



JAMES FISHER MARTIN



1800's to 1900's

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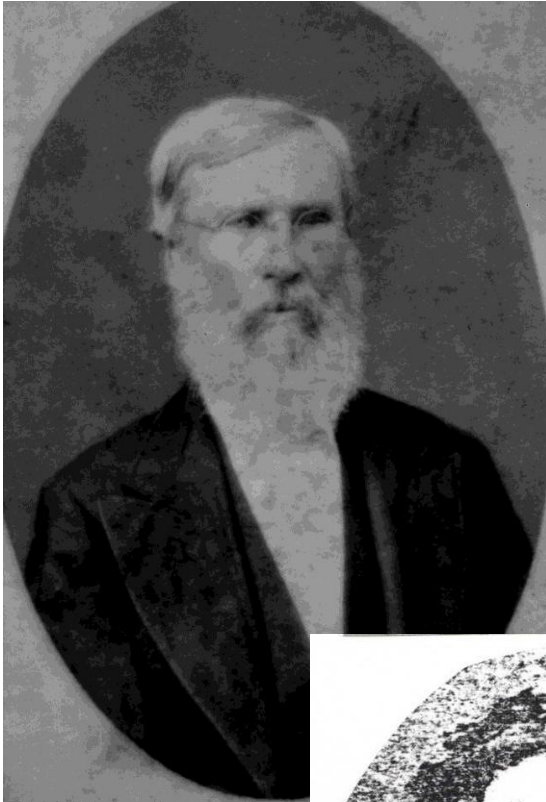
Martin Ranch House in
Kenedy, TX 1918

Dr. James Fisher Martin petitioned for land due to his deceased father in law, Jacob Eberly, for Eberly's Stephen F. Austin land grant and his land grants awarded for serving in the Army of Texas in 1835 and also serving in the Army of the Republic of Texas in 1836. Dr. Martin also received a Republic of Texas land grant.



Ranch House with Loyd Martin. He was born to Jacob Absolom and Mary Elizabeth Martin in 1896.

The Jacob Eberly heirs received multiple land grants through J.F. Martin's efforts and in time consolidated the properties. They bought and sold property until the Martin Ranch in Karnes County totaled around 4,000 acres.



Dr. James Fisher Martin was born in 1808 at Newcastle upon Tyne, England. He was educated at the Edinburgh, Scotland medical school. He was in South Carolina in the 1830s and moved to Matagorda, Texas, in 1838 and later Gonzales County and then Karnes County, Texas probably 1868.

He married Julia Ann Eberly in 1840 at Christ Episcopal Church in Matagorda. He died in 1888. Julia Ann Eberly Martin died in 1883. Both are buried in the Escondido Cemetery, Kenedy, Texas.

Their children were:

Julia Martin Rose 1840-1917, Foster Eberly Martin who died in the Civil War, James Sheppard Martin 1845-1910, Catharine Jane Martin Rutledge 1848-1921 and Jacob Absolom Martin 1850-1919.



Bastrop May the 24th 1840

My Dear Daughter,

I received your letter by Mr McKay and regret that it is out of my power to be with you in time though you have my consent and my heart with you. I think you are both fine fellows and you must go ahead I am well pleased

with your choice, you have my entire approbation. I write you after a few days give and give you the money.

Give my best respects to Mr Martin, Jack and my sweet little white head daughter. I am yours until death.

Jacob Eberly letter to daughter Julia Ann.
Jacob Eberly died shortly after this letter.

Bastrop May ____ 1840

My Dear Daughter

I received your letter by Mr McKay and regret that it is out of my power to be with you in time though you have my consent and my heart with you. I think you are both fine fellows and you love each other and you must go ahead. I am pleased with your choice. You have my entire approbation. I write you after a few days give and give you the money. Give my best respect to Mr Martin. ____ and my sweet little ____ daughter (probably referring to Amacetta who was still young). I am yours until death.

Jacob Eberly



Jacob Absalom Martin was born in 1850 in Matagorda, Texas. He was the youngest son of Dr. James Fisher and Julia Ann Eberly Martin. The family moved to Gonzales County when J.A. was 10.

Later, they moved to Karnes County – probably 1868. His first wife was Alice Amanda Campbell. They married in Helena, Texas.

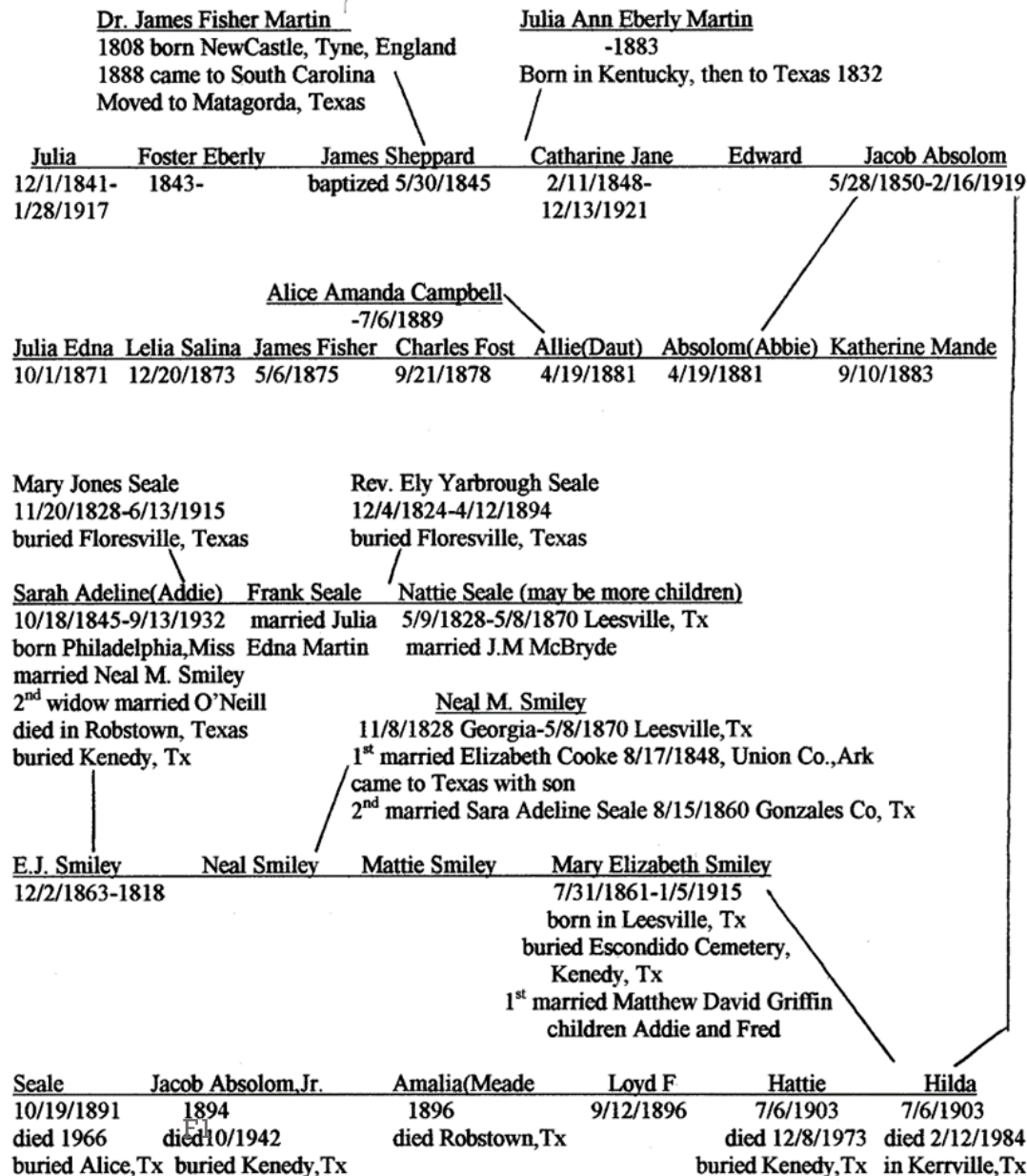


Their children:

Julia Edna Martin Seale, Lela Martin Parker, James Fisher Martin, Charles Foster Martin, Allie "Daut" Martin Agee, Absolom "Abbie" Martin, Katherine "Kate" Martin O'Neill, and an infant son that died at birth. Alice Amanda Campbell Martin died in childbirth in 1889 and is buried in the Escondido Cemetery.

Family Tree of Eberly, Martin, Campbell and Seale

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Jacob Absolom Martin Family

Alice Amanda Campbell Martin (1852-1889) m. 1870 to **J.A. Martin**

Edna Martin Seale 1872-1938 married Frank Seale 1870-1948 Both are buried in the Floresville Cemetery. (He was the brother of Sarah Adeline "Addie" Seale Smiley O'Neill. Addie was the mother of Mary Elizabeth Martin who was the second wife of J.A. Martin)

Lela Salina Martin Parker 1873-1953 married Wiley Parker. She is buried in the San Fernando Cemetery #3 in San Antonio.

James Fisher "Fish" Martin 1875-1949 married Callie Wilson. They are buried in the Pleasanton City Cemetery.

Roy Rutledge Martin 1877-1877. He died as a baby and is buried in the Escondido Cemetery.

Charles Foster "Fos" Martin 1878-1939 married 1897 Lilla Binkley Whitlock. They are buried in Sunset Memorial Park in San Antonio.

Absolom "Abbie" Martin (twin) 1881-1893 died as a child and is buried in the Escondido Cemetery

Allie "Daut" Martin Agee (twin) 1881-1967 married Walter Agee. Both are buried in the Conroe Memorial Park.

Catherine "Kate" Martin O'Neill 1882-1970 married Hayden "Henry" Brown O'Neill 1883-1942 (He was the son of Sarah Adeline "Addie" Seale Smiley O'Neill. Addie was the mother of Mary Elizabeth Martin) Both are buried in the Kenedy Cemetery.

J.A. Martin 1883-1887 died as a child and is buried in the Escondido Cemetery

Infant son Martin 1889-1889 Mother Alice Amanda Martin died in childbirth 1889 Both are buried in the Escondido Cemetery

Mary Elizabeth "Lizzy" Smiley Griffin Martin 1861-1916. m. 1891 to **J.A. Martin**

Seale Martin 1891-1966 married Ella Theresa Conrad. Both are buried in the Alice Cemetery.

Jacob "Jake" Absolom Martin 1894-1942 married Alma Leah Massey. Both are buried in the Kenedy Cemetery.

Amelia "Meade" Martin LeBleu 1896-1937 married Robert Thomas LeBleu. Both are buried in the Robstown Cemetery.

Loyd Franklin Martin Sr. 1898-1990 married Blossom Mary Goff. Both are buried in the Kenedy Cemetery.

Hattie Martin Goff (twin) 1903-1973 married Percy Riedel Goff Jr. Both are buried in the Kenedy Cemetery.

Hilda Martin Jalufka (twin) 1903-1984 married Earl Edward Eckols, married James Jalufka. Earl Edward Eckols is buried in Laurel Land Memorial Park in Dallas, Texas. Hilda and James Jalufka are buried in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Kerrville, Texas.

Downtown Kenedy, Texas in 1914. The man in the white shirt, right, is J.A. Martin





Jacob Absalom Martin with 1st wife Alice Amanda Campbell Martin and daughters Edna and Lela.

When Alice Campbell Martin died, J.A. Martin split her half of the ranch between their existing children. He kept half. Instead of ranchland, he gave daughter, Lela Parker, a boarding house in Kenedy to sustain her livelihood.

Alice Campbell Martin's parents were James David Campbell 1803-1875 and Rhoda Alice Callendar Campbell 1813-1906. They are buried in the Escondido Cemetery.



Photo of the Martin Family Bible that is on display at the Helena Museum in Helena, Texas.



Mary Elizabeth Smiley Griffin was the 2nd wife of Jacob Absolom Martin. Her parents were Neal M. and Sarah Adeline "Addie" Seale Smiley. Mary Elizabeth was a widow with two children, Fred Griffin and Addie Griffin. Mary Elizabeth was born in Leesville, Texas in 1861.

Children of Mary Elizabeth and Jacob Absolom Martin:

Seale Martin, Jacob Absolom "Jake" Martin, Amalia "Meade" Martin LeBleu, Loyd Martin, Hattie Martin Goff and Hilda Martin Eckols Jalufka.

Mary Elizabeth Martin died in 1916 and Jacob Absolom Martin died in 1919. Both are buried in the Escondido Cemetery, Kenedy, Texas.

Smiley-O'Neill Families (direct relationship to J.A. Martin in bold)

Henry O'Neill 1829-1901 buried O'Neill Cemetery, Leesville, Gonzales County

Amanda Clark O'Neill 1836-1873 m 1852 and buried O'Neill Cemetery

George Nicholas O'Neill 1851-1928

J. H. O'Neill 1857-1858 died as a baby

Alice O'Neill 1859-1867 died as a child

James Henry Harrison O'Neill 1863-1925

Carrie B. O'Neill 1865-1866 died as a baby

Susan Lela O'Neill 1867-1964 married Richardson

Mary Emma O'Neill 1820-1960

John Beasley O'Neill 1873-1959

N. M. Smiley 1828-1870 buried Leesville Cemetery. He was first married to Elizabeth Cooke Smiley 1830-1858, then came to Texas with son James Wylie Smiley 1850-1910. (James Wylie is the ½ brother to Mary Elizabeth Smiley Griffin Martin. He is buried in Loraine, Texas.)

Sarah Adeline "Addie" Seale Smiley 1845-1932 m 8-15-1860 buried Kenedy Cemetery

Mary Elizabeth Smiley 1861-1916 (married Matt Griffin and had two children Addie and Fred, then married **J.A. Martin** and had five children **Seale Martin, J.A. Jake Martin, Amelia Meade Martin Le Bleu, Loyd Franklin Martin, Hattie Mae Martin Goff, Hilda Martin Eckols Jalufka**)

Eli John Smiley 1863-1919

Mattie Smiley 1867-1884

Neal Smiley 1870-

Henry O'Neill a widower

Sarah Adeline "Addie" Seale Smiley O'Neill a widow married 1873 to O'Neill. She died in Robstown, Texas at the home of Fannie O'Neill Rhodes but is buried Kenedy Cemetery. (The following children are half siblings to the Smiley children and half siblings to the first O'Neill children)

Addie Maude O'Neill 1875-1971 married Steven Richard Franklin

Frances "Fannie" C. O'Neill 1881-1961 married Ernest Rhodes

Willie Loleet O'Neill 1881-1962 married Charles Benton

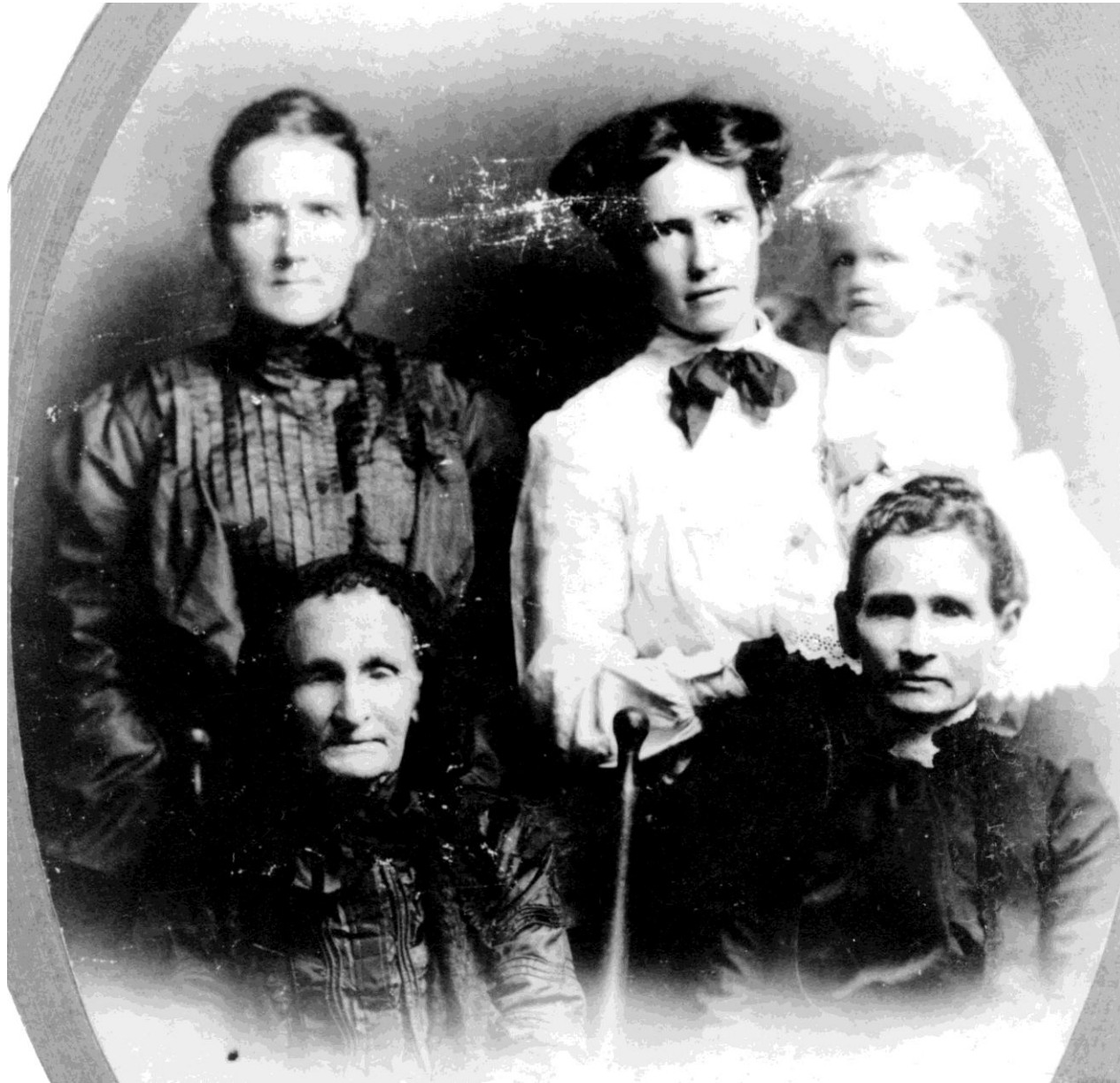
Henry Brown O'Neill 1883-1942 married **Katherine "Kate" Martin** (daughter of **J.A. Martin** and first wife **Alice Campbell Martin**)

Eva Leah O'Neill 1885-1966 married **Abbie Martin Rutledge** (son of **Catherine Martin Rutledge** who was the sister to **J.A. Martin**)



Jacob Absalom Martin in front of the Nichols National Bank in Kenedy, Texas. At one time, he served as president of the bank.

When J.A. and Mary Elizabeth Martin died, their property was divided between the children they had together. He bequeathed \$1000 each to the children of his first marriage.



Five generations taken about 1904-
left standing: Mary Elizabeth Smiley
Griffin Martin, daughter Addie
Griffin Baker and her daughter
Edith Baker; seated: Mary Jones
Seale and Sarah Adeline "Addie"
Seale Smiley O'Neill.

When Mary Elizabeth Smiley
widow Griffin married J.A. Martin,
she had two children, Addie Griffin
and Fred Griffin. Addie Griffin
Baker's daughter was Edith Baker.



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Fred Griffin was the son of Mary Elizabeth Smiley widow Griffin Martin. He was a Texas Ranger. Mary Elizabeth was a widow with two children when she married J.A. Martin. They were Addie Griffin and Fred Griffin.



Jacob Absolom Martin

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Interview by Myra Lee Goff of Nibs Wolfe about Jacob Absolom Martin and the Martin Ranch

His primary occupation was horse trading. He would get horses in Mexico, break them and sell them in the US and Mexico. Also he had a butcher shop in Kenedy (Sam Gates ran it). The meat was supplied from the ranch. He supplied all the meat for the preacher, Brother Williamson. He was also president of the 1st Kenedy National Bank.

Mr. Martin had no regard for valuable things. There was a desk that had 3 glass shelves. J.A. needed a shelf outside to put his worm medicine on, so he cut off the 3 shelves and nailed it to a tree to use.

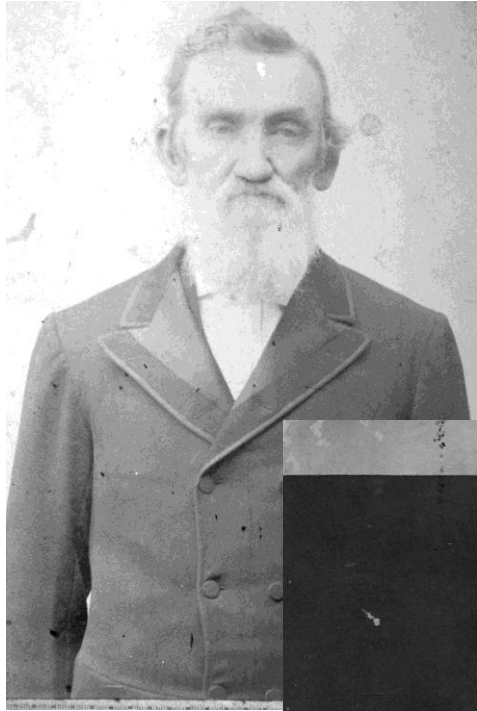
Mary Elizabeth Martin had a large collection of cut glass stored in the basement of the Martin Ranch. The home burned down. It was reported that after the fire, discovered in the basement was one huge glob of melted glass.

Nibs lived at the ranch with her mother and dad until she went to school. They then moved to town where they took a room with Dr. Hubbard.



Jacob Absolom Martin and Steve Franklin

Mr. Franklin was married to Addie Maude O'Neill. She Was the daughter of Henry O'Neill and Addie Seale Smiley O'Neill. She was also the half-sister to Mary Elizabeth Smiley Martin.

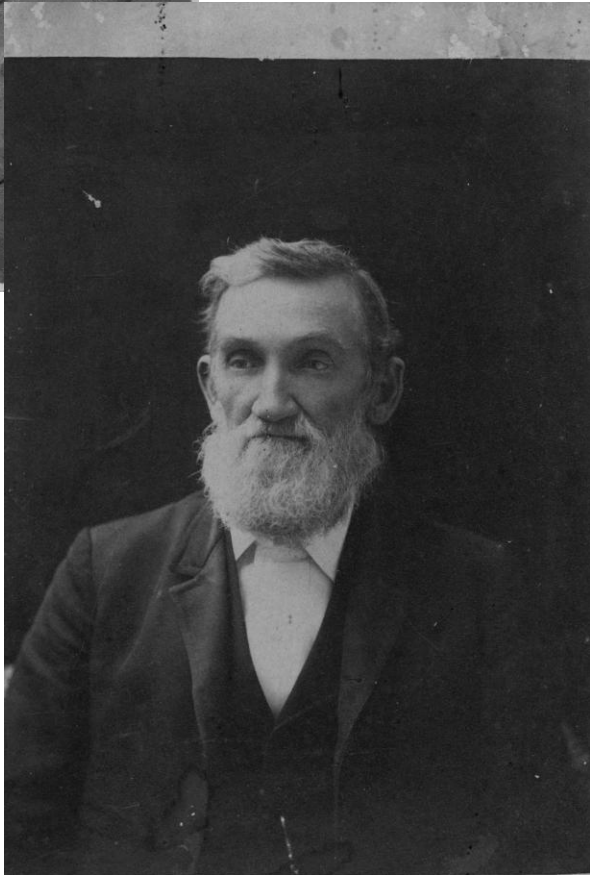


Eli Yarbrough Seale was born in 1827 in Alabama. He was the Father of Sarah Adeline "Addie" Seale widow Smiley O'Neill.

He was married to Mary Jones and lived in Floresville.

He was also the grandfather of Mary Elizabeth Smiley widow Griffin Martin. After Mary Elizabeth's husband, Matt Griffin died, she and her two children Fred and Addie lived with Eli and Mary Seale in Floresville.

Eli Seale was a circuit riding Methodist minister. He and his wife are buried in the Floresville Cemetery. His cemetery stone reads, "Though he sleeps his memory doth live and cheering comforts to his mourners give. He followed virtue as his truest guide. lived as a Christian-as a Christian died."

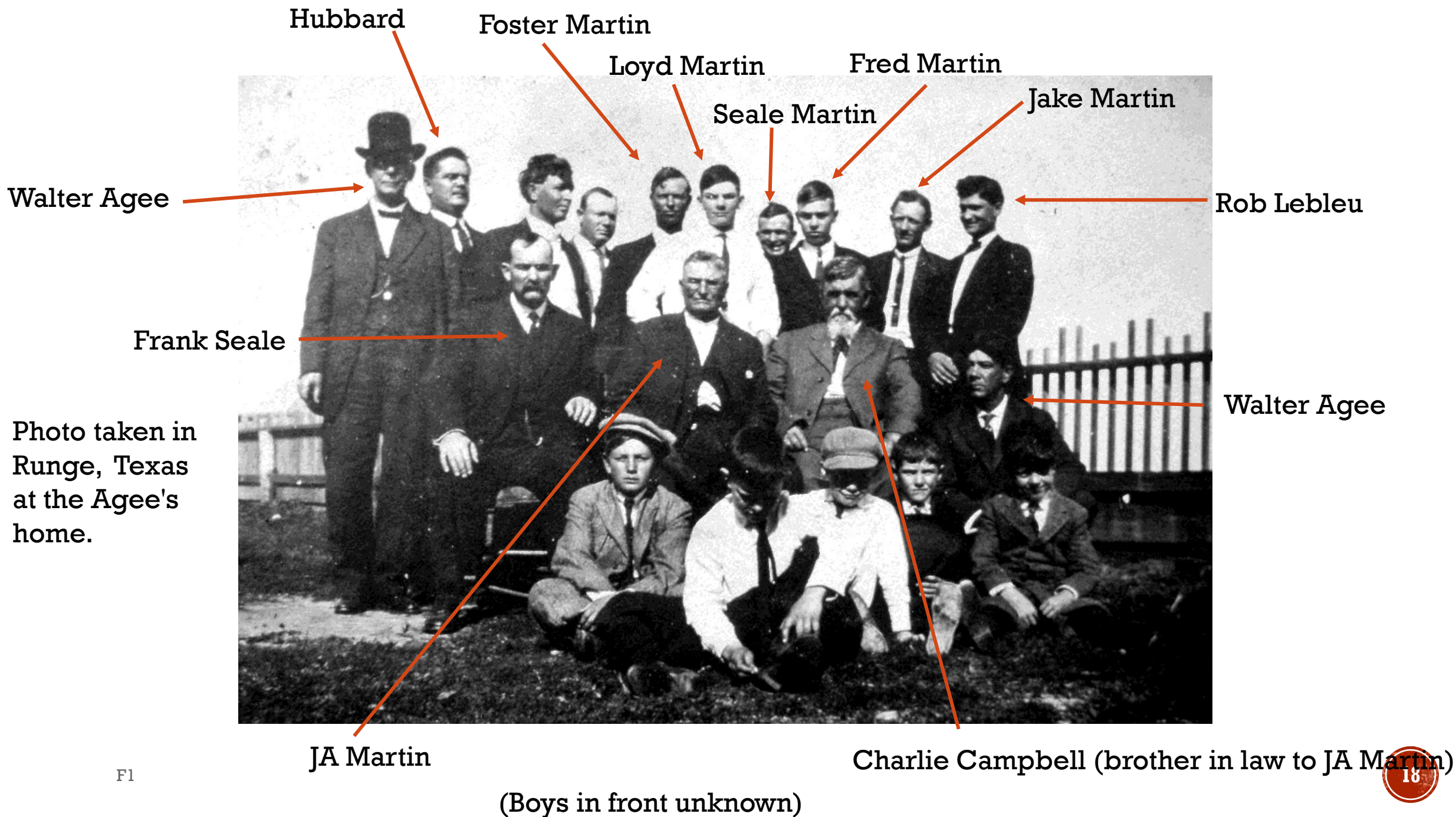




Addie Seale Smiley O'Neill was the mother of Mary Elizabeth Smiley widow Griffin Martin. She was born in 1845 in Philadelphia, Mississippi and was the daughter of Eli and Mary Seale. She died in 1932 in Robstown, Texas but is buried in the Kenedy Cemetery.

The photo below is of Mary and Eli Seale.





Lela Martin Parker

Lilla Binkley Martin

Edna Martin Seale

Mary Elizabeth Martin

Kate Campbell Pace

Allie
"Daut"
Agee

This photo was taken at the
home of Walter and Daut Martin
Agee in Runge, Texas.

Doris Agee



Kate Martin O'Neill

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?Abbe Martin Appleby

?Bernice
Martin Cryer

Gwen Parker Plackard

Hilda and Hattie Martin



This photo was taken at the home of Walter and Daut Martin Agee in Runge, Texas. It is the Martin children and grandchildren.

On the right is Gwen Parker Plackard and center girl with the headband is Hilda Martin.



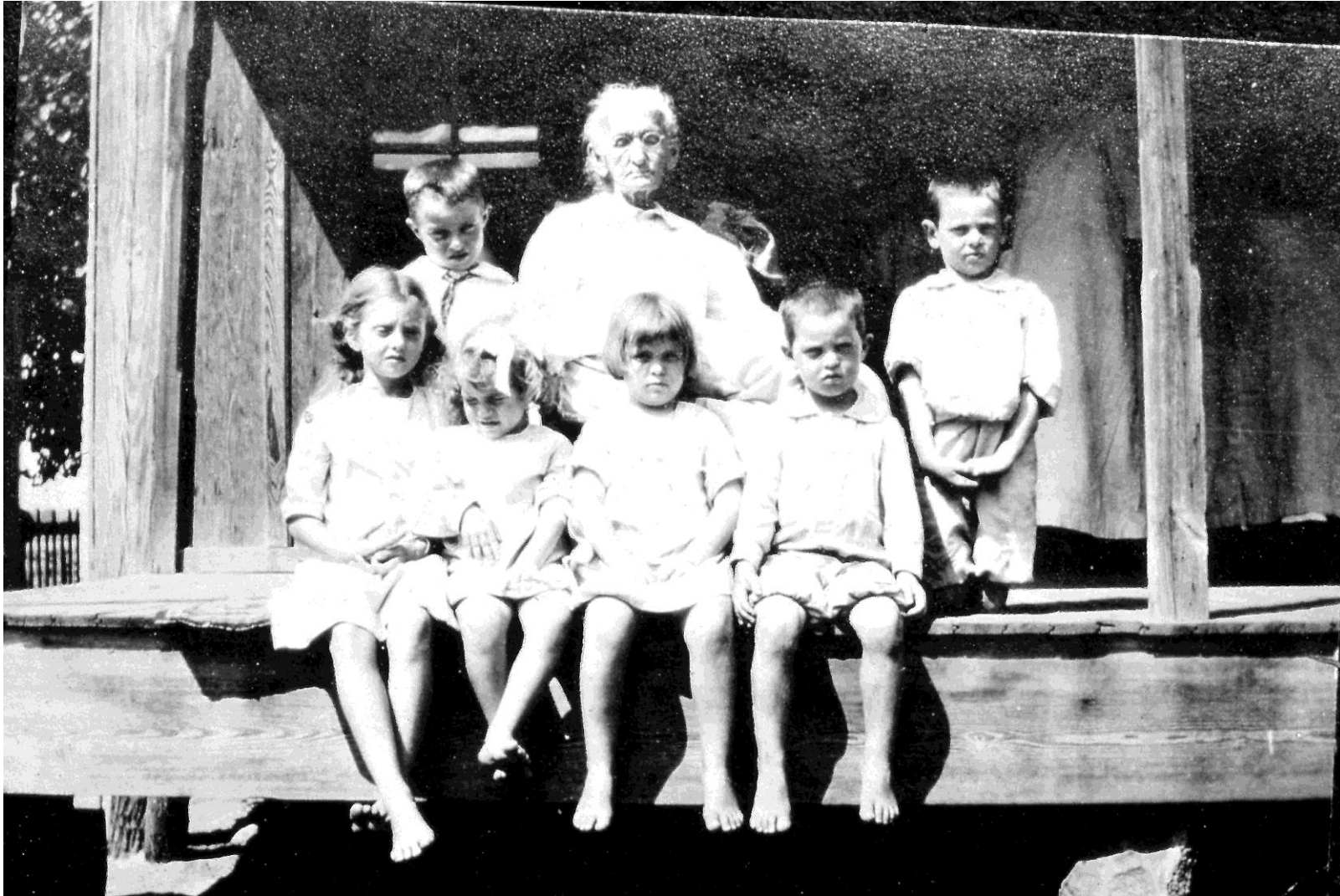
Kate Campbell Pace and her brother, Charlie Campbell. Kate was the sister of Alice Amanda Campbell Martin.

At some point in time, the Campbells and Martins held reunions together.

This photo was taken in Runge at the Agee's home.



Hilda Martin Eckols Jalufka, Hattie Martin Goff, Roy Seale, Mama (Mary Elizabeth Martin), Loyd Martin and Jake Martin at the McAda Place located at 6th and Dailey in Kenedy, Texas.



Grandma Seale (Mary Jones Seale was the grandmother of Mary Elizabeth Martin and the mother of Frank Seale) in Floresville with Robbins children. Her daughter was Fannie Ferguson Seale Robbins.



Granny O'Neill (Mary Elizabeth Smiley Griffin Martin's mother), Hattie, Hilda, Mary Elizabeth Martin and Eva O'Neill Rutledge (half sister to Mary Elizabeth) at Granny O'Neill's house in Kenedy.

J A Martin Seale Martin Annie Frances Martin "Sissy"
Daughter of J.A. Martin, Jr. Lilla Binkley Martin



Fred Martin

Loyd Martin

Foster Martin

Jewell Deams

He was a ranch hand who was like a part of the family. He went on trail rides and helped break the wild mustangs for the ranch. Family members recently got in touch with his Great Granddaughter Stella Marks.

J.A. Martin on the left in white shirt and hat. Fred Martin top left with hat. ?Abbe Martin Appleby in front of him. Bess Bauer in white blouse with black scarf. Lilla Binkley Martin in white hat. Hilda Martin Jalufka front 2nd from the right. ?Bernice Martin Cryer 1st from the right. Loyd Martin back right with hat.





The fishing trip.



Women at the top are Eva Rutledge, Addie Baker and Bessie Bauer.

Eva O'Neill Rutledge was the half-sister of Mary Elizabeth Martin. Her husband was Abbie Martin Rutledge, son of J.A. Martin's sister, Catherine Martin Rutledge.

Addie Baker was the daughter of Mary Elizabeth and first husband Matt Griffin. Bessie Bauer was the daughter of Lela Martin Parker.



Colvin kids: Billy, H.S., Jim, Peggy and
Dick LeBleu.
They were good friends in Kenedy

Below is a photo of the Hattie Martin Goff Family: Martin Goff, Joyce Goff Lyons, P.R. "Potts" Goff, Jr., Martin Goff, Hattie Martin Goff, Glyn Goff and Marilyn Goff Thompson.





Twins Hattie Martin Goff and Hilda Martin Eckols Jalufka at the Martin Ranch in 1903, the year they were born to J.A. and Mary Elizabeth Martin. Beulah Smiley McCaskill is in the background. She was the niece of Mary Elizabeth Martin.



Hattie Martin Goff and Hilda Martin
Eckols Jalufka.





Hattie Martin Goff and Hilda Martin Eckols
Jalufka



Hilda and Hattie at
Westmoreland
College in San
Antonio



Kate Martin O'Neill and Allie Martin "Daut" Agee were daughters of J.A. and Alice Campbell Martin. Kate was born in 1883 and Daut was born in 1881. Daut had a twin brother, Absolom or "Abbie" but he died at a young age.



Kate Martin
O'Neill



Eva O'Neill Rutledge ($\frac{1}{2}$ sister to Mary Elizabeth Martin), Addie Griffin Baker (daughter of Mary Elizabeth widow Griffin Martin) and Kate Martin O'Neill, daughter of J.A. and Alice Campbell Martin.



Edna Martin Seale, Lela Martin Parker and Allie "Daut" Martin Agee were daughters of J.A. and Alice Campbell Martin.



Kate Martin O'Neill 1882-1970
wife of Hayden Henry "Brown"
O'Neill. He was the half
brother of Mary Elizabeth
Smiley Martin.





Allie "Daut" Martin and Walter Agee.





Edwin "Ep" Agee was the son of Allie "Daut" Martin and Walter Agee. His siblings were Coe "Cole" Agee, Doris Agee and Katherine Agee. He was the grandson of J.A. and Alice Campbell Martin.



Doris Agee was the daughter of Allie "Daut" Martin Agee and granddaughter of J.A. and Alice Campbell Martin.





Coe, Doris, Edwin "Ep" and Catherine Agee were the children of Allie "Daut" Martin and Walter Agee. They were the grandchildren of J.A. and Alice Campbell Martin. Allie "Daut" Martin and Walter Agee are pictured below.





John Henry Rutledge and Merle Rutledge were cousins of the J.A. Martin children. Their mother was Eva O'Neill Rutledge, half-sister to Mary Elizabeth Martin. Their grandmother was Catherine Jane Martin Rutledge, sister to J.A. Martin.



Loyd Martin, Meade Martin LeBleu and
Beulah Smiley McCaskill playing croquet.



This photo was taken at Wofford's Crossing on the San Antonio River. At one time, the Martin Ranch extended all the way to the San Antonio River near Helena.

Left to right: Beulah McCaskill, Meade Martin LeBleu, Myrle Rutledge.



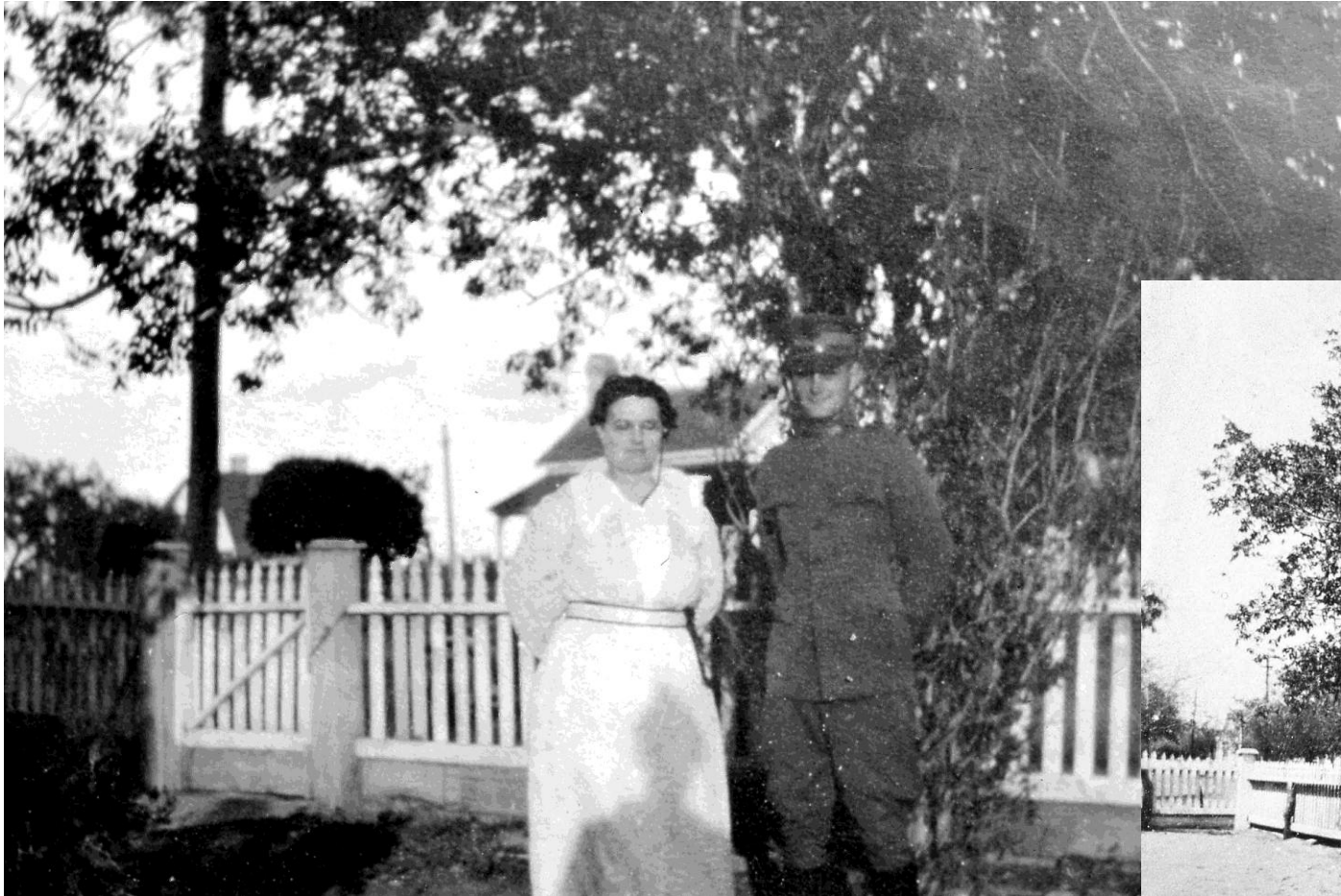
The San Antonio River in the summer of 1913. Bess Bauer with Paul in her arms and Gwen Parker with outstretched arms.

SA River Summer 1913.



Titled "Lizzie Martin and her girls." Hilda and Hattie are in the front. This photo was found in a scrapbook at the Kenedy Library.

**Edna Martin Seale and
son, Roy Seale.**



Edna Martin Seale was the oldest daughter of J.A. and Alice Campbell Martin. She was born in 1871. She married Frank Seale who was a younger brother of J.A.'s 2nd wife.

Campbell Seale is on the left and Roy Seale is on the right. They are the sons of Julia Edna Martin Seale and Frank Seale.





Man on the left is Campbell Seale in WWI uniform. This was at Camp Bowie in 1918.

Jacob Absolom Martin "Jake" was the son of J.A.
and Mary Elizabeth Martin



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Hilda Martin with Jakey Martin and
Woodrow McCaskill.

Jake Martin had three children:
Jacob "Jakey" Absolom Martin III,
Charles Clarence Martin and
Annie Frances Martin or "Sissy"

"Sissy's"
graduation
photo, right





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Sister and brother, Bessie Mae Bauer May and Paul Bauer were the children of Bess Parker Bauer. They were the grandchildren of Lela Martin Parker and the great-grandchildren of J.A. and Alice Campbell Martin.



Standing, Katie Parker (daughter), Lela Martin Parker (mother), Bessie Bauer (daughter) and kneeling, Gwen Parker Plackard (daughter)



Katie Parker, Bessie Mae Bauer May, Catherine Agee, Lela Martin Parker

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Above: Blossom Goff Martin
and Gwen Parker Plackard



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Earl Eckols and J.A. Eckols?, left. Earl was the son of Hilda Martin Eckols Jalufka.

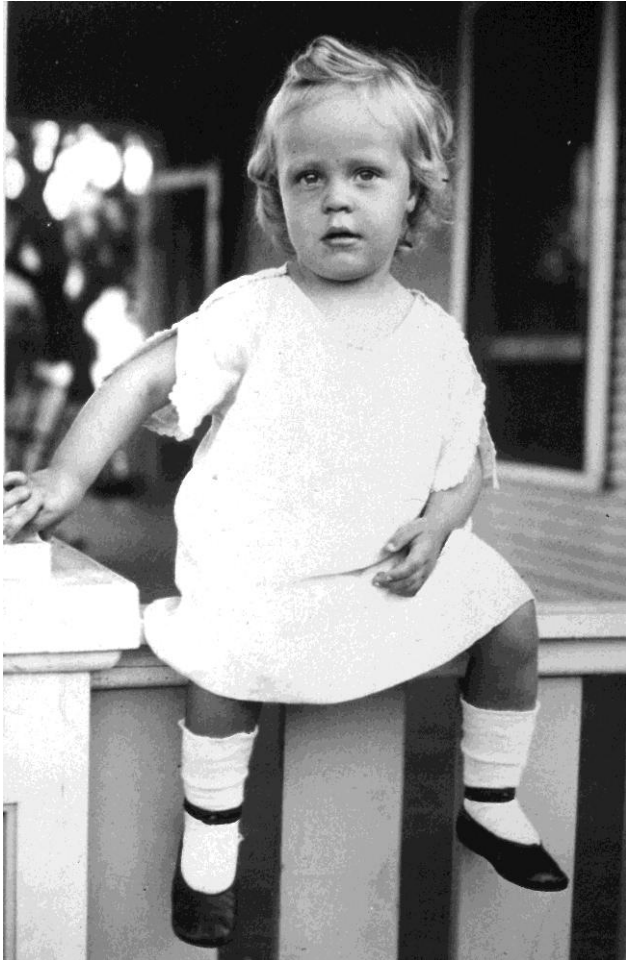


Hilda with her son Earl on the right, her grandson Edward Earl Eckols holding his son Eddie.



Hilda Martin Eckols
Jalufka and the December
Twins Pam and Stephanie.
Their mother was Cynthia
December. The twins were
the great-grandchildren
of Lela Martin Parker,
who was Hilda's sister.

Children of Hilda Martin
and Earl Eckols were:
Jacob Absolom Eckols
Eugene Earl Eckols
Betty Jo Eckols
Mary Lou Eckols McCarty



Edna Martin was the daughter of James Fisher Martin, Jr. and Callie Wilson Martin. She was the grand-daughter of J.A. and Alice Campbell Martin.



Fisher Martin, left

Fisher Martin and wife, Callie Wilson below





Seale Martin and Ella Conrad Martin. Seale was the son of J.A. and Mary Elizabeth Martin. He was born in Kenedy in 1891. Seale and Ella had a daughter: Mary Elizabeth Martin "Nibs" Wolf. Seale and Ella are buried in Alice, Texas.

When J.A. Martin died, Seale was the guardian of Hilda and Hattie until they were a certain age.

Jake Martin Jr.

Paul Bauer(son of Bessie Bauer)

Dwight Plackard(husband of Gwen Parker Plackard)

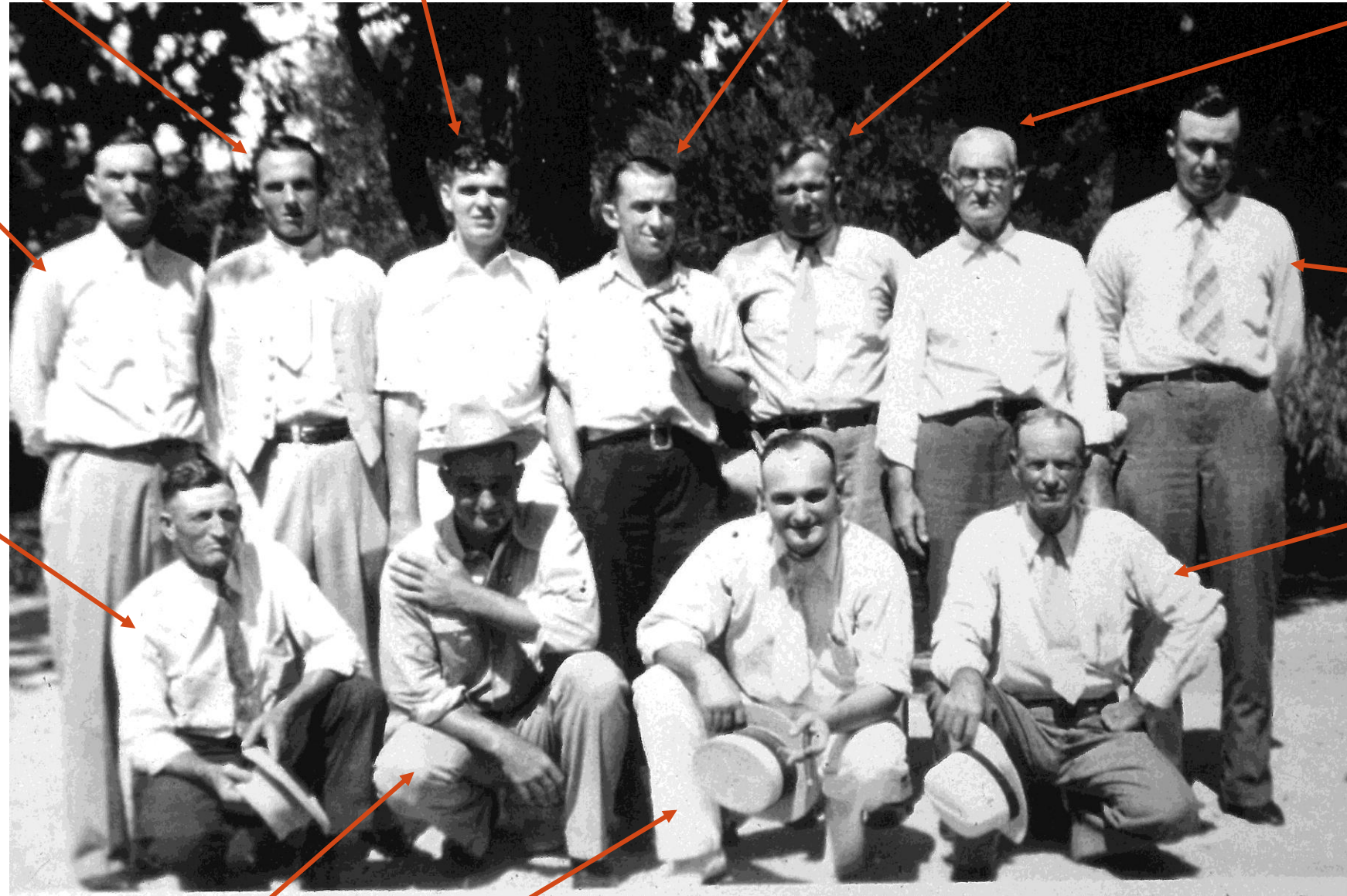
Seale Martin

Frank Seale
(Husband of Edna
Martin Seale)

Fred Martin

Foster Martin

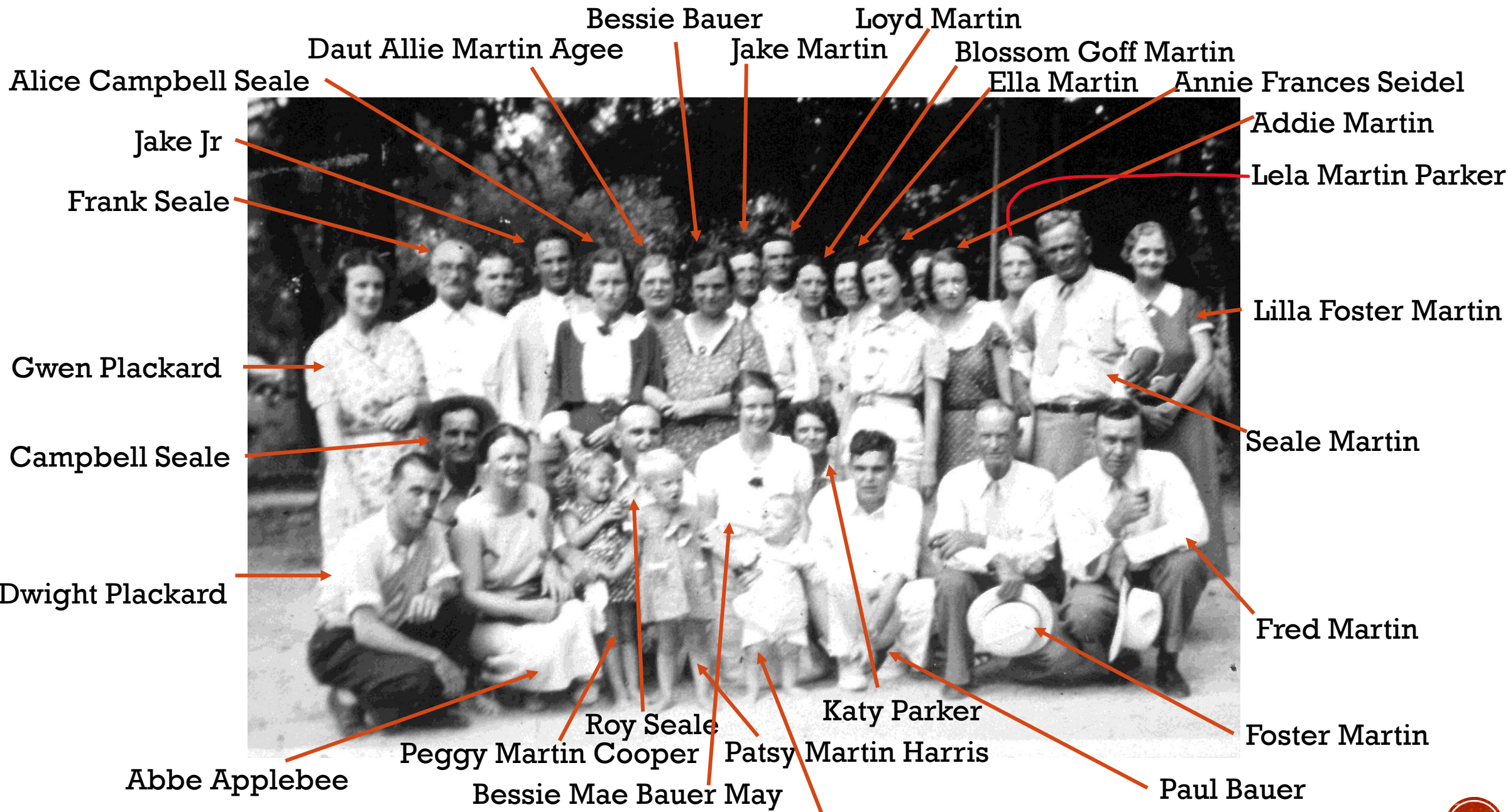
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was in 1936 at
the Gates Place
that was the old
Martin Ranch
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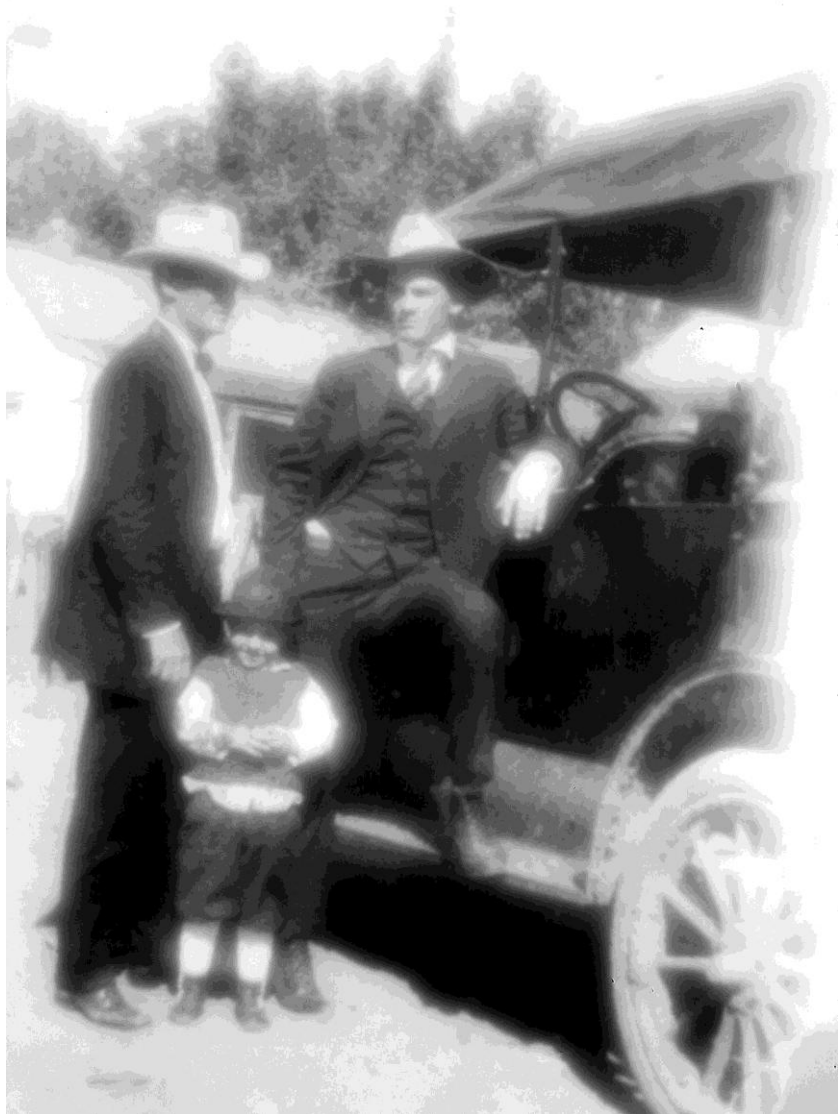
Loyd Martin

Jake Martin

Campbell Seale and Roy Seale (Sons of Frank and Edna Martin Seale)



1936 Reunion at the Gates Place (old Martin Ranch)



Rob LeBleu (husband of Amelia "Meade" Martin) with Loyd Martin as a child and Dick LeBleu (son of Rob and "Meade" LeBleu).

Amelia "Meade" Martin was the daughter of J.A. and Mary Elizabeth Martin. She was born in Kenedy in 1896. She and Thomas Robert LeBleu had one son, Rob Seale LeBleu "Dick".



Loyd Martin was born in 1898 to J.A. and Mary Elizabeth Martin. Loyd married Blossom Goff in Karnes County in 1920. He died In 1980.

Their children were:

Mary Elaine "Pepper" Martin

Loyd Martin, Jr.

Peggy Jean Martin Cooper

Patsy Jo Martin Harris

Roy Seale Martin



Blossom Goff Martin
and Loyd Martin



Left to right:
Fred Martin,
Roy Seale,
Loyd Martin



Loyd F. Martin



Loyd and Blossom
Goff Martin



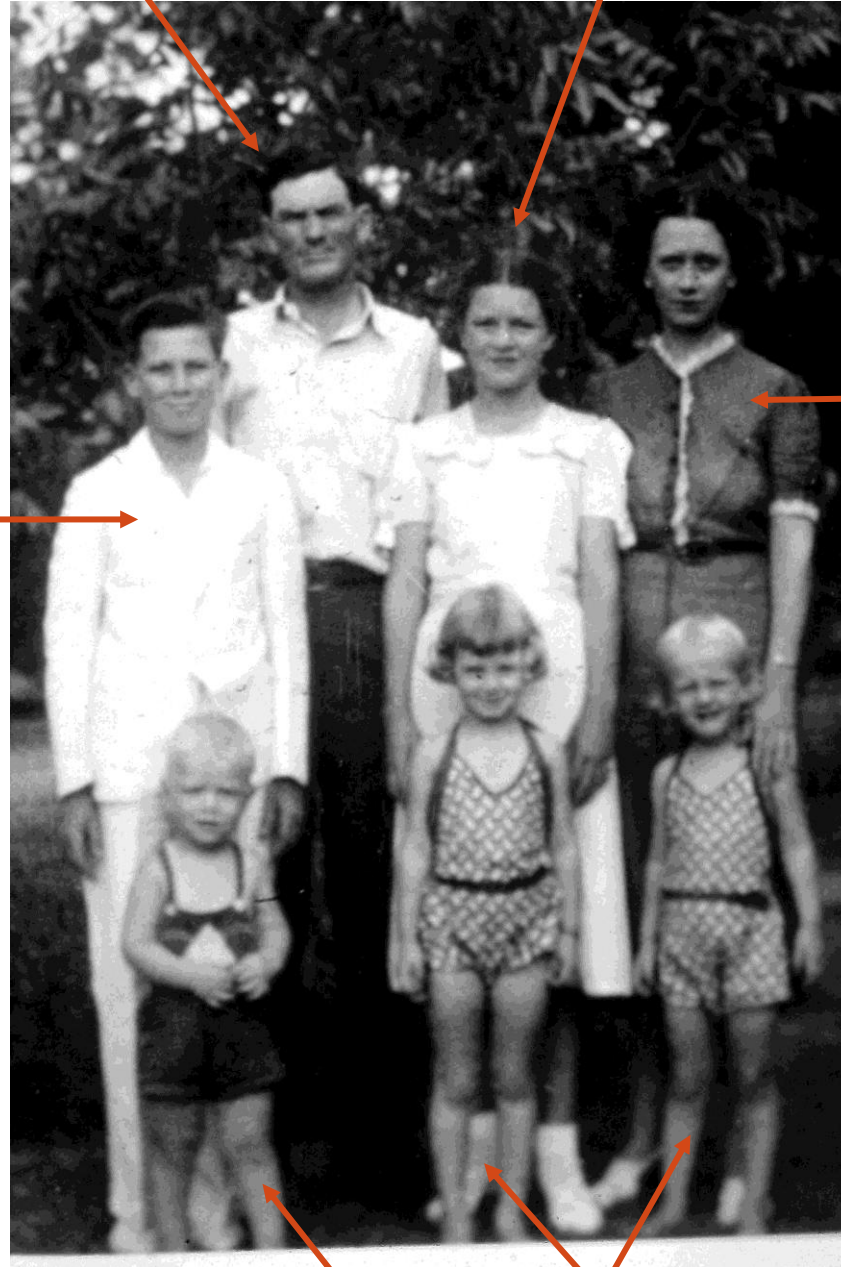
Loyd Martin in uniform in Galveston.

Peggy and Patsy told a story about Loyd from June 8-29, 1920. He was serving in the Texas National Guard in Galveston during a civil uprising between the International Longshoreman's Union and the local open-shop advocates. Governor Hobby eventually had to call for martial order for the city. Loyd had just graduated from high school at that time and had just married Blossom on May 22.

At a point, Loyd and Blossom lived in South Texas and he played in a Texas minor league baseball club. He was the catcher and that is when he became "Booger Martin."

Loyd Martin, Sr.

Mary Elaine "Pepper" Martin



Blossom Goff Martin

Loyd Martin, Jr.

Roy, Peggy, Patsy Martin

Walter Goff

P.R. "Potts" Goff

Granny Goff's bedroom in San Marcos when she lived with Loyd and Blossom. It was actually a living room.

Alfred "Red" Goff

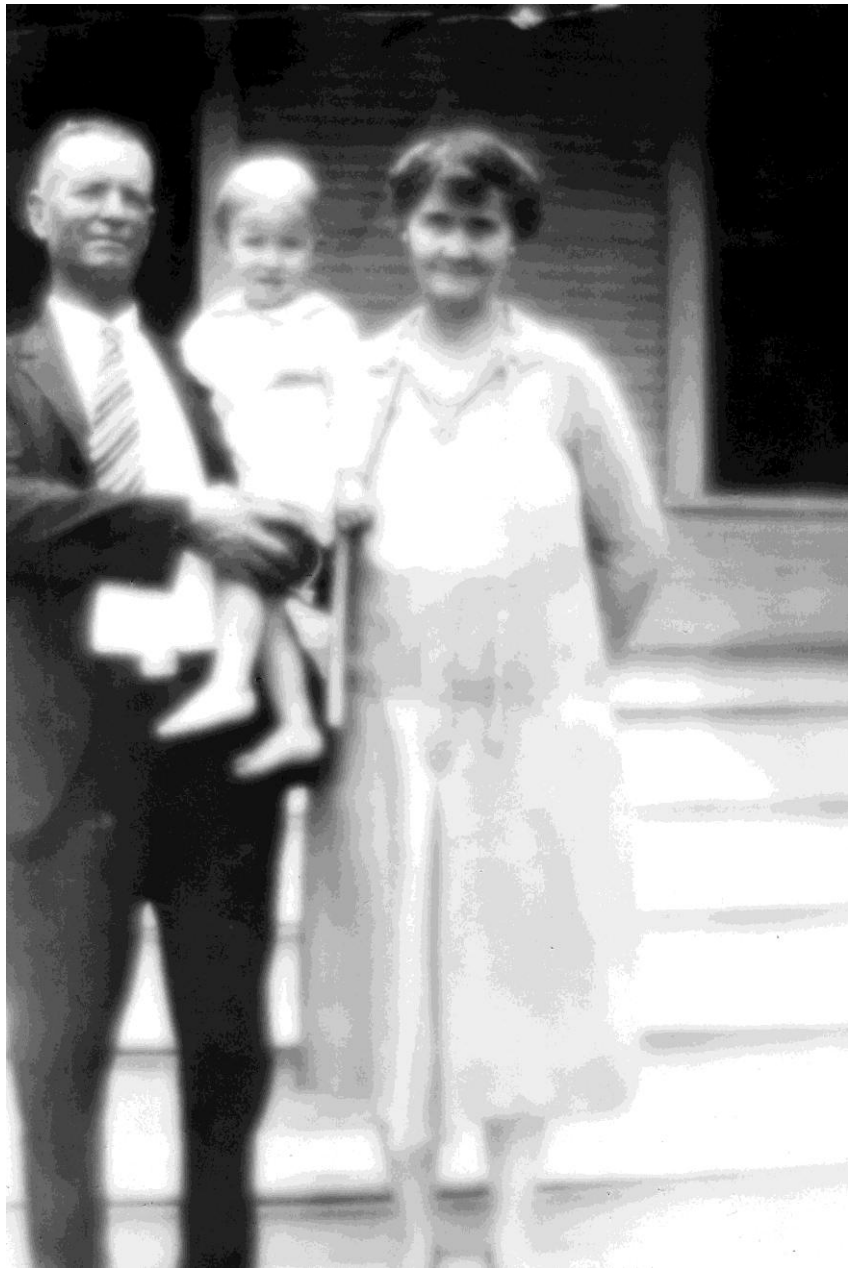
Loyd Martin, Sr.





Loyd Martin in San Marcos to the left and Blossom Goff Martin below. Photo right: Blossom, Potts and sister in law, Wilma Goff.





Foster Martin with daughter, Abbie and wife, Lilla. Foster was born in 1878 to J.A. and Alice Campbell Martin.

Their children were:

Charles Frederick Martin

Abbe Martin Appleby

Bernice Martin Cryer



Fred Martin, son of Foster and Lilla Martin with wife Addie and daughters, Gail Rutledge and Merry Wise. They are standing in front of their San Antonio house.



The Amos Gates family bought the property that Hilda inherited. The Martin Ranch house was located on the property. The reunion was held there at times.

Top row: Bill, Alfred "Red" and Walter Goff

Blossom
Goff
Martin



P.R. "Potts" Goff, Jr.

This photo was taken in 1912 when the Goffs took Blossom Goff Martin and P.R. "Potts" Goff on a three month vacation to England to visit Goff relatives and to see the coronation of the king.

Ida Riedel Goff

P.R. Goff, Sr.

Top row: Hilda Martin Eckols Jalufka and Hattie Martin Goff

Front: Kate Martin O'Neill, Addie Griffin Baker, Lela Martin Parker and Daut Martin Agee





Seated: Fred Griffin, Seale Martin and Fisher Martin
Standing: Jake Martin and Loyd Martin

The reunion was at Brackenridge Park.



Left to right top row: Seale Martin, Fred Griffin, Hilda Martin Eckols Jalufka, Jake Martin, Hattie Martin Goff, Loyd Martin, Fisher Martin

Seated left to right: Addie Griffin Baker, Kate Martin O'Neill, Lela Martin Parker, Allie "Daut" Martin Agee.

This reunion was at Brackenridge Park in San Antonio.



Roy Seale with Cynthia Placard December, Peggy Martin Cooper, Roy Seale, Gail Martin Rutledge, Patsy Martin Harris, Barbara May Welder, Roy Seale Martin and Franklin Seale at a Martin Reunion. The photo was taken at the Brackenridge Zoo in 1948.



L-R: Frank Seale (husband of Edna Martin), Georgie Martin (2nd wife of Jake Martin?), Mary Griffin (wife of Fred Griffin), Blossom Goff Martin, Lilla (Mrs Foster Martin), Ella (Mrs Seale Martin), P.R. Goff Jr



Sons and daughters in law at Brackenridge Park Martin Reunion.

Left to Right: P.R. "Potts" Goff (Hattie's husband), Ella (Seale's wife), Lilla (Foster's wife), Mary (Fred Griffin's wife), Georgia (Jake's wife), Frank Seale (Edna's husband)

The annual Martin reunion was held July 2 on the old ranch place now owned by Amos Gates. The celebration this year was dedicated to Uncle Charlie Campbell.

At 11 o'clock a short memorial service was held in memory of the members of the family who have passed on. A barbecue dinner with all the trimmings was served at noon.

The table decorations being two birthday cakes, one embossed with beautiful roses and the other holding 89 candles for the honoree.

At 2 o'clock a business meeting was held at which time Lloyd Martin was re-elected president and Hattie Martin Goff was elected secretary. The former secretary, Katie Parker, having moved to New Orleans recently. The main topic for discussion was the organizing of a cemetery association for the upkeep and improvement of the old Escondido Cemetery, which was the burial ground for the forefathers of this community. Since the cemetery is the property of the First Methodist Church of Kenedy, it was agreed that the president appoint a committee to investigate proper procedure to organize same.

A collection was taken to start a fund to carry on this work. The committee consists of Mrs. P. R. Goff, J. T. King of Kenedy. It is earnestly requested that all interested contact this committee. The speaker of the afternoon was the Hon. Sam Gates of Runge, who paid tribute to the lives of Uncle Charlie Campbell and the late J. A. Martin. The family regretted that Mr. and Mrs. Amos Gates were unable to be with them and a resolution was adopted to send them a letter of thanks for the use of their ranch house and grounds which made the happy occasion possible. Friends called in the afternoon and 125 registered during the day. All of the Martin children were

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Martin Families Reunion Sunday

Probably one of the happiest events in the lives of the C. J. Campbell and the children and descendants of the Ab. Martin families was enjoyed on the old Martin Ranch about 3 miles northeast of Kenedy last Sunday, honoring Uncle Charlie Campbell in his 89th birthday anniversary. A big barbecue dinner, with all the trimmings, was served to about 125 relatives and friends under the shade of lovely oak trees which surround the old home, which has been remodeled and made into one of the most modern and completely equipped ranch homes it has ever been the pleasure of this writer to see.



After dinner pleasant conversation and interesting incidents of the early days was indulged in for an hour or more. This was followed by an organization meeting of the Escondido Cemetery Association.

The meeting was presided over by Lloyd Martin as chairman and Mrs. P. R. (Botts) Goff as secretary. It was voted to appoint a committee to investigate the possibilities of cleaning, building a fence, and keeping the old cemetery in repair; to raise funds with which to defray the expense; also to control the sale of lots. The secretary was instructed to communicate with all of those who have family connections buried there and to work out details. After which a visit to the old cemetery was made.

Sam Gates of Runge, an old friend and associate in the cattle business of Mr. Campbell made a short talk relating some of the experiences and happenings of Mr. Campbell's trips up the trail and other interesting things that happened years ago. At 3:30 refreshments consisting of sherbet, ice cream and cake, and watermelon were served and Uncle Charlie Campbell cut the lovely birthday cake bearing 89 candles and di-

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CAMPBELL AND MARTIN FAMILIES ENJOY ANNUAL REUNION AT KENEDY

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Below we are printing some of the names of those attending: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Martin, Mrs. Bill Green, J. T. Martin Jr., Mrs. E. E. Eckols, J. A. Betty Jo and Mary Lou Eckols of Corpus Christi; Mrs. Lela Parker, Mrs. Fred Bauer, Paul and Gwendolyn Bauer of Beeville; Mrs. W. G. Agee of Conroe; E. L. Agee of Houston; Seale and Jake Martin and Mrs. F. A. Wolf of Alice; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brandt, Mrs. A. B. Massey and Bo Martin of Orange Grove; Jake Martin, Jr., of Freer; Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Goff Jr., Martin Marilyn, Bobby Joyce and Glenn Hubbard Goff, Mr. and Mrs. John F. May, Mrs. W. J. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Pace, John Charles, Floyd and Jim Dan Pace, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow McCaskill, Miss Georgia May, Mrs. Caroline May, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rutledge, Brownie Rutledge, Mrs. H. A. Mueller, Mrs. T. L. Benson, Mrs. E. D. Holchak, and Billy Holchak of Kenedy; Mrs. L. B. Cain and baby of Washington, D. C.; C. D. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McNeill and Katherine McNeill of Kingsville; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Weir of Ricardo; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Campbell Jr., Lanham, Grace Marilyn, Anita Joyce, Charles, Dudley, Lanelle Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gates, Gates Steen, Editor and Mrs. Alf B. Schroeter, Donald, Melba Leigh Schroeter, Wesley Troy of Runge; Miss Grace Schoppe of East Bernard; Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Pace and baby, and Ray Seale of Runge;

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Martin Family Reunion Brings Large Crowd to Ranch at Kenedy

KENEDY, July 8 (Sp.).—The annual Martin reunion was held July 2 on the old ranch place now owned by Amos Gates. The celebration this year was dedicated to Uncle Charlie Campbell.

A short memorial service was held in memory of the members of the family who have passed on. A barbecue dinner with all the trimmings was served at noon.

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Seale-Martin Reunion Held At Alice Ranch

ALICE (Sp.)—The Seale and Martin families assembled for reunion at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Seale Sunday for the 12th annual family reunion of the group. This is the first reunion held in Alice.

About 100 members registered in a new book which was given to the hosts as a keepsake. The names will be transferred to the 12-year-old register which is held by Mrs. P. R. Goff, Jr., of Kenedy.

Long tables set up under spreading trees at the ranch house were laid with the barbecue dinner. Members of the two families came attended from Houston, El Paso, Alpine, Kenedy, Floresville, Lampasas San Antonio Corpus Christi, Beeville, San Marcos, Austin, Port Arthur and other places.

This reunion was held at the Guy Seale Ranch in Alice, Texas.





Guy Seale Ranch
reunion

Left to right: Seale,
Guy Seale, Ella
Martin, Roy, Hattie
and Lela



Photo right: Reunion at the
Guy Seale Ranch in Alice,
Texas.
Roy Seale standing, Seated
Lela Parker and Hattie
Martin Goff. Roy was
president that year.
Above right: Hattie, Roy and
Lela. F1





Left to right:
Paul Bauer,
Jerry Appleby,
Alfred Appleby,
Abbie Appleby,
Bessie Bauer,
Kate O'Neill,
Gwen Bauer,
Kathryn McNeill
and Mr. Sam
Gates.



Reunion at Guy Seale Ranch in Alice, Texas. Rocky Wolfe, son of Nibs Wolfe, is driving the horse. Riding in the wagon is Monty Goff, Candy Cain, Jan May Smith and Marty Goff.



1959 Reunion photo of Edwin "Ep" Agee and his mother "Daut" Martin Agee and Fred Martin on the right.



Loyd Martin in the picture on the left. P.R. "Potts" on the left below, then Campbell Seale, John May and Barbara May Welder. This reunion was at McArthur Park in San Antonio in 1960.





Pavilion at McArthur Park is pictured above. To the left is Abbe Martin Appleby and Blossom Goff Martin.

Photo center: Glyn Goff on the far right.,



Bessie Mae Bauer May, Blossom Goff Martin (standing) and Bess Parker Bauer (seated). In the photo below, Ella is on the left, Nibs Wolf is third from the left and Kate Martin O'Neill is on the far right.





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1960 Reunion at McArthur
Park in San Antonio.
Photo left: Seale Martin,
Red Goff (back), Loyd
Martin, Roy



Unknown, Alfred
"Red" Goff and
Edwin Cooper at
a reunion held at
Alfred "Red"
Goff's house in
San Antonio.



Infant daughter of J.F. (Jr?) and F.C. (Callie?)
Martin

Died _____ and buried in the Escondido Cemetery,
Kenedy, Texas.



Jacob Absolom Martin was born May 28, 1850 and died February 16, 1919. He is buried in the Escondido Cemetery in Kenedy, Texas.





Alice Amanda Campbell Martin was born April 5, 1852 and died July 6, 1889. She is buried with her infant son and shares a headstone with Mary Elizabeth Smiley Martin, born September 5, 1861 and died January 5, 1915. They are buried in the Escondido Cemetery.

Inscription: This memory shall ever be a guiding star to Heaven.

Below is the original tombstone of Alice A. Martin that was later replaced by the tombstone with both wives.





Julia Ann Eberly Martin and
James Fisher Martin



Erected in Memory of J. A. Martin (Julia Ann Eberly Martin) who died Jan. 12, 1883 aged 63 years, Regretted by all her friends and mourned by her husband and children.

James Fisher Martin





Absolom Martin "Abbie" born 1881, twin of Allie "Daut" Martin.
Died 1893 as the result of a baseball accident.