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The Lynn family came from Ireland to Kentucky in 1701. Around 1860, they came to Wilson County where they have been lifelong residents. Robert Harold Lynn, Sr. started working for Wilson County, Pct. 4 as a heavy equipment operator in 1943; retiring in 1987. His son, Robert H. "Bobby" Lynn, Jr. was elected County Commissioner, Pct. 3 in 1996, a position he still holds. Bobby's son, John Robert Lynn, began working for Pct. 4 in 1987 and continues today; a combined total of 66 continuous years of employ with Wilson County. We are very proud to be a part of Wilson County and its wonderful heritage.



Robert H. "Bobby" Lynn, Jr.
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Quinney Family



U. S. Army
1965-1967



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1968-1995



Wilson County Judge
1999 - Present



Marvin Quinney
and
Alene Lynn Quinney

Wilson County has been home to the Quinney family for several generations. We are indeed proud to be a part of Wilson County's wonderful history and the bright future that lies ahead. Anything is possible with dreams and determination. We congratulate the citizens of Wilson County who so generously give of themselves and have made this great Sesquicentennial Celebration possible.

*"I know in my heart that man is good. That what is right will always eventually triumph;
And there's purpose and worth to each and every life."*

Ronald Reagan



Labatt

By Bennie Roemer

A rural community, located 6 miles northwest of Floresville between Lodi and Calaveras, the majority of Labatt's founding families were farmers and ranchers of Czech, German, and Mexican descent.

The area is blessed with sandy loam suited for cotton, watermelons, and peanuts. The first rail carload of watermelons in Wilson County was loaded at Elasco Switch on the Harry Roemer property.

The community was named after Galveston attorney Henry J. Labatt, a promoter of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad (SAAP) which reached Labatt in 1885, bringing a lively heartbeat to the community. The SAAP built flag stations, the Elasco Switch and the Wagsand Switch, each about 1 1/2 miles long, to sand pits in the area. Mission Wood & Coal Company shipped wood from Labatt to San

Antonio for heating.

The center of Labatt was located where Old Goliad Road, which paralleled the railroad, and Labatt Road crossed near the river.

The railroad built a 3/4-mile-long siding in Labatt where trains could pass each other. During World War II, troop trains would stop for layovers on this siding. There was a Western Union sub station where Labatt Road crossed the railroad (building still there). There was a small

store and in-ground scale next to the siding where farmers weighed their products for shipping. On the Harry Roemer farm on Jackson Gulch at the Elasco Switch, the SAAP had a water tower, where trains took on water, pumped from the river.

The Labatt School was organized in 1915. The first trustees were William Roemer, Amado Rodriguez Sr., Charlie T. Roemer, and Barney McCloskey. Miss Lucy May was the first teacher. Labatt

The community was named after the main promoter of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad, attorney Henry J. Labatt.



Labatt School

School was originally located on the southwest side of the railroad and Old Goliad Road. It was later moved to the southeast side of Labatt Road between the railroad and the river. The school closed in 1950, becoming part of Floresville I.S.D.

The Labatt Road bridge, built in 1917 across the San Antonio River, graced the community for 89 years. The bridge from horse and buggy days was moved to Floreville Hike and Bike Trail for a new lease on life. Three major floods completely covered the bridge, washing out two west-ends spans in 1946. It survived both the 1998 and 2002 floods. The original iron bridge was replaced with a new concrete one. When the bridge was built, it became a link that tied two communities together. It allowed the families of the closed Medina School on the west side of the river to join the families of the Labatt School, making for a larger community of neighbors.

In its heyday, Labatt's residents enjoyed membership in several active clubs. A Butcher Club during World War II supplied fresh meat to its participating members. A Home Demonstration Club originated in 1934 is still active today. The Labatt 4-H Club is still making a big difference in the lives of young people. Labatt had a Community Club that made important decisions for the community while providing fun and fellowship.

There were several cemeteries in the community filled with loved ones leaving a strong legacy in Labatt.

The physical structure of Labatt has changed - school, railroad, and other things of the past are now gone. Numerous descendants of the original families still reside in the community. They have been joined by newcomers that have moved to the area - Bentwood, Shannon Ridge, Abrego Lake, and other subdivisions - people that are unaware of the history of this fine community.

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Carpenter

By Allen & Regina Kosub

Carpenter is located in far northwest Wilson County on the boundary with Bexar County. Its location is approximately three miles southeast of St. Hedwig and four miles northwest of La Vernia on FM 1346 at its intersection with CR 357. The community was named for Henry and James Carpenter, who lived in the immediate area at the time of its creation.

When donation of railroad right-of-way was rejected by the Silesian/Polish community of St. Hedwig, in east Bexar County, the San Antonio and Gulf Shore Railroad created the flag stations of Adkins and Carpenter in 1894 to serve the area.

In 1897, Mr. Carmicle moved his cotton gin operation from La Vernia to Carpenter providing this service for the surrounding farmers and an economic basis for community life.

General stores were established and operated by the Winkler family, Leon and Ed Kosub, and Alex Ploch. Alex Ploch operated a sheet metal shop and provided metal cisterns for storing rainwater. There were several saloons operated by the general stores.

In 1900, the Federal Census enumerated William Flynn, railroad section boss, and seven workers living in the community. The family surnames associated with the community are: Calloway, Deptawa, Dzierzanowski,

Golla, Gorzell, Irwin, Javior, Kosub, Kiolbassa, Mroz, Palitza, Ploch, Pierdolla, Ramjinski, Scholtysik, Sacherer, Sczech, Skrzyski, Stanush, Strey, Winkler, Wostal, and Zaiontz.

A post office was established June 23, 1900 with William B. Pierdolla its first postmaster. The second postmaster, Thomas V. Mroz, appointed February 16, 1901, was

the brother of legendary Texas outlaw Martin Mroz (Mrose), who tangled with John Wesley Hardin in El Paso in 1895. The following men were later appointed postmaster: August Kiolbassa, July 28, 1909; Joseph Winkler, January 31, 1911; Leon Kosub, January 22, 1919; Peter Kosub, January 11, 1921; and Henry V. Ploch, February 3, 1928. The post office was discontinued on October 15, 1928 and service moved to Adkins.

The Carl Winkler homestead has

been designated a Registered Texas Historic Landmark; only remnants of the old train station survive. The interior fixtures of Joseph and Rose (Dugosh) Winkler's store were acquired by Pioneer Hall in San Antonio and incorporated into its holdings.

By 1950 the stores, gin, and saloons had closed. In 1957, the railroad tracks were taken up. Today, a few houses are all that remain of the community and memories that once, a train passed this way.

Carpenter is located approximately three miles southeast of St. Hedwig and four miles northwest of La Vernia.

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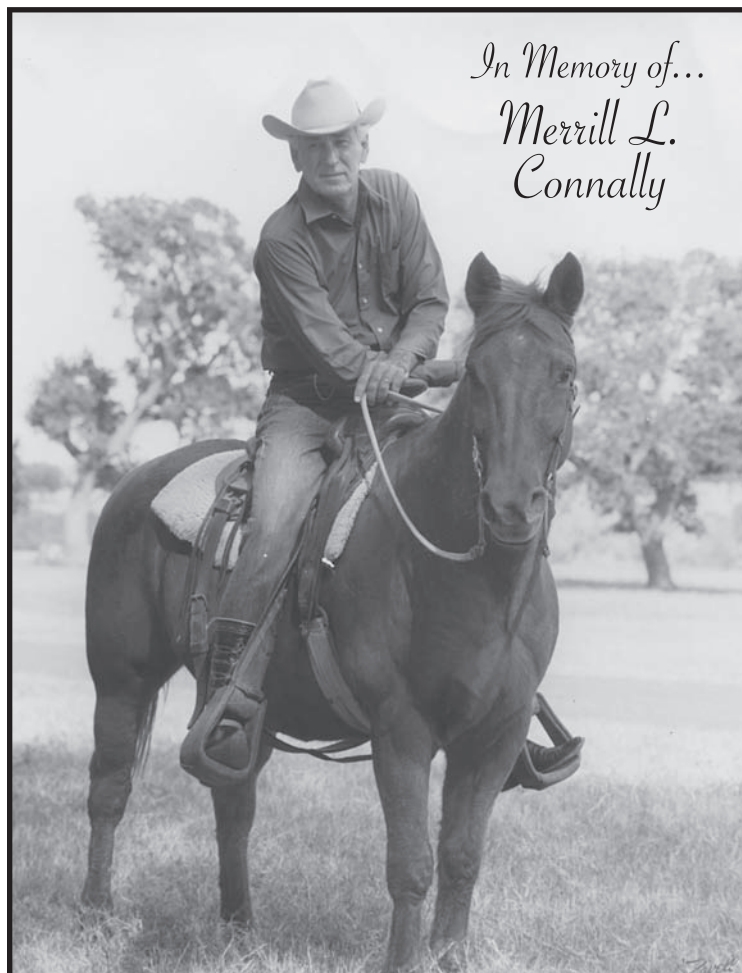
Wilson County Sesquicentennial



Joseph Carl & Dorothy (Wollny) Uhlig

Family

*Elizabeth (Uhlig) & Rodney K. Chanoine
Edward C. & Gail (Wiley) Uhlig
Carolyn (Uhlig) & John G. Hill
Thomas J. & Lorrie (Byrne) Uhlig
Catherine (Uhlig) & Antonio Cabinian
Paul X. & Carmen (Chavez) Uhlig
David S. Uhlig (dec.)*



*In Memory of...
Merrill L.
Connally*

Joseph “Joe”

1906



Joseph “Joe” Carroll Donaho (1906-1994), had ancestors settle in Texas in the 1830’s and in Wilson County in the 1870’s. He was born and raised on the Donaho farm at Marcelina, Wilson County, Texas, where the Rhew Peach farm is now located. Three generations of Donahos lived on that land, spanning a century. He was the second-born of eight children. Sister Alice Joyce married William Dee Dennis and lived in Floresville.

James Thomas (3rd from right, middle row) was Captain of the 1927 Floresville Tigers High School football team when he was killed at eighteen. William Marshall “Bill” married Vivian Flossie Clendenin. Mary Lee died at age eight. Woodrow Wilson died at age seven. Lurah Alberta married Gifford Houston Homes. John Vaughan “Dogie” married Shirley Levenia Perry. As the eldest son, Joe drove the other children to Floresville Public School, located about five miles from the farm by buggy. So many children came to school this way that horse and buggy barns were provided behind the school house to secure the animals during the day. He recalled that his teacher, Miss Lucy Neal, checked the teams after school each day to insure that the children had them hitched correctly. For a number of years he helped operate the farm with his father and brothers Bill and John. He later purchased and operated a truck line between Floresville and San Antonio. After marrying Lois Ella Anderson of Stockdale, Joe purchased a buying and shipping business in Floresville that shipped farm produce, grain, melons, and peanuts by truck and rail to broker houses outside the state.

Joe retired in 1955 and sold the business to his brother John; it was subsequently relocated to Pleasanton as Peas Inc. After retirement Joe enjoyed raising cattle and melons in Floresville, and hunting, ranching, and farming on a ranch near Cotulla, La Salle County. His brand was the “Diamond D”. In later years he worked with his brother John in the seed pea business, acting as liaison between the local business and the seed pea growers in the interior of Mexico. Joe served as Deputy under Sheriffs A. B. Carnes and Dick Roberts, and as Constable of Precincts #1 and #4 for thirty-eight years. Joseph Carroll’s father, Joseph Leonard “Lenny” Donaho, raised cotton, was a Holstein dairy farmer in Marcelina, Wilson Co. and member of Woodmen of the World. Born in Wilson Co. in 1878, in 1902 he and Lurah Alice Wallace were wed in Marcelina. The farm supported the Donaho family and five tenant families who lived and worked the place. Everything needed was grown or produced locally. A three-acre garden was worked and shared by everyone. Chickens provided eggs and chicken for Sunday. Cattle provided milk, butter, and beef. Hogs provided sausage and hams which were kept in a large smokehouse. Soap was made in a large black wash kettle. Eight teams of mules were maintained to pull wagons and plows. Saddle horses were bred to ride and pull buggies and hacks. Leonard Donaho was the first dairyman in Wilson County to use a walk-in electric milk cooling vault.

It was installed by Henry C. Butler of Fairview. Large blocks of ice were thus available; wonderful homemade ice cream could be enjoyed by the family every day, a unique treat for a rural family in those days. Lurah Alice Wallace was born in Marcelina in 1886. Her father, Elisha Pinkney Wallace, served as a Confederate soldier in Giddings Battalion, Company B, from 1862 until the end of the war. His unit was present at the Battle of Palmito Ranch, Cameron Co., Texas, May 12th – 13th 1865, the last battle of the Civil War. After the war he operated the Farmers Alliance Cotton Gin at Marcelina and had ten children. Elisha was a pioneer deacon of the Marcelina Baptist church; he is buried in Floresville Cemetery beside wife Elba Rose.



Lenny, Lurah, Lois, and Joe



Joe Donaho leads the 1954 Peanut Festival

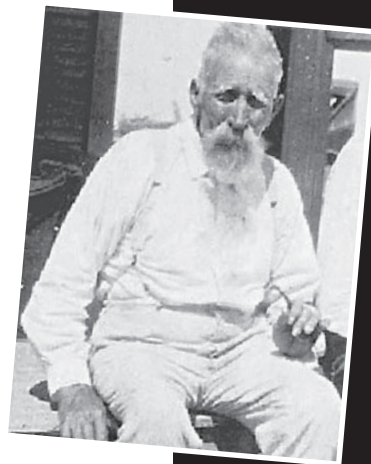
Carroll Donaho

1994

Elba's father, Granville W. Rose Sr., served in the Confederate States Army, 35th (Liken's) Texas Cavalry, Co. E, as 1st Lieutenant, summer of 1863 to May 6, 1864; was wounded, shot in the left wrist. Granville lived the latter part of his life in the Fairview Community, serving for some time as a Justice of the Peace; he outlived three wives, four children, and was buried in Marcelina Cemetery, 1914, age 91. Elba's grandfather, Dr. Pleasant W. Rose, was a former U. S. Army surgeon, and physician of St. Louis, Missouri; the family migrated from the area to escape a rampant cholera epidemic that had taken the lives of two Rose children. He sailed with his family by schooner from New Orleans, Louisiana to the coast of Texas landing in the spring of 1833, after two weeks in the Gulf of Mexico and two nights shipwrecked on a Galveston Island sandbar. Public education in the area began in 1834 when Dr. Rose established a small log cabin school at Stafford's Point. With the fall of the Alamo and Santa Anna's Army coming unopposed, Texas colonists fled to the Louisiana border and the protection of the United States. All left in haste; this is known as the "Runaway Scrape." Sister Dilue quickly melted lead to make bullets for her uncle, Jim Wells, who was going to fight the advancing force. Along with several thousand fellow Texans, the Rose family had to rapidly cover about one hundred miles on foot. Stranded by the rising Trinity River for several hours, one young daughter, sick at the start of the journey, went into convulsions and died; she was buried in Liberty, Texas. With the victory of the Texas Army in April of 1836 the family returned to their homestead. Rice University in Houston stands on a portion of his original land grant of 4406 acres. Dr. Rose knew many of the historic figures of the era, including William Barret Travis, the eventual Commander of the Alamo, and General Sam Houston. This is documented in the remains of a diary he kept, as well as a memoir by his daughter Dilue Rose Harris. Her home in Columbus, Texas has been converted into a museum.

Joseph Leonard's father was William McFarland Donaho. William served three years in the Confederate States Army, Company K, 16th Texas Infantry, a few years after the death of his first wife, Ophelia S. Rogers. He entered as a private and was promoted to sergeant; brothers James and Wilson served in the same unit. A resident of Wilson County by 1878, he settled in the Marcelina area and set up a family farm; he is buried in Marcelina Cemetery beside wife Harriet Hart. They had seven children together. The firstborn, Mary Olivia, married Elias Simms Utz; Mary and Elias owned a farm in the Marcelina community; the Shilo school was on their land. James Newton was also a farmer in the area. Eugene W. was a Baptist preacher, and was pastor of the Marcelina Baptist Church from 1904 – 1909. William Franklin was also an area farmer. John lived outside the law. Joseph Leonard was the sixth-born. Ole Carroll was a rural mail carrier in the area for 32 years. Two children from William McFarland's first marriage are buried in Marcelina: Daniel Lewis Donaho and Ophelia Donaho Mason. A son of Daniel Lewis, William Timothy, was Superintendent at Cotulla when LBJ taught school there. When President Johnson signed the Higher Education Act of 1965, he indicated in his speech that Dr. William Timothy Donaho had been an important mentor.

William McFarland's mother, Julia Ann Lewis (1815-1890), is buried in Marcelina Cemetery, grave unmarked. Julia Ann was the mother of fourteen children. Her son Martin died in 1882 and is the first marked grave in the Marcelina Cemetery. Julia's father was Samuel S. Lewis. During the War of 1812 Samuel was a private in Captain Craven Leyton's company of Mounted Rangers of Indiana Militia. Samuel co-founded the town of Orleans, Indiana, in 1815. In the mid-1820s the family moved to Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, where Samuel became justice of the peace. He fought for Texas independence at Nacogdoches in 1832 serving as lieutenant colonel, and participated in the siege of Bexar in 1835 (San Antonio), and the Battle at Colette Creek. He was a representative from Bevil County (now Jasper) to the First Consultation of 1835, a meeting of delegates from various districts of Texas to discuss the escalating friction with Mexico, and consider options for more autonomous rule. He represented Bevil County in the First and Second Congress of the Republic of Texas, Samuel died while serving his second term in 1838. Julia Ann Lewis's husband Daniel Lewis Donaho received several sizable land grants from the Mexican government and settled in the area of Jasper County, Texas in 1831. In 1836 he received a grant of 320 acres in Bexar County for service as a Texas Ranger. – **Hugh Donaho Hierholzer**



*Elisha
Pinkney Wallace*



*William Timothy (left)
with LBJ*



Granville W. Rose Sr.



*Julia Ann
Lewis*

Lois Ella

1910



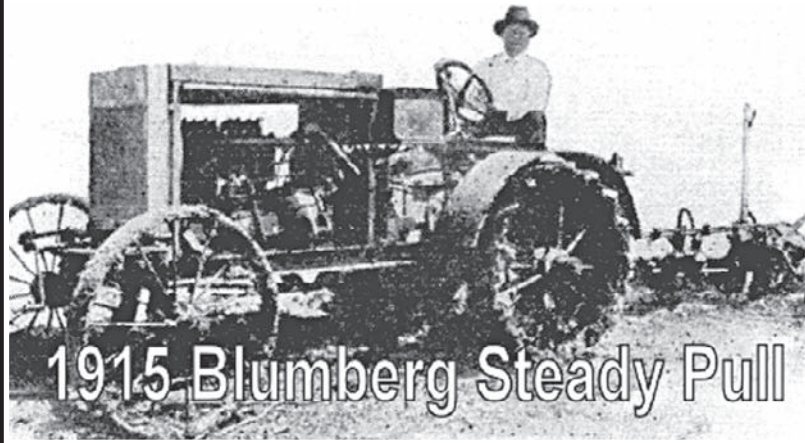
Lois Ella Anderson (1910-1999) had ancestors settle in Texas in 1831 and in the area of present-day Wilson County in 1856. She was a teacher, and the oldest of six children; all lived most of their lives in Wilson County. Brother James Horace Jr. was a teacher and 32nd-degree Mason. He served in WWII as a 1st Lt. with the U. S. Maritime service; for a time he owned a teakwood farm in Florida.

Her brother Woodrow Wilson Anderson was killed in action over Dessau, Germany, the 28th of May 1944. He was an Ace P-51B Mustang pilot with the 352nd Fighter Group, flying the "Texas Bluebonnet." With 13.5 total victories, only nine pilots in the fighter group achieved higher totals during the whole of WWII. Sister Marjorie Anita retired after 42 years of continuous service with the Stockdale Postal Service. Sister Jonnie Louise married Harry Staggs. She worked at the San Antonio State Hospital, later becoming administrator of the Stockdale Nursing Home. Sister Beth Earline passed away at the age of fifteen in 1940. Lois married Joseph Carroll Donaho in 1931. They had one child, Jo Carolyn Donaho; she married Otto Julius Hierholzer Jr.; Otto and Jo Carolyn were king and queen of the 1954 Peanut Festival "Court of Indian Summer."

After two tours of duty as a helicopter pilot in Viet Nam and twenty years of active duty in the U. S. Army, Otto retired as a Lt. Col., going on to serve as Director of Army Instruction with the Harlandale Independent School District JROTC program. Otto

and Jo Carolyn are members of the First Baptist Church of Floresville, where Otto is a deacon.

Jo Carolyn taught kindergarten at the church for eight years, enjoys painting, playing piano, and has published a book of original poetry "Come Share with Me." They have three children, Hugh, Chris, and Kirk. Otto Sr. settled the family in the Black Hills area of Wilson County in 1924 and took up farming. The Hierholzers donated two acres for the building of a school, first known as Borrego, for the nearby creek, later called Hierholzer School. The school operated from the 1920's to 1949. Otto Sr.'s brother-in-law, Hamilton Blumberg, built cars and tractors; he launched the Blumberg Motor Manufacturing Company in San Antonio and Orange. From 1914 to 1924, they produced the only motors made in Texas, until Toyota in 2006. Lois Ella's father, James Horace Anderson, was born in Wilson County in 1888 and belonged to Stockdale Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. #470. He began his career in 1913 as a clerk and telegraph operator for the Southern Pacific Railroad. James was on duty at the telegraph office and took the message that his son Captain Woodrow Wilson Anderson had been shot down over Germany. James retired after 33 years of service. He was an avid hunter, who enjoyed attending his orchard and gardening.



Woodrow Wilson Anderson

Anderson

1999

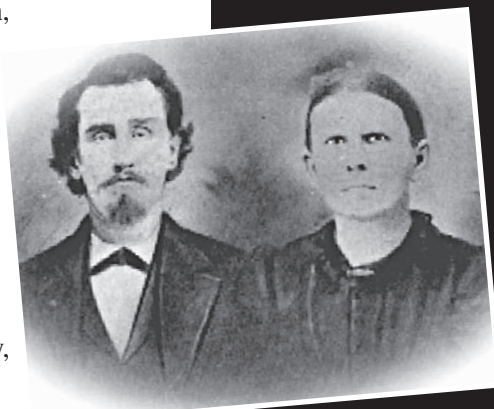
James Horace's father, Albert Guthrie Anderson, was a Mason, left-handed fiddle player, talented carpenter, and merchant farmer of the Sutherland Springs area. In 1887 in the Union School Community area, Albert wed Louella Crow, who was born in Wilson County in 1869. James Horace married Nancy Louise Spivey at her home in 1908, Kicaster, Wilson Co. Nancy Louise Spivey was born in the area of Kicaster, 1890. Her father, William Robert Spivey, married Mary Ella Etheredge in 1884. Nancy's paternal grandfather, Robert Troy Spivey, married Medora Ann Davis; they were among the first settlers of Kicaster, and had twelve children. When Robert Troy died, Medora Ann married a former Texas Ranger, Tilmon T. Woodward. Tilmon's father, Green Flowers Woodward, was a master craftsman. Green worked on the Capitol Building in Austin, and put in the first window. Medora Ann's father, James Davis, settled in St. Hedwig, Bexar Co., Texas, in 1856. He lived on 840 acres of land with children Medora Ann, and twins William H. and Martha. The homestead was located about one mile west of the Wilson County line, and situated on both sides of the Lipan Branch, present-day St. Hedwig. James Davis's wife died when the twins were born, as the family was traveling from Mississippi through Arkansas. Nancy's maternal grandfather, Samuel Slade Etheredge, was wounded in the Civil War. He served in the 57th Alabama Infantry Regiment, Co. E, Private, 1863 to 1865, and fought in the Battle of Bentonville where the Union victory represented an effective end to the war. He was moderator of the Sardis Church at Kicaster, 1885 to 1890, and was a member of Hayrick Masonic Lodge. James Horace's paternal grandfather, Ambrose Cobb Anderson, served in the Civil War, Martin's Cavalry Regiment, 5th Texas Partisan Rangers, Co. C, along with his brother John. He donated part of the land used to build the Kicaster school-church building and cemetery grounds. He had ten children with his wife Mary Bunyan Pittman. A brother of Mary Bunyan, Lemon Barnes Pittman, built the Kicaster School building as well as many of the homes in the area. Another brother of Mary Bunyan, Chester Rockwall Pittman, was Justice of the Peace, Precinct #4 for Bexar County during the 1870s and appointed Postmaster of Kicaster in 1888. Chester Rockwall's grandson, Dewey Laurence Pittman, was killed in combat, France, WWI, Private in the Army, 2nd Division. The Pittman-Sullivan Park on New Braunfels Avenue in San Antonio is so named to honor him as the first San Antonio soldier to die in that war. James Horace's maternal grandfather, Isaac Simon Crow, was likely the first to settle in the Kicaster area. He farmed and raised cattle; brand was "bar reverse C." Isaac was active in the Sardis Baptist Church, a delegate to the San Antonio Baptist Convention with the LaVernia church in 1888, and husband of Malissa Elmira Edens. Her father, Bannister S. Edens, owned a large tract of land in present-day Universal City, Bexar Co. A small family graveyard is located beside the Universal City Public Works Department; Bannister's wife, Mary Walker Edens, is buried there. Bannister's father, John Edens, moved the family to the present-day area of Houston County, in 1831. The wife of John Edens, (James Horace's great great grandmother) Lavinia Langford, was killed by Indians on October 18, 1838. Known as the Edens-Madden Massacre, the family cabin still stands in the area. — **Hugh Donaho Hierholzer**



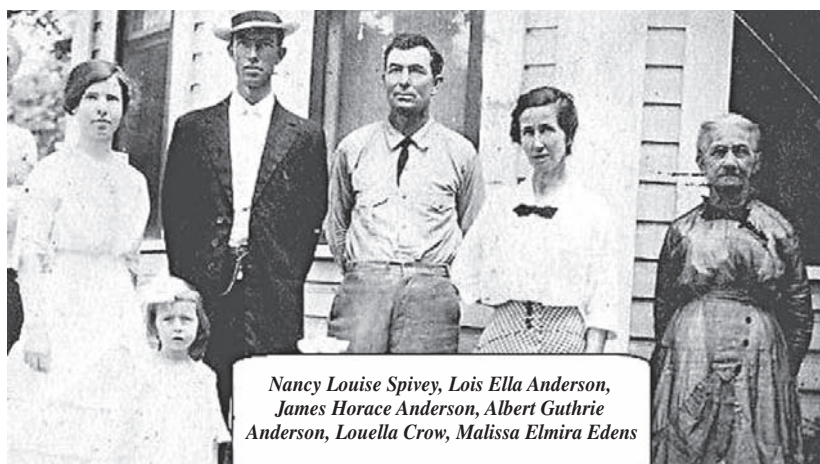
*Ambrose Cobb Anderson
and wife*



*Mary Ella Etheredge and
William Robert Spivey*



*Robert Troy and Medora
Ann Davis Spivey*



*Nancy Louise Spivey, Lois Ella Anderson,
James Horace Anderson, Albert Guthrie
Anderson, Louella Crow, Malissa Elmira Edens*



*Samuel Slade Etheredge
and wife*



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| Applewhite Homestead (1995) - SH 87 W,
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| Baker, John Reagen (Historical Grave
Marker) (1969) - Stockdale Cemetery | Lodi Ferry (2006) - Lodi |
| Barker-Huebinger Rock House (RTHL)
(2008) - FM 539 N, Sutherland Springs | Marcelina Cemetery (2003) - SH 97 E,
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| Beall Cemetery (2005) - FM 1346 N,
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Sutherland Springs |
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(2001) - FM 1346 N, La Vernia | Whitehall (Polley Mansion) RTHL (1965)
- FM 539 N, Sutherland Springs |
| Immanuel Lutheran Church (2001) - FM
775 NE, La Vernia | White House Cafe & Saloon (RTHL)
(2002) - Floresville |
| Kicaster Community (1975) - Kicaster | Wilson County Courthouse (RTHL)
(1984) - Floresville |
| King-Lorenz House (RTHL) (1984) -
Stockdale | Wilson County Courthouse & Jail -
National Register (1978) - Floresville |
| Kosub, Thomas Joseph - House (1964)
- FM 1346 N, La Vernia | Wilson, James Charles (1985) - Floresville
(Courthouse) |
| La Vernia (1968) - La Vernia | Winkler, Charles - House (1964) - FM
1346 N, - La Vernia |
| La Vernia United Methodist Church
(1976) - FM 775 W, La Vernia | Wright, Capt. Will - Texas Ranger (1967)
- Floresville |
| | Wright, Capt. Will - Historical Grave
Marker - Floresville Cemetery |
| | Yndo Ranch (1964) - FM 1303 NW,
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Wilson County Judges

Wilson County was cut out of Bexar and Karnes counties by an act of the legislature on February 13, 1860. The county was organized, officers were elected, and Sutherland Springs was selected as the first county seat. The county judge was called "chief justice." William Sutherland was the first chief justice. In 1866, the judge's title was changed to "county judge."

The American Civil War, starting in 1861 and ending in 1865, was followed by the Reconstruction Era. The years from 1861 through

1874 proved to be turbulent years for Texas counties and their leaders. Texas was under the rule of a provisional government. The court met under special orders of the Fifth Military District in New Orleans. The minutes of the Wilson County Commissioners Court referred to the court as "the police court." The office of county judge was abolished by the Constitution

of 1869, and was not reestablished until 1876. During this period, prominent men stepped forth to help run the business of the county. Among them was Pierre Trial, local businessman and sheriff of Wilson County. These men were referred to as "presiding justices."

In December 1867, the Wilson County seat was moved to Lodi. The Wilson County Commission-

ers Court met in John Seguin's house. Later, the court met in Pedro de la Zerda's house on Goliad Road. The county seat was moved back to Sutherland Springs briefly in March of 1871, but returned to Lodi by October of that same year. Finally, in 1872, Floresville became the permanent county seat of Wilson County.

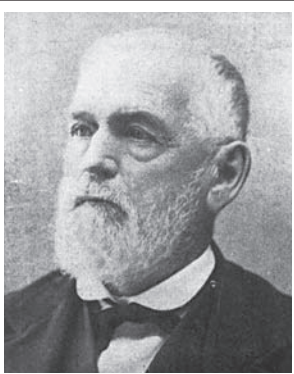
The term of office for the county judges was four years until 1876, when it was shortened to two years. In 1954 the term of office returned to four years.

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William Sutherland
William Longworth
T. S. Wyatt
W. K. Baylor
William Longworth
John N. Seguin
W. L. Worsham
A. H. Abney
A. G. Pickett
W. L. Worsham
A. G. Pickett Sr.
A.D. Evans
A. R. Stevenson
H. B. Gouger
E. D. Mayes
J. E. Canfield
C. B. Stevenson
Verner M. Butler
Merrill L. Connally
D. Richard Voges
Robert L. Eschenburg
Gresham Akin
Del Cox
Martha Schnabel
Marvin Quinney

(1860-1865)
(1865- June, 1866)
(1866- Resigned 1/7/1867)
(Served Briefly in 1867)
(1867-1869)
(1869)
(1876-1880)
(1881- 1882)
(1883-1884)
(1885-1888)
(1889-1890)
(1891- 1894)
(1895-1898)
(1899 - Sept. 11, 1911)
(1911-1920)
(1921-1924)
(1925- 1936)
(1937-1954)
(1955- 1958)
(1959-1974)
(1975- April of 1977)
(April of 1977-1978)
(1979- 1990)
(1991- 1998)
(1999 - Present)

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Judge William Sutherland was born February 28, 1820 and died July 1, 1891. He is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Victoria, Texas.

Picture courtesy of Heritage Museum, Victoria.



*Judge Marvin Quinney
Present Wilson County Judge*



*First Grand Jury of Wilson County
Back row: Nemencio de la Zerda, C. Sikes, Martin Covington, T.A. Hardin, J.A. McDondald, James Brown, County Attorney; J. Kolodziej, Billie Atkinson, District Attorney.
Front row: N.B. Patterson, Hub Polley, Mr. Flores, S.V. Houston, Mr. Houck, P.J. Henry.*

Wilson County Mayors



Mayor Daniel Tejada
Floresville



Mayor Harold Schott
La Vernia



Mayor Johnny Stahl
Stockdale



Mayor Chrystal Eckel
Poth

Wilson County has four cities with a mayor-council form of city government. A mayor-council city government in Texas consists of a mayor and a number of council members or aldermen.

The mayor is elected at-large, and the aldermen may also be elected at-large. The mayor presides at city council meetings and is the chief executive officer of the city. He is the head of the police force

and the budgetary officer of the city. The council is the legislative agent. Floresville, Stockdale, Poth and La Vernia have this form of government.

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Stockdale City Mayors

L. R. Wheeler	1919-1921
W. H. King	1921-1926
E. H. Salmon	1926-1927
M. W. Smith	1927-1928
<i>(J. M. Baker served Mayor Smith's unexpired term.)</i>	
J. M. Baker	1929-1930
L. M. Dickey	1930-1931
Merrill W. Smith	1931-1937
John E. Wheeler	1937-1949
Floyd Hutton	1949-1951
B. W. Haverlah	1951-1955
W. W. Lorenz	1955-1963
H. R. Dettman	1963-1965
W.W Lorenz	1965-1970
H. R. Dettman	1970-1980
Willard Jordan	1980-1987
Eugene Stoeber	1987-1989
Willard Jordan	1989-1994
<i>(He resigned due to illness.)</i>	
Hubert Tomerlin	May 16, 1994 appointed to office
Hubert Tomerlin	1995-1999
Tony Malik	1999-2005
Johnny Stahl	2005-present

La Vernia City Mayors

W. E. Walker	1966-1968
Ewald Koepp Jr.	1968-1982
Charles R. Malloy	1982-1986
Theo F. Gerlich	1986-1994
Charles R. Malloy	1994-2000
Carl Zenner	2000-2001
Adeline Pierdolla	2001-2004
D. Bradford Beck	2004-2008
Harold Schott	2008-present

Floresville City Mayors

A. D. Evans	1890-1891
W. C. Kroeger	1891-1892
H. G. Gouger	1892-1895
No Records	1896-1899
J. E. McMullan	1900-1901
S. V. Houston	1901-1921
J. H. Brown	1922-1925
S. V. Houston	1926-1937
John W. Reese	1937-1941
J. C. Merchant	1942-1950
E. F. Woolsey Jr.	1951-1965
<i>(died in office May 6, 1965.)</i>	
E. A. Flieller, Mayor Pro-Tem	1965
E. A. Flieller	1966-1967
Harry F. Woolsey	1968-1969
W. H. Teltschik	1970
Delbert R. Traeger	1971-1973
Carl Eschenburg	1974-1983
Roy Sanchez	1984-1992
Raymond Ramirez	1993-2006
Daniel Tejada	2006-present

Poth City Mayors

William Eckel	1933-1938
E. W. Schneider	1938-1948
Clyde Fahrenthold	1948-1958
A. W. Eckel Jr.	1958-1968
Clyde Fahrenthold	1968-1969
A. D. Kollodziej	1970-1984
Ronald W. Eckel	1984-1988
Gene Maeckel	1988-1997
Richard Pollok	1997-2000
LaNell Matthews	2000-2003
Chrystal Eckel	2003-present

Wilson County Sheriffs

Wilson County was created February 13, 1860 from Karnes and Bexar Counties and was named for James C. Wilson, member of the Mier Expedition and later a State Senator. The county was organized August 6, 1860 and has had the county seat change locations several times.

Samuel W. Barker was elected the first sheriff on August 6, 1860; re-elected August 4, 1862 and served until August 1, 1864.

Charles Y. Sang was elected on August 1, 1864 and served until September 1865.

W.W. Styron was appointed on September 1, 1865 by Governor A. J. Hamilton and served until June 25, 1866.

Samuel W. Barker was elected a second time on June 25, 1866 and served until November 1, 1867 when he was removed by General J. J. Reynolds' Special Order # 195.

Manuel Flores was appointed on November 1, 1867 by General J. J. Reynolds' Special Order # 195 and served until November 25, 1867 when he resigned.

W. W. Black was appointed on December 9, 1867 and served until January 1, 1868 when he resigned. None of this on Sheriff Black is in the State Election Register but is from the county records.

Lorenzo Trevino was appointed on March 3, 1868 by General Hancock's Special Order # 48 and served until June 9, 1869 when he was removed by General J. J. Reynolds' Special Order # 136.

Pierre Regis "Pedro" Trial was appointed on March 3, 1868 by General Reynolds' Special Order #136 and served until December 3, 1869.

Nemencio de la Zerda was elected on December 3, 1869; was re-elected either in late 1873 or early 1874 as he was qualified on March 31, 1874; re-elected February 15, 1876 but declined to qualify.

A. L. Yelvington was elected on December 3, 1869 and served until January 18, 1877 when his bondsmen withdrew and the office was declared vacant.

Robert C. Houston was appointed on January 29, 1877; was elected November 5, 1878 and served until November 2, 1880.

T. S. Wyatt was elected on November 2, 1880 and served until November 7, 1882.

Asa William Murray was elected on November 7, 1882 and served until November 4, 1884.

Antonio S. Flores was elected on November 4, 1884 and served until August 4, 1885 when he resigned.

Richard R. Creech was appointed August 12, 1885 and served until November 2, 1886.

J. R. Wyatt was elected on November 2, 1886 and served until May 1888. His leaving office is not in the State Election

Sutherland Springs was the first county seat from 1860-1867; then Lodi from 1867-1872; and finally Floresville from 1872 until present. There have been twenty-six men and one lady who have served as sheriff during the history of the county with three of the men serving twice.

Register but in the county records.

Richard R. Creech was appointed on May 16, 1888; was elected November 6, 1888 and served until November 4, 1890. His appointment is not in the State Election Register but is in the county records. This was the second time he had served.

M. J. Ximenes was elected on November 4, 1890; reelected November 6, 1892 and served until November 6, 1894. In the 1892 election his name is shown as Himenz in the State Election Register.

J. S. Craig was elected November 6, 1894; reelected November 3, 1896 and served until November 8, 1898.

M. J. Ximenes was elected on November 8, 1898 and served until November 6, 1900.

J. J. Heathcock was elected on November 6, 1900 and served until November 4, 1902.

William Lee Wright was elected on November 4, 1902; reelected November 8, 1904, November 6, 1906, November 3, 1908, November 8, 1910, November 5, 1912, November 3, 1914, November 7, 1916 and served until December 31, 1917 when he resigned to accept an appointment as a Texas Ranger. Sheriff Wright served a total of fifteen years as Sheriff and in 1914 was elected president of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. As a Ranger he became Captain of Company D. His father, Leander Berry Wright, was Sheriff of Karnes County and his son, Emanuel Avant "Dogie" Wright was Sheriff of Hudspeth County and was also a Texas Ranger. There have been six different Wrights who have served as a county sheriff in Texas and all were related.

A. B. Carnes was appointed on December 31, 1917; was elected November 5, 1918; reelected November 2, 1920, November 7, 1922, November 4, 1924, November 2, 1926, November 6, 1928, November 4, 1930, November 8, 1932, November 6, 1934 and served until January 1, 1937. He was born in Floresville, Texas on April 1, 1877 and died there on October 13, 1953.

George Robert Boothe was elected on November 3, 1936; reelected November 8, 1938 and served until May 23, 1939 when he died.

Janie Sample Boothe was appointed to complete her husband's term on May 24, 1939 and served until January 1, 1941. She



Sheriff Joe D. Tackitt Jr.

is the only lady to have served as sheriff in the history of Wilson County.

Dick J. Roberts was elected on November 5, 1940; reelected November 3, 1942, November 7, 1944 and served until October 1, 1946 when he resigned.

Paul J. Ermiler was appointed on October 1, 1946; was elected on November 5, 1946; reelected November 2, 1948, November 7, 1950, and served until January 1, 1953. He was born January 24, 1903 and died at Poth, Texas January 1, 1955.

Don C. Carnes was elected on November 4, 1952; reelected November 2, 1954, November 6, 1956 and served until January 1, 1961. He is the son of former Sheriff A. B. Carnes.

Asa G. Fuller Jr. was elected on November 8, 1960; reelected November 3, 1964, November 5, 1968, November 7, 1972, November 2, 1976 and served until January 1, 1981 when he retired. Sheriff Fuller served a total of twenty years which is the longest in the history of Wilson County.

Marvin H. "Pete" Baumann was elected on November 4, 1980; reelected November 6, 1984, November 8, 1988 and served as sheriff until January 1, 1992. Sheriff Baumann was born July 4, 1935 and had been a lawman for thirty years.

Joe D. Tackitt Jr. was elected as sheriff in November 1992. He is currently serving in this position having been reelected in November of 1996, 2000, 2004, and 2008. Sheriff Tackitt was born on September 20, 1947 and has been a lifelong resident of Wilson.

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Rep. Edmund Kuempel and wife, Roberta "Birdie" Blumberg Kuempel

Representative Edmund Kuempel was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1983. The 2000 census and redistricting currently have him representing Wilson, Gonzales and Guadalupe counties as House District 44 in the 2007 and in the 2009 Legislature.

Edmund Kuempel has been an active legislator for nearly 26 years. He has been named chairman of three committees during previous sessions – the Committee on Retirement and Aging, the Committee on House Administration, and Committee on State Recreational Resources. Representative Kuempel currently serves as the Chairman of Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee and is a senior member of the Calendars Committee and the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee.

Representative Kuempel has been a recipient of numerous awards – the Texas Municipal Retirement System John Traeger Award, Man of the Year award from the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association, Career Achievement Award – Free Market Committee, Texas Chamber of Commerce Legislative Leadership Award, and others.

Edmund Kuempel was born and raised in Austin, Texas and graduated from Austin High School. He received his B. A. in Business from Texas Lutheran College in Seguin. He is married to the former Roberta "Birdie" Blumberg. They have two adult children, John Kuempel and Margaret Brady. Edmund and Birdie also have a granddaughter, Rose Brady, and twin grandsons – Will and Sam Kuempel. The Kuempels are active members of Faith Lutheran Church in Seguin.

Edmund Kuempel cares about people and enjoys being among the people of his district. The citizens of Wilson County are grateful to have him represent our county in the Texas State House of Representatives.

Texas Ranger

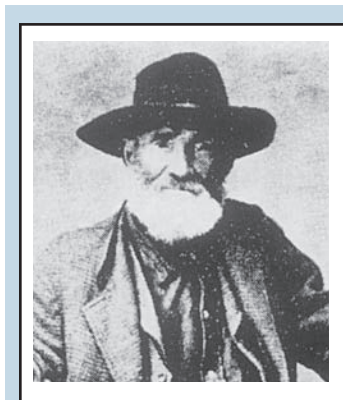
Creed Taylor

By Charles R. Byrd[®]

Creed Taylor was well-known in early Texas as an Indian fighter, a veteran of Texas' War of Independence, a participant in the U.S. Mexican War, a captain in the Civil War, and one of the youngest Texas Rangers. The old muster records and official written documentation of Creed's role in the Texas Revolution is incomplete and history experts know about those chaotic days and are not surprised by this lack of documentation. The following covers a few highlights of his life and when he lived in Wilson County.

Creed Taylor was born April 10, 1820. His father, Josiah Taylor, settled in Texas, eventually residing in Dewitt County where Josiah died in 1830. Creed attended school in Gonzales and boarded with the Almaron Dickinson family. Mr. Dickinson gave his life at the fall of the Alamo, March 2, 1836. By the age of twelve Creed had killed his first Indian. When Creed was 15 years old, he was with the small band of volunteers who defended the cannon at the Battle of Gonzales. This battle touched off the Texas Revolution. He took part in the battle of Concepción, the Grass Fight, and the siege of Bexar. Creed fought in the battle of San Jacinto and in 1840 took part in the battle of Plum Creek. In 1841 he joined the Texas Rangers and fought Indians with John Coffee Hays at Bandera Pass; the following year he was wounded in the battle of Salado Creek. He participated in the U.S. Mexican War as part of the Texas Mounted Rangers. Creed joined as a private under Col. John S. (Rip) Ford's command in the Civil War. Creed's account of these events was later edited and published by James T. DeShields as "Tall Men With Long Rifles."

On April 25, 1840 Creed Taylor married Nancy Goodbread in Montgomery, now Grimes County, Texas. Nancy was the daughter of Philip and Nancy Webb Goodbread. Their children were John Hays, Philip Goodbread ("Doboy"), and Caroline ("Carrie"). Philip Goodbread had



Creed Taylor
1820-1906

three daughters; Nancy, Minerva and Sarah. Daniel Bird married Minerva Goodbread in 1831, and Martin C. West married Sarah in 1838 making Creed, Daniel and Martin brothers-in-law. It is believed that after the U.S. Mexican War the extended Goodbread family, along with the son of the deceased James West, made the move from East Texas to the sandy prairie land of Wilson County. In 1848, Creed Taylor and his brother-in-law, Martin C. West, settled about three miles below the Springs. They are in the 1850 Bexar County census for the "Cibolo, Sulphur Springs, now called Sutherland Springs. These families, along with those of Dr. John Sutherland Jr. and Joseph H. Polley, formed the kernel of the Anglo settlement along the banks of the Cibolo and Daniel Bird along the Ecletto (Clayto).

Sometime between 1850-60 Creed Taylor built a "concrete house" on the Cibolo near the Springs, a building which served as the Wilson County courthouse during the Civil War years. This was the first concrete house known to be built in Wilson County, patented by Dr. John Park from Seguin. He began using his patented limecrete construction technique in Seguin in the late 1840s and built over 90 structures.

Both Creed and Martin later moved closer to Daniel Bird on the Ecletto by 1850, most likely for family reasons, for in that year Creed purchased land out of the Morris May survey and

Martin purchased out of the De la Garza Survey.

Among the earliest brands registered in Wilson County during 1861 are those belonging to Daniel Bird, J. H. Polley, John Sutherland, and Creed Taylor. Creed had tried to establish a large cattle ranch near Peg Leg (Menard County), but Indians forced him out of the Hill Country. He decided to move his ranch to the Wilson County area.

Creed loved racing horses and was a noted horseman. He discovered and imported from Kentucky a racer, Darby, that became famous in and outside of Texas. It is said that Creed smoked tobacco rolling it up in a newspaper. He would only smoke it half-way before putting it out.

During the post civil war years there were many men that were taking many "stray" or maverick cattle from the open range and some of these men became wealthy cattlemen. Creed Taylor claimed this caused abuses on established cattlemen's herds and was the primary cause of the Taylor Sutton feud after the Civil War.

Creed lost his son Hays, and Doboy was wounded at his ranch in June 1869. Capt. C.S. Bell came to Creed's ranch one night with about 50 men; they surrounded Creed's house and placed Creed and his family under arrest. Hays and Doboy were not at the house, but in the woods on lookout. When daylight came, Doboy and Henry Westfall, who was with the boys, started to come toward the ranch and were fired upon by Bell's men and Doboy was wounded through the shoulder. The horse was shot and went down after 300 yards. Doboy escaped into a corn field. Westfall was shot through the breast. Hays heard the shots and without fear came to the rescue. But he was fired upon by Bell's men and was killed. Bell's men took Hays' body to the house and dumped the body on the porch with Creed watching, but would not let him touch the body. Creed was then taken to Helena and was kept prisoner for one month, and was then released under a \$10,000 bond. Hays Taylor was buried on the Ecletto near the house, but no grave headstone

has ever been found.

On April 18, 1871 Doboy peacefully surrendered in Sutherland Springs. In Wilson County there were five indictments against him and he provided the bond required. He then went to Mason with his lawyer to put up another bond against a murder charge of killing Major Thompson in Mason back in 1867. While in Kerrville during the same year Doboy had a quarrel with a man named Simpson Holstein. Apparently Holstein was unarmed, but after Doboy fired at him twice and missed, Holstein grabbed his gun and shot and killed Doboy.

Another of the patriarch's grandsons--and his namesake--Phillip Goodbread West, son of Martin and Sally, was killed by the carpetbagger postmaster of Albuquerque in 1870 supposedly because he rode circles around this gentleman's house in a "menacing manner." Creed also lost his wife, Nancy, in 1867 and is believed to be buried in the Bird Cemetery near her father Philip Goodbread and her sister Minerva. Creed also lost his brother and other relatives as well as friends during the feud.

One could say with confidence that Wilson County never had a more fascinating resident than Creed Taylor. Even after he moved to the Hill Country, his life was anything but dull. Doubtless all the feud trouble caused the family to consider relocating to Kimble County and making a fresh start. He had many cattle and horses. He sold his ranch on the Ecletto (Clayto) in the early 1870s and moved his cattle to what is now Kimble County. At 52 years old Creed remarried Lavinia Spencer who was 23 years old and they had five children. Creed died on December 19, 1906 reaching an age of 96 and is buried in Kimble County. His obituary stated that Creed had been hale and hearty until a few days before his death and that he had ridden horseback to the last election.

To sum it up, Creed Taylor was a man of violent passion, a born fighter, and his life story was the nucleus that made the history of our State.

Texas Ranger

Will Wright

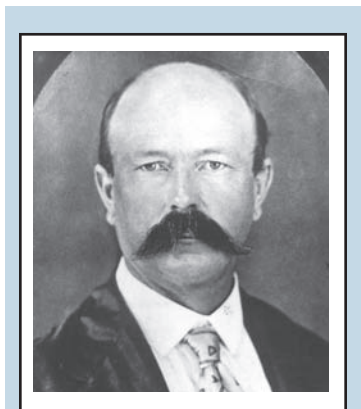
William Lee Wright was the son of L. B. Wright and Ann Tumlinson Wright. He was born in Lockhart, Texas February 19, 1868. His family moved to Yorktown when he was an infant. He attended school there. Will worked as a cowboy on the Eckhardt Ranch in Dewitt County and on the Rutledge Ranch in Karnes County. He also worked some as a farmer.

Later, his family moved to Sutherland Springs, Texas. Will Wright married Mary Ann (Mollie) Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Brown at Sutherland Springs, December 20, 1892. Six sons and one daughter were born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright.

Part of Will Wright's family was comprised of Texas Rangers. His Uncle Peter Tumlinson was commissioned as a Texas Ranger in 1859. His father-in-law, Sanford Brown, was a Texas Ranger. His brother, Milam H. Wright, was also a Ranger. Will Wright's sons, Charles H. Wright and E. A. (Dogie) Wright, became Texas Rangers.

Will worked as a deputy sheriff in Wilson County under Sheriff Craighead. In 1898, He joined the Texas Rangers under the command of John M. Rogers. In 1902 he left the Rangers and was elected sheriff of Wilson County and was sheriff of Wilson County for 15 years. He was at one time president of the Texas Sheriff's Association. In 1917 Governor William P. Hobby appointed Will Wright to the position of Texas Ranger Captain and he was assigned to form a new company, Company D. The citizens of Wilson County presented Will Wright with a beautiful bay horse as a tribute for excellent service and friendship.

A Seguin, Texas newspaper reported June 18, 1909, that Refugio Jaureque was hanged in Floresville on a Friday afternoon. It was reported that after hearing the reading of the death warrant, he walked up to the scaffold unassisted, but when they began to tie his hands, he fought furiously. He called for his brother. He went up and



Will Wright
1868-1942



shook hands with the prisoner, then started away. It was then that Jaureque made a quick move and stabbed Sheriff Will Wright just above the heart with a sharpened spoon handle. It is not known how he secured the weapon. The man was quickly brought under control and Sheriff Wright was treated for his wounds.

Will Wright was a Texas Ranger at the time of the South Texas manhunt or chase after Gregorio Cortez, who was reported to be a sheriff killer. At this time Wright belonged to the Frontier Battalion. He was helped in the trailing and capturing of Cortez. He accompanied Emanuel Tom "The Trailer" on the chase to the Rio Grande. Cortez was captured by Captain Rogers' Company as he was preparing to cross the river

into Mexico.

When Will Wright became a Ranger captain, there was much unrest along the Rio Grande. Raiders from across the border were wreaking havoc on U. S. citizens. There was much trouble along the Mexican border from one end of the Rio Grande to the other. Wright was known to take part in many battles. He was called "El Capitan Diablo" (the devil captain). The Rangers under his command guarded the border during WWI. They chased liquor smugglers and raiders. During Prohibition, Captain Wright's Rangers captured bootleggers smuggling tequila into Texas.

He was known to be a law enforcer and at the same time, a peace maker. He was said to be calm under stress.

Dogie Wright, Will's son, reported that his dad "always wore a coat, collar, tie and a gun." He

carried a pearl-handled .45 Colt pistol that had been presented to him in 1910 by the people of Wilson County. Old Jack was one of his favorite horses. The horse was always clean and well cared for.

He participated in the transition of Texas Rangers from the horseback era in the early 1900s to the modern Rangers of the Texas Department of Public Safety after 1935.

Will Wright retired from the Texas Rangers in 1939 when he was 71 years old. He had served Texas proudly and honorably. He returned to Wilson County to live out his life. Sam Fore said of him, "He loved the Texas Ranger Force with a deep and abiding affection." He died March 7, 1942 and is buried in the Floresville City Cemetery.

Compiled by Maurine Liles from the files of the Wilson County Historical Society Archives.

Former Wilson County Ranger Captains

Captain William L. Wright

Born in Caldwell County, Texas February 19, 1868 and died March 7, 1942. He is buried in the Floresville City Cemetery.
Texas Ranger Hall of Fame.

Captain Joseph Shely

Born in Port LaVaca, Texas November 7, 1853 and died May 20, 1910. He is buried in the Hillside Cemetery in Cuero, Texas.

Captain Frank A. Hamer

Born in Fairview March 17, 1884 and died July 10, 1955. He is buried in the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, Austin, Texas.
Texas Ranger Hall of Fame.

Captain Bill McMurrey

Born in Sweet Home (Dewitt County) Texas February 10, 1896 and died May 31, 1980. He is buried in the Greenhill Cemetery, Hebbbronville, Texas.

Captain Simpson (H. S.) Tom

Born in Washington County, Texas June 11, 1839 and died February 13, 1915. He is buried in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Floresville, Texas.

Texas Rangers

P.L. Buquor

By Sylvia Villarreal Bisnar

Pasquale Leo Buquor, or P. L. Buquor, as he liked to be known, was born in Louisiana in 1821. He was the son of Honoré Buquor and Eugenie Provost.

Buquor came to Texas in 1836 at the age of 15. His first service was as bearer of communications for Interim President David G. Burnet, and served continually in the Texas Army until 1837 under General T. J. Rusk.

Buquor was later attached to Deaf Smith's Company and was first sergeant of the Spy Service which included Juan Seguin's company.

On July 6, 1839, Buquor fought alongside Ed Bureson in a battle between the Texans and Cherokees in which Chief Bowles was killed and his band driven from the State.

As a member of the Texas Army, Buquor fought alongside Jack Hays in many of the Indian battles. Buquor was in the Wall Campaign and was present during the Council House Fight and was wounded twice by the Indians.

That same year, he joined the Texas Rangers in Capt. Hayes' Company. Buquor and Hayes were in a battle on April 7, 1841 north of Laredo against about 35 Mexicans who had reportedly been attacking traders between Laredo and San Antonio. After the battle, 25 Mexicans were taken prisoner, three died. The Rangers suffered no losses.

For his service to Texas, Mr. Buquor was granted land on Calaveras Creek, about 8 miles east of Mission San Jose.

On April 26, 1841, P. L. Buquor married Maria de Jesus Delgado, a descendant of many of the Canary Islander families who settled in San Antonio in 1731, and spent their honeymoon in New Orleans.

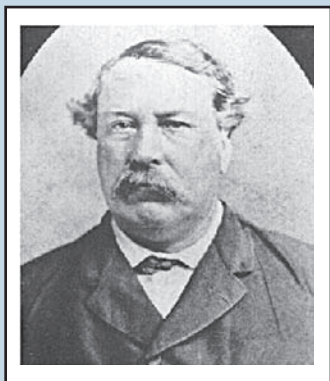
Buquor continued with the Texas Rangers and fought in the Mexican-American War.

Mr. Buquor served as City Marshall from February 11, 1846 to October 1, 1846. He was elected County Commissioner in February 1852 by a count of 65 votes. On January 1, 1856, he was appointed Notary Public in Bexar County by Governor E.M. Pease.

From January 1, 1861 to January 1, 1862, he was an alderman for the City. When the Civil War broke out, he organized a volunteer company. Serving as captain of 3rd Infantry, 1st Company he was ordered to Camp Verde as Commander and then shortly ordered to Brownsville. Mr. Buquor was a personal friend of Col. Robert E. Lee of the San Antonio 2nd Cavalry.

He was appointed Notary Public of Bexar County on January 7, 1860 by then Governor Sam Houston. That same year, he was elected Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 2. By 1862, Mr. Buquor was well known in the city and ran for mayor against a very strong incumbent, Samuel A. Maverick, one of the biggest cattlemen in the area, winning by 75 votes. He served from January 1, 1863 until January 1, 1865. In January 1866, he was listed as a Notary Public, conveyor and translator. In 1867, he was appointed City Assessor. The San Antonio Express dated March 4, 1881, reported that he was employed as an interpreter in Federal Court and was probably the "finest Spanish language scholar in all Texas. In 1872, he was appointed as Supervisor of Elections of Starr County by a U.S. District Judge. He was Notary Public and Justice of the Peace in 1872 for Starr County. On May 6, 1884, he was appointed by John Ireland, Governor of Texas, as Honorary Commissioner to the World's Industrial Centennial and Cotton Exposition.

Mr. Buquor retired to Floresville and after a long illness died on March 15, 1901. He is buried in the Canary Islanders Cemetery in Floresville, Texas.



**Pasquale Leo Buquor
1821-1901**

Dionicio (Nicho) Acosta

Dionicio (Nicho) Acosta was born October 9, 1893 on the McDaniel Rock Ranch on Cibolo Creek near Floresville in Wilson County, Texas. His parents were Victor and Trinidad Acosta. He married Marianna Garcia and the couple had two children. His son, Adolf Acosta, became a Deputy Sheriff in Wilson County, Texas. His daughter is Mrs. Nelson Luna.

Dionicio Acosta enlisted in Company K. Ranger Force under the command of Captain Will Wright December 21, 1917. He was twenty-four years old and his occupation was listed as a deputy sheriff. Wilson County Sheriff Will Wright resigned his position as sheriff of Wilson County December 31, 1917 to head up Texas Ranger Company K. Since Dionicio Acosta enlisted in Company K. December 21, 1917, he probably served as a deputy under Sheriff Will Wright. He served as a Ranger on the Mexican border.

The *Floresville Chronicle-Journal* reported January 4, 1918, "Company K is the name of the new State Ranger Organization which will be headed by Capt. W. L. Wright, our former sheriff." The paper went on to say, "On Friday morning, December 28, the advance guard of his company left for Laredo where they will make headquarters. It was an interesting sight as they passed through the streets of the city, everything brand new, spick-and-span. There was a new wagon with the chuck box and all equipment, several head of splendid horses and mules and all the Rangers mounted on fine steeds that seemed to catch the spirit of the men. They were raring to go." Texas Ranger Dionicio Acosta was one of these men.

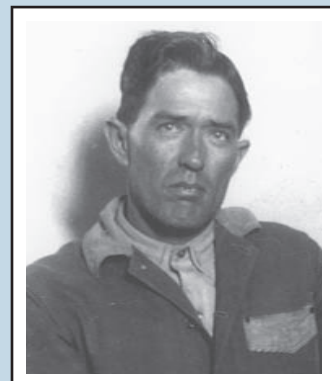
Dionicio served as a Wilson County Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Carnes for ten years. Part of his duties called for him to work in the Floresville jail. One day in 1929 while Sheriff Carnes was out of town attending a meeting, Deputy Dionicio Acosta attempted to take lunch to the prisoners in the cells above the sheriff's quarters. Four of the men were under penitentiary sentences for burglary. They had robbed I.D. Flores' Drug Store. As Deputy Dionicio Acosta went into the jail cell area with the food, he was overpowered by the men and knocked unconscious. Sheriff Carnes's wife heard the noise and called Deputy Kenneth Powell to come to the jail. Before he arrived, she saw several prisoners coming down the stairway. They held her at gunpoint and ordered her to open the front door. She refused. They ran to the back door and escaped from the jail. They stole a car and got away.

The people of Floresville became aware of the jail break and the prisoners were soon apprehended. Deputy Acosta was taken to the hospital and was treated for his injuries. He was confined to his home for a time while recovering from the assault at the Wilson County Jail. Deputy Acosta recovered from his injuries and continued with his job, enforcing the law.

Dionicio Acosta served twelve years as a city marshal and a night watchman. He served as a Wilson County Deputy Sheriff for ten years. He served as a Texas Ranger under Will Wright on the Mexican border for fourteen months. Like many lawmen, he found himself in a situation where it was necessary to kill a lawbreaker. He did what he had to do in order to uphold the law. He received bodily harm while carrying out his duties as a lawman. It was all in the line of a lawman's duty.

Dionicio Acosta died at the Blake Hospital in Floresville March 3, 1946. He is buried in Blessed Sacrament Cemetery in Poth, Texas.

Compiled by Maurine Liles



**Dionicio Acosta
1893-1946**

Texas Rangers of Wilson County

Acosta, Dionicio J. was born on a ranch near Floresville (Wilson County) Texas October 9, 1893 and died March 3, 1946. He is buried in the Blessed Sacrament Cemetery, Poth, Texas.

Baker, John Reagen was born near Blue Springs (Green County) Tennessee August 6, 1809 and died January 19, 1904. He is buried in the Stockdale Cemetery, Stockdale, Texas. (Wife: Avis E. Baker)

Bird, Daniel was born in Telfair County, Georgia January 23, 1809 and died January 7, 1885. He is buried in the Junction City Cemetery, Junction (Kimble County) Texas.

Brady, Hubert Patrick was born near Fairview (Wilson County) Texas March 13, 1895 and died September 6, 1957. He is buried in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

Brady, Tom G. was born in Fairview (Wilson County) Texas September 1, 1901 and died February 2, 1973. He is buried in the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Carrizo Springs, Texas. (Wife: Eavie D. Brady)

Brown, Charles B. was born in Seguin (Guadalupe County) Texas September 29, 1875 and died October 20, 1939. He is buried in the Mission Burial Park-South, San Antonio, Texas.

Brown, Sanford was born in Maury County, Tennessee December 30, 1830 and died July 15, 1916. He is buried in the Sutherland Springs Cemetery, Sutherland Springs, Texas. (Wife: Mary Ann Reynolds)

Buquor, P. L. was born in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1821 and died March 15, 1901. He is buried in the Canary Island Cemetery, Floresville, Texas.

Carnes, Herff Alexander was born in Fairview (Wilson County) Texas May 23, 1879 and died December 3, 1932. He is buried in the Restlawn Cemetery, El Paso, Texas. (Wife: Leatha Lux)

Carnes, Quirl Bailey was born in Fairview (Wilson County) Texas June 1, 1884 and died July 31, 1910. He is buried in the Floresville City Cemetery, Floresville, Texas.

Conn, Hugh E. was born in Gonzales (Gonzales County) Texas January 9, 1854 and died August 1, 1933. He is buried in the Stockdale City Cemetery, Stockdale, Texas. (Wife: Alice E. Conn)

Connolly, Thomas "Tom" was born in Dublin, Ireland December 17, 1867 and died April 4, 1948. He is buried in the Concrete Cemetery near La Vernia, Texas. (Wife: Fannie Ella Burrows)

Craighead, Charles Archer was born near Sutherland Springs (Wilson County) Texas August 26, 1879 and died November 19, 1951. He is buried in the new Hebronville Cemetery, Hebronville, Texas.

Craighead, J.P.N. "Pat" was born in Sutherland Springs (Wilson County) Texas February 3, 1875 and died August 18, 1921. He is buried in the Sutherland Springs Cemetery, Sutherland Springs, Texas.

Davis, Nathan was born at Gunter's Landing, Alabama May 4, 1840 and died October 24, 1913. He is buried in the Stockdale City Cemetery, Stockdale, Texas.

Dial, James Lawrence was born in Fairview (Wilson County) Texas May 15, 1876 and died November 18, 1955. He is buried in the Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, Texas.

Dibrell, John Lee was born in Guadalupe County, Texas June 7, 1874 and died June 28, 1958. He is buried in the San Geronimo Cemetery, Seguin, Texas.

Edds, John J. was born in Elmendorf (Bexar County) Texas November 21, 1890 and died February 24, 1956. He is buried in the Sunset Memorial Park (crypt) San Antonio, Texas. (Wife: Lorene Edds)

Ford, Elgin was born in Floresville (Wilson County) Texas June 30, 1889 and died August 2, 1939. He is buried in the Floresville City Cemetery, Floresville, Texas. (Wife: Emma Robbins)

Gilliland, G. D. "Don" was born near Fairview (Wilson County) Texas July 20, 1899 and died January 14, 1986. He is buried in the Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, Texas. (Wife: Maude C. Gilliland)

Hamer, Frank A. was born in Fairview (Wilson County) Texas March 17, 1884 and died July 10, 1955. He is buried in the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, Austin, Texas.

Hamer, Harrison L. was born in Fairview (Wilson County) Texas August 15, 1888 and died August 24, 1977. He is buried in the Westlawn Cemetery, Del Rio, Texas.

Hearn, Roy L. was born in Runge (Karnes County) Texas January 15, 1891 and died May 7, 1970. He is buried in the Pearsall City Cemetery, Pearsall, Texas. (Wife: Artie A. Hearn)

Henderson, Homer Robert was born near Fairview (Wilson County) Texas February 24, 1881 and died April 8, 1963. He is buried in the Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery,



Rudy Flores Rodriguez was sworn in as a Texas Ranger in Austin, Texas, August 30, 1974. Rudy had 12 years of experience in Law enforcement and had served as chief deputy sheriff in Wilson County, Texas before becoming a ranger. He retired from the Texas Rangers August 31, 1974. Rudy and his wife Connie live in San Antonio, Texas.



Members of Captain J.H. Callahan's Ranger Company in 1855 during a reunion in San Antonio, November 1909. Back row, left to right: D. C. Bursleson, D. A. Watson, H. S. Tom. Front row, left to right: U. A. Pitte, John Campbell, John V. Sansom,

Odessa, Texas. (Wife: Annie Lee Henderson)

Hobbs, Pleasant Howe "P.H." was born in Indiana December 13, 1825 and died November 16, 1895. He is buried in the Nockenut Cemetery, Nockenut Community, Texas.

Irvin, Wesley was born in the Republic of Texas in what is now Madison County August 18, 1845 and died August 16, 1913. He is buried in the Union Valley Cemetery, Union Valley Community, Texas. (Wife: Martha E. Irvin)

King, John Rhodes was born in Stewart County, Tennessee March 24, 1816 and died May 17, 1898. He is buried in the Stockdale Cemetery, Stockdale, Texas. (Wife: Ruth E. King)

Leasman, Fred W. (Fritz) was born in Hanover, Germany February 4, 1838 and died July 13, 1930. He is buried in the Steele Branch Cemetery, near Stockdale, Texas. (Wife: Sarah Jane Leasman)

Lorenz, Royal Wade was born in Stockdale (Wilson County) Texas February 10, 1896 and died February 12, 1930. He is buried in the Stockdale Cemetery, Stockdale, Texas.

McMurrey, Bill was born in Sweet Home (DeWitt County) Texas December 17, 1889 and died May 31, 1980. He is buried in the Greenhill Cemetery, Hebronville, Texas. (Wife: Anna F. McMurrey)

Myers, Tom G. was born in Bee County, Texas May 29, 1881 and died April 22, 1933. He is buried in the Marfa City Cemetery, Marfa, Texas.

Neal, Edgar T. was born in Fairview (Wilson County) Texas, September 2, 1869 and died March 29, 1946. He is buried in the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, Austin, Texas. (Wife: Maid J. Allen)

Preiss, Jerome H. was born near Twin Sisters, Blanco County, Texas February 29, 1924 and died July 12, 2004. He is buried in the Blessed Sacrament Cemetery, Poth, Texas.

Rodriguez, Rudolfo F. "Rudy" was born in Floresville (Wilson County) Texas October 4, 1938. He and his wife, Connie, currently reside in San Antonio, Texas.

Rosser, Lee was born in Floresville (Wilson County) Texas July 31, 1876 and died November 26, 1925. He is buried in the Floresville City Cemetery, Floresville, Texas.

Shely, Joseph was born in Port Lavaca, Texas November 7, 1853 and died May 20, 1910. He is buried in the Hillside Cemetery, Cuero, Texas.

Shely, Warren Washington "Wash" was born September 1861 and died March 19, 1909. He is buried in the Rio Grande City Downtown Historical Cemetery, Rio Grande City (Starr County) Texas.

Smith, Erastus "Deaf" was born in Dutchess County, New York April 19, 1787 and died November 30, 1837. He is buried in Richmond (Fort Bend County) Texas.

Sutton, Robert Bell was born in Stockdale, (Wilson County) Texas August 16, 1897 and died January 5, 1934. He is buried in the Stockdale Cemetery, Stockdale, Texas.

Swift, John Beakley "J.B." was born in Fairview (Wilson County) Texas September 2, 1883 and died February 19, 1959. He is buried in the Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, Texas.

Taylor, Creed was born in Tennessee April 10, 1820 and died December 26, 1906. He is buried in the Noxville Cemetery (Kimble County) Texas.

Timberlake, Delbert was born in Fairview (Wilson County)

Texas September 12, 1882 and died October 11, 1918. He is buried in the Uvalde City Cemetery, Uvalde, Texas.

Tom, Simpson "H.S." was born in Washington County Texas June 11, 1839 and died February 13, 1915. He is buried in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Floresville, Texas. (Wife: Hannah Campbell)

Warren, Charles Payton was born in Humbolt, Tennessee November 18, 1858 and died December 18, 1924. He is buried in the Sutherland Springs Cemetery, Sutherland Springs, Texas. (Wife: Zora Wright Warren)

Webb, David C. "Jack" was born in Fairview (Wilson County) Texas February 1, 1886 and died June 20, 1932. He is buried in the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Carrizo Springs, Texas.

Webb, David Franklin "D.F." was born in Selbyville, Kentucky February 26, 1810 and died April 16, 1893. He is buried in the Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, Texas.

Webb, Grover C. was born in Fairview (Wilson County) Texas June 3, 1888 and died July, 17, 1964. He is buried in the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Kerrville, Texas. (Wife: Jessie M. Webb)

Webb, Lake Thomas was born in Rockport (Aransas County) Texas February 16, 1894 and died July 23, 1974. He is buried in the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Carrizo Springs, Texas. (Wife: Cora Almeda)

West, Larkin Earl was born in Rancho (Gonzales County) Texas September 16, 1877 and died December 14, 1955. He is buried in the Austin Memorial Park, Austin (Travis County) Texas.

West, Milton Horace was born in Rancho (Gonzales County) Texas June 30, 1888 and died October 28, 1948. He is buried in the Buena Vista Cemetery, Brownsville, Texas.

West, Paul M. was born in Rancho (Gonzales County) March 4, 1892 and died May 10, 1957. He is buried at Mercedes, Texas.

Weston, P.M. "Parker" was born in Richmond (Fort Bend County) Texas October 27, 1882 and died July 22, 1936. He is buried in the Sutherland Springs Cemetery, Sutherland Springs, Texas.

Wright, Charley Hays was born in Sutherland Springs (Wilson County) February 25, 1894 and died June 27, 1938. He is buried in the Floresville City Cemetery, Floresville, Texas.

Wright, Emanuel Avant "Dogie" was born in Laredo (Webb County) Texas April 25, 1901 and died December 19, 1989. He is buried in the Sierra Blanca Cemetery, Sierra Blanca, Texas.

Wright, Milam Harper was born in Yorktown (DeWitt County) Texas April 15, 1878 and died February 18, 1938. He is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Texas.

Wright, William Berry "Bill" was born April 20, 1905 and died July 25, 1993. Social Security death records show he died in El Cajon (San Diego County) California. He was the son of Captain W. L. Wright.

Wright, William L. "Bill" was born in (Caldwell County) Texas February 19, 1868 and died March 7, 1942. He is buried in the Floresville City Cemetery, Floresville, Texas. (Wife: Mary Ann Wright)

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Natalie Rose Adams

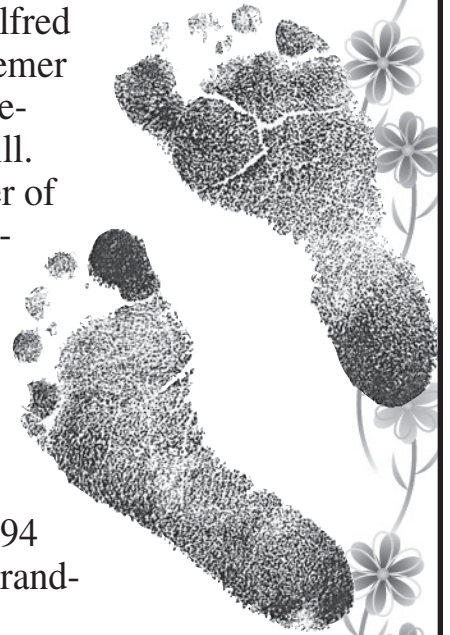


I was born February 9, 1998 in San Antonio, Texas. My parents are John and Cheryl Roemer Adams. Grandparents are Bennie and Arleen Thoms Roemer and Jim and Joyce Weaver Adams of La Vernia.

Great granddaughter of Alfred and Manilla Ortmann Roemer and Henry and Norma Kreitz Thoms, Jr. of Black Hill.

Great-great-granddaughter of Harry and Ida Pfeiffer Roemer, great-great-great-granddaughter of Theodore Charles and Marie Schmidt Roemer.

I live with my parents on a part of the original Roemer land settled in 1894 by my great-great-great-grandparents.



The original part of my home was built in 1941 for my great-great-grandmother Ida Pfeiffer Roemer. The home is surrounded by huge old oak trees. In the early 1900's the Elasco Switch of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad crossed through the land where my home now sits, taking sand from the sand pit in San Antonio by railroad for construction.

I worship at First Lutheran Church in Floresville with my parents, grandparents, and lots of relatives. One of my best friends, Sharon, and I are acolytes together at church. Sometimes I even sing with my dad while he plays the guitar or piano. I attend school at Floresville I.S.D. where I love math, science, reading, and recess with my friends. One day I hope to become a scientist or archaeologist.

I enjoy karate, volleyball, basketball, and writing music, hanging out with my grandma and grandpa, and playing with my pets.



In memory of *Arthur “Spitz” Richard Roemer*

Spitz was born on Sept. 11, 1918 at home on Jackson Gulch in the Labatt Community, north of Floresville. He was the son of Harry and Ida Pfeiffer Roemer, grandson of Theodore Charles and Marie Schmidt Roemer.

Spitz was born a normal child, but at 18 months of age, Infantile Paralysis struck, leaving him deaf, mute, and crippled. He eventually started walking on his tiptoes when he was 7 years old.

Spitz’s formal education consisted of 1 year at the School for the deaf in Austin, Texas. He developed a “homemade sign language” that everyone in the family and community easily understood.

Tragedy struck when Spitz was 20 years old; his father was killed in an accident; he continued to live with his mother.

He enjoyed country living on the family farm. He loved to do small jobs for neighbors with his tractor and especially enjoyed visiting these neighbors. He could take apart a small engine, repair it, and have it running smoothly again. Spitz could get very upset and angry; at such times he would run away from home. He would get on his tractor and go to the river bottom or to the sandhills and hide. One time, crippled as he was, he climbed to the top of the windmill and sat on the small platform while the wheel was turning at full speed, causing the family much anxiety. He came back home with a big grin on his face and acted as though nothing had happened.

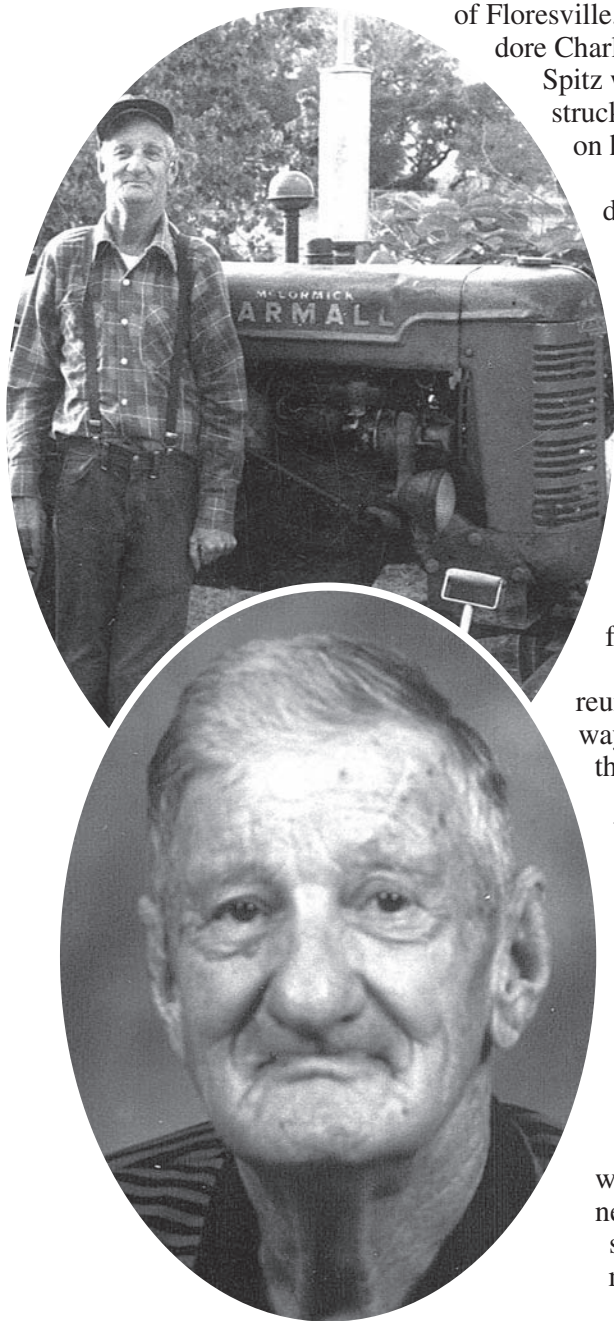
Spitz loved family gatherings on Sunday, community parties, family reunions, parades, and peanut-threshing time. He loved to stand at the highway and wave at passing cars. He had many friends and was liked by all in the community. He always had a dog by his side; they even slept together.

Spitz was a “people person,” very easy to know and love. A pat on the back and a handshake made his day special. He was very honest. He was baptized in November 1957 and knew that Jesus loved him. In April 1997 he went to live at Floresville Nursing Center until his passing November 9, 1999 at 81 years of age.

I want to share part of my story with you about my Uncle Spitz. My parents Alfred and Manilla Roemer married November 1933 and moved into a new little home built just for them by Alfred’s dad, Harry Roemer. I was born there December 1934. Spitz lived with his parents and siblings in a large home in Jackson Gulch. Tragedy struck in 1938 when Spitz’ father was killed, leaving his mother to care for their special-needs son alone. The family decided that my parents, Alfred and Manilla, should move in with Spitz and his mother in the big house. I remember my mother cried, not wanting to make the move because life would not be easy. In 1941, a small home was built for Spitz and his mother, and there they were cared for. In his later years, when Spitz became mine to care for, my wife and I took care of his every need.

**Green trees never grow on mountain tops... only in the valleys.
God gives each one of us strength to endure as we grow into HIS likeness.**

— Respectfully submitted, Bennie Harry Roemer



Bennie and Arleen Roemer



Bennie Harry Roemer was born December 2, 1934 at home in Labatt in Wilson County. Son of Alfred and Manilla Ortmann Roemer, grandson of Harry and Ida Pfeiffer Roemer, great-grandson of Theodore Charles and Marie Schmidt Roemer.

Bennie grew up on the family farm, attended Labatt school and Floresville High School.

As a member of Floresville Chapter F.F.A., Bennie won 1st prize (\$100.00) in the first peanut production contest in Texas in 1948.

Bennie loved to fish in the San Antonio River and swim in Calaveras Creek with friends. Bennie was active in the affairs of the Labatt community and First Lutheran Church in Floresville where he met a young teenager named Arleen Ann Thoms from the Black Hill Community. Daughter of Henry and Norma Kreitz Thoms, Jr., Granddaughter of Henry

and Matilda Kulhmann Thoms, Sr., and Oscar and Olga Hierholzer Kreitz.

Arleen attended the Black Hill School and Pleasanton High School.

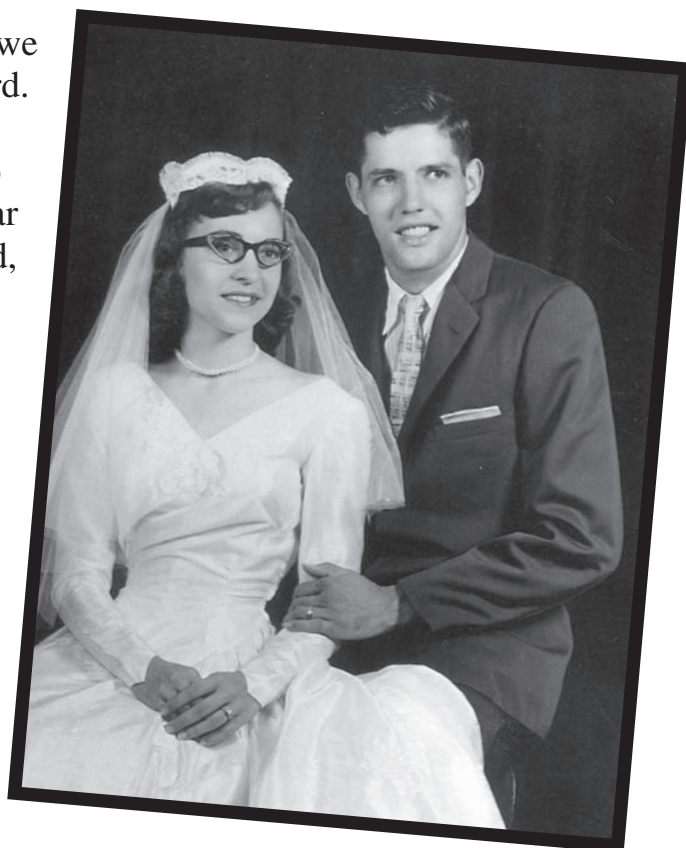
Bennie and Arleen would see each other at church and attended Luther League (a youth organization) together with friends, and sometimes a movie or dance.

Bennie was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1957.

The following year he came home on leave and we were married. We paid \$500 for a used 1955 Ford.

We packed a few belongings in our car. Arleen remembers Bennie saying, "Don't pack stuff too high in the back seat, I've got to see from the rear view mirror." Arleen took her iron, ironing board, portable sewing machine, 2 sheets, 2 blankets, 2 pots, etc.

We left one week after our wedding for Denver, Colo. (Fitzsimons Army Hospital) where Bennie was stationed with \$350 cash. We drove off into the wild blue yonder, feeling so happy and grown up. Arleen had never been any further than San Antonio, where she worked and lived one year prior to marriage. She now knows why her grandmother cried at her wedding, I was so young.



celebrate 50 years together

We found a motel that rented to military personnel for \$65 a month. The first month our car broke down and the repairs cost \$125! Add up the figures — the leftover cash we kept hidden in the top chest of drawers under newspaper — hoping it wouldn't get stolen.

At Christmas, Bennie came home from work with a branch that had fallen off of someone else's Christmas tree. It was the most beautiful Christmas tree ever, stuck in a foil-wrapped coffee can filled with dirt and adorned with only a dozen ornaments the size of marbles.

We attended church on base at Fitzsimons Army Hospital and attended movies for 25 cents each. We would go driving through the Colorado mountains - for gas was only 19 cents a gallon!!! In the winter Bennie would scrape snow off of the car before heading to work.

In July 1959 Bennie's active duty ended and 4 years reserve would begin. We packed up and headed home to Texas with wonderful news of a baby coming in November!

We lived in San Antonio and Bennie returned to work at Decker Foods, where he would retire after 36 years and Arleen loved being a homemaker. In 1960 we built our home on part of the original Roemer family land settled in 1894, where we still live today.

Our Children

Cindy and Mike Miller
Cheryl and John Adams
David and Cheryl Roemer

Grandchildren

Aaron and Levi Miller
Natalie Rose Adams
Robert Roemer

Grandchildren in Heaven

Grandson Trey
Babies - Joel & triplets -
Micah, Luke, & Daniel



We celebrated our golden wedding anniversary in June 2008. Fifty years later we rejoice in our 3 children, their spouses and our grandchildren. We made a promise and commitment before God to be faithful, love, and care for each other. We want to pass on to our family and friends a heritage of faith, commitment, and obedience to God. We gave thanks and praise to God as we renewed our vows on June 29, 2008 at First Lutheran Church where we were married.

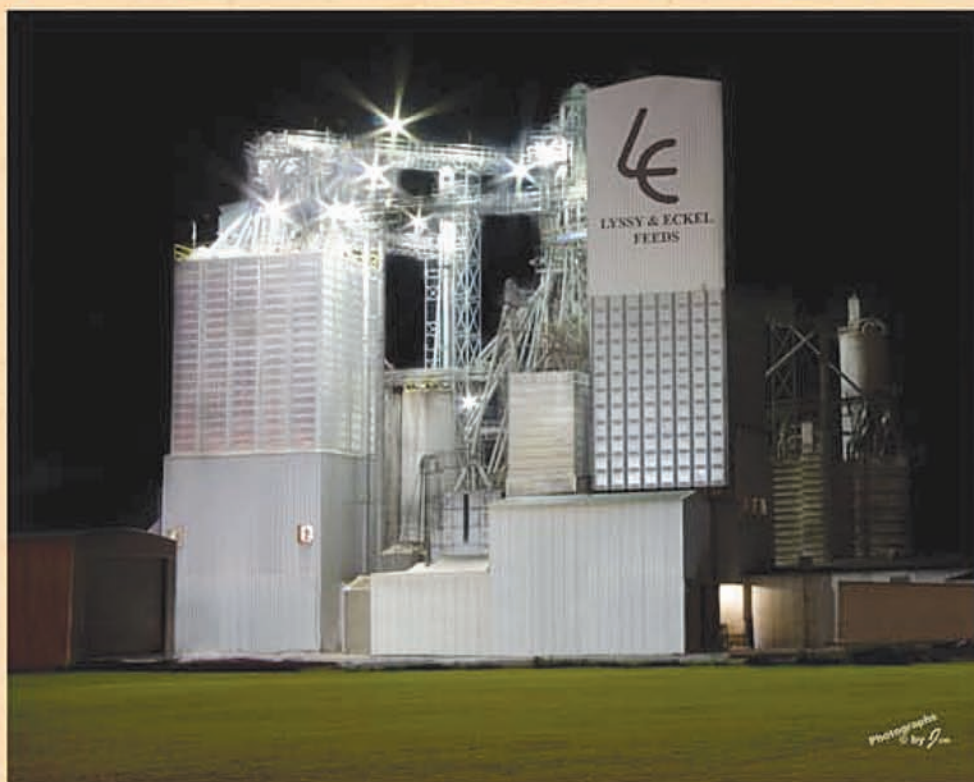


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1945



Ed V. Lyssy
(1910 - 1986)

A.W. Eckel, Jr.
(1923 - 1979)



LYSSY & ECKEL
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Eckel family history



William and Katie Reinhard Eckel came to Poth from Rutersville, Fayette County, Texas in 1908. His first business was Bump and Eckel, a general merchandise business. In 1912 he and E.H. Reinhard established William Eckel and Company, a dry goods and grocery store, and in 1915 built the brick building on the corner of US Hwy 181 and Dilworth Plaza. William Eckel was Mayor of the City of Poth from 1933-1938; in 1936 the first city well was dug.

William and Katie had four children, Alfred William, William C. "Bill", Elsie, and Mary. William C. married Bertha Ferguson and had one daughter, Doris (Sam Swierc). Elsie married John Flores and had Yvonne and John Jr.; and Mary married Dick Roberts (Wilson County Tax Assessor and Collector 1938 and Wilson County Sheriff 1940-1946), and their daughters were Katie Lee and Mary Anne. Bill and Alfred worked at William Eckel and Company for many years, eventually selling out, and the store became Reinhards.

Alfred W. Eckel married Clara Woellert in 1922. They opened A.W. Eckel Grocery and Hardware in 1947. Alfred served as an alderman on the Poth City Council from 1938-1958. A.W. and Clara had three children, A.W. Eckel, Jr., Mary Rose (Dr. Jerry Jaeckle) and Jeanette (Ed Ramey).

In 1945, A.W. Eckel, Jr. bought out Robert Orts of Orts and Lyssy and partnered with Ed Lyssy to establish Lyssy and Eckel, a feed mill and store. In 1950, he married Gertrude Guenther and they had two sons, Gerald Wayne and Ronald William. A.W. Eckel, Jr. was Mayor of Poth from 1958-1968.

Gerald married Deborah Kocurek in 1984 and they have one daughter, Annika Kocurek Eckel. Debo served on the Poth City Council from 1989-1994 and owns Triple E Fitness in Poth. Ronnie married Chrystal Ray in 1986. They have three children, William Ray, Marie Caroline, and Charles Russell. Ronnie served as Mayor of Poth from 1984-1988. Chrystal has been Mayor of Poth since 2003 and partners with Esther Remling in the Garden Party Nursery, a garden center and gift shop in Poth.

In 2010, Gerald and Ronnie continue to partner with Ernie Lyssy in Lyssy and Eckel and to participate in the growth of Poth.



First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Floresville, Texas

Lutheran services began in the Floresville area with a Pastor Doescher coming from Houston on horseback. He would come to the home of William Seeger beginning in 1895 and the community would gather for worship and to receive the sacraments. A congregation was organized in 1899 with the encouragement of Pastor Hans P. Duborg of Beeville. He served from 1890 to 1902 in Gonzales, Karnes City, Floresville, and Beeville. The parish was given the name St. Martin's Lutheran Church which was organized on January 15, 1899, in the home of Carl Voigt, Sr. The charter members were William Seeger, August Kuehm, August Brinkoeter, Henry Stautzenberger, Carl Voigt, Sr., Paul Neubauer, August Scheiever, and their families.

Services were held in the Waldheim community on the third Sunday of each month. Strong interest in the community led to building a place of worship eight miles east of Floresville on land donated by R. L. Dilworth. The building was dedicated on September 17, 1899 with a one-room annex attached that served as a parsonage.

Soon the site seemed unsuitable because it was not centrally located. It was sold to pay off indebtedness and to build a combination church and schoolhouse in the Waldheim community. In May of 1900 Pastor Duborg moved back to Beeville but continued to lead worship services once a month. He suffered a stroke in September 1901 and was forced to stop preaching. In the spring of 1902 Pastor Herman

Drewes arrived.

A constitution recorded at this time omits the name "St. Martin's Lutheran Church," but lists the congregation's name as "German Lutheran Church" and stated that only the German language was to be used in the services and meetings of the congregation, unless decided otherwise. Pastor Drewes left on August 19, 1903.

Pastor Julius Schroeder arrived from Ohio on October 7, 1903. The first class of young people to be confirmed in the Lutheran faith occurred at a worship service that was held on April 16, 1905. Pastor Schroeder assisted in reorganizing the congregation as it moved into the town of Floresville in 1906. A frame building facing C Street at the corner of 6th was purchased from the East Side Christian Church in 1907. A bell tower was added to the front of the building in 1916. The bell was a gift from Zion Lutheran Church of Tyrone, Pennsylvania. Pastor Schroeder served effectively until advancing age necessitated that he travel less.

The first full-time resident pastor was Lewis Freyberg. He was the first American-born pastor of this congregation. The English language was introduced and the name of the congregation was changed to First Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1918. Services were also being held in Dewees. In July 1924, Pastor Freyberg accepted a call to another church and moved to Zanesville, Ohio.

Pastor Albert Flathman served from November 1, 1924 to July 1, 1927. Pastor Otto Keller came late in 1927. Services were being held in Floresville, Poth, and Blackhill. St. John Lutheran Church in Poth separated from the parish and called their own pastor in 1928. During his tenure the constitution was translated into English in 1930. Pastor Keller's pastorate ended in 1930 due to poor health. Pastor Meinhardt Keller from Poth served as interim into 1931.

Pastor Theodore Winter arrived from Iowa in July 1931. Floresville was his first call following ordination. The year of 1939 saw the end of German-language worship services. In 1942 a new church and educational annex was begun despite the uncertainty of finances and materials due to the United States' entry into World War II. Lumber salvaged from the first building was used in the construction and a dedication was held in August 1942.

Pastor Chalmer L. Mollenkopf arrived in November 1952. A building program was soon begun to enlarge the annex which was dedicated in April 1954. The first telephone was installed on the church property in 1958. Pastor Mollenkopf's ministry was cut short by a heart attack and his death in November 1960. Pastor James Neffendorf served

from March 1961 to February 1965. Pastor R. Lynn Zimmerman was installed in April 1965 and resigned August 1968.

Due to financial concerns, First Lutheran Church entered a dual parish with St. John's Lutheran Church, Poth, beginning in May 1969. Pastor Siegfried T. Schroeder, son of a former pastor, was called. During his tenure, property across from the church on C Street was bought and paved for a parking lot, a stained glass window was installed in the rear of the sanctuary, and the church and parsonage were air conditioned. Pastor Schroeder retired after eight years. He moved to Poth where he made his home.

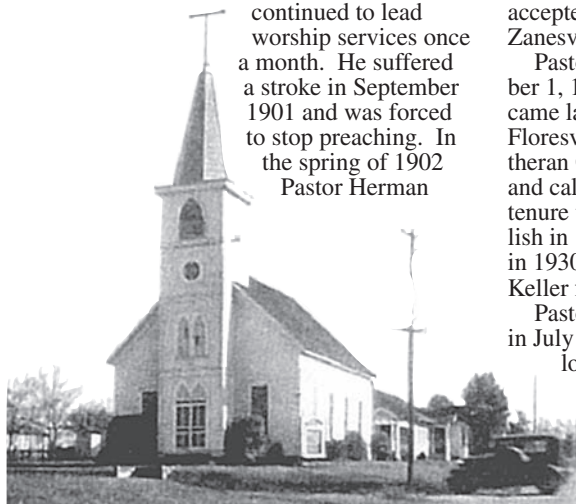
Pastor William Mosley arrived in 1977. During his tenure, the dual parish came to an end in 1981. First Lutheran Church called Pastor Bruce Booher, who served from 1982 to 1984. Then Pastor Otto Fehler served from 1985 to January 1989. The Fitzgerald house, south of the parsonage, was bought in 1986.

The denomination with which First Lutheran is currently associated is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), which was a merging of three separate predecessor denominations. It was after this merger that Pastor Victor Anderson was called and he served from 1989 to 2003. During his tenure, computers were bought for the church offices in 1990. He also spearheaded the development and construction of the Sonshine Ark Preschool and Daycare, which opened in January 1992. At first the day care used the former parsonage and the Fitzgerald house to begin this ministry. In July 1997 a 7,000-square-foot addition for education, fellowship, and the preschool was dedicated. In 1999 the congregation gave thanks for 100 years of ministry with a centennial celebration.

Pastor Randy Conley was called and joined First Lutheran on Easter Sunday 2004. So far during his tenure, the sanctuary was remodeled, the sound system updated, a youth minister added, a senior outreach called Quiet Communion was initiated, and the home directly across 6th Street from the church was purchased for expanded ministries and named the Do Joy House.

The Christian believers at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, with the help of the Holy Spirit, invite all people to share in this journey of faith with us. Together, we strive to love, serve, and grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ. Today we worship at two services on Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. We have Sunday school for all ages throughout the year at 9:15 am. We offer many other opportunities to serve God and neighbor, to learn from God's Word, and to partake in the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We look forward to meeting all of you who come through our doors to be reconciled to Christ.

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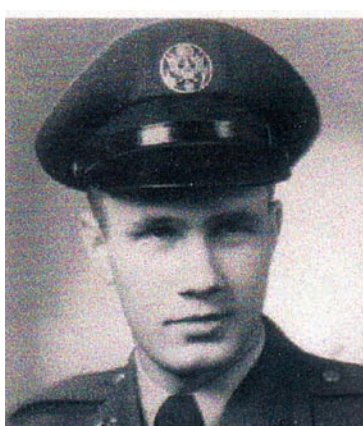
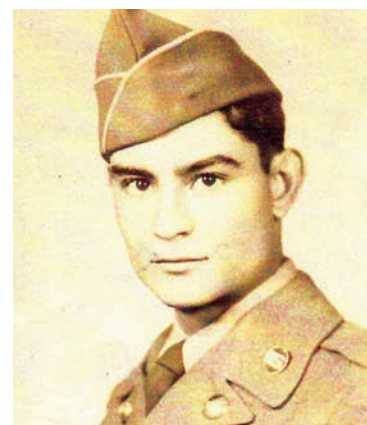
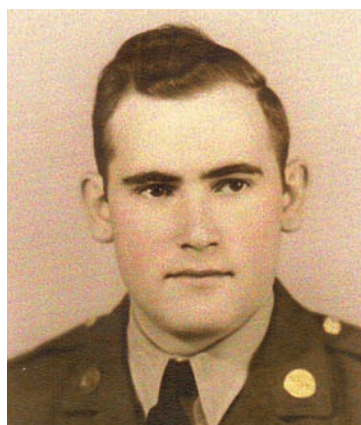
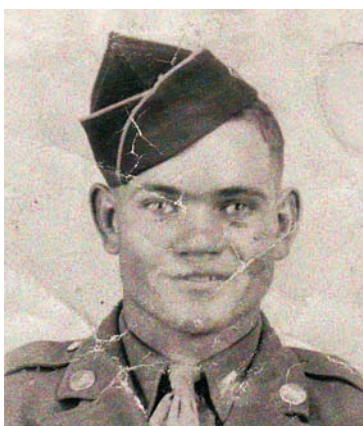
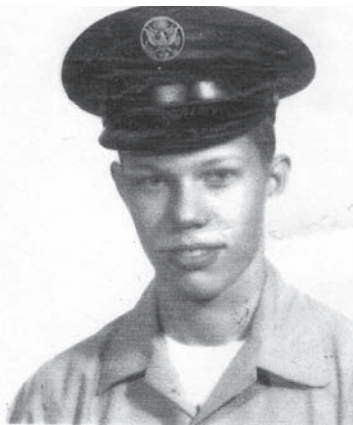
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Front row: Rose Lee Risley, 1968-1991; Celesta Dippel, 1961-1963; Back row: Lucille Novak, 2000-2001; Louise Thurman, 2001-2002; Elsie Hayden, 2003-2004; Nora Jean Bender, 2004-2006; Angelica Bustamante, 2006-present

We were soldiers once ... and young



ROW 1: J. BAYER, USAAF; J. BRUCE, USN; C. BUSH, USA; M. BUSTAMANTE, USA
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ROW 3: V. GUILLEN, USA; F. HAYDEN, USA; G. HENRICKS, USMC; O. HIERHOLZER, USA



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ROW 3: C. POPHAM, C. POPHAM-PURCHIS, USA; H. RIDER, USA; R. RODRIGUEZ, USA

ROW 4: E. RISLEY, USA; D. ROLLAND, USAF; P. THURMAN, USAAF; R. THURSTON, USN

The Akin Family

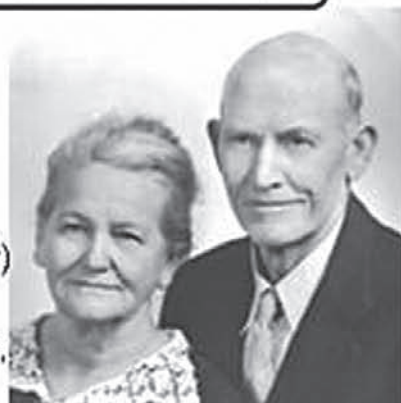
A Tradition of Service



John N. & Sarah Akin

Wilson County- 1878

Joe and Eva Akin



The Joe Akin Family (Below)

L-R: Lester, Ted, Gresham, Clyde, Alton, Joe, Calvin, Floy, Eva, & Joe



Gresham Akin
Co. Commissioner
1963-1977
Co. Judge
1977-1978



(L) Alton, Gresham, Ted, & Lester
Honored 1988 by Stockdale Watermelon
Jubilee Association



Akin Butane & Propane- Lester Akin, owner



Ted Akin, Mobil Oil Consignee



**Akin Mobil Service Station-
Gresham & Alton Akin**



**Akin Ambulance Service-
Scott Akin**

Reverend Samuel Zook brings his family to Wilson County in 1906

Reverend Samuel Zook brought his family from the Rio Grande Valley to Floresville, Texas in 1906. He and his wife Elizabeth, a member of the Church of the Brethren in the state of Kansas, had gone to the Rio Grande Valley in Texas as missionaries in 1900. They were originally from Pennsylvania of Amish descent.

Family history says Rev. Zook came to Floresville because of the good schools here. He paid nearly \$3000 cash for several hundred acres of land in the fall of 1906. They had four boys: Martin, Dwight, Lawrence, Warren and a daughter named Ethel. While living on that farm, they had two more girls, Gladys and Maurine.

Samuel Zook farmed and started a church for the Mexican families in Floresville. That church later became affiliated with the Methodist denomination and became El Mesias Methodist Church. Reverend Samuel Zook spoke Spanish fluently.

Elizabeth (Lizzie) and the children all attended the Floresville Methodist Church. She began a ladies' Sunday School Class soon after they began attending the church. That class became known as the Elizabeth Hoffman Zook Memorial Sunday School class and was in operation over 75 years.

The Zook boys worked hard on the farm and went to school in Floresville. Later my grandfather sold the land and



Rev. Samuel Zook and Lizzie Zook, 1906. Children, standing: Dwight, Warren, and Martin. Sitting, Lawrence with Maurine and Gladys in their mother's arms.

bought 762 acres in the Camp Ranch community, part of the Maria Calvillo Grant. That property was where the old Rancho de las Cabras was located. Part of the description of Grandpa's farm in a document says it went "from a stake on the west bank of the San Antonio River for the lower corner of said Maria Calvillo grant and the upper corner of the Manuel Barrera League...to a stake by a live oak tree...to ...a stake by a mesquite tree...thence down the river with its meanders to the place of beginning..."

The children all had to walk or ride horses to school in Floresville. It was

nearly two miles up the road to the river bridge, which was at what is now Hwy. 97. They walked to the river bridge, crossed over the San Antonio River and walked into Floresville. After awhile, the boys cut down a tree to fall across the San Antonio River near the farm. Then it was about two and a half miles to Floresville from their farm and children walked to and from school every day. When two more children, Everett and Ola Dee, were born the doctor had to ford the river on his horse to get there to deliver them. He must have taken the route the boys took to go to school and used

their "tree bridge."

Later on another baby, Edna Bell, a beautiful baby girl, was born, but died one year later.

Lawrence, Warren, Gladys, Maurine and Ola Dee Zook graduated from Floresville High School. Everett left home after his mother died, and went to Del Rio to finish high school there.

Lizzie Zook age 52 died of cancer in 1924 and Samuel Zook died of cancer in 1928. Three grandchildren, Lois Zook Wauson, Bob Zook and Gary Zook live in Wilson County at this time. Samuel and Lizzie's children are gone, but their

grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren still carry on the Christian legacy in the Zook family.



Zook children on the farm 1912. Standing, Lawrence, Maurine, Warren, Gladys. Sitting, Everett & Ola Dee.



Zook family with friends(unknown). Rev. and Mrs. Zook second and third from left in back. Front row: Zook children, Warren, Lawrence, Maurine, Everett, Ola Dee, Gladys.

Confederate Soldiers

Adams, Robert - Brahan Guards / 2ND LT / Adams Cemetery
 Adams, Walter Monroe - CSA
 Adams, William - Captain Ireland's Co.
 Aguilar, Nepomencio - CSA
 Alexander, E. D. - CSA
 Alford, James - Mustang Grays
 Allen, Thomas Jefferson - CSA
 Alston, Philip - CSA
 Anderson, H. H. - Cibolo Guards
 Anderson, J. R. - Cibolo Guards
 Annan, William R. - CSA
 Applewhite, Thomas - Cibolo Guards - Concrete Cemetery
 Appling, Timothy Sears - CSA
 Arredondo, Joaquin - CSA
 Aresmedes, Sabino - CSA
 Avery, Anthony Holloway - CSA
 Bacchus, John - Mustang Grays
 Bailey, Thomas - CSA / Pleasant Valley Cemetery
 Baker, John Reagen - Home Guard / CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
 Baker, Joseph L. - CO E 4TH TX INF / Concrete Cemetery
 Balades, Francisco - CSA
 Barclay, C. M. - Wilson Guards
 Barker, David - Capt. Ireland's Co
 Barker, Edmund Asa - Cibolo Guards
 Barker, Emory Crawford - Terry's TX Rangers CO G CSA -
 Miller Creek Cemetery, Blanco County
 Barker, Joseph - Brahan Guards / died in CW
 Barnes, James - Wilson Guards
 Barnes, Stephen - Mustang Grays
 Barrett, Thomas William - CSA / Barrett Cemetery
 Barry, Thomas H. - Mustang Grays
 Bartlett, J. P. - CO. B 23rd TX CAV / 27th Gould's Reg /
 Stockdale Cemetery
 Baylor, W. K. - Wilson Guards / Sutherland Springs Cemetery
 Beall, Robert - Brahan Guards / Interred at Rockport, Texas
 Beall, Samuel - Brahan Guards / Largarto Cemetery,
 Live Oak Co.
 Beck, James Edwin - Mustang Grays / Bexar County
 Bell, John M. - CSA / Fairview Cemetery
 Bell, John M. - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
 Bell, John Thomas - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
 Bell, Rufus Drake - ELI TOOLE'S CO TX VOL /
 Stockdale Cemetery
 Belvin, E. - Mustang Grays
 Bennett, Walter A. - Mustang Grays / 4th CPL
 Benton, William Hays - CSA
 Bernal, Leonardo - CSA
 Bishop, Robert - CO A 8th TX INF / Stockdale Cemetery
 Boone, Daniel Green - CSA / Floresville City Cemetery
 Blanton, W. W. - CSA
 Botello, Victor - CSA
 Boyles, Sylvester - CSA / Floresville City Cemetery
 Braddy, Ben J. - CSA
 Brahan, Haywood - Mustang Grays / Orderly SGT /wounded at
 Appomattox / interred Riverside Cemetery, Seguin
 Brahan, Robert W. - Brahan Guards / Brig. Gen 30th District /
 Cemetery #3 San Antonio
 Briggs, Simon - Brahan Guards
 Brister, Wiley Franklin - CSA
 Brooks, Joe - Capt Ireland's Co
 Brooks, John F. - Mustang Grays / 1st Lt. / disabled at
 Gaines Mill
 Brotze, Otto - Mustang Grays
 Brown, Charles S. - Mustang Grays / 2nd SGT. Major / killed at
 Wilderness
 Brown, L. H. - 2ND LT - ELI TOOLE CO TX VOL
 Brown, Needham - Mustang Grays
 Brown, N. - ELI TOOLE'S CO TX VOL
 Brown, Sanford - Cibolo Guards / CO K 8th REG TX INF /
 Sutherland Springs
 Brown, William - Mustang Grays
 Brown, W. P. - Wilson Guards
 Brown, W. Z. - Mustang Grays
 Buchanan, L. - Mustang Grays
 Buquor, P. L. - Capt. 3RD INF 1ST CO A TX /
 Canary Island Cemetery
 Burrow, Phillip J. - PVT. CSA PARKER CO. MINUTEMEN /
 Fairview Cemetery
 Burrow, William H. - PVT. CSA PARKER CO. MINUTEMEN
 / Fairview Cemetery
 Butler, C. - Wilson Guards
 Butler, J. M. - Wilson Guards
 Cale, Joseph H. - CSA
 Camp, L. B. - Union Forces / Fairview Cemetery
 Camp, T. P. - Cibolo Guards / Kicaster Cemetery
 Campbell, John - CSA
 Cannon, Tom - Fairview Cemetery
 Cardenas, Pablo - CSA
 Carmichael, Crockett N. - CSA / Fairview Cemetery
 Carnes, Joseph M. - CSA / Floresville City Cemetery
 Carvajal, Vincente - CSA / Sacred Heart Cemetery
 Carver, Isaac - CSA / Maxwell Cemetery
 Cerda, Raymond - Wilson Guards
 Chappell, George W. - CSA
 Cheatham, James - Capt. Ireland's Co
 Clark, W. J. - Mustang Grays / Brahan Guards / Orderly
 Clayton, P. L. - CSA
 Click, E. S. - Capt. Ireland's Co
 Clift, Joe - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery

Collier, H. W. S. - Cibolo
 Guards / Capt. Ireland's Co
 Collier, Joseph J. - CSA
 Conaley, Matiu - Wilson
 Guards
 Cook, Stephen T. - Wilson
 Guards / CSA
 Corder, Sheppard Bayles
 - CSA
 Cornelison, Jesse Porter
 - CSA
 Cotton, Andrew - Mustang
 Grays
 Cox, Frank Marion - CSA
 Craighead, John S. - CO H
 BORDERS TX CAV CSA /
 Sutherland Springs Cemetery
 Crenshaw, H. - Cibolo Guards
 Crenshaw, M. - Mustang
 Grays
 Culpepper, J. T. J. - CSA
 Cummings, Thomas - Wilson
 Guards
 Cunningham, Ed H. - Mus-
 tang Grays / Bexar County
 Cunningham, J.T. - Mustang
 Grays / Capt. / died of wounds
 received at Gaines Mill
 Currie, David Blont - Cibolo
 Guards / PVT CO G 33 REGT
 TX CAV / Paint Rock
 Cemetery
 Currie, Joseph Barnabus -
 Mustang Grays / PVT / lost
 a leg at Chickamauga
 Currie
 Rev. Robert Morrison Currie
 - Cibolo Guards /
 Concrete Cemetery
 Currington, Joseph Green - CSA / Floresville City Cemetery
 Danely, Harrison - Mustang Grays
 Daruta, Carruto - Wilson Guards
 Davis, Francisco - CSA
 Davis, H. D. - Cibolo Guards / 30 Brigade / TX PVT /
 Kicaster Cemetery
 Davis, Nathan - CO I 32ND TX CAV / Stockdale Cemetery
 Davis, R. - Brahan Guards
 Davis, S. H. - Cibolo Guards / Bexar County
 Davis, W. H. - Cibolo Guard / PVT / 30th Brigade
 Degen, Jacob - CSA
 Dehart, James Monroe - CSA / Maxwell Cemetery
 De la Garza, Juan - CSA / Garza-Valadez Cemetery
 De la Zerda, Nemencio - CSA / Sacred Heart Cemetery
 De la Zerda, Pedro - CSA
 De la Zerda, Ramon - CSA
 De Leon, Antonio - CSA
 Denning, John W. - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
 Denson, Joseph - TX PVT TRP D 33 REG TX CAV /
 Stockdale Cemetery
 Denton, William - CSA
 Dewees, John Oatman - CSA
 Dial, A. H. - Mustang Grays / disabled at Gaines Mill
 Dial, James L. - Green's Brigade / CO A 4TH REGT TX CAV /
 Fairview Cemetery
 Dickey, James Wilson - Green's Brigade / Tailor / Fairview
 Cemetery
 Dillon, A. R. - Mustang Grays
 Dlougosh, Joseph - PVT CO D 16 REG ILL CAV / Richter
 Cemetery
 Donaho, William - CO K 16th INF / Marcelina Cemetery
 Doolittle, Abram Marshall - CSA / Concrete Cemetery
 Dockstader, Oscar - Mustang Grays
 Dorsett, T. M. - Home Guards / Concrete Cemetery
 Dryden, Dr. R. H. - CSA / Surgeon / Floresville City Cemetery
 Dugger, H. A. - Cibolo Guards / Russell Cemetery,
 Guadalupe County
 Dugi, Martin - CSA / Cestohowa Catholic Cemetery
 Dunlap, T. J. - Brahan Guards
 Dunn, J. - Cibolo Guards
 Dunn, L. G. - Cibolo Guards
 Dunn, W. H. - Mustang Grays
 Dunsby, Hamilton - Mustang Grays
 Dykes, Martin - CO A 35 TENN INF / Stockdale Cemetery
 Easterling, Thomas Jacob - CSA / Floresville City Cemetery
 Edds, Jesse Winfield - CSA / Floresville City Cemetery
 Edmiston, H. B. - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
 Edmiston, J. A. - Wilson Guards / Stockdale Cemetery
 Edwards, William Wesley - CSA
 Elam, W. R. - Cibolo Guards / Concrete Cemetery
 Elkins, Joseph W. - CSA
 Elliot, John B. - Mustang Grays
 Ellison, Thomas Holly - CSA
 Enriquez, Jose Maria - CSA
 Evans, Dr. A.D. - CSA / Terrys Regiment / Floresville City
 Cemetery
 Evatt, J. L. - Mustang Grays
 Ewell, Fenton M. - Brahan Guards / 1ST LT
 Ewell, S. B. - Brahan Guards
 Farias, Jose Maria - CSA / Canary Island Cemetery
 Fatheree, L. Berry - CO 2ND REG /Fatheree Cemetery



*Standing left to right, Henry Smith, W.S. Palm, James Sutton, J.J. Gris-
 som, and W.R. Park. Seated left to right, Robert Bishop, H.B. Edminston,
 L.S. McCoy, and J.B. Cornelison. Picture courtesy of Liz Wheeler Lester.*

Faust, Marion M. - CO B 4 LA INF / Floresville City Cemetery
 Ferguson, John Tyler - CSA / Floresville City Cemetery
 Figh, Rufus - CSA / Concrete Cemetery
 Flores, Jose Maria - CSA
 Flores, Louis - Wilson Guards
 Flores, Salvatore - CSA
 Floyd, R. J. - Cibolo Guards
 Floyd, W. F. - Mustang Grays / CO F 4TH TX INF / died at
 Gettysburg
 Forrister, Henry C. - 2ND LT Wilson Guards
 Fowler, T. B. - CSA
 Frances, Edward M. - CSA CO A / mortally wounded in
 Civil War
 Franklin, John - CSA / Marcelina Cemetery
 Franks, W. D. - CSA
 Fuller, J. - Mustang Grays
 Garza, Geronimo - CSA / Blessed Sacrament Cemetery, Poth
 Garza, Juan - CSA
 Gelvin, H. - Mustang Grays
 Gibson, G. H. - Mustang Grays
 Gibson, J. A. - Mustang Grays
 Gill, Green M. - CSA
 Gillespie, A. F. - CO A 4TH TX / Concrete Cemetery
 Givens, William M. - Mustang Grays / disabled at Chickamauga
 Glosson, W. M. - Brahan Guards
 Glosson, James - Brahan Guards / Phillips Cemetery,
 Dripping Springs
 Glosson, Walter - Mustang Grays / Brahan Guards / 4th CPL
 Gonzales, Dimas - CSA
 Gonzales, Juana - CSA
 Gooch, Robert - Wilson Guards
 Good, William - Wilson Guards
 Goode, Robert - Cibolo Guards / 5th Sgt.
 Goodloe, Calvin - Mustang Grays / CO G 33 TX INF (DUFF'S)
 / City Cemetery #1, SA., TX.
 Goodloe, William - CO F 4TH TX INF
 Goodwin, Ben - Cibolo Guards
 Goodwin, Thomas - Cibolo Guards
 Gordon, James - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
 Gortari, Nieves - CSA / Saucedo Cemetery
 Gotser, John - Brahan Guards
 Gouger, H. A. - Wilson Guards / Stockdale Cemetery
 Graf, August - CSA / Floresville City Cemetery
 Gray, James W. - Home Guard / died in Confederate Home,
 Austin
 Griego, Nicolas - CSA
 Grissom, Hugh B. - PVT 1 BRIG TX MILITIA / Stockdale
 Cemetery
 Grissom, James Jefferson - TX PVT 19TH BRIG / Stockdale
 Cemetery
 Grounds, Jack - CO 16 TX INF / Gilley Cemetery
 Haddox, Campbell - CO I CPL 4TH TX REGT CAV / Fairview
 Cemetery
 Hahn, Frank - Mustang Grays
 Hahn, John - Mustang Grays
 Hale, David Porter - CSA / Lockhart City Cemetery
 Hall, Bernard C. Robert - CSA
 Hamman, Silas - Mustang Grays
 Harper, Charles - Wilson Guards / Harper Cemetery
 Harper, E.S. - Wilson Guards / Harper Cemetery
 Harrell, J. R. - CSA / Shiloh Cemetery

Harrison, Dan - Mustang Grays
Hastings, Green B. - CSA SGT CO A REGT TX INF / Leach-Hastings Cemetery
Hastings, Henry Solomon - CSA / Leach-Hastings Cemetery
Haverlah, William - CSA / Dewees Cemetery
Hawkins, L. S. - Brahan Guards
Hayes, Robert - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
Heathcock, Asa - Pvt. 24th REGT TX CAV / Stockdale Cemetery
Heathcock, Columbus - CSA / Survived the war and lived in Wilson County
Helms, J. J. - CSA / KILLED BY JOHN WESLEY HARDIN / McCracken Cemetery
Henderson, Alex - Cibolo Guards / 3rd Sgt.
Henderson, Bennett G. - CSA / killed at Sharpsburg
Henderson, Connally F. - Cibolo Guards / killed at Gaines Mill/4TH TX REGT CO F
Henderson, Nat - Cibolo Guards / 1ST LT
Herron, Samuel L. - CSA / Concrete Cemetery
Hesskew, Moses - 34TH TX INF 7TH DIVISION / Fairview Cemetery
Hibdon, Alfred - 25TH BRIG TST
Hibdon, Dan - VOL INF CSA
Hibdon, George A. - Cibolo Guards/Concrete Cemetery
Hibdon, John - Cibolo Guards / Concrete Cemetery
Hill, John - CSA
Hobbs, Jobe - SAM EASLEY CO TOM HOXEY BATT
Hobbs, Pleasant Howe - CSA / Nockenut Cemetery
Holcombe, Eli B. - CSA
Holcombe, John Franklin - Marcelina Cemetery
Hollander, William M. - Mustang Grays / disabled at Gaines Mill
Holt, I. T. - Brahan Guards
Horsenbach, Harrison - Brahan Guards
Houston, Dr. David Hannah - Mustang Grays / CO G TERRY'S TX RANGERS 8TH CAV / Salem Sayers Cemetery
Houston, Robert Crawford - CO G under command of Capt. Wm. Y. Houston/ Floresville Cemetery
Houston, Russell - Mustang Grays / Salem Sayers Cemetery
Houston, Samuel Ross - Cibolo Guards / Concrete Cemetery
Howe, John B. - CSA
Hudson, Robert - Brahan Guards / ELI TOOLE'S CO TX VOL
Hughes, Emory W. - CSA
Hughes, Lemuel P. - CAPT. Co F 4th TX REG HOODS TX BRIGADE / Floresville City Cemetery
Humphreys, Allen - CSA / Died in Wink, Texas
Humphreys, James - Cibolo Guards / Concrete Cemetery
Humphreys, Levi - Mustang Grays
Hunt, J. B. - 23rd TX CAV / Fairview Cemetery
Ibasa, Aduccio - Wilson Guards
Irvin, John - Cibolo Guards
Irvin, W. H. - Brahan Guards / Colors / Mt. Olive Cemetery, Bexar County
Irvin, Wesley - Wilson Guards / PVT TX ST TROOPER CSA / Union Valley Cemetery
Jackson, A. W. - Brahan Guards / ELI TOOLE'S CO TX VOL / Cottage Hill-Bexar Co / Oak Hill Cemetery in Goliad
Jackson, W. J. - CSA
James, E. L. - Wilson Guards
James, R. J. - Wilson Guards
James, Thomas D. - Cibolo Guards / Happle Cemetery
Jeffries, J. W. - Cibolo Guards
Jennings, George Hartman - CSA
Johnson, J. T. - CO C 1ST MISS LIGHT ART / Concrete Cemetery
Johnson, C. W. - CO G 7TH TX CAV/ disabled at Chickamauga / Stockdale Cemetery
Johnson, William Joshua - CSA / Horse Marines / Union Valley Cemetery
Jones, William - Mustang Grays
Kahr, Nicholas - Mustang Grays / killed at Gaines Mill
Kenney, Granville Bond - CSA
Key, George W. - PVT CO K 33RD TX CAV / Stockdale Cemetery
Kilgore, John - 2ND LT Wilson Guards
King, John R. - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
Koolbeck, Garret - Mustang Grays
Kosub, Thomas - CO B RAGSDALE'S BATT'N TX CAV / interred St. Hedwig
Kyle, Robert W. - Cibolo Guards / 2nd Lt.
Kyle, S. Lee - Cibolo Guards / 1st Sgt.
Lang, J. E. - CSA
Lawson, G. H. - Wilson Guards / Mustang Grays
Lenox, Robert - Brahan Guards / Bexar County
Lilly, John W. - Capt Wilson Guards / Sutherland Springs Cemetery
Logan, John - Brahan Guards / Bugler / Bexar County
Longoria, Francisco - CSA
Lowe, Pinkney - Cibolo Guards / Concrete Cemetery
Luker, George Mifflin - PVT CO B 7TH REGT MISS CAV / Stockdale Cemetery
Luker, J. R. - PVT CO B 7TH REGT MISS CAV / Stockdale Cemetery
Luttrell, John Bradford - CSA
Lyons, L. P. - Mustang Grays / 3rd LT. / killed at Gaines Mill
Mack, Jesse - CSA
Maddox, Amos Hicks - Cibolo Guards / Concrete Cemetery
Maddox, John G. - Mustang Grays
Maddox, Levi - CSA

Maddox, Thomas Green - Cibolo Guards
Mann, William - 5th INDI-ANA CAV / Union Soldier / Stockdale Cemetery
Mans, Peter - Mustang Grays
Marbach, Stephen - Mustang Grays
Marshall, Howell Jackson - CSA
Martin, Thomas - Brahan Guards / Bexar County
Martinez, Sisto - 33RD INF TX CAV/Duff's Partisan Rangers
Mathews, B. W. - CSA
Maulding, D. C. - CSA
May, Albert G. - CSA
Mayes, Alvarado - Mustang Grays
McAlister, Charles A. - Mustang Grays / 4th Corporal / wounded at Gaines Mill / interred Phillips Cemetery, Dripping Springs
McAlister, Daniel M. - Mustang Grays / 2nd Corporal / mortally wounded at Gaines Mill
McAlister, John Murphy Sr. - Cibolo Guards / LT / Concrete Cemetery
McAlister, John Murphy Jr. - CO A 8TH TX INF / Phillips Cemetery, Dripping Springs
McCann, John T. - Mustang Grays / wounded at Gaines Mill
McClanahan, H. N. - CO I 12 TX CAV CSA / Sutherland Springs
McClain, Samuel W. - 33RD TX CAV REGT G / Cibolo Guards / Concrete Cemetery
McCombs, James R. - CO C 32ND TX CAV / Nockenut Cemetery
McDaniel, G. H. - Wilson Guards
McDaniel, John - Mustang Grays / CO E 36th TX CAV / Floresville City Cemetery
McGee, Richard D. - Mustang Grays / Concrete Cemetery
McGee, John S. - Brahan Guards
McGee, Medley S. - ELI TOOLE'S CO TX VOL / Stockdale Cemetery
McKay, George - Cibolo Guards / Concrete Cemetery
McKay, G. W. - Cibolo Guards / Concrete Cemetery
McLeod, Leroy - IRELAND'S CO INF 25TH BRIG
McMahan, Dr. James H. - Assistant Surgeon / 54th KY INF / interred Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cemetery, St. Hedwig, TX
McMahan, M. - Mustang Grays
McMullen, John Emmett - CSA
McPhail, William Allen - CO C 1ST MISS REG LIGHT ART / Fairview Cemetery
Mergerle, Charles - CO F&S 6TH TX CAV WOOD'S REG / lived in New Braunfels
Mesius, Ed - Mustang Grays
Milam, Sam H. - Cibolo Guards / 2nd Lt.
Miller, John - Brahan Guards
Mitchell, Sancho - Cibolo Guards
Montgomery, John T. - Cibolo Guards / Concrete Cemetery
Moody, George W. - CSA
Morosa, Emil - Wilson Guards / Mustang Grays
Morris, Redding W. - Cibolo Guards / 2nd Cpl / Concrete Cemetery
Morris, James S. - Wilson Guards
Morris, William - Mustang Grays / Floresville City Cemetery
Morrison, A. W. - Cibolo Guards
Morrison, John - Cibolo Guards
Morrison, William C. - Cibolo Guards
Moseley, Thomas Benton - CSA
Murray, Asa William - Cibolo Guards / CO K 8TH REGT TX INF / Floresville Cemetery
Murray, James C. - Cibolo Guard / 4TH CPL / killed at Gettysburg
Murray, John David - CO F 4TH TX REGT / Mustang Grays/ wounded / interred Sutherland Springs Cemetery
Murray, Owen - Cibolo Guards - Rector Chapel Cemetery
Murray, R. G. - CSA CO D
Murray, R. W. - CO F 4TH TX REGT HOOD'S BRIGADE / Mustang Grays / lost a leg at Wilderness / interred Mission Burial Park, San Antonio
Mutz, Lawrence - CSA
Myers, Henry B. - SGT CO B 39TH REG MISS INF / Fairview Cemetery
Myers, John Collier - CSA / Floresville City Cemetery
Myers, William Edwin - CO A 31ST REG TX VOL / Floresville City Cemetery
Naueroth, W. - Mustang Grays
Neeley, Thomas Jefferson - CSA
Nelair, Emiel H. - Wilson Guards
New, James Kenyon - CSA / Salem-Sayers Cemetery
Newton, Darius Cade - CSA / Confederate Cemetery, San Antonio



Veterans Memorial in Floresville

Newton, N. M. - Mustang Grays
Newton, R. M. - Mustang Grays
Oates, Thomas J. - CSA / Fairview Cemetery
Oliver, F.N.B. - CSA
Orasco, Isidro - CSA
Palm, William Swante - CO C 13TH TX INF
Park, Eli - Mustang Grays / 4th SGT / killed at New Market Heights
Park, Woodson - Mustang Grays
Pate, Richard - CSA
Patterson, W. A. - Cibolo Guards
Peavy, Robert L. - CSA
Peck, Benjamin L. - CSA
Peck, Jacob Henry - G.B. CHAPMAN'S CO MONROE BATT VA / Concrete Cemetery
Perez, Jose Marie - Wilson Guards
Pettus, Gilbert - Cibolo Guards
Pfeuffer, C. - Mustang Grays
Phillips, Albert G. - 12 Brig. TX STATE TRPS / Fairview Cemetery
Phillips, John F. - CSA
Pierdolla, Joseph F. - CO F 36TH TX CAV-WOOD'S REG / interred St. Hedwig Cemetery
Ploch, Anton - DAVIDSON'S BATT'N OF LA CAV / interred St. Hedwig Cemetery
Plummer, Joseph R. - Mustang, Grays
Polley, Abner Hubbard - Cibolo Guards / Mission Burial Park, San Antonio
Polley, Joseph Benjamin - CO F 4TH TX INF / Mustang Grays / Hood's Brigade / lost a foot at Darbytown / interred Floresville City Cemetery
Polley, Joseph Egbert - Cibolo Guard / Sutherland Springs
Pope, Joe Berry - CO OF 3 MO TRPS 22 BRIGADE / Stockdale Cemetery
Potter, Gilbert - Cibolo Guards
Prewitt, James Field - 3RD CPL CO F 15 REGT TX CAV / Fairview Cemetery
Pritchett, John P. - CSA / Floresville City Cemetery
Quinney, Lafayette - CSA / Sample Cemetery, Gonzales County
Rawls, John Calhoun - CO F 50 REG GA INF / Fairview Cemetery
Reagan, West - CSA / Riverside Cemetery, Seguin
Rector, Claiborne - Cibolo Guards / Capt. / San Jacinto Vet / Concrete Cemetery
Rector, James Pendleton - Mustang Grays / died in Civil War
Reed, John J. - CSA
Releford, Clint - Wilson Guards
Reynolds, Job - CSA
Reynolds, M. H. - Cibolo Guards / Dugger Cemetery
Rice, John - CSA
Rice, J. P. - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
Richardson, G. P. - Wilson Guards
Richardson, William Allen - CSA
Ridgus, Hugh - Wilson Guards
Riley, William Henry - CO O WAUL'S TX LEGION CSA / Marcelina Cemetery
Robbins, Allen M. - CSA
Robbins, James Monroe - CSA / Floresville City Cemetery
Roberts, Henry - Mustang Grays
Robinson, F. W. - CSA
Rose, Granville W. - LT CO E 35TH TX CAV
Rose, Joseph - Brahan Guards / Bexar County
Rose, Robert S. - CO F 13 TX INF BATES REGT / Steele Branch Cemetery
Roxo, Jose Maria - CSA
Rudolph, Hurp - Mustang Grays

Confederate Soldiers

Sacherer, Emil - CO F 2ND REG TX CAV
Sampson, Edward J. - Mustang Grays / 2nd CPL / mortally wounded at Gaines Mill
San Miguel, Deonicio - CSA
Saunders, Robert Bruce - CAPT CO G 15 REGT TENN CAV CSA / Nockenut Cemetery
Schwartz, Z. - Mustang Grays
Scul, William E. - Mustang Grays / CSA CO G / Killed at Murfreesboro, TN. 7/13/1862
Sellers, William Harvey - CSA / Marcelina Cemetery
Sells, Samuel - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
Sharp, John - COX MANN'S TX CAV / Stockdale Cemetery
Sharpe, R. W. - Cibolo Guards / 3rd CPL
Sharples, James A. - Cibolo Guards / IRELAND'S CO / Interred Montell, Texas
Sharples, Robert - Ireland's CO. / PVT / Interred Montell, Texas
Sherman, John - CSA
Shields, J. J. - Wilson Guards
Smith, Albert G. - CSA / Concrete Cemetery
Smith, Alexander - PLUM GROVE RIFLES TX INF CO CSA / Floresville City Cemetery
Smith, Charles - Mustang Grays
Smith, Henry P. - CSA / Floresville City Cemetery
Smith, James Madison - PVT 2 FLA CAV CSA / Shiloh Cemetery
Smith, John M. - Mustang Grays
Sneed, Albert - Mustang Grays / disabled at Second Manassas
Sosa, Santiago - Wilson Guards
Southern, Thomas Jefferson - PVT CO I 36 TX CAV / Stockdale Cemetery
Spain, D. - CSA
Spear, J. E. - CSA
Spivey, R. T. - Brahan Guards / 2nd CPL / Kicaster Cemetery
Stacy, Andrew - Mustang Grays
Stapper, W. - Mustang Grays / Bexar County
Stobb, Augusta - CSA
Stockton, W. R. D. - Mustang Grays
Stroud, Matthew - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
Summers, William T. - CO G 42 ALA INF / Fairview Cemetery
Summerville, James - Brahan Guards / lost an arm at Wilderness
Sutherland, Jack - Mustang Grays / Hoods Brigade 4th TX INF / disabled at Darbytown / interred Sutherland Springs Cemetery
Sutherland, Walter - Cibolo Guards
Sutherland, William Thomas - Cibolo Guards / 4 SGT / Capt. J. G. Patton's Co. / interred Sutherland Springs
Suttles, George W. - Union Army / Concrete Cemetery
Sutton, James - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
Swearingen, Thomas Van - CSA
Taylor, J. B. - CSA
Taylor, William Maro - CO C BROWN'S REGT / Marcelina Cemetery

Tejada, Rafael - CSA
Terrell, M. A. - CSA
Tewes, Ed - CO I 3RD TX INF / Cemetery #6 San Antonio
Thomas, Benjamin W. - CSA 9th ARKANSAS INF / Concrete Cemetery
Thompson, J. W. - CSA / CO G 33 TX INF (DUFFS)
Tiner, Richard A. - Mustang Grays / Brahan Guards / 3rd CPL
Tiner, W. M. - Mustang Grays
Tiner, W. W. - Brahan Guards
Tom, J. E. - Cibolo Guard / Ranger / Interred Leakey, Texas
Toole, Eli - Brahan Guards / Capt. Mustang Grays
Toabino, Patismo - Wilson Guards
Trainer, James M. - Brahan Guards / 1ST LT / Mt. Olive Cemetery, Bexar County
Trainer, W. R. - Brahan Guards / 2ND LT / Mustang Grays / Mt. Olive, Bexar County
Treadwell, John J. - 1ST CPL 29 BR TX MILITIA / Union Valley Cemetery
Trefflich, Emanuel - Mustang Grays
Trevino, Lorenzo - CSA
Tudick, W. - Brahan Guards / Bexar County
Tullos, M. T. - CSA
Tyler, M. A. - CO OF MTD. VOL RANGERS 29TH BRIG / Stockdale Cemetery
Underwood, J. - CSA
Valdez, Juan - CSA
Van Riper, G. - Brahan Guards / 3rd LT.
Vandergriff, W. C. - Cibolo Guards
Vasbinder, John L. - TX PVT 160 INF 40 DIV / Fairview Cemetery
Vollrath, Louis - Wilson Guards
Wade, J. D. - Mustang Grays / 3rd SGT
Wade, N. G. - CSA
Walker, Kinchen W. - CSA / Cone Cemetery
Walker, Dr. Robert W. - CO F 1ST CHEROKEE BATT CAV / Sutherland Springs Cemetery
Wallace, E. P. - Giddings Batt CO B / Floresville City Cemetery
Wallace, Hugh - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
Walters, Dick - Mustang Grays / Mt. Olive, Bexar County, / died Orient Ferry, AR.
Ware, Martin S. - TX 20 LT 20 CO E REGT / Stockdale Cemetery
Warner, Charles - Mustang Grays
Washam, George W. - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
Watkins, John E. - Brahan Guards / Floresville City Cemetery
Watkins, Rederick B. - Brahan Guards / TRP C 31ST REG TX CAV / Kicaster Cemetery
Watkins, Zadok Bird - CSA / Steele Branch Cemetery
Waters, Rich - Brahan Guards
Watson, John Dennis - CSA / Marcelina Cemetery
Watson, W. A. - PVT CO H 4TH TX REGT

Weyman, J. B. - Wilson Guards
Weir, Henry - Mustang Grays
Weisiger, Daniel - TX PVT 24 BN TX INF / Stockdale Cemetery
Wells, John A. - Cibolo Guards / Interred Del Rio
West, Martin Sparks - CO E 3RD REGT INF TX VOL / Stockdale Cemetery
Westerman, Charles W. - CO I 3 REGT TX INF / Fairview Cemetery
Weston, John M. - CO H 8TH TX CAV TERRY'S TX RANGERS / Sutherland Springs, Cemetery
Wheeler, John E. - 1ST LT Wilson Guards / Stockdale Cemetery
White, L. S. - Brahan Guards / 1st CPL
White, O. M. - Capt. Ireland's CO / CSA
Wiley, Daniel Levi - PVT. CO A 4TH REGT TX CAV / Union Valley Cemetery
Wiley, S. J. - CSA
Williams, J. H. - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
Wilson, William A. - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
Wiseman, Hugh W. - Cibolo Guards / Rector Chapel Cemetery
Wiseman, James Oliver - Mustang Grays / Rector Chapel Cemetery
Wiseman, William Robert - Cibolo Guards / Rector Chapel Cemetery
Wiseman, William C. - CSA
Woitenau, Stanislaus - PVT CO E MADISON'S RGT GREEN'S BDE TX CAV. St. Hedwig Cemetery
Womack, John H. - CSA / Stockdale Cemetery
Woodall, J. R. - Brahan Guards
Woodlee, Thomas Jefferson - Florida INF / Battle of Natural Bridge / Floresville City Cemetery
Woolsey, Wiley M. - CO F 9TH INF / CO P CAV BATT / Floresville City Cemetery
Worsham, William Ludson - CSA / Floresville City Cemetery
Wright, William Penn - CSA
Wyatt, James Wilson - CO K 8TH TX INF / McCracken Cemetery
Wyatt, Telemachus Scott - Wilson Guards / Floresville City Cemetery
Ybarbo, Vital - TX PVT CO A 11 REG TX INF / Cantu de los Santos Cemetery
Yelvington, Henry - Cibolo Guards / 1st Cpl. / Concrete Cemetery
Youngblood, Jesse - Mustang Grays / Fairview Cemetery
Youngblood, Steve - CSA
Yvanes, Jose Maria - CSA
Ximines, Francisco - CSA
Ximines, Juan - CSA
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Cemeteries of Wilson County

Acosta Family Cemetery - FM 541 E, Poth
Assembly of God Cemetery (Descanso de los Peregrinos) - Poth
Barrett Cemetery - Nockenut
Bartlett Cemetery - Pandora
Beall Cemetery - FM 1346 NE, La Vernia
Bird Cemetery - Stockdale
Black Hill Burial - CR 136 off 97 S
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Cemetery - Poth
Brinkoeter Ranch Cemetery - Poth
Britton-Robinson Cemetery - CR 342, La Vernia
Brooks Ranch Cemetery - Sutherland Springs area
Bruns Ranch Cemetery - CR 104, Fairview
Calaveras Cemetery - FM 775 West of US 181
Canary Island Cemetery - US 181, Floresville
Cañada Verde Cemetery - FM 1303 & FM 775
Compton (Rusty & Dana) Ranch Cemetery - Private Ranch
Cone-Sikes Cemetery - FM 1681
Cruse Colony Cemetery - CR 342, La Vernia
De los Santos Cemetery - Saspanco
De la Zerda Cemetery - Floresville, Lodi Community
De Marmolejo Cemetery - Fairview
Denhawken Cemetery - Denhawken
Deweese Cemetery - Dewees
Doege Twins Cemetery - US 87 N, La Vernia
Doisedo Colony (Pleasant Grove) Cemetery - CR 361, La Vernia
Dwyer Cemetery - Cavillo Grant, W. side of San Antonio River
Edwards-Yates Cemetery - Dewees
Jose Estrada Cemetery - FM 1303
Evergreen Cemetery - Camp Ranch
Fairview Cemetery - Fairview
Fatheree Cemetery - US 87 N, Stockdale
Flores-Labatt Cemetery - US 181 W, Floresville
Floresville City Cemetery - Floresville
Floresville City Cemetery #2 - Floresville, Plum Street
Francisco Flores Ranch Cemetery - CR 120, Floresville
Friederick Cemetery - FM 1346 NE, La Vernia
Garcia Burial - Stockdale (private ranch)
Garza-Valadez Cemetery - US 181 Business W, Floresville
Gilley Family Cemetery - US 181 W, Floresville

Gouger Cemetery - Richard Stadler Ranch
Grass Pond Cemetery - FM 539 S, Sutherland Springs
Graytown Cemetery - Graytown
Grier Cemetery - Poth
Gutz Cemetery - La Vernia
Harper Cemetery - Harper
Hassell Ranch Cemetery - Nixon
Hobbs-Wiley Cemetery - FM 1681 N, Stockdale
House Family Cemetery - Fairview, FM 536
Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery - FM 1346 NE, La Vernia
Islamic Cemetery of La Vernia - CR 342, La Vernia
Jaeschke Farm Cemetery - Calaveras
Jaksiks Farm Cemetery - Fairview
Johns Family Cemetery - Floresville
Keenan Cemetery - Floresville, FM 537
Keilmann Family Cemetery - Graytown
Kicaster Cemetery - Kicaster
Kolenda Cemetery - Poth
Kolodziej Cemetery - Kosciuszko, CR 225
Leach-Hastings Cemetery - FM 1681 N, Stockdale
Lilly Grove Cemetery - Stockdale
Marcelina Cemetery - SH 97 E, Floresville
Markham Cemetery - Hwy 80 S, Nixon, private ranch
Masonic Cemetery - Floresville
Maxwell Cemetery - CR 115, Fairview
McCracken Cemetery - Old Albuquerque Community
McCracken Cemetery - Nockenut Community
Medina Ranch Cemetery - Floresville
Montoya Cemetery - FM 1303, Floresville
Neyland Cemetery - FM 123 N, Stockdale
Nockenut Cemetery - FM 1681 N, Stockdale
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cemetery - Saspanco
Palm Cemetery - Stockdale
Pena Cemetery - Floresville
Picoso-Martinez #1 - FM 536 W, Floresville
Picoso-Martinez #2 - FM 536 W, Floresville
Pleasant Valley Cemetery - FM 1107 E & CR 474, Stockdale
Poey Cemetery - FM 539 N, Sutherland Springs
Poor Farm Cemetery (County) - CR 401 E, Floresville
Rector Chapel Cemetery - FM 2772 E, La Vernia

Rehoboth Cemetery - CR 120, Labatt
Reyes (Espiridon Place) Cemetery - Between Sutherland Springs & Floresville
Richter Cemetery - Stockdale
Robertson Cemetery - Floresville
Robinson (Woody) Family Cemetery - Center Point
Rose of Sharon Cemetery - La Vernia
Rowley Cemetery - CR 361, La Vernia
Rupe Cemetery - FM 1681 E, Nixon
Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery - Floresville
St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery - Kosciuszko
St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery - FM 1346 NE, La Vernia
St. John's Lutheran Cemetery - Poth
St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery - Nixon
St. Luke's Catholic Cemetery - Loire
St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery - Stockdale
Salazar Cemetery - Homeplace Burial
Sauceda Cemetery - US 181 NW, Floresville
Shely Cemetery - Fairview
Shiloh Cemetery - FM 539 S, Sutherland Springs
Smiths Cemetery - John's Ranch, Calaveras
Steele Branch Cemetery - FM 1107, Stockdale
Stevenson Cemetery - La Vernia
Stockdale City Cemetery - Stockdale
Sutherland Springs Cemetery - FM 539 S, Sutherland Springs
Svoboda Family Cemetery - Rideout Community
Talamantez Cemetery - FM 536
Thornton Ranch Cemetery - Fairview
Trial Family Cemetery - Floresville
Union Valley Cemetery - FM 1681 N, Nixon
Unity Burial - Floresville-Stockdale Road
Vollrath Cemetery - FM 1347, Kosciuszko
Walker-Edwards Cemetery - Floresville
Walker-Montgomery Cemetery - CR 401, Stockdale
D. M. Wheeler Cemetery - Stockdale
Wheeler-Butler Cemetery - Center Point
Williams Cemetery - Between Fairview & Graytown, FM 2579
Wyatt Cemetery - Sutherland Springs

Compiled by Shirley Grammer

In Loving Memory of...

B. A. and Andrea Jimenez

November 26, 1902, was the time for Benito Andres Jimenez to be born in Floresville, Texas. He was the son of a well known pioneer family of Wilson County. His father was the late Wilson County sheriff M. J. Jimenez, and his mother was Josephine L. Jimenez, one of the first certified schoolteachers in the county.

Young Benito attended both Lodi Elementary School and Floresville Elementary School. He entered Floresville Public High School and in his later high school years, he became active in athletics, particularly in the track and disc-throwing teams for which he held several blue ribbons. He won these distinctions in the district, city, county, and state tournaments. He received a knee injury which hindered his further participation in athletics. After this injury, he studied public speaking under the direction of Mrs. W. B. Toone. In 1920, he graduated from the Floresville Public High School. Benito left Floresville to attend St. Mary's University and later the Alamo City Commercial College in San Antonio, Texas, where he studied Business Administration.

Benito, now a young man with a new outlook on life, returned to Floresville where he was to remain for his lifetime. Here his inherited ideals began to develop. He wanted to serve the people of the community. He began by teaching school in a small community, Cañada Verde.

In addition to his teaching, he rendered outstanding counseling to the people who sought his advice. He gave freely of himself. This was to mark the beginning of a successful political career for the late Commissioner Jimenez.

In 1928, Benito married Miss Andrea Gonzales, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Gonzales, a respectable and prominent family of Poth, Texas. Andrea became a devoted housewife to him and a loving and understanding mother to their children, Josephine, wife of the late Casimiro Garza, Nadine, Sarita, and Maria Oralia, wife of Dr. William Elizondo. They were blessed with eight grandchildren, 15 great-grand-



children, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Andrea's home was her castle. Here she devoted her time to household duties, such as cooking, sewing, quilting, and gardening. She took pride in preparing her holiday dinners. Her greatest delight was to prepare a festive meal and have her children and grandchildren around the table enjoying the festive dishes.

To know Benito was to know a friend of the people. Those who know him could not fail to realize that behind his serious manner there was a vast amount of knowledge and understanding on a wide range of subjects among which were Human Understanding, Education, Economics, Government, and Politics.

With the passing of the years, Benito Jimenez became more mature and stronger in his convictions. He no longer needed to search for a career because he found that his calling was to help the people. Politics and government appealed to him because it did not restrict him from attending to his other interests, such as farming, stock raising, and a thriving grocery business, "Jimenez and Zuniga," which he had purchased.

Politics became his life. Because of his fluency in both English and Spanish, the late Honorable Judge Sam B. Carr appointed him Wilson County official District Court Interpreter. He served in this capacity for a period of 27 years.

B. A. Jimenez was elected president of the Lodi Independent School Board in 1942. After six years, he relinquished this position and yet continued as the board's advisor until the district was consolidated

with the Floresville Independent School District.

In 1947, the people of the community realized that Benito A. Jimenez was not only their counselor, but that he had become their voice in politics. Upon their request in 1947, he sought the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1. He was elected by an overwhelming majority. He served in this office for four years and became known for his honesty, integrity, and his devotion to duty.

In 1948, a great honor was bestowed upon B. A. Jimenez. Special Federal Judge W. R. Smith appointed him State Interpreter for the most notable race in Texas political history – the greatly contested race in which U. S. Rep. Lyndon B. Johnson defeated former Governor Coke Stevenson by 87 votes.

In the year 1950, B. A. Jimenez was elected to his last political office, County Commissioner of Precinct 1, the largest precinct in Wilson County, in population, assessed valuation, and area. To his political followers, Jimenez was the most dedicated, conscientious, and impartial commissioner of Precinct 1. He served the people of this precinct for 17 years, and at the time of his death left an unexpired term of 16 months.

The people bestowed many honors upon their late beloved Commissioner Jimenez. In 1966, he was named "Man of the Year" by G. I. Forum and Lulac Council 254. He was awarded a plaque in appreciation for his devotion and longtime service to the citizens of Wilson County. In May 1967, the Floresville Chamber of Commerce named him "Citizen of the Year," and presented him an award for outstanding services to his community.

All of his works did not make headlines, but however minor, his services live in the hearts of the people in the community of Wilson County.

Our Creator called Benito home on August 26, 1967, and Andrea on October 18, 1980. Their memory will live in the hearts of their many friends for many years.

Ramirez Family



Rodolfo Ramirez Sr. Family — 1967

(Back, from left) Maria, Rodolfo “Bull,” Rudy “Little Bull,” Maxine, Michael, Evangeline “Vangie,” (front) James, John, Paul, and Thomas “Tommy”

The Ramirez family descendants have lived in Floresville for over 135 years and have remained an integral part of the community dating as far back as 1875 when Emilio Ramirez and his family settled into Floresville.

Emilio Ramirez’s family settled into the Lodi community of Floresville which was established sometime prior to 1832 by Don Francisco Flores de Abrego. Don Francisco Flores de Abrego’s home, chapel, and family cemetery became the core of a community that became the Wilson County seat on two occasions. Pablo Ramirez was the son of Emilio and Rosa Ramirez who later married Linda Flores. Rodolfo (Rudy Sr.-Big Bull) was the son of Pablo and Linda Ramirez.

The Lodi School was open during the mid 1890’s with an enrollment of 154, and eventually closed by the end of the Great Depression. Rodolfo (Rudy Sr.) “Big Bull” Ramirez graduated from the Lodi School on May 15, 1942 and received a Certificate of Promotion to the

High School. In 1944, Rudy Sr. served in the Army as a sergeant in World War II, and was one of 42,893 soldiers who were wounded in action in the forested Ardennes mountain region of Belgium, historically known as the Battle of the Bulge. In a final attempt to stop the Allied advance, the Germans launched a massive offensive in December 1944, beginning the Battle of the Bulge. After defeating the German thrust, the Allies pressed into Germany forcing its surrender on May 7, 1945.

After the war, Rudy Sr. met and married Maria (Mary) Quintanilla on January 11, 1948. Rudy Sr. worked as a Civil Service employee at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio from 1949 until he retired in 1982. Rudy Sr. was actively involved in “Los Cursillos” (short course in Christianity), a Catholic worldwide movement organized for fellowship and betterment of mankind.

Rudy Sr. and Mary fostered a diverse family which includes Rudy Jr. “Little Bull,” Maxine, Michael, Evangeline, Thomas, fraternal twins James and John, and



**Rodolfo
& Maria**

Rodolfo Ramirez Sr.

Paul. The Ramirez siblings have established their own family generations flowing from their Floresville roots. Rudy Sr. and Mary’s family has branched out into various aspects of humanity that include accounting, law enforcement, construction, health care, and education. Rudy Jr. is a Certified Public Accountant and holds the position of director/board member of the Texas Society of CPAs and served as past president of the San Antonio Chapter of CPAs.

Rudy has been awarded many distinctive awards including Young CPA of the Year for the state of Texas, as well as numerous other awards. He serves as president of the Cursillos for the Archdioceses of San Antonio. (2004-2010) Rudy has held various positions at Zachry and currently (2009) is a director of Zachry Holdings Inc., a multi-billion dollar enterprise, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas.

Rudy Jr., like his father, has for several years been actively involved in Los Cursillos. Maxine and Evangeline are employed in the health care industry in Floresville and South Carolina. Michael Ramirez Jr. retired as a construction superintendent from HB Zachry Inc. and currently runs the Ramirez family ranch in Floresville.

Thomas “Tommy” Ramirez, whose memory is cherished by his family and friends, took his life at the tender age of 29. James is the vice principal of a junior high school and John works in the men’s clothing industry in Dallas. Paul Ramirez enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served in combat in the Persian Gulf War I and peacekeeping operations in Bosnia. Paul Ramirez is currently a special agent for the United States Drug Enforcement Administration in San Antonio, Texas.

The Ramirez family maintains an active presence in Floresville, to which the family owes its gratitude and its roots.



Rodolfo Ramirez Sr. Family — 1976

(Front) Evangeline, Herlinda, Pablo, Mary (back) Michael Sr., Paul, James, Rodolfo “Big Bull,” Rudy “Little Bull,” and Maxine



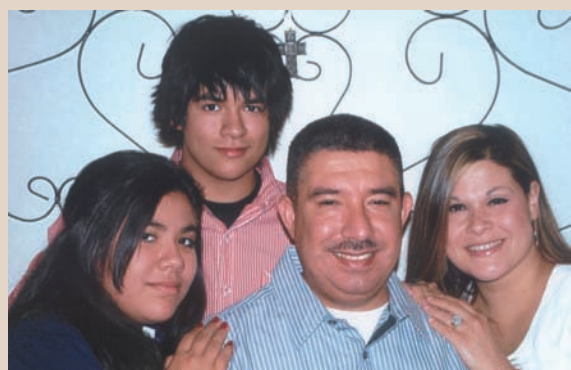
Rudy Q. & Rose Ramirez

Rudy Ramirez President
of the Cursillo
Movement for the Archdioceses
of San Antonio:
1989-1993 & 2004-2008

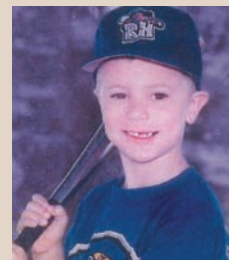
Rudy Ramirez lived his Cursillo in December 1986. Rudy's wife Rose Ramirez lived her Cursillo in January 1987. They have been active in the Cursillo for nearly 23 years. Rudy and Rose have two sons: Rudy M. Ramirez III and Randy P. Ramirez. They have three beautiful grandchildren: Marina, Sara Lena, and Roman Ramirez, children of Randy and Sandra Ramirez.

Rudy has been employed by Zachry Holdings Inc. for 35+ years as a CPA and currently is director of information systems. Rudy III and Randy, his sons, also work at Zachry. Sandra works at Northeast Baptist Hospital. Rudy and Rose's spare time is spent with their grandkids, whom they love very much.

God has blessed us with
a wonderful family.



Mike Ramirez Jr. Family
Rebekah, Timothy, Michael Jr., Jennifer



Eric Ramirez Sr. Family
Alexis & Alexandria, Eric Jr.

Rudy Ramirez Family
Back row, left: Randy, Rudy III, Rudy Jr., Front row, left: Sandra, Sara, Marina, Rose (Mary) & Roman



*Sara Lena, Marina,
& Roman*



Mike Ramirez Sr. Family
*(Back) Christopher, Chris, Eric Sr., Kelly
(Front) Kaitlin, Michael Sr., Diana, Amber, & Jaqueline*



Paul Ramirez Family
*(Above) Jennifer & Paul
(Left) Stephanie & Megan*



Paul Ramirez Family
Jennifer, Paul, Megan, Miguel Del Castillo, Juan Cortez holding Ethan, Stephanie holding Everett



Paul Ramirez Family
Megan, Jennifer & Paul

Oil Discovery in Wilson County

By John T. Grammer

During the mid 1850's on the homestead of Dr. Gray Jones Houston (1812-1878), located approximately 3 miles west of the Polley Plantation, farm workers were assigned the task of digging a water well. As they progressed to a depth where water should have been found, they began to sense a strange odor and a black substance seeping into the hole. The workers had not seen anything like this before. The proposed water well was of interest to Dr. Houston and his workers, but due to such an offensive odor, the doctor had the workers to cover the hole, therefore delaying the

discovery of oil in Wilson County for another fifty years.

On August 27, 1859, while drilling for the sole purpose of finding oil, Colonel Edwin Drake (1819-1880) made a discovery near Titusville, Pa., and set off an oil boom that spread excitement across the United States.

Samuel A. Maverick (1803-1870) of San Antonio (a friend of Dr. Houston) did not forget the incident that happened on Dr. Houston's farm. Having kept a sample of the crude, he left for Indianola where he boarded a boat for New York, then overland to Titusville, Pa., to check things out. He returned to this area reporting that the substance found on the Houston Farm was the

same substance (oil) discovered in Titusville.

There were newspaper reports of other discoveries in Wilson County as early as 1903-1904 while searching for water but no records of commercial production are available. The Texas Railroad Commission began to regulate the oil industry in 1935. The commission reports that the East Floresville Field, discovered in 1948, had produced 1,667,609 barrels of high-quality oil by 2007. Another major find was the discovery of the Saspamco-Austin Chalk field in 1949. By 2007, this field had produced over one million barrels of oil.

The discovery of the Scotty Bartosh Sand in 1954 within

the city limits of Stockdale gave the community a place in the oil industry, and by 2007, the field had produced over 1.5 million barrels. The Linne Oil Field, discovered April 1, 1955, had produced over 3 million barrels of high-quality oil by 2007, followed by the Kaye Navarro at Sutherland Springs, producing over 4 million barrels by the same date.

Of the 122 oil fields in Wilson County recorded by the Texas Railroad Commission, only one has been designated as a historic field by the Texas State Historical Commission. The Linne Oil Field received a Texas State Historical Marker in 2006. It is located on FM 539 north of Sutherland Springs, Texas.

Oil Fields of Wilson County

Field Name & Producing Zone	Discovery Date	Depth Feet	Total Wells	Cumulative Production 1/1/2007
Aceto Creek - Poth Sand	03/16/1952	3,068	7	300,262
Aceto Creek - Poth A	04/01/1981	2,881	38	792,917
Aceto Creek - Poth B	04/01/1981	2,838	39	383,022
Aceto Creek - Poth C	04/01/1981	2,915	22	191,391
Bowman Carrizo - Carrizo	07/22/1955	1,065	13	427,712
Bowman - Queen City	03/10/1955	837		513
Bowman - Reklaw	08/05/1955	1,012	7	67,263
Busarage - Buda	06/14/1978	7,110		15,518
Cindy Ann - Austin Chalk	12/16/1981	6,049	7	720,845
Cindy Ann - Buda	04/16/1983	6,346	1	13,295
Delores - Midway D SD	03/12/1954	4,210		531
Denhawken - Basal Wilcox	01/24/1953			80,910
Dismukes - Austin Chalk	01/12/1963	4,880		47,300
Dismukes - Buda Lime	05/01/1963	5,220		705
Donaho - Chalk Upper	01/26/1969	4,401		1,911
Floresville East	09/16/1948	2,734	2	1,677,609
Floresville East - Austin Chalk	09/12/1956	4,885		63,773
Floresville East - Bartosh SD	01/24/1954	1,591		53,357
Floresville East - Midway	07/31/1974	2,607	2	17,871
Floresville East - Poth A	08/04/1978	2,767		719
Floresville East - Poth B	08/10/1966	2,799	5	555,510
Floresville South - Austin Chalk	07/19/1981	6,435	5	519,590
Foerster - Poth A	10/30/1955	1,578		14,320
Frodein - Georgetown	12/08/1986	5,164	2	61,886
Gasper - Atkinson Sand	10/13/1975	5,150	7	328,391
Glen Hummel - Bartosh	06/16/1967	1,207		4,916
Glen Hummel - Poth	10/10/1963	2,432	21	3,915,192
Glen Hummel - Poth B	05/14/1965	2,228	1	111,408
Glen Hummel - East Poth	07/25/1964	2,323		119,701
Glen Hummel - SW Poth B	10/21/1965	2,236	2	85,772
Glen Poth - Poth Sand	12/10/1996	962	15	62,869
Gloriana - Poth A	08/05/1965	1,630	23	1,746,987
Harry Mosser - Chalk	00/00/1951	7,710		2,863
Hasse - Buda	10/23/1981	5,950	2	461,722
Helen K. - Austin Chalk	11/21/1979	6,178		5,916
Helen K. - Buda	04/29/1977	6,330		18,249
Higgins - Austin Chalk	06/26/1951	5,612		7,560
Higgins - Buda Lime	05/05/1952			40,939
Higgins - Escondido	05/01/1970	4,031		62,071
Higgins - 5700	00/00/1951			73,365
Higgins - 5850	07/04/1981			75,458
Higgins NE - Austin Chalk	07/05/1981	5,845		96,784
Holstein - Poth B LO	07/21/1968	2,286	2	42,316
Hosek - Poth LO A	11/04/1979	2,392	1	310,577
Iron Stone - Poth C	01/01/1969	3,044		2,216
J.Y.F. - Buda	10/23/1980	7,707	4	596,708
Kathleen Ann Reef	06/18/1984	5,999		1,041
Kaye E. - Navarro	02/07/1956	2,548	167	4,191,921
Kaye E. - Poth	10/14/1958	1,919	6	522,201
Kaye E. - Navarro	08/14/1985	2,668	1	31
Kelley Lynne - Anacacho	09/17/1987	4,818	2	345,334
Khan - Austin Chalk		5,415	2	14,004
Klotzman - Navarro 6000	10/08/1984	6,030		2,828
La Vernia - Austin Chalk Crevice	07/18/1953	2,812	1	140,290
Linne - Austin Chalk	03/20/1993	3,046	5	473,342
Linne - Poth A Sand (Historic Field)	04/01/1955	1,362	35	3,067,328
Linne - Poth C Sand	05/26/1955	1,686		49,046
Linne - South W.W. Lynch Poth A Sand	07/07/1966	1,339	8	323,269
Little Max - Poth Sand	07/01/1978	2,785	1	5,459
Lyssy - Carrizo D 1	05/07/1963	2,128	4	53,770
Lyssy - 2100 Stringer	06/18/1976	2,113	2	94,021
M. J. M. - Wilcox 3750	05/09/1971	3,763	2	66,742
Marcelina Creek - Austin Chalk	10/09/1980	8,060	33	3,999,435

Field Name & Producing Zone	Discovery Date	Depth Feet	Total Wells	Cumulative Production 1/1/2007
Marcelina Creek - Buda	01/06/1981	8,432	9	2,901,382
McClain - Austin Chalk	04/16/1976	7,083	1	10,270
McClain - Buda	03/22/1977	7,144	1	73,128
McClain - S. Austin Chalk	04/28/1981	7,738		4,070
McClain - S. Buda	01/24/1981	7,880		5,602
Mollie - Austin Chalk	02/03/1984	5,197		45,424
Mosser - Austin Chalk	05/01/1979	7,606		90,363
Mosser - Buda	01/10/1977	7,846		3,114
Nixon - Buda	12/26/1976	6,131		13,034
Nixon - Poth Sand	04/07/1956	4,790		23,932
Palmer - Carrizo	03/01/1956	447		5,887
Palmer - Poth Sand	11/10/1953	2,810	3	51,263
Palmer - Poth B	11/08/1976	2,671	12	356,463
Palmer - Wilcox	05/09/1978	2,688	2	39,567
Palmer - Wilcox E	12/17/1954	2,210		124
Pandora - N.W. Austin Chalk	09/10/1982	5,054	10	1,010,594
Patton - N. Buda	05/09/1982	8,143		41,752
Pawelek - Austin Chalk	02/17/1976	5,340	8	493,019
Picosa Creek - Austin Chalk	09/24/1981	5,696		2,412
Poth East - Austin Chalk	10/07/1974	7,280	4	434,099
Poth East - Buda	12/18/1973	7,542	0	195,971
Poth North - Austin Chalk	02/24/1958	6,157	1	63,564
Poth North - Buda Lime	11/08/1957	6,332	0	30,720
Poth N.W. - Buda	12/02/1976	6,268	2	171,792
Pressly Capt - Poth B	08/24/1987	2,213	3	28,261
Pruske - Buda	01/24/1980	7,553		381,049
R. P. Holland - Buda Lime	06/15/1962	5,090		33,646
Reding - Poth B	12/01/1964	2,372		107,214
Reding - Poth Sand	03/05/1964	2,462		16,847
Sand Oak - Poth B	08/16/1965	2,164		2,314
Saspamco - Austin Chalk	10/13/1949	2,846	12	1,362,550
Scotty - Bartosh Sand	05/27/1954	1,610	25	1,468,333
Siesta Lake - Bartosh	04/15/1980	1,624	1	899
Stockdale - Austin Chalk	03/01/1958	4,883	1	298,925
Stockdale - Buda	01/18/1976	5,163	0	1,606
Stockdale - Carrizo	03/26/1971	452	8	24,765
Stockdale - Poth A	05/15/1977	2,746	1	11,446
Stockdale - East Buda	07/31/1962	5,098	0	66,460
Stockdale East - Chalk Lower	02/20/1962	5,013	1	214,832
Stockdale East - Chalk upper	12/10/1962	4,770	2	205,058
Stockdale East - Georgetown	07/13/1962	5,169	0	8,482
Stockdale N. - Chalk Upper	05/22/1963	4,856	3	117,662
Stockdale N.E. - Edwards	07/08/1987	5,171	1	295
Stockdale S. - Austin Chalk	03/21/1981	6,360	2	176,610
Stockdale W. - Chalk Upper	05/11/1967	4,771	2	62,826
Sutil - Anacacho	02/17/1983	6,371		53,092
Sutil - Austin	02/26/1976	6,050	4	1,054,750
Sutil - Buda	10/22/1975	6,297	10	1,236,861
Sutil - Reef	07/26/1979	6,126	15	667,305
TSO - Reklaw	06/20/1958	619		350
Visto - Austin	05/21/1977	6,802	1	1,996
Visto - Buda	01/22/1977	6,926		8,703
Warncke - Carrizo	02/18/1980	458	1	928
W.B.M. - Poth A	07/21/1961	1,315		308
Weaver-Olson - Poth	07/20/1959	1,460	26	1,152,355
Weinert - Austin Chalk	03/28/1976	6,849		45,919
Weinert - Buda	12/19/1977	7,004		2,052
Weinert - Navarro	10/20/1980	5,424		1,479
Whiplash - Austin Chalk	02/09/1992	4,970	1	22,783
TOTAL BARRELS OF OIL PRODUCED - 43,658,604				
TOTAL NUMBER OF FIELDS RECORDED				
WITH THE TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION - 122				
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Medical Doctors of Wilson County

Archer, Dr. Cullen Whitworth - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Bailey, Dr. T. K. - Practiced in Floresville
 Bartonek, Dr. Victoria - Interred Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery
 Batte, Dr. Thomas M. - Interred Palm Cemetery, Stockdale
 Beakley, Dr. George Washington - Interred Levelland, Hockley County, Texas
 Beakley, Dr. Jonathan - Interred Concrete Cemetery, Guadalupe County
 Francis, Dr. Benjamin - Practiced in Sutherland Springs
 Blake, Dr. John Vaughn Sr. - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Blake, Dr. John Vaughn Jr. - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Boone, Dr. James - Practiced in Wilson County / interment unknown
 Boykin, Dr. S. R. - Practiced in Floresville
 Brahan, Dr. Robert W. - Interred Cemetery #2, San Antonio
 Brewton, Dr. I. H. - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Brown, Dr. Hosea - Practiced in Stockdale
 Burrows, Dr. Edgar - Practiced in Floresville
 Burrows, Dr. J. T. - Interred Stockdale Cemetery
 Callaway, Dr. W. R. - Interred Kicaster Cemetery
 Camp, Dr. W. W. - Practiced in Floresville & Atascosa County
 Chew, Dr. Thomas R. - Practiced in Stockdale & Sutherland Springs
 Clark, Dr. William Miles - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Coble, Dr. Robert Lee - Practiced in Floresville
 Cone, Dr. Archibald - Interred Union Valley Cemetery
 Dryden, Dr. R. H. - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Elder, Dr. N. A. - Interred in Nixon Cemetery
 Evans, Dr. A. D. - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Farrell, Dr. N. E. - Practiced in Floresville
 Fly, Dr. J. M. - Practiced in Union Valley / Interred Leesville
 Fouts, Dr. F. F. - Practiced in Floresville & Karnes County
 Fultz, Dr. Hugh - Interred San Jose Cemetery, SA
 Futrell, Dr. R. L. - Practiced in Poth
 Gaddis, Dr. Herman W. - Practiced in Hallettsville & Stockdale
 Galloway, Dr. W. R. - Interred Kicaster Cemetery
 Garrison, Dr. Theodore - Interred Stockdale Cemetery
 Gilliland, Dr. S. D. - Interred Fairview Cemetery
 Gonzalez, Dr. Heraglio - Interred San Fernando Cemetery #2, SA
 Gouger, Dr. R. L. - Practiced in Stockdale
 Graves, Dr. Henry - Practiced in La Vernia
 Gray, Dr. R. H. - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Haverlah, Dr. Gene - Practiced in Floresville

Haynes, Dr. W. C. - Practiced in Stockdale
 Hoke, Dr. C. C. - Practiced in Stockdale
 Holland, Dr. James B. - Interred Stockdale Cemetery
 Houston, Dr. David Hannah - Interred Salem-Sayers Cemetery, Bexar County
 Houston, Dr. John Page - Interred Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery
 Hutchinson, Dr. William Joseph - Interred Oconomowoc, WI.
 Irwin, Dr. A. S. - Practiced in Floresville
 Irwin, Dr. Alexander Wyatt - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Irwin, Dr. Clyde Moran - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Irwin, Dr. J. W. - Practiced in Stockdale
 Johns, Dr. Robert Marvin - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Johnson, Dr. B. F. - Interred Stockdale Cemetery
 Johnson, Dr. Elliott Wendell "Ted" - Interred Sunset Memorial Park, S.A., TX
 Johnson, Dr. Max E. - Interred Mission Burial Park, South, S.A., TX
 Jones, Dr. Joseph W. - Interred Stockdale Cemetery
 King, Dr. W. A. - Interred Concrete Cemetery, Guadalupe County
 Langford, Dr. W. L. - Practiced in Carpenter & East Bexar County
 Layton, Dr. L. F. - Practiced in Floresville
 Leach, Dr. T. T. - Interred Leach-Hastings Cemetery
 Lillard, Dr. J. M. - Interred Pleasant Valley Cemetery
 Martin, Dr. Robinson G. - Interred Concrete Cemetery, Guadalupe County
 Mason, Dr. J. M. - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 May, Dr. H. B. - Practiced in Stockdale
 McCauley, Dr. W. C. - Practiced in Floresville
 McMahon, Dr. J. H. (Surgeon) - Interred St. Hedwig Cemetery, Bexar County
 Messinger, Dr. D. B. (Surgeon) - Interred Wyatt Cemetery
 Mitchell, Dr. J. L. - Practiced in Floresville
 Montgomery, Dr. W. H. - Interred Concrete Cemetery, Guadalupe County
 Morrow, Dr. John W. - Interred Sutherland Springs Cemetery
 Moursund, Dr. Walter H. - Interred Grove Hill Memorial Cemetery, Dallas
 Myers, Dr. Clyde Purvis - Practiced in Floresville
 Nixon, Dr. Sam - Interred Nixon Cemetery, Gonzales County
 Osoba, Dr. William G. - Practiced in Stockdale
 Oxford, Dr. Jerry W. - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Oxford, Dr. Marvin Bradfield - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Petrie, Dr. Socrates J. - Interred Fairview Cemetery
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 Roth, Dr. H. G. - Practiced in Floresville
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 Scull, Dr. Charles E. Sr. - Interred Concrete Cemetery, Guadalupe County
 Scull, Dr. William Emmet - Interred Concrete Cemetery, Guadalupe County
 Shely, Dr. William - Practiced in Floresville
 Sims, Dr. Jesse G. - Interred Marcelina Cemetery
 Sisley, Dr. Nina Mae - Practiced in Stockdale
 Smith, Dr. C. F. - Practiced in Union Valley
 Smith, Dr. James Wooten - Interred Sample Cemetery, Gonzales County
 Sparks, Dr. John E. - Interred Sunset Memorial Park, San Antonio
 Stevenson, Dr. R. - Practiced in Sutherland Springs
 Stroud, Dr. Thomas M. - Interred Stockdale City Cemetery
 Sutherland, Dr. John - Interred Sutherland Springs Cemetery
 Sutherland, Dr. William - Interred Evergreen Cemetery, Victoria
 Thompson, Dr. W. B. - Interred Nockanut Cemetery
 Tiner, Dr. Elmer L. - Interred Bexar County
 Treon, Dr. Johnnie - Practiced in Floresville, interred San Benito
 Tullis, Dr. Hugh S. - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Walker, Dr. R. W. - Interred Sutherland Springs Cemetery
 Ware, Dr. Ella - Interred Stockdale Cemetery
 Warren, Dr. Charles - Interred Concrete Cemetery, Guadalupe County
 Watkins, Dr. Charles R. - Interred Floresville City Cemetery
 Watkins, Dr. R. H. - Practiced in Floresville
 Weston, Dr. John M. - Interred Sutherland Springs Cemetery
 Wiley, Dr. Britt - Interred Pleasant Valley Cemetery
 Williams, Dr. James C. - Practiced in Pandora
 Williams, Dr. John A. - Practiced in Stockdale
 Williams, Dr. W. E. - Interred in Rockdale, Milam County
 Wood, Dr. D. T. - Interred Stockdale Cemetery
 Wood, Dr. Ethel M. - Practiced in Stockdale
 Compiled by Shirley Grammer

Floresville/Wilson County Hospitals

Archer-Oxford Hospital-located on 5th Street, Floresville, Texas

Blake Hospital-located on Hwy. 181, Floresville, Texas

Floresville Memorial Hospital with a name change later became
 Wilson County Memorial Hospital-located on Hospital Blvd.,
 Floresville, Texas

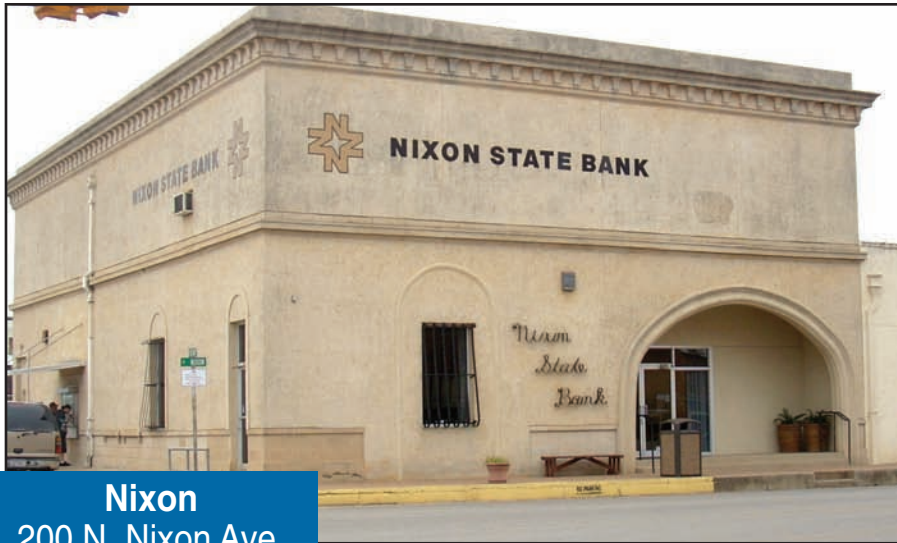
Connally Memorial Medical Center-located on Hwy 181/10th
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The Scott R. Donaho and Mary Jane Carson Donaho Family

Longtime resident of Wilson county, Scott Richard Donaho, Jr. was born on May 8, 1929 in Robstown, Texas to parents, Scott R. Donaho, Sr. and Helen Irene Moote. Scott had three brothers, Carrol, Norris and Allen Clem (A.C.), all of whom have predeceased him. In 1940, Scott's father, a former Piggly Wiggly grocer, moved the family to Sutherland Springs, Texas to begin a dairy farming



operation in Wilson County, where Scott and his brothers attended school. His was one of the last graduating classes from the small Sutherland Springs school in 1947.

Approximately 1,500 miles away, also on May 8, 1929, Mary Jane Carson was born to Robert Carson and Mary Alice Fitzpatrick Carson in Upland, Pennsylvania. Mary Jane had two sisters, Barbara Ann Carson Johnson, who resides in Floresville, and Judy Carson Teltschik, who resides in Kerrville, Texas. When Mary Jane was just a teen, her father took a job in Floresville with Mr. J.C. Merchant as a butcher in July 1945, and moved the Carson family from Norwood, Pa., to Floresville on 4th Street. Mary Jane was a proud member of the Floresville High School Band and a cheerleader, and graduated from Floresville High School.

After a beautiful courtship, Scott and Mary Jane married in February 1949.

They had six children, daughter Mary Helen and her husband Alton Tieken of Floresville; daughter Doris "Dee" and her husband Joel Kalman of Bethesda, Maryland; son Scott R. Donaho, III of Floresville; son Martin E. Donaho of Floresville; son John F. Donaho of Floresville; and daughter Lisa and her husband Kirk Dockery of Floresville. Grandchildren include Zachary Kalman, Joshua Kalman, Caryl Tieken, Karyn Tieken, Matthew Tieken, Valarie Donaho Work, Brian Carson Donaho, Madeline M. Popham, Robert Dockery, Kris Dockery, Kathy Dockery, Jheromy Donaho and Jared Donaho, and great-grandchildren Kyra and Neela Work, twins!

During the early years of their marriage, Scott and Mary Jane rodeoed all over South Texas. Scott was an accomplished calf roper, and Mary Jane warmed up Scott's roping horses before the events. For many years, Mary Jane worked as an art teacher for children and adults of all ages, holding class in the old Community Building in the heart of Sutherland Springs. She taught private art lessons in the community and she generously volunteered her time and talents for area nursing homes, benefits and fund-raisers.

Mary Jane and Scott owned and operated the Donaho Holstein Dairy Farm in Sutherland Springs for more than 30 years, and resided in Wilson County for

over 56 years. Active members of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Floresville, Texas since the early 1940's, with Mary Jane's support, Scott attended the seminary post law school, and was ordained a Permanent Deacon in 1988. He serves as a Deacon for the Sacred Heart parish in Floresville.

Scott and Mary Jane decided to sell their dairy farming operation around 1975, and Scott returned to college, completing his undergraduate degree in political science at the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1980, then attending the Texas Tech University School of Law, graduating in 1982. Mary Jane returned to college to study art. They opened the family law practice in Floresville in 1983, where Scott continues to practice law.

Mary Jane's hobbies included European travels with Scott, gardening, painting and community service. Scott is active in the Wilson County community serving as Deacon and through his law practice. On January 14, 2005, Mary Jane passed away, and Scott lives each day in memory of his beautiful Mary Jane. Her legacy continues throughout the many lives she has touched through her living example of beauty, forgiveness, love and selflessness.

It is true that no one lives forever, and it is our job to collect as many stories and history as possible before those memories are lost forever...



Wilson County Poor Farm

By Bernice Brelsford (1985)

They lived, died and were buried, never to be remembered again. Their unmarked graves are on land originally known as the “Wilson County Poor Farm” located just outside Floresville on the Old Floresville-Stockdale Road (CR 401). The Poor Farm was a place, provided by counties, for poor people to live when they had no one to care for them.

Wilson County records show where 124 acres were purchased by the county for a Poor Farm in 1886, and were later sold in 1964. The farm existed until about the mid-1930's when federal assistance began to be provided for the homeless, or helpless.

The present Poor Farm property owner is George Krueger of San Antonio, who was recently told by neighbors that the “Poor Farm Cemetery” is located at a certain spot on his land. And even though most Floresville residents have little information about the farm and its operation, there are some early neighbors who recall a

friendship with the residents. They remember some having familiar “pet names” like aunt and uncle. And they were sometimes guests in a home, obliging their lodging by doing odd farm jobs. Some also did similar work in Floresville, but they always returned to their Poor Farm homes, which are described as small “hut-like” buildings, uniformly built for the same purpose.

Some Stockdale residents remember how they would see Poor Farm people walking along the Stockdale-Floresville Road. Retired nurse Lena Ullman recalled going to the Poor Farm with Dr. Archer to help doctor the people there. Sometimes orphan children would be sent to the Poor Farm to live when no one else wanted them. Sometimes law offenders, unable to pay their fines, were sent there to work off an offense.

The county employed a person, or family, to live at the site and operate the farm where reportedly no more than six or eight persons were kept at one time. The manager lived in a big house which had a fireplace and where meals

were prepared for the residents. According to Mrs. A. T. Hoelscher, there were actually only about three cabin buildings on the farm, but Wilfred McBride, a later owner of the property, tells of another quite large building where a Poor Farm couple lived, even though most residents were said to be single gentlemen.

Today on the improved grazing lands, the only visible signs of the early farm are a few chimney bricks and some large sand rocks which still form the rim of the old “dip well” where buckets are said to have been lowered into the earth to draw up water.

Among persons remembered as different Poor Farm managers were Abner and Fred Potts and possibly their father before them, and also Tom Garner. Randall Barber, who married Fred Potts' daughter, Sarah, remembers a gypsy-type European lady, whom he once gave a piece of gum to, but later wished he hadn't because she was always standing at the yard gate with an outstretched hand hoping he would give her more.

One gentleman resident is said

to have sat daily under the well tree, methodically splitting leaves with his fingers and then placing each leaf in separate containers on each side of his chair. Another resident was reportedly a former Army lieutenant from a foreign country. Still another was the father of a prominent San Antonio official who refused to care for his father's remains and which in turn were buried by the county alongside the other unmarked graves.

Krueger, a North Dakota native, ran into a large hole on his farm and was told by neighbors that this was the site of the unmarked burying grounds of the Poor Farm people.

Note: A few burials in the Poor Farm Cemetery have been identified: Pedro Treviso (1869-1942), James Carter (1848-1938), Frank Jennings (1870-1930), Louis Cody (1859-1929), William W. Lawton (1835-1919), George Nicholson (1838-1918), F. W. Thornburg (1851-1929), Amelia Garcia (1849-1936) and John Munoz (1858-1918). The Wilson County Historical Society would appreciate hearing from anyone with information on the site.

Schools of Wilson County

Albuquerque (Swayback) School - Albuquerque Community
Aldrete School - West of Floresville, near Picos Creek
Arkansas School
Alledo School
Alledo School - (African-American)
Alum School - Stockdale
Beaumont School
Bird's School - Caddo
Blue School - Stockdale
Borrego School (Pleasant Hill) - Fairview
Burris School
Caddo School - Caddo Community
Calaveras School - Calaveras
Camp Ranch School - Camp Ranch
Cañada Verde School - Cañada Verde
Cañada Verde School (African-American) - Cañada Verde
Caraway's School (African-American)
Carlos Coy's Store School - Graytown
Carmichael School - FM 536 & CR 105
Center Point School - Center Point
Cibolo Hall & Female Academy - Sutherland Springs
Clifton's School (African-American) - Steele Branch
Concord School - Union Valley
Cone School - Union Valley
Cruse Colony School (African-American) - La Vernia
Darilek School - Near Camp Ranch
Deweese School (African-American) - Deweese
Deweese School - Deweese Community - two locations
Deweeseville School - FM 1344
Dickey's School - Dickey Farm
Dilworth Ranch School - Denhawken
Dilworth School (African-American) - Denhawken
Doisedo Colony School (African-American) - La Vernia
Dry Creek School - Kosciusko
Dry Creek School (African-American) - Kosciusko
Dunbar School (African-American) - Floresville
Dunn School - Union Valley
Ecletto School “Clayto” - Nockenut
Echevarria Spanish School - Stockdale
Ehler's School - Between Poth & Falls City
Fairview School - Fairview
Fairview School (African-American) - Fairview
Floresville Academy - Floresville
Floresville Colony School (African-American) - Floresville
Floresville School - Floresville
Grass Pond School - Sutherland Springs
Graytown School - Graytown
Green School - Camp Ranch Community
Harper School - Harper Community
Hayden & Pearce School - Loire Community

Hays Colony School (African-American) - Steele Branch
Herrera School - Labatt
Hierholzer School - Off CR 136 2 mi W of Hasse Ranch
High Prairie School - Stockdale
Hilltop School - Center Point
Johnson School - Near Three Oaks
Kasper School - Kasper Community - two locations
Kese School - Lodi-Sutherland Springs Road
Kicaster School - Kicaster Community
Kicaster School (African-American) - Kicaster Community
Kosciusko School - Kosciusko Community
Labatt School - Labatt
Labatt School (African-American) - Labatt
La Vernia Male & Female Academy - Brahan Masonic Lodge, La Vernia
Leach School - Nockenut
Lilly Grove School - FM 1347 & CR 538
Lilly Grove School (African-American) - Lilly Grove
Lodi School - Lodi Community (Floresville)
Lodi School (African-American) - Lodi
La Vernia School - La Vernia
Loire School - Loire Community
Longview School - Old 536
Marcelina School - Marcelina Community
Maxwell School - CR 115 & FM 536
Medina School - Medina Ranch
Menchaca School - CR 231 & CR 262
Midway School - SH 97 E, Floresville (Chester Lamberth Ranch)
Miller's School - Pleasant Valley
Montgomery Colony School (African-American) - Floresville-Stockdale Road
Moore School
Murray's School
Nockenut School (Hastings) - Nockenut Community
Nockenut Colony School (African-American) - Nockenut Community
Pandora School (African-American) - Pandora
Pandora School - Pandora
Picos School - Picos Community
Picos School (African-American) - Picos
Pleasant Hill School - Pleasant Hill Community near Sutherland Springs
Pleasant Point School
Pleasant Valley School - Pleasant Valley Community
Post Oak School - Near Shiloh
Poth School - Poth
Poth School (African-American) - Poth
Pulaski School - Between CR 229 & CR 228
Rabbit Hill School - Ray Farm, Fairview

Rader's School - Pleasant Valley
Redding's School - Pleasant Valley
Richter School - Richter Community
Ridout School - Ridout Community
Rock Falls School
Rock Hill School
Round Hill School
Sacred Heart Catholic School - Floresville
Saint Ann School - Kosciusko
Saint Luke School - Loire
Saint Peter's School - Parochial School of the Cestohowa Catholic Church
Saspamco School - Saspamco
Shiloh School - Sutherland Springs-Lodi Road (FM 539)
Steele Branch School - Steele Branch Community
Steven's Colony (African American) - Near Camp Ranch
Stevenson's Colony School (African American) - Near Sutherland Springs
Stockdale School - Stockdale
Stockdale School (African-American) - Stockdale
Sunnyside School - Harper Community
Sunnyside School (African-American) - Harper Community
Sutherland Springs School - Sutherland Springs
Sutherland Springs (African-American) - Sutherland Springs
Swayback School - Albuquerque
Swift School - Fairview
Swift School (African-American) - Fairview
Taylor's School - Sutherland Springs
Tordia School - Near Tordia Mound - three locations
Three Oaks School - Deweese
Union School (Carpenter) - Watkins Settlement (Bexar County line)
Union School (African-American) - Watkins Settlement (Bexar County line)
Union Valley School - Union Valley Community
Unity School - Floresville-Stockdale Road
Unity School (African-American) - Unity
Waldheim School - Between Floresville & Poth
Wallace Branch School
Wanamaker School - West of La Vernia
Wanamaker School (African-American) - La Vernia
Ware's School - Pleasant Valley
Watkin's School - Pleasant Valley Community
Webbville - FM 2505
Wehmann School - Poth
Wiley School
Yndo School - Cañada Verde
Compiled by Shirley Grammer

Bridge at McAlister Crossing

By Shirley Grammer

Wilson County Commissioners Court approved construction of the "Bridge at McAlister Crossing" over Cibolo Creek east of La Vernia on May 15, 1915. The bridge, now commonly known as "Mueller Bridge," was constructed by Alamo Construction Co. of San Antonio at a cost of \$8,650. At the same time, four other bridges were approved for construction in the county: the Bridge over Ecletto Creek on Caddo and Pandora Road, Bridge over Ecletto on Pandora and Stockdale Road, Bridge over Alum Creek 2 miles east of Sutherland Springs and the Picoso Bridge on Zook Road near Floresville. The total cost of building all five bridges was \$14,630.

The Wilson County Commissioners Court met in regular session on November 8th, 1915, and satisfied that the bridges were completed in accordance with the terms of the contract, accepted and approved the construction of the bridges.

The three-span 252 foot Bridge at McAlister Crossing features polygonal camelback trusses with multiple panels and a deck width of 17.8 feet. This bridge is special as it is one of two multi-span Warren polygonal chord bridges in the state.

McAlister Bridge received its name from early pioneer John Murphy McAlister (1807-1885) and Isabella McClain McAlister (1817-1872) who came to this area of Texas ca. 1851-1852. In



Bridge at McAlister Crossing, aka. Mueller Bridge, built in 1915.

1857, John McAlister bought 737 acres of land from John S. and Susan McClellan on the west side of Cibolo Creek for \$1,500. The natural stream crossing adjacent to their property became known as McAlister Crossing and for years served residents on both sides. After the death of John McAlister, the children divided the property. The commissioners designated the local route, including the crossing, as road No. 62 (present-day CR 337) prior to 1892.

The Henry Mueller family bought land on the east side of Cibolo Creek in 1906 and later a son, Emil Mueller, settled on the west side of the Cibolo near McAlister Crossing. Years later, after the construction of the bridge, local residents began to refer to the bridge as "Mueller Bridge."

The bridge was closed to

vehicular traffic in 1988. After extensive research the bridge was approved for a Texas State Historical Marker in 2005. Preservation Texas selected the bridge in 2006 for listing on their annual "Most Endangered Places" list.

In November of 2007, The National Parks Board selected the bridge for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The bridge is one of four sites in Wilson County to receive this honor.

Many of Wilson County's old bridges have been replaced with modern structures although a few remain to serve as links to the past. The Stockdale Bridge on present-day CR 401 was completed in 1892. The bridge still stands today adjacent to a modern bridge. Caddo Bridge, built in 1915 on the old Caddo-

Pandora Road, is presently closed for repairs. The Labatt Bridge opened in 1917. After the bridge was declared unsafe for vehicular traffic, a new bridge was built over the San Antonio River in 2004 and the old structure was removed to Floresville adjacent to the Lodi Hike and Bike Trail. The old Red Bridge was moved from Kosciusko to the Lodi Hike & Bike Trail in 2005 and restored at this site in 2006. Construction began on the Calaveras Bridge in 1916. Eventually a new bridge was constructed adjacent to the old one located on FM 775 west near Calaveras. The Picoso Bridge was completed in 1915 on Zook Road (CR 132). The few metal bridges remaining in Wilson County are examples of early bridge design and excellent engineering skills of the 20th century.

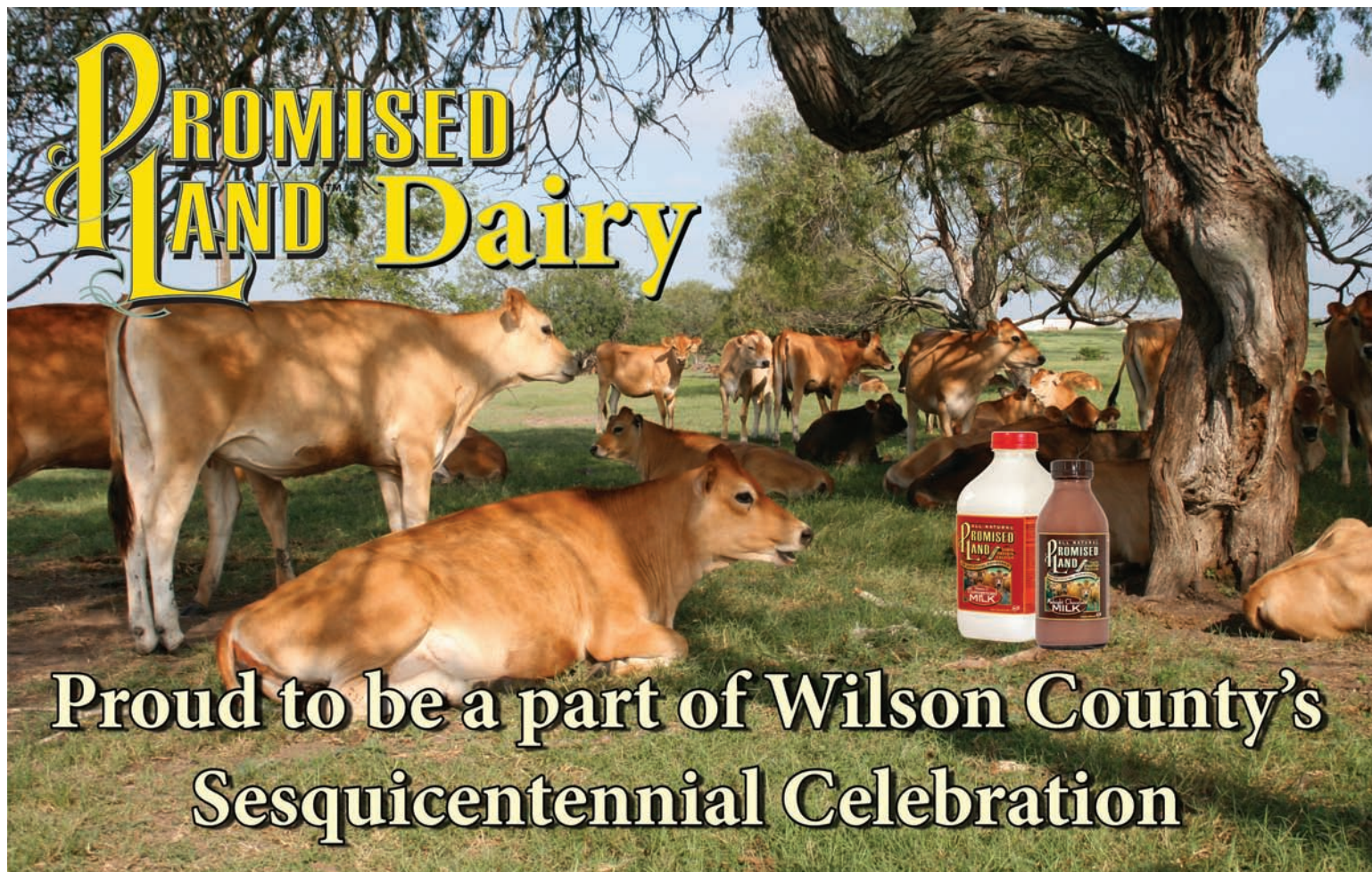
Farms & Ranches of Wilson County 100 years or older

Billimek Moczygomba Farm, 1900 (2006)
on FM 427 near Floresville.
Bird Ranch, 1838 (1974)
six miles northeast of Stockdale.
Brooks Ranch, 1870 (1974)
one and one-half miles southeast of La Vernia.
Click Ranch, 1890 (1992)
three miles west of Stockdale on County Road 401.
Coleman Ranch, 1881 (1982)
ten miles west of Nixon.
Sylvan Dunn's Pandora Place, 1880 (1982)
one and one-half miles west of Nixon.
Hickory Hills Ranch, 1871 (1974)
two miles east of La Vernia.
Karnei Farm, 1904 (2005)
four miles west of FM 1344.
Roy and Rita Kotzur Farm, 1885 (2004)
six miles southwest of La Vernia.
Krell I Farm, 1880 (1983)
eight miles northeast of Stockdale.
Krell II Farm, 1880 (1983)
eight miles northeast of Stockdale.

J.P. Lorenz Estate, 1878 (1978)
five miles northeast of Stockdale.
McDaniel Ranch, 1865 (1974)
seven miles out of Stockdale.
Malcher Ranch, 1901 (2001)
six miles southeast of Floresville on FM 427.
Pointed D Ranch, 1866 (1974)
eleven miles west of Floresville.
Roemer Farm, 1894 (1994)
six miles north of Floresville on Highway 181.
Rowandell Ranch, 1859 (1974)
M.C. Wing Survey and Ira Bisbee Survey.
The Ray Farm, 1899 (1999)
fourteen miles west of Floresville on FM 536.
Stavinoha Farm, 1901 (2001)
twelve miles west of Poth on County Roads 213 & 217.
Watkins Ranch, 1853 (1975)
four miles east of Stockdale off FM 1107.
Wiseman Farm, 1867 (1974)
one-half mile southeast of La Vernia.
Yndo Ranch, 1867 (1976)
nine miles west of Floresville.



The Ray Farm - Established 1899



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The Adele "Reed" Teague Family



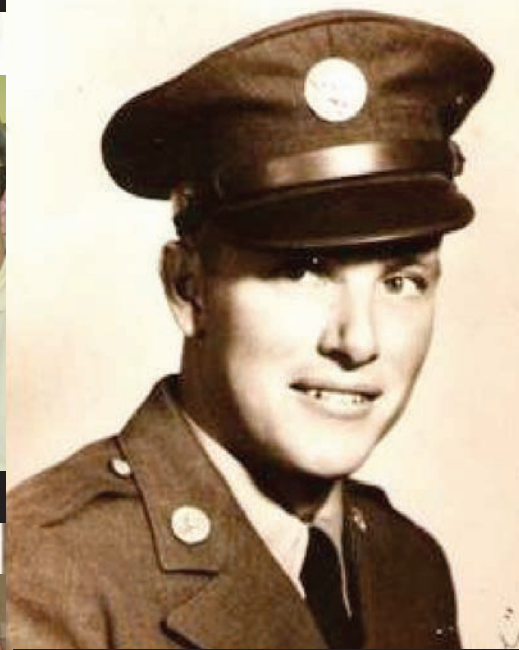
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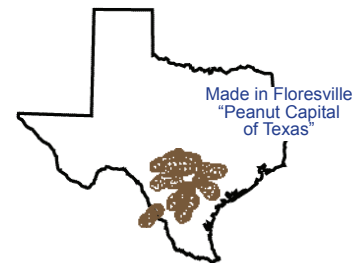
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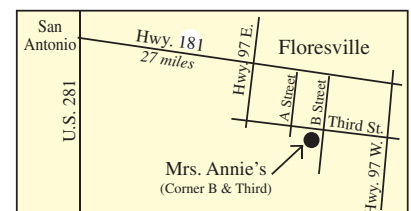
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Doris, Arla, Curtis, Carl, (in back) Wilma, I.B.



(Back) Rachel, Chrystal, Tom, (middle) Curtis, (front) Joan Lee, Russ – 1973

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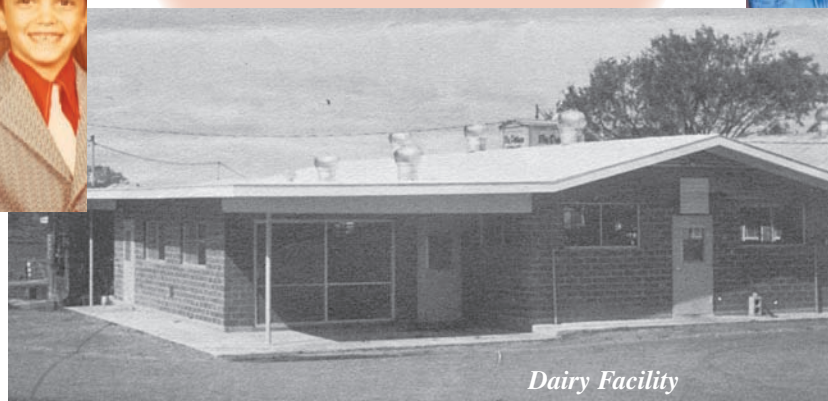
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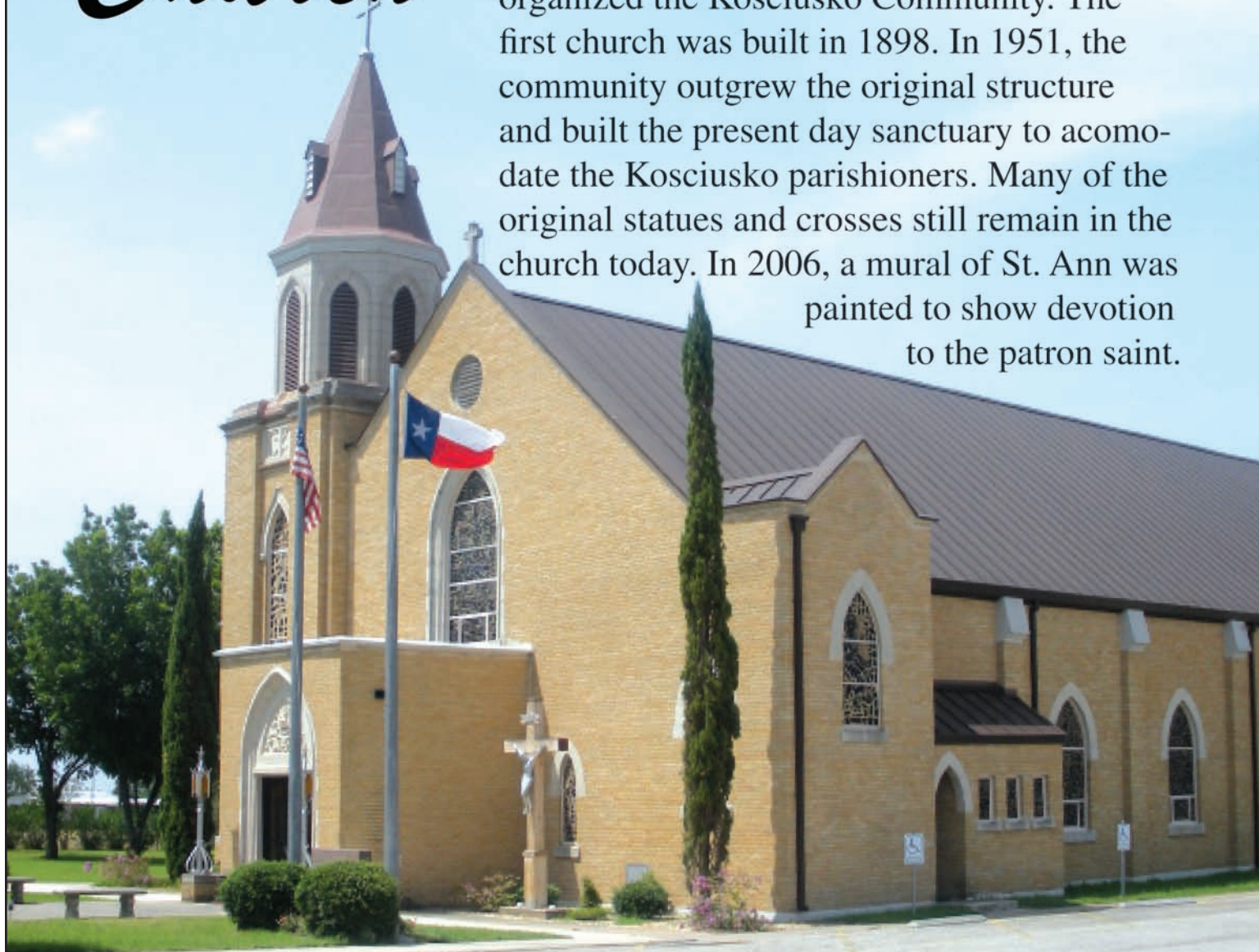
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Lambertha Massiatte-Merrill

A Texas Pioneer

Carlos Massiatte (born Charles Maissiat about 1835) in "Verdon" AIN County, France, married Maria Encarnacion Cabrera born in Cadereyta Jimenez, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. Carlos died in June 1889, in Ciudad Camargo, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

After his death Maria Encarnacion along with her children migrated to Texas and settled in Calaveras where she later died. Victor Massiatte, son of Carlos & Maria, married Isabel Flores born in Wilson County to Miguel Flores & Felipa Esquivel. Born into this union were: Isaac (dec.), Victervo (dec.), Victorina, Lambertha (Petra), Angelita (dec.), and Pedro. Lambertha was born on Sept. 17, 1930, in Calaveras, Texas.

The loss of her mother at the age of 8 years old was difficult for her but even at an early age Petra was always outspoken and strong willed. She has many humorous stories about growing up in Calaveras, walking to the old Tackitt Store with her little brother Pedro to buy candy and gum from money they took from her father's pouch, hurrying to eat all the evidence before they arrived home.

Life took her on a journey to many places but always determined to return to her beloved birthplace, she and her husband, Joseph Merrill, purchased the old Bartus home in 1982, where she continues to reside. A few years ago she was fortunate to purchase the property that she was born and raised on near where the Mackey Brick & Tile Company once operated.

With the passing of her husband, Joseph Merrill, and her daughter, Judy Carrasco Garza, she initiated the cleanup of the long-forgotten Calaveras Cemetery. Lambertha has nine children, Dolores, Isabel, Joe, Judy (dec.), Jerry, Mary, Deborah, Melissa (dec.), and Kristie.

Lambertha is proud of her ancestry and proud to be a Tejana.

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Drozd family

Allan and Norma R. Drozd

came to Floresville in the summer of 1955 as newlyweds. They intended to stay in Floresville for only a short period of time! Allan began teaching vocational agriculture with Jack Myers and Norma taught English in the high school. The year of 1959 was a very special one for them as Norma completed her master's degree in library science and they became the parents of a beautiful little girl, Leann. In 1972 Leann was blessed with a little sister, Catherine.

Norma became librarian for the school district in 1964 and remained in that position until she retired in 1995. Allan left his position as a vocational agriculture teacher and became a principal in 1968, serving first in the intermediate school and then moving to the elementary school, where he remained until retirement in 1994.

Allan and Norma built the first home in Richard Ullmann's new addition at the end of F Street. They had purchased 42 acres on Hwy. 97W in 1961 and at various times raised swine, cattle, calves, lazy horses, and kept beehives.

Both Leann and Catherine were active 4-H members, Leann more so than Catherine. They both raised chickens; Leann also had swine, and Catherine had breeding heifers, chickens, and swine. Leann had the grand champion pen of broilers four times and the grand champion pig twice in the Wilson County Livestock Show. Catherine had the grand champion pen of broilers at this county show.

Leann received a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education and health from Texas A&M University in 1982 and a Master of Science degree in Animal Science with an emphasis in Equine Exercise Physiology from Texas A&M in 1987. She was the girls athletic trainer at La Porte High School for fifteen years. During this

time, she completed a second master's degree from the University of Houston at Clear Lake majoring in school counseling. She held the position of school counselor at Baytown High School for two years before returning to La Porte as a counselor and then coming to Floresville High School in 2005. She built a rock home in 2007 on the 42 acres purchased in 1961.

Catherine served the Floresville Peanut Association as Queen Tunaep the Forty-fifth. After graduating from Floresville High School in 1990, she attended Incarnate Word College and graduated with a degree in interdisciplinary studies. She taught two years in Floresville before marrying Randy Bruett, a captain in the U.S. Army, on June 14, 1997. Randy had received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Nevada Reno in 1993 majoring in international relations. They lived in Georgia for a year where Randy attended the Army's Officer Advanced Course and in Louisiana for another year where Catherine taught kindergarten. After a year at Ft. Polk, Randy separated from the active military and they moved to Grapevine, Texas. While living in Grapevine, they became parents of a precious little girl, Sarah. They moved to Floresville in 2001, purchasing a home in the Oak Fields addition. Randy earned a Master of Arts degree from LSU in 2002 majoring in international relations. He became a member of the Army Reserve and was stationed at Fort Sam Houston. Catherine again joined the teaching staff at the Floresville Early Childhood Campus. Randy was deployed to Iraq in 2004 in a civil affairs role. His role was to help with the historical first elections in Iraq. Catherine took time from teaching to devote herself to Sarah. A year after Randy's return from Iraq, a baby boy, Erik Allan, was born in May 2006. Catherine returned to the classroom in 2008. Major Bruett continues

to work at Ft. Sam as an active guard/reserve officer. Sarah participates in school and church activities as well as her 4-H Club. Erik is very happy and comfortable in his daycare setting. Both children like spending time at the family farm and at the lake, but most of all they enjoy being with their MomMom (Norma) and Papa (Allan) and Aunt Leann.

During the spring and summer of 1985, the family constructed a lake home at Granite Shoals on Lake LBJ. They love sharing this haven with relatives and friends.

The Drozd family have been very active in the community. Allan and Norma were members of Eastern Star, Allan as a Mason and in Lions Club, Norma in Musical Club and Beta Sigma Phi. All of the family members are active members of their church, the Floresville United Methodist Church, where they have held a variety of offices. Catherine continues the family tradition of membership in Beta Sigm Phi and Randy was a member of the Floresville Main Street Project.

Allan and Norma are charter members of a group of crafters participating in a Once-a-Year craft show. They do stained glass, fabric items and Allan specializes in Western decor. He continues with the honey distribution. They have taken several wonderful trips, including several cruises. They have made two trips to Alaska, traveled the Panama Canal, one to the very end of the Copper Canyon to Batopilas, toured the eastern part of the United States during the fall, and cruised Hawaii and the eastern coastline. They are so grateful to have their family in Floresville where they can see the grandchildren often and share everyday experiences.

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