

**THE DESCENDANTS
OF
JOHN MORRIS
OF
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Property
Of
Fairfield Genealog/ Room

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MORRIS GENEALOGY

JOHN AND MARY MORRIS

William Morris, a resident of Warren, Arkansas, for more than sixty years, was born 20 February 1806 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

William Morris' parents were John and Mary Morris of Fairfield County, South Carolina. John Morris was a farmer and owned a ferry which crossed the Broad River. He died in 1824, but the estate was not divided until his wife Mary's death in 1839. The following is a verbatim record of John Morris' will.

In the name of God, Amen. I John Moris Sr. of Fairfield Dist. and State of South Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but weak in body, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with do make and ordain this my last will, in manner following That is to say, I desire that a sufficiency of my personal estate be sold to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses all the remaining part of my real and personal property to continue with my beloved wife Mary Moris during her natural life or widowhood for the support of her and such of my children as may remain with her, and at her death to be sold and the money arising from said sales to be decided amongst my children and the heirs of their bodys share and share alike, except the share of my daughter Lucretia now the wife of John Fenley which share I wish to be for the use and benefit of my daughter Lucretia and the heirs of her body forever, to be distributed to her and the heirs of her body at the discretion of my Administrators herein after mentioned. But if my wife should marry then I wish my property real as well as personal to be sold and the moneys arising from said sales to be divided between Mary Moris my wife and my children herein after mentioned with the exception of the above excepted Lucretia, that is to say, Lucy, Elizabeth, Robert, John, Lucretia, James, William, Mary, Elisha, Isaac, Ephraim. First my wife drawing one third part and the remaining two thirds to be equally divided amongst my children above mentioned share and share alike. And lastly I do constitute and appoint my wife executrix during her widowhood and my friends Kellis Nevitt and David Montgomery executors of this my last will and testament by me heretofore made in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this thirteenth day of Nov. in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty three.

Recorded in Will Book #8, Page 266

Recorded July 20, 1824
Apt #26 File 378

William Morris Warren gave his power of attorney to his father-in-law William Lewis, also of Warren, to act on his behalf in Fairfield County. In 1843, William Lewis received \$850 as dividend of the Morris estate. The final settlement for each Morris heir was \$1285.08.

The following is a list at the appraisal of the goods and chattels of John Morris, deceased, on 17 June, 1839.

1 clock
1 cupboard and contents
beans
lot of glassware and pitcher
1 half dozen Windsor chairs
1 half dozen framed chairs
1 pair fire irons
1 coffee mill
7 pewter basins
2 large bowls and 1 stone pitcher
2 brass candlesticks and old tin
1 pair smoothing irons
1 shot gun
4 tables
2 large wheels
3 pair cards and clock reel
1 pair stillards (steelyards)
2 trays and rolling pin
3 bedstead bed and furniture
1 bedstead beds and bolster
1 bedstead bed bolster and cot
one bedstead bed bolster and pillow
4 counterpins
10 shoats
3 pair balances
3 quilts
6 blankets
4 quilts
1 large chest
3 old trunks
1 pair fire irons
3 boxes
1 box and sundries
1 lot spun cotton
3 knight pots
1 pair sheep shears
1 lot wool baskets and sundries
1 barrel and feathers
10 old barrels
4 jugs and 2 jugs

1 lot old books
 2 sythes and cradles
 1 spool wheel and swifts
 1 pair roof works
 8 raw hides and 1 barrel
 1 looking glass 1 slate and brush
 1 lot of peas
 1 hogshead and 3 barrels
 4 jars
 4 large gourds
 3 barrels
 1 loom and shuttles
 2 handsaws augers drawing knife and hooks
 1 lot water vessels
 1 lot cooking utensils
 1 sifter and waiter
 6 weeding hoes
 1 grindstone
 4 club axes and 2 wedges
 1 gig and harness
 1 wagon and harness
 1 mule
 1 bay mare
 1 grey mare
 1 sorrell filly
 32 heads of hog
 1 bull
 1 broken horned cow
 1 black cow
 1 red cow white-faced
 1 small cow white-faced
 1 heifer
 1 black steer and heifer
 4 calves
 6 negro boys Charles, Reuben, Daniel, Harry, Thomas, and Jeremiah
 1 negro girl Sarah
 1 side saddle
 217.5 acres land

At the estate sale in 1839, John Dawkins was one of the largest buyers. He bought 142.5 acres of lands, and James Lyles bought 75 acres. There was a free blackman by the name of Reason Collins who bought corn. It appears they tried to keep some special family things within the family, including the slaves:

James Beard (daughter Lucy's husband) bought a large pitcher, the family Bible, a pair of smoothing irons, 1 lot crockery, 2 counterpins, a night pot, 2 horses, and 2 plow gears.

Isaac Morris bought 1 lot of windsor chairs, 1 counterpin, 2

negro boys Jerry and Daniel

John Morris Jr. bought negro boys Thomas and Charles

Ephraim Morris bought negro boy Reuben

Elisha Morris bought 1 counterpin, 5 tablecloths, 1 toilet and glass, 1 foot stool, 2 night pots, 1 barrel of salt, 28 lbs. flour, 1 lot soap, 97 bushels of corn, 2801 lbs. fodder and 1 negro boy Harry.

According to John Morris' will, his children were:

Lucy married James Beard

Elizabeth married Benjamin Nevitt

Robert (died after 1824 but before 1839)

John

Lucretia married John Fenley and moved to Troup County, Georgia

James

William married Eleanor Lewis and moved to Bradley County, Arkansas

Mary

Elisha

Isaac married Susan E. Harrison

Ephraim

The only Morris heir I could find in the Fairfield County census of 1850 was Isaac Morris. (p. 208)

Isaac Morris	37 years	Planter
Susan A.	30	
Robert W.	11	
Francis E.	8	
Mary L.	7	
Sarah	5	
James W.	3 months	

Fairfield County 1860 Census, p. 260

Isaac Morris	47 years	\$6000 real estate
Susan E.	40	\$15,315 personal estate
Robert	22	
Mary L.	17	
Sallie L.	15	
William J.	10	
John C.	8	
Susan C.	4	

According to a newspaper obituary of October 1887, John C. Morris, son of Isaac Morris, died suddenly at his home near

Dawkins. He was living with his sister Mary Morris, who was to be married the next day to the Rev. B.F. Corley.

Dawkins was a small community on the Broad River where John Morris operated a ferry. It was called Dawkins because John Dawkins bought the land and ferry from the Morris'. According to "Names in South Carolina", published at the Department of English, University of South Carolina, Winter 1983, p. 35:

"Located near the mouth of Pole Creek, Nettersville's Ferry was sold to Philip Pearson in 1808 and chartered as Pearson's Ferry until its sale to John Morris in 1814. Morris' Ferry received a 7 year charter from the General Assembly in 1814 and appears in Mills Atlas. No record of Morris petitioning the legislature to recharter the ferry exists, and since Morris died in 1823, it is probable that the old ferry site was not in use for a number of years. After the death of Morris' widow in 1839, the property on Pole Creek and the Broad River was sold to Col. John Dawkins."

I have not been able to conclusively name the father of John Morris, but it is probable that Thomas Morris, deceased 1798, was his father. The will reads as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Morris, of the State of South Carolina and County of Chester, tho weak in body yet of perfect sense and memory, do declare this to be my last will and Testament. I first bequeath my Soul to Almighty God from whom I received it and my body to the grave to be buried at the discretion of my friends. I likewise give and bequeath unto my first born sons, to wit, John Garrot and William Morris and to my grandson John, son of Thomas Morris, one shilling sterling a piece. I likewise give and bequeath unto the heirs of Callron Morris and to Elizabeth, Sarah and Mary Morris one shilling sterling apiece. I give and bequeath to my son Richard Morris one third of a tract of land containing three hundred acres called the Poplar Springs divided by a line from East to West one hundred acres at the lower end. Likewise, I give unto my son James Morris one hundred acres of land of the same tract joining to James with the plantation. I give and bequeath to my son Jacob Morris the remainder of the said tract of land. I give likewise unto my son Thomas Morris the tract of land which I bought from William Roden. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Morris one hundred acres of land at the lower end of my manor plantation. I give and bequeath to my son Lewis Morris the remainder of my manor plantation and after our death the Mill. But if any of my sons should die unmarried their part shall equally be divided amongst the sons of my last wife. I likewise give and bequeath unto my daughter; to wit, Ann, Margaret, and Margritt

one cow and calf and one feather bed and furniture a piece at the day of marriage. And to my unborn child, I give on condition if it be a son his part to be equal with his brothers. If it be a daughter equal with her sisters. I likewise give and bequeath unto my loving wife the Mill and Plantation with all the remainder of my household goods and both horses and cattle, sheep and hogs together with all my working tools during her life. I likewise leave to be executors with my loving wife Ann Morris, Hennery Ray and Robert Tindol. This given under my hand and seal in the year 1787, June 25.

Probated March 1798

Recorded in Book A page 37

Apartment No. 43

Package #685

John Morris and his wife Mary had many land transactions in Chester County, including one found in Book A page 461 which states "John Morris and Mary his wife being the legal heirs of Thomas Morris, deceased and having full right and claim to the said three hundred and fifty acres of land by heirship do for the sum of one hundred pounds sterling paid by the said Benjamin Morris have sold a tract of land..."

The Thomas Morris whose will was recorded above was born about 1720 in Spotsylvania, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Greshon and had children:

John Morris (perhaps the John Morris recorded above)

Garrot Morris

William Morris (30 Oct. 1755-15 Nov. 1830) married Sarah Terry and died in Cedar Grove, Dekalb, Georgia

Thomas Morris

Thomas Morris married a second time to a woman named Anne and had 9 other children listed in the will. All are unknown to me.

WILLIAM AND ELEANOR LEWIS MORRIS

William Morris, son of John Morris of Fairfield County, South Carolina, married Eleanor Lewis of Chester County, South Carolina, on 25 June 1835. They married in Montgomery County, Alabama. Shortly after their marriage, they traveled to Bradley County, Arkansas along with Eleanor's parents, William and Nancy Thomas Lewis, and Eleanor's brother, Anderson Thomas Lewis. They arrived in Warren on 15 April 1836.

According to family tradition, Eleanor was educated in a female seminary in Charleston, SC and taught school in her home in Warren, AR. She had red hair and a fiery temper. She was an excellent horsewoman. She broke her hip shortly before her death,

and had some of her grandchildren come stay with her and help her. These grandchildren didn't want to go because they were intimidated by her, but their parents made them.

The Morris home, and perhaps the Lewis homeplace as well, was located on South Myrtle St. in Warren where the Clint Huey home is now located. Family tradition says it was two story, and that it burned. After William and Eleanor's death, the house and land were sold to Mr. R.F. Powers. The large, white, columned home built by the Powers stood until the tornado of 1974 destroyed it.

Billie McBride Thompson, descendant of the Morris', wrote: "Miss Molly [the future Mrs. Powers] and Mr. Will Goodwin lived with our Eleanor and William during the Civil War. There where Mrs. Powers lived was where Eleanor and William lived and Major Goodwin lived across the street. Eleanor first lived where the cemetery is. That was also part of her dower land, but she moved up where a road was being built. She sold some land down the street to the Ederingtons, the Hamiltons and the Scobys so she would have neighbors. Miss Molly was so happy there that when she married Mr. Powers she had him buy it for her."

William was a farmer. He served on the first grand jury of the Circuit Court on 26 April 1841 in Warren, AR. When his father-in-law died in July 1846, he left a slave to each of his grandchildren. In 1854, William's mother-in-law Nancy Lewis requested and was granted guardianship of her grandchildren W.H.H. and Theodore F.'s property, which were the negroes willed them from their grandfather's estate. William Morris is referred to by her as being "dissipated in his habits and inclined to spend and make way with the property belonging to said minors and to abuse the trust reposed in him." In the Bradley County Deed Record Books there are numerous transactions by William Morris, giving land and slaves as payment for debts. The 1850 slave census listed 8 slaves belonging to William Morris. By 1860, there was only one female slave belonging to the Morris'.

In 1858, Nancy Lewis requests to be released as the guardian of the Morris children's property. Her health, advanced age, and her grandchildren having reached the age of fourteen years were the reasons she gave.

From 20 Nov. 1874 to 17 Dec. 1879, except for a period of three months, Nancy Lewis lived with William and Eleanor Morris. In January 1880, William Morris entered into a suit against his mother-in-law, suing her for \$467.50. He accused her of failing to pay board. He lost.

On 15 March 1896, William died and was buried in Oakland Cemetery, land which he had sold earlier to the town of Warren for that purpose. His wife Eleanor died two years later on 2 Feb. 1898.

The following was written on Eleanor's tombstone: "Ellena- wife of William Morris Born Nov. 13, 1818 Died Feb.2, 1898 God gave He took He will restore He doeth all things well"

The following was written on William's tombstone: "William Morris Born Feb. 20, 1805 Died March 15, 1896 Safely anchored of eternal rest"

These two monuments had been broken and knocked over and the inscriptions were faint. The Morris grandchildren and great-grandchildren bought new tombstones around 1982 for William and Eleanor Morris.

The Morris children were as follows:

Orlando (Died as an infant)
Jerome Chandler (1839-1862)
William Henry Harrison (1842-?)
Theodore Frilinghuysen (1844-1913)
Philander Lewis (1847-1904)
Mary Theodosia Elizabeth (1849-1926)
Nancy Leila (1852-1900)
Ella Ophelia Alice (1859-1943)

1850 Bradley County, AR Census

William Morris	44 years	Farmer	\$960 real estate value
Elenor	29		
Jerome C.	11	attending school	
William H.H.	8	attending school	
Philander L.	5	attending school	
Theodosia M.	1		
John Ramsay	32	Blacksmith	
Benjamin Lephen	21	Farmer	
Henry Lephen	20	Boatsman	

1850 Bradley County, AR Slave Schedule

4 females, 30 years, 18 years, 10 years and 3 years old
4 males, 13 years, 12 years, 7 years, and 5 years old

1860 Bradley County, AR Census

William Morris	54 years	Birthplace SC
Ellenor	42	Birthplace SC
William H.	18	Birthplace Ark.
Theodore	16	
Philander	14	
Theodosia	10	
Leadda	7	

Julia 1
1860 Bradley County, AR Slave Schedule

1 female, 17 years old

1870 Bradley County Census

William Morris	63 years	Real Estate value \$2000
Elleen	49	Personal Value \$300
Alice	11	Attending school
Philander	21	farm laborer
Emma Findley	16	Attending school

(Note: Emma Findley, 18, married John O. Adams, 22, on 11 July 1870)

JEROME CHANDLER MORRIS

Jerome moved to Daigerfield, Titus County, Texas, to study medicine before 1860, for he is found in the 1860 census there.

Titus County, Texas 1860 Census, precinct n.9, Post Office Daigerfield, p. 210

Hervez, J.P.	28 years	Physician
Hervez, Fanny P.	25	
Wm. J. Sidberg	21	student of medicine
J.C. Morris	21	student of medicine, born in Alabama

Jerome married a woman named Martha after this, and had a son named Dudley, born 1861. He joined the CSA Army, and died in Memphis, Tenn. of pneumonia.

The Texas State Archives had Muster Roll abstracts of two J.C. Morris's, listed as follows:

Name and rank: MORRIS, J.C., Pvt.
Comm. Off: Nunn, A.H., Capt.
Organ: Infantry Co., Beat No. 8, Houston Cty, 11th Brig., TM
Enlist: 31 July 1861
Disch:
Descrip:
Remarks: R&F 100; Co. Commissioned 30 Aug.1861. 1 MR. dtd. 3 Aug. 1861

Name and rank: MORRIS, J.C., 1st Sgt.
Comm. Off: Nunn, D.A., Capt.
Organ: Co. of TV, Randal's Regt. TC, CSA
Enlist: 21 June 1862 at Crockett for 3 years unless sooner

discharged.

Disch:

Descrp:

Remarks: R&F 80; En. Off. S.A. Miller; Mus. Off. Horace Randal; Co. Sta. at Lewisville, Ark., 30 June 1862; 1 mus. roll.

In the Bradley County, AR Courthouse there is a document (Box 9, Bundle 11) dated 18 Jan. 1862. It called upon several men to place a value on a mare mule (\$3000) and one yoke of oxen (\$4000) for Jerome's wife Martha.

In the 1870 census, Martha had remarried.

1870 Kaufman County, Texas, Census, p. 82

Thomas Peel	33 years	farmer	Born in Ark.
Martha	28		Born in Ark.
Morris, Dudley	9		Born in Ark.
Ila Alice	5		Born in Texas

The 1880 Denton County, Texas census (Vol. 10, Ed. 106, sheet 17, line 14) lists T.R. and Martha Peel with sons James and Daniel. Dudley was living in Dallas County, Texas at the time of the 1880 census. (4th Justice Precinct, p. 247) He was 19 years old, and working as a farm hand for James J. Whiting. He listed his birthplace as Arkansas, with both of his parents also having been born there. W. Dudley married a woman named Ella between 1880 and 1898 and was living in Kaufman County, TX in 1898.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON MORRIS

W.H.H. Morris was born in 1842 in Bradley County, AR. He joined the Confederate Army along with his three brothers.

In the Bradley County Courthouse I found a marriage record of a William Morris, 24, married to Ann Harris, 21, on 16 Sept. 1871. Even though the dates aren't correct on his age, it's possible that this is our relative.

William Henry Harrison Morris was named after the new president of this name the year of his birth. The president was a Whig, and I have reason to think William Morris was a Whig also, because he named his next son Theodore Frelinghuysen, which was the name of a man nominated for the vice-presidency on the Whig ticket along with Henry Clay in 1844.

In 1898, when the Morris heirs sold their lands to the Powers,

W.H.H.'s heirs sold their share also. Therefore, W.H.H. died prior to 1898. His living children:

W.Y. Morris married to Sarah E.
Jerome Morris married to Effie
Fanny B. Morris

These three children of W.H.H. Morris were living in Bourbon County, Kansas. Following are some leads about the Morris' living there in 1900:

1900 Bourbon County, KS Census

Sarah E. Morris	Head Born Dec. 1864 married 18 years	35 years old 3 children
Etta M.	Daughter	Born March 1883
Arthur	Son	Born April 1886
Grace D.	Daughter	Born April 1889

1900 Bourbon County, KS Census

Rebecca Morris	Head Born Jan. 1850 Widowed	50 years old 7 children, 4 alive
Harrison R.	Born July 1869	Single, father born in Ark.
Henry D.	Born Oct. 1872	

In the city directory of 1898, there was a W.Y. Morris residing at 1120 S. Main. He was a salesman for Faulkenberry and Ward. In the 1900-01 directory, there is listed a Mrs. Sadie E. Morris, residing at 421 W. 9th, and occupation is listed as travelling salesman.

Around 1937-1938 William H.H. Morris' son and family came back to Warren for a visit. There is a picture of this reunion at William and Alice Burnett Morris' home. These Morris relatives were from somewhere in Kansas.

THEODORE FRELINGHUYSEN MORRIS

This third son of William and Eleanor, born 4 July 1844 and died 16 May 1913, was named after the Vice-President nominee on the Whig ticket, who was running for office with Henry Clay in 1844.

Theodore was a Confederate soldier. He enlisted in June 1862 and served in Company B, 2nd Arkansas Cav. He surrendered in May 1865.

Billie McBride Thompson remembers the story being told about Theodore that he spent his war time in uniform, drilling at Pine Bluff. When he contracted the flu, he was sent home to recuperate. Under his influence, his younger brother Philander ran away at 14 years old and joined the Army. Supposedly, when Theodore came home from the war he heard someone calling from the bushes. It was Pomp, their former slave. Pomp told him the Yankees came by and promised him that if he would take that black horse of William Morris', that he would get to ride it and that they would make him an officer in the Yankee Army. He did go but they kicked him out, stealing the horse. Theodore took him home, and Pomp stayed there for 2 years after he was free.

Theodore began courting Mary Kight after the war, but she wasn't allowed to see him, according to their granddaughter Catherine Temple Short. In June of 1869 he rode up to her school on horseback and took her to town where they were married. Mary Kight (11 April 1851-4 Feb. 1931) was the daughter of John and Nancy Kight.

Catherine Short remembers a story being told of her grandparents. Once they got into an argument about something, so Mary put a board between them in bed. The next morning, Theodore peeked over the board and said sweetly, "Mary, you sure look mighty pretty!"

Catherine Short has a chair in her home at Warren that a former slave made for Theodore and Mary when they married. It was part of a table and chair set, but it is the only piece that has survived.

1870 Bradley County, AR Census

Theodore Morris	26 years old	Farmer	Personal Value
Mary	18 years	Born in Georgia	\$200, no real estate
Martha	9 months	Born in August	

In this census, listed next door were James and Nancy Lewis Barker, with her grandmother Nancy Lewis living with them. Nancy Lewis was also Theodore's grandmother, and Nancy Barker was his

first cousin.

1880 Bradley County, AR Census

T.F. Morris	35 years
Mary	29
Mattie	10
Ida	8
Harry	11 months

Catherine Short has an old picture of Theodore. He is somber, with brown hair and a full beard. Theodore and Mary are buried at the Adams Cemetery outside of Warren. Their children:

1. Martha "Mattie" Lena married Charles Hamaker. They lived in Crossett, AR. Their children were Ruth, Lena, Avrice, Charles and Frances.

2. Columbia Ida married 1st Brazaeel and had children Dave, Louis and Carroll. Married 2nd to Land and had children Sybil, Charlie and Ruby.

3. Harry H. (27 June 1879-29 Sept. 1964) married 1st to Lilly Gee and 2nd to Beulah M. (10 June 1900-8 May 1969). They lived in Mist, AR where he was a farmer. Children: Ida Bell, Lois, Ethel Beard (who had daughter Mary Beard, a schoolteacher in Crossett) and Harry Jr. of California. Harry and Beulah are buried at Adams Cemetery in Bradley County.

4. Shelby and wife Lucile ? lived in Hamburg, AR. He got hurt working at the mill in Bastrop. The injury caused brain damage and he spent the rest of his life at Pineville Institution for the mentally ill. Children: Lucy, Rita Gay and Shelby.

5. Effie, born about 1885, and died 1970. She married James Thomas Temple (28 Jan. 1879-23 May 1917) of Warren about 1900. He was killed by the husband of Effie's sister Mary, and was buried at Oakland Cemetery in Warren, where Effie also is buried.

After her husband's death, life was very hard for Effie and her six children. Many friends and relatives helped them all they could, and Effie worked day and night to keep the family together. Effie was known as a gracious, lovely woman of faith, and was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. She carried a white lace handkerchief in her hand. The house where Catherine Short now lives on South Myrtle St. in Warren was designed by Effie, who lived there until her death. Her children:

A. LINSEY TEMPLE (1902-1986) married Ester ? and moved to Port St. Joe, Florida. He worked at a paper mill there. Only child Betty married Elmore Godfrey. They had two sons, Jimmy and ? After 2 years of poor health, Linsey died in 1986. When

Linsey was young, his younger sister Jimmie was bitten by a rabid dog across the street from their house by Copeland's store. She suffered greatly before she died and to comfort her, Linsey carried her back and forth on his back. "Carry me, Linsey!" she would cry.

B. ELMER TEMPLE (1904-Jan. 1949) married Clint Eason (1897-Jan. 1949) on 15 Sept. 1923 in Warren, AR. They moved in with Clint's parents, Charles and Lucy Eason Leonard. Clint and his father-in-law worked at the sawmill in Warren. Clint eventually became a foreman there.

Clint and Elmer (called "Sister") lived in Elmer's mother's home, then moved to a house on S. Main St. Later, when Clint's mother was left a widow she moved in with them until her death in 1943. Living with her mother-in-law must have been difficult for Elmer because Lucy was old, in ill health and set in her ways.

Elmer and Clint died in the January tornado of 1949. Apparently, whatever hit Elmer in the chest, also hit Clint. The house was destroyed. He walked the 3 blocks to Effie's house and knocked on her door. This was unusual, for he never knocked. He cried out, "I can't find Sister!" They took him to the hospital, where he died. Meanwhile, Clint's brother-in-law Jess Harding had gone to their house, and could not find Clint, Elmer, or the house. Jess' granddaughter Jerry Lewis Sharp remembers him crying because he couldn't find them anywhere. Elmer and Clint's children:

Marcelle, born 15 June 1924, married Charles Milburn. Her only child, Raymond Lee, died in 1950 when he was hit by a car in front of his grandmother Effie's house. Catherine Temple Short, his aunt, came up from Shreveport to nurse him night and day, but he had sustained too many internal injuries to survive. Raymond Lee remarked on the beautiful music he was hearing, and saw a beautiful angel in the corner of his room right before he died. Marcelle and Charles divorced after Raymond Lee's death. She then married Bob Vines, but later they divorced. Marcelle became close to Bob's daughter, and lives with her and her family in Santa Fe, Texas.

Charlene, born 1925, married M.C. Ivey, a chemist, and lives in Plano, Texas. She had two children: Mary Lee, a CPA in Santa Fe, TX who has children Laura and Nick; and Carroll, a policeman in Galveston, TX who has children Marc and Erin Leigh.

C. AUBREY HOWARD TEMPLE married Flora Peck and moved to Shreveport, LA. He built up a successful ironworks business there. He died of a heart attack around 1967. His elderly

mother Effie leaned over his casket and talked sweet talk to him just like he was still her little boy. Aubrey and Flora's children:

Martha married a Randolph, lives in Jackson, Mississippi, and has two sons.

Aubrey Jean, called Jeanie, was born July 31, 1936. She spent her first five years in and out of the hospital with tuberculosis of the bone. She married Charles Tubbs and until 1990 lived in Shreveport. They then moved to Lafayette, LA. They have four children: Suzanne, Charlie, Martha and Aubrey, and several grandchildren.

D. JIMMIE TEMPLE, died as a young girl of rabies.

E. PAUL TEMPLE, was "afflicted", as retardation was called then. He lived at home until he grew older and difficult to control. He was then cared for in an institution until his death.

F. CATHERINE ANNICE TEMPLE graduated in 1933 from St. Vincent's School of Nursing in Little Rock, AR. She married Henry Short in 1936 and they were stationed several places with the Air Force. They lived twelve years in Shreveport, LA, where she was a nurse. Her mother Effie lived with her many of those years. Henry died in 1982 of leukemia. Catherine and Henry had one daughter, Mary Catherine, who married Jerry Gooch of Shreveport. She is also a nurse. They have three children: Catherine Ann, Nancy Suzan and John David.

G. THEODRIC JEROME, called T.J., married Delores McKinney. They lived around the country and overseas with his job as a pipeline welder. He retired in Warren and lives next to his sister Catherine. Delores died in 1989 of cancer. They had two daughters: Pamela, married to Dan Freeman, with children Kristen and Stacy; and Alice Faye, married to Donald Turney, with children Linsey and T.J. Both girls and their families live in Sheridan, AR.

PHILANDER LEWIS MORRIS

The fourth son of Eleanor and William Morris was born 27 Nov. 1847 and died 26 Nov. 1904. He enlisted right after Mark's Mill Battle, in Company B, 1st Arkansas Calvary under Col. Monroe Price's division; the regiment known as the Rawhide Regiment. He ended up at Pea Ridge and was wounded in the battle riding a mule. The bullet entered his ear and came out his mouth.

He married Caroline Hickman Holloway, who was 19 years old, on 23 April 1871. She was the daughter of Rebecca Hickman and George W. Holloway. She was the granddaughter of John L. Hickman (b. 1796) and Betsey McDade Hickman, who came in 1841 from Montgomery County, AL. The Hickmans, Morris', and Lewis' probably knew each other in Alabama. Rebecca's sister was Caroline Hickman, who married Anderson Thomas Lewis, brother of Eleanor Morris.

1880 Bradley County, AR Census

MORRIS, Philander	31 years	
Caroline	25	born in AR
William A.	8	
Addie	4	
John Newton	2	
Mary Emma	11 months,	born in February

A family tradition has come down from Philander's branch of the family that William Morris, his father, was a grandson of Robert Morris Jr., signer of the Declaration of Independence and financier of the Revolution. Through my extensive research to verify this tradition, I found Robert Morris had no son named John, which was William Morris' father's name.

Philander was shot and killed on 26 Nov. 1904 by M.F. Pennington. They were in downtown Warren when they argued. Pennington pulled a gun and shot Morris, once through the lungs and then in the back. He died immediately. Morris was unarmed. There had been a long-standing feud between them. I have the newspaper account of the murder. After the funeral, his wife Caroline took to her bed and died two weeks later. (24 May 1851-12 Dec. 1904) Philander and Caroline's children:

A. WILLIAM ALBERT MORRIS (23 May 1872-2 Feb. 1941) married Alice Carolyn Burnett (19 March 1878-15 Feb. 1975)

William had a large, prosperous farm past "Goat Neck" before the road deadends at the Saline River. The family home is still standing, with enormous, ancient oak trees shading the lot. In the front yard are century-old boxwood. They were very hospitable, and their home was the scene of many family

reunions and get-togethers. At one such reunion Alice was busy, running around, seeing that everything was replenished and everyone had enough to eat, when William said, "Come here, Ma." She said she was too busy. As she rushed by he grabbed her and set her down on his lap saying, "Just sit right down here, Ma." And he made her rest.

They had a well-stocked smokehouse and were generous with everything they had. Their cousin Catherine Temple Short remembers William driving by their house in his wagon and seeing that their woodpile was low. He returned later with his wagon loaded down with wood. Catherine said this, and incidents like this, was a common occurrence with William.

Once William went into town with his work clothes on, intending to run an errand and return home. However, he was sidetracked by a circus that was in town. He loved the circus and could not resist watching it. He overheard some women talking about him nearby, saying that instead of wasting time watching a circus he should be working to feed his family. William turned to them and politely told them he could feed his family, he could feed their families, in fact, he could feed nearly everyone present and their families, and thanked them for their concern.

Alice lived at the homeplace after his death until about 1970, when she went to a nursing home to live. She had been blind for many years, but had some women staying with her. As often as I visited her with my grandmother Edna Harding Lewis I was impressed with her great age and yet kind spirit of hospitality, though she was helpless to do anything for us. William and Alice's children:

Leota "Sweetie" (15 Nov. 1903-8 July 1967) married Hebert Blankinship (23 Dec. 1897-31 Oct. 1977) on 31 Jan. 1923. They had no children. She was a devout Baptist. She was well-loved and her early death from a brain tumor saddened many.

William Hershel "Sonny" had red hair and a sunny disposition. His mother couldn't get him excited about the idea of school at all, and on the first day of school she drove him there in the buggy. He flatly refused to go. He even refused the teacher when she came out for him. Alice sat all day long with Sonny in the buggy trying to change his mind, but she wouldn't whip him because she didn't want him to be turned against school. He had a son named Vance "Punky" from his first marriage which ended in divorce. Vance is a coach at Austin in Sherman, TX, and has one daughter Kelli, who has a daughter Jordan. Sonny then married a woman named Geneva and they lived in Valdosta, Georgia.

Jess Morris was legally adopted by William and Alice. He

married a woman named Edith and had a son.

B. ADDIE MORRIS, born 1876, married Earnest A. Hahnel who was an architect born in Saxony, Germany. According to Billie McBride Thomason, Earnest died before Hitler's rise to power (20 July 1932), leaving a sister still living in Germany. Earnest and Addie's daughter Esther got a letter saying she was heir to the Hahnel property and money, but she would have to go to Germany because they wouldn't allow anything out of the country. Addie and Earnest had one daughter, Esther, who married C.C. Lehman. They had three daughters: Edie Lehman who was a musician and taught in Warren; Dorothy; and Hazel, with whom Esther lived in Tupelo, Miss.

C. JOHN NEWTON MORRIS (19 March 1878-17 Feb.1975) was known as Newt, and married 5 times, two of the women twice. He had no children. He was married twice to a woman named Prusia, and twice to Margaret Johnson, whom he is buried next to.

D. MARY EMMALINE, born 1879, married John McBride from Ava, Illinois, on 18 Feb. 1900. He came to Warren to set the machinery in the mills. When Emma was a young girl, her grandmother Eleanor Lewis Morris broke her hip and needed someone to stay with her. Her father Philander sent Emma, as she was called. Emma's best friend was Rena Harding Carruth, her first cousin. She even named one of her daughters Rena. John and Emma's children:

Vesta married Lucille O'Leary and had a son named Frank.

Billie married, and later divorced, John Thomason. They had two daughters: Renna Ann, Chief of the Cardiovascular Lab at the Doctor's Hospital in Little Rock, AR; and another daughter who was retarded. She died around 1985 in a special school at Conway, AR. Billy spent a great deal of her time researching the Morris, Lewis and Thomas families. The last years of her life she spent taking care of her sister Rena in Helena, AR. Billie died after a series of illnesses in 1988.

Renna married a businessman from Helena, and was childless. She had organic brain syndrome, and was senile the last few years of her life. She died in 1988.

E. CHARLES MORRIS (16 Feb. 1882-28 May 1970) married Annice Brumley (25 April 1886-20 May 1970) on 11 Aug. 1907. Charles was a farmer and lived a few miles outside of Warren on the Hermitage Highway. In the early 1940's, Charlie and Annice got together regularly with his cousin Jess Harding and wife

Beulah to play pitch. Charlie was hit by a car in front of his house in 1970, and died three weeks later. The Tuesday after he was hit, Annice had a massive stroke and died on a Thursday. Charles died a week later. Their children:

Dudley (Nov. 1909-1985) He and wife Bessie Faye lived in Houston, TX. Their children were Dudley Jr., who lives in Wichita, KS, Sherry, Pat and Charles.

Troy K. and wife Charlotte live in Memphis, TN. He was called by family "Little Sonny". Charlotte had a daughter Ann by a first marriage who has never married. She lives in Seattle, Washington.

Curtis, called "Sug", lives with his wife Lela Barnard at the homeplace of his parents. He has had cancer and is in poor health. He has a daughter Carolyn from his first marriage, who lives in California. She has never married.

Gilbert Weir was raised by Charles and Annice. Charles sent Gilbert and Curtis to diesel school in Memphis. Gilbert lived with Charles and Annice, and was a big help to them. He worked at the mill in Warren. In 1950 he married Lottie Knowles, who died of cancer. He remarried but is in bad health and unstable mind.

MIN MORRIS married E.A. Murray, and they lived in Memphis, TN all their lives. They had a daughter named Perryline Hanna, who married Dr. Jeff Hanna, an internist. They had two sons, Jeff Jr., a pediatrician, and Bill, a surgeon. Both Jeff and Bill died of cancer.

EUGENIA "GENIE" MAGGIE MORRIS (15 Jan. 1888-10 May 1970) married Herbert Nethert, and later a man named Byrd. She had children Corynne (8 Oct. 1906-6 June 1990) who was born in Denton, TX, and Truman Morris, born 17 July 1922 in Helena, AR in the home of his aunt Emma McBride.

MARY THEODOSIA ELIZABETH MORRIS

Theodosia, (10 May 1849-15 Jan. 1926), or Aunt Dosie as she was called, was the first daughter born to William and Eleanor Morris.

William Morris rode Theodosia around with him on his horse when she was a baby, and the bright sun damaged her eyes, so an old family story goes. That accounted for her poor eyesight as she got older.

She married William Adams on 9 Oct. 1868. After his untimely death she married James Woodson "Tuck" Lyons of Warren on 8 Nov. 1869. He was born on 17 April 1847 was served in the Confederate Army.

They lived west of Warren, out Hwy. 4 past Ebenezer Cemetery, then right to the Oakdale community. Her niece Catherine Temple Short remembers Aunt Dosie well. She said she was a happy person who laughed a lot, and who made Catherine many dresses.

1910 Bradley County, AR Census

James Lyons	63 years	married 40 years
Theodocia	61	had 11 children, 5 living
Lester	17	single
Callie Wall	25	daughter, married once for 7 years, had 1 child, 1 living
Lorton Wall	3	grandson

Theodocia and James' children:

John William, married Etta, and lived in Crowell, TX.

Oscar T. lived in Globe, Arizona.

Callie, born in 1885, married Wat Wall of Huttig, AR. She was widowed and left with one son, Lorton, born 1907.

Ovid also moved to Globe, AZ.

Lester was born in 1893 and lived in Warren, AR.

NANCY LEILA MORRIS

Nancy Leila (5 Sept. 1852-4 Jan. 1900) was the second daughter of William and Eleanor Morris. She married William Henry "Billy" Harding (29 Aug. 1849-3 Nov. 1931) on 20 Aug. 1869 and moved to Billy's farm. They lived with his mother Elizabeth Harding.

Life must have been very hard for Nancy Leila, as it was for countless other women of her generation. She lived on a fairly primitive farm in the country, and didn't often get a chance to see her relatives. She also had ten living children, and several others who died as infants. However, music was much loved and played in her home. Her husband Billy played both the violin and the organ. They had what was known as "play parties" for family and friends at their home. These were actually square dances. Their son Jess learned to call square dances, and continued having play parties in his own home in later years.

Nancy Leila died after a short illness, diagnosed as kidney disease by Dr. Gannoway, a local doctor. The medicine he prescribed seemed to worsen her condition; in fact, she said it was killing her. Nancy Leila was a favorite with her brothers and sisters, and all who knew her grieved at her passing. Both Billy and Nancy Leila are buried at Adams Cemetery. Their children:

A. EULA ELIZABETH HARDING (23 July 1870-5 Nov. 1959) married Thomas C. Berry (8 Jan. 1855-27 Feb. 1926) on 17 April 1887. Eula was a practical nurse and midwife. She had to work hard just to keep food on the table and clothes on the 8 children, since she was left a widow at an early age. She opened her home to her younger brothers and sisters who lived out in the country, giving them an opportunity to attend school in town. She is buried at Oakland Cemetery. Following is a genealogy of Thomas and Eula, provided by one of their grandchildren. The Berry descendants have a reunion often.

William and Mary Berry

Thomas Columbus Berry-
b. 1-8-1855 d. 2-27-1926
M. 4-17-1887
Eula Elizabeth Harding
b. 7-23-1870 d. 11-5-1959

William Edgar b. 1-20-1888
Orra Eleanor b. 12-30-1889
Mary Nina b. 7-17-1892
Nannie Ruth b. 2-24-1894
Vera Elizabeth b. 4-1-1896
Roy Harding b. 4--2-1898
Walter Thomas b. 10-15-1900
Fred Howard b. 10-31-1903

Theodore Alice Berry
b.
M.
Rachel Rebecca Gooch Howard
b.

William Norman M. Pearl Garrison
Veda M. Wiley Hairston
Mary M. Robert Tucker
John Howard M. Margaret Thurman
Hester M. Sam Rogar
Mable M. Ken Langston 2nd. Aubert Pertle
Ouita M. Carl Neely

Hunter Berry
b.
M.
Minnie St. John
b.

Jim M. Sally Gladdin
Ethel M. Van Gladden
Mary Ester M. Guy Piper
Cone M. Amy Hargis
Andy M. Hattie Edwards
Ben M. Clara
Otis M. Beulah

Nannie Berry
b.
M.
Dave Leslie
b.

Herbert
Paul
Luther M. Bessie Thompson
David (fem) M. Keith Sanders
Estelle
Ellis
Sam
Viva

*Will Berry
did not marry.*

Wm. E. Perry
M. 4-9-1918

Clara Chapman Ellis
b. Oct. 13, ~~1898~~
1896

Thomas Parks Ellis

Louise Ellis Fleming
Girard La.

A.G. Moses

Mittie Thonlison
Little Rock, Ark.

Sterling D. Cook

Lida H. Cook

Hope, Ark.

Lorraine Euloise
b. 1-2-1919
M. 3-19-1939
Harvey Wilson McCain
b. 7-17-1913

John Lester McCain

Maude K. McCain

Clara Marthield
b. 7-20-1920
M. 12-16-1939
Charles H. Moses
b. 9-28-1918 d. 2-18-1977

Dorothy Grace
b. 7-4-1922
M. 4-22-1948
Tom Pat Cook
b. 2-14-1923

Carolyn McCain
b. 3-6-1940

Harvey Glen McCain
b. 9-19-1941
M. 8-14-1964
Alice Lorene Golluda
b. 10-9-1944

Charles Moses Jr.
b. 10-22-1940
M. 3-1-1963
Helen Haygood
b. 10-16-1942

Dennis Moses
b. 11-12-41
M. 1-20-1976
Sarah Lea Caples

Joel P. Cook
b. 7-6-1951
M. 2-14-1981
Cheryl Wilson
b. 11-5-1956

Freda Kay Cook
b. 3-1-1954
M. 4-2-1977
Danny Lindsay
b. 3-10-1949

David G. McCain
b. 11-30-1970

Michael McCain
b. 5-3-1971

Stephanie C. Moses
b. 9-28-1964

Chas. H. Moses III
b. 4-14-1966

Joel P. Cook II
b. 6-20-1982

Laura K. Cook
b. 12-30-83

Orra Eleanor Berry
b. 12-30-1889
M. 5-1-1911
Joseph Wm. Taylor
b. 1-1-1902 d. 4-29-1946

Jack T. Taylor
b. 2-13-1912
M. 4-13-1933
Wilma L. Gadd
b. 2-6-1911 d. 1-26-76

John Thomas Taylor
b. 6-13-1936 d. 5-9-82
M.
Freda

*subscribed
St. Louis*

John Taylor

William L. Gadd

Jennie Shelton Taylor

Rosie Isgrig Gadd

Chas. C. Odle
b. 5-17-1880
d. 12-19-1930

Felton Taylor
b. 5-18-1913 d. 6-25-62
M. 12-20-1931
Vivian Odle
b. 5-3-1912

Charles Odle Taylor
b. 6-15-1935
M.
Eva N. Allen Wright
b. 10-9-1934

Charles Taylor

Allie Lane Odle
b. 6-16-1886
d. 7-29-1931

Perry Eugene Wright
B.

Bobbie Ann Wright
b.

Chas. Wm. Taylor
b. 9-7-1900

Mary Nina Berry
b. 7-21-1893 d. 6-15-1915
M. 4-14-1912

Claire Frampton Kline
b. 11-20-1890 d. 6-10-1946

Eula May
b. 3-26-1913 d.
M. 7-24-1937
John P. Huld
b. 5-22-1913

John Robt. Huld
b. 4-22-1946
M. 10-20-1973
Linda Sperow
B. 3-31-1950

Mary Gertrude Kline
b. 5-15-1915
M. 10-15-1915
Alex Nagy
b. 8-31-1913

Ethel Nina Nagy
b. 8-20-1942
M. 4-15-1967
Wm. Larry McCarty
b. 11-18-1942

Elaine Lynn Nagy
b. 11-27-1944

Nannie Ruth Berry
b. 2-24-1894 d. 5-4-1980
M.

_____ No Children

Harvey "Bud" Johnson
b. 1883 d. 1957

Vera Elizabeth Berry
b. 4-1-1891 d. 10-15-1962

Reba Moncrief
b. 7-2-1915
M. 1-1-1944

Geo. Moncrief Scott
b. 7-13-1948

Adrian C. Moncrief
b. 7-20-1883 d. 6-29-1972

Geo. Hesterly Scott
b. 6-6-1919

Janet Colleen Scott
b. 7-6-1951

Geo. Wren Scott
b.

Pertha Hesterly Scott
b.
Prescott, Ark.

Morse Moncrief
b. 3-28-1917 d. 2-22-43
M.

Robert Holiman Jr.
b.

Robert Holiman
b.

Adrian C. Moncreif Jr.
b.
M.

A. C. Moncrief III
b.
M.

Louise Johnson
b.

Vicki Louise
b.
M.

Roy Harding Berry
b. 4-2-1898
M. 5-9-1925
Buford Inez Ladd
b. 10-20-1902 d. 12-24-76

Roy Howard
b. 6-6-26
M. 7-23-52
Rosemary Taylor
b. 3-8-31

Debra Lynn Berry
b. 3-20-1953
M. 8-25-1973
Larry Douglas Sneed
b. 3-1-1948

Megan K. Sneed
b. 6-1-1976

Morgan Ladd Sneed
b. 10-15-1981

Frank Bolton Ladd
b. 1-16-1868 d. 1-29-1923

Margaret Ann Wilkerson
b. 7-15-1872 d. 1-19-1956

Charlotte Ann
b. 4-1-1931
M. 8-26-51

Paul Dean Davis
b. 4-15-1931

Paula Ann Davis
b. 6-26-52
M.

John Martin
b.

Rodger Allen Davis
b. 12-30-1953
M.

Susan Hillman
b.

Randall Gordon Davis
b. 2-22-1956

Matthew Davis
b.

Barbara Jean
b. 10-16-1932
M. 11-7-1953

Ralph K. Murphy
b. 8-13-1929

Michael Keith Murphy
b. 2-2-1955
M.

Karen
B.

Ioslie Kevin Murphy
b. 8-18-1957

Roy Kendall Murphy
b. 8-6-1959

John Kyle Murphy
b. 11-26-1960

Walter Thomas Perry
b. 10-15-1900 d. 12-17-1978
M. 5-15-1922

Olive M. Grasby
b.

Jim & Ida Grasby
warren, Ark.

Thomas Harold
b. 8-14-1926
M. 7-23-1944

Betty Jo Wardlaw
b.

Thomas H. Berry Jr.
b. 5-29-1945
M. 2-8-1964

Ginger K. Roye
b. 5-27-1945

Cynthia Denise
b. 10-9-1964

Gina Lynn
b. 5-7-1968

Olivia Jearette
b. 12-5-1951
M. 11-27-1970

Grady V. Wilson
d. 6-18-73

M. Ed Eugene Jordan
7-12-1974

Anthony Alan
b. 11-25-1977

Richard Alan
b. 7-6-1953

M.
Ester Ann Feebles
b. 2-6-1953

Haverly Perry
b. 9-9-1960

M. 12-18-1977
Robt. E. Greely

Robt. Eric
b. 4-7-1977

b.

Frances Elizabeth
(Betty Fran)

b. 9-17-1930
M.

Henry Clay Toney
b. 5-15-1928

Henry Clay Jr.
b. 9-20-1949

M. 10-11-1971

Mary Eliz. Thornton
b.

Patricia Clay
b. 9-19-1948

M. 2-14-1969

Lawrence L. Myers
b.

Elizabeth Ann

b. 9-19-1951

M. Paul D. Loggman
12-30-1969

Fred Harding
b. 6-5-1935
M. 8-27-1962
Linda G. Barnes
b. 9-24-1942

Alan Brent
b. 7-12-1965

Michael Fred
b. 12--28-1968

Daughter of;
Searcy & Vashti Barnes

Fred Howard Barry
b. 10-31-1903 d. 12-3-1977

Mar. 4-28-1934

Nobie O. Craine
b. 12-3-1903

Daughter of;
James D. & Lucy Hunt Crairo

Charles Marvin
b. 3-11-1939
M. 2-18-1966
Glenna M. Lindsey
b. 9-6- 1937

Daughter of;
L. V. & Ila M. Lindsey

Walter David
b. 11-17-1958

Kimberly Rense
b. 1-19-1965

Michael Alyse
b. 2-7-1971

Richard Anthony
b. 1-11-1941
M. 1-30-1964
Francis G. Broughton
b. 8-7-1942

Daughter of;
Clint A. & Alice O. Broughton

Lance Dewayne
b. 6-27-1966

Pamela Gail
b. 3-24-1969

B. BENJAMIN HENRY HARDING (29 Oct. 1872-4 Sept. 1915) married Rora Lou Jarratt. He was a foreman carpenter and lived in Warren. Rora died in the 1940's. Their children:

Bessie Lee (24 Sept. 1895-3 April 1904) is buried at Hickory Springs Cemetery on the Hermitage Hwy.

Hester Everett (26 Jan. 1895-1 Jan. 1980) married Floyd Shumway. They had a grocery store on S. Main in the 1950's. They had no children. After Floyd's death, Hester went to live for awhile with her sister Verna in New York. Both Hester and Floyd are buried at Oakland Cemetery.

William Alexander (19 Dec. 1897-1965) married Ethel Hester on 15 Jan. 1920. He had a cafe on W. Central in Warren in the 1940's. In 1951 he moved to the Fordyce Hwy. and managed a liquor store in Camden, where he was shot and killed during a robbery. Billie Frank was their only child.

Verna Annie (28 Sept. 1900-1988) married Linsey Owens and had a daughter, Hester Jane (25 May 1918- 16 March 1936). Jane lived with her grandmother Rora in Warren during her senior year. After graduating, she then moved to Chicago where her mother and second husband Elmo Tanner lived. She died of leukemia shortly thereafter, and her mother always grieved deeply for her. Elmo was a fantastic whistler, and was the feature of the Wayne King Band. He recorded "Whispering While You Cuddle Near Me." After they divorced, Verna married Johnny Stanager from New York. They owned the tavern and restaurant, "The Topper", in Warren. They kept a monkey on a leash in a tree in their yard. Later they moved to New York.

C. LENA ELEANOR HARDING (9 April 1875-1947) married a travelling preacher George Everett Parsons, on 1 Nov. 1894. They lived in Ft. Worth, Lufkin and Groveton, TX.

Lena was a large woman, with hair that turned white in her later years, which she piled on her head. Her niece Edna Harding said she laced her corset up tight every morning and carried herself like a queen. In fact, Edna's husband Herman Lewis once remarked that he would like it if Edna would grow old as gracefully as Lena had.

Lena's husband died on 5 March 1903, leaving her with three small children, and a step-son Frank Parsons. In Lufkin, there was a train depot explosion at the same time Frank was supposedly there. Frank was presumed killed and Lena collected the insurance money. Years later Frank showed up, and Lena had to return the insurance money.

Lena's brother Jess traveled to Texas often to help her, and grew close to all her children. He assisted in the financing

of his nephew Floyd's education. Lena also made many trips to Warren to see her family. Her children:

Lena Everett (1 March 1896-?) was married, then divorced to a man named Rapp. She lived in Ft. Worth, and either was a lawyer or worked as a researcher for a lawyer.

William Floyd (2 Oct. 1898-1952) married Olive Ward of Ft. Worth and had a daughter named Susan. He was a Ft. Worth doctor, and served in World War II as a Navy surgeon. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his military services. After the war, he often gave his services free to veterans. After the Warren tornado of 1949, he loaded up his car with medicines, food and supplies and drove to Warren to see what he could do to help.

Richard Ewing (9 June 1902-?) was named for his great-uncle, Lena's uncle Richard Ewing Harding. He and wife Minnie Mae had no children. They bought a chicken farm near Victoria, TX, and were close friends with their uncle Jess Harding, and cousins Herman and Edna Harding Lewis.

D. WILLIAM ALFRED "Al" HARDING (3 Aug. 1877-14 Oct. 1887 or 1889)

E. JAMES JESSE "Jess" HARDING (27 March 1880-8 Feb. 1970) married Beulah Beatrice Eason (9 March 1894-14 Dec. 1946) on 26 Oct. 1911.

Before his marriage, Jess worked on the family farm, went to Terrell, TX to buy horses to sell back in Warren for a profit, traveled to TX to help his sister Lena, and worked with his uncles Ben and Dick Harding in their store in Warren.

He met Beulah while visiting his brother Ben in Warren. Beulah lived across the street. When Jess asked for Beulah's hand, he approached her mother, Lucy Leonard, who was peeling peaches outside. He said, "I sure would like you to give me a peach." When she tried to give him one, he said, "I'm talking about Beulah. We want to get married." She told him he'd have to come back and ask her father. Mr. Charles Leonard consented, but insisted she be married at home so he could give her away. Actually, they married in the home of Ben Harding.

They moved after their marriage to Graysonia, AR, a logging settlement in Clark County where Beulah had been born. Their only child, Edna Jeanette, was born here. About two years later they moved back to Warren, where Jess bought their home on 208 E. Central. They both lived here all their lives.

Jess' wife Beulah was a great favorite with the family, and with everyone who knew her. Her bold, infectious happiness and sense of humor made people love to be around her. She was greatly mourned when she died of cancer.

The former slave Aunt Millie played a large part in Jess' life, and in all of the Harding's lives. He always spoke of her with affection, said that she had helped raise all the children, and had absolute faith in her medicinal cures. When he moved back to Warren, he immediately took Edna to Millie.

Jess drove an oil truck for Magnolia or Mobil Oil. He was the administrator of his father's estate, and inherited the "bottom farm" near the Saline river. It was the site of an old Indian settlement and burial ground, because every spring they plowed up pottery and skulls, which soon turned to dust when exposed to air.

Jess lived in Warren all his life with his daughter Edna and son-in-law James Herman Lewis. Their only child Jerry Lynn Lewis lived here also until her marriage to Isaac David Anderson in March 1955. After that marriage failed, Jerry moved back with her parents and Jess, along with her three children, Diane, Jeanie Lynn, and John Lewis.

I am Jeanie Lynn, and I remember my "Daddy Jess" well. I lived with him for the first 6 years of my life, and frequently visited him until his death. He was a portly, friendly and kindly gentleman, inclined to laugh. He wore his silky white hair parted down the middle. He had a large brown mole on the side of his face, which he said came from the Morris side of the family. He never wore his false teeth. He loved to fish and hunt; in fact, he shot a deer when he was 88 years old!

In 1963, Jerry Lynn married Capt. Billy Ray Sharp and moved with him to Niagara Falls, NY. The next year, Edna married Virgil Davidson, and moved with him to Little Rock. Edna's first husband, Herman Lewis, died in 1961 of congestive heart failure. Jess was not left alone, however, for his widowed sister Mary Dear came to stay with him, which was a good solution for both of them.

Jess died after a few weeks of illness. The circulation in his legs gave out. He was buried in Oakland Cemetery beside his wife Beulah. Their daughter:

Edna Jeanette (19 July 1912-5 April 1978) married James Herman Lewis (15 Dec 1906-11 Aug. 1961) on 1 Sept. 1931. They owned a cafe in Monticello, AR, where their only child Jerry Lynn was born on 14 June 1935. Herman served in the Navy in the South Pacific during WW II, then came back to Warren and

worked at the Chevrolet dealership as a parts salesman. Edna worked various jobs as a cashier and florist. Edna and Herman enjoyed an unusually happy married life, and were well-loved and thought-of by friends and family. Both had heart trouble which claimed their lives, and were buried in Oakland Cemetery.

Edna was an extremely talented woman. She could sew, cook, paint with oils, pastels and watercolors, decorate with flowers, and many other arts and crafts. She passed this artistic talent to her daughter Jerry Lynn.

Edna's second husband Virgil died in 1967, and she returned to Warren to live with her father and aunt. In 1969, she suffered a massive heart attack which left her weakened but still able to enjoy life. She moved in with her daughter and her family, and she enriched our lives in every way. She enjoyed the experience of going overseas to Pusan, Korea for two years as a dependent of her son-in-law, where she endeared herself to hundreds of Korean friends and Korean students studying English. She died unexpectedly with another heart attack a year after returning from Korea.

Jerry Lynn raised five children: Michael Ray, Diane, Jeanie Lynn, John Lewis, and William Harding. She and her husband Bill have 7 grandchildren. Bill retired as a colonel and works for a military contractor in Huntsville, AL.

F. ELLA RENA HARDING (13 Oct. 1882-31 Oct. 1953) married Dr. Oscar A. Carruth, son of B.F. and Emma Carruth, in 1904. According to their daughter Elizabeth, Rena secretly opened the trunk where her father kept all of his money. She took the money she needed to buy a wedding dress. When he asked her later why didn't she just ask for the money, she told him she was afraid to ask him.

Ella and Oscar lived in Warren, where he practiced medicine, until around 1911. The family then moved to 1505 Schiller St., Little Rock, AR. Eventually he became chief of staff at St. Vincent's. Apparently, the doctor as he aged, had to be put in a nursing facility. Billie McBride Thomason, whose mother Emma McBride was a close friend of Rena's, said, "After Tony, Elizabeth, and Ham Moses took him to Benton, they let him keep his doctor's bag and they said every morning he made his rounds and diagnosed every case right. Cousin Rena was really broken up. He went into a rage every time he saw her and he had loved her so dearly." Rena and Oscar's children: Elizabeth, born 28 July 1904, graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1926. She then spent the summer of 1928 in Europe with a friend. She married Orrel O. Axley,

son of Dr. and Mrs. O.A. Axley, on 18 Mar. 1930. Orrel's job caused them to move fairly often, but they finally settled in White Plains, NY for 35 years, until Orrel's death in 1978. Elizabeth was a schoolteacher for many years. In 1987 Elizabeth moved to a Presbyterian retirement village in Little Rock. They had one son, Robert Anthony (29 Mar. 1935-1974). He graduated from Brown University and became a banker in New York. He had two daughters, Langley, born in 1971, and Whitney, born in 1974. Langley died with her parents in a plane crash. Whitney was not on the plane, having stayed behind with her grandmother Elizabeth. She was raised by her mother's sister.

James Anthony "Tony" (16 July 1908-1987) was a pilot in WW II over Europe. After the war he was a salesman for Warner Bros. in Memphis. He married, and later divorced, a woman named Winifred. They had no children. After Tony retired, he moved to Lonoke, AR, where he died.

William Frank, born 8 Oct. 1917, was a Marine in the South Pacific during WW II. He married Dorothy Hurst, and became a policeman in Little Rock. He has retired in Alexander, AR.

G. HETTIE MAE HARDING (1 Aug. 1885-12 April 1910) She was slightly retarded and never married.

H. MARY EVER HARDING (18 Oct. 1889-27 Oct. 1978) According to Mary's sister Bea Sharp, Mary had the slow fever when she was young. This could have been typhoid fever. In the 1910 census she was still living with her father, so shortly thereafter she married William Carlyle Maxwell (1 May 1890-21 Mar. 1934). They had three sons. After William's suicide, Mary married Howard Dear, and moved to Houston, TX. Howard had a special talent that he could crochet beautifully.

In 1947 Mary's brother Jess went to their home in Victoria, TX for a visit. While there, he had to have emergency surgery. He said that when he woke up in the hospital, Mary was standing by his bed, crying.

After Howard's death, Mary came to Warren and lived with her brother Jess until his death in 1970. She returned to Houston and stayed at a nursing home.

I remember Aunt Mary as a nicely dressed, proper elderly woman. She definitely had her own ideas on how to do things, and was set in her ways. She was a sober woman, and talked proudly to me of her children and grandchildren. Mary and William Maxwell's children:

William Victor (30 Sept. 1912-1 Dec. 1972) married Doris

Maxwell. They had no children, and lived in Seattle, Washington.

Benjamin Franklin, born on 3 Aug. 1914, married Martha Hollis on 30 June 1944. They live in Monroe, LA. They have three daughters: Marilyn, married to David Waller, with children Michael and Wendy; Carolyn, married to James Goodman, with children James and Mary Elizabeth; and Mitzi, married to William Galligan, with children Bryan and Michelle.

Robert Harding, born 30 Dec. 1918, married Billie Middlebrook, who died in childbirth. On 1 Mar. 1956, he married Betty J. They live in Houston. They had one son Robert Charles, born 1 July 1958. He married a woman named Becky on 5 June 1981, and have sons Christopher Robert and Michael David.

I. ANNIE BEA HARDING, born 5 Aug. 1895, had a twin brother who didn't survive. She lived with her father and stepmother until she was about twelve, when she moved into Warren with her Uncle Benjamin and Aunt Josie Harding. She went to school in town, met Oscar Sharp, and married him on 14 Mar. 1914. Oscar was the son of Confederate soldier J.F. Sharp of Drew County, AR.

Bea and Oscar lived on Powers St. in Warren. Oscar was a barber on Main Street, and Bea kept house. They survived the 1949 tornado which damaged their house severely. In fact, Josie Harding's house a few doors down was completely demolished, and Josie died at that time. Another killer tornado took the same path in 1975, and again the house sustained great damage, and again Bea and Oscar escaped unharmed.

On 29 Mar. 1964, Bea and Oscar celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and relatives. They spent their remaining years together with Oscar working his garden, and Bea crocheting, and doing other fine needlework. When I knew them, they were hospitable, peaceful and affectionate. Frances, their daughter, said in their younger years they were not openly demonstrative and affectionate. However, they must have mellowed with age, for Oscar often complimented Bea, making her embarrassed.

Oscar died on 10 Jan. 1979. Bea lived on in the house a while longer, then moved to Hot Springs with her daughter Frances. In 1989 she moved to a retirement hotel in Hot Springs because Frances was afraid to leave her alone all day while she worked.

Bea is small and slight, and has beautiful, wavy white hair which is always attractively styled. Even at 95 years old,

she gets up early in the morning and dresses impeccably. She has the smoothest, loveliest legs I've ever seen on young or old. She has what she calls "second sight", where she can see to read without her glasses. She reads her Bible and several devotional books every day. Oscar and Bea's children:

Frances Leila, born 1 Nov. 1915, married Alva Lee Curry in 1943, and divorced a few years later. Frances lived for a while in Warren, then moved to Crossett, Monticello, and finally Hot Springs, AR. They had one son, Charles, born in 1944. Charles and wife Jane Snow had twin sons, Jeffrey and Michael Christopher. Charles lives in Austin, TX and works as a budget director for the city. His wife is deceased.

Richard Franklin, born 6 Nov. 1919, served in WW II as an Air Force machinist on the west coast. He married Martha Thompson and worked as a Mobil Oil distributor, taking over his uncle Jess Harding's job when he retired. They had one son, William Franklin, born 1946, who married Kay Woods. They live in Tyler, TX, and have two children, Ashley and Bradley.

Hugh Charles, born 6 Jan. 1922, served in the Coast Guard in Baltimore, MD during WW II. After the war he married Eileen Knight and worked as an Arkla Gas manager. After Eileen's death in 1983 of cancer, Hugh married Lorene Pierce. Hugh and Eileen had one son, Wayne, born in 1945. He has two sons, Brandon and Darren.

Louis Harding (4 July 1925-1967) quit school to join the military. He wasn't accepted because they found something wrong with his heart, and Louis never returned to school. Instead he went to Houston and his uncle Carl found him a job. He lived in Perryton, TX with his wife Mildred Norman until his death in a car accident. He had two sons: Richard Lee, born 1946, and wife Susan have two daughters Amy and Holly; and Douglas Charles "Chuck", born 1954, who had a twin brother who died at birth. Chuck married a woman named Cindy.

CARL JEROME HARDING (6 Mar. 1897-June 1983) as a child tangled with a mother pig and her tusk tore his upper eyelid. Although the eye was not damaged, the country doctor sewed the eyelids together, so he was needlessly blinded in one eye.

Carl married Thelma B. Burnett of Warren in 1922, and they moved to Houston, TX, where they lived for the rest of their lives.

Carl was a short, stout, and outgoing gentleman who was kind to children. He looked a great deal like his brother Jess. Carl had a deep, rich voice and ready laughter. Carl and Thelma had one son, William "Bill" Burnett, born 1926. Bill

married Ann Cayton, and they had children William Burnett Jr., and Bryon Lee.

After Nancy Leila Morris Harding's death in 1900, leaving several young children, her husband Billy felt he must marry again. In 1906 he married Martha Catherine "Kate" Ozment Simpson. With her he had four more children: Annice, Noel, Martha Catherine and Travis.

ELLA OPHELIA ALICE MORRIS

Ella (15 Oct. 1859-31 Jan. 1943) was the youngest child of Eleanor and William Morris. She married John B. Hairston (20 April 1857-23 Nov. 1914).

Ella had blue eyes and dark hair and lived on a farm west of Warren. In 1935 her house burned, and several of the Morris children wondered if Ella had the Morris family Bible, which burned in her house fire.

Sue Hairston Garrison, Ella's granddaughter, said she never heard the Bible mentioned. She said the house caught fire from the stove pipe that went through the attic, where it started. It was a wood-burning cookstove. She carried water up to the attic, trying to put it out. She rolled several things off the front porch to save them. The neighbors came when they saw the smoke and couldn't find her. She was out in the pasture, pulling a mattress she wanted to save. According to this account by Sue, Ella would have had time to save heirlooms and especially an old family Bible if she had had it.

All of Ella and John's children were born in the Pleasant Valley neighborhood, outside of Warren. In Ella's later years, she lived with her daughter Euna in the Springhill Community. After she died, her land was sold (240 acres) according to her wishes, and part of it was used to buy her tombstone, which read, "She was the sunshine of our home".

Sue remembers hearing her grandmother Ella remark, "Everything sure has changed. We used to work all the land around where Copeland's store stands."

John and Ella's children:

A. W. FLOYD HAIRSTON (1879-1880)

B. MARY LEILA HAIRSTON (1883-1975) married Lee McGhee. They lived in the Lanark Community south of Banks, AR, and had one son, Wilbur.

C. MYRTA MAE HAIRSTON (1885-1891)

D. AUBERT LEWIS HAIRSTON (1888-1936) married Susie Grider. He got hurt fixing a fence on the farm, and died nine days later. He left many small children, including Sue Garrison.

E. WALTER ALEXANDER HAIRSTON (1891-1945) married Eunice Spraggins and lived near Benton, AR.

F. CORNELIUS "Neal" PAUL HAIRSTON (1892-1946) married Nora Wolfe, and had a daughter named Helen who lives in Ackworth, GA.

G. INA V. HAIRSTON (1897-1970) married Harry Grider and is buried at the Rose Hill Cemetery, Ft. Worth, TX.

H. EUNA B. HAIRSTON (1899-1971) married Homer Wallace.