

A HISTORY OF THE  
JOHN ALEXANDER  
AND  
LAURA HILTON SOWELL  
FAMILY

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Dedicated

to

Our courageous Sowell ancestors and  
for the sacrifices, contributions,  
and heritage they provided for their  
many descendants.

## Foreword

A year ago it was brought to the attention of those who attended the first annual reunion of the John Alexander and Laura Hilton Sowell Family that there was a need for a history of this family.

The following material was gathered and assembled for the sole purpose of providing reference information such as places and dates of births, marriages, and deaths of the descendants of John Alexander and Laura Hilton Sowell. This is not intended to be a story nor a biography, but instead a compilation of facts for those desiring such information.

To help the reader understand this family, a brief history of the ancestors of John Alexander Sowell is also included.

Collecting and compiling the material included in this book was a challenging and rewarding project. Appreciation is given to those who contributed information on the various families. The authors would appreciate knowing of any and all corrections and additions and perhaps this information may serve as stepping stones to further data still left to be uncovered.

It is the wish of the authors that this information will help the many descendants of this couple to create an awareness of and an appreciation for this family.

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## A Brief History of the Early Sowell Ancestors

### Conquerors of the Woodlands

There are those who believe that the names Sowell and Sewell are derived from the Teutonic words "sige, sigis" and "sig" meaning victory or conquest and "weald" or "wold" meaning woodland.<sup>1</sup> Whether or not Sowell means Conqueror of the Woodland, the name is truly fitting for those courageous pioneers who were among the first to settle the untamed wilderness of the New World.

From one generation to the next, the story is told of a Scotch-Irishman who moved to England where he married an English girl and transferred to America on a grant from the king. Indeed, a Thomas Sowell died in Boston in 1654.<sup>2</sup> No connection has been made, however, with the Sowell family of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

Perhaps this family name was spelled differently on lists of emigrants or, possibly, because of cursive writing, names were copied incorrectly. Of course, the spelling could have been changed after arrival in the New World. A Thomas Sawell was listed among "The Living and Dead in Virginia at Flouirdirn Hundred February 16, 1623."<sup>3</sup> A Thomas Sawell, age 29, was given a "license to go beyond seas, 7 August 1635." He was to be transferred on the "Globe of London-to Virgenea."<sup>4</sup> Jonathan Showell came to Northampton County, Virginia in 1652.

Between 1637 and 1663 twelve different captains transferred individuals named Sewell to Virginia.<sup>5</sup>

William Sorwell and wife Elizabeth were transferred "upon the southward side of the Patomack River" 24 February 1643.<sup>6</sup>

John Sowell purchased 100 acres of land from Hugh Harris 20 April 1681.<sup>7</sup>

A John Sowell paid quit rents on 750 acres of land "occupied by Levingstone" in King and Queens County, Virginia in 1704.<sup>8</sup>

Settlers from Virginia moved southward even before 1663 when King Charles II granted the northeastern section of North Carolina to Lord Albermarle. The area was first called Albe-

marle. In 1671 the county of Chowan was created. Bertie County was separated from Chowan in 1722. Then in 1759 Bertie County was divided and Hertford was the name given to the northern section. Records of the Sowell family are found in the county seats of all of these counties.

#### Six Generations of Early Day Sowell

The remainder of this section of the history is concerned with the six generations of early Sowell from whom the later Sowell descend. The names that are given in the six generations that follow are given in the chart which is on page seven.

##### Generation I

Richard Sowell, Sr. and his wife Margaret Williams, the daughter of Louis and Mary Williams,<sup>9</sup> are the ancestors of the Sowell about whom this book is written. Richard Sr. sold land located on "Sandy Run and Steping Crick--and Small Branch" in Chowan County, North Carolina in 1703.<sup>10</sup> He bought 400 acres of land on Indian Swamp, about seven miles south of Murfreesboro, North Carolina and about three miles north of St. Johns in 1712.<sup>11</sup> In 1719 he gave 400 acres of land on Old Town Creek Swamp to his second son Charles.<sup>12</sup> The family moved to the vicinity of Horse Swamp, the mouth of Bear Swamp, White Oak Swamp and Chinkapin Branch. This land lies within eight miles northeast of the town of Ahoskie, North Carolina which received its charter in 1893. Here Richard Sr. and Margaret lived near their sons Richard Jr. and Charles. Richard Sr. gave 200 acres of land on Horse Swamp to his son Richard Jr. in 1727.<sup>13</sup>

##### Generation II

Richard Jr. had sons Richard III, John Sr., and Obadiah. Obadiah purchased 200 acres of land adjoining Richard Jr. and Charles Sowell April 22, 1737. In the will of Richard Sowell III, Obadiah and John were executors although they did not inherit property.<sup>14</sup>

##### Generation III

John Sr., the son of Richard Jr., purchased 200 acres of land from Frances Brown on August 9, 1736.<sup>15</sup> This property

was adjacent to that of Obadiah. John Sr. married Ann and they had sons John, James, Francis, and daughters Mary, Elizabeth, Feriby, and Anne.<sup>16</sup> In 1753 John Sr. moved about fifteen miles toward the southwest. He bought 230 acres of land on "E. S. Loosing Swamp adj. Watford."<sup>17</sup>

#### Generation IV

Francis, son of John Sr. remained in the Ahoski area which was included in Hertford County when Bertie County was divided in 1759.

After John Sr. died in 1755, his son John Jr. sold the land he inherited from his father on Loosing Swamp in 1757.<sup>18</sup> John Jr. moved to Montgomery County, North Carolina which was separated from Anson County in 1779. He was listed on Montgomery County Tax rolls in 1788.<sup>19</sup> According to Mrs. W. I. Blake,<sup>20</sup> his great-great granddaughter, he died before 1810 when his sons moved to Tennessee. One of the sons of John Jr. moved to Texas in 1829 as a colonist in Green DeWitt's Colony on the Guadalupe River. This man was John Newton Sowell, Sr. With him went his sons John Newton, Jr., Asa Jarmon Lee, Andrew Jackson, Lewis, and William. Asa Jarmon Lee Sowell had a daughter named Isabel Graham Sowell who married Milford Riley Nichols. Their daughter, Winifred Iona, married Wilbur Evans Blake.

James, the son of John Sr. and Ann, married a girl named Sarah. They lived on Loosing Swamp, Bertie County, where James acquired several hundred acres of land between 1761 and the latter part of the century. James served in the American Revolutionary Forces.<sup>21</sup> For his service he received a grant of 130 acres of land from Governor Richard Caswell in 1786. He was to pay "fifty shillings for every one hundred acres."<sup>22</sup>

Before 1800 James and Sarah moved with their sons Levey, Worley, and John to Kershaw County, South Carolina.<sup>23</sup> When James died, his son John was made administrator of his estate December 15, 1807.<sup>24</sup> James was survived by sons James, Levi, John, and Worley, and daughters Susannah and Sarah. Susannah married Theophilis Pearce; Sarah married Solomon Ashbell.

## Generation V

Levi, the son of James and Sarah Sowell, was born in North Carolina in 1774.<sup>25</sup> He married Gilly Ann King and they lived in Kershaw County, South Carolina until his death December 3, 1851. Like his father, Levi acquired much land. Before his death, his son James Russell purchased 1,000 acres of his land.<sup>26</sup> Other property was divided between his nine surviving children and his wife.<sup>27</sup> Gilly Ann, Levi's wife died in 1860.<sup>28</sup> The children of this marriage were: Lewis, King, George, William, Gilliam, Levi, James Russell, John Nelson, Bidy Ann, and Gilly Ann.

## Generation VI

James Russell, son of Levi and Gilly Ann Sowell, was born in Kershaw County, South Carolina in 1818. He married Martha Blackwell about 1838. John Alexander was their first child, Mary E., the second child must have died between 1850 and 1860.<sup>29</sup> Gilly Ann, James Wiley, and Eliza Jane were also children of Russ and Martha. On Sept. 4, 1849, when Eliza Jane was nine days old, her mother died. Russ then married Martha's sister, Eliza Jane Blackwell. To this union five children were born: Sarah Louisa, Martha A., Mary Ellen, William L. and Margaret Fannie.<sup>30</sup>

Russ, his mother, and his brothers were considered to be "planters" in 1860.<sup>31</sup> The years which followed were trying. Russ' son, John A., served in the Confederate Army for the entire war and in the final year another son, James Wiley, though only sixteen years of age, fought also. In 1864 when the Confederacy called for more money, Russ made loans amounting to almost \$1,000.00, quite a sacrifice since planters' wealth was in their land, not cash. The "Reconstruction" years were especially bad for South Carolinians. There were those who felt that South Carolina should be punished for starting the war. Many lost lands because of high taxes. Loans were not repaid.

Russ remained in South Carolina until his death before Apr. 4, 1884, but his sons and two of his daughters joined the exodus to Texas. First James Wiley took his family to Madison.

County. John Alexander and his family joined him in 1886. 5  
John's oldest daughter, Janie, and her husband, Frank Knight  
went also. John and his brother James Wiley (Bud) sent for  
their widowed sister Ellen Catoe, her family and aged mother.  
Fannie and Tom Knight also moved to Madisonville, Texas.  
William, the younger brother, moved to Lubbock.

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Richard Sowell, Sr.  
( )  
Margaret Williams  
( )

Richard Sowell, Jr.  
( -c.1738 )  
( )

Charles Sowell  
( -1738 )  
Elizabeth  
( )

Richard Sowell, III  
( -1751 )  
Martha  
( )

John Sowell, Sr.  
( -1755 )  
Ann  
( )

Obadiah Sowell  
( -1802 )  
1st Mary Raynor  
( )  
2nd Ann Layton  
( )

John Sowell, Jr.  
( c.1800 )  
( )

Francis Sowell  
( -1796 )  
Tamer Blazemore  
( )

Mary Sowell  
( )

Elizabeth Sowell  
( )

Feriby Sowell  
( )  
Anne Sowell  
( )

James Sowell  
( )  
Milly  
( )

Levi Sowell  
( 1774-1851 )  
Gilly Ann King  
( 1781-1861 )

John Sowell  
( )  
Ann (Nancy)  
( )

Susannah Sowell  
( )  
Theophilis Pearce  
( )

Worley Sowell  
( )

Sarah Sowell  
( )  
Solomon Ashbell  
( )

Lewis Sowell  
( 1799- )  
1st Elizabeth  
Trawick  
( 1804- )  
2nd Mary  
Nichols  
( 1833-1905 )

King Sowell  
( 1800- )  
Jennie  
Marshall  
( )

William Sowell  
( 1805- )  
1st Mary  
Hilton  
( )  
2nd Charity  
Clyburn  
( )

Gilliam Sowell  
( 1811-1883 )  
1st Eliza  
Brewer  
( )  
2nd Flora  
Murchinson  
( -1898 )

Levi Sowell  
( 1814-1889 )  
Mary Ann  
Edgeworth  
( 1820-1897 )

James R. Sowell  
( 1818-1884 )  
1st Martha  
Blackwell  
( -1849 )  
2nd Eliza J.  
Blackwell  
( 1824-1896 )

John N. Sowell  
( 1822-1906 )  
Elizabeth  
Clyburn  
( 1825-1895 )  
Biddy A. Sowell  
( )  
John S. Horton  
( )  
Ed DeBruhl  
( )

John A. Sowell  
( 1840-1917 )  
Laura Hilton  
( 1842-1921 )

Mary Sowell  
( 1841- )  
Miles Gardner  
( )

James W. Sowell  
( 1847-1928 )  
Sarah E. Moore  
( 1854-1931 )

Eliza J. Sowell  
( 1849-1930 )  
Roderick Mungo  
( -1917 )

S. Louisa Sowell  
( 1850-1888 )  
Wm. George Catoe  
( 1849-1907 )

Martha Sowell  
( 1853- )  
Melton  
( )

Mary E. Sowell  
( 1855-1932 )  
George W. Catoe  
( )  
William Sowell  
( 1857-1921 )  
Tom Knight  
( 1862-1920 )  
Fannie Sowell  
( 1858-1920 )

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To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

KNOW YE, That We, for and in Consideration of the Sum of Fifty Shillings for every Hundred Acres hereby granted, paid into our Treasury by James Jewell have Given and Granted, and by these Presents do Give and Grant unto the said James Jewell a Tract of Land, containing One hundred thirty Acres, lying and being in our County of Bertie -

On the west side of Coopers Swamp Beginning at the mouth of Olden Branch on the west side of said Swamp, running then with the former branch north Eighty two and one hundred and twelve poles then south three and twenty two poles then south of fifteen and eighty six poles then south ten and eight poles then south twenty five and one hundred and eighty poles to two maples standing on the Edge of Run of Acquies then running down the run of said Run to the mouth at the run of Coopers Swamp then running down the run of said Swamp the various Courses the first Station

as by the Plat hereunto annexed doth appear; together with all Woods, Waters, Mines, Minerals, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances, to the said Land belonging or appertaining: To hold to the said James Jewell his Heirs and Assigns, for ever. Yielding and paying to us such Sums of Money yearly, or otherwise, as our General Assembly from Time to Time may direct. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That the said James Jewell shall cause this Grant to be registered in the Register's Office of our said County of Bertie within Twelve Months from the Date hereof, otherwise the same shall be void and of no Effect.

IN TESTIMONY whereof, we have caused our Great Seal to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS RICHARD CASWELL, Esquire, our Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, at Kingston, the twenty eighth Day of July in the Eleventh Year of our Independence, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty six

Richard Caswell Secretary

R. Caswell

Account of Sales of property sold of James Sowell deceased  
 sold by Eli John Sowell & John Webb administrators said decd.  
 James Sowell

Sarah Sowell	2 knives & parks	2	25
Charley Mblain	Whipsaw	1	75
John Sowell	Cart & Gear	2	
John Sowell	1 strip of Razor Remnant of Leather		12 5
John Pears	a basket of wool	4	12
Mary Stevens	10 Cotton	3	75
Roger Parrish	& Head of Yucc	4	87 5
John Oens	Chairs & Table	1	75
Sarah Sowell	& Chair		56 5
William Tiller	1 Beads lead & Cow Hide	2	69 5
William Parrish	2 Casks		87 5
Sarah Sowell	& Chair	2	12 5
Joseph Winborn	1 Lot of Grocery ware		94
Sarah Sowell	1 Lot of Grocery ware		50
John M. Aske	& Jug		50
William Tiller	& Jug		87 5
John Oens	& Jug		75
Sarah Sowell	& Jug		50
Roger Barrie	& Case & 6 Bottles	4	
John Oens	2 Mugs	3	87 5
James Marshall	& Hammer	2	50
William Tiller	2 Reaphooks		54
Worley Sowell	1 Lot of Old Tools	2	
Joseph Winborn	a Hand saw & Round saw	4	6
John Sowell	an Iron wedge & Shuts & Shears	4	25
John Oens	2 axes		82
John Oens	2 do	2	25
William Parrish	1 do	1	50
John Williams	1 frow		19
Sarah Sowell	Longs & shovel	4	19
Lacey Sowell	Box Iron & Turners Coffee mill	4	25
Lacey Sowell	4 Grindstones	2	75
Lacey Sowell	2 Flour & article Tools	1	12

State of South Carolina

Knew all me by these presents that I Levi Sumner... of the district of Newham state aforesaid for and... Considering a bill of the sum of four hundred... Dollars to me in hand paid by James R. Howell of the district and State aforesaid... have granted bargained sold and conveyed with these for want of grand bargain... will and release unto the said James R. Howell... that standing in the... of... Creek... containing one thousand acres more or less more... Truck Shop & forms as... the plot will to present being to be here and... by Henry of Cary late... of Newham Dist also sold as aforesaid to be by John Cartwright which the... Whiff. The Mill more fully appear. We have to hold all and singular the... aforesaid margin part of land of James Howland Acres more or less unto the said... agrees R. Howell the heirs & assigns forever... to hereby tender my best my... been Executors and Administrators to manage of... before the said James, unto the... Third James R. Howell his heirs & assigns forever... and my depts my fees execution and... rates and against my other firm or... business... returning or to... The same or any party thereof

the return whereof I see... I intend to let my hand be seal this the... first day of October in One thousand eight hundred & fifty One

Levi Sumner

Test J. F. Glynburn John Howland

South Carolina... Newham district... Personally appeared... and made oath that the said Levi Sumner... that a bill due for the use and purpose... the said J. F. Glynburn in the presence of each other... due Execution thereof... shown to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1857



In the presence of God Amen  
I James R. Ginn of the State of South Carolina  
being of sound and disposing mind  
and memory do hereby declare and  
convey to my wife the several pieces of life  
and being do hereby declare of all  
my worldly goods as I have possessed  
and to be some of the same and as  
this my last will in manner following  
that is to say

I desire after my death that all my  
just debts if any be, paid and further  
expenses be paid. After payment of the  
debts and expenses aforesaid I give to my  
wife Elizabeth Ginn all the land that I  
possess at my death during her natural life  
and after her death to be sold and con-  
veyed <sup>division</sup> among all my heirs viz John A. Ginn  
Gilla Ann Ginn the wife of Miles Ginn  
James W. Somell Eliza Jane Munce the wife  
of Lodwick H. Munce Thomas Sarah  
Catoe the wife of Mr. G. Catoe Martha A.  
Somell Mary E. Catoe the wife of Genl. W.  
Catoe William P. Somell Margaret F. Somell  
the wife of Thomas P. Somell to share  
there alike I want all my personal property  
sold and my wife taking or buying such

Such property as she may select and after  
my wife has taken her portion or as much as  
she wants to buy the balance I want equally  
divided between the within mentioned heirs  
to share and to share alike. I give to my wife  
provisions enough for her support whether in  
the field or house and if she should be  
more than it would take for her support the  
balance to be sold and equally divided <sup>between</sup>  
my heirs <sup>within mentioned</sup> to share and share alike and all  
property to be sold and equally divided  
my heirs within mentioned to share and share alike  
all the heirs that may be due the estate any  
thing shall be deducted out of the portion  
likewise I make constitute and appoint  
my son John Sowell Jr & G. C. Cato to  
be the executors of this my last will and testament  
herby revoking all former wills by me made

In witness whereof I have hereunto sub-  
scribed my name and affixed my Seal this

Tenth day October A.D. 1881

Witnesses

Virly Bowers

J. K. Sowell

John Sowers

W. Mungo

\$700 One day after date I promise  
to pay J. R. Powell or bearer Seven  
Hundred Dollars in new issue present  
Confederate Treasury Notes for value recd.  
Witness my hand. Blue Oct. 26 1864  
C. B. Clyburn

\$375 One day after date I promise  
to pay J. R. Powell or bearer Three  
hundred and Seventy five Dollars in  
new issue present Treasury Notes for value recd.  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 1865  
C. B. Clyburn

Recd. Midway Tex Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1864  
of J. A. Powell Forty Eight ~~30~~ 3000  
Dollars in payment of a/c James  
Burnes. & I hereby transfer to the said  
Powell a mortgage I hold on the  
said Burnes. on two cows

\$12 One day after date I promise  
to pay J. W. Powell or bearer One Hundred  
and Twenty five Dollars in new  
issue present Treasury Notes for  
value recd. May 16<sup>th</sup> 1865  
C. B. Clyburn

Civil War Records of John A. Sowell  
as Recorded in the General Services Admin.  
National Archives and Records Service  
Washington, D. C.

Apr. 24, 1861 *(1)	- Joined for duty and enrolled in Co. G, 2nd (Palmetto) Reg't S. C. Vols.	Camden, S. C.
May 22, 1861 (2)	- Appears on Company Muster-in Roll	Richmond, Va.
Apr. 24-June 30, 1861	- Present on Company Muster Roll	Fairfax, Va.
July 6, 1861	- Appears on a list of patients discharged from General Hospital	Culpeper Court House, Va.
Nov. & Dec., 1861	- Present on Company Muster Roll	near Culpeper, Va.
Mar. & Apr., 1862 (3)	- Present on Company Muster Roll	near Culpeper, Va.
Sept. 27, 1862	- Appears on a Register of Medical Director's Office (Chimborazo Hospital, Div. 2, Furloughed Oct. 9, 1862)	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 27, 1862	- Appears on a Register of Chimbo- razo Hospital, No. 2 (furloughed Oct. 5, 1862 for 30 days; Catarrh; S. C.)	Richmond, Va.
Sept. & Oct., 1862 (4)	- Absent on Company Muster Roll (In So. Ca. wounded 17 of Sept. at Sharpsburg, Md.)	near Culpeper, Va.
Nov. & Dec., 1862 (5)	- Present on Company Muster Roll	near Fredericks- burg, Va.
Feb. 21, 1863	- Appears on a Register of Receiv- ing Wayside Hospital, or General Hospital No. 9	Richmond, Va.
Feb. 21, 1863	- Appears on a Register of Chimbo- razo Hospital No. 4; Bronchitis	Richmond, Va.
Jan. & Feb., 1863 (6)	- Absent on Company Muster Roll Sick at Hospital	near Fredericks- burg, Va.
May & June, 1863 (7, 8, 9)	- Present on Company Muster Roll	Chambersburg, Pa.

not dated (10)	Appears on a Register of sick and wounded Confederates in the hospitals in and about Gettysburg, Pa., after the battle of July 1, 2 and 3, 1863. Complaint: thigh & hand, flesh.	
not dated	Appears on a Roll of Prisoners of War at the hospitals in and about Gettysburg, Pa.; Captured July 1, 2 and 3, 1863.	
not dated (11)	Appears on a list of Rebel Sick and wounded Prisoners of War received at DeCamp General Hospital, Davids Island, New York Harbor, July 17, 19, 22, 23, 24, 1863.	
not dated	Name appears as a signature to a Roll of Prisoners of War paroled at DeCamp General Hospital, Davids Island, New York Harbor, Aug. 24, 1863 ( Signs by mark x )	
July & Aug., 1863	- Absent on Company Muster Roll (wounded July 2, New York)	Waller's Store Spottsylvania Co., Va.
Aug. 28, 1863	- Appears on a Register of Episcopal Church Hospital. Complaint: Vul. Sclop. left thigh.	Williamsburg, Va.
Sept. & Oct., 1863 (12, 13)	- Absent on Company Muster Roll (Left wounded in the hands of the enemy at Gettysburg, Pa. and paroled but not exchanged)	Russellville, Tenn.
Oct. 31, 1863 Feb. 29, 1864 (14)	- Absent on Company Muster Roll (Left wounded in the hands of the enemy at Gettysburg, Pa. since paroled and furloughed home Sept. 3, 1863)	Mt. Sidney, Va.
Mar. & Apr., 1864	- Absent on Company Muster Roll (At home on furlough from parole camp, rec'd pay for May & June)	Petersburg, Va.
May & June, 1864 (15)	- Present on Company Muster Roll	Petersburg, Va.
June 16, 1864	- Appears on a Register of C.S.A. General Hospital. Complaint:	Danville, Va.

Vul.Scolpeticum Neck, transferred June 17, 1864.

- June 25, 1864 - Appears on a Register of C.S.A. General Hospital. Complaint: Vulnus Sclopt. of neck. Returned to duty July 5, 1864.
- July 7, 1864 - Appears on a Register of Payments on Descriptive Lists
- Oct. 10, 1864 (16) - Appears on a Receipt Roll for clothing
- Apr. 27, 1865 - Appears on a Muster Roll of Officers and Men paroled in accordance with the terms of a military Convention entered into on the 26th day of April, 1865 between Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, Commanding Confederate Army, and Major General W. T. Sherman, Commanding United States Army in North Carolina. Greensboro, N. C.
- May 2, 1865 - Paroled at Greensboro, N. C.

#### Additional Notes on John A. Sowell's War Record

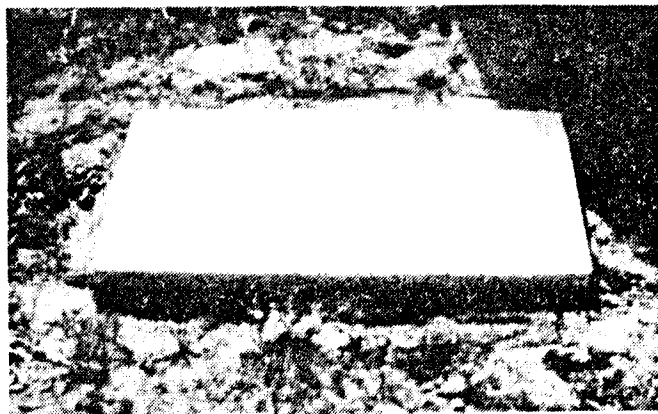
- \* (1) Company G (Flat Rock Guards) "was organized January 16, 1861 by an act of the Legislature of South Carolina, and was called into service of Virginia on April 28, 1861, under command of Col. J. B. Kershaw and mustered in service of the Provisional Government on the 22nd of May, 1861. C. C. Haile Capt."<sup>1</sup>  
The Flat Rock Guards under Capt. Haile, had a total enrollment of 139; from Kershaw Co., 114; killed or mortally wounded 31; wounded 43; died in service 20; total casualty 93. This company derived its name from its home headquarters at the Granite Hill known as "Flat Rock."<sup>2</sup>
- (2) Company G was stationed first near Richmond, Virginia at Camp Davis.<sup>3</sup>
- (3) Company G was engaged in the Battle of Antietam near Sharpsburg, Maryland on Sept. 17, 1862 and John A. Sowell was wounded.<sup>4</sup>
- (4) Between May 1, to Oct. 31, 1862, John A. Sowell was promoted from Private to 4th Corporal.<sup>5</sup>

- (5) The first of two furloughs granted to John A. Sowell-- Oct. 9, 1862. Company G engaged in Battle at Fredericksburg, Va. Dec. 13, 1862.<sup>6</sup>
- (6) John A. Sowell was promoted from 4th Corporal to 3rd Corporal, between Dec. 31, 1862 and Feb. 28, 1863.<sup>7</sup>
- (7) Company G was engaged in the Battle at Chancellorsville, Va. May 2-5, 1863.<sup>8</sup>
- (8) Company G returned to Fredericksburg, Va. and remained there until June 3, 1863.<sup>9</sup>
- (9) Company G moved toward Chambersburg, Pa. where they arrived June 29, 1863.<sup>10</sup>
- (10) Company G engaged in Battle at Gettysburg, Pa. and on July 2, 1863 John A. Sowell was left wounded.<sup>11</sup>
- (11) John A. Sowell was a Prisoner of War from July-Aug. 24, 1863 at DeCamp General Hospital Davids Island, New York Harbor.<sup>12</sup>
- (12) Between Sept. 20-Oct. 31, 1863 John A. Sowell had been promoted from 3rd Corporal to 2nd Corporal.<sup>13</sup>
- (13) Company G transferred to the Army of Tennessee and engaged in the Battle of Chickamauga Sept. 19-20, 1863.<sup>14</sup>
- (14) Company G engaged in the skirmish at Knoxville, Tenn. Nov. 18, 1863 and John A. Sowell was granted his second furlough home.<sup>15</sup>
- (15) General Longstreet was wounded in the Battle of the Wilderness on May 6, 1864 and John A. Sowell related to his grandson Frank Files Sowell, that he too was wounded.<sup>16</sup>
- (16) Battle at Fishers Hill, Va. Sept. 22, 1864. William J. Jones and B. N. Jones related to Hon. Joe E. Webb, County Judge of Madison County, Texas concerning John A. Sowell's Confederate service: "Dear Sir: If any doubt remains ask John A. Sowell if he remembers the block of wood that hit him on the back of the head. If he says Fishers Hill, Va. O K his papers. P. S. Our kindest regards to our old comrad. Jones & Jones"<sup>17</sup>

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3. Civil War Records, Washington, D. C.
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10. Salley.
11. Kirkland, Salley, and Civil War Records, Washington, D. C.
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Located at Allphin Cemetery



Marker in Honor of Civil War Veterans - Located on Courthouse Square at Madisonville, Texas

## History of the Cobbs Creek-Elwood Community

The remainder of this history is concerned with the family of John Alexander Sowell and his wife Laura Hilton. In order for the reader to have a better understanding of the places where this family lived, the authors believe it would be helpful to include information about that part of Madison County, Texas commonly referred to as the Cobbs Creek-Elwood Community.

The origin of the name, Cobbs Creek, is not known, other than the fact that there was a creek bearing that name. Refer to the map on page twenty-four.

Elwood was one of the largest communities in the county by 1854, although it failed to grow and keep pace with other communities such as Midway and Madisonville. In that year it was competing with Madisonville to become the county seat of Madison County; however, it lost out because the Texas legislature stated that the county seat had to be located within five miles of the center of the county.<sup>1</sup> (Refer to the Madison County map) By 1856 the community had its own post office which was known as Cosmos. Today a rural route from the post office at Midway, Texas serves this part of Madison County.

There is only one general store in the vicinity or present-day Elwood and it is owned by Mrs. Sam Wilson. According to her, the community was named for a thick stand of elm trees that surrounded a clear spring in the area where the early settlers located. Several of the most enterprising settlers found that the water from the spring could be used to make corn whiskey. The community learned of the clandestine operation at the spring and soon referred to the spot as elm-wood. Over the next period of years, the name was refined and the community came to be called Elwood. Probably the first permanent settler at Elwood was Dr. George Washington Robinson who is buried in Allphin Cemetery. The inscription on his marker reads "Dr. G. W. Robinson. Born Jan. 23, 1814. Died Nov. 6, 1887. Wounded at the Battle of San Jacinto April 21, 1836."<sup>2</sup>

The Cobbs Creek Baptist Church was first organized in 1883 and stood where Mr. Cap Westmoreland's house now stands--on the

Elwood-Madisonville road about five miles south of the present site of the church. The building was bought and moved to a location about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles west of the present site at the head of Cobbs Creek. The location was known to old timers as Dinger-ville, and Frank Johnson is generally credited with naming the community. The first pulpit in the old church was built by Rev. E. W. Mitchell, the first pastor, assisted by a young boy twelve years of age, Walter Plunkett who sang the first song that was ever sung in the old original church building. As the neighborhood was growing in the direction of the present site and for the convenience of everyone concerned, the old original building was abandoned and the membership erected a new building on the present site in 1900. It was located on the south side of the Old San Antonio Road (OSR) about six miles west of Midway. The deacons who served the church at that time were Mr. Warren Johnson, Mr. Mark Wells, and Mr. J. A. Sowell, Sr. A committee of young ladies and others rode horse back over the community contacting people for funds for the building. At the same time, Grandmother Sowell and other ladies of the church sold eggs at five cents per dozen and contributed the money to the building fund. Many of the younger people made contributions by picking cotton at forty cents per one hundred pounds and donating their earnings to the church. This building served the community until 1949 when it was torn down and replaced with the new structure.<sup>3</sup> Later this building was remodeled and the name changed to Elwood Baptist Church.

There is very little recorded history of the early day schools of the Cobbs Creek and Elwood Communities. But it is known that one-teacher, one-room schools were maintained in the communities prior to the time the John A. Sowell, Sr. family arrived in Texas in 1886.

The Old Dean School, a one-teacher, one-room school, was located north of the OSR, which is across the road and about 100 yards west of the Sam Wilson Store. About 1912 the building became unsafe for school children, so the trustees obtained permission from the Cobbs Creek Baptist Church to hold classes at

the church. This new location was about one mile west of the Dean School on the south side of the OSR. Classes were held in the church for about three terms until the new three-room Elwood Consolidated School was constructed. This new building was located on the south side of the OSR about one-fourth mile east of the Sam Wilson Store. Prior to the building of the Elwood Consolidated School, one-teacher, one-room schools were also maintained at Old Elwood (near the present Elwood Cemetery) and in the community known as Dingerville. The school at Dingerville was known as Cobbs Creek School and was located about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Cobbs Creek Baptist Church, just south of the OSR on a community road.<sup>4</sup>

There are other landmarks which old timers may remember. The community cotton gin was located on the OSR across the road and east of the Old Dean School building. The gin tank was often used as a place for baptismal services by the Cobbs Creek Baptist Church following their summer revival meetings. A familiar sight in the community in those days was to see Grandfather Sowell driving his big white horse, Dan Patch, to the one-horse wagon which he used for transportation into town, to church and to other meetings which he attended.<sup>5</sup>

Allphin Cemetery, one of the oldest cemeteries in Madison County, Texas was named for Ranson Allphin. Mr. Allphin was born in Kentucky in 1815 and came to Texas in the 1830's, settling in Montgomery County. He was granted one league of land May 22, 1835. When Montgomery County was divided, Allphin's land became a part of Madison County. Ranson Allphin also bought land at fifty cents per acre near Elwood. Once while he was digging a well near his home he found the ground to be clay and soapstone. He abandoned the well and said he wanted a cemetery started there. He donated five acres of land for that purpose and he was the first person to be buried there, being fifty-eight years of age.<sup>6</sup>

The cemetery is located about ten miles north-east of Madisonville on Farm Road 2346 in the Cobbs Creek-Elwood Community. From Madisonville, go east four miles on State Highway 21

to Farm Road 2346. Turn left at Farm Road 2346 and go six miles. The cemetery is on the right. From Midway, go west five miles on the OSR to Farm Road 2346. Turn left and go .7 mile. The cemetery will be on the left or south side of the road.

John Alexander Sowell and his wife Laura Hilton are both buried in Allphin Cemetery. Also sixty-five of the individuals who are listed in this history are buried in Allphin Cemetery.

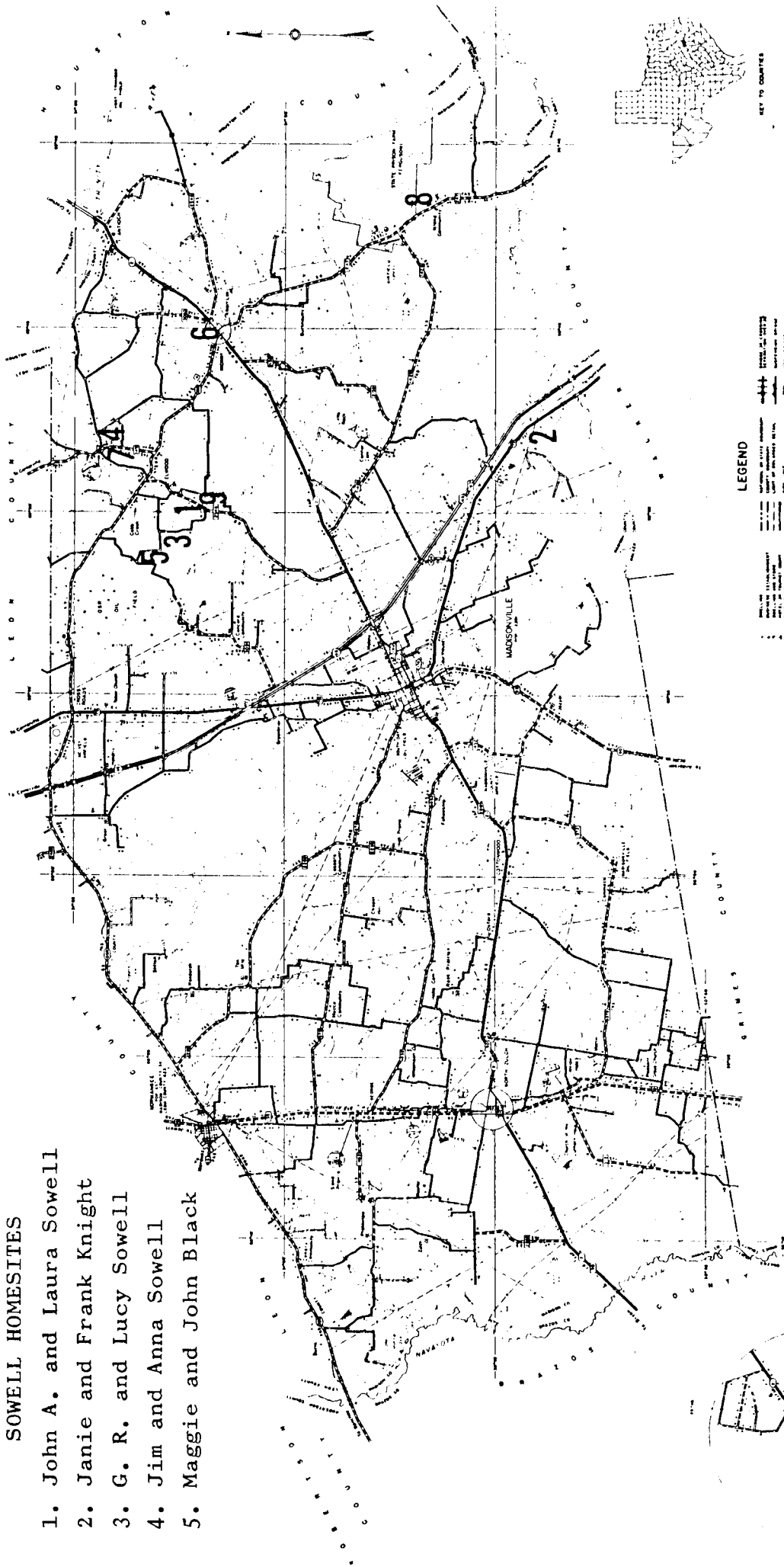
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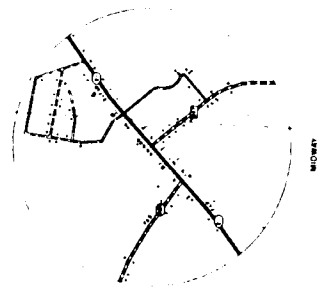


**SOWELL HOMESITES**

1. John A. and Laura Sowell
2. Janie and Frank Knight
3. G. R. and Lucy Sowell
4. Jim and Anna Sowell
5. Maggie and John Black



6. Alice and Will Robinson
7. William and Minnie Sowell
8. John and Leslie Sowell
9. Hollis and Irene Sowell



**LEGEND**

—	State Highway
—	County Road
—	Other Road
—	Water
—	Other

**GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
MADISON COUNTY  
TEXAS**

KEY TO COLOURS  
1968  
HIGWAYS REVISED TO JANUARY 1, 1972  
SCALE: 1" = 10 MILES



*John A. Sowell Sr. Laura Sowell*

John Alexander Sowell, Sr., son of James Russell Sowell and Martha Blackwell, was born Jan. 11, 1840 at Darlington, South Carolina, died Apr. 4, 1917 at Madison Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery, and married Laura Hilton Dec. 23, 1865 at Kershaw Co., South Carolina. She was born Sept. 15, 1842 at Lancaster Co., South Carolina, died Dec. 2, 1921 at Madison Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>1</sup>

#### Children

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|---|--|
| 1. Mary Jane Sowell<br>(1866-1958)      | 5. Alice Rebecca Sowell<br>(1873-1957)       |
| 2. George Russell Sowell<br>(1868-1922) | 6. William Franklin Sowell<br>(1875-1956)    |
| 3. James Wiley Sowell<br>(1869-1907)    | 7. John Alexander Sowell, Jr.<br>(1877-1964) |
| 4. Maggie Sowell<br>(1871-1909)         | 8. Hollis Hilton Sowell<br>(1878-1963)       |

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Recollections from Descendants of John A. and Laura Sowell

1. Files Sowell remembers when he was studying in United States history about the Battle of the Wilderness, which was fought May 5-6, 1864, that Grandpa Sowell told him there was hardly a tree that did not have a bullet hole in it. Also Grandpa said he was wounded in this battle along with General Longstreet.
2. Lawson Sowell remembers Grandma Sowell telling about how her family had to hide out their livestock and food in caves near their home for protection when Sherman's army marched through the South.
3. Jewelle Sowell Boatright remembers Grandma telling her that she was raised by her grandparents and there were two aunts near her age who were jealous of her because Grandma was prettier than they.
4. Lorene Knight Hutson and Lucille Lucas Garrison recall Grandma as being short and chubby and when she laughed to herself she just shook all over.
5. Jewelle Sowell Boatright heard Grandpa tell about making his own wedding shoes and that he never left home for Baptist Conventions without his umbrella and overcoat for Texas weather was so uncertain.
6. John A. Sowell, Jr. told his daughter, Mary, that things were so bad after the Reconstruction Period in Kershaw County, South Carolina that James Wiley (Uncle Bud) Sowell, brother of John A. Sowell, Sr., brought his family to Madison County, Texas. Then in 1886, Grandpa sold his farm and came to Texas also. They shipped their belongings by rail to Phelps, a "whistle stop" near Huntsville, Texas. Uncle Bud met them with a wagon and they were on their way. Their first home was a log cabin until they could build a frame house.
7. Grandpa chose this Cattle Brand: S and Ear Mark:



and registered them Nov. 25, 1887 in Book 1 of Records of Marks and Brands of Madison County, Texas.

The authors regret that more descendants did not supply recollections from this family.

Explanation of the  
John A. and Laura Sowell Genealogy

- Generation I - John Alexander and Laura Hilton Sowell  
 Generation II - The eight children of the above couple  
 Generation III - The forty-six grandchildren of John A. and Laura Sowell - this generation is marked by a numeral followed by a period, such as 1.  
 Generation IV - The ninety-nine known great grandchildren of this couple - this generation is marked by a numeral enclosed in parenthesis, such as (1)  
 Generation V - The one hundred fifty-six known great, great grandchildren of this couple - this generation is marked by a numeral enclosed in brackets, such as [1]  
 Generation VI - The fifty known great, great, great grandchildren of this couple - this generation is marked by a numeral enclosed between diagonal lines, such as /1/  
 Generation VII - The one known great, great, great, great grandchild of this couple - this generation is marked by a numeral enclosed in a circle, such as ①

A Summary of the Known Descendants of John A. and Laura Sowell

Generation II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	Total
Janie & Frank Knight	8	28	34	14	0	85
G. R. & Lucy Sowell	7	17	23	10	0	58
Jim & Anna Sowell	3	3	9	10	0	26
Jim & Fodie Sowell	4	10	23	2	0	39
Maggie & John Black	8	19	34	14	1	77
Alice & Will Robinson	5	6	9	0	0	21
William & Minnie Sowell	3	3	7	0	0	14
Johnnie & Leslie Sowell	3	7	9	0	0	20
Hollis & Irene Sowell	5	6	8	0	0	20
Total = 8	46	99	156	50	1	360

MARY JANE SOWELL — FRANK H. KNIGHT



Wesley

Lewis

Mary Bell

Charlie

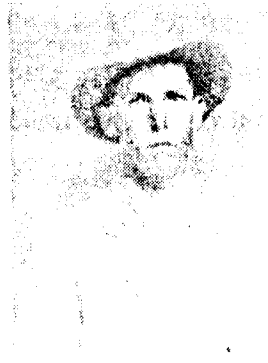
Thomas

Frank Hushwell Knight

Mary Jane (Janie) Sowell



John



Preston



George

Mary Jane (Janie) Sowell, daughter of John Alexander Sowell, Sr. and Laura Hilton, was born Oct. 7, 1866 at South Carolina, died June 3, 1958 at Cleveland, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery and married Hushwell Frank Knight Nov. 23, 1885. He was born Aug. 10, 1858 at South Carolina and died Aug. 19, 1925 at Madisonville, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>1</sup> Children:

1. John Andrew Knight, son of Hushwell Frank Knight and Mary Jane (Janie) Sowell, was born Nov. 23, 1886 at Midway, Texas, died Dec. 13, 1951 at Madisonville, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery and married Minnie Lee Reynolds Jan. 28, 1912 at Midway, Texas. She was the daughter of John James Reynolds and Cora Helen Smith and was born Mar. 13, 1890 at Midway, Texas, died Nov. 16, 1967 at Gilmer, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>1</sup> Children:

- (1) Winnie Lorene Knight, daughter of John Andrew Knight and Minnie Lee Reynolds, was born Feb. 2, 1918 at Midway, Texas, and married 1st Alfred Ezekiel (Zeke) Springer III Sept. 21, 1941 at Conroe, Texas. He was the son of Alfred Ezekiel Springer and Rosa Huerermann and was born Aug. 21, 1920 at Keenan, Texas, died May 10, 1946 at Houston, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>5</sup> Children:

[1] Alfred Ezekiel Springer IV, son of Alfred Ezekiel (Zeke) Springer III and Winnie Lorene Knight, was born Dec. 7, 1942 at Houston, Texas and married Andrea Paulette Ryan Aug. 9, 1969 at Leakey, Texas. She is the daughter of William McKinley Ryan and Dora Edna Garnett and was born Nov. 20, 1946 at Uvalde, Texas.<sup>5</sup>

[2] Rosa Carol Springer, daughter of Alfred Ezekiel (Zeke) Springer III and Winnie Lorene Knight, was born Sept. 5, 1944 at Houston, Texas and married Travis Scott (Scotty) Denson Apr. 2, 1966 at Gilmer, Texas. He is the son of Jesse Knox Denson and Zelma Dell Stilwell and was born Dec. 3, 1944

at Gilmer, Texas.<sup>5</sup> Child:

/1/ John David Denson, son of Travis Scott (Scotty) Denson and Rosa Carol Springer, was born Jan. 21, 1970 at Longview, Texas.<sup>5</sup>

(1) Winnie Lorene Knight married 2nd Travis Hutson Apr. 26, 1947 at Palestine, Texas. He is the son of Charlie M. Hutson and Lillie Skelton and was born Aug. 9, 1909 at Deport, Texas.<sup>5</sup> Child:

[1] Johnnie Charlene Hutson, daughter of Travis Hutson and Winnie Lorene Knight, was born Dec. 20, 1953 at Gilmer, Texas.<sup>5</sup>

(2) Ella Mae Knight, daughter of John Andrew Knight and Minnie Lee Reynolds, was born Aug. 28, 1920 at Midway, Texas and married Clarence Beck Jan. 27, 1940 at Huntsville, Texas. He is the son of John Waldemer Beck and Emma Hurzeler and was born July 30, 1919 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>1</sup> Child:

[1] Joseph Clarence (Joe) Beck, son of Clarence Beck and Ella Mae Knight, was born Nov. 14, 1943 at Tulsa, Oklahoma and married Sheila Lavon Arrington June 20, 1969 at Salt Lake City, Utah. She is the daughter of Rozell Arrington and Mary Louis Groom and was born July 18, 1947 at Fort Worth, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

2. William Preston Knight, son of Hushwell Frank Knight and Mary Jane (Janic) Sowell, was born Oct. 4, 1889 at South Carolina, died Aug. 13, 1957 at Madisonville, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery and married Ada B. Lucas July 16, 1911 at Elwood Madison Co., Texas. She is the daughter of Charlie Lucas and Sarah Hines and was born Jan. 31, 1894.<sup>6</sup> Children:

(1) O. B. Knight, son of William Preston Knight and Ada B. Lucas, was born Aug. 2, 1912 at Madison Co., Texas, died Sept. 23, 1925 at Madison Co., Texas, buried in

Allphin Cemetery.<sup>6</sup>

- (2) Edward Oneal Knight, son of William Preston Knight and Ada B. Lucas, was born Jan. 24, 1916 at Madison Co., Texas, died June 20, 1973 at Huntsville, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery and married Lillie Ozelle Maness Nov. 12, 1938 at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>6</sup>
- [1] Kenneth Wayne Knight, son of Edward Oneal Knight and Lillie Ozelle Maness, married Rosie Jean Sheppard June 18, 1960 at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>6</sup>  
Child:
- /1/ Carolyn Knight, daughter of Kenneth Wayne Knight and Rosie Jean Sheppard.<sup>6</sup>
- [2] Troy Oneal Knight, son of Edward Oneal Knight and Lillie Ozelle Maness, married Sally Singletary.<sup>6</sup>
- [3] Frieda Sharon Knight, daughter of Edward Oneal Knight and Lillie Ozelle Maness, married Howard Gaylon Michael May 1, 1964 at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>6</sup>
- /1/ Cristie Michael, child of Howard Gaylon Michael and Frieda Sharon Knight.<sup>6</sup>
- /2/ Penni Michael, child of Howard Gaylon Michael and Frieda Sharon Knight.<sup>6</sup>
- (3) Ada May Knight, daughter of William Preston Knight and Ada B. Lucas, was born May 30, 1918 at Madison Co., Texas, died Sept. 30, 1919 at Madison Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>6</sup>
- (4) William Leon Knight, son of William Preston Knight and Ada B. Lucas, was born Sept. 13, 1920 at Madison Co., Texas, died Sept. 13, 1920 at Madison Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>6</sup>
- (5) Alvin Truitt Knight, son of William Preston Knight and

Ada B. Lucas, was born Aug. 15, 1921 at Madison Co., Texas, died Dec. 4, 1921 at Madison Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>6</sup>

- (6) Alma Truie (Sis) Knight, daughter of William Preston Knight and Ada B. Lucas, was born Aug. 15, 1921 at Madison Co., Texas, and married Edward Marion (Noisy) Hutchins Feb. 25, 1940 at Madisonville, Texas. He is the son of Vivian Victor Hutchins and Francis Helen Bledsoe and was born Feb. 22, 1919 at Normangee, Texas.<sup>4</sup>  
Children:

- [1] Bethel Faye Hutchins, daughter of Edward Marion (Noisy) Hutchins and Alma Truie (Sis) Knight, was born July 21, 1941 at Madison Co., Texas, and married Nathan Hudson.<sup>4</sup> Children:

/1/ Susan Elain Hudson, daughter of Nathan Hudson and Bethel Faye Hutchins.<sup>4</sup>

/2/ Margaret Hudson, daughter of Nathan Hudson and Bethel Faye Hutchins.<sup>4</sup>

/3/ Jonathan Hudson, son of Nathan Hudson and Bethel Faye Hutchins.<sup>4</sup>

- [2] Orva Lee Hutchins, son of Edward Marion (Noisy) Hutchins and Alma Truie (Sis) Knight, was born Aug. 28, 1943 at Van Zant Co., Texas.<sup>4</sup>

- [3] Alvin Marion Hutchins, son of Edward Marion (Noisy) Hutchins and Alma Truie (Sis) Knight, was born Apr. 20, 1945 at Madison Co., Texas, and married Joan Carol Gortemiller Dec. 20, 1963 at Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of Elmer F. Gortemiller and Virginia C. O'Neal and was born Jan. 7, 1945 at Mena, Arkansas.<sup>4</sup> Children:

/1/ Alvin Keith Hutchins, son of Alvin Marion Hutchins

and Joan Carol Gortemiller, was born Sept. 30, 1966 at Houston, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

/2/ Jennifer Renee Hutchins, daughter of Alvin Marion Hutchins and Joan Carol Gortemiller, was born May 22, 1970 at Houston, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

[4] Linda Ann Hutchins, daughter of Edward Marion (Noisy) Hutchins and Alma Trueie (Sis) Knight, was born Mar. 15, 1948 at Madison Co., Texas, and married \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson.<sup>4</sup> Children:

/1/ Truman Lee Wilson, son of \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson and Linda Ann Hutchins, was born Sept. 3, 1969 at Houston, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

/2/ Arnold M. Wilson, son of \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson and Linda Ann Hutchins, was born Dec. 8, 1971 at Houston, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

/3/ Bethel A. Wilson, child of \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson and Linda Ann Hutchins, was born Oct. 29, 1972 at Houston, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

[5] Leon Hutchins, son of Edward Marion (Noisy) Hutchins and Alma Trueie (Sis) Knight, was born Feb. 29, 1960 at Harris Co., Texas.<sup>4</sup>

(7) Melba Ruth Knight, daughter of William Preston Knight and Ada B. Lucas, was born Feb. 2, 1925 at Madison Co., Texas, and married William Maxie Waller Jan. 19, 1946 at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>6</sup> Children:

[1] William Maxie Waller, son of William Maxie Waller and Melba Ruth Knight, married Betty Mosley.<sup>6</sup>

[2] Jimmy Waller, son of William Maxie Waller and Melba Ruth Knight.<sup>6</sup>

[3] Larry Waller, son of William Maxie Waller and Melba Ruth Knight.<sup>6</sup>

[4] Martha Jane Waller, daughter of William Maxie Waller and Melba Ruth Knight.<sup>6</sup>

[5] Ronnie Waller, son of William Maxie Waller and Melba Ruth Knight.<sup>6</sup>

[6] Donnie Waller, son of William Maxie Waller and Melba Ruth Knight.<sup>6</sup>

(8) Arthur Van Knight, son of William Preston Knight and Ada Belle Lucas, was born Dec. 6, 1929 at Madison Co., Texas and married Wanda Jean Powers Mar. 20, 1951 at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>6</sup> Child:

[1] Edwin Darrell Knight, son of Arthur Van Knight and Wanda Jean Powers.<sup>6</sup>

3. George Malcom Knight, son of Hushwell Frank Knight and Mary Jane (Janie) Sowell, was born Feb. 11, 1892 at Midway, Texas, died Jan. 21, 1965 at Dayton, Texas, buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Dayton, Texas, and married Ellen Myrtle Spraker Jan. 17, 1917 at Midway, Texas. She is the daughter of John Jacob Spraker and Alba Ray Black and was born July 30, 1893 at Dayton, Texas.<sup>7</sup> Children:

(1) Fanny Hazel Knight, daughter of George Malcom Knight and Ellen Myrtle Spraker, was born July 23, 1919 at Midway, Texas, and married Carney.<sup>7</sup>

(2) Joe Audway Knight, Sr., son of George Malcom Knight and Ellen Myrtle Spraker, was born Nov. 9, 1921 at Midway, Texas, and married Mary Lea Moore Nov. 14, 1950 at Dayton, Texas. She is the daughter of Wiley Letcher Moore and Annie Lea Rose and was born Mar. 27, 1924 at Oklahoma.<sup>7</sup> Children:

[1] Joe Audway Knight, Jr., son of Joe Audway Knight Sr. and Mary Lea Moore, was born Dec. 22, 1951 at Houston, Texas.<sup>7</sup>

[2] Jay Harrison Knight, son of Joe Audway Knight, Sr. and Mary Lea Moore, was born July 14, 1955 at Houston, Texas.<sup>7</sup>

(3) Mary Linduise Knight, daughter of George Malcom Knight and Ellen Myrtle Spraker, was born Sept. 4, 1924 at Madisonville, Texas and married \_\_\_\_\_ Starns.<sup>7</sup>

(4) Georgia May Knight, daughter of George Malcom Knight and Ellen Myrtle Spraker, was born Sept. 11, 1928 at Madisonville, Texas, died Sept. 13, 1928 at Madisonville, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>7</sup>

4. James Wesley Knight, son of Hushwell Frank Knight and Mary Jane (Janie) Sowell, was born Jan. 1, 1894, died Aug. 3, 1961 buried at Doucette, married Gussie B. McAlister.<sup>1</sup> Children:

(1) Milred Knight, daughter of James Wesley Knight and Gussie Bell McAlister, married Kermit Parker.<sup>1</sup>

(2) James Howard Knight, son of James Wesley Knight and Gussie Bell McAlister, married Juanita \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>1</sup>

(3) Bill Knight, son of James Wesley Knight and Gussie Bell McAlister, married Bobbie \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>1</sup>

(4) Ruby Ruth Knight, daughter of James Wesley Knight and Gussie Bell McAlister.<sup>1</sup>

5. Charlie Russell Knight, son of Hushwell Frank Knight and Mary Jane (Janie) Sowell, was born Mar. 17, ; died Nov. 1962 at Cleveland, Texas, buried in Brookside Cemetery and married 1st Nancy Lummus Nov. 17, 1920 at Madison Co., Texas. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lummus and was born Aug. 6, 1901 and died Nov. 24, 1942.<sup>1</sup> Child:

(1) Mary E. Knight, daughter of Charlie Russell Knight and Nancy Lummus, was born Nov. 23, 1923, died Nov. 23, 1923 buried in Allphin Cemetery.

5. Charlie Russell Knight married 2nd Willie Tarpley Dickey Ferguson Aug. 26, 1948 at Madison Co., Texas. She was the daughter of Rev. Barbee Tarpley and Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hawkins and was born 1889 at Madison Co., Texas, died 1954 buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>8</sup> Charlie Russell Knight married 3rd Ada \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Mary Bell Knight, daughter of Hushwell Frank Knight and Mary Jane (Janie) Sowell, was born Sept. 4, 1898 at Elwood Madison Co., Texas, died Sept. 11, 1941 at Madisonville, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery and married Loyd Oliver Lucas Sept. 22, 1918 at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas. He is the son of Charlie Lucas and Sarah Hines and was born Feb. 13, 1899 at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>2</sup> Children:
- (1) Jessie Faye Lucas, daughter of Loyd Oliver Lucas and Mary Bell Knight, was born Oct. 27, 1921 at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas and married Travis Caldwell Mar. 2, 1940 at Madisonville, Texas. He was born Sept. 21, 1908 at Bay City, Texas.<sup>2</sup> Child:
- [1] Jimmy Caldwell, son of Travis Caldwell and Jessie Faye Lucas, was born June 16, 1941 at Madison Co., Texas, and married Mary Ann Edwards Aug. 17, 1963 at Refugio, Texas. She was born Dec. 27, 1943 at Bee Co., Texas.<sup>3</sup> Children:
- /1/ Marc Caldwell, son of Jimmy Caldwell and Mary Ann Edwards, was born Nov. 2, 1966 at Houston, Texas.<sup>3</sup>
- /2/ Justin Caldwell, son of Jimmy Caldwell and Mary Ann Edwards, was born Sept. 14, 1970 at Houston, Texas.<sup>3</sup>
- (2) Otha Lee Lucas, son of Loyd Lucas and Mary Bell Knight, was born June 23, 1926 at Fellowship Madison Co., Texas and married Virgie Pearl Collard.<sup>2</sup> Children:

- [1] Ronald Lee Lucas, son of Otha Lee Lucas and Virgie Pearl Collard, was born Oct. 12, 1948 at Madisonville, Texas.<sup>2</sup>
- [2] Tonja Kay Lucas, daughter of Otha Lee Lucas and Virgie Pearl Collard, was born Dec. 30, 1951 at Madisonville, Texas, died Dec. 30, 1951 at Madisonville, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>2</sup>
- [3] Donald Glenn Lucas, son of Otha Lee Lucas and Virgie Pearl Collard, was born Apr. 2, 1954 at La Marque, Texas.<sup>2</sup>
- [4] Lajuana Renee Lucas, daughter of Otha Lee Lucas and Virgie Pearl Collard, was born Dec. 6, 1957 at Texas City, Texas.<sup>2</sup>
- (3) Glyn Melvin Lucas, son of Loyd Oliver Lucas and Mary Bell Knight, was born Sept. 28, 1932 at Cobbs Creek, Madison Co., Texas, and married Jo Ann Rucker.<sup>2</sup> Children:
- [1] Cary Glyn Lucas, son of Glyn Melvin Lucas and Jo Ann Rucker.<sup>2</sup>
- [2] Belinda Jo Lucas, daughter of Glyn Melvin Lucas and Jo Ann Rucker.<sup>2</sup>
7. Lewis Chandler Knight, son of Hushwell Frank Knight and Mary Jane (Janie) Sowell, was born Mar. 8, 1901, died Apr. 7, 1931 at Midway, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery and married Ethel Kelline Woods Oct. 29, 1927 at Cobbs Creek, Madison Co., Texas.<sup>1,2</sup> Child:
- (1) Juanita Jeanette Knight, daughter of Lewis Chandler Knight and Ethel Kelline Woods, was born Mar. 3, 1929 and married 1st Alton Mizell.<sup>2</sup> Children:
- [1] Alton Wayne Mizell, son of Alton Mizell and Juanita Jeanette Knight.<sup>2</sup>

[2] Ronald Lane Mizell, son of Alton Mizell and Juanita Jeanette Knight.<sup>2</sup>

[3] Harvey Russel Mizell, son of Alton Mizell and Juanita Jeanette Knight.<sup>2</sup>

8. Thomas Hilton Knight, son of Hushwell Frank Knight and Mary Jane (Janie) Sowell, was born Sept. 11, 1906, at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas, died Mar. 20, 1972 at Trinity, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery, and married Tressie Jewel Hall Apr. 7, 1929 at Madisonville, Texas. She is the daughter of Robert Frank Hall and Rhoda Elizabeth Horton and was born Aug. 25, 1915 at Normangee, Texas.<sup>8</sup> Children:

(1) Mary Jewell Knight, daughter of Thomas Hilton Knight and Tressie Jewel Hall, was born June 7, 1932 at Greer Community, Texas, and married Bice.<sup>8</sup>

(2) Thomas Franklin Knight, son of Thomas Hilton Knight and Tressie Jewel Hall, was born June 12, 1934 at Crockett, Texas, and married Dorothy L. Cox Apr. 14, 1956 at Miami, Florida. She was born May 2, 1936 at Miami, Florida.<sup>8</sup> Children:

[1] Janet Lynn Knight, daughter of Thomas Franklin Knight and Dorothy L. Cox, was born Dec. 12, 1957 at Miami, Florida.<sup>8</sup>

[2] Charles Edward Knight, son of Thomas Franklin Knight and Dorothy L. Cox, was born Nov. 16, 1958 at Miami, Florida.<sup>8</sup>

[3] Dottie Jean Knight, daughter of Thomas Franklin Knight and Dorothy L. Cox, was born Aug. 23, 1962 at Miami, Florida.<sup>8</sup>

(3) Odell Knight, son of Thomas Hilton Knight and Tressie Jewel Hall, was born Mar. 28, 1938 at Midway, Texas.<sup>8</sup>

- (4) Gene Knight, son of Thomas Hilton Knight and Tressie Jewel Hall, was born July 2, 1940 at Madisonville, Texas.<sup>8</sup>
- (5) Alice E. Knight, daughter of Thomas Hilton Knight and Tressie Jewel Hall, was born Mar. 19, 1942 at Channelview, Texas, died Apr. 7, 1942 at Houston, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.

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1. Beck, Ella Mae Knight (Mrs. Clarence), 3421 Stanley Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76110.
2. Caldwell, Jessie Faye Lucas (Mrs. Travis), Route 1, Norman-gee, Texas 77871.
3. Caldwell, Jimmy, 14022 Wadebridge, Houston, Texas 77015.
4. Hutchins, Alma Truie (Sis), (Mrs. Edward Marion "Noisy"), 14521 Sellers Rd., Houston, Texas 77037.
5. Hutson, Winnie Lorene Knight (Mrs. Travis), Route 4, Box 193, Gilmer, Texas 75644.
6. Knight, Ada Belle (Mrs. William Preston).
7. Knight, Joe Audway, P. O. Box 232, Dayton, Texas 77535.
8. Knight, Thomas Franklin, Box 32, Hill Top Lakes, Texas 77871.
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GEORGE RUSSELL — LUCY GIBSON SOWELL



Lemma

Lawson

Max

John

Sam

George Russell Sowell Lucy Mary Gibson

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Vaden

George Russell Sowell, son of John Alexander Sowell, Sr. and Laura Hilton, was born Feb. 8, 1868 at Kershaw Co., South Carolina, died Mar. 19, 1922 at Houston, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery, and married Lucy Mary Gibson Jan. 1, 1890 at Madison Co., Texas. She was the daughter of Samuel Gibson and Laura Jane Kirkland and was born Aug. 16, 1869 at Madison Co., Texas, died Dec. 26, 1931 at Madison Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>17</sup> Children:

1. Lemma Odessa Sowell, daughter of George Russell Sowell and Lucy Mary Gibson, was born Feb. 11, 1891 at Madison Co., Texas, died Nov. 29, 1967 at Madisonville, Texas, buried in Madisonville City Cemetery, and married Albert Gordon Lucas Oct. 16, 1910 at Madison Co., Texas. He was the son of Charlie Lucas and Sarah Hines and was born Sept. 1, 1891 at Leon Co., Texas, died May 13, 1965 at Madisonville, Texas, buried in Madisonville City Cemetery.<sup>3</sup> Children:

- (1) Roland Mortimer Lucas, son of Albert Gordon Lucas and Lemma Odessa Sowell, was born Aug. 20, 1911 at Madison Co., Texas, and married Ercel Cooper May 30, 1934 at Walker Co., Texas. She is the daughter of Samuel E. Cooper and Cora Bell Morgan and was born July 7, 1915 at Dodge, Texas.<sup>8</sup> Child:

- [1] Gilbert Lucas, son of Roland Mortimer Lucas and Ercel Cooper, was born May 12, 1938 at Huntsville, Texas, and married Margaret Ann Otis Aug. 28, 1960 at Huntsville, Texas. She is the daughter of Franklin Howard Otis, Sr. and Itha Lorena Heatly and was born Oct. 16, 1941 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>7</sup> Children:

- /1/ Sheri Lynn Lucas, daughter of Gilbert Lucas and Margaret Ann Otis, was born July 25, 1961 at Houston, Texas, died July 25, 1961 at Houston, Texas, buried at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>7</sup>

- /2/ Jennifer Louise Lucas, daughter of Gilbert Lucas

and Margaret Ann Otis, was born Sept. 9, 1965 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>7</sup>

(2) Sarah Lucille Lucas, daughter of Albert Gordon Lucas and Lemma Odessa Sowell, was born Mar. 9, 1915 at Madison Co., Texas, and married Claiborn Lee Garrison Sept. 1, 1945 at Houston, Texas. He was the son of Joe Lee Garrison and Susie Pearl Winfree and was born July 5, 1905 at Eagle Lake, Texas, died Oct. 3, 1967 at Leon Co., Texas, buried in Madisonville City Cemetery.<sup>3</sup>

(3) Ila Ruth Lucas, daughter of Albert Gordon Lucas and Lemma Odessa Sowell, was born July 14, 1921 at Madison Co., Texas, and married Buddie Alvis Murff Dec. 24, 1944 at Midway, Texas. He is the son of Burnett Alvis Murff and Flava Maude Wolf and was born Jan. 10, 1919 at Normangee, Texas.<sup>11</sup>

[1] June Elaine Murff, daughter of Buddie Alvis Murff and Ila Ruth Lucas, was born Nov. 2, 1946 at Houston, Texas, and married Ronald B. (Ronnie) Kirkland June 10, 1967 at Houston, Texas. He is the son of Woodrow B. Kirkland and Zana Ruth Stuart and was born May 31, 1944 at Houston, Texas.<sup>6</sup> Child:

/1/ Kevin Brooks Kirkland, son of Ronald B. (Ronnie) Kirkland and June Elaine Murff, was born Dec. 11, 1970 at Houston, Texas.<sup>6</sup>

[2] Becky Murff, daughter of Buddie Alvis Murff and Ila Ruth Lucas, was born Feb. 7, 1956 at Houston, Texas.<sup>11</sup>

(4) Lila Maude (Tincey) Lucas, daughter of Albert Gordon Lucas and Lemma Odessa Sowell, was born Aug. 6, 1923 at Midway, Texas, and married Edward Ray (Edd) Mize Aug. 5, 1944 at Normangee, Texas. He is the son of Joe Warner Mize and Elizabeth L. Cameron and was born

Apr. 11, 1917 at Normangee, Texas.<sup>9</sup> Children:

[1] Richard Orland (Pee Wee) Mize, son of Edward Ray (Edd) Mize and Lila Maude (Tincey) Lucas, was born Sept. 12, 1945 at San Antonio, Texas and married Ann Elizabeth Ogg Sept. 14, 1968 at Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of Ernest Warren Ogg and Maudine DeLeon and was born Sept. 15, 1946 at Houston, Texas.<sup>10</sup> Child:

/1/ Amy Lucille Mize, daughter of Richard Orland (Pee Wee) Mize and Ann Elizabeth Ogg, was born Aug. 27, 1972 at Houston, Texas.<sup>10</sup>

[2] Edward Lee (Eddie Lee) Mize, son of Edward Ray (Edd) Mize and Lila Maude (Tincey) Lucas, was born Nov. 4, 1947 at Houston, Texas.<sup>9</sup>

2. Samuel Orland (Sam) Sowell, son of George Russell Sowell and Lucy Mary Gibson, was born Aug. 22, 1893 at Madison Co., Texas, died Oct. 16, 1947 at Huntsville, Texas, buried at Huntsville, Texas, and married Alvah Dickey Dec. 24, 1916 at Midway, Texas. She is the daughter of Bill Dickey and Lucy Bell Durham and was born June 23, 1900 at Leon Co., Texas.<sup>12</sup> Children:

(1) Sammie Louise Sowell, daughter of Samuel Orland (Sam) Sowell and Alvah Dickey, was born Nov. 7, 1917 at Midway, Texas and married 1st Mabry Hall, Sr. Apr. 9, 1936 at Huntsville, Texas. He was the son of T. M. Hall and Arica Harper and was born Sept. 11, 1908 at Bedias, Texas, died May 12, 1966 at Ville Platte, Louisiana, buried at Bedias.<sup>4</sup> Children:

[1] Jean Hall, daughter of Mabry Hall, Sr. and Sammie Louise Sowell, was born May 7, 1938 at Huntsville, Texas and married Jimmy Ebeahardt at Houston, Texas.<sup>4</sup> Child:

/1/ Mickey, child of Jean Hall Ebehardt, was born Jan. 21, 1964 at Navasota, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

[2] Mabry Hall, Jr. son of Mabry Hall, Sr. and Sammie Louise Sowell, was born July 19, 1945 at Hempstead, Texas, and married Drenda Perkins Sept 12, 1970 at Sweeny, Texas.<sup>4</sup> Child:

/1/ Steven Hall, son of Mabry Hall, Jr. and Drenda Perkins, was born June 8, 1971 at Sweeny, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

[3] Gillis Dale Hall, son of Mabry Hall, Sr. and Sammie Louise Sowell, was born July 8, 1949 at Hempstead, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

(1) Sammie Louise Sowell Hall married 2nd Thomas Jordan Harp Sept. 12, 1969 at Sweeny, Texas. He was born Oct. 2, 1916 at Homer, Louisiana.<sup>4</sup>

(2) Donald Russell Sowell, son of Samuel Orland (Sam) Sowell and Alvah Dickey, was born Nov. 24, 1919 at Midway, Texas, died July 8, 1945 in Germany, buried at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>12</sup>

(3) Morris Knox Sowell, son of Samuel Orland (Sam) Sowell and Alvah Dickey, was born Dec. 26, 1921 at Madisonville, Texas, and married Lou Nell Milikien June 29, 1944 at Huntsville, Texas. She is the daughter of Joseph Wilbur Milikien and Nellie Irene Holiday and was born Aug. 6, 1926 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>19</sup> Children:

[1] Linda Lou Sowell, daughter of Morris Knox Sowell and Lou Nell Milikien, was born Sept. 25, 1945 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>19</sup>

[2] Joe Morris Sowell, son of Morris Knox Sowell and Lou Nell Milikien, was born Jan. 21, 1948 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>19</sup>

(4) Lon Ed Sowell, son of Samuel Orland (Sam) Sowell and Alvah Dickey, was born Oct. 9, 1925 at Huntsville, Texas, and married Bobby Kimmey. She is the daughter of John A. Kimmey and Birdie Batson.<sup>12</sup> Children:

[1] Donald Sowell, son of Lon Ed Sowell and Bobby Kimmey, married \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>12</sup> Child:

/1/ Tina Sowell, daughter of Donald Sowell and \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>12</sup>

[2] Ronald Sowell, Sr., son of Lon Ed Sowell and Bobby Kimmey, married \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>12</sup> Children:

/1/ Gina Sowell, daughter of Ronald Sowell, Sr. and \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>12</sup>

/2/ Ronald Sowell, Jr., son of Ronald Sowell, Sr. and \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>12</sup>

[3] Jonny Sowell, son of Lon Ed Sowell and Bobby Kimmey, married Carolyn Delores Goodrow July 17, 1970 at Huntsville, Texas. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Goodrow.<sup>5</sup>

[4] \_\_\_\_\_, child of Lon Ed Sowell and Bobby Kimmey.

(5) John Lee Sowell, son of Samuel Orland (Sam) Sowell and Alvah Dickey, was born Jan. 21, 1930 at Huntsville, Texas, and married Jo Ann June 17, 1950 at Huntsville, Texas. She was born May 25, 1936 at Pilot Point, Texas.<sup>18</sup> Children:

[1] Donnie Sowell, son of John Lee Sowell and Jo Ann, was born Apr. 3, 1951 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>18</sup>

[2] Denise Sowell, daughter of John Lee Sowell and Jo Ann, was born Sept. 22, 1954 at Houston, Texas.<sup>18</sup>

[3] Dana Sowell, child of John Lee Sowell and Jo Ann, was born Nov. 28, 1958 at Houston, Texas.<sup>18</sup>

3. John Onan Sowell, son of George Russell Sowell and Lucy Mary Gibson, was born Jan. 27, 1896 at Midway, Texas, and married Alpha Dickey Dec. 21, 1919 at Cobbs Creek, Madison Co., Texas. She is the daughter of Bill Dickey and Lucy Bell Durham and was born June 23, 1900 at Middleton, Leon Co., Texas.<sup>2</sup> Children:

- (1) Virgil Odell Sowell, son of John Onan Sowell and Alpha Dickey, was born June 22, 1921 at Madison Co., Texas, and married Joyce Davis June 2, 1949 at Madisonville, Texas. She is the daughter of John Henry Davis and Rosa Lee Swinner and was born Mar. 8, 1929 at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>21</sup> Children:

[1] Teresa Lynn Sowell, daughter of Virgil Odell Sowell and Joyce Davis, was born Jan. 12, 1955 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>21</sup>

[2] Lori Elaine Sowell, daughter of Virgil Odell Sowell and Joyce Davis, was born July 26, 1962 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>21</sup>

- (2) Brady Onan Sowell, son of John Onan Sowell and Alpha Dickey, was born May 2, 1927 at Huntsville, Texas and married Lorene Ficken July 18, 1948 at Palestine, Texas. She is the daughter of John and Mattie Ficken and was born Apr. 19, 1928 at Palestine, Texas.<sup>13</sup> Children:

[1] John Euell Sowell, son of Brady Onan Sowell and Lorene Ficken, was born Oct. 2, 1949 at Beaumont, Texas, and married Etta Johnson Aug. 12, 1971 at Vidor, Texas. She is the daughter of Harlis Johnson and Vera Mae Bailey and was born Apr. 25, 1951 at Vidor, Texas.<sup>13</sup> Child:

/1/ Kirk Harlis Sowell, son of John Euell Sowell and Etta Johnson, was born Aug. 20, 1972 at Camp Pendleton, California.<sup>13</sup>

[2] Charles Wayne Sowell, son of Brady Onan Sowell and Lorene Ficken, was born Oct. 26, 1952 at Beaumont, Texas.<sup>13</sup>

[3] Joe Brady Sowell, son of Brady Onan Sowell and Lorene Ficken, was born Dec. 24, 1954 at Beaumont, Texas.<sup>13</sup>

(3) Johnnie Jo Sowell, daughter of John Onan Sowell and Alpha Dickey, was born July 23, 1937 at Huntsville, Texas, and married Jimmy Don Dickenson May 19, 1962 at Huntsville, Texas. He is the son of Jesse Felix Dickenson and Mildred Lisby and was born July 16, 1941 at Fort Worth, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

4. Vaden Russell Sowell, son of George Russell Sowell and Lucy Mary Gibson, was born Nov. 14, 1898 at Midway, Texas, and married Leila Tarpley Dec. 11, 1922 at Madisonville, Texas. She is the daughter of W. L. Tarpley and Addie Dean and was born Apr. 30, 1899 at Midway, Texas.<sup>20</sup> Child:

(1) Rose Marie Sowell, daughter of Vaden Russell Sowell and Leila Tarpley, was born Jan. 6, 1927 at Midway, Texas, and married Billy E. Coley July 12, 1945 at Huntsville, Texas. He is the son of Charlie Hubbard Coley and Elizabeth Spann and was born Sept. 16, 1926 at Mt. Pleasant, Texas.<sup>1</sup> Child:

[1] Debra Lynne (Debbie) Coley, daughter of Billy Coley and Rose Marie Sowell, was born Aug. 1, 1952 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

5. Frank Files Sowell, son of George Russell Sowell and Lucy Mary Gibson, was born Dec. 8, 1901 at Madison Co., Texas, and married Maydelle Burke Jan. 30, 1932 at Madisonville, Texas. She is the daughter of Preston Emmett Burke and Cornelia Capps and was born Jan. 30, 1910 at McDade, Texas.<sup>15</sup> Children:

- (1) Max Emmett Sowell, son of Frank Files Sowell and Maydelle Burke, was born May 27, 1933 at Madison Co., Texas, died July 8, 1933 at Madison Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>15</sup>
- (2) Jerrell Lee (Jerry) Sowell, son of Frank Files Sowell and Maydell Burke, was born June 2, 1947 at Harris Co., Texas and married Betsy Watkins Nov. 26, 1969 at Huntsville, Texas. She was born Dec. 9, 1946 at Bay City, Texas.<sup>16</sup>
6. Joe Lawson Sowell, son of George Russell Sowell and Lucy Mary Gibson, was born Feb. 20, 1906 at Madison Co., Texas, and married Mabel Williams Aug. 14, 1931 at Tyler, Texas. She is the daughter of Stephen Paul Williams and Minnie Eugenia McKinney and was born Nov. 18, 1903 at Rosewood, Upshur Co., Texas.<sup>17</sup> Children:
- (1) Carolyn Eugenia Sowell, daughter of Joe Lawson Sowell and Mabel Williams, was born Feb. 10, 1939 at Bryan, Texas.<sup>14</sup>
- (2) Sally Marie Sowell, daughter of Joe Lawson Sowell and Mabel Williams, was born Feb. 28, 1943 at Gilmer, Texas, and married Norman Ray Williams Aug. 6, 1966 at Tyler, Texas. He is the son of Chester Williams and Rulene Jones and was born Apr. 15, 1943 at Austin, Texas.<sup>22</sup>
7. Willie Max Sowell, son of George Russell Sowell and Lucy Mary Gibson, was born July 28, 1909 at Hill Co., Texas, died Jan. 10, 1928 at Madison Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>17</sup>

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2. Dickenson, Johnnie Jo Sowell (Mrs. Jimmy Don), Box 935, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

3. Garrison, Lucille Lucas (Mrs. Claiborn Lee), 507 West Trinity, Madisonville, Texas 77864.
4. Harp, Sammie Louise Sowell (Mrs. Thomas Jordon), P. O. Box 333, Sweeny, Texas 77480.
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7. Lucas, Gilbert, 201 N. Milam, San Augustine, Texas 75972.
8. Lucas, Roland Mortimer, 2754 Angier Rd., Huntsville, Texas 77340.
9. Mize, Lila Maude (Tincey) Lucas, (Mrs. Edward Ray "Edd"), 10930 Invierno, Houston, Texas.
10. Mize, Richard Orland (Pee Wee), 1621 LaMonte, Houston, Texas 77008.
11. Murff, Ila Ruth Lucas (Mrs. Buddie Alvis), 1103 Creekmont, Houston, Texas 77088.
12. Sowell, Alvah Dickey (Mrs. Samuel Orland), 929 13th Street, Huntsville, Texas 77340.
13. Sowell, Brady Onan, P. O. Box 506, Vidor, Texas 77662.
14. Sowell, Carolyn Eugenia, 1417 Santa Rosa Drive, Tyler, Texas 75701.
15. Sowell, Frank Files, 234 W. 3rd St., Deer Park, Texas 77536.
16. Sowell, Jerrell Lee (Jerry), 1806 S. 3rd, Conroe, Texas 77301.
17. Sowell, Joe Lawson, 1417 Santa Rosa Drive, Tyler, Texas 75701.
18. Sowell, John Lee, 207 Judson, Navasota, Texas 77868.
19. Sowell, Morris Knox 2125 Ave. Q, Huntsville, Texas 77340.
20. Sowell, Vaden Russell, 2115 Ave. M, Huntsville, Texas 77340.
21. Sowell Virgil Odell, Rt. 1, Huntsville, Texas 77340.
22. Williams, Sally Marie Sowell (Mrs. Norman Ray), 1901 Comanche Drive, Harker Heights, Texas 76541.

JAMES WILEY — ANNA GIBSON SOWELL



James Wiley (Jim) Sowell



Anna Tabytha Gibson



Dessie

James Wiley (Jim) Sowell, son of John Alexander Sowell, Sr. and Laura Hilton, was born Dec. 23, 1869 at South Carolina, died Nov. 24, 1907 at Blairs Mill, Liberty Co., Texas, buried in Kenefick, Texas and married 1st Anna Tabytha Gibson Jan. 1, 1891 at Madison Co., Texas. She was the daughter of Samuel Gibson and Laura Jane Kirkland and was born June 29, 1871 at Burleson Co., Texas and died Feb. 8, 1896 at Leon Co., Texas.<sup>6</sup> Children:

1. Lillie Ethel Sowell, daughter of James Wiley (Jim) Sowell and Anna Tabytha Gibson, was born Sept. 9, 1891 and died 1892 at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>6</sup>
2. Modjeska (Dessie) Sowell, daughter of James Wiley (Jim) Sowell and Anna Tabytha Gibson, was born Nov. 27, 1892 at Midway, Texas, died Dec. 14, 1956 at Midway, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery and married 1st Barbee Drinkard (Robert) Tarpley, Sr., Dec. 23, 1910 at Midway, Texas. He was the son of Rev. Barbee Tarpley and Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hawkins and was born June 18, 1880 at Midway, Texas, died Aug. 15, 1928 at Midway, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>7</sup> Children:

- (1) Anna Laura Tarpley, daughter of Barbee Drinkard (Robert) Tarpley, Sr., and Modjeska (Dessie) Sowell, was born Nov. 15, 1913 at Brazos Co., Texas, died Oct. 17, 1965 at Madisonville, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery and married Robert Homer Ketchum Sept. 22, 1934 at Midway, Texas. He was the son of Robert Littleton Ketchum and Ida Pearson and was born July 31, 1913 at Madison Co., Texas, died Oct. 20, 1972 at Madisonville, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>5</sup> Children:

- [1] Robert Wyndell Ketchum, son of Robert Homer Ketchum and Anna Laura Tarpley, was born June 11, 1940 at Madisonville, Texas, and married Anna Marie Hall Dec. 1, 1961 at Bryan, Texas. She is the daughter of Earnest Hall and Ruthey Jewel McCaffety and was born Jan. 2, 1944 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>3</sup> Children:

/1/ Robert Stanford (Stan) Ketchum, son of Robert Wyndell Ketchum and Anna Marie Hall, was born July 5, 1962 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>3</sup>

/2/ Anna Wynnell (Wendy) Ketchum, daughter of Robert Wyndell Ketchum and Anna Marie Hall, was born Dec. 24, 1964 at Madisonville, Texas.<sup>3</sup>

[2] Sue Carol Ketchum, daughter of Robert Homer Ketchum and Anna Laura Tarpley, was born Aug. 24, 1942 at Houston, Texas and married James Fernon Gibson Mar. 21, 1965 at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas. He is the son of Thomas Reed Gibson and Clara Merle Roberts and was born Jan. 13, 1943 at Houston, Texas.<sup>1</sup>  
Child:

/1/ James Heath Gibson, son of James Fernon Gibson and Sue Carol Ketchum, was born Oct. 29, 1968 at Madisonville, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

[3] Jimmy Keith Ketchum, son of Robert Homer Ketchum and Anna Laura Tarpley, was born July 28, 1945 at Houston, Texas and married Helen Ruth Dyer July 28, 1967 at Madisonville, Texas. She is the daughter of George W. Dyer and Ora Pearl Akin and was born Nov. 15, 1946 at Madisonville, Texas.<sup>2</sup> Children:

/1/ Clayton Keith Ketchum, son of Jimmy Keith Ketchum and Helen Ruth Dyer, was born Mar. 24, 1968 at Bryan, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

/2/ Laura Kay Ketchum, daughter of Jimmy Keith Ketchum and Helen Ruth Dyer, was born Sept. 29, 1972 at Bryan, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

[4] Paula Lynn Ketchum, daughter of Robert Homer Ketchum and Anna Laura Tarpley, was born Dec. 7, 1947 at Madisonville, Texas and married Melvin Ray (Buck) Mosley June 11, 1966 at Midway, Texas. He is the

son of Joseph Rafton Mosley and Martha Emma Gene Colwell and was born Oct. 18, 1944 at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>5</sup> Child:

/1/ Russell Wade Mosley, son of Melvin Ray (Buck) Mosley and Paula Lynn Ketchum, was born Feb. 13 1970 at Madisonville, Texas.<sup>5</sup>

[5] Peggy Jo Ketchum, daughter of Robert Homer Ketchum and Anna Laura Tarpley, was born Sept. 23, 1949 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>5</sup>

(2) James Barbee (Jim Bob) Tarpley, son of Barbee Drinkard (Robert) Tarpley, Sr. and Modjeska (Dessie) Sowell, was born July 27, 1917 at Midway, Texas, and married Bernice Murff Nov. 12, 1938 at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas. She is the daughter of Burnett Alvis Murff and Flava Maude Wolf and was born Dec. 23, 1916 at Flynn, Texas.<sup>7</sup> Children:

[1] Bob T. (Bobby) Tarpley, son of James Barbee (Jim Bob) Tarpley and Bernice Murff, was born Jan. 30, 1940 at Leon Prairie, Texas, and married Elaine C. Dement June 10, 1962 at Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of William Ray Dement and Clara L. Noack and was born July 14, 1944 at West Columbia, Texas.<sup>7</sup> Child:

/1/ Susan Elaine Tarpley, daughter of Bob T. (Bobby) Tarpley and Elaine C. Dement, was born Feb. 6, 1964 at Houston, Texas.<sup>7</sup>

[2] Barbara E. Tarpley, daughter of James Barbee (Jim Bob) Tarpley and Bernice Murff, was born Oct. 5, 1948 at Madisonville, Texas, and married Robert E. Dockens Dec. 21, 1970 at Houston, Texas. He was born July 30, 1949 at Houston, Texas.<sup>7</sup> Children:

/1/ Tammy Lynn, daughter of Robert E. Dockens and Barbara E. Tarpley, was born June 7, 1967 at

Houston, Texas.<sup>7</sup>

/2/ Kimberly Kay Dockens, daughter of Robert E. Dockens and Barbara E. Tarpley, was born Dec. 2, 1971 at Houston, Texas.<sup>7</sup>

[3] Gloria J. Tarpley, daughter of James Barbee (Jim Bob) Tarpley and Bernice Murff, was born Sept. 24, 1949 at Normangee, Texas and married Billy W. Struck Jan. 3, 1969 at Houston, Texas. He was born Mar. 18, 1944 at Mineral Wells, Texas.<sup>7</sup> Child:

/1/ Laurie June Struck, daughter of Billy W. Struck and Gloria J. Tarpley, was born Apr. 28, 1972 at Houston, Texas.<sup>7</sup>

(3) Barbee Drinkard (B. D.) Tarpley, Jr., son of Barbee Drinkard (Robert) Tarpley, Sr. and Modjeska (Dessie) Sowell, was born Oct. 27, 1928 at Midway, Texas, and married Geneva Charlton June 24, 1950 at North Zulch, Texas. She was born Apr. 4, 1928 at Midway, Texas.<sup>7</sup> Child:

[1] Billy Don Tarpley, son of Barbee Drinkard (B. D.) Tarpley, Jr. and Geneva Charlton, was born Aug. 24, 1954 at Houston, Texas.<sup>7</sup>

2. Modjeska (Dessie) Sowell married 2nd Pleasant K. Goree, Jr. Mar. 20, 1948 at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>4</sup>

3. Dalton Sowell, son of James Wiley (Jim) Sowell and Anna Tabytha Gibson, was born Feb. 6, 1895, died 1899 at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>6</sup>

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JAMES WILEY — FODIE KNOBLES SOWELL



James Wiley (Jim) Sowell



Fodie Knobles



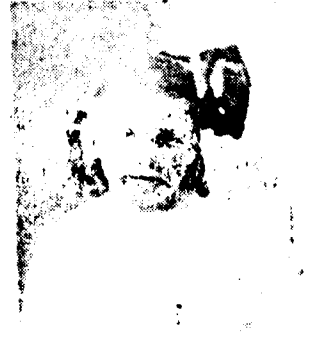
John



Laura



Jimmy



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James Wiley (Jim) Sowell, son of John Alexander Sowell, Sr. and Laura Hilton, was born Dec. 23, 1869 at South Carolina, died Nov. 24, 1907 at Blairs Mill, Liberty Co., Texas, buried in Kenefick, Texas and married 2nd Fodie Knobles. She was the daughter of Henry Jefferson Knobles and Elizabeth Ann (Bessie) Bradford and was born Jan. 2, 1880 at Leasville, Green Co., Mississippi, died Feb. 15, 1958 at Baytown, Texas, buried in Hill of Rest Cemetery, Baytown, Texas.<sup>9,1</sup> Children:

1. John Jefferson Sowell, son of James Wiley (Jim) Sowell and Fodie Knobles, was born Nov. 16, 1900 at Madison Co., Texas, died Sept. 18, 1941 at Beaumont, Texas, buried in Hill of Rest Cemetery, Baytown, Texas and married Jessie Mae Brady Mar. 12, 1924 at Madison Co., Texas. She is the daughter of Riley Ramsey Brady and \_\_\_\_\_ Moore and was born Oct. 8, 1901.<sup>11</sup> Child:

- (1) James Douglas Sowell, son of John Jefferson Sowell and Jessie Mae Brady, was born Jan. 6, 1925 at Baytown, Texas and married Virginia Cox Aug. 17, 1951 at Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of Lee O. Cox and Carrie Miller and was born Jan. 7, 1929 at Houston, Texas.<sup>10</sup> Children:

[1] Donna Karen Sowell, daughter of James Douglas Sowell and Virginia Cox, was born Jan. 28, 1954 at Bay City, Texas.<sup>10</sup>

[2] Jane Diane Sowell, daughter of James Douglas Sowell and Virginia Cox, was born Feb. 8, 1957 at Bay City, Texas.<sup>10</sup>

2. Laura Minnie Sowell, daughter of James Wiley (Jim) Sowell and Fodie Knobles, was born Oct. 8, 1902 at Madison Co., Texas and married Larkin McKay, Sr. June 2, 1923 at Houston, Texas. He was the son of Aus and Minerva McKay and was born June 28, 1897, died Feb. 18, 1969 at Houston, Texas, buried in Willis, Texas.<sup>6</sup> Children:

- (1) Viola Mae McKay, daughter of Larkin McKay, Sr. and Laura

Minnie Sowell, was born Apr. 11, 1924 at Baytown, Texas and married 1st Archie Sherman Davis Oct. 15, 1941 at Houston, Texas. He is the son of Fred Paul Davis and Charlotte Wills and was born Aug. 7, 1915 at Elizabeth, Louisiana.<sup>7</sup> Children:

[1] Sherman Lee (Shem) Davis, son of Archie Sherman Davis and Viola Mae McKay, was born Oct. 12, 1942 at Baytown, Texas and married Nancy Kay Brock Dec. 31, 1960 at Liberty, Texas. She is the daughter of Robert (Bob) Brock and Gwendolyn Mercer and was born Dec. 7, 1945 at Baytown, Texas.<sup>7</sup> Child:

/1/ Jodie Alice Davis, daughter of Sherman Lee (Shem) Davis and Nancy Kay Brock, was born Sept. 14, 1961 at Olton, Texas.<sup>7</sup>

[2] Michael Wayne (Mike) Davis, son of Archie Sherman Davis and Viola Mae McKay, was born Aug. 28, 1944 at Highlands, Texas.<sup>7</sup>

(1) Viola Mae McKay married 2nd George F. Morris Apr. 29, 1970 at Honolulu, Hawaii. He is the son of James Harris Morris and Martha H. Grimshaw and was born May 12 at New Brighton, Pennsylvania.<sup>7</sup>

(2) Larkin McKay, Jr., son of Larkin McKay, Sr. and Laura Minnie Sowell, was born Mar. 7, 1926 at Baytown, Texas and married Margaret Elizabeth Romero June 22, 1946 at Highlands, Texas. She is the daughter of George Mildred and Irene Romero and was born Feb. 3, 1927 at Elena, Texas.<sup>5</sup> Children:

[1] Roy Alan McKay, Sr., son of Larkin McKay, Jr. and Margaret Elizabeth Romero, was born Aug. 26, 1947 at Highlands, Texas and married Jo Ann Addie Cheek Feb., 1971. She is the daughter of Thurman Cheek and Demmer Estell Newsom and was born Jan. 3, 1955 at Rayville, Louisiana.<sup>5</sup>

/1/ Roy Alan McKay, Jr., son of Roy Alan McKay, Sr. and Jo Ann Addie Cheek, was born Oct. 12, 1971 at Baytown, Texas.<sup>5</sup>

[2] Edith Marie (Edie) McKay, daughter of Larkin McKay, Jr. and Margaret Elizabeth Romero, was born Mar. 12, 1950 at Baytown, Texas and married Jerry Crawford Parrish Mar. 19, 1970 at Highlands, Texas. He is the son of Auburn Parrish and Louada Crawford and born Feb. 4, 1950 at Livingston, Texas.<sup>5</sup>

[3] Linda Sue McKay, daughter of Larkin McKay, Jr. and Margaret Elizabeth Romero, was born May 7, 1954 at Baytown, Texas.<sup>5</sup>

[4] Barbara Jean McKay, daughter of Larkin McKay, Jr. and Margaret Elizabeth Romero, was born Oct. 28, 1961 at Baytown, Texas.<sup>5</sup>

(3) Laura Alice McKay, daughter of Larkin McKay, Sr. and Laura Minnie Sowell, was born June 27, 1928 at Highlands, Texas and married Herbert M. Gardner, Jr. July 24, 1948 at Houston, Texas. He is the son of Herbert M. Gardner, Sr. and Evelyn A. Maaz and was born Aug. 16, 1927 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup> Children:

[1] Herbert M. (Bubba) Gardner III, son of Herbert M. Gardner, Jr. and Laura Alice McKay, was born Sept. 6, 1949 at Houston, Texas, died May 21, 1963 at Galena, Park, Texas, buried in Brookside Cemetery at Houston Texas.<sup>2</sup>

[2] Donald Wayne (Donnie) Gardner, son of Herbert M. Gardner, Jr. and Laura Alice McKay, was born Oct. 20, 1951 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

[3] Gary Steven Gardner, son of Herbert M. Gardner, Jr. and Laura Alice McKay, was born Aug. 8, 1954 at Baytown, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

- [4] Carol Elaine Gardner, daughter of Herbert M. Gardner, Jr. and Laura Alice McKay, was born Nov. 18, 1956 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup>
- [5] Randal Neil (Randy) Gardner, son of Herbert M. Gardner, Jr. and Laura Alice McKay, was born Feb. 23, 1968 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup>
- (4) Donald Gene McKay, son of Larkin McKay, Sr. and Laura Minnie Sowell, was born Aug. 27, 1930 at Highlands, Texas and married Dorothy Hyman Slott Dec. 31, 1965 at Willis, Texas. She was born Aug. 18, 1929 at Richards, Texas.<sup>4</sup>
- (5) Lila Lois McKay, daughter of Larkin McKay, Sr. and Laura Minnie Sowell, was born June 6, 1933 at Highlands, Texas and married Royce Grissom Feb. 3, 1956 at Willis, Texas. He is the son of Dewey and Lillie Grissom and was born 1935 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>3</sup> Children:
- [1] Deborah Lynn (Debbie) Grissom, daughter of Royce Grissom and Lila Lois McKay, was born Sept. 9, 1956 at Conroe, Texas.<sup>3</sup>
- [2] Larry Wayne Grissom, son of Royce Grissom and Lila Lois McKay, was born Dec. 12, 1960 at Conroe, Texas.<sup>3</sup>
3. Jimmy Napoleon Sowell, son of James Wiley (Jim) Sowell and Fodie Knobles, was born Feb. 2, 1905 at Madison Co., Texas and married Pearl Lensing at Lake Charles, Louisiana. She was the daughter of Jim Lensing and Susie S. Reeves and was born Sept. 5, 1909 at Beaumont, Texas, died June 20, 1963 at Morgan City, Louisiana, buried in Morgan City Cemetery.<sup>8</sup>
- Child:
- (1) Marjorie Lydell Sowell, daughter of Jimmy Napoleon Sowell and Pearl Lensing, was born Dec. 1, 1932 at Gladewater, Texas and married Peter Levy (Pete) Pierce, Jr. Aug. 1, 1950 at Cameron, Louisiana. He is the son of Peter Levy Pierce, Sr. and Marietta Griesman and was born Sept. 3,

1928 at Morgan City, Louisiana.<sup>8</sup> Children:

[1] David Pierce, son of Peter Levy (Pete) Pierce, Jr. and Marjorie Lydell Sowell, was born Jan. 24, 1953 at Morgan City, Louisiana.<sup>8</sup>

[2] Lydell Pierce, child of Peter Levy (Pete) Pierce, Jr. and Marjorie Lydell Sowell, was born Dec. 31, 1953 at Morgan City, Louisiana.<sup>8</sup>

[3] Karla Pierce, daughter of Peter Levy (Pete) Pierce, Jr. and Marjorie Lydell Sowell, was born Sept. 15, 1961 at Morgan City, Louisiana.<sup>8</sup>

4. Ottis J. Sowell, daughter of James Wiley (Jim) Sowell and Fodie Knobles, was born Nov. 1, 1907 at Kenefick, Liberty Co., Texas and married Theo Adelbert Doolittle Nov. 13, 1933 at LaPorte, Texas. He is the son of Addison Gordis Doolittle and Ollie Jane Roberts and was born Aug. 14, 1905 at Tyler Co., Texas.<sup>1</sup> Children:

(1) Sylvia Pauline Doolittle, daughter of Theo Adelbert Doolittle and Ottis J. Sowell, was born Dec. 23, 1935 at Highlands, Texas and married Henry Thomas (Tommy) Sherron, Jr. Dec. 17, 1954 at Highlands, Texas. He is the son of Henry Thomas (Hank) Sherron, Sr. and Lavena (Dean) Walker and was born Mar. 9, 1936 at Palestine, Texas.<sup>1</sup>  
Children:

[1] Henry Thomas Sherron III, son of Henry Thomas (Tommy) Sherron, Jr. and Sylvia Pauline Doolittle, was born May 13, 1956 at Baytown, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

[2] Timothy Clark (Tim) Sherron, son of Henry Thomas (Tommy) Sherron, Jr. and Sylvia Pauline Doolittle, was born Dec. 10, 1958 at Baytown, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

[3] John Stephen Sherron, son of Henry Thomas (Tommy) Sherron, Jr. and Sylvia Pauline Doolittle, was born Sept. 15, 1966 at Baytown, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

- (2) David Frank Doolittle, son of Theo Adelbert Doolittle and Ottis J. Sowell, was born Oct. 2, 1940 at Highlands, Texas and married Mahalalah Hamner May 29, 1971 at Hitchcock, Texas. She is the daughter of Turner Findley Hamner and Mildred Reed and was born July 6, 1947 at Columbus, Texas.<sup>1</sup>
- (3) James Walter (Jim) Doolittle, son of Theo Adelbert Doolittle and Ottis J. Sowell, was born Apr. 26, 1943 at Highlands, Texas and married Karen Marcia Sonnier Nov. 19, 1966 at Highlands, Texas. She is the daughter of Buford Sonnier and Jewel Ethel Gasset and was born Nov. 28, 1947 at Baytown, Texas.<sup>1</sup> Children:

[1] Brian James Doolittle, son of James Walter (Jim) Doolittle and Karen Marcia Sonnier, was born Jan. 29, 1969 at Baytown, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

[2] Leslie Scott (Scotty) Doolittle, son of James Walter (Jim) Doolittle and Karen Marcia Sonnier, was born Dec. 8, 1970 at Baytown.<sup>1</sup>

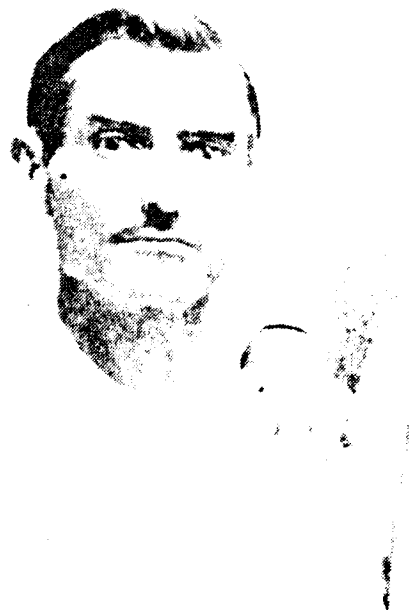
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MAGGIE SOWELL — JOHN HENRY BLACK



Maggie Sowell



John Henry Black



Ethel      Will      Rosa  
Loftin    Babe    Hollis  
M. J.    Talmadge

Maggie Sowell, daughter of John Alexander Sowell, Sr. and Laura Hilton, was born Apr. 5, 1871 at South Carolina, died June 16, 1909 at Madison Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery, and married John Henry Black Dec. 29, 1892 at Old Hennisie, Leon Co., Texas. He was the son of Elder J. Mackey A. and Ellen Black and was born May 4, 1873 at Coryell Co., Texas, died Aug. 15, 1921 at Madison Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>8</sup> Children:

1. Rosa Ellen Black, daughter of John Henry Black and Maggie Sowell, was born Nov. 29, 1893 at Leon Co., Texas, died Feb. 17, 1937 at Madison Co., Texas, buried in Madisonville Cemetery, and married Perry Goode May 10, 1912 at Cobbs Creek, Madison Co., Texas. He is the son of Mack C. Goode and Eliza Whitmire and was born July 20, 1890 in Leon Co., Texas.<sup>16</sup> Children:

- (1) Mary Ethel Goode, daughter of Perry Goode and Rosa Ellen Black, was born Apr. 17, 1913 at Madison Co., Texas and married Roy Lee Baker Feb. 2, 1931 at Bay City, Texas. He is the son of William Baker and Henrietta Short and was born May 30, 1912 at Roswell, New Mexico.<sup>2</sup> Children:

- [1] Charles Franklin Baker, son of Roy Lee Baker and Mary Ethel Goode, was born May 3, 1932 at Kinta, Oklahoma and married Norma Aleen Martin Nov. 3, 1951 at Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of Charles H. Martin and Tassie Lorraine Mullican and was born Mar. 7, 1932 at Vicksburg, Mississippi.<sup>1</sup> Children:

- /1/ Delores Ann Baker, daughter of Charles Franklin Baker and Norma Aleen Martin, was born Feb. 28, 1953 at Houston, Texas and married Daniel Rae Zogg June 17, 1971 at Houston, Texas. He is the son of Frank Walter Zogg and Lottie Rosebud Johnson and was born Jan. 26, 1947 at Houston, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

/2/ David Allen Baker, Sr., son of Charles Franklin Baker and Norma Aleen Martin, was born Aug. 10, 1954 at Houston, Texas and married Jackie Carol Williams Jan. 29, 1972 at Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of James Jackson Williams and Betty Davis and was born Oct. 2, 1955 at La Marque, Texas.<sup>1</sup> Child:

① David Allen Baker, Jr. son of David Allen Baker, Sr. and Jackie Carol Williams, was born Dec. 24, 1972 at Houston, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

[2] Jackie Lee Baker, daughter of Roy Lee Baker and Mary Ethel Goode, was born 1934 at Madison Co., Texas and married Eldon L. Loesch May 27, 1949 at Velasco, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Loesch and was born Nov. 13, 1928.<sup>2</sup> Children:

/1/ Terry Lynn Loesch, daughter of Eldon L. Loesch and Jackie Lee Baker, was born June 22, 1951 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

/2/ Lessly Dawn (Binky) Loesch, daughter of Eldon L. Loesch and Jackie Lee Baker, was born Nov. 19, 1958.<sup>2</sup>

[3] Perry Jackson Baker, son of Roy Lee Baker and Mary Ethel Goode, was born May 14, 1936 at Madison Co., Texas and married Glenda Estell Hammonds Feb. 12, 1955 at Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of Oliver T. and Eva May Hammonds and was born Dec. 23, 1938 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup> Children:

/1/ Belinda Diane Baker, daughter of Perry Jackson Baker and Glenda Estell Hammonds, was born Nov. 1, 1955 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

/2/ Shiela Dee Baker, daughter of Perry Jackson Baker and Glenda Estell Hammonds, was born Feb. 12, 1962 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

/3/ Johny DeWayne Baker, son of Perry Jackson Baker and Glenda Estell Hammonds, was born July 7, 1965 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

(2) J. R. Goode, son of Perry Goode and Rosa Ellen Black, was born Nov. 2, 1915 at Madison Co., Texas, died Nov. 8, 1915 at Madison Co., Texas, buried at Madisonville, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

(3) Maggie Willie Goode, daughter of Perry Goode and Rosa Ellen Black, was born Nov. 27, 1916 at Madisonville, Texas and married Bryan McKnight, Sr. Dec. 23, 1935 at Madisonville, Texas. He is the son of Will A. McKnight and Sudie Defee and was born Oct. 20, 1908 at Childress, Texas.<sup>16</sup> Child:

[1] Bryan McKnight, Jr., son of Bryan McKnight, Sr. and Maggie Willie Goode, was born Oct. 3, 1936 at Madisonville, Texas, died Sept. 23, 1939 at Madisonville, Texas, buried at Madisonville.<sup>16</sup>

2. William Madison (Will) Black, son of John Henry Black and Maggie Sowell, was born Mar. 27, 1895 at Leon Co., Texas, and married Lillie Collins Oct. 2, 1917 at Madison Co., Texas. She is the daughter of Owen Monroe Collins and Saphronia Adeline Walker and was born Nov. 27, 1900 at Montgomery Co., Texas.<sup>8</sup> Children:

(1) Myrtle Lorraine Black, daughter of William Madison (Will) Black and Lillie Collins, was born Dec. 7, 1918 at Madison Co., Texas and married Homer Duncan July 14, 1942 at Midway, Texas. He is the son of John Wesley Duncan and Claudie Lee Little and was born Oct. 19, 1919 at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>10</sup> Children:

[1] Harold Bruce Duncan, son of Homer Duncan and Myrtle Lorraine Black, was born Feb. 20, 1945 at Walker Co., Texas and married Judith Darlene Courtney Aug. 22, 1964 at Walker Co., Texas.<sup>10</sup> Children:

- /1/ Jessica Sloan Duncan, daughter of Harold Bruce Duncan and Judith Darlene Courtney, was born Sept. 12, 1967 at Walker, Co., Texas, died Sept. 12, 1967, buried at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>10</sup>
- /2/ Jack Christopher Duncan, son of Harold Bruce Duncan and Judith Darlene Courtney, was born Jan. 10, 1969 at Montgomery, Co., Texas.<sup>10</sup>
- /3/ Kortney Nichole Duncan, child of Harold Bruce Duncan and Judith Darlene Courtney, was born April 28, 1971 at Montgomery Co., Texas.<sup>10</sup>
- [2] Judy Dianne Duncan, daughter of Homer Duncan and Myrtle Lorraine Black, was born Sept. 21, 1948 at Walker Co., Texas and married Roger Dale Key Nov. 25, 1970 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>10</sup>
- [3] Nancy Sue Duncan, daughter of Homer Duncan and Myrtle Lorraine Black, was born Apr. 2, 1950 at Walker Co., Texas and married 1st Harvey Ray Etheridge Apr. 5, 1968 at Huntsville, Texas. He died Feb. 28, 1970. Nancy Sue Duncan married 2nd Derwood Collum Jan. 7, 1971 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>10</sup>
- (2) Alvin Oneal Black, son of William Madison (Will) Black and Lillie Collins, was born Sept. 13, 1921 at Madison Co., Texas and married Bennie Pearl Lander June 28, 1942 at Madisonville, Texas. She was born Feb. 3, 1926 at Madisonville, Texas.<sup>3</sup> Children:
- [1] Wesley Oneal Black, son of Alvin Oneal Black and Bennie Pearl Lander, was born Dec. 21, 1943 at Madisonville, Texas and married Sandra Lee Taylor Aug. 21, 1965. She was born Feb. 11, 1941 at Hobbs, New Mexico.<sup>3</sup> Children:
- /1/ Clay Chandler Black, son of Wesley Oneal Black and Sandra Lee Taylor, was born Sept. 28, 1969

at Odessa, Texas.<sup>3</sup>

/2/ Melissa Lee Black, daughter of Wesley Oneal Black and Sandra Lee Taylor, was born Sept. 18, 1971 at San Antonio, Texas.<sup>3</sup>

[2] Karen Ann Black, daughter of Alvin Oneal Black and Bennie Pearl Lander, was born May 11, 1947 at Huntsville, Texas and married Frank Henry Moore, Jr. May 20, 1972.<sup>3</sup>

[3] Albert Ray Black, son of Alvin Oneal Black and Bennie Pearl Lander, was born July 12, 1949 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>3</sup>

(3) Obert Graves Black, son of William Madison (Will) Black and Lillie Collins, was born Jan. 17, 1923 at Madison Co., Texas, died July 24, 1953 at Harris Co., Texas, buried at Walker Co., Texas.<sup>8</sup>

(4) Wilma Ethel Black, daughter of William Madison (Will) Black and Lillie Collins, was born Nov. 6, 1925 at Madison Co., Texas and married 1st Cecil Mac Ray Sept. 10, 1944 at Madisonville, Texas. He is the son of Thomas H. and Katie Effie Ray and was born Sept. 18, 1920 at Kemp, Texas.<sup>13</sup> Children:

[1] Cecelia (Celia) Louise Ray, daughter of Cecil Mac Ray and Wilma Ethel Black, was born Aug. 17, 1945 at Huntsville, Texas and married Donald Wayne Bell July 2, 1966 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>13</sup> Children:

/1/ Michael Wayne (Mike) Bell, son of Donald Wayne Bell and Cecelia (Celia) Louise Ray, was born Mar. 11, 1969 at Houston, Texas.<sup>13</sup>

/2/ Jeffery Eugene (Jeff) Bell, son of Donald Wayne Bell and Cecelia (Celia) Louise Ray, was born Jan. 26, 1971 at Houston, Texas.<sup>13</sup>

[2] William Mac (Billy) Ray, son of Cecil Mac Ray and Wilma Ethel Black, was born Aug. 24, 1948 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>13</sup>

[3] Donna Lee Ray, daughter of Cecil Mac Ray and Wilma Ethel Black, was born May 23, 1950 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>13</sup>

(4) Wilma Ethel Black married 2nd Gerard LeBlanc Oct. 16, 1971 at Huntsville, Texas. He is the son of Anthony M. and Florida Levesque LeBlanc, Sr. and was born May 11, 1936 in Canada.<sup>13</sup>

(5) Nelda Black, daughter of William Madison (Will) Black and Lillie Collins, was born Dec. 2, 1929 at Madison Co., Texas and married Anthony LeBlanc, Jr. July 23, 1956 at Huntsville, Texas. He is the son of Anthony M. and Florida Levesque LeBlanc, Sr. and was born Feb. 5, 1929 at Central Falls, R. I.<sup>12</sup> Children:

[1] Cecelia Antoinette (Tonette) LeBlanc, daughter of Anthony LeBlanc, Jr. and Nelda Black, was born Mar. 12, 1960 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>12</sup>

[2] Gregory LeBlanc, son of Anthony LeBlanc, Jr. and Nelda Black, was born Feb. 15, 1961 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>12</sup>

3. Laura Ethel Black, daughter of John Henry Black and Maggie Sowell, was born Apr. 10, 1897 at Leon Co., Texas, died Jan. 7, 1961 at Bryan, Texas, buried at Madisonville, Texas and married 1st Royal Jackson Goode, Sr. Oct. 19, 1913 at Midway, Texas. He was the son of Mack C. Goode and Eliza Whitmire and was born Oct. 30, 1892 at Buna, Jasper Co., Texas, died Mar. 20, 1936 at Madisonville, Texas, buried at Madisonville, Texas.<sup>18</sup> Children:

(1) Mack Henry Goode, son of Royal Jackson Goode, Sr. and Laura Ethel Black, was born Aug. 25, 1914 at Madison-

ville, Texas.<sup>18</sup>

- (2) Dora Mae Goode, daughter of Royal Jackson Goode, Sr. and Laura Ethel Black, was born Mar. 10, 1916 at Madisonville, Texas and married Gerald A. Wakefield June 18, 1936 at Madisonville, Texas. He is the son of Richard Arthur and Ella Vivian Wakefield and was born Apr. 8, 1916 at Midway, Texas.<sup>18</sup> Child:

[1] Richard A. Wakefield, son of Gerald A. Wakefield and Dora Mae Goode, was born Sept. 24, 1952 at Galveston, Texas.<sup>18</sup>

- (3) Royal Jackson Goode, Jr., son of Royal Jackson Goode, Sr. and Laura Ethel Black, was born Apr. 2, 1926 at Madisonville, Texas and married Shirley Odessa Batson July 12, 1945 at Madisonville, Texas. She is the daughter of Robert Olan Batson and Maudie Lucille Wallace and was born July 18, 1927 at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>11</sup> Children:

[1] Shirley Suzzette Goode, daughter of Royal Jackson Goode, Jr. and Shirley Odessa Batson, was born Apr. 25, 1946 at Bryan, Texas and married Gerald Douglas Sheppard May 28, 1965 at Bryan, Texas. He is the son of James Dwight Sheppard and Gertrude Welch and was born June 18, 1942 at Bryan, Texas.<sup>11</sup>

[2] Danny Mack Goode, son of Royal Jackson Goode, Jr. and Shirley Odessa Batson, was born May 19, 1949 at Bryan, Texas and married Kathylene Barnes Aug. 1970.<sup>11</sup>

[3] Ernie Lynn Goode, son of Royal Jackson Goode, Jr. and Shirley Odessa Batson, was born Mar. 20, 1955 at Bryan, Texas.<sup>11</sup>

[4] Jeana Lauren Goode, daughter of Royal Jackson Goode, Jr. and Shirley Odessa Batson, was born Apr. 26, 1958 at Bryan, Texas.<sup>11</sup>

3. Laura Ethel Black married 2nd Dr. George W. Knox Jan. 5, 1939

at Madison Co., Texas. He was born Dec. 1, 1896, died Mar. 4, 1969, buried at Madisonville, Texas.

4. Alvahzetta (Babe) Black, daughter of John Henry Black and Maggie Sowell, was born Jan. 16, 1899 at Madison Co., Texas and married Roy Lucas Dec. 16, 1917 at Madison Co., Texas. He is the son of Charlie Lucas and Sarah Hines and was born Dec. 29, 1897.<sup>14</sup> Children:

- (1) Mildred Lucas, daughter of Roy Lucas and Alvahzetta (Babe) Black, was born July 6, 1919 at Madison Co., Texas and married Joe Morris Poteet Mar. 1937 at Madison Co., Texas. He is the son of Robert L. Poteet and Stella McKnight and was born Oct. 29, 1915 at North Zulch, Texas.<sup>17</sup> Child:

[1] Morris Ray Poteet, son of Joe Morris Poteet and Mildren Lucas, was born Oct. 1, 1938 at Madisonville, Texas and married Dorothy Hammond May 10, 1969 at El Campo.<sup>17</sup>

- (2) Margie Ray Lucas, daughter of Roy Lucas and Alvahzetta (Babe) Black, was born Nov. 8, 1925 at Madison Co., Texas and married Jessie Ray McClain May 19, 1943 at Bryan, Texas. He was born Dec. 21, 1920 at Normangee, Texas.<sup>15</sup>

[1] Patricia McClain, daughter of Jessie Ray McClain and Margie Ray Lucas, was born July 3, 1944 at Bryan, Texas.<sup>15</sup>

[2] Virginia McClain, daughter of Jessie Ray McClain and Margie Ray Lucas, was born Aug. 20, 1945 at Bryan, Texas.<sup>15</sup>

[3] Linda McClain, daughter of Jessie Ray McClain and Margie Ray Lucas, was born Jan. 10, 1954 at Houston, Texas.<sup>15</sup>

5. John Loftin Black, son of John Henry Black and Maggie Sowell, was born June 29, 1901 at Madison Co., Texas, died Sept. 12, 1967 at Walker Co., Texas, buried at Walker Co., Texas, and married Ruby Lillian Winters Apr., 1926 at Madisonville, Texas. She is the daughter of John Sidney Winters and Lilly Florence Bates and was born Dec. 31, 1907 at Madisonville, Texas.<sup>5</sup> Child:

- (1) Jack Lofland Black, son of John Loftin Black and Ruby Lillian Winters, was born Nov. 8, 1927 at Sugar Land, Texas, and married Patricia Mahler June 26, 1954 at Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of John F. Mahler, Jr. and Mildren Brown and was born Jan. 14, 1931 at Henderson, Kentucky.<sup>5</sup> Child:

- [1] Steven Powell Black, son of Jack Lofland Black and Patricia Mahler, was born Mar. 10, 1958 at Houston, Texas.<sup>5</sup>

6. Hollis Hilton Black, son of John Henry Black and Maggie Sowell, was born Sept. 12, 1903 at Madison Co., Texas and married Estelle Barrett Sept. 2, 1923. She was born Nov. 19, 1904 at Madisonville, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

- (1) Gwendolyn Black, daughter of Hollis Hilton Black and Estelle Barrett, was born Oct. 10, 1928, died Aug. 11, 1935, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>4</sup>

7. Talmadge E. Black, son of John Henry Black and Maggie Sowell, was born Sept. 17, 1906 at Midway, Texas and married Dorothy Foley Nov. 25, 1939 at Jewett, Texas. She was born Nov. 25, 1921 at Jewett, Texas.<sup>7</sup> Children:

- (1) Elaine Black, daughter of Talmadge E. Black and Dorothy Foley, was born June 14, 1946 at Mexia, Texas and married Jeryl F. Williams Aug. 30, 1963 at Jewett, Texas. He was born Oct. 5, 1944 at Texas City, Texas.<sup>19</sup>  
Children:

- [1] Cheryle Williams, daughter of Jeryl F. Williams and Elaine Black, was born July 20, 1964 at Houston, Texas.<sup>19</sup>
- [2] Colletta Williams, daughter of Jeryl F. Williams and Elaine Black, was born July 16, 1964 at Houston, Texas.<sup>19</sup>
- [3] Shannon Williams, child of Jeryl F. Williams and Elaine Black, was born Apr. 29, 1967 at Houston, Texas.<sup>19</sup>
- [4] Jeryl E. Williams, son of Jeryl F. Williams and Elaine Black, was born Apr. 29, 1967 at Houston, Texas, died Apr. 29, 1967 at Houston, Texas, buried in New Hope Cemetery, Jewett, Texas.<sup>19</sup>
- [5] Jeryl F. Williams II, son of Jeryl F. Williams and Elaine Black, was born Aug. 6, 1971 at Houston, Texas.<sup>19</sup>
- (2) Linda Black, daughter of Talmadge E. Black and Dorothy Foley, was born Apr. 4, 1949 at Madison Co., Texas, and married William Edward (Eddie) Chrisner Mar. 4, 1967. He is the son of William Edward (Buster) Chrisner and Velma Adline May and was born Mar. 3, 1944 at Mexia, Texas.<sup>9</sup>
- Children:
- [1] Angela Sloan Chrisner, daughter of William Edward (Eddie) Chrisner and Linda Black, was born Oct. 10, 1969 at Mexia, Texas.<sup>9</sup>
- [2] Brian Edward Chrisner, son of William Edward (Eddie) Chrisner and Linda Black, was born Feb. 6, 1971 at Mexia, Texas.<sup>9</sup>
- (3) Paula Black, daughter of Talmadge E. Black and Dorothy Foley, was born Mar. 29, 1955 at Houston, Texas.<sup>7</sup>
8. M. J. Black, son of John Henry Black and Maggie Sowell, was

born June 16, 1909 at Madison Co., Texas and married Hattie Bates Jan. 26, 1930 at Madisonville, Texas. She's the daughter of John Henry and Lillie Bell Bates and was born May 10, 1906 at Altus, Oklahoma.<sup>6</sup> Child:

- (1) John Albert (Sonny) Black, son of M. J. Black and Hattie Bates, was born Feb. 14, 1931 at Madisonville, Texas, and married LaVerne D. Lovingfoss May 17, 1952 at Bay View, Texas. She was born May 6, 1932 at Dallas, Texas.<sup>6</sup>  
Children:

[1] Tana Alece Black, daughter of John Albert (Sonny) Black and LaVerne D. Lovingfoss, was born Mar. 3, 1955 at LaMarque, Texas.<sup>6</sup>

[2] John Damon Black, son of John Albert (Sonny) Black and LaVerne D. Lovingfoss, was born Sept. 15, 1960 at LaMarque, Texas.<sup>6</sup>

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1. Baker, Charles Franklin, 7819 Nodding Pine, Houston, Texas 77044.
2. Baker, Mary Ethel Goode (Mrs. Roy), Box 54, Graford, Texas 76045.
3. Black, Alvin Oneal, P. O. Box 932, Huntsville, Texas 77340.
4. Black, Hollis Hilton, 1011 Nall Lane, Bryan, Texas 77801.
5. Black, Jack Lofland, 8310 Hillcroft, Houston, Texas 77035.
6. Black, M. J., 215 Valley Drive, Conroe, Texas 77301.
7. Black, Talmadge E., 309 S. Ross, Mexia, Texas 76667.
8. Black, William Madison (Will), 506 E. 13th St., Huntsville, Texas 77340.
9. Chrisner, Linda Black (Mrs. William Edward "Eddie"), 400 S. Bonham, Mexia, Texas 76667.
10. Duncan, Myrtle Lorraine Black (Mrs. Homer), 111 - 11th St., Huntsville, Texas 77340.

11. Goode, Royal Jackson, Jr., 107 Brewer, Bryan, Texas 77801.
12. LeBlanc, Nelda Black (Mrs. Anthony, Jr.), 521 $\frac{1}{2}$  12th St.  
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ford, Texas 76045.
17. Poteet, Mildred Lucas (Mrs. Joe Morris), 920 E. Morris St.,  
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ALICE R. SOWELL — WILLIAM L. ROBINSON



Alice Rebecca Sowell



William L. (Will) Robinson



Bryan



Odell



Lowell



Dean



Paul

Alice Rebecca Sowell, daughter of John Alexander Sowell, Sr. and Laura Hilton, was born Aug. 20, 1873 at Kershaw Co., South Carolina, died Dec. 29, 1957 at Clute, Brazoria Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery, and married William L. (Will) Robinson May 16, 1897 at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas. He was the son of William S. (Billy) Robinson and Emma Dean and was born Mar. 13, 1871 at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas. died June 16, 1939 at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>2</sup> Children:

1. Olan Bryan Robinson, son of William L. (Will) Robinson and Alice Rebecca Sowell, was born July 10, 1899 at Madisonville, Texas and married Annie Sue Whitley May 6, 1928 at Leona, Texas. She is the daughter of William Edward Whitley and Annie Carter and was born Aug. 2, 1905 at Madisonville, Texas.<sup>4</sup> Child:

(1) Mary Ann Robinson, daughter of Olan Bryan Robinson and Annie Sue Whitley, was born Feb. 1, 1934 at Madisonville, Texas and married R. A. Newman June 28, 1958 at Angleton, Texas. He is the son of R. A. Newman and Rosalie Maresh and was born Jan. 15, 1931 at Houston, Texas.<sup>4</sup> Children:

[1] Nancy Ann Newman, daughter of R. A. Newman and Mary Ann Robinson, was born Oct. 28, 1964 at Angleton, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

[2] Christopher August Newman, son of R. A. Newman and Mary Ann Robinson, was born Jan. 3, 1969 at Houston, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

2. Odell (O. V.) Robinson, son of William L. (Will) Robinson and Alice Rebecca Sowell, was born Dec. 31, 1901 at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas, died Mar. 10, 1972 at Houston, Texas, buried in Madisonville Cemetery, and married Amanda (Babe) Winborn Dec. 28, 1922 at Madisonville, Texas. She is the

daughter of James M. Winborn and Hulda McCann and was born Feb. 22, 1905 at Jenkins Community, Madison Co., Texas.<sup>1</sup>  
Child:

- (1) James William Robinson, Sr., son of Odell (O. V.) Robinson and Amanda (Babe) Winborn, was born Apr. 18, 1941 at Houston, Texas and married Carolyn Bond Aug. 19, 1960 at Baytown, Texas. She is the daughter of James A. Bond and Camella Kelley and was born Dec. 16, 1941 at Houston, Texas.<sup>1</sup> Children:

[1] James William (Billy) Robinson, Jr., son of James William Robinson, Sr. and Carolyn Bond, was born Jan. 17, 1962 at Texas City, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

[2] Susan Annette Robinson, daughter of James William Robinson, Sr. and Carolyn Bond was born Aug. 21, 1963 at Texas City, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

3. William Lowell (Robbie) Robinson, son of William L. (Will) Robinson and Alice Rebecca Sowell, was born Feb. 20, 1903 at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas, died Nov. 18, 1968 at Round Mountain, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery, and married Marie Bigleben DeFoy Oct. 11, 1952 at Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Bigleben and was born Nov. 9, 1911 at Greenville, Mississippi.<sup>3</sup>

4. L. Dean Robinson, son of William L. (Will) Robinson and Alice Rebecca Sowell, was born Jan. 31, 1905 at Midway, Texas and married Ruby Dawson Nov. 28, 1929 at Madisonville, Texas. She is the daughter of Tom L. Dawson and Willie Eudora Boulware and was born May 9, 1911 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup> Children:

- (1) Juan Dean Robinson, son of L. Dean Robinson and Ruby Dawson, was born Dec. 31, 1930 at Madisonville, Texas and married Beverly Ann Moore June 26, 1953 at Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of Tommie Phillip

Moore and Anna Williams and was born Sept. 2, 1933 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup> Children:

[1] Phillip Dean Robinson, son of Juan Dean Robinson and Beverly Ann Moore, was born Aug. 30, 1956 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

[2] Steven Dale Robinson, son of Juan Dean Robinson and Beverly Ann Moore, was born Mar. 29, 1958 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

(2) Wilton Dawson Robinson, son of L. Dean Robinson and Ruby Dawson, was born June 7, 1932 at Madisonville, Texas and married Elizabeth Ann Maddox Aug. 16, 1953 at Mexia, Texas. She is the daughter of Reuben L. Maddox and Mary E. Hitt and was born May 15, 1933 at Mexia, Texas.<sup>2</sup> Children:

[1] Richard Wilton Robinson, son of Wilton Dawson Robinson and Elizabeth Ann Maddox, was born July 15, 1954 at Huntsville, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

[2] Beverly Elizabeth Robinson, daughter of Wilton Dawson Robinson and Elizabeth Ann Maddox, was born Jan. 9, 1959 at Sulphur Springs, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

(3) Diana Kay Robinson, daughter of L. Dean Robinson and Ruby Dawson, was born Oct. 14, 1949 at Houston, Texas and married Jay Edwin Elder July 12, 1969 at Katy, Texas. He is the son of Donald E. Elder and Elmer Dee Holtzclaw and was born July 11, 1950 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

5. Wilton Paul Robinson, son of William L. (Will) Robinson and Alice Rebecca Sowell, was born Oct. 19, 1911 at Midway, Texas, died Oct. 4, 1971 at Houston, Texas, buried at Allphin Cemetery and married Billie O'Neal Jan. 8, 1942 at San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter

of Beverly Foreman O'Neal and Eunice Elizabeth O'Neal and was born July 13, 1915 at Iberville, Louisiana.<sup>2</sup>

Child:

- (1) William Paul Robinson, son of Wilton Paul Robinson and Billie O'Neal, was born Aug. 1, 1943 at San Antonio, Texas and married Betty Williams Lofton June 10, 1969 at Madisonville, Texas. She is the daughter of William Troy Williams and Susan Mae Williams, and was born Aug. 14, 1943 at Anderson, Alabama.<sup>2</sup> Child:

[1] Dorothy Joan Robinson, daughter of William Paul Robinson and Betty Williams Lofton, was born Mar. 4, 1972 at Galveston, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

#### Sources of Information

1. Robinson, Amanda (Babe) Winborn (Mrs. Odell), 909 West Adoue, Alvin, Texas 77511.
2. Robinson, L. Dean, P. O. Box 682, Katy, Texas 77450.
3. Robinson, Marie (Mrs. William Lowell "Robbie"), P. O. Box 37, Round Mountain, Texas 78663.
4. Robinson, Olan Bryan, P. O. Box 597, Angleton, Texas.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN — MINNIE TARPLEY SOWELL



William Franklin Sowell

Minnie Angeline Tarpley



Jewelle



Virgil



Robert

William Franklin Sowell, son of John Alexander Sowell, Sr. and Laura Hilton, was born Jan. 18, 1875 at Kershaw Co., South Carolina, died Oct. 16, 1956 at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery, and married Minnie Angeline Tarpley Dec. 21, 1898 at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas. She was the daughter of Rev. Barbee Tarpley and Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hawkins and was born Sept. 10, 1877 at Kurten, Texas, died Feb. 28, 1943 at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>3</sup>

Children:

1. Elva Jewelle Sowell, daughter of William Franklin Sowell and Minnie Angeline Tarpley, was born Sept. 26, 1899 at Cobbs Creek, Madison Co., Texas, and married 1st Ebb A. Thornton Apr. 4, 1931 at Houston, Texas. He was the son of A. D. Thornton and Harvelia Beatrice Holcombe. Elva Jewelle Sowell married 2nd Lemond D. Boatright July 25, 1957 at Tomball, Texas. He was born Aug. 14, 1899 at Conway Springs, Kansas.<sup>1</sup>

2. Lena Virgil Sowell, daughter of William Franklin Sowell and Minnie Angeline Tarpley, was born Apr. 19, 1902 at Midway, Texas, and married 1st DeQuincy Dawson Thornton, Sr. May 26, 1925 at Madisonville, Texas. He was the son of A. D. Thornton and Harvelia Beatrice Holcombe and was born Jan. 7, 1902 at DeQuincy, Louisiana, died May 31, 1961 at Houston, Texas, buried in Forest Park Cemetery, Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup> Children:

(1) DeQuincy Dawson (D. D.) Thornton, Jr., son of DeQuincy Dawson Thornton, Sr. and Lena Virgil Sowell, was born Oct. 23, 1927 at Houston, Texas, and married Dorothy Richardson Poole Mar. 2, 1950 at Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of William Silas Richardson and Lurline Brown and was born Aug. 17, 1921 at Henderson, Texas.<sup>4</sup> Children:

[1] Cynthia Lynn Thornton, daughter of DeQuincy Dawson

(D. D.) Thornton, Jr. and Dorothy Richardson Poole, was born Aug. 26, 1951 at Houston, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

[2] William Dawson Thornton, son of DeQuincy Dawson (D. D.) Thornton, Jr. and Dorothy Richardson Poole, was born Jan. 18, 1953 at Houston, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

[3] Sherry Ruth Thornton, daughter of DeQuincy Dawson (D. D.) Thornton, Jr. and Dorothy Richardson Poole, was born Mar. 6, 1956 at Houston, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

[4] Allen Robert Thornton, son of DeQuincy Dawson (D. D.) Thornton, Jr. and Dorothy Richardson Poole, was born Feb. 21, 1957 at Houston, Texas.<sup>4</sup>

(2) Harvelia Angeline (Harvy Ann) Thornton, daughter of DeQuincy Dawson Thornton, Sr. and Lena Virgil Sowell, was born May 14, 1933 at Madisonville, Texas, and married Milton Edwin Zimmerman Dec. 27, 1958 at Houston, Texas. He was the son of Edwin F. Zimmerman and Julia Frances Malina and was born Dec. 18, 1932 at Shiner, Texas, died June 17, 1963 at Houston, Texas, buried at Shiner, Texas.<sup>5</sup> Child:

[1] Ann Leigh Zimmerman, daughter of Milton Edwin Zimmerman and Harvelia Angeline (Harvy Ann) Thornton, was born Mar. 9, 1963 at Houston, Texas.<sup>5</sup>

2. Lena Virgil Sowell married 2nd George Knight Jan. 18, 1946 at Houston, Texas. He is the son of Theodore Knight and Ruth J. Knight and was born Oct. 1, 1892 at Somerset.<sup>2</sup>
3. William Robert Sowell, son of William Franklin Sowell and Minnie Angeline Tarpley, was born Jan. 11, 1909 at Midway, Texas, and married Myrdeth Thornton May 31, 1936 at Trinity, Texas. She is the daughter of William Auston Thornton and Birdie Nell Young and was born Aug. 4, 1907 at Trinity, Texas.<sup>3</sup> Child:

(1) Sandra Sowell, daughter of William Robert Sowell and Myrdeth Thornton, was born July 15, 1941 at Navasota, Texas, and married Leighton Stallones Aug. 4, 1962 at Tomball, Texas. He is the son of Idus Maurice Stallones and Mildred Iliene Bishop and was born Feb. 23, 1940 at Tomball, Texas.<sup>3</sup> Children:

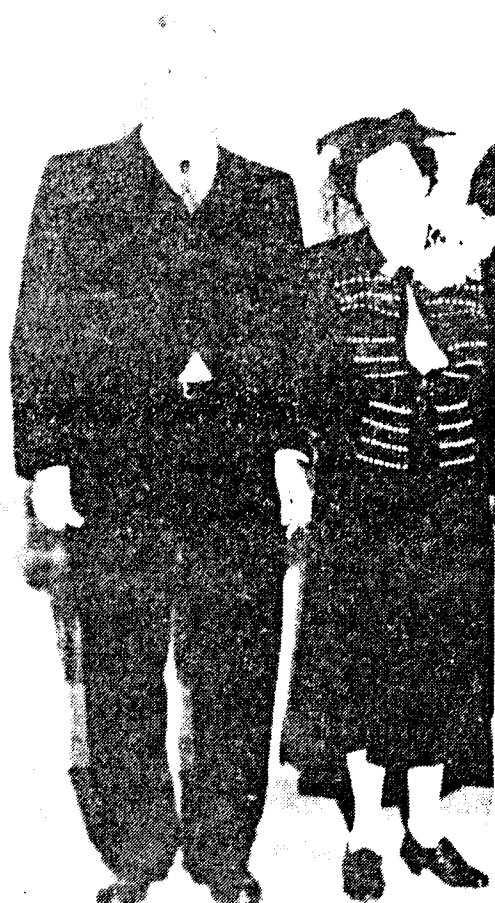
[1] Robert Leighton Stallones, son of Leighton Stallones and Sandra Sowell, was born Aug. 24, 1965 at Houston, Texas.<sup>3</sup>

[2] Lisa Kay Stallones, daughter of Leighton Stallones and Sandra Sowell, was born Mar. 24, 1970 at Houston, Texas.<sup>3</sup>

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1. Boatright, Elva Jewelle Sowell (Mrs. Lemond D.), 1414 Foxwood, Houston, Texas 77008.
2. Knight, Lena Virgil Sowell (Mrs. George), 2313 Craigmont, Houston, Texas 77023.
3. Sowell, William Robert, 300 W. Houston, Tomball, Texas 77375.
4. Thornton, DeQuincy Dawson (D. D.), Jr., 6652 Merry Lane, Houston, Texas 77023.
5. Zimmerman, Harvelia Angeline (Harvy Ann) Thornton, 6011 Brook Lea, Houston, Texas 77017.

JOHN ALEXANDER — LESLIE HERRING SOWELL



John Alexander Sowell    Leslie Leota Herring



Mary



Jack



Emma Lou

John Alexander (Johnnie) Sowell, Jr., son of John Alexander Sowell, Sr. and Laura Hilton, was born Mar. 1, 1877 at Kershaw Co., South Carolina, died July 7, 1964 at Houston, Texas, buried in Forest Park (Lawndale) Cemetery, Houston, Texas, and married Leslie Leota Herring Jan. 31, 1912 at Madisonville, Texas. She was the daughter of Jacob Abner Herring and Mary Emma Blalock and was born Sept. 8, 1887 at Cass Co., Texas, died Aug. 9, 1960 at Houston, Texas, buried in Forest Park (Lawndale) Cemetery, Houston, Texas.<sup>1</sup> Children:

1. Mary Laura Sowell, daughter of John Alexander (Johnnie) Sowell, Jr. and Leslie Leota Herring, was born Feb. 11, 1913 at Madisonville, Texas and married 1st Eddie Hawkins Williamson Aug. 25, 1931 at Richmond, Texas. He was the son of Elija A. Williamson and Sallie Slade and was born Mar. 6, 1897 at Purvis, Mississippi, died Apr. 20, 1934 at Houston, Texas, buried in Purvis, Mississippi. Mary Laura Sowell married 2nd Aylmer Bradford (Slim) Hays Feb. 26, 1938 at Houston, Texas. He was the son of Albert Hays and Minnie E. Moore and was born Jan. 6, 1911 at Ardmore, Oklahoma, died Oct. 15, 1953 at Houston, Texas, buried in Forest Park (Lawndale) Cemetery, Houston, Texas.<sup>1</sup> Children:

(1) John Eddie Williamson Hays, son of Eddie Hawkins Williamson and Mary Laura Sowell, and the adopted son of Aylmer Bradford (Slim) Hays, was born Oct. 27, 1934 at Houston, Texas and married Mattie Lee Carlisle June 11, 1954 at Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of Matthew David Carlisle and Lillie Mae Rayburn and was born Oct. 12, 1936 at Columbia, Mississippi.<sup>1</sup> Children:

[1] John Bradford (Brad) Hays, son of John Eddie Hays and Mattie Lee Carlisle, was born Aug. 10, 1957 at Houston, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

[2] Eddie Carlisle (Carl) Hays, son of John Eddie Hays and Mattie Lee Carlisle, was born Dec. 27, 1959 at Amarillo, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

[3] James Stanley (Stan) Hays, son of John Eddie Hays

and Mattie Lee Carlisle, was born Feb. 24, 1962 at Galveston, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

[4] Sandra Leann (Sandy) Hays, daughter of John Eddie Hays and Mattie Lee Carlisle, was born Mar. 3, 1965 at Galveston, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

(2) Mary Ellen Hays, daughter of Aylmer Bradford (Slim) Hays and Mary Laura Sowell, was born Sept. 14, 1948 at Houston, Texas and married William G. (Bill) Mayhew May 23, 1969 at Houston, Texas. He is the son of Ira Quinton (I. Q.) Mayhew and Glenna Vale McElhanon and was born Feb. 23, 1948 at Oakland, California.<sup>1</sup> Child:

[1] Rodney Glenn Mayhew, son of William G. (Bill) Mayhew and Mary Ellen Hays, was born Feb. 18, 1972 at Houston, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

2. Johnnie Josephine (Jack) Sowell, daughter of John Alexander (Johnnie) Sowell, Jr. and Leslie Leota Herring, was born Feb. 27, 1916 at Houston, Texas and married Warner Louis Medlin Jan. 31, 1937 at Houston, Texas. He is the son of William Louis Medlin and Rhoda Jane Medlin and was born June 11, 1914 at Kendall, Tulsa Co., Oklahoma.<sup>3</sup> Children:

(1) Paul Warner Medlin, son of Warner Louis Medlin and Johnnie Josephine (Jack) Sowell, was born July 29, 1939 at Houston, Texas and married Mary Frances Platt May 31, 1958. She is the daughter of Frances Joseph Platt and Mary Louise Case and was born Jan. 10, 1941.<sup>3</sup> Children:

[1] Michele Anne Medlin, daughter of Paul Warner Medlin and Mary Frances Platt, was born Oct. 9, 1959 at Bryan, Texas.<sup>3</sup>

[2] Gregory Paul Medlin, son of Paul Warner Medlin and

and Mary Frances Platt, was born Mar. 8, 1962 at Bryan, Texas.<sup>3</sup>

(2) Richard Louis Medlin, son of Warner Louis Medlin and Johnnie Josephine (Jack) Sowell, was born May 22, 1946 at Houston, Texas.<sup>3</sup>

(3) Marilyn Medlin, daughter of Warner Louis Medlin and Johnnie Josephine (Jack) Sowell, was born Apr. 15, 1948 at Houston, Texas and married Joseph Boyd Lancaster II Jan. 27, 1968 at Houston, Texas. He is the son of Earl Franklin Lancaster and Margaret Ann Trout and was born Mar. 24, 1948 at Risco, New Madrin Co., Missouri.<sup>3</sup> Child:

[1] Troy Lynn Lancaster, son of Joseph Boyd Lancaster II and Marilyn Medlin, was born May 24, 1970 at Neurnberg, Bavaria, Germany (American Consular Service of U. S. Munich, Germany).<sup>3</sup>

3. Emma Lou Sowell, daughter of John Alexander (Johnnie) Sowell Jr. and Leslie Leota Herring, was born Dec. 13, 1924 at Harris Co., Texas, died June 6, 1967 at Houston, Texas, buried in Forest Park (Lawndale) Cemetery, Houston, Texas and married Robert Eli (Bob) Jones, Jr. Jan. 31, 1945 at Houston, Texas. He is the son of Robert (Eli) Jones, Sr. and Barbara Allen Gunter and was born Sept. 4, 1920 at Hillsboro, Texas.<sup>2</sup> Children:

(1) Carol Ruth Jones, daughter of Robert Eli (Bob) Jones, Jr. and Emma Lou Sowell, was born Mar. 13, 1946 at Houston, Texas and married Thomas R. Hankins Oct. 30, 1970 at Houston, Texas. He is the son of Samuel Sidon Hankins and Alice Deniva Orand and was born June 6, 1945 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup> Child:

[1] Heather Elizabeth Hankins, daughter of Thomas R. Hankins and Carol Ruth Jones, was born Feb. 15,

1972 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

- (2) Robert Russell (Rusty) Jones, son of Robert Eli (Bob) Jones, Jr. and Emma Lou Sowell, was born Feb. 4, 1957 at Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

#### Sources of Information

1. Hays, Mary Laura Sowell, 6827 $\frac{1}{2}$  Shavelson, Houston, Texas 77055.
2. Jones, Robert Eli (Bob), Jr. 5557 Gasmer, Apt. 280, Houston, Texas 77035.
3. Medlin, Johnnie Josephine (Jack) Sowell, (Mrs. Warner Louis), 4603 Merwin St., Houston, Texas 77027.

HOLLIS HILTON — IRENE WILLIAMS SOWELL



Irene Williams  
Hollis Hilton Sowell    Modie  
   Nolan



Elmer



Christine

Hollis Hilton Sowell, son of John Alexander Sowell, Sr. and Laura Hilton, was born Dec. 7, 1878 at Kershaw Co., South Carolina, died July 18, 1957 at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery and married Irene Williams Dec. 25, 1904 at Elwood, Madison Co., Texas. She was the daughter of Joe J. Williams and Sarah Lou Robinson and was born Mar. 31, 1888 at Leona, Leon Co., Texas, died Sept. 29, 1963 at Huntsville, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>2,4,6</sup> Children:

1. W. Modie Sowell, son of Hollis Hilton Sowell and Irene Williams, was born Oct. 15, 1905 at Midway, Texas, died Sept. 7, 1963 at Madisonville, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery, and married Carmen Kelton Dec. 25, 1925 at Madisonville, Texas. She is the daughter of Oscar Kelton and Beulah Parten and was born Nov. 17, 1907 at Lovelady, Texas.<sup>3</sup> Children:

- (1) Virginia Ruth Sowell, daughter of W. Modie Sowell and Carmen Kelton, was born Jan. 29, 1927 at Midway, Texas and married E. W. Gilbert, Jr. Sept. 5, 1947 at Galena Park, Texas. He is the son of E. W. Gilbert, Sr. and Zoe Acree and was born Oct. 1, 1926 at Humble, Texas.<sup>1</sup> Children:

[1] Michael Gilbert, son of E. W. Gilbert, Jr. and Virginia Ruth Sowell, was born July 20, 1952 at Houston, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

[2] Connie Gilbert, daughter of E. W. Gilbert, Jr. and Virginia Ruth Sowell, was born Sept. 25, 1959 at Houston, Texas.<sup>1</sup>

- (2) Joe Wayne Sowell, son of W. Modie Sowell and Carmen Kelton, was born Mar. 2, 1944 at Galena Park, Texas and married Patricia Borden Jan. 3, 1970 at Dallas, Texas. She is the daughter of Cecil A. Borden and Helan Nadyne Brown and was born June 17, 1950 at Paris, Texas.<sup>5</sup> Child:

[1] Rebecca Ann Sowell, daughter of Joe Wayne Sowell and Patricia Borden, was born Mar. 19, 1972 at Madisonville, Texas.<sup>5</sup>

2. Nolan Hilton Sowell, son of Hollis Hilton Sowell and Irene Williams, was born Sept. 6, 1908 at Madison Co., Texas and married Mildred Strickland Sept. 5, 1937 at Madison Co., Texas. She is the daughter of Charlie W. Strickland and Ruth Steele and was born May 8, 1918 at Madison Co., Texas.<sup>6</sup> Children:

(1) Glyn Rose Sowell, daughter of Nolan Hilton Sowell and Mildred Strickland, was born Jan. 21, 1941 at Madisonville, Texas and married George Mullane Feb. 28, 1962 at Houston, Texas. He is the son of George Mullane and Theresa Corder and was born Dec. 22, 1940 at Houston, Texas.<sup>6</sup> Children:

[1] Elizabeth Diane Mullane, daughter of George Mullane and Glyn Rose Sowell, was born Jan. 8, 1965 at Houston, Texas.<sup>6</sup>

[2] George David Mullane, son of George Mullane and Glyn Rose Sowell, was born Dec. 16, 1965 at Houston, Texas.<sup>6</sup>

(2) Donna Kay Sowell, daughter of Nolan Hilton Sowell and Mildred Strickland, was born Aug. 25, 1944 at Madisonville, Texas and married Joe Mullane Dec. 10, 1960 at Houston, Texas. He is the son of George Mullane and Theresa Corder and was born Dec. 30, 1942 at Houston, Texas.<sup>6</sup> Children:

[1] Steve Mullane, son of Joe Mullane and Donna Kay Sowell, was born Aug. 24, 1962 at Houston, Texas.<sup>6</sup>

[2] Gabe Mullane, son of Joe Mullane and Donna Kay Sowell, was born Apr. 5, 1965 at Houston, Texas.<sup>6</sup>

[3] Travis Mullane, son of Joe Mullane and Donna Kay Sowell, was born June 2, 1969 at Houston, Texas.<sup>6</sup>

3. Elmer Alexander Sowell, son of Hollis Hilton Sowell and Irene Williams, was born July 31, 1911 at Midway, Texas and married Laura Emma Yarborough Dec. 3, 1937 at Elwood Madison Co., Texas. She is the daughter of George Lee Yarborough and Rosa Mae Stafford and was born Feb. 20, 1913 at Lone Oak, Texas.<sup>4</sup> Child:

(1) Sohnne Sowell, daughter of Elmer Alexander Sowell and Laura Emma Yarborough, was born Mar. 6, 1953 at Dallas Texas.<sup>4</sup>

4. Joe Hollis Sowell, son of Hollis Hilton Sowell and Irene Williams, was born Sept. 16, 1917 at Midway, Texas, died Apr. 4, 1918 at Midway, Texas, buried in Allphin Cemetery.<sup>2</sup>

5. Emma Christine Sowell, daughter of Hollis Hilton Sowell and Irene Williams, was born Oct. 16, 1921 at Midway, Texas and married Casey Jones Feb. 16, 1946 at Houston, Texas. He is the son of E. C. Jones and Clara Bartlett and was born Jan. 23, 1907 at Brady, Texas.<sup>2</sup> Child:

(1) Guy Sowell Jones, son of Casey Jones and Emma Christine Sowell, was born May 28, 1953 at Paytown, Texas.<sup>2</sup>

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1. Gilbert, Virginia Ruth Sowell (Mrs. E. W., Jr), 1817 Krenek Road, Crosby, Texas 77532.
2. Jones, Emma Christine Sowell (Mrs. Casey), Rt. 1, Box 60A, Midway, Texas 75852.
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