

BARBARA FRYER PRICE

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Feb. 2, 1982

Dear Mrs. Arnette,

As president of Freestone County Genealogical Society, I was given your letter of Jan. 25, which had been sent to my mother, Mrs. Fryer. Since I have her working on my income tax records, I will help her out by answering your nice letter.

I am very curious about the possibilities and would like to keep in touch, but right now I may not be able to help you. I contacted the curator of our Freestone Co. Museum, and she is not aware of the connection either. In 1979, the Historical Commission published a book entitled History of Freestone County Texas, Vol. I, which is still available from the Museum for \$35. It is not indexed by place names, which just was not possible because of the size of the book (788 pages, including 902 family histories).

I am researching the IVY or IVEY family, and believe I remember an Elijah Ivey from Fairfield Co., S.C. with Revolutionary Service. It looks like my Ivys stuck with religious names - Cyrus, Jeremiah, Josiah, etc., and he fits that pattern. Cyrus Ivey was born 1814 in Walton Co., Ga. but possibly moved there from South Carolina. Wish you would check into IVY family if you

ave time. Josiah Ivy, Cyrus' brother, was an early
ettler of Fairfield + Freestone Co. I will also list
few surnames of early settlers + you see if any
ing a bell — FRYER (my family from Laurens Co., S.C.),
RAYSON, BRAGG, CLOUGH, NETTLES, LOVE, STUBBS,
HUCKABY, BURLESON, STEWARD, WATSON, BONNER,
OLIVER, CARTER, PHILPOTT, COMPTON, HIGH, JOHNSON (Gen.
Joseph Burton Johnson of Ga.), MANNING, DANIEL, MAYES, MOBLEY,
UNTER, IVY, PONDER, SNEED.

According to H. of F.C. Tx, "A committee of eight citizens
the county was selected to name the new county
capitol. Several of the old citizens agree that Mrs.
Unbar Bragg suggested the name Fairfield.... Several
ther names were submitted, it is said, such as Camden
Sumter." A lot of our early settlers immigrated
rom Alabama, but the suggestion of Sumter was
efinitely a S. Car. influence. I wish I knew the
nswer. The man who did most of the research
or our book thought it might have been named
or Fairfield, Ala, since most early settlers were
Alabamaans, but Fairfield, Tx. was established by
1850 + was older than the Ala. namesake. You
may be able to shed more light on our mystery.
I know my FRYER family moved from S. C. to Ala.
Tx. + probably many other early families did
so. I visited your lovely state in 1979 + found an
d family cemetery in Laurens Co. You have a
lovely state, whose early settlers influenced many
Texas families.

Best wishes

Johnnie Irene Muse Ivey

November 18, 1946 - November 27, 2011

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Life Legacy

Funeral services for Johnnie Irene Muse Ivey, age 65, will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at Crooked Run Baptist Church, conducted by the Reverend Tommy Hutto. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends on Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Pope Funeral Home in Winnsboro, SC and at the church one hour prior to the service.

Mrs. Ivey died on November 27, 2011 at the Georgia Medical Center in Augusta, GA. She was the wife of Robert Willie Ivey, Jr. and the daughter of the late Hank William Muse and the late Francine Thurmond Muse. She was born in Columbia on November 18, 1946 and was a homemaker. She was a member of Crooked Run Baptist Church. She will be remembered as a great mother and nannie as well as a beautiful loving wife.

In addition to Robert, her husband of 22 years, Mrs. Ivey is survived by a son, John William Martin, Jr. of Columbia, SC; two daughters, Sherry Martin Edenfield of Aiken, Alicia Martin of Aiken; one brother, George 'Bubba' Muse of Winnsobro; her mother-in-law, Dorothy B. Ivey; and eight grandchildren, Taylor Telford, Brettany Irene Shai Martin, Sidney Paul Edenfield, Jonathan Edenfield, Briceson Edenfield, Elijah Debaugrin, DJ Ivey and Jamie Ivey.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.


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