

MY FAMILY LINKAGES

By Valerie Jeanne Preas-Romeo

This family puzzle is very interesting, especially since I never knew so many Preas' existed. I have often looked in phone books whenever I traveled and I have never seen the name. The closest came when I went to England. The London book had several people named Preasner. I assumed we were a derivative.

I recently vacationed in Williamsburg, Virginia and I found some Preas' in the phone book. I was delighted as my father and brother are the only Preas' in our phone book.



PETER AND VALERIE PREAS-ROMEO
(Wedding picture 27 Aug 1988)

In reading over the Preas listing, I still have no idea where I fit in. After much searching we came across a baptismal certificate. My great-grandfather was August Preas. He was married to Annie. My grandfather was Arthur. He was born in New York in 1897. This branch of the family has no records and limited memory.

August and Annie had seven children. (Arthur born September 12 1897. Frederick (drowned at age 17), Florence, Celena, Laura, Edith, and Alice).

Arthur married Carmela Russo around 1926. They had two children: Edward born March 28, 1928 and Carmela

born March 1927.

Edward, my Dad, married Virginia Senese in 1951. They had two children: Valerie Jeanne Preas-Romeo born May 10, 1954 and Edward Arthur born November 4, 1958.

Carmela married Adolph Negron in 1960. They had one son, Stephen, born in 1961.

I married Peter Romeo in 1988.

Ed, my brother, married Maria Adams in 1987. Stephen, my cousin, married Audrey in 1984. None of us have children.

My grandfather Arthur didn't keep in touch with his sisters so I know very little about them.

Now back to August Preas. On Arthur's baptismal certificate it mentions a sponsor, Mrs. Louisa Wagner. August died before my father was born because he called Annie "Grandma Wagner". We think that when August and Louisa Wagner died, Annie married Mr. Wagner. They had no children.

I saw an obituary on Bruce Bushing Preas (1895-), physician from Long Island 10 or 15 years ago. It stuck in my mind because of the name. He lived in Nassau County, which is the next county from where I live. He was also an avid gardener and he won several prizes for raising Dahlias. I believe he had children but they aren't listed in the phone book.

ON BEING A GRANDMOTHER

By Ellyn W. Preas

Congratulations on becoming a grandfather. Isn't being a grandparent fun? I spent last week-end with my two youngest grandchildren while their parents got away for a few days. I had a great time but came home needing a rest. Three and five year olds can be awfully busy.



WILLIAM NOEL PREAS * ELLA LEE COLTHARP PREAS

Recently I decided it was time for me to do some serious research on the Preas family. The inspiration came from my oldest grandson who is the only member of my family who is really interested in genealogy. He is in the army and recently got home after several months in the Gulf. While he was here on leave I told him I would come to see him in the fall -- he is stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C. -- and we would go to Virginia and see where his ancestors came from.

In October I went to North Carolina to visit my grandson at Ft. Bragg. One week-end we went up into Virginia so he could see the area from which his Preas ancestors came. We went to Bedford where my father-in-law was born, Boones Mill where he grew up and Blacksburg where he went to school. It was a lovely trip, and I think Michael has a much better sense of his roots now.

I had always thought the name Preas was unusual. I had no idea that there were so many people by that name. Two different people have told me that the name

Preas is Gaelic and means shrub or bush.

My late father-in-law, William Noel Preas, was born March 1885, in Bedford County, Virginia. His father was John Robert Preas and his mother was Judith Mildred (Noell) Preas.

When William Noel Preas was about two years old, his mother died following the birth of another son, Julian. The two boys were raised by relatives. William Noel Preas was raised by an uncle and aunt, Charles Noell and Sally Cobb, in Boones Mill, VA. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, graduating in 1907. Shortly after graduation, he came to Utah as a young engineer and remained there the rest of his life. He made periodic trips to Virginia to visit his brother and his half-brothers and sisters.

Julian was raised by another aunt and uncle, James Clay and Fannie Cundiff Preas.

William Noel's father, John Robert Preas, married again. His second wife was Etta French. They had four children: Mason Harris Preas, Hugh Robert Preas, Thomas Lathrop Preas, Nell Preas who married a Mackey.

Now about my father-in-law's family -- I do know that his full brother Julian did not have any children. I seem to recall that some of the others didn't either, but I don't recall which ones. Those who did have children had daughters. The sister, Nell, I believe, had children, but I have no idea what their names are; nor do I know the maiden names of the wives.

My father-in-law was supposed to look like the Preas family and his brother like the Noells.

William Harris Preas's wife Mary Jane Bond had a sister, Julia, who married Thomas Roberson Burroughs. The Burroughs family owned Booker T. Washington. Another interesting note is that Thomas Burrough's sister, Martha, was the second wife of Charles R. Noell, who was my father-in-law's maternal grandfather. Things do get complicated.

COOPER, TEXAS PREAS CONNECTION

By Bryan Thomas Preas

I have started to collect information on both sides of my family, but since my grandfather Preas died when my father was very young, I have had very little contact and know very little about the Preas family.



OPAL AND MARY PREAS

My father is Opal Taylor Preas, born July 8, 1914, Cooper, Delta County, Texas. My mother is Mary Elizabeth Foster. Their children are Edgar Cloeman, Bryan Thomas, and Julia Nann Preas Lanier.

Edgar Cloeman Preas was born June 8, 1944 in Cooper. He married Sherry Lynn Mendenhall. They have two sons - Derek and Jeremy.

I was born December 9, 1945 in Cooper. I married Katherine Amy Lawrence. We have no children.

Julia Nann Preas was born September 1, 1954 in Cooper. She married 1st Noel Chandler and had a son - Michael Chandler, 2nd marriage to Bill Lanier.

My grandparents were Edgar Combs Preas (- 1918) and Nannie Ballard Preas (- 1978). Grandfather's siblings were John, Nugent, Joe, Lucy Preas Wilkersham, and Hedy Preas Wood.

My great grandfather was John Henry Preas. His wife was Eliza Overstreet Preas.

I traveled a lot when I was on assignment in West Germany and have always looked for a "Preas". No luck. We paid particular attention in the Alsace/Lorraine area. Couldn't find any link there either. I did find a "Priess" which is pronounced the same way that we pronounce "Preas". But no other connections.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Jerry and Metta hit the open road again to visit Preas reunions in Coleman (central Texas) and Cooper (east Texas). A large number of Preas families and relatives live in both areas. The people are friendly, but bashful - very talkative, but reluctant to write down family data and history. However, Jerry's camera caught a number of people, and with the help of B. A. and Eddrie Preas, most of those in group pictures were identified.



BUS, FRANCIS, JERRY, VERONA KIZER, CALVIN



BUS, FRANCIS, JACK, VERONA, RUBY, JEWEL, CALVIN,
DOVIE, WILDON, OPAL, JUNIOR

COLEMAN REUNIONS

Jerry and Metta photographed most of Era and Rum Epperson's children and Era's half-sister, Ann Lois, at a Preas reunion at Coleman, Texas. Also included are a number of Preas relatives at previous reunions.



Evelyn Wilkison, Lois Trantham, Ruth Beal,
Bobby Epperson, Faye Merryman &
Mae Porter (twins), Doris Bruce



JERRY, BESSIE, RUBY, LOIS, AUDREN



LUIS, DICK, JERRY, ORA, RUM EPPERSON

PREAS FAMILY GENEALOGY

By Dovie Preas Crowell

I have done considerable research into the Preas family genealogy. I am anxious to share the information I have gathered with the family, and propose to print a book in the near future.



WILDON, JEWEL, RUBY, DOVIE, & FREDERICK CROWELL

I am the daughter of John William Preas, the granddaughter of John Henry Preas, and the great granddaughter of Joseph Preas.

John Henry Preas and Eliza came to Texas from Virginia when uncle Robert was a baby and she was pregnant with uncle George (Born in Texas 1883). John Henry was a farmer. The family lived in Bedford County, Virginia and moved to Delta County, Texas. Pop told the story that John Henry proposed to Eliza at a party while stirring apple butter.

Four of the Preases came to Texas - John Henry, Joel Robert, and two girls. I think their names were Fannie who married a McCarty and Sarah J. who married a Trent.

Joseph Preas was a farmer also. He married Mahala Parker. The census states that Joseph was born in Virginia with a father from Maryland and mother from Virginia. Mahala's father was listed as William Parker.

Fred and I went to Virginia in October of 1988. I made contact with Preas and Overstreet family members. We visited the Preas farm and the Overstreet farm. The

Overstreet place is still in the family. We also visited the site of the original log cabin of the Overstreets. Charley still owns the property. Then we went to the Preas farm. It was a beautiful site with a stream running through it. The mountain country is very pretty. We were there and saw the fall foliage.

Charley Overstreet told some interesting Civil War stories. Charley's grandfather and Eliza were brother and sister.

We really enjoyed the visit and the trip back in history.

Most of the Preas family are Baptists and according to a letter written in 1957 - the Virginia section were also Democrats.

Joseph Preas (1812-) married Mahala Parker (1815-). Their children were Charles F. (1836-), William E. (1838-), Martha A. (1840-), Joseph N. (1842-), James T. (1843-), Sarah L. (1846-), John Henry (1849-), George H. (1851-), Amy E. (1853-), and Mahala F. (1855-).

John Henry Preas (1849-) married Eliza F. Overstreet (1850-). Their children were Martha L. (1869-), Annie Elizabeth (1871-), Walter Nugent (1873-), Texas N. Ula (1875-), Mack Henry (1876-), Joseph Benjamin (1878-), Hettie N. (1880-), James Robert (1882-), George Washington (1883-), Charley Wesley (1885-), Lucy Myrtle (1887-), * John William (1889-), Edgar Combs (1891-), Era Francis (1893-).

John William Preas (1889-) m. Sallie Cooley (1892-). Their children were Ozley Eldon, Lendon Elisha, John Wildon, Ruby Inez, Jewel H., and Dovie Ruth.

Dovie Ruth Preas (1925-) m. Frederick Clark Crowell (1926-). Our son, Clark William Crowell was born 30 Dec 1959.

DESCENDANTS OF SAN JACINTO VETERAN JOHN YANCY

By Ila Mitchell Conner

I was born in 1905 and named Ila Ruth Mitchell. In 1946 I married Robert T. Conner (1909-1986). Our son Robert Randall Conner was born in 1949. He married Susan _____ and I now have three grandsons - Kevin, Dennis and Craig.



ROBERT AND ILA CONNER

I am a descendant of John Yancy (1815-1868) who served as a member of Captain Haden Arnold's Nacogdoches Company and fought in the battle of San Jacinto. He was there when Santa Anna surrendered. His name is on the San Jacinto Monument and in the book, "Heroes of San Jacinto" by Dixon and Kemp.

John Yancy, the son of Archie and Mary Yancy, was born in Raleigh, North Carolina June 22, 1815 and came to Texas in 1933. He married Elizabeth McAnulty (1820-1898) in 1837. They had four children as follows.

Margaret M. (1847-1909) m. J. L. Patterson (no children).

Sarah J. (1855-1917)

Mary E. (1855-1903)

James Richard (1859-1930) m. in 1880 Martha

Mattie Caddell (1855-1929).

In 1851 John and Elizabeth moved their family from Nacogdoches county to Bell county.

My grandfather was James Richard Yancy, the son of John Yancy. My mother was Nancy Elizabeth Yancy. She married in 1900 my father Luther Mitchell (1878-1936).

My hobbies are oil painting, collecting family

records, and traveling. I have two publications - "The Yancy - Caddell and Allied Families" and "Yancy Family Directory".



ILA RUTH, RANDALL, & SUSAN CONNER



KEVIN, DENNIS, GRAIG CONNER

YANCEY DESCENDANT DOROTHY DEE (HILL) WOODALL

By Dorothy Dee Woodall

Blue eyed Dorothy Dee Hill is a descendant of Bartlett Yancey, and the daughter of Albert Henry Hill (9 April 1881 - 11 Oct 1965) and Myrtle Etta Speaks. She was born 1 May 1918 near Vamoosa, Semi Co. Oklahoma.



JERRY PREAS, DOROTHY WOODALL

Dorothy married first James Charles Abbott in 1934 and had two children from this marriage - Katheryn Geraldine Abbott and James Charles Abbott, Jr. James senior died in 1950. In 1954 Dorothy married Ray W. Woodall. Two children were born from this marriage - Glenn Ray Woodall and Betty Jean Woodall.

Albert and Myrtle Hill had nine children - Ola Mae (9 Apr 1903-10 March 1929) m. Walter Scharnick (children: Frank, Mildred), Mattie Lee (Feb 1905-Feb 1906), James Thomas (16 Jun 1907-11 Mar 1987) m. Flossie Mae Jackson (children: John Henry, James Thomas II, Charles Ray), Homer Jackson (19 Mar 1909-24 Feb 1934) m. Gladis Irene Mathis (children: Jackie Wayne, Freddie Allen), Thurman C. (7 Oct 1911-10 Feb 1984) m. Lela Jewel Killian (children: Evelyn Lorene, Billy Rae, Eugene, Jimmy Dale), Albert Henry (17 Oct 1914-31 Jan 1977) m. Fannie M. Cranon (children: Curtis Leon, Homer Lee), Claud Eugene (17 Jul 1916-16 Nov 1941) m. Ruth Agnes Melot (child: Patsy Claudette), Dorothy Dee (1 May 1918-), William Berry

(11 Jul 1923-14 Jan 1989) m. Willie Pauline Melot
(children: Virginia Jeanette, William Darryl,
Stephanie Gale).



WILLIAM BERRY, DOROTHY DEE, CLAUDE EUGENE, ALBERT
HENRY JR., THURMAN C., HOMES JACKSON, JAMES THOMAS,
OLA MAE

(Family of Albert Hill Sr. and Myrtle Etta Speaks)

Dorothy's maternal grandparents were James Thomas Speaks and Victoria C. Yancey (1857-1891) who were married 3 April 1876 in Searcy, Arkansas. James and Victoria had 6 children - Jeannie Anne Speaks (19 Jan 1877-9 Sept 1951) m. 1st John Elliot Reames (2 children), 2nd Calvin C. Scaggs (children: 5 boys and 3 girls); Minnie Florence Speaks (14 Jan 1879-1929) m. Ervin Hugh Gage (8 children); Texana Lavada Speaks (16 Jan 1881-16 Feb 1976) m. John V. Anders (children: 2 girls, 1 boy); Myrtle Etta Speaks (6 Aug 1884-29 Oct 1976) m. Albert Henry Hill (children: 3 girls, 6 boys); Effie Speaks (Nov 1886-8 Oct 1933) m. 1st Mr. Bryant (2 children), 2nd Ritt Erwin (children: 2 boys 1 girl); John Franklyn Speaks (27 April 1890-16 April 1966) m. Tilly Hawkins (children: 3 boys, 1 girl).

Dorothy's maternal ancestry traces back to Bartlett Yancey, Sr., of Caswell Co. North Carolina. Bartlett's parents were James Yancey (1712-1779) and Ann Thorton who had migrated to Granville Co., North Carolina from Hanover Co., Virginia. James Yancey was a descendant of Charles Yancey (cr. 1642-1690) of York and Hanover, Virginia.

Two sons of Bartlett Sr., James and Bartlett Jr., were prominent in the development of Caswell County, North Carolina. James Yancey was a planter, merchant, legislator, and educator. He served as constable, tax assessor and collector, Justice of the County Court, and was a representative of Caswell County in the North Carolina General Assemblies of 1798, 801-03, 1807-08, 1811, 1822. He is credited with picking the site of Caswell County Courthouse, now Yanceyville. In 1802 he introduced a bill to establish Caswell Academy and was one of the first trustees.

Bartlett Yancey Jr. (19 Feb 1785-31 Aug 1828) m. Nancy Graves. He began practicing law in 1807, was elected to the Legislature and nominated to Congress. He was a member of the House of Commons and member of Senate, 1817-1827. He was speaker of the Senate seven terms. His home still stands six miles from Yanceyville, just off Route 62 South. Restoration as a historical site began on his home in 1987.

YANCY SOURCES AND RESOURCES

By Curtis Franklin Yancy

I have been doing genealogical research on the Yancy family for many years, and I have collected a vast amount of published and unpublished material and have corresponded with many people.



CURTIS AND WANDA YANCY

My great-great grandfather was Stephen James Yancy. Census records show him to have been born in South Carolina, but no specific place or date. James Yancy researched his gravestone and found that he died in 1894, age 75.

Stephen's father and mother were Ezekiel and Nancy Yancy. They trace back to Charles Yancy (before 1775 in Virginia - d. 1820/1830 in Georgia).

Stephen married Polly Ann Holbrook in 1843 in Cummings, Forsyth Co., Georgia. Their children were Stephen "Y" Archibal, Margaret, Matilda, Lewis Sanford, Nancy Jane, Franklin Marion, Martha, Ezekiel, James, and Charles.

Polly Ann's family has been traced back to Rev John Holbrook of Northampton Co. Virginia who married Jane Smith. (c. Edward, Samuel, John, Ann, Jane). John Holbrook had a son, William, who married Sara Baker. William and Sara are the parents of Mary "Polly" Anna Holbrook who married Stephen James Yancy 9 Nov 1843.

Rev. John Holbrook is the forefather of many Holbrook families who now live in the Charlotte, NC

and Atlanta, GA areas. He came to America and settled in Salem, New Jersey about 1725. He then moved to Virginia. His line is one of six lines of Holbrook's that were in the colonies of MD, VA, NC, SC, and GA before 1750. John's line has the distinction of being the first to have its English background determined.

My great grandfather was Steve "Y" Archibal Yancy (1850-1939). Stephen Archibal was born 25 Dec 1850 in Georgia. He married Loucindy Bowen (1846-1929) in 1870. Their children were Eldridge Asberry, Annie, James Lewis, Charles Franklin, Steve Andrew, Minnie, Mary, William Rudolf, and Sara.

My grandfather Eldredge Asberry Yancy (1880-1961) m. Margaret Irene Keller. Their children were Eldridge Franklin, Naomi Irene, Mary Lou, Mattie Hazel, Vera Nanny, Nina, and Ernest Elmer.

My father was Eldredge Franklin Yancy (1906-1978) who married Lola Evelyn Cook 28 Jan 1929. There children were Margaret Lillian (1929), Curtis Franklin (1931), Charel Marie (1934), Keller Duane (1936), Nancy Juan (1938), Larry Lynn (1941), Charles Ray, Virginia Ann (1945), and Firman Randolph (1949).

I married Wanda Lilly Mioduszewski 21 Jun 1958 in Suffolk Co., NY. We have three children - Melissa Renee (1959), Christopher Fagan (1961), and Milynn Rae (1962).

Our home is in Glendale, Arizona, where I work in the U. S. Veterans Medical Center. I am a Korean and Viet Nam veteran, having served 1st in the Army and then in the Air Force.

YANCEY GENEALOGY

By Dennis Yancey

Over the years I have scoured thousands of books and corresponded with hundreds of people collecting Yancey material. I have been able to extract from these sources a wealth of information, which I have entered into a computer related-data-base format. The data file now includes information on nearly 8,500 members of the Yancey family. In addition, I have 25 large 3 ring binders full of information I have collected from these various sources, and a file cabinet full of correspondence and miscellaneous information. I also have copies of many records from such researchers as Lloyd Garrison, Bertha Jenson, Clarence L. Yancey, William Denver Yancey, Rebecca Yancey, and others who have done a tremendous amount of research.



DENNIS, MIRIAM, TIFFANY, BRYAN YANCEY

My files and data base represents thousands of hours of research and thousands of dollars that have been spent on research. I have the capability of printing Descendants charts and other types of information and reports. Currently I have available such reports as The Origin Of The Yancey Family, Early Yancey's In America, Yancy Census Data, Early Yancey Wills, Nanney Family Of Wales, Yancey Place Names And Historic Sites, Research Report on Surnames Similar To The Yancey Surname, Yancey's Who Fought For Independence, Yancey Directory, and Yancey Ancestry Of President George Bush.

In my report, "The Origin Of The Yancey Family", I have tried to bring to life our Yancey ancestors of the 17th and 18th century. That is, I have tried to make it much easier to envision who our immigrant ancestors were; why they may have come to America and their social, economic, and religious background. I have tried to portray our early Yancey ancestors as the REAL people that they were. It is my hope that we can all be united in our efforts concerning Yancey genealogy.

My own direct Yancey line has been traced back to Austin Yancey (1752-c.1833), who was born in Tryon Co., NC. Austin m. 11 Feb 1775 Sarah Garrison. Their children were Austin, Mary, Sophie, Nancy, and James. Austin was a Revolutionary War veteran. He traveled through Tennessee and Kentucky, finally moving to Franklin/Williamson Co. IL.

Austin Yancey, Jr. (1776) m. Maria (or Myran) ---. Their children were Mahale, Richard Kelly, Matilda, Hiram John, William R.

Hiram John Yancey, Sr. (1804-1887) m. 1st Elizabeth Pratt (cr.1825) (c. William Riley, Adaline, Emeline, Hiram John, Jesse Pratt, Charlotte, Jasper, Oliver Harper, Elizabeth); 2nd Mary R. Tuttle (1856) (c. Annie)

Hiram John Yancey, Jr. (1832-1912) m. 1st Harriet Wood. (c. Elizabeth, John Henry, Parley Pratt, and Adam); m. 2nd Hester Ann Harris Rhodes. (c. Logan, Alfred Franklyn, Edward, George W., Etta May).

Adam Yancey (1859-1920) m. Alice Tolman. (c. Adam Adonirum, Orval, James Henry, Bertha Lucretia, Cyrus, Alice, Daniel, Sylvia May, Mary, Nathan Orley, Elizabeth, Sarah Luella, William, Ruth Jenson).

Nathan Orley Yancey (1900-1969) m. Elda Rider.(c. Lydean, Brice Orley, Cleo, Yvonne, Clair Nathan, Clem Rider, Roger Adam).

Brice Orley Yancey (1930-) m. Marlene Hale. (c. Gail, Scott Brice, Terrell Nathan, Dennis John, Neal Adam, Julie Ann).

Dennis John Yancey (1965-) m. Miriam Roxana. (c. Bryan Derek, Tiffany Roxanne).

EDNA MAY (Hicks) AND ERNEST E. WELSH FAMILY

By Edna May Welsh

Edna May Hicks was born September 16, 1922 in Jarrell, Texas, on her grandfather Hicks' farm about 6-1/2 miles west of Jarrell. She spent her youth helping her father and siblings work the home-place and some farm land nearby.



ERNEST, EDNA, RALPH, LISA, SUE, JAMES

Edna attended school at Jarrell through her sophomore year. As a junior in Brownwood High School she won the D.A.R. award in history. She stayed with her Aunt Bea and Uncle Steve Yancy's family as a senior and graduated from Coleman High School in 1941.

During World War II she worked as a riveter in Fort Worth building bombers. Later she worked in grocery stores in Houston.

On April 20, 1946 Edna and Ernest E. Welsh, Jr. of Haskell, Texas were married. They had two daughters, Virginia Sue born October 9, 1952 and Lisa Kay born April 15, 1956.

Ernest E. Welsh, the son of E. E. and Mana Maude (Yancy) Welsh, was born near Three Rivers, Texas November 27, 1912. His family moved to Haskell when he was quite young. He farmed with his father until World War II and joined the army in 1942. He served in the European and African campaigns until 1945. Ernest's brothers and sisters are Frank, Mary Barbara (d. 1986), Dorothy, Jo, Billie and Jerry.

After their marriage Edna May and Ernest attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. Ernest graduated in the spring of 1949. Edna was a member of Alpha Chi and graduated magna cum laude in the summer of 1949. For the next 27 years they taught in the Houston and San Antonio areas. Ernest retired in 1947 and Edna retired in 1985 after teaching 20 years in the Poteet, Texas Independent School District. Ernest died March 12, 1991. In April of 1992 Edna and Sue moved to Georgetown, Texas.

Sue has always lived at home with her parents. Lisa Kay graduated from Poteet High School in 1974. She and Ralph Smith of Fort Worth were married December 30, 1974 and live there. Their son, James Daniel, was born March 4, 1980.

Edna's father and mother were Reason A. (Bud) and Emma (Case) Hicks. They were born in Cornhill which is now called Jarrell. Her paternal grandparents were Francis Marion and Sarah Jane (Carlyle) Hicks. Her maternal grandparents were James Lemuel and Margaret Annie (Williams) Case. Emma's grandmother was a Houston - a second or third cousin to Sam Houston.

Edna's brothers and sisters are Edward (Ed) killed in action in World War II, Dorothy, Robert, Mildred and James (1931-1989). Ed and Robert are veterans of World War II and James was a 20 year veteran and was in the Korean War.

WHY ME?

A real life experience based on courage, faith, and the will to live of those who have come to be known as special people has happened time and time again in the Preas, Yancy, and Hicks families. Sometimes the experience is very dramatic, a suddenly realizing that you have a condition that is draining away your life unless medical science intervenes, such as that of bone marrow leukemia (aplastic anemia) or aquired immunity disease syndrome, or cancer. Or the experience may be that of a young person in the service of the country going into combat with the odds of returning very slim.

The younger a person is when a life threatening disease or syndrome occurs, the more courage it takes to face the threat from day to day. Such was the case with Heather Preas.



HEATHER, EVA COMBS



HEATHER, DON COMBS

(Heather rides with Antique Car Club
President in Christmas Parade)

In January of 1988, Heather was diagnosed as having aplastic anemia. This is a blood-bone marrow disorder that robs the victim of strength and normal health. The bone marrow can no longer produce the blood cells necessary to replace those that are destroyed in the normal living process.

At the age of 15, Heather was faced with this disease and asked this question. Why Me?.

Being an optimist and a fighter, Heather went to battle against the odds against her. She had her family, friends, relatives, and medical science on her side. Prayers, support, and a bone marrow transplant could save her life. The problem was to find a person with the type of blood match willing to donate some bone marrow for the transplant.

Many Midlanders responded and were tested as potential marrow donors. In the meantime, Heather's life was being sustained by blood transfusions. She was hospitalized and underwent a series of intravenous serum treatments of anti-thymocyte globulin (ATG), which if successful, will cause the bone-marrow to regenerate and resume producing blood cells. However, according to bone-marrow specialists, the only real treatment is to get a bone-marrow replacement.

On Friday the 13th of May 1988 Heather was given the good news that a donor had been found. Mrs Joan Aldcroft of Cheshire, England, the mother of two daughters about the ages of Heather and her sister, Holly, had heard of Heather's plight through a computer network, had been tested and found to match. Joan made the trip to Midland and the transfusion took place.

At first Heather's natural immune system attempted to reject the new marrow and there was a painful swelling of her body. This rejection and swelling was controlled by rigid hygiene and medication, and finally the swelling subsided and the new system took over. By February 1989, Heather was back in school and a senior at Midland High School. Her future plans are a medical career - a career from which she can help someone like she has been helped.

Heather was able to continue with her school work through the trying months of hospitalization and recuperation by taking Home Bound study courses and by going to summer school. In May 1990, she graduated with her class. In the audience at graduation were not only her family and relatives, but also Joan Aldcroft, who had traveled all the way from her home in Sale,

England to be with Heather at this important time in her life, and to again visit Midland, which became her town also when on August 8, 1988, Mayor Carroll Thomas proclaimed her an honorary Midlander for donating the marrow that saved Heather's life.

After graduation, Heather enrolled at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas where she began studies as a pre-med major, studying oncology - a branch of medicine dealing with abnormal growth of issue.

HEATHER'S FAMILY

Heather Suzann's father and mother are Cecil Gene Preas (1944) and Cynthia Ann (Smedley) Preas (1948). She has one sister - Holly Elizabeth.

Cecil is the son of Curtis Arnold Preas and Luberta (Cox) Preas. His grandfather and grandmother were Mac Henry and Linnie Mae (Shelton) Preas. Cecil's brothers and sisters are Maxine (Malone), Vivian (Haupt), Curtis Duane (deceased), Irene (Gildon), Donald J., Larry Dean, Terry Lynn, Brenda Joe (Wells), Linda K. (deceased).

Cynthia Ann, "Cindy", is the daughter of Robert Ray Smedley and Ivy Elizabeth Mulky. Her brother Robert Ray Jr. and sister Sharon, both died in infancy.

Cynthia's grandparents were Alfred Middleton Smedley and Lorena Bell (Conner) Smedley. Alfred and Lorena had three children - Billy Carrol, Robert Ray, and Zelma Sue. Alfred died of pneumonia in 1937. Lorena married July 1940 Colonel Overall Nixon.

JOHN EDWARD PREAS AND THE GERMAN-FRENCH CONNECTION

By John E. Preas

We have made some effort to trace the Preas family. Our oldest son Charles M. attended Villanova University graduating in 1966. While there an Augustian Priest became interested in the Preas name and researched same. His research indicated that the family originated in Alsace Lorraine area. My father was raised in the Buffalo area, used the name Edward John - baptismal certificate shows John Edward. His fathers name was John Edward. My grandfather spoke both French and German, which tends to verify point of origin.

My father has sisters Lottie, Eleanor, and Drisella, and a brother. Both Drisella and brother died while in their teens. My grandfather married into the Wagner family.

In tracing the family history, things are quite vague. My grandfather had a brother named Thomas (??). Not sure. He lived in Canada for a while then is reported to have been a banker in New York City.

I became interested in our name and obtained a recap of the Preas names 1970 census. At that time there were less than 100 families by our name, located mainly in Virginia, Texas, Oregon, and Tennessee, although other states were listed.

My wife and I have been married 52 years. I reached 80 years old June 15, 1989. Most of my time was spent in the Toledo, Detroit area. I worked 30 years for Latrobe Steel Co. Latrobe, PA. My job was in sales management. Still very active, I walk the golf course 2 or 3 times a week, play bridge and poker, etc. My wife's name is Frances. We have three children - Eleanor A., Charles M., John.

Eleanor lives in the Chicago area. She has two daughters - Dorsy, Dana. Charles lives in Danville, CA (San Francisco are). He has a son Chris and a daughter Kari. John lives in Ft. Smith Arkansas. He was on the staff at West Arkansas Community College, Ft. Smith, AR. He has a doctorate in education and has a disability retirement due to Multiple Sclerosis. He is now wheel chair bound. He has two sons Andrew, and

David.

A few years ago we stopped in Johnson City, Tennessee as we knew several Preas's lived in the area. We called on Hugh Lee Preas D.D.S. Had lunch with them and endeavored to trace family. That family came from Virginia area - Floyd County, near Hillsboro, Virginia. All family records were lost due to fire in Floyd County Courthouse.

Family history as related by Hugh. His grandfather was killed by a horse at age 23 in Virginia. Son James Henry Preas came to Pa - then to Floyd County area. Also some time in Jamestown, N.Y.

Hugh's brother, James Henry M. D., came to Johnson City due to Rail Road and Veterans Hospital. His father William G. Preas, M. D. preceded him in Johnson City.

Going back to James Henry, M.D., he is reported to have delivered 3000 babies in Johnson City.

James Henry purchased 19 acres in Johnson City area, known as "Preas Hill". They built several imposing homes on the Hill which we had the pleasure of seeing - iron gates, circular drive, etc. James Henry had nine children.

I am a little mixed up, but either their father or grandfather was Chief of Police in Roanoke, VA.

A final resume of our family. I have one brother - Charles F., lives in Brookfield, Fl., sister Betty lives in Delray Beach, Fl., and a sister Kathleen who lives in Toledo, Ohio.

THE PREAS TENNESSEE CONNECTION

By Susan Preas Gardner

My great grandfather was William Preas who was killed by a horse. My grandfather was James Henry Preas, M. D., and my father was William Graham Preas, M. D.

Daddy's father James Henry Preas, moved from Bedford County VA., with his sister Martha who married a Graham. Their father was killed by a horse and she raised him. When she married, they moved to East Tennessee, Johnson City or Washington and Carter County area. James lived to be 91.

James Henry Preas married Nanny Bushong, she died when the youngest child was three. They lived in Johnson City, TN. They had nine children - Ralph Akard (1891-), James Henry, Jr., (1893-), Bruce (1895-) physician, Mary Dean Preas Moore (1897-), Paul (1899-), Nannabeth Preas Smathers (1901-), William Graham (1905-) Physician, Hugh Lee (1907-), dentist, Louise Preas Banks (1915-) journalist.

Ralph, James, Nannabeth, and William all lived in Johnson City, and all died of cancer. Hugh and Mary also lived in Johnson City., Mary was blind, and Hugh died of heart problems. Paul lived in Oak Ridge, TN and Bruce lived in Long Island, New York.

Louise Preas Banks lived in Fairfax, Virginia. She was very intelligent and wrote articles for the newspaper. Her husband, Mac Bank, was accidentally run over by his tractor while he was getting firewood. Aunt Louise died a few years ago of Lou Gerhig's Disease, commonly known as ALS. They had two children, Bill Preas Banks, and Betsy Banks McRyland. Betsy and her husband and children live in Atlanta.

There was a lot of cancer, diabetes and heart problems in Daddy's family. Some of them lived fairly long lives but Daddy and Uncle Jim died fairly young.

I don't know anything about any other Preases, but one trait that most of Daddy's siblings had was that they were always happy. They didn't yell, complain or ever let anyone know that they were sick. Or as in Daddy's case, no one knew he was dying except those close to him. They all had great attitudes. Even when

Aunt Louise was dying of Lou Gehrig's disease and couldn't talk or do anything, she smiled and enjoyed all the minutes she had left. I have never been around a more caring and loving family and I just wonder if they are all like that. But, I did hear that their father was an honery old man, so maybe they didn't want to be like him.

My mother is Maxine Christenberry Preas. Mama still lives in the home that daddy bought from his father. Daddy was a general Practicioner and Surgeon. My brother is Stephen Graham Preas. He is a Psychiatrist.

Living across the street from my mother is Lucy Jones Preas, wife of Hugh Lee Preas, D.D.S, Daddy's brother, who is also deceased. She has two sons, Hugh Lee Preas, Jr, who is a physician with his residency in Baltimore, MD., and James Preas.

This is all so interesting. I do so much want to meet some more of our family and find out all I can to see what our family tree is like.

THE PREASE CONNECTION

By Elizabeth Preas Prease

My grandparents were Dan and Lizzie Preas of Bedford County, Virginia. They died before I was born. My mother, Florence Preas, had two brothers and two sisters - James Edward Preas, Acre Preas, Rosa Preas, and Lettie Preas. My mother told me that my great grandparents were part Indian.

I married Robert Alter Prease of Montvale, Virginia. I have a daughter Gloria, two stepdaughters Arneshia and Juanita, and one stepson Edward Prease. My mother's name has always been spelled Preas. The man I married spelled his name Prease, a different set of Prease.

WILLIAM PREASE FAMILY

By Lydia F. Prease

My father's name was William Prease and he had a sister whose name was Dove. People said that their people came from Bedford. I do not know their parents name. Father lived with a family (Ripley) near Buchanan and Dove lived with the Hyde family. All these families are deceased now. When Dove married, she went to Shippenburg, PA to live. I have only seen her once. Her married name is Prague. She had one son and we do not know what happened to him.

There were 7 brothers and two sisters (including me) in my family. I have a brother who's name is James Robert Prease and a brother named John. Our home is at Buchanan, VA.

There are two brothers deceased and my sister passed away January 1988. My mother passed away about 1985. My father has been deceased since June 1939. I do not know any of my father's people. His parents died when he was about ten or twelve years old.

I do not know anything about how the "E" was added or dropped. All the people that would know more about this are deceased.

After I went to work in Roanoke, I met a Thomas Preas who was from Bedford. He worked in a drug store down town Roanoke. He said that we were kin.

AN AIR FORCE FAMILY

By Lyndon Dale Preas

My great-great grandfather was John Henry Preas (1849-1909), born in Bedford County, Virginia and buried in Cooper, Texas. His father was Joseph Preas, Jr.

My personal recollection of the family tree only went back as far as my Great grandfather, Mack Henry (McHenry) Preas (1876-1918), born in Bedford County Virginia and buried in Burkett, Texas. The other information came from my brother Jerrell who has been searching the history of the Preas family. He has wills, deeds, Civil War records, etc. that he has obtained from numerous places (mostly Bedford County Virginia). His earliest records stop in Bedford County Virginia with several references to family members being born in Maryland.

My grandfather is John Thomas Preas (1900-1966), born in Cooper, Tx. He use to own a farm near Bangs, Texas and later moved to Brownwood where he owned and operated a Gas Station. He is buried in Bangs, Texas.

My father is Truman Ray Preas (1931-) and my mother is Ida Lou (Richey). Truman was born in Bangs, Texas; Ida in Rockwell, Texas. They were married in Elko Nevada. Truman is a retired Master Sgt. from the USAF, and currently lives in San Angelo, Texas, employed by GTE.

I was born in San Angelo, Texas (Goodfellow Air Force Base) October 3, 1956. I have an older brother, Jerrell (Jerry) Ray Preas, and a younger sister Susan Preas Crawford. I am currently a Captain in the U. S. Air Force Stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, Alaska. I have been stationed at Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA., Little Rock AFB, Ark., and Dyess AFB, Abilene, Texas. I married Cynthia Marie (Smith) on April 3, 1982 in Ballinger, Texas. I have two children - Amanda Lynn Preas (born Oct 8 1983) and Marshall Thomas Preas (born March 29, 1985). Both children were born at Dyess AFB, Abilene, Texas.

WILLIAM HARRIS PREAS

By June Mackey Slaughter

My mother was Nellie R. Preas (who married Dr. G. L. Mackey in 1918). She was the daughter of John Robert Preas and Hugh Etta French. Her grandparents were William Harris Preas and Mary Jane Bond. Both of their graves are in Union here in Bedford County. Wm. Harris Preas was born June 15, 1829 and died January 1881. (He was at one time Sheriff of Bedford County). He married Mary Jane Bond January 2, 1851. Im not sure I have the names of all their children, but the ones I have are Clay Preas (being the oldest he inherited the Preas Bible), Pleasant Preas, Allie Preas, Jennie Preas, Anna Preas, Maggie Preas, Dora and Berta Preas (twins), Lizzie Preas and John Robert Preas (my grandfather). There was also a little boy, Ferdinand Preas (born 1853 - died 1854). I was told he fell in a wash tub and drown. I'm also told there was a Melvin H. Preas (1876-1877). Since I have never seen the Preas Bible I don't know who else is listed in it.

I do know that Uncle Rufus, an old Negro slave, is buried along with my great grandfather and great grandmother. My mother who is nearly 92 often speaks of Uncle Rufus and how he used to carry her across the creek behind the old Preas homeplace up at Union.

Judith Irene Preas (daughter of Pleasant and Ann Henry (Stiff) Preas) had a brother, Howard Preas (deceased), a sister, Gertrude Preas (deceased), a sister Edna Preas (deceased), and a sister, Alvie Preas (living in Salem, VA).

From all I've talked with, I understand the Preas name is English and used to be spelled Prease. I'm told my half-uncle, Noel Preas, went to England once years ago to see something about a Preas fortune. Seems though so much back taxes owed, it wasn't worth fooling with. I don't know how true all this is as Uncle Noel is also deceased. I never saw much of him as, after graduating from V.P.I, he went to Vernal, Utah where he met and married and raised his family there. He used to come back to Virginia every few years to see all his kin, and he did come back to his 50th reunion at V.P.I. He loved Virginia.

I belong to the D. A. R. and the U. D. C. I am now trying to work up information to be able to join Colonial Dames.

When my husband retired, he brought me back to my beloved Bedford where we bought a home and I can look out my kitchen window and see the beautiful Peaks of Otter. Although we've been lots of places, Canadian Rockies included, nothing is as beautiful to me as the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia!!

We have 3 children - two boys and a girl. Their ages are 42, 41, and 36. I also have a brother, Hugh Preas Mackey, age 63, who has five children.

I have a first cousin in Boise, Idaho. She was Harriett Preas, daughter of Hugh Robert Preas and Flow Glenn Preas. She is now Mrs. Russell Reisinger. Mrs. Eddie P. Croye is my mother's first cousin. She was Eddie Preas, daughter of Clay Preas. Also I have a cousin Mrs. Alvie Johnson. She was Alvie Preas, daughter of Ann Henry Stiff and Pleasant Preas.

Both my uncles lived in Roanoke until their death. Their names were Mason Harris Preas and Thomas Lathrop Preas - brothers to my Mother, Nelle R. Preas Mackey.

I went to the cemetery and got some dates. Wm. Braxton Preas, born March 30, 1848, died October 6, 1897. He was a cousin to my grandfather, John Robert Preas, born June 19, 1855, died August 1, 1899. There is also a stone for John H. Preas (who once owned the Palace Hotel in Bedford and whom everyone called "Uncle John" - even traveling salesmen called him that). He was born September 17, 1854, died October 8, 1917. His first wife was Rosa Bush, born March 14, 1854, died April 8, 1906. His second wife was Cleo Arrington.

The enclosed newspaper clipping dated Wed. May 17, 1989, announced the death of Ora Preas Smith Newman. Born March 30, 1900 in Bedford County, she was a daughter of the late Joseph C. Preas and Annie Creasey Preas.....She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Annie S. Arthur of Bedford and Mrs. Rachel S. Olinger and Mrs. Corinne S. Casalenovo, both of Lynchburg, and one son, H. H. (Hank) Smith of Lynchburg.

MY GRANDFATHER THOMAS WILLIAM PREAS

By Raymond R. Preas

My grandfather's name was Thomas William Preas. He and my grandmother, Susan Dews bore two sons, William Raymond (my father) and Wesley Holmes.

My grandfather was an engineer for the Norfolk and Western Railroad and lived in Roanoke, Virginia.

William Raymond Preas moved to Washington, D.C. where he married my mother the former Myrtle Ivory Griffith. They had four sons before moving to Goochland County, Virginia, near to the home of my mother's family. A fifth son was born to them there. The area in Goochland that they lived is about forty miles from Richmond where I live with my family.

The children of William Raymond and Myrtle Griffith are Thomas William (1941 - 1942), Raymond Eugene (1942) m. Elizabeth Hitch (c. Amy Elizabeth, Deborah Katherine, Stephen Thomas), Richard Allen (1944), Otis Noland (1947) m. Gladys Bowles (c. Wendy and Michael), Ronald Wayne (1955) married, no children.

My uncle and aunt, Wesley Holmes and Jewell Preas live in Roanoke, Virginia. They bore four daughters - Beverly, Bonnie, Brenda, and Becky, and one son, Bobby.

I understand that my grandfather Thomas William Preas lived in California, married at an early age, had a daughter named Pearl, divorced and returned to Roanoke. I have heard that my grandfather owned 150 acres of land in Bedford County, where my grandfather and grandmother lived until their death.

OUR CLAIM TO FORTUNE AND FAME

By Donald L. Preas

Since I've been out of college (1964), I've lived in several states (mostly Missouri, Mass, and Ohio) - generally I've been the only Preas family in these states. Needless to say, I am not the family expert but one of the "blacksheep" who left the flock.

All of the immediate Preas family (my aunts and uncles) stayed in Roanoke except for Irene and Clyde who moved to Florida in 1960. Uncle Garland moved to Washington D. C. but retired in Roanoke. Unfortunately Aunt Nellie and Aunt Gladys are the only two left living. I've missed all of the funerals due to living so far away. My dad (Willie E.) passed away in 1985 and uncle Garland passed away in September 1987. Uncle Garland's wife (Lucille) still lives but in South Roanoke Nursing Home. Aunt Gladys is in poor health and is confused a lot. She remarried (Jim Hatcher) about 10 years ago.

Aunt Nellie is a sweetheart, has borne the burden of the family's tragedies and deaths - and still as sweet and beautiful as a Missouri sunrise. At 72, she looks to be 40 - a very attractive lady.

Garland, Jr. and Jean have two children (a boy and girl). The girl is now married living in Richmond, VA. Their son is single and making a career as a Navy pilot. Garland, Jr. retired 3 years ago from ATT in Richmond, VA and lives outside Myrtle Beach, S.C.

George and Betty still live in Roanoke - he represents our claim to wealth and fame (played pro-football - retired in 1966 from Baltimore Colts and has been a very successful businessman in Roanoke. Betty has certainly been part of his success). Their daughter, Kelly is still single (very beautiful at 29) and teaches in Norway. I met her at my Dad's funeral. Her brother was in the Air Force (pilot) stationed in Arizona, but I'm not sure of his status now.

I still remember visiting uncle Jack and uncle Ernie as a boy. Uncle Jack was very close as he and dad were closer in age. I don't remember uncle James.

I must take after the Preas's since I'm gradually losing my "crown of glory" - my daughter can now find

me in the movies from the reflection. All of dad's uncles developed baldness as older men - dad and Garland both had full head's of hair.

As to my family - my wife is an elementary school teacher having got her B. S. at University of Missouri in 1966 and her M. S. in elementary administration at Kent State in 1983. All of her family live in Missouri and Kansas. I have a B. S. in Ceramic Engineering (VPI in 1964) and 34 hours of graduate work toward a M. S. in Engineering Management (Rolla School of Mines and Akron University). I've worked mostly in the Refractory Business. I was in the Army (1966-68) stationed mostly at Army Materials and Mechanics Research Center in Boston, Mass. I even got a paper published as a co-author of some of the work we did. My boy (Aaron) and girl (Natalie) were born in Missouri while we were living in Fulton.

My cousin George graduated from VPI in 1955 where he played football and then played 10 years with the Baltimore Colts. He and I were the first of the Roanoke Preas clan to go to college. (His dad was a plumber and my dad was a wood-patternmaker - both serving their apprenticeship at N & W Railroad. Neither finished high school).

George's son graduated from VPI, and I hope my children will consider that school. VPI is a fine Engineering School where the Confederate Flag used to get as much respect as the USA flag when I was there. When I worked in Missouri with A. P. Green Refractories, an older VPI graduate and I used to celebrate Robert Lee's birthday with cake, flags, and all the other fan-fare at work!

Don't ever ask what a misplaced Southern Baptist is doing living in N. E. Ohio.

The following is our family history which was made up in 1957 by my aunt Gladys and aunt Nellie. I have added entries which cover my own family and children.

Joseph Preas (1814 -) m. 5 Aug 1835 Mahala L. Parker (1819 -). (c. Charles W. (1836), Wm. E. (1838), Martha A. (1840), Joseph N. (1842), James T. (1843), Sarah J. (1846), John H. (1849), George H. (1851), Amy E. (1853), Mahala F. (1855), Joel

R. (1856).

George H. Preas (1851-) m. 1879 Betty Ann Haldren (1861-). (c. James R. (1881), Zernie L. (1890), Annie O. (1893), Jack J. (1901)).

James R. Preas m. 4 Feb 1906 Annie J. Waldren. (c. Freddie Garland (1906), Gladys Mae (1909), Willie E. (1910), Lois Irene (1912), Nellie Madeline (1916)).

Annie J.'s parents were Samuel P. Waldren (1845 -) m. 18 Jan 1872 Nannie F West (1849). (c. Mary E. (1876), Ida L. (1878), Frank B. (1880), Freddie P. (1883), Annie J. (1885), Minnie W. (1887), Ewel H. (1890), Fannie W. (1892)).

F. G. Preas m. 12 Sept 1926 Lucille Coleman. (c. Martha Geraldine (1927), Freddie Garland, Jr. (1930), George Robert (1933)).

M. Geraldine Preas m. 8 Aug 1953 Robert S. Murray. (c. Barry Stephen Murray (1956)).

F. Garland Preas, Jr. m. 23 Sept 1953 Betty Joyce Fitzgerald. (c. Kelly Leigh (1956)).

Gladys Mae Preas m. 1 June 1929 Charles Oscar Thurman. (c. None).

Willie E. Preas m. 22 June 1935 Christine Harrison. (c. Donald Lee (1942), Frederick Barry (1943)).

Donald L. Preas m. 1 July 1966 Marilyn Hall. (c. Aaron L. (1973), Natalie H. (1976)).

Lois Irene Preas m. 2 Sept 1932 Clyde Preston Stanley. (c. None).

Nellie Madeline Preas m. 10 Feb 1939 Joseph Bernice Board. (c. James Anderson (1945-1955)).

A WARRIOR FAMILY

By Thomas Warren Preas

My family, to the extent of my knowledge is this. My father was Norborne Earl Preas. My Grandfather was Nathaniel Thomas Preas. I have a brother, Norborne Earl Preas, Jr.

Nathaniel Thomas Preas was a one legged shoemaker near Chamblissburg, a community in Bedford County in the late 1800's. By 1860 he had lost a leg in a logging accident, had learned the trade of shoemaker, and was renting a farm. Both he and his wife Sallie could read and write.

Nathaniel Thomas Preas (Jul 1846-cr. 1900) (Chamblissburg, Bedford Co., VA) m. 1881 Sallie (May 1858-). (c. Robert R. (Apr 1982-), Alma (Jul 1885-) (died without issue), McDaniel Alex (Nov 1889-), Eugene, Norborne Earl Preas (2 Apr 1895-1969). Following his death, Nathaniels wife Sallie, a practical nurse, moved her family to Roanoke, VA. about 1904.

My father Norborne Earl Preas (1895 - 1969) was the youngest child. He married Ora Ruth Moore, February 14, 1920. Their children are Norborne Earl Preas, Jr., born December 16, 1920 and Thomas Warren Preas, born July 10, 1922. My father had two brothers, Robert and Eugene, and one sister, Alma, who died without issue. Another brother, Alex McDaniel Preas, married late in life and we have no information about his children, other than he had five children - four boys and a girl.

At this time, it is reasonable to guess that Henry Preas was my great grandfather since he had a 13 year old son, N.T. Preas, which would agree with my grandfather's birth year of 1846.

The most popular member of the Preas family in Roanoke is George Preas who graduated from VPI and played professional football as an offensive tackle with the Baltimore Colts in the early 1960's. He has had a number of businesses in the area.

My brother, Norborne Earl, Jr. is a retired teacher.

Norborne Earl Preas (1895-1969) served in World War

I. Trained at Camp Lee, VA, with the 80th Div. (Blue Ridge Div. - Penn, VA, some in Ohio and West Virginia), overseas in June 1918, Corporal, Machine Gun Squad, Co. L., 317th Regt. 80th Div. - Muese Argonne, Argonne Forest, St. Michael, Somme. After military service he entered the grocery business.

Norborne Earl Preas, Jr. (16 Dec 1920-). Sgt., Infantry Training Det., Camp Pickett, VA. during WWII. He was an interpreter with a regiment of Mexican Americans from the western states during World War II. As exercise, they would translate "names" from one language to another. The Mexicans told him about many Mexicans with a family name of "CURA" (Priest) that they had known.

Thomas W. Preas (10 Jul 1922 -). WWII Nov. 1942 - August 1946; 1st Lt Bombardier-Navigator, B17's - U. S. and England, 8th AF; Korea - 25th Inf. Div., 8th FA Bn - Captain, Jan. 1951 - August 1953. He was in the old Army Air Corps at Dalhart in 1943 and has been through Odessa/Midland.

Three groups of Preases are buried in Bedford, VA. In LOGWOOD: William B. Preas - March 30, 1848 - October 6, 1897; John Robert Preas - June 19, 1855 - August 4, 1899. In OAKWOOD: John H. Preas - Sept 17, 1854 - Oct 8, 1917; Rosa A. Preas (Wife of John H.) March 14, 1854 - April 8, 1908.

My mother's family has been something. I used to say, "My family didn't know what slaves were." My great, great grandmother had 9 slaves, my great grandmother was left a slave in her father's estate - my grandfather's youngest brother was born 5 years after his father's death in 1884 - that's the way the birth register reads - actually the child was the son of a daughter in the family. My grandfather T. J. Moore enlisted on July 1, 1861 and served through March 1865 (he was married with three children). He was Sgt. Co. K, 57th Regt. VA Inf., Pickett's Division, Longstreets Corp. and was in the charge at Gettysburg.

THE FAMILY TREE OF FRED PREAS

BY Gloria Preas

About four years ago my sister-in-law, Roger Preas's wife Lurraie, started the family tree. We can trace our family to Frederick Preas. There seems to be much confusion as to his father, as when he was asked about his parents, he would give out no information, or did not want to talk about them. So no one knows about his background. The story that was passed on was that his parents died coming across the ocean from Germany, but no one really knows for sure. We do know that he lived in Appleton, Wisconsin with his uncle, so he may well have been an orphan. He ran away from his uncle at the age of 15 after a dispute. Not very much is known but he did work in the woods in Wisconsin. Somewhere along this time he met and married Agnes Reidnouser, who was from Switzerland. They homesteaded in the Watterton, South Dakota area from 1887 to 1902, and all children were born there.

The Preas name is rare, as we know of no one else in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, or surrounding area with that name, except the Preas from this family, a large selection over this way, all related to each other in some way.

I married Richard Dale Preas. We have two children, Bonnie and Dale. Bonnie was born 20 June 1957. She is single, living in Seattle. Dale was born 8 September 1961. He married Lisa Rene.

The family tree as we have been able to piece it together follows.

Frederick Preas (b. 18 Sept 1857, d. 28 Jun 1942) m. 24 Jun 1886 Agnes Reidnouser (10 May 1857 - 27 June 1930). (c. Lydia, Anna, Emma, Bertha, George, Fred, Alfred (Oscar), Matilda).

Lydia (1887-1955) m. Ed Sporleder. (c. Evelyn, Esther, Marian, Edwin, Fred, Wilbur, Marvin, Helen, Bobby, Corleen).

Anna (1888-) m. Elmer Meissner. (c. Evelyn, Elmer, Jr., Harold, Lillian).

Emma (1890-1985) m. Rudolph Feigenbaum. (c. Margaret, Edward, Lois).

George Frederick Preas (1892 - 1984) m. 28 Nov

1917 Alice Marguerite Levens (7 Jun 1896 -). (c. Dan Levens, Fred Arthur, Richard Dale, Roger Allen, Maxine Ruth, Phyllis Jean).

Fred (1893-1913), died of stroke, age 21.

Alfred (Oscar) (1895-1976) m. Hazel. (c. Robert, Vern, Lois, Donald, James).

Matilda (1896-1896), died age 3 weeks of Earaciplis).

Dan Levens (1918-) m. Thelma. (c. Mike, Kathy, Connie, Dan).

Fred Arthur (1918-1979) m. Dorothy. (c. Brenda, Sandra).

Maxine Ruth (1920-) m. Alton Lieuallen. (c. Sherrill, Marilyn, Brooks).

Richard Dale Preas (1929-) m. 20 Jul 1956 Gloria. (c. Bonnie (b. 20 Jun 1957 -) Dale (8 Sept 1961 -) m. Lisa Rene).

Roger Allen (1932-) m. 1st Dolores. (c. Roger Dennis, Jeffrey George, Kevin Scott, Sharon Kelli), m. 2nd Lurraie.

Phyllis Jean (1932-1963) m. Loren Russell.

Roger Dennis Preas (1952-) m. 1st Kathryn, m. 2nd Victoria. (c. Christopher, Jennifer Lynn, Amber Michelle, and twins, Shane & Shannon).

Kevin Scott Preas (1960-) m. Meriweather. (c, Jason Scott, Jeromie, Christina).

GRANDFATHER FRED PREAS

By Dan L. Preas

The only clue to the ancestry of my grandfather Fred Preas was that he came over to this country from Germany as a boy 15 years old. My father, George Preas, told me that he came over here as a stowaway on a boat and that he had an aunt living in Wisconsin, with whom he was going to live. My younger brother Richard said he believed grandpa Fred came over with his folks and they died on the boat. Anyway, my grandfather was treated badly by his aunts husband so he left there for South Dakota where he met his wife and raised a big family - 4 girls and 3 boys.

The oldest child, Lydia, had 10 children of her own - 5 boys and 5 girls. She died around the age of 67, 8 or 9. The next oldest, a daughter who lived to be 98 years of age, reared 3 sons and a daughter. The next in line, Anna, was still living at 100 years of age in 1988. Her husband was also still living at that time, he was 99 years of age and still driving a car and doing a lot of fishing. They celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary that year, living in their own home and she did her own cooking and baking. They reared 2 sons and 2 daughters. The fourth child, Bertha, was 97 years old in 1988 and lived in Murtaugh, Idaho. She was very spry, but was in a rest home because she was almost blind, but happy in there. Next in line was Oscar who died of cancer at age 81. He raised 4 boys and 1 girl. The youngest one named Fred Jr., died of pneumonia at age 19.

My grandfather, when asked about his ancestors said he would rather not say anything. So it was left at that. He was born around 1857. He was a peaceful man, a successful farmer, and a Christian man buying real nice King James version Bibles for all his 40 grandchildren. He died during the 85th year of his.

In all my travel in the service to various parts of this country, never saw the name Preas in a telephone directory or anyone else who knew the name. My father said he saw a Baltimore Colt football game on T. V. and they had an offensive lineman by the name of George Preas on the team.

MY FAMILY TREE

By Robert L. "Bob" Preas

Most of my side of the Preas family lives in Virginia. ... I don't know for sure, but my dad thought we were of Polish descent.

Looking through some boxes the other day, I found a letter containing a listing of the Preas and related families. The following is an excerpt from that listing, plus what I know about my family.

My great-great granddad was John Wesley Preas, Sr., born 1799 and died May 20 1898, age 91. My great-great grandmother was Delilah Taylor, born 1808 and died January 13, 1892, age 84. John was the son of Joseph and Sally Preas. John and Delilah were married November 22, 1833. They had seven children - William Whitfield (1834), Thomas Jefferson (1836), Sarah Elizabeth Permelia (1839), Mary Jane (1842), Ann Eliza (1844), Selina Rebecca (1846), James Henry (1848), John Wesley (1851-1944).

My great granddad was John Wesley Preas, Jr. (b. 10 Sept 1851 d. 10 May 1944) m. 1872 Harrett Wood (1855-1933). Their children were James Benjamin (1873), Joseph Callahill (1874-1959), Mahalie Francis (1878-1961), Annie Bell (1880-1957), Lila Howard (1883-1967), Jacob Anderson 1884-1955), Cora Lee (1887), Thomas William (1888-1946), Martha Virginia (1890), Vernie Etta (1895-1963), Sallie Evelyn (1900). John Wesley Preas, Jr. owned a farm in Bedford County. My mother told me he sold it in the early 1940's.

My granddad was Thomas William Preas (1888-1946) m. 1st Jan 1906 Edna Elizabeth Straum (1888-1930). (c. Emma Frances (1906)); 2nd m. May 1912 Susan Holmes Dews (1895). (c. William Raymond (1915-1965), Holmes Wesley (1919)).

My dad is Holmes Wesley Preas (1919). Holmes married Jewell Armentrout (1921) in 1941. They had five children - Beverly Louis (1942), Bonnie Gay (1947), Brenda Jo (1948), Robert Lynn (1954), and Becky Sue (1956).

I married Karen Rae Manley 6 Sept 1981. Our children are Amy Lynn (1984) and Amber Jo (1987).

GRANDFATHER AND GRANDMOTHER HICKS FAMILY

By Edna May Welsh

I went to the courthouse in Georgetown and found a few dates on the Hicks family. I also located Francis Marion Hicks and Sarah Jane (Carlile) Hicks graves in Jarrell a couple of years ago. According to the stone, Sarah Jane died April 29, 1898.



1. BUD, JOSH, RUTH, MIME, RENNE, LINNIE, HUBERT HICKS
2. BUD, LINNIE, HUBERT, MIME, RUTH, RENNE
(Children of Frank and Sara Jane Hicks)

The following is the data on Grandfather and Grandmother and their family.

Francis Marion Hicks (1839-1926), born in Mississippi, moved to Texas m. Sarah Jane Carlile (1852-1898), born in Utah. Francis and Sarah made their home in Jarrell, Texas. They had twelve children - John, Ruthie, Rena, Delila Jemima, Ida, Ada, Albert (Bud), Ira Frances, Joshua (Josh), Hubert, Samuella (Ella), Linnie Bea.

John R. Hicks (1867-1936) m. 25 July 1894 Mary Patrick (c. Arlene), Ruthie Hicks (1871-1948) m. 8 July 1889 Samuel Sturdivant (c. Ollie, Bill, Clara, India), Rena S. Hicks m. 28 Nov 1892 Thomas Judkins (c. Ellis, others unknown), Delila Jemima Hicks (1875-1956) m. 25 Nov 1894 Pate Chapman (c. Ola, Ella, Newell), Ida Hicks (-1924) m. 16 July 1893 Dave Brown (c. Robert, George, Charlie, John, Ima Lee, Nola, Tooke, Hap), Ada Hicks m. 14 June 1903 Henry Bush (c.

unknown), Reason Albert (Bud) Hicks (1881-1968) m. 24 Dec 1919 Emma Case (c. Edward, Edna May, Dorothy, Robert, Mildred, James), Ira Frances Hicks (1885-1967) m. Bert Kraatz (c. Alvin, Bertha, Vera, Brydia), Joshua Pearson Hicks (1883-) m. Rosa (c. J. P., Raymond, Ollen, F. C., Fred, Elva, Doris), Hubert Franklin Hicks (1892-1945) m. Ima Harkins (c. Thelma, Bernice, Robert, Ruth, Billy), Samuella "Ella" Hicks (1888-1909) m. 15 Sept 1905 Joe Parker (c. 2 sons), K. Linna "Linnie" Bea Hicks (1895-1960) m. 24 April 1909 Steve Yancy (c. Clifton, Ila Bea, Ima Lee, Janey, Steve, Lois, Dorothy).



1. BUD HICKS FAMILY (1940'S)

2. FAMILY OF JOSH HICKS.

I met and remember all of grandfather and grandmothers children's families except Samuella (Hicks) Parker and Ada (Hicks) Bush. I did not know Aunt Ida (Hicks) Brown as she died when I was 2 years old, but did know and visit her family in our younger years - went fishing with them and visited a number of times. I knew Nola's family well as they lived in Jarrell when we did. Saw Aunt Rena (Hicks) Judkins a time or two at family reunions. The rest of the family we saw quite often - up until I was grown.

The Hicks family used to have family reunions in Brownwood every year. I can remember several up until 1941 - and then during World War II we did not have any until 1946. I think that was probably the last reunion.

My Daddy lived on grandpa Hicks' farm at the time of grandpa's death. I remember him dying even though I

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wasn't quite 4. I do remember the old homeplace (he lived in the house alone) and we lived in a little house on the farm a couple hundred yards from his place. He had a porch that was open on both ends and had a raccoon for a pet. I remember watching the raccoon climbing the rafters.



1. FAMILY OF HUBERT HICKS

2. HICKS REUNION IN BROWNWOOD

Dad farmed the homeplace until the middle 30's when the farm was sold and the money divided equally among the brothers and sisters or their heirs. It was only 50 acres, but good black land located about six and one-half miles west of Jarrell, Texas.

We saw more of Uncle Josh's, Aunt Bea's and Uncle Hubert's families as they visited in the summers. Uncle Hubert lived in Jarrell until 1936. We lived in Brownwood 1940-41 and I saw quite a bit of Aunt Mime's and Aunt Ruth's families. I wish I had jotted down notes when Dad and Mamma used to talk about the old days.

My oldest brother Edward was MIA in World War II and declared dead. My youngest brother James died of a heart attack in 1989. My sister Dorothy had cardiac arrest in 1988 which affected her memory. I lost my husband in March and my daughter isn't well, so I worry about her.

MY MOTHER AND FATHER'S FAMILIES

By Metta Adon West Preas

My mother Viona Embrey West considered life a challenge and being able to be active in life a blessing and a wonderful privilege. She worked in many areas of community and civic activity in La Porte, Texas, where she made her home for thirty years and raised her family.

Viona had four children, two - Elmo Bever and Edna, by a previous marriage, and myself and my brother Ronnie by my father Chester Arthur West.

Even after my father past away in 1956, Viona, or "Mom West" as everyone called her, remained active in the Home Demonstration Club, Eastern Star's, and the First Baptist Church. She was a past Mother Advisor to Rainbow Girls, a member of the Woman's International Bowling League, and a Sunday School teacher.



VIONA & OLIVE FRANCES, RONNIE, ELMO, METTA

Viona's ancestry traces back to Charles Christopher Springer who died in Wilmington, Delaware in 1738. A great mystery is woven around the life and work of Christopher. He was a man of noble birth, of high character, and one of the moving spirits of the community in which he lived. He was a religious man, and an influential member of the Old Swedes Church in Wilmington. He aquired title to various parcels of land, some of which was deeded away. Tradition states that he aquired 800 acres from the Crown of England

through Lord Baltimore, and that he leased this tract of land to the Old Swedes Church for a period of ninety-nine years. In 1888 a large association was formed to investigate the rights of the descendants after the lease agreements had expired.

The lineage of my mother's family follows. Charles (or Carl) Springer (1658-1738) married Maria Hendrick Dotter (1865-?). Their 9 children were Jacob (1689-?), Rebecca (1691-?), Magdalena (1692-?), Anna Katherine (1694-1684), Christopher (1696-1745), Charles (1696-1759), James (1700-1763), John (1701-?), Joseph (1709-1799).

Jacob Springer m. 1st Anna Budd, m. 2nd Jeruslia Tyler. (c. Benjamine, John, Humphrey, Dennis, Pheba, Dorothy, and Amos).

Dennis Springer (1712-1760) m. Anna Prickett. (c. Josiah, Hanna, Zedac, Lewi, Drucilla, Dennis, Jacob, Nathan, Uriah, John, Job).

Nathan Springer (1752-1831) m. Hannah McDaniel. (c. Sarah, Uriah, John, Jacob, Job, Rachel, Nancy, Mary).

Uriah Springer (1780-1847) m. Nancy Long. (c. Mary, Hannah, Nathan, Sarah Lou, William, Joseph, Zadoc, Levi, Drucilla, Nancy, Uriah, Mahala, Thresa, Jame).

Sarah Springer (1805-1842) m. 2 Oct 1805 Thomas Louderback, Sr. (c. Sarah, Liberty, Mary, Millo, Margaret, Levi, William, Columbus, Thriza, Mahala, Thomas).

Thomas Louderback, Jr. (1842-1924) m. 12 Aug 1869 Almira Hellem (?-1882). (c. Luella, Samuel Eben, William Otta). Thomas Louderback died 25 Jan 1924 at Leavenworth, Kansas Military Home.

Luella Louderback (1871-1930) m. 18 March 1888 Oliver Perry Embrey in Wallace, Lincoln Co. Nebraska. (c. Almira, Jennie, twins Iona & Viona, Olive).

Viona Mae Embrey (1893-), m. 1st ---- Embrey (c. Elmo, Edna) m. 2nd Chester Arthur West (1892-1956). (c. Ronnie, Metta).

My mother was proud of her Indian blood (1/2 Cherokee) and the other part, she was a "league of nations", but showed a partiality to Dutch.

Not nearly as much is known about my father's family as is known about my mother's.

The lineage of Chester Arthur West (1892-1956) traces back to Buford and Mary Tate West, both natives of Kentucky.



ALICE & SOUTH WEST

CHARLIE, VIONA, EDNA

South West (1853-1937), son of Buford West, m. 1st Milissa Jane Shaw (1854-1902), m. 2nd Alice Jerine Prudence Shaw. (c. Edna, Chauncie Edgar, Chester Arthur). South West was for many years a widely known brick mason and contractor in Bentonville, Arkansas. He was born in Chillicothe, Mo. May 23, 1853. He came to Bentonville in 1904 and was active as a builder and contractor, helping to erect the Masonic Temple and other buildings. For many years he did construction work for an oil company working in several states, but retired from active work in 1930. Alice Shaw West came to Bentonville in 1904 from Gallatin, Mo., and was a member of the Bentonville Christian Church. She died at the age of 83 in the home of a nephew, Lester West at Rockport, Ill.

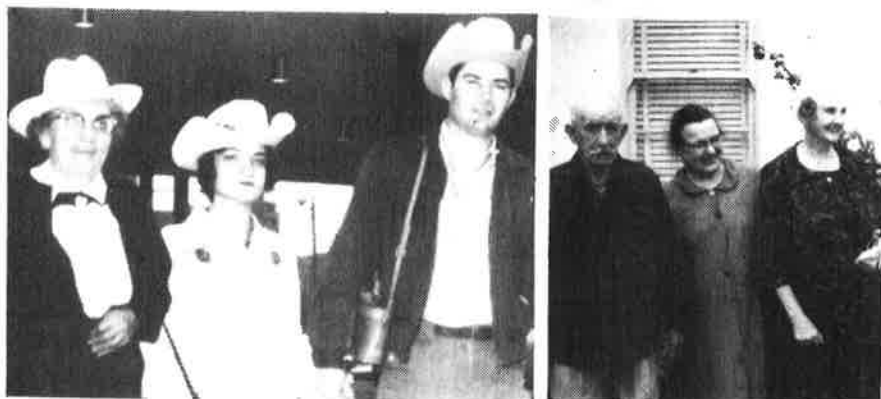
Other West relatives include William West who married Lydia George, and George West (1804-1860) who married 4 Aug 1833 Elendor Woolwine (1815-?). (c. Susan Jane, Elizabeth Ann, Eliza Elendor, George Branceford).

Much of the information on the (Resource: family family genealogist Beverly West Hathaway.

HIGHWAYING ACROSS THE COUNTRY

" From Galveston Texas to Southern California. From Midland to Mount Rushmore and Niagra Falls. No one can believe how Metta and I have enjoyed ourselves, seen so many relatives, and visited national shrines and scenic places by hurrying across the country, sometimes non-stop from one from one point to a destination", Jerry thought as he and Metta packed for another trip.

"But it's very simple", continued his train of thought. Metta loves to drive, and most of the time it is refreshing and relaxing to her. We trade off and take cat-naps in between driving periods. Time, as well as miles, pass very quickly. When we get there, we know what we want to see, we see it, then move on. No lingering.



1. MOM WEST, METTA, JERRY (Rodeo Houston)

2. WILL, MARY LANG, RELATIVE (California trip)

As for me, it gives me a chance to 'clear my head' and think, or write, sing along, or sleep.

In his younger days Jerry often took his grandfather to visit a relative. One time he took his grandfather Preas to visit Johnny (gramps son) and Lillian in Brownwood, where they owned a cafe. Aunt Lillian would recall these visits and tell Jerry this story.

"My husband was Robert and Mertie Mae's son, John Williams Preas, called Johnny. He was born in Cooper, Texas August 23, 1900. His mother, Mertie Mae, passed

away January 8, 1919 during the flu epidemic.

We had an aunt Hettie, who married Pete Woods. She was Mack, Nugent, and Mr. Preas's (James Robert) sister. Era lived with her and uncle Pete some time during the early twentys. We had a letter from aunt Hettie telling us Era was getting married to Rum Epperson. We were living here in Brownwood at that time. Our first child was about eighteen months old. Aunt Hettie asked us to send her enough money to buy Era a nice pair of shoes. I couldn't even buy myself a pair of shoes, ha!, ha!. As far as buying shoes, we were in the same boat."

After graduating from college in the early 1960's Jerry, Metta, Regena, and Viona took a whirlwind trip to East St. Louis to visit Elmo, then to Virginia where Jerry renewed frindship with Raymond Coffelt, a Marine Corps buddie he served with in Korea.

On one trip they took Aunt Mary and Uncle Will to southern California and visited relatives and Disney Land.

On another trip, Jerry and Metta took grandpaw Yancy to visit his sister, Annie in Sudan, Texas, and his son Clifton in Amarillo. On the way back home, They stopped off to visit the E. H. Johnstons, Marine Corps friends, living in Post Texas.



1. REGENA, METTA, JERRY, DONITA, E. H., SHARLET, CRISTI, STEVE, KEVIN (July 1972)
2. H. D. Johnson's (Aunt Minnie's daughter).

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During Texas sesquicentennial, Jerry and Metta traveled extensively taking pictures of Texas shrines and symbols. They often passed through Sterling City by a restaurant with a sign that read "Ole Landmark Restaurant" with a buffalo painted on it. One night they stopped and met some real nice relatives - the family of Robert and Nadine Hicks, who owned the restaurant.



ROBERT HICKS, OLE LANDMARK, LATAINE & DAUGHTER

At that time, Nadine and her daughter, Lataine, were running the restaurant. Robert had died after a 15 year bout with cancer a few years before.

On the Hicks ranch, Jerry found a small herd of buffalo. "How odd," he thought, "after chasing all over Texas looking for buffalo to photograph, to find them this close to home."



WARRIORS: OUR FIGHTING MEN AND WOMEN

There will be "wars and rumors of wars"; and there will be "war hawks" and "doves" - those strongly for war and those strongly against war. The fact is, there have been wars and every probability that there will be more wars in the future. Those who do the actual fighting are known as "warriors".

Both men and women are known to have been warriors - that is soldiers or persons engaged or experienced in warfare. The following is a listing of the major wars in which Americans have been engaged in.

FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR (1754-1763)
REVOLUTIONARY WAR (1775-1783)
WAR OF 1812 (1812-1814)
MEXICAN WAR (1845-1848)
CIVIL WAR (1861-1865)
TEXAS WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE (1836)
SPANISH AMERICAN WAR (1898)
WORLD WAR I (1914-1918)
WORLD WAR II (1941-1945)
KOREAN WAR (1950-1953)
VIETNAM WAR (1965-1969)
PERSIAN GULF WAR - DESERT SHIELD
& DESERT STORM (1990-1991)



WARRIORS OUTPOST (Korea 1952)

A WARRIOR'S PRAYER

By Sergeant Raymond F. Coffelt,
Our Father be with us in battle today
In sorrow and heartache, be with us we pray
Guide our each footstep and help us to be
Free soldiers of freedom, all working for Thee.

If our buddies fall, nevermore to arise
Give us courage, Father, to go where he lies
And pick him up gently, and carry him so sure
Because the dim sounds of battle, he shall
not hear anymore.

Those of our buddies who fall for the rest
Take them, our Father, and let them be blest
With kindness and goodness, with Thee up above
Let them dwell eternally with Thee in Thy love.

To us they have passed on the great torch of
peace
Help us carry and defend it until this conflict
does cease
Be with us, our Father, and give us the strength
To accomplish our mission, no matter what length.

Our mission is peace, with wings that will unfurl
To cover the heads of everyone all over the world
So be with us, our Father, in battle today
Help us be victorious, help us, Father, we pray.

Raymond was squad leader, Machine Gun Platoon, "C" Co., 1st. Bn., 1st Marines, 1st Division; Korea - 1952. He was also a fine singer and played the guitar on several occasions during breaks in the war. He wrote the prayer and gave a copy of it to Jerry. He lost his copy, but was reunited with his prayer recently.

"Jerry, my heart almost burst when I saw that copy of my prayer. I never knew what happened to my own copy, and Nancy doesn't either. I have thought about it these many years, but could never remember the words. And to think that your mother took care of it

for 39 years. I am truly sorry about your loss, but we both know that she is with Jesus.

Do you remember our position in Western Korea where the Marine Corsair crashed in front of us? I have the acquaintance of a "Chosin" Medal of Honor winner who told me the story of him re-visiting Korea several years ago with the Medal of Honor Society. He learned that 200 feet below us (underground) the Chinese had a tunnel that a jeep could be driven through. And there we were, wondering how the infiltrators were getting behind us. After all, the Koreans had thousands of years to build those tunnels!



EUGENE ALBRIGHT AND SKI

Do you remember Eugene Albright, a nice black guy that was one of my gunners? I understand he received severe leg wounds when you jumped off after I left. I sure would like to get in touch with him!"

OUR FAMILY WARRIORS

On the trail again, Jerry and Metta pointed the '88 Sable towards the Carolina's, Virginia and Georgia. Jerry had spent many hours in the Midland library going through census reports, family history's, and other available genealogical reports. This research, along with letters from relatives, had given him a good perspective of family linkages. However visiting the states where the ancestors had been could give an even greater perspective. Being an Americana-Texana historian added emphasis to making connections with the family warriors as well as to determine more accurate ancestry. The results follow.

This report obviously is not conclusive and many of our warrior men were not listed in the documents researched and many of the women, those married with a different name, are not known. But family names appear on the roles of warriors back as far as the names can be traced.

From the beginning, women, as well as men have shouldered a gun in battles and skirmishes. One Yancey woman stuck a gun in her belt and marched off to war with her husband.

FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR (1754-1763): Ensign Charles Yancey served as an officer in the Colonial and French and Indian Wars.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR (1775-1783): Joel Yancey was a General under George Washington in the War of 1776. Robert Yancy, Cornet, took the Oath of Allegiance 18 Aug. 1778. Lewis Yancey was Captain of a Company during this same period. Austin Yancey first served in a North Carolina unit sent to guard the pass at Chimney Rock against the Cherokee Indians, then on 22 May 1781 enlisted under Capt. Obid Holloway and Colonel Henderson and was at the siege of Ninety Six. Hezekiah Yancey served in the Rangers under Capt. John Caldwell and Col. Thomson during 1775. Charles Yancey, Sr. and Charles Yancey Jr. are listed as Virginia soldiers of 1776. Joseph Yancey served as a quartermaster sergeant in the Third Regiment under Capt. Oliver Towels during 1779. There was a _____

Yancey, Captian of Culpeper Militia in 1779-80. Charles Yancey was Captain of Louisa Militia 12 Nov. 1781. Other Yancey Warriors during the Revolution included Aug't, Charles (Commissary Louisa Mil.), James (Corp), John (Ensign & Reg. Quartermaster 1777-'78; Capt. 1779-80), John, William Leighton (Lieut. 1778), Lewis (Capt.), Lewis Davis, Ludwell, Philemon, Richard (Capt. paid for his militia Co.), Robert (Cornet 1777, Regimental Quartermaster 1777, Lieut. 1778, Capt. 1779), W. Robert Yancie (Quartermaster 1776). There was a Captain James Yancey from Granville North Carolina. A James Yancey was granted land in South Carolina as a result of his Revolutionary War service. James Yancey was a Major in the Revolutionary War under General Green. (Benjamin Cudworth Yancy, son of Major James Yancey, served on the U.S.N. Flagship "Constellation."). Phillip Yancey was under the command of his father, Captain James Yancey, who was under Colonel Richard Henderson of Granville County, N.C. The muster roll of 1771 also lists Joseph, James, and Lewis under command of Colonel Richard Henderson. The following Yancy's served during the Revolution. In 1778 a Yancy was Captain of a Culpeper Militia, Abraham E., Absolom, Ambrose, Lewis, Ludwell, and Robert (Cornet). Ann Yancey married Revolutionary Soldier in 1765. Priscilla Yancey married Revolutionary Soldier William Hurt. Caroline Bird, daughter of Revolutionary Soldier William Bird married Benjamin Cudworth Yancey.

WAR OF 1812 (1812-1814): Joel Yancey of Bedford Co. VA. was a Major in the War of 1812 and a friend of Thomas Jefferson.

MEXICAN WAR (1845-1848): William Burbridge Yancey earned the rank of Colonel in the Mexican War.

CIVIL WAR (1861-1865): William Burbridge Yancey II, (son of Colonel William Burbridge Yancey) was a Captain, then Colonel. S. D. Yancey was a Captain and Assistant Adjunct-General during the Civil War and wrote a letter Posted Houston, June 7, 1864 to Col. T. S. Anderson. Henry Davis Yancey enlisted 1861, was aide to General Rhodes, Fitz Lee's Brigade, standard bearer, Killed at Spotsylvania C. H., 1864. The

Confederate Roster of Tennesseans in the Civil War listed James Yance and the following Yancey's: A., B. Y., Ed, F. G., James E., James W., Joel C., John, Lewis, L. F., Thomas, Thomas B., T. W., W. H., William, William C., William F., and W. L. The following Yancy's are listed: C. A. (I Co. 12th Inf.), C. A. (F. Co. 31st Inf), D. F., James, J. H., John H., S. B., T., and Thomas.

The Yancey's on the Civil War Federal Roster included David, Richard, William, William L., Emmanuel; and the following Yancy's: Henry, Richard, and Stephen.

William Alphius Preas. There is a Civil War sword in the family of Jimmy C. Preas Jr. with the name of William Alphius Preas scratched on it. TEXAS WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE (1836): John Yancy migrated to Texas in 1835 and enlisted in Captain Arnold's Company 6 Mar 1836. He was in the Battle at San Jacinto. Archibal Yancey served in the Texas Army during the War for Independence. Curren S. Yancey, son of Thomas Yancey of Ogelthorpe Co., Georgia, apparently participated in the Texas Revolution, perhaps with Fannin at Goliad, and was killed in 1836.

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR (1898):

WORLD WAR I (1914-1918): Captain William B. Yancey (grandson of William B., the 1st) was wounded at one of the battle fronts.

WORLD WAR I (1914-1918): Norborne Earl Preas (1895-1969) m. 14 Feb 1920 Ora Ruth Moore, trained at Camp Lee, VA, with the 80th Div. (Blue Ridge Div. - Penn, VA, some in Ohio and West Virginia), overseas in June 1918, Corporal, Machine Gun Squad, Co. L., 317th Regt. 80th Div. - Muese Argonne, Argonne Forest, St. Michael, Somme.

WORLD WAR II (1941-1945): The Official Roster of S. C. Service Men and Women in World War II (1941-1946) lists the following. Robert M., Roy J., and Wilson B. Yancey and Solomon Yancy. Two other known WW II veterans are Texans Stevie Louie Yancy and his father Steven Andrew Yancy.

Norborne Earl Preas, Jr. (16 Dec 1920-). Sgt., Infantry Training Det., Camp Pickett, VA. during WWII.

Was an interpreter with a regiment of Mexican Americans from the Western states during World War II.

Roscoe Levelle Preas (- 1975) Coast Guard (1941 - 1945), Honorably discharged.

Thomas Warren Preas (1922 -), WWII Nov. 1942 - August 1946; 1st Lt, Bombardier - Navigator, B17's, U.S. and England, 8th AF; Korea - 25th Inf. Div., 8th FA Bn - Captain, Jan 1951- August 1953. Served in the Old Army Air Corps at Dalhart, Texas (1943).

Mayme E. (Yancy) Lacey, daughter of James Louis Yancy, and sister of Henry Yancy, served in the army from 12 July 1948 to 28 June 1945; honorable discharge at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Ernest E. Welsh, son of E. E. and Mana Maude Yancy Hicks served in the army (1942-1945) in the European and African campaigns.

Edna Mae Hicks Welsh worked as a riveter building bombers in Fort Worth, Texas.

Edward Hicks, son of Bud and Emma Hicks, MIA, declared dead.

KOREAN WAR (1950-1953):



JERRY PREAS & MARINE MACHINE GUN SQUAD (Korea 1952)

Jerry Lee Preas (27 Dec 1930 -), son of Roy Creston and Ila Bea Yancy Preas; served in the U.S.M.C. 12 Jan

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1951-11 Jan 1954. Boot Camp in San Diego, CA, Trained at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA. Shipped out to Korea, 13th draft, Earned Corporal and Sgt. strips during Korean Action. Combat in 1952. Honorable discharge, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Korean Service Medal, Purple Heart (Korean Combat 27 May 1952).

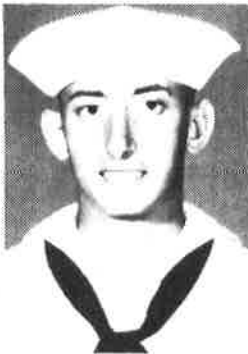
Truman Ray Preas (1931 -), Retired Master Sgt., USAF.



ROBERT PREAS



CURTIS YANCY



ROBERT JOHNS



JIMMY PREAS

Robert Andrew Preas, son of Audren and Ima Lee Yancy Preas; Army (1954-1955). Curtis Yancy, son of Eldredge Franklin and Lola Evelyn Cook Yancy. VIETNAM WAR (1965-1969): Curtis Yancy, son of Eldredge Franklin and Lola Evelyn Cook Yancy (also served in Korean war).

Donald L. Preas (1942 -); Army (1966-68), Army Materials and Mechanics Research Center, Boston, Mass.

Lyndon Dale Preas (1956 -) Captain U.S. Air Force, Service Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, Alaska, Mother AFB, Sacramento, Ca., Little Rock AFB, Ark, Dyess AFB, Abilene, Tx.

POST VIETNAM SERVICE (1970-1989): Jimmy Audren Preas, Jr., son of Audren and Ima Lee Yancy Preas (USAF 1953-1957), Jackie Buchanan, son of William and Janie Lou Yancy Buchanan. Robert Johns, son of Alex and Ila Bea Preas-Yancy Johns.



SUZETTE AND JACKIE BUCHANAN (1971)

DESERT STORM (1990-1991): Michael Preas, grandson of Ellyn W. Preas.

STEVE LOUIE YANCY AWARDED DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Steve Louie Yancy served in the Navy during World War II. He was an aviation chief machinists mate and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement" while serving as plane crew captain on a heavy bomber operating in the Solomon Islands from January to September, 1943. He served overseas 21 months, taking part in the defense of Guadalcanal and the invasions of Rennel Islands and the New Georgia group.

The citation reads:

"For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as Plane Captain of a heavy Bomber Plane in Bombing Squadron One Hundred One during operations against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands area from January to September 1943... Participating in patrol, reconnaissance and attack missions and in

numerous strikes against the enemy during this period, YANCY contributed materially to the infliction of extensive damage on the Japanese despite hostile aerial opposition and antiaircraft fire. His courage and devotion to duty in the face of grave hazards were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."



STEVE L. YANCY

VPB 101 AND CREW

(Steve designed the sailor cap, Uncle Sam's hat sitting on dice for the plane's code name)

Typical action of Naval Patrol Bombing Squadron is that of NPBS 101 which served in the Pacific war theater. When 101 first went out, its "Liberators" were hardly better than an even match for the Jap bombers. But with improved models, squadron pilots could end all encounters with Jap planes with a few hundred rounds of concentrated .50 caliber fire. One "Liberator" fought off 10 Jap fighters in a running battle that lasted for more than an hour. During its tour, VPB 101 sank or destroyed 54 Jap ships including a minelayer and an escort, damaged 67 other ships, and shot down 16 enemy planes, including five fighters.

WAR SHIP: There is also a U.S. Warship by the Name of Yancey.

A WARRIOR'S PIN-UP ALBUM (Korea 1952)

Letter's and pictures from home and pin-up's of celebrities always lessen the strain of combat situations.





Handwritten signature: Mary McLean



*Handwritten text: I love you
Best wishes
June 1943
L. F. 1943*



REMINISCENCE, SYMBOLS, SHRINES

Jerry and Metta have collected and shared both Americana and Texana; they have participated in family togetherness; and they have traveled states and historic places.

Jerry's reminiscence of his military include the furloughs and picnics as well as the letters and pictures from home. Other memorable experiences include shrimping with uncle Audren during summer vacation, and visiting the old home place, thumbing through grandma's picture album, and visiting state and national shrines and museums.



1. STEVE YANCY, JERRY PREAS, ROBERT PREAS
2. METTA SERVING AT A LION'S CLUB FUNCTION



1. KAREN KAY, REGENA, ADEL, BATTLE SHIP TEXAS
SHRINE
2. KAREN KAY, METTA, REGENA IN FIELD OF BLUEBONNETS



1. METTA AND AUDREN ON A SHRIMPING EXPEDITION



1. JERRY AND METTA'S 25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
2. ROBERT EARL, REGENA, PAUL, FAY BETH WOLTERS



1. EDNA MAE LARSEN (Fagner), LOIS YANCY (Mabrey),
SHIRLEY LARSEN (Tucillo), DOROTHY YANCY (Monthy)
2. FOUR MIDLAND SESQUICENTENNIAL POETS
Jerry Preas, Colleen Leonard,
Larry Griffin, Joy Butts



SCHOOL REUNION: CROSS ROADS, RAE, ECHO, WATTS CREEK



SMILING CAMPERS



MISSY, FRANCES, RONNIE, BERRY, VIONA WEST

PREAS FAMILY ORIGIN AND LINKAGES

The Preas, Yancy, Yancey families appear about the same time in the documents of early America and seemed to follow a similar pattern of westerly migration. The Preas, Yancy, and Yancey names all appear in the records of Virginia - the state with the first permanent American settlement, and in one of the most interesting of counties, that of Bedford, Virginia.

It strongly appears that there are three distinct lines of Preas families in America. One line can trace back to John Edward Preas, another to his brother Thomas Preas, and a third to Frederick Preas who perhaps came with a later generation of immigration.

Records of the origin of the Preas name and nationality are vague. One document suggests that the Preas originated from French-Huguenots. Other sources suggest that the Preas origin is that of Wales. Two sources suggest that the name Preas is Gaelic, meaning "shrub" or "bush". Research by an Augustin priest indicates that the Preas family originated in the Alsace - Lorraine area. (Alsace is a bilingual (French, German) region in East France along Rhine border with Germany). John E. Preas reports that his grandfather John Edward Preas spoke both German and French and had a brother named Thomas who had lived in Canada for awhile and had been a banker in New York City. Testimony from family members and reports in chronicles suggest that the father of Joseph Preas came from Maryland. Robert L. reports that his dad thinks we are of Polish decent. The French-Huguenot tradition seems most logical.

In addition to Bedford County, Virginia and New York, the Preas name has been traced to Floyd County Virginia (William G. Preas family).

One line of the Preas family traces back to Frederick Preas (born in 1857), reported to have come to America from Germany. He told his children that his parents died on the trip over. He lived as a youth with his aunt and uncle in Wisconsin, but ran away from home and settled in South Dakota where he married and raised his family.

George Preas, Roanoke VA., knew of a Preas who had

traced the Preas family name to the Huguenots. During the 100 year's war the Huguenots sought refuge in England. From England, some of the Huguenots migrated to Canada and from there to the States.

The first time the name Preas appears in the records is that of Henry Preas married Rachel Jarred 25 July 1791, Thomas Preas, Surety. The next is that of Rebecca Preas of Bedford County, Virginia who married Henry Baker on 20 March 1799. (Thomas Preas, surety. Consent of Elizabeth Preas, the mother of Rebecca. Witnessed by Thomas Preas and Joseph Preas.) It appears that Thomas Preas of Virginia married Elizabeth. Their children perhaps were Henry, Rebecca, Joseph, Patsy, Polly, John, and Elizabeth.

Joseph Preas (1812-) (French-Huguenots or Welsh) married Mahala Parker (1815-) (English), daughter of William Parker (English) and (mother not known). Joseph was a farmer. The census stated that he was born in Virginia with father from Maryland and mother from Virginia. Joseph and Mahala were married in Bedford County, Virginia.

The Census Report of 1790 gives two William Parkers as heads of families in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. The names of Robert Parker and his wife Joan (recorded 9 Dec. 1654) and Philip Parker (28 march 1656) and Capt. George Parker (1656) appears on the records of Northhampton County, Virginia. A later generation George Parker was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia and tradition says that his father came from Maryland, lived for a time in Fauquier County, and came to Pittsylvania between 1765 and 1769, where he died in 1805.

PREAS ROLL CALL (1971 to modern)

I. *** Thomas Preas (wife believed to have been Elizabeth and children to have been Henry, Joseph, John, Rebercca, Patsy, Polly, perhaps others.

Henry Preas married Rachel Jarred 25 July 1791.

Joseph Preas (Preast) married Sarah Eads

15 November 1799.

Rebecca Preas m. 20 Mar 1799 Henry Baker

Patsy Preas m. 14 Mar 1807 Phillip Pendleton.

Thomas Preas m. 12 Dec 1809 Mary Fuqua.

Polly Preas m. 13 Apr 1812 James F. Brown.

Elizabeth Preas m. 15 Dec 1835 Samuel Tate.

Mary Preas m. 28 October 1839 William M. Fuqua.

Henry Preas (Preast) m. 27 May 1844 Elizabeth Newsom.

Jane Preas m. 29 Dec 1846 Jeremia Wood.

Thomas Preas married Mary R. Parker 10 Oct 1850.

CHRONOLOGICAL LISTINGS AND FAMILY DATA

John Wesley Preas (1799-1890) (Son Of Joseph and Sally) m. 19 Oct 1833 Delila Taylor (1808). (c. William Whitfield (1834), Thomas Jefferson (1836 or 1838-1860), James Henry (1848 or 1850-1862), Sarah Elizabeth Permelia (1839), Mary Jane (Polly) (1842), Ann Eliza (1844-1931), Selina Rebecca (Beck) (1846).

William W. (Bill) Preas m. 24 May 1860 Eliza Ann Wood. (c. Robert Lee (d. age 21), Charley m. Hester Wood (c. Maude, Macon, Ersula, and Tom); Lucy Alice m. Robert Landrews (c. Ruth); Annie Mae m. Andrea Miller (c. Emma); Mary Malinda m. James B. Forgie (c. Robert Lantane m. Ruby Linkershoker, W. Raymond m. Bonnie (c. David W. m. Nancey M., Iva Mae); Nancy Floy; Iva; Mary Alice; Bertha Ann).

John Wesley Preas, Jr. (1851-1944) m. 15 Dec 1873 Harriet Wood (1855-1933). (c. James Benjamin (1873-1873), Joseph Callahill (1874-1959), Jacob Anderson (1884-1955), Thomas William (1888-1946), Mahalie Frances (Halie) (1878-1961) m. 20 Jan 1894 James Edward Hodges (1872). (c. Harry S., John Edward, Gwendolyn, Thelma, Winfree, Harriet Frances), Annie Bell (1880-1957) m. 1 May 1899 Harry Elmo Garland (1879). (c. Mable Virginia, Willie Estelle, James

Anderson, Reginald Elmo, Fred Thomas, Paul Wesley, Eunice Marjorie), Lila Howard (1883-1967) 1st m. 28 Apr 1904 Robert Philip Benjamin Beard (1869-1942). (c. Gladys Cerein, Philip Wesley, Eloise Virginia, Lula Louise). 2nd m. 25 Oct 1949 Grover Cleveland Ore (1883-1966), Cora Lee (1887-) 1st m. 13 Nov 1905 Frank Russell Brown (1872-1943). (c. Pearl Elizabeth, Buford Clayton). 2nd m. 11 Dec 1945 Charley Wood, Martha Virginia (1890), Vernie Etta Preas (1895-1963), Sallie Evenlyn (1900).

Joseph Callahill Preas (1874-1959) m. (1894) Julia Annie Creasey (1875-1940). (c. William Roy (1898-1964), Ora (1900), George Eugene (1902), John Thomas Sr. (1902), Allen Keith (1909).

Thomas William Preas (1888-1946) 1st m. Jan 1906 Edna Elizabeth Strawn (1888-1930). (c. Emma Frances (1906) m. 11 Jan 1926 Leslie Boyd McCoy (1904). (c. Leslie Boyd, Harold Richard, Fredia Adell, Alice Ann, Jerry Arnold). 2nd m. May 1912 Susan Holmes Dews. (c. William Raymond (1915-1965), Holmes Wesley (1919).

William Roy Preas (1898-1964) m. 30 Jul 1924 Blanche Ann Mayberry (1901). (c. William Roy, Jr. (1925) m. 28 Aug 1948 Louise White. (c. Shirley Ann, Irene Mae, Orvin, Richard, Roger Lewis (d. 1 m.), Lyle Thomas (1930) m. 6 Jul 1956 Doris Mae Price. (c. Reta, Blake), Wesley David, Sr. (1944) m. 6 May 1961 Joan Cokes. (c. Wesley David Jr.), Dorothy Mae (1926) m. 27 May 1947 Crawford Richard Worley (c. Crawford Richard Jr., Patricia, Steven, Michael, Elaine), Lorine Margaret (1928) m. 20 Dec 1947 Clarence W. Shelton. (c. Calvin, Margaret, Fred), Mildred Anne (1933) m. 6 Jun 1952 Charley Vest. (c. Brenda, Janet, Roy, Marjie, William), Pauline Virginia (1936) m. 17 Sep 1957 Leon Wesley White, Sr. (c. Debra, Leon Jr.), Julia Irene (1944 Twin).

Ora Preas (1900) 1stm. 15 Jun 1917 Theron Nokel Smith, Sr. (1887); 2nd m. Theron Clay Newman (1889).

George Eugene (Fatty) Preas (1902) m. Addie Mason. (c. Carlton, Ruby, Nancey, Jewhew).

Elmer Anderson Preas (1911-1940) m. 3 Dec 1932 Lydia Margaret Markham (d. 1911). (c. Elsie Jane). 2nd m. Lydia Margaret Markham Preas m. 1959 Thomas Henry

Page (c. Eva Kay), Elsie Jane Preas (1933) m. Thomas Burns Hudson. (c. Thomas Markham), Inez Elizabeth Preas (1913) m. 7 Dec 1940 Crawford Judson Rhinehart (1902). (c. Alice Elizabeth), Basil Winifree Preas (1916) 1st m. Jan 1938 Ruby Barber. (c. Winfree Rhinehart (1939-1941). 2nd m. 29 Jun 1946 Salene Margaret Scott Martain (1912).

Carlton Preas m. Mattie Reynolds. (c. Linda Sue, Roger).

Nancy Preas m. William Mcgan (c. Donna).

Jewhew Preas m. Barbara Jean Reynolds.

John Thomas Preas, Sr. (1904) m. 30 Jul 1924 Lila Mayberry (1904). (c. John Thomas Jr., Eva Irene, Curtis Hoover, Naomia Ruth, Jessie David, Jonathan Clyde).

John Thomas Preas, Jr. (1925) m. 1951 Margaret Ann Clements. (c. Debra Gail, Catherine Elaine).

Eva Irene Preas (1927) m. Jun 1949 Lawrence E. Hall (1924). (c. Wanda Ellen, Lawrence Frederick).

Naomi Ruth Preas (1930) m. 1951 Silas Daniel Kelly. (c. Rebecca Ann, Daniel Jene).

Jessie David Preas (1931) m. Joan Marie Tolboll (1938). (c. Gwendolyn Rene, Vanessa Kay, Sandra Denesa).

Johnathan Clyde Preas (1909) m. 1955 Shirley Ann Davis (1937). (c. Linda Darnell, David Wayne).

Allen Keith Preas (1909) m. 2 Jan 1929 Elizabeth (Lizzie) Mason (1910). (c. Hellen Marie (1929-1952), Virginia Doris, Annie Lee).

Helen Marie Preas (1929-1952) m. 3 Apr 1948 Alexandria Ore (1926). (c. Peggie Marie, Sandra, Barry Wayne).

Virginia Doris Preas (1931) m. 4 Apr 1951 Marvin Samuel Jones, Sr. (1928). (c. Deborah Sue, Marvin Samuel, Jr., Patricia Anne, Martha Elizabeth).

Annie Lee Preas (1932) m. 28 Mar 1953 Kenneth Rudolph Jenkins (1924). (c. Vicki Hellen, Marcus Kenneth, Christopher Blane, Elizabeth Anne).

William Raymond Preas (1915) m. 1939 Myrtle Ivory Griffith (1917). (c. Thomas William, Raymond Eugene (1942) m. Elizabeth Hitch. (c. Amy Elizabeth, Deborah Katherine, Stephen Thomas), Richard Alan (1944), Otis

"Nolan" (1947) m. Gladys Bowles (c. Wendy, Michael), Raymond "Ronald" Wayne (1955).

Holmes Wesley Preas (1919) m. 1941 Jewel Armentrout (1921) (c. Robert Lynn (1954), Beverly Louise (1942) m. 15 Dec 1961 Robert Marion Stuckley II (1934), Bonnie Gay (1947), Brenda Jo (1948), Becky Sue (1956).

Robert Lynn Preas (1954) m. 6 Sept 1981 Karen Rae Manley. (c. Amy Lymm (1984), Amber Jo (1987)).

Martha Virginia Preas (1890) m. 28 Dec 1910 Gilbert Henry Brown (1888). (c. Ferdinand Henry, boy born dead, foster son Kenneth Markham).

Vernie Etta Preas (1895-1963) m. 29 Nov 1916 George E. Abenchain (1871). (c. George, Ethel, Billie).

Sallie Evenlyn Preas (1900) M. 15 Nov 1918 John Albert Arthur Sr. (1900). (c. John Albert Jr., Rudolph Lewis, Margaret Evenlyn, Thomas Boyd, Nancey Jane).

II. JOSEPH PREAS, Jr. (cr. 1812) m. Aug 1835 Mahala (Bahala) Parker (1815 or 1819), daughter of William Parker (English) and (mother not known), in Bedford County, Virginia. (c. Charles W. (1836), William E. (1838), Martha A. (1840), Joseph N. (1842), James T. (1843), Sarah L. (1846), John Henry (1849), George H. (1851), Amy E. (b. 6 Jul 1853), Mahala F. (b. 12 Dec 1855) Joel Robert (1856 or 1858).

John Henry, Joel Robert, Sarah L. <Trent>, and Mahala Frances <McCarty> all migrated to Texas.

William Preas (Floyd and Bedford Co. VA) m. Martha. (William killed by a horse age 23). (c. James Henry). James Henry Preas, M.D., m. Nanny Bushong. (c. Ralph Akard (1891-died of Cancer), James Henry, Jr. (1893-Georgia Tech football Hall Of Fame; died of Cancer) m. Vangeline Harmon. (c. Vange (Spratley), Betty (Bandy), Paul Cable (1899) m. Pauline Cross).

William Graham (1905-1970 died of Cancer).

Hugh Lee (1907- died of heart problems) m. Lucy Jones. (c. Hugh Lee Preas, Jr., James Henry II or James Lee??).

Bruce Bushing (1895) (Physician lived in Long Island, N.Y.) m. Gladys Lyons. (c. Mary Dean (1897) m. Red Moore (children: Bert, Lou Preas Russell); Nannabeth Preas m. Smathers (c. Charles, Nancy); Louise (1915 - died Lou Gehrig's Disease) (Journalist) m. Max Banks. (c. Bill Preas Banks, Betsy Banks McRylland).

William Graham Preas (1905-1970) m. Maxine Christenberry (1914). (c. Susan Stuart (1945) m. Franklin K. Gardner, Stephen Graham (1947) m. Jun 1971 Judith Yates.

John Henry Preas (1849-1909) m. 11 Jun 1868 Eliza F. Overstreet (1850-1936) (Bedford Co., VA). (c. Martha L. (1869), Annie Elizabeth (1871), Walter Nugent (1873), Texas Ula (1875), Mack Henry (1876), Joseph Benjamin (1878), James Robert (1882), George Washington (1883), Charly Wesley (1885), Hettie N. (1886) <Pete Wood>, Lucy Myrtle (1887) <Wickersham>, John William (1889), Edgar Combs (1891), Era Francis (1893).

Monroe (Walter) "Doc" Nugent Preas (1873-1938) m.

Elizabeth Matilda Little (1870-1955). (c. Coleman L. Preas (1912-1974), Joe, Luis)).

Coleman L. Preas (1912-1974) m. Bennie Laverne Koenig (1925-1982). (c. Ricky Coleman (1953)).

Ricky Coleman Preas (1953) m. Sherry Sue Murphy (1957). (c. Machelie Kate "Shelly" (1953), Pamela Sue "Pam" (1957)).

Mack Henry Preas (1876) m. _____. (c. John Thomas (1900)).

John Thomas Preas (1900) m. 18 Aug 1924 Ora Mae McGee (1903). (c. Jewell Lee (1925), Truman Ray (1931)).

Truman Ray Preas (1931) m. 16 Oct 1954 Ida Lou Richey. (c. Jerrel Ray, Lyndon Dale, Susan Gail). Jerrell Ray (1955) m. 14 Feb 1981 Cynthia Ann Mills; Lyndon Dale (1956) m. 3 Apr 1982 Cynthia Marie Smith (c. Amanda Lynn (1983), Marshall Thomas (1985)); Susan Gail (1965) m. 16 Aug 1986 Monty Lee Crawford.

Joseph Benjamin Preas (1878-1943) m. 5 Dec 1909 Maggie Jane Burnett (1888-1977). (c. Floyd Golden (1910), Calvin Hollis (1912), Alfred Hurshel (1913), Twyman Bentley (1916), Frances Cordelia (Blundell) (1918), Benjamin Artford (1920), Verona Ozell (1921)).

Floyd Golden Preas m. Mabel (c. Jerry D.).

James Robert Preas (1882-1971) 1st m. cr. 1899 Mertie Mae Jones (-1916). (c. Johnny William (1902-), Nelvin (1903-1905), Era (1905-1966), Roy Creston (1908-1940), James Audren (1911-1984), Frances Orvil "Jack" (1916-1951); 2nd m. Annie Collins Hare. (c. Annie Lois, Vera Mae, Robbie Eunice, foster son - Tucker Hare.

Johnny William Preas (1902-) m. Lillian Davis (c. Bessie Mae).

Era Preas (1905-1966) m. Rum Epperson (c. Evelyn, Ruth, Ray, Twins: Fay and May, Bobby).

Roy Creston Preas (1908-1940) m. 13 April 1929 Ila B. Yancy. (c. Roy Wilburn (1929-1954 - never Married), Jerry Lee (1930), Ila Mavis (1931), Cornelia June (1933), Mary Elizabeth (1935), Wendell Allen (1938), Gloria Ann (1939)).

Jerry Lee Preas (b. 27 Dec 1930) m. 22 June 1957 Metta West. ((c. Regena Lee (1958) m. 13 Aug 1977 Paul

Wolters (c. Nathaniel Paul (1988 - born dead, William Ethan (1991))).

Ila Mavis Preas (1931) m. 11 Aug 1949 Cleo Silas "Buddy" Croft (1930). (c. Margie Lee, Donald Wayne, Edward Ray, Debra June, Walter Douglas, Bobby Joe, Tammy Sue, Opal Ann, Mavis Marie, Buddy Andrew).

Cornelia June Preas (1933) m. 1st Charles Edwin Davis (1930-1981). (c. Steve Dale, Patrick Lynn, Gloria June, Clifford Edwin); 2nd Major Leroy Scott (1922).

Mary Elizabeth Preas (1935) m. 7 Oct 1954 Willard Francis Childers, Jr. (c. Sherry Lynn, Brenda Kay, Eugene Brady, Wayne Franklin, Elizabeth Ann).

Wendell Allen (1938) m. Patricia _____. (c. Sydney, Dillon).

Gloria Ann Preas (1939) m. 1st William Arnold Miller. (c. William Derek, Shiela Marie); 2nd Kenneth Conrad Anglin. (c. Kenneth Vann, Tanya Ann).

James Audren Preas (1911-1984) m. 21 Dec 1932 Ima Lee Yancy (1915) (Celebrated fiftieth wedding anniversary 19 Dec 1982). (c. Jimmy Audren (1933-1979 cancer), Wanda (1935), Robert Andrew "Bobby" (1936-1985 kidney failure), Wilma (1938), David (1940).

John William Preas (1889) m. 19 Sep 1910 Sallie Cooley (1892 -). (c. Ozley Eldon, Lendon Elisha, John Wildon, Ruby Inez, Jewel H., Dovie Ruth).

Edgar Combs Preas m. Nannie Ballard. (c. Opal Taylor (1914).

Opal Taylor Preas (1914) m. Mary Elizabeth Foster. (c. Edger Cloeman (1944), Bryan Thomas Preas (1945), Julia Nann (1954). Edger Cloeman (1944) m. Sherry Lynn Mendenhall. (c. Derek, Jeremy), Bryan Thomas Preas (1945) m. Katherine Amy Lawrence, Julia Nann (1954) m. 1st Noel Chandler, 2nd Bill Lanier (c. Michael Chandler Lanier).

William A. Preas m. 1st _____ (died of cancer). 2nd m. 13 Nov 1972 Hazel Wooddell. (c. by first marriage William, others not named).

George H. Preas (1851) m. 5 Sept 1879 Betty Ann Haldren. (c. James R. (1881), Zernie L. (1890), Annie O. (1893) Jack J. (1901).

James R. Preas m. 4 Feb 1906 Annie J. Waldron. (c. Freddie Garland (1906), Willie E. (1910), Gladys Mae (1909), Lois Irene, Nellie Madaline (1916)

Gladys Mae (1909) m. 1 Jun 1929 Charles Oscar Thurman, Lois Irene (1912) m. 2 Sep 1932 Clyde Preston Stanley, Nellie Madaline (1916) m. 10 Feb 1939 Joseph Bernice Board (c. James Anderson (1946-1955)).

Freddie Garland Preas (1906) m. 12 Sept 1926 Lucille Coleman. (c. Martha Geraldine (1927), Freddie Garland Jr. (1930), George Robert (1933) (Retired in 1966 from pro football with Baltimore Colts).

Martha Geraldine Preas (1927) m. 8 Aug 1953 Robert S. Murray. (c. Barry Stephen (1956)), Freddie Garland Preas, Jr. (1930) m. 23 Sep 1950 Jean Dewease. (c. boy and girl)

George Robert Preas (1933) m. 10 Jul 1953 Betty Joyce Fitzgerald. (c. Kelly Leigh (1956, boy)).

Willie E. Preas (1910) m. 22 Jun 1935 Christine Harrison. (c. Donald L (1942), Frederick Barry (1943).

Donald L. Preas (1942) m. 1 July 1966 Marilyn Hall. (c. Aaron Lewis (1973), Natalie Christine (1976)).

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III. William Harris Preas (1820-1881) m. 30 Dec. 1850 Mary Jane Bond. (c. James Clay, Ferdinand (1853-1854), Thomas Pleasant, John Robert, William Alpheus, Melvin H. (1876-1877), Olivia Alberta (twin), Dora Gertrude, Mary Magdaline, Sallie Elizabeth, Anna Harris, Virginia Belle.

William Harris Preas was at one time Sheriff of Bedford Co.

William Alpheus Preas m. Jennie Keller; Olivia Alberta Preas m. John Henry Moore; Dora Gertrude Preas m. William Hayden Bush; Mary Magdaline Preas m. James Rosser Noell; Sallie Elizabeth Preas m. Gustavus Beauregard Williams; Anna Harris Preas m. Richard D. Carlyle; Virginia Belle Preas m. Abraham Smith Wood.

James Clay Preas m. Fannie Jane Cundiff. (c. Roscoe Levelle (1905-1975), Pearl, Mary, Eddie James (1902-1990).

Eddie James Preas (1902- 1990) m. 17 Apr 1926 John H. Croye (1902-1976). (c. Eddie Josephine (1929), Alvyn Wynston (1935).

Eddie Josephine Croye (19 Jan 1929-) m. 19 Apr 1952 Jack D. Cox; Alvyn Wynston Croye (1935) m. 14 Jun 1958 Peggy Elswick.

Roscoe Levelle Preas (1905) m. Nance E. (1900-). (c. Jimmy C. Preas, Sr., Jane E. Deel).

Jimmy C. Preas Sr. m. _____. (c. Jimmy C. Jr., Clay Levelle).

Thomas Pleasant Preas m. Ann Henry Stiff. (c. Howard, Judith Irene, Gertrude, Edna, Alvie.

William Alpheus Preas m. Jennie Keller.

John Robert Preas (1855-1899) m. 1st Judith Mildred Noel. (c. William Noel (1885-1965), Julian); 2nd m. Hugh Etta French. (c. Mason Harris, Hugh Robert, Thomas Lathrop, Nellie R.

Nellie R. Preas m. 1918 Dr. G. L. Mackey. (c. June)

June Mackey m. Elbert Slaughter: (c. 2 boys, 1 girl).

William Noel Preas (1885) m. Nov 1911 Ella Lee Coltharp (1886-1968). (c. Robert Hugh (1918-1984), Elizabeth Noel (1912-1976), Sarah (1914-1950), Marion Mildred (1924).

Elizabeth Noel Preas (1912-1976) m. May 1947

Ferdinand Usery; Sarah Preas (1914-1950) m. 1950 Louis Anderson; Marion Mildred Preas (1924) m. 1947 Paul McKissen.

Robert Hugh Preas (1918-1984) m. Ellyn Elizabeth Witbeck. (c. William Tim (1948-1974), Katherine Lee (1949), Hilary Jean (1957)).

Katherine Lee Preas (1949) m. 7 May 1971 William F. Bartlett. (c. William Aaron, Bethany Lynn); Hilary Jean Preas (1957) m. 28 June 1980 Steven Levinson. (c. Joseph Robert, Benjamin Lee).

William Tim Preas (1948-1974) m. 4 Apr 1979 Jo Ellen Anderson (1948-1979). (c. Michael Krishna (1970)).

John Wesley Preas m. _____. (c. Jacob, Holmes Wesley).

Jacob Preas m. _____. (c. B. W.)

John Edward Preas m. _____ Wagner. (c. John Edward (or Edward John)).

Edward John Preas m. _____. (c. John E., Charles F., Betty, Kathleen.

John E. Preas, Sr. (1909) m. cr. 1936 Frances _____. (c. Charles M., John E. Jr., Eleanor.

Charles M. Preas m. _____. (c. Chris, Karri).

John E. Preas Jr. m. _____. (c. Andrew, David).

August Preas m. Annie _____. (c. Arthur, Frederick (drowned age 17), Florence, Celena, Laura, Edith, Alice).

Arthur Preas (1897) m. cr. 1926 Carmela Russo. (c. Edward Preas (1928), Carmela (1927)).

Edward Preas (1928) m. 1951 Virginia Senese. (c. Valarie Jeanne (1954), Edward Arthur (1958)).

Carmela Preas m. 1960 Adolph Negron. (c. Stephen). Valarie Jeanne Preas (1954) m. 27 Aug 1988 Peter Romeo, Edward Arthur Preas (4 Nov 1958) m. 1958 Maria Adams.

Stephen Negron m. 1984 Audrey _____.

Frederick Preas (1857-1942) m. 24 Jun 1886 Agnes Reidhauser (1857-1930). (c. George (1892-1984), Fred (1893-1913), Alfred (Oscar) (1895-1976), Lydia (1887-1955), Anna (1888), Emma (1890-1985), Bertha (1891-1989), Matilda (1896-1896)).

George Frederick Preas (1892) m. 28 Nov 1917 Alice

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Marguerite Levens (1896). (c. Dan Levens (1918), Fred Arthur (1918-1979), Richard Dale (1929), Roger Allen (1932-1972), Maxine Ruth (1920), Phyllis Jean (1937-1963).

Richard Dale Preas (1929) m. 20 Jul 1956 Gloria. (c. Dale (1961), Bonnie (1957).

Dale Preas (1961) m. Lisa Rene'.

ORIGIN OF YANCEY/YANCY

The stories of the origin of the Yancey/Yancy name and family are as fascinating as the people themselves. Placed in chronological order, the stories of the origin are connected and they make sense.

The Yansayas came from the Province of Toul in Russia. The family were exiled for some political reason and they were banished to Wales. The name Yancey is derived from Nannau or Nanney which was assumed by its first bearers due to their residence at Nannau, in County Merioneth, Wales.

Most sources agree that four brothers came to this country from Wales about 1642 with Sir William Berkley, who eventually was twice Governor of Virginia, and settled in the James River section of Virginia. In one report, two cousins also came over with the four Yancey's and Berkeley. There is some confusion as to the names of the original four. Two other brothers came over from Wales later, about the middle of the 17th Century. One of the four brothers, Robert, was an Episcopal minister, ordained by the Bishop of Canterbury of London. Charles Yancey, the immediate ancestor of the family in Lynchburg, came to Virginia about the year 1674 with his wife, who was the granddaughter of Alexander Leighton, the famous Scotch divine. She was also a niece of Robert Leighton, another famous churchman, who was Bishop of Dunblane and later Archbishop of Glasgow.

Various letters and reports name Charles, William, Robert, Joel, Luis, and Richard as the original brothers whose surname was eventually Americanized to Yancey (the accepted standardized spelling, or in some cases Yancy). From a historical and genealogical study of the documents and reports, it would appear that the original four were Robert, William, Richard, and Joel. John and Charles came over at a later date.

Richard settled in Mecklenburg, Virginia, Robert married Lady Mildred Cavanaugh and moved to Carolina, John also went to the Carolina's. Charles remained in Virginia, settling on the Rappahannock River. Joel and William were killed in the early wars. One of the

brothers was killed at the battle of Eutaw Springs during the Revolutionary War.

The Yancey brothers left traces of their descendants in many counties of Colonial America, and from these early beginnings, family linkages and historical connections throughout the nation.

Three brothers - Louis, Henry, and Richard - sons of one of the original four, definitely have descendants throughout the United States. Lewis Davis Yancey married Mildred, daughter of Charles Kavanaugh (Irish) and settled in Culpepper County about 1710. All the Yancey's of the two Carolina's, Georgia, and Alabama are descended from Richard Yancey.

Although it is agreed that all the Yancey's are from the original four, there are two distinct spellings of the name. One line of the descendants spell their name YANCY, without the "e".

The first time the YANCY name appears in the census records is with James Yancy of Ragland District, North Carolina in 1755. The second time is with Richard Yancy, court justice of Lunenburg county, Virginia in 1757. A Richard Yancy appears in North Carolina in 1769. In 1779 a Richard Yancy married Mary Walton. In 1784 a Lewis Yancy appears in North Carolina. In 1790 census Sterling Yancy appears in Granville co. North Carolina and Wm Yancy appears in Morgan Dist., Lincoln co. In 1799 Ambrose and Robert Yancy appear in Granville county, North Carolina. In 1800 Charles, Jechonias, Lewis, Tryon, William, Philip, and Thomas Yancy appear in North Carolina. Ambrose Yancy of north Carolina appears again in 1805. In 1810 George G., John, Lea James, and Thomas Yancy appears in North Carolina. In 1820 Eliz., Lewis, Bartlett, James, and Willie Yancy appear in North Carolina.

The name YANCY first appears in the South Carolina census in 1790 with Austin Yancy of Greenville county and Lewis of Laurens county. In 1800 Lewis was still in Laurens co. In 1810 Benjamin Yancy appears in Abbeville, SC. In 1820 Lewis and Miles Yancy appears in Pendleton co, SC. In 1830 Cabner, Miles, and Philip Yancy appears in Pickens co. SC.

ON THE YANCY TRAIL - THE ROLL CALL

In an effort to put the pieces of the puzzle together, Jerry and Metta made many stops in the Carolina's, Georgia, and Virginia. They studied pictures for resemblances, they studied court records, law books, census records, genealogies and reports from individuals who knew some of the history from personal acquaintances and their connection with museums and libraries.

1640 Lewis, Henry, Richard.

1641 Sir William Berkeley (1610-1677). Relative, and apparent sponsor of the Yancey brothers. Twice governor of Virginia: (1st) 1641-1651; (2nd) 1660-1676.

1642 Charles, William, Joel, Robert
AFTER 1642 John, and perhaps another.

1704 Yancey, Charles

1710 Yancey, Lewis D. m. Mildred Kavenough.

1711 Yancey, Charles

1734 Yancey, Charles gave his son James property in Hanover Co., VA.

1735 Yancey, Charles, Sr. made a deed to his son Archelaus.

1740 Yancey, Thorton

1753 Yancey, Richard, and wife Mary.

1755 Yancy, James (North Carolina), Bartlett (son of James), Sarah, Judy (Negro), Paul (Negro), Richard, Thornton (son of James).

1756 Yancey, Stephen will recorded in Louisa Co., VA.

1756 Yancey, Archelaus (son of Stephen).

1757 YANCY, Richard (Court Justice).

1757 Yancey, Richard took oath of office as justice of peace Lunenburg county.

1758 Yancey, Robert will naming wife Ann Temperance and two sons Charles and Robert, dau. Martha, executors his brothers James and Richard Yancey.

1759 Yancey, Richard and wife Mary sold two tracks of land.

LEGEND: m. = marriage, w= wife, s= son, d= daughter, f= father, b= brother, gd= granddaughter, gs= grandson.

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1763 Yancey, Charles witness to deed of land to Thomas Tabb.

1764 Yancey, Archelaus, will, executors son, Stephen and William Crenshaw; Rev. Robert w. Ann, b. Charles, b. Jeremia

1764 WILL: Ann Kavanaugh b. Charles Yancey

1765 Anis Yancey m. Jesse Sanders (Oxford; Granville Co., N. C.)

1765 James Yancey m. Mary Bracey (Oxford Granville Co., N.C.)

1768 Yancey, Richard w. Mary, d. Kasia Nichols, s. Lewis, s. William.

1769 Yancey, James, William.

1769 Yancy, Richard (No TWP) N.C.

1770 Yancey, Thornton m. Elizabeth Mitchell, s. Tryon.

1774 YANCY, Nathan m. Sarah Wingham.

1776 Yancey, Charles Sr., Charles Jr. (Virginia Soldiers of 1776), John, Leighton, and Robert in Revolutionary war.

1776 Yancey, Tryon (born 1776 Granville Co. N.C.)

1777 Yancey, Joel m. Barbara Smith, Bartlett.

1777 Yancey, Joel m. Barbara Smith.

1779 YANCY, Richard m. Mary Walton, Lucy m. Larkin Menefee.

1779 Yancey, Samuel m. Jane Bond, Stephen m. 12 Oct. Jean Bond.

1779 Yancey, James, Cpt. s. Bartlett, s. Philip, s. Thornton, Lewis, s. Thomas, d. Jennie Sanders, d. Nancy Baynes.

1779 Yancy, Richard m. Mary Walton, Lucy m. Larkin Menefee.

1780 Yancey, Richard will probated in Mecklenburg Co. Va.

1781 Yancey, Mary left public claim record.

1781 Yancey, Sarah m. Richard Lane, sur. Stephen Yancey.

1782 Yancey, Hezeiah, b. Robert, b. Charles, b. Rubin, b. Zachariah, b. Richard, mother - Mary Yancey.

1782 YANCY, (Virninia Tax Records): Charles, Lewis Davis, Nathan.

1782 Yancey, Benjamin C. (cr. 1782-1817)

1783 Yancey, Joseph m. Elizabeth Cosbie.

- 1783 Son born to Stephen and Jean (Bond) Yancey 25 May.
- 1784 Son John, born to Stephen and Jean (Bond) Yancey.
- 1784 Yancey, Louis D. w. Winifred, s. John, s. Charles, s. Lewis, s. Phillip, s. James, s. Robert, gd. Ann Nalle, gd. Winifred Nalle.
- 1784 Yancey, Wm Granted 200 acres Wilkes County, Georgia.
- 1784 Yancy, Cudworth (South Carolina), Lewis (North Carolina).
- 1785 Yancey, Elizabeth m. Joseph L. Kimbrough, f. Charles, wit. Unity Yancey, wit. Rose Yancey.
- 1786 Layton Yancey m. Fannie Lewis.
- 1786 Yancey, Charles m. Sarah Field.
- 1786 Yancey (Co. Line Dist., N. C.), Charles, James, James Jr., Thornton, William, Lewis, Philip, Sterling.
- 1787 Yancey, James, granted land in South Carolina.
- 1787 Yancey, August m. Elizabeth Cole, Judith m. Varter Chandler.
- 1789 Yancey, Archilaus m. Henrietta Nichols.
- 1790 YANCY, Austin (South Carolina), Sterling, William.
- 1790 Virginia Heads of Families: Yancey, Margaret (7 whites, 2 blks), Richard (5 wts, 2 bks), Robert (15 wts, 3 bks), Thomas (8 wts, 6 blks), Zacharia (3 wts),
- 1790 YANCY, Mary (2wts, 9 bks).
- 1790 Yancey, Ann (N.C), James, John.
- 1792 YANCY, William m. Nancy Sanford.
- 1793 Yancey, Jechonias m. Mildred Wood, James m. 10 Jan. Nelley Bayne.
- 1795 Yancey, Elizabeth m. Robert Kimbrough, Robert m. 9 Dec. Phobe Rose.
- 1795 Yancey, Mary (wife of Richard) will probated, children named, Rebecca m. Spencer Atkins.
- 1796 Yancey, William !Ogelthorpe Co. Georgia!
- 1796 Yancey, Rhoda m. William Crawford.
- 1797 YANCY, John (Tennessee), Robert.
- 1797 YANCY, Willey m. Judith Ligon, Layton m. Fanny Lewis, 1797 Yancey, Catherine m. Joseph Grady.
- 1799 Yancey, Jane m. Skelton Smith.
- 1799 YANCY (Granville Co. North Carolina) Abrose, Robert.

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1799 Yancey, Jane m. Skelton Smith.

1800 Yancey, Austin !Lincoln Co., Kentucky).

1800 Yancy, Robert, Ludwell. 1800 Yancy, (North Carolina) Charles , Jechonias, Tryon, William, Philip, Thomas.

1800 Yancey, (North Carolina) Charles (Robinson CO), Charles (Granville Co.), Jechinia, Lewis, Philip, Tryon, William, Thomas (Caswell).

1801 Yancey, Philadelphia m. J. Tilotson.

1802 Yancey, Tryon (born 1776 Son of Thornton, Granville Co., N.C.) m. Martha Harris (second wife).

1803 Yancey, Philip m. Pricilla Carlton, Brikett m. Milley Menefee.

1804 Yancey, Elizabeth (Green City, Georgia) m. Edward Wester.

1805 YANCY, Abrose (Granville Co., N.C.)

1805 Yancey, Charles, w. Elizabeth, d. Ann Doggett, s. William, s. Thomas, d. Kasia Freeman, s. Major, gs. Charles Lee Yancey.

1808 Yancey, James surety to marriage of Peterson R. Tarpley to Catherine Jones.

1808 Yancey, Benjamin C. (Warren Co., Georgia) m. Caroline Bird.

1810 YANCY, Burket G., Robert, Ludwell, Robert (Madison Co., Kty), Robert (Wayne Co., Kty).

1810 Yancy, George G. (N.C.), Thomas, Minga, John, Lea James.

1810 Yancey, John (Kty), Ann (N.C), Bartlett, James, Sterling.

1810 YANCY, Benj. C. (Abbeville Co. S.C.), Cyrus, William.

1810 Yancey, William consents to marriage of Karren C. Yancey to Anthony I. Turner.

1810 Yancey, Charles (Alb), Charles (Bck), Jeremia, Jewnias, Joe, John, Layton.

1810 YANCY (Virginia Census Index), Agatha, Ela, Geoe, Kianaugh, Major, Philimon, Robert, Tho., Unity, Walter, Wm.

1811 Yancey, Philadelphia m. Henry Menefee.

1813 Yancey Wm. m. Lucy Morris.

1814 Yancey, William Lowndes (Ogeeche Falls, Georgia).

1815 Yancey, James (Bledsoe !Co., Tenn).

- 1815 YANCY, John (Raleigh, N. C.)
- 1816 Yancey, Lewis T. (Georgia) m. Rachael Hall.
- 1818 Yancey, James (Georgia) m. Martha Kitchens.
- 1819 YANCY, Abner (Franklin Co. Georgia), Abram, Absalom.
- 1820 Yancey, Louis D. (Georgia) m. Febley Pate.
- 1820 YANCY, Cardina (Georgia), Charles, James, Richard, Wesley, William (Hall Co. Georgia), William (Jackson Co. Georgia).
- 1820 Yancey, (Tenn.) Alfred, Elizabeth, Tryon.
- 1820 YANCY, (Tenn.) Ezra, Nancy, Robert, Richard, Austin.
- 1820 Yancey, Joel C. (N.C.), Charles, Henry, Jackson, Philip.
- 1820 Yancey, David , (Kentucky), Leyton, Robert, George, William, Joel.
- 1820 YANCY, Bartlett Esq. (N. C.), James, Willie, Absolam, Tryon.
- 1820 Yancy, Dabney (Pendelton S. C.), Lewis, Miles.
- 1820 YANCY, G. L. (Kentucky), John, Jacoinas, Jane, Phillip, Richard.
- 1820 Yancey, Charles (Alb), Charles (Bkm), Fanny, Joel, John, Laiten (Rhm), Layton (Hfx), Philimon, Thomas.
- 1820 YANCY, Agathy, Augustine, Charles (Alb), Charles (Mec), Claiborne, Eleanor, George G., Hezekiah, Jack, James, Jeremiah, Jeremiah Jr., John, John B., Keznaugh, Major, Nancy, Robert, Russell, Sarah, Thomas, Walter, William, Zachariah.
- 1824 Yancey, Lewis (Georgia) m. Sarah Strickland.
- 1825 Yancey, Agatha Bullock (Culpepper Co. Virginia) m. Benjamin Pendleton.
- 1830 Yancey, (Virginia) Agathy, Anne, Casner, Celinda, Charles (Oran), Charles (Rock), Charles (Buck), Charles S. (Culp), Francis (Rock), Francis G. (Dinw), George G., James P., Jane, Jeremiah, Joel (Albe), Joel (Bedf), John G. (Buck), John S. (Rock), Layton, Major, Mildred (Albe), Milly (Bedf), Robert, William.
- 1830 YANCY, (Virginia) Alsy, Charles, Hezekiah, James, John (Meck), John D. (Meck), Joseph, Lewis, Peter, Priscilla, Richard, Robert (Meck), Robert (Cumb), Sarah, Stephen, (Fluv), Thomas, William, (Mech),

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William (Ohio), Zechariah.

1830 Yancey (Tennessee), William, Henry, Layton m. 20 Dec Sarah Barker (Bef. Co. VA).

1830 YANCY, (Tennessee) Alfred M., Buckner, Nancy, Thomas.

1830 YANCY, (South Carolina) Dabney, Miles, Philip.

1830 YANCY, (Alabama) James.

1830 Yancey, (Alabama), Bartlett, Louisa C. m. Thomas Steptoe (Bdf. Co. VA)

1833 YANCY, John (b. 1815 Raleigh N.C.) migrated to Texas.

1837 YANCY, John m. Elizabeth McAnulty (Nacogdoches, Texas).

1837 Yancey, George W. (Upson Co., Georgia) m. Sarah Brinkley.

1840 Yancey, (Virginia) Alexander, Charles (Buck), Charles (Nels), Charles H. (Meck), Harriet, Hezekiah, Horace B., J. W., James P., John B. (Meck), John F. (Meck), John G. (Meck), John G. (Buck), Joseph, Layden (Bedf), Lehs, Lewis B. (Meck), Lewis T. (Meck), Major, Richard (Meck), Richard (Meck), Richard Jr., Robert (Meck), Robert (Culp), Robert (Hali), Robert Sr. (Culp), Samuel, Seth G., Thomas, William (Meck), William (Ohio), Zackariah.

1840 YANCY, (Virginia) A. K., B. M., Barbara, Charles (Buck), Charles (Gooc), Charles S. (Rock), Frances, George W. (Camp), George G. (Pitt), Jaco, James M., Jane, Joel, John W., Sally, William (Rock), William (Pitt), William (Mars), William R. (Camp).

1840 YANCY, (South Carolina) Miles.

1840 Yancey (Alabama), S. W., W. C., William, (Baldwin), William L. (Coosa).

1841 Yancey, Benjamin C. (Hancock Co., Georgia) m. Laura M. Hines, Charles m. 24 Feb Louisa H. Thomas (Bef. Co. VA).

1842 Yancey, James G. (Virginia) m. Martha Crenshaw.

1843 YANCY, Stephen James (Forsyth Co. Georgia) m. Polly Holbrook, s. Charles (killed in war), d. Margaret (1848) s. Stephen A. (1850), d. Matilda (1856), s. Louis S. (1858), d. Nancy Jane (1860), s. Franklin Marion B (1860), d. Martha (1865) (Twin), s. Ezekil (1865) (Twin), s. James (1868).

1843 Yancey, James (Forsyth Co., Georgia) m. Barbara Garmon, Thomas E. (Ogelthorpe Co., Georgia) m. E. Floyd, Laura Elizabeth (Jasper, Pickens Co, Georgia) m. John C. Hancock. Wit. Mae, Joe, Alice, Lular Bell Yancey, f. or gf. Joseph P. Yancey, s. Joseph (children: Ethel Mae, Tommy Lee, Carol Jane, Debora Ann, Ronald Steven, David Eugene, Linda Dianne.

1846 YANCY, Sarah m. 10 Mar James Henry (Shelby, Ala), Martha Ann m. cr. 1846 William B. Tidwell, Elizabeth, William Earl m. cr. 1846 Mary Louise Lanier (Montgomery, Ala.)

1847 Yancey, Francis (Forsyth Co., Georgia) m. Mary Fitzpatrick.

1847 YANCY, Archelous T. (To Tx from VA prior to 1836, eligible for land in San Augustine Co.) m. Miriah Theresa Crawford (Nacogdoches, Tx).

1848 YANCY, Drury S. (Kekalb Co., Georgia) m. Nancy E. Griffin.

1848 YANCY, George M. (Telfir Co., Georgia) m. Mary Cravy.

1849 Yancey, Marshall (Dekalb Co., Georgia) m. Martia Yarbrough.

1849 Yancey, Richard D. (Georgia) m. Julia A. Midaris.

1849 Yancey, Thomas (Georgia) m. Martha E. Lawson.

1850 Yancey, Benjamin D. (Georgia) m. Martha Pye.

1850 Yancey (Virginia) Alexander (Rock), Alexander (Meck), Betsy, Charles (Rock), Charles (Rock), Charles (Scot), Charles (Oran), George (Rock), George W. (Camp), Harriett, Horrace B., James (Rock), James (Oran), James M. (Camp), James P. (Culp), Jeremiah, John (Fluv), John (Albe), John F. (Hali), John G. (Buck), Mary (Camp), Mary J. (Ches), Robert (Culp), Robert (Rock), Robert Jr. (Culp), Samuel, Spiry, Susan, William, (Meck), William (Rock), William (Hali), William T. (Camp).

1850 YANCY, (Virginia) Amelia, Ann W., Banister, Clayton A., Charles, Clan, Columbus, Eliza, Francis, Henry, Hezwki, Jacob, James, Jane, Joel (Bote), Joel (Brax), John B. (Meck), John W. (Rapp), Joseph Lewis (Rapp), Lewis B. (Meck), Mary, Reason P., Richard (Meck), Richard (Bedf), Richard H. (Meck), Richard Sen. (Meck), Robert (Meck), Robert SFN. (Meck),

Samuel, Stephen (Wash), Steth G., Thomas, William, Zacharia.

1850 Yancey, (Georgia) Cyrus, James, Jaricus, Lewis D., Richard, Sanford B., Thomas.

1850 YANCY, (Georgia) Alford Armina, Balies, Charles, Elisha, Esther, Francis (Fors), Francis M. (Camp), Hansford, J., James (Gwin), James (Fors), James (Camp), John B., Levi, Louis P., Marshall, Mary (Gwin), Mary (Fors), Nancy, Rebecca, Sarah, Stephen (Fors), Thomas, Thomas (Morg), Thornton C., Tyra J., William (Twig), William (Gwin), William (Fors), William (Gwin), William Y. (Camp).

1850 Yancey, (Tennessee) Lewis, W. T., Thomas, William (Hayw), William H. (Faye), Robert, Louisa, V.

1850 YANCY, (Tennessee) T. S., Charles S., E. T., Joel C., James M., Marshall P., C. F., Elizabeth, Hiram, Markey, John, Mary J., Zachariah.

1850 Yancey, (North Carolina) John (Cumb), John (Warr), Sterling, Sarah G., Ann.

1850 YANCY, (North Carolina) Silas, A. P., Ann E., H. H., Jane, John.

1850 Yancey, (South Carolina) John W.

1850 YANCY, (South Carolina) Miles.

1850 Yancey, (Kentucky) Jane F., Hardy, Elizabeth, Edward, Robert (Fran), Robert S. (Owen), Benjamin, J. M., J. M. Jr., Monroe, Philip A., Wiley, Charles.

1850 YANCY, (Kentucky) Joel, Martha, William (Maso), William C, (Hart), Thomas G., Taylor, Felix G., John, Robert, George G., Lewis, Louisa, Richard E., Thornton, William, John (Livi), James, John (Tipp).

1850 Yancey (Alabama), Ann R., Mines, W. E., William.

1850 YANCY, (Alabama) Absalom, Benj. J., Elizabeth, Henry, James T., Lewis, Perry D., Thomas, William C. (Lime), William R. (Bald), Heseiah. 1850 Yancey, (Texas) James (b. in VA - Farmer), Mary (b. Ky), Elizabeth (b. TN), S. M. (b. NC, farmer age 38), M. (b. TN 24), S. F. (b. TX 5), W. H. (b. TX 4), M. E. (b. TX 5), G. A. (b. TX 6/12 m).

1855 YANCY, (Tennessee) David, witness to will of Zechrias Davis.

1858 YANCY, (Virginia) Stephen, Father of Milton who

died 8 July age one year (Washington Co., VA).

1860 Yancey, (Georgia) A. J., Aleck, B. F., David M., E. H., Esther, F. H., F.M., George, J. M., James, John, John M., Lewis, Lucinda, Mary G., Nathan, Richard M., Robert (Camp), Robert (Fors), Rowan B., S. R., William (Camp), William A. (Butts).

1860 YANCY, (Georgia) A. J., Alford, Catherine, Charles H., Dabner, Elijah, Elisha, Floyd, J. W., Jaconias, James W., Jeremiah, L. D., Leyton, Levi, Levi Jun., Martha, Newton, Phere, Rachel, S. (Fult), S. W. (Hall), S. M. (Trou), Sarah A., Spencer, Thomas (Morg), Thomas Y. (Newt), Thornton, Levi, Nancy.

1860 Yancey, (Tennessee) Alfred, Betsy, Male child, Ed, Eliza, James, Joseph, Leondas, Martha, May, Temp, William; J. E., J. W., James M., P. F., T. F., William L.; Alfred, T. B.; F. G., J.E., Kate, May, Sophia; Anna L., Urico; C. E., Celia; Infant male, Kittura, Mary P., Philip; J. E., Martha; Emeline; Emeline J., Jane, Sirena, William A.; Nancy; T.; J. H., S. E.; Insane, John B.

1860 YANCY, (Tennessee) Alfred M., Lucy, Mary F.; Charles L., E. G., James W., John F., Mary A., Rhoda, William E.; John, Mattie, R. P.; Charles A., Charles L.; Elva, Thomas, Vica A., Franklin, Columbus;; T., Emma J., Elizabeth, James, Jane, Martha, William P.; Henry, James K., John, Martha, Mary E., William; James M., John L., Letta, Lewis; James W., John H., Jane B., Joel, Lewis, Lou, Martha Ann, Martha A. V., Mary, Mary E., Thomas.

1860 Yancey, (Alabama) unnamed, F. M.; Ann, William C.; B. C., James; Jane; John L.; Nancy J.; Mary A., Milton; Miles, Russel, Robert.

1860 YANCY, (Alabama) Ben C., Elizabeth, Josephine; Lewis, William A.; Mary A., Joseph; Mary E., W. R.; Nancy, William L.

1860 Yancey, (Louisiana) Samuel.

1860 YANCY, (Louisiana) D., P. D.; T. J., W.

1860 Yancey (Texas) Emma, William; J. W., James, Joseph L. S., William T.

1860 YANCY, (Texas) Angeline, John; Archibal (Nacogdoches), B. D.; James (Bell CO), John; M. P., Sterling M., N. B.

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1868 YANCY, Sarah Hanna m. James Grissom Scroggins (Nacogdoches, Tx).

1870 YANCY, Stephen (Alabama).

1870 Yancey, (Tennessee) A., Abram, Alexander, Caroline, Delpha, Dick, E. E., Ed, George, Henry, Jack, James, John S., M. A., Mack, Melton, Nathan, Sam, Samuel.

1870 YANCY, (Tennessee) A. P., Alexander, Alfred, Snn, Barrett, Bartlett, Betsy, Bettie, C. A., C. M., E. M., Ed, Edmond, F. W., Frank, Geo., Handy, Harrison, Henry, Hugh, J. H., James, James E., Joe, John (16), John (25), John (30), John (37), John (39), John C. (41), John H. (44), Louisa, M. J., Margaret, Martha (30), Martha (39), Mary (21), Mary (41), Moses, Peter, R. A. C., Robert, Rufus, Sallie, Sophia, Spencer, Thomas (25), Thomas (30), Thomas (63), Thomas L. (42), Thos. (30), Thos. (59), W. C., W. H., William D. (23), William M. (67), Wm. (35). 1870 Yancey, (Louisiana) Ben, George, Henry Jr., Paul, Peter, Prince, Robert, Thompson, A., Anderson, Mary, Andrew, Bobbe, C. D., Dink, E. W., Fielding, George, Harmon, Louis, Milton, Stanly, Susan W. L.

1880 YANCY, Stephen (Alabama).



BOWEN'S OF GEORGIA

Samuel Bowen of Christ Church Parish, who died May 31, 1774 willed the following to his wife Jane - a plantation called "Greenwich" containing 450 acres near Savannah; 38 Negroes (named), all silver plate, household goods and furniture; all horses, hogs, cattle, carriage, plantation tools, utensils, all money due by any person in America, Great Britain, or elsewhere.

George M.T. Bowen of Newt. County and L.A. Bowen of Gord. County are listed in the Georgia 1850 Census Index. Ephraim Bowen (Hancock Co.) (1800-), Giles Bowen (Coweta) (1849-92), Horatio C. Bowen (Coweta) (1849-93), and Susan Bowen (Coweta) (1849-92) are listed in "Index To Georgia Wills".

Oliver Bowen, born in Rhode Island, 1741, came to Savannah, Georgia; died in Augusta, Georgia July 11, 1800. Had been member of Council of Safety, Captain of Georgia Continental Troop; Commodore of the Navy. Placed in command of the first vessel "The Dauntless", commissioned during the Revolution. His vessel was officered by Commodore Bowen and Major Habersham, made the first capture of the Revolutionary War, a British Schooner. He married March 12, 1798 Ann Dorsey.

The following Bowen's and Rosalie Yancey were residents of Morland, Coweta County, Georgia - Ida, Lucy Emaline, Nancy I., Nancy Isabella, O. M., and Samuel Henderson.

Samuel Henderson Bowen married Marcia V. (Dearing). (c. Lucy Emaline and Nancy Isabella). Ida Bowen, daughter of O.M. and Nancy (Evans) Bowen married Randolp D. Spartling. (c. Robert Spratling). Lucy Emaline Bowen, daughter of Samuel Henderson and Marcia V. (Dearing) Bowen married Willian W. Todd. Nancy I. Bowen married Joseph H. Todd; Nancy Isabella Bowen married Joseph H. Todd. O.M. Bowen married Elizabeth Evans.

Other Bowen's include Nathan, N.A., Penelope, Sarah, and William. Nathan Bowen married Lizzie Cannon. (c. William N.). William N. Bowen (1817 -) m. 3 Jan 1838 Nancy L. DuPree (1816-). (c. Cynthia, John, William, Mary R., James J., Nancy, and Jane).

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John Edward Preas - The German-French Connection, (John), Preas-Tennessee Connection (SUSAN), The Prease Connection (Elizabeth & Lydia), An Air Force Family (Lyndon), William Harris Preas (June), My Grandfather (Raymond), Our Claim To Fortune and Fame (Donald), A Warrior Family (Thomas), The Family Tree Of Fred Preas (Gloria), Grandfather Fred Preas (Dan), My Family Tree (Robert)

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Grandfather and Grandmother Hicks, My Mother and Father (Metta), Highwaying Across The Country, Warriors: Our Fighting Men and Women, A Warrior's Prayer (Coffelt), Our Family Warriors, A Warrior's Pin-up Album, Reminiscence, Symbols, Shrines, Preas Family Origin And Linkages, Preas Roll Call, Origin-Yancey-Yancy and On The Yancy Trail: Yancy Roll Call.

