

F. Grandmother

MARY ANNE HARRISON was born in Fairfield District, South Carolina 12 August 1819, the daughter of WILLIAM HARRISON and his second wife, PHOEBE TRAPP.

On 3 January 1839, she married WILLIAM WESTBERRY DRAUGHON. He had been sent to SC from West Feliciano Parish, Louisiana for "schooling". Winsboro (Fairfield District) at that time had a very good college. I suspect his father was deceased at that time, as he was sent by his guardian, a ISAAC B. DRAUGHON. He came to SC in 1837, when he was 18 years old; returned to Louisiana in the fall of 1839; then back to South Carolina; then home to Louisiana with his wife in the spring of 1840.

I suspect they lived first in West Feliciano Parish with his people, then to Caddo Parish, and wound up in DeSoto Parish where he bought 281 acres of land for \$1,600 on 14 July 1846. This was probably with Mary Anne's money, since her father died in 1835, and her grandfather in 1836, and she inherited money and "property" from them both. The Harrisons were a very wealthy family.

Mary Anne's mother, Phoebe, probably died in 1839, because that is when Mary Anne received more assets that were given to her mother to use until her death.

Between 1840 and 1844, Mary Anne received around \$8,000, as well as several negroes (by name: Anderson, valued at \$1,000, age 38; Louise and Massy; Rosetta; Sam, age 35; Littleton, age 20; and Washington, age 17; and Adaline, age 17)....as well as a "blooded horse".

In May 1847, Mary Anne sued W. W. Druaghon for separate maintenance and repayment of the monies she had inherited. The suit is some 30 pages long, with depositions from her uncle James Harrison, the aforementioned Isaac B. Draughon, and W. W.'s brother, George R. Draughon.....all testifying that W. W. was "embarrassed, and in failing circumstance", and that he had taken Mary Anne's money and "converted it to his own use". The judge ruled in her favor, but doubt she ever collected anything.

Thereafter, William and Mary Anne either continued to live together, or he had "very friendly" visiting privileges, because the last 3 of their children....Arthur, Alice, and our grandmother Sidney....were born after 1847.

On 23 Feb 1860, Mary Anne filed for "Tutorship of the Minors of W. W. Draughon". This suit states these children are the issue of her marriage to W. W. Draughon. His brother, George R. was appointed her assistant tutor in this case.

William had to be alive in 1855, since that is when their last child (Sidney) was conceived; and dead in 1860, since

that is when she filed the tutorship suit. But I cannot find out where or when he died. He is not buried in DeSoto Parish, where they lived; nor in Caddo or West Feliciano Parish. Polly still thinks he went off to the Civil War and is in a Confederate cemetery somewhere, but since the war didn't actually start until 1861, it would have to be with a unit that formed prior to that.

Between 1847 and 1861, there are some 18 lawsuits against Mary Anne and William W. Draughon...either individually or jointly....mostly for "unpaid debts".

In 1860, Mary Anne sold off some town lots and some 14 acres as the "widow of W. W. Draughon".

In February 1867, two lots in the town of Mansfield in DeSoto Parish were sold at Sheriff's Auction for \$125.00. This was after the war, and lots of Southerners had homes sold that way, usually for taxes.

Sometime between 1860 and 1870, Mary Anne moved to Tyler in Smith County, Texas. On the 1870 census, she is living in the household of MARGARET MC CLURE (our other great-grandmother), with the following children:

William, age 26, a clerk....Mary, age 23, no occup....
Alice, age 17, teacher....and Sidney, age 15, at home.
None of these were attending school.

At that time, Margaret's children still at home were:

Columbus, 17....Leona, 14....Samuel, 12...and Frank,
age 10....all in school.

T. J. was not at home at that time, but they must have met when he came back in 1874...or thereabouts.

By 1880, Mary Anne and daughter Mary (a teacher by then) were living with Alice, who was married to Thomas J. Wiley. He was from a very prominent family in Tyler; came home from the Civil War, and established a profitable mercantile business there in Tyler.

All census records for 1890 burned, and I have not checked 1900 to see where Mary Anne was then, but I suspect she will still be with the Wileys.

Mary Anne died 2 July 1902. She is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Smith County, Texas, with the inscription:

"Sacred to the Memory of My Dear Mother"...and the date.
Both Alice and Mary are buried there also.