

4. [Rev John Fletcher PIPKIN](#), b. 14 AUG 1809 in Sparrow Swamp, Darlington District, SC, d. 28 OCT 1890 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery*, in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. ca 1838 to (1) Mrs Caroline Ann "SMITH"-KENDALL, a widow, b. ca 1820 in AL, d. before AUG 1844. While living in AL, Indians burned their home & the family bible was destroyed. When Carolyn died, John Fletcher remarried so his oldest brother, Mallard, graciously took care of her family by Mr. KENDALL. After her death he m. (2) Mrs. Amelia Charlotte "RABB"-RABB, a widow, on 23 AUG 1844 in Conecuh Co, AL.

[She had a son named William Pendleton RABB, b. AUG 1841 in AL. Even though her son was listed as William PIPKIN in the 1850 census, he was not a son of John Fletcher PIPKIN. As an adult, William Pendleton RABB was located in census as W. P. RABB and his half-brother, Lewis Beauregard PIPKIN was living with him and his family at that time. They considered themselves as full brothers. They were kin by sharing the same mother. W. P. RABB was not a PIPKIN by birth. These facts have created considerable confusion by PIPKIN researchers who do not have the true data in regard to Amelia's son by her first marriage.]

John Fletcher and Amelia were in Ouachita Co, AR, living in Marion Township by 1850. Records of the *Arkansas State Land Office*, Little Rock, Pulaski County, AR, show that on 14 JUN 1851, John Fletcher entered 80 acres in the N½ of the SE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 14 South and Range 18 West. His brother, Daniel was in Township 13.

Even though I could not find land records for him in Texas, he had to have managed land because he had so many slaves. He first lived in the Duncan Woods Community in Orange Co, TX, in about 1852. They moved to Jefferson Co, TX, by 1859 and was soon in the lumbering business. He was the *County Judge* of Jefferson Co, TX, until just a few days prior to his death. An historical marker in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, states that he was the first resident minister in the city. He was known as the father of religion in Beaumont because he ministered to every one who would listen, no matter what their faith, although he was a Methodist minister. He also was referred to as the religious pioneer in the back woods sawmill community of Beaumont.

Amelia was b. ca 1819, and died with pneumonia 'on the night of 23 JAN 1867 at 10 o'clock after a painful illness of 24 days.' [These very words were specifically written by Nora Lee "PIPKIN" HOLTOM/HALTOM/HOLTON, d/o John Fletcher, on 28 JAN 1867 to her Uncle Stephen Warner PIPKIN] in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. Amelia is buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. [Nora Lee's birth name was Charlotte LeAnna, called Nora Lee, per connecting kin. Nora Lee did sign the letter to her uncle with her full name, but the 'copy' that I have of the letter was re-written by a descendant so I can not verify just exactly how her husband's last name was truly spelled, as well as the fact that I cannot find them in any census at this time. I received the 3 spellings listed above.]

Beaumont, Jan. 28 1867

Mr. S. W. Pipkin

Dear Uncle

Pa requested me to write to you and inform you of the death of our beloved Mother. She died on the night of the 23rd at 10 o'clock after a painful illness of twenty four days. She died without a struggle and was conscious of everything and knew us all to the last moment. Pa's family is broken up. He is living with bro. John but will try to keep house again in a short time. Bruce will start to school at Chappel Hill tomorrow morning with Dr. Baldwin. He will board with the Dr. and go to school a year. Pa wants to know if you will take Seawillow (or let her board with you) and go to school with Cousin Mary for a year. He says he will with pleasure compensate you for all your trouble. We all would rather Aunt Ann would keep her the next year (at any rate) than any one else. Kiss Aunt Ann for me and tell her I remember with gratitude her kindness to me. I know she will sympathize with us in our loneliness and bereavement for I have always loved her as a sister. Kiss Mary, Lura and Hiram's family for me. Also tell Mary I will write to her in a few days. Enclosed I send you all a piece of Ma's hair. Pa will write in a few days. Write soon.

*I am your affectionate
Nora Lee Holtom (?)*

The following letter was written to Colonel W. Philip Pipkin, the first editor of

The PIPKIN Family Newsletter by Seawillow "PIPKIN" GRAY of Thibodaux, LA, in JUN 1981 - Oddly enough the attached letter was given to me by my cousin, Estelle Pipkin Kennedy, who obtained it from Mrs. Miller. Since some of our barges were under contract to a company in the Texas Valley, I wrote to Mrs. Miller asking for address of owner of the original letter in Mission, Tex. She replied that the owner had died about 6 months before & that her family was so overwhelmed with grief that they had closed up the home & had at that point been unable to bring themselves to go through the contents of the house. I believe the deceased was unmarried & survived by her brothers. She stated that it was impossible for me to contact the family. Since we went right thru Mission I was disappointed. An additional sheet written by Mrs. Miller was enclosed in the letter from my cousin - it reads:

"Transcript of letter - original in Mission, Texas - by Betty Gene Miller of San Antonio - *The lock of hair was enclosed with the original letter. Letter written to Stephen Warner Pipkin by Nora Lee Holtom & was sent by messenger. Stephen Warner Pipkin was the great grandfather of Betty Gene Miller & brother to John Fletcher - Cousin Mary was Mary Pheraba Pipkin (Mrs. Marshall Ney Rogers of California). She was named Mary for Anna Marie Marks Pipkin's mother & Pheraba for Stephen's mother, Pheraba Beasley Pipkin, wife of Lewis.*"

Seawillow further wrote -
You will note one Pheraba is spelled with 2 e's & 2 Pheraba's have 2 'a's.
Thank you so very much for the family information on our line from the former newsletters. I am indebted to you. Your cousin, Seawillow

After Amelia's death he m. (3) Miss Mattie B. "SPENCER" on 7 JUL 1867, in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, where it is thusly recorded in the marriage records. She was b. 1 APR 1838 in MS and d. 9 Oct 1912, buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, & this has been verified.

He and his son-in-law, Dr. Noah Gillium HOLTON/HALTOM bought a mill in Nona Mills Woods in Hardin Co, TX. He may have had land there. In SEP 1873, the uninsured *Pipkin Mill Company* & 150,000 feet of lumber burned & and they never did rebuild. Rev. John Fletcher PIPKIN was very feeble towards the end of his life and d. 28 OCT 1890 at the age of 81+ in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, and was buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. Inscribed on his tombstone - 'No shadow rests on the path to my home in Heaven.' [Out of respect he may have still been holding the title of County Judge at the time of his death because I have seen it written both ways.] It has been stated that numerous descendants are also buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery*.

John Fletcher had 20 slaves when the family made their very frightening trip to Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, by sea during a terrible storm. The story about that is mentioned within the writings of his daughter, Seawillow. He had one particular slave, named Woodson, that he thought a great deal of and the following article was located in regard to this gentleman. After the end of the Civil War, he received his freedom from slavery and took upon himself the surname of PIPKIN because of his respect for his master. I do not know the name of the authors, nor the person that provided these tributes that follow, as well as the article on Woodson to *The Pipkin Family Association*.] It is as follows:

NEDERLAND - 3 BEAUMONT BLACK TEACHERS GAVE ALL TO EMANCIPATE STUDENTS FROM ILLITERACY - one could easily drive past St. Paul's African Methodist Episcopal Church at 3320 Waverly in Beaumont and never realize that it is one of the oldest churches in Beaumont. Also its founder, The Rev. Woodson Pipkin, was the first black preacher in Beaumont; the first black school teacher in the city; and most likely Beaumont's first black who could read and write.

Pipkin came to Beaumont about 1958 as one of 20 slaves owned by The Rev. John F. Pipkin, Beaumont's first permanent Methodist minister. John Pipkin had to row across the Neches River to preach each Sunday morning because his plantation was in the Duncan's Woods community of Orange

County.

Apparently John Pipkin took a particular liking and interest in his young slave Woodson, believing he had the needed qualities to carry the gospel to his people. But to do so, young Woodson would need to know how to read the Bible and to write. So in contradiction of most Southern laws, parson Pipkin taught Woodson to read and write during the Civil War years. Woodson Pipkin was emancipated from slavery on June 19, 1865, and the writer believes that John Pipkin continued to help his young protégée, now The Rev. Woodson Pipkin, to establish himself in the ministry.

TRIBUTE TO REV JOHN FLETCHER PIPKIN but the author's name is not given, nor is it dated, although it was soon after Rev PIPKIN's death. It probably was placed in a local paper, although that is not stated. No insult is intended regarding this gentleman's spelling, but I am going to correct it. His tribute is as follows:

This beloved brother and servant of God fell asleep in Jesus October 28, 1890, aged 81 years, 2 months and 14 days. He was taken seriously ill with heart failure on Saturday, and from that time until Tuesday he rallied and sank alternately until the early morning the tired body gently fell into a calm and sweet repose, and at 8 o'clock the joyous spirit, wearied of so long a detention from its native home, bade a final adieu to the body, wasted under the encroachments of senility and returned to the God who gave and the Savior who redeemed it. For 72 years, through sunshine and shadow, horror and joy, tears and smiles, the faithful Christian boy and man had daily practiced his self-denials and had borne his cross, nor does any one living know that in any instance he ever proved willfully disloyal to the Savior, whose yoke of pleasing servant he assumed by a public profession of faith. From the date of that happy event up to the time of his departure, the Spirit of God was his escort everywhere and under all circumstances. Nor did he ever assume a relation in life that the duties of which would lead him where he could not have his Savior bare him blessed companionship. No policy was his that ever intimated - [can't read] - abundant compromise or cost the sacrifice of his Christian principle. In all matters of political economy his conscience sustained him.

From the time of his conversion to the day of his death the intervening years only served to intensify his love of God, each one constituting an inseparable tie between him and his home in heaven. With every experience he received a fresh evidence of the necessity of a Christian character and its faithful preservation unimpaired before God. A year or two before he died, he said to me *"I am living for God's glory, and therefore for my fellow man as well. I realize more every day that what advances God's glory promotes my neighbor's good."* He was the oldest son [incorrect, Mallard was the oldest son of Lewis Pipkin], a sturdy faithful local preacher, and Mrs Pheraby Beasley, who were married in 1803 in Darlington District, South Carolina. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Georgia, where Rev. J. F. Pipkin was born, and in his early childhood his parents moved to Alabama. The father being a successful farmer was as well a preacher, he raised his estimable children to habits of industry and inflexible piety, all of whom imbibed the father's and mother's spirit of undeviating devotion, but none more fully than the subject of this notice. Rev. S. W. Pipkin of Brownsville, Texas, Daniel Pipkin and Mrs. Elizabeth Stott of Arkansas, being the only surviving members of a large and useful family of children.

It is told of Rev Barney Pipkin, a devout uncle that on one occasion when a section of the State was visited by a parching drought, he was sent for to pray for rain. One of the neighbors came up to the meeting place with his umbrella and other articles that had been unnecessary for many months. When asked why he had brought them, he answered confidently that he would need them after Uncle Barney had talked to the Lord about the dry weather. The exercises were brief incisive, Bro Barney said *"The Lord always responded when his children's faith was in jeopardy."* He knelt and prayed as he only could pray, the clouds gathered, and the rain fell in

great abundance. The man with the umbrella mounted his horse and road home, leaving his neighbors to return in a drenching rain, they wait till late in the night to go home over muddy roads and through swollen streams. Prayer was likewise a tower of strength when offered by Rev. J. T. Pipkin. The writer, when a boy, visiting the town of Victoria, attended a service at the Methodist Church and Rev. J. W. Shipman, his brother-in-law, called on one to pray. That prayer went up like a mighty highway over which omnipotence was pleased to pass down to earth and into our hearts. The name of the one who offered that prayer had passed from memory until nearly 4 years ago, but the prayer, like an imperishable aroma, lingered in the mind and heart, seeming to increase in its spiritual effectiveness as the years passed, it flourished in immortal youth.

Sunday Jan 29, 1888, after talking about the use of the senses in eternity, I called on Brother Pipkin to pray. The easy and impassioned petitions which rose from his trembling lips of the aged veteran of the cross inspired my mind; the cover dropped off the casket; the thoughts swept backward over the years which had elapsed, and I recounted the victories won in life by the light of reinforcements afforded by the prayer Brother Pipkin offered in the town of Victoria. This name came back, and while the prayer on this last occasion was not the same, yet it so retouched the memory of the first that it rose with the same vigor it did when it came fresh from the heart of devotion. From that day to the day that closed his earthly career, Brother Pipkin and his pastor lived in close and constant communion with each other and God. His presence seemed always a rich benison sent of heaven on a mission of silent mercy, of which he even was never aware. Many were the blessings he unconsciously shed upon humanity for which he received no expressions of gratitude; but his reward is none the less. The heart of the old soldier which was ever beating with devotion to God daily expressed the spirit of generosity and benevolence toward his pastor; no quarterly breaking out with solicitude, for his was ceaseless. A pastor with such a companion is blessed indeed. Reared as he was amid the associations of a pleasant country home, adorned by the precepts and example of Christian parents, his habits in life have been such as would greatly inspire in his mind a noble ambition and in his heart a firm devotion to God. On these granite like elements he erected a superstructure which preserved its wonted symmetry through all varied experiences of a long life, except as he would say "*A brief space I would change if I had it to live over, but I feel that the change wrought through Christ, even in that experience, affords me now the greater reason for gratitude to God.*" On another occasion he said "*I have recently suffered great solicitude for the salvation of my children, but they are turning to God. All but one has started on the journey and that one I have laid on the alter, and I knew all will be well.*"

This is another *TRIBUTE TO THE REV JOHN FLETCHER PIPKIN* that was published, but it does not say where and I would have to assume that it was in a local newspaper also. From all indications, it was written by G. V. RIDLEY. The tribute is as follows:

Brother Pipkin had the educational advantages afforded by the district and country schools of his boyhood days, but he was one who, in the days of his student life, availed himself of every opportunity offered as a preparation for future usefulness. Though surrounded in his father's home with an abundance, he inherited no fortune. Being justly frugal and economical, he acquired and lost, successively much property, his principal losses being sustained in the discharge of obligations assumed by and belonging to others, never withholding his name as security when asked. He always redeemed these pledges, when circumstances required, without regret, and on one occasion felt happy to know that the sale of his last mule secured sufficient means to pay the debt of another. By modern business men he might have been regarded as wanting in some of the elements of business success, but the results of his experience near the close of a long life attest that his heart and mind were adorned with a satisfaction which afforded him more pleasure than all the wealth of the world could have done - a satisfaction which sang its evangel of peace in the quiet retirement of home while the peace of God ever present, attended

him to slope with resignation the pathway to the tomb.

In the early days of his boyhood, having made a profession of religion, he joined the Methodist Church, and from that time has remained a faithful witness for Jesus. A few years after his conversion, following the potent influences of the Spirit of God, he became a lieutenant in the ranks of the local ministry of his church, and, like his father, brother and uncle, stood faithful at his post of duty till the Lord took him. He married a Miss Kennel [incorrect-KENDALL] in Alabama, and in a few years death took the faithful wife home. Afterwards he married Mrs Amelia Rabb, an excellent Christian woman, esteemed for her many virtues as wife and mother. He then moved to Arkansas, where he engaged in planting, the while forgetting not his duties as a faithful preacher. From that State he moved to Louisiana, remaining only a year, thence to Beaumont, Texas, where he purchased land and engaged for a while in planting, moving from there to Galveston, Victoria, Houston, and again to Beaumont. In the meantime his wife was laid to rest.

Being a man of enterprise and industry, and finding that the 'arbitrament of war' had for this time paralyzed the agricultural interest of the country, he embarked as a pioneer in saw milling here, the results of which business today attests the correctness of his judgement, though he lost much in his original investments. During all these years of failure and success he kept the fires of devotion burning, the smoking flax, if not the blazing fagot, marking the places his knees pressed. He was the first local preacher in Beaumont, often holding the fort alone against the wrong, and again reinforcing the labors of Revs. Kavanaugh and Woolam, who succeeded Rev. Frank Wilson as pastors. Brother Pipkin was here when it tried every element in the most devout and when the burdens of wicked oppression had to be thrown off by the most stalwart faith. Being perhaps the only resident minister, his services were required by every denomination represented here in all the offices belonging to his sacred calling. From the bridal altar, where youth and hope and joyous mirth held 'high carnival' to the muffled tread of the funeral procession, his services were alike in demand.

The dedication of infancy in baptism, visiting the sick, whispering words of comfort to the bereaved and giving hope to the dying, were duties which he alone was here to discharge. It does not surprise us that a wail of sorrow welled up from every heart when he fell asleep. From the humble home of the poor, to the odorized home of the rich, each anguished in confusion and of pathos when the tragedy of his death was announced, and black and white alike conspired to do homage to the memory of this good man - the man who had aided all impartially along the way which tried men's souls. Several years after the death of his second wife, his home was honored by Miss Mattie Spencer, who, in the providence of God, proved to be a wife and mother whose affectionate care of him and maternal devotion to the children constituted a suitable nucleus about which all could gather in wonted harmony with the olden faith. For 54 years, with undeviating fidelity to the church and devotion to God, he held the banner of the cross with a faithful grasp and even when he had to relinquish the pulpit on account of the weakness growing out of his great age, he still held the sword of the Spirit with increasing trustfulness. The weaker his body grew the stronger his faith, until his soul in acts of devotion flourished in the beauty of perpetual spring. He always bore about him the aroma of a closet devotion, which increased in his declining days, until, like the hero of the cross he was, he truly 'Walked with God'. Returning from his private devotions a short time before he died, he said "*There is nothing between me and the better land.*"

Often while he was listening to the Word of God from the pulpit he seemed like an old storm-tossed mariner discovering the first glimpse of shore after a long and boisterous voyage, his venerable locks falling back from his brow as though they were fanned by the wings of angelic attendants. For 35 years he had lived here, and by the solicitation and suffrage of the citizens of Jefferson County he held the office of County Judge for the 3 terms immediately preceding his death. How he acquitted himself of

the arduous duties laid upon him the universal love and devotion of his friends and neighbors fully attest, to be saved the last labor of official duty which might have brought unnecessary anxiety and labor to his failing body, God relieved him and he left the task a few days before the expiration of his last term - rendered easy by his own faithfulness - to other hands. The symmetry is complete, official and earthly life closing under the subdued splendor of a beautiful twilight. Having accomplished a measure of days which falls to the lot of but a few, he retired from the activities of life in a manner which seemed to indicate an indisposition to excite a wave of sorrow in the hearts of loved ones and friends, he labored assiduously to drive away from his companions any thought of the departure which he awaited with no anxiety to himself.

He was a man among men, avoiding no evils, or shunning no circumstances by wrong or questionable methods. No precedent or customs ever influenced him to turn aside from the path of duty in private or public life. Being a man of strong convictions he did his part in the fear and love of God, leaving the results to be what they might. In matters concerning the individual or the masses his councils were equally wise, careful and judicious, stimulated by the love of his kind, he was equally faithful to the demands of duty, whether they came from the poor or the rich. The helplessness of want and poverty received from him a more ready response than the requirements of the independent. In the affairs of his office he administered in all things alike, the smaller matters receiving his care as faithfully rendered as things of greatest moment, and today his memory wears the praises of the poor and the homage of the rich. In all relations where noble Christian men are needed here, he was always found, where industry called forth assiduous effort to supply the means for independent living and benevolent giving in the assemblies of the people for the maintenance of peace - the protection and preservation of the mutual interest, in the congregations of the saints, where the fellowship of God's children was inspired to sweetest expression, and at home amid the familiar faces of loved ones, where surrounded by all of human instrumentality that could soothe, comfort and sustain, he lived and moved as one whose life was precious to God. All along these ways marked by the footprints of the best and purest his influence has been left - deep, wide and ineffaceable.

His place in church, so long and faithful occupied, is painfully empty, the sympathy of the dear old face wearing the scars of time is gone, the pathetic voice of prayer is hushed in silence, but the hope which animated the dimmed eyes of the old soldier is realized. Yet memory with us is faithful and our hearts still echo to the warm devotion his presence and services generated. While hundreds of others shared in the blessings his life bestowed, the occupants of the pastor's home were never forgotten - they were his objects of daily consideration. He has left among us five noble children and an excellent wife worthy of the name he has left behind. To these and the community he has bequeathed an inheritance the riches of which eternity alone can unfold. The last message came to him as quietly as the shadows fall upon the bosom of the earth - touching him softly as the mother's hand which cradles infancy to repose. He is gone from us now, but then he stands before us in the memory of the past like a towering oak in his lofty manhood - a husband, father, neighbor, brother and patriot of whom all may be justly proud. He is gone, but still before us he stands in his Christian character as immovable as the everlasting hill from whose summit flashes the light of an example worthy of imitation. Gone, but still in the past he stands amid all the stirring events of his own and his country's history chiseling the glorious epitaph of a life, the best and purest would be proud to own - an epitaph inspired and approved of God and read by angels and men with acclaims of praise to one who lived to love and serve God and his fellow man on earth and who at least has received his reward in heaven. Let those who are left walk in the light as he did and the joys of a meeting will be for them in a home where mournful separation will never mar its uninterrupted pleasures.

G. V. Ridley

Notation of Estelle KENNEDY written many years ago and contained in the Lucie Clift PRICE Collection - "My grandfather was Abraham Bruce Pipkin, son of John Fletcher Pipkin and Amelia RABB who was born August 14, 1809, in Darlington District, SC. Our records show that the records of Amelia Rabb's family {Amelia Rabb was the second wife of John Fletcher} were destroyed in an Indian raid when their home and the family bible were burned. That was in Conecuh County, AL. However, she had a son, William Pendleton Rabb by a former marriage who died in Beaumont, TX, in the fall of 1909, so I suppose the Wm. Rabb was Amelia's father. Rabb was her maiden name also. My aunt, Mary Pipkin Williams, has said she will ask some of the Rabbs who live here."

{NOTE: Mrs. KENNEDY's grandfather's name was Alexander Bruce PIPKIN, not Abraham, as she wrote. The many census, land records, etc. proves that she, unfortunately for her sake, was incorrect, as well as the birth date she wrote.]

There was a very beautiful program brochure that must have been passed out when they had the DEDICATION of the HISTORICAL MARKER OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Jefferson County Historical Survey Committee - JANUARY 20, 1974, 1:00 P.M. There is a drawing that depicts six church dwellings - brush arbor, roof top, tower church, steepled, domed and present day spired edifice. [This is the front page of the brochure & it appears to have been a very massive place of worship.]

The second page is in regard to - A BRIEF HISTORY OF METHODISM IN BEAUMONT - 1839-1974 - which goes on to say - The church never exists in isolation from the culture in which it is set. It affects and is affected by history as it is lived. So it was in 1836, the year of the Republic, when men in good faith chartered this town of Beaumont, that only three years elapsed before the sawmill settlement received the first known visit from a missionary who was sent to Texas out of the Mississippi Methodist conference. This infant church, twin-born with the city, continued to be served as a mission briefly, including a visit from McMahan's founder, Henry Stephenson, who held services on 'Corn' street - just before he retired - near Orange, Texas. Many of his artifacts have been left to First Church and can be seen in its Cornerstone Heritage Center.

For three decades, evangelists and appointed circuit riders were sent from the (East) Texas Conference - - organized since 1841 - - and outdoor meetings were area-wide campfire revivals near present Hotel Dieu and the O'Brien Oak, around Hotel Beaumont site, in homes or in the school-church-courthouse. It was 1877 before the Methodists and Baptists were able to build their tower church on the Northwest corner of Fannin at Main, with 'one door for the men and another for the women.' Louanza Calder sold the property to them for use of 'any respectable congregation' on the 5th Sunday of the month. Also in 1877, the Methodists attempted, but failed financially, to have a full time preacher. Visualize the county citizens turning out in masse proudly 'muddling' their way in all weather in surreys, wagons or on horseback, having to spend the night in town and having any money left for the church plates. Judge John F.[letcher] Pipkin cemented this nucleus of Methodism with his forty years of lay preaching, caring for the soldiers in gray and their deprived families, the pow's who traveled through enroute to camps and caring for all during epidemics and storms. He was beloved as a rancher-farmer who made himself available to all faiths, many of whom had little regular preaching until around 1880.

At last, in 1885 the Baptists sold their portion of the tower church in order to build, and by 1890 the Methodists built the steepled church on the same old site and remodeled it in 1894. Prosperity in the form of a burgeoning lumber industry, thriving cotton crop and a budding rice culture was related to the church with greater gifts to others and greater expectations for themselves. By 1906 the Spindletop boom created a need for the present site at Pearl, Broadway and Calder; then began the erecting of the stained glass domed church which was to become a favorite auditorium in the city and the dome a landmark fo sixty years until

necessity demanded the present spired sanctuary. "Let the CHURCH speak with a clear voice that it remembers its past, as it seeks to deal with the wonder and lostness of the space age; in the complexities of change, in the joy and sorrow of the life in the inner city crossroads." ('The New Wilderness' - 1968 Gen. Conf. Drama). This church has a rich heritage and within its life span has seen the seeds of faith that bring constant renewal, with a fruition of the branching of sixty-four Beaumont area Methodist churches. (CORNERSTONES, a History of Beaumont & Methodism).

The third page was dedicated to the program of the day by noteworthy speakers, and included Estelle Pipkin Kennedy, Great Granddaughter of John Fletcher Pipkin, who was there for the 'Acceptance of the Marker'.

The fourth page - Official Texas Historical Marker, Jefferson County, 7/6/73, located at Calder at Willow. A continuation of IH-10 West becomes 'Willow' in Downtown Beaumont, (one block North of the Main Post office). The historical marker itself, is very large with the State of Texas emblem at the top of it and it says (circling it) STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY COMMITTEE. The contents of the engraving is as follows -

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BEAUMONT

IN 1839, METHODIST MISSIONARY SAMUEL A. WILLIAMS(1810-66), CONDUCTED FIRST RELIGIOUS SERVICE IN BEAUMONT, FOLLOWED IN 1840 BY ANOTHER METHODIST MINISTER, HENRY STEPHENSON (1772-1841), ORGANIZER OF FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH IN TEXAS (McMAHAN'S CHAPEL NEAR SAN AUGUSTINE IN 1834). EARLY CONGREGATIONS MET UNDER BRUSH ARBORS, IN HOMES, AND IN A FRAME SCHOOLHOUSE, AND LISTENED TO SERMONS OF ITINERANT RIDERS OF THE "ALLIGATOR CIRCUIT" - AS THE MINISTRY CALLED THIS RIVER AND BAYOU REGION. JOHN FLETCHER PIPKIN (1809-90), A LAY PREACHER FROM JUST ACROSS THE NECHES RIVER, BEGAN HOLDING REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES IN BEAUMONT IN 1852, AND TOOK UP PERMANENT RESIDENCE HERE IN 1859. DURING THE LONG INTERVALS BETWEEN VISITS OF THE CIRCUIT RIDERS, HE PERFORMED MARRIAGE AND FUNERAL SERVICES FOR ALL FAITHS. THE SCHOOLHOUSE - CHURCH BUILDING, DESTROYED IN AN 1865 HURRICANE, WAS NOT REPLACED, DUE TO LACK OF MONEY IN THE POST-CIVIL WAR PERIOD, UNTIL 1877, WHEN METHODISTS AND BAPTISTS POOLED RESOURCES TO ERECT A COMMON CHURCH, IN 1885, THE BAPTISTS RELOCATED AND SOLD THEIR INTEREST IN THE STRUCTURE TO THE METHODISTS. IN 1890, A STEEPLED CHURCH WAS CONSTRUCTED, WHICH WAS REPLACED BY A DOOMED BUILDING IN 1907. THE PRESENT SIERD EDIFICE WAS CONSECRATED IN 1968. (1973)

As a finalization at the bottom of page four is this beautiful quotation -

*"God of grace and God of glory
on thy people pour they power-
Crown thine ancient church's story
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour-."*

1840 Conecuh Co, AL, census, p. 271:

1 male 5 & under 10 - unknown
 1 male 30 & under 40 - John Fletcher PIPKIN - in wrong age bracket
 1 female 5 & under 10 - Mary Sue KENDALL - d/o Caroline
 1 female 20 & under 30 - Caroline "SMITH" KENDALL - 1st w/o John, d. before 1844
 4 slaves - 3 in household engaged in agriculture.

28 NOV 1850 Marion Township, Ouachita County, AR, census, Page 1, #4/#4:

John F. PIPKIN, 38, b. GA - M E Minister
 Amelia "" 29 GA - Amelia "RABB"-RABB - 2nd w/o John
 William "" 9 AL - he was really Amelia's son from previous marriage to William RABB; d. in the Fall of 1909 in Beaumont, TX. His full name was William Pendleton RABB - thus he was not a s/o John Fletcher PIPKIN.
 Leanna C. "" 4 AR - ca. 1846
 Alex "" 1 AR - 1849
 Sarah SHARP 17 GA - unknown to me
 [John's youngest brother, Daniel Griffin PIPKIN, lived right next door.]

28 JUN 1860 Beaumont Town, P. O. Duncan's Ward, Orange Co, TX, census, p. 38, #236/#236:

| | |
|----------------|---|
| John | PIPKIN, age 49, b. SC, value \$30,000. - farmer |
| Amelia | " " 36 GA - housekeeper |
| Leonola C. | " " 13 AR |
| A. B. | " " 11 AR |
| T. M. | " " 9 AR |
| Margaret A. C. | " " 6 TX |
| S. W. | " " 2 TX |

There is a notation in the writings that says that Rev. PIPKIN was one of the biggest slave owners in the county. He raised corn, cotton & potatoes.

John Fletcher PIPKIN m.(3) Miss Mattie B. "SPENCER" on 7 JUL 1867; he d. 28 OCT 1890 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. He & Mattie raised all of John's children, as well as 3 of their own children. Mattie d. 9 OCT 1912 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, & is buried in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. [I could not locate them in any 1880 census.]

30 JUN 1870 Beaumont, P. O. Box Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, p. 548B:

| | |
|------------|--|
| F. E. | PIPKIN, age 56, b. SC, Real \$520./Personal \$2650. - Minister |
| Mattie B. | " " 30 MS - keeping house - his 3 rd wife |
| C. Willow | " " 15 TX - at home - [Seawillow] |
| Stephen W. | " " 12 TX |
| Beauregard | " " 9 TX |

Children of John Fletcher PIPKIN and Mrs. Caroline Ann "SMITH"-KENDALL:

1. Mary Susan Caroline PIPKIN, b. 30 MAY 1840/1839 in Evergreen, Conecuh Co, AL. She later lived with her Uncle Mallard PIPKIN. Mary Sue m. Rev. William Ceiton YOUNG, a Methodist Minister, on 15 OCT 1867, & soon there after moved to Dallas, Dallas Co, TX. He was b. 7 AUG 1827 in Canton, Trigg Co, KY, d. 21 MAR 1921 in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX, & buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX. Because of the 1880 census, it is apparent that he had previously been married. Mary d. 14 DEC 1903 in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX, & was buried in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX, location of her burial has not been mentioned. [Their own descendants state that he was buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Dallas. I have no idea which is correct.] As a possible matter of interest, I found that Rev. William re-married ca 1908 to Nancy M. _____.

22 SEP 1870 Precinct 1, Dallas County, TX, census, p. 242 & 243:

| | |
|------------|--|
| William | YOUNG, age 43, b. KY - Minster - value \$5000/\$1200 |
| Mary S. C. | " " 31 AL |
| Melesia F. | " " 10 LA - by his 1 st wife |
| Mary S. | " " 8 AR - by his 1 st wife |
| John M. R. | " " 5 AR - by his 1 st wife |
| Lalla | " " 3/12 TX - twin |
| Lilly | " " 3/12 TX - twin |
| A. B. | PIPKIN 21 AR - personal value \$100.00 |

A. B. PIPKIN is Mary's half-brother, Alexander Bruce. [He also was listed in the census with his half-brother, John G. PIPKIN on 30 SEP 1870, listed below. All 3 had the same father, but not the same mother.]

1880 Dallas, Dallas Co, TX, census, Sheet 98B:

| | |
|--------|--|
| W. C. | YOUNG, age 56, b. KY, father b. KY, mother b. KY - farmer & minister |
| M. S. | " " 40 AL AL SC |
| Alma | " " 19 LA KY AL - by his 1 st wife |
| Lula | " " 16 AR KY AL - by his 1 st wife |
| John | " " 15 AR KY AL - by his 1 st wife |
| Lila | " " 9 TX KY AL - their daughter |
| Leonor | " " 7 TX KY AL - their daughter |
| Louise | " " 5 TX KY AL - their daughter |
| W. C. | " " 8 mo TX KY AL - their son |
| Hannah | MOSELY 22 TX VA VA - cooks & washes |

2 JUN 1900 Justice Precinct #7, Dallas Co, TX, census, ED 144, Sheet 2B, #41/#42:

Wm. C. YOUNG, age 72, AUG 1827, b. KY, father b. KY, mother b. KY
Mary S. C. "" 61 MAY 1839 AL GA SC
Wm. C. "" (Jr) ?? ??? ????? TX KY AL

1st names of 3 farm laborers were listed. William was a farmer. William Jr was a civil engineer. Unfortunately his age & when born was blank. The descendants say that Mary was born in MAY of 1840. I have no way of knowing which is correct.

1910 Justice Precinct 7, Dallas Co, TX, census, ED 73, Sheet 14A, #252/#265:

William C. YOUNG, age 82, b. KY, father b. KY, mother b. KY
Nancy M. "" 65 IL TN NC
William FLEMING 19 TX TX IL - grandson

They stated that they had been married for 2 years.

[I would have to assume this was Nancy's grandson, not William's, because it is stated that his mother was b. in IL.]

Children:

1. Lala YOUNG, b. ca 1871 in TX, a twin, apparently d. a young infant.
2. Lilly or Lila YOUNG, b. ca 1871 in TX, a twin.
3. Leanor YOUNG, b. ca 1873 in TX.
4. Louise YOUNG, b. 1875 in TX.
5. William Ceiton YOUNG Jr, b. 27 SEP 1879 in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX, d. 11 MAR 1965 in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX, m. on 20 MAY 1902 in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX, to Rosella Pearl "CASKEY", called Pearl, b. 14 SEP 1886 in Burden, Cowley Co, KS, d. 23 DEC 1971 in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX.

25 APR 1930 Dallas City, Dallas Co, TX, census, ED57-420, Sheet 67A, #852/#940:

William E.? YOUNG, age 50, b. TX, father b. KY, mother b. AL
Pearl "" 43 KS PA PA
Alma P. "" 19 TX TX KS - male

William was 22 & Pearl was 15 years old when they married. [I could not 'see' what his profession was. Very poor handwriting. I was unable to locate this family in earlier census.]

Children: [They may have had older children.]

1. Alma P. YOUNG, b. ca 1911 in TX.
2. Harmon Hill YOUNG, called Harmon, b. 31 OCT 1924 in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX, d. 30 DEC 1957 in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX, m. on 17 AUG 1923 in Royse City, Rockwall, Dallas Co, TX, to Julia Margaret "LANE", b. 16 MAY 1909 in Grandview, Johnson Co, TX, d. 7 AUG 1971 in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX.

16 APR 1930 Dallas City, Dallas Co, TX, census, ED 57-41, Sheet 23A, #22/#33:

Harmon H. YOUNG, age 25, b. TX, father b. TX, mother b. KS
Julia M. "" 21 TX NC TX
Harrell L. "" 1 TX TX TX

Harmon was a railroad switchman. He was 18 & she was 15 when they married.

Children:

1. Harold L. YOUNG, b. ca 1929 in TX, m. _____ "_____".

Children:

1. Living YOUNG, gender unknown.
2. John Godboldt PIPKIN, b. 25 OCT 1841 in Evergreen, Conecuh Co, AL. He lived with his Uncle Mallard for a while, as well as his mother's son, Tillman KENDALL, by a previous marriage. John Godboldt PIPKIN (as J. G. PIPKIN) was a confederate soldier in the Civil War. *Texas Confederate Civil War Records* state that he was a Private, enlisted 4 MAY 1861 at Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, in *Capt Joseph HEBERT's Jefferson County Mounted Rangers*. He was also a *Corporal in Company E, Terry's 8th Texas Cavalry, formerly 1st Texas Rangers & 8th Texas Rangers*. There was a *Pension Application #46933* for John & another for his widow #51907, both applications were from Randall Co, TX. He m. Florence "EDMINSTON" on 9 AUG 1865 in Jefferson Co, TX. John d. 9 JUN

1876, buried in the *Pioneer Memorial Cemetery* in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX, although his tombstone, as extracted by the DAR of Dallas says 27 OCT 1841 - 17 FEB 1871, which are incorrect according to his descendants. Those are the dates of their son, meaning that the recorder mixed their dates used in the cemetery survey & he was their only son.

30 SEP 1870 Precinct 1, Dallas Town, Dallas Co, TX, census, p. 265, line 8:

| | |
|----------|------------------------------|
| John | PIPKIN, age 28, LA? - farmer |
| Florence | " " 25 TX |
| Cary | " " 5/12 TX |
| Bruce | " " 26? LA? |

[I have a feeling that Florence gave out the census information. Bruce aged 5 years in just a matter of a few years & listed as b. in LA, altho he was b. in AR, as well as his father. These things do happen in census. Alexander Bruce was John Godboldt's half-brother.]

Children:

1. Cary Kendall PIPKIN, b. 9 DEC 1869 in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX, d. 17 JUL 1871, less than 2 years old, buried in the *Pioneer Memorial Cemetery* in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX.

Children of John Fletcher PIPKIN and Amelia Charlotte "RABB"-RABB PIPKIN:

1. James Bascom PIPKIN, b. 18 JUL 1845 near Camden, Ouachita Co, AR, d. 26 APR 1846, died in infancy near Camden, Ouachita Co, AR.
2. Charlotte LeAnna PIPKIN, called Nora Lee, b. 18 APR 1847 near Camden, Ouachita Co, AR, d. 16 APR 1875 in Houston, Harris Co, TX, & was buried in Houston, Harris Co, TX, m. on 21 OCT 1865 to Dr. Noah Gillium HALTOM, b. 3 OCT 1829 in Mifflin, Madison Co, TN, d. ca 1878 in TX. She lived on Cypress Street in her father's home (which was also the post office) in Beaumont in 1860 & was postmistress. She put 'Beaumont 1860' on letters in lieu of stamps. In her day there were no stamps & she would, in pen, indicate the amount of postage paid on the few letters that went out the little center that was then Beaumont. She apparently was the post-mistress throughout the Civil War. [I was unable to locate them in any 1870 census although I tried all 3 choices of surname spelling.]

Children:

1. Seawillow HALTOM, nothing more is apparently known.
3. Alexander Bruce PIPKIN, called Bruce, b. 25 AUG 1849 in Camden, Ouachita Co, AR, d. 7 NOV 1928 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, of pneumonia, buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery*, Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. Josephine "BARROW" on 16 NOV 1871 in Turtle Bayou, Chambers Co, TX, d/o Benjamin BARROW & Permelia "WHITE", d/o Taylor WHITE of Chambers Co, TX. Josephine was b. 17 JAN 1849 in Turtle Bayou, Chambers Co, TX, d. 2 JAN 1929 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery*, Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. On Alexander's *Death Certificate* it states that his profession was as a cattleman.

Texas Land Patents for Alexander Bruce PIPKIN in Jefferson County:

29 DEC 1898, Patent 323 - 640 acres - unfortunately, no land descriptions.
3 JAN 1899, Patent 324 - 640 acres
24 OCT 1899, Patent 192 - 49 acres
8 AUG 1901, Patent 119 - 640 acres
8 AUG 1901, Patent 120 - 640 acres
8 AUG 1901, Patent 121 - 640 acres
29 AUG 1901, Patent 226 - 480 acres
11 OCT 1901, Patent 506 - 480 acres

The 1870 Dallas Co, TX, census shows that he was living with his oldest half-sister, Mary S. C., her husband William C. YOUNG & family, also his half-brother John Godboldt a few days later. [Refer above.]

1880 Chambers Co, TX, census:

| | |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| A. B. | PIPKIN, age 30, b. TX |
| Josephine | " " 30 TX |
| Benjamin T. | " " 7 TX |
| Mary A. | " " 5 TX |
| John M. | " " 3 TX |

Cary " 6/12 TX

Children:

1. Benjamin Theodore PIPKIN (Sr), called Ben & Bennie, b. 18 AUG 1872 in Anahauc, Chambers Co, TX, d. 16 JUN 1922 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, at the age of 49, m. Aline Hettie Estelle "WILBER" on 26 OCT 1904 in Hamshire, Jefferson Co, TX, b. 28 DEC 1872 in Harvey Co, KS, d. 28 OCT 1959 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, at age 86. They are both buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. She was a d/o James Alonzo WILBER & Alice Annette "FILE". Ben was a cattle farmer & was the *Jefferson County District Clerk* at the time of his death. [I could not locate them in the 1920 census.]

16 APR 1910 Precinct 1, Beaumont City, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 80, Sheet 3B, #76/#51:

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| Ben T. | PIPKIN, | age 37, | b. TX, | father b, TX, | mother b. TX |
| Estelle | " | 37 | KS | IL | IL |
| Bruce W. | " | 3 | TX | TX | KS |
| Alice E. | " | 5/12 | TX | TX | KS |
| Alice A. WILBUR | | 59 | AR | NC | TN - widow |

Ben was a District Clerk. They had been married for 6 years & had 2 children, 2 children living. Alice WILBUR was Estelle's mother.

3 APR 1930 Ward 2, Beaumont City, Salina Pass, Jefferson Co, TX census, ED 128-27, Sheet 3A, #37/#50:

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|--------|---------------|----------------------|------------|
| Estelle H. PIPKIN, | age 57, | b. KS, | father b. IL, | mother b. IL - widow | |
| Bruce | " | 22 | TX | TX | KS |
| Estelle | " | 20 | TX | TX | KS |
| Ben Ab | " | 19 | TX | TX | KS |
| Alice A. WILBER | | 79 | IL | NC | TN - widow |

Estelle's value was \$8,000.00 & she owned her home. Bruce worked in a garage. Estelle was a typist in an office. Alice WILBUR was mother of Estelle.

Children:

1. Bruce Wilber PIPKIN, b. 16 JUN 1907 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, d. 18 OCT 1980 in Hamshire, Jefferson Co, TX, at the age of 52, m. 25 JAN 1932 in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, LA, to Mrs. Aline Marie "MANARD"-ACKELL, called Marie, b. 22 OCT 1912, d. 13 JAN 1998, both are buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery*, Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. He was a rice farmer, cattleman rancher & manager of the *Coastal Cattle Sales Ring* in Beaumont.

Children:

1. Bennie Marie PIPKIN, b. 6 SEP 1935 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. JUN 1953 to (1) Jesse R. WHITMAN in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. They divorced 27 OCT 1966 in Jefferson Co, TX.

Children:

1. Rebecca Marie WHITMAN, b. 15 MAY 1954 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, d. 24 FEB 1959 as a result of a tragic automobile accident in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX.
2. Josh Pipkin WHITMAN, b. 6 APR 1962 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX.
Bennie Marie m. (2) Donald DENTON in 1968 & they lived in Hamshire, Jefferson Co, TX, near Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. He adopted Josh after their marriage.
2. Bruce Manard PIPKIN, called Bo, b. 12 DEC 1936 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. 27 JUL 1966 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, to Kathryn Elaine "McBRIDE" of Port Neches, Jefferson Co, TX. Kathryn was b. 25 OCT 1936 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. They live on the *Pipkin Ranch* at Big Hill in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX.
[Kathryn has been the provider of a lot of the genealogy in regard to the descendency of John Fletcher PIPKIN and it is gratefully appreciated.] <Katpip@aol.com>

Children:

1. Bruce Fletcher PIPKIN, called Fletcher, b. 19 FEB 1968 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX.
2. Grayson Eden PIPKIN, b. 17 NOV 1969 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. Kimberly Irene "SEAMAN" in Winnie, Chambers Co, TX.

Children:

1. Madelyn Eden PIPKIN, b. 7 AUG 1997.
2. Alice Estelle PIPKIN, called Estelle, b. 14 NOV 1909 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, d. OCT 1986 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. on JUN 1936 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, to Herman Edwin KENNEDY, b. 10 SEP 1903, d. NOV 1969 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. In 1977 Estelle had open heart surgery to correct a breathing problem. They lived in a town house.

Children:

1. Sara Lee KENNEDY, b. 3 APR 1938 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. Charles Allen STONEKING in 1956, divorced in SEP 1957.

Children:

1. Jed Kennedy STONEKING, b. 11 FEB 1957. He was adopted by his mother's 2nd husband in 1964 & his surname was changed to LOW.

Sara Lee m. (2) Donald Richard LOW in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. They now live in San Antonio, San Antonio Co, TX.

Children:

1. Jay Donald LOW, b. 10 AUG 1962 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX.
2. Benjamin Daniel LOW, b. 30 JUL 1964 in Uvalde, Uvalde Co, TX.

2. Alice Kay KENNEDY, b. 2 JUN 1941 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. Nicky J. HUESTIS in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX on 3 FEB 1963. They live in Corpus Christi, Bexar Co, TX.

Children:

1. Holly Lee HUESTIS, b. 7 FEB 1964 in Austin, Travis Co, TX

3. Bennie Theodore PIPKIN Jr, b. 22 JAN 1911 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. Joyce "COATES" in 1948 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, where they live. He is with the refinery in Beaumont.

2. Mary Amelia PIPKIN, b. 1 MAY 1874 in Anahuac, Chambers Co, TX, d. 8 MAY 1956 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, at the age of 82, buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. in ca 1915 to Fred WILLIAMS, dec'd. They had lived in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. [I could not find them in the 1920 & 1930 census.]

Children:

1. Mary Louise Josephine WILLIAMS, called Mary Jo, b. 13 JUN 1916, m. ca 1938 to Alonzo CRAFT. They live in Orange, Orange Co, TX.

Children:

1. Alonzo Kimball CRAFT, b. 22 JUN 1916 in Orange, Orange Co, TX, m. Kimmy Kyle "GUTTERIDGE" on 3 SEP 1963 in Orange, Orange Co, TX.

Children:

1. Alonzo Kemble CRAFT Jr, b. 16 DEC 1965 in Orange, Orange Co, TX.
2. Amy Kathleen CRAFT, b. 26 May 1968 in Orange, Orange Co, TX, m. Ellen "WHITTAKER" on 19 DEC 1970 in Orange, Orange Co, TX.

2. George Pipkin CRAFT, b. 14 FEB 1943 in Orange, Orange Co, TX.

3. John Monroe PIPKIN, b. 18 JUL 1877 in Anahuac, Chambers Co, TX, d. 1 JAN 1922 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. ca 1909 to Lulu "BLAKE", b. ca 1877 in KS. A few years after his death, it has been said that Lulu moved to Houston, Harris Co, TX, although it appears that it had to have been after 1930. [His tombstone says he d. 11 JAN 1921, which is said to be an error per kin.]

25 APR 1910 Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 89, Sheet 4A, #56/
#56:

| | |
|--------|---|
| Monroe | PIPKIN, age 32, b. TX, father b. --, mother b. TX |
| Lula | " " 32 KS IN MO |

Monroe was a rice farmer. They had only been m. for 1 year. They had 4 boarders who worked on the rice farm. No children. Everyone listed on Sheet 4A were rice farmers so they apparently lived around a lot of water.

15 JAN 1920 Justice Precinct 1, Beaumont City, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 94, Sheet 18B, #338/523:

| | |
|-----------|--|
| John M. | PIPKIN, age 42, b. TX, father US, mother US - refinery |
| Lulu | " " 39 KS IN MO |
| Judson J. | BLAKE 75 IN NY IN - father-in-law |
| Emma | " " 61 MO TN TN - mother-in-law |

[They had a boarder but I can not read his name.]

10 APR 1930 Ward 2, Beaumont City, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 123-27, #146/#144:

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| Lulla B. | PIPKIN, age 48, b. KS, father b. IN, mother b. MO - widow |
| Emma | BLAKE 70 MO TN TN - widow |

Lulu's value was \$45.00.

Children:

1. Infant PIPKIN, gender not known, died in infancy.
4. Cary Bruce PIPKIN, b. ca 1880 in Anahuac, Chambers Co, TX, died as a child after 1887, per kin.
5. Nora Lee PIPKIN, b. 20 DEC 1888 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, d. 20 JAN 1907 in Jefferson Co, TX, at the age of 19, never married, buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX.
6. Pearl PIPKIN, b. 15 AUG 1890, d. 16 JAN 1975 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. She never married & would never tell her age, but she d. at age 85 & is buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX.
4. Theodore Moffett PIPKIN, b. 18 NOV 1851 in Camden, Ouachita Co, AR, d. 7 FEB 1928, at the age of approximately 78 in Houston, Harris Co, TX, also buried in Houston, Harris Co, TX, but the cemetery has not been mentioned. [Could never locate him in any census as an adult.]
5. Margaret Ann Seawillow PIPKIN, b. 11 OCT 1854 in Orange Co, TX, m. Little Berry WELLS on 22 NOV 1883 in Caldwell Co, TX. She d. 30 MAY 1912 in Caldwell Co, TX. Little Berry was b. 22 NOV 1853 in Panola Co, MS, d. 20 JAN 1900 in Caldwell Co, TX, both buried in the *Wells Cemetery* in Caldwell Co, TX. [Seawillow was blessed with several different birth dates by the time I typed all the various articles at hand, as well as the 'event' of her birth.]

A newspaper clipping of unknown date from Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, explained how she obtained the name of 'Seawillow' -
It says "Parson PIPKIN and his family were caught in a gulf storm that threatened to destroy them all, and when the raft on which they were trying to get to higher ground caught in a clump of willow trees and held them securely against the tempest and the angry water for 4 days, the Parson felt that the safety was due to God's answer to his pray for help, and he named the daughter who was born a few days later 'Seawillow'..."

There is another story about the same incident - "In the days of the Civil War, John Fletcher PIPKIN lived across the Neches River in Orange Co, known as Duncan Wood. He heard there was a storm and so he had a raft made for his slaves and his wife who was pregnant at the time. The raft was tied to several trees in the river. Apparently the wind was so strong that the raft broke loose from the trees. In order to save the family, the slaves formed a human chair from a willow tree to the raft. That night the baby was born and named after the willow tree and the sea."

The following is contained in the publication *Caldwell County [TX] Kin: The First 150 Years* - of which I have in my own personal collection because my husband's ancestors lived in Caldwell County. I found her by total accident!

Wells Newsletter dated SEP 1999 by Sally HALL - Little Berry WELLS was the son of Samuel Lumpkin WELLS and Eliza Bennett "McGINTY", the 7th of 11 known children. He was born in 1853 in Panola Co, MS. As indicated by Texas census records, the family came to TX between 1859 and 1864 and settled near relatives in Caldwell Co.

Seawillow PIPKIN was the daughter of Rev. John Fletcher PIPKIN and his second wife, Mrs. Amelia RABB. Her father coined the word, Seawillow, on 22 OCT 1855, when he named his daughter. That day there was a disastrous flood in Beaumont, TX. Reverend PIPKIN, his pregnant wife, and some family slaves were swept along on a barge. Just before the birth of his daughter, a human chain was formed by the slaves to fasten the barge to a willow tree. He looked up through the willow tree and gave thanks to god for the safe delivery of his baby in the midst of the flood water, thus the name, Seawillow.

Seawillow Margaret Ann "PIPKIN" came to Luling, TX, to teach school. She met L. Berry WELLS, and they were married 22 NOV 1883. They settled near his parents on a farm close to Plum Creek, about six miles southeast of Lockhart, TX. A small community grew there which included stores, a school, a church, and an arbor. Berry WELLS suggested that his wife's name be used as the name of the town, so Seawillow, Caldwell Co, TX, was born. Seawillow and Berry had one son and five daughters. They were: Bozie B., 10/22 OCT 1884/6 APR 1956 married Annie BLUNDEL; Seawillow Lemon, 22 FEB 1886/7 JUL 1927 married Newton BRIGHT [Waco, TX]; Bessie Mae, 10 DEC 1888/18 JAN 1929 married Thomas HELLUMS; Johnnie B., 28 NOV 1889/13 SEP 1939 married Sam McMAHAM; Frances 19 DEC 1891/23 NOV 1980 married Robert (Bob) JOLLEY; and Mary Lucile, 7 SEP 1894/9 SEP 1895.

Berry died 20 JAN 1900 and Seawillow d. 30 MAY 1912. They are buried in the Wells Cemetery with their child, Mary Lucile.

This information is based on material received from Stevie WELLS, Dorothy BALLARD, and Plum Creek Almanac, Spring 1988, article, Seawillow - Genesis of a Name, by Patsy PATTON. Little Berry's father had bought land near the Seawillow community which was named after his son Little Berry's wife, Seawillow PIPKIN WELLS. One acre of this land on County Road 200 was designated as a family cemetery, currently known as the Wells Cemetery. The cemetery is described as being about 200 yards south of the Lipscomb's egg houses. On Samuel Lumpkin WELL's property, later a steel bridge was built across Plum Creek. The bridge was called the Tabor Bridge.

A tradition that began when Seawillow was named continues today. This name has been given to the following descendants: Seawillow Lemon (WELLS) BRIGHT, daughter; Seawillow (McMAHAN) BURKE, granddaughter; Margaret Seawillow (HELLUMS) McGRATH, granddaughter; Seawillow (McGRATH) FARRAR, g-granddaughter; and Keley Seawillow KAGENS, g-g-granddaughter.

It seems that only families who were just friends of the PIPKINS or WELLS have named their children this colorful name also. On 36 AUG 1901, Manley and Josie WHITE of Tilmon named their daughter, Seawillow. She tells how her parents and their three daughters, Pearl, Edna and herself would come to Seawillow from Tilmon by wagon to visit their friends, Henry and Kathleen CALLIHAN and Berry and Seawillow

WELLS. When Seawillow WHITE was a teenager the highlight of one of these visits was a fourth of July picnic at the Arbor.

A friend of hers came with her for this very special event where the girls dressed up to impress the boys. Seawillow owned only two hats so she wore one of them and her friend wore the other. In the middle of the celebration there was a heavy rain storm which soaked the girls causing their hats to fall apart but not before the faded color streaked down their faces. They ran all the way back to the CALLIHAN's in embarrassment because the boys laughed at them. Now she no longer owned even one decent hat for dress-up. Seawillow married Fred GILLIS, Pearl married Jeff HUDDLESTON, and Edna married Ruffus BOZARTH.

Seawillow CALLIHAN, born in 1881 and died in 1906, is buried in the Lockhart City Cemetery beside Wilbur F. CALLIHAN, born 15 AUG 1858 and died 7 OCT 1892. This Seawillow was the daughter of Wilbur F. CALLIHAN and 'Jeffie' "WELLS", sister-in-law of Margaret Ann Seawillow "PIPKIN" WELLS.

I received the following from Jane MINNICK, a descendant of William CALLIHAN and Mary Anna "PIPKIN" CALLIHAN, Mary Anna being an aunt to John Fletcher PIPKIN, father of Seawillow "PIPKIN" WELLS - Excerpts from *Wells Cemetery Association Newsletters*:

August 1990 - Descendent of Littleberry and Seawillow Pipkin Wells, Dorothy Ballard, and her husband were here in the fall and her brother, Steve Wells, at the May meeting.

March 1992 - William Wells and Nancy Sams - The Wells Cemetery is named for Samuel Lumpkin Wells who came to Texas from Mississippi in 1852. Others of this family also came and settled nearby. Their common ancestor was William Wells, father of Samuel. William was married to Nancy Sams in Orange County, Virginia on 31 November 1801. Nancy Sams was the daughter of John B. Sams and Mary Bledsoe. The Bledsoe-Brockman line is fully documented and goes back to 1150 where John Brockman was awarded a Coat of Arms with a Crusaders Cross for assisting in the recovery of the Holy Grail Supulcher in Jerusalem in 1150.

William Wells was documented in Virginia but further information about him was not been found. William and Nancy Wells were the parents of four known children:

(1) Joseph W. Wells 1810-1868 m. 9/14/1831 Eliza B. Wright. Eliza was the daughter of Michael Wright and Mirian Clay.

(2) Walker T. Brockman Wells 1815-1879 m. Sarah Waters Wright. Sarah was the daughter of James Butler Wright and Lucy Waters.

(3) Samuel Lumpkin Wells 1818-1878 m. Eliza B. McGinty. Eliza was the daughter of Alexander McGinty and Elizabeth Wright.

This information is from Jerry Leach, a descendent of Walter T. and Sarah Wells. Her work in tying together the Wells/McGinty/Wright families is invaluable. She lists these books as sources on these families:

The Sams Family History by Dr. Crawford G. Sams.

Bledsoe Family by John T. Bledsoe.

Records of Southwest Texas by Goodspeed.

A Twig in the McGinty Family Tree by G. W. McGinty.

The descendents of William and Nancy Wells in Texas are numerous and we hope that many of them will be present for our formal cemetery dedication. (Note: Fourth child not listed in the article above.)

Lockhart Post-Register, 100th Anniversary Edition, November 29, 1972, Page 11 - Communities Have Colorful Names

SEAWILLOW - Perhaps the community with the most romantic story behind its name is Seawillow. The late Seawillow Wells was born during a flood at Beaumont on a raft. Her father, who was a minister, named the child Seawillow as a thanks offering to God-family slaves managed to secure the

raft carrying his laboring wife under a strong willow tree and it was there that the baby girl entered the world in 1848.

This young girl, who had managed to make such a dramatic entrance into the world, married and came to Caldwell County with her husband after the Civil War. They settled on a farm in the area where Seawillow now is - and as a community of houses grew into a small town with two or three businesses, Mr. Wells suggested his wife's name for the name of the community.

Mr. Wells ran a store on the south side of the Lockhart square until around 1910, where he and his partner Mr. Bozarth, sold general merchandise and dry goods. The Wells are survived by their daughter, Mrs. Frances Wells Jolley, of Waco, Texas, and she says the name Seawillow is a family tradition, in addition to being a place name in Caldwell County. The third Seawillow lives in Waco today and the Wells-Jolley family is hoping for another girl to be born who will inherit both the name and family tradition.

Historical Caldwell County Where Roots Intertwine of 1984 - states that Mr. WELLS ran a General Mercantile Store with Mr. BOZARTH on the south side of the Lockhart square. A 2nd school built in Seawillow community was simply called *Seawillow School*, built around 1911. It was two stories with the high school being taught upstairs. A part of the duties of the upperclass students was to help teach the primary pupils. One of the trustees was Henry CALLIHAN.

Children:

1. Bozie/Bozzie B. WELLS, b. 22 OCT 1884 in Seawillow, Caldwell Co, TX, d. 6 APR 1956 in TX, m. on 27 MAY 1905 to Annie "BLUNDELL", b. 27 APR 1885 in TX, d. 11 APR 1956 in TX, both buried in the *Jeffery Cemetery*, McMahan, Caldwell Co, TX.

7 MAY 1910 East Half of Precinct 4, Caldwell Co, TX, census, ED 27, Sheet 14-B, #240/#240:

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|-------------------|---|
| Bozie B. | WELLS, age 25, b. TX, father b. MS, mother b. TX - farmer |
| Annie | " " 25 TX TX TX |
| Berry | " " 3 TX TX TX |
| Lucile | " " ?/12 TX TX TX |
| John E. HENDERSON | 45 LA AL AL - cousin |

They had been married for 5 years, had 2 children, 2 children living. John E. HENDERSON was a PIPKIN-CALLIHAN descendant.

5 FEB 1920 Justice Precinct 5, Lytton Springs, Caldwell Co, TX, census, ED 16, Sheet 17B, #309/#332:

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|----------|---|
| Bozie B. | WELLS, age 35, b. TX, father b. TX, mother b. TX - farmer |
| Annie | " " 34 TX TX TX |
| Berry | " " 13 TX TX TX |
| Lucille | " " 11 1/12 TX TX TX |
| Bruce | " " 9 3/12 TX TX TX |
| Holton | " " 6+ TX TX TX |
| Dorothy | " " 3 7/12 TX TX TX |

28 APR 1930 Justice Precinct 1, Lytton Springs, Caldwell Co, TX, census, ED 28-17, Sheet 31B, #279/#402:

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|------------|--|
| Bozie B. | WELLS, age 45, b. TX, father b. TX, mother b. TX |
| Annie | " " 45 TX TX TX |
| Lucille | " " 21 TX TX TX |
| Bruce | " " 19 TX TX TX |
| Bozie Jr | " " 16 TX TX TX |
| Dorothy L. | " " 12 TX TX TX |
| Wallace | " " 10 TX TX TX |
| Jack | " " 5 TX TX TX |

Bozie stated that he worked in the oil field. They were both 19 years old when they married.

Children:

1. Berry WELLS, b. ca 1907 in Caldwell Co, TX.
 2. Lucille WELLS, b. ca 1911 in Caldwell Co, TX.
 3. Bruce WELLS, b. ca. 1920 in Lytton Springs, Caldwell Co, TX.
 4. Bozie Holton WELLS, b. ca. 1924 in Lytton Springs, Caldwell Co, TX.
 5. Dorothy L. WELLS, b. ca 1918 in Lytton Springs, Caldwell Co, TX
 6. Jack WELLS, b. ca 1925 in Lytton Springs, Caldwell Co, TX.
2. Seawillow Lemon WELLS, b. 22 FEB 1886 in Seawillow, Caldwell Co, TX, d. 7 JUL 1927 in Caldwell Co, TX, m. Miles Newton BRIGHT, called Newt, ca 1909, b. 22 JAN 1880, in Caldwell Co, TX, d. 29 NOV 1915, both buried in the *Jeffrey Cemetery*, McMahan, Caldwell Co, TX. There are descendants of Seawillow & Miles living in Waco, McClennan Co, TX.

7 MAY 1910 Justice Precinct 7, Caldwell Co, TX, census, ED 35, Sheet 12B,, #223/#227:

Miles N. BRIGHT, age 29, b. TX, father b. AL, mother b. AL - farmer
Seawillow L. " " 23 TX TX TX
Berenia M. " " 2/12 TX TX TX
They had been married for 3 years, had 1 child, 1 child living.

Children:

1. Berenia M. BRIGHT, b. ca 1910 in Caldwell Co, TX.
2. Seawillow BRIGHT, m. (1) _____ McMAHAN, m. (2) _____ BURKE.
3. Bessie Mae WELLS, b. 10 DEC 1888 in Seawillow, Caldwell Co, TX, d. 18 JAN 1929 in Smithville, Bastrop Co, TX, m. Thomas Rutherford HELLUMS, called Kenney, b. 6 FEB 1869 in TX, d. 6 JUL 1956 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX, s/o James Pruett HELLUMS, Sr & Mary Bizer "RICE". Both are buried in the *Jeffrey Cemetery*, McMahan, Caldwell Co, TX. [Could not locate in census.]

Children:

1. Margaret Ann Seawillow HELLUMS, m. _____ McGRATH.
Children: [probably more children.]
 1. Margaret Ann Seawillow McGRATH, m. _____ FARRAR.

Jamie MORMINO lives in Waco, McClennan Co, TX is said to be a descendant of Margaret Ann Seawillow "McGRATH" FARRAR. I did e-mail her in August, 2003, but she has failed to respond. <Jmor2092@aol.com>

Kelly Seawillow KAGENS is a gggranddaughter to this same Seawillow, but I have no way to contact her.

2. Name unknown HELLUMS, gender unknown.
3. Name unknown HELLUMS, gender unknown.
4. Johnnie Bell WELLS, b. 28 NOV 1889 in Seawillow, Caldwell Co, TX, d. 13 SEP 1939 in TX, m. Sam F. McMAHAN, b. 12 OCT 1881, d. 11 APR 1965, both are buried in the *Jeffrey Cemetery*, McMahan, Caldwell Co, TX. [Unable to locate in census.]
5. Frances Pearl WELLS, called Pearl, b. 19 DEC 1891 in Seawillow, Caldwell Co, TX, d. 23 NOV 1980 in Waco, McLennan Co, TX, m. Robert W. JOLLEY, called Bob & they lived in Waco, McLennan Co, TX. [Could not locate them in census.] [It was mention that Pearl later m. (2) Jeff HUDDLESTON, but I can not prove that to be true or false at this time.]
6. Mary Lucile WELLS, b. 7 SEP 1894 in Seawillow, Caldwell Co, TX, d. 9 SEP 1895, a wee baby, buried in the *Wells Cemetery* in Caldwell Co, TX.
6. Stephen Walker PIPKIN, called Steve, b. 26 AUG 1858 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, d. 30 APR 1944 in TX, buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery*, Jefferson Co, TX, m. (1) Eugenia Hortense "BARROW" on 18 DEC 1877, [of Chambers Co, TX,] in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, b. 11 NOV 1860 in Chambers Co, TX, d. AUG 1884 in Chambers Co, TX. It is stated that he became a very wealthy man. He was an original owner of the *Pipkin Ranch*, then known as the *Salt Bayou Pasture Company*. He worked with his father in the family sawmill until it burned down. After a period of work in a shingle mill, he started rice

farming & raising cattle. He was one of the successful producers in the 1901 Beaumont oil boom & was *President of Paraffine Oil Co. of Beaumont* until 1912. He was *Tax Assessor for Jefferson County* for years & was *Director of the American National Bank of Beaumont*. Later he was Vice-President of the same bank. Numerous news articles were written about him. In one he was called the *Grand Old Man of Beaumont* & his memory was perpetuated in Beaumont by the naming of a park as *Pipkin Park* in his honor.

Excerpt from the *Beaumont Enterprise* in 1942 about the life of Stephen Walker PIPKIN, speaking of John Fletcher PIPKIN, his father:

"He was born in South Carolina. He found himself, Bible and saddlebag, in the wave of immigration moving restlessly westward and southward. North Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, his family growing, his Bible's covers worn thin, but always and always preaching the gospel - a positive gospel. Finally Texas, and his mind made up that he could no longer ride preaching circuits and hold distant camp meetings unless he could provide for his family.

For some years he was the only minister in the toytown of Beaumont in the sixties. He was both minister and priest. He married the protestant and frequently the catholic. His was the only church. He buried both with his deeply consoling words and prayers." He must have been truly a great man of his day and would have been a power today. We say this if, for no other reason, than because his son reverts his memory deeply. For a moment Steve took the interview into his own hands. "Now don't say that I'm a cattleman. They often do that. I'm just an old mill laborer. Wasn't a foreman but once - just a plain hand." [Steve was a plain man, but a wise one - according to Steve's sister, Margaret Ann Seawillow "PIPKIN" GRAY.

1880 Chambers Co, TX, census:

| | |
|------------|-----------------------|
| Steven W. | PIPKIN, age 21, b. TX |
| Eugenia H. | " 19 TX |
| Jean | " 1 TX - son |

Stephen m. before the 1920 census to (2) Mary E. "BARROW" called Mary, b. 9 JAN 1871 in Turtle Bayou, Chambers Co, TX, d. 25 JUL 1952, buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. She was a niece of Eugenia Hortense "BARROW" PIPKIN [who was Stephen's 1st wife] & a d/o Benjamin F. BARROW & Sarah Ann "MIDDLETON".

4 JUN 1900 Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 33, Sheet 6B, #112/#118:

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|------------|--|
| S. W. | PIPKIN, age 41, AUG 1858, b. TX, father b. GA?, mother b. AL |
| Mrs M. P?. | " 29 JAN 1871 TX TX TX |
| EJgean? | " 20 JUN 1879 TX TX TX |
| Johnny | " 18 DEC 1881 TX TX TX |
| Mrs M. B. | " 64 APR 1838 MS Maine GA |

They had 2 servants. Stephen was a tax assessor. Mrs M. B. was listed as 'mother', being Mattie B. "SPENCER"-PIPKIN, his step-mother.

23 APR 1910 Ward 3, Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED79, Sheet 15A, #744/#746:

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|--------------------|---|
| Stephen W. PIPKIN, | age 51, b. TX, father b. SC, mother b. AL |
| Marrie | " 38 TX TX TX |
| Jean | " 30 TX TX TX |
| John | " 27 TX TX TX |
| Maine R. | " 26 TX TX TX |
| Mattie B. | " 72 MS Maine |

Jean stated he was divorced & he was a rice farmer. John was an undertaker. Stephen was president & general manager of an oil & equipment company & he lived next door to his brother, Lewis Beauregard.

16 JAN 1920 Justice Precinct 1, Beaumont City, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED94, Sheet 20B, #367/#553:

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|---------|--|
| Steve | PIPKIN, age 61, b. TX, father b. SC?, mother b. AL |
| Marrie | "" 49 TX TX TX |
| John F. | "" 38 TX TX TX |
| Marrie | "" 36 TX TX TX - w/o J. F. |

Steven stated that he was Vice President of the National Bank. His son, John Fletcher stated that he was a dealer in livestock. He lived next door to his brother Lewis Beauregard.

3 APR 1930 Ward 2, Beaumont City, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 27 Sheet 3B, #39/#52:

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|---------|---|
| Stephen | PIPKIN, age 71, b. TX, father b. AL, mother b. AL |
| Mary E. | "" 59 TX TX TX |
| John | "" 41? TX TX TX - stepson???? |
| Blewett | "" 41 TX TX TX - w/o John |

Stephen was retired, John stated that he was a cattleman. It is stated that Stephen was 19 when he got married & Mary E. "BLEWETT" was 24?

Children:

1. Eugene Gordon PIPKIN, called Jean, b. 18 JUN 1879 in Chambers Co, TX, d. 29 NOV 1947 at the age of 68 in the *Edson Hotel* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. (1) May "DAVIS", thought to have may have been a d/o Seth DAVIS, they were not married very long & had no children. Jean m. ca 1904 in New York State to (2) Elizabeth Adele "PAULDING", called Dell, b. ca 1887, later divorced, & they had no children. She was still living when he died.

11 APR 1930 Part of Ward 1, Beaumont City, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 123-14, Sheet 12A, #235/#261:

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|--------------|---|
| Jean | PIPKIN, age 50, b. TX, father b. TX, mother b. TX |
| Elizabeth A. | "" 43 NY NY NY |

Jean stated that he was a stockman of cattle. He apparently had no financial worth. He stated that he was 21 & Elizabeth stated that she was 17 years old when they married. [Information given in the census does not match what I was told, so make your own choice.]

2. John Fletcher PIPKIN, called John, b. 1 DEC 1881, in Turtle Bayou, Chambers Co, TX, d. 21 JAN 1963 [per tombstone] in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. Manie "BLEWETT", b. 9 NOV 1893, d. 23 APR 1968 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, both buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. He was a dealer in livestock. They had no children. John Fletcher & his wife were living with his father in the 1920 & 1930 census.

The following was written about John Fletcher PIPKIN during a time when he was still living, by Alice Estelle "PIPKIN" KENNEDY:

He is a wonderful person. He is a cattleman and land owner. He was a business man having been in the undertaking business here in Beaumont, but he spends his time now attending to his cattle and land. He and my grandfather started the livery and undertaking business here back in about 1903 when oil was discovered on Spindeltop Hill. He loves the country and cattle and riding the range, although he doesn't ride much now. He is a busy man with all his interests but he always has time for anyone who needs him. He has been a mainstay in our family through the years and his father before him, Uncle Stephen Walker Pipkin. I've heard always about what a good man the first John Fletcher was and am sure he was a fine person - so is my Cousin John. He is a 'gentleman of the old school'. He and his wife, Manie Blewett Pipkin, live in the old home on Frederick Street here in Beaumont where his father lived before him, and I believe his father's father also. I know John Fletcher's last wife lived and died there. Cousin John has no children, and his brother Jean also had no children, so he is the last of the Stephen Walker branch. Cousin John's father and my father's father were brothers, and their mothers were sisters, so my father and Cousin John were double first cousins. Uncle Steve and Cousin John have been

heavenly good to our family through the years. Two of my father's sisters are still living - they live down the street from us in Grandfather's old home - and we live around the corner from Cousin John, and the Beauregard Pipkin home is next door to Cousin John - all in the old part of Beaumont. Cousin John is as concerned about my aunt's welfare as we are. I could go on and on about him. He is a fine, kind, generous, understand, loveable person.

16 JAN 1920 Justice Precinct 1, Beaumont City, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED94, Sheet 20B, #367/#553:

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|----------|--|
| Steve | PIPKIN, age 61, b. TX, father b. SC?, mother b. AL |
| Marrie | " " 49 TX TX TX |
| *John F. | " " 38 TX TX TX |
| *Manie | " " 36 TX TX TX |

Steven stated that he was Vice President of the National Bank. His son, John Fletcher stated that he was a dealer in livestock.

3 APR 1930 Ward 2, Beaumont City, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 27 Sheet 3B, #39/#52:

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|----------|---|
| Stephen | PIPKIN, age 71, b. TX, father b. AL, mother b. AL |
| Mary E. | " " 59 TX TX TX |
| *John | " " 41? TX TX TX |
| *Blewett | " " 41 TX TX TX |

Stephen was retired, John stated that he was a cattleman. It is stated that Stephen was 19 when he got married & Mary E. was 24? Stephen WAS 19 when he got married the 1st time!

7. Lewis Beauregard PIPKIN, (Sr), b. 7 AUG 1862 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, d. 20 MAY 1945 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, at the age of 74, buried in *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. He & his family are buried in a separate plot in the same cemetery than the other families of his father's. He was a lumberman & was Secretary-Treasurer of the *Nona Mills Company* in Beaumont. He m. (1) Kate Sayre "WILBARGER", of Bastrop, Bastrop Co, TX, b. 4 DEC 1869, d. 12 JAN 1908 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. They had no children. Lewis Beauregard PIPKIN, (Sr), m. (2) Leila Tatum "HALL", b. in Salado, Bell Co, TX, on 19 DEC 1879, d. 26 MAR 1957 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. Leila was the mother of all of his children.

Texas Land Patents for Lewis B. PIPKIN:

11 OCT 1893, Patent 265 - 34.50 acres in Jasper District, Jasper Co. from J. J. CAPLEY
 15 FEB 1895, Patent 459 - 51 acres in Jefferson; Liberty Dist, Hardin Co. from J. V. DAVIS
 2 APR 1895, Patent 197 - 566 acres in Jefferson; Liberty Dist, Hardin Co. from Jno. M. SWISHER.
 3 JAN 1898, Patent 325 - 640 acres in Jefferson District, Jefferson Co.
 3 JAN 1899, Patent 326 - 640 acres in Jefferson District, Jefferson Co.
 3 JAN 1899, Patent 328 - 640 acres in Jefferson District, Jefferson Co.
 29 AUG 1901, Patent 225 - 571.68 acres in Jefferson District, Jefferson Co
 29 AUG 1901, Patent 227 - 571.68 acres in Jefferson District, Jefferson Co
 11 OCT 1901, Patent 505 - 640 acres in Jefferson District, Jefferson Co.
 18 JUN 1906, Patent 44 - 168.50 acres in Jefferson District, Jefferson Co.
 [I have no way of knowing if all of this is for the one & same Lewis Beauregard PIPKIN, s/o John Fletcher PIPKIN, or not, but I do feel that it is.]

9 JUN 1880 Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 40, p. 19, #140/#145:

[Living with the family of W. P. RABB.]

L. B. PIPKIN, age 18, b. TX, father b. SC, mother b. SC - clerk in store He was referred to as a brother within this family. [William Pendleton RABB was the only child of his mother's 1st marriage. Then she m. John Fletcher PIPKIN & they were the parents of Lewis Beauregard PIPKIN. So the 2 boys were raise together as children & did consider themselves as full brothers.]

6 JUN 1900, Beaumont, Ward 2, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 33, Sheet 10B & 12A, #210/#225:

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|----------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| L. B. | PIPKIN, | age 37, | AUG 1862, | b. TX, | father b. IN, | mother b. AL |
| K. S. | " | 30 | DEC 1869 | TX | IN | IN |
| Roger | " | 8 | MAR 1892 | TX | TX | TX |
| Fayette | " | 7 | AUG 1897 | TX | TX | TX |
| Dorothy | " | 4 | OCT 1895 | TX | TX | TX |
| Lewis B. | " Jr | 6/12 | NOV 1999 | TX | TX | TX |

L. B. & K. S. had been married for 10 years, they had 4 children, all 4 are still living. I was unable to read L. B. PIPKIN's occupation. W. B. RABB, Lewis' half-brother did not live very far away, listed on the same page.

[Most of the birth months & dates listed are incorrect according to information provided me that came straight out of the family Bible.]

25 APR 1910 Ward 3, Beaumont, Jefferson Co. TX, census, ED 79, Sheet 15A, #745/#747:

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|----------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|---------------------------|--|
| Lewis B. | PIPKIN, | age 48, | b. TX, | father b. SC, | mother b. SC | |
| Leila | " | 30 | TX | AL | TX - 2 nd wife | |
| Roger W. | " | 17 | TX | TX | TX | |
| Fayett | " | 15 | TX | TX | TX | |
| Dorothy | " | 14 | TX | TX | TX | |
| Lewis B. | " Jr | 10 | TX | TX | TX | |

Lewis stated this was his 2nd marriage, Leila's 1st marriage & she never had children. Lewis was Sec/Treas of a lumber yard. Roger was a farm operator. Fayette was a clerk in a lumber yard. They had 2 servants. Lewis' brother, Stephen Warner & family lived next door.

16 JAN 1920 Justice Precint 1, Beaumont City, ward 3, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 94, Sheet 20A, #366/#57:

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|-----------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|--------------|--|
| Lewis B. | PIPKIN, | age 58, | b. TX, | father b. NC, | mother b. AL | |
| Leila | " | 40 | TX | AL | TX | |
| Lewis B. | " Jr | 20 | TX | TX | TX | |
| Seawillow | " | 8 | TX | TX | TX | |

Lewis was an advertising manager for a dry good store. Lewis B. Jr was a manufacturing 'something' - can t read it. They lived next door to Stephen Warner.

16 JAN 1930 Justice Precinct 1, Beaumont City, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 94, Sheet 20B, #367/#553:

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|-----------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|---------------------------|--|
| Lewis B. | PIPKIN, | age 68, | b. TX, | father b. AL, | mother b. AL | |
| Leinla | " | 48 | TX | AL | TX - 2 nd wife | |
| Louis Jr. | " | 30 | TX | TX | TX | |
| Seawillow | " | 18 | TX | TX | TX | |

Lewis stated that he was a Sec-Treas of a lumber company. His worth was listed as \$20,000.00. Lewis Jr stated that he was a land surveyor.

Children:

1. Roger Wilbarger PIPKIN, I, b. 22 MAR 1892 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, d. 10 MAY 1928 at the age of 36 years, in Lubbock, Lubbock Co, TX, although he was buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. on 5 MAR 1917 to Elizabeth "CHANCE", called Bess, in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX.

2 APR 1930 Ward 1, Beaumont City, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 123-15, Sheet 5A & 5B, #139/#132:

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|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|------------------------|--|
| Bess | PIPKIN, | age 34, | b. TX, | father b. MS, | mother b. GA - widowed | |
| Roger | " | 11 | TX | TX | TX | |
| Lynn | " | 9 | TX | TX | TX | |
| Ronnie | MILES | 40 | TX | TX | GA - servant | |
| Natukda | DAVIS | 31 | LA | LA | LA - servant | |

Bess stated that her worth was \$7,800.00

Children:

1. Roger Wilbarger PIPKIN, Jr, b. 17 SEP 1918 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, d. 4 JUL 1969 at the age of 51, in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. Jane "EVANS" in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. They lived in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX.

Children:

1. John S. PIPKIN, lived in Houston, Harris Co, TX.
2. Roger Wilbarger PIPKIN, III, m. _____ "_____".
Children: [only know one that was mentioned.]
 1. Roger Wilbarger PIPKIN, IV.
3. Lynn PIPKIN, (listed as male).
4. Steve PIPKIN.

[This following article involves John S. PIPKIN, his brother, Roger Wilbarger PIPKIN, III, and his nephew, Roger Wilbarger PIPKIN, IV. They were in hot trouble for 'alleged' bank fraud. Unfortunately, I do not have any forgoing newspaper articles made available to me to inform us of the final outcome of this very serious charge against them, and other leading citizens of Houston.] It is as follows:

It would have been some time in the 1980's - newspaper unknown - FEDERAL JUDGE FREEZES DEPOSITS IN ALLEGED SOUTH TEXAS BANK FRAUD - NEITHER THE HOUSES NOR THE UNDERLYING MORTGAGE TRANSACTIONS ACTUALLY EXISTED - HOUSTON - A federal judge has agreed to freeze up to \$14 million in South Texas bank deposits after allegations that officials from five Houston and Corpus Christi firms conspired to commit mortgage fraud against a New York lender. U. S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt signed an order Friday taking control of deposits on two accounts held in the Bank of Robstown by Mortgage CreditCorp Inc. of Corpus Christi.

Pioneer Commercial Funding Corp has alleged officials from CreditCorp Inc. and from two other firms in Corpus Christi and two in Houston credited phony documents to obtain illegal loans from Pioneer. Pioneer, a 'warehouse lender' advances funds to mortgage companies, which lend them in turn to home buyers. To obtain funds, a mortgage company sends Pioneer a package that includes the home buyer's credit application, promissory note, deed of trust, property appraisal, title policy commitment and proof of insurance. The lawsuit says Pioneer agreed to provide Mortgage CreditCorp up to \$35 million for such loans, but sometime in 1989, the defendants began creating packages including 'fictitious deeds of trust, counterfeit title commitments, fraudulent credit applications, phone appraisals and bogus insurance policies'.

The lawsuit accuses the defendants of racketeering, which allows the court to award triple damages if proven. Pioneer is seeking \$14 million in actual damages and \$42 million in punitive damages. Other firms in Corpus Christi involved in the suit are The Cartwright Group Inc and First State Investors Inc., while those in Houston are Beau-Bay Development Corp. and C&P Realty. The lawsuit says William J. Cartwright Sr., President and majority owner of the Corpus Christi firms and the lead defendant, and 18 others conspired to buy more than 90 vacant lots at foreclosure sales at low prices.

The firms then transferred the property titles - most of them in Houston's Runningback subdivision - to Beau-Bay and C&P Realty, the suit says. Fraudulent packages for a number of fictitious buyers were prepared by other defendants, who presented them to Pioneer, according to Steven Zager, Pioneer's attorney. "Neither the houses nor the underlying mortgage transactions actually existed," the lawsuit says. It says Pioneer lost at least \$14 million as a result. Zager said Pioneer will go after any funds held by any of the defendants, but knows only of the two accounts in Robstown. The Houston defendants are John S. Pipkin, an officer and majority stockholder in Beau-Bay Development Corporation here; his brother Roger W. Pipkin III and his son Roger W. Pipkin IV, both officers and stockholders in the company; and three persons employed by C&P Realty here, attorney Robert L. Vickers, real estate appraiser Steven F. Thomas and Kelly Alan Wohlers.

2. Lynn Gilbert PIPKIN, b. 4 SEP 1920 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. He was killed 19 FEB 1944 at the age of only 24 years, in an air-plane crash on the West coast during WWII. He was a Navy pilot & was unmarried.
2. Fayette Fletcher PIPKIN, b. 23 AUG 1893 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, d. 4 JAN 1966 at the age of 73, in Fort Worth, Tarrant Co, TX, buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery* in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. on 24 SEP 1914 to Marie Oecilia "BLANCHETTE" in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, b. 1 JUL 1896, d. FEB 1979 in Fort Worth, Tarrant Co, TX. She is also buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery*. He was with the *Humble Oil Company*.

21 APR 1930 Part of Ward 3, Beaumont Town, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 123-38, Sheet 1A, #3/#3:

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|------------|---------|-----|-----|----|-----|--------|----|-----|--------|----|----|
| Fayette F. | PIPKIN, | age | 36, | b. | TX, | father | b. | TX, | mother | b. | TX |
| Marie | " | 33 | | | TX | | | TX | | | TX |
| Katherine | " | 14 | | | TX | | | TX | | | TX |
| Fayette Jr | " | 10 | | | TX | | | TX | | | TX |

They also had 2 lodgers but could not read their names. Fayette said that he was an advertising salesman & his worth was listed as \$5,000.00. Fayette was 21 & Marie was 18 when they were married.

Children:

1. Hattie Katherine PIPKIN, b. 1 JAN 1916 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, m. in North Hollywood, CA, on 17 JUN 1941 to Paul James THOMPSON, b. 23 JUL 1912. They lived in Long Island, Garden City, New York, New York.

Children:

1. Barbara Ann THOMPSON, b. 12 NOV 1943 in Baltimore, MD, to Richard CLEARY.
2. Faye Hilda THOMPSON, b. 1 MAR 1946 in Fort Worth, Tarrant Co, TX, m. Russell MADIGAN.
3. Peter Fletcher THOMPSON, b. 31 AUG 1953 in Garden City, New York, New York.
3. Dorothy PIPKIN, b. 1 NOV 1895 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, d. APR 1976 in Orange, Orange Co, TX, m. (1) Dr. J. F. WEISENBERGER, then divorced prior to 1930, m. (2) John ANGER, b. 22 OCT 1901, d. JAN 1967 in Orange, Orange Co, TX.

14 APR 1930 Part of Ward 3, Beaumont City, Jefferson Co, TX, census, ED 123-43, Sheet 23A, #468/#491:

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|---------|--------|-----|-----|----|-----|--------|----|-----|--------|----|----|
| John W. | ANGER, | age | 29, | b. | ??, | father | b. | ??, | mother | b. | LA |
| Dorothy | " | 34 | | | TX | | | TX | | | TX |

John stated that he was a salesman, but I could not read of 'what'. His value was listed as \$40.00.

Children:

1. John Pipkin ANGER.
2. Fayette Fletcher ANGER.
4. Lewis Beauregard PIPKIN, Jr, b. 1 OCT 1899 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, d. 20 MAY 1935 at the young age of 36 years, in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, buried in the *Magnolia Cemetery*, Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX. His occupation was as a land surveyor & a cattleman. He never married.
5. Seawillow PIPKIN, b. 18 DEC 1911 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, d. 4 JUN 1991, 'probably' in Thibodeaux, Assumption Parish, LA, m. Julius Ralph GRAY on 26 MAY 1935 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, now deceased. They lived at 117 Goode Street, Thibodeaux, Assumption Parish, LA. [There was considerable letter writing between her & Col. Philip PIPKIN & she is the one that ended up with a copy of the letter written about the announcement of the death of the wife of John Fletcher PIPKIN, who died after 24 days of a very severe illness.]

[In one of her letters she said she was the 'original' Seawillow, but that is not true, & she was born much later than the 'original' Seawillow who was a d/o John Fletcher PIPKIN & was born during the gulf storm.] The 'original' Margaret Ann Seawillow ended up in Caldwell Co, TX, m. to Mr. WELLS, thus she was misinformed. I do believe that towards the end of the correspondence, she realized the mistake that she

made by saying she was the 'original' Seawillow. She said the following about her father, Lewis Beauregard PIPKIN - "He was, I am sure, the kindest gentleman and the very best man that ever lived and I wouldn't have missed being his daughter for any thing in this world."

Children:

1. Ralph Lewis GRAY, b. 5 FEB 1936 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, unmarried. He lives in Morgan City, St. Mary Parish, LA.
2. John Stephen Beauregard GRAY, b. 9 JAN 1943 in New Orleans, New Orleans Parish, LA, m. Cathy Ann "SMITH". They live in New Orleans Parish, LA.

Children:

1. John Stephen Gray, Jr, b. 30 MAY 1965 in Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA.

Children of John Fletcher PIPKIN (Sr) & Mattie B. "SPENCER":

1. Florence Emma PIPKIN, b. 5 NOV 1873 in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, d. 5 NOV 1873, buried in Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, 'probably' buried in the Magnolia Cemetery, Beaumont, Jefferson Co, TX, as a newly born baby.

There was considerable census information that I was unable to obtain on the descendants of John Fletcher PIPKIN, but I did the best that I could do.

Kathryn PIPKIN obtain all cemetery information on the family of John Fletcher PIPKIN & I will be forever grateful for all of the help that she so graciously extended to me in every way, many newspaper articles, including considerable information on his descendency that I would not have been able to learn otherwise. I found her information to be very reliable.

5. Margaret PIPKIN, b. 1812 in Pulaski Co, GA, m. ca 1832, in Darlington District, SC, to Thomas Glenn WRIGHT, called Glenn, b. 1810 in SC. She apparently had gone back on a visit to possibly see Sophia "PIPKIN" HARRELL. Her parents were living with them in 1850. It is 'assume' that both Glenn & Margaret died sometime after the 1860 census in Taylor Township, Columbia Co, AR. A quote from the *Lucie Clift Price Collections* in reference to Thomas Glenn WRIGHT - "As good a man as ever God made." Unfortunately nothing else is known about Margaret and Glenn.

Land Deeds of Thomas G. WRIGHT in Ouachita Co, AR:

#2377 of 1 MAR 1855, Twp 13S, Range 18W, E1/2NW of Section 32 - 80 acres
#4413 of 11 JUL 1857, Twp 13S, Range 18W, W1/2NW of Section 32 & SESE of Section 31 - 120 acres

This land was in Bragg Township, Ouachita Co, AR, near the border of Liberty Township. In 1850 WRIGHT lived in Liberty Township & at that time the family was attending the *Two Bayou Methodist Church* in Two Bayou. In 1860 the family was living in Taylor Township, Columbia (now Nevada) County. He was a farmer.

1840 Butler Co, AL, census, page 159:

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 male under 5 | - William | WRIGHT |
| 1 male under 5 | - Joseph | WRIGHT |
| 1 male under 5 | - John | WRIGHT |
| 1 male 5 & under 10 | - Stephen | WRIGHT |
| 1 male 20 & under 30 | - Thomas Glenn | WRIGHT |
| 1 female 20 & under 30 | - Margaret | "PIPKIN" - w/o Thomas Glenn |

28 DEC 1850, Liberty Township, Ouachita County, AR, census, p. 77, #74/#74:

[Thomas was listed as head of the house, but possibly out of respect Rev. Lewis PIPKIN and Pheraby "BEASLEY" PIPKIN were listed first.]

| | | |
|----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Lewis | PIPKIN, 70, | b. NC - E.M. Minister - [1780] |
| Faribra | " " | 67 SC - [1783] |
| G. T. | WRIGHT 40 | SC - [1810] - Thomas Glenn WRIGHT |
| Margrett | " " | 38 GA - [1812] |
| Stephen | " " | 16 AL - [1834] |
| John | " " | 14 AL - [1836] |

Joseph "" 11 AL - [1839]
 William "" 9 AL - [1841]
 Madison "" 4 AR - [1846]
 Martha "" 2 AR - [1848]

He was listed as a farmer with no slaves.

6 JUN 1860, Taylor Twp, P. O. LEAKE's Store, Columbia Co, AR, census, p. 229:

Thomas WRIGHT, 50, b. SC - [1810] - farmer
 Margarate "" 49 GA - [1811]
 Stephan "" 26 AL - [1834] - laborer
 John "" 24 AL - [1836] - laborer
 Joseph "" 21 AL - [1839]
 William "" 18 AL - [1842] - in school
 Madison "" 12 AL - [1848] - in school
 Amanda "" 7? AR - [1853] - in school
 Molsey "" 65 NC - [1795] - widow
 Samuel BANKS 23 SC - [1837] - school teacher

Thomas' real estate value \$2,212.00/personal estate value \$3,000.00. He was not listed with any slaves. Molsey, the widow, may have been Thomas' mother, I have no way of knowing.

Children of Margaret "PIPKIN" and Thomas Glenn WRIGHT were:

[NOTE: A Ms. Jean CHANEY, b. 23 JUN 1933, d. 27 DEC 1998 in Bossier City, LA, was a descendant of one of the children listed below but I have no other helpful information. Possibly some day I may learn more & will know where to properly place her.]

1. Stephen Wesley WRIGHT, called Stephen, b. 25 DEC 1833 in Conecuh Co, AL, d. in Nevada Co, AR, on 12 AUG 1911 at the age of 77, m. 20 DEC 1865 in Columbia Co, AR, to Ann Agnes "MOODY", called Agnes, b. 10 JUN 1842 in AL, d. 19 JUL 1924 in Nevada Co, AR, both are buried in the *Glenville Cemetery*, in Glenville, Nevada Co, AR. I do have his tombstone photo & it verifies his birth date & death date. She was a d/o Riley MOODY, b. 1801, d. 1889, & Sallie "HOLLINSWORTH", b. 1802, d. 1898, both MOODY parents were buried in the *Mt. Vernon Cemetery*, later to be called the *Glenville Cemetery*. He was a *Justice of the Peace*.

Stephen was in the *Civil War* as a Private in the Confederacy in *Company 'I', 37th Ark Infantry*. He enlisted as S. W. WRIGHT. His brother John Calaway WRIGHT was also in *Company 'I' 37th Arkansas Infantry*.

5 JUL 1870 P. O. Bell's Store, Taylor Twp, Columbia Co, AR, census, p. 13, #87/#91:

Stephen WRIGHT, age 37, b. AL, value #3000./\$1000. - farmer
 Annie "" 37 AL
 Idel "" 3 AL
 Pearl "" 2 AL
 Thomas "" 2/12 AR

10 JUN 1880, Taylor Twp, Nevada Co, AR, p. 562B, #151/#150:

S. W. WRIGHT, age 43, b. AL, father b. SC, mother b. AL - farmer
 Ann A. "" 37 AL GA GA
 Rena I. "" 13 AR AL AL - at school
 Pearl C. "" 12 AR AL AL - at school
 Thomas R. "" 10 AR AL AL - at school
 Joel S. "" 7 AR AL AL - at home
 Oliver B. "" 9 AR AL AL - at home
 Marvin B. "" 9 AR AL AL - at home
 Amanda "" 24 AL SC GA - sister
 Jere ROGERS 78 SC (boarder) SC SC - Minister

8 JUN 1900 Taylor Twp, Nevada Co, AR, census, ER 77, Sheet 17A, #279/#280:
 [Listed at the bottom of sheet & cannot read all of the information.]

Stephen WRIGHT, age 53?, b. DEC _____?????
 Ann "" 37????????????????????
 Ollie "" 24 AUG 1875, b. AR, father b. AL, mother b. AL
 Ruby E. "" 15 JAN 1885 AR AL AL
 Ollie & Ruby were listed on Sheet 17B. Ollie was a farm laborer.

28 APR 1910 Taylor Twp, Willisville Village, Glenville Road, Nevada Co, AR, census, ED 109, Sheet 10A, #174/#174:

| | | | | | |
|-----------|---------|----------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| Ollie B. | WRIGHT, | age 34?, | b. AR, | father b. AL, | mother b. AR |
| *Steve W. | " | 76 | AL | US? | US? - father |
| Sarah | MOODY | 66 | AR | US? | US? - aunt |

Ollie was a general farmer & single. I assume that Sarah MOODY is a sister of Ollie's mother.

I cannot locate Steven's wife in the 1910 census, but she was still living.
Children:

1. Rena Idella WRIGHT, called Idell, b. 24 SEP 1866 in Glenville, Columbia Co, AR, d. 22 DEC 1939 in Ouachita Co, AR, m. ca 1892 [per census] to Dr. Jacob Samuel THOMPSON, b. 14 JUN 1857 in AL, d. 11 JUL 1940, both are buried in the *Stephens Cemetery*, Stephens, Ouachita Co, AR. Idell was a school teacher. Dr. THOMPSON practiced medicine in Stephens, Ouachita Co, AR, for 47 years. This was the 2nd marriage for Dr. THOMPSON. He had previously been married to Hester Elizabeth "BROWN", granddaughter of Daniel Webster PIPKIN & d/o Alexander BROWN & Mary "PIPKIN" - already from the PIPKIN circle.

20 JUN 1900 Smackover Twp, Ouachita Co, AR, census, ED 141, Sheet 19B, #227/#237:

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| Jacob S. THOMPSON, | JUN 1857, | 42, | b. TN, | father b. AL, | mother b. SC |
| Idell R. | " | SEP 1866, | 33 | AR | GA |
| Corie H. | " | NOV 1884, | 14 | AR | TN |
| Mary | " | SEP 1886, | 13 | AR | TN |

Jacob was a physician. They stated that they had been married for 8 years. The two daughters were Jacob's by his previous marriage.

18 APR 1910 Smackover Twp, Stephens Two, Ouachita Co, AR, census ED 124, Sheet 1B, #11/#11:

| | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| Jacob S. THOMPSON, | age 52, | b. TN, | father b. AL, | mother b. SC |
| Rena I. | " | 42 | AR | AR |
| Mary E. | " | 22 | AR | TN |
| Fern | " | 8 | AR | TN |

Jacob & Rena had been married for 18 years, Jacob m. two times, Rena m. 1 time. Rena stated that she had 2 children, 1 living. Mary E. was Jacob's daughter by his 1st marriage. Jacob was a physician in general practice. His daughter, Mary E. was a public school teacher.

2 JAN 1920 Smackover Twp, Stephens Town, Ouachita Co, AR, census, ED 150, Sheet 3A, #44/#23:

| | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| J. S. THOMPSON, | age 62, | b. AL, | father b. AL, | mother b. AL |
| Idell | " | 50 | AR | AL |
| Fern | " | 18 | AR | AL |
| Agness | WRIGHT | 77 | AL | GA |

Agness was Idell's mother. Jacob was a physician.

2 APR 1930 Smackover Twp, Stephens Town, Ouachita Co, AR, census, ED 52-22, Sheet 1A, #14/#15:

| | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| Jacob S. THOMPSON, | age 72, | b. TN, | father b. TN, | mother b. TN |
| Idell | " | 65 | AR | AR |

Jacob's value was listed as \$2500.00 & he stated that he was a medical doctor. He was 25 & Idell was 18 years old when they married. It appears that as they got older, they forgot where their parents were born.

Children:

1. Agnes THOMPSON, b. 18 JUL 1899 in AR, d. 11 APR 1900 in AR, buried in the *Glenville Cemetery*, Glenville, Nevada Co, AR.
2. Fern THOMPSON, b. 12 SEP 1901 in Stephens, Ouachita Co, AR, d. 24 FEB 1978 in Ft. Smith, Sebastian Co, AR, of a heart attack, m. Jeffery Kemp JOHNSON, b. 9 DEC 1894 in Fort Smith, Sebastian Co, AR, d. 22 JAN 1926 in Stephens, Ouachita Co, AR. [I can not locate Fern or Jeffery Kemp in any 1930 census so do not know if they were married at that time or not.]

Children:

1. Jacob Kemp JOHNSON, d. soon after birth.
 2. Jeffery Samuel JOHNSON, b. 22 JUL 1932 in Ft. Smith, Sebastian Co, AR, lived in Russellville, Pope Co, AR, in 1976.
 3. Carrie THOMPSON, m. _____ HAMMOND.
 4. Mary THOMPSON, m. _____ LEWIS.
 5. Samuel THOMPSON.
2. Pearl Camille WRIGHT, called Pearl, b. 14 NOV 1867 in Glenville, Columbia Co (later called Nevada Co), AR, d. 18 FEB 1963, m. on 21 DEC 1887 in Glenville, Nevada Co, AR, to Charles Thorn BLAKE, called Charlie, b. 29 AUG 1858 in Glenville, Columbia Co, AR (later called Nevada Co), d. 17 OCT 1896 in Nevada Co, AR. He was the s/o John Washington BLAKE & Harriet Jane "McCLURE". Charlie was a farmer. They are both buried together in the *Glenville Cemetery*, Nevada Co, AR. His stone is one of the old tall ones. In 1997 his stone was in a deplorable state & probably illegible now (2005).

14 JUN 1900, Leake Twp, Nevada Co, AR, census, ED 82, Sheet B39?, #153/#153:

| | |
|-------------|--|
| Pearl C. | BLAKE, age 32, NOV 1867, b. AR, father b. AL, mother b. SC |
| Lawrence W. | " " 9 JUL 1890 AR SC AL |
| Paul E. | " " 8 MAR 1894 AR SC AL |
| Lois | " " 6 DEC 1893 AR SC AL |

Pearl was a widow, had 5 children, 3 living. She owned her own farm.

16 APR 1910 Lamartine Twp, Waldo Town, Columbia Co, AR, ED 68, Sheet 2B?, #29/#33:

| | |
|-------------|--|
| Pearl | BLAKE, age 42, b. AR, father b. AL, mother b. AL |
| Lawrence W. | " " 19 AR AR AR |
| Hall T. | " " 18 AR AR AR - Paul E. |
| Lois | " " 16 AR AR AR |

Pearl was a widow, had 5 children, 3 living. Owned her own farm. The children are farm laborers.

3 JAN 1920 Lamartine Twp, Waldo Town, Columbia Co, AR, ED 82, Sheet 2A, #31/#31:

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Pearl | BLAKE, age 51, b. AR, father b. AL, mother b. AL - widow |
| Grady FINCHER | 25 AR AR AR - Son-I-Law |
| Lois | " " 26 AR AR AR |
| Paul BLAKE | 27 AR AR AR |

Grady, daughter Lois' husband, stated that he was a bookkeeper in a general store. Son, Paul, stated that he was an assistant cashier at the bank.

9 APR 1930 Lamartine Twp, Waldo Town, Columbia Co, AR, ED 14-14, Sheet 7B, #173/#187:

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|---|
| Grady L. FINCHER, age 36, b. TX, father b. AR, mother b. AR |
| Lois " " 36 AR US AR |
| Donald B. " " 1 6/12 AR TX AR |
| Gerald K. " " 5/12 AR TX TX |
| *Pearl BLAKE 60 AR US US |

Grady stated that he was a merchant at a general store. His value was listed as \$4000. They were both 21 years old when they married. Pearl was Lois' mother.

Children:

1. John McClure BLAKE, b. 1 FEB 1889 in Glenville, Nevada Co, AR, d. 28 MAR 1889, buried in the *Glenville Cemetery*, Glenville, Nevada Co, AR.
2. Lawrence Wright BLAKE, b. 26 JUL 1890 in Glenville, Nevada Co, AR, d. 11 JAN 1971 in Shreveport, Caddo Co, LA, m. 7 SEP 1924 to Cora "BANDY", b. ca 1902 in AR.

4 APR 1930 Red River Twp, Garland Town, Miller Co, AR, census, ED 46-19, Sheet 3B, #74/#79:

Lawrence BLAKE, age 39, b. AR, father b. AR, mother b. AR

Cora "" 28 AR AR AR
Dorothy Jane "" 3 3/12 AR AR AR
Lawrence stated his value was \$20.00. He rented his home. He was an agent for a railroad company. He was 34 & she was 23 when they married.

Children:

1. Bobby BLAKE.
2. Dorothy Jane BLAKE, called Jane, b. ca 1922. She had 3 children but her husband's name is unknown at this time.
3. Paul J. BLAKE, b. 20 MAR 1892 in Glenville, Nevada Co, AR, d. 12 AUG 1977 in Waldo, Columbia Co, AR, in a car accident, m. Opal E. "FINCHER", resided in Waldo. They had 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild. [They contributed information on the WRIGHT-BLAKE genealogy.] [Charlotte ART states that his name was Paul Ervin BLAKE.]

3 JAN 1920 Lamartine Twp, Waldo Town, Columbia Co, AR, census ED 82, Sheet 2A, #31/#31:

Pearl BLAKE, age 51, b. AR, father b. AL, mother b. AL - widow
Grady FINCHER 25 AR AR AR
Lois "" 26 AR AR AR
Paul BLAKE 27 AR AR AR

Grady, daughter Lois' husband, stated that he was a bookkeeper in a general store. Son, Paul, stated that he was an assistant cashier at the bank.

10 APR 1930 Lamartine Twp, Waldo Town, Columbia Co, AR, census, ED 14-14, Sheet 10A, #227/#241:

Paul J. BLAKE, age 38, b. AR, father b. AR, mother b. AR
Opal E. "" 31 AR AR AR
Martha J. "" 8 AR AR AR
Charles A. "" 2 6/12 AR AR AR

Paul was 28 & Opal was 21 years old when they married. Paul's value was \$4,000.00, owns home. He was a salesman for a hardware store.

Children:

1. Martha Jeanne BLAKE, b. ca 1922 in AR.
2. Charles Allen BLAKE, b. ca 1927 in AR.
4. Lois BLAKE, b. 15 DEC 1893 in Glenville, Nevada Co, AR, d. 17 DEC 1989 in Dumas, Desha Co, AR, m. ca 1914 to Grady Lee FINCHER, called Grady, b. 1893 in TX. Lois lived in Waldo, Lafayette Co, AR. They were living with her mother, Pearl, in the 1920 census. Grady d. much prior to Lois. [Lois contributed additional information.]

3 JAN 1920 Lamartine Twp, Waldo Town, Columbia Co, AR, ED 82, Sheet 2A, #31/#31:

Pearl BLAKE, age 51, b. AR, father b. AL, mother b. AL - widow
Grady FINCHER 25 AR AR AR
Lois "" 26 AR AR AR
Paul BLAKE 27 AR AR AR

Grady, daughter Lois' husband, stated that he was a bookkeeper in a general store. Son, Paul, stated that he was an assistant cashier at the bank.

9 APR 1930 Lamartine Twp, Waldo Town, Columbia Co, AR, ED 14-14, Sheet 7B, #173/#187:

Grady L. FINCHER, age 36, b. TX, father b. AR, mother b. AR
Lois "" 36 AR US AR
Donald B. "" 1 6/12 AR TX AR
Gerald K. "" 5/12 AR TX TX
*Pearl BLAKE 60 AR US US

Grady stated that he was a merchant at a general store. His value was listed as \$4000. They were both 21 years old when they married. Pearl was Lois' mother.

Children:

1. Donald Blake FINCHER, b. ca 1928 in AR, killed in Vietnam. He was in the Air Force. (A later notation stated that he was killed in Thailand at the age of 41, ca. 1969. His A-1 Skyraider crashed.)
 2. Gerald Kemp FINCHER, b. 1929 in AR, m. Julia "KEITH", he was a Methodist Minister in Mabelvale, Pulaski Co, AR.
 3. Grady Glenn FINCHER, called Glenn, was an Ear, Nose & Throat doctor in Fayetteville, Washington Co, AR.
 4. _____ FINCHER, a son.
 5. Walter Scott BLAKE, b. 20 AUG 1895 in Nevada Co, AR, d. 15 OCT 1896 in Nevada Co, AR, buried in the *Glenville Cemetery*, Glenville, Nevada Co, AR.
3. Thomas Riley WRIGHT, called Tom, b. 30 OCT 1869 in Glenville, Columbia Co (later called Nevada Co), AR, d. ca 1913 at the age of 44, m. Lula "Terry" of Prescott in 1901, [d/o George W. TERRY], b. ca 18600 in AR. Tom finished his education at the *University of Fayetteville*. He was the *Nevada County Court Clerk* for a while, the *Circuit Clerk of Nevada County* & cashier at the *Prescott Bank*. He was said to have been a very fine man. After Tom's death Lula m. (2) William E. STEPHENS, b. ca 1869 in TX. I do not know if they met prior to her move to Sulphur, Murray Co, OK, or not.

25/26 APR 1910 Missouri Twp, Prescott City, East Main Street, Nevada Co, AR, census, ED 105, Sheet 9B & 10A, #61/#63:

| | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Thomas R. WRIGHT, age 40, b. AR, father b. AL, mother b. AL | | | | |
| Loula P. " 40 AR GA LA | | | | |
| Thomas T. " 7 AR AR AR | | | | |
| Agnes " 5 AR AR AR | | | | |
| Ruby " 25 AR AL AL - sister | | | | |

They had been married for 8 years, had 2 children, 2 children living. Thomas was an assistant cashier in a bank, owned his own home. His sister was a saleslady in dry goods & she was single.

20 JAN 1920, Sulphur Town, Murray Co, OK, census, ED 94, Sheet 13A, #273/#279:

| | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| George W. TERRY, age 78, b. GA, father b. SC, mother b. SC - widower | | | | |
| W. E. STEPHEN, age 41, b. TX MS AL | | | | |
| *Lula " 41 AR GA AL | | | | |
| *Terry T. WRIGHT 17 AR GA AR | | | | |
| *Agnes " 13 AR AR AR | | | | |

Lula m. (2) W. E. STEPHENS after the death of her husband, Thomas R. WRIGHT. George W. TERRY is the father of Lula. Terry & Agnes are the children of Lula & Thomas R. WRIGHT. George W. TERRY was retired.

14 APR 1930 Leeper, Sulphur City, Ward 4, West 12th Street, Murray Co, OK, census, ED??, Sheet 11B, #247/#268:

| | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| William E. STEPHENS, age 58, b. TX, father b. US, mother b. US | | | | |
| Lula P. " 52 AR GA AL | | | | |
| George W. TERRY 88 GA AL SC | | | | |
| John B. WHITE 26 TX TX MO | | | | |
| Vida " 26 OK TX MO | | | | |

William said he was 36 & Lula was 24 when they married. There is no way. Neither one of them wanted it to be known they had been married twice. William's value was \$8,300.00, own his own home. He was a retail merchant in the grocery business. Vida was a d/o William's by his 1st marriage. John was a waiter in a café. Vida & John were newly-weds. George W. TERRY was f/o Lula.

Children:

1. Thomas Terry WRIGHT, called Terry, b. 1902, d. 17 SEP 1954 at the age of 52 in OK, m. Mary G. "_____", b. ca 1903 in MS. He was cashier & stock holder of the bank in Sulphur, Murray Co, OK, & active in church work. [It is unknown if they had children after the 1930 census.]

20 JAN 1920, Sulphur Town, Murray Co, OK, census, ED 94, Sheet 13A, #273/#279:

| | | | | |
|------------------|---------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| George W. TERRY, | age 78, | b. GA, | father b. SC, | mother b. SC |
| W. E. STEPHEN, | age 41, | b. TX, | MS | AL |
| Lula | " " | 41 | AR | GA |
| Terry T. WRIGHT | 17 | AR | GA | AR |
| Agnes | " " | 13 | AR | AR |

15 APR 1930 Leeper Twp, Sulphur Town, Ward 4, West 18th & Muskogee Ave, Murray Co, OK, census, ED 50-16, Sheet 10B, #255/#281:

| | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| Thomas T. WRIGHT, | age 27, | b. AR, | father b. AR, | mother b. AR |
| Mary G. | " " | 25 | MS | MS |

Terry's value was listed as \$27.00. He was 25 & she was 23 when they married. He stated that he was assistant cashier at a bank.

2. Agnes WRIGHT, b. ca 1907 in AR, now deceased.
4. Joseph Stephen WRIGHT, called Joe, b. 27 JUN 1872 in Glenville, Nevada Co, AR, d. OCT 1950 at age 78, m. ca 1917 to Ora B. "EADES", b. ca 1888 in AR, d. 13 DEC 1958 at age 70, d/o William Talmadge EADES & Fredonia Victoria "HAMMACK". Joe was a blacksmith shop owner.

8 JAN 1920 Magnolia Twp, Magnolia City, Monroe Street, Columbia Co, AR, census, ED 86, Sheet 4B, #43/#47:

| | | | | |
|----------------|---------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| Joe S. WRIGHT, | age 47, | b. AR, | father b. AR, | mother b. AR |
| Ora B. | " " | 31 | AR | AR |
| Carrie A. | " " | 10 | AR | AR |
| Clint K. | " " | 8 | AR | AR |
| Joel T. | " " | 4 1/12 | AR | AR |
| Amanda | " " | 2 8/12 | AR | AR |

Joe was owner of his own blacksmith shop.

2 APR 1930 Magnolia Twp, Columbia Co, AR, census, ED 14-22, Sheet 1A, #2/#2:

| | | | | |
|----------------|---------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| Joe S. WRIGHT, | age 57, | b. AR, | father b. TX, | mother b. AR |
| Ora B. | " " | 41 | AR | AR |
| Joel T. | " " | 14 | AR | AR |
| Amanda I. | " " | 12 | AR | AR |
| Marvin T. | " " | 5 | AR | AR |

Joe states that he has his own blacksmith shop. He was 35 & Ora was 21 when they married.

Children:

1. Carrie A. WRIGHT, b. ca 1910 in Magnolia, Columbia Co, AR.
 2. Clint Kelly WRIGHT, b. ca 1912 in Magnolia, Columbia Co, AR, deceased by 1980.
 3. Joel T. WRIGHT, b. 1 NOV 1915 in Magnolia, Columbia Co, AR, d. 29 SEP 1990 in Magnolia, Columbia Co, AR.
 4. Amanda I. WRIGHT, b. 1918 in Magnolia, Columbia Co, AR.
 5. Marvin WRIGHT, b. ca 1925 in AR, deceased by 1980.
5. Oliver Butler WRIGHT, called Ollie, b. 1 AUG 1875 in Glenville, Nevada Co, AR, d. 13 JUN 1962 in McKamie, Lafayette Co, AR, m. ca 1920 to Jennie "KEITH", b. ca 1898 in AR. He was a farmer. He was wounded in the Spanish American War in the Phillipines.

28 APR 1910 Taylor Twp, Willisville Village, Nevada Co, AR, census, ED 109, Sheet 10A, #174/#174: [They did not live near Willisville, they lived just west of Glenville, census says Glenville Road, surrounded by kin.]

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|------------------|----------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| Ollie B. WRIGHT, | age 34?, | b. AR, | father b. AL, | mother b. AR |
| Steve W. | " " | 76 | AL | US? |
| Sarah MOODY | 66 | AR | US? | US? - father |

Ollie was a general farmer & single. I assume that Sarah MOODY is a sister of Ollie's mother.

13 JAN 1920 Magnolia Twp, Magnolia City, Ward 3, Columbia Co, AR, census, ED87, Sheet 7B & 8A, #150/#156:

Ollie B. WRIGHT, age 36, b. AR, father b. AR, mother b. AR

Jennie "" 32 AR GA AR
 Ollie is a grain dealer.
17 APR 1930 Georgia Twp, Columbia Co, AR, census, ED 14-12, Sheet 9B, #175/#176:

Ollie B. WRIGHT, age 53, b. AR, father b. GA?, mother b. GA?

Jennie "" 44 AR GA AL

Marshall K. "" 10 AR AR AR

Virginia J. "" 7 AR AR AR

Thomas S. "" 6 AR AR AR

Ollie stated that he was a general farmer. He was 45 & Jennie was 32 when they married.

Children:

1. Marshall K. WRIGHT, called Marsh, b. 29 JAN 1920 in AR, d. SEP 1981 in Taylor, Columbia Co, AR.
2. Virginia J. WRIGHT, b. ca 1923 in AR.
3. Thomas S. WRIGHT, b. ca 1924 in AR.
6. Marvin Blue WRIGHT, b. 22 SEP 1878 in Glenville, Nevada Co, AR, d. 17 JUN 1956, m. Verna " _____ " per one of the very old WRIGHT descendants of long ago, but I saw no evidence of that statement in the census. [I could not locate him in any 1910 census.]

14 JUN 1900 Leake Twp, Nevada Co, AR, census, ED 82, Sheet 9A:

Marvin B. WRIGHT, b. SEP ?

Marvin was listed on the last line of the page & most of it was black. Nothing else was legible. Some of his kin were listed on the top of the next page, so no sign of a wife there.

14 JAN 1920 Chicago City, Ward 32, Cook Co, IL, census, ED 1957, Sheet 11B, #47/#230:

Marvin B. WRIGHT, age 40, b. AR, father b. AR, mother b. AR

Marvin was single & a clerk in a meat packinghouse. He was a boarder with an Anna B. WOOD, age 60, widow, b. OH, also her 19 year old son.

4 APR 1930 Chicago City, Ward 17, Cook Co, IL, ED 16-645, Sheet 6B, #45/#147:

Marvin B. WRIGHT, age 51, b. AR, father b. AL, mother b. AL

Marvin was a lodger with Anna B. WOOD. Marvin was a clerk for a steam railroad.

7. Ruby Eva WRIGHT, called Ruby, b. 7 JAN 1885 in Glenville, Nevada Co, AR, d. 3 MAY 1934 in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX, buried in *Oak Cliff Cemetery*, m. ca 1902 to Joseph W. SARVIS, called Joe, b. ca 1880 in KS. [I was unable to locate them in any 1910 or 1920 census.]

11 APR 1930 Justice Precinct 7, Dallas City, Dallas Co, TX, census, #731/#462/#464:

Joseph W. SARVIS, age 50, b. KS, father b. IA, mother b. IA

Ruby "" 45 AR AR AR

Louise "" 15 KS KS AR

Betty "" 12 KS KS AR

Stephen "" 6 TX KS AR

Joseph was a brick mason by profession. He was 22 & Ruby was 36? [probably 16 years old] when they were married.

Children:

1. Louise SARVIS, b. ca 1915 in KS.
2. Betty SARVIS, b. ca 1918 in KS.
3. Stephen SARVIS, called Steve, b. 1 MAR 1924 in Dallas, Dallas Co, TX.
2. John Calaway WRIGHT, b. 30 MAR 1836 in Conecuh Co, AL, m. 2 JAN 1873 to Mrs. Lydia Ann "HARRELL"-WARREN, b. 4 MAY 1844 in Holly Springs, Marshall Co, MS. John was in the *Civil War in the Battle of Prairie Grove, AR, in Company 'I', 37th Arkansas Infantry* & lost his right eye. Because of this, he would never have his picture made. That was a very fierce battle & many soldiers lost their lives & many were wounded. His granddaughter, Virginia WRIGHT, would have loved to have had a picture of him. He d. sometime after 1884. In

order to learn more about his experiences, his military records would have to be ordered. The Civil War information on him that I can get my hands on, if this is the one & same, is that he was in Company 'D', 1st Arkansas Cavalry; Company 'D', 15th Arkansas Infantry; Company 'K', 26th Arkansas Infantry; Company 'I', 37th Arkansas Infantry & also in Company 'C' & Company 'I' of Wade's 8th Confederate Cavalry. I really don't feel that one man could very well have been involved with all of those Company's, thus this is confusing. Lydia must have died sometime after the 1910 census.

14 JUN 1880, Liberty Twp, Ouachita Co, AR, census, ED 223, #197/#197:

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|----------|------------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-------------|
| John C. | WRIGHT, b. | AL, | father b. | SC, | mother b. | GA - farmer |
| Lydia A. | " | MS | | AL | | MS |
| Mary E. | " | AR | | AL | | MS |

19 APR 1910, Magnolia Twp, Magnolia Town, Vine Street, Columbia Co, AR, census, ED 70, Sheet 5B, #104/#105:

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|----------------|----------------------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|----|
| Chas. | McDONALD, age 50, b. | AR, | father b. | KY, | mother b. | SC |
| Eddie | " | 34 | AR | | AL | MS |
| Mary Lydia | " | 4 | AR | | AR | AR |
| *Mrs. Lydia A. | WRIGHT | 65 | MS | | AL | MS |

Charles & Eddie had been married for 16 years, one child born, one child living. Charles was involved in livestock sales. Lydia WRIGHT was m/o Eddie, age 65, a widow, had 3 children, 3 still living.

30 JAN 1920 Bragg Twp, Ouachita Co, AR, census, ED 140, Sheet 70B, #170/#173:

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|--------|--------------------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|----|
| Lucius | WRIGHT, age 36, b. | AR, | father b. | AL, | mother b. | MS |
| Emma | " | 30 | AR | | AL | AL |
| Wenfry | " | 5 | AR | | AR | AR |
| Smead | " | 3 | AR | | AR | AR |
| *Lydia | " | 60 | MS | | AL | MS |

Lucius was a general farmer. Lydia was his mother & by this time they seemed to forget that Lydia was ca 75 years old!

Children:

1. Mary Eddie WRIGHT, called Eddie, b. 15 JUN 1875 in AR, d. 26 MAY 1971, buried in the Magnolia Cemetery, Magnolia, Columbia Co, AR, m. Charles McDONALD, called Charlie, on 5 DEC 1893 in Magnolia, Columbia Co, AR, she was age 20 & he was age 30. Of course, various census tells different things about their ages. The 1900 census gives their birth month & year, as well as their age & it varies considerably from 20 & 30. Mary Eddie had been living in Camden, Ouachita Co, AR, at the time of their marriage. He was from Columbia Co, AR. Charles was b. NOV 1859 in AR. His brother, George, lived on the next farm.

6 JUN 1900 Magnolia Twp, Columbia Co, AR, census, ED 54, Sheet 4A, #34/#55:

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|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----|-----------|----|
| Chas | McDONALD, b. NOV 1859, age 40, b. | AR, | father b. | KY, | mother b. | SC |
| Mary E. | " | JUN 1875 | 24 | AR | AL | AL |

They had been married for 6 years, no children. Charles owned his own farm & he was a farmer. He was 16 years older than Mary.

19 APR 1910, Magnolia Twp, Magnolia Town, Vine Street, Columbia Co, AR, census, ED 70, Sheet 5B, #104/#105:

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|----------------|----------------------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|----|
| Chas. | McDONALD, age 50, b. | AR, | father b. | KY, | mother b. | SC |
| Eddie | " | 34 | AR | | AL | MS |
| Mary Lydia | " | 4 | AR | | AR | AR |
| *Mrs. Lydia A. | WRIGHT | 65 | MS | | AL | MS |

Charles & Eddie had been married for 16 years, one child born, one child living. Charles was involved in livestock sales. Lydia WRIGHT was m/o Eddie, age 65, a widow, had 3 children, 3 still living.

3 JAN 1920 McNeil Twp, McNeil Town, Columbia Co, AR, census, ED 80, Sheet 3A, #51/#54:

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|---------|----------------------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|----|
| Charlie | McDONALD, age 60, b. | AR, | father b. | AL, | mother b. | TN |
| Mary E. | " | 44 | AR | | AL | MS |
| Mary L. | " | 14 | TX | | AR | AR |

Charlie was a merchant in a grain store. It seems like they both have a little problem remembering where their parents were born.

26 APR 1930 McNeil Twp, McNeil Town, Columbia Co, AR, ED 14-17, Sheet 3A, #63/#65:

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|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| Charlie | McDONALD, | age 70, | b. AR, | father b. US, | mother b. US |
| Mary E. | " | 54 | AR | AL | MS |
| Mary L. | " | 24 | TX | AR | AR |

Charlie stated that he was a retail dry good merchant. Charles' value was listed as \$2000. He supposedly was 35 & Mary E. was 19 when they married. That does not match what their descendants thought. Mary L. was a teacher in the public school.

Children:

1. Mary Lydia McDONALD, b. ca 1906 in TX, m. (1) Billy Joe ATKINS, later divorced.
Children:
 1. David ATKINS.
 2. Mary Lydia ATKINS m. (2) J. D. HACKWORTH, later died.
Children:
 1. Mary Lou HACKWORTH.Mary Lydia m. (3) Clayton GWINN, lived in El Dorado, Union Co, AR. [I was totally unable to locate Mary Lydia with any of her 3 husbands].
2. Robert Harris WRIGHT, b & d. 19 MAR 1879 in Ouachita Co, AR.
3. William Glenn WRIGHT, b. 23 JUN 1881, d. 5 JUL 1951, buried in *Two Bayou Cemetery*, Ouachita Co, AR, m. (1) Pearl "PURIFOY" on 20 FEB 1907. She died while in childbirth on 16 DEC 1907. [Apparently the baby died at birth.] William Glenn m. (2) L. Ada "DENNIS" on 13 OCT 1912, b. ca 1892 in AR.

8 JAN 1920 McNeil Twp, Columbia Co, AR, census, ED 80, Sheet 6A, #107/#117:

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|----------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|------------------------|
| W. Glen | WRIGHT, | age 38, | b. AR, | father b. AL, | mother b. US - fireman |
| L. Ada | " | 27 | AR | AR | AR |
| Mary R. | " | 6 | AR | AR | AR |
| Dennis | " | 3 6/12 | AR | AR | AR |
| Adley W. | KENDALL | 26 | AR | US | US - boarder |

22 APR 1930 Red Hill Twp, Chidester Town, Ouachita Co, AR, census, ED 52-47, Sheet 1B, #22/#23:

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|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| W. Glen | WRIGHT, | age 48, | b. AR, | father b. US, | mother b. MS |
| L. Ada | " | 38 | AR | AR | AR |
| Mary R. | " | 16 | AR | AR | AR |
| Dennis | " | 13 | AR | AR | AR |
| Johnny | DUNCAN | 22 | AR | US | US - boarder |

Glen was a foreman in a lumber mill.

Children:

1. Mary Ruth WRIGHT, b. ca 1914 in AR, m. Myron J. LINEBARIER, b. 15 JUN 1905, d. 12 JAN 1996 in Stuttgart, Arkansas Co, AR.
Children:
 1. Glenda LINEBARIER.
 2. Brent LINEBARIER.
 3. Dennis LINEBARIER, m. Mary Olive "BENTON".
Children:
 1. Baby Son LINEBARIER, d. shortly after birth.
 2. Sue LINEBARIER.
 3. Glenn LINEBARIER.
 4. Randy LINEBARIER, d. 3 JUL 1977, killed in a motorcycle accident.
 5. Debbie LINEBARIER.
2. Dennis WRIGHT, m. Mary Olive "BENTON".
4. Lucius Winfrey WRIGHT, called Lucius, b. 28 FEB 1884 [or SEP 1883 per census], d. 10 JAN 1936 at the age of 52, m. on 10 JAN 1906 to Emma L. "STARRITT", b. ca 1890 in AR.

15 JUN 1900 Bragg Twp, Ouachita Co, AR, census, ED 188, Sheet 12A & 12B, #??/#236:

Lucious WRIGHT, age 16, SEP 1883, b. AR, father b. AL, mother b. AL
He was single, a farm laborer & a boarder of Powell & Eulia GREENING.

15 APR 1910 Bragg Twp, Roston Road, Ouachita Co, AR, census, ED 113, Sheet 42B, #50/#50:

Lucius W. WRIGHT, age 26, b. AR, father b. AL, mother b. AR
Emma " 20 AR AL MS
Orland " 3 AR AR AR

They had been married for 4 years, one child, one still living. Lucius owned his property & was a general farmer.

30 JAN 1920 Bragg Twp, Ouachita Co, AR, census, ED 140, Sheet 70B, #170/#173:

Lucius WRIGHT, age 36, b. AR, father b. AL, mother b. MS
Emma " 30 AR AL AL
Wenfry " 5 AR AR AR
Smead " 3 AR AR AR
*Lydia " 60 MS AL MS

Lucius was a general farmer. Lydia was his mother. And where is the son named John H.?

5 APR 1930 Washington Twp, Louann? Town, Ouachita Co, AR, census, ED 52 -27, Sheet 6B, #136/#138:

Lucius W. WRIGHT, age 43, b. AR, father b. AL, mother b. MS
Emma L. " 39 AR AR AL
John H. " 15 AR AR AR
Smead P. " 12 AR AR AR
Charles L. " 8 AR AR AR
Eddie L. " (f) 5 11/12 AR AR AR
Virginia R. " 3 3/12 AR AR AR

Lucius worked for an oil company. He was 22 & Emma was 17 when they were married. And where is the son named Winfrey Warren?

Children:

1. Orland Calaway WRIGHT, b. 25 FEB 1907, d. 1 JUL 1912.
2. Infant Daughter WRIGHT, d. 1 OCT 1910.
3. Winfrey Warren WRIGHT, b. 17 NOV 1914 in Two Bayou, Ouachita Co, AR, m. on 2 JUL 1939 to Kathryn Virginia "CROSS", a descendant of Ann Elizabeth "PIPKIN" STOTT, the youngest sister of Margaret "PIPKIN" WRIGHT. Kathryn was b. 27 OCT 1919 in Chidester, Ouachita Co, AR. Winfrey was in the Navy during WWII.

Children:

1. Lawrence Warren WRIGHT, b. 22 APR 1941, m. _____ "_____".
Children:

1. Laura Ann WRIGHT.

2. Donald Edward WRIGHT, b. 29 DEC 1946, d. JUL 1977, buried in Two Bayou Cemetery, near Camden, Ouachita Co, AR, m. Linda Gail "NUGENT".

Children:

1. Donald Edward WRIGHT, Jr.

3. Suzanne WRIGHT, b. 4 SEP 1948, m. (1) Terry GIVENS.

Children:

1. Stephanie GIVENS, m. Joe TREBBE.

2. Rhoda GIVENS.

Suzanne m. (2) Jerry STROMBAUGH.

Children:

1. Rhonda STROMBAUGH.

[This same information is posted in the writings on Kathryn Virginia "CROSS" in the PIPKIN-STOTT Ancestry.]

4. John H. WRIGHT, b. ca 1915 in AR. [Is John H. & Winfrey Warren one & the same person???? I have no idea, but I am beginning to think they are one & the same because the sister, Virginia R. WRIGHT listed 7 children in her correspondence, including herself.]
5. Smead Powell WRIGHT, b. ca 1918 in AR, m. Laura "ANDERS".
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Children:

1. Thomas Jackson WRIGHT.
 2. James Lucius WRIGHT.
6. Charles Lamar WRIGHT, b. ca 1922 in AR, m. Cecy "DRURY".

Children:

1. Patricia Ann WRIGHT.
7. Eddie Lurline WRIGHT, b. 11 APR 1925, d. 30 MAY 2002 in Carson, Los Angeles Ca, CA, [per SSDI] m. Frank POLINGER, b. 18 OCT 1812, d. 24 AUG 1988 in Carson, Los Angeles Co, CA, [per SSDI]. Randy being killed in the motorcycle accident was more than Lurline could emotionally handle & it put her back in the hospital. She ended up having to have constant care & her daughter did not want to have to put her in a nursing home, so she took care of her mother until her death, [per an informant].

Children:

1. David Alexander POLINGER.
 2. Hope POLINGER.
8. Virginia R. WRIGHT, b. ca 1927 in AR, never married, lived in Camden, Ouachita Co, AR.
[Virginia shared considerable genealogy regarding the PIPKIN & WRIGHT ancestry, many of which had moved away & the WRIGHT kin had lost contact. She was a member of the *Pipkin Family Assn.*]
3. Joseph WRIGHT, called Joe, b. ca 1839 in Conecuh Co, AL, d. after 1860?
 4. William WRIGHT, b. ca 1842 in Conecuh Co, AL, d. after 1860?
 5. Madison WRIGHT, called Matt, b. ca 1846 in Ouachita Co, AR, m. ca 1869 to Amanda " _____ ", b. ca 1854 in AR.

5 JUL 1870 P. O. at Bell's Store, Taylor Twp, Columbia Co, AR, census, p. 13, #87/92:

Madison WRIGHT, age 22, b. AR - farm laborer

Amanda " " 16 AR

Lorimma MIXSON 8 AR - domestic servant

Poor Lorimma, 8 years old & not allowed to be a child. Madison lived on the same property as his older brother, Stephen, thus they were next door neighbors.

6. Martha WRIGHT, b. ca 1848 in Ouachita Co, AR; d. before 1860.
7. Amanda WRIGHT, b. ca 1853 in Ouachita Co, AR, m. George SMITH, both buried in a cemetery in Magnolia, Columbia Co, AR. [They must have lived out of State even though it was stated they were buried in Magnolia. No cemetery information is available to me over the Internet.]