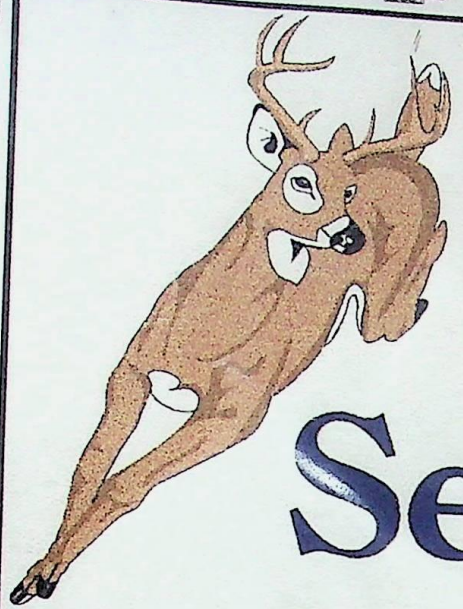


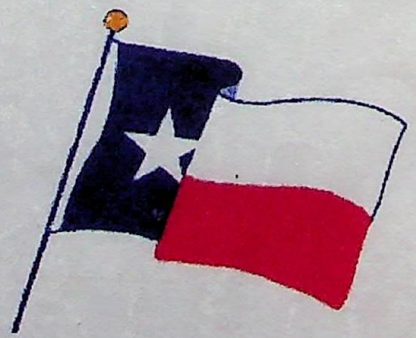
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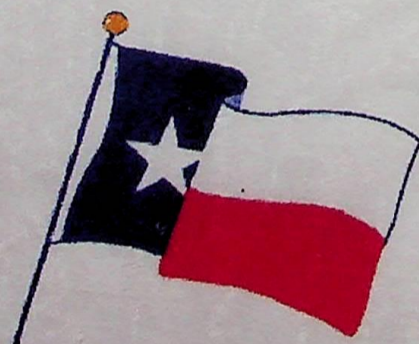
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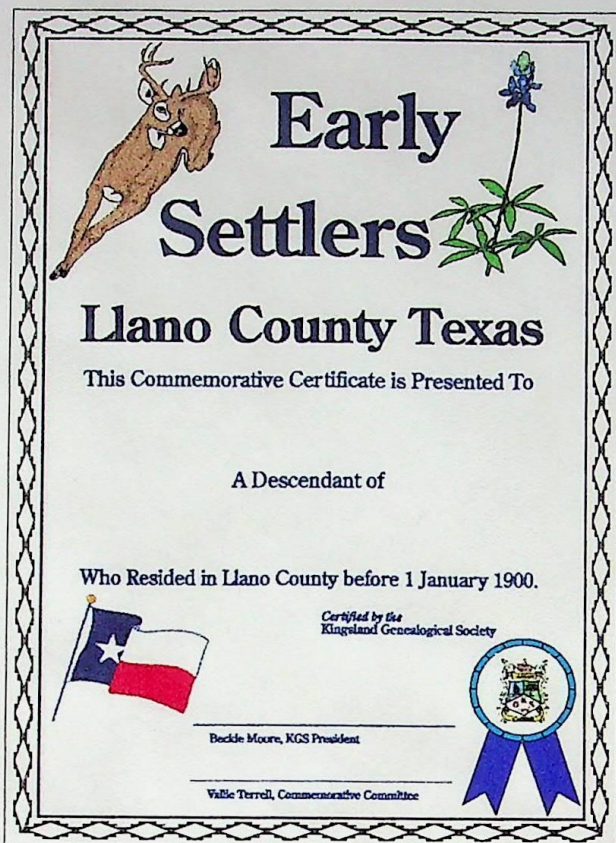


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KINGSLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM*

An effort to collect and preserve historical data associated with the early years of Llano County, Texas.

Proof of descent required.

Issuance of Commemorative Certificate to show appreciation.

\$20.00 per application

* KGS - A Non-Profit Society -
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Llano County Historical Society

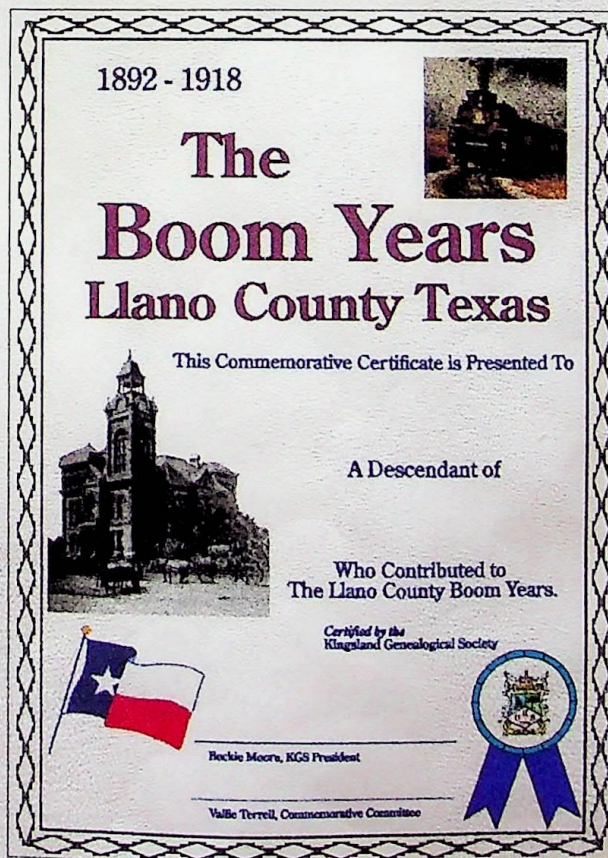
Eligibility:

Early Settlers - Direct or collateral descent from an ancestor that resided on lands now known as Llano County, Texas prior to 1 January 1900.

Boom Years - Direct or collateral descent from an ancestor that contributed to the growth of Llano County during the years 1892 thru 1918.

Forms and Instructions sent on receipt of SASE (#10 envelope & 55¢ postage)
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KGS Commemorative Committee
P.O. Box 952
Kingsland, Texas 7863





KINGSLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BYLAWS¹

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Kingsland Genealogical Society, hereinafter called KGS, located in Kingsland, Texas.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

KGS is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is educational and whose objects are to create and foster an interest in genealogy; to bring interested persons together for discussion and interchange of opinions and planning in the field of genealogy; to study methods of research; to preserve genealogical data; to assist one another; and to perform such other functions which may be of mutual benefit to its members.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the KGS shall be open to all persons interested in genealogy upon written or personal application and the payment of dues.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

The amount of dues shall be determined by the membership at the Annual Meeting in December each year. Membership shall be from January 1 to December 31. Persons joining after July 1 shall pay one-half the annual dues.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

KGS shall meet the second Tuesday of every month at a time and place determined by the Executive Board. The December regular meeting shall be called the Annual Meeting, at which time the annual reports of officers and committees shall be received; other necessary business transacted; and officers and directors for the new year installed.

The Executive Board shall meet at the call of the President or a majority of the members of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

KGS officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian. They shall be installed at the close of the Annual Meeting and serve a term of one year. No officer may serve in the same office for more than two consecutive years.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and four elected members-at-large. Any officer or director who is unable to fulfill his/her term must notify the Executive Board in writing. Any officer or director who misses three consecutive meetings without good reason will be dropped from the office. All officers and directors shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed incidental expenses authorized by the membership.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

The President shall preside at all meetings of KGS and of the Executive Board, shall have the authority to appoint committees,

to call emergency meetings, and perform such other duties as usually fall to a chief executive officer. The President shall be ex officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

The Vice President shall assist the President; preside when the President is unable to attend meetings; and perform the duties of the President in the absence of same.

The Secretary shall record the minutes of each regular meeting and of the Executive Board; submit them for approval; and give copies of each to the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures of the Society and shall be responsible for all monies; keep a record of paid membership; submit reports for approval; and submit a proposed budget for the coming year at the annual meeting. The Financial Records of the Society shall be audited annually, after the completion of the January 1 - December 31 Fiscal Year, by a committee appointed by the President installed in December 1995.²

The Historian shall record the history of the Society and give a report at the Annual Meeting.

The Executive Board shall be responsible for the business of KGS; shall manage all genealogical material, books, and other property owned by KGS; shall have the authority to fill vacancies which may occur during the calendar year; and receive and resolve all complaints made by members or others regarding KGS.

ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS

Elections for officers and four members-at-large for the Executive Board will be held in November of each year. A nominating Committee of three persons shall be elected by the membership at the September meeting and it shall be their duty to submit one nominee for each office to be filled. Nominations may be made from the floor providing consent has been given by the nominee. If there is more than one nominee for any office, the election for that office shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE X - PROJECTS

Any material researched and compiled by KGS as a society project shall become the property of KGS.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present provided written notice of the proposed amendments was given at the regular meeting the previous month.

ARTICLE XII - RULES OF PROCEDURE

"Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern KGS in all cases not provided for in these Bylaws.

¹ Revised 14 February 1992

² Sentence approved by the membership 12 December 1995

PREFACE

LLANO COUNTY EARLY SETTLERS (Arrived in Llano County prior to 1900)

The first settlers on the land that was to become Llano County, Texas founded a community on the Llano River in the mid 1840's and called it Castell. These settlers, mostly from Germany, were soon joined by others from many places in America and abroad. In 1865 Llano County was formed out of lands previously claimed by Gillespie County. The first settlers, and the early settlers arriving during the next thirty-five years, molded the nature of the county and created a heritage enjoyed today.

LLANO COUNTY BOOM YEARS (Contributions to Llano County during the Years 1892 - 1918)

The quarter century starting in 1892, with completion of work to extend the Austin and Northwestern Railroad from Burnet to Llano and ending with the conclusion of World War I in 1918, qualifies as a recognizable era of unprecedented change and modernization as Llano County moved into the Twentieth Century. The Year of the Railroad ushered in a period of permanent construction, the purchase of lands holding the promise of iron ore, expansion of banking, the rapid growth of the granite industry, the growth of transportation and professional services, increased reliance on farming and ranching, and new and modern hotels to support the boom.

COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATES

It is the intent of the Kingsland Genealogical Society, a non-profit organization, to preserve information associated with the early growth and development of Llano County, Texas before another generation passes. As an expression of appreciation, the Society issues Commemorative Certificates to individuals submitting documented information for this project to collect historical and family information.

THIS COLLECTION

The documents contained in this volume represent a summary of information on file in the Kingsland Branch of the Llano County Library System. The complete file on the **Early Settler** or **Boom Years Contributor** is available for historical or family research.

Anyone wishing to participate in this project is encouraged to contact the **KGS Commemorative Committee, P.O. Box 952, Kingsland, Texas 78643**. Stamped Self Addressed Envelope (SASE) with first class postage for response to questions — SASE with 55¢ postage and #10 envelope for certificate application forms.

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Early Settlers

Llano County Texas

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THE COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE
(Established 9 July 1996)

of

THE KINGSLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
(Organized 1989)

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THE LLANO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE - BIOGRAPHY OF ANCESTOR

D. Name of Ancestor ALLEN NOLEN

Allen Nolen was born in Blount County, Tennessee on 15 Mar 1815. The son of Joseph Nolen and his wife Rebecca(Nolen). Not too much is known about the time spent in Tennessee, but land records show that Joseph had property on Nine Mile Creek near Maryville, Tennessee. Allen had 12 brothers and sisters and most, if not all, were born in Blount County, Tennessee.

The 1840 and 1850 census showed the Joseph Nolen family to be in Benton (now Calhoun) Co., Alabama. However, the 1850 census did not mention Allen Nolen. He was more than likely in Georgia because his third child, daughter Sarah, was born in Georgia on 27 Nov 1851. Allen married Margaret Jane (Nolen) in either Alabama or Georgia. No record of the marriage has been found. Their first child, Thomas Lee Nolen, was born 8 Oct 1847 in Alabama. The second child, Margaret Adaline Nolen, was born in 1848 in Alabama. The third child, Sarah, was born in Georgia, and the next two children were born in Texas. Joseph Nolen II on 13 July 1855 and Jacob A. Nolen in 1857.

The Texas General Land Office has on file a record of Allen Nolen claiming a homestead of 320 acres in Rusk County, Texas. The record is dated 15 Oct 1853. The land is located 20 and 1/2 miles South of the town of Henderson, Texas. It was in East Texas in 1870 that Allen's first wife died. This was spelled out in the Probate Court papers of Allen and his second wife in Llano County when they died. Allen in 1888 and his wife Mary Elizabeth Carter in 1889. They had 245 acres in Llano County just North of Kingsland.

The exact date of Allen's arrival in Llano County is not known. The title to the land he owned is not on record in the courthouse. The courthouse burned in 1880 and they have very little record prior to that time. The best guess is before 1875. He had four children by his second wife and they were all born in Kingsland. The first child, Peter G. Nolen, was born in Feb 1873. The death certificate for Peter says he was 53 years old when he died on 23 Jun 1923. That would mean he was born in 1870. Since no birth record is available, it is a guess. The second child, Robert Monroe Nolen, was born 1 Aug 1875 in Kingsland. The third child, John Clayton Nolen, was born in 1877 in Kingsland. The fourth child, Jack Ross Nolen, was born 6 Dec 1879 in Kingsland, and the last child was Martin William Nolen...born 16 May 1882 in Kingsland. Martin William Nolen was my grandfather. All of the children were minors when the parents died. A guardian was appointed by the Probate Court (Cause #189, Estate of Allen and Elizabeth Nolen) to take care of the children and property.

Allen and his wife Mary Elizabeth are buried on the property they owned just North of Kingsland. The graves are between the two small mountains that you see on the right side of Highway 1431 just as you leave Kingsland North bound. The property was later sold to a Mr. Long and then to a Mr. Hickey. The present owner is the David Scott family.

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and/or Prepared by HERBERT MARTIN NOLEN

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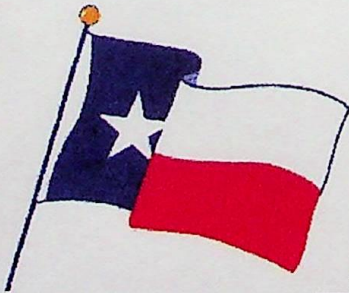
This Commemorative Certificate is Presented To

Herbert Martin Nolen

A Descendant of

Allen Nolen

Who Resided in Llano County before 1 January 1900.



Certified by the
Kingsland Genealogical Society

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25 November 1996

Beckie Moore

Beckie Moore, KGS President

Vallie Terrell

Vallie Terrell, Commemorative Committee



**KINGSLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LLANO COUNTY, TEXAS
COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE**

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ANCESTOR

Allen Nolen

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A. Direct Descendant [] Collateral Relative _____
(Name of individual on your descent chart that was a sister, brother, aunt or uncle of qualifying ancestor)

B. HERBERT MARTIN NOLEN
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)

50103 THUNDERBIRD LANE
(Address of Applicant)

GEORGETOWN, TX 78626-6236
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

C. Name of Ancestor

ALLEN NOLEN
(As it will appear on the Certificate)

15 MAR 1815 BLOUNT CO., TN
Date of Birth Place of Birth

28 FEB 1888 KINGSLAND, TX
Date of Death Place of Death

Date of Marriage

Place of Marriage

MARY ELIZABETH CARTER
(Name of Spouse)

BEFORE 1875
(Date of Arrival in Llano (or Gillespie) County)

RUSK OR SHELBY COUNTY, TEXAS
(Arrived from)

D. Biography of Ancestor - This should include occupation, military service, religious preference, and any other known information such as parents, siblings, etc. (Use blank second page, place name of Ancestor on top line. Leave at least 1 1/2" blank left border.)

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Completed <u>27 Nov 96</u>
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**ANCESTOR
Samuel George Lane**

A. Direct Descendant Collateral Relative _____
(Name of individual on your descent chart that was a sister, brother, aunt or uncle of qualifying ancestor)

B. Joe Ellis Ericson
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)

1614 Redbud Street
(Address of Applicant)

Nacogdoches, Texas 75961-2936
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

C. Name of Ancestor

SAMUEL GEORGE LANE
(As it will appear on the Certificate)

17 March 1851 Surry Co., VA
Date of Birth Place of Birth

07 July 1921 Porterville, CA
Date of Death Place of Death

ca 1874 probably Arkansas
Date of Marriage Place of Marriage

1) Eliza Margaret Bedwell
(Name of Spouse)

prior to 1876 - first child born 5 March 1876 Llano Co., TX
(Date of Arrival in Llano (or Gillespie) County)

Arkansas
(Arrived from)

D. Biography of Ancestor - This should include occupation, military service, religious preference, and any other known information such as parents, siblings, etc. (Use blank second page, place name of Ancestor on top line. Leave at least 1 1/2" blank left border.)

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COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE - BIOGRAPHY OF ANCESTOR

D. Name of Ancestor Samuel George Lane

Samuel George Lane was born 17 March 1851 in Surry County, Virginia, the son of George B. and Jane [Lanier] Lane. He was the grandson of Drury Lane, one of the first ordained Methodist ministers in the state of Virginia. His ordination papers were signed by Bishop Asbury, himself.

Due to poor health of his father, the family left Virginia in 1854 and moved to West Tennessee. The father and one of his sisters died in Tennessee, and the mother and the remaining children moved to Arkansas. Here the mother and older brother died leaving Sam Lane an orphan, who moved in the household of his older, married sister, Annette Lane Redman.

Jack and Annette [Lane] Redman moved to Cook County, Texas after the Civil War. S. G. Lane lived with them and for a time lived with his brother-in-law's parents in Denton County, Texas. Jack Redman was dissatisfied in Texas and wanted to return to Arkansas. I presume that Samuel George Lane and Eliza Margaret Bedwell were married in Arkansas, but a marriage record has never been located.

When Samuel George and Eliza Margaret [Bedwell] Lane came to Texas, they were in a group containing Eliza's brother, Sterling Bedwell and his family, and her parents, James and Margaret [Ball] Bedwell. They were all listed in the 1880 Census of Llano County, Texas.

Eliza Margaret [Bedwell] Lane was the mother of nine children, all born in Llano County. Floyd [Floid] Lane died 24 February 1891, and is buried in the Llano City Cemetery. In 1894 the family moved to Jones Co. Texas. About the turn of the century the family moved to El Paso and later to Morenci, Arizona where the men worked in the copper mines.

The family later moved to San Diego, California. Eliza Margaret and Samuel George Lane were divorced, and he married second to widow Mary C. [Trickle] Enoch on 20 February 1917. S. G. Lane developed cancer, and was bedfast in his last days. He died tragically when an oil cook stove exploded and he was unable to get out of bed. He died 7 July 1921 in Porterville, California. His name was wrong in his obituary and also on his death certificate. The information was given by his step-son, who did not know much about the family. Tracing his lineage has been a real challenge.

Source obituary, death certificate and/or Prepared by Carolyn Reeves Ericson
Lanier family history, census records.

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ANCESTOR

Hubert William Hill

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A. Direct Descendant [] Collateral Relative _____
(Name of individual on your descent chart that was
a sister, brother, aunt or uncle of qualifying ancestor)

B. Marguerite Hill DeGeorge
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)

Rt. 1, Box 470-E, 413 River Lake Drive
(Address of Applicant)

Kingsland, Texas 78639
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

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C. Name of Ancestor

Hubert William Hill
(As it will appear on the Certificate)

Aug 03 1897 Kingsland, TX
Date of Birth Place of Birth

Circa 1968 California
Date of Death Place of Death

Apr 30 1917 Lubbock, TX
Date of Marriage Place of Marriage

Vada William Clearman
(Name of Spouse)

Aug 03 1897 in Kingsland, Llano County, Texas at birth.
(Date of Arrival in Llano (or Gillespie) County)

Native Born
(Arrived from)

D. Biography of Ancestor - This should include occupation, military service, religious preference, and any other known information such as parents, siblings, etc. (Use blank second page, place name of Ancestor on top line. Leave at least 1 1/2" blank left border.)

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COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE - BIOGRAPHY OF ANCESTOR

D. Name of Ancestor Hubert William Hill

Hubert William Hill was born in Kingsland, Llano County, Texas on August 03, 1897. His parents were William Henry Hill and Carrie Moore Hill who were Kingsland residents. Hubert attended the Public School in Kingsland as an adolescent and teenager. As a young man, before marriage, he worked in his father's Kingsland General Mercantile Store. The store was situated about two blocks from the historic and still standing Antlers Hotel which is located near Texas Highway 1431.

April 30, 1917, Hubert, 20, married Vada William Clearman, 21, in Lubbock, Texas where they lived for a short time. The urge to return to Kingsland prevailed and Hubert began his business career operating a drug store and a fur trading company. On March 21, 1918 the Hills were blessed with their first child, Dorman William Hill, born in Kingsland. Another year passed then Hubert's entrepreneurial calling precipitated his next move to bustling Llano in 1919.

Llano allowed Hubert to spread his wings into several business ventures. His enterprise system consisted of a produce packing plant, a fur trading post, a wholesale wood yard and feed lot, a wool/mohair inspection service and rental property. Hubert and his family were prospering when baby daughter, Marguerite Karolyn Hill, was born October 27, 1921. Hubert's good fortune in business continued through the 1920's and the early 1930's. The Hills lived in a neat white cottage on the old route of Texas Highway 29. The home still stands (in 1996) on the same spot at what is now known as 602 Ellis Street.

It was in the early 1930's that family matters became strained for an extended period of time then finally collapsed. This, of course, resulted in the pain of a 1932 divorce. Hubert moved to Austin, Texas where he married Leona Burton. They had three children, Veda, Charles and John. During the 1940's and 1950's Hubert operated a successful Austin wholesale grocery business. His second marriage was destined to the same fate as the first. Hubert and Leona were divorced in 1952 but he continued to live and work in Austin until the 1960's when he retired and moved to California. He died in California Circa 1968 and is buried in a cemetery near the San Francisco Airport.

Source Hill Family Genealogy and/or Prepared by Marguerite Hill DeGeorge

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a sister, brother, aunt or uncle of qualifying ancestor)

B. Marquerite Hill DeGeorge
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)

Rt. 1, Box 470-E 413 River Lake Drive
(Address of Applicant)

Kingsland, Texas 78639
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

C. Name of Ancestor
Vada William Clearman
(As it will appear on the Certificate)

August 23, 1896 Kingsland, Texas
Date of Birth Place of Birth

April 03, 1985 Cleveland, Texas
Date of Death Place of Death

April 30, 1917 Lubbock, Texas
Date of Marriage Place of Marriage

Hubert William Hill
(Name of Spouse)

August 23, 1896 in Kingsland, Llano County, Texas at birth.
(Date of Arrival in Llano (or Gillespie) County)

Native Born
(Arrived from)

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Name <u>CLEARMAN</u> (Ancestor)
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Date _____ (Certificate)
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D. Name of Ancestor Vada William Clearman

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Vada had three younger siblings (all girls) who were: Leta Mae "Dick" (born in Kingsland); Alta Van (born in Kingsland) and Ollie Lea (born in Waldo, TX). Ollie Lea is living today (1996) in the old Walter William Clearman homestead also on Selman Street.

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Hubert's business enterprises were successful and this allowed Vada to become a full time mother and housewife. The Hills were prospering in Llano when Vada's second child, Marguerite Karolyn Hill was born on October 27, 1921. The family's good fortune continued through the 1920's and well into the early 1930's. Vada and her family lived in a neat white home on the old route of Texas Highway 29. The house continues to stand (in 1996) at the same spot on what is now known as 602 Ellis Street.

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Source Clearman Family Genealogy and/or Prepared by Marguerite Hill DeGeorge

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In early 1943, Vada met Ira David Harris from Wichita, Kansas. They were married September 25, 1943 in San Antonio. She was 47 and he was 58. They continued to live in San Antonio where Ira was a master cabinet maker until 1952 when he retired. Subsequently, family ties drew them to Houston where Vada's children lived.

Ira D. Harris passed away on June 29, 1968 in The Herman Hospital, Houston, Texas at the age of 83. He was buried in the Kingsland Cemetery on Ranch Road 2545. Vada continued to live in Houston, Dallas and Kingsland during the next decade and at the age of 89 died on April 03, 1985 in Cleveland, Texas. Vada William Clearman Harris was buried next to Ira David Harris in the Kingsland Cemetery.

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LLANO COUNTY, TEXAS
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ANCESTOR
Hubert William Hill

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A. Direct Descendant Collateral Relative _____
(Name of individual on your descent chart that was
a sister, brother, aunt or uncle of qualifying ancestor)

B. Dorman William Hill
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)
104 Isacks
(Address of Applicant)
Cleveland, Texas 77327
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

C. Name of Ancestor
Hubert William Hill
(As it will appear on the Certificate)
Aug 03 1897 Kingsland, TX
Date of Birth Place of Birth
Circa 1968 California
Date of Death Place of Death
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Date of Marriage Place of Marriage
Vada William Clearman
(Name of Spouse)

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Native Born
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D. Name of Ancestor Hubert William Hill

Hubert William Hill was born in Kingsland, Llano County, Texas on August 03, 1897. His parents were William Henry Hill and Carrie Moore Hill who were Kingsland residents. Hubert attended the Public School in Kingsland as an adolescent and teenager. As a young man, before marriage, he worked in his father's Kingsland General Mercantile Store. The store was situated about two blocks from the historic and still standing Antlers Hotel which is located near Texas Highway 1431.

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Llano allowed Hubert to spread his wings into several business ventures. His enterprise system consisted of a produce packing plant, a fur trading post, a wholesale wood yard and feed lot, a wool/mohair inspection service and rental property. Hubert and his family were prospering when baby daughter, Marguerite Karolyn Hill, was born October 27, 1921. Hubert's good fortune in business continued through the 1920's and the early 1930's. The Hills lived in a neat white cottage on the old route of Texas Highway 29. The home still stands (in 1996) on the same spot at what is now known as 602 Ellis Street.

It was in the early 1930's that family matters became strained for an extended period of time then finally collapsed. This, of course, resulted in the pain of a 1932 divorce. Hubert moved to Austin, Texas where he married Leona Burton. They had three children, Veda, Charles and John. During the 1940's and 1950's Hubert operated a successful Austin wholesale grocery business. His second marriage was destined to the same fate as the first. Hubert and Leona were divorced in 1952 but he continued to live and work in Austin until the 1960's when he retired and moved to California. He died in California Circa 1968 and is buried in a cemetery near the San Francisco Airport.

Source Hill Family Genealogy and/or Prepared by Marguerite Hill DeGeorge

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104 Isacks
(Address of Applicant)
Cleveland, Texas 77327
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**ANCESTOR
Isaac Byler Maxwell**

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A. Direct Descendant Collateral Relative _____
(Name of individual on your descent chart that was a sister, brother, aunt or uncle of qualifying ancestor)

B. Ronalda Eulene Maxwell Wilkerson
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)
Rt. 1 Box 70
(Address of Applicant)
Bluffton, Texas 78607-9702
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

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Name <u>MAXWELL</u> (Ancestor)
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Date _____ (Certificate)
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C. Name of Ancestor
Isaac Byler Maxwell
(As it will appear on the Certificate)

<u>21 Apr 1837</u> Date of Birth	<u>Ripley, Lauderdale Co., Tennessee</u> Place of Birth
<u>15 Dec 1931</u> Date of Death	<u>Bluffton, Llano Co, Tx.</u> Place of Death
<u>06 Jul 1856</u> Date of Marriage	<u>Bluffton, Llano Co., Tx.</u> Place of Marriage

Margaret Melcenie Davis
(Name of Spouse)
September 8, 1854
(Date of Arrival in Llano (or Gillespie) County)
Bluffton, Yell County, Arkansas
(Arrived from)

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(Name of individual on your descent chart that was a sister, brother, aunt or uncle of qualifying ancestor)

B. Sherry Rene Fritz Parker
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)
Rt. 1 Box 70
(Address of Applicant)
Bluffton, Texas 78607-9702
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

C. Name of Ancestor
Isaac Byler Maxwell
(As it will appear on the Certificate)
21 Apr 1837 Ripley, Lauderdale
Date of Birth County, Tennessee
 Place of Birth
15 Dec 1931 Bluffton, Llano Co., Tx.
Date of Death Place of Death
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Date of Marriage Place of Marriage

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(Name of Spouse)
September 8, 1854
(Date of Arrival in Llano (or Gillespie) County)
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ANCESTOR

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A. Direct Descendant [] Collateral Relative

(Name of individual on your descent chart that was
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B. Amber Rose Morris
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)

Rt. 1 Box 70
(Address of Applicant)

Bluffton, Texas 78607-9702
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

C. Name of Ancestor

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(As it will appear on the Certificate)

21 Apr 1837 Ripley, Lauderdale
Date of Birth County, Tennessee
Place of Birth

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Date of Death Place of Death

6 Jul 1856 Bluffton, Llano Co, Tx.
Date of Marriage Place of Marriage

Margaret Melcenie Davis
(Name of Spouse)

September 8, 1854
(Date of Arrival in Llano (or Gillespie) County)

Bluffton, Yell County, Arkansas
(Arrived from)

D. Biography of Ancestor - This should include occupation, military service, religious preference, and any other known information such as parents, siblings, etc. (Use blank second page, place name of Ancestor on top line. Leave at least 1 1/2" blank left border.)

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D. Name of Ancestor Isaac Byler Maxwell

Isaac Byler "Ike" Maxwell was born April 21, 1837 in Ripley, Lauderdale County, Tennessee, the son of Isaac D. Maxwell. Ike's mother, Nancy Byler Maxwell, died in 1841. His father remarried leaving Tennessee and settled near Bluffton, Yell County, Arkansas. At the age of 17, on September 8, 1854, Ike crossed the Colorado River settling and naming the land Bluffton, Texas, after his old Arkansas home.

Llano County issued its first marriage license to Ike and Margaret "Maggie" Melcenie Davis. The union produced a daughter, Nancy Ella, and two sons, James Lafayette and William Isaac. Maggie died in 1866. Ike built her coffin and buried her at the Tow Cemetery, Tow, Texas, as the Bluffton Cemetery had not yet opened.

Ike's second wife was Abigail C. Garrett. She produced nine children. His third wife, Mary Elzire Davis, a niece of his first wife Maggie, had seven children. Ike and Mary also raised three sets of grandchildren.

The young Ike began working cutting firewood for the Salt Works furnaces. He was given land by his first wife's parents. Ike farmed and raised stock on his new land. During child-birthing, he frequently assisted his wife as well as deal with the Indians.

Ike served in the Confederacy as a Pvt. serving under Capt. James S. Bourland's Company, Llano County, 31st Brigade, Texas State Troops. The company was organized for local defense for a period of six months.

Isaac Byler Maxwell was elected to the Texas Legislature (under Governor John Ireland) as a member of the House of Representatives, District #79 and served two years. His term began on January 13, 1885. Ike represented the counties of Runnels, Llano, San Saba, Concho and McCulloch. His duties there consisted of serving on committees for finance, prison, stock-raising and constitutional amendments. Ike was working in the Legislature during the construction of our present day Capitol and made the suggestion that the Capitol be made of red granite from Burnet County, Texas. He received a commemorative granite square for his efforts and placed a silver coin bearing his name inside the cornerstone of the Capitol.

Ike headed a petition for the first Post Office in Bluffton, Texas.

Ike ran for County Commissioner and Justice of the Peace in 1896. He won the position of Justice of the Peace. He ran again for both County Commissioner and JP in 1898. This time he won both offices for Precinct 2.

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D. Name of Ancestor Isaac Byler Maxwell

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Ike was a Church of Christ minister preaching scriptures and comforting families over loss of loved ones. He performed numerous marriages in the area including many close in his immediate families.

Isaac Byler Maxwell was considered to be Llano County's oldest pioneer upon his death, December 15, 1931, becoming one of the first buried at the New Bluffton Cemetery.

Source: "Member of Texas Legislature" Volume I. Printed by the Senate Offices in 1992. Llano County Clerk's Office, Election Records Book, pages 36 and 47. Newspaper articles from the Search Light, The Llano News-June 4, 1964, The Highlander-March 7, 1974, Llano News-December 1931. Texas State Archives, Austin, Texas. LLANO COUNTY, TEXAS, A Family Album.

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**KINGSLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LLANO COUNTY, TEXAS
COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE**

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**EARLY SETTLERS
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**ANCESTOR
Armstead Blevins
Delila Shults**

name on the
fundable.

A. Direct Descendant Collateral Relative _____
(Name of individual on your descent chart that was a sister, brother, aunt or uncle of qualifying ancestor)

B. VALLIE BLEVINS TERRELL
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)

542 Pecan Creek Drive
(Address of Applicant)

Marble Falls Texas 78654-9021
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

C. Name of Ancestor

ARMSTEAD BLEVINS & DELILA SHULTS
(As it will appear on the Certificate)

ca 1811 Tennessee
Date of Birth Place of Birth

14 Apr 1864 prob. Llano Co. TX
Date of Death Place of Death

ca 1836 MO or AR
Date of Marriage Place of Marriage

DELILA SHULTS b ca 1817 AL d aft 1880
(Name of Spouse)

bd Bluffton, Llano Co., TX

Not certain, sons paid poll tax in 1862; widow paid tax 1864 & 1865.
(Date of Arrival in Llano (or Gillespie) County) Armstead buried Bluffton Cem. 1864.

From Carroll Co. AR with Mercer Colonists ca 1846, paid taxes in 1847,
(Arrived from) 1850 & 1851 Navarro Co., 1852-1856 Kaufman Co., 1857-1858 Grayson Co., 1859 Parker Co., not found 1860-1861.

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D. Name of Ancestor ARMSTEAD BLEVINS and DELILA SHULTS

Armstead BLEVINS was b in TN ca 1811 d 14 Apr 1864 and is buried in the Bluffton Cemetery in Llano Co TX.. He and Delila Shults were married in AR or MO ca 1836. She was born ca 1817 AL and is buried next to Armstead. (Ref. 1) His parents were Richard BLEVINS b ca 1785 prob. KY d aft 1840 Carroll Co AR census and Betsy JONES, part Cherokee Indian. The family is found on Baker's Cherokee Emmigration Roll. They migrated from Nickajack AL to St. Girardeau Co MO where they are on the 1830 census record. From there they went to AR where taxes were paid and they appear on p 50 of the 1840 census for Carroll Co AR. Richard received a land patent in 1839 which was the third grant issued in the county. Children of this couple are listed on Eastern Cherokee Claims and letters pertaining to the claims. These claims can be found in the National Archives in Ft. Worth TX.

Parents of Delila were Martin S. SHULTS b ca 1790 TN and Sarah T. ROWDEN b ca 1796 VA. They were married in Rhea Co TN 24 Dec 1815. Martin was in the War of 1812 and family tradition says that he was a captain in the Black Hawk War. They migrated through AL to New Madrid Co MO where they are on the 1830 census records. Martin, along with Armstead BLEVINS, is found on the 1839 tax records for Randolph Co AR. They are in Pulaski Co AR in 1840. It is believed that Martin and family came on to TX where he died while working on a surveyor team near Corsicana TX ca 1846. He received a patent for 640 acres in Parker Co TX. This land was transferred by his heirs 20 Mar 1857. This transaction is found in Vol. C p 474 deed records for Johnson Co TX. His wife, Sarah, and children are on 1850 census for Navarro Co. It is not known where or when Sarah died, however, her grandson, Lee Ander BLEVINS told of his "Granny SHULTS giving him five horses as a wedding gift in 1889 in Indian Territory". This must have been Sarah. Probably she migrated to what was later OK with other members of the family. There are still descendants of these SHULTSES in central OK.

Being a farmer, Armstead, along with relatives, migrated through AL, MO, AR then to north TX as members of the Mercer colonists. He paid taxes in Navarro Co 1847-1851. In 1850 he was issued a certificate from the colony for 640 ac of land in Hill Co. He also purchased and sold certificates issued to C. N. BLEVINS, Luke BLEVINS, Esquire BLEVINS, Hugh L. D. BLEVINS each for 640 ac and 310 ac to Jacob SHIPMAN. All these were dated 1853 in Cooke Co TX. These certificates, along with many other Mercer Colony certificates, were disallowed by the Legislative Committee in 1857. More information can be found about the empresarios' contracts with colonists and reasons why they were not successful in completion of the terms of their contracts in the following books: MERCERS COLONISTS by Clifford White and OLD NORTHWEST TEXAS by Nancy Samuels & Barbara Knox.

Armstead and Delila's family consisted of daughter Misanair, and sons Seth Monroe, Martin J. and Wade H. "Buck" BLEVINS. This family is on page 1458 of the 1850 Navarro Co census. Armstead paid taxes in Kaufman, Grayson and Parker Cos during the fifties. They are not found in 1860-61 and were probably on their way to settling in Llano Co where Armstead died not long after arriving in the county. The two older sons paid poll taxes for 1862, and Delila paid taxes on ten horses in 1864 and 1865. (Ref.2) On the 1870 and 1880 Llano Co census records, Delila is listed with her son-in-law, A. A. ATKISON and family. Evidently, Delila was helping raise the children of her daughter, who had died during childbirth.

It is not known when Delila died, but reinterment records made, when the Bluffton Cemetery was moved because of the building of Buchanan Lake, show that she is buried in an unmarked grave alongside Armstead. Seth Monroe, Martin and Wade, along with other relatives, rode with the Texas Rangers in Dec. of 1860, to rescue Cynthia Ann PARKER from the Comanche Indians. Cynthia Ann was a white child who had been captured by the Indians, had grown up with them and had been taken as the wife of one of the young chiefs, later becoming the mother of Quannah PARKER. (Ref.3) Records in the Texas Archives show that all of Armstead and Delila's sons were in the Civil War. Sons and son-in-law were all landowners in Llano County, deeds being recorded in the courthouse. (Ref.4)

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Armstead did not live to see the tragic deaths of two of their sons, but Delila was living when Seth Monroe died in 1874. It is thought that he, along with John W. PINKSTON and J. T. EASTWOOD, both of whom had married into the family, were shot and killed by cattle thieves. Then in the early 1880's son Wade "Buck" and grandson Allen ATKISON, along with others, were in a disagreement which turned into gunplay. ATKISON shot and killed a man. (Ref.5) Because of the fear of retaliation from friends and relatives of the deceased man, thirty covered wagons of the BLEVINS and SHULTS families hurriedly left Llano County and spent quite some time "scouting". This means that they were just wandering around, trying to escape those pursuing them. They also had the Indians to contend with. They went into New Mexico where some of the family settled. Martin BLEVINS and his five sons and their families, settled in Apache Co AZ, where in 1887, Martin and all of his sons except John, were killed in the Arizona Range War. (Ref.6)

In 1886 Wade "Buck" came back to Llano Co to stand trial for the earlier shooting. According to the Criminal Court Minutes in the courthouse, Wade, along with four other men, were acquitted of the murder charges. He is on the 1890 Veterans roll for Llano Co, which says he served as a private in Company A, first Regiment, Texas Cavalry. Sometime after this, he and family migrated to Oklahoma, where both Wade and his wife are buried in unmarked graves. Descendants, who were living when the couple died, tell that they were buried in unmarked graves because they were still afraid of retaliation from the earlier shooting in Llano County TX. (Ref. 7)

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LLANO COUNTY, TEXAS
COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE**

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ANCESTOR
William J. Jennings name on the
Elizabeth Hopper fundable.

A. Direct Descendant Collateral Relative _____
(Name of individual on your descent chart that was a sister, brother, aunt or uncle of qualifying ancestor)

B. VALIE BLEVINS TERRELL
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)

542 Pecan Creek Drive
(Address of Applicant)

Marble Falls Texas 78654-9021
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

C. Name of Ancestor
WILLIAM J. JENNINGS & ELIZABETH HOPPER
(As it will appear on the Certificate)

25 Aug 1799 South Carolina
Date of Birth Place of Birth

5 Mar 1866 bd. Bend, Lampasas, TX
Date of Death Place of Death
prob. San Saba Co. TX

9 Mar 1828 Lafayette Co., Missouri
Date of Marriage Place of Marriage

ELIZABETH HOPPER b 27 May 1811 IN d 13 Jun 1895
(Name of Spouse) bd Waters Creek Cem, Llano Co., TX

Paid taxes 1857
(Date of Arrival in Llano (or Gillespie) County)

From Lafayette Co. MO, paid taxes Williamson Co. TX 1851-1856
(Arrived from)

D. Biography of Ancestor - This should include occupation, military service, religious preference, and any other known information such as parents, siblings, etc. (Use blank second page, place name of Ancestor on top line. Leave at least 1 1/2" blank left border.)

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COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE - BIOGRAPHY OF ANCESTOR

D. Name of Ancestor WILLIAM J. JENNINGS and ELIZABETH HOPPER

William J. JENNINGS was born 25 Aug 1799 in Fairfield County South Carolina. He migrated with relatives to Lafayette County Missouri where he and Elizabeth HOPPER were married 9 Mar 1828. (Ref. 1) She was born 27 May 1811 in Indiana to Thomas HOPPER and Rebecca GRAY. William is mentioned as "from Tennessee, as one of the early settlers of Clay Twp", p.70 of HISTORY OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY MISSOURI by G. H. Bates 1881. He and his family are on census records for that county in 1830 p.258, 1840 p.156 and 1850 as a farmer owning slaves with real estate value of \$3,000. William's brother, James, took his family to Grayson Co. Texas in 1846, then William and brother, John, left Missouri and came to Texas in the early fifties. John eventually settled in Burnet County Texas. In 1851 William paid taxes on 372 acres of land, slaves, horses etc. total value \$1,622 in Williamson County Texas. This land was purchased 11 Dec 1850, Vol. 2 p.58. In 1852 he paid taxes on total value \$2,067 on Negroes, horses and an additional 224 acres of land, date of deed being 2 Jan 1852, Vol. 3 p.102, bringing total acres of land to 598. This land was probably owned by William's heirs until many years after his death.

In 1857 with total \$4,740 and in 1858 with total of \$3,860, William and Elizabeth JENNINGS paid taxes in Llano County Texas on slaves, livestock etc., but no land. On 17 Jan 1858 William J. JENNINGS was on a list of signatures on a petition "not to change boundaries of Llano County". (Ref. 2) The family is Dw #2 on the 1860 census for San Saba County. William, Elizabeth and sons paid taxes in San Saba 1859 through 1862 on slaves, livestock etc. On 31 Jan 1862 William purchased 160 acres of land on Fall Creek, a tributary of the Colorado River, in the northeastern part of Llano County. On 23 Jan 1863 he purchased 320 acres of land in Llano and San Saba Counties on the headwaters of Fall Creek, being lands for sale of alternate sections of the Fisher and Miller's Colony. (Ref. 3)

Because of the Civil War and the loss of their slaves the total value of their property dropped from \$5,465 in 1864 to \$735 in 1865, taxes being paid in Llano County. William J. JENNINGS died 5 Mar 1866 and is buried in the Sand Hill Cemetery at Bend in Lampasas County. Bend is located just across the Colorado River from where William owned land. His is one of the two oldest monuments in the cemetery. His monument has the following inscription, "His many virtues form the noblest monument to his memory". On the 1870 Llano Co. Census Elizabeth was living in household #36 with son, Thomas, and daughter Catherine and her husband, Houston Shults. Llano County land deed records dated 3 May 1873 shows where Elizabeth and son, W. T., sold the land in Llano and San Saba Counties. (Ref. 4)

Between William's death in 1866 and the sale of the land in 1873, taxes were paid by Elizabeth and Thomas on land, livestock etc., but no more slaves. On p.450 of the 1880 San Saba Co. census, we find Elizabeth living with her daughter, Catherine Shults and family. Her children and other relatives are listed as living nearby Elizabeth on both the 1870 and 1880 census records. She probably lived with some of her children for the remainder of her life. She died 13 Jun 1895 and is buried in Waters Creek Cemetery, just off Hwy. 71 seven miles southeast of Llano. Her inscription reads, "Call not back the dear departed Anchored safe where storms are o'er Soon to meet and part no more". (Ref 5-tax)

Children of William and Elizabeth JENNINGS were as follows: Mabry b 1828 d 1856 md Sarah E. HUDDLESTON, Verlinda b ca 1832 d 1852 md Thomas GOOCH, Richard Stramkie b ca 1835 md Mary W. SHULTS, Margaret Ann b 1841 d 1930 md F. M. SHULTS, Eliza "Louisa" b 1844 d ca 1935 md Wade H. "Buck" BLEVINS, William Thomas b ca 1847 md Laura, Catherine b ca 1851 md Houston SHULTS and Angeline T. b ? md John SHELL. These children are named in an affidavit dated 8 Sep 1938 found in the Williamson County courthouse. (Ref. 6) Some information on this family can be found in the following books: WILLIAMSON, BASTROP, TRAVIS, LEE AND BURLESON COUNTIES, Lewis Publishing Co. Chicago 1891; SOME JENNINGS ANCESTORS, THEIR DESCENDANTS AND ALLIED FAMILIES by Jennings Bland Pope. See also Pope's verticle file.

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William's father was John JENNINGS born in the Camden District South Carolina about 1761 and the name of his mother is not known. According to the above listed 1891 history of Texas book, "John was only a lad of fourteen when the Revolutionary War started". He served in the South Carolina Militia after the fall of Charleston. (Ref. 7) He moved to Georgia after 1805 and then to Wilson County Tennessee by 1821. It is not known when or where John died, but it was probably on the migration trail to Missouri.

Elizabeth's parents were (Ref. 8) Thomas HOPPER born about 1766 Georgia and Rebecca GRAY born North Carolina about 1768. They were probably married in North Carolina about 1791. They migrated from North Carolina through Indiana where four of their children were born and land entries are found in Lawrence County in 1817. This is taken from p.148 of INDIANA LAND ENTRIES- VINCENNES DISTRICT 1807-1877 by Waters. On the 1821 Missouri tax list from Lafayette and Lillard Counties, Thomas HOPPER is listed for delinquent and miscellaneous legal taxes. The family is listed on the Lafayette County MO census records as follows: 1830 p.256 with three slaves; 1840 p.156 in agriculture with six slaves and 1850 p.256 in Clay Twp. Farmer with value of real estate \$7,000. The will of Thomas HOPPER was written in 1851 and filed in Jan 1857 in Lafayette County. Rebecca died some time after the death of her husband and they are both buried in the Hopper Burying Ground near Wellington MO, according to a HOPPER researcher who lived in the area. Children named in their father's will were: William b ca 1792 d bef 1851 md Ann, Sally b ca 1794 md John YOUNG, Lydia Ann b 1795 d bef 1851 md KILLIAN, Polly b ca 1798 md Jesse HITCHCOCK, Charles b 1800 - d 1880 md Rebecca A. HOPPER, Keziah b 1806 md Joshua HITCHCOCK, Hannah b 1808 d 1882 md #1 Charles McCLURE #2 John BARKER, Elizabeth b 1811 d 1895 md William JENNINGS, Thomas b ca 1815 md Jane, Rebecca b ca 1818 md Zachariah PETERSON, Elmira b ca 1820 md John JENNINGS.

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COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE**

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2. Fill in all blanks, beginning with yourself as the first generation.
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A. Direct Descendant Collateral Relative ANCESTOR
MANSON T. HAILE
OLLIE LEA CLEARMAN
 (Name of individual on your descent chart that was
 a sister, brother, aunt or uncle of qualifying ancestor)

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B. Jan Haile Smiga Corn
 (Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)

Rt. 2, Box 515 - Selman St.
 (Address of Applicant)

Kingsland, Texas 78639
 (City, State, and ZIP Code)

C. Name of Ancestor

Manson T. Haile
 (As it will appear on the Certificate)

July 5, 1902 Kingsland, Texas
 Date of Birth Place of Birth

Jan. 17, 1982 Kingsland, Texas
 Date of Death Place of Death

Feb. 5, 1927 Brackenridge, Texas
 Date of Marriage Place of Marriage

Ollie Lea Clearman
 (Name of Spouse)

July 5, 1902 in Kingsland, Llano County, Texas
 (Date of Arrival in Llano (or Gillespie) County)

At Birth - Native Born
 (Arrived from)

D. Biography of Ancestor - This should include occupation, military service, religious preference, and any other known information such as parents, siblings, etc. (Use blank second page, place name of Ancestor on top line. Leave at least 1 1/2" blank left border.)

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D. Name of Ancestor MANSON T. HAILE

Manson T. Haile was the 10th living child of Jeff D. & Mary Brantley Haile and was born on July 5, 1902 in Kingsland, Texas. He had six brothers, Charlie, Clyde, Paul, Raymond, Brown, and Lyndon. He had four sisters, Alba, Violet, Kate, and Daisy.

He attended the Wolf Crossing School and the Kingsland Elementary School. The school in Kingsland was located in the vicinity of the laundromat area, across from the shopping center. His dad was a farmer, so as he got older, he had many chores to do after school. He also had odd jobs helping the other farmers. Farming was very important in those days not only to make a living but to provide food for the non farmers.

In 1918, he lost his mother, Mary. He was still sixteen and deeply felt this loss. In 1920, his dad remarried to Florence Paschall. The children and grandchildren called her Mrs. Florence.

He had known Ollie Lea ever since he was old enough to remember, as he was so young when the Clearmans moved back to Kingsland in late 1904. He said he always liked her but she never had much time for him, as she was always busy with her dad. They did go to dances and socials, but hardly ever together. He could not recall how they finally started courting, as he called it, and married on Feb. 5, 1927 in Brackenridge, Texas.

Manson was working in Borger, Texas at a gasoline plant, so this was their first home. Their first child, a son, Garnett Claremon was born on July 30, 1928 in Borger. They moved to Sunray, Texas, where Manson went to work for Shamrock Oil and Gas Corp. located between Sunray and Dumas, Texas. They soon moved to Dumas where their second child, a daughter, Donna Jan was born on Dec. 8, 1931.

Source Haile Genealogy and/or Prepared by Donna Jan Haile Corn

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The Boom Years Llano County Texas

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D. Name of Ancestor **Emma Louise (Kneese) Leifeste**

Emma Kneese was the oldest child of Ludwig Friedrich and Minna (Imhoff) Kneese; grandchild of Johann Friedrich Ferdinand Kneese (Born 25 September 1821 at Friedrichshagen, Grafschaft Schaumburg, Kurfurstenthum Hessen, Germany; died on 27 January 1900 at Gillespie County, Texas) and Dorette Bierschwale (Born 5 October, 1825 in Germany; married 26 November 1848; died 2 May 1915 at Gillespie County, Texas); great-grandchild of Heinrich Ferdinand Kneese (Born 8 May 1799 at Friedrichshagen, Grafschaft Schaumburg, Kurfurstenthum Hessen, Germany; died on 9 July 1867 at Gillespie County, Texas) and Maria Catharina Schermer (Born 8 March 1796 at Krankenhagen, Grafschaft Schaumburg, Kurfurstenthum Hessen, Germany; married 7 December 1817 at Exten, Germany; died 9 November 1869 at Gillespie County, Texas).

Emma grew up in the home of early Texas Pioneers. Her grandparents, Fritz and Dorothea Kneese, are recognized among "Texas First Families" who resided in Texas before 19 February 1846 when the republic of Texas officially became the State of Texas. Her father at age 18 started freighting from Gillespie County out west to Fort Concho, Fort McKavett, and sometimes as far as the Mexican border, usually using a four-yoke team of oxen. When her parents married they moved to a farm near her father's parents place in the Palo Alto Community near Fredericksburg, Texas. In addition to farming, her father served in the elected office of Mark and Brand Inspector for Gillespie County and engaged in buying and selling cattle for most of his life. He was one of the first Texas cattlemen to use registered Herford cattle. He was also a pioneer in the development of the peach industry in Gillespie County.

Emma was raised in a Christian family. Her grandparents, Fritz and Dorothea Kneese, while living on Beaver Creek (near the community now known as Hilda, Mason County, Texas) were listed among the sixty-three members of the Methodist congregation of the Llano River District when it was organized in 1856. Membership was comprised of people living up and down the Llano river in communities later known as Hilda, Squaw Creek, Art, Mason, Castell and Simonsville. Five of the church's quarterly conferences were held in the Fritz Kneese home. In the family home on May 5, 1871, after moving back to Gillespie County, the Methodist congregation later known as the Methodist Episcopal Church North was organized. Fritz donated the land, in Fredericksburg, upon which the first church building of that congregation was built in 1872. Emma's father, Ludwig, was a charter member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Fredericksburg and was largely responsible for the building of the new church which served the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. He donated much of his time to church work and held many offices in the organization.

Before their marriage, Emma and her husband Ed. C. Leifeste, shared farming and ranching experiences, growing up in German communities, and close ties to the M.E. Church. As a young boy Ed learned to ride, rope, brand and all the other phases of cattle raising. Before Ed was 18 his father died and he was forced to put this part of his education to good use. For twelve years Ed, his younger brother and mother operated the farm and ranch without losing any of it due to his father's death. At age 30 he married Emma Kneese. Following the wedding, Ed and Emma moved in with his mother. They remained in the Castell, Texas house until their youngest son married, then moved to a smaller house about 200 yards east of the homestead where they spent the remainder of their married lives.

Ed and Emma were strong believers in the church. She was a charter member of the Women's Missionary Society in the Hoersterville Church and remained a member all her life. Ed was a Sunday School superintendent and teacher, member of the Board of Stewarts and Trustee at various times.

Both were buried in the Trinity Methodist Cemetery in Castell, Texas. Their children were Rubye Ida (Kothmann), Ida Lillian (Fredericks), Elsie Oillie (Schmitt), Gilbert August and Randolph Clarence Leifeste.

Source: Some information from "The Heinrich Ferdinand Kneese Family" book Printed by Herring Printing Company, Kerrville, Texas and "Look Unto The Hills - The Leifeste Family in the United States" Copyright 1985 Ruby E. and Julius DeVos.

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**ANCESTOR
Emma Louise (Kneese)
Leifeste**

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A. Direct Descendant Collateral Relative Emma Louise Otille (Kneese) Koenig
(Name of individual on your descent chart that was a sister, brother, aunt or uncle of qualifying ancestor)

B. **Edward Wesley Houy**
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)

111 Glen Oaks Drive
(Address of Applicant)

Sunrise Beach, Texas 78643
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

C. Name of Ancestor

Emma Louise (Kneese) Leifeste
(As it will appear on the Certificate)

25 March 1876 Palo Alto, Gillespie County, Texas
Date of Birth Place of Birth

23 January 1956 Fredericksburg Hospital and Clinic, Texas
Date of Death Place of Death

17 May 1900 Fredericksburg M.E. Church Gillespie County, Texas
Date of Marriage Place of Marriage

Edwin Conrad Theodore Leifeste
(Name of Spouse)

17 May 1900
(Date of Arrival in Llano (or Gillespie) County)

Palo Alto, Gillespie County, Texas
(Arrived from)

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Date <u>12 AUG 96</u> (Certificate)
Comments: _____ _____ _____ _____

COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE - BIOGRAPHY OF ANCESTOR

D. Name of Ancestor **Emma Louise (Kneese) Leifeste**

Emma Kneese was the oldest child of Ludwig Friedrich and Minna (Imhoff) Kneese; grandchild of Johann Friedrich Ferdinand Kneese (Born 25 September 1821 at Friedrichshagen, Grafschaft Schaumburg, Kurfurstenthum Hessen, Germany; died on 27 January 1900 at Gillespie County, Texas) and Dorette Bierschwale (Born 5 October, 1825 in Germany; married 26 November 1848; died 2 May 1915 at Gillespie County, Texas); great-grandchild of Heinrich Ferdinand Kneese (Born 8 May 1799 at Friedrichshagen, Grafschaft Schaumburg, Kurfurstenthum Hessen, Germany; died on 9 July 1867 at Gillespie County, Texas) and Maria Catharina Schermer (Born 8 March 1796 at Krankenhagen, Grafschaft Schaumburg, Kurfurstenthum Hessen, Germany; married 7 December 1817 at Exten, Germany; died 9 November 1869 at Gillespie County, Texas).

Emma grew up in the home of early Texas Pioneers. Her grandparents, Fritz and Dorothea Kneese, are recognized among "Texas First Families" who resided in Texas before 19 February 1846 when the republic of Texas officially became the State of Texas. Her father at age 18 started freighting from Gillespie County out west to Fort Concho, Fort McKavett, and sometimes as far as the Mexican border, usually using a four-yoke team of oxen. When her parents married they moved to a farm near her father's parents place in the Palo Alto Community near Fredericksburg, Texas. In addition to farming, her father served in the elected office of Mark and Brand Inspector for Gillespie County and engaged in buying and selling cattle for most of his life. He was one of the first Texas cattlemen to use registered Herford cattle. He was also a pioneer in the development of the peach industry in Gillespie County.

Emma was raised in a Christian family. Her grandparents, Fritz and Dorothea Kneese, while living on Beaver Creek (near the community now known as Hilda, Mason County, Texas) were listed among the sixty-three members of the Methodist congregation of the Llano River District when it was organized in 1856. Membership was comprised of people living up and down the Llano river in communities later known as Hilda, Squaw Creek, Art, Mason, Castell and Simonsville. Five of the church's quarterly conferences were held in the Fritz Kneese home. In the family home on May 5, 1871, after moving back to Gillespie County, the Methodist congregation later known as the Methodist Episcopal Church North was organized. Fritz donated the land, in Fredericksburg, upon which the first church building of that congregation was built in 1872. Emma's father, Ludwig, was a charter member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Fredericksburg and was largely responsible for the building of the new church which served the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. He donated much of his time to church work and held many offices in the organization.

Before their marriage, Emma and her husband Ed. C. Leifeste, shared farming and ranching experiences, growing up in German communities, and close ties to the M.E. Church. As a young boy Ed learned to ride, rope, brand and all the other phases of cattle raising. Before Ed was 18 his father died and he was forced to put this part of his education to good use. For twelve years Ed, his younger brother and mother operated the farm and ranch without losing any of it due to his father's death. At age 30 he married Emma Kneese. Following the wedding, Ed and Emma moved in with his mother. They remained in the Castell, Texas house until their youngest son married, then moved to a smaller house about 200 yards east of the homestead where they spent the remainder of their married lives.

Ed and Emma were strong believers in the church. She was a charter member of the Women's Missionary Society in the Hoersterville Church and remained a member all her life. Ed was a Sunday School superintendent and teacher, member of the Board of Stewarts and Trustee at various times.

Both were buried in the Trinity Methodist Cemetery in Castell, Texas. Their children were Rubye Ida (Kothmann), Ida Lillian (Fredericks), Elsie Otilie (Schmitt), Gilbert August and Randolph Clarence Leifeste.

Source: Some information from "The Heinrich Ferdinand Kneese Family" book Printed by Herring Printing Company, Kerrville, Texas and "Look Unto The Hills - The Leifeste Family in the United States" Copyright 1985 Ruby E. and Julius DeVos.

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The Boom Years Llano County Texas

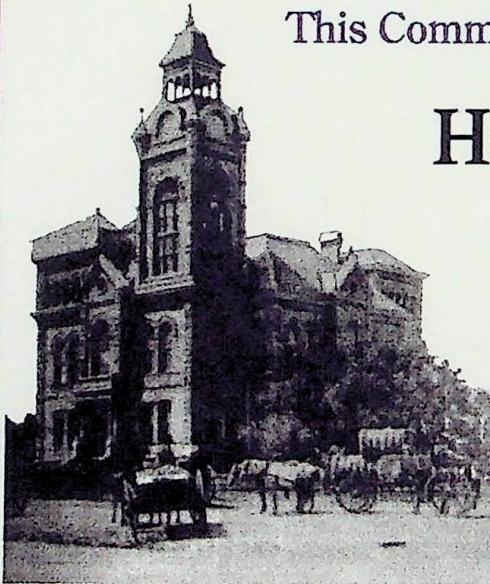
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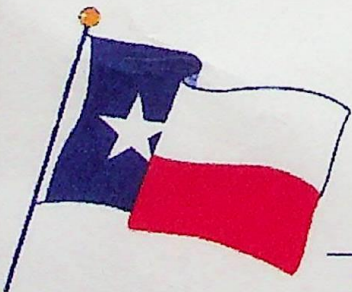
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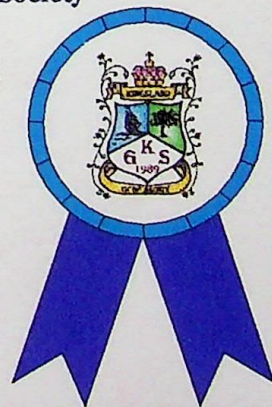


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November 27, 1996

Herb Nolen
50103 Thunderbird Lane
Georgetown, Texas 78626-6237

Subject: Commemorative Certificates

Dear Mr. ~~Nolen~~, *Herb*

Thank you for sending the completed application for the Llano County Certificates for your ancestor Allen Nolen. The documentation you sent is very good and your certificates are enclosed.

The material you submitted has been duplicated to prevent loss. The Kingsland Library copy has been filed in sheet protectors, in a hard cover binder, and it will be placed in the genealogy section vertical files. The original will be stored in a fireproof safe maintained at a separate location by the Kingsland Genealogical Society. Additionally, copies of the first and second pages of your submission will be placed in loose leaf binders (a binder is maintained in each of the three Llano Library Branches), along with an index, to provide a library reference for our collection.

I am enclosing a copy of our most recent newsletter to save a separate mailing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward W. Houy', written in a cursive style.

Edward W. Houy, Secretary
Commemorative Committee

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B. HERBERT MARTIN NOLEN
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)

50103 THUNDERBIRD LANE
(Address of Applicant)

GEORGETOWN, TEXAS 78626-6236
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

C. Name of Ancestor

MARTIN WILLIAM NOLEN
(As it will appear on the Certificate)

16 MAY 1882
Date of Birth

KINGSLAND, TX
Place of Birth

10 APR 1945
Date of Death

BLANCO, TX
Place of Death

4 JUN 1905
Date of Marriage

KINGSLAND, TX
Place of Marriage

RHODA KATHERINE PETTY
(Name of Spouse)

16 MAY 1882
(Date of Arrival in Llano (or Gillespie) County)

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Name NOLEN
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Date Rcd 8 Nov 96

Completed 27 Nov 96

Date 25 Nov 96
(Certificate)

Comments: _____

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Martin met Rhoda Katherine Petty and married her in 1905 when he was 23 years old. They had their first of five children 1906. All but the last two being born in Kingsland.

The Llano County deed records show that Martin Nolen purchased land from a Mrs. H.A. Hill in 1914. This land included a house and cotton gin. A part of the purchase contract was that Martin Nolen operate the gin during each and every ginning season until the balance of purchase money shall have been paid. (copy from deed book attached). Martin Nolen and his family later moved to Burnet. In later years he lived on a farm just out of Johnson City, Tx. Where he died in 1945.

Source _____

and/or Prepared by HERBERT MARTIN NOLEN

Herbert M. Nolen

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B. Marguerite Hill DeGeorge
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)

Rt. 1, Box 470-E, 413 River Lake Drive
(Address of Applicant)

Kingsland, Texas 78639
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

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Name <u>HILL</u> (Ancestor)
Date Rcd <u>14 DEC 96</u>
Completed _____
Date _____ (Certificate)
Comments: _____

C. Name of Ancestor

Hubert William Hill
(As it will appear on the Certificate)

Aug 03 1897 Kingsland, TX
Date of Birth Place of Birth

Circa 1968 California
Date of Death Place of Death

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104 Isacks
(Address of Applicant)
Cleveland, Texas 77327
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Cleveland, Texas 77327
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B. Ronalda Eulene Maxwell Wilkerson
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)

Rt. 1 Box 70
(Address of Applicant)

Bluffton, Texas 78607-9702
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

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Name <u>MAXWELL</u> (Ancestor)
Date Rcd <u>11 APR 97</u>
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C. Name of Ancestor
Isaac Byler Maxwell
(As it will appear on the Certificate)

<u>21 Apr 1837</u> Date of Birth	<u>Ripley, Lauderdale Co., Tennessee</u> Place of Birth
<u>15 Dec 1931</u> Date of Death	<u>Bluffton, Llano Co, Tx.</u> Place of Death
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Margaret Melcenie Davis
(Name of Spouse)

September 8, 1854
(Date of Arrival in Llano (or Gillespie) County)

Bluffton, Yell County, Arkansas
(Arrived from)

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ANCESTOR

Isaac Byler Maxwell

A. Direct Descendant Collateral Relative
(Name of individual on your descent chart that was a sister, brother, aunt or uncle of qualifying ancestor)

B. Amber Rose Morris
(Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)
Rt. 1 Box 70
(Address of Applicant)
Bluffton, Texas 78607-9702
(City, State, and ZIP Code)

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A. Direct Descendant Collateral Relative ANCESTOR
(Name of individual on your descent chart that was
a sister, brother, aunt or uncle of qualifying ancestor)

MANSON T HAILE

BOOM YEARS
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B. Jan Haile Smiga Corn
 (Name of Applicant as it will appear on certificate)
Rt. 2, Box 515 - Selman St.
 (Address of Applicant)
Kingsland, Texas 78639
 (City, State, and ZIP Code)

C. Name of Ancestor
Manson T. Haile
 (As it will appear on the Certificate)

July 5, 1902 Kingsland, Texas
 Date of Birth Place of Birth

Jan. 17, 1982 Kingsland, Texas
 Date of Death Place of Death

Feb. 5, 1927 Brackenridge, Texas
 Date of Marriage Place of Marriage

Ollie Lea Clearman
 (Name of Spouse)

July 5, 1902 in Kingsland, Llano County, Texas
 (Date of Arrival in Llano (or Gillespie) County)

At Birth - Native Born
 (Arrived from)

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Manson T. Haile was the 10th living child of Jeff D. & Mary Brantley Haile and was born on July 5, 1902 in Kingsland, Texas. He had six brothers, Charlie, Clyde, Paul, Raymond, Brown, and Lyndon. He had four sisters, Alba, Violet, Kate, and Daisy.

He attended the Wolf Crossing School and the Kingsland Elementary School. The school in Kingsland was located in the vicinity of the laundromat area, across from the shopping center. His dad was a farmer, so as he got older, he had many chores to do after school. He also had odd jobs helping the other farmers. Farming was very important in those days not only to make a living but to provide food for the non farmers.

In 1918, he lost his mother, Mary. He was still sixteen and deeply felt this loss. In 1920, his dad remarried to Florence Paschall. The children and grandchildren called her Mrs. Florence.

He had known Ollie Lea ever since he was old enough to remember, as he was so young when the Clearmans moved back to Kingsland in late 1904. He said he always liked her but she never had much time for him, as she was always busy with her dad. They did go to dances and socials, but hardly ever together. He could not recall how they finally started courting, as he called it, and married on Feb. 5, 1927 in Brackenridge, Texas.

Manson was working in Borger, Texas at a gasoline plant, so this was their first home. Their first child, a son, Garnett Claremon was born on July 30, 1928 in Borger. They moved to Sunray, Texas, where Manson went to work for Shamrock Oil and Gas Corp. located between Sunray and Dumas, Texas. They soon moved to Dumas where their second child, a daughter, Donna Jan was born on Dec. 8, 1931.

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BOOM YEARS
 012 OLLIE LEA CLEARMAN

B. Jan Haile Smiga Corn
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Rt. 2, Box 515 - Selman St.
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Kingsland, Texas 78639
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C. Name of Ancestor
Ollie Lea Clearman
 (As it will appear on the Certificate)

March 12, 1904 Waldo, Texas
 Date of Birth Place of Birth

Aug. 9, 1997 Kingsland, Texas
 Date of Death Place of Death

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1904 in Kingsland, Llano County, Texas - Infant
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Walter and Maggie Clearman with their four daughters, Vada, Leta Mae (Dick), Alta, and Ollie Lea moved back to Kingsland in late 1904 when Ollie Lea was an infant.

Her father was instrumental in starting the Clearman Telephone Company (later known as The Kingsland Rural Telephone Company). Walter with the help of Maggie and the three older girls ran the switchboard located in a back room of their home. Walter rode horseback to check the lines and poles.

Ollie Lea started school in 1910 in The Kingsland Elementary School which was located in the vicinity of the present laundromat, across from the shopping center. Since Ollie Lea was the baby of the family, she had the luxury of watching and learning to do the chores and operate the switchboard. This would be very important in later years, as a teenager, when her father was heavily involved, not only with the telephone company, but farming, as Justice of the Peace, and the publisher of The Kingsland Rustler Newspaper.

When Ollie Lea was 14, Walter managed the Antler Hotel (still standing near the railroad tracks). This was one of her very happy periods because of the excitement generated during warm weather when excursion trains brought Austinites on weekend outings; there were barbecues and dances at the old pavillion located near the Antler in those days. Ollie Lea helped her mother, Maggie, in the dining room and was lucky enough to participate in all the fun. This was where she attended her first dance; she could remember it as if it was yesterday. When she could not be found at the hotel or pavillion, she was riding her Spanish pony along the Colorado and Llano Rivers.

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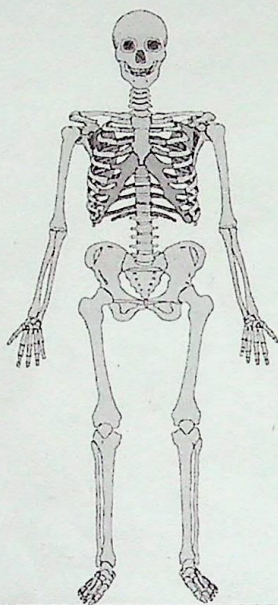
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you might
as well
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According to Webster:

1. A history of the descent of a person or family from an ancestor.
2. Regular descent of a person or family from a progenitor; pedigree; lineage.
3. The study of family pedigrees.

**But ask that question of someone
involved in genealogy — It is more likely you will hear
comments similar to:**

1. A Fascinating Hobby.
2. An exciting view of history and the life and times of my ancestors.
3. My way of meeting previously unknown relatives and maintaining family ties in our mobile society.
4. My records will hopefully give my descendants an insight into their roots.
5. It is fun, and I have discovered I like the people with a similar approach to history.

Who are these people you descend from?

Don't be alarmed if you find a few pirates, horsethieves, gunslingers, or even convicts. Before condemning an ancestor for what he may have done, stop and consider the times in which he may have lived and the conditions under which he was forced to make his choices and decisions. Remember that famous Cherokee prayer:

"O Great Spirit!

*Grant that I may never find fault with my
neighbor,
Until I have walked the trail of life in his
moccasins."*

However, it is just as likely you will discover soldiers, statesmen, and others that will make you and your family proud of your heritage.

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If you could meet your ancestors

All standing in a row

There might be some of them,

perhaps

You wouldn't care to know;

But there's another question which

requires a different view;

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Would they be proud of you?

Unknown