill Ranch, m. Harold Madiera  
 VIII.1 Dolores Madiera m. Brady
- VI.6 Thomas J.J. Yarbrough b. Hill Ranch 16 Oct 1866, d. 8 Nov 1868
- VI.7 Virginia Josephine Yarbrough (Jennie) b. 15 Jan 1869 on Hill Ranch, d. 7  
 Sept 1938, buried in Howard Mausoleum in Albany. m. 15 Jan 1880 to  
 William Henry Wess Howard b. 7 Aug 1867, d. 16 May 1951 of Floral Kansas  
 on Jan 15 1880 in a double ceremony with Martha Jane Howard and Tunis  
 Verden Bever (grandparents of Dolores Litton).
- VII.1 Edith Howard m. Hugh Woods d. 9 July 1970 about 80 yrs.  
 VII.2 Claude Oakland Howard m. (1) Jesse Boss  
 VIII.1 Douglas Howard b. Modesto Ca 26 June 1917, m. in San Jose,

- Ca 26 Feb 1939 to Alma May Marbry, b. Irma Alberta Canada 10 June 1920.
- IX.1 Valarie Joan Howard b. San Jose Ca 19 Oct 1941  
m. in San Jose Ca 14 Aug 1966 to Gary Eugene Barker,  
b. Stockton Ca 11 June 1942.  
X.1 Paul Joseph Barker b. Bangkok Thailand 29 Dec 1969.
- IX.2 Cheryl Lynn Howard b. San Jose Ca 27 April 1949, m. in  
San Jose Ca 18 July 1970 to Richard Kent Linqvist b.  
San Jose Ca 8 April 1947  
X.1 Travis Richard Linqvist b. Chico Ca 3 June 1979  
m. (2) Lucy Stone  
VIII.2 Happy Henry Howard
- VII.3 Dwight Harold Howard b. 31 Oct 1894, m. Katherine Millie Hanson,  
no children
- VII.4 Grant Henry Howard m. Edna Carrico  
VIII.1 Donald Howard
- VII.5 Newton Lee Howard (Lee) b. Forestville CA 6 Sept 1903, d. San  
Francisco 17 Feb 1974, bur. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward Ca.  
m. Woodland CA 16 Nov 1940 Illa G. Sullivan, b. Pueblo CO 25 Sept  
1904.  
VIII.1 Karen Lee Howard b. Oakland CA 1 Feb 1946 , m. Sonora CA 14  
June 1975 Richard Mitchell of Sonora, b. Amherst MA 5 June  
1937  
IX.1 Benjamin Lee Mitchell b. Sonora CA 30 Dec 1975
- VII.6 Freda Anna Howard b. Yarbrough Ranch 10 Feb 1906 m. Raymond Shane  
VIII.1 Margaret Shane m. McDowell  
IX.1 Julia McDowell m. Armstrong  
IX.2 David McDowell  
IX.3 Andrew McDowell  
VIII.2 Mary Shane
- VI.8 George Davis Yarbrough b. 11 Dec 1871, d. 19 Dec 1879
- VI.9 Julia Mabel Yarbrough b. 6 Nov 1873, d. 8 Dec 1879
- VI.10 Hubert C. Yarbrough b. 14 Nov 1875, d. 27 Dec 1879
- VI.11 Ethyl Yarbrough b. 24 Sept 1879 Sonoma Co., d. 20 June 1948 m. Rice  
Franklin McMichael, b. 15 Jan 1877, d. 24 Jan 1951.
- VII.1 Lois Adelpha McMichael b. Guerneville 3 May 1900, living in Palo  
Alto CA 1984. m.(1) Santa Rosa CA 7 May 1922 George Dervey Wilson  
d. 1932, no children m.(2) Aug 1937 Hurley C Kuntz d. 1946, no  
children m.(3) 12 Jun 1950 Walter Noffsinger d.1958, no children
- VII.2 Ann Louisa McMichael b. Cloverdale 5 May 1909, d. 25 Aug 1968.  
m.(1) ---, no children; m.(2) Ed Bunker, no children; m.(3) Vic  
Lazzarini, no children
- VI.12 FREDERICK CLEVELAND YARBROUGH b. Sonoma Co CA on ranch near Hacienda  
Crossing on Russian River 6 Aug 1882. d. Essex Montana 22 Jan 1955 bur.  
Whitefish Montana. m.(1) ABBADENE (Dena Alba) McMICHAEL b. ARK 2 Sept  
1882, d. Richmond CA 9 Jan 1919, buried Healdsburg, Calif. Cemetery.  
m.(2) and English woman (?) and m.(3) Georgeana Malvina Clementine  
Miller Hudson, the mother of Bonnie, Lloyd Yarbrough's wife.

For Children of Frederick Cleveland Yarbrough and Dena McMichael, see the next  
chapter.

This unique article was contributed by S. M. Davis, and is written in characteristic style of Aunt Mahulda Burden a good woman, A Christ-lin mother, and loved by everyone that knows her.

January 26, 1920

I, Nancy Mahulda Burden, born February 20th, 1831, in Bedford county, Tennessee; lived there until thirteen years of age; moved then with my parents to Ozark county, Missouri. Lived there with my parents until I was 17 years of age. At that age was married to Joseph Burden, in 1848-he being born also in Tennessee and moved to Missouri-I lived there with my husband four years. Three children were born in Missouri. In the month of May, 1852, my husband, two children and myself, the oldest child having died, we started to Texas in a two-horse wagon and landed in Texas in July. We stopped with Bill Burden who came to Texas a year before we did, who was a brother to my husband. He lived in Cooke county about 4 miles northwest of where Pilot Point now stands.

In the winter of 1853 my husband headrighted 320 acres of land about 1 mile west of where Bloomfield now stands, in Cooke county. He built a log house on this land and we moved in. In the month of april, soon after, our house burned with all its contents. The day this house burned I had been to the branch, about 1-2 half mile from the house to do my washing: had returned to the house and hung out my clothes, but had to go back to the branch to get a bucket of water, so I put two children out of the house and tied the door up high, so they could not get into the house. And when I was returning from the branch with my bucket of water I looked and saw my house going up in flames of fire. By the time I got to it I could do nothing but let it burn.

In the Spring we fenced in a little patch. My husband turned the sod and I sowed some cotton seed, and when it made I picked it out of the boll, then I picked the seed out of the cotton with my fingers, and then I corded it and spun it and made it into cloth, and that was the first dress I had after I left Missouri. Our smokehouse did not burn, and I had what was called a side loom and that was what I had left. We didn't have anything given to us after our house burned but two quilts and one tablecloth, and Aunt Susie Jones gave them to me. There was not anybody to give us anything, because everybody that was here had come in wagons and brought just what they needed, or rather what they could make out with. I did not see hoe we could live, but we did. I put all my trust in the Lord and He provided for me. My parents back in Missouri had plenty, but I had no way of getting it out here.

After this house burned my husband's brother gave us a log house and we put it on our claim.

Since landing in Texas I have lived all the time in Cooke and Denton counties; most all the time in Cooke. My husband died January 22nd, 1891, in Cooke county, at the age of 64 years. I have lived a widow ever since.

I have one sister and four brothers now living in Missouri. They beg me to come to see them, but I have put it off too long.

We worked hard and had got so we had nearly everything we wanted, and my husband and boys took a notion they wanted a gin and grist mill, so they got it and run it for six years and worked hard, and at last it broke us up. There it was again; I hardly knew what to do; broke up again; and I felt so broke down. I had worked so hard, and there it was. We had to take a new start, but by the help of God I have got along so far now.

I am the mother of 12 children; 5 girls and 7 boys. I now have 3 boys living, their names are as follows: John Burden of Waleetka, Okla., R. L. Burden Okmulgee, Okls., J. T. Burden, Reed, Okla. The girls: Mrs. Polly Menasco, Aubrey, Texas, Mrs. Samatha Robinson, Pilot Point, Texas, Mrs. Emaline Rogers, Aubrey, Texas, Mrs. Tishie Wood, Tishomingo, Okla. Besides raising my own children I have raised nine orphan children. They were the children of my husband's three brothers and wives who had died and left them.

I had to spin and weave clothes for my own children and these orphans with but very little bought. I had some of these orphan children to care for during the war. I am glad to say that in raising these nine orphan children I never whipped any one of them one time. They were good to obey me and I had no cause to punish them. Some of these children are still living.

I have 37 grandchildren, 79 great grandchildren, and 29 great, great grandchildren. I had in my home at the same time one of my own little girls and one of those orphans that were cripples, caused from long spells of sickness. One of my great grandchildfen is a cripple. With the exception of these three cripples all the rest of the rest of the generations mentioned are strong.

I never was fortunate in raising my family close to water. I would task myself to weave five yards of cloth a day and carry water from one-half to one miles, besides the other work I would have to do. I would have to work very hard and move around some to do that, but I did.

All our horses we brought to Texas died. My husband then bought a horse after the others died and staked it out on the grass and it broke its neck. My husband would be away from home splitting rails to get money to buy bread and I have chopped down many trees and chopped them up into fire-wood and then carry it to the house while he was away at work. He would be away from home at work and would be until after night getting in home and I would be so afraid that the Indians would come. I could almost imagine I could hear them coming, but they never did, I have heard the panther scream and the wolves howl many times.

I professed religion at the age of 13 years. I had some girl friends who were Christians and I wanted to be a Christian and be good as those girls. One night they were going to church about four miles from home and I was so burdened with my sins I could hardly keep up with the rest of the folks. When we got there I could hardly set up. My mother and father were not Christians at that time. I wanted to get religion but didn't know how to get it. But, on that night, I went to the altar and I was so burdened I prayed with all the power I had and I told the Lord if He would relieve me of that awful load I would serve Him the rest of my days, and all at once I felt relieved. I don't know what I did, but I knew I felt awful good, and on the way home I was just as happy as I could be. My girl friends went home with

for all the next day she did not tell me to do a single thing; and I just sang and was so happy all day. (2)

In a short time my mother became interested about her soul's salvation and went to the altar to be prayed for and she was converted while there, and she shouted for a day and night. She did not want to sleep. My mother was raised in the hardshell belief and did not believe in going to the mourner's bench until she got under conviction. I had wanted to go to the mourner's bench before I did but I was afraid my mother would not like it, but I went and was converted and so was my mother later.

After coming to Texas I united with the Missionary Baptist church in the month of July, 1854. This church was the first Baptist church organized in cooke county, This church was organized in a log school house, split log benches and puncheon floor and was situated on the Reece Jones place, about five miles northwest of Pilot Point. I am glad to say my children are all Christians, and though I have lived to a ripe old age I am not tired of the Christian way, but more anxious to press on the to the heavenly goal where worry, pain, sickness and sorrow are not known, but where joy, and peace and happiness will be mine forever more.

I have got so old and broke down and am so blind I can't hardly work any more, although I don't think I will have to wait long. When a person is willing to trust God He will provide for them. I am able to be up most of the time.

I will be 89 years old the 20th of February, 1920/

The question has been asked me if I know when Pilot Point's first business house opened up. Now, I don't remember the date but I know it was after we came to Texas in 1872. There was not a house anywhere near where Pilot Point now stands when we came here. The first goods I bought after the war I bought in Pilot Point from Mr. Walcott, and Paid 25 cents per yard for calico.

I am now making my home with my grandson and family in Cooke county, His name is R. F. (Frank) Yarbrough, Pilot Point, Texas, Route No. 3.

If any of my relatives or friends see this in print I would be glad to hear from them.

My Grandfather's (Doyce CRAWFORD YARBROUGH) brother,

Elsie Yarbrough Morrow said she was present when this story was related.

This copy from Mrs. Ruthie Robison Yarbrough, widow of Otis & Alpha Yarbrough to. M. S.

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## In Memoriam



### Thomas Ross Yarbro

Thomas Ross Yarbro, known to many as Gumbo or Papa Tom, age 83, of Dyersburg, died Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at Regional Hospital of Jackson. He was born July 1, 1931 to the late Ross Yarbro and Mae Yarbro in Menglewood, TN. He was a farmer, member of First United Methodist Church and an Air Force Veteran. Funeral services for Mr. Yarbro were conducted by Reverend Jim Tom Pilcher, Reverend Ed White and Reverend Dell King. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery. Pallbearers were John Ozment, Joseph LeMay, Brock Pilcher, Ross Pilcher, Josh Leinweber and Matt Warden. Following the services, the family received friends at the Curry Funeral Home.



Tom is survived by his six daughters, Alicia Yarbro Cutler (Dale), Jennifer Yarbro Milligan, Beth Yarbro LeMay (Joe), all of Dyersburg, Grace Yarbro Ozment of Memphis, Becky Yarbro Duggins (Kent) of Greensboro, NC, Jayne Anne Yarbro Cronauer of Buchannon, TN; two brothers, Guy David Yarbro, Dudley Ross Yarbro; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Jere Paul Yarbro, William Guy Yarbro and Walter Stanley Yarbro.

The family requests memorials be directed to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929 or the First United Methodist Church, PO Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025-0452.



### Jack Yarbrough



Jack Yarbrough, age 72 of Minneapolis, MN and Venice, FL, passed away on May 4, 2015 following complications from emergency heart surgery. Jack was born on August 21, 1942 in Birmingham, AL and spent his youth in Greensboro, AL. He was captain of his high school football team, president of his senior class, and president of the Student Government Council for the State of Alabama. Jack received his undergraduate degree from Washington & Lee University and his MBA from the University of North Carolina. He was a technology manager for the Pentagon, United Airlines, Central States Health, Welfare and Pension

Funds, Northern Telecom, Jostens, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Pharmacy Gold and the State of Minnesota. His passions were Alabama football, golfing, fishing, travel and, most importantly, his family. He is survived by Linda Stokes, his wife of 32 years, and his three children Jay (Stacey) of New York, NY, Andrew (Melissa) of Tampa, FL, and Anna of Minneapolis and grandchildren Jackson, Cate, Scout and Luke. He was preceded in death by his parents Albert Douglas (Jack) Yarbrough and Molly Childress Yarbrough of Greensboro. His memorial was May 29, 2015 in Minneapolis. The family has expressed its deepest gratitude to the doctors, nurses and caring staff at Park-Nicollet Methodist Hospital ICU. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorials made to either YouthLink of Minneapolis or Evolve Adoption & Family Services of Edina.

## Naming Pattern

Our family genealogy has been blessed (cursed?) with the repeated usage of certain given names – Thomas, Zachariah, Asa, Nathan, George, Edward, William, John, Joshua, and Richard, to list a few. It's the same with the distaff side, too – Elizabeth, Mary, Lucinda, Lulu, Amelia, Jane, Martha, Margaret, and Mae. This stems from the customs in vogue during the formative period of our country. On the surface, the patterns don't seem to make much sense – or so it often appears. There was a method followed by which names were selected and assigned, as delineated here:

<u>Children</u>	<u>Named After</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Son	father's father
2 <sup>nd</sup> Son	mother's father
3 <sup>rd</sup> Son	father
4 <sup>th</sup> Son	father's eldest brother
5 <sup>th</sup> Son	second eldest paternal uncle or eldest maternal uncle

Subsequent sons take names of successively younger uncles, with paternal uncles' names first<sup>1</sup>, then the maternal uncles' names.

1 <sup>st</sup> Daughter	maternal grandmother
2 <sup>nd</sup> Daughter	paternal grandmother
3 <sup>rd</sup> Daughter	mother
4 <sup>th</sup> Daughter	mother's eldest sister
5 <sup>th</sup> Daughter	mother's second eldest (or father's eldest) sister

Subsequent daughters take names of successively younger aunts, with maternal aunts' names first<sup>2</sup>, then the paternal aunts' names.

It can be seen, then, that adherence to this pattern inevitably leads to the frequent re-occurrence of the same given names generation after generation. (How many Uncle George Yarb(o)roughs are there?) While this by no means helps resolve which generation to which similar named ancestor may belong, it at least clarifies why present day genealogists and family researchers must contend with this olio of names.

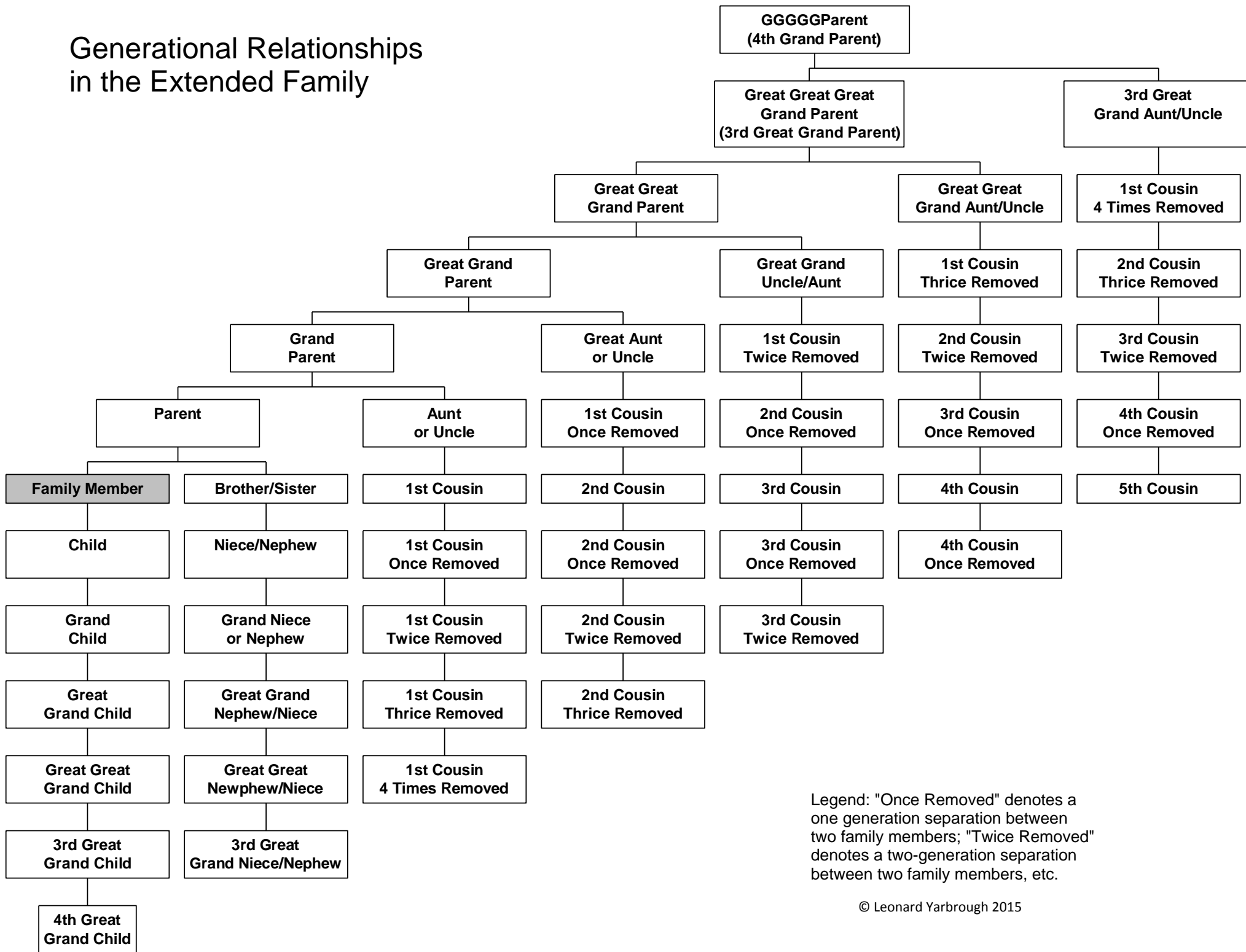
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<sup>1</sup> ...until there are no more uncles whose names can be used.

<sup>2</sup> ...until there are no more aunts whose names can be used.



# Generational Relationships in the Extended Family



Legend: "Once Removed" denotes a one generation separation between two family members; "Twice Removed" denotes a two-generation separation between two family members, etc.



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*The President's Corner...* Wow!!! We're still recovering from this year's conference; it was great!

We certainly missed our faithful members who were missing due to illness and conflicts with dates. Rusty Moore (Henry Murray Yarbrough Line) of Dallas was this year's host; he and his professional staff did a first class job, as did the Embassy Suites staff. It was a great venue for a conference. Thanks so much, Rusty.

The guest suites, the meeting room for research and the banquet were wonderful... Mark M. Yarbrough of Dallas was the keynote Speaker at the banquet. Mark is Dean and professor at Dallas Theological Seminary. A special thanks to Mark and his family for his inspirational talk and a great send off to our weekend, He left everyone anxious for the next conference in 2017.

Our attendance was small but of the highest quality of Yarbrough's. We all enjoyed meeting our Texas and Oklahoma Cousins for the first time. Their genuine enthusiasm for the Family was worth everything. With research time scheduled between speakers during the day, there was sufficient time to share and help Cousins find their lines!

**Main highlights of the Conference:**

The presentation of 139 bound volumes – of the Blandford Series and Master Index banner – was without a doubt the highlight of the conference. I cannot thank enough those who worked so long and unflinching on the project during the working conference/work session of June 2014. We will certainly have another (fun) work session in 2016. This will be a recurring schedule alternating with the Traditional Conference every other year and the working conference, as there is still a lot of work required to restore many of our volumes of material into a respectable body of information.

A special thanks to Joan Singlaub, YNGHA past president, that inspired Bill Yarbrough, *et al* to achieve what we all thought was the impossible, was accomplished through Joan's love for the Family...Thanks, Joan for your vision, inspiration and motivation that you instilled in all of us! Our love and gratitude from all the Family to you and General Jack...

Leonard Yarbrough, YNGHA editor in chief, made available for the first time in the history of the Yarbrough Family of almost one thousand years, the digital records (50,000 pages) on DVD of our Family for all generations to come, access and the means to add to and maintain the Family history. Again. Leonard, we do not how to thank you enough for your time and effort except that we may bury you next to Richard Yarbrough at Blandford Church, Petersburg, Virginia.

Thank you Board members, Hal, JoAnn, Don, Ann, Clark, Tee, Elaine, Alice, Leonard and Rusty and our newest board member, John Yarbrough, for your support and guidance and for the demands that will be placed upon you in the upcoming year.

To Barbara Blanton, who has served as YNGHA President and Board member for many years, and who has contributed so much to the Family is retiring from the Board. Thanks Barbara and Ted for all the time and support you have given to the Yarbrough Family over the years.

The future for YNGHA is both challenging and exciting, and we solicit and welcome participation and input from all the membership, not just from the Board...If nothing else, please have your daughters and sons, granddaughters and grandsons join the membership and recruit others to become active in YNGHA.

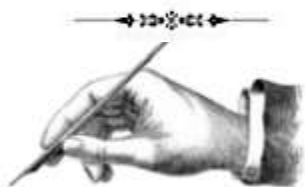
Please [call me](#) any time (615-210-2828) to discuss how you can help make the Yarbrough National Genealogical and Historical Association one of the best Family organizations in this wonderful country of ours.

Finally, don't fail to visit Clark Hickman and Friends on the [YNGHA Face Book page](#).

Best wishes during the coming Holidays.

For the Family,

*-Jim*



*Jottings...* Attendance was less than expected, but it was nonetheless a great event with a number of first-time attendees.

The newly bound volumes was quite impressive, and pictures of the banner showing the 139 titles generated considerable comments on the Association's [Facebook](#) page.

Ordinarily, association business is conducted at the banquet; however, much of what was to be ratified was discussed open forum style prior to the banquet. This allowed more time for members to participate fully in the discussions, and the overall business and decisions are reported elsewhere in this issue. The two most notable result of both the Board of Directors' business meeting and the general membership meeting was a redefinition of what we as an association are and recognition of the value we as an association bring to our extended and allied families.

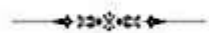
Both of these are, as a mathematician might say, necessary and sufficient for a successful organization. The fact that the digitization project was so successful – even if still incomplete – just was not appreciated by any of us who took part in the project until we saw both the banner of title and the displayed array of volumes displayed under it. The fact that the volumes themselves were hardly back from the book-binders before being transported to Dallas by President Jim Yarbrough/Nashville, TN, lent an air of “Wow!” Those who missed seeing that cannot truly appreciate what a moment it was.

The fact is, the project is both an end in itself and a beginning of a new era in our history. First, we scanned the equivalent of 20-odd boxed of spiral bound and three-ring binder volumes of genealogical data, supporting documentation, and stories about the various Yarbrough and allied families. There's still some yet to be scanned material which was just not in good enough order to make any sense to a new (or even experienced) family researcher. As it is, the newly bound volumes still require a more thorough editing than time

permitted (we were under a self-imposed deadline of having the bound volumes at the conference). That will be a continuing task of some time.

The scanned material is searchable and indexed, and there is an impressive master index *ala* the *Encyclopedia Britannica*. Some volumes are not as legible as they should be, and eventually they must be recreated into a more readable format. Some of the volumes of the same ancestor can be combined, as there is a great deal of duplication across these several volumes. The indices require expanding beyond the present proper names that are provided. Lastly, a better presentation of contents would be more helpful, given the limitations of legibility of many of the volumes that were scanned.

- Leonard



## Actions of the Association

As posted shortly after the conference, this was a seminal time for the YNGHA — it marked the end of an era of the conference being primarily focused around fellowship and researching the many volumes of our records. Instead, a new purpose was embraced, beginning with the matter of how best to make these records available to our members and the general public. These records comprise our intellectual property; as such, they are valuable. Their maintenance requires funding support which heretofore had been underwritten by members' dues. While this may seem to be a fairly straightforward matter to address, it led to a discussion of considerable greater magnitude.



The moment the full listing of the 139 volumes was displayed on the meeting room wall, I think everyone recognized that we have to expand our efforts in providing a living legacy to our descendants. Indeed, it was (almost painfully) obvious that the impact of the consequences of the digitization of our records was much greater than anyone expected. That is, we for the first time realized that the completion of scanning of our records was not the end of a project but the beginning of a new chapter in our Association's history.

Until this conference, our meetings had three purposes: required association business meetings, provide an opportunity for members to research their respective lines, and fellowship. The need for periodic business meetings is still needed; the Internet obviates the need for a face-to-face meeting. So does the availability of our records via the Internet. Fellowship, while an important aspect for those of us who have been long time members, is not sufficient to justify face-to-face meetings. As eloquently enunciated by our President, Jim Yarbrough, we now have the obligation to expand, as well as to maintain, our records, deeds and family stories for our descendants.

Indeed, the results of our scanning project became a catalyst that forced us to recognize we as a family association had something tangible to offer our extended families. This in turn required a clearer enunciation of the Association's mission, which is:



- ❖ Collecting and maintaining genealogical and family historical records and artifacts;
- ❖ Curating and publishing accurate accounts of family accomplishments and pedigrees;
- ❖ Publicizing the deeds and accomplishments of members of the Yarbrough and its allied families;
- ❖ Pursuing specific which advance the foregoing goals;

The set of digitized records, known as *The Blandford Series of Yarbrough Family Records* will ultimately be placed in the "cloud"; in the interim, they exist on a master DVD, from which copies of the individual volumes will be extracted for sale to those who wish a copy. Pricing options and members' discounts were considered and adopted, as shown below.

**Pricing & Discounts for  
*The Blandford Series of Yarbrough Family Records***

	<u>List Price</u>	<u>Members' Price</u>	<u>S &amp; H</u>
<b><u>Complete Blandford Series</u> (139 Volumes)</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b><u>Family Sets</u> (Prices to be determined)</b>			
Benjamin Yarbrough		John Swanson Yarbrough	
Edmund Yarbrough		Thomas Yarbrough	
Henry Yarbrough		Thomas Griggs Yarbrough	
James Yarbrough		William Yarbrough	
John Yarbrough		Zachariah Yarbrough	
<b>Individual Volumes</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>

Prices and discounts are subject to change without notice. A complete listing of available volumes is shown at <http://www.yarbroughfamily.org/catalog.html>.

There will also be conditions under which discounts will be offered; the table following this section shows the results of these discussions offered — the details for pricing and discounts as well as a preview of all the available volumes are presented in the pages following this report.

However, the work on our scanned volumes has just begun. Most of the volumes require serious editing; we simply did not have the time to do this properly. Furthermore, we simply did not realize that many of the volumes were in such poor shape from their handling at prior conferences. Consideration of this subject led to a revision of the way in which our conferences will be focused in the future. We've already tacitly recognized that we cannot afford annual conferences, and we discussed possible changes of the conference venues. This will likely be a "work in progress" for the next couple of conferences.

The shift in focus of our conferences is also related to our financial health. The past two years has seen several extraordinary expenses; i. e., purchasing of the scanning station, the

expense of re-obtaining our tax exempt status, and the cost of the conference. The conferences are required to be self-supporting, but increased venue costs have mitigated against that. The bottom line is that while we generally operated with an annual balance of \$5,000 – \$7,000, we are now at \$230 as of the end of September 2015.

It goes without saying that the Association will never be the same again. Nevertheless, the focus of our future meeting in/near Raleigh, NC, in 2017, will be on the editing and reorganizing our digital collection so that it can be much easier to use than it presently is. The indexing, while good for most volumes, should be more extensive. There's considerable duplication and overlap of material across a number of the volumes (most of them, in fact). Of course, we still will conduct business meetings, and the opportunity for fellowship with our extended families will still be there. However, we are now really turning our attention to preparing our collective legacies for our descendants. That's a pretty awesome task we have set for ourselves. It requires that we use the conferences as work sessions, and there undoubtedly will be gatherings of a small number of us to attend to elements of this task.

There was other business to address, too. The terms of office for four of our Directors expire at the end of the calendar year (Jim Yarbrough, Hal Yarbrough, Joanne Augspurger, and Leonard Yarbrough) and one had asked to be replaced (Barbara Blanton.) The four incumbents were re-elected, and Dr. John Yarbrough was elected in Mrs. Blanton's place. The banquet was, as usual, a time of conviviality and humor, and Dr. Mark Yarbrough provided a humorous and effective talk on "Words Matter". He closed his talk with what has become the statement of identity for the Association<sup>1</sup>:

"We Yarbroughs represent the character which makes our nation great. While there is little doubt that our roots are from one of the oldest houses of Old England, we in America are yeomanry through and through. We are farmers, craftsmen, merchants, doctors, teachers, clergy, performing artists, civil servants, warriors, and more. Without us and our kind, life as we know it would be considerably different. We believe in our Maker, our family, our country, and ourselves. We do not accept charity from the state; rather, we give to others as much as we can. We do not whine and complain about our lot; we do what we can as best we can. We believe in leaving each place better than when we arrived. Above all, we respect others and welcome them into our lives. We have a strong sense of duty, civic pride, and a firm belief in justice. All in all, we are a good family, and each of us make it so".

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<sup>1</sup> The Yarbrough Family Quarterly, Volume 20, Nr. 2, pg. 10.

## Snapshots from the Conference



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Leonard Yarbrough shows the Person of the Year Award presented by our President Jim Yarbrough.



A Yarbrough branding iron, displayed by owner, Jerry Yarbrough.

## Conference Scenes



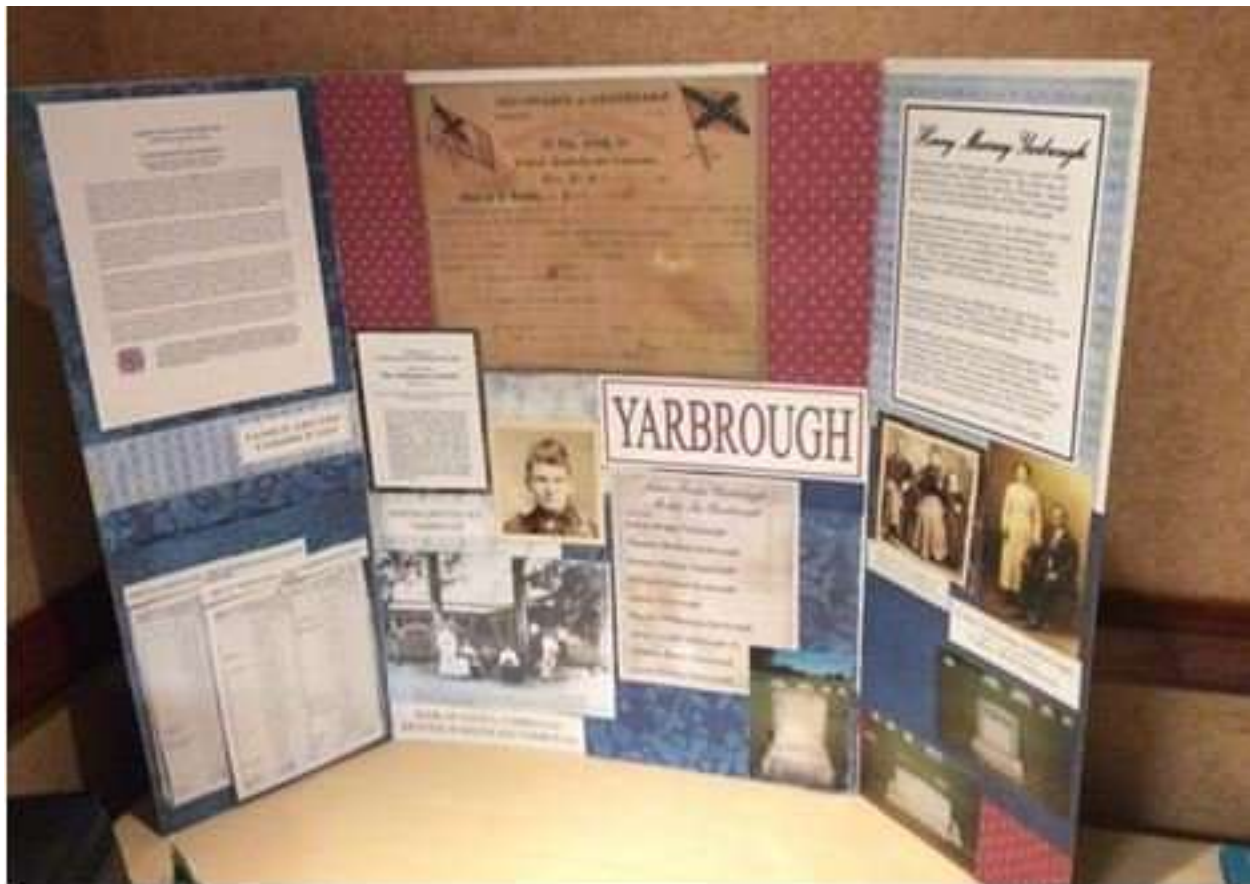
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The banner of titles and the newly bound volumes. This was the last appearance of paper records at a conference.



The Research Room



This table top display greeted conference attendees.





# **Senator Ralph W. Yarborough and President Kennedy's Trip to Texas**

**Clark J. Hickman  
St. Louis, MO**

U.S. Senator Ralph Webster Yarborough (D-TX) was arguably one of the most famous of Yarborough men. The son of Charles Richard (C.R.) Yarborough and Nannie Jane Spears, Ralph Yarborough was born on June 3, 1903 in Chandler, Henderson County, Texas. His grandfather, Harvey Yarbrough, who had married Margaret Ann Miller in 1846, had relocated the family from Sumter County, Alabama in 1848.

He was appointed to the West Point Military Academy in 1919, but only lasted one year before dropping out and returning to Texas where he eventually earned a teaching certificate while, at the same time, completing his college education at Sam Houston State Teacher's College. He then enrolled at the University of Texas at Austin, where he earned his law degree in 1927. He practiced law in El Paso until he was appointed as an assistant attorney general in 1931 by James Allred, the Texas Attorney General, later Governor, and someone who would become a lifelong friend and mentor.

It wasn't long before Ralph gravitated toward public service. It had run in the family with his father active in local politics, and both of his parents active in the Baptist Church management to which they belonged. Aligning himself with the liberal wing of the Texas Democratic Party, Yarborough contemplated a run for Attorney General in 1952, but his efforts were blocked by Governor Allan Shivers, who represented the conservative wing of the Democratic Party. Furious with Shivers, he challenged Shivers in the gubernatorial primaries in 1952 and 1954 and nearly won—having garnered the support from liberal Democrats representing labor unions and other liberal organizations throughout the state. The race was especially nasty, with Yarborough charging Shivers as a traitor for openly endorsing the Republican Eisenhower/Nixon ticket, and Shivers charging Yarborough as an “integrationist” and playing on racial fears accented by the recent 1954 *Brown vs. the Board of Education* Supreme Court ruling. This very hard, and nasty, campaign forever defined Ralph Yarborough firmly in the liberal wing of the Texas Democratic Party.

In 1956, Yarborough tried again to become Governor and ran against U.S. Senator Price Daniel for the nomination, but was again defeated by an organized effort by the conservative wing of the party. Despite being favored to win, Yarborough ended up losing by 9,000 votes, although he and his biographers forever believed that the election was stolen in precincts in eastern Texas where voting irregularities were discovered. In fact, Yarbrough came to believe that he had actually won the election by over 30,000 votes.

Daniel went on to win the 1956 general election, and when he resigned his Senate seat to become Governor, Yarborough filed to fill his seat in a special election. He cruised to victory fairly easily, mostly because his name was already well known from his gubernatorial races. He ran again in 1958 for a full six-year term and won that handily as well.

When he entered the Senate, he was met by Lyndon Johnson, the Senate Majority Leader and fellow Texas Democrat. Johnson, representing the conservative wing of the Democratic Party, was not pleased to see his new junior senator and neither man went out of their way to ingratiate themselves to the other. While they agreed on a few pieces of legislation (only some of the liberal ones), Johnson used his powerful position as Majority Leader to squash most bills that Ralph introduced. Johnson also called on his close friendship with House Speaker Sam Rayburn to insure that any measure Ralph introduced in the Senate would be killed in the House as well. By 1960, relations between Johnson and Yarborough were so fractured that Yarborough refused to endorse Johnson's candidacy for the 1960 Democratic presidential nomination. He had quietly maneuvered himself into the Kennedy camp, believing that his colleague from Massachusetts was more aligned with liberal philosophies than was Johnson. This lack of endorsement was both embarrassing and humiliating for Johnson. To have his junior senator from his own state not endorse his candidacy was unforgivable. By the time Texas was choosing delegates to the Democratic National Convention, Johnson engineered with his close ally and former staffer, John Connolly, that Senator Yarborough would not be elected as a delegate. Not being a delegate at his own party's convention in 1960 was as embarrassing and humiliating for Yarborough as Yarborough's lack of endorsement for Johnson was for him.

With the 1964 presidential election on the horizon, President Kennedy realized that he needed to do something to quell these animosities between Johnson, Connolly, and Yarborough. The Democratic Party in Texas was being torn apart by two strong wings on the opposite end of the political spectrum: The conservative wing, represented by newly-elected Governor John Connolly and Connolly ally, Vice President Lyndon Johnson; and the liberal wing, represented by Senator Ralph Yarborough, and his supporters in labor unions, and newly enfranchised black voters and civil rights leaders. Kennedy believed that to win in 1964, he needed to carry Texas, and he couldn't do that with a Party in rebellion against itself. He also toyed with the idea of removing Johnson from the ticket. That could make Texas less important, and all the political drama there would not swirl around his Vice President. Moreover, the two didn't particularly like each other anyway, and there were rumblings of an emerging scandal surrounding Johnson involving his close protégé Bobby Baker. In short, Texas had to get in line and if Johnson was going to remain on the ticket, the philosophical divides in the Lone Star State needed to be bridged.

It is against this backdrop, then, that President Kennedy and his advisors devised a 3-day swing through Texas for November 21-23, 1963. Lots of parades, lots of dinners, public appearances, shaking hands, and as Lyndon Johnson used to say, "pressing the flesh." Everyone would come: the President, Senator Yarborough, Governor Connolly, and Vice President Johnson. Never mind that none of them could stand one another: They had to put on a show and convince the public (if not themselves) that they were on the same team, charging off in the same direction. Kennedy even talked his wife Jackie into coming. She initially resisted the idea because she hated campaign tours, and because she was recovering from the loss of their infant son, Patrick, three months before. But, Kennedy convinced her that she was the strongest campaign tool they had, and Texas was going to be tough. Feeling somewhat guilty about missing so many public appearances already in 1963, she reluctantly agreed to go.

Planning for such a trip should be routine—the White House coordinates with elected officials of the state visited, and arrangements are planned. This is especially easy when the Governor, Senators, and President/Vice President are all from the same party. However, nothing was routine with a trip this tricky. The offices of Johnson, Yarborough and Connolly could not have been more difficult. Even who would sit with whom in the motorcades could not be agreed upon. Johnson and Connolly engineered to have Yarborough removed from the guest list at a reception at the Governor’s mansion; Yarborough was removed from the head table at an Austin dinner scheduled for the evening of November 22. Yarborough, for his part, insisted on not being placed in either man’s limousine and, at times, refused to appear on stage together at public events. Kennedy had to personally intervene to get Yarborough’s place at these events re-established and also reached out to his friend (remembering that Yarborough supported him for the nomination three years before) to accompany him on *Air Force One* back and forth to Texas. Yarborough agreed, and Kennedy felt a bit of relief knowing that he would at least get the three men all in the same state together—their own state! All of this drama involving grown men of his own party, coupled with the fact that his ambassador to the United Nations, Adlai Stevenson, had been attacked in Dallas the previous month, made Kennedy quip to his secretary as he was leaving the White House for Texas, “Well, we’re off to nutsville.”

Being irritated by the fact that he needed to personally intervene in something so routine and mundane as seating arrangements at banquets, President Kennedy began to wonder, enroute to Texas, whether his attempt to heal with bitter rift would succeed—or backfire. Unfortunately, the first leg of the trip confirmed Kennedy’s worst fears. In San Antonio, Senator Yarborough was assigned to sit in Vice President and Lady Bird Johnson’s car for a jubilant motorcade through downtown San Antonio. Yarborough refused to be in the same car as the Vice President, instead choosing to sit in the car of an obscure congressman representing San Antonio. Johnson, angered and embarrassed, sent his Secret Service Agent, Ralph Youngblood, over to Yarborough’s car insisting he join the Johnson’s. Twice Yarborough refused, and the motorcade departed with Yarborough happily waving to the crowd, while Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson rode awkwardly alone in their limousine. Johnson’s anger turned to humiliation.

That night, the entourage flew to Ft. Worth where the next day, Friday, November 22, was going to be a busy day with breakfast in Ft. Worth, a motorcade and luncheon in Dallas, and then off to Austin for a dinner and spending the night at the LBJ Ranch. By the time he arrived in Ft. Worth, Kennedy knew this trip was not going well. Yarborough’s snub of Johnson was “off-script” and damaging. The President summoned his advisors and they all agreed that the best they could do was “get through this” and get back to Washington on Saturday. The order went out: Friday had to be different. The “show of unity” that Kennedy had come to Texas to demonstrate had to occur.



Kennedy awoke on Friday morning in a foul mood. One of the first things he saw was the banner headline in the *Dallas Morning News*, YARBOROUGH SNUBS LBJ. Kennedy was furious. He had wanted the headlines to be about his trip and the unity of Texas Democrats. Connolly and Johnson were mortified—they had brought the President to Texas as a show of



*Friday morning, November 22, 1963. President Kennedy addresses a group outside of the Hotel Texas in Ft. Worth before departing for Dallas. A smiling Senator Ralph Yarborough is seen over Kennedy's left shoulder, standing next to a glum Governor John Connolly and to Connolly's left, a glum Vice President Johnson. Little in this photograph hints at the irritation President Kennedy*

strength, not to expose the Party rift to the public. Johnson, particularly, *had* to prove to the President that he could lead his own Party in his own state if he had any chance of remaining on the ticket in 1964. Yarborough, for his part, did not appear outwardly phased by the headline—he appeared on the platform in front of the Hotel Texas in Ft. Worth with Kennedy, Johnson, and Connolly smiling and waving while the others looked glum. He *had*, after all, snubbed Johnson—and quite deliberately. At least *someone* noticed.

Kennedy's irritation continued to rise throughout the morning as one glitch after another occurred. It was overcast and drizzling, prompting the Secret Service to plan to install the protective bubbletop on the presidential car for the motorcade, which he hated. Then, Mrs. Kennedy was not on schedule and he had to make apologies for her absence ("she takes longer to organize herself, but she looks better than we do when she does"). At the Ft. Worth Chamber of Commerce breakfast, a dignitary violated Kennedy etiquette by offering him a cowboy hat, and then insisted he try it on. A visibly irritated Kennedy awkwardly quipped that "if you come to the White House on Monday, I'll try it on then" and then handed it off to an aid



*One of the few pictures that exist of the Johnson-Yarborough car during the Dallas motorcade. Lady Bird had given up trying to break the tension, and the two men were trying their best to ignore each other.*

(Kennedy despised hats, never wore one, and would never allow himself to be photographed in one—regardless of the occasion).

Between the headlines, the continuing tensions, his wife's tardiness, and the hat incident, by the time Kennedy got back to *Air Force One* for his short flight to Dallas, he was fit to be tied. His anger boiled over to close-by aids, including Mary Gallagher, the First Lady's personal secretary. As they were being seated for take-off, Senator Yarborough, who was accompanying the party on the plane to Dallas, let it be known that he would again not sit in the Johnson car as he was slated to do. When Kennedy heard this, he'd had enough. He pulled an aid aside, pointed his finger, and yelled "If Ralph doesn't get in that car with Lyndon, then he can *walk* to the luncheon!" The message was conveyed to Senator Yarborough, who relented and agreed to join the Johnsons in their car, as much as he hated the idea.

During the short 15-minute flight, Kennedy received some good news from the crew: The clouds had broken and Dallas was going to be warm and sunny. "Good," Kennedy told them. "Tell the agents to get rid of the car-top so we can ride without it."

The Johnson-Yarborough car was the fourth car in the Dallas motorcade. The first car was the lead/police car, followed by the presidential car carrying the President and Mrs. Kennedy and the Governor and Mrs. Connolly. Following them was a Secret Service car, followed by the Johnson/Yarborough car. Johnson strategically placed Lady Bird in the middle between them. Lady Bird, known for her southern charm, was gracious and experienced in breaking icy tensions. True to form, she began making animated small talk, trying to engage her husband and Senator Yarborough. Lyndon Johnson stared straight ahead; Senator Yarborough either ignored her or grunted one-word responses. Before the motorcade had even left the airport tarmac, she'd given up.

For the duration of the motorcade, they continued to ignore each other, instead choosing to acknowledge and wave to people on their own side of the car lining the route. As the motorcade pulled through Dealey Plaza, all of that changed. When the shots were fired, Yarborough later recounted how he instinctively knew they were rifle fire—from his training at West Point, as well as his experience as a hunter. He remembered them coming from above and slightly behind him—from the Texas School Book Depository Building. He, Johnson and Lady Bird were pushed to the floor of the car by Secret Service agents as they sped toward Parkland Hospital behind the presidential limousine. He later recounted to the press the vivid "smell of gunpowder in our nostrils all the way to the hospital." Throughout the remainder of his life, he was convinced that Lee Harvey Oswald was a lone-wolf gunman firing from the Depository.

Suddenly, Party divisions seems minor compared to the magnitude of what had just happened. The following day, Saturday, November 23, Senator Yarborough placed a call to Lyndon Johnson at the White House—a recording and transcript of it exists at the Johnson Presidential Library in Austin. The call lasted under a minute, but it changed their relationship forever. In it, Yarborough expressed his support of Johnson, offered any assistance Johnson might want, and offered concern for the new President as he assumed presidential responsibilities. For his part, Johnson was outwardly gracious, and the call meant more to Johnson than Yarborough knew. Johnson was trying to consolidate power and legitimize his

ascension, and *any* friendly word of support and cooperation was welcomed, whether it was sincere or not.

Johnson was quick to follow up on Yarborough's olive branch. Within the first month, Johnson had him over for a private swim—just the two of them—in the White House pool, and he and Lady Bird paid a social call on him and his wife, Opal, at their Austin home that Christmas on their way to their Ranch outside Austin.

During the five years of the Johnson presidency, their friendship and partnership grew. Johnson found a willing and powerful advocate in the Senate, as Johnson moved to the left and promoted civil rights legislation that Kennedy had proposed. They also found common ground, and proved to be powerful allies, in other landmark Great Society legislation, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Voting Rights Act and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the War on Poverty, and the formation of Medicare and Medicaid. By the time Johnson left the Presidency in 1969, he and Yarborough had gone from not even being able to be civil in each other's presence, to strong political allies, bounded by mutual admiration, affection, and respect.

Three days before Lyndon Johnson left office, Senator Yarborough wrote him a final letter between Senator and President. It's a letter of congratulations and praise for a successful presidency and is currently prominently displayed in a case in the Johnson Presidential Library and Museum in Austin. Their relationship had gone full-circle, from hatred to affection and respect.

Yarborough's tenure in public life would end the next year, when he was upset in the Democratic primary by Congressman Lloyd Bentsen. Yarborough had assumed he'd be the nominee and had focused his attention in the primary against Congressman (and later President) George H.W. Bush. Bentsen was able to convince voters that Yarborough was too liberal for Texas and played on then-present fears of social unrest and Yarborough's opposition to the Vietnam War. Bentsen went on to defeat Bush in the general election. Yarborough then tried, in 1972, to unseat incumbent Republican Senator John Tower, but lost a narrow primary fight to U.S. Attorney Barefoot Sanders. After this defeat, Yarborough retired from public life and never again sought elective office.

Despite forming a friendship and becoming an ally with President Johnson, Yarborough never did repair his relationship with Governor Connolly and there's little evidence that he even tried. This would have been made even more difficult after Connolly agreed to become Treasury Secretary under President Nixon. In later years, Connolly tried to minimize any tensions between the two by telling a Houston reporter in 1992 that "we never really feuded" and "never said a cross word to one another." Connolly even nominated Yarborough as an Outstanding Alumnus recipient for the University of Texas Law School. Yet, these public comments about each other were rare, and were usually in the context of larger recognition ceremonies. Their philosophical differences would have been difficult to bridge.



RALPH W. YARBOROUGH  
UNITED STATES SENATE  
January 17, 1969

The Honorable Lyndon Johnson  
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

It is difficult to realize how the days ahead will be when you leave next Monday after more than five years in the White House.

These years of fabulous accomplishment in the fields of education, health, and conservation, so tremendous as to be without precedent in a similar period of time, have taken the breath of the country away.

It has been an inspiring thing in these years to know that when I made a recommendation to the White House for better health, for better medical care, for better hospitalization, for better conservation, it was always favorably received, and implementation was given, if the money could be found.

As you leave to go back to our native state, you can leave with the pride of achievement, sound in the knowledge that your Administration will rank among those high in the record of accomplishment of American Presidents. Only after you have left the White House will the people realize how greatly they will miss the voice of progress that has been pushing this nation for more than five years.

We will miss you. We will miss the drive in the White House. We will miss our Texas style which you embodied.

Enclosed is a copy of the remarks that I made on the Senate floor this morning. They are entirely inadequate, but we will supplement them in the days and weeks and months ahead.

God bless you and your family and keep you in good health and happiness.

Very sincerely,  
*Ralph W. Yarborough*

*Letter from Senator Ralph Yarborough to President Lyndon Johnson, Jan. 17, 1969.  
(Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library & Museum, Austin, TX.)*

In his later years, Yarborough became more and more interested in his family's history. Even though he continually credited his sister with being "the family historian," he himself took an active interest in his genealogy. A member of the Yarbrough National Genealogy and Historical Association for many years, he even keynoted one of the organization's annual conferences. In 1996, he passed away in his beloved Austin at the age of 93. He was buried in the Texas State Cemetery, close to his party rivals Allan Shivers and John Connolly. His wife, Opal Warren Yarborough, joined him in death in 2002 at the age of 99. They only had one son, Richard, who unexpectedly died of arthritis and infections in 1986. Richard left a wife, Ann, and three children: Claire, Elizabeth, and Jefferson.

For those interested in knowing more about Ralph W. Yarborough, Patrick Cox published (in 2001) a definitive biography, *Ralph W. Yarborough: The People's Senator* through University of Texas Press. This work, with a Foreword by Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), chronicles the life and times of Ralph Yarborough from his birth, through the ups and downs of his careers, until his death



## In Memoriam



### **Doreen Johnson Yarbrough –**

Mrs. Doreen Johnson Yarbrough died peacefully at her home of 68 years in Durham on Monday, September 14, 2015, just five and a half months shy of her 100th birthday.

Victoria Doreen Johnson was born during World War I in England, February 28, 1916 to Stuart and Marjorie Johnson of Henshall Hall, Congleton, Cheshire. After graduating from St. James Boarding School in Malvern, England where she was captain of the tennis and lacrosse teams, she completed her education at the Sorbonne University in Paris, France. Doreen was an accomplished tennis player from a young age and competed at the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament for three years. She was an avid equestrian and a member of the Cheshire Hunt Club. At the age of eighteen, Doreen was presented at Court to King George V and Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace.



Doreen began her long life of dedicated service to her community and country during World War II. As a sergeant in the British Women's Auxiliary Air Force in the Bomber Command Division on the east coast of England, she performed classified duties in the control tower. During this time, Doreen met Captain Edwin S. Yarbrough, Jr. of Durham, who was stationed in England while serving in the Quartermaster Corps of the United States Army. The Bishop of Chester married them on June 30, 1945 at Astbury Church, her hometown church built in 1066. Following her marriage, Doreen was presented at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

In October 1946, Doreen and her infant daughter Victoria "Vickie" bravely immigrated to the United States on the maiden voyage of the refurbished Queen Elizabeth I, used to transport troops during the war. The Yarbroughs reunited in Durham and settled in one of the original homes in Hope Valley. Doreen became a naturalized US citizen in 1949 and embraced her new homeland with patriotic spirit.

Doreen was a dedicated and loving wife, mother of six, grandmother of eighteen, and great-grandmother of sixteen. Doreen was an avid advocate and supporter of the Durham County Public Schools and an instrumental volunteer at Hope Valley Elementary School, Sherwood Githens Middle School and Charles E. Jordan High School. At Jordan High School, she founded and coached the girls' tennis team with her daughters' participation and won a state high school championship. Doreen was a charter member of Epworth United Methodist Church. With public kindergartens nonexistent, she founded a kindergarten at Epworth and was chairman of its board for ten years. Doreen also taught Sunday school and joyfully served as a Girl Scout leader for many years.

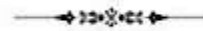
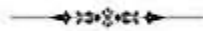
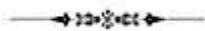
Throughout her life, Doreen traveled extensively and experienced different cultures around the world. She remained intellectually curious, was an avid computer user, and participated in a wide variety of classes offered throughout the community. Gardening and bridge were life-long interests. Doreen was a member of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church, the Up-to-Date Club, Hope Valley Garden Club and a life member of the Garden Club of North Carolina. She was a former member of the Junior League and Hope Valley Country Club.

Her husband, Edwin S. Yarbrough, Jr., preceded Doreen in death in 1976. She is survived by her six children: Victoria “Vickie” Y. Atwater and husband Charles of Durham, Edwin S. Yarbrough III and wife Leigh of Durham, Stuart J. Yarbrough and wife Mary of Summit, NJ, Marjorie Y. Burton and husband Dr. Claude Burton of Chapel Hill, Dr. Emily Y. Condon and husband Charles of Sullivan’s Island, SC, and Anne Y. Grubel and husband Dr. Paul Grubel of Baltimore, MD.

Eighteen grandchildren survive her: Caroline Atwater Ryan (Jason) of Jackson Hole, WY, Charlie Atwater (Tracy) and Sarah Atwater Benson (Aram) and Edwin Yarbrough IV (Sarah) all of Durham, Christina Yarbrough LeLiever (Jamie) of Raleigh, Andrew Yarbrough (fiancée Jane) of Durham, Todd Yarbrough of Knotts Island, NC, Emily Yarbrough Weinstein (Todd) and Margaret Yarbrough Hancock (Frank) of Midlothian, VA, Kate and Will Yarbrough of Summit, NJ, Claude Burton IV of Sao Paulo, Brazil, Ella Burton (Adem Cengiz) of Brooklyn, NY, Melanie Burton (fiancé Michael) of San Diego, CA, Charles Condon (Ashley) and Patrick Condon (Morgan) of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and Doreen and Elliot Condon of Sullivan’s Island, SC. Sixteen great-grandchildren also survive her. Her younger siblings, one brother and two sisters, in England preceded her in death.

Doreen always lived life to the fullest, was loved by many, and had a long and productive life. The family greatly appreciates the wonderful medical care provided by David Rendall PA, Dr. Christopher O’Connor and Dr. Douglas Schocken.

A Memorial Service was held Saturday, September 26, at 11 AM at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church followed by a reception at the church. Memorials may be made to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church, [dukememorial.org](http://dukememorial.org), or to Senior PharmAssist, [seniorpharmassist.org](http://seniorpharmassist.org), or to a charity of choice.



**Peggy Sue Yarbrough Durham** – Peggy Sue Yarbrough Durham, age 53 of Waverly, AL, passed away Saturday, March 15, 2014. A graveside service was held Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at Peachtree Memorial Park, Norcross, GA. Mrs. Durham was preceded by her husband, Jerry L. Durham. She is survived by her father, Robert C. “Bob” Yarbrough<sup>2</sup> of Duluth, GA; her mother Mabel H. Landry of Waverly, AL; two brothers, H. Clyde Yarbrough of Buford, GA, and James L. Yarbrough of Charlotte, NC; two daughters, Cristina Johnson of Bethlehem, GA, and Brandy Powell of Winter Springs, FL; and seven grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to a favorite charity.

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<sup>2</sup> Bob Yarbrough is a long time YNGHA member, and we offer our belated and heartfelt condolences to Bob and his family. – Leonard Yarbrough

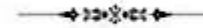
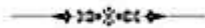
## Matthew Yarbrough

Matthew “Matt” Yarbrough age 25 of Arkadelphia died Saturday, July 5, 2008. Born October 8, 1982 in Monroe, LA the son of James and Patricia Wiese Yarbrough, Matthew was a 2001 graduate of Arkadelphia High School. He also attended Ouachita Baptist University and University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Frank and Jeffries Yarbrough and his maternal grandfather Richard Wiese.



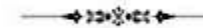
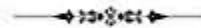
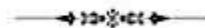
He is also survived by two brothers Jimmy Yarbrough and his wife Nancy of Missouri City, TX and Tim Yarbrough of Fayetteville, his maternal grandmother Florence Richards and her husband James of Bella Vista, AR, one niece, Ellie Kate Yarbrough of Missouri City, TX

Funeral services were July 9, 2008 in the Third Street Baptist Church in Arkadelphia with Steve Patterson officiating. Burial was in Rest Haven Memorial Gardens



## Ralph Yarbro

Ralph Yarbro, 86, of Memphis, passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2015. He was a member of Bethel Church. Mr. Yarbro, the beloved husband of Mary Sue Yarbro for 67 years, is also survived by a daughter, Patti Beasley of Hernando, MS; a son, Bob (Kay) Yarbro of Bartlett, TN; brother, J.L. Yarbro of Covington, TN; ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Larry and Mike Yarbro; four sisters, Ruth Middleton, Dorothy Reeves, Nancy Daugherty and Joyce Sartain and a brother, Eugene Yarbro. Visitation was October 3 at Memphis Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens. Funeral services were held October 4<sup>th</sup> at the funeral home with interment in Memorial Gardens. Memorial gifts may be made to either Bethel Church (Bartlett) or the [Alzheimer's Association](#).



## Joan Yarboro

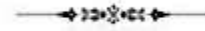
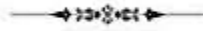
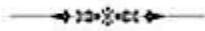
Joan Yarboro, 90, of Sedalia, died Sunday, September 20, 2015 at Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center. Graveside services were held September 24, 2015 at Crown Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Sisney officiating. Visitation was at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel. Memorial donations are suggested to the [Alzheimer's Association](#), in care of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel.

Born February 18, 1925 in Sedalia, Joan was the daughter of the late Clay and Selma Leicher Leftwich. She was united in marriage to Bill F. Yarboro, who preceded her in



death on July 16, 1996. She is survived by a daughter, Jean Smith (Scott) of Sedalia; a sister, Mary Caroline White (Fred) of Kansas City, MO; two grandchildren, Amy Smith (Zack) and Kelli Wagenknecht (James); and three great-grandchildren, Alex, Hayden and Spencer.

She was also preceded in death by a son Kimball F. Yarboro; a brother John C. "Jack" Leftwich; and a sister, Christine Metheney. Joan was a graduate of Smith-Cotton High School and the Sedalia Business College. She was a member of First Baptist Church. She loved her family and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



## **William Nealy Yarbrough<sup>3</sup>**

**From Volume 11 of The Blandford Series of Yarbrough Family Records**

William Nealy Yarbrough was born in Alabama about 1830. His father was from Tennessee and his mother from South Carolina. His wife, Mary E. Lewis, was born in Alabama about 1835. She was the daughter of Bennie Lewis of Tennessee. Her mother was also born in Tennessee, but we do not know her name. William and Mary apparently married in Alabama and came to Texas by way of Arkansas. Their oldest child, William B., was born there about 1855. By about 1857 they were somewhere in Texas because their next child, Sarah, was born in Texas, as were the remainder of their children, including Amanda, Joseph, Nathan, Robert, and Osscelan.

They traveled by covered wagon to Texas. They possibly lived in Milam County around Cameron when they first came to Texas. They settled in Limestone County between 1870 and 1880 according to the census. They later went back to Cameron for a visit, and on the return trip Nealy became ill from an apparent heart attack. The family tried to get a doctor, but he died almost instantly.

The kind people found a vacant house for Nealy's family and set up beds for them to stay. Nealy was buried there. This possibly took place around 1880 to 1883.

The family then came back to the community of Old Union in Limestone County. They stayed with Mary Yarbrough's brother, Macadja (Cade) Lewis on the old Reeves place until they could get settled on their property, which is still known today as "The Yarbrough Field". They bought this property which is located southeast of the Union school house adjoining the property now owned by M. P. (Babe) Yarbrough. After a few short years they moved to Buffalo Gap in Taylor County near Abilene, Texas. Joseph, being the oldest, assumed the responsibilities as head of the household. They herded sheep for a living.

We do not know anything else about their travels after that: however, they eventually came back to Old Union. Mary died there from blood poisoning in the foot caused from

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<sup>3</sup> Volume 11, (William) Benjamin Yarbrough, ca 1800, Henry Co., TN, pp 82 – 89, author unknown.



stepping on a tack. She is buried in the Union cemetery along with at least three of her children - Bill, Ellie, & Sally.

Nathan Earl Yarbrough, fifth child of Mary & Nealy Yarbrough, was born in Milam County, Texas, September 18, 1873. At the age of six he was in Limestone County as listed on the 1880 census.

He was apparently a happy, lively, inquisitive person, even though the family suffered many trials and hardships. An example of this was an incident that occurred after his father's death when the family lived on "the Yarbrough Field". They lived in a house with a dirt floor. One night some of their pigs broke out of the pen and tried to root under the kitchen door. Nathan picked up a piece of stove wood and threw it in the dark-ness, striking a pig and killing it. Fearing the consequences, he dragged the pig deep into the woods and hid it. He never told of the incident until he was a grown man.

Another example of his ability to love and appreciate life was shown by the fact that he found pleasure even in work. While herding sheep at Buffalo Gap, he found time to chase rabbits and prairie dogs.

Another time, during his teenage years, he was hunting with several friends. Their dogs treed a small wildcat. The others climbed the tree to scare the cat out. They told Nathan to put his hat over the cat when it jumped to the ground. Instead, the cat landed in his arms. He covered it with his hat as he was told. The dogs were running and barking around him. When he realized that he actually had the cat in his arms, he removed the hat. The cat was so scared 'he was staring wide-eyed and meek and as gentle as a kitten. He took it home and raised it as a pet.

Nathan had very little formal education. He attended school in the community of Independence in Limestone County. He estimated that he attained the equivalent of the sixth or seventh grade because he studied Texas History; his thirst for knowledge never ended, and he continued always to study and educate himself. He seemed to be blessed with natural wisdom. He was reared as a member of the Church of Christ and lived for some time during his teenage years with Malcolm Smith, and they did church work together. At some time during the time that he lived in Limestone County, he met the girl he would someday marry.

He moved to Navarro County during his late teens. At the age of twenty he returned to Limestone County and married Delilah Angeline Cox, grand-daughter of Thomas and Patsy Cox.

We know nothing about Thomas and Patsy except that he was born in Missouri in approximately 1818. She was born in Tennessee. Aunt Tex Cox remembers Patsy telling about going to the spring for water and worrying about Indiana attacking her. She said they held the reins of their horses through the Windows at night to keep the Indians from stealing them.

Obadiah Cox was born February 17, 1841, in Arkansas. He was a Mason and of Methodist faith. His first wife, Angeline Glover, was born February 4, 1842, in Tennessee, the daughter of a wagon maker, William Glover and his wife, Frances, also from Tennessee. She bore him three children and died February 17, 1870, at the age of 28. Obadiah then married the sister of his first wife, Eliza E. Glover, who was born December 17, 1847. She also bore Obadiah several children. Obadiah served in the Civil War, but we do not know where. His wife, Eliza, received a pension after he died on June 9, 1914, from cancer of the throat.

Eliza died November 18, 1926, from a heart attack. She had been a widow for twelve years at the time of her death and was living with her son, Bass Obadiah Cox.

Obadiah is buried in the Cox Cemetery between the graves of his two wives. The graves of an infant son and nineteen year old son are there also. The inscription on the tomb of Obadiah reads, "Farewell my wife and children, all. Your father, Christ doth call. Mourn not for me; it is in vain to call me to your sight a-gain." The inscription on Eliza's tomb reads, "Dear Mother, tho we miss you much, we know you rest with God."

Obadiah and Eliza owned several acres of land around the old Cox home place. Obadiah donated' the land for the Cox Cemetery where they are buried. He sold most of the remainder of his land to various people. He sold the land now known as the Nathan Yarbrough home place to his son, Cale.

Obadiah's other children were James, John, Jessie, William (Lee), B. Obadiah, Mary J., Maggie, Rosie, Edie, and Delilah Angeline Cox. Delilah Angeline Cox (usually called Annie) was born September 9, 1878, in Limestone County, Texas, in the Old union community on the Old Cox home place. She was the eighth child of Obadiah Cox and the fifth child born to Eliza and Obadiah. She lived in the Old Union community until the time of her marriage. Nothing much is known of her life until that time.

Nathan Earl Yarbrough and Delilah Angeline were married August 17, 1894. Nathan was twenty years old, and Annie was fifteen. Nathan lived in Navarro County at the time. He came to Old Union to get Annie in a covered Wagon. His brother, Bill, a widower, came with him. Bill was getting married for the second time to Elizabeth Cox (Obadiah's sister). The Justice of the Peace came out and married both couples in the wagon.

They stayed with Obadiah and Eliza Cox for a while, then they returned to Powell, Texas, in Navarro County. Their first three children were born there. Alva Emma was born May 14, 1896. Orien Gertrude was born January 25, 1899. The weather was very cold and snow was everywhere when she was born. They had no wood for the fire, so Nathan went to hunt some. He found someone else's wood already cut and stacked and took a wagon load. This was very unusual for a man of Nathan's character.

Their third child, Cecil Wade, was born November 16, 1901. When Cecil (Bud) was two years old, which would be about 1903, Nathan moved his family to Oklahoma. Nathan's brothers, Bill and Joe Yarbrough, and their families and Nathan's brother-in-law, Sid

Clark, and his family all travelled in three or four wagons on the trip to Oklahoma. They traveled in the fall of the year, and it was very cold.

Cecil (Bud) was only two years old, but he drove the family wagon all the way from Navarro County to Ravig, Oklahoma, near Chickasha. Ravig was a very small place. Nathan farmed there for about a year and worked at the sawmill some. They had some Indian neighbors who came to visit quite often. The Indians spoke both English and their native tongue. Annie was never at ease with them because she thought they were plotting to kill her when they were speaking in Indian.

Nathan and Annie had two children born in Oklahoma. Melvin Percy was born March 2, 1904. He later became known as Baby Percy and then later just Babe, which he is still called today. Once, when Cecil was thinning corn, Melvin stuck his head under Cecil's hoe, and was practically beheaded. Cecil (Bud) was only two years old, but he drove the family's wagon all the way from Navarro County to Ravig, Oklahoma, near Chickasha. Ravig was a very small place. Nathan farmed there for about a year and worked at the sawmill some. They had some Indian neighbors who came to visit quite often. The Indians spoke both English and their native tongue. Annie was never at ease with them because she thought they were plotting to kill her when they were speaking in Indian.

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Nathan and Annie's fifth child, Clifford Eugene, was born September 17, 1907. He lived less than a month and died October 1, 1907. He was buried there in Oklahoma.

In approximately 1908, the Yarbrough family returned to Limestone County by train. They moved to the old Preacher Reeves place where their sixth child, Mary Edith Lavelle, was born on July 8, 1909. She said that the only thing she could remember about her childhood was that she was a very pretty child. Gertrude was ten years old at the time Edith was born and had to wash her diapers, a chore Gertrude greatly detested and never let Edith forget.

The family then moved to the Uncle Jim Cox place across Dooley Creek. Their seventh child, Vivian Oden, was born there on January 11, 1911. She was later nicknamed Pad because of the way she padded so loud across the floor in her bare feet.

They then moved to the Uncle Hughes Henderson place about one fourth mile from the church house. Here, Inith Ernaline, their eighth child, was born on July 7, 1914. Inith had very bad leg aches as a child, and her mother had to rub them for her every night so that she could sleep...

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<sup>4</sup> Babe Yarbrough died March 7, 1965, Grosbeck, TX, from a self-inflicted gun shot (accident.)

When Millicent Hazel, their ninth child, was born, Nathan and Annie were living with Obadiah and Eliza on the Old Cox home place. She was born on April 10, 1917, during World War I.

They purchased the property now known as the Nathan Yarbrough home place on October 9, 1917, from Cael T. and Jennie Cox (Annie's brother and sister-in-law). Cael had purchased the property from his father, Obadiah Coax, for the sum of \$315 in 1910. The deed was signed by Obadiah Cox and Eliza Cox, who could only sign with an X, as she could neither read nor write. Nathan and Annie bought the event- five acres for \$115 (\$15 per acre). They paid \$225 deposit. Edith has possession of the original deed.

They lived with Eliza for a while after they bought the property. After Hazel was born, they moved to their house they had built just below the present Cecil Yarbrough home. They lived there until they built the house now known the Yarbrough home place in 1936.

The family spent many happy years as the children all grew to be young men and women. There are some very interesting and humorous stories told by various ones. Edith said she was so mean that she stunk. She also told of hoeing watermelons while Vivian held an umbrella over her head. She was very sensitive about her slip showing. When they started anywhere, if her slip showed the least bit, she threw a fit and would get so upset that her mother would get upset, and everybody had to stay home.

Once Edith and Cleo Cox (Aunt Tex's daughter) climbed a barn with a steep roof. It had been raining and the roof was slick. They slipped and tried to hold on. Cleo grabbed the top of the roof, and Edith held on to Cleo's foot. As if that was not enough, along came a scorpion. They started screaming, and Nathan heard them. He said if they had been boys, he would have left them up there, but he had a soft touch for the girls and got them a ladder.

Hazel, being the youngest of the family, was left to play alone because the other children had other interests. She played in the corn field and called all the corn stalks different people.

Nathan was very active in civic and church affairs. He was a trustee of the Old Union school and then of the Oletha school after they consolidated. He had gone to singing schools held by various teachers that came to the community during his younger years. He became an excellent singer and leader in the Church of Christ. He traveled to various communities singing for church meetings. He also conducted many singing schools. On a number of occasions he had to break up fights between the boys who came.

He was loved and praised by everyone who knew him as a wise and fair-minded man. An example of his attitude toward mankind was the occasion when some young men stole some of his chickens. He found out who they were and went to talk to them. He told the boys if they would just pay him for the chickens that would be the end of it. They paid him and never stole another chicken from him.

On another occasion he saw some boys going into his watermelon patch to steal some watermelons. He went down to the patch and found the boys with a green melon burst on the ground. He told them that he knew where there was a ripe one. He cut the ripe melon, and they all had a feast. He told them if they ever wanted a watermelon again, just to ask, and he would give all they could eat. Needless ion say, they did not rob his patch again.

One night he was eating supper before going to church. He was in a hurry. He was eating a piece of pie and complained of the crust being very tough. Anne noticed that he was eating the paper pie plate as well as the pie.

Nathan was a farmer by trade, and also had an orchard of beautiful peach and pear trees. These trees grew and flourished until the summer before his death when the heat and dry weather killed them. His orchard was profitable to him, as well as delight to his children and grandchildren.

Annie Yarbrough was a very kind and gentle lady. She reared her family with a firm but loving hand. She loved flowers and had one of the prettiest yards in the community at the time of her death. Her favorite was roses, and she had a beautiful rose garden. She would go to the woods and bring back leaves for her flower beds. She was a very quiet, reserved person in contrast to the lively nature of Nathan.

Nathan and Annie lived very happily until August 8, 1943, when Annie departed this life. She had a heart attack about a week before her death. She seemed to be doing better on the morning she died, but had another attack. She was 65 years of age. Nathan lived alone for a while, and he married Annie's sister, Mary. She was also the widow of Nathan's brother, Joe Yarbrough.

Mary and Nathan had a gratifying and comforting companionship in their aging years. Only at the age *{illegible}* Mary also died of a heart attack. Nathan stayed on at the home place, even though he had suffered a stroke that had partially paralyzed him. His daughter, Edith, and her family came to live with him and take care of him. He later suffered another stroke which almost completely paralyzed him. He was never able to talk again. He could, however, pick up a song book and sing from it until a third stroke took his life on November 5, 1952.

The Yarbrough property was divided among the children. Edith bought the property surrounding the home place from the rest of the children, and Cecil bought all the cultivated land.

As of this date, August 28, 1962, the living descendants of Nathan and Annie Yarbrough are as follows: six children, thirty grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren, and *{illegible}* great, great, grandchildren.

We, the descendants of the Nathan Yarbrough family, gather together every Labor Day weekend to join our hearts and minds together in love and thanksgiving in memory of those who gifted us with our great heritage. To them we are forever thankful that we are "A Yarbrough".

## The Story Behind The Portrait

By all accounts, Doc Yarbrough, son of James Archibald Yarbrough, was a remarkable and well-loved gentleman, as illustrated by the following account<sup>5</sup>. Rusty Moore, our conference host, sent me a copy of this portrait, which ultimately led me to this story.

“Throughout the entire season, the motto of West High's basketball team was ‘All the way for Doc.’ It was a motto in reference to beloved principal [W.H.] Doc Yarbrough, who was retiring after the year. During the state tournament, doctors ordered Yarbrough to stay home because of a heart condition. But in the end Yarbrough could not resist the urge to be with his school's team when they needed him the most.

“As Yarbrough sat at home listening to legendary broadcaster Larry Munson call the state championship game, he grew more and more antsy by the minute as the seconds ticked off and West's state title hopes looked less likely.

“West trailed 23-12 in the second period and 35-32 at the start of the fourth quarter. It was during the third quarter that Yarbrough made up his mind that he had to be at the gym on this snowy night to support his school. His arrival at the start of the fourth quarter was something those in attendance will never forget.

“As he entered the gym, he was greeted by a standing ovation from the West fans as he made his way to a seat. Doc's entrance drew the attention of West's team, which looked up from its huddle to see Yarbrough. The arrival of Yarbrough seemed to turn the fortune for West, which charged ahead behind a rabid cheering section that chanted ‘All the way for Doc.’

“With 1:37 to play, future Vanderbilt guard Jimmy French made a hook shot that put West in front, 40-39, for its first lead since 2-0. LaFollette tied the game on a free throw, but it was the 5-foot-7 French who put West up again for good by sinking a pair of free throws to make it 42-40. LaFollette would miss on its final possession and French rebounded the ball and dribbled out the last 19 seconds. As the horn sounded the West cheering section changed its chant to “We did it for Doc.” West had just won its 14th straight game and its fourth state title. Neither team shot particularly well with West making 35 percent of its shots and LaFollette making 36 percent.

” ‘ We didn't have to say anything to each other when he came in,’ French said of Yarbrough's appearance. ‘The student body's cheering said it for us and we were ready from then on.’

“Days later, Yarbrough would say that he actually went to the game because he believed he needed to be there to support the players after the team lost. ‘When I left home to go over there, I was just going to console them,’ Yarbrough said. ‘I got there just before the third period ended and still didn't think they could do it. But, they had the heart and that did it.’ ”

There's another portrait of interest, too; it's of Doc's father, James Archibald Yarbrough. In this portrait, James is in full dress Confederate Captain's uniform. It's ownership/location is unknown. IF anyone knows if it's whereabouts, Rusty and the YNGHA would appreciate a note about it.



W. H. "Doc" Yarbrough

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<sup>5</sup> Extract from **Those Were The Glory Years**, Wallace Stanley Tyson, 1996, available from Amazon.com; used by permission of the author.



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