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AND
KEEPING IN TOUCH

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IN DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the memory of those who came before us - may we never forget their achievements; to those of the present who are in pursuit of their own achievements - may their contributions be equally as great; and to those of the future - may they carry on the great traditions and ascend to even greater heights of both achievement and contribution.



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(What happened to See No Evil?)

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VOLUME II

SOARING WITH EAGLES SINGING WITH MOCKINGBIRDS



Volume II, "Soaring With Eagles; Singing With Mockingbirds is a continuation of the travels and adventures of Jerry and Metta, with additional vignettes of Preas, Yancy, Hicks relations. These will be tied to the historical linkages of such notables as George Washington, Martha Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Sam Houston, Tiana Rogers, Daniel Boone, and Will Rogers.

Volume II will also explore such things as the Indian connection, Immigrant and Ethnic contributions, Religion, Culture, National Unity in 1776, Women in the Colonies, Food and Nutrition, Health and Medicine.

Finally, Volume II will provide a more in-depth profile of possible, if not probable, places of origin of our ancestors.



MIGRATIONS AND HUMAN PROGRESS

Human progress is measured in movements and in time. The movements were the great migrations that moved people into new places. The time span moves at an accelerated pace as the human brain learns more about the art of exploration and documentation. The challenge and adventure of exploration has spurred humans on to the vast unknown. The act of documentation has contributed to a kind of communication that builds on past experiences and stimulates creative ideas.

Communication has been the great liberator from the bondage of death that locks away the dreams, the ideas, and the technology that may stifle any progress. Communication is the great extension of the human mind and the creativity of a fantastic mental learning process. COMMUNICATION in written form is also the key to family linkages with the past and future.

The ability to record, in readable, preservable form, the thoughts, designs, and achievements of past generations along with the ability to learn, to think, and to use the mathematical process to build useful things from raw materials has put into the hands of humans conventions and conveniences that contribute to a large measure of human purpose, comfort, and pleasure. This is called progress.

Human history is traced in the generations past as they have become part of this progress. There were the thinkers, the designers, the promoters, the managers. Also there were the activators and the prime movers, the mass of people who followed the flow and made it all happen.

Every generation has these various talents among its people. And every generation has its desires, its goals, its joys, its sorrows, and, yes, its prime movers - the achievers. But past achievements cannot be measured by current standards. Every generation had its own standards, and every generation was comfortable in its own time and circumstances. The flexibility of the human being traced in history is found in the ability to adapt to the conditions,

circumstances, and the environment in which they found themselves.

Each family lived in its own smaller environment and adapted to that environment to fill their basic needs. Each family and each family member had many interesting, joyful, and exciting adventures in their life span - regardless of whether the span was long or short. History does not record these normal facets of life. Formal recorded history only dwells on the violence, the unusual, the drugery of history, leaving the impression that the people of the past lived intolerable lives. But this is not so. Most of our ancestors would not have traded their place in history for ours, no more than we would be willing to change our place in history with theirs. But we can share and enjoy the past by placing our ancestors in their own time and looking for the joy and the adventures they had.

Just as with individuals today, our ancestors adapted to the family and to the community or moved on into a new environment seeking things that were important to their own personality and desires. Usually when a move took place, the reason was for excitement, adventure, economic advantage, or religious and political freedom.

Economics was, and still is, the greatest motivator to move on. The migrations of people mostly followed that of economic opportunity. Religious freedom, political unrest, social pressures all had an influence. But without the promise of economic opportunity, most people would not have risked the hazards of the great migrations.

How these forces and migrations influenced and impacted upon our own ancestry makes history very exciting. The linkages we find and the personalities we uncover, at the same time, make us happy, sad, and adventuresous.

Almost all of the movements, the conflicts, the social pressures, the political unrest, the adventure, and the life styles can be found in our own linkages. Our people were represented in the cross section of both time and place. A few of them were philosophers

and promoters. Some were investors, others were leaders, but most were the prime movers, the common people on the farm, in the cities, towns, or suburbs. Most were not involved with activities that were noted in newspapers and recorded on the pages of history books - but some were. Our family members and linkages were there in comparative large numbers as the tax rolls, census reports, court records, and other documents testify. Also these families represent the great mysteries that confront people in search of their own ancestry. Where did the family originate? When did the name first appear on this continent? Was the "original" family name the same as we know it today - or did it change for some reason.

The answers to these questions may contribute very little to present economics, comforts, and conveniences. But they do excite the inquisitive mind.

There may be, on the other hand, a filling of "needs" for our special people. Modern science places heavy emphasis on "genetic inheritance" and upon "family history" in diagnosing modern illnesses. Thus the patterns of our ancestry and modern day relatives may contribute to our knowledge of how to strengthen good genetic characteristics and cope with or compensate for unwanted characteristics. For instance, mental, emotional, and physical health problems may be corrected with systematic nutrition and exercise.

Equally important is the fact that we all have had many experiences that are worth remembering. Loise said it very well when she said, "You know, when you stop and think about it, we have lived a pretty interesting life." The same can be said about our ancestors.

Our family linkages have foundations in the early days of this nation. The nucleus was centered in Virginia. The Preas, Yancy, and Yancey family names have been linked with the mid 1700's, the Yancey name has been linked by stories and tradition back to the mid 1600's. The "Old Country" linkages can only be surmised from family stories, family traditions, and Bible records passed down from generation to generation.

IN SEARCH OF HEALTH, MEANING, BEAUTY, AND REALITY

Thoughts were racing through his mind as Jerry walked briskly through his small orchard. The huisache daisys, sparsely sprinkled with bluebonnets and a wide variety of other Texas wildflowers, were densely covering the confines of the orchard. Peering closely into the shade between the almond tree and peach tree on the south side of the orchard near the roadway leading to his antique car garage, Jerry spotted wild geraniums amongst the daisys. There were large bunches of pepper weed among the grass and flowers near a small pecan tree. "From the growth", he thought, "It is evident that this is the year for wild flowers in this part of west Texas. The fall and winter rains and the climatic conditions were conducive to the sprouting and rapid growth of these flowers interspersed with the native grasses."

Not only do the plants represent the natural beauty of care in gardening, but many plants have nutritional and health giving qualities. Having a congenital intolerance for certain foods, and seeking plants that may provide the necessary nutrition for building and maintaining a healthy mind and body has added emphasis to the ecological goals of Jerry's gardening.

"This is another historical year," continued Jerry's train of thought. "It is the 200th year of the Statue of Liberty." His thoughts then turned back to the trip he and Metta had taken during the summer of 1988. He remembered the golden dawn that was beginning to break in the east as they prepared to leave. There were a few meandering clouds breaking up the golden hugh, making the skyline a rich contrast of bright and dark. He recalled the packed Mercury Sable inching back out of the driveway, soon to be headed towards the freeway and another one of the whirlwind trips across part of the United States. Jerry and Metta were on their way to a reverse migration vacation. The itinerary was to back-track as nearly as possible the adventures of his grandparents, both the Preas's and the Yancy's - both having origins in Virginia in or near Bedford County. But, as usual, the plan was to

take as many side trips as possible to see first hand the historical places and the major tourist attractions in some of the states. At keypoints, the stops would included searching for family resources in libraries and state archives.

One of Metta's goals was to visit as many well known children's museums as she could and another was to travel the New England States.

"No one can believe how many miles we traveled and how many things we saw and did in such a short time," he recalled. "There was Niagra Falls, and Metta wanted to eat a Maine Lobster in Maine," He chuckled to himself. From there the itinerary just kept growing - the Statue of Liberty and other historical attractions. "We visited Boston and the monuments to the Boston Tea Party, the Children's Museums in Annapolis and in Boston. We even stopped off at the Indian Museums near Oklahoma City, and visited Dorothy Woodall, a Blue-eyed Yancey.

We headed the Sable towards Maine and ended up in Kennebunkport. As we were eating our lobsters, Metta struck up a conversation with the waitress and we found out that this was President George Bush's vacation home. Odd and interesting things do happen now and then.

From New York we drove to Washington, D. C. and spent the better part of the day touring the Monuments, the Capitol, and the Museums.

Jerry's thought began to meander back into the past, even into his early age, to the many automobile trips, family gatherings, high school days. He then projected ahead to what he may discover about his family linkages. The family migrations were basically the same as that of the nation as a whole. How these ancestors have contributed to our own way of life can best be understood by placing them in their own time frame and in their own place. By searching them out we will discover the prime movers - he eagles, the doves, the hawks, the owls, and now and then even a buzzard or two. At the same time, we can reminisce on our own experiences - the emotions, the excitement, and the adventures.

EARLY BIRD AND THE TEXAS BLUE NORTHER

It was a cold December morning with a Texas Blue Norther moaning through the cracks in the walls of the old farm house. This day, two days after Christmas, and two days before his older brother's first birthday, was the day that nature had chosen for Jerry to enter the world. No fan-fare, no-bright lights, no roaring fire in a fireplace, just a simple country birth with hot water heated on a pot bellied wood cooking stove.

Jerry Lee Steven Preas was born 27 December 1930 on his grandfather's farm 6 miles east of Coleman, Texas, where he spent his younger days milking cows, hunting for small game along the creeks and pastures, working in the hay fields or cotton fields, driving a large Oliver or smaller Farmall tractor, and swimming in the creek or stock tank. He attended Junction and Cross Roads grade schools and graduated from Coleman High School with the class of 1950.



1. Jerry Preas (baby picture)

2. Jerry (Grandad Yancy's house in background)

"If trees could talk", recalls Jerry, "the oak tree behind me and the gasoline barrel would have lots of stories to tell. I hit that tree with mom's 29 model "A" on my first attempt to drive. It bent the front bumper slightly, but Roy's head hit and cracked the

windshield.

The tree could also tell how someone smoking a cigarette set the gasoline barrel on fire early one morning while gassing up a tractor. The barrel exploded and sent the top soaring for hundreds of yards to the east, leaving a trail of burning gasoline, some of which landed on top of the house setting it on fire. There was lots of activity well into the middle of the morning, putting out the little fires and the big fire caused by the burning gasoline."



YANCY, PREAS, FAMILY GATHERING ON GRANDAD'S FRONT PORCH



VISITORS WITH GRANDMA IN BACK YARD (Note the cistern, large flat rocks and screened in back porch).

"Family outings have always been a way of life with me", responded Jerry when asked about his favorite pastime.

"I remember our family loading up and going to the

Brownwood Park where the Hicks and later the Yancy and Preas families held their reunion.

The trip to Brownwood park was never much fun for me. I seemed always to have car sickness and sleepiness on the way. Even at the park I usually felt tired, and could never really play at full speed.



YANCY, PREAS, MABRY, FAMILY OUTING

But growing up was a series of adventures, like the time when my brother and I were out hunting one cold winter day and came upon two puppies huddled in the snow. They were from domesticated dogs that had learned to live in the wild. We took the dogs home and raised them, but had to destroy them when grandpa asked us to, because they had become chicken and sheep killers."

There is no greater feeling than to wake up refreshed on a brisk fall morning to the sounds of the rooster crowing, and the cows lowing, and the rumble of the old rattling bridge. This is the feeling that Jerry had one morning. He lived with his family in an old house on his grandfathers farm. Wind was whistling coldly through the separation in the outer wall boards and on through the cracks in the wallpaper. But the cold breath of air did not phase Jerry this morning. He felt good and he was excited about what was going to take place on this day. He had heard grandfather ask his dad to help with the hog killing. Even at his young age, Jerry knew that hog killing was an important time in the life on an early Texas farm.

It was also a sad time for those who held a sort of reverence for animals. On this morning, Jerry felt this sadness, for some of the hogs he had fed and came to know personally. But it was also a time for storing up food for the long, hard winter months ahead. His grandfather had often laughed at him for being sentimental. He would say, "boy, you are a throw-back to the Indians." Grandfather had Indian blood in him, along with Black Dutch, from his mother's side of the family. He knew how the Indians felt about nature and animals. And Jerry suspected that his grandfather also felt a sentiment at times towards animals, and plants as well, for he would often examine plants closely, and even speak to them sometimes.

But hog killing time was not the time for sentimentality. There was the heating of the water, killing the hogs, scalding them to loosen the hair, and then scraping the hair until the skin was clean to the rind. Then there was the chilling of the carcass, cutting it up, salting it down, and storing it in the special wooden storage box on the back porch. Some of the fat was trimmed off and rendered of its oil by heating in a cast iron wash tub. Later some of the fat would be heated, mixed with lie, and made into lie soap. Some of the meat was ground and made into sausage.

Jerry would help with the sawing of the logs for heating the scalding water and then to be used to render the lard. On this particular occasion his dad had helped in setting up a powered saw. His dad had purchased a Fordson tractor and was contracting plowing. Today the Fordson was connected by belt and pulley to a saw for the purpose of sawing the wood. Before this type of mechanization, the wood had to be sawed by hand, with two men manning a lumber saw.

On hog killing days the whole family pitched in to get the work done. Grandma helped with heating the water, cutting up the hog, trimming the fat, rendering the lard, and making lie soap. She would supervise pouring the hot liquid soap into cooling trays and then cutting the soap into useable size bars. She also supervised the grinding of sausage, salting down, and

storing the meat.

At noon Jerry was invited to eat with them by his grandmother for helping with the work. He loved his grandmother's biscuits. They were light and fluffy and would part easily for putting butter between the halves. Jerry would break open one biscuit and butter it, then break open another biscuit, lay it on his plate, and spoon a large helping of white country gravy over it, after the manner he had seen his grandfather do. The buttered biscuit, the biscuit and gravy, the country fried ham, and the mashed potatoes made a tremendous meal that Jerry enjoyed immensely.

But the enjoyment was only short lived. Jerry pushed back from the table, excused himself, and walked outside. The meal had begun to weigh heavily on his stomach. Soon the inner vibrations and the nauseousness came. There was the old familiar pumping in his upper left GI. Jerry walked around slowly, telling himself he was not going to get ill and throw up. Pressing lightly on his left side and messaging it tenderly helped to calm the raging storm in his gut. Soon he began to feel better, but very tired and sleepy. He wanted badly to take a nap, but instead continued to walk about slowly until the tiredness and sleepiness left, and he was ready to get back to work.

"Soon after I graduated from high school, grandpa and grandma Yancy wanted to take a trip and visit their kids, grandkids, and other relatives in Houston, Alice, and Brownsville, Texas," said Jerry. "So late in May, they asked me to be their driver. We packed up and headed for Houston. I enjoyed driving, but I was fighting sleep, or had a stuffy nose, or was sneezing most of the time, and often felt tired and rundown. Never-the-less we had a good trip and I enjoyed every minute of it."

"I have taken both of my grandfathers on many trips so they could visit relatives. During these trips I would ask them about our family background and would listen while they were talking family with our kin. Although I don't like gossip, I enjoyed the stories and jokes they would tell."

JERRY LEE AND METTA ADON (West) PREAS FAMILY

Jerry Lee Steven Preas (1930) joined the U.S.M.C. 12 January 1951, took boot training in San Diego, California and combat training in Camp Pendelton, Ocean Side, California. He missed the original Korean draft of his unit due to a shoulder injury that kept him hospitalized for six weeks. He then was shipped to Korea with the 13th draft to replace Marine combat troops that had been decimated by the war. This replacement draft was so urgent that it was not given rest and relaxation (R&R) in Japan, which had been routine with other replacement drafts.



JERRY & METTA PREAS



JERRY PREAS (Korea 1952)

Jerry earned Corporal and Sergeant strips and was Machine Gun Unit Leader during Korean Combat in 1952, and received sharpshooter, Good Conduct, National Defense, and Korean Service medals and the Purple Heart before being Honorably Discharged 11 Jan 1954.

On 22 June 1957 Jerry married Metta Adon West. They have one child, a daughter - Regena Lee.

Metta Adon (West) Preas, the daughter of Chester and Viona (Embry) West of LaPorte, Texas, was born 23 February 1939 in Wichita, Kansas, but was raised in LaPorte, Texas attending LaPorte grade and High Schools graduating in 1957.

Metta's talents and hobbies include knitting, sketching, oil painting, sewing, ceramics, and

collecting porcelain birds and natural sea shells.



1. JERRY, PAUL, REGENA, METTA, AND ETHAN
2. KEIKO IZUTSU, HER BROTHER (MICHIO) AND HER FATHER

Regena Lee Preas was born 22 August 1958 in Baytown, Texas. She attended grade school in Buckeye, Arizona where she was active in church and school programs. She graduated from La Marque High School, La Marque, Texas and was active in the Band and as a Cheer Leader there.

Regena graduated from high school in 1976 and was rewarded with a trip to Hawaii with her parents. There she reminisced with one of her Japanese "sisters", Keiko Izutsu of Tokyo, Japan, who's father and brother brought her with them to attend the International Lions Club Convention, which was being held there.

Regena, an only child, has two other "Lions Club sisters" - Adel (Australian), and Shuko (Japanese), resulting from her parents involvement with Internatinal Lions Club Youth Exchange. She married Paul Wolters from Columbus, Texas on 13 August 1977. Regena and Paul's children are Nathaniel Paul (11 Nov 1988 - still-born) and William Ethan (9 Mar 1991).

Metta's community involvement includes Rainbow

Girls, Eastern Stars, Lioness Club, and Lions Club. She served as hostess to three youth through the International Lions Clubs Youth Exchange program and is Complex Manager, Museum of the Southwest, Midland, Texas.

Jerry's father and mother are Roy Creston (Ted) and Ila Bea (Yancy) Preas. His paternal grandparents are James Robert and Mertie Mae (Jones) Preas. His maternal grandfather and grandmother are Steve Andrew & Linnie Bea (Hicks) Yancy. His brother's are Roy Wilburn, Wendell Allen, and half brothers Robert Alexander Johns, and Glen Johns. His sisters are Ila Mavis Croft, Cornelia June Scott, Mary Elizabeth Childers, and Gloria Ann Anglin.

In addition to teaching at both the High School and Community College levels, Jerry has written extensively. His book, "Champions and The All Americans," is a tribute to independence and the American Bicentennial (1776-1976). His poem, "Transitional Texas," is a sesquicentennial tribute, by invitation, to the year 1969 in Texas.

Having faith in the democratic process and believing in helping those in need, Jerry joined the Texas City Evening Lions Club, a branch of the International Association Of Lions Clubs, in 1972. He has served as queen contest committee chairman, secretary, treasurer, of both the Texas City Evening Lions Club and the Midland Morning Lions Club, and president of the Midland Morning Lions Club. He has also participated in the International Lions Club Youth exchange, and as a result, he and Metta are the "Lions Club parents" of one Australian daughter (Adel), and two Japanese daughters (Keiko and Shuko). He has also served as chairman of the Buckeye, Arizona Pioneers Day Celebration, president of the Texas Technical Society, president of the Midland College Faculty Council, and is a life member of both the National Education Association and the Texas Technical Society.

GROWING UP

By Regena Lee Preas Wolters

Who am I? What have I accomplished? What are my goals? To begin with ... my name is Regena Lee (Preas) Wolters; note that my first name has an "e" not an "i". My parents decided at my birth to spell my name a bit different. Oh! my parents are Jerry and Metta Preas. Presently they live in Midland, Texas. (Midland is not the end of the world but one thing for sure ... you can see the edge).

I was born in Baytown, Texas 22 August 1958 at 10:57 a.m. Of course, I was the pride and joy of my parents. As a matter of fact, I was so wonderful that they decided not to have any more children. When you have perfection, why bother!!!



REGENA MODELING
DAD'S GRAD CAP



REGENA VISITS
SANTA

I later moved to Buckeye, Arizona with my parents where my father began teaching high school. My mother held a few jobs while I was a child; but one thing I greatly appreciate and hope to do for my children... she was always there for me when I came home from school.

My parents spent nearly every summer that I can remember traveling back and forth to Texas to visit our family. The trips were long and we often traveled at night when the sun wasn't so hot. Those are the times I remember vividly. Seeing wild animals on the road at night and gazing at the tremendous star filled sky. I remember counting shooting stars with my parents as they drove those long dark stretches of highway.

In the summer of 1970, my dad got a job teaching in the Jr. college in Texas City, Texas. In not too many days we packed up our belongings and drove back "Home". This was a transition time for me as I was entering the 7th grade. What perfect timing for a young person. I was just really beginning to "find" boys and real close friendships had not yet been made. Once we became established in our new home, the whole family began to get involved in all sorts of activities. Mom, Dad and myself became members of College View Baptist Church. It was a rather small congregation, but there were plenty of things to do and people to get involved with. I was involved with the youth group and Sunday school, and even went on a few outings where we learned to "witness" to people.



I became a majorette during football season and played flute in the school band during the rest of the year. I also became involved in "Rainbows", an organization for girls which is associated with the Masonic lodge (my grandfather West was a 32nd degree Mason. My grandmother West had achieved the highest office and honors in the Eastern Stars. My mother is also an Eastern Star).

I joined the gymnastic team and even tried my hand at tennis (what a joke...I was horrible). It was not long before I received my driving permit and was let loose on the streets of LaMarque and Texas City. Dad bought me a car to get around in and boy was she a beauty. It was a "56 Dodge Texan... and 'ole timer' and of course a great hit with all the guys. That car took me a lot of places and reminds me of some funny times with my girl friends.

"Bessie Mae" (the car) was the weirdest color of green and looked a lot like a giant beetle. The gear shift was an automatic, but instead of a gear selection lever, it had push buttons... and all the information windows were real small and round. Would you believe that Dad is even restoring that terrific old car!!!



1. Regena is crowned District Lions Club Queen
2. Leo Club member Regena at a Lions Club function.
3. Regena and Japanese "Sister" Shuco.

I graduated from LaMarque High School in 1976; the year that our country celebrated its 200 year birthday. Actually, it was quite a privilege to graduate at that time. The Vietnam conflict was "over" and the economy seemed to be on a major swing up. The only real problem I can see with my generation ... is that our "innocence" was lost somewhere ... we were learning so much, so fast, for such young people. My

age group was beginning to learn about drugs, alcohol, and divorce. I don't know where it all began, but I often wonder if good ole' Dr. Spock and his laid back ways ... "let them learn on their own attitude", did not contribute to our screwy mess. In previous ages, before us, the only real problems the family faced was "practical jokes" and maybe smoking cigarettes.

WELL ENOUGH OF MY SOAP BOX PREACHING...



1. Regena, grandmother Viona West, cousins Berry and Missy West
2. Regena, grandmother Ila Bea (Yancy/Preas) Johns, and cousin Sheila Anglin

I attended College of the Mainland for 3 semesters, then transferred to South Texas State University. I probably went through every degree plan before finally finishing in the Business Dept.

During my first semester at SWTSU I met a young man from Columbus, Texas and fell in deep "LIKE". Our first meeting consisted of discussing school and how neither one of us wanted to get married any time soon. Well, the old saying of "never say never"... certainly paid off in spades with this relationship. We were married 8 months later. Good Grief.

Oh, I guess I should introduce you to the fellow I married. His name is Paul T. Wolters (the "T" stands for trustworth... HA! HA!). Actually the "T" stands for Thomas. So much for my joke telling. Paul was born in Weimer, Texas on Sept. 20, 1957. He was born 2nd of two babies.. that means that he is a twin. Paul was the smallest and youngest of 4 children born to Robert Earl and Faybeth Wolters. My husband of nearly 15 years is quite something.

After many "trials and heartbreaking disappointments" our son, and great joy, William Ethan was born March 1991.



REGENA, ETHAN, PAUL



BESSIE MAE

The story told to my Dad about the 1956 Dodge Texan is that the state of Texas sued Dodge because of this car. The early 1956 model had crossed Texas flags with the word Texan underneath as the emblem. Later in the year, the cross Texas flags were replaced with crossed pennants with the word Texan underneath.

ADEL WEBSTER: OUR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE YOUTH

By Jerry L. Preas



ADEL (1973)

One of the most exciting times that I can remember was when my family took part in the Lions Club International Youth exchange. Our youth came from Australia and stayed for six weeks. At that time I was taking pictures and putting together all kinds of presentations. I wanted to impress our youth in such a way that she would fit in and become part of our life, even though for only a short time in our country. Metta, Regena, and I hosted a reception and slide presentation for her. The theme of our slide presentation was "Welcome To America" (slide presentation January 6, 1973).

The dialogue went something like this.

"What can you say to someone, who for the first time, sets foot on American soil? Welcome to America! This is your country too --- your home away from home?"

Why not? For America is a land of many people, with varying origins, who wish to hold on to their native culture while adapting to an American way of life. Many of them will remind you of your people back home. Others will be very different.

America is also a land of many contrasts - from lake and seashore, to desert lands, to majestic mountain terrains. From this land of many contrasts and varying people, may you find something that you like and people you can love.

Jerry said, "You will find that we love our country, our state, and our city, just as you love

your country, your state, and your city. We love our people, with all their virtues and faults, even as you love your people with all their virtues and faults.

And, although we may brag about ourselves, our country, our state, and our city, we are just as interested in you, in your people, in your country, in your state, and in your city. We have room enough in our hearts for you and your country.

Therefore we will say, Hello. Welcome. You will be no stranger here. We will take you into our hearts and show you our city, our state, and our country. We will love you as our own and hope that you will love us too."

The slides included the fountain that marked the entrance to down town Houston, the Astrodome, the Manned Space Craft Center, Apollo lift off at Cape Kennedy, Florida, the National Aeronautical Space Administration, the San Jacinto Monument, and the Tower of the University of Texas.



JERRY, ADEL, REGENA
(Dressed up, but decorating
for Christmas Dec 1972)

"I like twirling, swimming, tennis, and playing flute in the band," said Regena. "Three of our national holidays are Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. On Memorial Day we remember our forefathers and veterans who fought and died to gain and preserve liberty. On Labor Day we honor the working people of our country."

The young people of our state and nation are not greatly different from those of other states and nations. Of course, they can be identified in separate groupings according to their interests and life styles. But most like to have a good time, have deep concerns for themselves and their country, and have great capacities for love, honor, and friendship.

I played in the band when we live in Buckeye, Arizona. We marched in the "Pioneer's Day Parade".

We also have carnivals for fun and entertainment. Sometimes we have carnivals to raise money for worthy causes.

My family likes to camp out during the summer, usually around the Fourth of July, in one of the state parks.



ADEL, SAN JACINTO
MONUMENT (Jan 1973)



ADEL, METTA, REGENA, LION
BILL JOHNSON, JERRY

During our travels, we have visited Disneyland and other scenic places in the United States. I liked the "Little Children of the World" display most of all. I have a record of the theme song.

While traveling in California, we also visited the water attractions at Marineland of the Pacific. Another interesting place we have visited on the West Coast is the famous Grummins Chinese Theater, Hollywood, California.

We have museums, churches, and service organizations, also. Often we build parade floats to commemorate our own organizations during a holiday or celebration."

Metta continued with the welcome. "Perhaps you will be fortunate enough to visit other cities and towns in our state. You will like the Sunken Gardens at Brackenridge Park in San Antonio, Texas. You may even ride on the skylift overlooking the garden and zoo.

If you visit San Antonio, you will certainly enjoy Paseo Del Rio (The River Walk). If you take the river ride on one of the tour boats, you will pass by the Arenson River Theater.

The Texas State Bird is the Mocking Bird. The State Flower is the Blue Bonnet.

Your presence here has indicated your interest in our home, state, and country. May we open our home to you, and welcome you into our hearts as one of our own. Our best wishes are that you will have an exciting and memorable stay here. When you leave us to go back to your native home, we hope that you will carry back in your heart a big part of us and our country along with the mementos you will most surely take with you.

We shall love you, without reservation, for what you are and what you hope to be. Our hope is that you will learn to love us too and that we have added something important to your life, during your stay here, that you will not willingly give up or easily forget."

While Adel was here, Metta and I toured with her College Of The Mainland, where I was teaching. I purchased a pack of stationery from the book store and said to her, "Even though we may get busy and forget to write, please write us often."

We took her on visits to Mexico, Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and the San Jacinto Monument. It was a sad day, with tears in our eyes, and long hugs, when we had to say goodbye to our "Australian Daughter" as she embarked on her way to her native home.

I still have the Australian coins and slides she gave me before she departed. She has been faithful in correspondence ever since and we exchange gifts at

Christmas time.



MR. AND MRS. NOEL LANCEY
Noel and Adel (1974)



NOEL, ADEL, ALICE,
ADAM (1983)

Adel completed her schooling and became a school teacher. She married and now has a husband and two lovely children.



NOEL, ADEL, ADAM, AND ALICE LANCEY (1991)

Adel Marie Webster (27 May 1953) married 24 August 1974 Noel Hugh Lancey (13 Feb 1951). They have two children - Adam Noel (17 April 1979) and Alice Adel (7 Feb 1982). Adel is a primary school teacher and Noel

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is and electrical engineering officer for Munmorah Power Station.

Adel's parents are Jack and Jean Webster of Warner's Bay, N.S.W. Australia. Adel has one sister, Julie, who married Michael Dillon. Julie and Michael have two children - Alison and James.

Noel's parents are Noel and Dinah Lancey. Noel has one brother and four sisters - Brian (2 children), Lorraine Heany (2 children), Denise Cook (3 children), Leonie Butler (2 children) and Carolyn Nolan (married, no children).

Adel's family is very interested in sailing and own a yacht called "Happy Days". Holidays with children are either to Queensland or Fingal Bay where water sports are enjoyed. Noel has sailed 16 foot skiffs for many years. Both Adam and Alice sail boats called "Pelicans". Adam has been club champion for four years. He is also very talented in music. Adam, Alice, and Adel all three play the piano.



ADAM SAILING A PELICAN

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Family gatherings, reunions, dinners, picnics have been part of the central Texas based Yancy-Preas-Hicks families. Keeping in visual touch has become more and more difficult as family members disperse across the state due to varying economic conditions and preferences. Therefore an annual family get-to-gather has become an important social event. For many, it is the only time during the year that they get to see their, parents, brothers, sisters and other relatives.



Esther and Steve Yancy prepare for Thanksgiving
(November 1972)

During the mid-fifties and on into the late seventies, Ima Lee Preas, Steve Louie and Esther Yancy, and Al and Dorothy Monthy would host a family get-to-gether, usually meals planned around Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years holidays. Later Jerry and Metta joined the cycle with a family outing on San Jacinto Day. Eventually the children of these families grew up and left home and job areas changed so that rather than several get togethers during the year, one large annual get-to-gather became a tradition. This was a Campout Reunion and for many years was held at different park sites throughout the state - Garner's State Park, Bastrop State Park, Inks Lake State Park, Perdenales Falls State Park, Fort Parker State Recreational Area, Brownwood State Park, Abilene State Park. Again situations changed and it was necessary to have a more centrally located area that could accommodate the campers in close proximity.

Because of the great travel distances, a central location was a requirement before some of the family members could manage to make the outing.



INKS LAKE: JANIE LOU BUCHANAN, STEVE YANCY, ILA BEA JOHNS, LOIS MABRY, IMA LEE PREAS, DOROTHY MONTHY

In 1986 the campout was held at Krause Springs, Spicewood, Texas. This area is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as one of the few undisturbed Indian camp sites in the country. It was once a sanctuary for tribes of Comanche Indians. It is a 115-acre privately owned park bordering the shore of Lake Travis. The natural pool is the most popular attraction, but there is also a swimming pool up-hill from the natural pool. A waterfall spills over limestone rock into the pool. Located behind the waterfall is a narrow cave opening. Pecan, Black Walnut, and Cypress trees shade the area and give it a natural outdoor appeal.

1986 was Texas Sesquicentennial year and the cook-out contest theme was something Historic and Symbolic Texas - preferably with some linkage with family. At least three spectacular modern events in Texas history have family linkages. Steve Andrew Yancy and his sisters were stranded during the 1900 Galveston storm, to be found peeking out from under a blanket by their father who had come looking for them after the storm driving a wagon and team. Audren Preas had spent the day working on the ship that blew up in the Texas City disaster, but had a short time before

the explosion gone home. He was asleep when the blast came, but could have just as easily been on the ship at the time. Audren Preas also worked with the crew that placed the star on top of the San Jacinto Monument. Esther told the story of Steve Andrew Yancy's connection with Ogelthorpe's colony in settling Georgia, and showed a post card commemorating Ogelthorpe's settlements.



CAMP OUT SCENES



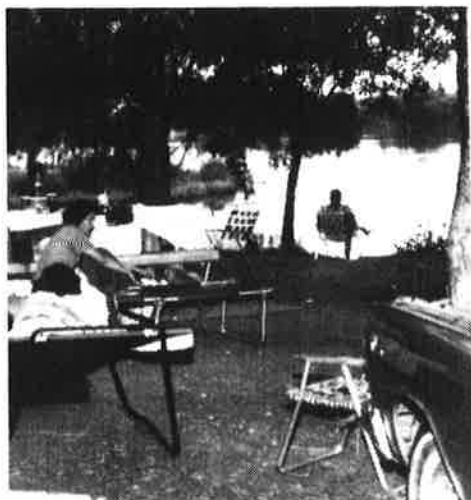
CONTEST WINNERS

In 1987 the annual campout was held at WHITEWATER SPORTS, Canyon Lake, Texas. The cook-out theme was related to nutrition and health building foods.

"Jack Sprat could eat no fat; And Jill could eat no lean!"

There is more truth in this saying than fiction. Especially if a person has some sort of health problem, such as chronic allergy, including a food allergy related problem called "overweight." Research indicates that WHAT A PERSON EATS, RATHER THAN HOW MUCH, may be the source of their health problem. The truth is that "there is no diet that works for everyone." Rather than an all purpose diet, a person should select foods most compatible to body metabolism. This makes sense because we know that certain medications help the body cure itself of

ailments by stimulating certain specific actions. Specific enzymes, in like manner, serve the purposes of stimulating certain actions naturally.



JUDGES IN ACTION : A PEACEFUL MORNING SCENE

There are four very different body types - four types of metabolism - that determine specific foods you crave and where, and how much, fat deposits appear on your body." The body type, in other words, is the key to what foods you MUST eat in order to be healthy, and what you must not eat in order to avoid problems such as allergy and overweight. Just as companion planting assures a better garden crop, companion eating according to body type nutrition, assures better health.

To be even more refined and healthy, foods should also be selected in terms of "bloodtypes. People tended to be more healthy and less "allergy" prone when they eat foods most compatible to their own BLOOD TYPE.

Basically good health depends upon the integrity of the metabolic functions. The metabolic function of each cell is determined and controlled by the presence of many different enzymes - all of which are proteins.

In the human body, the amount of some enzymes varies with certain nutritional and hormonal factors.

It is important that one have at all times an adequate protein diet planned in such a way that the needed amount of enzymes are present and the proper Acid-Alkaline balance is naturally maintained.



A HOST OF YOUNG CAMPERS

Again, the implication is on the kinds and companionships of foods, rather than on how much food you eat. With these thoughts about food in mind, the cook-out contest this year was based on nutrition and complementary blending of foods.



COUSINS CURTIS, JIM, AND STEVE YANCY
(Brownwood Camp-out)

In 1988 the cook-out theme was Irish. Many cook books provide Irish food suggestions - Irish Stew, Irish Soda Bread, Irish Batter bread, Irish Coffee, Irish Pan Rolls, etc. Linnie B. (Hicks) Yancy was very much Irish. Her father, Francis Marian Hicks (Frank) was full blood Irish. Steve Andrew Yancy also claimed to have Irish blood running in his veins.

The theme for the 1989 campout reunion held at Fort

Parker State Recreational Area was honoring the 1989 High School Graduates in the family. The 1990 and 1991 camp-outs were again held at Krouse Springs Recreation Area.



PERFORMERS LARRY (1991) AND KARIE WHEELER (1992)

The 1991 campout theme was Family History. Highlights were Larry Wheeler singing, Stephanie Smith and several young ones performing skits, and Richard and his boys singing.



IMA LEE PREAS, TOM YANCY, STEVE YANCY, LOIS MABRY

Camp-out 1992 was held at Krouse Springs. Highlights were Jerry Preas playing guitar, Karie Wheeler leading the singing, and an "honoring fathers on father's day" breakfast.

JAMES ROBERT PREAS FAMILY

James Robert Preas (1882-1971) was born 20 Jan. 1882 in Bedford County Virginia and came to Texas with his parents. He married Mertie Mae Jones (1884-1916) and she bore him six children - Johnny Y., Nelvin (1903-1905), Era, Roy Creston, James Audren, and Francis Orvil.



MERTIE MAE AND JAMES ROBERT PREAS
(from wedding portrait)

Parents of James Robert Preas were John Henry Preas and Eliza F. Overstreet Bedford County, Virginia, daughter of Benjamin Overstreet (German ancestry) and Martha A. Turner (English) both from Bedford County Virginia. His brothers and sisters were - Martha L., Annie Elizabeth, Walter Nugent, Texas Ula, Mack Henry, Joseph Benjamin, Hettie N., George Washington, Charly Wesley, Lucy Myrtle, John William, Edgar Combs, and Era Francis. The family moved to Delta County, Texas in 1883.

The parents of Mertie Mae were William Jones and Mary Elizabeth (Martha) Castine. Mertie Mae's brothers were Ben and Jeff and her sisters were Allie (Holder), Emma (Gafford) and Bertha (Pentecost).

After Mertie Mae died, James R. married a widow, Annie (Collins) Hare (who had a son - Tucker). She bore him three children - Annie Lois, Robbie Eunice, and Vera Mae.



1. ANNIE AND JAMES ROBERT PREAS
2. JERRY PREAS, JAMES ROBERT PREAS, WENDELL PREAS
(James Robert and grandsons).

James Robert's grandfather was Joseph Preas, Jr. (1812) married 3 Aug 1835 Mahala (Bahala) Parker (1815), daughter of William Parker (English) and (mother not known), in Bedford County, Virginia.



ERA PREAS EPPERSON, ANN LOIS TRANTHAM, JAMES ROBERT PREAS, ROY CRESTON PREAS, AND ERA'S SON, RAY

Joseph and Mahala had eleven children - Charles W., William E., Martha A., Joseph N. James T., Sarah L., JOHN HENRY, George H., Amy E., Mahala F., and Joel Robert.

THE HOBO: ROY CRESTON PREAS

Roy Creston Preas (1908-1940) was born 5 March 1908 in Childers, Texas, but spent a greater part of his short life in Coleman County.



ROY CRESTON AND ILA BEA (YANCY) PREAS

For a few years when still a youngster, after his mother died during a flu epidemic, he lived with the family of Dick and Kirk Preas near Silver Valley, Texas. He married Ila B. Yancy (1910-1981), daughter of Steve Andrew Yancy (1884-1962), and Linnie Bea (Hicks) Yancy (1895-1961).



ROY CRESTON and ILA BEA PREAS FAMILY
Children (L-R): Wendell, Gloria, Roy, Jerry, Mavis,
Cornelia, Mary.

Seven children were born to Roy C. and Ila B. - Roy Wilburn (deceased), Jerry Lee, Ila Mavis, Cornelia June, Mary Elizabeth, Wendell Allen and Gloria Ann. (Roy Wilburn was born in Pasadena, Texas 29 Dec. 1929 and died in Pasadena, California 5 April 1954). The others were born in Coleman County, Texas.

Roy and Ila met across the fence of adjacent farms while they were plowing the fields. Ila was working her father's farm land while Roy was plowing the field of the Yancy's neighbor.

Roy is the son of James Robert Preas (1882-1971) and Mertie Mae Jones (1884-1916). His grandparents are John Henry Preas and Eliza F. Overstreet and William and Mary Elizabeth (Castine) Jones.

His grandmother Mary Elizabeth Jones, who had separated from her husband, owned the first Echo store called "Jonesville" about one-half mile north of Echo. It was built in 1906 and moved to Echo in 1910. A post office was added in 1910 which operated from 1910 to 1914.

Roy's great grandparents were Joseph Preas, Jr. and Mahala (Parker) Preas.

Ila Bea called her husband, nick named "Ted", a hobo because, being a farm laborer, he often "rode the rails" looking for work.



ROY'S RED HEADED AUNT LUCY AND HER HUSBAND

FROM SUNFLOWERS TO BLUEBONNETS

Metta Adon West was born 23 February 1939 in the sunflower state of Kansas, but moved with her family to Texas shortly after. Kansas is a Soux Indian word meaning "people of the south wind", the state flower is the sunflower. Metta came south from the sunflower state to the bluebonnet state and grew up on the bayshore in La Porte, Texas.



METTA GROWING UP -1940-, -1945-, -1952-



METTA



METTA AND JERRY

- 1956 -

On 22 June 1957 Metta married Jerry Lee Preas. They have one child, a daughter - Regena Lee.



RAINBOW GIRL
(1956)



JERRY, REGENA, METTA
(1962)

"If formals could talk, they could tell of many exciting, interesting, and embarrassing moments in Rainbow's and Eastern Stars," recalls Metta.

Metta's father and mother are Chester and Viona (Embry) West. Her half brother and sister are Elmo Beaver, Edna Donovan. Ronnie Bruce West is her full brother.



"CHET" & VIONA WEST



* ELMO, EDNA, RONNIE, METTA

Metta's maternal grandparents are Oliver Perry Embrey and Luella (Loudersback) (1871-1930) Embrey. (Luella traces back to Charles Christopher Springer (1658-1738) Wilmington, Delaware and Maria Hendrick (Dotter) Springer (1685-?). Her paternal grandparents are South and Alice Jerine Prudence (Shaw) West.

THE BLUE-EYED YANCY'S

Steve Andrew Yancy (1884-1962) (Black Dutch, Cherokee, Irish or Scotch-Irish, and perhaps English and Swiss) was born in Cornhill, Texas. In 1909 he married Linnie Bea Hicks.



STEVE YANCY



ILA, IMA, JANIE, LOIS, DOROTHY,
STEVE, LINNIE, CLIFTON, LOUIE

Shortly after their first child, Ila Bea, was born, they moved to Coleman County, Texas where he was a diversified farmer-rancher with two farms to tend. There he remained the rest of his life. He and Linnie Bea had seven children - Ila Bea, Clifton Andrew, Ima Lee, Janie Lou, Frankie Louis, Steve Louie, and Dorothy.

During the later stages of World War II, Steve was drafted into the army, even though a father with seven children, and a son in the navy, due to the heavy losses during the war. He left Coleman on a train headed for New Orleans, Louisiana, crossed the river on a ferry, and boarded another train on the other side. A few days later armistice was signed ending the war. Steve then returned home after only a short hitch in the army.

Steve took pride in his "Yancy blue eyes" and often referred to them when he met a relative who had the same characteristic blue eyes. He was also proud of

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his Indian heritage and often spoke of his mother's Indian and Dutch blood. He said she was Cherokee and Black-Dutch (the dark complected Dutch).



SAWING WOOD



CLIFTON, LOUIE, STEVE YANCY



STEVE YANCY

Steve and his wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1959. A few years later Linnie Bea died of complications from diabetes and asthma. Steve retired, leased out his two farms, which were located 6 miles due east of Coleman divided only by a county road, and moved into a house in Coleman owned by his son Clifton Andrew.

Steve's father was Steve Archibald Yancy (1850-1939) and his mother was Lucindy (Bowen) Yancy (1846-1929) who was born in Georgia. The couple arrived in Texas with their children in 1882. Their children were James, Minnie, Annie, Charles Franklin, Eldridge Asberry, Steve Andrew, Mary, William Rudolph, and Sara. Some of their children were born in Texas.

Steve Andrew's grandfather was Stephen James Yancy, born in 1819, (father and birthplace unknown). His grandmother was Polly Ann Holbrook (1830). Their children were Steve Archibald, Bud Louis, Nan, and Martha.

Steve Andrew spoke with conviction when he said that the Yancy's and the Yancey's were relatives. He also told the story that four brother's of the Yancy line came to this country with Ogelthorpe's colony. He would laugh and say they were "horse thieves" and had a choice of coming here or being hung. It was hard to say how serious he was about the reasons for their coming, because he liked to joke and make fun of things like that. If they came with Ogelthorpe's colonists, it is likely they were unable to pay taxes they owed to the crown and were recruited as colonists on that basis.

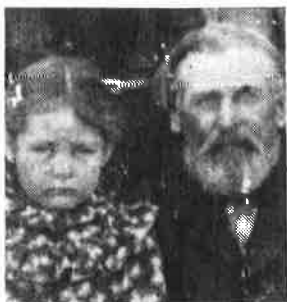
Steve died from exposure to extreme cold and complications from a broken hip in an Abilene, Texas hospital.



YANCY HOME MANY YEARS AFTER FARM WAS SOLD

LINNIE BEA HICKS YANCY

Linnie Bea Hicks (1895-1960) was the daughter of Francis Marion "Frank" Hicks (1839-1926) and Sarah Jane Carlyle (-1898). She was born in Corn Hill (Jarrell), Texas and, at age fourteen, married Steve Andrew Yancy (1884-1962) 28 July 1909. Steve was also born in Cornhill, Texas. They lived most of their married life in Coleman County.



LINNIE AND FATHER

FRANK HICKS

Living the life of a typical farm family six miles due east of Coleman, Texas, Linnie ran the household while Steve worked the farmland and raised hogs, cattle, and chickens, - a typical diversified farmer and stockman with two farms to tend.



LINNIE, STEVE, ILA BEA

Linnie took pride in her cooking and even won a prize for her biscuits in a national contest. During her early years on the farm, she would prepare the

Linnie Bea and Steve had seven children - Ila Bea, Clifton Andrew, Ima Lee, Janie Lou, Frankie Louis, Steve Louie, and Dorothy.

Linnie Bea was a sweet and likeable person, a Christian, large and energetic, but suffered from a rare combination of ailments - asthma and diabetes.

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LINNIE AND HER BISCUITS

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noon meal (they called it dinner) for large thrashing crews, help with the hog killing and would make lie soap from the fat trimmed from the hogs.



HELPING HAND

She was fairly resourceful, and when necessary would milk the cows, slop the hogs, and do other chores when necessary. One winter she walked in the snowshoe tracks made by a neighbor in order to milk the cows after a deep snow. Steve had gone to Arizona to work during the winter months in order to tide the family over until crops could be sold the next year. Ben Dunn, the neighbor had come over to borrow a mule so he could go to town. He made the tracks to the cow pen.

FAMILY REUNION

One winter, both Linnie and Steve had pneumonia at the same time and was laid up for a spell. During the summer, her niece Doris Hicks would spend some time with them, and another niece, Edna Mae Hicks stayed with them in order to graduate from Coleman High School.

Linnie Bea was a strong willed, gentle, and religious person. Even though she married at a very young age by modern standards, she kept house, raised gardens, milked cows, and did many country chores and successfully raised seven children. Her health was always poor - she suffered from classical obesity and asthma and developed adult-on-set-diabetes. A combination of asthma and diabetes in the same person is reported to be extremely rare. She was a good

cook, and kept a simple, but attractive, and neat house. She was also a war wife and mother. Both Steve and Louie served during World War II.



DORIS HICKS

LOUIE YANCY AND EDNA MAE HICKS

Linnie usually cooked bacon, eggs, coffee, and biscuits for Steve's breakfast and meat, potatoes, biscuits, and gravy, often with fresh vegetables she had grown, for other meals.



STEVE, LOUIE,
LINNIE



LINNIE AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS
BUD, HUBERT, JOSH, SIS, RUTH,
MIME, ROSY (Wife of Josh).

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

Miss Linnie Bea Hicks and Steve Andrew Yancy were married July 28, 1909 at Corn Hill, Williamson County, Texas. They moved to Coleman County in 1912. They reached a milestone in 1959 and celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday July 26, 1959 at the Congers Club room in Coleman, Texas.



STEVE AND LINNIE'S 50TH

The family had a reunion dinner at the Yancy farm, before the afternoon reception, with 70 guests present.

At Congers Club room for the reception, Ila Bea (Yancy-Preas) Johns, greeted the guests and directed them to the white leather guest book presided over by Miss Willie Bea Buchanan. The honorees were seated in front of a screen decorated with a golden wedding ring. The numerals 50 hung suspended from the top of the circle. A white satin ribbon bearing florist letters reading 1909 Linnie and Steve 1959 crossed the lower part of the circle. The screen displayed the couple's wedding certificate and 1909 and 1959 oil painted photographs of the couple. Also displayed were picture post cards exchanged during courtship. Piano

selections were played during the reception by Mrs. Clifton A. Yancy and Miss Janice Galloway.



FOUR GENERATIONS: MARY PREAS CHILDERS, ILA BEA YANCY PREAS-JOHNS, LINNIE BEA YANCY, SHERRY CHILDERS

The refreshment table was laid with a gold metallic thread border. An arrangement of white carnations centered the table. Golden punch was served to 111 guests by Miss Wanda Preas and Mrs. Robert Preas. Cake, golden mints and mixed nuts were served by Miss Clifffa Jo Yancy and Mrs. Ronald Shankle. Gifts and cards were displayed on a table laid with a white damask cloth.

Linnie Bea wore a dress of white cotton satin embroidred with gold. Her corsage was a large white mum. Serving attendants wore gold net aprons and white or pink carnations.

Out-of-town guests present for the reception included 31 of the couple's 36 grandchildren and six of the 17 great-grandchildren. Out-of-town guests were

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yancy and family, Mrs. Charly Davis and Susan, all of Odessa; Mr and Mrs Ed Welsh of Haskell, Mrs. Viona West of La Porte, Mr. and Mrs. Amos McAlister of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Talley and Noma of Brownwood, Mrs. V. A. Gallaway and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yancy and family of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Obe Yancy, Mrs. C. F. Yancy, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Yancy and family of Santa Anna, O. B. Yancy, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kesler and family of Abilene.



LOUIE, LOIS, DOROTHY, IMA LEE, ILA BEA

YANCY AND THE OLD OREGON TRAIL

Stephen Archibald Yancy (1850-1939) married Lucindy Bowen (1846-1929) in Georgia. The couple arrived in Texas with their children in 1882. Daughter Annie remembers coming by wagon and team, and crossing a large body of water by ferry.



LUCINDY & STEPHEN YANCY

STEVE ARCHIBALD "Y" YANCY

The father and mother of Stephen Archibald "Y" Yancy were Stephen James Yancy and Mary Polly Ann (Holbrook) Yancy. (It has been reported that Stephen James father was Dabney (Dabner) Yancy who had a son named Stephen -other names connected with Stephen are Sterling, Louis, and Bernard Yancy).

The children of Stephen and Lucindy were James, Minnie, Annie, Charles Franklin, Eldridge Asberry, Steve Andrew, Mary, William Rudolph, and Sara. Some of their children were born in Texas.

Before coming to Texas, Stephen was an overseer on a large plantation. He was born 25 December 1850 in Georgia. His wife, Lucindy (Bowen) was born 30 April 1846 in Cowetta County, Georgia. Her father was A. J. Bowen, and her mother's name was Anilla.

In Texas, Stephen would sign his name A. Y. Yancy. When asked, "Why don't you write out your name instead of using A. Y.?", he replied. "It's too much trouble". He said that he had started using the "Y" so that he could tell his mail from that of his son who had the

same SAY initials. Stephen has a cattle brand registered in Coleman, Texas under the name A. Y. Yancy.



LUCINDY & STEPHEN YANCY

When Francis Parkman wrote of his experiences on the Oregon trail, little did he anticipate how it would affect the American People. Several movies were produced around this theme. In one of the movies, Stephen Archibald Yancy had a bit part.

FRANCIS PARKMAN

THE OREGON TRAIL



Stephen Archibald Yancy had long white hair and a flowing white beard in the late 1920's. His wife Lucindy died in 1929. During those years he visited his daughter Mary, who lived in Summerton, Arizona. While in Arizona, he was employed to play a part in a movie. His grandson, James has a picture of Stephen standing behind a wagon with one of the women from the cast. The writing on the back of the picture states "To S. Y. Yancy with Best Wishes. The Old Oregon Trail. April 1930. Aline Goodwin".

Both Ila B. and Clifton, Stephen's grandchildren, remember him telling stories about his adventures in the making of the movie.

"Grandpaw was very religious and he would tell us how evil were the people making the movie.", said Ila. "When they were not working, they would throw a blanket on the ground, gather round it and gamble. The big trees shown in the movie were not big trees at all, the camera crew would take pictures of broom weeds in such a way that they looked like huge trees."

"He told us that the bog holes were made by pouring water into a low place in the ground and driving horses and wagons through it. Women would come and waller in the mud - then push on the wagons. When the camera crew had got what they wanted, the equipment had to be pulled out of the bog."

"Pap was a farmer and teamster," exclaimed Clifton. He told me that the movie people got on to him several times for feeding the animals.

"You'll have the animals all slick and fat," they said. "But we want them to look skinny and poor for the movie."

"Pap didn't stay with the movie company to the finish of the movie," Clifton stated. "The movie people paid at the end of each day. Pap thought that he had been fired when he got his pay, so he left."

A number of movies based on the Oregon Trail adventures have been produced. Two movies were released during that period of time Steve Yancy was in Arizona - The Big Trail (1930), and The Covered Wagon (1923).

The Big Trail, a black and white movie stars

John Wayne in his first starring role. It is a Western spectacular featuring a wagon train of eastern pioneers leaving Westport, Mississippi to travel the Oregon Trail and to extend the boundaries of the American Republic to the Pacific Northwest. On the wagon train is Breck Coleman (John Wayne). En route, the travelers experience a buffalo hunt, the treacherous fording of a river, a snowstorm, an Indian attack, and the lowering of the wagons, cattle, women, and children over a mountain side. Breck's trapper friend is murdered and Breck vows to avenge his friends murder. On the wagon train Breck falls in love with a beautiful woman, Ruth Cameron (Marguerite Churchill), but Breck must leave when he picks up the trail of his friends murderer.

After the wagon train reaches its destination, Zeke (Tully Marshall), another of Breck's friends, begins to saddle up his mule to go in search of Breck. About that time a mountain sound comes from deep in the trees of the nearby forest. A tall gentleman with long white hair and long flowing beard standing behind the mule and peering over the top of the mule's head says, "What's that Zeke, A Panther?"

"Yeah," replies Zeke. "A two legged kind. I'd know that Commanche Yell any where."

The tall gentleman is the spittin' image of a picture of Stephen taken during those years.

There were four movies based on the Oregon Trail theme - The Covered Wagon (1923), The Big Trail (1930), Oregon trail (1936), The Oregon Trail (1959). All based on the famous trail connecting the East to the far Northwest, featuring much of the background action described in "The Oregon Trail" written by American historian, Francis Parkman. Originally published in 1849 under the title "The California And Oregon Trail", the Parkman story is an account of a journey made by Parkman and his cousin, Quincy Adams Shaw, over the eastern section of the trail in 1846.

LUCINDY BOWEN YANCY

Lucindy (Bowen) Yancy (1846-1929) moved to Texas with her husband, Stephen Archibal Yancy, and their family in 1882. She gave her grandson, Steve Louie Yancy an 1882 Indian Head penny and told him to keep it always as that was the year they came to Texas. She claimed to be of Black-Dutch and Cherokee Indian heritage, both of which she was proud of. Her mother's name was Anilla. They lived in Cowetta County, Georgia. Lucindy had a one-eyed brother, George, who also came to Texas.



LUCINDY BOWEN
YANCY

NAN YANCY,
(Never Married)

STEPHEN ARCHIBAL
YANCY

Stephen Archibal had been the overseer of a large plantation in Georgia before they decided to move to Texas. The Bowen's of Georgia purchased some of the Indian reservation land when it was opened up for settlement. The relationship of Lucindy to the Bowen's who were plantation owners there is not known.

Lucindy was very superstitious. Ila Bea, her granddaughter, tells how when she forgot something, she would take ten steps backwards before going back to get it. She also made friends with the Indians in Arizona while she was there visiting her daughter Mary. Ila Bea said, "Grandmother's Indian friend never removed her dress. When it was dirty, she just added another dress on top."

LIFE ON THE FARM - ILA BEA (Yancy/Preas) JOHNS

Ila Bea (Yancy) (Preas) Johns (July 17, 1910-October 1, 1991) was born July 17, 1910 in Holland, Bell County, Texas. She was the oldest child of Steve Andrew and Linnie Bea Yancy, who moved to Coleman shortly after she was born and resided there for forty years on their farm 6 miles east of Coleman.



ILA BEA AND BROTHER CLIFTON
(Age 15)



ILA BEA AND ROY PREAS

Ila Bea recalls life on the farm. She remembers helping her dad haul water in a wagon and pouring it down gopher holes to get rid of the gophers. She also remembers hauling rocks out of the field, and she remembers helping with the farming.

"Dad", she said, "Would take a train to Alabama or Georgia during cotton picking time and bring back families of Negroes to help with gathering the crops. My job was to ride up and down the rows of cotton on a horse carrying drinking water to the cotton pickers when they wanted a drink. The families would camp out near the fields of cotton. When the crops had been gathered, dad would board them on the train and take them back to their home.

Ila dropped out of school after the 10th grade to help her father farm. She met her husband to be, while the two were plowing the fields on adjacent farms. "I saw him plowing the neighbors fields, the old Calhoun place, and we would stop and talk across the fence," recalls Ila. "I said right there and then that I was

going to marry this good looking boy."

Ila Bea married Roy Creston Preas (5 March 1908 - 18 October 1940) April 13, 1929. Her children by this marriage numbered 7 - Roy Wilburn Preas (29 Dec 1929-22 Apr 1954) (deceased - never married), Jerry Lee Preas of Midland, Ila Mavis Croft of Coleman, Cornelia June Scott of Rockport, Mary Elizabeth Childers of Austin, Wendell Allen Preas of Houston, Gloria Ann Anglin of Austin.



ROY CRESTON PREAS



JERRY PREAS (MARINE)

"Roy Creston," when questioned, "was a good man, a hobo (wanderer) and a dandy", exclaimed Ila. "He would often 'ride the rails' looking for work. We lived in Pasadena, Texas when Roy Wilburn was born. One time he worked in the Wink, Texas oil fields. When he came home he could speak Spanish pretty good. One time he took a hogs hide, tanned it and had a pair of boots made from it. He also wore a pig-skin jacket, and he always wore a hat. He was a hat man. He always wore boots and a hat.

One year he bought a Fordson tractor and contracted farm work for a couple of years."

Ila raised this family, after her husband died, working in Coleman at different jobs over the years which included waitress, maid at the Coleman Hotel, and as a presser and seamstress at a dry cleaning business.

In 1949 Ila Bea married Alexander Johns, a boot maker and shoe repairman. She had two children by this

marriage - Robert Alexander Johns and Stewart Glen Johns.



GLORIA, MARY, ILA, WENDELL, CORNELIA, STEVE (BABY),
ROY, JERRY, GLEN, ROBERT

After their home burned in 1952, Ila moved her family to Austin. Her son, Jerry was a Marine in Korea at this time. In 1959 she was one of the hostesses at her parents golden wedding anniversary.



ILA, REGENA, JERRY (1959)



ILA IN ARIZONA

In the mid 1960's Ila took a bus to Buckeye, Arizona to be with her son during his intestinal "pyloric valve and vegatomy" operation. In 1976, during the American Bicentennial, she attended the Rae-Echo-Cross Rhodes school reunion.

In 1977 she attended her granddaughter, Regena's,

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wedding in Texas City, Texas.

In 1986 she moved to Rockport and then back to Austin in 1990.

Ila Bea loved the annual family campouts and always had a thought and a prayer for others.



ILA & WATTS CREEK SCHOOL MATES

She especially loved children and had a concern for the Senior Citizens.



3 GRANDMOTHERS (1977) - ILA, VIONA WEST, REGENA,
PAUL & PAUL'S GRANDMOTHER

The following is a prayer she wrote at one of the campouts. It was read by the minister at her funeral.

"Our Father who is watching over us. Bless this family reunion. Bless the food for our body. Bless the hands that fixed the food. Let all of us be happy; sing songs, dance in your love.

Bless all the little children. Bless our older Senior Citizens to live a happy life.

Also bless our State Of Texas and the people for better times.

We ask in your name Father.

Amen."

Ila is the granddaughter of Steven Archibal and Lucindy (Bowen) Yancy. who migrated to Texas in the late 1800's from Georgia, and Frank Marion and Sara (Carlyle) Hicks of Jarrell, Williamson Co. Her great grandparents were Stephen James Yancy and Mary Polly Ann (Holbrook) Yancy who migrated from Tennessee.

Her sisters and brothers are Clifton A. Yancy (deceased), Ima Lee Preas, Janie Lou Buchanan (deceased), Steve L. Yancy, Frankie Lois Mabry, and Dorothy E. Monthy.



WENDELL, MARY, CORNELIA, JERRY, GLORIA, GLEN,
ROBERT, MAVIS

Ila Bea died Tuesday October 1, 1991 age 81, at her daughter Mary's home in Austin, Texas. Serviving her at this time were 8 children, 31 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren, three sisters, and one brother. Ila Bea was preceded in death by her husbands, Roy Creston Preas and Alexander Johns and by a son Roy Wilburn Preas.

FAMILY's OF ILA BEA AND ALEX JOHNS

Ila Bea (Yancy) Preas (July 17, 1910- October 1, 1991), a widow with seven children, married in 1946 Alexander Johns, a boot maker and shoe repairman, who had moved to Coleman from Austin. She had two children by this marriage - Robert Alexander Johns (9 Dec 1947 -) Stewart Glen Johns (27 Nov 1948 -).



ILA, BETH, MATTHEW JOHNS : BOB, RYAN, ALEX JOHNS

After their home in Coleman County burned in 1952, Ila moved her family to Austin, where Alex had returned to open a boot and shoe repair shop.



ROBERT AND GLEN JOHNS



BOB, REMY, RYAN, CHRISTINE
JOHNS

Robert Alexander "Bob" Johns (12-9-47) married 1st Remedios Montero Olbert (11-16-48). Their children are Ryan A. (7-22-72) and Christine M. (5-18-75). He married 2nd Priscilla C. Cruz (8-9-54) who had a son, Paul James (7-4-78), by a previous marriage.



BOB, RYAN, CHRISTINE, PRISCILLA JOHNS & Paul (1988)
Stewart Glen married Vikki _____. Their children are
Mary Beth and Matthew.



GLEN, VIKKI, BETH, MATTHEW ILA, BETH, MATTHEW JOHNS

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Ila Mavis Croft (14 Feb 1931) of Coleman, Cornelia June Scott (4 Sept 1933) of Rockport, Mary Elizabeth Childers (31 Aug 1935) of Austin, Wendell Allen Preas (27 March 1938) of Houston, Gloria Ann Anglin (13 May 1939) of Austin.



JERRY, GLORIA, GLEN, MARY, CORNELIA, ILA, WENDELL



GLEN, MAVIS, GLORIA, JERRY, MARY, ILA, ROBERT
Alexander "Alex" Johns (- 29 Feb 1988) married 1st
Amelia Nader in Longview, Texas. There were 4 children
from this marriage - two boys and two girls. George,
William, Olga J. and Lateffe (died age 5).

George married Emily Hills. Their children are
Susan, Marilyn, and George.

William married _____ and had one son - Bill Burnett. William died in World War II.

Olga J. married Sam Attal. they have three sons - Sam Jr., Eugene, and William (Bill).

Amelia died of pneumonia.

Alexander Johns married 2nd Helen (Dacy) Attal (- 16 Sept 1967), a widow with 5 sons and two daughters (Wolfred , Gus, Ted, Philip, Josephene, Barbara). Alex and Helen had two children - Johnny and Ruth. Johnny was born in Longview, Texas.

Johnny married Dorothy Cantus. They have 2 daughters (Patricia Lynn and Terry), 1 son (John Darrell), and 1 grandson. (Terry Johns married David Barker and they have 1 son).

Ruth J. Johns married 1st George Helmuth Fritz (deceased). There were two sons (George Jr., and Robert Duane) and one daughter (Rebecca Ann) by this marriage. George Jr (- d. 6 Aug 1947) married Peggy Duval. They have an adopted son - Michael. Robert Duane (- d. 20 Oct 1949) married and divorced, no children.

Ruth J. (Johns) Fritz married 2nd Jimmie Lewis Casner (deceased). They had two daughters - Jimmy Jean, and Patty Lynn. Jimmie Jean Casner married 1st Pete Casarez, 2nd Paco Tovar, 3rd Don Rude. She has 3 daughters - Kimberly Casorez, Christa Casorez, and Megan Tovar. Patty Lynn Casner married Steve Townsend. They have four daughters - Sara, twins Rebeka and Rachell, and Hannah.

Ruth J. married 3rd Mr. O'Rear.

Alexander Johns father was John Johns who was born in Beirut, Syria. His mother was Rumsey (Rose) Daun Johns (- d. 27 Oct 1953 or '54), also of Beirut, Syria. The children of John and Rumsey were Alexander, Adele, Bertha, and Latiffe.

Bertha J. Johns married Toffee Balogia. They had two sons (Harry and Edward) and four daughters (Evelyn, Jeanette, Doris, and Rose Marie).

Rumsey (Rose) Daun Johns had 4 sisters (Yemina, Rouda, Rose, Katee Zahya) and 3 brothers (Thesdore, Elias, Yusef).

CLIFTON ANDREW YANCY

Clifton Andrew Yancy (1914-1986) was born in Coleman County, Texas. He married Betty Amos in 1938 at Canyon, Texas. The children of Clifton and Betty are Georgia Bea, Clifffa Jo, Andrea Elaine, and Steve Thomas Yancy.



CURTIS PREAS,
CLIFTON YANCY



GEORGIA, CLIFFA, BETTY,
CLIFTON, ELAINE, STEVE

After graduating from Coleman High School, Clifton moved to Amarillo and went into the cafe business. He loved to cook and specialized in hamburgers. Cliff and his family were members of the Central Baptist Church and Cliff was also a member of the Oddfellows.



BETTY YANCY



ELAINE, BETTY, CLIFFA, GEORGIA

Cliff was the son of Steven Andrew Yancy and Linnie Bea (Hicks) Yancy of Coleman. His grandparents were Steven Archibal Yancy and Lucindy (Bowen) Yancy; and Franklin Marion Hicks and Sarah (Carlyle) Hicks.



MELINDA, STEVE, SHAD, TORA YANCY

All of Cliff and Betty's children are married. Georgia Bea m. Rev. Harry Boyle. Their children are Scott Alan, Keith Raymond, Valerie Kay, Cory Bret.

Cliffa Joe m. Bill Shackelford. Their children are Joel Wayne, Curtis Trent, Dana Michell.

Andrea Elaine m. Tim Amadore. Their children are Maria Elena, Halona Ann (deceased).

Steve Thomas Yancy m. Melinda. They have two children - Shad Lee, Tora Shalene.

MY PLACE ON THE SANDY SEASHORE

By Ima Lee Yancy Preas

I was born October 5, 1915 and given the name Ima Lee Yancy. Born and raised on my father's farm six miles due east of Coleman, Texas, I had lots of opportunities to learn both the domestic and farming skills of country life. In my younger years, every one in my family called me "Crook". I married James Audren Preas (1911-1984) and we moved to the country part of Sea Brook, Texas, in the bay area near the Gulf seashore where we lived most of our life and raised our children - Jimmy, Wanda, Robert Andrew, Wilma Joyce, and David Lee.



(1950's) David, Robert, Wanda, Ima Lee,
Wilma, Jimmy, Audren

Audren worked in the fishing and shrimping industry, then owned a series of service stations in La Porte, Seabrook, and League City, Texas. He also went into a seasonal shrimping business with his cousin Alfred Preas, and owned 2 shrimp boats named "Big John" and "Bugger". Both boats caused us no end of excitements. Big John was washed up on the docking during one storm and had to be lifted off with a winch. Audren loved to take visitors out for a boat ride on the Bugger. One day a group was on a boat ride and Metta, who was with them, looked down in the hole and saw water pouring in. After watching the water for awhile Jerry ask Audren if the pump could handle the water. Audren became excited and immediately turned around and headed back to shore. He had been unaware that the boat had a leak. The boards had shrunk up and opened a seam from sitting high in the water for so long in dock. A distinguishing characteristic of

Audren was his stuttering when he became excited. He was certainly excited that day by the leaking boat with a group on board.

I was the third child born to Steve Andrew and Linnie Bea Hicks Yancy. My paternal grandparents were Steve Archibal and Lou Cindy (Bowen) Yancy. My maternal grandparents were Frank Marion and Sarah (Carlyle) Hicks.

I love gardening and often spread a variety of fresh vegetables and fruit on my table during meals. I have also helped raise some of my grandchildren and spend a great deal of time with the others.



ANNUAL CAMPOUT: (1) Ima Lee and Wilma,
(2) Robert and Ima Lee,
(3) Michael, Hershal, Connie, Bobby McClendon
at one of the annual campouts.

My home is a 1-1/2 story frame house about 1 mile north of Seabrook and about 6 miles south of La Porte on route 146. In addition to gardening, my other past-time enjoyments and hobbies include sewing and crocheting.

Jimmy (1933-1979) m. Fayerene Miles (31 Jan 1939-31 Jan 1984) and they had two boys - Wess Andrew and Lance Audren. Wanda m. Douglas Bright and they have three children - Lisa M., Cathy Lynn, and Douglas D., Jr. and one grandchild, Rachel Elizabeth Callaway. Robert Andrew (Bobby) married 1st Laura Mae Stewart.

(c. Connie Diane and Pamela Kay). He married 2nd Linda Mae Gilstrap. (c. Robin Renee, Robert Andrew, Jr. and Regina Rachelle). Connie m. Hershall L. McClendon. (c. Michael and Bobby Lee). Pamela Kay married John Mathew. (c. Little John Jr.). Robin m. 1st Frankie Gonzales, (c. Frankie Gonzales, Jr.), 2nd child Justin Preas, m. 3rd (c. Albert Lee Gonzales). Regina has a girl - Kala Renee Windsor.

Wilma Joyce m. Lawrance (Larry) Edward Wheeler. They had two girls - Debra Joyce and Karie Lynn (Debra Joyce married Jerry Wayne Long). David (epileptic) m. Mary Ruth Sanders and then divorced. He has no children.



(1) Karie & Wanda



(2) Roy Preas (nephew) and Jimmy beside
my home (early 1950)

My son, Jimmy, was a veteran. He served in the Air Force, most of the time he was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. He worked as a welder after, his honorable discharge from the military, for one of the Petrochemical Plants in Texas City. He died of cancer. Robert (Bobby) joined the army age 17 and served in Korea one year. After discharge, he worked at various jobs in the Seabrook area. He and David often worked the "Big John" during shrimping season. Robert died of kidney failure in 1985.

Papa took us to visit grandpaw Hicks by wagon one year when I was very young. I never will forget that trip. Grandpaw had a watermelon patch and we worked hard gathering the watermelons. We left one on the porch to cool overnight, and when we woke up the next morning the watermelon was gone. Grandad's pet coon, which he kept on a long chain in the rafters over the porch, had come down and devoured our watermelon.

JANIE LOU YANCY AND WILLIAM TERREL BUCHANAN FAMILY

By Carolyn Shankle and Ronda Ireton

Janie Lou (Jack) Yancy Buchanan was born April 24, 1917 and died October 31, 1975. She is the daughter of Steve Andrew and Linnie Bea (Hicks) Yancy. Her paternal grandparents are Steve Archibal and Lucinda (Bowen) Yancy. Her maternal grandparents were Marion Frances and Sarah Jane (Carlyle) Hicks. Janie's brothers and sisters are Ila Bea Johns (deceased), Ima Lee Preas, Clifton Yancy (deceased), Steve Louie Yancy, Frankie Lois Mabry, and Dorothy Ellen Monthy.



Willie, JANIE, CAROLYN CAROLYN, JANIE, WILLIE, BILL
TERRIE, IRENE, JACKIE

Janie was born and raised in Coleman County, Texas on her parents farm. She grew up milking cows, working in the field, picking cotton, churning butter, cooking, sewing, and gathering eggs. Jane attended school in Coleman until she married William Terrel (Bill) Buchanan on June 27, 1935. Janie and Bill met while Bill was working for the Yancy's neighbor Mr. Quinn.

William Terrel Buchanan was born January 6, 1912 in Williamson County close to Georgetown, Tx. He is the son of Philip Haynes and Irene (White) Buchanan. His paternal grandparents are James Wesley and Lucy Jane (Keeling) Buchanan. His maternal grandparents are Tom and Martha (Sanford) White. His brothers and sisters are Jesse Lee, Martha Annie Dell Gardner, Virgie May, Bertha Jewel (deceased). Winnie Gardener, and Jimmy (deceased).

Bill was raised in Williamson county where he attended formal school until third grade. At that time his mother died and the school closed. He refused to walk to a further school and began earning a living by trapping and hunting with his brother Jesse Lee. His school was continued by his aunt Ollie who came to live with the family and was a school teacher.



SUZETTE, JACKIE, LOIS, JANIE, IRENE, BILL, KRISTI

After Janie and Bill married, they lived in Coleman where Bill worked on farms and ranches in the area. Their first child, Carolyn Jane was born May 13, 1936. In 1938 the family moved to Talpa where Bill worked for a ranch. Janie and Carolyn would ride the Doodle Bug train to visit the family in Coleman and Bill would hitchhike. One day a local ganster, Machine Gun Kelly, stopped to give Bill a ride. Because the floorboard was full of guns, Bill would not get in and he rode on the running board at 70 mph. He dropped his cigarette case in the car but would not ask for it back.

In 1939 the family moved to San Angelo where Bill worked as a carpenter, ranch hand, and in the winter, in the coal yard. Willie Bea was born March 11, 1939. During World War II, Bill ran a riding stable and Janie worked at Good Fellow Air Force Base as a cook. Bill's father, Phillip, lived with the family and took care of the children. During this time, Janie would wash clothes in the yard in a cast iron pot over an open fire. Janie tried to get a job as a waitress but

no one would hire her because she had no experience. She volunteered to work for no pay to gain experience. She was soon hired.

Twin boys, Ronald and Donald were born August 12, 1944 (stillborn). Terrie Lou was born July 25, 1945. Jackie Andrew was born November 5, 1947.

One time Bill sold a car for \$1.50 to buy groceries. On pay day, he bought another car.

In 1951 the family moved to Iraan where Bill went to work for Helmrick and Payne (H&P) as a pumper where he worked until his retirement in 1978. Janie ran a laundry and worked as a cook in various restaurants and drive inns. Savannah Irene was born June 16, 1951.

Janie was a member of First Baptist Church and for many years taught Sunday School for children and adults, worked in Vacation Bible School and was a member of WMU (Women's Missionary Union). She was Cub Scout Den Mother also. Janie enjoyed collecting bottles, clocks, and keeping sentimental things. She loved gardening and plants, especially roses. She also loved cooking. Some of her family's favorite were chocolate pie, pecan pie, mince meat pie, oatmeal rasin cookies, butter horns, chocolate crackers, bread pudding, turkey and dressing, homemade ice cream, fried pies, cobbler, and chow chow. Janie died October 31, 1975 and is buried in Iraan.



BILL & CAROLYN BUCHANAN

Bill lives in Rankin and is married to Carolyn Eckland. He enjoys gardening and visiting with

family and friends - including his 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

The following poem was written by Janie and found after her death.

"During this Christmas Season we have so much to be thankful for that I want to tell of his love for me and you."

"The Lord is My Shephard"
"The Sheltering Rock"
He'll never forget to keep me
And he will "Stand By Me"
"For I am a Child of the King"
"He Brought me out" of the miry clay
And "Saved the Uttermost"
For "I am Thine Own Lord"
Because "Jesus is Calling"
And I want him to
"Make Me a Channel of Blessing"
For there is "Nothing Between"
My soul and my savior
"When I see the Blood"
I think of the "Old Rugged Cross"
And want to "Throw Out a Lifeline"
And know it is "Well With My Soul."



FRANKIE LOIS YANCY MABRY AND WOODREW MABRY FAMILY

Frankie Lois Yancy (1921) was born in Coleman, Texas and graduated from Coleman High School. She married William Woodrew Mabry (1919-). After marriage, Lois and Woodrew moved to Iraan, Texas where they lived most of their life and raised their children.



LOIS YANCY



WOODREW MABRY



Lois and Woodrew had five children - William Woodrew Jr. (1946), Daniel Elmo (1947), Linnie Dennice (1948), Sidney Jay (1951), and Willa Lynn (1959).



LOIS, SIDNEY, JUDY, LYNN, RICHARD, ROBERT



TAMMY, DANNY, LOIS, LEROY

STEVE L. YANCY AND ESTHER MONTHY YANCY

By Esther Monthy Yancy

Esther Monthy Yancy was born October 9, 1921 on a farm near Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Her parents were Olive Richards Monthy and A. Emil Monthy. Her brother Elvin was born here also. In 1924 they returned to her grandmother Elnora Noble Richard's farm just north of Cresco, Iowa. Her brother Floyd was born here.



ESTHER, STEVE YANCY



ESTHER, STEVE, STEPHANIE
LINDA, RICHARD

Esther started first grade at Albion School. In November of that year the family moved to Cresco, Iowa where she attended school and graduated in the Class of 1939. In July of 1941 she went to Oakland, California where she was employed at Bay Cities Asbestos Company. She met Steve Yancy, a handsome Navy man from Texas. When he returned from overseas Navy duty they married at Cresco, Iowa on October 2, 1943. Their children are Richard Alan, Linda Susan Banks, Roger Ashley and E. Stephanie Smith.

The Yancy family lived in Houston, Texas for 38 years. They attended Park Place United Methodist Church. Esther also work with Girl Scouts, was employed for 14 years at W. H. Curtain Co.

Stevie Louie Yancy was born on June 4, 1919 at the family farm near Coleman, Texas. His mother was Linnie Bea Hicks Yancy and his father Steve Andrew Yancy. Stevie Louie (family usually called him Louie, others

called him Steve) had one brother and four sisters - Clifton Andrew, Ila Bea, Janie Lou, Frankie Lois, and Dorothy Ellen.



STEVE YANCY,
PETE PREAS



DOROTHY, STEVE, LOIS

Steve attended Watts Creek and Junction Schools in the lower grades and then Coleman High School where he participated in Track and Football, graduating from CHS in 1937.

After graduation, Steve went to Sweeney Diesel Engine School in Dallas, Texas and after completing the courses was employed by Terry Dalehite Towing out of Texas City, Texas. He was soon drafted, joined the Navy and was sent to San Diego, California in June 4, 1941. He then went to Aviation Machinist Mate School in Alameda, California. While there he met Esther Monthy from Iowa. In January 1942 his unit was rushed to Hawaii where he flew in Navy PBY planes. In 1943 they were sent to Guadalcanal with the first B-24 Navy Bombers to join the World War II conflict and received the Navy Flying Cross. He returned to Alameda California in September 1943 and went to Cresco, Iowa to marry Esther Monthy on October 2, 1943. Then to duty in San Diego, and from there to Hutchinson, Kansas. Their son Richard Alan was born there. In September 1945, after Navy discharge, the family moved to Houston, Texas here three more children were born - Linda Susan Banks, Roger Ashley and Ellen

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Stephanie Smith. He attended the University of Houston and then worked at Oilfield Service Company, Harry Baker Towing Company, Applied Power Company, and Southline Equipment.



STEVE AND ESTHER YANCY

In October 1984 Steve and his wife Esther retired to their special place at Lake Striker in East Texas.

AL AND DOROTHY MONTHY

By Dorothy Ellen Yancy Monthy

Al Monthy, given name Elvin (no middle name), was born in Chippawa Falls, Wisconsin 19 January 1923 to Emil Monthy and Olive Richards Monthy. The family moved to Cresco, Iowa when Al was very young. He grew up there and finished high school in 1942 and joined the U. S. Navy.



AL MONTHY



DOROTHY AND AL

Al took basic training in Idaho and San Diago, California. He was sent to the East coast to join the crew of the USS English. With Al aboard, serving as gunners mate, the USS English went to the South Pacific for combat. Al was still serving during the final attack on Japan. Al was fortunate in that he was not wounded during the hostilities. After the final attack, he served three months longer then was sent home with an honorable discharge.

Al then trained as a machinist and mechanic, later going into diesel engine repair and then into gas compressors for gas production.

On 19 September 1945, Al married Dorothy Ellen Yancy. They were married in Houston, where they lived during their children's school years, and raised four children. Their children are Phillip, Larry, Marilyn Monthy The Berge, and Karen Monthy Thomas.

Dorothy Ellen Yancy was born 29 March 1925 to Linnie Bea Hicks Yancy and Steve Andrew Yancy in Coleman, Texas. She graduated from Coleman High School in 1942 and after several attempts at careers ended up

in Houston working with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.



LARRY, MARILYN, PHILLIP



DOROTHY, AL
REGENA PREAS, KAREN

After marriage, birthing and raising her children, Dorothy continues to find great satisfaction in serving God in her church and community through Bible teaching, gardening and committee work. Al also continues to be active in church along with his other "retirement" pursuits.



OLIVE AND EMIL MONTHY

ILA MAVIS PREAS CROFT FAMILY

By Ila Mavis Preas Croft.

I was born on Valentine's day in 1932. A sparkling, squirming, and smiling addition to my parents family, making me the third child. Seems we were all born near or on a holiday. My older brother, Roy was born December 29, 1929. The next was Jerry, born December 27, two days after Christmas and two days before our big brother's birthday.



I married Wednesday August 11, 1949 Cleo Silas Croft (23 Aug 1930-), better known as "Buddy". We have 10 children - Margie Lee, Donald Wayne, Edward Ray, Debra June, Walter Douglas, Bobby Joe, Tammy Sue, Opal Ann, Mavis Marie, and Buddy Andrew.



VALDEZ: RAY, MARGIE, TRAMPAS, TINA, TRAVIS

Margie Lee Croft (23 July 1950) m. 8 Nov 1969 Ray Valdez (19 Dec 1949). They have 3 children: Trampas Ray (21 May 1970), Tina Rena (27 Mar 1972), and Travis Roy (9 June 1973).



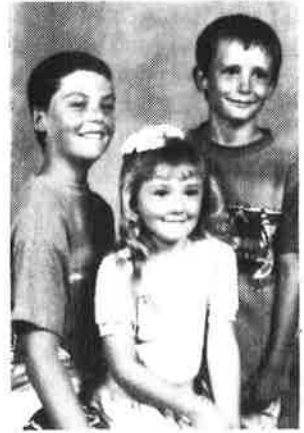
WAYNE, LINDA, JUNE, LISA, EDDIE CROFT

Donald Wayne Croft (28 Oct 1951) m. 22 May 1970
Linda Joyce ____ (31 July 1951). They have three
children: June Marie (27 Mar 1971), Lisa Rena (3 Oct
1972), and Eddie Wayne (23 Aug 1976).



1. EDWARD, SHEILA, TONY, MISTY, BRANDY CROFT
2. DUNN: KENNETH, DEBRA, TRANCE, DESSNIE DAWN, DAVID
Edward Ray "Jigger" Croft (17 Oct 1952) m. 16 Dec
1972 Sheila Irene ____ (10 Nov 1954). They have three
children: Tony Edward (5 Jan 1975), Misty Dawn (20
June 1977), Brandy Michelle (18 May 1979).

Debra June Croft (26 Sept 1954) m. 20 May 1982
Kenneth Oliver Dunn (19 Dec 1957). Their three
children are Trance Kane Goree (9 May 1978), Dessnie
Dawn (18 Feb 1981), and David Kenneth (8 Sept 1982).



1. DOUGLAS, RENA, CHARLIE 2. CHARLIE, RUSTY, SABRENA

Walter Douglas Croft (7 Aug 1956- ?) m. 16 Oct 1975 Rena Irene _____ (10 Sept 1957). Their three children are: Charlie Douglas (21 Dec 1978), Rusty Allen (26 Nov 1981), Sabrena Michelle (27 Oct 1985).



1. BOBBY, PAMLA, CODY, SAMANTHA, KELLY CROFT

Bobby Joe Croft (17 Jan 1958) m. 17 June 1978 Pamla June _____ (11 Aut 1960). Their three children are: Cody Joe (15 Nov 1984), Samantha Joann (23 Feb 1988), and Kelly Ray (26 Nov 1991).

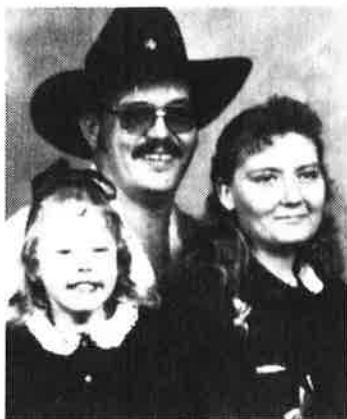


1. LINDLEY: RAY, TAMMY, ROCKY, RACHEL, BRIAN, TERESA (not shown)

2. HENDERSON: MICHAEL, OPAL, CHRISTINA, JEFFERY

Tammy Sue Croft (26 Oct 1960) m. 22 Nov 1980 Ray Lindely (6 May 1948). They have four children: Rocky Dwayne (16 Mar 1980), Rachel Lee (23 Jan 1982), Brian Heath (12 Dec 1988), and Teresa (11 May 1971).

Opal Ann Croft (12 Feb 1966) m. 18 May 1985 Michael Wayne Henderson (21 Nov 1959). Their two children are: Christina Leann (26 June 1987) and Jeffery Allen (7 Nov 1991).



1. MILLS: RUSSEL, MARIE, JENNIFER

2. BUDDY CROFT AND LEXI BLOUNT

Mavis Marie Croft (27 July 1967) m. 27 July 1985 Russel Glen "Rusty" Mills (13 Feb 1963). Their daughter is Jennifer Marie (8 July-87).

Buddy Andrew Croft (21 Oct 1973) is not married, but he has a very pretty steady girl friend - Lexi Lanise Blount.



CROFT FAMILY: RENA, CHRISTY, OPAL, MIKE, EDDIE, WAYNE, BOBBY, SAMANTHA, PAM, TRAMPAS, SABRENA, CODY, MAVIS, BUDDY, RUSTY.

THE DOUGLAS AND WANDA BRIGHT FAMILY OF SEABROOK

By Wanda Dolores (Preas) Bright

The Bright family of Seabrook, Texas consists of Douglas Orba Bright (29 May 1926-), Wanda Dolores Bright (31 Jan 1935 -), Lisa Bright (21 Aug 1966-), Cathy Bright (20 Sept 1967-), and Dougie Bright (27 Aug 1979-).



DOUGLAS, WANDA, LISA, CATHY,
AND DOUGIE BRIGHT



RACHEL ELISABETH
CALLAWAY

Wanda Dolores Preas Bright was born 31 January 1935 in her parents house, just up the hill from her maternal grandparents farm 6 miles east of Coleman, Texas. At four pounds, she was small enough for her father to place her in a shoebox. When Wanda was 3 years old, her family moved to Seabrook, Texas. They lived in different homes while she was growing up. Her favorite memories of childhood are when they lived on a dairy farm. She remembers the big snow they had one winter and riding the pigs with her brothers, Jimmy, Robert, and David.

Wanda attended LaPorte Elementary, Seabrook Elementary, League City Junior High, and graduated from Webster High School in May 1953. On 21 April 1965 she married Douglas Orba Bright after a courtship of four months. They have three children: Shirley Alisa "Lisa", Cathy Lynn and Douglas Orba, Jr. "Dougie".

Douglas Orba Bright, Sr. was born 29 May 1926 to Ernest Leroy and Alma Virginia (Cross) Bright. He was born in Herpel, Arkansas, but was raised in Galveston, Texas. When he was only seventeen he joined the Navy, anxious to help his country during World War II. As a

retired electrician he now has plenty of time for fishing.

Wanda's hobbies and talents include sewing, crocheting, gardening and landscaping. Her yard is a show piece and inspiration in the midst of "Old" Seabrook. Her homegrown vegetable dinners are the rave of her friends and family. And her crochet work can be seen each Christmas, in her loved one's homes and in many portraits of their children. She also takes a very strong, active interest in her son's special education. (Dougie has Down's Syndrome). She has provided a schoolroom with texts, props, and special learning tools.

Shirley Alisa "Lisa" Bright Callaway was born 21 August 1966 in Pasadena, Texas. She attended Seabrook Elementary, Apostolic Christian Academy and graduated from American School. She married Reid DeWitt Callaway, Jr. from Macon, Georgia on 15 April 1988. Lisa and Reid reside in League City, Texas with their daughter Rachel Elisabeth born 26 April 1991.

Cathy Lynn Bright was born 20 September 1967 in Pasadena, Texas. She attended Seabrook Elementary, Apostolic Christian Academy, Life Christian Academy and American School. She is presently employed with Taft Broadcasting and thoroughly enjoys her contact with our United States Astronauts.

Douglas Orba "Dougie" Bright, Jr. was born 23 August 1979 in Webster, Texas. Having Down's Syndrome required that he attend many different schools to meet his needs. His primary job in life is bringing joy to his family.

Wanda's father and mother are James Audren and Ima Lee (Yancy) Preas. Her paternal grandparents are James Robert and Mertie Mae (Jones) Preas. Her maternal grandparents are Steve Andrew and Linnie Bea (Hicks) Yancy. Her brothers are Jimmy Audren, Robert Andrew, and David Lee Preas. Her sister is Wilma Joyce (Preas) Wheeler.

MARY ELIZABETH (PREAS) AND WILLARD CHILDERS FAMILY

By Mary Elizabeth Childers

I was born August 31, 1935 in Coleman County, Texas on my grandfather's farm 6 miles east of Coleman. I attended Cross Roads grade school and Coleman High School. My dad died when I was only about 6 years old. Mom moved us kids to Austin, after our home burned in the early 1950's.



CHILDERS: JEFF & AMY DODSON, SHERRY, WAYNE & JEREMY BOYD, ELIZABETH, WAYNE & NEOMA CHILDERS, MARY, WILLARD, BRENDA & PAUL MEZ, BETHANN & EUGENE CHILDERS RACHEL CHILDERS, AMBER MCMILLIN, KARISSA MEZ, RYAN CHILDERS, JUSTIN DODSON, REBECCA CHILDERS, STEFFANY SWAIN

I graduated from Steven F. Austin high school and attended Nixon Clay business college. I married Willard Frances Childers, Jr. October 7, 1954. We have four children, 11 grandchildren, and one step-grandchild. Our children are Sherry Lynn, Brenda Kay, Eugene Brady, Wayne Franklin, and Elizabeth Ann.

Sherry Lynn () m. 22 Dec. 1983 Jeffery Allen Dodson (). ((c. Justin Jeffrey (22 Dec 1983), Amy Lynn (4 July 1989)).

Brenda Kay (9 Sept 1957) m. 19 Aug 1979 David Paul "Skeet" Mez (16 July 1955). ((c. Charissa Kay (11 Jul 1985), Adrian Ruth (6 June 1987)).

Eugene Brady Childers (30 Nov 1958) m. 8 June 1991

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Bethann Swain (24 July 1962). ((c. Lauren Jeanne (27 Nov 1991)).

Wayne Franklyn Childers (18 Jan 1960) m. 11 Sept 1983 Naomi (). ((c. Ryan Matthew (4 Jan 1984), Elizabeth Rachel (19 April 1986), Rebecca Leann (11 Aug 1987)).

Elizabeth Ann Childers (22 July 1966) m. 1st 22 July 1984 Shawn Lyne McMillin (28 April 1961). ((c. Amber Dawn McMillin (24 April 1986)). Divorced 1988. M. 2nd July 1990 Wayne Boyd (25 Oct 1952). ((c. Jeremy Wayne (28 April 1989), Frances Elizabeth (25 March 1991)).

My father was Roy Creston Preas, and my mother was Ila Bea (Yancy/Preas) Johns. My maternal grandparents were Linnie Bea and Steve Andrew Yancy. My paternal grandparents were Mertie Mae (Jones) and James Robert Preas.

Willard Childers, Jr. served in the National Guard from 1952 to 1953. His father and mother were Willard Francis (Sr.) and Flora Elva (Showers) Childers. His paternal grandparents were Walter M. and Dora Lena (Hibdon) Childers. His maternal grandparents were George W. and Eva (Davis) Showers.



CAMPOUT: MARY, GLORIA, ILA BEA, JERRY, CORNELIA

CAROLYN (BUCHANAN) SHANKLE AND RONALD STANLEY SHANKLE

By Carolyn Shankle and Ronda Ireton

Carolyn Jane Buchanan was born May 13, 1936 in Coleman on her grandparents farm 6 miles east of Coleman. She is the daughter of William T. (Bill) Buchanan and Janie Lou Yancy Buchanan and the granddaughter of Phillip and Irene White Buchanan and Steve Andrew Yancy and Linnie Bea Hicks Yancy. Her sisters are Willie Bea Daniel (11 Mar 1939 -), Terrie Lou Calhoun (25 Jul 1945-), and Savannah Irene Hargrove (16 Jun 1939-). Her brothers are Ronald and Donald (12 Aug 1944 - stillborn) and Jackie Andrew (5 Nov 1947 -).



RONNIE AND CAROLYN SHANKLE

In 1938 Carolyn's parents moved the family to Talpa, Texas then to San Angelo, Texas. In 1951 the family moved to Iraan, Texas. Carolyn attended Iraan High where she participated in band and home economics. After high school, Carolyn moved to Abilene where she worked at the Timex factory. She then moved to San Angelo where she graduated from the Jolley Beauty College in 1955. After graduation she moved to Texon, Texas and worked in Big Lake, Texas.

On June 17, 1958, Carolyn married Ronald Stanley Shankle. Ronnie, born on December 10, 1934

in Texon, Texas, is the son of Richard and Linnie Lowery Shankle and the grandson of George and Edna White Shankle and John and Callie Tanner Lowery. Ronnie's sister is Billie Lee (1930-1970).

Texon is a town established in 1924 by the Big Lake Oil Company to serve as a base of operations and to provide homes for its employees. Oil was discovered in the area when in 1923 Santa Rita #1 was brought in. The town is located on Highway 67 between Big Lake and Rankin. The land on which Texon is located is owned by the University of Texas and leased by Big Lake Oil Company. Big Lake Oil Company provided homes, all utilities, garbage disposal, as well as fire and police protection for its employees. The Texon Post Office was established in 1926. Texon business establishments included boarding house, filling station, grocery store, drug store, cafe, barber shop, movie theater, dairy, photo shop, and saddle shop. The Big Lake Oil Company also helped establish social and recreational activities by building a hospital, elementary school, Texon Union Church, and Sunday School, Boy Scout hut, golf course, club house, swimming pool, and park. In 1925, a baseball field was built for the Texon Oilers, a semi-pro team. In 1928, the Texon Oilers were the National Semi-pro Champions. The population of Texon was approximately 2000. At Christmas each year, representatives were sent to Dallas to purchase gifts for each child in Texon age 12 and under. The gifts were given out at the movie theater on a Saturday in December.

In 1930, 249 men were employed by Big Lake Oil Company. There were 276 in 1934 and peaked in 1935 with 300 employees. Due to the use of more sophisticated equipment and better methods of handling production problems, fewer men were needed to operate the oil fields, and employees began to be transferred to new fields. In 1956, Plymouth Oil bought out interests in Big Lake Oil and the Texon office was closed. The Texon grade school was closed in 1958 and students were bussed to Big Lake. In 1960 it had become far too expensive to maintain an old oil camp such as Texon. In 1962 when Marathon Oil bought out

Plymouth Oil, the camp was closed. Employees were allowed to buy their homes for a nominal sum and most were move to other locations. In 1992, 5 families lived in Texon, but none are original Texoners.

Ronnie Shankle grew up in Texon and attended school in Big Lake where he participated in football and track. He competed in the state track meet for two years. He graduated from Big Lake High in 1953 and went to work for Plymouth Oil Company.

After marriage, Carolyn and Ronnie moved to Upton County to a Marathon camp. Ronda Carol was born 7 November 1961, Philip Stanley was born 8 January 1965.

In 1965, Ronnie, Carolyn, Ronda, and Philip moved to Rankin where they reside at 604 Elizabeth. Ronda and Philip both attended school in Rankin. Ronda was active in church activities, FHA, 4-H, Band and track. She graduated from high school in 1980. She attended Texas Tech and University of Texas, Permian Basin (UTPB), where she graduated in 1984 with a B. A. in Literature and an elementary teaching certificate. She married Danny Ireton of Stanton in 1982. Their children are Brandon Seth (20 Dec 1984 -), Matthew Hunter (6 Apr 1987 -), and Jonathan Caleb (19 Jan 1990-).

Philip played football, basketball, and tennis, and was a boy scout. He graduated in 1983 and attended Midland College. In 1988 he married Linda Zarate. Their children are Philip, Junior (4 Aug 1988 -) and Tiffany Renee (18 May 1990 -).

Carolyn owns and operates the Beauty Cottage and has taught 4-H. She was a member of Cub Scout Council for 18 years and is now on the Board of Directors of Rankin Chamber of Commerce. She enjoys reading and crafts.

Ronnie works for Marathon Oil and enjoys reading and cars.

Ronnie and Carolyn are members of First Baptist Church in Rankin and enjoy camping and their five grandchildren.

RICHARD ALAN YANCY

By Richard Yancy

Richard Alan Yancy, born August 3, 1944, was the first of four children born to Steve Louie Yancy and Esther Monthy Yancy. His grandparents were Steve Andrew Yancy and Linnie Bea Hicks Yancy, and August Emil Monthy and Aline Richards Monthy.



ROYAL NAVY



RICHARD ALAN YANCY

Being the first born of four children, I was very fortunate to have known and enjoyed all of my grandparents. Another unique feature of my childhood was that my mother's brother, Elvin Monthy, married my dad's sister Dorothy "Curley" Yancy and they also had four wonderful children who are my double cousins.

A special time of my youth was spending summer vacations with my grandparents. My mom's parents lived in Cresco, Iowa - a charming rural area. I have fond memories of the garden and of going into the cellar and of exploring the attic.

Dad's parents lived in the country near Coleman, Texas. I enjoyed one trip especially. At 12 years old, I rode the train alone. Granny Yancy took me to town as I had a special desire to buy a kerosene lamp, which I still have today.

We enjoyed the primitive simplicity of their life - no electricity no running water, and no indoor

toilets. The highlights of my week-end was going to town on Saturday. Granny would leave us at the Owl Drug Store for a nickel ice cream cone while grandpa would go to the domino hall for an afternoon of visiting and a few cold drinks.

Another treat was riding through the fields in grandpa's car - honking the horn all the way which would get the cattle to following us until he would stop to give them some hay or oats.

Also a fun time was swimming in one of the tanks - and going through a shallow creek with no bridge.



RICAHRD AND HIS PARENTS
ESTHER AND STEVE YANCY

Both of my grandparents and parents instilled very high moral standards that will stay in my life.

My youth at James Deady Jr. High included Marching Band and Concert Orchestra and Choral Music.

My high school days included the Buffalo Marching Band at Charles Milby High School and the Concert Orchestra - serving as librarian.

I was also member of Jr. Deputy Sheriff Band. We had a number of trips - including Corpus Christi, Texas, Brownwood, Texas, and New Orleans, Louisiana. I played the flute and Piccolo.

My great love in music is classical and the pipe organ. I'm very active in the Park Place United Methodist Church - and am the acolyte (candle lighter)

for our church.

My work has been with Yellow Freight System for 23 years. We are the largest trucking firm in the USA. I am presently on total disability due to my continuing bout with the AIDS disease which was diagnosed in January 1991.

I believe that prayer has brought me to this point in my life.



RICHARD ALAN YANCY
(School Days 1960)



MY HOME (60 Years Old)

I have a collection of stained glass and antique furniture, a lovely 60 year old home, and a beautiful miniature Dachshund that has given me much inspiration.

RONDA CAROL (SHANKLE) AND DANNY KEITH IRETON FAMILY
By Ronda Ireton

Ronda Carol Shankle was born 7 November 1961 in Odessa, Texas. She is the daughter of Ronald and Carolyn (Buchanan) Shankle. She is the granddaughter of Richard and Linnie (Lowery) Shankle and William T. (Bill) and Janie Lou (Yancy) Buchanan. Ronda's brother is Philip Stanley Shankle.



DANNY, RONDA, BRANDON, JONATHAN, MATTHEW
IRETON

Ronda lived the first eighteen years of her life in Rankin, Texas. She was involved in 4-H, track, band, FHA, church activities, and member of National Honor Society (NHS). She graduated in 1980 from Rankin High and attended Texas Tech two years. She transferred to the University of Texas of the Permian Basin where she graduated in 1984 with a B. A. in Literature and an elementary teaching certificate.

On 3 July 1982, Ronda married Danny Keith Ireton of Stanton, Texas. Danny is the son of Jack and Margie (Louder) Ireton and the grandson of Elmer and Maggie (Taylor) Ireton and Albert and Viola (Florence) Louder. The Louders have been in Martin County and Stanton since 1919 when Danny's great-grandparents Caleb and Sarah (Kale) Louder moved to Martin County and bought a farm.

Danny's grandparents Albert and Viola Louder came to Martin County in 1927. Danny's mother, Margie Ireton, was born in Martin County. Danny is the fourth

generation of Louders to live and work in Martin County. The farm bought in 1919 is now being farmed by Danny's brother Dennis Ireton. In 1986, the Louder family was honored as one of Martin County's founding families.

Danny was born 21 March 1960 and attended Stanton schools where he participated in football, FFA, and church activities. He graduated from Stanton High in 1978. He attended Midland College and Howard College before going to work for White Motor Company in 1981. Danny is the general sales manager, selling Ford and Mercurys.

Ronda and Danny's children are Brandon, Matthew, and Jonathan. Brandon Seth Ireton was born 20 December 1984. He was eleven weeks premature and weighed 21lbs 5oz. He remained in the hospital for two months before coming home perfectly healthy.

Matthew Hunter Ireton was born 6 April 1987 weighing 6lbs 11oz.

Jonathan Caleb Ireton was born 19 January 1990 weighing 8lbs 1oz.

Brandon attends Stanton elementary school. He is active in Cub Scouts, T-Ball, and church activities. Matthew is also active in church activities.

Ronda, Danny and boys reside at 101 East First Street in Stanton, Texas. They are members of First Baptist Church where Ronda teaches Sunday School and Mission Friends as well as playing in the handbell choir. Ronda enjoys gardening, crafts, and has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi for nine years. Danny enjoys golf and hunting. Their family activities include camping, snow skiing, swimming, bowling, and miniature golf.

PHILIP STANLEY SHANKLE AND LINDA ZARATE SHANKLE FAMILY

By Ronda Ireton

Philip Stanley Shankle was born 8 January 1965 in Odessa, Texas. He is the son of Ronald and Carolyn (Buchanan) Shankle and the grandson of Richard and Linnie (Lowery) Shankle and William T. (Bill) and Janie Lou (Yancy) Buchanan. His sister is Ronda Shankle Ireton.



LINDA, PHILIP, TIFFANY, AND PHILIP, JR. SHANKLE

Philip grew up in Rankin, Texas where he was active in 4-H, football, basketball, tennis, Boy Scouts, and church activities. He graduated in 1983 from Rankin High and attended Midland College. He went to work for C. F. Lawrence in McCamey, Texas in 1988.

Philip married Linda Zarate in 1988. Linda is the daughter of Joe and Delfina (Hinojosa) Zarate and the granddaughter of Pavlo and Celia (Flores) Zarate and Benny and Rosa Hinojosa. She grew up in McCamey where she was active in pep squad and flag corps. Linda graduated from McCamey High in 1985. Linda's brothers are Roy and Tom Zarate. Her sister is Carol Black.

Philip and Linda have two children. Philip Stanley, Junior was born 4 August 1988 weighing 51lbs 12 oz. Tiffany Renee was born 18 May 1990 weighing 71lbs 7 oz.

Philip and his family reside in McCamey, Texas where they enjoy fishing, swimming, and camping.

DOUBLE COUSINS AND HAPPY CAMPERS

On the road again seeking suitable sites for the annual campout and searching for interesting linkages with Texan-American history, Jerry and Metta often reflected upon the unusual in the family connections. One of the unusual for the central Texas Preas and Yancy families is the two sets of double cousins. Two Preas brothers, Roy Creston and Audren, married Yancy sisters - Ila Bea and Ima Lee. Yancy brother and sister, Stevie Louie and Dorothy Ellen married Monthy brother and sister - Esther and Al. All of the double cousins get together frequently at the annual Campout and Preas-Yancy-Monthy reunion. Many of them are among the hardy annual campers.



HAPPY CAMPERS

Linda Susan Yancy m. George Banks. They have two girls - Ariel Elizabeth and Jessica Anne.

Roger Ashley Yancy m. Karen. They have a boy and a girl - Ryan and Kimberly.

Ellen Stephanie Yancy m. Willard Smith (deceased). They have two boys - Justin and Travis.

Willie Bea Buchanan (11 March 1939) m. David Arthur Daniel. (c. Melissa Ann (9-6-65)).

Terrie Lou Buchanan (25 July 1945) m. 1st 6 March 1967 Donnie Dean Day. (c. William Ray (1-9-68), Teresa Michelle (10-2-70), Marshall Dean (12-26-74), Steven Andrew (8-20-79 - 8-20-79)); m. 2nd Calhoun.



STEPHANIE, WILLARD,
JUSTIN, TRAVIS SMITH



WILLIAM, TERRIE, DONNIE
MARSHALL, TERISA DAY

Cornelia Preas, daughter of Roy Creston and Ila Bea (Yancy) Preas, was born 4 September 1933 in Coleman county. She married 1st Charles Edwin Davis (1930-1981), son of John H. and Jimmie Eva (McGee) Davis. Cornelia has four children - Steve Dale, Patrick Lynn, Gloria June, Clifford Edwin. She married 2nd Major Leroy Scott (1922).



STEVE, PATRICK, RICHARD WILCOX, CHARLY
MARTY, CLIFF, GLORIA, CORNELIA

Steve Dale (1952) m. 1st Marty Ren. They had one child - Jason Dale Davis (1979).

Patrick Lynn Davis (1955) married 1st Linda Willis (deceased) who had two children by a previous marriage - Shannon Willis and Justin Willis; 2nd Cammie Tisdell.

Gloria June Davis (1956) m. 1st Richard Allen Wilcox. Their two children are Christopher Allen (13 April 1975) and Chad Lee (13 June 1977).

Clifford Edwin Davis (1957) m. 1st Nora Martinez. (c. Starla Ann (1980)); 2nd Susan (c. Angela, Clifford Jr., Matthew).



MAJOR & CORNELIA SCOTT
PAT DAVIS



CORNELIA, STEVE DAVIS

Wendell Allen Preas (1938) m. Patricia. Children Sidney and Dillon.

Gloria Ann Preas (1939) m. 1st William Arnold Miller (c. William Derek (7-28-58), Sheila Marie (5-9-60)); 2nd Kenneth Conrad Anglin. (c. Kenneth Vann (8-21-67), Tonya Ann (5-23-73). Kenneth has a son, Michael Ray (7-17-63) by a former marriage to Margarie Ann (Lind).



GLORIA, DEREK, CANDACE



KENNETH, GLORIA,
K. V., TANYA ANGLIN

Derek m. Ramona Gayle King (1965). (c. Candace Selena (10-11-82)).

Sheila m. 17 Sept 1988 Rex Linder.

Kenneth is the son of Charlie Van and Alta Lee (whitford) Anglin, and the grandson of E. W. Anglin who served in the Texas Rangers.



SHEILA & REX LINDER, GLORIA & KEN ANGLIN

Phillip Elvin Monthy (1949), son of Dorothy and Al Monthy, m. 1st 10 July 1973 Bridget Neely. (c. Jeremy Todd (1974)); 2nd m. Carol.

Larry Monthy (1951-1992) m. 16 July 1975 Judy Hewitt. (c. Laura Michele (6-30-78), Garrett Hewitt (6-23-81)).



LARRY & JUDY MONTHY, WANDA & CATHY BRIGHT, AREAL BANKS, JENNIFER BUCHANAN

Marilyn Monthy (1953) m. 14 Feb 1980 Partick TheBerge. (c. Patrick Michael (9-11-83), Austin Monthy (5-23-85)).



RICK, MARILYN,
MICHAEL, AUSTIN THEBERGE



KAREN & DALE THOMAS

Jacky Andrew Buchanan (5 Nov 1947) m. 27 Dec 1970
Suzette K. Reich (19 July 1950). Their two girls are
Jennifer Sue (5-26-74) and Janie Elizabeth (2-13-77).



JACKY, SUZETTE, JENNIFER, JANIE BUCHANAN

Savannah Irene Buchanan (16 June 1951) m. William
Hargrove. Children are Julie Kristine (9-21-71) and
Amy Renee (12-1-75).