

The Eberlys and Martins of Texas

For the last three years we have traveled through museums, courthouses, libraries, archives and cemeteries in search of information. How many times have we said, “If Hattie (Hattie Martin Goff) were here, she could tell us”?

Beginning with the facts that others before us have gathered, we began adding to what was already known. Although the research process is never easy or complete, the process itself becomes extremely rewarding when a family history is so rich.

The 2004 Martin Family Reunion was our self-imposed deadline. The very nature of the research is one that goes on and on and a goal must be set. We hope this beginning inspires others to take up the challenge of their own family research.

A copy of this book has been placed in the Kenedy Library, The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library at the Alamo, the Texas State Archives, and the Sophienberg Archives in New Braunfels.

Many thanks to all the archivists, courthouse employees, and librarians that helped us. Also we thank the Martin family members who contributed their personal stories and pictures. Last, we thank Patricia Goff Arnold for her watercolor rendition of J.A. Martin as a young man in front of the Martin ranch house in Kenedy, Texas.

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This is the story of four generations of the Eberly and Martin families in Texas. Before the Texas Revolution and before Texas became a Republic, Jacob and Catharine Elgin Eberly traveled from Kentucky into Texas. The story then moves to one of the Eberly daughters Julia Ann and her marriage to Dr. James Fisher Martin. Finally the focus is on the youngest child of Julia and James, Jacob Absolom Martin, his two wives, Alice Amanda Campbell and Mary Elizabeth Smiley Griffin, and their combined 15 children.

EARLY TEXAS INHABITANTS

Many Anthropologists believe that the first inhabitants in Texas were prehistoric people who crossed the Bering Strait from Asia and migrated south. These people evolved into tribes. The main tribes in Texas were Kiowas, Comanches, Wichitas, Cherokees, Caddoes, Alabama Coushattas, Tonkawas, Atakapans, Coahuiltecan, Karankawas, Apaches, Jumanos, and Tiguas.

SPANISH CLAIMS

The Age of Exploration in the 16th century brought Europeans to the New World looking for riches. Christopher Columbus claimed land for Spain and this began the establishment of a Spanish empire in the New World which eventually encompassed most of South America, Central America, Mexico, and many of the lands that make up the United States. Soon Hernando Cortez, a Spanish Conquistador, was successful at claiming all of Mexico for Spain. His success encouraged other Spanish explorers, notably Cabeza de Vaca and Francisco Coronado, to enter Texas to look for gold. Although they found no gold, they were able to claim the land for Spain.

THE FRENCH

The Spanish exploration effort was only the beginning of the struggle for control of Texas lands. Over the next two hundred years, there were conflicts over land between Spain and France, especially in East Texas. The Frenchman Robert La Salle had aspirations to take the land from Spain, but was never engaged in battle, nor did he see a Spaniard.

Landing on the shore of Matagorda Bay, he was eventually killed by his own men. The Spanish established forts and missions across the area and Texas was made a separate province of New Spain (as the entire area was called) in 1722.

INDIANS AND FILIBUSTERS

Fierce Indian raids discouraged settlements in the vast Texas area and held back population growth. To make matters worse, in the early 1800's groups of armed men from the United States known as filibusters, entered Texas from the north with the express purpose of seizing control of the territory.

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE FROM SPAIN

Mexico, of which Texas was a part, became restless with being a colony of Spain and a growing movement culminated in Mexico's independence in 1821. The province of Texas was now part of the new Republic of Mexico. Several attempts were made on the part of Mexico to colonize Texas, mostly unsuccessful.

THE AUSTINS

Into this chaotic scene came Moses Austin, a land developer. He approached Antonio Maria Martinez, the Governor of the Texas province who was located in San Antonio and asked for permission to bring settlers. Being suspicious of outsiders, Martinez ordered Austin to leave. As fate would have it, upon his exit Austin ran into an old friend Baron de Bastrop. Bastrop, a colorful character who invented his own title, apparently intervened on Austin's behalf and persuaded Martinez to allow Austin to bring settlers to Texas. The time was January 24, 1821, and Austin was given permission to bring 300 families. He would have to attest to their good character and behavior, for it would obviously be to the advantage of the Mexican government to populate their Texas lands with good, reputable, hardworking citizens who would keep out the marauding filibusters and incidentally pay taxes.

Moses Austin returned to his Missouri home, dying unexpectedly of pneumonia. Consequently, his son Stephen Fuller Austin was granted his father's permission to become an empresario (or real estate developer). The younger Austin fulfilled his first contract in 1822, and those first families became known as the "Old Three Hundred". A total of five contracts were awarded to Austin.

JACOB AND CATHARINE EBERLY

At this time in our chronicle, the name of Jacob Eberly enters the story. Austin had chosen for his third contract a relatively small area of land known as the “Little Colony”. Originally the present Bastrop area was known as Mina, in honor of one of Mexico’s heroes. A minute book of Mina records the entry “112 Jacob Eberly, Nov. 7, 1832, 1 league, (a league is 4,439 acres) Wilbarger Creek, water of John Avery.”

Jacob Eberly was the son of John and Elizabeth Eberly. He was born in Kentucky in 1793, and on December 5, 1818, he married Catharine Elgin. She was born in Virginia and was the daughter of Fredrick and Catharine Perry Elgin. The Elgins had moved to Kentucky from Virginia. Catharine was seven years younger than Jacob, being born in 1800. The young couple was married near Versailles in Woodford County, Kentucky.

The census of Christian County, Kentucky in the late 1820’s shows Jacob Eberly’s family consisting of four males and five females and nine slaves: one male (John) and two females under 5 (Amacetta and baby Catharine), one female between 5 and 10 (Julia Ann, later to become Jacob Absolom Martin’s mother), one female between 10 and 15 (Eliza Jane), one male 15-20 age bracket (perhaps Catharine’s nephew), one male (Albert, Catharine’s brother), and one female (Catharine) 20-30, and one male (Jacob) 30-40.

Just what prompted the Eberly family to leave their established home surrounded by family and move to Texas is not known. However, Stephen F. Austin’s well-publicized promise of land must have been a draw for the strong at heart. Jacob Eberly would have many opportunities to exhibit this strength in the next fifteen years.

EBERLY’S LAND GRANT

From his home in Kentucky, Eberly applied for a land grant in Texas in 1827 but did not enter Texas until 1831.

When the young couple left Kentucky they already had five children, Eliza Jane, Julia Ann, Amacetta Holbert, John Elgin, and young Catharine. Also with the group was Catharine’s 21 year-old brother Albert Elgin, who was also eligible for a land grant. Possibly in the party was also a nephew of Catharine’s.

Stephen F. Austin expected settlers to pay him \$30 to make the arrangements for the land, do the title work, and guarantee their contracts. Austin chose his families with great care. The settlers must produce satisfactory testimonials to their character and be moral, law-abiding men. He accepted no drunkard, no gambler, no profane swearer, and no idler. Only four of his colonists were illiterate. Of all the empresarios in Texas, Austin was the most successful.

The Eberly family possibly traveled to Texas in an ox-drawn wagon, as was the mode of transportation of the day. Or they might have come by water to New Orleans, from there by ship in the Gulf of Mexico, landing on the Texas coast and then on to Brazoria.

On November 1, 1832, Jacob Eberly appeared in San Felipe de Austin (the early seat of government, later to become the town of San Felipe) to apply for his league of land. A title was issued November 7, 1832, placing Eberly in possession of land “situated to the East of the Colorado River on the waters of the arroyo that they call Wilbarger's Creek about 23.4 miles north of Bastrop.” The survey, in error, was not located on Wilbarger Creek which rises in northeastern Travis County, rather on a tributary of Brushy Creek in Williamson County. (just south of Taylor) Later surveys showed that part of this land granted Eberly was in Robertson’s Colony and not totally in Austin’s Colony. Because Eberly received a land grant with Steven F. Austin’s Colony, was also later was in the army of the Republic of Texas, and was in Texas at the time of the Republic, he received land grants in numerous counties, including Karnes, Zavala, Montgomery, and possibly Coke. It is not known who actually chose those lands from the eminent domain, although years after Eberly’s death his son-in-law, Dr. James Fisher Martin, orchestrated a claim for these lands on behalf of the heirs of Jacob Eberly and some of the land chosen was in Karnes County.

EARLY FAMILY TRAGEDY

The first year on the frontier was devastating to the family. Catharine along with her young daughter also named Catharine and her brother Albert Elgin died. They were buried in unmarked graves at what was called Breedens Cemetery, probably located near Brazoria. Since history records terrible floods on the coastal plains in the early 1830’s resulting in outbreaks of cholera and malaria, the family deaths probably were attributed to one of those diseases.

What Jacob and family did next is uncertain, but there is evidence that he was owner of a racetrack in Columbia, Texas. Horse racing was a popular form of entertainment in early Texas. It is probable that the children were in Matagorda, where the younger children were in Mrs. Royall’s boarding house.

WAR WITH MEXICO

In September, 1835, over a thousand Mexican troops crossed the Rio Grande River heading to Texas, causing much fear among the settlers. Many towns formed companies for protection of their citizens, and Jacob Eberly became one

of those leaders in Columbia. He organized Company S in Columbia and is thereafter referred to as Capt. Eberly. His military importance is recorded in the papers of Stephen F. Austin and papers of the Texas Revolution. He became one of the leaders of the Runaway Scrape, leading citizens across Bell's Landing (East Columbia) to escape the Mexican army. Capt. Eberly was granted additional land for his military service.

ANGELINA PEYTON

Entering the family picture in 1836 was Angelina Belle Peyton who was soon to become the wife of Jacob Eberly. Angelina and her first husband Jonathan Peyton were part of Austin's "Old 300". They moved to San Felipe de Austin where they had a tavern and hotel. They had two children Alexander and Margaret Evelyn. Jonathan Peyton died in 1834, and Angelina continued the hotel/boarding house business, but soon moved to Columbia as her boarding house was burned in San Felipe by the retreating Texas Army.

THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

After bitter struggles at the Alamo, Goliad, and San Jacinto, Texas became a republic. The first Congress of the new Republic of Texas met in Columbia in 1836. Columbia was one of the only towns in early Texas that had housing facilities for governmental officials, although limited. Even though housing was inadequate, the capital was located there for a short while. Jacob Eberly was one of the settlers of Columbia that volunteered two rooms to house the legislators. It was here in Columbia that Sam Houston took office as President of the Republic of Texas. Mirabeau B. Lamar became Vice-President, and Steven F. Austin was appointed Secretary of State. It is probable that it was at this time that Jacob Eberly and Angelina Peyton met. They no doubt were at this very spot to hear Houston's inaugural address and observe history being made. It was an important time for Texas, and they were part of it.

MARRIAGE OF JACOB AND ANGELINA

In her interviews with Mary Austin Holley, cousin of Steven F. Austin, Angelina stated that they (she and Jacob) were married by bond "until Muldoon married us." Father Muldoon was a priest engaged by Steven F. Austin to travel around to different settlements to perform the marriage vows. Austin had developed an unofficial marriage agreement

whereby a couple signed a bond to marry as soon as Muldoon arrived. In the meantime they could live as man and wife.

Jacob and Angelina eventually sold their property in Columbia, and Angelina told Mary Austin Holley that for a while they lived in a tent in Matagorda.

The couple arrived in Austin in 1839 and bought original town lots at auction. They paid \$1,000 for lots 1, 2, and 3, block 71 on the corner of Colorado and Pecan Streets (later Sixth Street). They started out with plans to build a \$7,000 boarding house that soon grew to \$10,000. It was known as the Eberly House. Many dignitaries, including Sam Houston, were guests at this prominent establishment.

EBERLY DIES

Exactly where or when Jacob Eberly died is not known. Some sources say he died in 1840 and some say 1841. Some say he died in Austin and some claim that he left Matagorda to go to Victoria and died there of some tropical fever. Angelina stayed on in Austin and ran the Eberly House alone.

ARCHIVES WAR

Angelina made a name for herself in Texas history books by firing a cannon down Congress Avenue in what has become known as the Archives War. The story is that General Rafael Vasquez invaded Texas in 1842 and declared that Texas still belonged to Mexico. Austin had become the capital, and President Sam Houston, afraid of the Vasquez invasion scare, sent government officials to take the archives to Houston. Austin citizens, including Angelina, suspected Houston wanted to move the capital to Houston permanently. Angelina fired the cannon at the officials, hitting the Land Office, saving the archives, and thereby keeping Austin as the capital. Some sources say that the archives were hidden at the Eberly House.

Angelina left Austin in 1847 to lease a tavern in Port Lavaca. Her son Alexander Peyton had died in Austin as a result of crossfire in an election dispute. After a year in Port Lavaca, Angelina moved to Indianola and operated the American Hotel on Main Street.

Angelina's daughter Margaret married J.T. Lytle of Port Lavaca in 1848 and died two years later. Margaret left behind one son, Peyton Bell Lytle who became heir to Angelina's vast estate when she died in 1860. The estate was estimated to be worth \$50,000, which was quite a fortune at that time.

Margaret was buried in Port Lavaca and Angelina was buried in Indianola. Her grandson was buried next to her. Later the cemetery was destroyed by a hurricane and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas erected a historical marker in her honor at the site.

JULIA ANN EBERLY AND DR. JAMES FISHER MARTIN

The second child of Jacob and Catharine Eberly, Julia Ann, had probably spent her teen years in Matagorda. If she was indeed the 5-10 year old child in the Kentucky census of the late 1820's then in 1840, she could be 18 to 23 years old when she married Dr. James Fisher Martin. Dr. James Fisher Martin, born in 1808 at Newcastle on Tyne, England and educated in Liverpool, came to America and settled in South Carolina in the late 1830s. He came south to Matagorda, Texas in 1840, where he practiced medicine and became quite active in the life of the community. An advertisement for the Matagorda Drug Store said that Dr. Martin had received drugs, medicines, paints, oils, surgical instruments, Quinine, Carpenters sarsaparilla, and various other concoctions. The marriage of Julia Ann Eberly and Dr. James Fisher Martin was the first marriage listed under the auspices of the Christ Church Parish, the first Episcopal Church in Texas. The Parish was organized by Rev. Caleb Ives in 1839, and J.F. Martin and Julia Eberly were married before the church building was erected. Church records indicate that the congregation met in the Masonic Hall in Matagorda, so it is possible that this is where they married. Julia's younger sister Amacetta lived with the couple until 1848 when Amacetta married.

MARTIN CHILDREN

On December 1, 1841, the first child was born to J.F. and Julia Martin. This child, also named Julia, would later marry Patrick Henry Rose. The Rose's would eventually reside on a ranch in Kenedy and then move to Del Rio. (A generation later Jacob Absalom Martin, son of J.F. and Julia Martin, would purchase the Patrick Henry Rose land and add it to his vast ranchland. Martin would also adopt the 7V cattle brand that the Rose ranch had registered) Records of other children's baptisms are recorded in Christ Episcopal Church: Foster Eberly Martin in 1843 (Probably killed in the Civil War); James Sheppard Martin in 1845; Catharine Jane Martin, born February 11, 1848, and baptized March 25, 1849 (Later married Jim Rutledge, died in 1921, and is buried in Kenedy).

The youngest child of Dr. James Fisher Martin and his wife Julia Ann Eberly Martin was Jacob Absolom Martin.

He was born May 28, 1850, and baptized at Christ Episcopal Church on September 8, 1850. This was the same year that his father J. F. Martin was elected Sheriff of Matagorda County.

A LIFE CHANGING EVENT

An event took place on December 3, 1851, that would profoundly affect J.F. and Julia. Recorded in the same church's death records is this entry: Francis Waldeman – aged 40 years (death consequent upon a wound inflicted by Dr. Jas. F. Martin) Dr. Martin was forced to kill a cattle thief in the line of duty. He was tried and acquitted, but nevertheless he resigned his office.

Apparently the Martin family moved to Gonzales County, as a marriage license was issued to their daughter Julia Ann and Patrick H. Rose in 1857 in Gonzales. In addition, the Gonzales County census of 1860 lists Dr. J.F. Martin, 47, his wife Julia, 37, Foster, 17, James 15, Katharine, 13, and Jacob Absolom, 10.

Just when the family moved to Karnes County is not clear, however, papers prove that Dr. J. F. Martin and family were in that county for the 1870 census where he is listed as 58 and a medical doctor. Little information is available from 1860 to 1870.

JACOB ABSOLOM MARTIN AND ALICE AMANDA CAMPBELL

At the age of 20 J. A. Martin married Alice Amanda Campbell in Helena, Texas. Their first child, Julia Edna Martin, was born a year later. Edna, as she was called, would later marry Frank Seale, a relative to J.A. Martin's second wife. Other children born to J.A. and Alice were Lela (who married Wiley Parker), James Fisher (who married Callie Wilson), Charles Foster Martin (who married Lilla Brinkley), twins Allie (called Daut and married Walter Agee), and Absolom (called Abbie, who died at age 13 as a result of being hit by a baseball) and finally Katharine (Kate, who married Brown O'Neill) The family lived on a large ranch in Karnes County.

In 1883 the mother of J. A. Martin, Julia Ann Eberly Martin, died in Karnes County and was buried in the Escondido Cemetery. Her husband James Fisher Martin died five years later.

Just one year after the loss of his father, tragedy struck J. A. Martin once again, as his wife Alice Amanda Campbell Martin died giving birth to an infant son, both of whom are buried in the Escondido Cemetery, the baby in the

mother's arms. With his parents gone and his wife gone, J.A. now had the total responsibility of the ranching business, and also the care of seven young children.

MARY ELIZABETH SMILEY GRIFFIN

Shortly after the death of his first wife, J.A. Martin met widow Mary Elizabeth Smiley Griffin. Mary Elizabeth Smiley had been married to Matt Griffin and they had two children together, Fred and Addie. Matt Griffin died in 1889 and Mary Elizabeth moved to Floresville to live with her grandfather, Eli Y. Seale. He was a Methodist circuit-riding minister. Accepting a proposal of marriage from J. A. was an important step for Mary Elizabeth. She brought her two children to the family unit and took on the responsibility of J.A.'s seven children. After their marriage, seven more children were born. The oldest was Seale (married to Ella Conrad), then Jacob Absolom (Jake, who married 1. Alma Massey 2. Georgia Hill), Amalia (Meade, married to Rob LeBleu), Loyd (married to Blossom Goff), and finally, twins Hattie (married Percy R. Goff) and Hilda (married 1.Eugene Eckols 2.James Jalufka).

BUSY, SUCCESSFUL LIFE

J. A. and Mary Elizabeth had a busy, successful life. She was active in her church activities and busy running a household with so many children. J.A. not only had a large ranching business but he was vice-president and president of the First State Bank & Trust in downtown Kenedy. He was an active Mason, being the Worshipful Master from 1900 to 1904. He was also in the York Rite and Shrine. He was active in civic affairs as well, including being on the county board of education, a member of the Woodmen of the World, and the Trail Drivers of Texas.

Mary Elizabeth died in 1916 and Jacob died in 1919. His obituary in the Kenedy newspaper says a great deal about how he was regarded by family and friends.

J.A. Martin, one of Karnes County's most highly respected and best loved citizens, passed away at his home near town Sunday morning after a long and trying illness. Mr. Martin had been in declining health for a year or more and had been confined to his bed for about six weeks. All that medical science and the tender care of loved ones could do to slay the hand of the Grim Reaper was brought to bear, but in vain and surrounded by his children and friends, he entered into the sleep eternal. The funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon, and later the body was taken to the quaint old Escondido cemetery nearby, where, with tender care, it was laid beside the remains of loved ones who had preceded him into the mysterious unknown. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. G. Smith of

this city and interment was under the direction of the local Masonic fraternity, of whose body deceased had long been an honored member. A special escort of Knight Templar Masons, in the full regalia of the order, was present. J.A. Martin was born at Matagorda on May 28, 1850, and at the time of his death was nearing his 69th birthday. As a child he came with his parents to Karnes County and his life since that time had been spent in the immediate vicinity where he now sleeps his last sleep.

Mr. Martin was married twice, and was the father of fifteen children, twelve of whom survive him. His first marriage was to Miss Alice Amanda Campbell at Helena on Dec. 28, 1870. Her death occurred July 6, 1889. His second marriage was to Mrs. Mary Smiley Griffin on Dec. 19, 1890, whose death occurred several years ago.

His surviving children are as follows: Mrs. Sam Seale, Floresville; Mrs. Lelia Parker, Kenedy; L.F. Martin, Pleasanton; C.F. Martin, Kenedy; Mrs. Walter Agee, Navasota; Mrs. Brown O'Neill, Marfa; Seale, Jake and Loyd Martin, Mrs. Rob LeBleu and Misses Hattie and Hilda Martin of this city. A sister, Mrs. W.J. Rutledge, and two step-children, Mrs. John Baker of this city and Fred Griffin of El Paso, also survive him.

Mr. Martin had long been identified with the affairs of this section and took an active part in everything looking to the betterment of all. His was an absolutely unselfish character, and memories of his many good and noble deeds will linger for years to come. He was always found to be fighting for the principles of right and justice, and while he was a man of strong convictions, on issues of common interest, his attitude towards his fellow man was such that he retained the respect and friendship of all. It can be truly said there was no man who bore him ill will, and in his declining days, the insistent solicitude of friends from far and near gave testimony to the fact that his life was a reality to many who had felt its influence through the friendship of many years.

The lonely Escondido Cemetery, once part of the vast Martin ranch, holds the remains of many of the Martin family, including Jacob Absolom Martin, Alice Amanda Campbell Martin and Mary Elizabeth Smiley Griffin Martin. They rest peacefully beneath the Texas wildflowers.

How quickly pass the days and years.

Time never waits for man.

Unceasingly the minutes fly

To fill a waiting span.

How happy he who may look back

With pleasure and content

Upon the years forever gone

And feel they were well-spent.

And still remember present time

Will only shortly last,

And then will be, however spent,

A memory of the past.

Poet Unknown

Timeline of Events Known in the Life of Jacob and Catherine Elgin Eberly and Decendants

Information compiled by Karen Goff Boyd, Myra Lee Goff and Glyn Hubbard Goff

1793

Jacob Eberly born in Kentucky to John and Elisabeth Eberly.

1800

Catherine Elgin born in Loudoun Co, Va to Frederick and Catherine Perry Elgin

1818

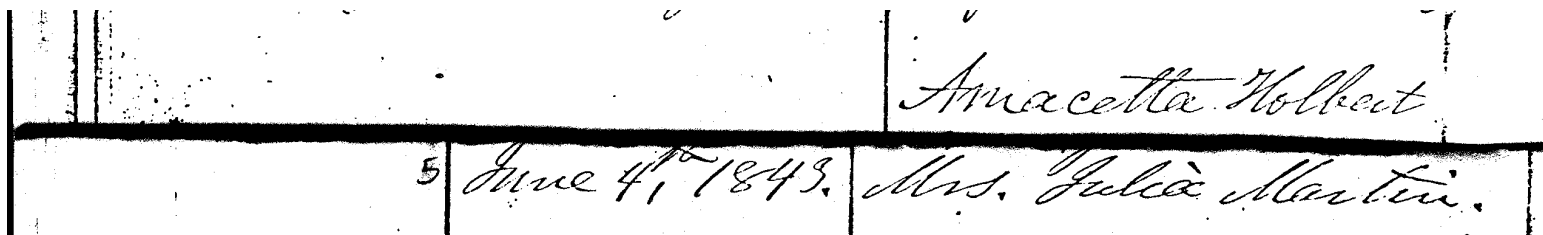
Jacob Eberly married Catharine Elgin, 11/5/1818, near Versailles in Woodford County, Kentucky. Their children born in Kentucky were Eliza Jane (married William Pearce), Julia Ann (married Dr. James Fisher Martin), Amacetta Halbat (Holbert) (married John Mackey), John E. (Elgin) Eberly (married 1st Margaret Henry, 2nd Mary Amour) and Catharine who died the 1st year in Texas

1825

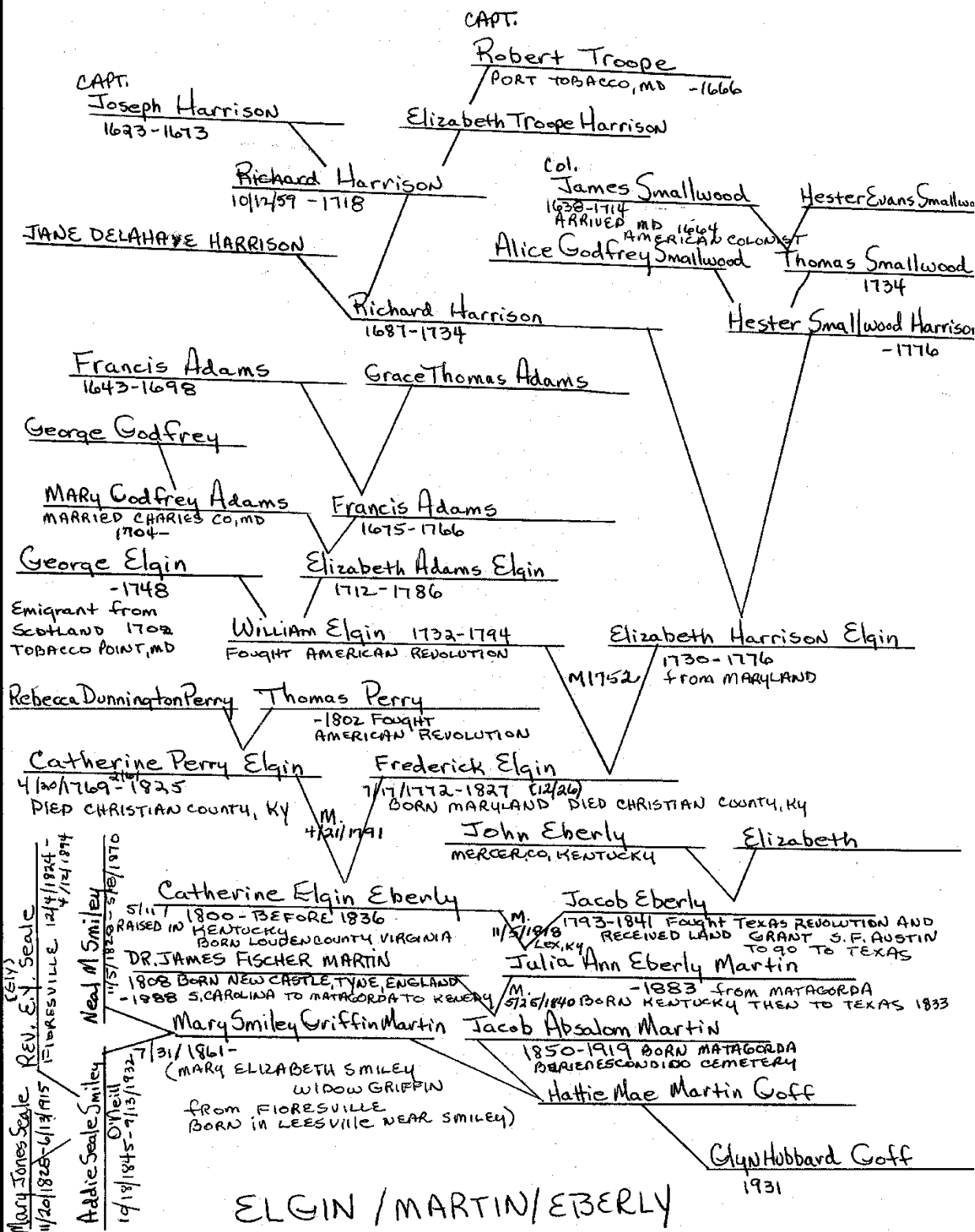
Angelina Belle Peyton (2nd wife of Jacob Eberly) and husband, Jonathan C. Peyton moved to San Felipe de Austin where they acquired many town lots and conducted a tavern. Peyton's death in 1834 left his widow with two children-Alexander G. and Margaret Evelyn Peyton. The widow continued to operate the hotel until it was destroyed by fire in 1836 by order of Captain Moseley Baker to prevent its falling into the hands of Mexican troops. Mrs. Peyton then moved to Columbia.

1826

Amacetta Habart (Holbert) Eberly born to Jacob and Catharine Elgin Eberly in Lexington, Ky, died 7/3/1898, married John Mackey, born 1/15/1821 Blountville, Tn, died 11/12/1893, both buried at Luling, Tx



Baptism of Amacetta Holbert Eberly at Christ Episcopal Church, Matagorda, Texas

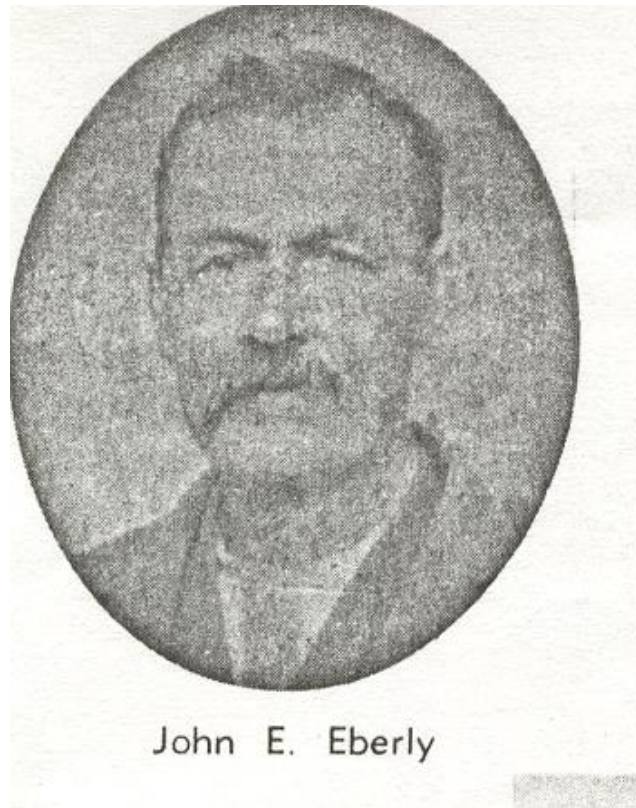


Family Tree of Elgin and Eberly

Compiled by Karen Goff Boyd using Mackeys and Eberlys

1827

John Elgin Eberly born in Kentucky near Lexington to Jacob and Catharine Elgin Eberly, died 1896 in Hockley, Waller Co. Tx (Ancestry.com)



John Elgin Eberly (brother of Julia Ann Eberly Martin)

4/5/1830

Mexico forbids further emigration into Texas by settlers from the U.S. (*Texas Revolution Timeline*, Texas Parks and Wildlife Historic Sites)

6/26/1832

The Battle of Velasco results in the first casualties in Texas relations with Mexico. Mexican troops are forced to surrender after running out of ammunition.

1832

The Convention of 1832 in Texas is triggered by growing dissatisfaction by Texas settlers against the policies of the Mexican Government.

Catherine and Jacob were early pioneers of Texas. Their names, along with that of Catherine's younger brother Albert Elgin, appear on a handwritten list of colonists to receive land grants made by Stephen Austin. Also in the party was the son of Catherine's sister Mary, Jesse Ponds Poore. Catherine, her daughter Catherine and brother Albert died within the first year in Texas. (Elgin Net Homepage)

The route Jacob and his party traveled to Texas is not known but it is most likely they came in ox drawn wagons to Natchez, Mississippi and across to Nacogdoches, thence to Brazoria County. Or, they might have come by water to New Orleans and by ship on the Gulf of Mexico to Texas, and thence to Brazoria. (Mackeys and Eberlys)

11/7/1832

From Bill Moore, *Bastrop County 1861-1900* Nortex Press:

In 1827, Austin was granted a third contract, which called for the settlement of 100 families in a small area East of the Colorado and North of the San Antonio Road. This was known as the "Little Colony: and is roughly the area of present-day Bastrop County. The reasons for this colony were two-fold. First, the government felt that another district would add more protection for the settlers and second, it was the logical next step because families were already being drawn to that area.

When Austin petitioned the Governor of Texas and Coahuila for permission to establish this colony he stated that he had already been solicited by some of the inhabitants of Bexar to settle families on the border of the Colorado River where it is crossed by El Camino Real. Their reasons were provision of the necessary facilities for the travelers of that road and penetration of new settlements farther into the interior of the frontier as added protection against the Indians.

Again the settlers were expected to pay Austin a fee of \$30.00 in return for his services. He would handle the translations of their titles, guarantee their contracts, and otherwise discharge all the duties of empresario. This contract was filed at Saltillo, October 11, 1827.

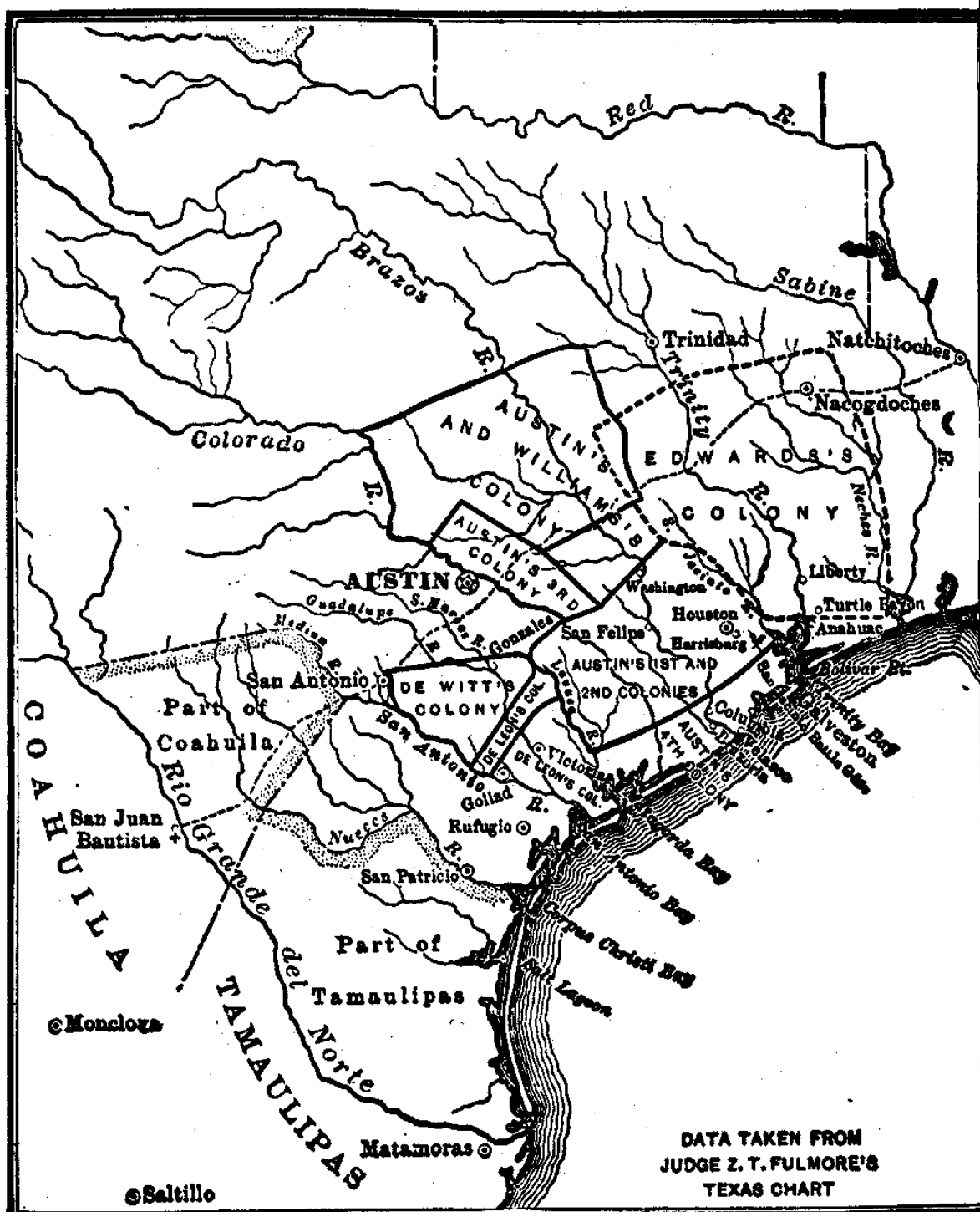
In compliance with his contract with Mexico, Austin chose his settlers with great care. Would-be-settlers were required to bring satisfactory testimonials of character and those who came with them were subject to expulsion from the colony at the discretion of the empresario. They were described by Austin "As enlightened, as moral, as good, and as law-abiding men as can be found in any part of the United States, and greatly more so than ever settled a frontier." (Steen, p70.)

Austin surveyed the district comprising his colony and named it Mina in honor of one of Mexico's tragic heroes. During the period from 1827 to 1832 the district (and later municipality) was known as Mina. The type of government established there was that of a precinct with records of elections of officials and their duties, San Felipe de Austin (currently San Felipe, Texas) is recorded as the headquarters of the district and the Ayuntamiento (official governing body with voting powers). A governing body in the Municipality of Mina was also formed according to Mexican law.....According to the minutes of the August 19, 1834 meeting, every citizen of Mina was entitled to receive a deed to one 12 acre lot and 2 small lots in Mina "at the present minimum price of which small lots one may be front, provided he or she did during his or her residence in said town improve and cultivate such lot or lots and not otherwise'. These improvements were to be complete with a year.

On page 29 of that same book there is a list called "Table A-Little Colony Contract of 1827. On the second page (page 30) the following entry is made:

112 Jacob Ebberly November 7, 1832 1 league Wilbarger Creek, water of Johns Avery

Austin's Colony was an Anglo-American settlement established in Texas by Stephen F. Austin beginning in 1821. The project was first launched while Texas was still part of Spain by Austin's father, Moses Austin, who died in 1821. The initial plan, which was ultimately authorized by the Mexican national government, called for the introduction of 300 American families into Texas. Stephen F. Austin made four subsequent colonization contracts with the state of Coahuila and Texas between 1825 and 1831. By the time the Mexican land offices were closed in 1835, almost 1000 land titles had been issued under all of Austin's contracts. (Texas General Land Office web site)



Caption: "Texas" had been on indefinite term since Spanish days and it continued so under Mexico. In the region between the Nueces (modern Corpus Christi) and the Sabine (Louisiana boundary) colonists from the United States settled after 1821. This map shows the principal colonial tracts and the location of modern towns. Omitted are grants in which few or no settlements were made. The valleys of the Colorado and Brazos rivers received most of the early colonists who sought rich bottom land. Austin's pre-eminence as a colonizer is indicated by the large areas granted to him. (*A Pictorial History of Texas*, by Herbert and Virginia Gambrell, page 72)



Empresario Austin and his land commissioner, Baron de Bastrop, issue land deeds at San Felipe de Austin to assorted settlers in Texas.

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A Pictorial History of Texas, Gambrell, p. 73

In the General Land Office, Austin, in his own handwriting, Stephen F. Austin lists the settlers who had contracted to come to Texas and to receive land grants from him. Among those listed we find the names of Jacob Eberly age 34, Catharine Eberly age 32 (2 mules, 5 females from Ky.) and Albert Elgin age 21 from Ky. (Mackeys and Eberlys)

Translation of the first page of the Spanish Land Grant is on file in General Land Office, Austin, pages 113,114,115,116 is as follows:

Qualified by the State of Coahuila of Texas for the term of 2 years 1828 and 29, 30 & 31, 32 & 33 (added by Williams)

Jacob Eberly native of the United States of the North and one of the colonists introduced by the empresario Mr. Austin for the contract of November 27, 1827, comes before you with the greatest respect to declare that I am married and with my family have entered this country with the intention of acquiring land for the establishment and maintenance of myself and family, by virtue of previous permission of the aforementioned empresario. I have chosen a site of land which is situated to the East of Colorado River about 9 leagues to the North of the new town of Bastrop, on the waterway of the arroyo which is called Willbargers creek and numbered on the plan as #5 and I present myself to you so that you will receive me and possess me with said site, which I offer to stock and cultivate in conformity with provisions of the law- whereas- etc.

To you I beg you will act as I have requested and receive my thanks.
 Town of Austin (San Felipe de Austin), 1st of November of 1832.

Jacob Eberly

Within 7 days after the Spanish Land Grant was issued, the land had been selected, surveyed and “deeded” to Jacob Eberly (Mackeys and Eberlys)

McLean, *Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony in Texas*, Volume VII, pages 337,338:

GRANT TO JACOB EBBERLY FOR ONE LEAGUE OF LAND
 IN AUSTIN'S FOURTH COLONY, IN PRESENT
 WILLIAMSON COUNTY
 (November 7, 1832)

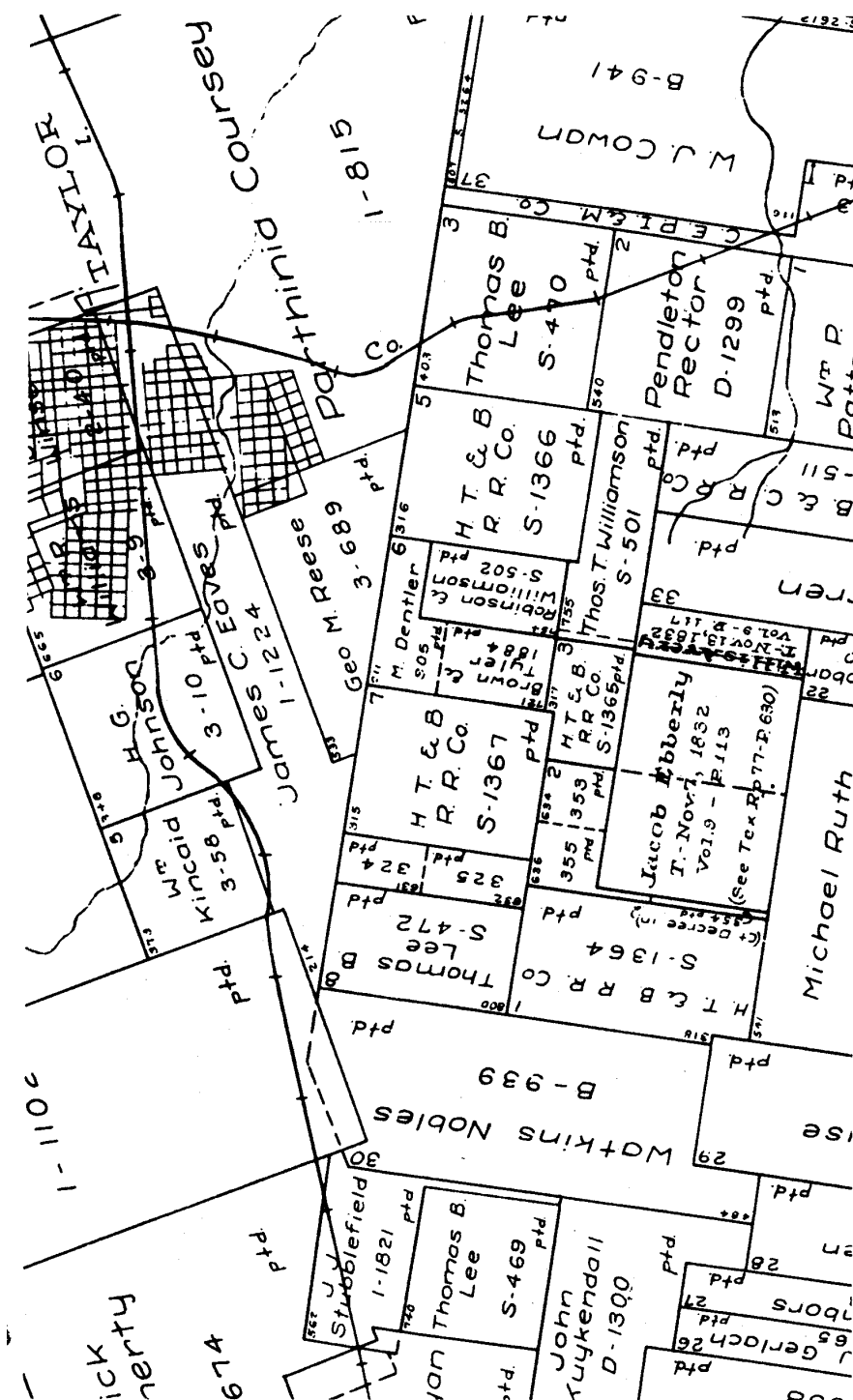
(Since the original Spanish documents concerning this grant are on file in Volume 9, pages 113-115, of the Spanish Archives, General Land Office, Austin, Texas, and, since English translations can also be obtained from that source, we shall limit our coverage here to summarizing the various documents)

1. Application made November 1, 1832, by Jacob Ebberly, a native of the United States and one of the colonists introduced by Stephen F. Austin under his Contract of November 20, 1827, addressed to Miguel Arciniega, the Commissioner appointed by the Government of Coahuila and Texas for distributing land titles in Austin's Colony, asking for one league of land for himself and family.
2. Arciniega affixed a marginal note dated in San Felipe de Austin, November 1, 1832, ordering that the petition be referred to the Agent of Stephen F. Austin for a report as to whether land was in the public domain and located outside the ten coastal leagues.
3. The top half of the next page, where Williams was supposed to record his report, is blank, but underneath the blank is the signature of Samuel M. Williams.
4. On the bottom half of this same page we find this note: “In view of what has been set forth above by the Agent Samuel M. Williams in the preceding report, I hereby admit this petition according to law and order that the land indicated be surveyed by the Surveyor Bartlett Sims, in order that the corresponding title may be issued to the interested party. Villa of (San Felipe de) Austin, November 1832,”
5. The next document is the title issued by Arciniega on November 7, 1832, placing Ebberly in the possession of one league of land “situated to the east of the Colorado River on the waters of the arroyo that they call Wilbarbers Creek, about 9 leagues (23.4 miles) north of the new villa of Bastrop, and beginning the survey at a stake in the mound of earth that serves as the southwest corner of the league surveyed for Willis Avery. “ Witnesses: W. T. Lightfoot and C.C. Givens.
6. “The certified copy was delivered on November 7.”
7. “Cancelled. See Hamilton vs. Avery, 20. Tex. Reports, p. 612. Also see Special Acts of 1858, page 157. Edward Linn, Spanish Clerk. (Not so) M.”

Miss Matilde S. Rosales, Spanish Archives, General Land Office, Austin, Texas, in a letter to Dr.

Malcolm D. McLean dated January 8, 1980, explained this cancellation as follows:

“The 1856 map of Williamson County shows the grants to Jacob Casner, James Smith, Jacob Ebberly, Willis Avery, and Jesse Barker were covered by later surveys. They were all partly within Austin's 4th Colony, and partly outside. Since the Commissioner did not have the right to grant land outside the limits of the colony, a controversy arose with later surveys which covered the above-mentioned grants. Apparently, all of them were filed too late in the General Land Office thus explaining the location of the later surveys right over the Mexican land grants. “ For further information you may refer to the Act of February 25, 1854, the Special Act of 1858, the case of Hamilton vs. Avery in the 20 Texas 612, and Travis 1st 422.”



MAP SHOWING THE ACTUAL LOCATION OF THE LEAGUE GRANTED TO JACOB EBERLY ON NOVEMBER 7, 1832, AND THE LEAGUE GRANTED TO WILLIS AVERY ON NOVEMBER 13, 1832.--Excerpt from the map entitled: "WILLIAMSON COUNTY. GENERAL LAND OFFICE - AUSTIN, TEXAS. BASCOM GILES - COMMISSIONER. Sept. 11, 1946. Compiled by W. A. Glass & R. C. Wisdom. Drawn by Tommy Buie. Scale 1 inch = 2000 Varas." This map enables us to see that the surveys were located, not on Wilbarger Creek, which rises in northeastern Travis County and flows southeast twenty-eight miles to join the Colorado River in central Bastrop County, but on a tributary of Brushy Creek, in Williamson County. Brushy Creek, in turn, flows into Milam County and joins the San Gabriel River.

Exerpts from McLean, *Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony in Texas*, Volume VII, page 44,45:

...Now we come to the main purpose of this volume to tell about the eleven-league grants which Austin & Williams allowed to be located in the Upper Colony between December 6, 1831, and the end of October, 1833.

.....The reader will remember that in Volume V, pages 51-55, of these *Papers* we told about how, on February 25,

1831, Austin & Williams obtained a contract to colonize a huge area in the heart of Texas, including the Nashville Colony. It may come as somewhat of a surprise, therefore to learn that, after nearly three years had passed, Austin & Williams still had not succeeded in getting a Land Commissioner appointed. Consequently they could not introduce colonists, issue land titles to them, or claim their premium lands.Matters were complicated further on April 28, 1832, when the State Government of Coahuila and Texas passed Decree No. 190, which favored Mexican settlers and repealed the State Colonization Law of March 24, 1825.Furthermore, Austin made a tactical error, insofar as the issuing of land titles in the Upper Colony was concerned, when, without the previous consent of Ramon Musquiz, the Political Chief, he presided over the Convention of 1832, which, among other things, adopted a resolution asking for permission to organize a state government for Texas separate from Coahuila.

....Not daunted in the least by these adverse turns of events, Williams tried still another way of issuing titles of land in the Nashville or Upper Colony. Austin had written him on March 21, 1832: "Arciniega will return early in April--be ready to go above and finish that colony." On October 9, 1832, Austin had issued a public notice which read: "Mr. Miguel Arciniega has started from Bexar, and is expected at this place (San Felipe), in two or three days, to make a final close of all the land business in the Colonies, for which he is Commissioner...Those who do not apply by the 15th December next, will be considered as having forfeited their right of reception, as it is the intention to close the business by that time."It was on November 7, 1832-----that Arciniega began issuing titles in Austin's Fourth or Little Colony, and they were worked in such a way that, although, to one unfamiliar with the terrain, it would sound like they were located on the Colorado River, they actually extended north over the ridge in the Brazos Basin, which had been allocated to the Nashville Colony.....Such titles were issued to Jacob Ebberly, Willis Avery, Jesse Barker, James Crawford, Jacob Casner, and James Smith. The subterfuge worked for more than twenty years, until the courts came along and canceled the parts of these grants which lay outside the limits of Austin's Little Colony.

The following information found under web site Texas General Land Office:

The process of issuing land grants and obtaining original land titles after 1836, involved three basic steps.

Step 1: Individuals received a land certificate for a specified amount of land if certain qualifications were met.

Step 2: The grantee (person who was originally awarded the land certificate) or the assignee (person who owned the certificate) would locate available land from the public domain. Using the certificate, a grantee could have the desired land surveyed. The field notes, a written description of the survey, were sent to the Texas General Land Office and filed.

Step 3: After fulfilling any conditions of the grant, such as making improvements, and paying any required fees, the individual could then apply for a patent (the original title from the government) from the Texas General Land Office.

Several general characteristics of the land grant process are important:

Land grant certificates were not issued for a specific tract of land. It was the responsibility of the certificate holder to find vacant public land, obtain a survey and apply for the patent. Land did not have to be located in the same county where the certificate was issued. For example someone may have received a certificate for Harris County and actually located the survey in Travis County.

A grantee could sell, or "assign", their land certificate to another individual. As a result, many people who received land certificates did not actually settle on the tract of land which bears their name.

"Twenty-two years later, and 13 years after the death of Jacob Eberly (1840), the State Legislature by Special Act decreed that the land Eberly and four other men had selected was outside the land granted S.F. Austin for settlement and that is when Jacob (his heirs) got the land in Central Texas near Kenedy. (Mackeys and Eberlys)

The following is from the web site Texas General Land Office on Roberson's Colony:

nWhat became known as Robertson's Colony began as an enterprise of a group called the Nashville Company. Robert Leftwich, as agent for the company, acquired a contract in his own name under the colonization laws of Coahuila-Texas in 1825. Leftwich subsequently transferred his contract to the company, but the company's initial efforts failed to establish a viable settlement in the contracted area. In 1830, Sterling C. Robertson made an attempt to settle some families in the colony, but encountered difficulties as a result of the law of April 6, 1830, which forbade the entry of settlers from the United States. Faced with the lapse of the contract in 1831, Robertson requested Stephen F. Austin to obtain an extension of the contract for the company or to get a contract for Robertson himself. Accounts differ as to what transpired in Saltillo, but in February 1831 the State of Coahuila-Texas issued a contract to Austin and his partner Samuel May Williams for much of the area included in the Nashville Company contract. (Records of Austin and Williams Colony, or the Upper Colony, as it was also known, are described in the inventory of Austin's Colony Records, Texas General Land Office.) In 1834, Robertson convinced the legislature that 100 families had been introduced under the company's contract prior to April 6, 1830, and that contract was again reinstated and extended for four years, with Sterling C. Robertson as

empresario. W.H. Steele was appointed as the colony's commissioner to issue land titles. On May 18, 1835, the colony was returned to Austin and Williams because of new evidence that Robertson had not introduced the required one hundred families. The dispute continued after Texas gained independence, with the legislature ultimately deciding that Robertson had introduced one hundred families before 1830 and was entitled to receive premium lands.

4/1/1833

Following a series of revolutions, Santa Anna is elected president of Mexico and starts centralizing the Mexican government. (Texas Parks and Wildlife Historic Sites)

1833

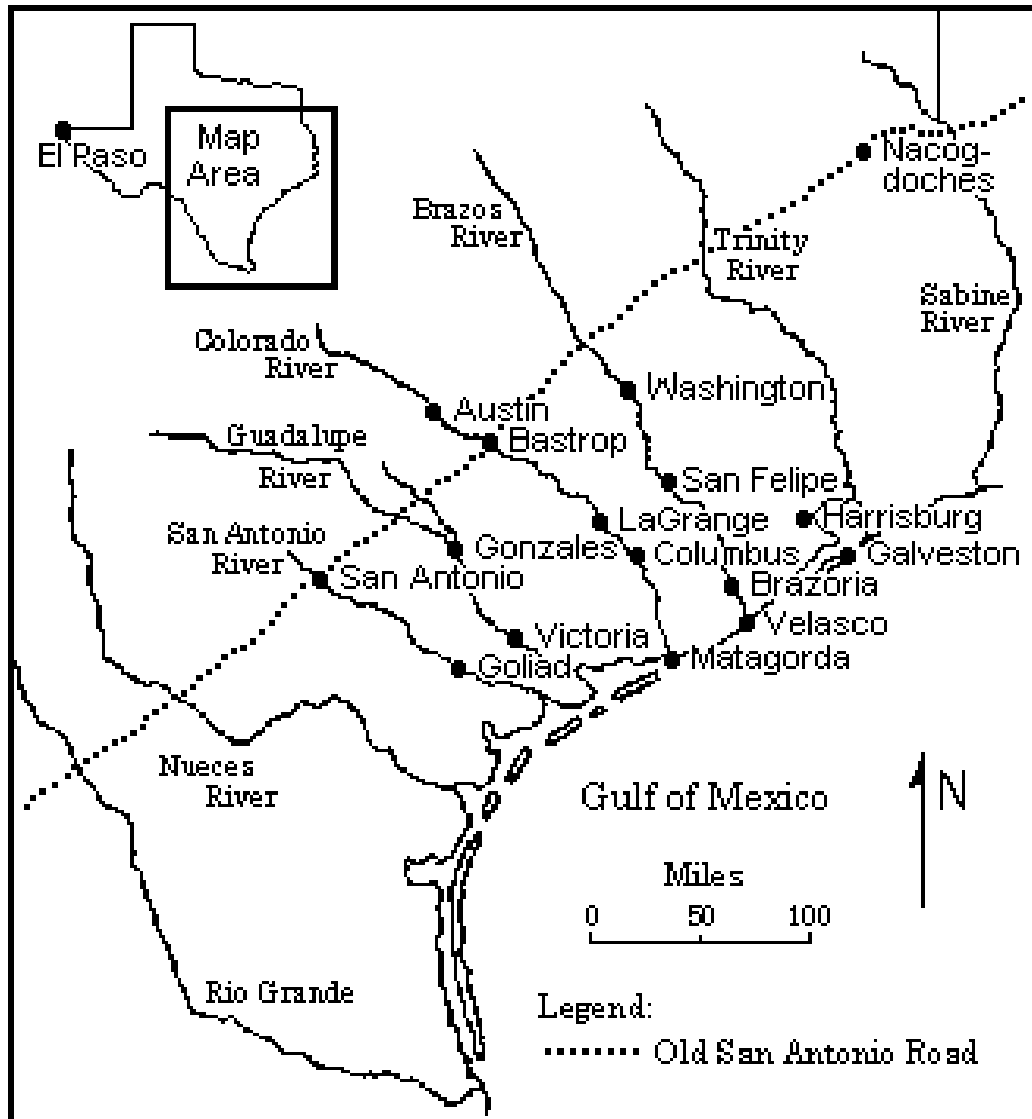
The Convention of 1833 in Texas is called to re-address several unresolved issues from the 1832 convention and to gain support of the Tejanos, native Texans.

Catherine Elgin Eberly, daughter Catherine Eberly and Albert Elgin, brother of Catherine Elgin Eberly die in Texas...some sources say they are buried in Breeden's Cemetery near Columbia which has not been located (Mackeys and Eberlys)

There had been a cholera epidemic in the coastal towns of Texas. Hundreds of people...died. Heavy rains in the fall of 1833 and numerous cases of malaria added to the suffering of the colonists. (Textbook *Texas and Texans*, Glencoe Publishing Company, Mission Hills, California, Dallas, Texas, p 204)

Jacob Eberly petitioned in 1833 for a land grant under the name of Albert Elgin, who died the same year. A land grant was issued in his name. Albert was Catherine's brother and age 21 when they came to Texas (Mackeys and Eberlys)

The population of the Department of the Brazos was estimated at eight thousand. This count included colonists in Austin's grants. San Felipe de Austin was the largest town. Other growing communities were Columbia, Brazoria, Harrisburg, Matagorda, Bastrop and Gonzales. (*Texas and Texans*, p 188)



Texas During The Republic of Texas

9/1835

The Colonists Fears...The arrival of General Cos and over a thousand Mexican troops in September 1835 caused much concern in Texas. Many towns formed committees of safety in order to protect themselves against the Mexican soldiers. Patrols were set up along the roads to give warning of the approaching Mexican troops. Rumors spread through the towns and countryside that General Cos was planning to arrest all the Texas leaders and march them back to Mexico in chains. (*Texas and Texans*, page 211.)

9/28/1835

Company S organized by Jacob Eberly at Columbia, Texas...Company S joined the Army at Gonzales on 10/5/1835.

10/2/1835

The first conflict between Mexican troops and Texas colonists came at Gonzales on October 2, 1835....The Mexican commander in the area, Colonel Ugartechea, ordered the people of Gonzales to surrender a small brass cannon. The local officials refused. Colonel Ugartechea then sent about one hundred soldiers to take the cannon by force. When the Mexican soldiers arrived in Gonzales, they found 160 men commanded by Colonel John H. Moore. The Texans dug out

their cannon, which had been buried in a peach orchard, and mounted it on a wagon. They got ammunition—iron scraps and pieces of iron chain—from a local blacksmith. The Texans decorated the front of the cannon with a white flag that bore the words “Come and Take It.” The fighting at Gonzales lasted only a few minutes. After a brief skirmish, the Mexican troops withdrew and rode toward San Antonio. One Mexican soldier was killed. No Texans were killed. (*Texas and Texans*, p 212)

10/9/1835

One week after the fighting at Gonzales, a force of fifty Texans attacked the garrison at Goliad. After a brief battle, the Mexican troops surrendered.....The only large Mexican force still remaining in Texas was the army commanded by General Cos in San Antonio. Texans began gathering around Gonzales for the march against Cos. The cry was now “On to San Antonio”. Stephen F. Austin was called upon to take command of the three hundred men assembled at Gonzales. Austin’s army, known as the Army of the People, started their march. By the time they reached San Antonio, there were nearly six hundred men in the army. After some skirmishing around San Antonio, the Texans decided to make camp and wait for further developments. The had no heavy artillery and wished to avoid an all-out attack on Mexican defensive positions. (*Texas and Texans*, p. 212)

10/11/1835

Muster at Gonzales-Commander-in-Chief: Gen Stephen F. Austin and listed in his companies: Capt. Jacob Eberly (Sons of Dewitt Colony Texas Internet info)

10/17/1835

Fort of Goliad, October 17, 1835, 11 in the morning...letter to Gen. S. F. Austin, Com, in ch. Of the Army of the People
Dear Sir,

I have this day dispatched Capt. Alley with his company to convey ammunition and provisions to Cleto, where Capt. Eberly’s command is now stationed. Captain Eberly is instructed to proceed with his company, in charge of the supplies, now in charge of Captain Alley, to Head Quarters; and the latter is ordered to occupy the position now held by Eberly and to unite their exertions to form, and keep up a regular line of communication between Head Quarters and this post. I am using all diligence to repair this fort and prepare for defense. Much has already been done in this way, and in that of repairing arms-but much is yet undone. I am doing as fast, and as much as I can..... God & Liberty

Yours Respectfully

P. Dimmitt Comdg.

(Jenkins, John H., general editor; *The Papers of the Texas Revolution, 1835-1836*; Volume 2, entry 890, pages 145-147; Presidential Press, Brig. Gen. Jay A. Matthews Publisher; Austin, Texas 1973)

10/19/1835

Captain Eberly had been in charge of a company of Texians instructed by Philip Dimmitt to take over supplies at headquarters. Dimmitt had instructed Eberly and Captain John Alley “to unite their exertions to form, and keep up a regular line of communications. Days later, when a council of war was held at Camp Cibolo, with Stephen F. Austin in charge, Capt. Eberly, Capt. Alley, and others attended. He also attended a council of war called November 2, 1835, and he was in San Antonio November 6 to sign a document planning to starve Gen. Cos from Texas. Officers protested against “any Mexican under any pretence save those belonging to our army being permitted to gather corn- Beef or any provision of any sort..” (The Life of Philip Dimmitt, unpublished thesis at The University of Texas, pp. 2,16)(*The Handbook of Texas*, Vol I, p. 503) (*The Handbook of Texas*, Vol I, p 32)(*The Papers of the Texas Revolution, 1835-1836*, Vol II)

(Austin Council of War) Head Quarters Camp Sivololo Octr. 19, 1835

At a Council of war held here, consisting of General S.F. Austin Commander in chief, Colo. Warren D.C. Hall Adjutant Genl, Wm H. Jack Brigade Inspector, Colo D. B. McComb Asst. Adj. Genl. Colo. John H. Moore Lieut. Colo. Burleson, Majr Wm H Wharton, Judge Majr. Alexr. Somerville Capt. Fanning, Capt. I Hall Capt Goheen, Capt. Eberly, Capt. Coleman, Capt. Robinson, Capt. Martin, Alley and Leiut. Travis.

On the proposition of the Com. In chief, to rescind the resolution of yesterday, for a further halt at this point for reasons resulting from information received last evening-the information being communicated to the Council and being received satisfactory in support of the proposition, it was carried unanimously, and the resolution accordingly rescinded, leaving it discretionary with the Com in chief to march the army from this point with as much promptness as he may deem expedient

S.F. Austin

(*The Papers of the Texas Revolution, 1835-1836*; entry 910, page 162, Volume 2)

10/28/1835

Commander Stephen F. Austin, James Fannin, Jim Bowie and 90 Texans defeat 400 Mexicans at the Battle of Concepcion, near San Antonio. Only 1 Texan dies in the battle, compared to 60 Mexican soldiers (Texas Parks and Wildlife Historic Sites)

11/2/1835

Head Quarters Novr. 2, 1835

At the Council of War called on this morning, Consisting of Genl. S.F. Austin, Burleson, Majr. Wm H. Jack, Coln Patrick Jack Quarter Master Genl. Majr. Somerville, Majr. Benj. W. Smith, Captn. Caldwell, Captn. Eberly, Capn. Bennett, Captn. Swilcher, Captn. Bird Captn. Goheen, Captn. John Alley, Captn. Nail, Leiut. Aldridge, Leut. Span, Leiut. Hassell, Leiut. Barnett, Leiut. Money, Leiut. Hunt, Leiut Perry Leiut Stapp, Leiut. Hinsley and Leiut. Dickenson-

-The object of the call of the Council, being explained by the Commander in chief to be, to have the opinion and determination of the officers in regard to the best measures of immediate operation on the enemy, whether by closer investment simply or by storm-after much conversation and discussion, It was proposed by Majr. WH Jack, that the question be directly put to the Council, whether a storm would or would not be expedient at the present moment-on the information, in possession of the Commander in chief in regard to the State of fortifications in Bejar being submitted-The question was accordingly put by the Commander in chief, and the same was decided in the negative by all the officers present, with the exception of Majr. Benjn. W Smith who voted substantially in the affirmative, saying that in his opinion the Town ought to be taken immediately.-

It was then decided unanimously by the Council, that such positions should be taken for the Army, at present as would best secure it from the Cannon shot of the enemy and enable it at the same time to carry on offensive operations, whilst we are waiting for the larger 18lb cannon and additional reinforcements.

(S.F. Austin)

(*The Papers of the Texas Revolution, 1835-1836*; pp 196,297 Volume 2, entry 1064)

11/6/1835

(To S.F. Austin)

We the undersigned-assembled at this place with the hope of compelling Gen. Coss to surrender- and expecting to accomplish that result by starving him out- must Solemnly Protest against any Mexican under any pretence save those belonging to our army being permitted to gather corn-Beef or any provisions of any Sort-
San Antonio November 6th, 1835

F.W. Johnson Capt.

J. Eberly

A.Somervell Majr.

John M. Bradley Capt.

Geo. M. Poe Capt Artillery

Parrott

Ben R. Milam

J.H. Money

Albert Martin P.D. Mesesser

John English Capt.

R.B. Irvine

W.W. Wharton

J.W. Fannin

I am opposed to Mexicans entering the Camp at all

P.B. Irvine

T.J. Rusk

In addition I am opposed to permission being given to them to return when once entering the army

Wm. Scott

(*The Papers of the Texas Revolution, 1835-1836*; pp338,339, entry 1105; Volume 2)

10/1835

...there was little military activity around San Antonio in October and November. The Texas volunteers began to grow restless and discouraged. Many of the original volunteers returned to their homes in late November....Cos signed the surrender agreement on December 10. He promised he would never again fight against the colonists or the Constitution of 1824. He and his men were then permitted to return to Mexico. (*Texas and Texans*, p. 215)

12/11/1835

This is to certify that Capt. J. Eberlye organized a Company at Columbia on the 28th. Of September and Joined the Volunteer Army at Gonzales the fifth October and has Served as Capt of S. Company up to the present date and is hereby Honorably discharged as Capt of the same. December 14, 1835

Ewd. Burleson
Comd in Chf
Vollenteer Army

(from Mackeys and Eberlys)

2/23/1836

Many Texans were looking forward to a new convention in March 1836. They hoped that Santa Anna would make no real movements toward Texas until after that convention. They were disappointed to learn that the Mexican president was marching northward toward Texas with a large army. In early February Santa Anna crossed the Rio Grande at Laredo. By February 23, his army was in San Antonio. Once his forces were in place, Santa Anna opened at attack upon the Texans who were occupying the old Alamo mission.(*Texas and Texans*, p. 216)

3/2/1836

The Declaration of Independence was adopted by unanimous vote of the convention on March 2, 1836. (*Texas and Texans*, p. 221)

The Texas Declaration of Independence is adopted in Washington, Texas (Washington on the Brazos) by members of the Convention of 1836. A constitution is drafted and an ad interim government is formed for the newly created Republic of Texas.

3/5/1836

By March 5, 1836, Santa Anna's entire army had arrived and was in place for battle. Santa Anna ordered an all-out assault on the Alamo to begin at dawn the next day.(*Texas and Texans*, p 235)

3/6/1836

Texans under Colonel William Barret Travis are defeated by the Mexican army after a thirteen-day siege at the Battle of the Alamo in San Antonio. The Runaway Scrape begins. (Texas Parks and Wildlife Historic Sites)

Historical Marker

Adriance, John

Marker Title: John Adriance

County: Brazoria

City: West Columbia

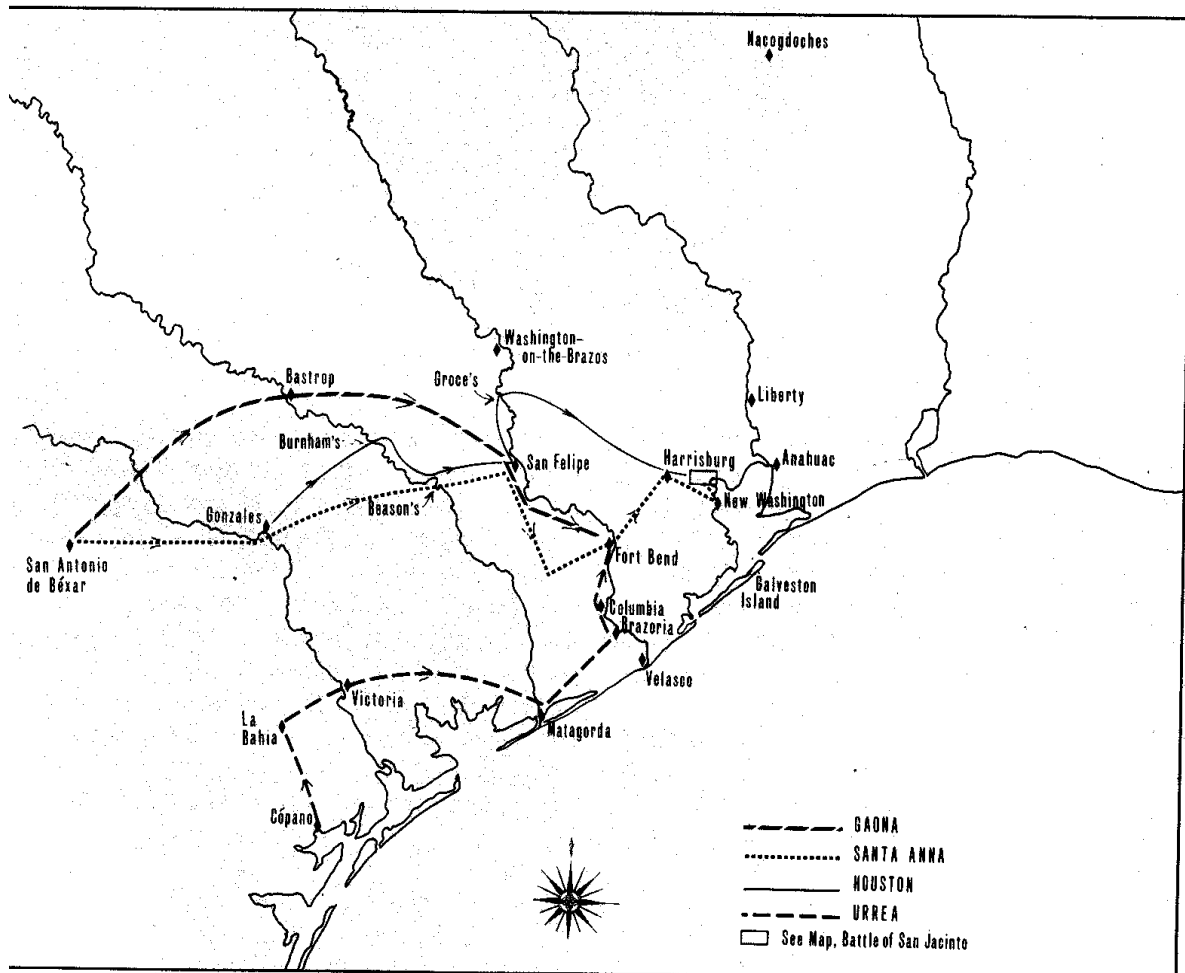
Marker Location: Old Columbia Cemetery, Jackson at 16th St.

Marker Text:

(November 10, 1816 - December 7, 1903) Faithful soldier, Texas War for Independence. He was in unit of Capt. Jacob Eberly, detailed by Gen. Sam Houston to guard Bell's Landing (East Columbia) until civilians could escape in front of Santa Anna's army. He and 15 others then hurried to rejoin Gen. Houston, only to find Battle of San Jacinto had been won on April 21, 1836. Adriance married Lydia Ann Cook, Watertown, New York, Sept. 24, 1846. Had three children.

3/13/1836

Two days after his arrival at Gonzales, Houston learned that the Alamo had fallen. Since he did not dare risk a battle with Santa Anna at this time, he began a retreat eastward with his troops toward the Colorado River....Retreat of Houston's Army...Houston's army began its withdrawal from Gonzales on Sunday, March 13, 1836. ...The army crossed the Colorado River at Burnham's Crossing. The river was swollen by heavy rains. Houston waited there for several days while civilians living west of the river crossed to safety. ...On March 25, Houston learned that Fannin and his men had been captured. He also learned that Santa Anna's army was moving toward the Colorado River. Houston again ordered a retreat, this time to the Brazos River. ...Houston...felt his forces were not strong enough to oppose the Mexican army....Houston's decision to continue the retreat caused much concern to the hundreds of families living between the Colorado and Brazos rivers....Hundreds of families gathered their belongings and headed east toward the Sabine River. This movement is known as the Runaway Scrape.



The Runaway Scrape

3/20/1836

From the Comptroller's Military Service Records, Archives, Texas State Library:

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Austin, June 25th, 1840

This certificate entitled Jacob Eberly to pay from the date of last payment made to him, to 20th June 1836, as Captain of a company, of ; from _____ to _____. He entered the service of the Republic of Texas on the Twentieth day of March 1836.

B.T. Archer
Secretary of War

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Rec Draft June 27th, 1840 of Charles Mason first auditor a draft for Two Hundred and five dollars

And 50/100 no 115 appro 114

Jacob Eberly

Endorsed: 94 #205.50 Jacob Eberly filed the 26th June 1840 no of Draft 114 Approved June 20/40 J.W. Simmons Comptroller

Jacob Eberly as Captain was in the army of Texas from March 20 to June 20, 1836, and was on Galveston Island at the time Houston and his force faced Santa Anna at San Jacinto.

3/24/1836

Telegraph, and Texas Register, San Felipe, March 24, 1836, said: "Capt. Eberly with a company of about 30 men, and a company from San Jacinto passed through this place today, destined for headquarters.....The citizens in some places have turned out well; their generous and prompt assistance will save our country."

(Mackeys and Eberlys)

1836

Dr. N.D. Labadie, recounting the San Jacinto Campaign, tells that as his company passed through San Felipe to join Gen. Sam Houston's Army, the men were paraded opposite Mrs. Peyton's Public House and assembled for Patriotic speeches, adding "Mrs. Peyton having gathered around her as many of her sex as she could, they all presented themselves in her gallery, where they gave us repeated cheers, waving their handkerchiefs incessantly as we left."

Gen. San Houston, passing through San Felipe (San Felipe de Austin), gave orders to burn all the buildings to prevent "giving comfort and aid" to the pursuing Santa Anna, and Mrs. Peyton's buildings and tavern were burned with other structures. (Mackeys and Eberlys)

4/6/1836

Headquarters, Camp West of Brazos, April 6, 1836

Dear Fellow Texians,

Dispatches from Acting Secretary of War David Thomas have been received stating that the supplies are on their way. Captain Jacob Eberly has been authorized to raise a company of 56 men, Sergeant Foard should arrive shortly with 25 men raised by Merriweather W. Smith in Alabama. Smith is too sick to bring them himself even though he is presently located at Fort Bend.

General Houston has written Capt. Baker about rumors that Baker allowed for waste and destruction of San Felipe. Baker is supposed to have put the town to the torch, on Houston's orders. Houston said he did not order it and that Baker might have misunderstood his order. This confusion has created a rift between the two men.

Another deserter from the enemy has been brought into camp and confirms the previous reports about the miserable conditions of the enemy army and the lack of adequate provisioning. Our spies continue to be active in reporting the location and deplorable condition of the enemy's camps.

Respectfully your, Alexander Horton, aide-de-camp
(Texas Army of 1836 Dispatch set no 7)

1836

Now the war was in progress, Goliad fell; the Alamo fell and Gen. Sam Houston began his retreat toward San Jacinto, and with Houston's retreat the settlers became alarmed at the reports of the Mexican depredations, gathered a few personal possessions, abandoned their homes and started toward the United States and safety.

Many tragic happenings befell the frightened, fleeing families as they trudged through muddy lanes, drove animals and available vehicles through the country. Valuable family relics and possessions were lost. This was the Runaway Scrape. Among those who trudged the weary miles was Ruth Washam Mackey and her little family, and somewhere along the line, the family of Jacob Eberly, whose youngest daughter Amacetta was to marry John Mackey who was among those protecting the fleeing families.

Jacob Eberly also was to aid the distraught families. He organized a company of Volunteers in Columbia on May 20, 1836 and this company of 35 mounted men were ordered to remain at Bell's landing (East Columbia, Brazoria County) when it became clear that the Mexican Army would invade the settlements. The company was directed to stay until all the fleeing families had crossed the Colorado River safely. The families of Capt. Eberly's charge had made their way to San Luis Pass and by aid of a yawl crossed to Galveston Island. (Mackeys and Eberlys)

4/1836

Notes in the “The Papers of Maribeu Bonaparte Lamar:s exerpts by Judy Bishop in Mackeys and Eberlys:

Volume 6, 172

“Morehouse, Eberly & Co”

Coss with 500 men was at Staffords; Morehouse with his command was near opposite side of the river. Eberly with his Company down about Bigham’s 10 miles more or less below Morehouse; Morehouse sent down to Eberly to come up and join him and whip Coss; Eberly refused, saying that he was not to be caught in another Fannin Scrape. He accordingly retreated down the river to Velasco where he had been invited by Bell who was the with some Negroes fortifying; ten of Eberlys men left him to join Morehouse with the prospect of fight.

Eberly soon after arriving at Velasco, was induced to leave the place in consequence of the apprehension that Urea’s soldiers at Matagorda, or some others would be upon him; they took down the beach, toward Galveston and on arriving at the Bay, actually with their horses, swam to the Island. He had about 50 men. (Col Morgan was in command of Galveston Island at this time. There are other miscellaneous items of information, concerning a man named Cook who failed to get messages to Morehouse, “probably ordering him to join the army” which were not copied. JB)

“Cook who had been sent from Grosses to bear some dispatches to Morehouse, probably ordering him to the main army, he went down the west side of the river; he was discovered by a party of Mexicans”

After Eberly declined joining Morehouse, Morehouse not knowing the movements of the main army still continued at Staffords’. After the battle of the 21st (San Jacinto April 21, 1836-jb) a messenger reached the camp (Houston’s) from Morehouse asking for Orders. Houston replied, “You have found me at last.” When Burleson was dismissed with his men to follow the Mexicans, he found Morehouse at Stafford’s who joined him.....

“Capt. Eberly was fortunate in not joining Morehouse in his endeavor to whip Coss; for, as he said he did not want to be caught in another Fannin scrape, in reference to Fannin’s tragic mistake of withdrawing to Goliad, and his capture March 20, 1836....Santa Anna on Palm Sunday had his General at Goliad lead forth Fannin’s men with high hopes that they were to be released, and massacred them en masse.” (Judy Bishop, Mackeys and Eberlys)

4/26/1836

.....Horse Marines of the Texan Army, or the Rangers, actually did military sea duty, absurd as it may seem. An entire company of cavalry under Captain Eberly April 26, 1836, swam from the mainland to the east end of Galveston Island to report for duty at Camp Travis....On the morning after arrival, the steamboat “Laura” left the island with provisions and volunteers with the hope of reaching the army. Captain Eberly and fifteen of his men went aboard. At the Redfish Bar they met the “Cayauga” returning from the battlefield with the news of the victory at San Jacinto. (Mackeys and Eberlys)

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

★

No. 1511 Acres. 500

KNOW ALL MEN TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,

That Jacob Eberly having served faithfully and honorably for the Term of Three Months, from the Twentieth day of March 1836 until the Twentieth day of June 1836 and having been honorably discharged is entitled to Two hundred and twenty Acres Bounty Land, for which this is his **CERTIFICATE.**

And the said Jacob Eberly is entitled to hold said Land, or to sell, alienate, convey and donate the same; and to exercise all rights of ownership over it.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand at Austin this Twenty sixth day of June 1840

Spencer
4th Sept. 1845

Wm. G. Webb
B. J. Archer
Secy War & Marine SECRETARY OF WAR.

Intelligencer Office, Houston.

Republic of Texas } Know all men by these
 County of Travis } presents that I Jacob
 Oberley for a good and valuable consideration
 have this day granted bargained sold conveyed
 and transferred unto J. H. Caldwell his heirs
 and assigns for ever all my right title interest
 and claim in and to the within three hundred
 and twenty acres of Land & I the said Oberley
 do hereby authorize him the said Caldwell
 his heirs or assigns to draw a patent for
 said Land in his or their own names
 In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand & seal by way of seal this
 20 day of August A.D. 1840.

J. Oberley

Witnesses

W. A. Battis

James B. Long

Reproduced from Texas General Land Office Holdings, Austin, Texas

9/16/1836

...citizens of Columbia induced the ad interim officers and legislators of the Republic of Texas to meet in their community by offering accommodations. Col. Jacob Eberly pledged two rooms. (Dayton Kelley, *Capitols of Texas*, p. 34)...Columbia was the only town in Texas, with the possible exception of Nacogdoches, where anything like adequate housing facilities was to be found. (Kelley)

1836

...So, early in the autumn of 1836, Jacob Eberly, John Caffin, and George Brown announced that the Columbia Turf would be open to any horse, mare, or gelding during a three-day meet in November. An advertisement in the *Telegraph and Texas Register* on October 18, 1836, announced that the course on the first day would be one mile and repeat, one mile on the second day, and on the third day, a one-mile run for “untied horses.” (Malcolm D. McLean, *Fine Texas Horses*, p. 11)(The announcement first appeared in *The Texas Republican*)

10/23/1836

Despite a drizzling rain, at 4pm Saturday, October 23, officials of the new Republic, their friends, and citizens of Columbia huddled under a gray oak draped with Spanish moss for the inauguration of President Sam Houston and Vice-president Maribeau B. Lamar. The ceremony was hastily planned, having been approved by both houses of Congress only two hours earlier. It may have been during the inaugural service that Angelina Belle Peyton, widow of two years, saw Col. Jacob Eberly, widower, for the first time. In her interviews with Mary Austin Holley, Angelina was usually silent concerning her life in Columbia, saying merely that she was “married by bond till Muldoon came and married us over-now Mrs. Eberly.” (C. Richard King, *The Lady Cannoneer- A Biography of Angelina Belle Peyton Eberly, Heroine of the Texas Archives War*)

One of the colonization provisions, required by the Mexican government was for the settlers to be Roman Catholic, but the authorities never attempted to enforce this provision. (*Stephen F. Austin*, Gregg Cantrell) The government finally sent Father Michael Muldoon as curate of the Anglo colonists. Austin met Muldoon in Saltillo in 1831 and was pleased that Muldoon possessed a liberal attitude toward those colonists who were not actually Catholic. Muldoon became a favorite with the colonists, enjoying the parties that went along with performing the weddings and baptisms. Years earlier Austin had developed an unofficial civil marriage, where a man and woman appeared before an alcalde and signed a bond promising to marry as soon as a priest arrived. They could therefore set up house keeping as husband and wife. This is apparently the situation of Jacob Eberly and Angelina Belle Peyton.

11/4/1836

...wrote A. Brigham, auditor of the Republic, requesting reimbursement for “horses and other property lost in service.” Claim No.33 requested \$362.50 payment for “spirits destroyed.” (Seymour V. Connor, editor, *Texas Treasury Papers*, Vol I, Letter No. 2) Angelina, likewise, submitted claims against the government. Financial statement No. 1 to the Commissioners of Texas in account with the Treasury Department, January 10, 1836, shows that Mrs. Peyton held a draft of \$133 on the Council. (*Papers of the Texas Revolution*)(King, *The Lady Cannoneer*)

11/9/1836

Telegraph, and Texas Register, Columbia, Texas, on Nov. 9, 1836, P. 3., Col. 3, records this item:

“Court House Records: Marriage records of Judge B.C. Franklin—Col J. Eberly to Mrs. A.B. Peyton, both of this town. (Mackeys and Eberlys)

In “Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas”, Brown, Page 602 appears a note that “at the close of the Revolution, Mrs. Angelina B. Peyton married Capt. Jacob Eberly, who was in the ranging service.” (Mackeys and Eberlys)

12/27/1836

...Angelina, with a flourish, especially in the A of her first name and the capital B of her middle, and Jacob Eberly, with bold, firm letters, signed a document. To J.J. Sherman and B.S. Grayson for \$1400 they sold “two town lots in the town of Columbia and buildings thereon, now occupied by us and formerly occupied by W.J. Eaton.” (Folder I, Austin Public Library, Angelina Eberly Files, p. 421)(King, *The Lady Cannoneer*)

9/9/1837

The racing partnership of Brown and Eberly would be dissolved in 1837 with the announcement that “all those indebted to the late firm, call on George Brown and settle the same.” (*Telegraph and Texas Register*)(King, *The Lady Cannoneer*)

2/5/1838

By Certificate No. 274 Matagorda County Jacob Eberly received grants of one league and one labor of land which was patented to his heirs. (General Land Office, Austin)(Mackeys and Eberlys)
No. 274—This is to certify that Jacob Eberly has appeared before the board on land Commissioners in the County of Matagorda and proven according to law, that he arrived in the Republic in the year Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-four, and is a married man and entitled to one League of Land with augmentation to one League for which he has previously received a title upon Condition of payment at the rate required by law. Given....this 5th day of February 1838

Attest D.D.C.(?)Clerk

Cha Howard, President

2nd sig. Illegible

H.L. Cook

10/6/1838

Republic of Texas)
Deed Book 190)
528 County of)
Matagorda)

Be it known that on this Sixth Day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty eight and of the Independence of the Republic of Texas, the Third, before me Thomas Harvey, Notary Public duly commissioned....and the witnesses whose names will appear...

Personally came and appeared Jacob Eberly who declared that for and in consideration of the Sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to him in hand paid by the Citizen Gabriel Eagan, the receipt whereof is acknowledged to his Entire Satisfaction, he the said Jacob Eberly has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed etc. etc., etc. The following property: to wit: The one undivided half of Lot Number One (1) in Block No Eight (8) Tier number three Matagorda front, being a lot of Ground with a Dwelling House, Stable and Improvements as they now stand in the town of Matagorda, & which the said Eberly held in common with the said Eagan, by purchase from Benjamin D. Nobles all of which will appear more fully on reference to Book C, pages 90, 91 & 92 of the Records of the office of the Clerk of the County Court to have and to hold in fee simple etc. etc., he Jacob Eberly relinquishing on the part of himself, his heirs, etc. etc., etc. And the said Jacob Eberly renounces the laws "non numerata Picunia" "No Entregue y Trurba" and all the Laws of "Lesion" and "Partidas" and also of "Nurva Recopilaun" and the four years that are permitted to rescind this contract or ask its just value, and from this day forward and forever more dispossesses himself of, desists from, and relinquishes for himself, his heirs etc., etc., in favor of Gabriel Eagan and his heirs, assigns, etc.....

Signed J. Eberly (Seal)

....Received and recorded 6th Oct 1838

Thos Harvey

Deputy Clerk and Recorder

(Mackeys and Eberlys)

7/29/1839

Data from Land Records for James F. Martin-Lone Star Junction Home Page

Class of Grant: 3; Amount of Land: 320 acres; Date Conditional Certificate Issued: 29 Jul 1839

Conditional Certificate Issued in: Matagorda County; Date Unconditional Certificate Issued:

4Nov 1845; Unconditional Certificate Issued in: Matagorda County

Above also verified in the 1840 Citizens of Texas, Volume 3, Land Grants from the DRT Library in San Antonio, Texas

Class Designations for Settlers of the Republic:

Class	Qualifying Date of Arrival	Amount of Land Granted		Privileges
		Families	Single	
1	Before 2 Mar 1836	1 league+1 labor	1/3 league	Unconditional
2	2Mar 1836-1Oct 1837	1280 acres	640 acres	Conditional
2M(2)	2Mar 1836-1Aug 1836	1 league +1 lablr	1/3 league	Unconditional
3	1Oct 1837-1Jan 1840(3)	640 acres	320 acres	Conditional
4	1Jan 1840-1Jan 1842(3)	640 acres	320 acres	Conditional(3)

Notes:

(1)Unconditional grantees could sell or transfer their rights immediately; conditional grantees were required to establish residency in Texas for three years before an unconditional certificate was issued.

(2)Not an official designation; generally referred to as Class 2; reserved for volunteers for military service; the date of arrival requirements fell within that of Class 2 but the grantee received the amount of land and privileges of Class 1.

(3)In addition to the conditions imposed for classes 2 and 3, the class 4 grantee was required to cultivate 10 acres of land on which he settled.

1839

Jacob and Angelina Eberly were living in Austin after briefly living in Bastrop.(Mary Austin Holley Papers, Barker Texas History Center, University of Texas at Austin)

Some sources say that Jacob Eberly did not live there permanently and that he did not want his children in Austin, because it was too wild a place. He left them in Mrs. Royal's boarding school in Matagorda.

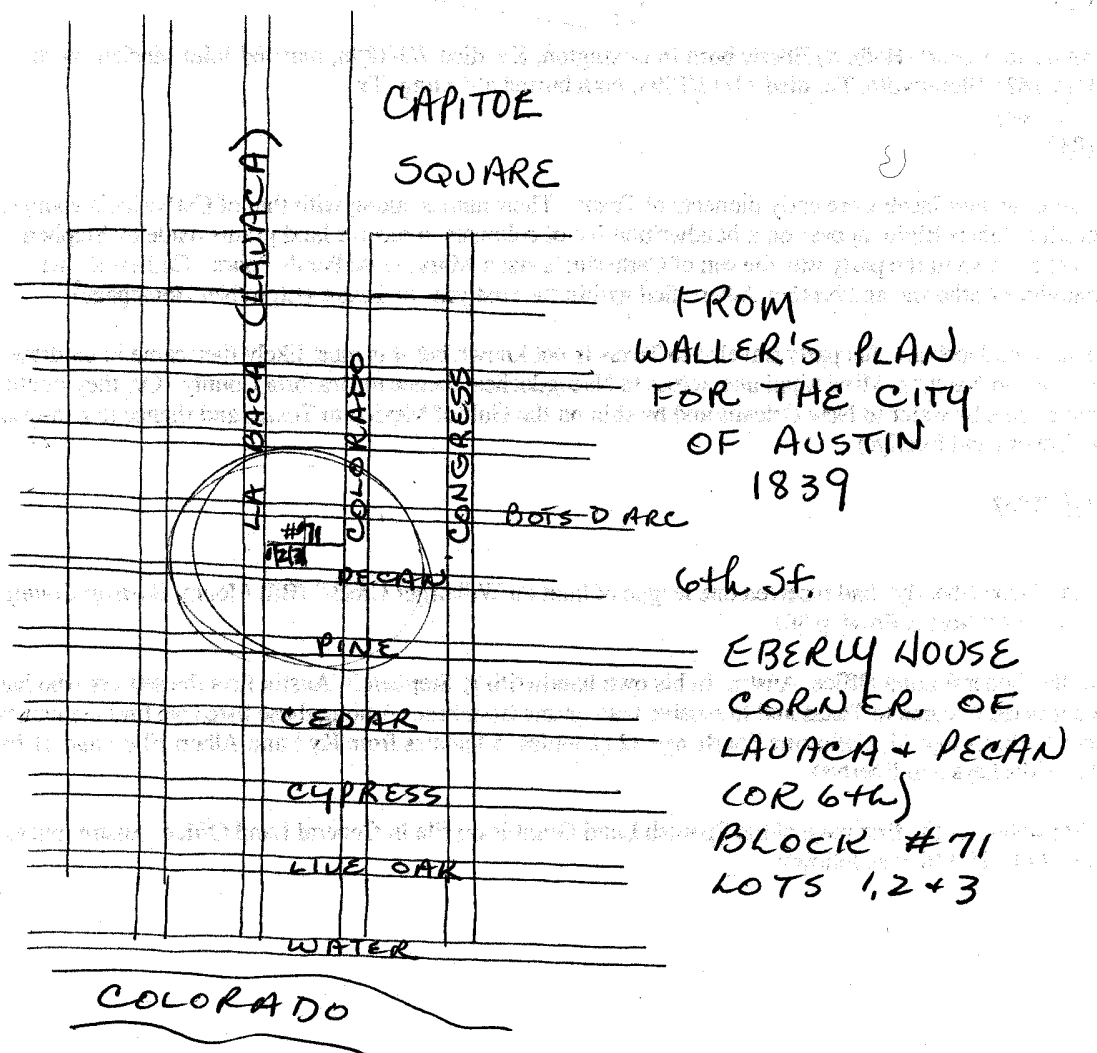
(Mary Austin Holley Papers, Barker Texas History Center, University of Texas at Austin)

Among the first arrivals to the new capital (Austin) were Jacob and Angelina Eberly and the five children in their family. They reached the outpost with designs for a hotel, and at the first sale of lots-held auction style under the live oaks-they paid \$1000 for a plot of ground on which to erect a \$7,000 boarding house. When Eberly argued that the expenditure was large, Angelina insisted that the house would be filled with government officials as soon as it was finished. Hadn't she watched delegates come to the San Felipe conventions? They had given her a tidy profit. As early as October 1839, the boarding house, known as the Eberly House, was on lots 1,2, and 3 of Block 71 on the corner of Colorado and Pecan streets, a block west of Congress Avenue. Soon, the cost of erecting the 12-room structure was over the \$7,000 mark and drawing close to \$10,000, but Angelina had no regrets. The town was growing. Plantations in the neighborhood were thriving. Three blocks northwest of the Eberly House towered the president's home, a two-story edifice built to house the furnishings of the nation's chief executive. (John Henry Brown,*History of Texas*, Vol II, p 165)(Interview notes)(Julia Lee Sinks Papers, The University of Texas Archives)(King, *The Lady Cannoneer*)

Now on the site is the Claudia Taylor Johnson Hall, The University of Texas System (2001)

Next page:

Enlarged view of Corner of Lavaca & Pecan(6th) possibly of the Eberly House from 1887 Austin, State Capitol of Texas map by Augustus Koch, Austin Library, Austin, Texas



Drawing extracted by K. Boyd from Judge Waller's Plan for the City of Austin 1839 on file in Austin Public Library

10/18/1839

Angelina's first success in the new capital of the Republic was at 3pm, October 18, 1839, when she served dinner to President Lamar and his cabinet. (Kathryn Turner Carter, *Stagecoach Inns of Texas*, p 38)

2/1840

...Jacob (Eberly) announced as a candidate for sheriff, opposing Wayne Barton and John W. Hayden. Even before results of the balloting were made known, Austinites were grumbling. A judge had ruled that no person was eligible to vote who had not resided six months in the territory from which Travis County had been formed. An number of persons argued that since the county was new and "that no person could have resided in the County of Travis for six months preceding the day of election, " four-fifths of the persons in the county would be disfranchised. So the election was declared illegal. Results, nevertheless, disappointed Jacob. Barton pulled 99 votes, Hayden, 96, and Eberly ...with only 61 votes. (*Texas Centennial*, Feb 2, 1840 and Feb 26, 1840)

1840

Census recorded that Mrs. A.B. Eberly, administrator of J.C. Peyton's estate, owned two town lots in Austin, nine slaves, and one gold watch. Jacob was listed but no property was indicated. (Gifford White, editor, *The 1840 Census of the Republic of Texas*, p. 192)(King, *The Lady Cannoneer*)

5/2/1840

In "After San Jacinto" Joseph Milton Nance, p. 215

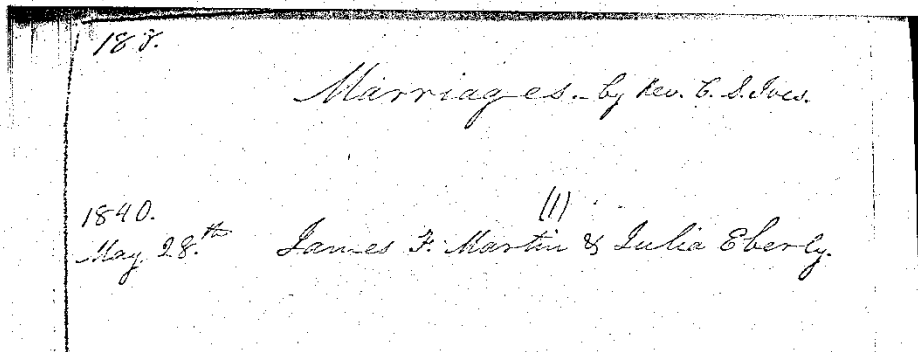
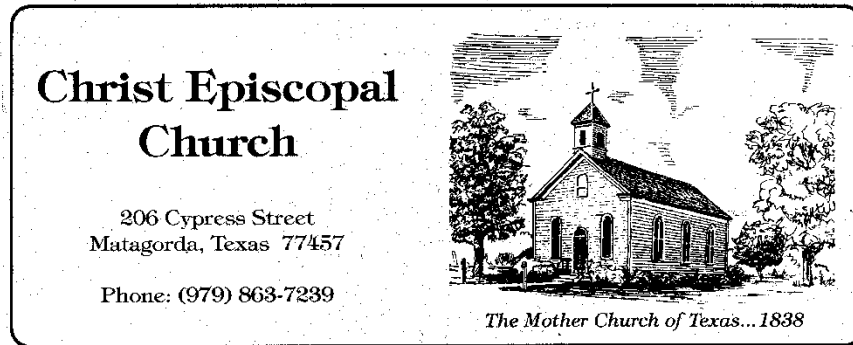
"The Federalist Army was composed of two divisions, one of Mexicans and the other of Texans. The Texans, 226 strong proceeded to organize. They chose as Commander, Ross who was given the title of "Colonel." Among the captains chosen....were Jacob Eberly (18) men...(Ross)..."In permitting Ross to organize a Company for frontier service, etc.,...."

And on page 304, Nance also wrote: "On May 2, 1840, Canales....left Austin in Company with .

. Canales....for Houston and Galveston to procure clothing and provisions and stopped for one day at Bastrop upon invitation of Colonel Jacob Eberly and other citizens to make known his views. In the evening a ball was given in his honor. General Canales was commander in Chief of Federalist Forces" (Ranging Service?) (Mackeys and Eberlys)

5/28/1840

Julia's marriage to Dr. James F. Martin, in 1840, was the first marriage listed under the auspices of the first Episcopal Church in Texas... On Feb 27, 1839, Christ Church Parish was organized at Matagorda, Texas by the Rev. Caleb Smith Ives. Amasetta Eberly, Julia's younger sister, lived with Julia and Dr. Martin in Matagorda prior to her marriage in 1848. (Christ Episcopal Church records)



Written by Myra Lee Goff on Dr. James Fisher Martin:

According to family reports, Dr. James Fisher Martin was born in 1808 at Newcastle on Tyne, England. He was educated at Edinburg, England, and practiced medicine in Liverpool before coming to America. He settled in South Carolina and then came to Texas in 1840. He settled in Matagorda, Texas, where he met Julia Ann Eberly, daughter of Jacob Eberly and deceased wife, Caroline nee Elgin.

James Fisher Martin and Julia Ann Eberly were married on May 28, 1840. Their marriage is the first entry of the Christ Episcopal Church congregation, however, the church building was not completed until 1841. Church records show that the congregation met in the Masonic Hall, so it's possible that the couple was married in the Masonic Hall.

Dr. Martin's name appears on a list of doctors from 1820-1840, coming from advertisements in the newspapers which appeared in the town of Matagorda. (from *Historic Matagorda County*)

An advertisement appeared in *The Colorado Gazette and Advertiser*, November 9, 1939: J.F. Martin has just received per late arrival a full supply of Drugs, Medicine, Paints, Oils, & C as also surgical instruments which is now opening at the Matagorda Drug Store.

70 oz QUININE for SALE

FEVER AND AGUE-1 gross Rowand's Tonic Mixture

Indian panacea, Houks ditto, Carpenter's sasparilla, Swain's panacea
Just received for SALE by J.F. Martin

James Fisher Martin was sheriff of Matagorda County from 1848 to 1853. On a more somber side, an entry was found in the Christ Episcopal Church's records showing the death of Francis Waldeman, Aged 40 years (Death consequent upon a wound inflicted by Dr. Jas F. Martin) Family recollections show that this shooting was in the line of duty, that Dr. Martin was tried and acquitted.



Julia Ann Eberly Martin

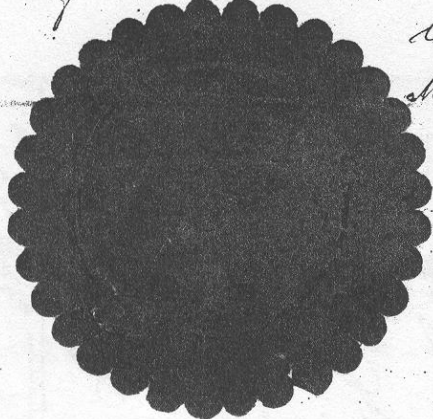
Republic of Texas } 3rd Class } 320
 County of Matagorda } No 206 } Acres }

This is to certify that James F Martin has
 appeared before us the Board of Land Commissioners for the
 County of Matagorda & proved according to law that he
 arrived in this Republic in the year Eighteen Hundred
 and Thirty Eight was a single man and has
 resided in the Republic for the term of three years
 and done and performed all the duties of a citizen
 and surrendered the Certificate of the County Clerk of
 Matagorda County that a Certificate No 66 for Three Hundred
 and Twenty acres of land dated the 29th day of July 1839 - was
 issued to James F Martin by the Board of Land Commissioners
 for Matagorda County. Therefore he is entitled to an un-
 conditional grant of Three Hundred and Twenty Acres
 of Land.

Given under our Hands at the City of
 Matagorda this 4th day of November 1845

A. Wadsworth
 Chief Justice & Ex
 officio President Board
 Land Commissioners

J. H. Ingram
 Associate Justice



Cancelled

No 206
3rd Class
James J. Martin

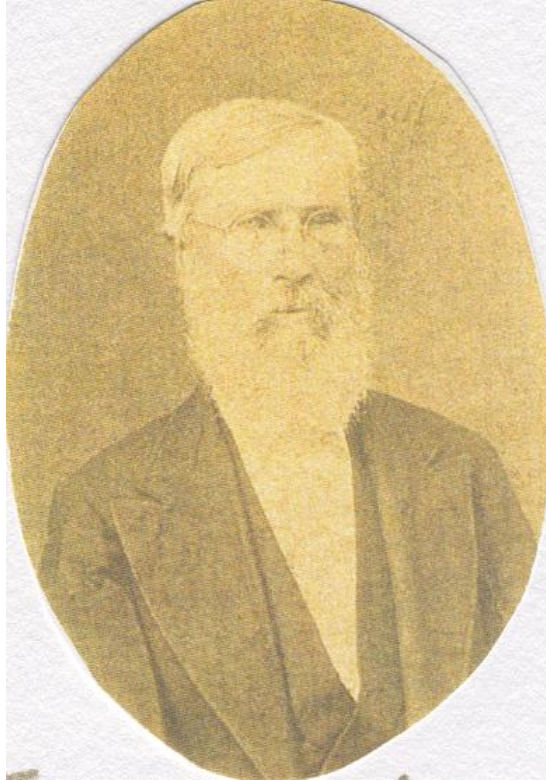
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James J. Martin - 3rd Class

Condensed and 220 acres

James J. Martin

W. H. C. 1854
Cartography



Dr. James Fisher Martin

6/23/1840

...identified as a resident of the County of Bastrop, Eberly, in the presence of Sheriff Preston Conlee and William S. Wallace, signed over to a man named variously as John Buckhannon and John Buchanan "building Block number ninety one east of main street" in Bastrop. For the property, Eberly received \$200. (Bastrop County Deeds, Book C, pp. 579-580) (King, *The Lady Cannoneer*) The same day John Buckhannon "granted, bargained, sold and released" to Eberly a parcel of land in San Patricio County known as "League Number thirty seven on the west bank of the Nueces River surveyed for and by authority of the Headright Certificate of the said John Buchannon." (Bastrop County Deeds, p 582)(King, *The Lady Cannoneer*)

6/25/1840

From *Bounty and Donation Land Grants of Texas 1835-1888*, Miller, Thomas Lloyd, page 244:

Eberly, Jacob

Received Bty Wnt 9564 for 320 acres from S War on 25 June 1840 for service from 1

Mar to 1 June 1836, 320 acres in Cooke Cty were ptd to James A. Caldwell, asgn, on 4 Dec 1845.

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11/1/1840

Jacob Eberly was in Victoria this fall, 1840, when death called. The *Texas Centennial* of Nov. 1, 1840, resported the event tersely and incompletely: "On the ult. At Victoria, Col Jacob Eberly, late of this city." (King, *The Lady Cannoneer*)

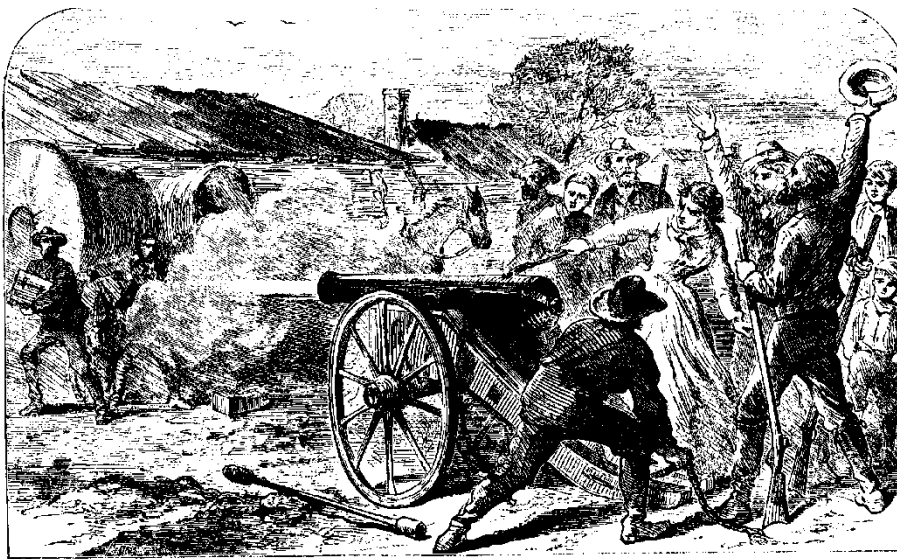
Jacob's grave is also unmarked. Some say he died in 1841 and was buried in Austin. His daughter, Amacetta Mackey, youngest of the family, related that her father left home in 1840-1841 to go to Victoria on a business errand. On leaving the place where they were living, (probably Matagorda) he told his son, Jack E. to come for him in three weeks if he had not returned by that time. When the time limit had elapsed, she said, Jack E. went to Victoria as directed by his father and upon arrival a man told him his father had died two days before of typhoid fever and had been buried. The unhappy son turned around and went home without making further inquiry, Amacetta told her daughter, Ama Mackey Bishop. (Mackeys and Eberlys)

12/1/1841

Julia Martin born to Dr. James Fisher and Julia Eberly Martin in Matagorda, married Patrick Henry Rose, she died on 1/28/1917 in Del Rio, Texas

12/8/1841

“General Houston reached Austin on Wednesday and was warmly greeted by the citizens assembled in the city. He was met...and the mayor tended him the hospitalities of the place... He was escorted to the Eberly House where an excellent collation was prepared.” Later Houston refused to occupy the flamboyant Executive Mansion on which Lamar had wasted the taxpayers’ money, preferring Mrs. Eberly’s boarding house for its convenient location to the capitol and its agreeable atmosphere. Now and then he made friendly reference to “Miss Eberly,” as he called her, in his letters.(King, *The Lady Cannoneer*)



In a skirmish called the Archives War, Angelina Eberly fired a cannon on government officials who attempted to remove the archives from Austin because of the Vásquez invasion scare.

(*Texas and Texans*, p. 305)

1842

After he (Sam Houston) transferred the capital to Washington-on-the-Brazos in 1842, he had cause to remember his hostess (Mrs. Eberly) less amicably. His opposition to Austin as the capital city was of longstanding. (King, *The Lady Cannoneer*)

After General Rafael Vasquez’s attack on San Antonio in March of 1842, Houston, fearing that the Mexican Army might move on Austin, called an emergency session of the Texas Congress to convene in Houston. As early as April 28, 1837, he had confided his preference of Houston to Dr. Irion.”... It combines more advantages and is far superior in every point of view to any situation I have yet seen in Texas for the seat of Government, and commercial and mercantile operations.” During the summer preceding his removal of the capital to Washington-on-the-Brazos, Houston had maintained the seat of government at Houston without attempting to remove the archives from Austin. When Buck Pettis went to the capital for the archives and returned with the mane and tail of his horse sheared off, Houston realized that he must make other and more cautious arrangements.

Accordingly, “at the end of December, 1842, President Houston sent a company of rangers under Captains Thomas I. Smith and Eli Chandler to remove the archives to “Washington-on-the-Brazos but not to resort to bloodshed.” The transfer was to be made secretly under the cover of darkness. The rangers and their wagons arrived on December 30 at midnight. While one vehicle was being loaded in an alley behind the old Hancock store located across the street from Mrs. Eberly’s place, Smith was loading another behind the land office. Mrs. Eberly, an aggressive businesswoman who objected to the change for economic reasons, discovered Smith and fired a six-pound cannon loaded with grape shot in the direction of the land office. The action resulted in no casualties but it aroused the town.

Smith and Chandler escaped with a few of the records only to have them recovered by pursuers of Austin vigilantes commanded by Mark Lewis and returned at daybreak. The records were sealed in tin boxes and stored at Mrs. Eberly's under a day-and-night guard for safekeeping. Thus overnight Mrs. Eberly became a heroine to the citizens of Austin, while her former guest who disapproved of war against women let the matter stand for the time being. (King, *The Lady Cannoneer*)

1843

Foster Eberly Martin baptized Jan 13, 1843 Christ Episcopal Church, Matagorda, parents Dr. James Fisher and Julia Ann Eberly Martin (Christ Episcopal Church Records, Matagorda). Probably killed in Civil War. (Mackeys and Eberlys)

James F. & Julia Martin	by Foster Eberly Martin
Jan 13 th 1843	June 4 th 1845
	The Mother

1845

James Sheppard Martin born May 30, 1845, baptized Aug 19, 1847, Christ Episcopal Church, Matagorda, parents Dr. James Fisher and Julia Ann Eberly Martin (Christ Episcopal Church Records, Matagorda)

James F. & Julia Martin	James Sheppard Martin
May 30 th 1845	Aug. 29 th 1847
	The mother

Copy of the Muster Roll of Co. 'H', Heavy Artillery, Cook's Battalion. Organized at Gonzales, Texas. Apr 3rd 1862. To serve the Southern Confederacy "During the War". Privates: Martin Jns. S. (in the list) The Muster Roll of Co. H. Organized at Gonzales, Apr 3rd 1862. T.J. Catching, Capt. For Coast Defense, and stationed at Galveston, South Battery, Fort Point, Pelican Spit, Virginia Point and other Batteries. Were bombarded by the Federal War Ships, and compelled to fall back with the ___ of our Barracks. Successfully guarded the Channel at Pelican Spit, and had the good fortune to participate in the expulsion of the Federals from Galveston on the Memorable day January 1st 1863. Respectfully Submitted, Miles L. Bennet (from the Gonzales Archives, Civil War Muster Rolls, Gonzales, Texas)

9/11/1846

The Texas, General Land Office, map of "Williamson County", Sept 11/1846, shows that a Jacob Ebberly had received a grant for 1 league of land on November 7/1832, in Austin's Fourth Colony. Actually it was located Southwest of the present city of Taylor and north of Brushy Creek, which put it within the limits of what later became Robertson's Colony. (McLean, *Papers Concerning Robertson's Colony in Texas*, Volume I, page 333,334)

4/16/1847

Angelina Eberly leased a tavern house in Port Lavaca for 12 months (*Indianola The Mother of Western Texas*, by Brownson Malsch, p 18)

1848

James F. & Julia Martin.		Catharine Jane Martin
Feb. 13 th 1848. 0	March 25 th 1848. 11 1	W. L. Sartwell, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Miss H. A. Jones

Catharine Jane Martin born Feb 11, 1848, baptized March 25, 1849 at Christ Episcopal Church, Matagorda, parents Dr. James Fisher and Julia Ann Eberly Martin (Christ Episcopal Church Records, Matagorda). She later married Jim Rutledge. She died 12/13/1921. Buried Kenedy, Texas (Mackeys and Eberlys)

Mrs. (Angelina) Eberly was active in the business and social life of Indianola after she moved there and began operating the American Hotel on Main Street in 1848. (*Indianola The Mother of Western Texas*, by Brownson Malsch, p 247)

Edward born to Dr. James Fisher and Julia Ann Eberly Martin...Killed in Civil War (Mackeys and Eberlys)

August 1849

Mrs. (Angelina) Eberly invested in property in Indianola, where she died (King, *The Lady Cannoneer*)

1850

Jacob Absalom Martin born 5/28/1850 at Matagorda, baptized 9/8/1850, Christ Episcopal Church, Matagorda, parents Dr. James Fisher and Julia Ann Eberly Martin (Christ Episcopal Church Records, Matagorda)

32.	Names of Parents	Names of Person baptized
	James Fisher & Julia Martin	Jacob Absalom Martin

Born	Baptized	Sponsors & Minister
May 28 th 1850	Sept. 8 th 1850	Mother & Mrs. J. A. Jones



Jacob Absalom Martin
Glyn H. Goff Collection

Dr. Martin was elected Sheriff of Matagorda Co... "After being forced to kill a cattle thief, he resigned his office. State Files prove that he was tried for this and was acquitted in the Court."

From the book *Indianola The Mother of Western Texas*, by Brownson Malsch, p 43 we find:

The census of 1850 disclosed that Mrs. Eberly (Angelina) had become the principal property holder in the town of Indianola, her assets being valued at \$50,000....Mrs. Eberly catered to families, her rooms being in constant demand.

1850

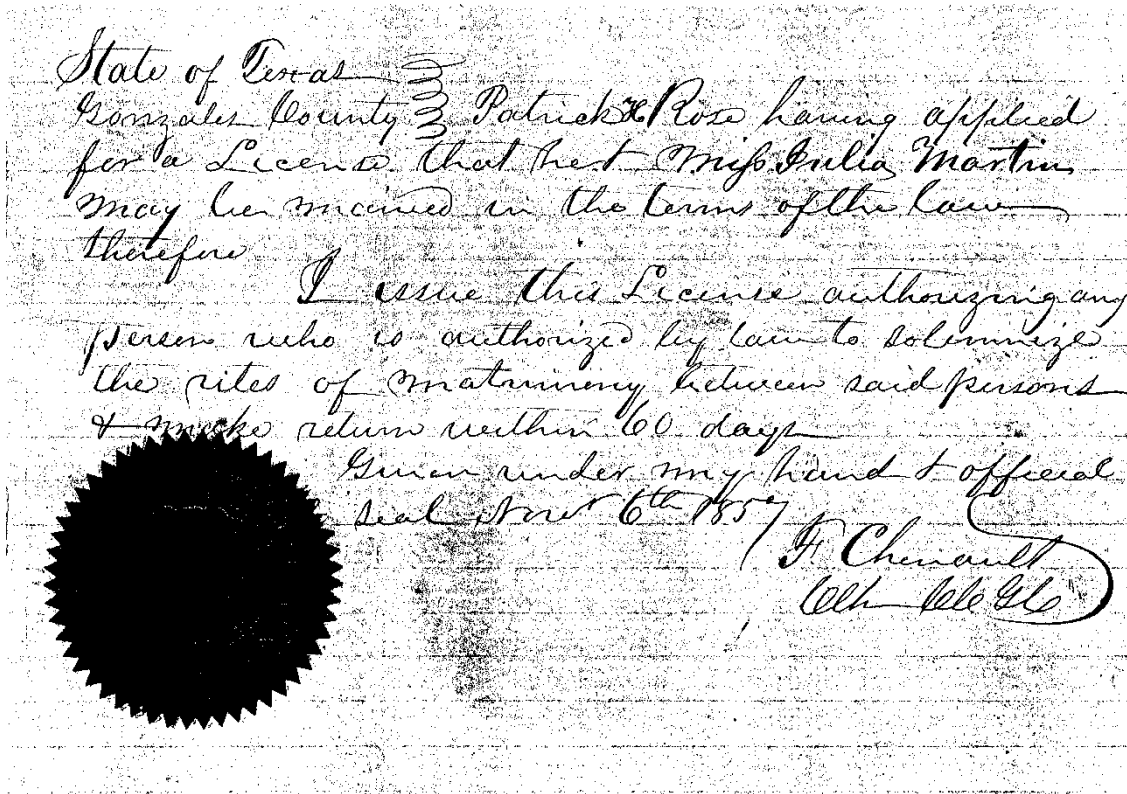
Matagorda County census #37 lists J.F. Martin, age 38, as sheriff

Julia 28, Julia 8, Foster E. 6, James S. 4, Catharine Jane 2, Edward (Jacob Absalom) 1/12
or 1 month (DRT Library, San Antonio, Texas)

11/3/1851

Recorded in Christ Episcopal Church Records...Francis Waldeman-aged-40 years (death consequent upon a wound inflicted by Dr. Jas. F. Martin)

11/6/1857



Gonzales County Archives, Gonzales, Texas, marriage of Julia Ann Martin (daughter of James Fisher and Julia Ann Eberly Martin and sister to J.A. Martin) to Patrick H. Rose on 11/6/1857

Del Rio Newspaper article Methodist centennial as follows:

Among early members of the Methodist Church, celebrating its 100th anniversary September 18 and 19, were Mr. And Mrs. P.H. Rose, who moved to Del Rio from Karnes County and joined the church here in June, 1894.

They were the parents of 12 children; their two elder sons had been ranching in this area for several years by that time.

In addition to the ranching interest he had with his sons, the senior Rose established a livery stable, a thriving business in the early days of this area. The livery stable was located on Main Street in the area now occupied by Dobkins Men's Wear, Lee Jewelers and Bargain World.

P.H. Rose was one of the most conscientious and faithful workers the church has ever had, churchmen of today report. He was elected to the Board of Stewards in November after he moved here and served in that post until he died in 1908. He was chairman of the first Board of Trustees, elected in 1891.

One of their daughters, Mrs. Emma Souby, a young widow with four small boys, came to Del Rio with the family. Later she attended Scarritt School and became Del Rio's first deaconess.

Another daughter, Kate, married John Gray and they both took active parts in the church until they moved from Del Rio.

A son, Dr. F.M. Rose, a dentist, was a loyal member of the church here all of his life.

Many Rose descendants remain in this area, including Mrs. Pat Rose Sr. and Mr. And Mrs. Pat Rose, Jr., who are members of the First United Methodist Church here. (Patsy Martin Harris Collection)



P.H. and Julia Rose (Patsy Martin Harris Collection)

1860

Gonzales County Census #111 lists J.F. Martin-Physician 47 years

Julia Martin	37years
Foster Martin	17years
James Martin	15years
Katharine Jane Martin	13years
Jacob Absolom Martin	10years

3/15/1860

Mrs. Eberly's (Angelina) survivor and heir to her substantial estate was a 10-year-old grandson, Peyton Bell Lytle. Young Peyton had been born to Mrs. Eberly's daughter Margaret Eveline, who was married on October 18, 1848, to J.T. Lytle of Port Lavaca. The romance had blossomed during the time Mrs. Eberly had Edward Clegg's tavern there under lease. Margaret Eveline died at age 20, on October 12, 1850. The young father died three and a half years later, leaving Peyton in Mrs. Eberly's care....Peyton Lytle died in Philadelphia, and was buried next to his grandmother at Indianola on February 15, 1873.

(*Indianola The Mother of Western Texas*, by Brownston Malsch, p 128)

From the book *Mary Austin Holley A Biography*, by Rebecca Smith Lee, pages 328-329 we find concerning Mary Austin Holley's early Texas interviews:

The most colorful of all her interviews with early Texans that spring was a series of visits with Mrs. Angelina Belle Eberly, a tavern keeper of the town, who had come out from Tennessee as a bride with some of the first settlers of

Austin's colony in 1822. She had lived a hard, rugged life, and Mary thought of her now as an old woman, although Angelina was in reality fifteen or sixteen years the younger of the two. She and her first husband had run a hostelry at San Felipe which was well patronized up to the time of its being burned when Houston's army retreated before the advance of Santa Anna in 1836. She was a gold mine of information about the early days of the Austin Colony, including the mistakes and misfortunes and scandals of a good many respected citizens. She remembered Stephen Austin with affection. She had knit a pair of socks for him once when he had no money to pay her for them.

Never had Mrs. Holley taken such copious and rapid notes. This was the very stuff of pioneer life, and she encouraged Angelina to continue.

"All looked up to Austin—he seemed like a father of a happy family. He entered into our sport," Angelina recalled in telling of the very early days at San Felipe. "All young and gay people—never were people happier. We used to hunt and fish and dance in little parties. Only one priest came all this time—he christened my son, and Austin was godfather."

Mrs. Eberly remembered many rough and vulgar incidents. She saw a man tarred and feathered in her own yard with feathers from one of her pillows, and a little girl prisoner in San Antonio whom the Comanche Indians sold for money. She told a terrible story of Governor Joseph Desha's son Isaac, pardoned by his father for one murder in Kentucky and convicted for another afterward in Texas. Memories must have crowded around Mary Holley as she wrote down the last sordid tale, remembering the Governor Desha, more than any other man, had destroyed her husband's career in Transylvania.

Liveliest of Mrs. Eberly's reminiscences were those of the perilous times before and during the battle of San Jacinto. As a civilian caught in the tangle of confusion and destruction, she had seen or heard first hand a thousand things that the military reports omitted, and she had not forgotten any of them. She had told some of her stories to Lamar and others before she met Mrs. Holley, but no one else took such copious notes of her remarks. When Angelina had finished relating the realistic background of Houston's glorious victory, she got around to telling about the Archives War in Austin, in which she had fired the cannon at the wagons that were taking away the documents from the Capitol. Unfortunately she did not make a long story of that lively episode, maybe because her time ran out on one of their visits. Moreover, Mary was trying to keep the garrulous pioneer lady close to the subject of Stephen Austin. (Mary Austin Holley's cousin)

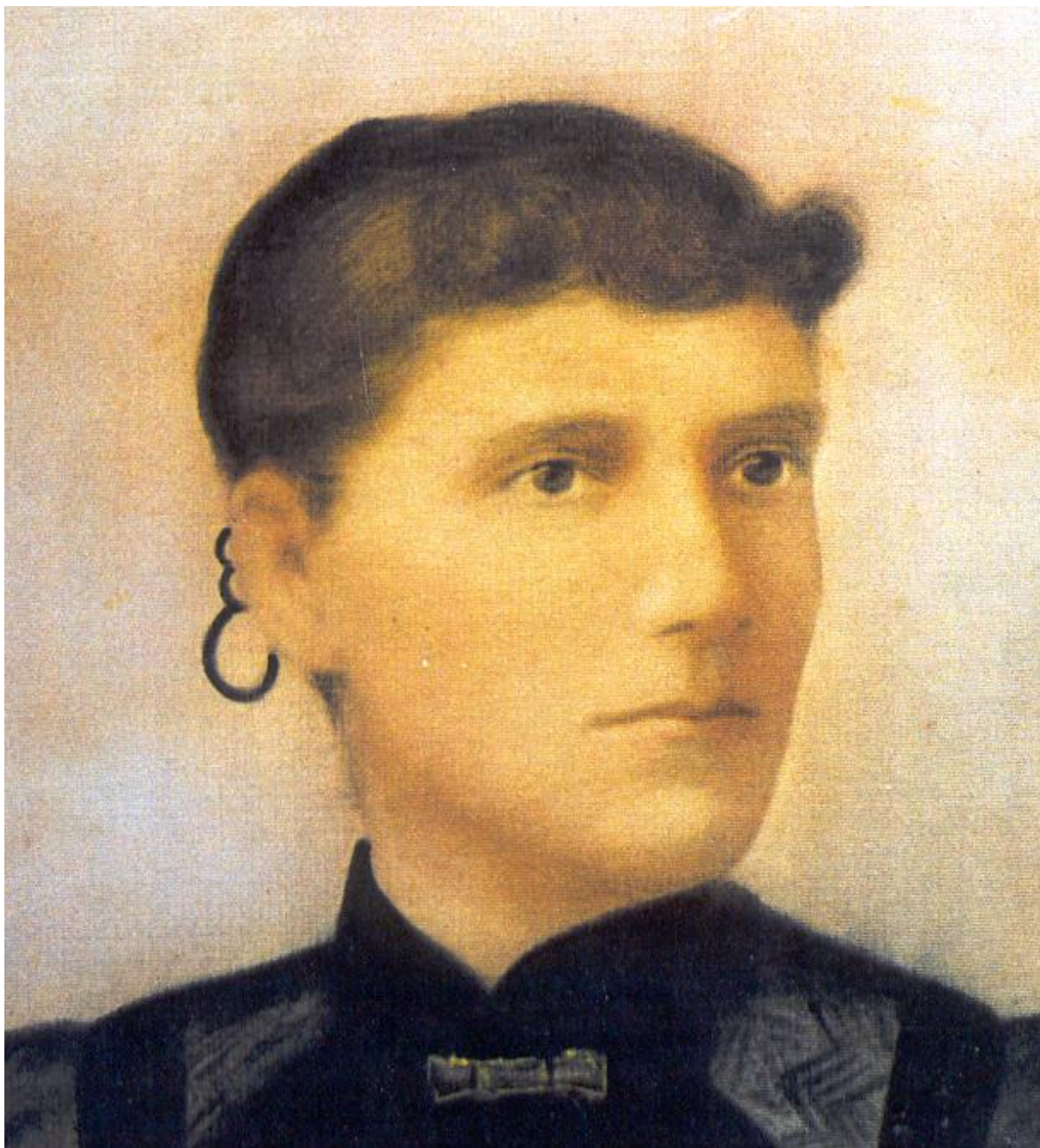
7/31/1861

Mary Elizabeth Smiley born to Neal M. and Sarah Adeline (Addie) Seale Smiley in Leesville, Texas near Smiley (Martin Family Bible, Helena Museum)

Smiley, Seale, O'Neill and Griffin Family history compiled May 15, 2000 by Myra Lee Adams Goff, Karen Goff Boyd and Patricia Goff Arnold from the *History of Gonzales County*, Gonzales, Texas archives, N.M. Smiley HomePage on the internet and Ancestry.com:

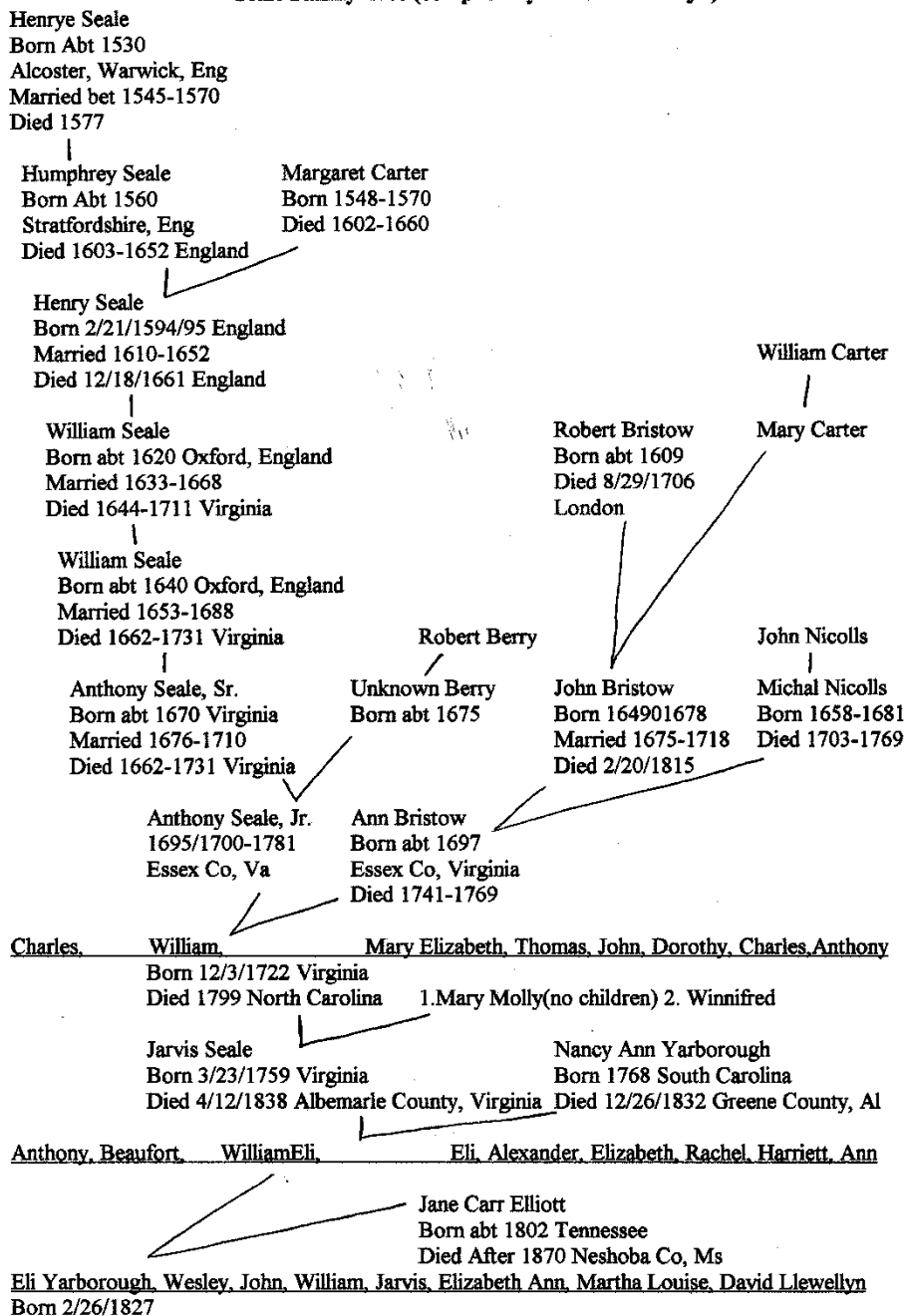
Rev. Ely Yarborough Seale was born 2/26/1827 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to William Eli Seale and Jane Carr Elliott. He married Mary Jones and they had children, Sarah Adeline (Addie) widow Smiley O'Neill, Mattie (or Nattie) McBryde, Frank (who married Julia Edna Martin-daughter of J.A.&Alice Campbell Martin) and possibly more. E.Y. and Mary Jones Seale lived in Floresville and are buried there. Rev. Seale was a circuit riding Methodist minister. Mary Jones Seale was born 11/20/1828 and died 6/13/1915. Sarah Adeline (Addie) was born 10/18/1845 in Neshoba County, Missouri. She first married Neal M. Smiley, August 11, 1860 in Gonzales County, Texas. N.M. Smiley was born 11/8/1828 in Georgia and came to Gonzales County, Texas about 1857 with his 7 year old son, James W. Smiley, from Union County, Arkansas. In the 1860 Gonzales County census he was listed as a farmer/rancher. Daughter Mary Elizabeth Smiley was born July 31, 1861, Leesville, Texas. N.M. Smiley died 5/8/1870, Leesville, District 71, Gonzales Co, Tx, and is buried in the Leesville Cemetery, Leesville, Texas. Other children of Sarah Adeline and N.M. Smiley were Eli John Smiley, Mattie Smiley and Neal Smiley. Sarah Adeline Seale Smiley, a widow, then married Henry O'Neill on 11/29/1873. They had no children together. In the 1880 Karnes County Census, Sarah Adeline Seale Smiley O'Neill is listed as a housekeeper. Sarah Adeline Seale Smiley O'Neill died 9/13/1932 in Robstown, Nueces Co, Tx, and is buried in the Kenedy Cemetery #1, Kenedy, Texas. Henry O'Neill was from Cocke County, Tennessee. His second wife, Amanda, had died January, 1873, and left Henry with several children. Henry is buried with Amanda and their children in the O'Neill Cemetery in Leesville as found in the Gonzales County Archives.

Mary Elizabeth Smiley married David Matthew Griffin, son of Bird and Lucretia Griffin, on February 18, 1880. They lived on a farm near Elm and had two children, Fred and Addie. They appear in the 1880 Census, Karnes County, Texas. Matt Griffin died 2/4/1889 and is buried in the Griffin Family Cemetery south of Smiley. Mary Elizabeth and two children then moved to Floresville to live with grandfather, E.Y. Seale. She later married Jacob Absolom Martin.



Mary Elizabeth Smiley widow Griffin Martin
Glyn H. Goff Collection

Seale Family Tree (compiled by Karen Goff Boyd)





Five Generations taken about 1904-Left standing Mary Elizabeth Smiley Griffin (widow) Martin, daughter Addie Griffin Baker and her daughter Edith Baker, seated Mary Jones Seale (wife of E.Y. Seale) and Sarah Adeline (Addie) Seale Smiley (widow) O'Neill (daughter of Mary & E.Y. Seale) Glyn Hubbard Goff Photo Collection

State of Texas. I, ~~N.M.~~ ~~Smiley~~ having
 Gonzales County, applied for a license that he and wife
 Sarah A Seale may be married in the terms
 of the law therefore

I issue this license authorizing any
 person who is authorized by law to solemnize
 the rites of matrimony between said persons
 and make return within 60 days
 given under my hand and
 official seal this the 11th day
 of August 1860.

J. Chennault
 Clerk

This is to certify, that I executed the
 foregoing license by uniting in the bonds of matrimony
 the persons therein named, on the 15th day of August, A.D.
 1860. R. J. Gill



Sarah Adeline (Addie) Seale Smiley (widow) O'Neill
Glyn Hubbard Goff Photo Collection

Form 239-C.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

The State of Texas,

Gonzales County.

To all who shall see these Presents---GREETING:

KNOW YE, That any person legally authorized to celebrate the

Rites of Matrimony,

is hereby Licensed to join in Marriage, as Husband and Wife, *D. M. Griffin*
and *Mary E. Smiley*, and for so doing this shall be his sufficient authority.

In Testimony Whereof, I, *D. M. Griffin*

Gonzales
said court, this *12*

Griffin
under my name, and affix the Seal of
said court, this *12*

Clerk of the County Court of

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This Certifies, That I joined in Marriage, as Husband and Wife,

Mr. D. M. Griffin and *Mrs. Mary E. Smiley*

on the *18th* day of *Feb*

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Gonzales County Archives, Gonzales, Texas
Marriage License of D.M. Griffin and Mary Elizabeth Smiley

Gravestone in Kenedy Cemetery, Kenedy, Texas



Mary Jones and Ely Yarbrough Seale (grandparents of Mary Elizabeth Smiley widow Griffin Martin) Glyn Hubbard Goff Photo Collection



Marker on Ely Y. Seale grave signifying he was a Methodist Circuit Minister

1861

From *A History of Karnes County and Old Helena* by Hedwig Krell Didear, San Felipe Press, Austin: 1969, Jenkins Publishing Company we find:

“Helena Guards” of 1861...The following certified list of the members of the company of soldiers organized in Karnes County on the 4th day of May, 1861, for service in the cause of the Confederacy, was furnished by L.B. Russell of Comanche. Mr. Russell’s father, Charles A. Russell, was captain of the company.....E.Y. Seale (listed as private).....

I, C.A. Russell, Captain of the Helena Guards, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct list or roll of all the active resident officers and members of said company at this the date of their organization; that said company was organized this day at the town of Helena in the County of Karnes and State of Texas, and is to be a company of mounted riflemen to be denominated the “Helena Guards.”

(Signed) Chas. A. Russell



Gravestone of Ely Y. Seale in Floresville, Texas-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.
Glyn Hubbard Goff Photo Collection

1868-J.A. Martin in Karnes County

In an Affidavit dated April 28, 1911, Karnes County, Texas, J.A. Martin to The Public we find:

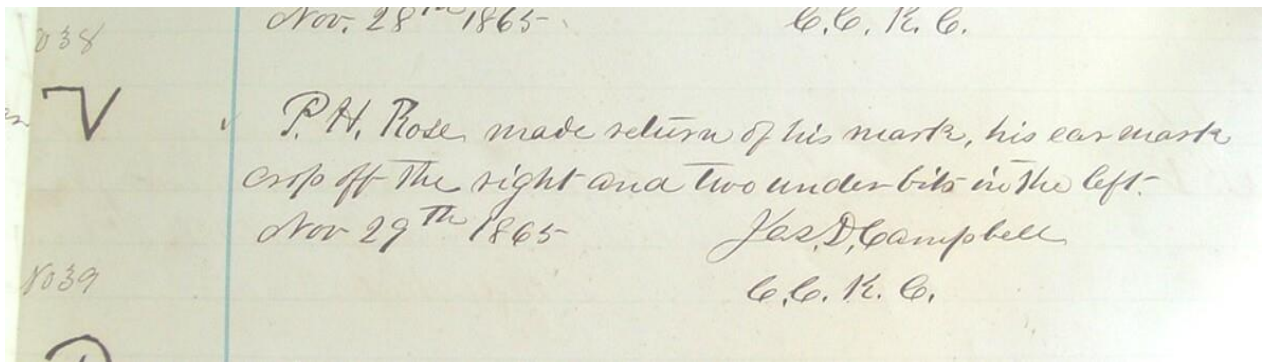
....My name is Jacob Abb Martin, I live in Karnes County, Texas, in which county I have lived since the year 1868, I knew Pat H. Rose well, He lived in Karnes County, Texas, for about 50 years (up to 1911), he is now dead, about the year 1873 Pat. H. Rose purchased from Chas A. Russell a certain tract of land in Karnes County, Texas, about five miles south from the town of Helena, and originally Patented to James Alley, Assignee of J. B. Dupree, and containing about 1021 acres of land.....and dwelled upon said land for about 11 years.....(P.H. Rose was married to Julia Ann Martin, sister of Jacob Absolom Martin) Glyn H. Goff Collection

In Deed of Trust dated July 31st, 1896, Karnes County, Texas, Jacob A. Martin, and wife Mary E. Martin, to Henry P. Drought, Trustee for Francis Smith we find:

.....containing One Thousand and twenty one (1021) acres:--The land herein conveyed being the 1021 acre tract less seventy one (71) acres thereof designed by Jacob and Alice Martin as their homestead on the 14th day of May 1889 duly recorded in the records of Karnes County, Volume L, page 182:-- And being the same land conveyed by P.H. Rose and Julia Rose his wife, to J. A. Martin the grantor herein by deed dated April first 1884 and recorded in Book Vol. I pages 531-33 of Deeds, Records of Karnes County, Texas....

Glyn H. Goff Collection

Patent No. 489, Vol. 20., January 14th, 1875, filed March 16th, 1887, recorded Vol. K Pages 172-3, Deed Records Karnes County, Texas, Grantor is The State of Texas, by Richard Coke, Governor....., Grantee is James Alley, assignee of John B. Dupree.



Brand of the Martin Ranch was originally in the name of Patrick Henry Rose, who was married to Julia Martin Rose (J.A. Martin's sister). J.A. Martin eventually bought the Rose Ranch adjacent to the Martin Ranch in Karnes County and P.H. and Julia Rose moved to Del Rio, where they are buried.

Record in book of Marks and Brands, Helena Museum, Helena, Texas

From *A History of Karnes County and Old Helena* by Hedwig Krell Didear, written in Austin 1969, San Felipe Press, Jenkins Publishing Company, page 56 we find... The Browns moved out to Del Rio, after we moved, along with quite a number of other Helena families, including the Roses and Borroums and others who I have forgotten.



Martin Ranch - 1918

Interview by Myra Lee Goff of Mary Elizabeth (Nibs) Wolfe (daughter of Seale Martin) 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.

3/10/1869

Recorded same Day at 1 p.m.

Gonzales March 10 1869

I have this Day bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto T. P. and D. B. Moorey, all my right, title and interest in a certain Lot of Hogs in Gonzales County, marked 63 swallow fork in each ear also 63 Crope off the right ear and two underbites in the left ear. To have and to hold all said stock of Hogs wheresoever running or found for and in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred and fifty Dollars specie to me in hand paid This the 10th March A.D. 1869.

Witness
J. H. Jessup }
J. Bearley }

The State of Texas }
Gonzales County } J. H. Jessup of said County and
State do solemnly swear that J. F. Martin whose name is signed to the Surety's appended Bill of sale, acknowledged in my presence that he executed the same to T. P. and D. B. Moorey for the consideration and purposes therein expressed, and that he signed the same as a witness at the request of said J. F. Martin.

Given under my hand and Official seal
March 10 1869
T. C. Beaumont, Clerk to C. G. C.

Filed for Record March 11 1869 at 3 p.m.
Recorded same Day at 4 p.m.

Book Q Gonzales County Deed Records, Gonzales Archives, Gonzales, Texas

1870

Karnes County Census lists J.F. Martin as 58 years, white male, Doctor, M.D.

12/28/1870

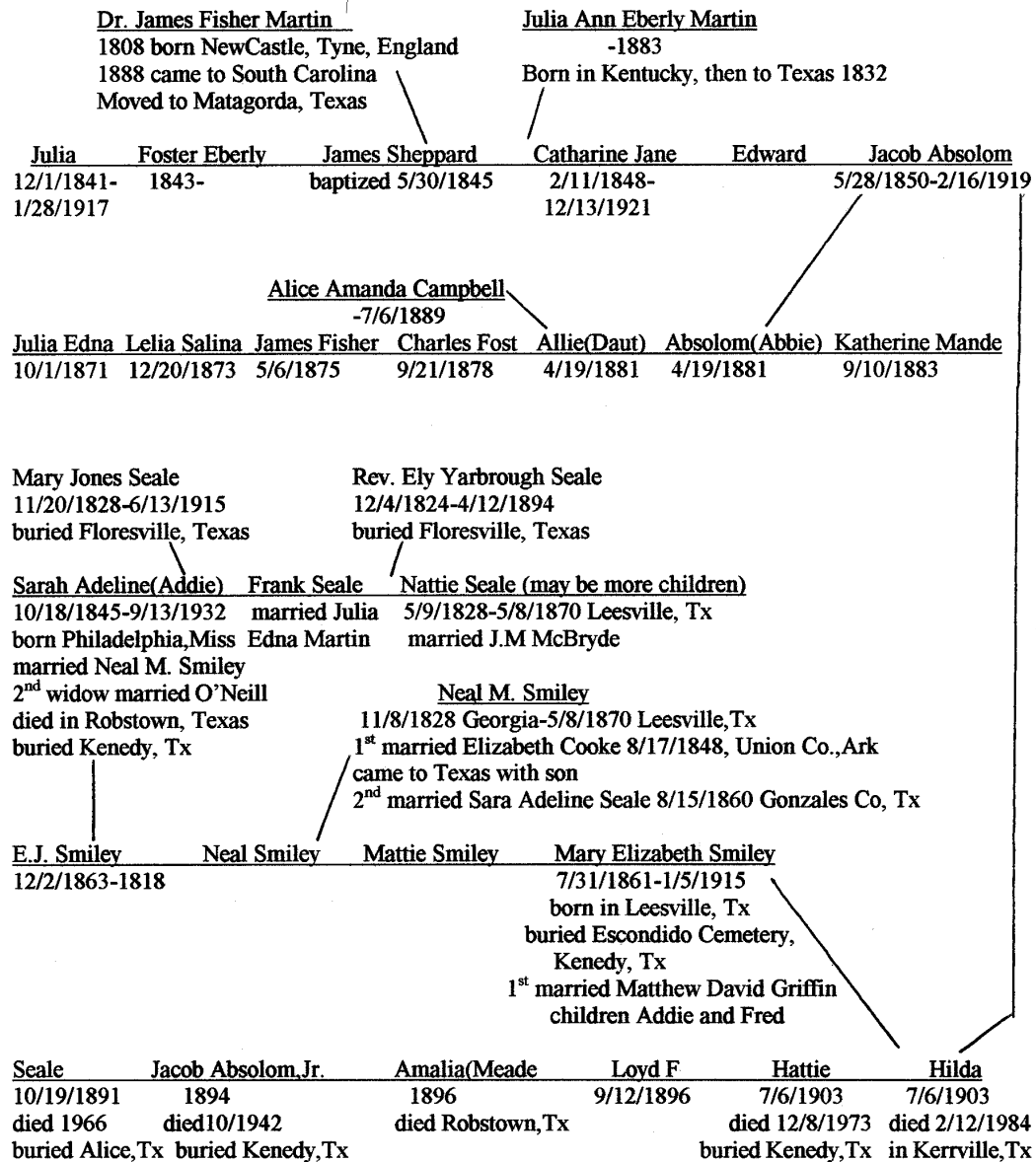
Jacob Absolom Martin married Alice Amanda Campbell in Helena



J.A. Martin with wife Alice Amanda Campbell Martin and daughters Edna and Lela
Glyn Hubbard Goff Collection

Family Tree of Eberly, Martin, Campbell and Seale

Compiled by Karen Goff Boyd



1870

In 1870 J.F. Martin and wife filed a suit in District Court of Karnes County against the heirs of Jacob Eberly, deceased, for reimbursement of moneys paid out by them as heirs of said Estate for the interest of the Estate. A certified copy of the petition was served upon Mrs. Amacetta Mackey and that certified copy of the petition is available. The list of the defendants at that time (the said Jacob Eberly heirs other than Julia A. Martin) were as follows: John Mackey and wife Amacetta Mackey; Joh Eberly; the heirs of William Pearce and Eliza Eberly Pearce, his wife, "now deceased" to wit Laura Fields and her husband, D.H. Fields....Jimmie Pearce....John Pearce. (Mackeys and Eberlys)

10/1/1871

Julia Edna Martin born to Jacob Absolom and Alice Amanda Campbell Martin, she married Frank Seale (sister to Sarah Adeline Addie Seale Smiley) and lived in Floresville, both are buried in Floresville



Edna Martin Seale and Lela Martin Parker
Photo from Bessie Mae Bauer May Collection



Edna Martin Seale, Lela Martin Parker, Daut Martin Agee
Glyn Hubbard Goff Collection

12/20/1873

Lela Salina Martin born to Jacob Absolom and Alice Amanda Campbell Martin. She married Wiley Parker.



Lela Martin Parker Photo and Wedding Invitation
From the Bessie Mae Bauer May Collection



Miss Lela Martin Mr. W.R. Parker
Mr. And Mrs. J.A. Martin request your presence at the marriage of
Their daughter Lela to Mr. W.R. Parker
Wednesday, Dec 12, 1892 at 7:30 P.M. at their residence
Escondido, Texas



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

1/18/1875

Certificate #33/37/First Class—Issued by Commissioner of General Land Office to Heirs of Jacob Eberly to wit:

640 A. land on Escondido Creek in Karnes Co., about 14 mi. N 58W. from the town of Helena

1762 A. land in Karnes Co., on the McFennel Branch waters of Escondido Creek about 7 mi. N. .

56 E. from Helena

1280 A. on the waters of Escondido Creel about 11-3/4 mi S. 36W. from the town of Helena

640 A. on the waters of San Cristobel or Weedy about 19mi. N. 59 W. from the town of Helena

Certificate was located on above lands and field notes returned to the Gen'l Land Office before 1/18/1875. A suit to clear title was filed on this in 1876

Book D. Pages 572-573 Letter of Patent #350 dated 11/7/1875, filed 11/20/1875, recorded 3/2/1876 1pm
(Mackeys and Eberlys)

No. 33/37 CLASS First QUANTITY 1 League

DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Austin, Texas, November 30, 1874

This is to Certify, That satisfactory evidence having been produced of the
loss of Special Act Certificate, Class First
Issued by Francis McWhorter, Commissioner General Land Office
to The Heirs of Jacob Eberly
for One League
of Land, dated the Eighth day of June, 1859
This Duplicate, therefore, will entitle the said Heirs of Jacob Eberly
to all the benefits granted in said original
Special Act Certificate.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the impress
of the Seal of said Office, the date first above written.

Voucher File 2669

Commissioner.

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Land patented to Jacob Eberly

COUNTY.	REMARKS.	AMOUNT.	RECEIVED PAYMENT.
in Montgomery County			4517638 square ^{Acres}
in Cooke County	Bounty patented Dec 14 th 1845 No 113 Volume 2 old abstract No 128		320 acres
in Zavala County	one Lahore Certificate No 274 Patented 27 th Feb. 1851 No 145- Volume 10 old abstract No 37		
J R Mc Casland 1008 Congress Street Houston Tex			

List of Land patented to Jacob Eberly outside of Karnes County written between 1899-1904 by J.A. Martin Glyn H. Goff Collection

Under <ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/tx> the following abstracts were noted as land grants for Jacob Eberly:

Montgomery County #194 and #195

Zavala County #116

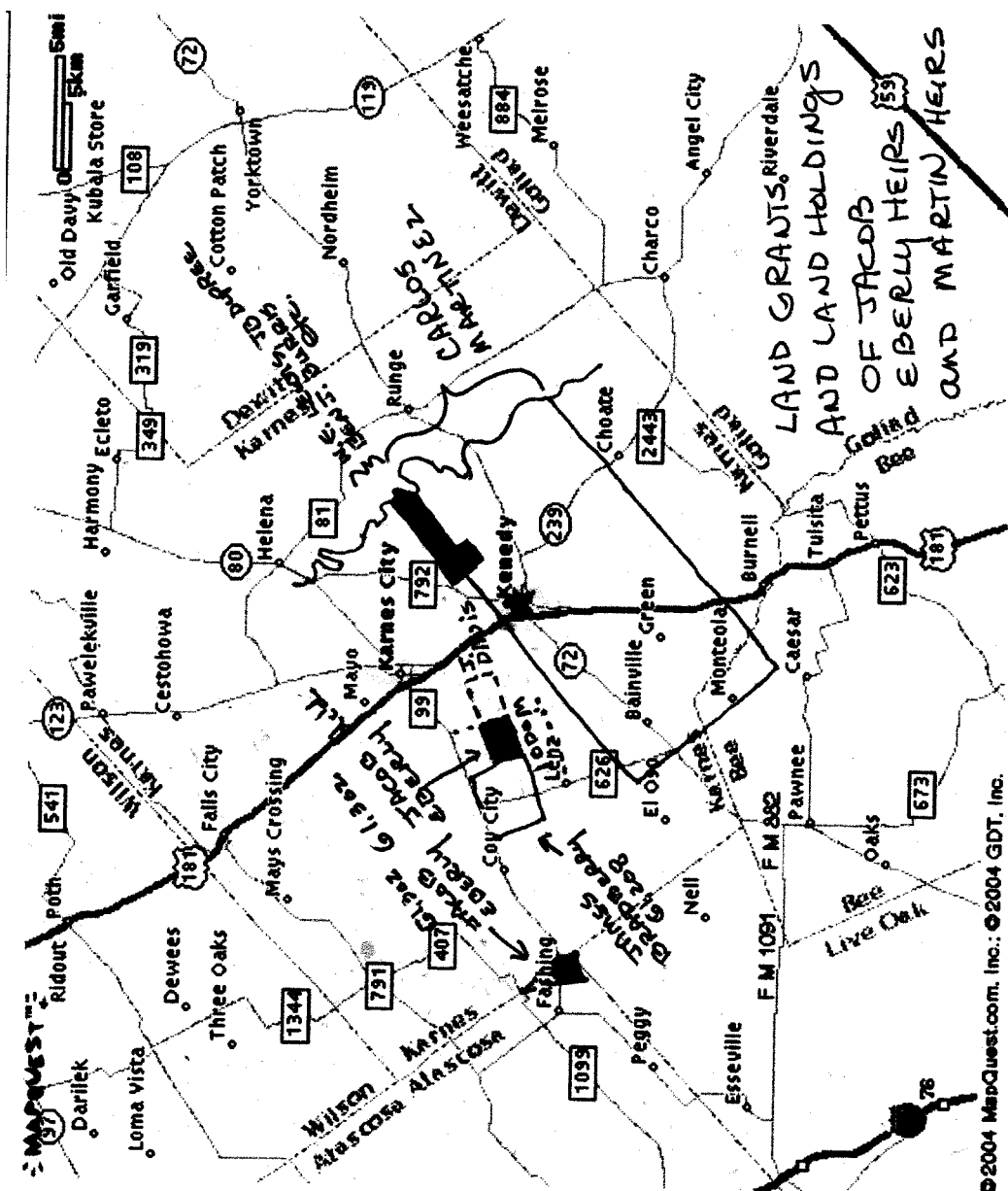
Karnes County #102, #104 and #105

Portion of map of Karnes County 1879



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2004 Map of Karnes County area showing original land grants of Jacob Eberly and land that was owned by Jacob Eberly heirs and Martin heirs. This map does not include land grants outside of Karnes County and may not be complete.
Sketching on the map by Karen Goff Boyd

1875

The storm of 1875 washed away most of the markers in the cemetery in Indianola, leaving Mrs. Eberly's (Angelina's) gravesite unidentified

5/6/1875

James Fisher Martin born to Jacob Absolom and Alice Amanda Campbell Martin. He married Callie Wilson



James Fisher Martin on the Right (unknown on left)
Photo from the Kenedy Library Collection, Kenedy, Texas



James Fisher Martin and Callie Wilson Martin
Photo from the Kenedy Library Collection, Kenedy, Texas



Callie Wilson on the Right
Photo from the Kenedy Library Collection, Kenedy, Texas

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KENEDY PUBLIC SCHOOL, KENEDY, TEXAS --PICTURE TAKEN DEC. 15th, 1894.

BACK ROW:	CENTER ROW:	CENTER ROW CONTINUED:
#1-HENRY W. DAILEY	#1-V.A.SMITH, TEACHER	#15
#2-CHARLEY HUNTER	#2-JUDGE J.D. NEWBERRY	#16-IONA AMMONS- HILL
#3-HEMMIS BUTLER	#3-EALY NICHOLS	IOMA
#4-OLIVER NICHOLS	#4-JOE NEWBERRY	#16-BELL NICHOLS- ALEXANDER
#5-FISHER MARTIN	#5-LEVIE PULLIN	FRONT ROW:
#6-BERRY CHOATE	#6-MARVIN BAILEY	#1- DAN PACE
#7- JIM MURPHY	#7-TOM PURPHY	#2- ISHAM ELDER
#8-MAG RUTLEDGE- MRS ED.P.RUHMANN	#8-SALLIE RUTLEDGE- MRS. TOM BENSON	#3- WILLIE WORLEY
#9-ALLIE. (DAUGHT) MARTIN- AGEE	#9-LIZA TOM- LEWIS	#4- BENNY LEWIS
#10-LILLA BINKLEY- MRS FOSTER MARTIN	#10-IONE ELDER- MRS.MARVIN BAILEY	#5- LUCIUS DAILEY
#11-LILLIE PERSON	#11-SALLIE CHOATE	#6- LEONA ELDER- MRS. DAVIS
#12-HATTIE PATILLO	#12-ANNA HOLBROOK	#7- ADDIE GRIFFIN- Mrs. BAKER
#13-JOSIE PATILLO	#13-LYDA McADA- Mrs. McBRIDE	#8- LULA PATILLO
	#14-JENNIE NEWBERRY- Mrs. GANT	#9- KATE MARTIN- MRS. BROWN O'NEIL
		#10- BONNIE BINKLEY

9/21/1878

Charles Foster Martin born to Jacob Absolom and Alice Amanda Campbell Martin. He married Lilla Brinkley. He died 1937.



Man seated to the far left is J.A. Martin, man with white hat is Seale Martin, man seated in front is Foster Martin, man in the center standing is Loyd Martin, man with the tie is Fred Martin, woman holding infant is Annie Frances Martin (Sissy), woman with hat is Lilla



Foster, Abbie and Lilla Martin
Glyn H. Goff Collection

2/18/1880

From *The History of Gonzales County*, we find: Lillie Catherine Griffin, daughter of Bird (Byrd) and Lucretia Ann Griffin, married at Seales Chapel, Wilson County, Texas, then known as Elm. The chapel was supposedly named after Eli Seale. Mary Elizabeth Smiley married Matthew David Griffin, son of Bird Griffin, on February 18, 1880. They lived on a farm near Elm and had two children, Fred and Addie. They appear in the 1880 Census, Karnes County, Texas. The parents of Matt and Lillie were Bird and Lucretia Griffin. Matt Griffin died February 4, 1889, and then Mary Elizabeth and two children moved to Floresville to live with grandfather E.Y. Seale. Matt Griffin is possibly buried in the Griffin Cemetery south of Smiley.

12/2/1880

Legal documents on file in the General Land office, state of Texas, Austin, show the following Montgomery County Land Grant, December 2, 1880 issued to the heirs of Jacob Eberly:

By virtue of certificate No. 6064-6065 four tracts have been located in Montgomery County

One of 433.02 acres

11.38 acres, #365, Vol. 23

68.73 acres #366, Vol. 23

246.68 acres

The certificate was issued for one league of land. A duplicate certificate was issued upon the loss of the original certificate, and

677.18 acres in Karnes County were patented on 11/8/1878

701.9 acres in Karnes County were patented on 11/8/1878

1280 acres in Karnes County were patented on 11/10/1875

the duplicate certificate was cancelled as unpatented on 4/3/1879 by W.C. Walsh, Commissioner, and there is a notation on the duplicate certificate that it was cancelled by original certificate 6064-6065 (Mackeys and Eberlys)

4/19/1881

Allie (Daut) and Absolom (Abbie) Martin, twins, born to Jacob Absolom and Alice Amanda Campbell Martin. Allie married Walter Agee and Absolom died as a young man in Karnes County.(Mackeys and Eberlys)



Allie (Daut) Martin Agee and Walter Agee



Allie (Daut) Martin Agee

9/10/1883

Katherine Mande (Kate) Martin born to Jacob Absolom and Alice Amanda Campbell Martin. She married Brown O'Neill in 1909 and died 10/11/1970 in Kenedy, Texas



Kate and Daut



Kate Martin O'Neill

Photo from the Kenedy Library Collection, Kenedy, Texas



Kate Martin O'Neill

Top photo from the Kenedy Library Collection, Kenedy, Texas-Bottom photo Glyn Hubbard Goff Collection

1/12/1883

Julia Ann Eberly Martin dies and is buried in the Escondido Cemetery, Karnes County

Cemetery marker: Erected in Memory of J.A. Martin (Julia Ann) who died Jan. 12, 1883 aged 63 years, Regretted by all her friends and mourned by her husband and children.(Glyn H. Goff Photo Collection)

**1887**

From the book *A History of Karnes County and Old Helena* by Hedwig Krell Didear, we find On page 45:

The town of Kenedy was first located about four miles from its present location. At a later date it was moved to its present location, at the junction of the Escondido Creek and Nichols Hollow. The town derives its name from one of the financiers for the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad, Mifflin Kenedy.

The post office for this town, which was at first called Kenedy Junction, was established in March, 1887, and the town came to be known only as Kenedy. Rural delivery service was established in Kenedy on August 2, 1909.

Seven years after its founding, Kenedy was still a very small village. There were only three businesses. They were owned by C.P. Daily, Lee Mauding, and L.D. Young. The population at this early date numbered only twenty-five persons. Also at this early date most of the land around Kenedy for fifteen or thirty miles was in large pastures and owned by such old-time residents as J.M. Nichols, W.G. Butler, J.A. Martin and others.

4/21/1888

James Fisher Martin dies and is buried in the Escondido Cemetery, Karnes County

1889

Infant born July 6, 1889, died with mother Alice Amanda Campbell Martin. Both are buried in the Escondido Cemetery, Karnes County

4/22/1890

Community estate of J.A. Martin and Alice Amanda Campbell Martin deceased

Community Estate of ##
 J. A. and Alice A. ## In Chambers April 22, 1890.
 Martin. ##

This day came on to be heard in chambers the written application of J. A. Martin this day filed in this court for administration on the Community estate of said J. A. Martin and his deceased wife Alice A. Martin and it appearing to the court that said application is in due form and contains all the requirements of law, for an application of surviving husband to administer on the community estate, It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by the court that said application be and is hereby granted, and that J. M. Nichols M. A. Hines and W. J. Seale, be and that are hereby appointed appraisers to appraise said estate and said J. A. Martin surviving husband is ordered to return an inventory and appraisement of said Estate within the time prescribed by law, and also a Bond with two or more good and sufficient surities in a sum equal to the value of the whole estate as the law requires and that said application and this order be entered upon the minutes of this Court.

Inventory

Community Estate of J. A. and ##
 Alice A. Martin. ## To Judge of County Court of
 Karnes County, Texas. ## Karnes County, Texas.

We, W. J. Seale, J. M. Nichols and A. M. Hines appointed by your court to inventory and appraise the community property of J. A. Martin and his deceased wife Alice A. Martin met on the 21th day of April 1890, and with the assistance of said J. A. Martin we find the property belonging to said community is as follows:

Lands.		
In the Martinez Grant the Ford tract 290 acres.		\$1160.00
In the Martinez Grant the Parker tract 320 acres.		1280.00
In the Martinez Grant, the C. J. Campbell tract 609 acres.		2436.00
In the Martinez Grant the Irvin Lewis 436 acres		1744.00
In Martinez Grant	54 acres	378.00
In Martinez Grant Dupree	71 acres.	710.00
P. H. Rose land	45 acres.	180.00
Dupree	950 acres	3800.00
Benj. Burris.	640 acres	3200.00
L. W. Burris.	49 acres.	245.00
Jas Bradberry	2052 acres	6156.00
Jacob Eberly	1280 acres	3840.00
B. Odom	227 acres.	681.00
R. Stitz (in Bandera Co)	160 acres	200.00

 We, W. J. Seale, J. M. Nichols and M. A. Hines and J. A. Martin do each of us solemnly swear, that the foregoing inventory and appraisement is a full fair and complete inventory and appraisement of all the community estate of J. A. Martin and his deceased wife Alice A. Martin as shown to us by said J. A. Martin and that the valuation is what we deem a fair cash price. This April 28, 1890.

J. A. Martin
 W. J. Seale
 M. A. Hines.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of April A. D. 1890.

J. D. Newberry J. P. Predinet No. 4 Karnes Co. Tex.
 The Karnes County Abstract Co. Incorporated, Karnes City, Texas

12/9/1890

Jacob Absolum Martin married 2nd wife Mary Elizabeth (Smiley) Griffin in Floresville, widow of Mat Griffin. Mary Elizabeth and Mat Griffin had 2 children, Addie and Fred Griffin



Fred Griffin
Glyn Hubbard Goff Collection



Fred Griffin (Patsy Martin Harris Collection)



Fred Griffin
Kenedy Library Collection, Kenedy, Texas



Addie Griffin Baker
Kenedy Library Collection, Kenedy, Texas



Top Row: Hilda Martin Eckols and Hattie Martin Goff
Front Row: Kate Martin O'Neill, Addie Griffin Baker, Lela Martin Parker and Daut Martin Agee
Patsy Martin Harris Collection

10/19/1891

Seale Martin born to Jacob Absolom and Mary Elizabeth Smiley Martin. He married Ella Theresa Conrad. He died in 1966 and is buried in Alice, Texas



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



Seale Martin 2nd from the left. Many of the Rutledges were relatives as J.A. Martin's younger sister, Catherine married a Rutledge. Photo Kenedy Library Collection, Kenedy, Texas

3/2/1893

We find in a Deed of Trust to secure payment of \$21,750 dated 3/2/1893, Jacob A. Martin. Mary E. Martin, his wife to Henry P. Drought, Trustee for Francis Smith, & Co. Karnes County, Texas....

Land listed:

Jas Bradberry	2052 acres
B. Odom	227 acres
Jacob Eberly	1280 acres (description to follow)

....Seven millions two hundred and twenty five thousand and six hundred (7,225,600) square varas of land situated in Karnes County on the waters of the Escondido creek waters of the San Antonio river, about 11 ½ miles South 40' West from the town of Helena by virtue of Duplicate Special act certificate No. 33/37 issued by the Commissioner of the General Land Office November 30th, 1874 and patented to the heirs of Jacob Eberle November 10th, 1875; by patent No. 350 Volume 21, described as follows.....containing twelve hundred and eighty (1280) acres of land more or less.

Benj Burris	640 acres
Dupree	950 acres
Martinez/Dupree	exact not listed possibly 125 acres
L.W. Burris	49 acres

....The four last above described tracts of land being the same land, described in a whole or in part in Deed from C.J. Rutledge and husband to J.A. Martin, recorded in Book "K" pages 547 and 548 Kfarnes County Records; and in Deed from Julia Rose and husband to J.A. Martin, recorded in Book S (could be another letter) pates 531, 532 and 533 Karnes County Records and reference is hereby given to said Deeds and Records for greater certainty of description.\

5/17/1894

Book 6 page 212 General Land Office:

B.W. Pearce of Grimes County (son of Eliza Eberly Pearce)
J.E. Eberly of Harris County (son of Jacob Eberly)
Laura O. Wood and husband S.D. Wood of Walter County (children of Eliza Eberly Wood)

Sold to J.A. Martin their share of Cert 33/37 Heirs of Jacob Eberly for \$500.00

Filed 5/3/1894

Recorded 5/17/1894

Book 6 page 242 General Land Office:

Description of land-Letter of patent #350 11/7/1875

Matter of Record

The State of Texas)	Before me F.J. Cross, a Notary Public
County of Caldwell)	in and for the county and state aforesaid,

On this day appeared John E. Eberly of the County of Harris and state of Texas, who after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that Mrs. A.H. Mackey, widow of John Mackey, deceased, is the daughter and heir of Jacob Eberly, deceased, that she is my sister, and the facts herein stated are of my knowledge.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7 th day of August A.D. 1894 (Notary Public Seal) F.C. Cross Notary Public Caldwell Co., Texas	(Signed)...John E. Eberly
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(Mackeys and Eberlys)

1894

Jacob Absolom Martin, Jr. born to Jacob Absolom and Mary Elizabeth Smiley Martin. Married 1st Alma Massey and 2nd Georgia Hill, Died 10/42, buried Kenedy, Texas



Jacob Absolom Martin (Jake)
Kenedy Library Photo Collection

1896

Amalia (Meade) Martin born to Jacob Absolom and Mary Elizabeth Smiley Martin, married Thomas Robert LeBleu, died Robstown, Texas



Amelia (Meade) Martin LeBleu
Kenedy Library Photo Collection, Kenedy, Texas



Meade Martin (Le Bleu), Elna Franklin (Busby), Beulah Smiley (McCaskill)(daughter of E.J. Smiley), Bess Parker (Bauer)(daughter of Lela Martin Parker) and Lizzie Ammons. Kenedy Library Photo Collection, Kenedy Texas



Aunt Meade LeBleu and Hattie Martin Goff and possibly Beulah McCaskill in back with Rob Seale LeBleu- Peggy Martin Cooper Collection

9/12/1896

Loyd F. Martin born to Jacob Absolom and Mary Elizabeth Smiley Martin, married Blossom Mary Goff



Dick LeBleu, Rob LeBleu and Loyd Martin
Glyn H. Goff Collection



Loyd Martin
Glyn Hubbard Goff Photo Collection



BIRTHDAY		
MRS. ADD		
#1- LOYD MARTIN	#17- MYRA McCASKILL	#32- JOSEPHINE BLAISE (D)
#2- CLYDE FRANKLIN	#18- ARTIE McCASKILL	#33- MATTIE MYERS
#3- _____	#19- LELA BALLARD	#34- SALIE RUTLEDGE
#4- CECIL BALLARD	#20- CORRINE RUTLEDGE	#35- FRED BAKER
#5- _____	#21- GRACE REASONER	#36- GUY HENSLEY
#6- CARROLL FRANKLIN	#22- MARY ESTER BAIN	#37- MARGARET BORROUM (D)
#7- WILLIE (BILL) KAUFFMANN (D)	#23- GWEN PARKER	#38- MRS. McCASKILL IN DOORWAY.
#8- WILLIE MARTIN (D)	#24- FANNIE McCASKILL	(D)- DECEASED
#9- GLENN HAILEY	#25- _____	PICTURE RECEIVED FROM FRANKLIN & RUHMANN FAMILI
#10- IRVIN MUELLER	#26- ELIZABETH AUTREY	
#11- JESS EDWARDS	#27- MARGUERITE <i>NICHOLS</i>	
#12- ABBE MARTIN	#28- HILDA MARTIN	
#13- ETHEL REASONER	#29- HATTIE MARTIN	
#14- LILLIE RINEHARDT	#30- AILLEN BAIN	
#15- PEARL BAIN	#31- ALICE KATHRYN MARTIN	
#16- EDITH BAKER (D)		

School Picture Circa 1908, Kenedy Library Collection



Loyd Martin in Galveston 1918 (above) in San Marcos (below)
Glyn Hubbard Goff Photo Collection





Top Row-Loyd Martin Jr., Loyd Martin, "Pepper" Martin, Blossom Goff Martin
Bottom Row-Roy Martin, Peggy Martin, Patsy Martin
Glyn Hubbard Goff Photo Collection

Page 1 of 1901 List of Taxes written in ledger book by J.A. Martin
Glyn Goff Collection

List of Taxes for 1901

BRAND	MARK.	No. of Head.	PRICE.	DATE OF SALE.	BY WHOM SOLD.
6	<i>Martinez</i>				559 ac
86	<i>Martinez</i>				527
6	<i>Martinez</i>				54
6	<i>Martinez</i>				156 84
177	<i>Wm J. L. L. L.</i>			1021 (12.1)	259 59
40 8	<i>Benjamin Burt</i>				640
47 12	<i>L. M. Burt</i>				49
86 40	<i>J. B. Dupree</i>				951
111 356	<i>J. M. Fannin</i>				150
<i>Lat 9 Block 10 Kanes city</i>					
<i>Lat 3 Block 114 Kanes city</i>					
<i>in cultivation 600 acres</i>					
<i>Bottom land 500</i>					
<i>Improvement \$2000 or</i>					
<i>1 Station 100</i>					
<i>10 mules 30 350</i>					
<i>15 Saddle Horses 20 300</i>					

Page 2 of 1901 List of Taxes written in ledger book by J.A. Martin
Glyn Goff Collection

COUNTY.	REMARKS	AMOUNT.	RECEIVED PAYMENT.
	725 26 99		
	594		
	Stable Horses 6.00	75	head
	Cattle (225) \$10.00	175	head
	Hags 30.	150	head
	Buggy	1	\$40.00
	Carriage	1	40.00
	Wagons	2	80.00
	Prigginer	1	100.00
	Chairs & matches	3 (100)	75.00
	Sum.		10.
		259	
		102	
		157	
		259	
	336		436
	182		252
	154		184
	121		21
	33		43



Hattie, Loyd and Hilda

7/6/1903

Hattie and Hilda Martin, twins, born to Jacob Absolom and Mary Elizabeth Smiley Martin.
 Hilda married 1st Eugene Earl Eckols and 2nd James Jalufka, died 2/12/1984 in Kerrville, Texas
 Hattie married Percy Robert Goff, Jr. on 9/9/1920 in Kenedy, Texas, died 12/8/1973, buried Kenedy, Texas



Twins Hattie and Hilda Martin
 Glyn Hubbard Goff Photo Collection



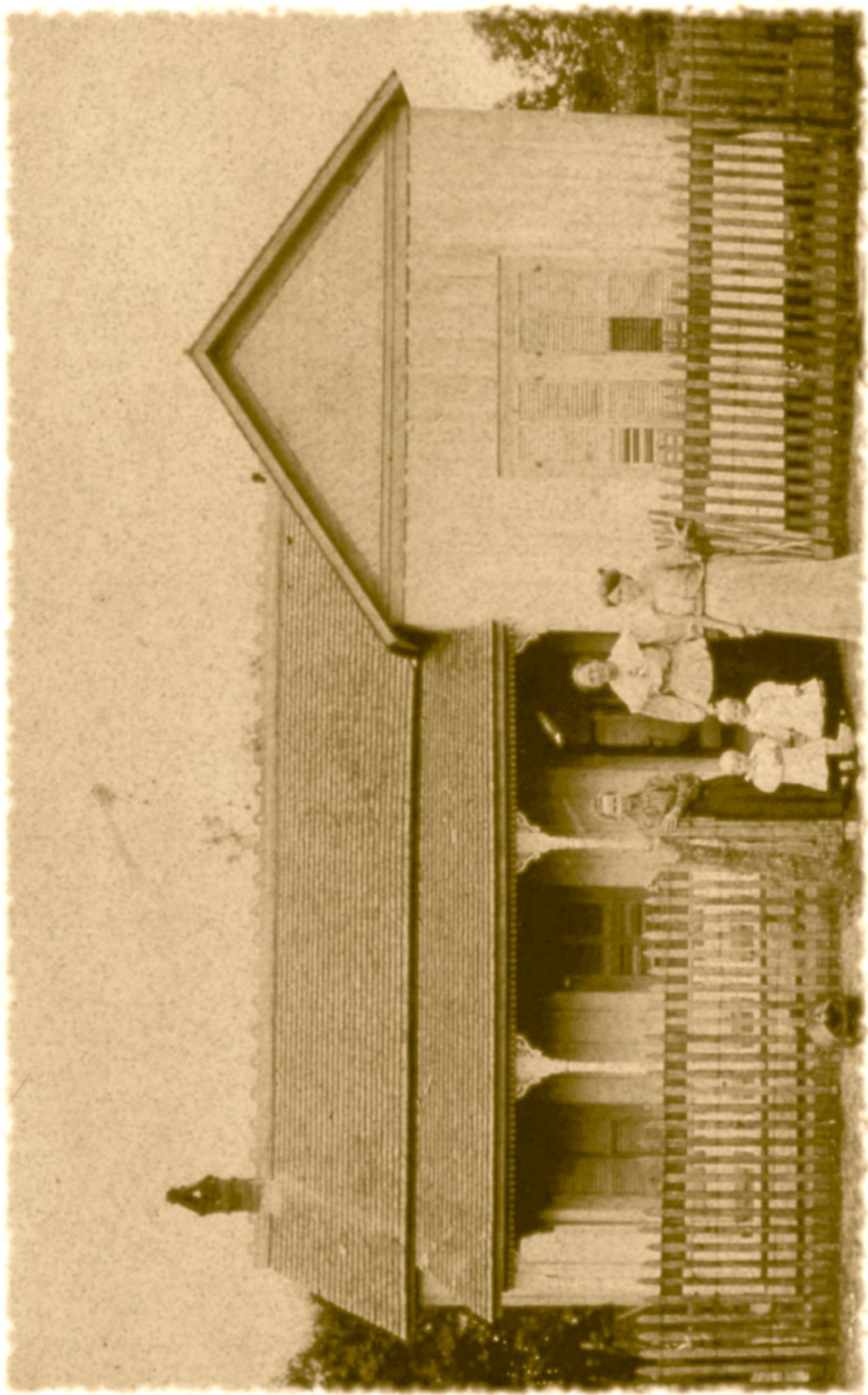
Hattie and Hilda in the Martin Ranch House
Glyn Hubbard Goff Collection



Hattie and Hilda
Glyn Hubbard Goff Photo Collection



Hilda and Hattie in front of the Coleman House in Kenedy, Texas
Glyn Hubbard Goff Photo Collection



Twins Hattie and Hilda with Mary Elizabeth Martin at a home in Runge, Texas-G.H. Goff Collection



Hilda Martin with Jake Martin (Jakie) and Woodrow McCaskill
Patsy Martin Harris Collection



Lizzie Martin (Mary Elizabeth) and her girls with Hilda and Hattie
Kenedy Library Photo Collection



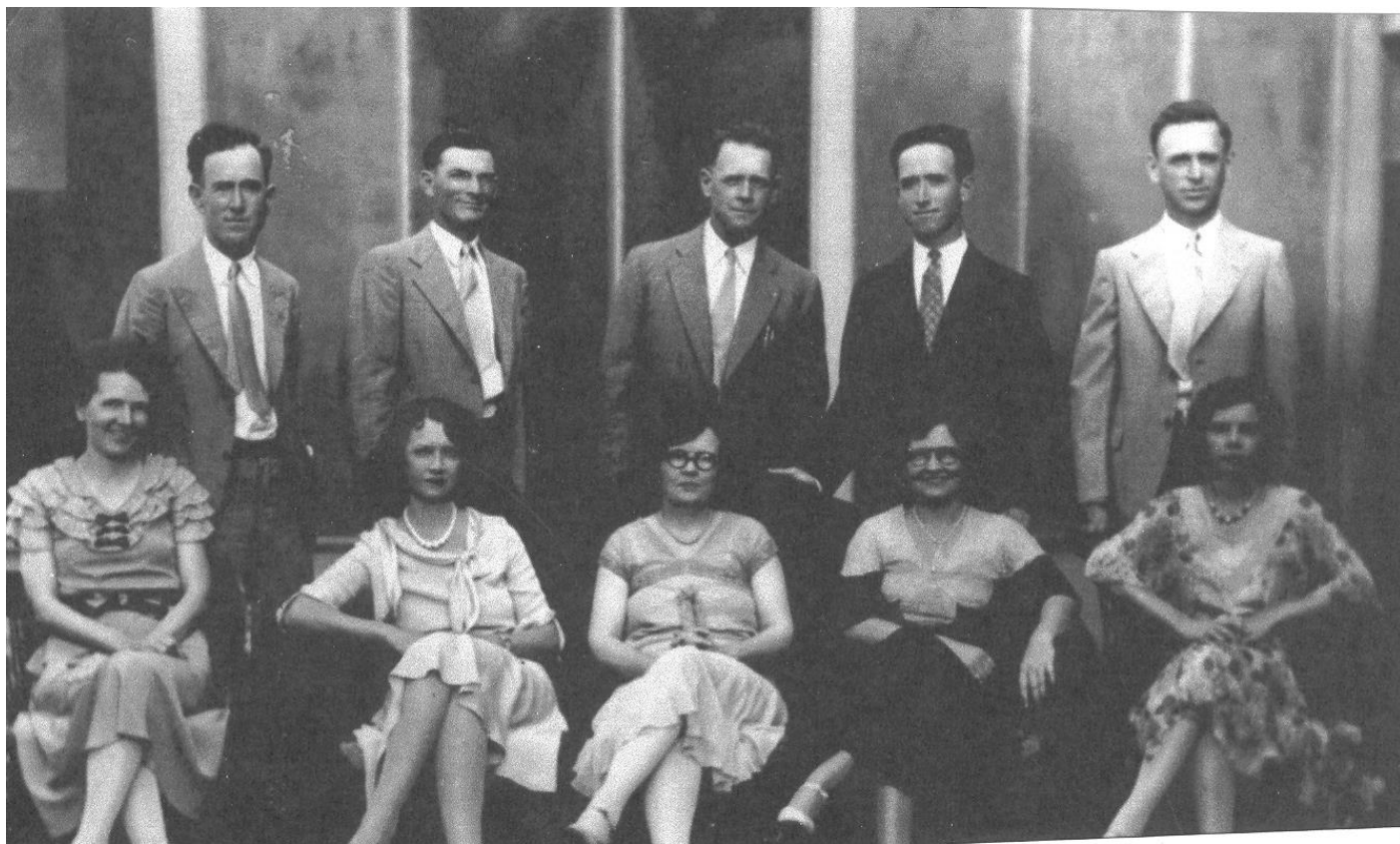
Hilda and Hattie at Westmoreland
Glyn Hubbard Goff Collection



Hattie Martin Goff –Glyn Hubbard Goff Collection



Bobby, Joyce, P.R. Goff, Martin, Hattie Martin Goff, Glyn, and Marilyn



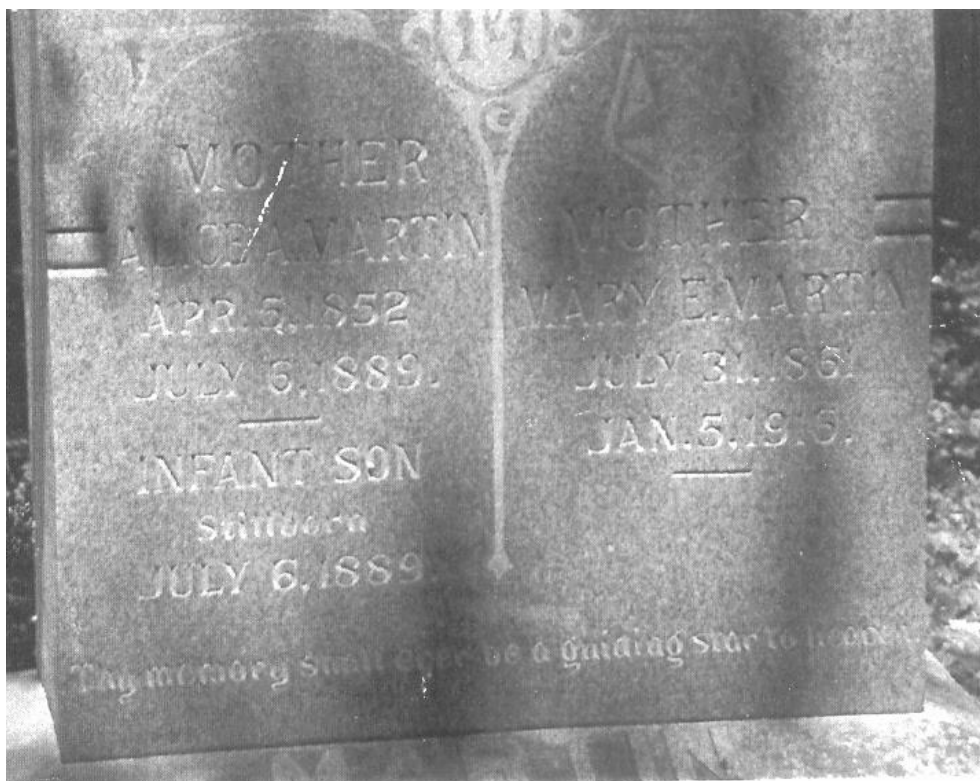
Top Row: Alfred Goff, Loyd Martin, Walter Goff, P.R. Goff, Bill Goff
Front Row: _____, Blossom Goff Martin, Mayme Goff, Hattie Martin Goff, Wilma
Goff
Glyn H. Goff Collection



Jake, Loyd, Mama, Hilda, Hattie, Roy Seale standing behind Mama
On the back steps of McAda Place at the end of 6th and Daily, Kenedy, Texas
Glyn Hubbard Goff Photo Collection

1/5/1915

Mary Elizabeth Smiley Martin dies in Kenedy, Texas, buried Escondido Cemetery



Gravestone of Alice Amanda Campbell Martin, her stillborn infant son and Mary Elizabeth Martin at the Escondido Cemetery-Glyn Hubbard Goff Photo Collection

2/16/1919

Jacob Absolom Martin dies in Kenedy, Texas, buried Escondido Cemetery



Money paid to 1st set of children of J.A. Martin as settlement on the estate. Glyn H. Goff Collection

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KENEDY, TEXAS, 6/21 1919 No. 9

FIRST STATE BANK & TRUST Co.

PAY TO Mrs L. L. Parker OR ORDER \$1000⁰⁰

One Thousand DOLLARS

FOR Seale Martin Ex. Estate
J.A. Martin

CLARKE & COURTS, BALVESTON

88-668

KENEDY, TEXAS, Aug 30 1919 No. 9

FIRST STATE BANK & TRUST Co.

PAY TO J. J. Martin OR ORDER \$1000⁰⁰

One Thousand + neg 100 DOLLARS

FOR Seale Martin Ex. Est.

CLARKE & COURTS, BALVESTON

88-668

KENEDY TEXAS, 8/30 1919 No. 9

FIRST STATE BANK & TRUST Co.

PAY TO Mrs Edna Seale OR ORDER \$1000⁰⁰

One Thousand DOLLARS

FOR Seale Martin Ex. Est.

HAVERICH-CLARKE, S.A.

No. _____ KENEDY, TEXAS, Oct. 20 1919

FIRST STATE BANK & TRUST CO. 88-668

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Mrs. Kate M. O'Neill \$1000⁰⁰

One Thousand & no/00 DOLLARS

Seale Martin Ex. Est.
Ed. Martin

No. _____ KENEDY, TEXAS, Sept 22 1919

FIRST STATE BANK & TRUST CO. 88-668

PAY TO THE ORDER OF J. Martin \$1000⁰⁰

One Thousand DOLLARS

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deposited

Seale Martin
Ex. Est. J.A. Martin

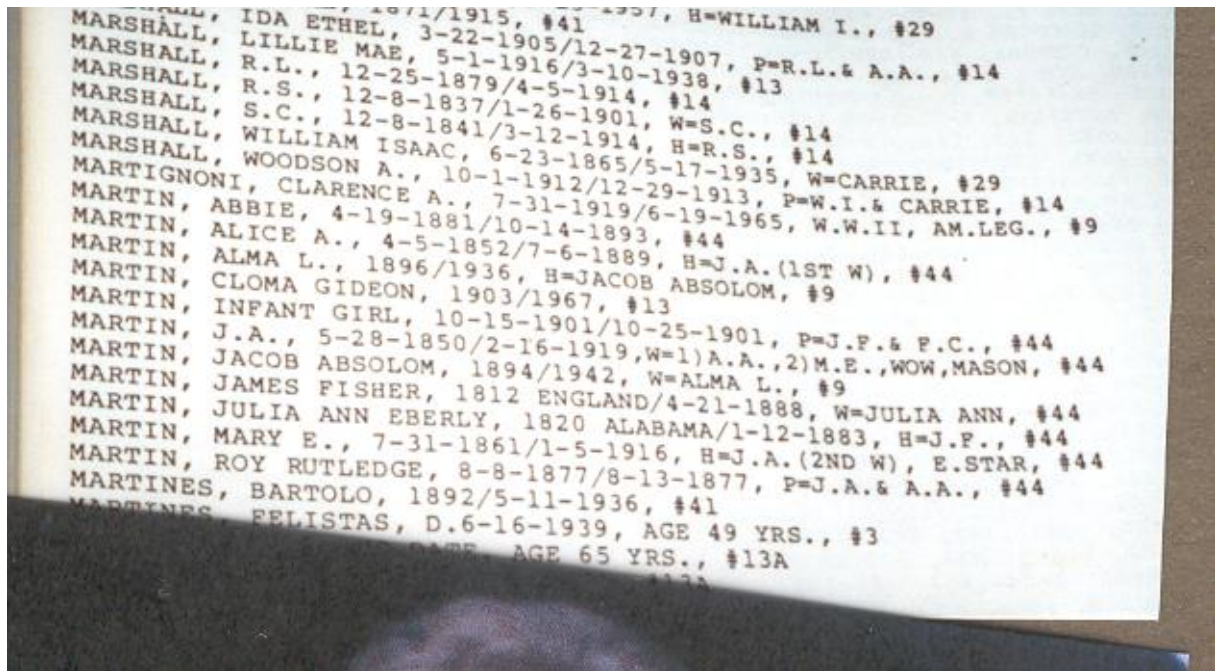
No. _____ KENEDY, TEXAS, 8/9 1919

FIRST STATE BANK & TRUST CO. 88-668

PAY TO THE ORDER OF First State Bank & Trust Co. \$1000⁰⁰

One Thousand DOLLARS

Seale Martin Ex. Est.



Escondido Cemetery Records #44 Helena Museum, Helena, Texas



Downtown Kenedy, Texas 1914-Bank on the right-J.A. Martin in the white shirt
Kenedy Library Photo Collection



Advertisement from the Kenedy Advance Newspaper
Kenedy Library Photo Collection



Bank with J.A. Martin in white shirt
Kenedy Library Photo Collection



J.A. Martin
Glyn Hubbard Goff Collection



Jacob Absolom Martin-Glyn Hubbard Goff Collection

Newspaper Article Good Citizen Passes Away-J.A. Martin, Pioneer Resident, Dies at Home After Lingering Illness (Kenedy Newspaper):

J.A. Martin, one of Karnes County's most highly respected and best loved citizens, passed away at his home near town Sunday morning after a long and trying illness. Mr. Martin had been in declining health for a year or more, and had been confined to his bed for about six weeks. All that medical science and the tender care of loved ones could do to slay the hand of the Grim Reaper was brought to bear, but in vain, and surrounded by his children and friends, he entered into the sleep eternal.

The funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon, and later the body was taken to the quaint old Escondido cemetery nearby, where, with tender care, it was laid beside the remains of loved ones who had preceded him into the mysterious unknown. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. G. Smith of this city and interment was under the direction of the local Masonic fraternity, of whose body deceased had long been an honored member. A special escort of Knight Templar Masons, in the full regalia of the order, was present.

J.A. Martin, was born at Matagorda on May 28, 1850, and at the time of his death was nearing his 69th birthday. As a child he came with his parents to Karnes County and his life since that time had been spent in the immediate vicinity where he now sleeps his last sleep. Mr. Martin was married twice, and was the father of fifteen children, twelve of whom survive him. His first married was to Miss Alice Amanda Campbell at Helena on Dec 28, 1870. Her death occurred July 6, 1889.

His second married was to Mrs. Mary Smiley Griffin on Dec 19, 1890, whose death occurred several years ago. His surviving children are as follows: Mrs. Sam Seale, Floresville; Mrs. Lelia Parker, Kenedy; L.F. Martin, Pleasanton; C.F. Martin, Kenedy; Mrs. Walter Agee, Navasota; Mrs. Brown O'Neill, Marfa; Seale, Jake and Loyd Martin; Mrs. Rob LeBleu and Misses Hattie and Hilda Martin of this city. A sister, Mrs. W.J. Rutledge, and two step-children, Mrs. John Baker of this city and Fred Griffin of El Paso, also survive him.

Mr. Martin had long been identified with the affairs of this section and took an active part in everything looking to the betterment of all. His was an absolutely unselfish character, and memories of his many good and noble deeds, will linger for years to come. He was always found to be fighting for the principles of right and justice, and while he was a man of strong convictions, on issues of common interest, his attitude towards his fellow man was such that he retained the respect and friendship of all. It can be truly said there was no man who bore him ill will, and in his declining days, the insistent solisittude (sp?) of friends from far and near gave testimony to the fact that his life was a reality to many who had felt its influence through the friendship of many years.

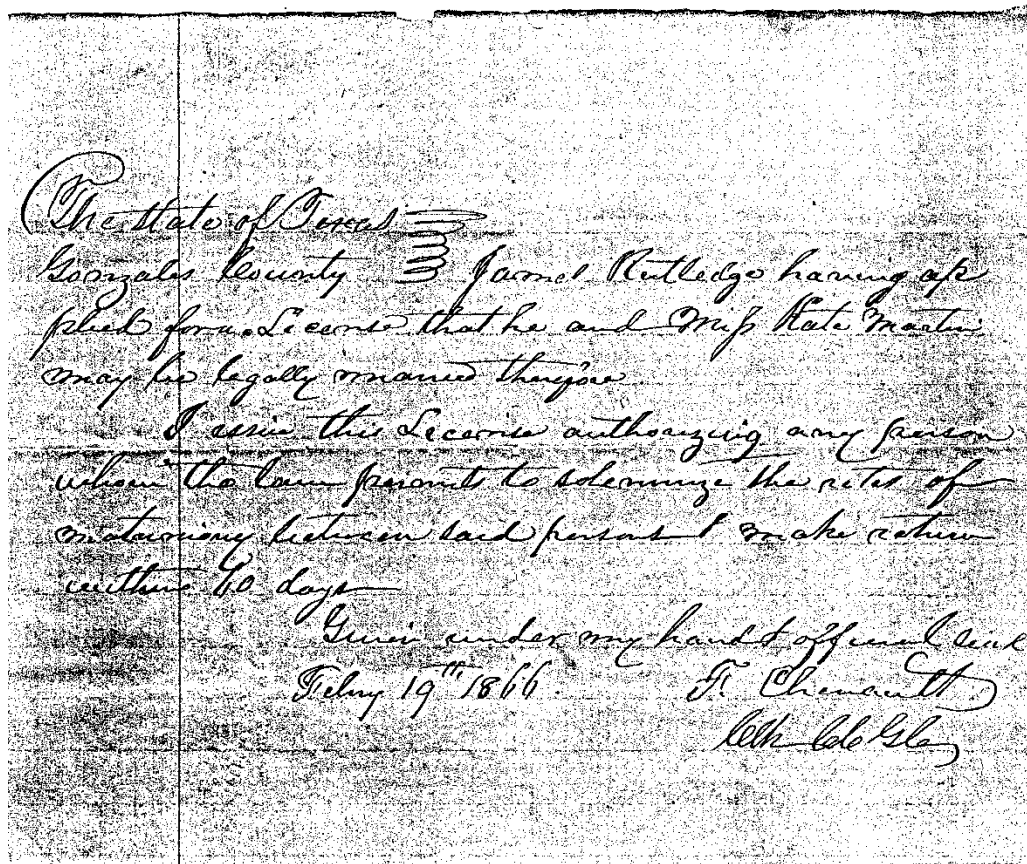


J.A. Martin and Ruhmann Franklin-G.H. Goff Collection



Family of W.J. Rutledge-Mrs. Catherine Rutledge (sister of J.A. Martin) seated
 Julia B. Hoefner, Abb Rutledge, Alexander Burris, Rhode Singleton, Sallie Benson, W.J. Rutledge, Bulah Dudley, Mary
 Mannie Hale, Lon Rutledge, John Rutledge, Maggie Ruhmann
 Kenedy Library Photo Collection, Kenedy, Texas

Below marriage license of James Rutledge and Kate (Catherine) Martin, Gonzales Archives
 Gonzales, Texas, 2/19/1866





J.A. Martin and Walter Agee ??
Glyn Hubbard Goff Photo Collection

PAST MASTERS KENEDY LODGE NO. 774 A.F. & A.M.

H. W. Hunter *	1895-1896
T. H. Puckett *	1896-1897
J. M. Nichols *	1897-1898
A. M. Nichols *	1898-1899
H. W. Hunter *	1899-1900
J. A. Martin *	1900-1902
A. M. Nichols *	1902-1903
J. A. Martin *	1903-1904
M. A. Forbes	1904-1905
Albert Rine *	1905-1906
M. A. Forbes	1906-1907
M. P. Miller *	1907-1909
Robt. Burns *	1909-1911
S. R. Franklin *	1911-1913
H. W. McGoldrick	1913-1914
T. H. Alexander (na)	1914-1915
John Mitchell	1915-1916
E. P. Ruhmann Sr.	1916-1917
E. P. Rogers	1917-1918
Seale Martin	1918-1919
Howard Hysaw *	1919-1920
Gordon Nave (na)	1920-1921
J. W. Appleby	1921-1922
J. S. Graham	1922-1923
T. J. McAda	1923-1924
J. B. Seay	1924-1925
Roy Rogers	1925-1926
T. H. Atkinson	1926-1927
N. R. McClane Jr.	1927-1928
J. Evans Bain	1928-1929
E. C. Bain	1929-1930
L. L. Reasoner	1930-1931
E. D. Holchak	1931-1932
Frank Bucek	1932-1933
B. F. Hill	1933-1934
P. R. Goff Jr.	1934-1935
W. H. Radford	1935-1936
P. R. Goff Sr. *	1936-1937
R. T. Alexander	1937-1938
E. P. Ruhmann Jr.	1938-1939
A. F. Kauffmann	1939-1940
R. C. Franklin	1940-1941
E. L. Park	1941-1942
G. D. Russell Jr.	1942-1943
C. L. Gary	1943-1944

* Deceased



Left to Right Top Row: Walter Agee ?, ? Hubbard, _____, _____, Foster Martin, Loyd Martin, Seale
 Martin, Fred Martin, Jake Martin, Rob LeBleu
 Left to Right Middle Row: Frank Seale, J.A. Martin, Charlie Campbell, Ep Agee
 Boys Left to Right :_____, _____, _____, _____, _____



Glyn Hubbard Goff Photo Collection abt 1910

Woman in center with black collar and 4 buttons is Mary Elizabeth Martin, woman with black collar and 3 buttons is Kate Campbell Pace, 1st woman on left middle row is Kate Martin O'Neill, 2 young girls front right are Hilda and Hattie Martin, girl with dark hair left of Hilda is Gwen Parker Plackard

No. 620.

Guardianship of Hilda and Hattie Martin, Minors.

In the County Court of Karnes County, Texas.

Now, Comes Seale Martin, Guardian of the person and estate of Hilda and Hattie Martin, minors, and returns to the court an inventory and appraisement of all of the property belonging to said minors that has come to his knowledge, which he has caused to be appraised. And he also attached hereto a list of claims due and to become due to said estate.

INVENTORY AND APPRAISMENT OF REAL ESTATE.

An undivided, 2/6 interest in and to about 1650 acres of land a part of the C. Martinez grant, situated in Karnes County, Texas, valued at \$30.00 per acre or a total of \$50,000 for the whole 1650 acres, and 2/6 of which is of the reasonable market value of \$16,666.66

An undivided 2/6 interest in and to Lots 10 & 11 in Block No. 5, in the town of Kenedy, with improvements thereon, the whole of same being, valued at \$5,000. and 2/6th of the same being valued at

Total value of real estate----- \$1,666.66
\$18,333.32

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

AN undivided 2/6th interest in and to the following described cattle, horses etc.

16, 2 yr. old heffers, valued \$40.00, each, total valuation	\$ 640.00
14, 1 yr old heffers valued \$30.00 each, total.	420.00
17, 1 yr. old steers, valued \$40.00 eachm total	680.00
41 Dry cows, valued 50.00 each, total	2050.00
2 bulls valued 100.00 each, total	200.
9 work horses, valued 50.00 each, total	450.00
12, 2 yr. old horses valued 30.00 each, total	360.00
making a total valuation of-----	\$4800.00

of which these minors are owners of an undivided 1,600.00

1/6 each, or a total of-----
Total value of personal property----- \$1,600.00

LIST OF CLAIMS DUE SAID ESTATE.

The said minors are entitled to \$1000.00 each out of the insurance policies of the deceased father J. A. Martin, the sum of \$5000. being due by N. Y. Life Insurance Company, and the sum of \$1000.00 due by the W. O. W. making a total of \$6000. insurance due to these minors and four other adult children, 2,000.00

These minors are also entitled to 1.6 each in \$2,000. in liberty bonds and 1/6 each to \$1,000 in W. S. S. belonging to the whole of said estate, making a total interest owned by said minors, of

Total list of claims----- 1,000.00
\$3,000.00

Total real estate----- \$18,333.32

Total personal property----- 1,600.00

Total claims----- 3,000.00

Total valuation of estate----- \$22,933.32

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Standing: Loyd Martin, 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) and Fred Martin
 Seated: Jake Martin, Campbell Seale (son of Frank and Edna Martin Seale), Roy Seale (son of Frank and Edna Martin Seale) and Foster Martin



Standing Left to Right:

Gwen Plackard, Frank Seale, _____, Jake Jr., Alice Campbell Seale, Daut Allie Martin Agee, Bessie Bauer, Jake Martin, Loyd Martin, Blossom Goff Martin, Ella Martin, Annie Frances Seidel, Addie Martin, Lela Martin Parker, Seale Martin, Lilla (Foster) Martin

Seated Left to Right:

Dwight Plackard, Campbell Seale, Abbie Applebee, Peggy Martin Cooper, Roy Seale, Patsy Martin Harris, Bessie May Bauer May, Roy Seale Martin (baby), Katy Parker, Paul Bauer, Foster Martin, Fred Martin

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1941 Left to Right: Gwen Parker, Kathy Bess, Lela Parker, Callie Martin and Kate O'Neill



P.R. Goff, Jr., Ella (Mrs. Seale Martin), Lilla (Mrs. Foster Martin), Blossom Martin Goff, Mary Griffin (wife of Fred Griffin), Georgia Martin (2nd wife of Jake Martin ?), Frank Seale (husband of Edna Martin)
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BISHOP, MISS JULIA RUTH (JUDY R.) No. 4821

Admitted April 7, 1960

1. Julia Ruth Bishop, b. Luling, Texas.
2. Joseph Washburn Bishop, b. 4-19-1872,
Caldwell County, Texas, d. 3-31-1918,
Texas, m.
Ama Mackey, b. 2-17-1870, Colorado County,
Texas, d. 1-29-1953, Houston, Texas.
3. John Mackey, b. 1-15-1821, Tennessee,
d. 11-12-1893, Luling, Texas, m. 2-29-1848.
Amacetta Halbat Eberly, b. about 1826,
Kentucky, d. 7-3-1898, Luling, Texas.
4. **JACOB EBERLY**, Captain, b. 1793, Kentucky,
d. 5/1841, Austin, Texas, m. 11-5-1818.
Catherine Elgin, b. 5-11-1800, Loudoun County,
Virginia, d. 11-8-1836, Texas.
JACOB EBERLY, Captain, Colonist, Soldier in
the Army of the Republic of Texas.

From *Founders and Patriots of the Republic of Texas*, page 516

BRYAN, MRS. MARY ROSE No. 3667

Admitted October 14, 1952

1. Mary Rose, b. Hallettsville, Texas, m.
—— Bryan.
2. James Hugh Rose, b. 1863, Kennedy, Texas, d.
9-24-1894, Del Rio, Texas, m. 12/—/1891.
Nonie Searcy, b. 7-1-1869, Point Boliver, Texas.
3. Patrick Henry Rose, b. 12-29-1830, Georgia, d. Del
Rio, m. 1897, Matagorda.
Julia Martin, b. 1841, Matagorda, Texas, d.
2/—/1917, Del Rio, Texas.
4. **JAMES FISHER MARTIN, Dr.**, b. 1808 England,
d. 4-2-1888, Kennedy, Tex., m. 5-28-1840.
Julia Ann Eberly, b. Kentucky, d. 1-2-1883, Ken-
nedy, Texas.
JAMES FISHER MARTIN, Dr., Physician; and
sheriff.

From *Founders and Patriots of the Republic of Texas*, page 357

Quotes from Nibs Wolf Quotes from Daut Martin Agee

By Bessie Mae May

Quotes from Daut:

It was very exciting for Addie and Fred Griffin riding on the train with their mother, Mary Elizabeth Smiley Griffin, who was to become the new wife to Grampa J.A. Martin. The new bride tried to get Fred to call his new dad "Papa", but he didn't want to, but called him "Norton". Addie remembered all the older set of Martin children standing on the porch waiting to meet their new mother. Aunt Daut said there was never a more harmonious home.

Daut's twin (Ab) was hit by a baseball, which created inside ulcers that could not be removed. A year later, after another injury, he died at age 13. He was the first one to call their new mother "Mama". This pleased her so greatly that she dropped to her knees and hugged him close.

Daut said that once a Negro helper – Buck Rabb was shooting at a rabbit and hit Grandpa Martin in the leg (the bullet rickashayed, and he didn't get hurt). Later Buck told mother Martin to bring in the wood herself. Grampa was furious and Buck ran away at the point of a gun. "It scared all of us to death," Aunt Daut said.

Quotes from Nibs

Grampa Martin and Yedd Dennis (his black helper) were talking about it not raining. Yedd was a great believer in signs. As they talked, Grampa said, "Well, Yedd, at least it will rain at the end of the dry spell." Yedd replied, "I don't know about that Mr. Abe, I have seen that sign fail."

Nibs gave this story: "I was with daddy (Seale) in Kenedy one day, and he wanted to go by and see Fannie Mama Brown (colored woman on the ranch for years). She had been blind for a number of years, and he always went by and gave her some money. This day she was sitting on the porch. He got out of the car, walked up on the porch and said, "Hello, you ole black devil." She replied, "Lordy, come give me a hug." Daddy (Seale) said, "You don't even know who your're talking to." She replied, "Oh yes I do, you're Seale. You're the one who always liked to tease me and you're still at it." He gave her some money and told her to buy herself some dancing shoes, and not to let her son, Burl have it to get drunk on. So you see, she knew him pretty well.

Fannie Mama used to say she didn't know how old she was, that she was born either the year before slavery or the year after, and she really didn't care.

My mother, Bess, said they all loved "Fannie Mama Brown" dearly.

My Memories of the First Martin Reunion

Bessie Mae May

This is the year 2001, and I have been attending nearly all of the Martin Family Reunions. The reason I remember the first one was because it was held at Hattie & Potts Goff's home in Kenedy. Glen Hubbard Goff (their youngest child) was very small at the time. I remember that he was on a little pallet on the floor sound asleep, and everyone just stepped around and over the poor little fellow. I think that the first reunion was 68 years ago and I was about 15 years old.

There was no air conditioning in those days except at the theaters, but standing in the hot summer sun, greeting everyone as they came in was Dr. Hubbard. I asked Mama, "Who is that man, and do I have to kiss him, and is he kin folks?" Mama answered, "No honey, we're not kin, but we all love him because he delivered practically all of the babies in Karnes County. I guess he delivered my brother, Paul, because he was born in Kenedy. Anyway, I got my hug and kiss even though I tried to dodge his sweaty mustache. Seems like every time I went to Kenedy, we stopped to see kin folks on "kinda kin" (I didn't mind too much except when we went to Aunt Lura Ammons (who wasn't ever slightly kin) 'cause she had a batch of whiskers on her face. Now, I like to hug Aunt Daut 'cause she always smelled so good. Guess that was because her husband, Uncle Walt Agee had a drug store in Runge, Texas.

I also remember Aunt Edna and Uncle Frank Seale were there from Floresville. I remember at this 1st reunion there was quite a bit of whispering going on because some of the fellows had iced down a few bottles of beer, but they had it "sorta" hidden mainly because of Aunt Edna. Well, they could have shouted 'cause she was as deaf as a post. She carried a big black horn of a thing, we had to yell in that horn for her to hear.

I felt kind of bad about the beer 'cause I just loved my great Aunt Edna. She and Uncle Frank had a great big concrete sort of home with a huge porch all around two sides. There were big rooms and a huge kitchen in the house. Whenever we went from Beeville to San Antonio to see Mamoo (Lela Parker - Aunt Edna's sister), we'd always stop by to see Aunt Edna. We would arrive from our long 60 mile trip - hot and thirsty. Aunt Edna would short to her maid, "Bar-, set up the tables & bring out the food. Ah, we looked forward to her delicious salmon salad, big slices of moist cakes, and home made peach ice cream. But, Oh Lord, that Floresville water. I'll tell you this much, I wasn't about to gulp down that yucky sulphur tasting liquid. Not on your life! I had learned my lesson at a very early age. You see, I'd spent a week up there one summer with a cousin, Edna Martin (Uncle Fish's daughter). We drank a lot of milk that week! I have so many great memories concerning all of the Martins I was lucky enough to be with. They were all so gracious & hospitable, and a joy to be around.

Aunt Daut was Mama's favorite of her aunts, and she (Mama) often visited her when she was a girl. Aunt Daut had 4 beautiful children - Ep (Edwin), Coe, Doris, and Kat (Katherine). In Mama's generation, and also mine, visiting back and forth with relatives was our summer vacations. This was delightful for us because we got to be with and enjoy our kin folks. Lengthy trips were not taken by too many in those days-at least not among our kin. I expect Grandpa Martin (J.A. Martin) had his hands full raising 14 children and running a good size ranch.

Mamoo My Grandmother

Bessie Mae May

Mamoo (Lela Martin Parker) was my maternal grandmother. I feel so fortunate that I was able to be with her so many times during a big part of my life.

Mamoo was about 5'6" in height, quite plump, light complexioned, soft blue grey eyes, and long light brown hair. As far back as I can remember, she wore very long dresses & always black, comfortable shoes (unlike my paternal grandmother's tiny hi-heeled slippers). She dressed very modestly & very neat - usually wore earrings of some sort, no lipstick, but powder & cologne. She looked great to me. - a real "grandmother look," nice and comfortable. She always seemed overjoyed to see any of her family, and I could hardly wait each summer to go to San Antonio where she and my two young and beautiful aunts Katie & Gwen lived. I started going there (from Beeville, my home 100 miles away) when I was quite young - about 7 years old I think. I never got homesick when I was with them because I'd been so close to them for all of my life.

I guess I was about 10 or 11 years old when the three of them moved to the very special & well-known "Russell House" in San Antonio. To me, going there for a visit was the next thing to heaven. Why? Because I got so much attention of course! Neither Mamoo nor my aunts ever criticized anything I did. They thought anything I did was great. The feeling was mutual too. I adored them and believed they could do no wrong.

She let me walk down town by myself and shop at Woolworths 5 & 10 cents store, and sometimes to the Palace Theater to see a movie. She even let me walk along to meet my aunt Gwen who worked for 5 doctors at the Medical Arts Building. These places were all just a few blocks from the "Russell House." There were not many cars in those days, so we walked to Travis Park Methodist Church quite often. But what I really loved to do was to go swimming at the Y.W.C.A. In the broiling hot sun, she took me there to take swimming lessons. She'd go back home and then walk back for me. Now that was real love!

Both of my aunts worked, so they had beautiful dresses. Mamoo let me drape their silk scarves about myself, put on their beads and dabble in their make up. I don't remember, but surely she made me wash my face & remove all the "do dads" before we went over to the big dining room for all of our meals.

Christmas to us meant going to San Antonio to be with Mamoo, Katie, and Gwen and having them to our home in Beeville. They were always so much fun. Just preparing for their visits was a joy--actually more so than the gifts.

Mamoo was such a positive person, never complaining, never gossiping, and always far more interested in others rather than herself.

After John & I married, she embraced John as if he was another grandchild, and she adored our girls, Barbara and Jan. When Jan was little and had so much exzema & asthma, Mamoo requested that all of the family say a special prayer for her every morning at 9:00 a.m. wherever we were - no matter what we were doing. And Barbara? She got such a big "kick" out of her & thought she was so smart and special.

I could go on and on, but there aren't enough pages to fill all of the love & joy she filled in our hearts. But this for sure, she left to all of her grandchildren some memories we'll always treasure.

Lela Parker Family

Nibs Wolf

This is written for my children and I am enclosing the entire writing for each of you. Hopefully, you will add to your copy many things that I did not have at my disposal. There are so many interesting stories to tell. Please include some things such as the name of my grandfather's horse was "Spot". I rode the horse until the horse died. My dad always said he never worried about me riding "Spot" because "Spot" had more sense than I did.

"Lucy" was the mule that pulled the pump jack. And let me mention "Fanny Mama Brown", Josephine Randall, Ned Green and Yedd Dennis, all black and all were very close to our parents. Then there was the Mexican family, Jesus and Maria. I would love to share some of the stories that daddy and Uncle Jake used to tell me. Aunt Lela and Uncle Fish could write beautifully. Uncle Fish did some poetry that was so comical. I remember small things that daddy told me such as Aunt Mead made the best deviled eggs. Lloyd and Blossom were so young when they married that they were scared to stay alone. Lloyd's horse, (probably "Ole Blue") stuck his head in the window and scared them. I loved to go to the "Russell House" to see Aunt Lela. She was so kind to my family and me. Aunt Lela was so good to my mother when she was in the hospital. She had her pastor and many members of her Sunday School class from Travis Park to go see mother. These are sweet memories to me. I remember Uncle Foss and Aunt Liela coming to see us when they lived in the Valley, and Aunt Liela put on a "hat" style show. They were so much fun.

How good the cake was at Aunt Edna's. It always took care of the terrible water in Floresville.

One time Campbell got on top of the ranch house with his clean clothes. He threw down his clothes for Burl Brown (the black boy) to wash. Roy Seale played the piano. Aunt Kate played piano, "O solo Mio", "Estrellita", and "Quatro Milpas". These songs were not her style but were for me. One time Grampa slammed the stove to get warm not knowing the cat was in the stove. Pretty Aunt Daut was a wonderful Christian. I used to go to Aunt Hattie's house. She always had pimento cheese spread. If she was gone I ate anyway, so she would know I'd been there. I would turn all her chairs over. This was daddy's idea.

Jake Sr. always came to lunch (in Alice) because he didn't want to hurt Ella's feelings by not showing up. He and mother would go play golf as did Wolf and myself.

Lloyd, Blossom, Wolf and I had such fun at S.M.U.-Texas game way back when. Hilda and her kids would come to Alice and we would go to the lake, singing all the way. We would swim, fish, and have fun. Aunt Mead loved lavender and lace and was so pretty. Uncle Rob would let us ride their horses. I loved to go to their house.

Bess Bauer loved to call mother "Aunt Ella". Grampa Martin sat out every afternoon at the ranch and loved thick cream in his coffee.

As I grew up, I looked at my aunts and uncles as my good friends and loved them dearly.

I love all my cousins and have been delighted to see them at the re-unions. Their children are growing up, and I have a problem getting names right, but I do know who they are. I hope you all will stay close and love one another. What a great heritage we have.

Aunt Lela

By Nibs Wolf written in 1984

Aunt Lela was one of a kind. My children, Eileen and Edward loved to go see Aunt Lela. She was so sweet to them as she was to everyone. She always introduced my mother as her sister. She said she didn't think of her as an in-law. My sincere love to each of you.....Nibs

The Martin Family as appeared in the Kenedy Times Newspaper (1963)
By Mrs. P.R. Goff, Jr. nee Hattie Martin Goff

J.A. Martin was born in Matagorda, Texas on May 28, 1850. He was the youngest of four children. Mrs. Catherine (Martin) Rutledge was his sister. She was the mother of Mrs. Ed Ruhmann, Sr., Mrs. Dose Singleton, and Mrs. T.L. Benson, who still live here and the late Will J. Rutledge, John Rugledge, and others who live elsewhere. J.A.'s father was Dr. James Fisher Martin, born in 1812, and was a native of Newcastle on Tyne, England. He died here in Karnes County, April 21, 1888, and is buried out at the Old Escondido Cemetery on the Wofford Crossing road, where most of the family are buried.

Dr. Martin married Julia Ann Eberly in May 28, 1840, at Matagorda, Texas according to the records at the courthouse and the registry of the Episcopal Church. Rev. Caleb S. Ives married them. Dr. Martin was educated at Edinburg, England and practiced medicine at Liverpool, England. He came to America and settled in South Carolina before coming to Texas in 1840 where he met Julia Eberly. He attended the wounded during the War, and was at Matagorda during the disastrous flood.

His wife, Julia Eberly, was the daughter of Captain Jacob Eberly, who with his company of Cavalry had to swim from the mainland to the East end of Galveston Island to report for duty at Camp Travis. The defended Galveston Island during the Battle of San Jacinto. (from State Archives in Austin)

Capt. Jacob Eberly's parents were married Nov. 5, 1818, by Rev. J. Creath, in Woodford County, Kentucky. She was Catherine Elgin, whose father was William Elgin, a Revolutionary Patriot, who with his five sons and three sons-in-law, signed the Oath of Fidelity in the Vestry Book of Durham Parish in.....Washington, D.C. Nov. 15, 1775.

Now back to J.A. Martin (my father). He married Alice Amanda Campbell and they had four daughters and three sons. When her eighth child was born, she and the baby died July 6, 1889. Her ancestry dates back to the Callanders of Boston, Massachusetts and the Ishams, who were a distinguished family of title. Mary Isham married William Randolph of Virginia. She was a direct descendent of Alfred the Great, King of England and Henry I, King of France. Also the Scotch Earl of Murray. They are the progenitors of the Randolphs of America. The Pace Family and Mrs. John F. May are descendents of this family, too. So we have to call Bessie May "Queenie" occasionally. She reminds me at times that our maternal ancestry are not of royalty.... Only Methodist.

After Alice's death, J. A. Martin married Mary Elizabeth (Smiley) Griffin, a widow from Floresville, Texas. She was born in Leesville, Texas near Smiley which was named for the Smileys, July 31, 1861. She was married to Mat Griffin and lived on a farm at Elm, near Nixon. Two children, Mrs. Addie Baker and Fred Griffin were her children. When her husband died, she moved to Floresville to live with her grandfather, Rev. Eli Y. Seale, a circuit riding, Methodist preacher, who performed their wedding ceremony. To this union were born seven children. Only six lived to adulthood and now there are only four living. Seale Martin of Alice, Loyd Martin of San Marcos, and the twins, Hattie and Hilda, who are Mrs. Jim Jalufka of Corpus Christi and Mrs. P.R. Goff, Jr. of Kenedy. Only two of the older children are living now. They are Mrs. Walter Agee of Conroe, Texas, who also had a twin brother that died in childhood and Mrs. Kate O'Neill, who lives in San Antonio, Texas

Loyd Franklin Martin – September 12, 1898 – May, 14 1980

The spelling of Loyd's name has always been questioned, but everything we have, including his last will and testament was signed with only one L in his first name. He grew up on the Martin Ranch until his father's death. At that time he lived with his sister Mead [Amelia] and Dick LeBleu. He married Blossom Mary Goff on May 22, 1920; shortly after her graduation from high school. They went to San Antonio on their honeymoon. Blossom's brother, Pots and Loyd's sister Hattie accompanied them. Loyd left for Galveston during the 1st week in June 1920. We have about 10 of the sweetest letters, written daily at first, and then weekly, to Blossom beginning June 8th and ending June 29, 1920. During this time, Loyd served as a Pvt. in the Texas National Guard during a civil uprising between the International Longshoreman's Union and the local open-shop advocates in Galveston. It was quite a disturbance, and then Governor Hobby eventually had to call martial law for the city.

Loyd and Blossom tried farming part of the Martin Ranch that he inherited from his parents. There was a terrible drought during this time and they couldn't make a living. Blossom was raised in the Goff hotel and, being the youngest child and only daughter, was very spoiled. She admitted that she didn't know how to cook, wash, iron or generally keep house. Loyd taught her. Then she made sure all her children learned those skills at home.

They lived in South Texas and moved around some while he played in a Texas minor league baseball club. He was the catcher and that is when he became "Booger Martin". After a time they moved back to Kenedy and he took a real job, supposedly a bookkeeper. He then went to work for United Gas in 1929, starting out as a ditch digger. The family moved to Floresville, Texas around 1931. United promoted him and moved him to San Marcos in 1937 to settle a lawsuit the City was threatening to bring against the gas company. Loyd and Blossom liked San Marcos and stayed there to raise their 5 children. He wanted the kids to have a college education and SW Texas State was right there.

Loyd's personality was that of a smooth operator. He never raised his voice, but if he got mad and had to punish the children, it was done outside. I don't remember him whipping the girls, but I know Loyd, Jr. was taken to the chicken house a few times, and so was Roy for sassing Mama. Blossom was in charge of disciplining the girls and she had a firm hand. He called us down when we failed to show proper respect to others.

We always had relatives visiting. Aunt Kate, Aunt Addie, Uncle Frank were the most frequent visitors. Sometimes we had roomers. Bessie Mae Bauer spent time with us while she attended SWTC in the summer of 1937 or 38. Marilyn Goff spent time with us during WWII while she worked at the Gary Air Base. Then, when we moved to Johnson Ave. Granny and Grandpa Goff became part of our family. Grandpa helped glass in the screen porch upstairs for another bedroom, and built a bath and breakfast room on the back of the house downstairs. Loyd must have been a patient man to put up with 5 kids, and all the relatives dropping in to spend three or four days with us. Mother thrived on it. She created a party atmosphere. There were always domino and card games going on.

Loyd was president of the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce for 2 years, and in 1943, Loyd, along with the cooperation of the City official, were successful in getting the Air Force Base built in San Marcos. During WWII, Pepper was married, and Loyd Jr. joined the Navy. Blossom housed wives of the students at Gary AFB while their husbands were going through bombardier school. I remember people were always coming and going. The bedroom that I thought was for Patsy and I didn't materialize until after the war. Patsy, Roy and I slept on the porch upstairs that Grandpa had remodeled. I don't know where our toys and clothes were.

The Martin Reunion in Kenedy was a big part of our life. We always looked forward to going to the old Martin Ranch and sleeping on pallets. There were lots of kids to play with and we had free roaming since the grownups were not keeping up with where we were, or what we were up to. As the children grew up, Loyd would keep them all entertained telling old stories about his growing up years. He worked the ranch with Grandpa Martin and then with Rob LeBleu. One of his favorite horses was named "Squirrel". He made working on a ranch sound like a wonderful adventure. Which I am sure it wasn't. He also sang songs and taught them to the children. Most of the songs they sang, we could never find mention in any song books.

We always wanted a horse at our house on Johnson Ave. in San Marcos, but Loyd knew horses were a working animal, and had no place in town; especially for kids to play with. In his opinion a horse for kids was simply an oat burner and not practical. So Patsy and I rode on the back of our friend's horses.

Loyd found he had bladder cancer when he was 62 and he retired soon after that, having worked for United Gas Corp. for 35 years. After many treatments his bladder was removed, and he endured many surgeries, until a new procedure allowed him to live for 15 more years. He and mother continued to go the Sons of Herman Lodge to bowl and out dancing with their friends. He loved to dance, bowl, and be with family and friends.

We were all encouraged to attend the Martin Reunion. It was literally a command performance. If you didn't have the money they said, "Charge It". But they helped out too when they could. I am grateful for the encouragement to stay close to his family. That is a legacy we intend to keep. Our children also enjoy the reunion and try to keep up the tradition when they can.

They moved to College Station in the late '70's to be near Peggy and Patsy. He could never understand why we didn't move to San Marcos to take care of them. He was never happy in the new location. He just put up with it. His death was a blow to all of us because it happened so fast. He hadn't been sick but suffered an aortal aneurism that proved to be fatal. He and Blossom are buried in Kenedy, in the plots purchased by Grandpa [P. R. Goff] many years ago.

Peggy Martin Cooper and Patsy Martin Harris

The Following pages are from the Martin Family Bible in the Helena, Texas Museum

FAMILY RECORD

GRAND PARENTS

NAMES	BORN		DIED	
	When	Where	When	Where
Father's J. F. Martin	1818	Texas	1898	Kennedy
Mother's Julia Ann Martin	✓	Texas	1893	"
Father's W. M. Smiley		Ala.	1870	Louisville
Mother's Addie Smiley		Miss.		

PARENTS

NAMES	BORN		DIED	
	When	Where	When	Where
Father J. A. Martin	1850		Feb 16, 1919	Kennedy
Mother Elizabeth Martin	1861		Jan 5, 1916	Kennedy

THEY WERE MARRIED Dec 19/95 at Florenceville by Bro King

CHILDREN

NAMES	BORN		MARRIED	
	When	Where	When	To whom
1. Lela Martin	1891	Kennedy	11/5/15	Ella Courte
2. Jacob Martin	1893	"	2/1/15	Alma Martin
3. Amelia Martin	1896	"	9/3/13	T. R. Leblanc
4. Loyd Martin	1898	"	3/29/14	Blossom
5. Hattie Martin	1903	"	9/4/16	Ray R. Goff
6. Nilda Martin	1903	"	12/1/19	Eugene Edwards
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Copied from Martin
family Bible - located in
the museum at Helena, Tx.
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FAMILY RECORD					
GRAND PARENTS					
NAMES		BORN		DIED	
		When	Where	When	Where
Father's Father	J. A. Martin	1850	Massachusetts	1916	Kennedy
Father's Mother	Mary Elizabeth Martin	1861		1/5/1916	
Mother's Father	Peter Leonard	1872			
Mother's Mother	Mary Leonard	1869			
PARENTS					
NAMES		BORN		DIED	
		When	Where	When	Where
Father	J. A. Martin	1881	Massachusetts		
Mother	Edith Maria Leonard	1881			
THEY WERE MARRIED		DATE	PLACE	NAME OF MINISTER	
CHILDREN					
NAMES	BORN		MARRIED		DIED
	When	Where	When	To whom	
1 Mary Elizabeth Martin	7/5/88				
2					
3 E. A. Martin	1880	"	1909	new name	1893
4 Alice Martin	1881	"	1909	Brown & Neill	1928
5 Helen Martin	1883	"	1901	John Baker	
6 Eddie Martin	1884	Massachusetts		John Martin	
7 Alfred Martin	1888			Edith Leonard	
8 Grace Martin	1891	Massachusetts		Edith Leonard	
9 Jacob Martin	1890	"		Edith Leonard	
10 William Martin	1896	"		Edith Leonard	
11 Lloyd Martin	1898	"		Blossie Giff	

FAMILY RECORD

MISCELLANEOUS

Children of J. A. Allen and
Lizzie Martin

Boys	Girls
J. A. Martin	Lela Foster
E. P. Martin	Edna Seale
Edna Martin	Allie Galt
Robert A. Martin	Kate Child
Myra P. Martin	Amelia LeBlond
	Charlie Martin
	Wilma Martin

J. A. Martin died Feb 16 - 1919
 Willie Martin died July 6 - 1889
 Mary Elizabeth Martin died Jan 5 - 1916

FAMILY RECORD

MISCELLANEOUS

Children of J. F. Martin.

Julia Martin was born on 24th Feb. 1841.

Frederic Charles Martin born Jan 18th, 1843.

James Shepard Martin born May 30/1840.

Elizabeth Jane Martin born Feb 11, 1846.

Jacob Adams Martin born May 28, 1850.

— FAMILY RECORD —

MISCELLANEOUS

Died.

Mrs. J. A. Martin, age 54 yrs. 5

5 days died Jan. 5, 1916 at Kew

Mrs. J. A. Martin, age 68 yrs. 8 months

19 days, died Feb. 16, 1919. at

Martin Reunion
June 1989
Presented at the
Sat. Evening Supper

History of the Martin Family
compiled by Myra Lee Goff
narrated by Glyn H. Goff
music presented by Myra Lee Goff
sung by Patty Goff Arnold

We begin our story in Scotland.

In the War of Restoration in Scotland, the Earl of Elgin was on the defeated side and was beheaded. His 4 brothers were transported to the Colony of Maryland under Lord Baltimore.

One of those brothers was George Elgin who received a land grant in 1707 and became a colonist. He married Elizabeth Adams, grand daughter of Frances and Grace Adams, founder of the noted Adams family in America.

One of George and Elizabeth Elgin's children was William Elgin born 1732.

In 1775, this same William Elgin signed an oath promising to support the State of Maryland instead of the King of England. With this oath, he became a revolutionary patriot.

In 1752, William Elgin married Elizabeth Harrison in Maryland. One of their children was Frederick Elgin born in 1772, who married Catharine Perry.

With Frederick and Catharine, the scene of our story switches to the south, to the State of Kentucky where one of Frederick and Catharine's children was a daughter named Catharine, after her mother and twin of Frederick. The year was 1800.

This Catharine and her husband Jacob Eberly, their five children and her youngest brother Albert, headed for Texas. There was a promise of land and a brighter future for their children. Stephen F. Austin, the founder of Texas had published his colonization plans well!

It is believed that they came in ox drawn wagons to Natchez, Mississippi, across to Nacogdoches, and then to Brazoria County. His Spanish land grant was dated 1832.

But that first year took its toll. Catharine, her brother Albert and a child, probably the 3rd, Catharine died, leaving Jacob Eberly with 4 small children.

The year is 1835.

Texas wants Independence from Mexico and we find Jacob Eberly participating in the Battle of Gonzales with a group of volunteers that he has organized from Columbia.

He was elected captain by this group.

The war was in progress.

Goliad fell, the Alamo fell and General Sam Houston began to retreat towards San Jacinto. Settlers became alarmed and headed towards the United States.

Tragedy befell these families, and many valuable possessions were lost and this movement became known as the Runaway Scrape.

Jacob Eberly's family was one of those on the move. In 1836

Eberly organized 35 mounted volunteers to protect the families at Bell's Landing. The families in Captain Eberly's charge had made their way to San Luis Pass safely. Captain Eberly is mentioned in the papers of Mirabeau B. Lamar for numerous heroic deeds.

And now Texas was independent.

After the war, Jacob Eberly married the widow Angelina Peyton. They lived first in Bastrop and then Austin. In 1839, Mrs. Eberly established the Eberly House, a hotel at the corner of Lavaca and 6th Street in Austin. It became the social center for many leading men of the Republic of Texas, including Sam Houston.

Jacob Eberly and his children did not move to Austin for Captain Eberly considered it much too wild a frontier for his girls to be raised in. They went to Matagorda where they were put in boarding school.

Mrs. Eberly is known in history for the part she played in the Archives War. The Mexicans had invaded Texas and Sam Houston, fearing the Mexicans, moved the government from Austin to Houston. He now wanted to move the archives as well, although he said it would be temporary. Austin citizens rallied to stop this move, and Mrs Eberly saw a wagon being loaded in an alley in the back of the Land Office. She went to Congress Avenue and shot a 6 pound gun loaded with grape shot towards the Land Office perforating the building. The records that had been removed were captured and stored at Eberly House.

Jacob Eberly died in 1840 or 41 probably of typhoid fever. Besides the original land grant from Austin, Eberly accumulated quite a bit of land as a result of being a military figure in the Texas Revolution.

And now for the first time in this segment of family history we encounter the name of Martin. Julia Ann Eberly, Jacob's daughter was raised in Matagorda. And now entering the scene in Matagorda, in 1840 was Dr. James Fisher Martin, born at Newcastle on Tyne, educated in Edinburg England, practiced medicine in Liverpool, came to South Carolina before coming to Matagorda. They were married that same year in the Episcopal Church. He practiced medicine in Matagorda. He was elected sheriff in 1850 and after being forced to kill a cattle thief, he resigned.

He was tried and acquitted.

In 1840, the State Legislature decreed that the land Eberly selected for and land grant, was outside the land granted Stephen F. Austin for settlement. They allowed the heirs to re-select land and this is where Dr. Martin chose the Kenedy land:

640 acres on Escondido creek
1762 acres on McFennel branch of the Escondido creek
1280 acres 11 3/4 miles from Helena
640 acres on the San Cristobel (San Antonio River)

Five children were born to JF Martin: Julia; Foster (probably killed in the Civil war); Catherine, who married Jim Rutledge; Edward (probably killed in the Civil war) and most important for all of us, Jacob Absolum Martin, born in Matagorda May 28, 1850.

Trail driver, rancher and leader in South Texas. He married Alice Campbell and their children were Julia, Lella, James Fischer Foster, Allie, Absolum, Kate and in 1889, Alice and her new infant died and were buried together in the Escondido Cemetery.

JA Martin then married the widow Mary Smiley Griffin who had two children, Addie and Fred.

JA and Mary had 8 children together: Seale, Amelia, JA Martin Jr. Lloyd F., Hilda and Hattie (twins).

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Children of MATTHEW GRIFFIN and ELIZABETH SEALES are:

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- ii. ADDIE GRIFFIN.

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Children of MARTHA GRIFFIN and JAMES MCGLOTHING are:

- 9. i. WALTER ANSLEM³ MCGLOTHING, b. October 11, 1878; d. October 03, 1961.
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GONZALES COUNTY, TX.
ARCHIVES

Descendants of Byrd Griffin

KATHERINE TREW
5047 Oak Shadows Dr
Houston TX 77091

Generation No. 1

1. BYRD¹ GRIFFIN was born November 03, 1822 in Halifax Co, VA, and died May 25, 1905 in Wilson, Co, TX. He married LUCRITIA ANN (CREACY) FLOWERS Abt. 1852 in Smith Co., Mississippi (?) This information is a guestimate, because there are no records to back this up. The courthouse in Smith County burned and records were destroyed.

Notes for BYRD GRIFFIN:

Bird (age 57) and Creasey Griffin (age 51) listed in the 1880 US census as residing in Karnes County. Children at home at the time were Thomas J, 21; James Jefferson, 18; J. Bird, 15; Lillie C., 13; Elighia L., 11. Bird listed in the 1850 US Census, Mississippi, living in the house hold of Robert Noblin, a farmer from Virginia. Bird was listed as age 25, with personal property of \$400 cash, and working as a farmer.

Notes for LUCRITIA ANN (CREACY) FLOWERS:

Creasey Flowers is listed in the 1850 US Census, Mississippi as living with her parents and her age is 20 years. Andrew Jackson Flowers, age 40, and Catherine, age 38 had 10 children at this time, one of which was Felix, who came to Texas with Bird and Creacy, and then returned to Miss for the rest of the family.

Children of BYRD GRIFFIN and LUCRITIA FLOWERS are:

- i. ALFORD F.² GRIFFIN, b. December 09, 1845, 5 Oct 1887; m. BETTIE WOODALL.
- ii. ANSLEM GRIFFIN, b. Abt. 1852, Died as an infant.
2. iii. WILLIAM HAMPTON GRIFFIN, b. March 03, 1853; d. April 26, 1915.
3. iv. THOMAS J. GRIFFIN, b. Abt. 1856.
4. v. MATTHEW DAVID GRIFFIN, b. April 04, 1858; d. February 04, 1889.
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- viii. J. BIRD GRIFFIN, b. March 04, 1865; d. May 14, 1930.
- ix. LILLIE CATHERINE GRIFFIN, b. September 25, 1866, Wilson Co, TX; d. March 02, 1953, Nixon, Gonzales Co., TX; m. JOHN LEWIS WEBER, December 16, 1885, Seales Chapel, Wilson Co, TX.
7. x. LEANDER ELIGHA GRIFFIN, b. 1869, Wilson Co., Tx; d. Nixon, TX.

Generation No. 2

2. WILLIAM HAMPTON² GRIFFIN (BYRD¹) was born March 03, 1853, and died April 26, 1915. He married (1) SUSIE PAULINE WARE. He married (2) SALLIE WOODALL 1909.
m. 14 Sept 1876

Notes for WILLIAM HAMPTON GRIFFIN:

William Hampton, age 27 listed in the 1880 US census of Karnes County, Texas w/ wife Susie Pauline Ware, age 21. Children in the home Catherine Annie.
William Hampton Griffin was named for his g-grandfather William Hampton Flowers.

Children of WILLIAM GRIFFIN and SUSIE WARE are:

- i. ANNIE³ GRIFFIN.
8. ii. THOMAS BIRD GRIFFIN, b. May 14, 1884.
- iii. JOHNE GRIFFIN, b. April 08, 1890.
- iv. ELOSIE GRIFFIN, b. 1899.
- v. WOODALL GRIFFIN, b. June 15, 1909.
- vi. MAURICE FLOWERS GRIFFIN, b. September 27, 1913.

3. THOMAS J.² GRIFFIN (BYRD¹) was born Abt. 1856. He married MARRY HASSELL.

Children of THOMAS GRIFFIN and MARRY HASSELL are:

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MARTIN, JAMES FISHER (1808-1888). James Fisher Martin, doctor, sheriff, and rancher, was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, in 1808. He was educated at Edinburgh, Scotland, and then practiced medicine in Liverpool, England. He immigrated to Anderson County, South Carolina, in 1830, moved to Texas during the Texas Revolution,^{qv} and attended the wounded after the battle of San Jacinto.^{qv} Subsequently he opened a drugstore and doctor's office in Matagorda. He also invested in cattle and land in the area. Martin, an Episcopalian, married Julia Ann Eberly on May 28, 1840, at Christ Church in Matagorda. They had five children. Between August 1848 and December 1851, Martin served as sheriff of Matagorda County. He resigned his post after killing a suspected rustler, Francis Waldeman; the incident was complicated by the fact that Waldeman was allegedly stealing Martin's cattle. At his trial in Brazoria County, Martin was acquitted. He and his family moved to a site in Karnes County near Helena in the early 1850s and lived on land owned by Julia Eberly Martin's family. In the 1890s the deeds were transferred to the Martin children and grandchildren. Martin died on April 21, 1888, and was buried at the Escondido Cemetery near Kenedy.

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Grace Bauer

Grandpa Martin

Bessie Mae May

I never knew nor did I ever see my great grandfather, J.A. Martin because I was only 4 years old when he died in 1919. My mother, Bess Bauer, was 26 years old when he died, but she spoke many, many times of her delightful visits at the ranch with the Martin family. She loved and adored all of them - all three sets.

From my mother's stories and several other sources, I have decided to attempt to describe "Grandpa Martin".

My grandmother, Mamoo, married Wiley Parker. Her dad, "Grandpa", and wife Allie gave them a big wedding and reception at their residence in 1892 at Escondido. I have the beautiful invitation in my hand at this moment. Mamoo & husband later had 5 little girls (2 died). Unfortunately she lost her husband and she was left a young widow to raise her family. Grandpa Martin (her Dad) gave her a home in Kenedy, Texas (4 miles from his ranch). I suppose this was part of her inheritance. It was there that she established a boarding house. I vaguely remember 3 of the boarders-John Graham, Blocky Alexander & Red Holchak. Later Mamoo was able to have a kindergarden, and she taught music. This alone tells me of his kind and generous heart.

Next, we're sure that Grandpa and both wives were deeply religious people. We know that he gave land for a Methodist Church. I think most of the 14 children were Methodist. I know that later when my grandmother, Mamoo moved to San Antonio to the Russell House, many of the brothers and sisters came up to San Antonio for District conference which was often held at Mamoo's beloved Travis Park Methodist Church. I was often up there visiting Mamoo, I remember how the kin would congregate at the Russell House for a visit before the big church meetings. They-all of them were always dressed in their best with hats & gloves, beads, and earrings, smelling of fragrant cologne & powder. Naturally, I went along usually in a fluffy dress of some kind (usually scratchy organdy); and, I also had to wear a hat & gloves. I think all of them went to church services every time the bells rang. Yes, this sort of upbringing had to have been instilled in all 14 of the children while living at the Escondido Ranch.

Now, third, our trail driver, Grandpa Martin had to have been very civic minded and also a good business man. We have been told that he was an honest, peaceful, law abiding citizen. He was a Mason; he was President of the Kenedy Bank, and a leader in South Texas. He supplied meat for the Gates Butcher Shop in downtown Kenedy, Texas. He managed the over four thousand acre ranch very well.

Fourth, I feel that education held a prominent place in the minds of J.A. Martins, and both of his splendid wives. Grandpa's father was considered a fine doctor - educated in England.

Later on, Grampa and Allie's first set of children, and Pleas Butler's children were fortunate enough to have been taught by a governess who came down to Texas after the civil war. Her name was "Miss Tenny". The children were taught at the Escondido school. This lady, "Miss Tenny" must have been a very well educated person because my grandmother spoke of her frequently as did my mother. Years later, Miss Tenny moved to Beeville, Texas, where we lived. I read recently where she was instrumental in establishing the very first library in that part of the country (I guess in Karnes County). People from surrounding towns came for miles to enjoy the library (65 volumes had been donated by the First Methodist Church in Detroit, Michigan).

Later, the members of the Escondido School joined the Kenedy, Texas classes. Nibs told me that her dad, Seale, later went to college at Cornell Institute in San Marcos, Texas. Nibs also mentioned that Jake also attended Southwestern in Georgetown. I think Hattie and Hilda went to Westmoreland College in San Antonio. Nibs Wolf also wrote that my Aunt Kate and Aunt Edna rode the train to a music conservatory in Corpus Christi, Texas. All of the Martins I know loved music and poetry, and were all avid readers. So I feel certain that education played a very important role in the lives of Grandpa Martin and both of his dear wives.

Fifth, and without a doubt Grandpa had to have had a very keen sense of humor because of numerous funny stories we have been told. Once, one of the boys, Lloyd or Seale I think, wrote home from college: "Dear Papa, please send some cash because every time I turn around, I need money, money, money." Grandpa replied, "Dear Son, quit turning around." (Don't you know he had a chuckle when he put that note in the mail?) Another time, out at the ranch, some of the boys were teasing the girls by grabbing their dolls and throwing them up in the air - running up and down the porch laughing all the while. Grandpa happened to see this exhibition, so he made the boys dress up in girls clothes, handed them some foolish articles (I'm not sure what) but they were told to run up & down the big porch throwing them up in the air until they got good and tired. This was so that the girls could stand by laughing and giggling til their sides hurt. I expect Grandpa, along with wife, Elizabeth, had a few more chuckles. The 14 children must have inherited this wonderful sense of humor, because at all of our family reunions the air was always filled with jokes and laughter. I can close my eyes today, and hear the laughter of Hattie, and also Hilda's little giggle.

Grandpa must have been a good provider, and along with his wives, very hospitable. My mother said that on all of her numerous visits to the ranch, she was always met with open arms and much affection. Mama described the huge table, and for breakfast, they would serve big platters of eggs prepared in different ways, plenty of bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, preserves, hot coffee, milk, etc. She also enjoyed going there at Christmas seeing presents & big barrels full of apples & candies. My grandmother, Mamoo told me that traveling salesmen used to come by the ranch, and sometimes Grandpa would purchase a whole bolt of fabric. I have today a portion of some beautiful heavy silks & satins taken from a quilt, which I have framed. In it are most of Mamoo's wedding clothes. (I'll bet she was glad she married in December). Yes, Grandpa had to have been very hospitable and a good provider.

Seventh, and last, I'll have to draw my conclusion that Grandpa Martin, along with his two precious wives, were indeed family oriented people, because they raised 14 terrific children (they lost one child, or it would have been 15). With that large a group, undoubtedly there were differences, but I'll have to say that I never observed anything but harmony among them.

I remember my first family reunion, at Hattie & Potts Goff's home, around 1931 or 1933 (not sure), but for 68 years or so, we have all enjoyed these great get togethers. My brother remembers a gathering of some kind with barbecue, etc., held at Grandpa's ranch around the year 1917. This leads me to believe that the "Reunion" seed was planted "way back" close to 100 years ago!

I might add one more thing that I thoroughly enjoyed many years ago. The children kept a "chain letter" going. It traveled from family to family with all of the current news written by that member, and mailed on to the next one. I loved these big fat envelopes that Mama received.

So, in summary, I do feel certain that our Grandpa Martin had to have possessed many outstanding qualities such as bring (1) generous, (2) religious, (3) civic minded & a good business man, (4) education minded, (5) sense of humor, (6) hospitable and a good provider, and (7) family oriented.

In closing I'd like to add one more comment. Through the earlier years, I have enjoyed many happy hours with all three (3) sets of Grampa's children, and have been fortunate enough to have been with so many of the younger decedents and their families. I'm exceeding proud that I have observed these same outstanding characteristics being passed on throughout all of our Martin families.

Hopefully what I have written above will encourage some of the Martin families to either start or continue writing their memoirs for future generations. We do indeed have a rich heritage that we need to cherish forever!

My Mother Hattie Martin Goff by Glyn H. Goff

My mother Hattie Martin and her twin sister Hilda Martin were the last children of Jacob Absolom and Mary Elizabeth Martin. They were born and raised on the Martin ranch outside of Kenedy, Texas. They went to school in Kenedy. Mary Elizabeth died when the girls were 13 years old. In 1919 their dad died and their older brother Seale became their guardian. They were sent to Westmoreland school where it is said that Hattie liked it but Hilda kept running away. Of the two girls, Hilda was more of a “free spirit”.

My mother always said her father died of the “swells” and she told me it had to do with the appendix.

At age 17 my mother married Percy Riedel Goff. They lived in Kenedy in various houses. There is a funny story in my family about one of the houses we lived in. When I was courting Myra Lee, I told her and her parents that we had lived in the Mudd house. They thought that meant an adobe hut. Imagine their surprise when they found out the house belonged to Maude Mudd!

Mother and Dad had five children; Martin, Marilyn, Bobby, Joyce, and me on the tail end. Dad’s parents owned the Goff Hotel in Kenedy, a 65 room, three story hotel. We lived there for a while. Mother played lots of bridge there with the locals. She played the piano for various organizations that met at the hotel, like the Rotary Club and the Lions Club.

P.R. Goff, my grandfather, was Episcopalian since he was from England. He gave land in Kenedy to build a little Episcopal Church where our family attended. Mother played the organ there, which she learned from one of P.R.’s relatives, Percy Harriman. Martin and Bobby had the job of pumping the organ, as it was a pump organ. They had lots of stories about that experience.

At a certain point, Mother changed to the Methodist Church. She said it was because there was no Sunday School for her kids and although that’s true, I believe her Methodist roots from her mother and grandparents were very strong. She then played the organ at the Methodist Church for years.

Our trips to San Antonio were so much fun for me. Because neither Granny or Grandpa Goff could drive a car, Mother would drive them to the big city. We would drop Grandpa off at the baseball game that he loved and then the rest of us would go down town to shop. Hattie loved to eat at Christi’s and she would have black bottom pie at the Manhattan Restaurant downtown. That chocolate meringue-topped pie was soooo good.

Mother and Uncle Sid Claribut re-did the farmhouse on the ranchland that she inherited when her dad died. This move possibly got us out of the hotel and out of the mother-in-law/wife conflict. By that time all of the Martins had sold their inherited land except Mother. She still had the 278 acres that was her share. For some reason, Mother planted castor beans all around the house, even though the seeds were deadly poisonous. Of course we knew better than to eat them.

The only plumbing in the house was cold water coming into the kitchen and draining out into the yard. There was an outhouse out back. For a shower, we had a sort of arboretum out on the back side of the house with morning glories planted for privacy, but only for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year. The showerhead was a tin can with holes punched with an ice pick and attached to a hose. During winter we took our showers at school during athletics or we would go by the Goff Hotel to use their community shower. Another way of bathing during winter at the farm was to put an old washtub in the middle of the kitchen floor and heat the water over the coal oil kitchen stove. This stove had a round glass coal oil jar at one end.

When I think about that stove, I think about Mother’s cooking. She made good pimientto cheese, but her biscuits were something else. They were so hard that we had a hard time eating them unless they were soaked in something like gravy. She used to be teased about being the only person in Karnes County that made biscuits that you could play baseball with. For some reason I think she couldn’t make canned biscuits.

One of my big memories was when we were living on the farm when the big hurricane hit in the late 30’s or early 40’s. The wind and rain was strong and we were all in the house along with the farm hand and his big family. His house, further down the hill, was a little more protected but he was scared and wanted to be with us. We watched as the windmill blew down and all of a sudden the outhouse went end over end down the hill.

We lived on the farm sometime during World War II. Marvin Mumme had an airplane on the farm in a hangar built by Dad, Martin, and Bobby. With the outbreak of the war, Marvin had to either put a 24 hour, seven day a week guard on the plane, or base it at a proper airport for light aircraft. Marvin was going into the Air Force, so he sold it. Then the landing strip on our farm became an emergency landing field. Once two Corpus Christi Naval Base airmen had engine trouble in a

link trainer, two-seater plane, and had to land there. After that, other airmen came to enjoy Mother's pimiento cheese and to meet girls at settlement dances.

Once an ominous looking black plane had to crash land in the brush area down the side road between the Pink Ruhmann and Pat Handy places across the road from the farm. We were told it was top secret. We weren't to talk about it or go near it. Some people came in and cleared the brush away to make a strip so the plane could take off. I remember the day that big black plane took off and flew right over our farmhouse.

Mother loved the outdoors. There were camping trips across the country, and camping trips to Garner State Park with Dick and LaVerne (LeBleu) and their kids for weeks at a time. During many summers Mother's favorite activity was to stay with the family in the cottages in Bandera. Hattie was the original "go-go-girl" of her day; go to high school and college football games, go to Mexico, and go to Venezuela. That was when Joyce and Bear lived there.

In the early 50's Dad took a job in Osawatomie, Kansas as an accountant at the Federal Hospital for the Mentally Ill. Dr. Jenkins from San Antonio was a friend of Hattie and Potts and he went to Kansas to revamp this hospital, as it had troubles. Potts was hired to help Jenkins on the administrative end. Mother was in her element as she played the piano and taught crafts to the inmates. This was a good time in her life, but after about two years, Dad got homesick for Kenedy and they returned home.

My mother may have been the one who started the Martin reunion. If she didn't, she certainly was the one who kept it going. She was always teased about "running things" and there's no denying that she was a take charge person. She believed in families and that's what reunions are about.

Family Tree Martin/Eberly Glyn H. Goff Collection

Eliza Jane Eberly born Kentucky married William Pearce

Children:

Benjamin Pearce

John E. Pearce

Laura M. Pearce Fields

Jimmie M (2) Sam Wood (previously married to Kate Eberly daughter of John Elgin Eberly)

Julia Ann Eberly, born 1818, Kentucky, died 1-12-1883, Escondido Cemetery, Karnes County, Texas, married 5-28-1840 Christ Episcopal Church, Matagorda, Texas to **James Fisher Martin**, born 1808 New Castle, Tyne, England, died 4-21-1888, buried Escondido Cemetery, Karnes County, Texas

Children:

Julia Ann Martin, born 12-1-1841 Matagorda, Texas, died 1-28-1917 Del Rio, Texas, married 12-1-1857

Matagorda, Texas to Patrick Henry Rose born 12-29-1830 Jones County, Ga, died 1909 Del Rio, Tx

Children:

Emma Rose married Mr. Souby

Foster Rose married ? Lee

Patrick Henry Rose ? died early in life

Absalom M. Rose married Letitia Barts

Landon Rose married Elizabeth Saner

Edgar Rose married Jeanette

Kate Rose married John M. Gray

Dr. Frederick Mortimer Rose

E. Burk Rose

Alma Rose ? died early in life

Clara Rose ? died in infancy

James Hugh Rose born 1-17-1862 Kenedy, Tx, died 9-24-1894 Hallettsville, Tx, married 12-10-1890

Hallettsville, Tx to Nonie Searcy born 7-1-1869 Point Bolivar, died 2-8-1956 San Augustine, Tx

Foster Eberly Martin born 1-13-1843 Texas, baptized 6-4-1843 Matagorda, Texas, ? killed Civil War

James Shepard Martin born 5-30-1845 Matagorda, Texas, baptized 8-29-1847 Matagorda, Texas

Catherine Jane Martin born 2-11-1848, baptized 3-25-1849 Christ Episcopal Church, Matagorda,

Texas, died 12-13-1921 Kenedy Cemetery, Karnes County, Texas, married Will Jim

Rutledge born 12-22-1838, died 12-13-1915 Kenedy Cemetery, Karnes County, Texas

Children:

Maggie Rutledge married Ed Ruhmann

Rhode ? Rutledge married Dose Singleton
 Sallie Rutledge married T.L. Benson
 Will J. Rutledge
 John Rutledge

Jacob Absolom Martin born 5-28-1850 Matagorda, Tx, baptized 9-8-1850 Christ Episcopal Church, Matagorda, Tx, died 2-16-1919, buried Escondido Cemetery, Karnes County, Tx
Married 1st 12-28-1870 Helena, Karnes County, Texas to **Alice Amanda Campbell**
 born 4-5-1852 Ohio, died 7-6-1889 Escondido Cemetery, Karnes County, Texas
Children 1st Family: (see individual family trees for information)
James Fisher Martin "Fish" married **Callie Wilson**
Lela Martin "Mamoo" married **Paul Wiley Parker**
Julia Edna Martin married **Frank Seale**
Roy Rutledge Martin b. 8-8-1877 Karnes Co,Tx,d.8-13-1877 Escondido Cemetery, Karnes Co, Tx
Charles Foster Martin "Foss" married **Lilla Binkley**
Allie Martin "Daut" (twin of Absolum) married **Walter Agee**
Absolom Martin "Abbie" born 4-19-1881 Karnes County, Texas, died 10-14-1893 accident
Katherine Martin "Kate" b. 9-10-1883 Karnes Co, Tx,d. 10-11-1970 Kenedy Cemetery, Karnes Co, Tx,
 married 1909 to **Brown O'Neill** b. 9-2-1883, d.10-21-1942 Kenedy Cemetery, Karnes Co, Tx
Baby Boy Martin infant b. 7-6-1889, buried Escondido Cem,Karnes Co,Tx in mother's arms
Married 2nd 12-9-1890 Floresville,Tx to **Mary Elizabeth Smiley Griffin** (widow) b.9-5-1861 Leesville
 Tx,d.1-5-1915 bEscondido Cem,Karnes Co,Tx, had 2 prev children **Fred&Addie Griffin**
Children 2nd Family: (see individual family trees for more information)
Seale Martin married **Ella Theresa Conrad**
Jacob Absolom Martin "Jake-Jr" married 1st **Alma L. Massey** and 2nd **Georgia Hill**
Amelia Martin "Mead" or "Meade" married **Thomas Robert LeBleu** "Rob"
Loyd Franklin Martin "Bug" or "Bugger" married **Mary Blossom Goff**
Hattie Mae Martin married **Percy Riedel Goff** "Potts" or "P.R."
Hilda Martin married 1st **Eugene Earl Eckols** and 2nd **James Jalufka**

John Elgin Eberly, born Kentucky died 1896-1897 Hockley, Tx married (1)Margaret Henry (2_Mary Amour

Children (1):

Bud

William Henry

Kate married (1) Ferguson (2) Sam Wood

Liza Eberly Wood

Mortimore

Minor

John

Jenny Eberly Dupree

Children (2):

Claude

Sam

Family Tree of Julia Edna Martin and Frank Seale

Glyn H. Goff Collection

Julia Edna Martin born 10-6-1871Karnes Co., d Wilson Co., married 1893 in Wilson Co. **Frank Seale**

Children:

Roy Seale married Maureen

Campbell Seale married Alice

Children:

Franklin Seale

Family Tree of Lela Martin and Paul Wiley Parker

Glyn H. Goff Collection

Lela Martin born 12-20-1873 married **Paul Wiley Parker**

Children:

Katie Parker

Gwendolyn Parker married Dwight Plackard

Children:

Kathy Bess Plackard

Cynthia Gwen Plackard married Gary December

Children:

Stephanie December

Pamela December

Christopher December

Cathy December

Edna Parker ? died at an early age

Rowena Parker ? died at an early age

Bess Parker born 1893,died 1987 Beeville, Tx, married Fred Bauer

Children:

Paul Bauer married Grace Schoppe

Children:

Paulette Bauer married Mr. Middleton

Children:

Erin Middleton

Marin Middleton

Bessie Mae Bauer married John F. May

Children:

Barbara May married Mr. Welder

Beverly Jan May born 7-12-1945 Kenedy, Karnes Co., Tx married

James L. Smith born 9-14-1942

Gwendolyn Bauer married Houston Cain

Children:

Cindy Cain

Randy Cain

Family Tree of James Fisher Martin, Jr. and Callie Wilson

Glyn H. Goff Collection

James Fisher Martin, Jr. born 5-6-1875Karnes Co, buried Corpus Christi married 3-23-1899 Karnes Co to **Callie Wilson (Fannie Caroline)**

Children:

Edna Martin

Willie Smiley Martin married Eva Kerr

Callie Marie Martin born 5-24-1925 San Antonio, Texas married 7-10-42 in Glendale, California to

James Marshall Roberts born 5-21-23 Marathon, Texas

Marsha Lee Roberts born 10-9-1949 Alpine, Texas married 12-17-1972 to David Kent Duncan

Born 1-3-1952 son of David McKissock Duncan and Rosa Lee Brown

Oran Marshall Duncan born 11-19-1969 in Alpine, Texas

Robert David Duncan born 2-11-1979 in Odessa, Tx

James Robert Marshall Roberts Jr. born 2-25-1953 Fort Stockton, Tx married Patricia Ann Avery born 4-11-1954 Mount Pleasant, Tx daughter of Durwood Dean Avery and Anna Laverne Gilihur

John Clinton Roberts born 8-15-1974 in Alpine, Tx

Donny Lee Roberts 10-20-1976 in Alpine, Tx

William Clayton Roberts born 2-28-1978 Alpine, Tx

Donna Jo Roberts born 2-5-1954 Fort Stockton, Tx married 6-16-1979 in Marathon, Tx to

David Paul Davis born 7-14-1951 in Three Rivers, Tx

Loyd Kerr Martin born 7-4-1927 in Pleasanton, Tx married 12-27-1951 in Alpine, Tx to Davida Mae

Sublett born 5-3-1932 in Alpine, Tx to David Phillip Sublett and Elta Rita Goulson

Loy Yvonne Martin born 9-22-1954 in Fort Stockton, Tx married 7-17-1976 in San Antonio, Tx to William Edward Szydloski born 12-23-1950 in Canyon, Tx to Edward Raymond Szydloski and Cecilia Teresa Irlbeck

David Phillip Szydloski born 5-3-1983 in Amarillo, Tx

David Kerr Martin born 5-24-1957 in Alpine Tx married 1-2-1982 in San Antonio, Tx 7-12-1963 to Pamela Kay Wallen

Alyce Catherine Martin married Mr. Luce

Lilla Martin married Bill Pensyl

Willene married Charles Hazen

Sandra

Debbie

Connie Jaye married Kenneth Griffith

Chris

Karen Jo married David McCue

Stacy Jo

Adam

Bill, Jr. married Karen Marie

Kathy married Scott Geiger

Susan

Jeff

Trisha

Jim married Sharon

Darin

Dean

Darrel

Mattie Lois Martin married WW Mike Mikelson

Don

J.D. (or Jay F.) Martin married Eunice

Linda

Teresa

Bill Jay married Linda

Stefanie

Jeffrey

Craig

Family Tree of Charles Foster Martin and Lilla Binkley

Glyn H. Goff Collection

Charles Foster Martin b. 9-21-1878 d. 3/4/1937 buried Sunset Memorial, San Antonio, Texas, married 12/8/1897 **Lilla Binkley** b. 2-22-1879, d. 2-12-1964

Children:

Charles Frederick Martin b 1-24-1899 d 10-11-1971 married 1-16-1928 Addie

Adams b 1-22-1906 d 9-6-1990

Children:

Gail Elaine Martin b 7-17-1937 married 11-26-1955 Larry Rutledge b.3-20-1933

Children:

Stephen Martin Rutledge b 8-18-1958 married Elizabeth Snadden

Children:

Sarah Elizabeth Rutledge born 2-15-1995

Spencer Rutledge born 1996

Ann Merry Martin b 6-1-1943

Married 1st Max Marvin Stapper

Children:

Erik Max Stapper b 8-22-1967

Children:

Colton Brice Stapper b 12-27-1995

Brock Martin Stapper b 6-10-1971 m Rachel Carlin b 3-16-1970

Children:

Lyllian Stapper

Hanna Symphony Stapper b 8-24-1995

Married 2nd 3-23-1973 William Charles Wise b 7-22-1943

Children:

Sumner Megan Wise b 8-9-1976

Abbie Martin b 10-14-1903 d 5-27-1974 m 11-1-1923 Alfred Lamar Appleby born 11-10-1894

Children:

Jerry Appleby b 7-28-1924 d 7-10-1995 m 4-18-1946 John Gordon Voight

Children:

John Gordon Voight Jr. b 5-29-1951 m 11-27-1973 Shane Conway

Children:

Nathaniel Payton Voight born 3-29-1978

Veronica Paige Voight born 3-2-1984

Lamar Voight b 11-12-1955 m 5-26-1990 Pamela Roach b 7-15-1958

Bernice Martin b 1-13-1906 m 1st Thomas Preston Appleby m 2nd Clifton Barber Cryer

Children:

Clifton Pete Cryer born ? Kenedy, Karnes Co, Tx, died ? San Antonio, Tx

Family Tree of Allie Martin and Walter Agee

Glyn H. Goff Collection

Allie Martin "Daut" born 4-19-1881, buried Conroe, Tx, married 10/11/1899 Karnes Co **Walter Agee**

Children:

Edwin Agee married Johnnie

Children:

Johnny Agee

Bettie married Bob Maxwell

Sandra married Ken Malone

Grant

Julie

Patricia

Jim married Lisa

Coe Agee married Carmen and Maria

Virginia

Doris Agee married Ralph Baker both died ? Junction, Texas

Children:

Carol Ann Baker married Steve Bloomfield

Andy

Amy

Kathrine Agee married 1st Mr. Douglas and 2nd Mr. Keith

Children:

Jack Keith married 1st Jo Lynne with children Carolyne, Vicki and Jerry

2nd married Evelyne

Karen

Kimberley

Family Tree of Addie Griffin and John Baker

Addie Griffin b 4-14-1884 married John Baker died 2-15-1977 buried Kenedy City Cemetery

Jay

Kelly

Kasey

Family Tree of Fred Griffin

Family Tree of Seale Martin and Ella Theresa Conrad

Glyn H. Goff Collection

Seale Martin b 10-19-1891 Kenedy, Karnes, Co, Tx died 3-11-1966 Alice, Tx, Fraternal Cemetery, married 11-3-1915 at the Conrad Home Near the Martin Ranch to **Ella Theresa Conrad** born 2-28-1896, died 3-23-1974 Alice, Tx, Fraternal Cemetery

Children:

Mary Elizabeth Martin "Nibs" b 7-25-1916 San Antonio, Tx, married 12-21-1934

Fred Andrew Wolf, Sr. b 9-18-1906 Temple, Tx, d 8-9-1978 Alice, Tx

Fraternal Cemetery

Children:

Fred Andrew Wolf, Jr. b 10-26-1950 San Antonio, Tx, m 8-29-1970 to

Marsha Joan Rosendahl

Children:

Kirstin Marie Wolf b 1-5-1977 Dallas, Tx, m 5-26-2001 to

Michael Morgan

Family Tree of Jacob Absolom Martin, Jr.

Glyn H. Goff Collection

Jacob Absolom Martin, Jr. "Jake" born 1894 Kenedy, Karnes Co, Tx d 10-1942 married 1913 1st **Alma L. Massey** born 1896, died 1936, 2nd married **Georgia Hill**

Children:

Jacob Absolom Martin, III "Jakey" b 10-2-1914 d 3-18-1979 Alice Fraternal Cemetery,
married 6-30-1940 Olive Pauline Davis

Children:

Jacob Absolom Martin, IV "Jabby"

Charles Clarence Martin b 2-22-1917 d 1982 Alice, Tx, married Rose Marie Sach

Children:

Roger Kent Klaus Martin married miss Huey

Sammy Lee Klaus Martin married Cynthia Rushing

Dana Charles Martin married Poly Ann _____

Annie Frances Martin "Sissy" b 6-13-1919 married Robert Brand b 12-27-1918 d 6-13
1962, 2nd married 3-7-1965 Otto Seidel d 6-19-1978 (no children)

Children:

Robert Martin Brand b 11-10-1939 married 1st Mary Kay Daubert, 2nd Dale
Garrett, 3rd m 6-1-1981 Brenda Joyce Dygert b 6-10-1957, 4th Patricia
Wilkinson Newport

Children:

Marty Brand b 8-26-1960

Melissa Brand b 7-22-1963

James Patrick Brand b 3-15-1970

Rhonda Michelle Brand b 12-17-1971 m Joseph R Ponton 8-31-1990

Children:

William Lance Ponton b 12-26-1989

Austin Kurt Ponton b 8-8-1992

Michael Donovan Ponton b 6-13-1993

Dallas Garrett Ponton b 8-8-1997

Robert Martin Brand, Jr. b 8-5-1973

Billy Bob Brand b 1984

Brandi Lynn Brand b 1-21-1985

Roy Massey Brand b 8-26-1941 married 11-26-1961 Mary Wursthorn

Children:

Robert Massey Brand b 7-3-1972 m 8-3-1997 Katy Ann Engel b 8-14-1973

Children:

Christian Kohl Brand b 5-9-1998

Erica Kim Brand b 8-30-1975 m 1997 Chad Yelverton

Roy Mason Brand b 3-27-1977

Frederick Seale Brand b 7-20-1943 m 8-16-1962 Patricia Tinberg

Children:

Tracie Michelle Brand b 11-3-1963

Toy Rochelle Brand b 3-31-1972 m Jo E. Fontan

Children:

Christian Trent Fontan b 10-12-1994

Lauren Fontan b 4-12-1996

Talisha Ann Brand b 3-3-1980 m David Long b 1-15-1980

Children:

Bryce Seale Long b 6-10-2001

Family of Amelia Martin and Thomas Robert LeBleu

Glyn H. Goff Collection

Amelia Martin "Meade" b 1896 Kenedy, Tx, d ?Robstown, Tx, married 9-3-1913 to **Thomas Robert LeBleu** b 1889 d 1940

Children:

Rob Seale LeBleu "Dick" b 5-16-1915 d 12-19-1981 Robstown, Tx, married 8-7-1938 Mary La Verne West b 11-19-1919

Children:

Amelia Gay LeBleu "Billie Gay" b 10-18-1941 married 2-7-1959 Wm Aubrey Harper b 5-27-1940

Children:

Amy (Amelia Gaye) Harper b 8-29-1961

William Aubrey Harper III b 7-13-1964

Ann Arretta Harper b 3-24-1969

Richard West LeBleu b 4-16-1945 married 9-28-1966 Judy Frandenhauser b 2-6-1948

Children:

Lisa Carroll LeBleu b 3-13-1969

Richard Allen LeBleu b 8-14-1972

Family Tree of Loyd Franklin Martin and Blossom Mary Goff

Glyn H. Goff Collection

Loyd Franklin Martin b 9-12-1898 Kenedy, Texas d 5-14-1980, married 6-20-1920 Karnes Co, Tx to **Blossom Mary Goff** b 10-15-1901 d 5-23-1995

Children:

Mary Elaine Martin "Pepper" b 3-18-1924 married 1st & 3rd on 4-5-1986 Francis Andrew Tice, Sr. "Michael" b 1-13-1914

Children:

Francis Andrew Tice, Jr. "Andy" b 9-24-1946 married Judith Beth Collison b 7-12-1947

Children:

Troy Everett Tice b 8-23-1970 married 10-25-1997 Amy Elizabeth _____

Brandy Elizabeth Tice b 5-31-1975 married 4-24-1999 Russell Scott

2nd married 12-8-1949 Eugene Francis Everett "Gene" b 2-18-1920 d 10-6-1983

Children:

Debra Jean Everett b 6-26-1953 m 6-24-1974 to Edward Finn Silchenstedt b 6-9-1950

Children:

Carrie Ann Silchenstedt b 2-22-1975 married Rocky Kirchner

Children:

Katja Kirchner b 7-4-2003

Sara Blossom Silchenstedt b 12-4-1979

Chase Edward Silchenstedt b 12-4-1979

Ronald Martin Everett b 7-2-1954 married 1st 7-2-1976 Lee Ann Stiles, 2nd 10-15-1983 Cynthia

Curruth, 3rd 3-22-1997 Maureen Tyler b 10-17-1960

Children:

Ryan Gregory Everett b 2-27-1977

Matthew Martin Everett b 8-18-1999
 Loyd Franklin Martin, Jr. b 4-6-1926 d 1997 married 1st Norma Jean Eastwood, 2nd Joan____
 Children:
 Mary Lou Martin married Gerald Hasten
 Children:
 Kelly Hasten
 Mickel Hasten
 Carol Martin married 1st _____, 2nd Dale Morris
 Children:
 Jay Kevin Morris
 Peggy Jean Martin b 4-1-1932 married San Marcos ? Edwin Cooper b 9-3-1930
 Children:
 Linda Jean Cooper b 8-14-1953 m 3-15-1975 to Michael Allen Bridges b 2-10-1953
 Children:
 Cole Cooper Bridges b 8-15-1981
 Matthew McAllister Bridges b 4-8-1984
 Mallory Martin Bridges b 12-30-1987
 Gary Loyd Cooper b 11-1-1954 m Lisa Claire Castenson b 10-19-1956
 Children:
 Mark Hanson Cooper b 2-14-1983
 Jacob Martin Cooper b 5-29-1984
 Shea Thomas Cooper b 1-9-1986
 Laurie Sue Cooper b 4-2-1956 m 10-30-1976 to Audrey Allen "Tracy" Middleton b 11-2-1953
 Children:
 Clay Cooper Middleton b 5-3-1983
 Abbie Sue Middleton b 2-18-1991
 Teresa Jo Cooper b 6-12-1959 m 6-26-1982 Gregory Boriski b 11-18-1954
 Children:
 Nicole Marion Boriski b 2-4-1986
 Cody Gregory Boriski b 5-1-1989
 Abbie Lynn Cooper b 6-19-1963 m 4-8-1989 Kevin Krolczyk b 12-24-1962
 Children:
 James Dudley Krolczyk b 5-2-1992
 William Dalton Krolczyk b 11-14-1995
 Patsy Jo Martin b 7-7-1933 m 3-31-1956 Howard Taylor Harris b 4-11-1932
 Children:
 Diana Lee Harris b 12-1-1956 m 1st 5-19-1979 Stacy Lee Breihan b 10-16-1956, 2nd Dennis Dwan
 Landrum b 12-24-1955, 3rd Randall Harry Werner b 7-2-1956
 Children:
 Crystal Diane Breihan b 2-4-1982
 William Taylor Breihan b 6-10-1985
 Cynthia Sue Harris b 9-17-1958
 Melinda Marie Harris b 7-17-1964 m 1st 7-2-1988 Terry Lon Hudson b 6-28-1960, 2nd William
 Attabe Montgomery
 Children:
 Bradley Wayne Hudson b 7-29-1992
 Roy Seale Martin b 7-30-1935 m 8-17-1955 Alleene Rae Ezell b 10-19-1936
 Children:
 Ray Michael Martin b 1-3-1956 m 8-19-1995 Belyn Schwartz b 5-21-1962
 Children:
 Kate Abriel Martin b 5-17-1997
 Quinn Barrett Martin b 3-10-1999
 Mitzi Doreen Martin b 3-19-1959 m 9-19-1992 Don Pfannensteil b 4-18-1952
 Children:
 Campbell Ray Pfannenstiel b 7-17-2003
 Kenedy Martin Pfannenstiel b 7-17-2003

Family Tree of Hilda Martin Glyn H. Goff Collection

Hilda Martin b 7-6-1903 Kenedy, Karnes Co, Tx d 2-12-1984 m 1st 12-20-1919 **Eugene Earl Eckols**, 2nd

James Jalufka

Children:

Jacob Absolom Eckols b ?Kenedy, Tx d ?Ship in Mediterranean Sea

Eugene Earl Eckols, Jr. b 8-21-1921 m 1st Leonra Keller, 2nd Dorothy Robinson

Children:

Edward Earl Eckols, III, b 2-27-1941 m 5-26-1962 Billie Bob Chambliss

Children:

Edward Earl Eckols, IV m M. Elizabeth

Darren Lee Eckols

Frances Eileen Eckols b 7-24-1943 d 11-17-1987 Del Rio, Tx, m 5-29-1963

John William Crawford

Children:

Teresa Elizabeth Crawford b 8-18-1964 m 1st Kelly E. Copelin 11-23-1991

2nd Ricky Gearin 6-12-1997

Children:

Tara Eileen Gearin 4-29-1998

Margaret Elise Gearin 5-9-2002

Betty Jo Eckols b 1-27-1922 Kenedy, Tx m William Morgan

Mary Lou Eckols b 9-19-1927 m Patrick McCarty

Children:

Patrick Glenn McCarty b 10-23-1947 m 1st Laura, 2nd Kiva

Children:

Kevin Glenn McCarty b 6-15-1967

Kyle James McCarty b 11-21-1969

Betty Lou McCarty b 12-29-1950 m Kenneth Wayne Derrough b 3-6-1947

Michael James McCarty b 8-4-1958

Pamela Gayle McCarty b 6-23-1959

Children:

Bryan McCarty

Family Tree Hattie Mae Martin and Percy Riedel Goff Glyn H. Goff Collection

Hattie Mae Martin b 7-6-1903 Kenedy, Karnes Co, Tx , d 12-8-1973 buried Kenedy Cemetery

m 8-9-1920 **Percy Riedel Goff, Jr.** b 5-3-1900 d 4-8-1988

Children:

Percy Martin Goff b 2-9-1922 d 6-17-1994 m 5-1-1942 Frieda Barlemann Graham b 7-11-

1923 d 8-15-1995

Children:

Marty Sharon Goff b 1-28-1946 m 12-30-1967 Thomas Richard Godbout b

7-18-1946

Children:

Susan Michelle Godbout b 1-12-1972 m 6-29-1998 to Dean Mason Clower b 8-1-1971

Children:

Emily Blair Clower b 10-5-1999

Mason Thomas Clower b 11-13-2002

Rebecca Lynn Godbout b 2-12-1976

Monty Graham Goff b 7-10-1949 m 8-15-1970 Victoria Lynn Heubinger b 6-15-1950
 Children:
 Katherine Ann Goff b 6-8-1981

Dorothy Marilyn Goff b 8-22-1923 m 10-30-1943 to John Victor Thompson b 9-1-1919 d 1-1996
 Children:
 Vicki Lynn Thompson b 5-10-1945 m 8-22-1968 Edward Foster Gordon b 4-17-1945
 Children:
 Huntley Scott Gordon b 7-6-1969 m 6-7-1997 Alicia Ann Trimble
 Children:
 Lillian Annalise Gordon b 9-30-1999
 Jennifer Goff Gordon b 7-6-1970
 Kathryn Sue Thompson b 6-7-1949 m 1st Dwayne Grogan, 2nd Curtis Allen
 Robert Edward Goff b 6-29-1926 m 12-7-1946 Billie Jeanine Pogue b 3-25-1929
 Children:
 Baby Goff b 10-6-1950 d 10-6-1950
 Dana Jean Goff b 11-17-1951 m 1st 11-20-1970 Allen McDow Dare b 1950
 2nd Franklin Machicek
 Children:
 Tracy (Jean) Martin Dare b 5-21-1971
 Alexander McDow "Mackey" Dare b 8-16-1975
 Susan Jane Goff b 4-25-1954 m 1976 Randy Franka
 Ginger Lee Goff b 8-18-1959 m 1st Mark Allen Hert b 8-3-1958 m 2nd 3-6-1993
 David Ferraez b 2-11-1951
 Children:
 Jeremy Allen Hert b 6-30-1985

Kathryn Joyce Goff b 6-20-1928 m Albert Duard "Bear" Lyons, Jr. b 6-7-1926
 Children:
 Nancy Joyce Thedoraki Lyons b 8-2-1955 adopted Athens, Greece m 1st 7-5-1975 Wesley Rae George b 11-4-1954 m 2nd 8-19-1978 Roscoe
 Robert Harvey b 10-17-1963
 Children:
 Robert Nathaniel (Wesley George)Harvey b 5-1-1976
 Matthew Alexander Harvey b 6-12-1979
 Albert Anastasios Lyons b 10-9-1961 adopted Athens, Greece m 1st 12-20-1986
 Sherrille Rene Tunnell b 6-4-1964 m 2nd 1-20-1989 Cindy Buchanan b 8-21-1959
 Children:
 Dustin Albert Lyons b 3-25-1994

Glyn Hubbard Goff b 1-23-1931 m 12-28-1952 Myra Lee Adams b 8-10-1932
 Children:
 Karen Diane Goff b 9-29-1956 m 12-27-1975 Ben Richard Boyd b 2-14-1953
 Children:
 Erin Rae Boyd b 8-12-1980 m 12-27-2003 David Lee Colbert b 9-25-1978
 Brett Adam Boyd b 3-20-1983 m 5-21-2005 Jillian Rachel Lambert b 2-24-1983
 Patricia Suzanne Goff b 4-15-1959 m 7-29-1978 Billy Mark Arnold b 6-7-1967
 Children:
 Brian Mark Arnold b 1-31-1984
 Diane Elise Arnold b 4-6-1987
 James Marcus Goff b 6-15-1962

Campbell/Pace Families

Glyn H. Goff Collection

James D. Campbell b 7-23-1803 d 12-22-1875 married **Rhoda Callender Campbell** b 3-31-1813 Vermont, d 4-2-1906 Karnes Co

Children:

Charles James Campbell b 5-25-1850 d 2-7-1944 buried Runge Cemetery, married Alice

Kate b 9-3-1868 d 1-7-1927 buried Runge Cemetery

Children:

C.J. Campbell Jr.

Children:

Lanham

Grace Marilyn

Anita Joyce

Charles Dudley b 9-17-1896 d 1-21-1989 buried Runge Cem, m Grace Clark
b 12-23-1904 d 12-14-1979 buried Runge Cem

Mrs. A.G. McNeill

Alice Amanda Campbell b 4-5-1852 d 7-6-1889 buried Escondido Cemetery, m **J.A. Martin**

Kate Campbell b 7-27-1843 d 6-4-1932 buried Kenedy Cem, married John Daniel Pace b 11-3-1839 d 9-4-1922 buried Kenedy Cem

Children:

Charles D. Pace b 4-3-1871 d 3-31-1949 buried Kenedy Cemetery

Children:

John

Charles

Floyd

Jim Dan