

Our Mooring Family

The following information about our Mooring family is a work in progress. Any updates and or corrections are welcomed. Please contact Glenda Mooring Fanguy at gjmooring@yahoo.com

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MOORING/TREXLER		WEBBER/MCCLENDON

MOORING LINE

Brutus Darwin Mooring 1887-1971	+	Lilla Jane Webber 1893-1972
James Franklin Mooring 1849-1905	+	Sarah "Sallie" Australia Trexler 1868-1940
John Ellis Mooring 1815-1886	+	(2) Nancy Diffie 1823-1865
Benjamin Mooring 1790		
Burwell Mooring 1745-1815-16	+	Patience West
John Mooring II 1713-1769	+	(2) Elizabeth Ellis Lancaster
Christopher Mooring 1667-1752	+	Mary Simmons 1675-1751
John Moring 1630-1697 Devon Co. England	+	Jane White 1640-1730

John was brought over by ship from England to Isle of Wight County, Colony of Virginia, in 1652 by Thomas Greenwood of Isle of Wight County.



Brutus Darwin Mooring and his brother James Arthur Mooring

Brutus about 11 years old, James about 7 years old;
probably around 1898



Brutus Darwin Mooring Sr.

Brutus about 14 years old.



**Brutus Darwin Mooring and
Lillie Jane Webber Mooring
Wedding Picture 1911**

Brutus 24 years old, and Lillie 19 years old

PUPILS.

Edith Holliday	Vinnie McKinney
Julia Mooring	William McKinney
John Mooring	Wiley McClendon
Gladys Garey	Gus McClendon
Allye Garey	Grat Baker
Blanche Proffitt	Inez Baker
Rado Proffitt	Fez Baker
Addie Proffitt	Aurora Baker
Pete Bullard	Cammie Baker
Clarence Bullard	Jesse Hall
Eula Bullard	Monroe Hall
Velma Bullard	Pearl Hall
Archie Mitchell	Beatrice Hall
Rosa Rushing	Alonzo Hall
Robert Rushing	Arnel Hines
Watts Rushing	Lena Hines
Cora Ginn	Vaughn West
Leonard Ginn	Rosebud West
Matty Wells	Verlie Bowles
Oscie Wells	Jake Rambo
Maude McKinney	

SOUVENIR



Whitton School,

MISSISSIPPI CO., ARK.

Term, 1911—1912.

Lilla Webber, Teacher.

TRUSTEES,

J. W. West,

E. K. Calvert,

W. W. Moore.

Lilla Jane Webber Mooring, Teacher

Some of the students Lilla taught were her and Brutus' family members.





Lilla Webber Mooring



Brutus Darwin and Lillie Mooring

BD and Lilla Jane Webber Mooring – Sunday Best

Shreveport LA about 1970



**Sarah , Billy Joe, Webber, Nina, Wilbur, Frank, Mary Virginia "May Gin", Thomas "Fred", Brutus Jr. (B.D), Francis Brutus Darwin Mooring and Lillie Jane Webber Mooring
1956 Last family reunion in Whitton before Brutus and Lillie moved to Shreveport.**



Brutus and Liilla's 50th Wedding Anniversary

1961 Shreveport LA

Brutus Darwin Mooring about 20 years old.





BD and Lilla Mooring Family



BD Mooring about 1950 Whitton AR Farm

BRUTUS DARWIN MOORING

Brutus Darwin Mooring

Born: Aug 12 1887 AR

Died: July 29 1971 Luling, LA

Brutus died at the home of his son Frank while visiting.

Father: **James Franklin** Mooring

Mother: Sarah Australia Trexler (Twin)

Married: Lilla Jane Webber b. Mar 23 1893 d. Oct 8 1972

Date: 1911

B.D. Sr. and Lilla are buried in Centuries Memorial Park Cemetery, Shreveport LA.

Lilla was grandmothers real name but many thought her name was Lillie.

Note: Grandchild Nancy Russell Blatchford writes about her grandparents:

I loved visiting Grandma & Granddad Mooring. We would go to church (Whitton Methodist) and when we got home, Grandma could be heard bustling around the kitchen with her apron and whistling church hymns.

No one could whistle like Grandma. So beautiful and melodic. She and Granddad were like "Mutt and Jeff". He was tall and thin and she was short and round. If there is one person in the world I think of as the most perfect, it would be Granddad. He was a gentle, soft spoken man. I don't know how far in school he went but he spoke like an educated man. He would tell me to read lots of books. We were taught to use good English. Being poor was no excuse. He loved children and we all loved him dearly. He never raised his voice or spanked us but we knew what the razor strap that hung in the bathroom was for. I love their big front porch swing. And the huge shade trees in the yard. Granddad had milk a cow that gave so much milk, she won a blue ribbon at the county fair. I was told her bag would get so full it would almost drag the ground at times. Grandma had a wooden milk churn and we would help her churn butter when we visited. My most precious memories are centered on Granddad and Grandma Mooring and the times I spent there.

Glenda Mooring Fanguy: I remember granddad saying, "Am bam bam" and singing "I love you, a bushel and a peck, a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck."

Brutus and Lilla Moorings' Children:

1. Sarah Mildred b. Jan. 11 1912 d. 1992

Married: 1930 Cloyce Russell

Children: 1. Patricia b. 1935 d. 2003 McAllen TX

Married: Dean Roberts

Children: 6 children

2. Bob

3. Mary Kay b. 1938 d. 2002

Child: Mitzi

4. Marian b. 1939 d. 2001

Married: Bill Meadows

Children: 3

5. Son

6. Nancy

Married: Lionel Blatchford

Children: 1. Patrick

2. Phillip

3. Russ

Married: Kristine

7. Son

8. Linda

9. Betty

10. Judy



Sarah Mildred Mooring



Wilbur, Sarah and Webber Mooring about 1919

2. James "Web" Webber b. Oct. 28 1914 d. Sept 5 1960

Married: Rosie Myrtle "Dollie" Elledge d. Oct. 2002

Dollie had 1 child before she married Webber named Lonnie?

Web died of a heart attack in Michigan and is buried in AR.

Moved from Tyronza to Michigan same year Sarah moved there.

Information comes from Grace Mooring and Larry Mooring, son of Web.

Children: 1. James "Jim" Jr.

2. Marilyn

Son named Scott

3. Nina Ruth? Is paralyzed from waist down from childhood polio

4.

Larry b. 1941

5. Joyce d. 2003 from a massive stroke



James Webber "Web" and Dollie Elledge Mooring

3. Wilbur Oliver b.Dec.19 1916 d. May 5 1992

Married: Emogene "Jean" Laymon d. Mar 5 2003

Both are buried in Centuries Memorial Park Cemetery, Shreveport, LA

Children: 1. Robert "Bob" L. Mooring –b. Nov 7 1947 d. Feb 14 1980

Bob never married and is buried in Centuries Memorial Park

(It snowed on the day he was buried – it was beautiful.)

2. Donald "Don" Mooring

(1) Married: Cindy

Children: 1.Brian Mooring

2. Scott Mooring

(2) Married: Karen

Child: 3. Leslie Mooring



Wilbur and Jean Mooring on their golden anniversary at their son Don's home.

4. Mary Virginia b .Jan 21 1919 d Oct 5, 2000
Married: Enos Collins – No children

“May Gin” died in Irving, TX while visiting with her brother Fred Mooring
She is buried in Lakewood Memorial Park Jackson, MS

Notes from niece Glenda Mooring Fanguy:

When Aunt May Gin had moved to Houma in 1999 she showed me her certificate from her high school where she was class Valedictorian of her high school graduating class. After gazing at the certificate and telling her how proud and excited I was of her, she gave a big laugh and said there were only about 7 others in her class.

I spent most of my evenings with her the last year she lived.

She was my comfort and I hope I was hers.

She was everyone’s favorite aunt and she loved all her family so much.

I have prayed many times that I could be like her, so calm, understanding, a gentle soul.

She loved Jesus and loved Christian music, so I bought a Carmen CD of old gospels songs for her. At night we would play them and she would sit in her chair with one leg stretched out onto the foot stool and the other leg draped over the arm of the chair and she would sway side to side in the chair with the biggest smile on her face as we sang to the old hymns together.

I miss her so very dearly. Looking back now when I think about her and I see her face I know I was seeing the love and grace of God looking back at me through those beautiful blue eyes.



Mary Virginia Mooring about 23 years old



Mary Virginia "May Gin" Mooring Collins about 1919



Enos and Mary Virginia Mooring Collins



Mary Virginia Mooring Collins 80 Birthday Jackson MS, Jan 1999

5. Brutus Darwin Jr. b. March 16 1921

In later years B.D. said that he found out that his name was just BD, not Brutus Darwin.

(1) Married: Mary Christina Strange b. Mar 14 1921 d. Oct 22 1981

Christina is buried in Centuries Memorial Park Cemetery, Shreveport, LA

Children: 1. Philip Mooring

2. Christy Mooring

Married: June 21 1969 John Lawrence

Child: 1. Dena

Married: Stewart Rose

Children: 1. Ella

2. Christa

3. Cameron

3. Steven Mooring

Married: Mary Jo

Child: 1. Robin

Married: Keith

Child: 1. Max



B D Mooring Jr.

6. Francis Marion b. Sept 8 1923 d. Nov 2007
(2) Married: Bob McElwee

Children: 1. Walt "Mack" McDaniels
Married: Doran
Child 1. Chris
Children: 1. Jackson
2 . Gabriella
2. Bill McDaniels



Francis Marion Mooring about about 1924



Francis Marion Mooring about 19 years old

7. Thomas Fredric b. Sept 28 1924 d. 2002

Married: Wanda Grace Bullard b. Aug. 26, 1924 Whitton AR d. June 1 2008 Farmers Branch TX

Children: 1. Donna Lynn b. Jan 4 1950 Dyess AR

Married: Dec 18 1971; Feb 14 1983 Divorced

(1) Mark Gardner Snyder

Children: 1. Jeremy Mark Snyder b. Jan 22 1976 Dallas TX

2. Jason Gardner Snyder b. Mar 4 1978 Dallas TX

3. Jessica Mooring Snyder b. July 5 1979 Dallas TX

Child: Kyla

(2) Married: Feb 23 1985 Phil Bruce Lively

2. Wanda

Married: Kent McMahan

Children: 1. Patrick

2. Michael

3. Erin

Child: Kaitlyn

3. Tommie Sue b. Nov 12 1957 McKinney TX.

Married: Dec 31 1985

Daniel Davis Randall b. June 23 1959 Durango CO

Children: 1. Sarah Renee Randall b. Jun 3 1987 Carrollton TX

2. Scott Thomas Randall b. Dec 15 1989 Carrollton TX

4. Mark

Married: Lisa

Children: 1. Shane

2. Alex

5. Mary Jane b. Nov 21 1960

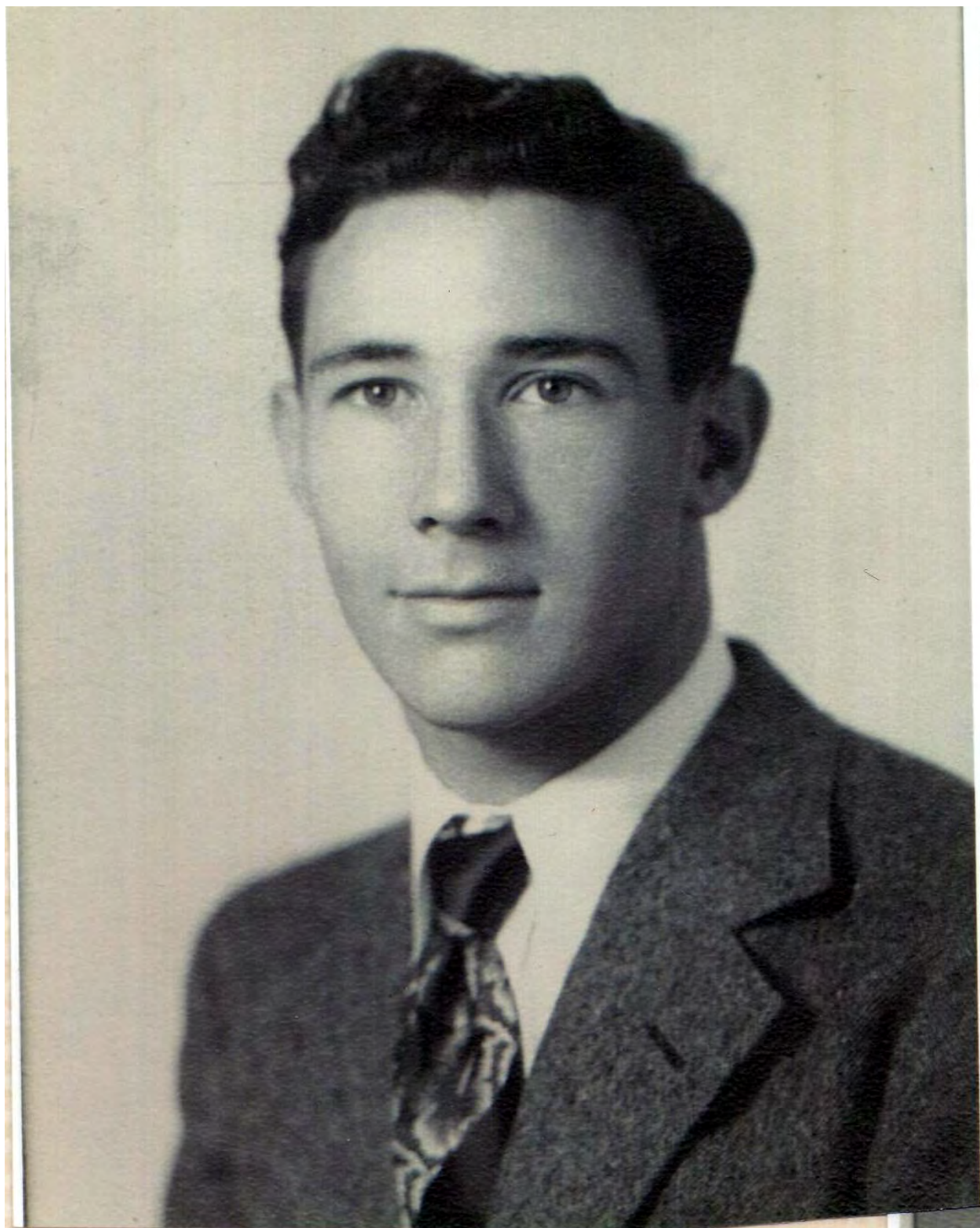
Married: Jan 31 1998 Gary Allen Miklos

Children: 1. Simon Maxwell Miklos b. Dec 2 1998

2. April Renee Miklos b. Jan 18 2000

8. Arthur Franklin "Frank" b. Jan 6 1929 d. June 4 1997
Married: Mar 1 1954 Patricia Boyd Stewart b. Oct 4 1931 d. Dec. 24, 2004
Both died in Houma LA.

Child: James "Jim" Arthur b. May 21 1956
Married: Jul 31 1982 Katherine Marie Eastin b. July 25 1961
Parents: David Jerry Eastin b. 1942
Carolyn Patricia Amstutz Dishman b. Sep 13 1942.
Children: 1. Katherine Patricia "Katie Bell" b. Mar 4 1984
2. Hannah Karolina b. Oct 16 1998



Arthur Franklin "Frank" Mooring

9. Nina Jean b. Jan 18 1931 d. Jan 30, 1988
Married: Jul 3 1957 Richard Aaron Myers
Nina is buried in Garden of Memories in Houma, LA

Children: 1. Richard "Rick" Darwin Myers b Mar 10 1958
Married: Nov.6 1979 Cindy Rene Nix
Children: 1. Jennifer Michelle Myers b. June 6 1983
2. Casey Ryan Myers b. Jan 20 1986

2. Laura Kathryn Myers b. Apr 23 1959
Married: Jun 16 1984 Patrick David Conrad b. Mar 13 1958
Children: 1. Jessica Danielle b. Feb 16 1986
2. Patricia Nina b. Apr 13 1988
3. Madeline Jane b. Oct 24 1990
4. Alexander James b. Oct 10 1999

3. Michael "Mike" Jarvis Myers b. Aug 12 1960
Married: Apr 22 1989 Lynn Ann Arsena b. Mar 13 1965
Married: First Methodist Church of Houma
Children: 1. Sam Aaron b. Aug 8 1994
2. Molly Ann b. Sept 8 2000

4. Tena Jean Myers b. Mar 14 1962
Married: Feb12 1982 Randy Gene Manning b. July 3 1962
Children: 1. Joshua Randall Manning b. Aug 19 1982
2. Carrie Elizabeth Manning b. Nov 4 1985



The four Mooring daughters on the Mooring Farm about 1955
Sarah, Mary Virginia, Francis, and Nina



Frank, Billy Joe and Nina Mooring about 1936

10. Melba Jane b.May 1933 died in the winter of 1934 and is buried in Whitton Cemetery



11. Billy Joe b. Oct 31 1935 d. Nov 25 1997
Married: Apr 24 1955 Rachel Irene Rounsavall b. April 14 1937 d. March 17 1999
Both Bill and Rachel were cremated and their ashes sprinkled in
Madison Canal in Montegut LA. where their fishing camp is located.

Children: 1. Billy Joe Jr. b. Nov 9 1955
Married: Apr 21 1978 Sylvinita Buller b. June 5 1960
Children: 1. Stefanny Jo b. Oct 21 1978
Married: Sept. 14 2002 Jamie John Chaisson b. Feb 22 1976
Children: 1. Sylver Persephone b. Feb 17 2004
2. Paegan Hypatia b. Feb 20 2005
2. Brandon Jo b. May 25 1980
3. Kristopher David b. April 4 1982

2. Glenda Joy b. Sept 18 1957
Married: July 21 1978 Guy Paul Fanguy b. Mar 5 1956
Children: 1. Rebecca Lee b. July 23 1981
Married: May 30 2003 Larry Scott Saltee b. April 21 1978
Children: 1. Katherine Grace Saltee b. Feb 22 2007
2. Jesse Guy b. Mar 31 1984
Child: 1. David Michael Fanguy b. May 20 2006 d. May 20 2006
3. Kenneth Jon Mooring b. Dec 15 1966

Lilla had 2 miscarriages after Billy Joe

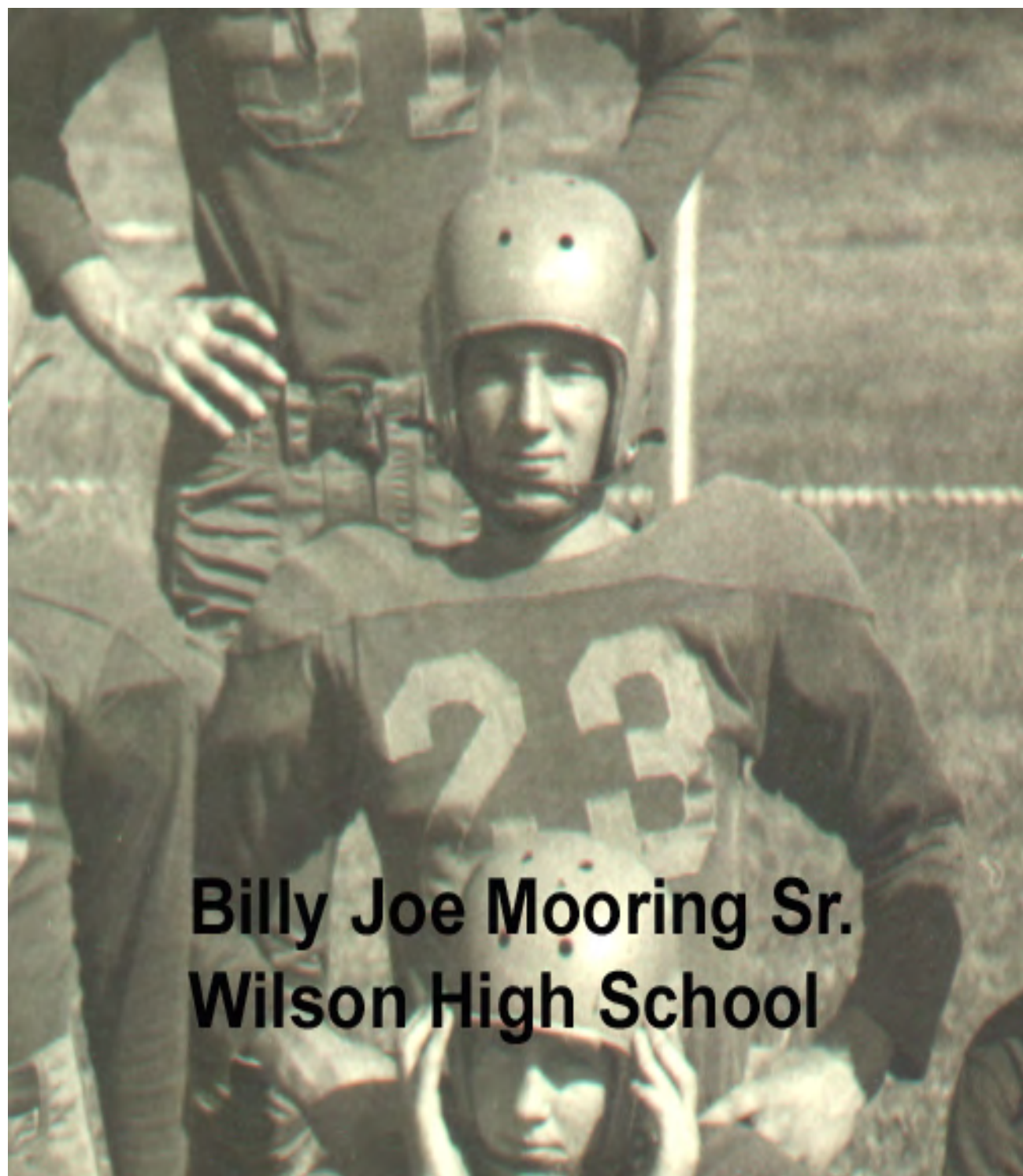


SCHOOL DAYS 1946-'47
Whitten

Billy Joe Mooring Sr.
Abt 12 yrs old



Billy Joe Mooring Sr. Abt 17 yrs old



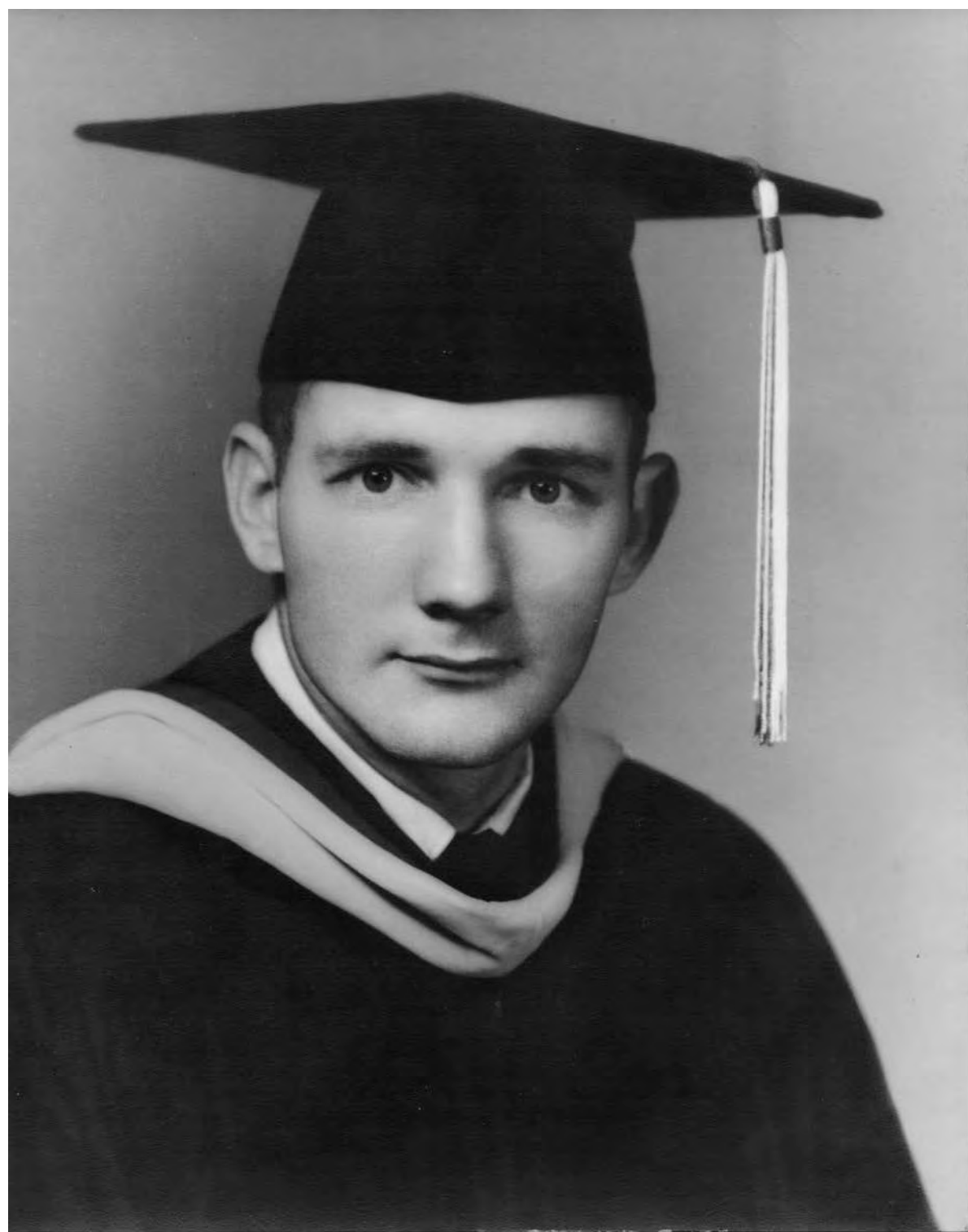
Billy Joe Mooring Sr.
Wilson High School



Bill and Rachel Rounsavall Mooring Wedding Photo 1955



Billy Joe Mooring Sr. 1955



Billy Joe Mooring
1962 Palmer College of Chiropractic



Billy Joe, Rachel, Glenda Joy Mooring Palmer Graduation Family Photo
Mom had hand sewn our dresses for dad's graduation.

Bill & Rachel Mooring



abt 1989



Billy Joe Mooring the youngest sibling with
Sarah Mildred Mooring Russell the oldest sibling.
Mardi Gras party in Houma LA about 1985.

Brutus Darwin Moorings' Father

James Franklin Mooring

Born: Oct 18 1849 TN

Died: Oct 15 1908 Miss. Co. AR Buried in Dead Timber Cemetery Whitton, AR.

Father: **Dr. John Ellis** Mooring

Mother: (2) Nancy Diffie

Married: Sarah Australia Trexler b. Feb 5 1868 d. July 30 1940

She was b. Cross Co. AR d. Tyronza AR. Her parents were Joseph A. Trexler and Ellen Rowe.

They are buried in Whitton Cemetery, AR



James Franklin Mooring
Oct. 18, 1849 - Oct. 15, 1905

James Franklin Mooring died 1908

This was written by the son of John C. and Nancy Mooring. 765
 June 18th 1870
 Emory, Rains Co Tex
 Dear Aunt
 after a compliment
 Nothing grieved me more than
 to hear of Dear Uncle Deth
 I even quite small when I saw
 him last my hopes of seeing
 him this fall is blusted I inten
 to visit you all this fall if nothin
 happens I have nothing that I can
 write that is interesting to you
 we have the finest crop in
 this country that ever
 been known Our health is good
 at presant you will please
 write soon to inform us how
 you are getting on and please
 send me the address of Uncle
 Alfred & Enoch in Ark - Deth is now
 give my respects to all the Relations
 Your Nept Until
 James F Mooring
 I suppose you
 were aware
 of the cause of
 the death
 of the
 mothers

Letter written from James F Mooring to his aunt (Elijah Diffie widow).

June 18th 1870 Emory, Rains Co Tex.

Dear Aunt.....after a compliment. Nothing grieved me more than to hear of Dear Uncle Deth.

I even quite small when I saw him last my hopes of seeing him this fall is blusted. I inten to visit you all this fall if nothin happens. I have nothing that I can write that is interesting to you. We

have the finest crope in the contry that ever been known. Our helth is good at present. You will please write soon to inform us how you are getting on and please send me the address of Uncle Alfred & Enoch in Ark = Nothing more, give my respects to all the relations. Your Neph Until,
James F. Mooring

Side letter reads: ___ suppose you ___ were aware that the consumt was the cause of Mothers deth.

Sarah Austrailia Trexler Mooring
Wife of James Franklin Mooring



James and Sarah Moorings' Children

Children: 1. **Katie Bell** b. Dec. 1886 d. 1948

Married: John Augustus McClendon Sr. b. 1882 in Marianna, Lee CO., AK d. 1952
Son of Dr. Joel Wiley McClendon & Rebecca Jane Wall.

Katie is buried in Whitton Cemetery.

Children: 1. John D. b. Nov. 6 1905 d. Nov. 9 1905

2. Thelma Tolise b. May 8 1907 b. May 24 1997

3. Thomas "Tom" b. abt. 1910

4. Franklin "Frank" b. Dec 7 1914 b. Nov 1979

* John divorced Katie and in 1944 married Gypsy Estelle Sulcer b. 1914 and
had two children:

1. John Augustus McClendon Jr. b. 1946 Married: Pam

2. Betsy

(this info * comes from Pam who contacted Glenda Mooring Fanguy)

2. **Brutus Darwin** b. Aug 1887 d. July 29, 1971

Married: Lilla Webber

3. **James Arthur** b. Dec. 1891 d. 1953

Married: Virginia B. Webber b. 1893 sister of Lilla Webber

4. **Julia Ellen** b. Dec. 22, 1899 d. 1980

Married: Frank Bruce Dean b. 1898 d. 1978

Julia is buried in Dead Timber Cemetery Whittton, AR

5. **John Ellis** b. Sept. 5, 1903 d. Jan 5, 1968 Marshallville, GA

Married: Amelda Hubbard Dean b. Feb 6 1903 d. June 13 1976

Sister of Frank Dean



Katie Bell Mooring McClendon
Daughter of James Franklin and
Sarah A. Trexler Mooring

Sister of Brutus Darwin Mooring



Buried in Dead Timber Cemetery, Whitton AR

Julia Mooring Dean Graves stone Buried in Dead Timber cemetery, Whitton AR

Julia collected most all of the information about the Mooring Family. She lived and died trying to find our link back to John Mooring from England.

1900 Census Mississippi County AR Whitten Township						
James F. Mooring	1849	50	TN	NC	NC	Cattle Driver
Sarah A.	1868	32	AR	TN	TN	
Katie B.	1886	13	AR	TN	AR	Servant
Brutus D.	1887	12	AR	TN	AR	At School
James A.	1891	8	AR	TN	AR	
Julia	1899	5/12	AR	TN	AR	

Note: Info provided by B.D. Mooring Jr.:

James owned a lot of land in Mississippi County AR. How he acquired it is unknown, probably homesteading and other means. I suspect that he gambled. He was a heavy drinker they say. When my father B.D. Sr. was eighteen years old his dad, James rode by horseback to Gilmore, AR with a young man whose name was Burt Gooth. My granddad Mooring and his wife Sally Trexler Mooring had adopted Burt Gooth. Don't know if it was a legal adoption or if they "just took him in". Anyway he and granddad evidently were drinking partners. On this occasion they had been on a big "binge". On their way home, both being drink, they got into an argument. The story was that granddad threatened Burt with his rifle and Burt whipped out a pistol and shot granddad off his horse. My father, who at that time was eighteen years old and the oldest male in the family took over the operation of the farm and ran it for a time.

Note: Katie Bell Mooring was the most colorful of the Moorings. She cursed like a sailor, would kick any man's butt who needed it, and wasn't past taking a nip for her health. And she drove her old pick-up as fast as it would go on those gravel roads. And work! She could pitch hay, drive a tractor, bulldog a hog or yearling, and split wood with the best of them. Everybody in Whitten was afraid of her, including her husband, Uncle Gus. She got wind one time that Gus was keeping up a woman at the Crow farm, about a mile away. She went down there with a pistol, helped that old girl pack her bags, took her to a crossroads, and told her to be on the next bus to Memphis or she would shortly be attending her own funeral. Then she went home and told Uncle Gus that if he wanted to be famous, then just keep seeing other women and she would make him the only ball-less farmer in Mississippi County. An era died with her.

James Franklin Moorings' Father

John Ellis Mooring

Born: Dec. 24 1815 NC

Died: July 2 1886 TX Point TX Lone Star Cemetery

NOTE: PVT Surgeon CO F. 1 Texas CAV CSA buried in Point TX

Info comes from his headstone. First Calvary Regiment, Texas State Troops, Co. R., C.S.A. He also had several sons that were Confederate soldiers.

Father: Benjamin Mooring

Mother: NA

(1) Married: Matilda Johns b. aft. 1810 TN d. 1840 Lexington TN

Children: 1. **William Ellis** b. 1838 Henderson TN

2. **Sarah Ann** b. Dec. 13 1839 Lexington TN

Married: 1860 John Gilmore b Aug 1 1831 VA d. Sep 8 1888 while
visiting in Texas

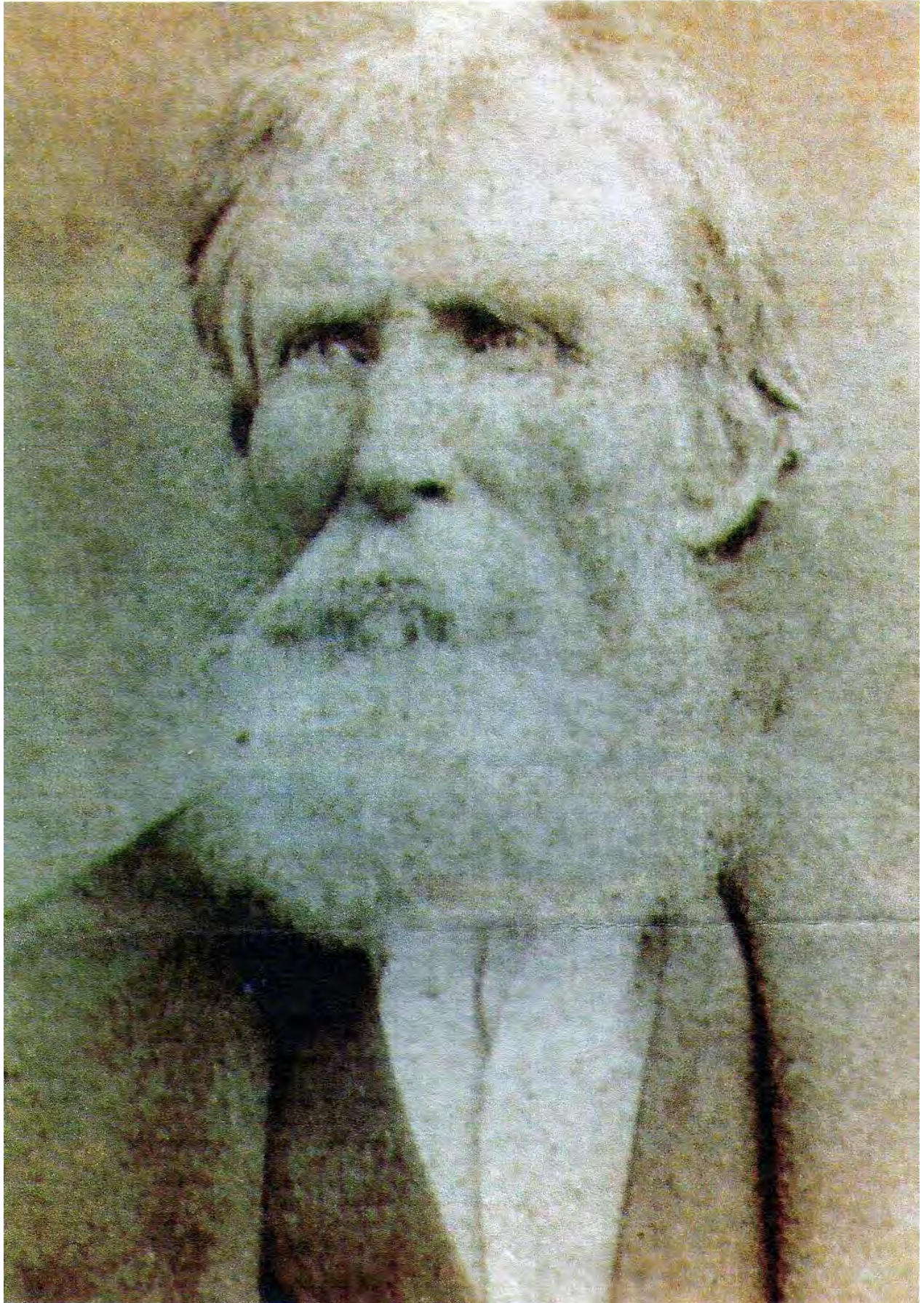
Children: John Q. and Kimmie.

John Gilmore's gravestone is listed as John Gilmer in Point, TX. Sarah and John lived in Gilmore AR. named after him. John's parents moved from Virginia to Missouri when he was a small boy, and he was mostly reared in the latter State, coming to this county when yet single. John was a pioneer settler in this county in early days. A successful raftsmen, a famous bear hunter, a prosperous and prominent man, whom everybody liked, he was the largest stock raiser in this county, a man of sterling integrity, who did all that he could to promote the interest of his country and the community in which he lived. He was a loving husband, and indulgent father, and a kind and considerate neighbor. His father, James Gilmore, spent the latter part of his life with his son at his Arkansas home. At the time of Mr. Gilmore's death he owned about 2,500 acres of land and 800 head of cattle, Mrs. Gilmore has now about the same amount of land and stock. She resides on the old homestead, at Gilmore, a station on the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Missouri Railway, with her two children. Mrs. Gilmore is a true Christian woman, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. – Biographical Sketches of Eastern Arkansas.

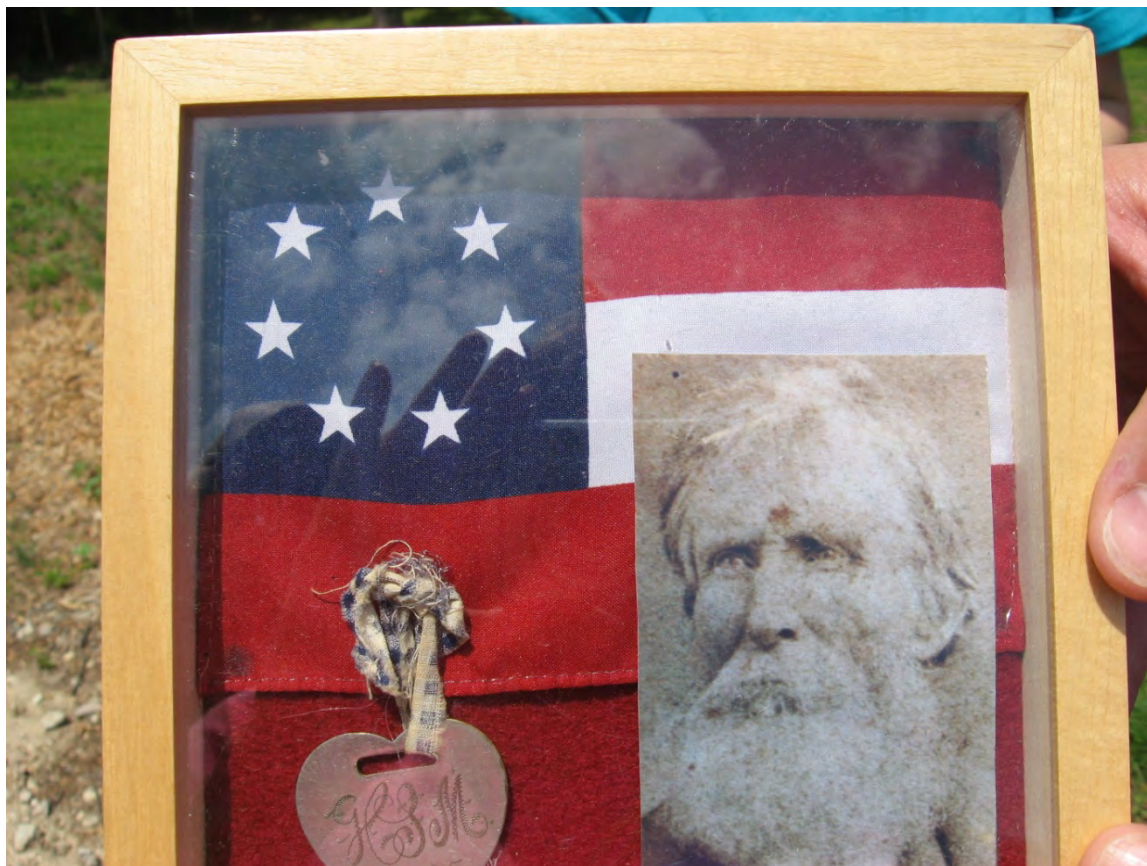


John Ellis Mooring, grandfather of

Brutus Darwin Mooring Sr.
Photo provided by Don Majors



John Ellis Mooring, Photo provided by Don Majors, descendent from John's
third wife Easter Jane Rogers Dixon Mooring



Don Majors was given this engraved charm of John Ellis Mooring from John's great-grand daughter Ella Mae Mooring Noles.

Postcard
 7/2/86
 Dear James
 I have just died
 this morning at 10 O'Clock
 E. Addison Sweepston

Dr. John Ellis Mooring

This picture was made
 in a Memphis, Tenn. Studio



Zerox copy of two death
 message to James F. Mooring
 from Addison Sweepston
 (a brother-in-law of another
 brother-in-law, and the death

Postcard
 Sept 17. 85

Dear Mr. Simpson died
 here the 8th & Mrs. Simpson
 wants you to come & go home
 with her & attend to her affairs
soon come if you can possibly
 do so
 Yours etc
 E. Addison Sweepston

Post cards that were sent to James Mooring from his brother-in-law E. Addison Sweepston. These copies of postcards and picture of John Ellis came from Julia Mooring Dean who was in search of her

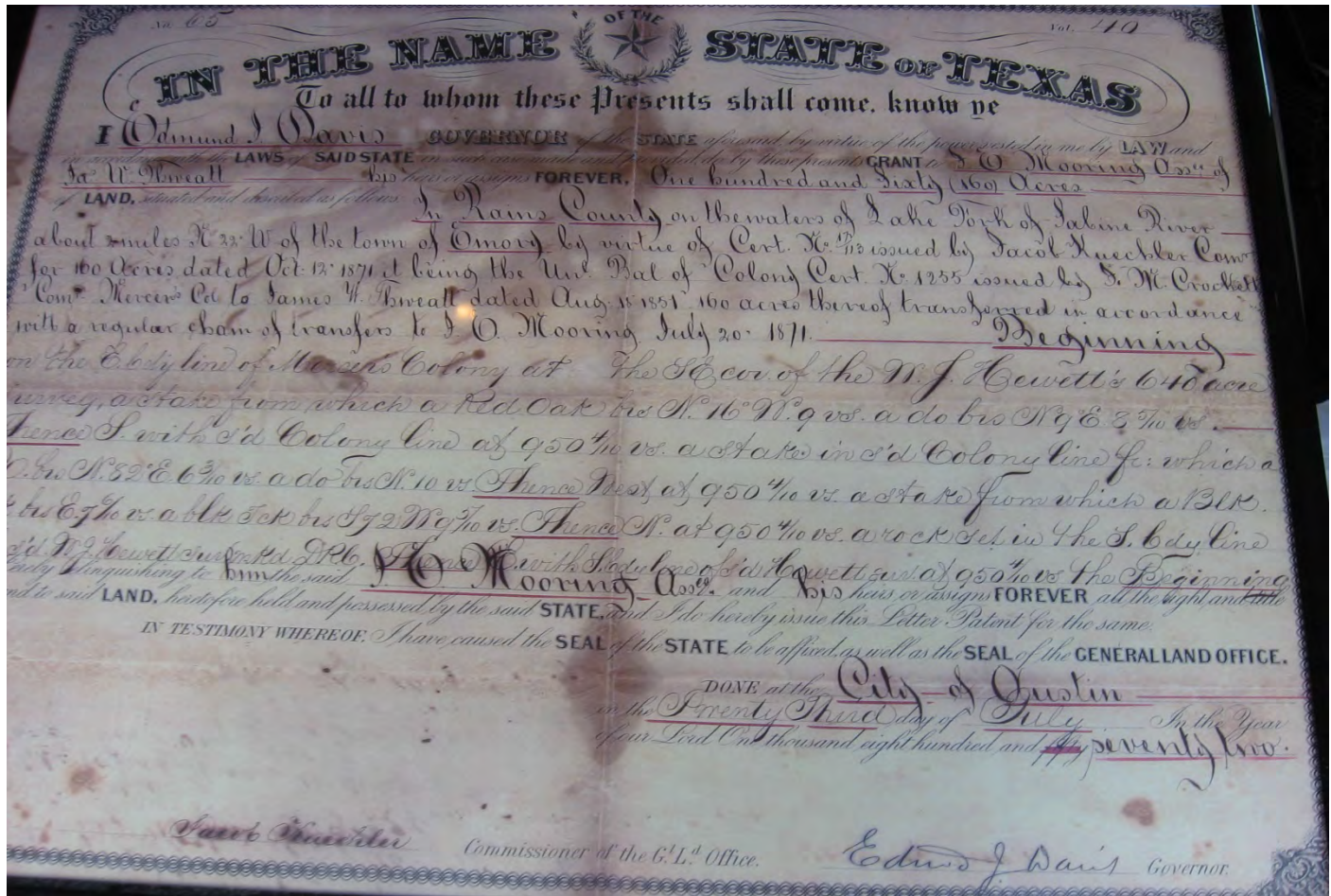
family lineage for many years.

Point TX 7/2/88 Dear James, Your Pa died this morning at 10 O'C. from Bro Addison

Point TX Sept. 10 '83 Dear Jim, Mr. Gilmore died here the 8th and Mrs. Gilmore wants you to come and go home with her to attend to her affairs. _____ come if you can possibly do so. Yours ____ E. A. Swebston.



John Gilmore, husband of Sarah Mooring, daughter of John Ellis Mooring and his first wife Matilda Johns. Sarah and John lived in Gilmore Arkansas, a town named after him. The name Gilmer on the headstone should have read Gilmore. It was misspelled and is noted by Julia Mooring Dean during her research.



John Ellis Moorings Deed to his land.

John donated the land for the Lone Star Cemetery in Point TX. and also the land for the Methodist church in Point TX. Ella Mae Mooring Noles granddaughter of John Ellis and Easter Jane played the organ for this church up until the time that she passed away in 2006.



Point Texas, Long Star Cemetery. The original grave stone of John Ellis Mooring.
2008 Jim Mooring, Tena Myers Manning, Glenda Mooring Fanguy, Kenneth Mooring.
Great-great grandchildren of John Ellis Mooring from his son James Mooring.



New Grave stone of John Ellis Mooring. New headstone was ordered and set with a ceremony by Rev. Don Major, great- great grandson of John Ellis.

Don is a member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans in Tyler, Texas.



Another photo of the old stone of John Ellis Mooring.

(2) Married: 1844 Nancy Diffie b. May 29 1823 NC d. 1865 AR?

Nancy's parents were William Diffie, died Oct. 12 1858, and Susannah Diffie, died July 25, 1846. This was recorded in Henderson Co. TN

Children: 3. **John W.** b. July 20 1849 d. before 1850 Census Henderson TN

4. **Stephen H.** b. Jan. 4 1847 d. before 1850 Census

5. **James Franklin** b. Oct 18 1847 TN d. 1908

6. **Susan** b. May 14 1850 Henderson TN

7. **Nancy** b. July 12 1852 Point TX d. May 21 1891 Mason TX

Married Lewis Douglas Cain b. Apr 6 1842 Harrison TX

8. **Mary & Mattie** (Twins) b. Nov 28 1854 Lexington, Henderson TN

Mary died Jan 23 1891.

Mary married Elmer Addison Swepston. He sent a letter to James Franklin about the death of his brother-in-law John Gilmore and James' father, John Ellis.

Mattie died Jan 10 1933 Cert. Of Death listed her as single and a housekeeper.

Foster Mooring was the person who gave information on the death cert.

She died of Acute Endocarditis. She is buried at Lone Star Cemetery. Point, TX.

9. **Frances "Fanny" Parlef** b. March 27 1857 TN died April 1942 Hobbs NM.

Married James Isaac Hobbs. They founded Hobbs NM.

10. **Julia** b. Sept 7 1859 TN died Sept 28 1861 Tyronza AR near Gilmore.

11. **Kate (Katherine)** b. Jan 14 1862 Crittenden Co. AR Married Edward

Benton Davis in Rains Co. TX d. 1945



Daughter of John Ellis and Nancy Diffee. She was married to Addison Swebston.

this was the first we knew
John E. Mooring ^{had} been in
Arkansas -

716.22
Tyrone, Crittenden Co., Ark.
October 17 A.D. 1861

Dear Brother Eli

Your kind letter of date the 7th inst
came to hand today, we are glad to hear that
your health is again good, our health is not
very good most of our family has been attacked
by the Chills & fever, and yet we are far from be-
ing healthy scarcely a day passes without some
one of us having chills, but chills may be
home with and health return, but from the
grave there is no return, with sorrow we relate
and inform you of the death of our youngest
daughter Julia who died of Congestion of the liver
on the 28 of last month that the hand of God
has visited us the health of the neighborhood
is not very good, chills being the principal
trouble. As regard to Col. E. J. Hall
and the power of Attorney, you may dispose of
them as best suit your Mutual convenience
for we have nothing to do in the matter yet
in the mean time would be glad to hear of
Mr. Hall's promotion to Colonelship or even
to a higher office. When you write which
we hope you will do upon receipt of this
please tell us when E. J. Hall is coming back

Letter from John and Nancy Diffie Mooring to her brother Eli. October 17, 1861.
Tells of the death of daughter Julia who died on September 28th 1861.

to Tyronga, as it is of interest for me know
you will please give us the particulars and
incidents of your camp life, for by this time you
have seen some of a Soldier's trials and life

Tell us particularly how long you expect to
remain at Camp Trenton and if you move
to another station tell us of it so that we may
be able to communicate with you.

Give our Compliments to Col Hall tell
him that Mr Mosey who lived upon his place
is dead and his widow married to Green McDaniel
and so also is Mdm.

* Another one to Mr Hood dead and was
buried to day.

The crops are very good every-
thing abundant, please Receive this as an
apology for a letter and think of yours,
John L. E. & W. Mooring

* This Madam Divers was sister in law to Hood

A Note on verso of page 2
written by Eli to Eliezer Diffie
living in Henderson Co. Tenn
near Jackson, Tenn.

No. 3

Cyrouza Ark Jan. 3. 1862

Kind Brother, We are all well for the first time
in nine months. None of the children have had
a chill today. Your kind letter we rec'd some
a few days since and are glad to hear that your
health is good and thankful to understand that
you have Columbus so well fortified, it is a source
of pleasure to know that you are in a good condition
to repel the Northern forces. It somewhat sur-
prises me that you did not inform me of Mr
Edwin Hall of whom I wrote to you so pointedly.
If Mr Hall is nigh you please tell him that
his absence from Court has placed me in an awk-
ward predicament. But I believe, I will be able
to prevent costs being incurred for the past absence
from Court but by next Court (which will be early in
May next) it will be indispensibly necessary that
he should make his appearance. As it is of impor-
tance to me - owing to the Bond I'm under for his apper-
ance in court, you will please not neglect or fail to
inform me where Mr Hall is, and give me all the
information concerning him you possibly can,
as soon as you receive this if you be remiss it may
cost me the face of the Bond which is \$2000

Letter from John and Nancy Diffie Mooring to her brother Eli who was in a Camp in the Civil war.

so please don't fail, but write immediately,

We have to go to the county seat to drill
once a week, for three weeks, last Saturday
some of the Militia got drunk and unluckily
in the evening a by the name of Betts stabbed
another by the name of Chapman they both lived
in or about Marion, Chapman shot & killed Betts
and then Betts stabbed him & killed him

Please write in haste and give us the
news of your Camp life & C, likewise of Mr.
E. J. Hall, and by so doing you will highly
oblige your Brother & Sister.

(By Julia Mooring, Dec. Jan. 1870 - John & Nancy Mooring.)

Eli wrote this note with a pencil it wouldn't reproduce, & copied
over it

I received this of John Mooring

Since I came to Camp

I did not think to send sooner

this will only let you know
that they are all well there is so many
false reports about Nashville. I
replied out what I wrote in my letter.
write to me & send it by some body

Feb. 23 1862

E. C. Diffie

February 25th

— we are now in Wood's
Brigade they have him reforming the Brigade
Banning has command over his Regt.

Last part of letter if from Nancy Diffie Mooring's brother Eli responded back
To her letter about the camp conditions during the Civil War.

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Tyronza Township Grafton Co. N.H.
Feb. 23, 1862

Dear and Kind Brother,

Our health is good at present, and has been since last fall. We have another fine daughter, she is now some six weeks old.

Our children are growing finely, and going to school every day. As soon as you receive this letter, We wish you to reply and tell us if you know whether Brother John has moved back to your place, or if you know where he is. We have not heard from him since the sale of the Land, which is upward of a year since.

Did Brother John buy the land himself or not, we would like to know, as I know nothing about it. Also tell us if you know where Edwin S. Hall is or if he is in that Country.

Please tell us how all our friends are in that locality particularly Monce Moses Duffee.

Also tell us you have heard from Eli lately. We heard from about six weeks ago, he was at Columbus and in good health at that time.

Tell us if you have heard from Wm. Spencer lately and give us such information of him as you can. Hoping this may find you in good health, as it leaves us, we will bid you good bye for the present.

John & Nancy Mooring

Letter from John and Nancy Duffee Mooring to her brother Elijah. Also mentions the birth of their daughter Kate.

(3) Married: Easter Jane Rogers Dixon (Dickson) (E.J.) b. Feb 6 1839 AR d. May 4 1911. Married in 1865 in Hunt Co. TX . Buried in Lone Star Cemetery, Point TX. There were 8 children from this marriage with John Ellis. E.J.'s parents were both listed born in NC. Her mother was Temperance Anderson Rodgers (Rogers) Coffey (Coffee). E.J. had a daughter with her first husband William A. Dixon whose named was Martha Dixon Tolbert. Both Temperance and Martha are buried near E J in Rains TX.

- Children: 12. **Matilda "Tilda" Eleana** b. April 16 1866 d. Nov 22 1899 Texas
Married W. R. Alfred
13. **Henry** 1867 TX 1870 Census. He may also be called Thomas
14. **John** b. June 1870
15. **Jessie Gilbert** b. June 26 1870 Rains Co. d.Oct. 1947
Married Martha Aldora (Dora) Huff
children: Rilla b. 1901
Jessie b. 1898
Arnold 1903
16. **Thomas Walter** b. Dec 1872
17. **Mark Mill Pumaroy** b. Feb. 17 1873 TX
18. **Hubert S.** b. Nov 27 1874 d. Mar 1940 Point TX.
19. **Arthur Q.** b. Feb 4 1879 d. Dec 4 1902 Point TX.

Note: From letter dated 1927 to Sarah Trexler Mooring, it stated that Dr. John E. Mooring was married 1844 to Nancy Diffie b. May 29, 1823 NC.



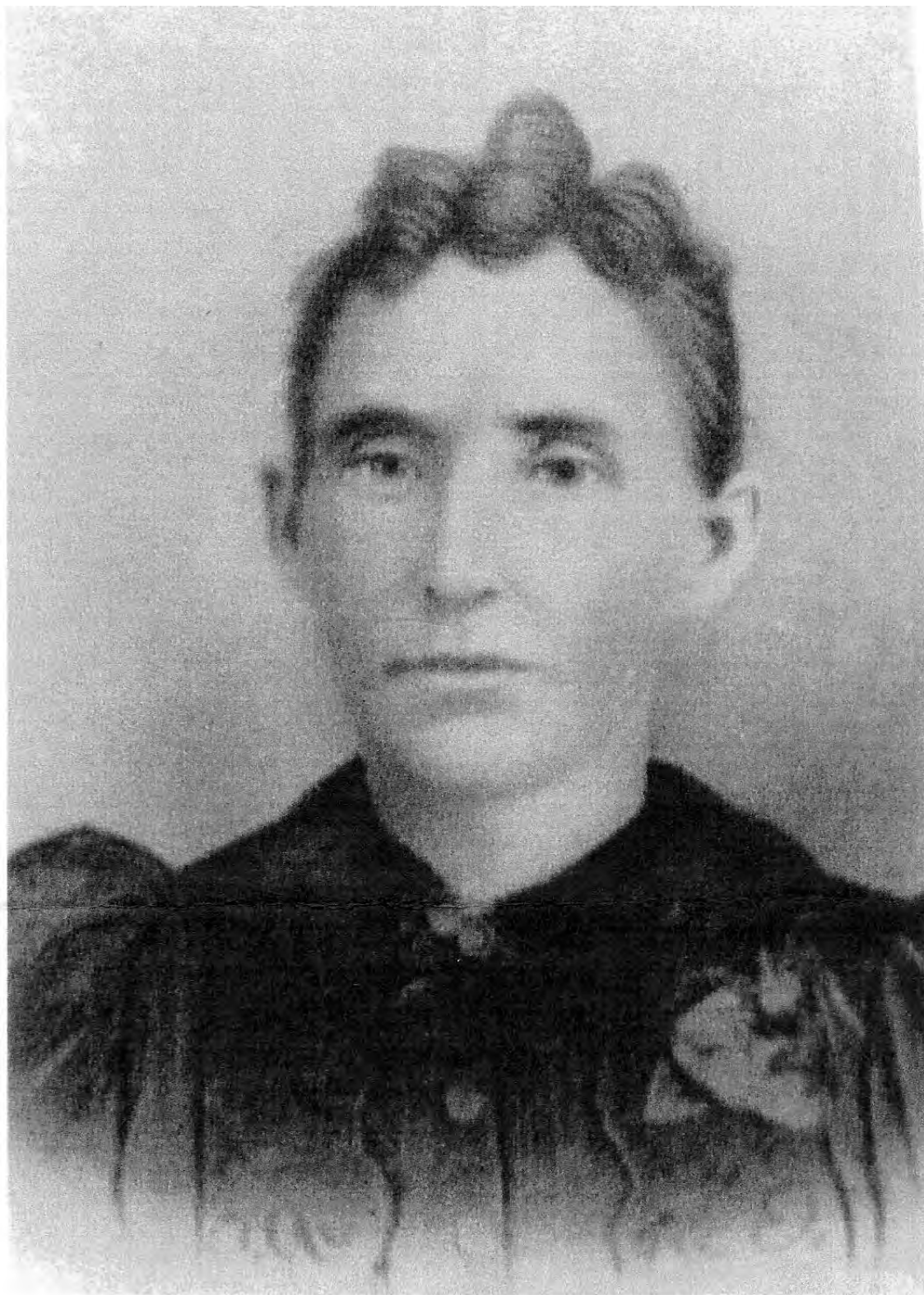
Easter Jane Rogers Dixon Mooring, third wife of John Ellis Mooring



E. J. Mooring, third wife of John Ellis Mooring



E. J Mooring's mother, Temperance Anderson Rodgers (Rogers) Coffey (Coffee) headstone.



Matilda "Tilda" Eleana Evelyn Mooring Alfred
Daughter of John Ellis Mooring and his third wife Easter Jane Mooring



Arthur Q. Mooring son of John Ellis and E. J. Mooring

1850 Census Henderson TN John E. list family as:

John E	36	Farmer	(1814)
Nancy	28		(1822)
William	12		(1838)
Sarah A.	10		(1840)
James	1		(1849)
Susan	4/12		(1850)

1870 Aug 23 Census Place Precinct 4, Hunt Texas; Roll: M593<1593 Page 380 Image 148 Long Oak Post Office

Jno E Mourning (Mooring) 54, MD owned \$1500 land, \$2400 personal wealth, b. NC
E Jane, 31 LA

James 20? TN

Susan, 21 TN

Nancy, 19 TN

Mary, 17 TN

Martha, 15 TN

Fanny, 12 TN

Katherine, 10, AR

Matilda, 4 TX

...? Male, 2 months, born Feb 1870... possibly Jesse?

Henry, 2, TX

Martha Dixon, ? TX

Temperance Coffee, 56, ?

In 1870 John Ellis owned property in Hunt county TX. This part of Hunt was possibly taken to form Rains County in 1870 as some of Hunt county was used.

John Ellis gave land for the Lone Star Church and Cemetery. Published in "Rains County Leader, 1939" – Lone Star – 3 miles north of Point... Dr. Mooring gave land for the Lone Star church and cemetery.

1880 Census John and E.J. are listed with the following children:

J.E. Mooring 1816 Male 64 NC Physician NC NC

E. J. Mooring Wife 1839 41 AR TN TN

Mattie 21 b TN at home daughter - both parents listed born in NC (1859)

Kate 17 in school daughter - both parents listed born in NC (1863)

M 14 in school daughter parents listed born in NC and Ark (1866)

Thos. Son 12 (1868)

Jesse 9 in school son " (1871)

M.R. 8 in school son " (1872)

H 5 son " (1875)

A 1 son " (1879)

J. Killman Other 18 KY Farm Laborer KY KY

1900 Census Place: Justice Precinct 4 Rains, Texas Roll T623 Page 16B Enumeration District 78

Mooring, Jane E. Head of House born in Texas can't read parents entry. Widow, mother of 8 living children of 9, record lists her place of birth as Texas, and parents TX, father's place of birth listed as AR.

Hub S. 11/1873 son 26 Farmer born in TX parents ARK and TX

Arthur Q 2/1879 son 21 Farmer born TX parents ARK and TX

Earl J. Alfred, grandson, 7/1887, TX mother TX

Joseph W. Alfred, grandson, 11/1886

Zadie F. Alfred, granddaughter 1/1890

Omar? B Alfred, granddaughter 10/1894

...Alfred childrens' father from LA per census.

John Ellis Mooring moved to Henderson Co TN where he married Matilda Johns.

He then moved to Lexington TN and then to Memphis in the mid 1850's.

They lived in Memphis for a short time then moved to Tyronza Crittenden Co AR where they lived for a few years and then moved to Rains Co. TX.

In 1848 John joined the Masonic Lodge 64 Constintine, in Lexington.

On Dec. 27, 1870 John joined the Mars Hill Masonic Lodge 293 as noted by Thomas M. Allred, Secretary.

It is said that John's son James took Johns' place during the war while John took care of his ill wife Nancy. When James returned, I assume on leave, he found that his mother Nancy had died and his father had married the housekeeper Easter Jane. There was a falling out between the two. I mentioned this to a distant relative from John's third wife, Don Majors, and he said he had heard the same story.

John Ellis Moorings' Father

Benjamin Mooring

Born: abt 1790 Lexington, Henderson Co., NC

Died: 1845?

Father: ***Burwell Mooring***

Mother: Patience West

Married: 1810?

Children: 1. John Ellis Mooring

1820 Census of North Carolina, Greene County

Mourning Benj. 4 m. un/10 2 f. 10/16

 1 m. 26/45 1 f. 26/45

Benjamin Moorings' Father

Burwell Mooring

Born: ca.1753 or 1745 Wayne Co. NC

Died: abt. 1815/16 Wayne Co. NC

Father: **John Mooring II**

Mother: Anne Burwell

Married: Patience West b.1753? Craven/Johnson NC d. 1803 in
Button Branch Wayne Co. NC

Married: abt 1763 in Johnston Co., North Carolina

Her parents were Robert West b. abt 1720 in NC and Susannah b. abt 1725 in Craven/Johnston
NC.

Children: 1. **Nancy** d. Aug 8 1805 Married: 1796 William Exum b. Oct. 4 1770
son of Col. Benjamin and Martha Exum.

2. **John** b. abt 1764 NC

3. **Benjamin** b. abt 1770 NC

4. **Henry** b. abt 1772 Glasglow/Greene Co. NC.

Married: July 14 1789 Betsey Loftin Fort

5. **James** b. abt 1774 Wayne Co. NC

6. **Thomas**

7. **Elizabeth**

NOTES:

Source: Wayne County Heritage Book, North Carolina

Colonel Burwell Mooring:

Burwell Mooring was the son of John Mooring and Ann Burwell. He served in the Revolutionary War as a Lieutenant in Captain Thomas Williams' company. He was a part of the Dobbs Militia in their expedition to Moore's Creek Bridge against the insurgents in Feb/Mar 1776. By April 22, 1786, he was a Major in the Wayne Regiment of Militia and was called Colonel Burwell Mooring.

He served as a Representative (of the Continental Congress) for Wayne County for 10 years in the House of Commons and in the Senate. He was a Mason and one of the original Trustees of Waynesborough.

North Carolina Manual

pub.1913 pp. 394, 417,567, 673

The first Representatives of Wayne County in The General Assembly, 1780, were Stephen Cobb and BURWELL MOORING. He served through 1788. His service between 1780 and 1783 was, of course, while the Revolutionary War was in progress.

From: North Carolina State Department of Archives and History

Wayne County Deeds, (microfilm)

Book 1, p.97 14 Oct. 1782

His children were John, James, Thomas, Benjamin, and Henry. It is believed that there were other daughters but no names have been found.

Up until William Mooring's death in 1795, he and his brother Burwell lived on adjoining plantations, and on land formerly owned by their father, John Mooring. John Mooring's estate consisted of about 300 acres, more or less and had a plantation house and land and Grist Mill.

Wheeler's History of North Carolina p.460

Members of the General Assembly from Wayne County

Senate

Burwell Mooring 1783-1787

House of Commons

Burwell Mooring 1780, 81, 82, & 89

Patience West: The Heritage Book of Wayne Co. NC, Article # 698, pg 348 and Article# 697. 1790 and 1800 Census for Wayne Co. NC.

Will of Robert West dated 1790, Johnston Co. NC: Names daughter, Patience Mourning.

The settlement of the Estate of Patty Shadding in May Court 1812 for Wyane Co, NC – James and Burwell Mooring found on this paper.

1769 Tax List for Dobbs Co, NC – Burwell and John Mooring located on this list paper.

The Story of Kinston and Lenoir Co, NC by Johnson & Holloman on page 376

Source: Ima Eula Mewborn, 502 East Church Street, Farmville NC 27828

Burwell Moorings' Father

John II Mooring

Born: 1695 Surry VA

Settled in Dobbs/Pitt NC

Died: 1779

Father: **Christopher** Mooring

Mother: Mary Simmons

Married:

(1) Anne Burwell Married: est.1726-1746

Children: 1. **John III** b. 1728

2. **Henry**

3. **Benjamin**

4. **James Mooring** was a Midshipmen on the ship "Viper" in June of 1765

(2) Married: abt 1745 Elizabeth **Ellis** Lancaster b.1713 d.1769.

She was a widow of Samuel Lancaster. Her father was Benjamin Ellis.

5. **Samuel**

6. **Burwell** b. abt 1745 Surry VA d. abt 1815-16 Wayne NC.

Married: Patience West 1775 Johnson NC.1803 Wayne Co. NC
(1790-1890 Census)

7. **William** b.1740 d. 1795

Burwell and William lived on adjoining Plantations and Grist Mill.

Burwell moved to Northampton Co. before 1810.

John Mooring apparently was living on his Pitt County land grant of 700 acres dated 19 Feb. 1762, at the outbreak of the Revolution:

Colonial Records of North Carolina

Vol. 10, 1775-1776 p.57

Election of a Safety Committee in Pitt County

Martinsborough, Jan, 23d., 1775

The freeholders of the County of Pitt appeared and elected the following person to be added to the Committee of this County, vizt: John Mooring

John Mooring II s' Father

Christopher Mooring
Born: 1666/7 Surry VA
Died: Dec 27 1751

Father: **John** Moring

Mother: Jane White?

Married: 1690 in Surry County Virginia to Mary Simmons b. 1668 Surry d. 1750 Surry Co.
Her parents were William and Elizabeth (Eliza) Mansell Simmons Jr.

Children: 1. **Jane** b. 1703 Married _____ Collier
2. **Lucy** b. 1705 Married _____ Collier
3. **Mary** b. 1701 Married Benjamin Morris
4. **William** b. 1699 d. 1775 (v. his will)
5. **Christopher II** b. 1697 d. March 12 1772
6. **John II** b. abt 1695 Surry d. abt 1777 in Pitt Co. NC
Married 1725 to Ann Burwell
7. **Daughter** d. bef 1751 Married Edward Bayly

Christopher Mooring was a witness to many deeds, Wills, etc. in Surry County from 1696 to 1750.

Virginia Statutes at Large, Henning
Vol. 5, 1738-1748 pp. 368-369

An Act of Assembly, Feb. 1745, recites that large quantities of tobacco have been lately damaged at the public warehouse at Gray's Creek (Cobham, Surry Co., VA) by the overflowing of the tide and provision is made... whose tobacco was drowned to receive full satisfaction for same out of Public Treasury. Appended to the Act is a list of fifty-four persons whose tobacco was drowned. Among whom were:

Of Whom	When Received
	March 19, 1743
John Mooring	208 921 816 165 180 Csk.
Christ. Mooring	354 1027 941 86 Csk.

Note: The above were Christopher Mooring and his eldest son, John Mooring.

Surry County, Order Book

Surry County Colonial Militia

15 May 1765 Wm. Allen qualified as Colonel

Christopher Mooring and Thomas Baily Gents., qual. as Militia Officers.

Note: The above item refers to Christopher Mooring, Jr., the second son mentioned in the will of his father, Christopher Mooring, St., dated 1751/

It is believed that Christopher Mooring, Jr. went into Pitt and Dobbs Counties, North Carolina with his brother, John Mooring, ca. 1765.

Pitt County, NC was the eastern border of Dobbs County (now extinct) in which John Mooring, first son mentioned in Will of Christopher Mooring, dated 1751, settled. He owned land in both counties.

NOTE: Will of Christopher Mooring

Surry Co., VA.,

Wills, Deed, etc., 1738-1754 p. 833

In the name of God Amen, I, Christopher Mooring, Senior, of Southwark Parish in Surry County, of perfect sense and memory do make, constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament and so desire it may be taken and received by all as such. I most humbly resign my soul to God my maker. Item – As to my worldly goods I give in manner as follow:

I give my son John Mooring and his heirs, lawfully begot, of his own body and their Bodies forever, one Negro wench named Aggy and jointly a parcel of Land both to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his own Body and their Bodies forever, the land bounded as follows – all the Land that is on the North West side of Harrisons Road till it comes to Runnells Branch, so up the sd. Water course to the fork, from thence along by a line of marked trees made to Col. Ben Harrisons line. I also give him the use of the Negro girl that is at his house named Aggy during his life and then I give the sd. Girl to his son, John and his heirs forever.

Item – I give my son, Christopher Mooring, and his heirs forever, my plantation and all the Land on the South East side of the Naked Swamp and up that swamp to the North corner of my old field and from thence along by a line of marked trees already made – Beginning at a white oak on the fork of the sd. Swamp running to the line of James Bradlys?. I also give him the Bible that was his mothers with M.S. on the outside of the book. (This Bible was first mentioned in the Will of Mary Simmon, 6 Apr. 1677, q.v.)

I also give him two Negro follows named Cain and named Harry and also one feather bed.

Item – I give to my son William Mooring, all the remainder part of the Land that lays between his two brothers, John and Christopher Mooring that he is now in possession of and lives on to him and his heirs forever. I also five him a Negro women named Jesabel.

Item –I give to my daughter, Mary Morris a Negro woman named Grace and on feather bed.

Item – I give to my daughter, Jane Collier, one Negro woman Sarah, it is the youngest and five pounds in cash. (Not clear whether he meant his daughter or the slave?)

Item – I give to my daughter, Lucy Collier, one Negro woman named Jenny and five pounds in cash.

Item – I give to my son-in-law, Edward Bayly, two negros Kate and her child named Beck that he has.

Item – I give to my three sons, John and Christopher and William Mooring the Estate which I have in England, Lands, Living Rights, Titles and Interests whatsoever that belongs to me and for it to be equally divided among my three sons fore named and their heirs forever.

Item – I give to my two sons, Christopher and William Mooring all the rest of my estate that I have not forenamed in this Will for them and their heirs forever to be equally divided between them, to sons, Christopher and William Mooring forever.

Item – I do constitute and appoint my son, Christopher Mooring, to be wholly and solely Executor of this my Last Will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty seventh day of December 1751 in presence of John J. Avery, Senior; Stephen Lucas, John Simmons, Christopher Mooring (Seal)

The estate mentioned by Christopher Mooring as being in England must have been considerable for it evidently had a parish church on it. “Living benefits” in the Anglican Church meant a benefice or the revenue derived from it.

Note: In Whitchurch, (which is a village) in Devon England there is church dedicated to St. Andrew. THIS MAY BE THE ABOVE MENTIONED CHURCH. St. Andrew is a venerable structure, in the perpendicular style, with a tower and six bells. In the chancel are several handsome monuments, belonging to the Pengelly and Mooringe families and it is one of the more interesting of the Dartmoor churches. It is a pretty moorland structure and at present in a very dilapidated state, but a sufficient fund has been raised to effect a complete restoration. By far the most impressive memorial is that which is built into a recessed archway against the north wall of the chancel, formerly an Easter Sepulchre, a truly spectacular slate monument to members of the Mooringe family – spectacular not for its size (for it is of quite modest proportions compared to some of the really gigantic cenotaphs which might be seen in a number of churches), but for its exquisite relief sculptures and for the fact that it has survived unblemished for so many centuries. It bears the following inscription(s) -

Heere lyeth the body of Pashaw the Wife of Iohn Alleyn Gent
Somme time the wife of Richard Mooringe Gen
was buried ye 5th day of may 1620
Allso the body Gerteryd the Daughter Anthony
Mooringe Gen Who was buried the XXIIth day of November 1617
All so the Body of Iohn The Sonne of Anthony Mooringe Gentelman
Who Was Buried The VIIth Day of Ianuarye 1639
All so the body of Anothny The Sonne of Anthony Mooringe
Who was Buried the XXIIIth day o Ianuarye 1627
All so the body of Marye the Daughter of Anthony Mooring
who was buried the Vth day of Iune 1631

Each person is allotted their one small panel of the large tablet, below which is a rectangular slate panel with figures carved in relief, the whole being surmounted by a huge crowned granite death's head in relief with an arrow to its left side and an hourglass on its right, and a crossed pick and shovel below, all the latter motifs in slate, The skull, of course, symbolizes death itself, the arrow (or dart) signifying the heart of the deceased being pierced, the hourglass indicating that the sands of time had run out of the persons commemorated, the pick and shovel being the tools of the sexton. The figures in the panel below, sculpted in shallow relief, show a man, two women, and seven children, obviously signifying the Mooringe family, further proved by the fact that the two women and four of the children (two boys and two girls) hold skulls in their hands, indicating that they had died, matching the particulars recorded on the six inscribed panels on the large tablet above. Either side of the splendid death's head surmounting the monument are large slate shields with the Mooringe arms carved in relief.

Christopher Moorings' Father

John Moring

Born: 1630 Devon, England

Died: 1697

Married: Jane White b. 1640 d. 1730

Children: 1. **Christopher** b. abt 1667 d. abt 1753

Married: abt 1690 Mary Simmons

2. **Daughter** b. abt 1668 Married: Charles White

John was brought to Isle of Wight County, Colony of Virginia, in 1652 by Thomas Greenwood of Isle of Wight County.

NOTE: John Mooring was from Whitchurch Devon County in England. He was the first Moring in the New World. He settled in Surry County VA and was granted a King's Grant of 600+ acres in the 1660's. After his first appearance in Virginia in 1652, he returned to England and married there. In his Land Grant of 1687, he mentions the importation of his wife, Jane. When he returned to Virginia ca.1667 he begins appearing on the List of Surry County Tithables in 1668. Between 1667 and 1687, John Mooring imported fourteen persons to Virginia, including himself (two times). Each person imported into the colony was worth fifty acres of land to the person who paid their passage. John Moring's original land grant, N.W. of Wakefield, is known as Mooring, Virginia.

Surry County Virginia

Patent Book 7, 1679-1689

To all, etc. Whereas, etc., now know; ye, Francis, Lord Howard, Gov., etc., with ye will and ye consent of ye Council of State, accordingly give and grant unto Mr. John Mooring, six hundred and ninety seven acres of land lying in Surry county, begining at a saplin, River Jordans corner and running along his line of marked trees, South by West one hundred and twenty charings to Thomas Jordans line, thence along ye sd. Line North eighty eight degrees, West one hundred and sixteen chains to Thomas Jordans corner tree, thence North ...to Thomas Gibsons corner... and is due by the importation of fourteen persons...to have and hold etc. Dated ye 25th day of October Ano. Domi. 1687

John Mooring 2, his wife, Charles and John White, John Isaac, Tho. Fisher, Jno. Attwood, John O'Neal, Thos. James.

Surry County, 1676-1677

Surry County Virginia

Patent Book 7,1679-1689 p.603

Public Life of John Mooring

Surry County, Virginia

Order Book, 1691-1713 pg. 32

Mr. John Moring being approved to be a person of good integrity, skill and knowledge of the well tanning and curing of Leather. Is appointed Searcher of Tryer of Leather for the County and is hereby impowered to use the Seale to be procured for the Sealing of Leather, also to do all things which by the Law relating thereto which County Courts are required to empower one to perform and accordingly was sworne as the said Law directs.

Ibid p. 194

Mr. John Thompson and Mr. Christopher Foster of Southwark Parish and Mr. Foredice, Minister and Mr. John Mooring, Reader, being presented by the grand Jury for not publishing the Law concerning the Insurrection of Negros in the Church and Chapell according to the Third Act of Assembly in the 168. It is ordered that the Sheriff order them to appear at the next court to answer for the same. Jan 3, 1698/9

In the Church of England a "reader" is one appointed or authorized to read the lessons or prayers, etc. in the ritual of the church.

John Mooring's most important public service was his activity in the trial of those persons involved in Bacon's Rebellion and his co-authorship of the "Grievances" of the inhabitants of Surry County, 1676-1677.

TREXLER

Brutus Darwin Moorings' Mothers' Line
1887-1971

Sarah Australia Trexler 1867-1940 (Twin to Mary Eulala)	+	James Franklin Mooring 1849-1905
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Joseph A. Trexler 1835-1879	+	Ellen Rowe abt. 1837-1878
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Henry J. Trexler 1810-1862 North Carolina	+	Eliza J. Halsey 1810-1861 parents are Benjamin L. Halsey And Martha Kennedy
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Related to the Trexler family of Trexlertown PA

Sarah Trexler Moorings' Father

Joseph A. Trexler

Born: 1835

Died: 1879

Father: **Henry** J. Trexler

Mother: Elizabeth J. Halsey

Married: Ellen Rowe b. abt 1837 d. abt 1878

Married: abt. 1859 in Poinsett County AR

Children: 1. **William Henry** b. Oct 24 1860 d. Feb 24 1897

Married: Laura Morris Ward married in AR

Child: Lottie Morris Trexler

2. **Joann** b. March 11 1863 died in childbirth

3. **Sarah (Sallie) Australia** b. Feb 5 1867 d. 1940 (Twin to Mary)

Married: James Franklin

Children: 1. Katie Bell b. 1886

2. Brutus D. b. 1888

3. James Arthur b. 1891

4. Julia Ellen b. Dec 22 1899

5. John Ellis b. Sept 5 1903

4. **Mary Eulalia** b. Feb 5 1867 (Twin to Sarah)

Married: James Garey

Children: 1. Roland Garey

2. Allie Garey (Twin to Louise)?

3. Louise Garey

5. **Katherine Clementine** b. Feb 24 1869

Married: Dave Proffitt

Children: 1. Blanch Proffitt

2. Rado (Twin to Addie)

3. Addie

4. William (Bill) Trexler David Proffitt

This info. is from the family Trexler Bible in possession of Evans who lives in Caro, Ill. This info was sent to Sarah A. Mooring in 1909 by Aunt Rado. Writes, Julia Mooring Dean.

Sarah Austrailia Trexler Mooring
Wife of James Franklin Mooring



Joseph A. Trexler's Father

Henry J. Trexler

Born: abt 1810

Died: abt 1863

Married: Elizbeth J. Halsey b. abt 1810 d. abt 1861 in Poinsett County AR

Children: 1. **William Leonard** b. July 13 1834 d. April 25 1881

Buried in Trexler Cemetery, Crawfordville, AR

Married: Nancy E. Brown b. 1852 d. 1888 Married: May 29 1869

2. **Joseph A. Trexler** b. 1835 d. Oct 19 1877

3. **Clementine (male)** b. 1847

4. **Henry** b. 1844

5. **Wiley (Willie)** b. 1846

6. **John Wesley** b. May 28 1853 d. 1921

Married: Grace Flood b. 1868 Married: April Newville, CA

7. **Mary** b. abt 1850

8. **Abner P.** b. abt 1864

Married: Mary G. Davis abt. 1861

Married: 1874 Rock Bridge, Gwinnett, GA

9. **Francis** b. 1842

Notes: Henry was born probably before 1810. His age is listed in the 1860 census as a round 50 as was his wife's age. His son, John Wesley, stated that Henry was from Pennsylvania. He did come to North Carolina at an early age as he stated his place of birth on his census as North Carolina.

Before 1816, Henry was apprenticeship in Rowan Co. NC to a Jacob Waggoner as a blacksmith. The first record of Henry was found in the Rowan County North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions dated 21 Feb 1816:

"Ordered by the Court that Jacob Waggoner (Blacksmith) produce Henry Trexler an apprentice boy on the first day of next Court. Then there to show cause why the said apprentice shall not be taken away from him. Information having been given to the Court that the said apprentice boy is much abused and barbarously used and beaten by the said Jacob Waggoner."

There is no record that Jacob Waggoner produced him at the next Court. Henry may have been living in York Co. SC in 1830.

Henry witnessed a deed between Massingale and Hardin.
(note by researcher, Susan Webber Murray) This source puts Henry Trexler in Troup Co. Georgia during the period his two sons were born. It also spells his name correctly as Henry Trexler, rather than Henry Traxler as on his Troup Co. GA marriage bond.

In 1840 Census, Henry was living one residence from his father-in-law, Benjamin L. Halsey.

Henry purchased items at the Wittsburg Store which were recorded in a ledger and microfilmed by the Arkansas History Commission. Since the Poinsett Co. AR courthouse burned in 1872, there are very few existing

records during the time Henry lived in AR.

Records extracted:

October 1857 (number 52) Henry Trexler purchased skins, thrad(sic), paper
And pins for \$9.00.

November 1857: 3 pairs of shoes -\$7.62; 1 hat, 1 Axe, 2 Books, Pills -\$2.75;
1 Pocketknife -\$1.50.

Henry married Elizabeth Halsey of Troup Co. GA in 1832.

Henry apparently moved with his father-in-law, Benjamin L. Halsey, when
Benjamin moved to Chambers County.

He went from Chambers Co. AL to Mississippi, according to his son, John Wesley.

Henry probably went to Marshall Co. Mississippi where his probable brother, Wiley (William)
lived. They both moved to AR by the census of 1860.

Elizabeth's parents were Benjamin L. Halsey b. abt 1775 d. abt 1840 and
her mother was Martha Kennedy b. bef. 1765 d. abt 1845.

Elizabeth Halsey is most likely the daughter of Benjamin and Martha Kennedy Halsey, but as of
this date there is no proof of this. However, the circumstantial evidence is strong: Benjamin L.
Halsey was a resident of Troup Co. GA when Henry married Elizabeth in 1832. Benjamin Halsey
was the only Halsey resident in the county old enough to have a daughter born in 1810.

The estate of Henry J. Trexler appears in the Cross County Tax Records in 1867. He is taxed on
the Non Resident List for 200 acres in township 8 at a value of \$1000. He has tax owing for the
years 1865 to 1867.

WEBBER

Lilla Jane Webber Moorings' Family

1893-1972

William Marion Webber + Mary R. "Blooma" McClendon
1861-1948 1866-1954
(Twin to Frances "Fannie")

Francis Xavier Webber + (2) Lucinda Robertson
1810 Germany -1863 1832-1868

It is said Francis arrived in the U.S. on the ship Austerlitz around 1833.
Finally settled in Helena AR and made his living by logging and floating
hardwood logs down to New Orleans. Cause of death was camp disease
from the Civil War.

Lilla Webber Moorings' Father

William Marion Webber

Born: Oct 2 1861 St. Francis Co, AR

Died: 1948 Tyronza AR

Father: **Francis Xavier** Webber

Mother: Lucinda Robertson

Married: Mary R. Bloomer McClendon b. June 1866 AL

d. May 23 1954 Memphis, Shelby, TN

Married on March 18, 1886 in Marianna AR in the home of her father

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. McClendon.

Children: 1. **Frank M. Webber** b. Aug 13 1887 Poinsett, AR d. Sept 1 1968
Memphis Shelby TN

Married Lottie Morris Trexler b. Sept 5 1889 Gilmore AR

d. Mar 1974 Memphis Shelby, TN

Children:

1. Julia Beatrice b. Dec 22 1912 d. May 1981

2. William Franklin b. Nov 19 1909 d. Aug 30 1992

3. Maurice Trexler b. Nov 5 1918 d. Nov 12 1990

4. Robert McClendon b. Jun 1 1928 d. Aug 1984

5. Living Webber

2. **Lilla Jane** b.

Married: Brutus D. Mooring b. Aug 12 1887 d.

3. **Virginia B.** b

Married: James Arthur Mooring b. Dec 1891 (Brother of Brutus)

4. **Mildred R.** Webber - died at a young age.



**William Marion Webber
and
Mary R. "Blooma" McClendon Webber**



William Marion Webber House 1900

Will Rhea, Ben Craig, Virginia "Virgie" Webber, Gus McClendon (Married Katie Bell Mooring), Buck Craig, William Marion Webber, Rev. Babcock, Maude (girl Webbers raised) Frank M. Webber, Lilla Jane Webber, Mary Bloomer McClendon Webber, Mildred Webber, Preacher Wilson and wife.

**Mary R. "Blomma" McClendon Webber and William Marion Webber
Lillie did not know who the child was.**





Mary Blooma Webber, Child?, Her sister Lilla, and Virgie Webber

**Lillie J. Webber Mooring and brother
Frank Marion Webber in Memphis**



Lilla and brother Frank at his home in Memphis TN.



**Mary R. Bloomer McClendon
Webber**



**William Marion Webber and
Mary R. McClendon Webber**





Mary R. Bloomer McClendon Webber and William Marion Webber

W.M. Webber and Mary R. McClendon Webber

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TELEPHO

Tyronza Couple, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Webber Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

Sixty years ago when this section was virtually a wilderness, a young couple, filled with the zest for adventuresome living halted their team of mules and wagon before a cabin in the vicinity of what is now Tyronza, and set-up house-keeping.

After 60 years of married life in the same community, Mr. and Mrs. William Marion Webber, 84 and 80, respectively, celebrated their faith in love and marriage in a community-wide anniversary celebration at the First Methodist Church in Tyronza last week.

Everyone was there to help them celebrate...the mayor, the neighbors, the minister, Rev. L. F. LeFevers, the congregation...and their eyes misted in gratefulness at the "pot-luck" banquet and the huge anniversary cake baked by Mrs. E. G. McDaniel and Mrs. L. M. Wood.

The day following the celebration, the writer found the couple at their home a little "tuckered out" from the affair but gratefully

reminiscent of a wonderful evening. Questioned as to what they attributed their happy wedded life, Mrs. Webber, with her good-natured Irish wit answered, "well, I tell you, marriage to me is like the team of mules and wagon that we came into this country with...if one of those mules had balked and laid down on the job, we would have had a hard time getting that wagon in here...same way with marriage, if one of the couple lays down on the job of keeping a marriage right, it won't work," and her husband smiled his agreement.

"Trouble with couples these days and times, they want to start at the top...you just can't do it...you have to work together and grow together to get to the top."

Describing their marriage at Marianna, Ark., on March 18, 1886 in the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. McClendon, Mrs. Webber grinned, "Don't let folks tell you that a J. P. marriage won't stick. Bill Waldren, a J. P., married us and ours stuck. There wasn't anything in the marriage vows that said I had to obey, and I never have...we just sort of agreed. Whenever one was mad, the other one always tried to stay in a good humor.

"Now you take this day and time," she continued, "when a girl gets married she pays too much attention to what kind of flowers she must have...the pattern of the silver...the glassware...the china. No wonder so many marriages are going on the rocks, the girl isn't paying enough attention to the kind of man she's getting."

Picturing the 'lay of the land' here 60 years ago when 'store-bought' bread was an unheard of delicacy and visiting the neighbors was a half-days ride horse-back, Mrs. Webber said the only outside contact with religion was an occasional Circuit Rider and maybe a "sliding Elder." "We always tell the new ministers when they come here that we brought Methodism into this country on a horse...that's when we had to go and meet the preacher and bring him in on horseback."

Discussing present-day farming with their farming days on the first "forty", Mrs. Webber said they guessed they were retired farmers. Here, Mr. Webber, who is slightly deaf, caught the trend of the conversation, cupped his hand to his ear and laughingly remarked, "no, just 'tired farmers'."

Their philosophy for happy lives... "just scatter flowers to the living and sunshine where you can. You can't live alone and be happy...you've got to live for others too."

Mr. and Mrs. Webber have three children, Mrs. B. D. Mooring of Whitton; Mrs. Virginia W. Mooring of Greenwood, Miss., and one son, Frank M. Webber, also of Greenwood, 17 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Before we departed we asked one parting question, did they believe the story in the papers recently that a couple had lived together 67 years without a fuss. They both looked at each other, grinned and remarked... "they sure missed a lot of fun...the happiness is in making up...that's just not life for everything to be smooth, day in and day out."

What a couple! Sixty years of married life, and they fairly beamed at each other and laughed together constantly. Maybe that's part of the happiness—that laughing together.—Esther Bindursky.



Frank Lottye and William Webber

Brother of Lilla Webber Mooring

William Marion Webbers' Father

Francis Xavier Webber

Born: abt 1813, Baden (probably Switzerland)

Died: 1863 Little Rock AR

Married: (1) Artemesia Ellen Hays b.abt 1810 KY d. abt 1858 St. Francis AK

Children: 1. **Matilda** b. abt 1831 KY

2. **Sarah** b. abt 1833

3. **Jeremiah** b. abt 1843

4. **John W** b. abt 1844 KY d. Jun 26 1862 Mechanicsville VA

5. **Rebecca Huldah** b. abt 1847

6. **Ann B.** b. abt 1834

7. **Benjamin Franklin** b. abt 1849

Married: Catherine Calvert b. abt 1850 AK

Children: 1. Laura Rozelle b. abt 1870 Poinsett Co.AR

Married: Eli Young

2. William Bedford b. abt 1871 Poinsett Co. AR

Married: Unknown

Children: 1. Beulah

2. Maggie

3. Nettie b. abt 1876 Poinsett Co. AR

Married: Robert C. Higgs

8. **Samuel** b. abt 1851 KY

9. **Sebastian Clinton** b. abt 1856 St. Francis Co. AR

MCCLENDON

Lilla Jane Webber Moorings' Mothers' Family

1893-1972

Mary R. "Bloomie" McClendon 1866-1954	+	William Marion Webber 1861-1948
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Dr. Joel Wiley McClendon 1834-1894	+	Rebecca Jane Wall 1838-1899
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Jephtha Cooper McClendon 1795-1867	+	Lucy Head 1793-1855
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Thomas McClendon Jr. 1714-1798	+	Sarah Cooper 1724-
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Thomas McClendon Sr. 1680 Scotland-1760	+	Elizabeth Bush 1692- Parents were William and Martha Bush
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Dennis McClendon 1660 Scotland	+	(1) Elizabeth unknown
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John McClendon 1628 Scotland	+	Elizabeth 1650 Scotland-1702 NC
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Mary R. "Bloom" McClendon
Born: June 1866 Alabama
Died: May 23 1954 Memphis TN

Father: **Joel** Wiley McClendon
Mother: Rebecca Jane Wall

Married: William Marion Webber b.Oct 2 1861 in St. Francis AR
d. Jan 17 1948 in Poinsett AR.

Children: 1. **Frank Marion Webber** b. August 13 1888 d. Sept 1 1968 Memphis TN
2. **Lilla Jane Webber** b. 1893
3. **Virginia B. "Virgie" Webber** b. 1896
4. **Mildred R. Webber** - She died at a young age.

Note: She was called Grandma Bloom. Bloom was a lady with wonderful sense of fun. She died while living with Lottie Morris Trexler and Frank Marion Webber.

Dr. **Joel** Wiley McClendon

Born: March 19 1834 Green County, GA

Died: August 17 1894 Wheatly St Francis AR

Father: **Jeptha** Cooper McClendon

Mother: Lucy Head

Married: Rebecca Jane Wall b. April 17 1838 d. Sept 17 1899

Children: 1. **Mary R.** b. 1866 d. May 23 1854

2. **Joseph Algernon** b. Feb 24 1869 Coosa AL d. April 29 1929

3. **Thomas Wall** b. June 1854 d. Dec 19 1937 Forrest City AR

4. **Nancy Jane** b. July 17 1859 b. March 3 1932 Forrest City AR

5. **Sallie B.** b. 1862

6. **Lilla B.** b. 1864

7. **James Oceola "Ocie"** b. March 7 1876 d. Aug 29 1890 Moro AR

8. **William Augustus "Will"** b. Oct 27 1877 d. Dec 25 1924

9. **John Augustus** b. 1882 AR d. 1952

Note: Dr. Joel lived for many years in Coosa AL where numerous records show payments to him from services rendered to persons in the County Home. He was a doctor in the Civil War. In 1870 Joel Wiley came to AR from AL with his brothers, Wylie, William, and Alexander and his sister, Elizabeth Bennett and her children. His nickname was "Dool". Dr. Joel and his brothers traveled across the Mississippi River to the mouth of the St. Francis River. Taking a cotton barge up the St. Francis to the LaAnguile River docking at the foot of Main St. in Marianna, AR. Upon their arrival, they were loading the barge with bales of cotton harvested in the fall of 1870. One can just imagine embarking on a journey in the middle of winter with a family the size of this one. Dr. Joel settled in Palestine, St. Francis County, AR. He also resided in Wheatley and had a practice in Haynes, AR. In the Polk's State Gazetteer and Business Directory published in 1884 and

1885 there was an ad listing for Dr. Joel Wiley (J.W.) McClendon under the category of Physicians and Surgeons.

Jeptha Cooper McClendon

Born: 1795

Died: 1867

Father: **Thomas** McClendon Jr.

Mother: Sarah Elizabeth Cooper

Married: (1) Lucy Head

Children: Elizabeth b. 1821

Wylie b. 1821

William H. 1822

Sarah N. b. 1823

Lucy Jane b. 1824

Henrietta b. 1824

Thomas J. b. 1825

James Allen b. 1826

Jacob Cooper b. Feb. 1827

Jeptha Jr. b. 1830

Dr. Joel Wiley b. March 19 1834 GA

Alexander "Alex" b. June 27 1829

Dr. Erastus Hood b. March 10 1842

Anna M. b. Jan. 8 1843

Lucretia b. 1846

Nancy JM b. 1847

Martin B. b. 1848

Anginetta L. "Nettie" b. 1853

Notes:

When the War of 1812 began he joined Wootens Attachment in the Georgia Militia. Jeptha came from a large family. He was well to do, as evidenced by the amount of money he paid for slaves in the early years of his marriage to Lucy Head. In the 1840's he had given her a love and affection deed to everything he had.

The will is as follows:

Jeptha McClendon to Lucy F. McClendon:

Know all men by these present that for and in consideration of the the love and affection I, Jeptha McClendon, bear and have to my wife Lucy F. McClendon do give to her the following property. To have and to hold for herself and heirs and in exemption of dower, a negro man named John, also a woman Dinah, and a woman Tilda, a girl Sara, a boy Jack, a girl Caroline, Emily a girl, Morning a girl, Mary a girl, Adeline a girl, Alexander a boy, and Lewis a boy. Also all of my household and kitchen furniture consisting of beds and furniture, chairs, pots, oven, etc.

A road wagon, a carriage, together with my plantation tools of every description, also all my mules and horses, together with my stock of cattle consisting of cows and hogs. I have this day for the consideration above specified given and set over to my wife and heirs the property herein named. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of January 1846.

This was witnessed by Samuel C. Daily and James A. McClendon.

Jeptha was living in Coosa County at the time of Lucy's death in 1855

At the end of 1865 most of the most of the family became share croppers like most everyone else during the reconstruction era.

On May 27th, 1867 Jeptha's last will was probated for his then wife Jane R. McClendon. It is as follows:

(1st) Bequest to wife Jane R. McClendon and four youngest children, Martin B., Catherine L., Emma F., and Anginetta F., the use and income of my dwelling house and lands and their appurtenances there unto belonging, in Chambers County.

(2nd) Bequest to same mentioned above 2 mules, and one horse, all cattle, hogs, and buggy, all household and kitchen furniture also all residue of my estate personal and real. Witnessed by Isiah T. Talbot and Marshall W. Williams,

Thomas McClendon Jr.

Born: 1714

Died: 1798

Father: **Thomas** McClendon Sr.

Mother:

Married: Sarah Cooper b.1724

Thomas McClendon Sr.

Born: abt.1680 Scotland

Died: 1760

Father: **Dennis** McClendon

Mother: Elizabeth

Married: abt 1716 (1) Elizabeth Bush b. 1692 parents William & Martha Bush

Children: 1. Dennis McClendon b. abt 1718

2. Joel McClendon b. 1722

3. John McClendon b. 1722

4. Jacob McClendon Sr. b. 1725

5. Jemimia McClendon b. 1727

6. Thomas McClendon b. abt. 1728

Married: abt. 1730 (2) Mary Bryan Bush

Thomas Macklendon, Sr. was the youngest of the four sons of Dennis and Elizabeth. It's believed he was born about 1690 and is known that he came to North Carolina with his family late in 1695.

In North Carolina his family became close friends with the family of William Bush, Sr. and his wife, Martha (Hill). There would be several marriages between the families, including both Thomas and his brother Francis. They married sisters.

Thomas married Elizabeth Bush, the youngest daughter of William Bush, Sr. and Martha Hill. It is not known when she was born. She was not listed as a child on the importation list of 1701. They had not yet married when her father's will was written, but it's believed they married shortly after his death. For some time there was some confusion among family researchers as to which of the Bush daughters Thomas married. Some early writers listed his wife's name as Elinor. Later writers have found conclusive legal records which show that Elinor married Francis Macklendon and Elizabeth married Thomas Macklendon.

On March 9, 1717 Thomas obtained 585 acres in Chowan Precinct, joining the land of John Bush. Over time, Thomas would buy a great deal of land. His name appears in the records for many transactions. Also, the continued closeness with the Bush family is shown in these

records. Thomas and both John and William Bush, Jr. witnessed deeds for each other. Until 1724 all the transactions were located in Chowan Precinct, Bertie County.

In November 1724 Thomas and Elizabeth and apparently several other family members sold their land in Bertie County and moved to Craven County. There Thomas obtained 11 grants of land. In his claim for the grants he stated 17 people were in the family, but it is known that some of these people were slaves. (Craven County is located in central near-coastal North Carolina. New Bern is still its County Seat.)

Thomas and Elizabeth had 7 children, six boys and a girl. Elizabeth died in 1728 while giving birth to Thomas II. About 1730 Thomas married the widow of John Bush (his brother-in-law), Mary (Bryan) Bush. It is known that Mary and John Bush had children and that these children and those of Thomas and Elizabeth were raised together as one family. There is no record showing any children born to the marriage of Thomas and Mary.

In 1740 Thomas was appointed a Road Commissioner "for ye Kin's Highway". At the time this was one of great honor as well as responsibility. The road he helped oversee began on the upper side of Great Contenten Creek and extended to the bounds of Craven County.

Thomas was also a vestryman of St. Patrick's Parish, New Bern, being appointed by the General Assembly to serve until the general election of vestrymen. This church was Church of England, Episcopal church.

In 1746 Craven County "had become so extensive that many of the inhabitants lived very far remote from New Berne town," so Johnston County was formed from Craven, and Thomas' lands placed him in Johnston County.

Between 1747 and 1753 Thomas sold his land in Craven and Johnston Counties, and the family moved to the next county to the west, Bladen/Braden County. There the family applied for land grants, which were issued in 1748. The land they were granted there became a part of Cumberland County when it was formed from Braden County in 1754. They settled along Buck's Creek. This creek was later re-named McLendon's Creek since Thomas' son Joel ran a grist mill on it. (This creek is located in present-day Moore County, southwest of Raleigh, North Carolina.)

Thomas is believed to have died in 1758. He left no will but family researchers believe he had distributed the proceeds of the land sales in Craven County to his children at the time. It is believed that his second wife, Mary, eventually moved to South Carolina with some of the Bush children and died there.

Dennis McClendon
Born: 1660 Scotland
Died: 1706 Perquimans NC

Father: **John** McClendon
Mother: Elizabeth

Married: Elizabeth b. in Scotland

Children: Francis Macklendon b. abt 1679 Scotland
Dennis Macklendon b. abt 1680 Scotland
Brient Macklendon b. abt 1685 Scotland
Thomas Mackledon Sr. b. abt 1690 Scotland

Dennis Macklendon arrived in North Carolina late in 1695 and is the first McClendon in America. His age upon arrival is not known but, since some of his children were grown or nearly so, it is believed he probably was between 40 and 50 years of age. He appeared in Court in Perquimans Precinct on the 2nd Monday of January 1696 to prove eleven "rits". (Land rights were granted to people who immigrated or who paid for the transportation costs of those who did.) This first court record reads as follows:

"Denis Mcclenden proved aleven Rits Whoes Names are under Wretten viz himselfe Chrales Cafen Mary his Wife Margaret Dun Dennes Dun Rebecka Carpender Elisabeth Mackclenden Brient Mackclenden Dennes Mackclenden ffrancis Mackclenden Thomas Mackclenden."
(Colonial Records of North Carolina, Saunders, Vol. I, p. 479)
{Note the spelling and punctuation used at that time}

Many family researchers believe that Elizabeth was the wife of Dennis and that the other women mentioned, Mary Cafen, Margaret Dun, and Rebecka Carpender, were all his daughters. It is not known now how Dennis would have spelled his last name upon arrival. As can be seen from the above quote, often different spellings occurred in the same official document. It is believed that the differences occurred because the clerks who recorded official actions wrote names as they understood them orally. Here is a list of many of the ways in which McClendon is spelled in early Colonial Records: Maclenden, Mackclendin, McKlendon, McLendon, McClandall, McClendol, McLendall.

The exact route the family took to reach North Carolina is not known, but one writer noted that since North Carolina did not have a good seaport, most Colonists came to Virginia or other ports and then went overland to North Carolina.

The Colony of North Carolina was first settled by discontented Virginia Colonists who came overland to the area north of the Albemarle Sound about 1650. In 1663 King Charles II of

England authorized charters to eight noblemen to colonize the Carolinas, a vast area then extending south of Virginia and west to the Pacific Ocean. In 1664 the first government was established in Albermarle County. The area was divided into three counties, Albermarle, Clarendon and Crave. These counties were later divided again and again as new settlers came into the colony.

The area in which the family settled, Perquimans County, was formed about 1668, first as Berkley Precinct in Albemarle County. It is located in the northeast section of North Carolina, and is bounded by Albemarle Sound, present-day Chowan, Gates and Pasquotank Counties. It was in the heart of the first permanently settled area in North Carolina. It is so embedded in pre-revolutionary times that you can find the first land deed of record in North Carolina and the oldest existing brick house in the State. Perquimans means "land of the beautiful women." It was named by the Yeopin Indians, a branch of the Algonquians.

It is said that the early settlers here made pitch and tar from the pine trees which grew in abundance on the coastal plains and shipped these goods to New England for boat building. They also raised tobacco as a cash crop and framed the rich land, raised livestock and gardens. Many of these new settlers bought slaves or indentured servants to help with their endeavors.

Dennis' wife, Elizabeth, died about 1700, and in 1702 he married Deborah Whedbee, the widow of John Whedbee. Deborah's maiden name was Astine. She lived in Virginia before moving to North Carolina. Her first husband was Nathaniel Sutton, who died in 1682. They had four children. After his death, Deborah married John Whedbee and they had two children. John died in 1697 and, as noted, she married Dennis in 1702. Later, in July 1702 the Sutton and

John McClendon

Born: 1628 Contin, Garve, Scotland

Died:

Married: Elizabeth

Children: Dennis Macklendon b. 1650 Scotland

John

William

From "The MacLennans of Carroll County Georgia and Related Families" by Lois Clouse McClendon, on page 4 we find "The McLendon ancestry goes back to Scotland in the 1600's. One John MacLennan lived at Contin near Garve{the A832 today}, in the highlands northwest of Inverness. It is believed that he was the father of the three brothers, John, William and Dennis that came to America." On page 3 we find "Tradition has said that there werethree McLendon brothers who came to America from Ireland. They were first from Scotland, probably Ross-Shire... These people were called Scotch-Irish." Family tradition has always been that we were Scotch-Irish. The first recorded document about Dennis includes some Dunn family members. In the Clan Piper (Clan MacLennan) of July 1997, the Clan genealogist Lock McLendon says "In researching the Dunn family, Dennis Macklenden was quoted as saying, 'I was born in Scotland, but sailed from Northern Ireland.'" None of this is conclusive proof. Others have suggested Ireland or Barbados as the brothers origin. Scotland is the most likely and we are certainly of Celtic origin.

If we are from Clan MacLennan, our origins go way back to the 4th century in Ulster, Ireland. For more details see "My McClendon Heritage" by Brummett Jerald McClendon, November,