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Dear Family Researcher:

I found your name while researching my Mobley-Thames family line and hope we may share some information.

My great-grandmother, Mary Jane Mobley, was born on 23 April, 1854 near Corinth, Lawrence County, Mississippi. Her parents were Harvey and Martha Thames Mobley. Harvey Mobley died in 1857.

Their children were:

Jeff CSA: TN Regiment - Killed near Franklin, TN
James
Andrew
Monroe
George
Mary Jane (* my ancestor)
Laura

Martha Thames Mobley sold her land on the Pearl River and moved to Texas in 1865, settling near Crockett, Houston Co., Texas. In 1871, she married David Gordon.

My ancestor, Mary Jane Mobley, married her step-father's nephew, George Washington Gordon, on 7 December 1871 in Houston County, TX

I am searching for any information about Harvey Mobley, his parents, their home on the Pearl River, copies of any existing photos, cemetery records, other descendants, etc, as well as any information about the Thames family. I will gladly pay for the costs of any copies.

George and Mary Mobley Gordon had four sons and seven daughters:

(*) Andrew Jackson	b.3 Oct 1872	m. Blanche Thomas
Lewis	b.29 Dec 1874	
Laura Cornelia	b.4 Apr 1876	m. John K. Coker
Ivy		m.
Fannie		m. _____ Schadsheim
Annie	b.1 Sep 1882	m. _____ Bottom
Eppie	b.23 Jan 1885	m. Charlie Richards
Jessie	b.15 Jan 1888	m. _____ Pettijohn
Walter	b.21 May 1890	
Bertie	b.19 Aug 1892	m. _____ Montgomery
Virgil	b.2 July 1895	

I am in the process of copying "Laura's Story", a narrative written by their oldest daughter, Laura Gordon Coker, which details life on the Texas frontier, their arrival in Oklahoma Territory, and later family life. My great grandfather, George Gordon, rode in the Okla. Land Run on the Cheyenne Arapaho Reservation 19 April 1892, on a fast mare named "Pet" and staked a claim between Mountain View and Gotebo, Oklahoma Territory. She also wrote about visits to Texas to see their Mobley kinfolks.

If you think we may have common ancestors, please write to:

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*Thanks!
Janie*