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**Family photo taken at the wedding of Carmela Cimino (1904-1920)
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Family photo taken at the wedding of Carmela Cimino (1904-1920) and
Peter Pasquale Defazio (1893-1965), dated about 1919 in Sioux City, Iowa.

President's Message

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday. BAGS will begin having monthly meetings again in January and has lined up some great speakers throughout the year. A special seminar is scheduled for this fall, so 2013 should be an exciting year.

The year 2012 has been a busy one for BAGS. In April BAGS celebrated its 10th anniversary with Emily Croom as its guest speaker. During the year, there were many interesting programs presented by various speakers: T.B. Green III ("Flags of Texas"); Irene Walters ("A Nation of Immigrants..."); Gay Carter ("More Than Headlines"); Melodey Hauch ("Cluster Genealogy"); Dr. J. Ross-Nazzari ("Winning the West for Women"); Eric Sandifer ("The Escape and Suicide of John Wilkes Booth"); Linda Reynolds ("Basic Preservation of Archival Objects and Materials"); Charlie Gardes ("It's A Gusher"); and Cary Hall ("The 1940 Census").

The grand finale of the year was BAGS' annual Holiday Party, which was held at Hope Village in November. Attendees enjoyed a nice meal and socialized with friends. During the party, it was announced that Melodey Hauch's submission of the *BAGS Quarterly* had won 1st place at the Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference and that Melodey had won 2nd place for one of her published articles. Melodey is to be commended for the fantastic job that she has done in publishing the *BAGS Quarterly*.

Sincerely,
Bill Mayo

From the Editor

Starting a new year always leads me to start a new project list, and this year is no exception. I have been working on neglected and vandalized Galveston County cemeteries during the past ten years, including several that have little or nothing remaining on burial plots. With *Familysearch.org*'s addition of the Texas death certificates images now covering the early 1900s to 1986, much more burial information has been made available to researchers for free. Case in point is my article in this issue on the Arcadia Evergreen Cemetery in Santa Fe, just a few miles from my home. A dedicated group of residents compiled a list of the burials they remembered and searched newspapers for the obituaries of others. I took the names they provided and started researching those persons in 2007. I was able to remove six individuals from their list using obituaries and online cemetery surveys for three local cemeteries. This new cemetery survey was published in 2009, and since publication six more names have been found using the death certificates online.

This issue includes several personal family stories, including Alice Braud-Jones' childhood Christmas memories in Galveston and Nick Cimino's search for the identities of his family members in a very old photograph. I hope they will inspire BAGS members to submit some personal stories of their own.

With regards,
Melodey M. Hauch

An Italian Wedding in Sioux City, Iowa?

Nick Cimino



Wedding photo of Carmela Cimino (1904-1920) and Peter Pasquale Defazio (1893-1965), ca. 1919.

This photograph has mystified me from the first time that I saw it on the wall of my aunt Betty's house. That was over twenty years ago, but this last fall I finally started to find some of the missing puzzle pieces. Aunt Betty told me that it was a picture of the wedding of my grandfather's sister, Carmela Cimino. The family story was that Carmela married a man named Defazio. Aunt Betty told me that her father (my grandfather), Sebastiano "Richard" Cimino was seated on the far right and my great grandfather, Antonino Cimino was in back between the bride and groom. My quest to solve the mystery of who was in this photo led me to Jean Defazio Hewitt, a descendant of Pasquale "Pete" Defazio who believes that the man on the far right is John Giudice and the one directly behind the girl with the flowers is, Frank LaScala. The rest of the people are still unknown.

The story of Carmela Cimino Defazio is a sad one as she died in childbirth in 1920 in Sioux City, Iowa. Her death occurred on June 1, 1920, two months before her sixteenth birthday. Carmela was born in Carlentini, Siracusa, Sicilia on August 8, 1904. My grandpa, Sebastiano was born in Lentini on October 30, 1906, perhaps at the home of his maternal grandparents. His father, Antonino Cimino left Carlentini for the United States in search of work in 1907 and arrived in New York on the 9th of April. He returned to Sicily probably in 1908 then returned to the U.S. with his brother Alfio and his sister,

Lucia in February 1909. Lucia Cimino Calafiore was traveling with her daughter, Sebastiana and all four of the travelers were bound for Omaha to join up with Lucia's husband, Filadelfio Calafiore.

Back in 1996, I made contact with the son of Alfio Cimino who lived in Milan, Italy. His name was Antonino Cimino, named after my great grandfather. Here is his account of the voyage across the Atlantic: "In the first years of 1900, my father and your great-grandfather left for the U.S. to search for work but they had little luck. They worked on the construction of the railroads, slept in sheds like slaves and earned very little money. My father, Alfio returned to Italy after three years in the U.S. and your great-grandfather remained in America and we never heard any more about him."

When my great-grandfather returned to the U.S. he left behind a pregnant wife. Their second son, Giovanni "John" Cimino was born in Carlentini on July 3, 1909. The mother and her three children sailed from Palermo on March 18, 1911 on the Steamship Friedrich der Grosse and arrived at the Port of New York on March 31, 1911. The family was reunited in Omaha, Nebraska which by that time had formed a "Little Italy".

Here is what the book *Italians of Omaha* published in 1941 had to say about Omaha's Little Italy as it existed in the 1930s:

"The most distinct Italian colony, from an ethnic standpoint, and in which segregation is most intense with the highest ratio of foreign-born, is Omaha's Little Italy. It lies in the eastern part of the city, south of the downtown business and industrial section. It is here that the Sicilians are in the majority with an astoundingly heavy representation from the towns of Lentini and Carlentini...if one were to stand on the corner of Sixth and Pierce Streets and question the Italians who passed, the tabulation would show Lentini and Carlentini in the Province of Syracuse as the place of origin of seven out of ten persons."

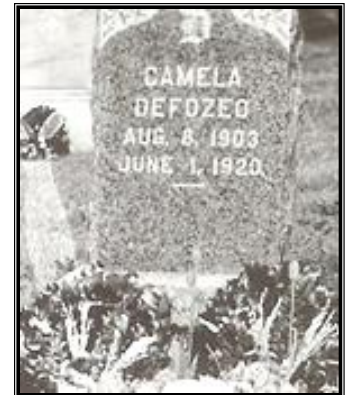
Despite the presence of neighbors and friends from Carlentini and Lentini, the Cimino family left the familiar confines of Omaha's Little Italy a year later. The next child, Sarah, was born in Sioux City, Iowa on March 28, 1912. Antonino had found work in Sioux City as a teamster and by 1918 was employed as a laborer at the 22nd Street Yards of the "Milwaukee Road." This historic railroad is officially known as the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad. While the railroad does not exist as a separate entity anymore, it is still commemorated in buildings like the historic Milwaukee Road Depot in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The 22nd Street Yards in Sioux City have also been preserved as a railroad museum with a website at www.milwaukeeerrailroadshops.org. The site originally encompassed over fifty acres of land and incorporated over twenty-five buildings to include a thirty-stall roundhouse, machine/blacksmith shop, car/carpenter shop, steam power plant, water softener plant, stores warehouse, sand drying house and two wooden sand towers, a three hundred ton capacity wood coal tower and more. The complex also included over ten miles of track and employed over five hundred people.

Sioux City had become home for the Ciminis. Antonino's sister, Lucia and her husband, Filadelfio Calafiore had also moved from Omaha to Sioux City by 1920. Filadelfio had found work as a laborer at a packing house in Sioux City. It is quite possible that one or more of the Calafiore family is featured in this wedding picture. Lucia and Filadelfio had three daughters, Sebastiana, Nettie and Della born in 1903, 1906 and 1909 respectively. These three girls would be about the right age to match the two bridesmaids holding flowers and the younger girl on the left.

The railroads and the packing houses in Sioux City employed many Italians. These Italians became the "extended family" of the Ciminos despite having origins from many other places in Italy. The two men identified by Jean Defazio Hewitt in the photo must have been part of that extended family. Frank LaScala was employed as an oiler in an engine room in 1920. The census for that year enumerates him with his wife "Tressa," son, "January" and sister-in-law "Johanna" Defazio. The census enumerator for Precinct 11 had some creative spellings of the Italian names he encountered in the neighborhood. Frank LaScala had an Italian boarder residing with him named Angelo "Luckwarti". Could that name be LaGuardia? We may never know. However it would seem likely that the Defazios had a family connection to the LaScalas. One would presume from this census record that Frank LaScala's wife, Tressa, was a Defazio.

John Giudice remains a bit of a mystery. I could not find him in the 1920 census of Sioux City. Jean had said that he ran a restaurant in the neighborhood, but he was not there in 1920 nor could I find him in the 1930 census. Jean could not recall the exact spelling of the name and variant spellings always present a difficulty when searching Italian names.

A family photo of Carmela's headstone, on the right, showed her name as "Camela Defozeo" Aug 8, 1903 to June 1, 1920. This misspelling is another example of the difficulty of searching Italian names in U.S. records. Our family records told me that Carmela Defazio was buried in Calvary Cemetery in Sioux City. In September of 2011 my wife and I flew from Houston to Omaha and then drove north to Sioux City. It was a pilgrimage to the Sioux City which was the site of so much of the Cimino family history. There were several cemeteries to visit with family buried on both the Iowa and Nebraska sides of the Missouri River which divides the two states. The family was living in South Sioux City, Nebraska by 1930 and my great grandfather, Antonino Cimino remained in "South Soo" until he died in 1963. Antonino and three of his sons, Richard, John and Sam each had houses on the same street in South Sioux City. My father, Richard Jr. was born in South Sioux City on March 5, 1934. My dad lived there until my grandpa relocated his family to Sacramento in the 1940s. I was born in Sacramento in 1954.



We visited Calvary Cemetery in September 2011 and after an extensive search we found Carmela's grave marked with a substantial headstone with a cross on top in the Marian Section of the cemetery. The gravestone is the centerpiece of the Defazio family burial lots. Buried near Carmela are her husband, Pete Defazio, 1893-1965; her mother-in-law, Carmela Defazio, 1865-1936; and her husband's second wife, Mary Pironaggi Defazio, 1903-2002. After seeing the Defazio graves, I knew I had to try to find the Defazio descendants. Pete Defazio and Mary Pironaggi had eleven children all born in Sioux City, Iowa. Jean Defazio Hewitt was their third child and she currently lives in San Leandro, California in the San Francisco Bay area. Ironically, I had lived just a few miles away from Jean in Walnut Creek, California until August of 2010.

After returning home, I mailed copies of the wedding photo to Jean and her siblings in the hopes that one of them could identify the people in the photograph. I received a response from Jean who had heard stories about her father's first wife but had never seen a picture of her father at such a young age. She recognized John Giudice and Frank LaScala. The mystery is not completely solved. We have a lot more information about the people and how they came together at a wedding in 1919. A few pieces of the puzzle remain to be found. If you can help identify any of these people, please contact me at ncimino@hotmail.com.

Four Generation Chart for Nick Cimino’s Grandfather, Richard Sebastiano Cimino

Pedigree Chart for
Richard Sebastiano Cimino

Richard Sebastiano Cimino

b: 30 Oct 1906 in Lentini, Siracusa,
Sicilia, Italia
m: 21 Apr 1927 in Elk Point, Union,
South Dakota
d: 09 Aug 1979 in Sacramento,
Sacramento, California

Antonino Cimino

b: 24 Dec 1878 in Carlentini,
Siracusa, Sicilia, Italia
m: 30 Jun 1903 in Carlentini,
Siracusa, Sicilia, Italia
d: 08 Nov 1963 in South Sioux City,
Dakota, Nebraska

Sebastiano Cimino

b: 28 Dec 1841 in Carlentini,
Siracusa, Sicilia, Italia
m: 02 Nov 1871 in Carlentini,
Siracusa, Sicilia
d: 02 Apr 1917 in Carlentini,
Siracusa, Italia

Carmela Grasso

b: 21 Apr 1851 in Carlentini,
Siracusa, Sicilia, Italia
d: 24 Jun 1922 in Carlentini,
Siracusa, Sicilia, Italia

Alfio Cimino

b: Abt. 1777 in Carlentini, Siracusa,
Sicilia, Italia
m: Bef. 1841
d: 24 Nov 1855 in Carlentini,
Siracusa, Sicilia, Italia

Anna Gulizia

b: 1795 in Carlentini, Siracusa,
Sicilia, Italia
d: 16 Jun 1869 in Carlentini,
Siracusa, Sicilia, Italia

Alfio Grasso

b: Abt. 1817 in Carlentini, Siracusa,
Sicilia, Italia
m: Bef. 1851
d: Bef. 1871 in Carlentini, Siracusa,
Sicilia, Italia

Giuseppa Tomasello

b: Abt. 1827 in Carlentini, Siracusa,
Sicilia, Italia
d: Aft. 1871 in Carlentini, Siracusa,
Sicilia, Italia

Salvatore Ossino

b: Abt. 1825
m: Bef. 1853 in Lentini
d: Aft. 1886

Rosa Roccaforte

b: Abt. 1825
d: Bef. 1875 in Lentini, Siracusa,
Italia

Salvatore Bruno

b: Abt. 1825
m: Bef. 1853
d: Aft. 1875

Maria Tomasello

b: Abt. 1823
d: Aft. 1875

Giovanni Ossino

b: 29 Jul 1853 in Lentini, Siracusa,
Sicilia, Italia
m: 04 Nov 1875 in Lentini, Siracusa,
Sicilia, Italia
d: 21 Feb 1907 in Lentini, Siracusa,
Sicilia, Italia

Concetta Bruno

b: 14 Feb 1853 in Lentini, Siracusa,
Sicilia, Italia
d: Abt. 1922

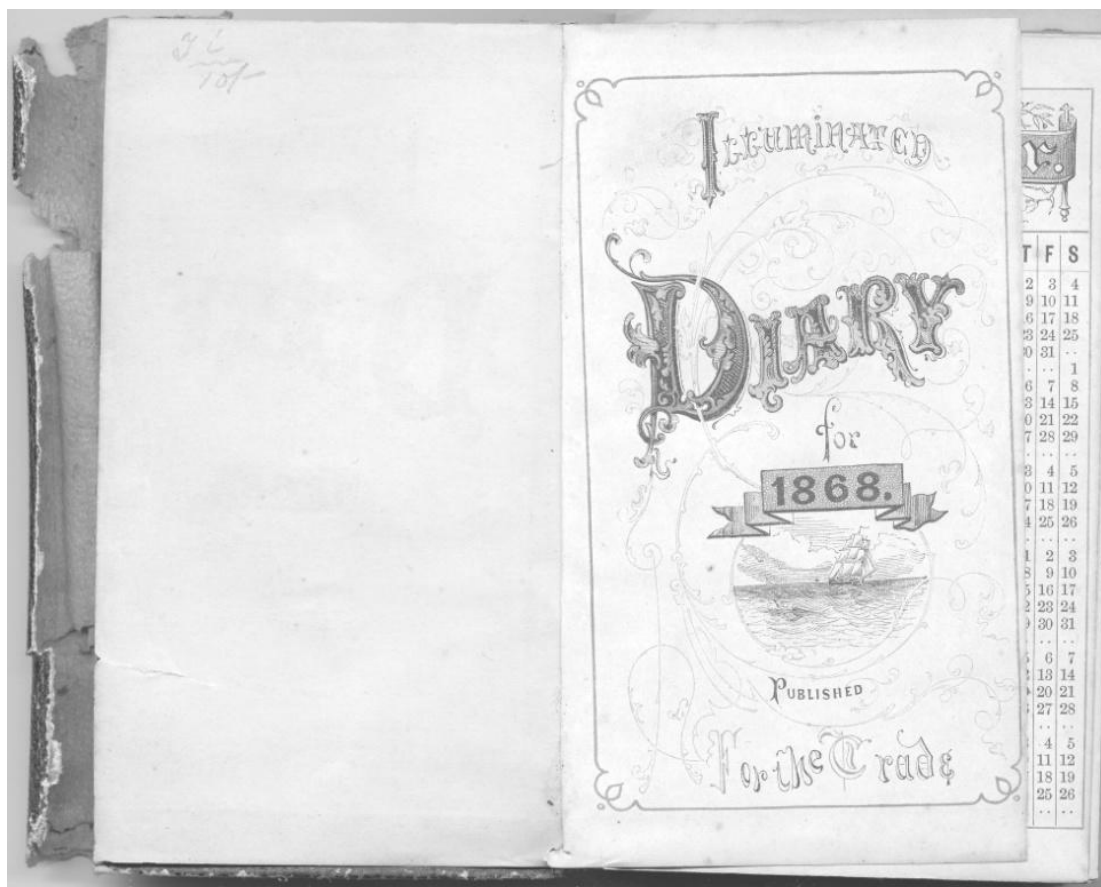
Maria Ossino

b: 10 Mar 1879 in Lentini, Siracusa,
Sicilia, Italia
d: 06 Nov 1940 in South Sioux City,
Dakota, Nebraska

Time and Postage in 1868

Annette Anderson Bowen

One of my prized possessions is a small diary (about 3" x 5") for the year 1868 that had belonged to my great-grandfather, John Aldridge Limerick, a druggist in the town of Rodney, Mississippi. In it Limerick recorded some of his formulas for tonics and liniments and even for rat poison, and cologne. He also made notes about plants which he may have used in his medicines. In addition to his entries the diary contains postal rates, a table of stamp duties, and, most fascinating to me, the Difference of Time.



I had not thought about when our country began standardizing time zones or how people kept time before the zones were standardized. According to www.webexhibits.org, cities would set their town clock by measuring the position of the sun, but every city would be on a slightly different time. Standard time zones were instituted in the United States and Canada by the railroads on November 18, 1883; however, the new standard time was not immediately embraced by all. Detroit kept local time until 1900 when its city Council decreed that clocks should be set back 28 minutes to Central Standard Time. It was not until March 19, 1918 that Congress enacted the Standard Time Act of 1918, which adopted standard time zones by law. This 1868 Diary had a table that shows the time difference from Boston and another table that shows the time difference from New York City.

DIFFERENCE OF TIME.

The annexed table exhibits the Difference of Time between that of Boston, and the places therein named:

SLOW OF BOSTON.		FAST OF BOSTON.	
H	M	H	M
Albany, N. Y.	10 44	Augusta, Me.	4 54
Augusta, Ga.	43 22	Bangor, Me.	9 6
Baltimore, Md.	22 12	Berlin, Prus.	5 37 49
Buffalo, N. Y.	31 26	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	31 20
Cairo, Ill.	1 15 0	Constantinople.	6 40 30
Chicago, Ill.	5 48	Dover, N. H.	38
Charleston, S. C.	35 28	Dublin.	4 18 52
Cincinnati, O.	53 34	Eastport, Me.	16 30
Cleveland, O.	42 0	Edinburgh.	4 34 30
Detroit, Mich.	47 56	Fredericton, N. B.	17 14
Galveston, Tex.	1 34 52	Geneva.	5 8 50
Indianapolis, Ind.	0 6	Gibraltar.	4 22 50
Louisville, Ky.	57 46	Gloucester, Mass.	1 35
Memphis, Tenn.	1 17 0	Greenwich, Eng.	4 44 14
Milwaukee, Wis.	7 34	Halifax, N. S.	29 47
Montreal, C. E.	10 3	Hamburg, Ger.	5 24 8
Mobile, Ala.	8 0	Hallowell, Me.	4 54
New York, N. Y.	11 50	Hull, Mass.	24
New Orleans, La.	1 16 0	London, Eng.	4 43 50
Newport, R. I.	1 0	Liverpool, Eng.	4 32 13
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	32 0	Lynn, Mass.	32
Norfolk, Va.	21 1	Nantucket, Mass.	3 52
Philadelphia, Pa.	16 25	New Bedford, Mass.	32
Pikes Peak	2 16 0	Newburyport, Mass.	46
Providence, R. I.	1 25	Paris, France.	4 53 35
Richmond, Va.	25 25	Portland, Me.	3 16
San Francisco, Cal.	2 25 31	Portsmouth, N. H.	1 11
Savannah, Ga.	40 18	Provincetown, Mass.	4 2
Springfield, Mass.	6 29	Rome, Italy.	5 34 8
St. Louis, Mo.	1 16 46	Salem, Mass.	40
St. Paul, Min.	1 23 5	St. John's, N. F.	1 12 30
Tallahassee, Fla.	54 10	St. Petersburg.	6 45 28
Washington, D. C.	24 7	Stockholm, Sw'n.	5 46 28
Worcester, Mass.	3 0	Vienna, Austria.	5 49 46

DIFFERENCE OF TIME—NEW YORK.

When it is 12 o'clock, noon, at NEW YORK CITY, it will be morning at all places west of New York, and afternoon at all places east, as shown in the following table:

WEST OF NEW YORK.		WEST OF NEW YORK.	
H	M	H	M
Auburn, N. Y.	11 50 12	St. Paul, Min.	10 43 45
Augusta, Ga.	11 28 28	San Francisco, Cal.	8 46 19
Baltimore, Md.	11 49 38	Savannah, Ga.	11 31 32
Buffalo, N. Y.	11 40 24	Springfield, Ill.	10 57 52
Charleston, S. C.	11 36 22	Tallahassee, Fla.	11 17 40
Chicago, Ill.	11 6 2	Toronto, C. W.	11 38 38
Cincinnati, O.	11 18 16	Trenton, N. J.	11 57 28
Columbus, O.	11 23 52	Utica, N. Y.	11 55 12
Dayton, O.	11 19 20	Washington, D. C.	11 47 53
Detroit, Mich.	11 23 54	Wilmington, Del.	11 54 12
Geneva, N. Y.	11 47 53	Yorktown, Va.	11 49 48
Harrisburg, Pa.	11 48 44		
Honolulu, S. I.	6 24 8	EAST OF NEW YORK.	
Indianapolis, Ind.	11 11 44	Albany, N. Y.	0 1 6
Jefferson, Mo.	10 47 32	Augusta, Me.	0 16 44
Key West, Fla.	11 28 54	Bangor, Me.	0 26 56
Knoxville, Tenn.	11 20 28	Berlin, Prus.	5 49 39
Little Rock, Ark.	10 47 16	Boston, Mass.	0 11 50
Louisville, Ky.	11 14 4	Constantinople.	6 52 0
Milledgeville, Ga.	11 22 45	Dublin, Ireland.	4 30 42
Milwaukee, Wis.	11 4 16	Edinburgh.	4 43 21
Mobile, Ala.	11 0 2	Fredericton, N. B.	0 29 4
Monterey, Cal.	8 48 35	Halifax, N. S.	0 41 38
Nashville, Tenn.	11 8 48	Hamburg, Ger.	5 35 53
Natchez, Miss.	10 50 26	Hartford, Ct.	0 5 21
Newark, N. J.	11 59 24	London, Eng.	4 55 41
Newbern, N. C.	11 47 44	Lowell, Mass.	0 10 48
New Orleans, La.	10 56 4	Middletown, Ct.	0 5 28
Norfolk, Va.	11 50 49	Montreal, C. E.	0 1 44
Petersburg, Va.	11 46 44	New Haven, Ct.	0 4 23
Philadelphia, Pa.	11 55 25	Paris, France.	5 5 26
Pittsburg, Pa.	11 35 56	Portland, Me.	0 15 10
Raleigh, N. C.	11 40 52	Providence, R. I.	0 10 25
Richmond, Va.	11 46 15	Quebec, C. E.	0 11 0
Rochester, N. Y.	11 44 40	Rome, Italy.	5 45 59
Sacramento, Cal.	8 56 4	St. Petersburg.	6 57 18
St. Augustine, Fla.	11 29 44	Stockholm, Sw'n.	6 8 18
St. Louis, Mo.	10 55 4	Vienna, Austria.	6 1 37

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Mary Janes and a Red Taffeta Dress

Alice Wynn Braud-Jones, a “BOI” from Galveston, Texas

“Mary Janes” of patent leather, a red taffeta dress swishing with each exaggerated shuffle-ball-change, and according to my grandmother, “lavished with a white organza collar, daintily decorated with red cherries.” Tapping Mary Jane heels dancing on pavement outside of Eibands and Levy’s, oohs and aahs from wonderstruck children, and the resounding “Ho! Ho! Ho!” of jolly Old St. Nick poised in huge plate-glass windows. These are reminiscences of family Christmases circa 1948-54 when our very French/Acadian father and mother would lead the annual Braud family “Christmas Lights and Windows Tour” in Galveston, Texas. For about thirty years, many of Galveston’s decorative display lights were installed and maintained by my grandfather, Victor Ernest Braud, Sr., a.k.a. “Pop,” who was a master electrician and had electrified much of Galveston, including some of the gambling casinos, the old grain elevator and other large installations. Later we found letters addressed to him from Thomas Edison which proved that “Pop” was a talented and inquisitive professional.



Left to right: Victor Ernest Braud, Sr., Martha Davidson “Charlie” Holloman, Wynnfred “Wynn” Stewart Holloman Braud, Victor Ernest Braud, Jr. and Mary Alice Rachel Braud, photograph of her parents and grandparents courtesy of Alice Braud-Jones.

Our annual sojourn, a.k.a. “The Tour,” would begin late afternoon on Christmas Eve, when we would dress in our seasonal finery; mine being newly designed and expertly made by my grandmother, Mary Alice Rachel Braud, a.k.a. “Mom,” before departing for an early dinner at Gaido’s Restaurant, “Home

of the Gulf's Best Seafood." We routinely ordered some entree of Gulf shrimp, often preceded by gumbo, and which was followed by a walking tour of downtown Galveston. "The Tour" began on 21st Street, proceeded down Postoffice, past McCrory's 5¢-10¢ Store, across 22nd, past Eibands and Levy's to 23rd, then left to pass Star Drug, which we were seriously informed was (and is still) known as the oldest drug store in Texas. We sang along with Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" by Gene Autry, while bubble lights and candles illuminated store windows. Those flickering seasonal bulbs became the guiding stars that lit our pilgrimage and brought us back up Church Street, to St. Mary Cathedral. In later years when we were older, our schedule was augmented to include midnight Mass at either St. Mary, or St. Patrick's "where your parents were wed," we were annually informed. It was a magical time whereby our extended family, including my parents, siblings, paternal grandparents and, occasionally my maternal grandparent who visited from Louisiana would share the holy night of Christmas Eve.

Christmas morning began with vivid imaginations and the natural curiosity of siblings who were never quite sure we had been "good enough" for Santa's visit, and always wary of the dreaded "switches and ashes," or "lumps of coal" in our stocking. Since I had never even seen a lump of coal, it was a very ominous expectation. Attacking the living room and outside porch, where Santa often left his long-anticipated treasures, we would invariably stand in wide-eyed wonder at the array of gifts, which by today's standards would appear miniscule, but to four children from South Texas, it was like discovering King Tut's buried treasure. One especially memorable Christmas, my older brother had very authoritatively instructed the great man himself, to bring him a fire-engine-red bicycle. Was this writer ever awestruck to discover that the man had additionally left a blue two-wheeler for me!

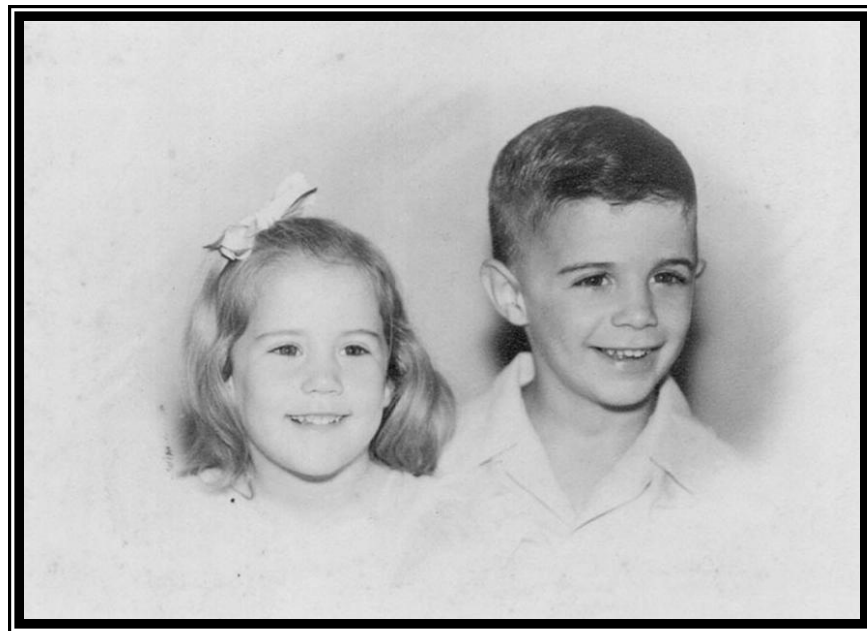
Following a speedy appraisal of Santa's generosity, the whole "dress routine" would resume and we would depart for Mass if we had not been the night before. Later in the day, after a frenzy of family gift sharing, we devoured a traditional Southern Christmas feast of roasted turkey stuffed with cornbread dressing, rice (never potatoes) and (always brown) gravy, tomato aspic, vegetables, condiments, and for dessert, divinity and pralines made by my mother, along with pecan and mincemeat pies. My older sister and I would wait with bated breath for the ripe olives to appear in a crystal dish. When we were older, the two of us would quietly plot which one would keep the adults occupied so the other could secretly abscond with the olive dish prior to dinner, leaving other diners to wonder "what in the world happened to the ripe olives"? She and I would retreat to another room to devour the olives in private, thus beginning a long-standing family mystery and olive-lust that survives today!

Once sated, my siblings and I would repair to visit with our much-beloved and very benevolent grandparents. It was our time to entertain them (and ourselves) with the season's latest inventions. There were several memorable gifts, of which I am now certain my elders were convinced would finally exhaust a somewhat overactive and very theatrical child. Included were a pair of stilts, on which I quickly learned to march all over town in a wide-array of Halloween and dance recital costumes. It was not at all unusual for the next few months, for neighbors to witness Red Riding Hood or Dale Evans on stilts in lovingly handmade historically-accurate finery, matching hood/hat, bloomers and boots included. On another Christmas, there appeared a pogo stick, on which I energetically bounced non-stop at least a mile to a local drugstore to get an ice cream cone! Surely those carbs were easily burned on the return trip!

Such are the memories of a "BOI" from Galveston, Texas.



Wynnfred Stewart Holloman Braud and Victor Ernest Braud, Jr.



Alice Wynn Braud and Victor Ernest Braud, III, ca. 1948

Arcadia Evergreen Cemetery of Santa Fe, Texas

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Introduction

The town of Arcadia, Texas was established in 1890 by Galveston businessman, Henry J. Runge, Jr. in central Galveston County. Runge (1859-1922) laid out the town at the site of a railroad depot on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway called Hall's Station.¹ The Arcadia post office was founded in 1891, and by 1900 Arcadia had a population of 168.² Mr. Runge placed ads in local newspapers to attract new residents. One ad appeared in the *Texas Farm and Ranch* as follows:

"Arcadia is surrounded by rich land, easy to cultivate, easy to buy and exempt from taxation. In tracts to suit honest, industrious people who want a home, happiness and plenty. Write H. J. Runge, Galveston, Tex."³

A community cemetery was established during the 1890s and was called Evergreen Cemetery. The earliest known burial was for Susan Carswell Sims who died on July 18, 1897. Her elegant tombstone is broken into two pieces, but the death date remains legible. The Evergreen Cemetery Association of Arcadia was incorporated on December 10, 1906 with John L. Polinard, Simeon A. Franks and Robert H. Romine as the incorporators.⁴ All three of these men had children buried in the cemetery by 1906. The cemetery land was deeded to the Cemetery Association in January 1907 by the First National Bank of Galveston.⁵ Evergreen Cemetery was in a very isolated location without access to an adequate road. Dickinson Bayou flowed less than one hundred feet from the northeast corner, and frequent flooding led one resident to refer to the area as "that mudhole."⁶ During the late 1890s and early 1900s, Arcadia's elderly citizens, young mothers, infants and young children were buried in the cemetery. Unfortunately, few records exist during those early years to verify these burials. As the years went by, many Arcadia families decided to purchase plots in nearby Alta Loma Cemetery, Galveston Memorial Park Cemetery in Hitchcock and Confederate Cemetery in Alvin, Texas. All of these cemeteries provided easier access to the graves and consistent maintenance.

The last known burial at Evergreen took place in 1958 with the death of Josephine Short. During that same year, new trustees were selected, and a new fifty-year charter was granted.⁷ Although efforts to clean up the grounds were made from time to time, the cemetery nearly disappeared during the 1960s. Vandals hauled many tombstones away, and someone found it amusing to leave them in other cemeteries in the area including Dickinson City Cemetery and Fairview Cemetery in League City. To make matters even worse, the land became a dumping ground for refuse and a pasture for a local resident's horse.⁸

A chain-link fence was erected during 1972 and 1973 in an attempt to stop the vandalism. Arcadia native Robert H. Romine, Jr., 73, told a *Galveston Daily News* reporter in 1981 that he was responsible for the chain link fence installed around the cemetery where his parents and two sisters were buried. He believed that as many as one hundred tombstones were visible before vandals hauled them away. Six years after the fence was in place he returned to the cemetery and found many of the stones being used as a walkway at a nearby house. He could see the inscriptions but did not confront the homeowners. Returning years later, Romine could not find the house or the tombstones.⁹ Ronnie Moore and his wife, also Arcadia residents, reported seeing a local real estate agent's truck with around thirty tombstones in a pile at the back of the truck.¹⁰ With evidence of the cemetery's existence removed, the two-acre plot might have been sold to an unsuspecting buyer. Other residents believe that the stones were thrown into nearby Dickinson Bayou.¹¹

In 1978, the small towns of Arcadia, Alta Loma and Algoa were incorporated within the boundaries of Santa Fe, Texas. Today the cemetery is known as Arcadia Evergreen, located off of Cemetery Road at Oak Lane in Santa Fe, Texas. In older records the cemetery is referred to as "Old Arcadia Cemetery." The fence has padlocked gates and a sign with contact information.

1986 and 1993 Surveys of the Cemetery

Arcadia Evergreen Cemetery was included in the Texas City Ancestry Searchers' 1986 book, *Galveston County Tombstone Inscriptions*, volume 2. Only six tombstones and several bases remained at that time, but a burial list had been compiled by local citizens, Thelma Anderson Webber and Herbert L. Polinard. This list included twenty-six names and dates and is further referenced in this article as the Webber-Polinard list.¹²

During the early 1990s, a group of local citizens decided to clean and maintain the cemetery grounds. The cemetery trustees and the Santa Fe Area Historical Foundation began compiling a burial list and spent several years interviewing residents and searching funeral home records and local newspapers. Current estimates on the total number of burials range from between 100 and 250. Their final list consisted of sixty-two names which were inscribed on a large granite memorial marker with known and approximate birth and death years, listed in burial order and shown below. On June 12, 1993, the memorial marker and a Texas State Historical Marker were unveiled at a ceremony with approximately 120 attendees.¹³



Memorial marker dedicated on June 12, 1993, photo courtesy of Gerri Ward.

2008 and 2012 Cemetery Survey Updates

Charles C. Meek of the Arcadia Evergreen Cemetery Association published the association's 1993 list of burials in his 2002 book, *Arcadia, Texas, 1890-1978*. The following cemetery survey includes information from Mr. Meek's book, Galveston County and State of Texas birth and death records, U.S. census records, family histories and newspaper obituaries. Death certificate information is included when available. Texas death certificates were required starting in 1903, but the early certificates contain limited information and do not provide the name of the cemetery. By 1908, blanks for the "place of burial or removal" and "date of burial" had been added to the Texas death certificate form. On the Arcadia burials, "Arcadia, Texas" or "Arcadia Cemetery" was usually entered for place of burial with the actual burial date. Several new burials have been added in 2012, due to the ability to search for Arcadia burials using *Familysearch.org* database, "Texas Deaths 1890-1976."

The following short biographies begin with the most complete dates of birth and death available, often found on birth and death certificates. A notation indicates whether the name was taken from the memorial marker or from an existing tombstone. Burial dates are included when they were provided on death certificates or obituaries as well as the name of the funeral home handling the burial. With so many graves unmarked, these records are often the only verification of burial in this cemetery. The burials are listed in alphabetical order because plots boundaries are no longer visible. Six names are listed as corrections to the memorial marker because these burials took place at other area cemeteries or on private land. Of the estimated one to two hundred possible burials in this two-acre cemetery, only ten tombstones remain. Photographs of these stones are courtesy of Floyd "Lanny" Martin of Texas City, Texas.

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Arcadia Evergreen Cemetery Burials

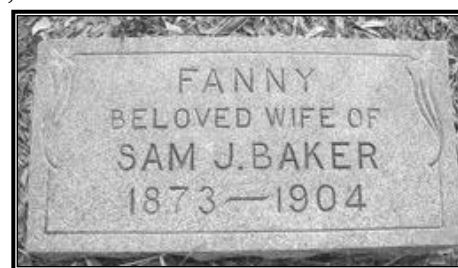
Lefe Hannah Coppler Auck August 16, 1892 - April 3, 1923 (On memorial marker)

Lefe Coppler was born on August 16, 1892 in Ohio to Andrew Coppler and Hannah Anna Berg.¹⁴ She married Albert Auck around 1910 in Ohio, and by 1920 they were Galveston County residents with their four young sons. Albert Auck was 50, "Leefie" was 27, and their sons were Arthur-8, Adam-7, Frank-5 and Albert Auck, Jr.-4.¹⁵ Lefe Auck died at Arcadia at the age of 30 due to hemorrhaging following the birth of her fifth son, Robert Lynn Auck, on April 3, 1923.¹⁶ The infant was adopted by a local Methodist minister.¹⁷ Lefe Auck was buried at Arcadia on April 4, 1923 from the J. A. Froberg Funeral Home in Alvin, Texas. Her short obituary stated, "Mrs. Albert Auck died at her home near Algoa last night. She leaves her husband and five little boys, one a few hours old."¹⁸ Albert Auck (1868-1942) remained in the area and was buried in Confederate Cemetery in Alvin, Texas.¹⁹

Frances "Fanny" A. Heideman Coffey Baker May 1873 - July 8, 1904 (Tombstone & marker)

Her tombstone inscription reads: "Fannie, Beloved wife of Sam J. Baker, 1873-1904."

Frances Heideman was born in Texas in 1873 to William Heideman of Prussia and his wife, Frances. By 1880, she was one of their five children living in the City of Galveston.²⁰ Frances A. Heideman married John Coffey on May 30, 1894;²¹ following Coffey's death, she married Samuel Judson Baker on January 25, 1898.²² In 1900, the Baker family was living in the Arcadia area, and their children included her son, William L. Coffey, and their young daughters, Louisa M.-1 and Frances M. Baker-11 months.²³ The couple had two



more children born in Arcadia, Amy Baker in 1901 and Samuel D. Baker in 1902.²⁴ Frances Heideman Baker died on July 8, 1904 at 3813 Avenue I in Galveston, Texas at the age of 31 due to pulmonary consumption, a condition that had lasted for 1 1/2 years.²⁵ Samuel Judson Baker (1872-1959) and his second wife, Virginia Texas Dyer Baker (1873-1947) were buried at Restlawn Cemetery in Houston, Harris County, Texas.²⁶

Christiana Baty February 13, 1922 - September 20, 1923 (On memorial marker)

Christiana Baty was the nineteen-month-old daughter of John Jefferson Baty and his wife, Susan Holt Cannon.²⁷ She died from polomyelitis, or polio, and was buried at Arcadia on September 20, 1923 from the J. A. Froberg Funeral Home in Alvin, Texas.²⁸ John J. Baty (1879-1944) and Susie Cannon Baty (1881-1952) remained in the Arcadia area and were buried in Confederate Cemetery in Alvin, Texas with their surviving daughters, Mable Lucille Linkey (1914-1980) and Rosalie Brough (1917-1964).²⁹

Della May Benson Born and died between 1900 and 1906 (Not listed on marker)

The identity of this person remains a mystery since the clues provided for her cannot be verified. Her name and dates were not listed on the memorial marker and were added to the burial list by the Cemetery Association. According to the Arcadia Christian Church, she was born in Sac City, Iowa, was buried from the church, and they thought her birth and death dates were 1907-1914.³⁰ Della May Benson was not found on birth or death indexes for Texas or Galveston County. She was not found on the 1910 Sac County, Iowa census or the 1910 Galveston County, Texas census. Only one Benson family was listed on the 1900 census for the Arcadia area, and this couple could have been her parents, although the years do not match. Jasper William Benson married Vora Ann Reddell in Galveston County on July 18, 1899,³¹ and the couple had four children born in Arcadia before they moved from the county: Jennie Vora Benson born in 1900, Jasper William Jr. born in 1901, Benjamin Franklin Benson born in 1903, and Nettie Lee Benson born in 1905.³² Their next two children were John Thomas Benson born in 1906 in Parker County, Texas and Joseph Keene Benson born in 1908 in Sinton, San Patricio County, Texas where the parents remained until their deaths.³³ Della may have been a twin or born in between these first four births. This family has no known connection to Sac City, Iowa.

Phebe Lavinia Hoverman Breed June 14, 1828 - May 6, 1910 (Tombstone & marker)

Phebe L. Hoverman was born in Antwerp, Jefferson County, New York in 1828. Her maiden name, Hoverman, was included in her lengthy obituary in a Jewell County, Kansas newspaper.³⁴ According to this obituary, Phebe

L. Hoverman's unnamed father died in 1844, and she went to Pennsylvania to teach school following his death. By 1850, Phebe L. "Haverman," 22, was living in Wayne Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania.³⁵ She became Henry G. Breed's second wife on October 25, 1854.³⁶ The Breed's moves to Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Texas are described in the following sketch on Rev. Henry Breed. After moving to Arcadia in 1894, they often visited family in Jewell County, Kansas. Their golden wedding anniversary was celebrated in 1904 in Brown's Creek, Jewell County with eighty guests attending, including their son, Leslie Adelbert Breed and daughters, Mrs. N.M. (Hannah) Read and Mrs. C.H. (Addie Bell) Thackston.³⁷

Henry and Phebe Breed were listed on the 1900 and 1910 Galveston County censuses in the Arcadia community. They both died shortly after the 1910 census. H. G. Breed was 82, Phebe was 81, and the couple had been married for 56 years.³⁸ Phebe Breed's death certificate provides her places of residence and death as Arcadia and states that she was nearly 82.³⁹ A short burial notice in the Galveston newspaper stated that interment would take place at Arcadia.⁴⁰ Their shared tombstone is shown below.

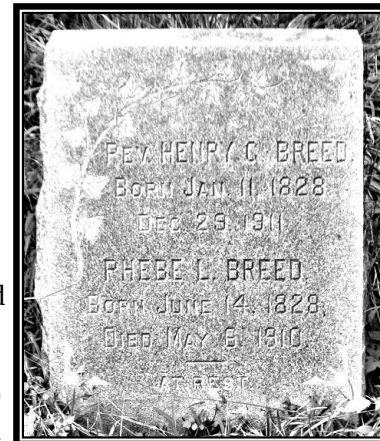
Rev. Henry Green Breed January 11, 1828 - December 29, 1911 (Tombstone & marker)

Marker: Henry J. Breed 1828-1911. Tombstone: Pev. [sic, Rev.] Henry G. Breed.

[Death certificate has Green for his middle name.]

Henry Green Breed was born in 1828 in Hawley, Massachusetts to John Breed and Catherine Fish.⁴¹ He married Hannah Gray on December 25, 1850, and the couple had a daughter, Hannah G. Breed in 1853. Mrs. Breed died on June 10, 1853 when her daughter was only ten days old.⁴² Breed married Phebe L. Hoverman on October 25, 1854, probably in Erie County, Pennsylvania where they both lived.⁴³ During the late 1850s and 1860s, the Breeds moved to Iowa and Missouri where Rev. Breed served several churches.⁴⁴ They moved to Jewell County, Kansas in 1873 where he was pastor in nine different communities over the years. The family's final move was to Arcadia, Texas in 1894. According to his obituary, Rev. Breed was "seeking a more congenial climate for his declining years."⁴⁵ He served for a total of fifty-five years as a minister in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

Rev. Breed was the founder of Arcadia Methodist Church. Arcadia's Christian Church and Methodist Church congregations shared the same building for seventeen years.⁴⁶ The church was destroyed in the storm of 1900, rebuilt, and again destroyed by a tornado in 1911. It was rebuilt a third time, but the first service held in the new building on New Year's Day of 1912 was Rev. Breed's funeral.⁴⁷ He died in Arcadia at the age of 83 years, 11 months and was buried at Arcadia on January 1, 1912. The cause of death was listed as senility.⁴⁸ His funeral was described in the January 3, 1912 issue of the *Galveston Daily News*, under Arcadia news: "Two funerals at the same hour is an unusual sight here, but that is what occurred New Year's Day. Mr. Newton Franks, an old and respected resident, was buried from his late residence, and Rev. H.G. Breed from the new Methodist Church. The processions joined on the way to the cemetery. At Rev. Breed's funeral there were five ministers above the age of 60 and two that were above 70. Owing to the bad roads people could not get out in large numbers, so it was decided to hold a memorial service later on."⁴⁹



Morane Cheek September 14, 1910 - January 4, 1911 (On memorial marker)

An article in the January 7, 1911 *Galveston Daily News* reported that "J. N. Cheek and wife suffered the loss of their little child."⁵⁰ Morane Cheek was their three-month-old daughter. On the following day, another article appeared: "Judge J. S. Kitchel was called to Arcadia on the 4th to hold an inquest on the body of the child of J. M. Cheek, who died suddenly."⁵¹ The inquest determined that the cause of death was choking while drinking from a bottle.⁵² The 1910 census had no Cheek family listed for Galveston County, and they have not been further identified.

Juanita Coker April 17, 1904 - April 23, 1904 (On memorial marker)

According to her birth certificate, she was the unnamed daughter of Lee B. Coker and Lizzie Coker, residents of Arcadia where she was born.⁵³ Her death certificate lists her name as Juanita Coker. She died in Arcadia at the

age of 6 days from mitral insufficiency caused by malformation.⁵⁴ The Coker family was found on the 1900 Galveston County census for the Arcadia area as follows: Lee B. Coker was 33, born in Mississippi; his wife Lizzie was 30, and the couple had been married for eleven years with five children living out of six births.⁵⁵ The Cokers moved to Williamson County, Texas by 1910; Lee B. Coker (1866-1928) and Mary Elizabeth Dunn Coker (1870-1954) were buried in the Georgetown IOOF Cemetery in Williamson County.⁵⁶

Robert Lewis Colston November 28, 1922 - June 13, 1923 (On memorial marker)

Robert Lewis Colston was born on November 28, 1922 in Texas City, Texas and was the son of Antone Lee Colston and Jewell Gladia Romine. He died at the age of six months at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston from autointoxication from diarrhea, and the burial took place at Arcadia on June 13, 1923 with the H. B. Emkin Funeral Home supervising.⁵⁷ Antone Lee Colston (1896-1948) and Jewell Romine Colston (1895-1974) were buried in Decker's Prairie Cemetery in Montgomery County, Texas.⁵⁸

Dossie Davis July 2, 1894 – between 1900 and 1910 (On memorial marker)

Dossie Davis was the daughter of Columbus Wilson Davis and Waitzel Lenorah Parker, born in 1894 in Glen Rose, Somervell County, Texas.⁵⁹ She was listed as their daughter on the 1900 Mills County, Texas census as "Doss" Davis, age 6.⁶⁰ Her name is not included with the family on the 1910 census, and she was not listed on the Texas death index. Columbus Davis (1844-1921) and Waitzel Davis (1847-1923) were buried in nearby Confederate Cemetery, Alvin, Texas. Their older son, Al Wilson Davis, was believed to be another Arcadia burial, but he was actually buried in Confederate Cemetery with his parents and wife. His information is found at the end of this article with other corrections to the memorial marker.

Alice Elizabeth Bryant Day April 29, 1868 - April 27, 1931 (On memorial marker)

Mrs. Day was the widow of Henry Newton Franks and the wife of Walter T. Day, both buried in the cemetery. She was born in 1868 in Texas to John Thomas Bryant and Elizabeth Blount.⁶¹ Their family was in Madison County, Texas in 1870; John Bryant was 39, born in Illinois, Elizabeth was 25, Alice was 2, and her sister Amanda was one-month-old.⁶² Alice married Henry N. Franks on February 17, 1886 in Grimes County, Texas⁶³ and the couple was living in the Arcadia area in 1900 and in 1910 with their adopted daughter, Effie Franks.⁶⁴ Franks died in 1911 and on November 11, 1912, Alice married Walter T. Day in Brazoria County, Texas.⁶⁵ Alice Day's cause of death was bronchial pneumonia and cirrhosis of the liver. She was buried at Arcadia on April 28, 1931 using Heights Undertaking Company.⁶⁶ According to her obituary, she died at the home of her niece, Mrs. C. F. Smith in Galveston. Survivors included her husband, W. T. Day, and one sister, Mrs. A. F. Snow. The body was to be taken overland to Arcadia with a funeral scheduled "at the cemetery there."⁶⁷

Charley Emmitt Day January 24, 1859 - March 20, 1932 (On memorial marker)

Charley Emmitt Day was the son of James Henry Day and Mary Ann Martin, born in Nacogdoches, Texas in 1859.⁶⁸ He was the brother of Walter T. Day, listed below, and Emma Day Franks, widow of Simeon Franks who was also buried in the cemetery.⁶⁹ The three siblings were listed in the James Day household in Grimes County, Texas in 1870.⁷⁰ Charley Emmitt Day, 73, was single and a leatherworker at the time of his death, caused by acute cardiac failure and arteriosclerosis. The burial took place in Arcadia on March 24, 1932 with J. A. Froberg in charge.⁷¹ Charles Day died at the home of his brother, Walter Day, and survivors were his brother, his sister, Mrs. P. [Emma] Brown, and a number of nieces and nephews.⁷²

Walter T. Day March 28, 1866 - February 21, 1933 (On memorial marker)

Walter T. Day was born in Grimes County, Texas to James Henry Day and Mary Ann Martin and was a brother of Charley Emmitt Day, listed above.⁷³ He was the widower of Alice Bryant Day, also listed above. In 1870 and 1880, Walter Day was living with his parents in Grimes County, Texas. By 1900, Walter, aged 32 and a day laborer, had moved to Brazoria County, Texas. He was single and lived in the household of his brother, George T. Day.⁷⁴ By 1910, he was a widower with a young daughter and was living in the Arcadia area. On the census for that year, Walter T. Day, 43, was living with a niece, Alice Franks Dyer and her husband, William and his daughter, Rosa Lee [sic, Osa Lee] Day, aged 2.⁷⁵ In 1930, Walter Day, 64, and his second wife Alice, 62, were living in Arcadia.⁷⁶ Alice Day died one year following this census, and Walter Day died three years later on February 21, 1933 at the age of 66 from a cerebral hemorrhage. His funeral was handled by J. A. Froberg in

Alvin, Texas.⁷⁷ Mr. Day was survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ozlee [Osalee or Osa Lee] McPhee of Arcadia and a sister, Mrs. Emma Franks of Arcadia. He had been a resident of Arcadia for approximately twenty-five years and was buried at Arcadia Cemetery on February 23, 1933.⁷⁸

Frank Vernon Duncan September 22, 1903 - July 11, 1904 (On memorial marker)

Frank Vernon Duncan died in Algoa, Texas, a small town near Arcadia, on July 11, 1904 at the age of 9 months and 19 days after suffering from convulsions and gastroenteritis for two days.⁷⁹ The names of his parents are not listed on the short death certificate; however, there is a high probability that Frank was the son of Nathan and Nannie E. Martin Duncan, living in nearby community Algoa in 1900 and 1910. Comparing those two census records, the couple lost two children between 1900 and 1910.⁸⁰ The Duncans were no longer in the area by 1920, moving to Austin in Travis County, Texas. Nathan M. Duncan (1873-1942) and Nannie Martin Duncan (1876-1947) were buried in Oakhill Cemetery in Austin.⁸¹

Severo Espinoza February 21, 1928 - February 22, 1928 (On memorial marker)

He was the one-day-old son of Arcadia residents Augustine Espinoza and Felicitas Sanchez Martinez from Mexico.⁸² The infant died in Arcadia, and the burial took place at Arcadia on February 23, 1928.⁸³ His cause of death is included on the death certificate but is illegible. The Espinoza family was not listed on the 1930 census.

Britton Monroe Franks January 1857 - January 9, 1904 (On memorial marker)

Britton Monroe Franks was the son of Benjamin Franks and Lavicy Raudon, who married on April 13, 1841 in Itawamba County, Mississippi.⁸⁴ He is one of three Franks brothers buried in Arcadia Evergreen Cemetery. Britton Monroe, Henry Newton, and Simeon Asbury Franks appeared together on the 1860 Pontotoc County, Mississippi census with their father, Benjamin, aged 50, and mother Lavicy, aged 47. Elder brother Jephtha was 18, Newton was 17, Simeon was 12, and "Monroe" was 9.⁸⁵ B. M. Franks and Harriet P. Darby married on January 3, 1876 in Grimes County, Texas.⁸⁶ Franks is shown in family histories as both Benjamin (Jr.) and Britton and is on census records as Benjamin or Monroe. His son Arthur's death certificate gives his name as Benjamin while local family historians list his name as Britton Monroe Franks. By 1880, the Benjamin Franks family was living in Grimes County, Texas, and by 1900, "Munroe" Franks was living in the Arcadia area. He was 43, born in January 1857 and married for 22 years. Wife Hattie was 47 and son Arthur was 13.⁸⁷ Arthur was listed on the memorial marker as one of the Arcadia burials, but he was actually buried in Alvin, Texas. No death certificate has been found for Britton Franks, and his death date was taken from the Webber-Polinard list.⁸⁸ No obituary has been located, and his tombstone is missing.

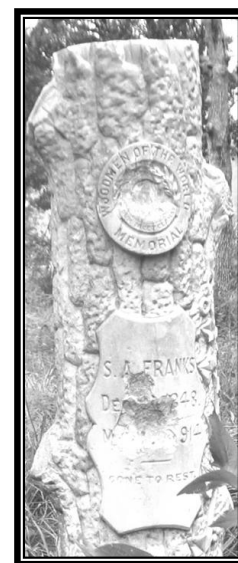
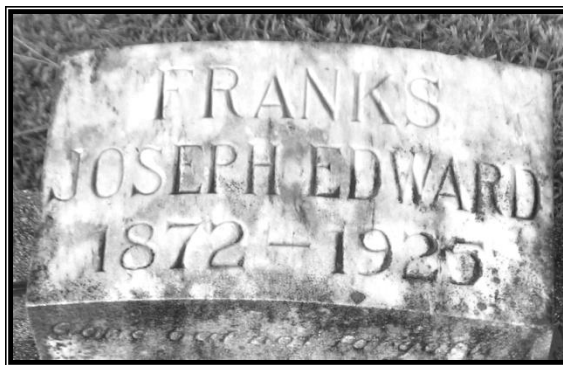
Harriet "Hattie" Poe Darby Franks January 13, 1855 - June 12, 1926 (On memorial marker)

Harriet Poe Darby was born on January 13, 1855 in Grimes County, Texas⁸⁹ to Arthur McCracken Darby (1812-1885) and Harriet Poe Byrne (1823-1857).⁹⁰ In 1860, the Darby family was living in the Anderson area of Grimes County. A.M. Darby and his second wife Jane were the parents of Thomas J., David, Ann and Harriet, age 6, as well as sons Arthur M. and William from this second marriage.⁹¹ Harriet married Britton Monroe Franks on January 3, 1876 in Grimes County, Texas⁹² and was the mother of one son, Arthur Benjamin Franks (1889-1962).⁹³ The family was living in Arcadia by 1900 with son Arthur.⁹⁴ Mrs. Franks died in 1926 at St. Mary's Infirmary in Galveston of apoplexy at the age of 71 years. Her burial was in Arcadia on June 13, 1926 with F. P. Malloy & Son handling the funeral.⁹⁵ The only survivor listed on her obituary was A. B. Franks of Texas City, Texas.⁹⁶

Henry Newton Franks May 4, 1843 - December 31, 1911 (Tombstone & marker)

His tombstone reads: "H. N. Franks, Born May 4, 1843, Died Dec. 31, 1911." This stone was taken from Arcadia and left in Fairview Cemetery in League City, Texas. The author discovered its original home and made arrangements for it to be returned to Arcadia Evergreen. Henry "Newton" Franks was born in Mississippi, the son of Benjamin and Lavicy Raudon Franks and brother of Simeon and Britton Monroe Franks. The brothers were listed in the Franks household in 1860 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. Newton married Alice Elizabeth Bryant on February 17, 1886 in Grimes County, Texas,⁹⁷ and the couple was living in the Arcadia area in 1900 and 1910 with their adopted daughter, Effie Franks.⁹⁸ Henry Newton Franks was buried on January 1, 1912, during the same hour as Rev. Henry Breed. According to the *Galveston Daily News*, the two funeral processions

joined on the road to the cemetery.⁹⁹ No death certificate has been found. Local residents remembered that teenagers in the 1940s snickered at three tombstones in a row. They later decided the names were Newton Franks, his widow Alice Elizabeth Franks and her second husband, Walter Day.¹⁰⁰



Franks tombstones: left to right, H. N. (Henry Newton) Franks, Joseph Edward Franks (now at Alta Loma Cemetery), and S. A. (Simeon Asbury) Franks. All photos courtesy of Floyd "Lanny" Martin.

Infant Son Franks

August 7, 1930 - August 9, 1930

(On memorial marker)

He was the son of James Fletcher Franks and Teena Smith and grandson of Simeon and Emma Franks. The infant was born in John Sealy Hospital in Galveston on August 7, 1930 and lived for two days. The cause of his death was "intercranial hemorrhage," described as a birth accident. He was buried in Arcadia on August 10, 1930 out of the J. A. Froberg Funeral Home in Alvin.¹⁰¹ The infant was the twin of Joseph Melvin Franks (1930-1987).¹⁰² On the 1930 census, James F. Franks and family were living on N. Frost Street in Arcadia. James was 42 and a trader; Teena was 34 and a public school teacher.¹⁰³ James F. Franks (1886-1944) and Teena Smith Franks (1896-1990) were buried in Galveston County Memorial Cemetery in Hitchcock, Texas.

Joseph Edward Franks

November 9, 1874 - July 4, 1925

(Not on memorial marker)

Joseph Edward Franks was the son of Simeon and Emma Day Franks, born in Grimes County, Texas and shown in their household in 1880 at the age of six.¹⁰⁴ In 1910, Joseph E. Franks, 36, was living in League City, Texas with his wife Gay, 37, and children Isaac, Stella and Nettie.¹⁰⁵ By 1920, the family had moved to nearby Arcadia.¹⁰⁶ Joseph E. Franks' obituary in the *League City News* reads as follows: "Joe E. Franks, of Arcadia, 52 years old, was fatally shot at a rodeo at Goose Creek, dying at 12:15 o'clock that night at Baytown, where he was taken. Two men, J. B. Ewing and Edward Joy of Goose Creek, are charged with negligent homicide in connection with the shooting. Deceased had been a resident of Galveston County for many years and his untimely death is mourned by many. Interment was held at Arcadia Monday afternoon at 2:15. Deceased is survived by his wife and two daughters, two sons, four sisters, four brothers, his mother and a number of grandchildren."¹⁰⁷ His death certificate concurs with this burial information and provides his date of birth as November 9, 1874 and his parents as Simeon and Emma Day Franks. The burial took place in Arcadia on July 4, 1925 out of the Paul U. Lee Funeral Home in Goose Creek, Texas.¹⁰⁸ Joseph Franks and Gay Belle Evans had the following children: Nettie Pearl Franks Baty, Charles Evans Franks, Phillip Isaac Franks, and Stella Oswald Franks Wells.¹⁰⁹ Mr. Franks' tombstone is currently located in the Alta Loma Cemetery. It reads: "Franks, Joseph Edward, 1872-1925, Gone but not forgotten." Gay Belle Franks (1872-1950) was buried in Alta Loma in the same plot in an unmarked grave. According to her death certificate, Gay Belle Franks died in St. Mary's Infirmary in Galveston and was buried in Alta Loma Cemetery.¹¹⁰ From the evidence, Joe Franks was originally buried in Arcadia Evergreen and was moved to Alta Loma following his wife's death. Alta Loma Cemetery records do not include Mr. Franks' actual burial date.

W. Oneal Franks

November 24, 1896 - October 8, 1897

(On memorial marker)

The Webber-Polinard list referred to him "Oneal Franks, son of S. A. and E. Franks." His birth and death dates were found on FamilySearch.org.¹¹¹ He was the ten-month-old son of Simeon A. and Emma Day Franks, their

tenth and last child and the only child who did not live to adulthood. One 1897 photo of the Franks family shows Emma Franks holding baby Oneal on her lap.¹¹² He was not included on county or state death indexes.

Simeon Asbury Franks December 8, 1848 - May 28, 1914 (Tombstone & marker)

Simeon A. Franks was one of the incorporators of Arcadia Evergreen Cemetery. His tombstone is a Woodsmen of the World tree trunk monument. It was been defaced and reads: "S. A. Franks, De___ 848, M___ 914, Gone to Rest." Simeon Asbury Franks was the third Franks brother to be buried at Arcadia Evergreen. He was the son of Benjamin F. and Lavicy Raudon Franks, in their household in Pontotoc County, Mississippi in 1860 with his brothers, Britton and Henry Newton Franks.¹¹³

Simeon Franks married Emma Jane Day on January 22, 1873 in Grimes County, Texas,¹¹⁴ the sister of Charles and Walter Day who were buried in the cemetery. By 1880, Simeon and Emma Franks were living in Grimes County, Texas with their four children.¹¹⁵ By 1900, the family was living in Arcadia, and five more children had been added to the household. The couple had been married for 28 years with nine children living out of ten born.¹¹⁶ Their tenth child, Oneal Franks, was born in 1896 and died in 1897 and is mentioned above. Simeon Franks' obituary reads as follows: "Mr. S. A. Franks, was born Dec. 8, 1848, and died May 28, 1914, at his home near Arcadia, where he resided for many years past. He was well known and held in high esteem by all the mainland people. He is survived by his wife and nine children. The children are: Mrs. Geo. F. [Lucy Harriet] Mailloux, Cleveland and Joe Franks of La Marque; Mrs. Roy [Emma Stella] Hatfield, Chas. and Bennie Franks of League City, Mrs. W. F. [Sarah Alice] Dyer, Mrs. J. C. [Lavicy Irene] Meek and James Franks of Arcadia. The interment took place Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the Arcadia burial grounds."¹¹⁷ No death certificate has been found for Mr. Franks.

Bertha L. Gilbert August 25, 1907 - August 29, 1907 (Tombstone & marker)

Her tombstone reads: "Bertha L. Gilbert, Born Aug. 25, 1907, Died Aug. 29, 1907, Asleep [sic] in Jesus."

Bertha Gilbert was the infant daughter of Joseph Edwin Gilbert and Lydia Ann Mendenhall.¹¹⁸ Their large family was living in Arcadia when the 1900 census was taken: Joseph E. Gilbert was 41, born in Pennsylvania; Lydia was 33, born in Pennsylvania; their five children were Anna, Elsie, Myrle, Joseph and Theodore.¹¹⁹ Four daughters were born after this census: Florence, Alice, Bertha and Helen.¹²⁰ All of the Gilbert children survived to adulthood except for young Bertha. Joseph E. (1858-1946) and Lydia Gilbert (1866-1941) remained in the area and were buried in Galveston Memorial Park Cemetery in Hitchcock, Texas. No death certificate has been found for Bertha Gilbert.



John H. Grider February 1866 - March 2, 1909 (On memorial marker)

According to census records, John H. Grider was born in Tennessee in 1866. By 1884, he was living in McLennan County, Texas where he married Lucie Starr on November 25, 1884.¹²¹ In 1900, J. H. Grider was living in Waco, Texas with Lucy and their children Lucille-14, Inez-11 and Elmore-8. Mr. Grider was a grocer, born in Tennessee.¹²² John H. Grider died at his home in Arcadia at age 44, committing suicide by taking carbolic acid.¹²³ The *Galveston Daily News* included the following article on March 4, 1909: "Griber's [sic] Death Due to Despondency. The death of John H. Griber, well known here, was announced today by a telegram. He is supposed to have met his death at this country home in Arcadia. Mr. Griber was in Houston yesterday and for many days before in search of employment. He was a bookkeeper and left much discouraged for his home yesterday afternoon."¹²⁴ Lucie Starr Grider (1867-1957) remained in Waco and died there as did their daughter, Lucille Grider Williamson (1886-1960).¹²⁵ Daughter Inez Grider Brulay (1889-1966) died in Cameron County, Texas,¹²⁶ and son Elmore Starr Grider (1891-1958) died in Bexar County, Texas.¹²⁷

Andrew Jackson Hawkins February 2, 1829 - July 22, 1909 (On memorial marker)

Andrew Jackson Hawkins was born in 1829 in Greenup County, Kentucky to William R. Hawkins and Judah Hawes.¹²⁸ He married Permelia Florence Nickell on September 18, 1859 in Greenup County.¹²⁹ By 1870, the Hawkins family was living in Hillsboro, Fleming County, Kentucky. A. J. Hawkins was 41, Permelia was 27

and their children included three sons: Daniel B., James William and John Robert.¹³⁰ By 1880, they were living in Morehead, Rowan County, Kentucky, and the children were William, John R., Ana P., Eva C., Elizabeth F. and Louisa C.¹³¹ Andrew Hawkins moved his family to Somervell County, Texas during the next few years where his wife Permelia (1844-1899) died and was buried in George's Creek Cemetery.¹³² By 1900, Hawkins, 71 was living in the household of his daughter, Eva Hawkins Shults in Johnson County, Texas.¹³³ He may have moved to Arcadia to be close to another daughter, Elizabeth Romine. No death certificate or obituary has been found; dates were provided by family researcher, Bob Snow.¹³⁴ Daughter Elizabeth Romine, son-in-law James Shults and several grandchildren were also buried in the cemetery.

Mary Jane Hendrick August 16, 1920 - May 23, 1921 (On memorial marker)

Mary Jane Hendrick was the daughter of Henry Nelson Hendrick and Kitty Lula Powers born on August 16, 1920 in Arcadia, Texas.¹³⁵ Henry and Kitty Hendrick were the parents of nine children, and two of their young daughters, Mary Jane and Venelu June, were buried at Arcadia Evergreen. According to her death certificate, Mary "Jane" Hendrick died at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston the following year of "acute ileocolitis." F. P. Malloy & Son Funeral Home conducted the burial at Arcadia on May 23, 1921.¹³⁶

Venelu June Hendrick June 27, 1929 - June 8, 1936 (On memorial marker)

Venelu June Hendrick was the seven-year-old daughter of Henry Nelson Hendrick and Kitty Lula Powers, and sister of Mary Jane Hendrick listed above. She was living in their large family on the 1930 Texas census. Henry N. Hendrick was 37, a farm laborer born in Michigan. Kittie was 38, and the children were Margaret-14, Harold-13, John-11, Hazel-6, Cheselene-2 and Venalu-10 months.¹³⁷ Venelu Hendrick died at St. Mary's Infirmary in Galveston of pneumonia following the measles. Joseph Levy of Galveston handled the funeral which took place at Arcadia on June 8, 1936.¹³⁸ All dates were taken from her death certificate; no birth certificate has been found.

Beata Culp Hoffman December 1820 - c. 1903 (On memorial marker)

Beata Culp Hoffman was born in Austria and at 58 was living in Galveston, Texas with her daughter and son-in-law, Anna and Herman Lassen, in 1880.¹³⁹ Mrs. Hoffman remained in the Lassen household in 1900 at the age of 79. According to that census, she came to the United States in 1874 and had been living in the country for 26 years. She was the mother of three with one living.¹⁴⁰ Her name does not appear in state or county death indexes, and her maiden name was taken from her daughter Anna Lassen's death certificate. No death certificate or obituary has been found.

Anna B. Hutchison August 27, 1877 - June 12, 1899 (Tombstone & marker)

Her tombstone reads: "Anna B., Dau. of J. & L. Hutchison, August 27, 1877 - June 12, 1899. Gone but not forgotten."

Anna Hutchison was the twenty-two-year-old daughter of John and Lorena Hutchison, listed in their household in 1880 in Hood County, Texas with their other children, Albert, Lucy and Flora. John was a stone mason born in Ireland, Lorena, Albert and Lucy were born in Indiana, and "Anni" and Flora were born in Texas.¹⁴¹ In 1900, the family was living in Arcadia. John Hutchison was 68, a naturalized citizen born in Ireland who came to the United States in 1857 and had been living in the country for 43 years. His wife of 30 years was Lorena, the mother of eight with three children living.¹⁴² Anna B. Hutchison is not listed on state or county death indexes, and no obituary has been found for her. John Hutchison moved back to Hood County, Texas and died on January 13, 1913, buried in Granbury Cemetery in Granbury, Texas.¹⁴³



Anna Hoffman Lassen February 2, 1852 - October 12, 1918 (On memorial marker)

Anna Hoffman was born in 1852 in Austria to Artemas [difficult to read] Hoffman and Beata Culp.¹⁴⁴ Her mother was also buried in the cemetery. Anna Hoffman came to the United States in 1870,¹⁴⁵ and she and Herman E. Lassen married in Galveston County on January 28, 1875.¹⁴⁶ The Lassens were living in Galveston

in 1880 and in Arcadia by 1900; census records for those years are discussed fully in the following paragraph on Herman Lassen. Anna Lassen's five children with Herman E. Lassen were: Herman Peter Christian Lassen (1879 - 1937), Emma Frances Clara Lassen (1882 - 1974), Elizabeth Josephine Emma Lassen Minson (1884 - 1958), Adolph Gustavus M. Lassen (1887- after 1942) and Rudolf August Nicholas Lassen (1890-1971).¹⁴⁷ Their mother died at 66 from gastric carcinoma and was buried at Arcadia through J. A. Froberg Funeral Home.¹⁴⁸ Dates were taken from her death certificate. No obituary has been found.

Herman E. Lassen April 30, 1847 - August 4, 1922 (On memorial marker)

Herman Lassen was a dairyman and the widower of Anna Hoffman Lassen. He was born in Denmark to Henry Peter Lassen and Charlotte Jensen.¹⁴⁹ The Lassens were living in Galveston, Texas on 33rd Street by 1880. Herman Lassen was 33 and a huckster (peddler), Anna was 25, and their son Herman was 1. Also living with them was Beata Hoffman, 58, Anna's mother.¹⁵⁰ By 1900, the family had expanded and was living in Arcadia. Herman was 53, married for 25 years, born in Denmark. His year of immigration to the United States was 1868, and he had lived in his new country for 32 years. Anna was 48, the mother of five children with five living. She was born in Austria and had arrived in the U.S. in 1870. Beata Hoffman, 79, was still living in their household.¹⁵¹ Herman Lassen died in Arcadia at the age of 75 of enteritis and arteriosclerosis. J.A. Froberg of Alvin was in charge of the burial on August 5, 1922 at Arcadia, Texas. Lassen's birth and death dates were taken from his death certificate.¹⁵² His short funeral announcement appeared in the *Galveston Daily News* as follows: "Funeral services for Herman E. Lassen who died Friday afternoon, were held here [Arcadia] this morning [August 5th] at 10 o'clock."¹⁵³

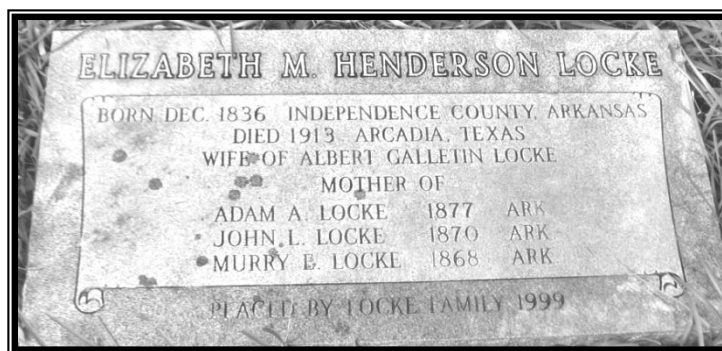
Wesley Alexander Lewis November 23, 1914 - November 18, 1915 (On memorial marker)

Wesley Alexander Lewis was the infant son of Pinkney Alexander Lewis and Ira Ethyl Davis, born on November 23, 1914 in Texas City, Texas¹⁵⁴ and died on November 18, 1915 in Texas City. He was buried at Arcadia on November 20, 1915.¹⁵⁵ Ira Ethyl Lewis gave birth to two other children while they lived in Texas: Lennie Jane in 1912 and Marjorie Lucille in 1916.¹⁵⁶ The family moved to Grant County, New Mexico by 1920 and to Hockley County, Texas by 1930. Pinkney Alex Lewis (1887-1969) and Ira Ethyl Lewis (1896-1964) and their children Barney Lewis, Lennie Lewis Durrett and Marjorie Lewis Foster were buried in City of Levelland Cemetery in Levelland, Hockley County, Texas.¹⁵⁷

Elizabeth M. Henderson Duff Locke December 1836 - 1913 (Tombstone and marker)

Tombstone inscription: "Elizabeth M. Henderson Locke, Born Dec. 1836, Independence County, Arkansas, Died 1913, Arcadia, Texas. Wife of Albert Galletin Locke. Mother of Adam A. Locke, 1877, Ark; John L. Locke, 1870, Ark.; Murry E. Locke, 1868, Ark. Placed by Locke Family 1999."

Some family researchers believe her middle name was Murr, and others list it as Murry, the unusual name of her daughter on the marker on the right. Elizabeth was the daughter of Adams Henderson and Rebecca Leggett who married on August 18, 1831 in Independence County, Arkansas.¹⁵⁸ In 1850, Elizabeth was listed in their large household at age 13, living in Black River, Arkansas.¹⁵⁹ Elizabeth M. Henderson married George W. Duff on September 17, 1856 in Independence County, Arkansas,¹⁶⁰ and the couple had two sons, James and Absolom.¹⁶¹



Ten years later, on July 26, 1866 Elizabeth Duff became the second wife of Albert G. Locke.¹⁶² The Locke family was living in White River, Arkansas in 1880 with their children Linnaus A. Locke from his first marriage, Mary E., John L. and Adam A. Locke.¹⁶³ Researchers believe that Albert Locke died in Arkansas. Their son Adam Alexander Locke (1877-1935) was living in the Arcadia area by 1910, and his mother must have joined him since she died there in 1913. Adam remained in the area, married three times and had fourteen children.¹⁶⁴ He was buried in Confederate Cemetery in Alvin, Texas. Elizabeth Locke was not listed on Texas death index, and no obituary has been found for her.

Orval McCarty**March 15, 1904 - May 9, 1905****(On memorial marker)**

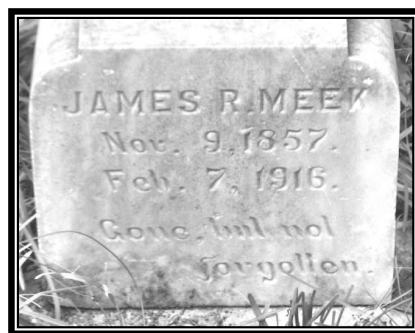
His birth certificate states that a not-yet-named infant son was born in Arcadia on March 15, 1904 to Hugh and Della McCarthy [sic] who were residents of Arcadia.¹⁶⁵ The Galveston County Death Index refers to him "Ovel" McCarty who died on May 9, 1905.¹⁶⁶ According to his death certificate, Orval died at Arcadia at the age of one year, one month and 24 days from whooping cough.¹⁶⁷ J. Hugh McCarty (1877-1971) and Mary Odella McCarty (1881-1977) were buried in Gunter Cemetery, Grayson County, Texas.¹⁶⁸

Benjamin C. Meek**April 20, 1905 - April 28, 1905****(On memorial marker)**

He was the eight-day-old son of John Curtis Meek and Levicy Irene Franks and grandson of James Robert Meek, discussed below. His Galveston County birth certificate shows a not-named-yet infant "Meeks" born on April 20, 1905 in Arcadia, the son of John C. and Irene Meeks whose residence was Alta Loma, Texas.¹⁶⁹ Following the vandalism of the 1960s, a tombstone with the inscription "Baby Meek, April 20, 1905 - April 28, 1905" was listed in a Dickinson City Cemetery survey which was completed June 23, 1977.¹⁷⁰ The tombstone was not listed on a 2006 survey and cannot be found in that cemetery in 2012. The infant's death certificate simply states that Benjamin C. Meeks [sic] was born, lived and died in Arcadia, Texas with death on April 28, 1905 due to his premature birth.¹⁷¹ John Curtis Meek (1882-1949) and Irene Franks Meek (1882-1958) remained in Arcadia and were buried in Confederate Cemetery, Alvin, Texas.¹⁷²

James Robert Meek November 9, 1857 - February 7, 1916**(Tombstone and memorial marker)**

Due to a vandal who moved his tombstone, James Meek's tombstone was listed on the Dickinson City Cemetery survey in 1977, as was his infant grandson discussed above.¹⁷³ The tombstone reads "James R. Meek, Nov. 9, 1857, Feb. 7, 1916. Gone but not forgotten." Charles C. Meek returned the marker to the cemetery. James Robert Meek was born in Deasonville, Mississippi, the son of James C. Meek and Harriett Bull.¹⁷⁴ He was a carpenter and farmer, married three times and had nine children.¹⁷⁵ He was famous as a water dowser, using a peach tree fork to locate water for local farmers.¹⁷⁶ James Meek died in Arcadia at the age of 59 on February 7, 1916 due to a cerebral embolism. He was buried at Arcadia the next day with J. A. Froberg in charge.¹⁷⁷ Meek's daughter, Cora Meek Pourchot, was also buried in the cemetery. Mr. Meek's obituary stated that he died at the home of his brother, J. H. Meek after a "lingering illness."¹⁷⁸ His photo is courtesy of Gerri Ward, used with permission.¹⁷⁹

**Doris Elizabeth Minson****June 13, 1919 - October 24, 1921****(On memorial marker)**

Doris Elizabeth Minson was the two-year-old daughter of Claude Webster Minson and Elizabeth Josephine Emma Lassen and the granddaughter of Herman and Anna Lassen.¹⁸⁰ She appeared on the 1920 Galveston County census in the household of her parents, Claude W. Minson, 40 and Elizabeth J. Minson, 35. The Minson children were Donald-14, Evelyn-11, and twin daughters, Dorothy and Doris, aged 6 months.¹⁸¹ Doris Minson died in Arcadia due to cardiac insufficiency and infantile dyspepsia. Her burial took place at Arcadia on October 25, 1921 with J. A. Froberg in charge.¹⁸² Claude W. (1879-1974) and Elizabeth Lassen Minson (1884-1958) were buried in South Park Cemetery in Pearland, Texas.¹⁸³

Gus Oleson**January 15, 1860 - March 7, 1935****(On memorial marker)**

Gus Oleson was born in Norway in 1860, arrived in the United States in 1888 and became a naturalized citizen.¹⁸⁴ He married Marie Victoria Luczak and was living in Galveston, Texas in 1904 when his daughter, Lillian Olivia Oleson was born.¹⁸⁵ In 1930, Gus Oleson was 72 and a boarder at 1926 Avenue C in Galveston. He was a carpenter in the merchant marine.¹⁸⁶ Mr. Oleson was a widower at the time of his death and was living at the Seaman's Center on Bethel Street in Galveston. The cause of his death was carcinoma.¹⁸⁷ His obituary states: "Gus Oleson, 75, carpenter and resident of Galveston for 40 years, died at St. Mary's Infirmary yesterday afternoon. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Harvey of Arcadia, and son M. A. Oleson of Homer, La., and

others. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of his daughter in Arcadia. Burial will be in Arcadia Cemetery under the direction of J. Levy & Bro."¹⁸⁸

Clifford Polinard**June 18, 1906 – June 18, 1906****(On memorial marker)**

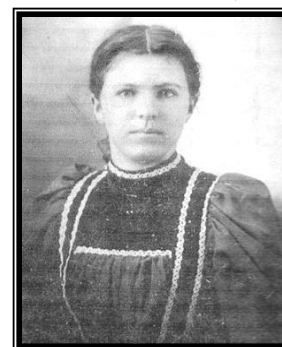
Clifford Polinard was the infant son of John Latour Polinard and Elma Watkins. He was stillborn on June 18, 1906,¹⁸⁹ and his name does not appear on state or county death indexes. John L. Polinard (1880-1950) was one of the incorporators of the Evergreen Cemetery Association. He and his wife Elma Watkins Polinard (1884-1971) remained in the Arcadia area and were buried in Galveston Memorial Park Cemetery in Hitchcock, Texas.¹⁹⁰

August Pourchot**January 6, 1834 – July 3, 1909****(On memorial marker)**

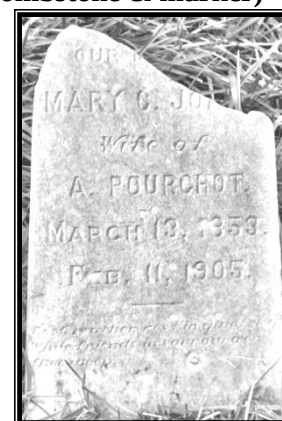
August Pourchot was born in 1834 in a small village near Paris, France. He migrated to Mexico in the early 1860s, serving as a soldier in the French Army forces that Napoleon sent to Mexico.¹⁹¹ Many of these soldiers never returned to France, and Pourchot decided to settle in Texas. He married Mary Catherine Jones Long on March 11, 1872 in Harris County, Texas,¹⁹² and the couple raised three sons, Theodore, George, and Frank, a daughter, Amelia Pourchot and a step-daughter, Maggie Louisa Long.¹⁹³ By 1900, August Pourchot was in Caldwell County, Texas with his wife and two young sons. He was 66, married for 28 years, and had arrived in the U.S. in 1866. His wife Mary was 47, and the children were sons George, 13, and Frank, 7.¹⁹⁴ August Pourchot is not listed on state or county death indexes, and his exact dates of birth and death were provided by family researchers.¹⁹⁵ His daughter-in-law, Cora Lee Meek Pourchot, and wife, Mary Jones Pourchot, are listed below.

Cora Lee Meek Pourchot**July 25, 1885 - December 28, 1905****(On memorial marker)**

The Webber-Polinard list has: "Cora Lee, wife of T. Pourchot, July 25, 1885 - December 28, 1905."¹⁹⁶ She was the daughter of James Robert Meek and his first wife, Mary Catherine Proctor.¹⁹⁷ Cora Meek married Theodore Pourchot on November 25, 1900 and gave birth to two sons, Earl J. Pourchot (1901-1992) and Lee Roy Pourchot (1904-1950).¹⁹⁸ Mrs. Pourchot has not been found on county or state death indexes. A short obituary stated that she was the wife of Theodore "Bud" Pourchot and died in Arcadia on December 28, 1905. Survivors were her husband and two young sons.¹⁹⁹ This photo of Cora Meek Pourchot at 15 is courtesy of Tara Jirschevske, used with permission.

**Mary Catherine Jones Pourchot****March 13, 1853 - February 11, 1905****(Tombstone & marker)**

Her broken tombstone inscription reads: "Our ____, Mary C. Jones, wife of A. Pourchot. March 13, 1853 - Feb. 11, 1905. Rest mother, rest in quiet sleep while friends in sorrow o'er thee weep." Her first husband was James H. Long, and the couple had a daughter, Maggie Louisa Long.²⁰⁰ Maggie Long (1871-1952) married William Charles Shannon (1868-1946), and both were buried in Confederate Cemetery in nearby Alvin, Texas.²⁰¹ Following the death of her first husband, Mary Jones Long married August Pourchot on March 11, 1872 and had four more children: Amelia Pourchot West (1873-1962), Theodore Pourchot (1876-1935), George Iry Pourchot (1887-1970) and Frank Sidney Pourchot (1890-1948).²⁰² No death certificate or obituary has been found for her. In 1986, the Webber-Polinard survey mentioned two remaining tombstone bases inscribed with Pourchot.

**Enid Fay Powers****April 15, 1911 - April 15, 1911****(On memorial marker)**

The Webber-Polinard list states that her birth and death occurred on April 15, 1911.²⁰³ She was the infant daughter of Charles Prescott Powers and Judith Evans Powers. Her mother died three days later and is listed below. Enid Fay Powers was not found on county or state death indexes.

Judith Evans Powers**August 23, 1879 - April 18, 1911****(On memorial marker)**

The Webber-Polinard list and her obituary are the sources for Judith Powers' birth and death dates.²⁰⁴ Judith Evans was the daughter of Charles Henry Evans and Mary "Mollie" Wells Beaver.²⁰⁵ Young Judith was shown in their household in Brazoria County on the 1880 census: Charles Evans was 46, Mary was 38, and their children included Gay, 8 and Judith, 9 months.²⁰⁶ By 1900, the Evans family was living in the Arcadia area.²⁰⁷ Judith Evans married Charles Prescott Powers around 1907 and was listed as his wife on the 1910 Galveston County census. Both were dairy workers.²⁰⁸

Judith Powers died at 32, three days following the birth and death of her daughter, Enid Fay Powers. She was not listed on county or state death indexes, and no death certificate has been found. Her obituary in the *Galveston Daily News* reads as follows: "Mrs. Charles Powers died April 18, 1911 and will be buried today from the family residence in Arcadia. Her little child was buried last Sunday. She leaves a husband, a father and brother and many other relatives to mourn her loss."²⁰⁹ Charles Powers' sister, Kitty Powers Hendrick, had two daughters buried in the cemetery, and his other sister, Maude Powers Robertson's husband Clifford was buried in the cemetery, discussed next.

Clifford Arther Robertson**December 23, 1886 - June 7, 1920****(On memorial marker)**

Clifford Robertson was born in Galveston County, Texas to William Samuel Robertson and Agness Elmo Rankin.²¹⁰ In 1900, his family was living in Milam County, Texas as follows: W.S.C. Robertson was 37, Agness was 29 and the children were Gertrude, Clifford, Myrtle, John and H. Carol.²¹¹ Clifford Robertson was counted on the 1920 census in Arcadia as "Cliffie" A. Robertson, 33, a longshoreman, with his wife Maude and four children.²¹² He was married to Maude Abadoll Powers, and their children were Emma Wildora, Sarah Quinola, William Milton, Agnes Corine and Clifford Prescott Robertson.²¹³

Clifford Robertson's full name was found on his World War I registration card with his signature. He was 30, a farmer living in Arcadia, born on December 23, 1886 in Bolivar, Texas.²¹⁴ He died at the age of 33 in Arcadia from heart lesions and nephritis. Mr. Robertson was buried in Arcadia on June 8, 1920 from J. A. Froberg Funeral Home.²¹⁵ His widow, Maude Powers Robertson Locke (1894-1975), became the third wife of Adam A. Locke whose mother Elizabeth Henderson Locke was also buried in the cemetery. Maude Locke was buried in Alta Loma Cemetery, Alta Loma, Texas.²¹⁶

Elizabeth Frances Hawkins Romine**November 28, 1874 - October 14, 1911****(On memorial marker)**

Five members of the Romine family were buried in Arcadia Evergreen Cemetery: Robert Henry Romine; his wife, Elizabeth Hawkins Romine; his mother, Nancy Cooper Romine; his daughters, Eva May and Florence Junie Romine and his grandson, Robert Lewis Colston. Elizabeth Romine's father, Andrew Jackson Hawkins, was also buried in the cemetery as well as her brother-in-law, James William Shults.

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Hawkins was born in Kentucky to Andrew Jackson Hawkins and Permelia Nickell.²¹⁷ By 1880, the Hawkins family was living in Morehead, Rowan County, Kentucky, and Elizabeth F., age 5, was one of Andrew and Permelia Hawkins' six children.²¹⁸ The family moved to Somervell County, Texas where she married Robert Henry Romine on December 20, 1894.²¹⁹ By 1900, the Romines were living in Granbury, Hood County, Texas with their three children: Jewell G., Florence J. and Lou.²²⁰ By 1903, they had settled in Arcadia where their daughter Florence Junie died and was buried in the cemetery. In 1910, the family remained in Arcadia and consisted of R. H. Romine-39, Lizzie-35, their six living children and his mother, Nancy Romine, age 64.²²¹

Lizzie Romine died in Alta Loma, Texas one year after this census was taken. She was 37 and died of stomach cancer. The burial in Arcadia took place on October 15, 1911 with J. A. Froberg in charge.²²² Her obituary appeared in the *Galveston Tribune* as follows: "Funeral services for Mrs. R. H. Romaine, [sic] who died last Friday, were held at Arcadia Saturday morning. Burial was made in the Arcadia cemetery. She is survived by her husband, R. H. Romaine, and six children."²²³ Mrs. Romine's deathbed letter in 1911 to her husband and children made the following request: "Keep our graves clean and nice, with flowers on all four of them. Put tombs to them as soon as you can."²²⁴ I can only identify one other Romine burial earlier than 1911, assuming

she was counting herself as the fourth: her young daughter, Florence Junie. She was probably referring to the graves of her father, Andrew Jackson Hawkins and brother-in-law, James W. Shults.

Robert H. and Elizabeth Romine were the parents of seven children: Jewell G. Colston (1896-1974), Florence Junie Romine (1897-1903), Drewy Louisa White (1899-1984), Ruby Andrey Bruner Stegall (1902-1986), Mavyce Belle Chisum (1905-1991), Robert Henry Jr. (1908-1987) and Eva May Romine (1909-1914).²²⁵ The Romine tombstones vanished over the years leaving only the bases. According to the Webber-Polinard list, the base of Elizabeth Romine's tombstone read: "As a wife, devoted; As a mother, affectionate; As a friend, ever kind."²²⁶

Eva May Romine November 9, 1909 - October 25, 1914 (On memorial marker)

Eva May Romine was the five-year-old daughter of Robert Henry Romine and Elizabeth Frances Hawkins. Her date of birth was taken from the Webber-Polinard list and was not included on her death certificate.²²⁷ She was listed in the Romine household in Arcadia on the 1910 census at the age of six months with five brothers and sisters.²²⁸ Eva May Romine died in Alvin, Brazoria County, Texas, where the family lived at 508 Gordon.²²⁹ The cause of death was not included on her death certificate which only listed the name of her father and her date and place of death. No death announcement has been found.

Florence Junie Romine October 11, 1897 - July 1, 1903 (On memorial marker)

Florence Junie Romine was the five-year-old daughter of Robert Henry and Elizabeth Hawkins Romine. In 1900, the Romine family was living in Granbury, Hood County, Texas, and two-year-old Florence J. was in their household.²³⁰ Her name was included on the Webber-Polinard list, the source of her birth and death dates.²³¹ She was not listed on the state or county death indexes, and no death announcement has been found.

Nancy Cooper Romine September 11, 1845 - July 9, 1925 (On memorial marker)

Nancy Cooper Romine was the widow of Ruben M. Romine and the mother of Robert Henry Romine. She married Ruben M. Romine on August 4, 1865 in Hopkins County, Texas.²³² By 1880, the Romines were living in Bosque County, Texas with their three sons, Robert Henry, George D., and Oberdyer.²³³ Ruben M. Romine (1839-1906) was also listed as an Arcadia Evergreen burial on the Webber-Polinard list; however, he was buried in Meridian Cemetery in Bosque County, Texas.²³⁴ Nancy Cooper Romine died at 1119 4th Avenue in Texas City, Texas of colitis, and H.B. Emkin Funeral Home supervised her burial.²³⁵ Mrs. Romine's obituary states that she died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. B. H.[Mavyce] Chisam [sic] at Texas City. Burial was scheduled for July 10, 1925 at Arcadia Cemetery. She had been a resident of Galveston County for twenty years and was survived by her three sons, Henry Romine (1870-1947) and O. D. Romine (1878-1950) of Texas City, and George Romine (1872-1930) of Alta Loma as well as several grandchildren.²³⁶

Robert Henry Romine July 14, 1870 - December 30, 1947 (On memorial marker)

Robert Henry Romine was one of the incorporators of Arcadia Evergreen Cemetery. He was the widower of Elizabeth Hawkins Romine and the father of two young daughters buried in the cemetery. Mr. Romine was the son of Ruben M. and Nancy Cooper Romine. Census records for this family are included in the biography of Elizabeth Romine.

Robert Henry Romine died of apoplexy at the age of 77 in Houston, Texas and had been the resident of a convalescent home in Houston for a year.²³⁷ His obituary referred to him as a pioneer resident of Texas City and stated that he had moved to Spring, Texas a year before his death. He was a former constable of the Texas-La Marque precinct. Survivors included one son, R. H. Romine Jr. of Fresno, California; four daughters, Mrs. A. L.[Jewell] Colston of Tomball, Texas; Mrs. F. J.[Drewy] White; Mrs. W. O. [Ruby] Bruner of Houston and Mrs. C. C. [Mavyce] Chisum of Nona, Oklahoma; 16 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.²³⁸ Emkin Linton Funeral Home handled the arrangements, and the burial took place at Arcadia on January 3, 1948.²³⁹

A. K. S. _____ No dates (On memorial marker)

This is an unknown burial with only a footstone with the inscription "A.K.S."²⁴⁰

Josephine Short

March 24, 1880 - August 25, 1958 (On memorial marker)

When the cemetery trustees and the Santa Fe Area Historical Foundation started making a list of burials during the 1990s, they had trouble remembering Josephine Short's name. They knew that she was a Galveston resident who travelled to Arcadia by bus to visit her friend, Lillian Powers. They thought she was the last person buried in the cemetery, and suggestions for her surname included "Little" and "Stout."²⁴¹ They found the correct name of Short at the county courthouse. Josephine Short died at Box 87 Arcadia from coronary occlusion, on one of her visits to Lillian Powers who served as the informant for the death certificate. The only personal details Mrs. Powers could supply were the date and place of birth: March 24, 1880 in Germany.²⁴² Josephine Short was married to Samuel Short, a carpenter, and the couple lived at 617 23rd Street in Galveston in 1930.²⁴³ Samuel Short died in 1937, and his death certificate lists Josephine Short as his widow. Her obituary refers to her as "Mrs. Josephine (Granny) Short." Funeral services were held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Hitchcock with burial in "Old Arcadia Cemetery."²⁴⁴

James William Shults

February 18, 1866 - June 12, 1911 (On memorial marker)

James William Shults was born in Missouri in 1866 and was the husband of Anna Pruden Kate Hawkins. Mrs. Shults's father, Andrew Jackson Hawkins and sister, Elizabeth Romine were also buried in the cemetery. James W. Shults and Katie Hawkins married in Somerville, Texas on December 17, 1891.²⁴⁵ By 1900, they were living in McLennan County, Texas: James W. Shults was 34, Katie Shults was 28, and they had been married for eight years with daughter, Survella, age 5 and son, Loyd, age 3 in the household.²⁴⁶ Katie Shults died three years later in 1903 in Williamson County, Texas,²⁴⁷ and her widower moved to Galveston County before 1910.

On the 1910 Galveston County, Texas census, J. W. Shults was 44 and a widower, born in Missouri, and both parents born in Arkansas. His children were Survella Shults, 15, and Loyd Shults, 13.²⁴⁸ One year later, The *Galveston Daily News* reported that J. W. Shults was run over and killed while walking on the railroad tracks between Alta Loma and Arcadia. He left Alta Loma at night, and railroad workers found him within a half mile of Arcadia the following morning. Survivors were his two children.²⁴⁹ James Shults's death date was found on the Galveston County Death Index, but no Texas death certificate has been found for him. His children remained in Texas; Survella Shults Hallmark (1895-1974) died in Tarrant County, Texas and Loyd B. Shults (1897-1961) died in Wichita County, Texas.²⁵⁰

Susan Carswell Sims

December 17, 1858 - July 18, 1897 (Tombstone and marker)

The following inscription is on her broken tombstone: "Susan Carswell, Wife of R. L. Sims, Born in Quitman, Ga. Dec. 17, 1858, Died July 18, 1897. Weep not, father and daughter for me, For I am waiting in glory for thee. She was a kind and affectionate wife, A fond mother, and friend to all." This is the oldest existing tombstone and the first known burial. Susan Carswell Sims was the daughter of John E. and Harriet Carswell, shown in their household on both the 1860 and 1870 census records for Quitman County, Georgia. In 1860, John E. Carswell was 33 and a carpenter. His wife Harriet was 29, and the children were William-8, Sarah-6 and Susan-2.²⁵¹ By 1870, the family had grown to include another daughter, Ella, 2.²⁵² Between 1870 and 1880, the Carswell family moved to Montgomery County, Texas, and Susan was no longer with them.

I believe I have found her husband, R. L. Sims and the daughter who were mentioned on her tombstone. On the 1900 census three years following Mrs. Sims death, Robert L. Sims and his young daughter Laura Myrtle were living in League City, Texas, a few miles from Arcadia. Sims was 37 and was the superintendent of the County Poor Farm which was in League City. He had been married for two years to his wife Ada and was the father of nine-year-old Laura Myrtle Sims who was born in December 1890 in Indian Territory.²⁵³ No obituary has been located for Mrs. Sims.



John Clifford Sturm January 1909 – September 23, 1910 (On memorial marker)

John Clifford Sturm was the young son of Archie Franklin "Frank" Sturm and Delia Texas Smith.²⁵⁴ He was listed in their household on the 1910 census for the Arcadia area as follows: Frank Sturm was 35, a truck farmer born in Nebraska, his wife Delia was 22, Roy was 4, and Clifford was 11 months old.²⁵⁵ Due to flowery handwriting, Clifford's name on his death certificate was indexed as Buford. He died at Arcadia at the age of one year and eight months on September 23, 1910 due to acute nephritis.²⁵⁶ Frank Sturm (1873-1950) and Delia Smith Sturm (1887-1962) remained in the area and were buried in Confederate Cemetery in Alvin, Texas.

Claude Samuel Tully April 5, 1924 - June 13, 1924 (On memorial marker)

He was the two-month-old twin son of Claude Tully and his wife, Martha Whitehead. The infant died at Arcadia, and the cause of death was undetermined as the baby was already deceased when the doctor saw him. The burial took place at Arcadia on June 14, 1924 with J. A. Froberg Funeral Home in charge.²⁵⁷ The infant's full name was found on the Galveston County Birth Index.²⁵⁸

George Henry Tully April 5, 1924 - 1924 (On memorial marker)

He was the twin son of Claude Sr. and Martha Whitehead Tully and brother of Claude Samuel Tully, listed above. The infant's full name was found on the Galveston County Birth Index²⁵⁹ and was not found on state or county death indexes. In 1920, Claude and Martha Tully were living in McCurtain County, Oklahoma. Claude was a fireman at a saw mill, and he and Martha had two young sons, Clarence, 3, and Grady, 1.²⁶⁰ After living in Arcadia around 1924 when their twins were born and died, they moved to Red River County, Texas by 1930. On the census for that year, Clarence and Grady had been joined by four more children: William, Myrtle, Tolmar and Audie.²⁶¹

Harry Thomas Wilson January 2, 1911 - June 13, 1912 (On memorial marker)

He was the seventeen-month-old son of Lee Temple Wilson and Selma Sally Seidel. Harry Thomas was born in Galveston County and died in Arcadia, with dysentery listed as the cause of death.²⁶² The place of burial was left blank on his death certificate. By 1920, the Wilsons had added four children to their household: Selma-7, Mary-4, Margaret-2 and Lee T. Jr.-1 month.²⁶³ Lee Temple Wilson (1882-1928) was buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Galveston, Texas, and Selma Seidel Wilson (1890-1975) was buried in Grace Memorial Park in Hitchcock, Texas.²⁶⁴

Corrections to the Memorial Marker:

The following six names were included on the memorial marker, but further research shows that they were buried in other locations.

Infant Chiles March 13, 1926 – 1926 (Buried on private property)

His birth record for Galveston County has surname, birth date but no first name.²⁶⁵ The child was the infant of Ed Lee Chiles and Margaret Georgianna Cox. Following the addition of the infant on the marker, a family member informed Charles C. Meek that the burial actually took place on the Chiles' family property.²⁶⁶

Al Wilson Davis October 19, 1863 - October 20, 1929 (Buried in Confederate Cemetery)

Aldevine "Al" Wilson Davis was born on 19 October 1863 in Titus County, Texas, the son of Columbus Wilson Davis and Waitzel Lenorah Parker.²⁶⁷ Al Davis died in 1929 in Nottawa, Wharton County, Texas and was buried on October 21, 1929 in Alvin, Texas in Confederate Cemetery.²⁶⁸ His parents, Columbus Davis (1844-1921) and Waitzel Parker Davis (1847-1923) and his wife, Annie Davis (1869-1953) were also buried in Confederate Cemetery. Al Davis's sister, Dossie Davis (1894-1910) was buried at Arcadia.

Arthur Benjamin Franks January 12, 1889 - December 19, 1962 (Buried in Oak Park Cemetery)

Arthur Benjamin Franks was born on January 12, 1889 in Grimes County, Texas, the son of Benjamin (or Britton) Monroe and Hattie Darby Franks, discussed in the section on Britton Franks. He died on December 19, 1962 in Houston, Harris County at the age of 73. According to his death certificate, Mr. Franks lived in Galena Park in Harris County, Texas and was buried on December 21, 1962 in Oak Park Cemetery in Alvin, Texas.²⁶⁹

Christian H. Hillerman June 4, 1881 - March 7, 1960 (Buried in Oak Park Cemetery)

Christian H. Hillerman of Box 228 in Arcadia was born on June 4, 1881 in New York, New York and died at the age of 78 on March 7, 1960 in Galveston at the University of Texas Medical Branch Hospital. The Froberg Funeral Home of Alvin handled the burial in Oak Park Cemetery in Alvin, Texas.²⁷⁰

Ambrus Leonard Miller December 29, 1888 - March 15, 1958 (Buried in Alta Loma Cemetery)

Ambrus or Ambrose Miller was born in 1888 in Rector, Arkansas to William H. Miller and Hattie or Mattie Patton.²⁷¹ He and his wife Katie were living in Arcadia in 1930 with their three children.²⁷² Miller's death certificate has Ambrose for his first name; the 1930 census and his tombstone have Ambrus L. Miller. He died at the age of 69 of pneumonia in Galveston's John Sealy Hospital, and his place of residence at the time of death was Oleander Homes in Galveston.²⁷³ The Froberg Funeral Home handled the burial at Alta Loma Cemetery.²⁷⁴ His father, William Harding Miller was buried in Arcadia Evergreen Cemetery, listed under the 2012 additions.

Teresa Josephine Walker August 29, 1929 - August 29, 1929 (Buried in La Marque Cemetery)

Teresa Josephine Walker was the infant daughter of Charles Joseph Walker and Grace Elizabeth Skillman. The infant was listed by her full name on Texas birth records²⁷⁵ and was called "Baby Walker" on her death certificate. Teresa Walker was stillborn with deformity and "complete evisceration" as the cause of her death. The death certificate has League City as the residence for her parents and lists La Marque, Texas as the place of burial or removal on August 29, 1929.²⁷⁶ Another daughter, Betty Jane Walker, was born on September 6, 1930²⁷⁷ and died two days later. Her death certificate also lists burial or removal to La Marque, Texas on September 8, 1930.²⁷⁸ Both Walker infants are probable burials in unmarked graves in La Marque Cemetery, which was in operation in 1929 and 1930.

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Joseph Ariola November 28, 1910 – January 30, 1912 Source: Texas Death Certificate

He was the son of Lewis Marion Ariola and Sarah Adaline Hancock, born on November 28, 1910 in Oklahoma and died in Algoa, Texas near Arcadia on January 30, 1912. Joseph died at the age of one year, two months and two days due to acute congestion.²⁷⁹ The Ariola family was living in Beaver Township in Haskell County, Oklahoma in 1910; Lewis and Addie Ariola had been married for four years and had two young sons.²⁸⁰ By 1920, they had moved again to Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, and the birth places of their five surviving children confirm that they lived in Texas for several years. Sons Gaylen, 8, Thomas, 6 and Bob, 3 were born in Texas;²⁸¹ Joseph's brother Gaylen Smythe Ariola was born on January 6, 1912 in Galveston County, just three weeks before Joseph's death.²⁸²

Baby or Jackie Bishop June 18, 1928 – June 18, 1928 Source: Texas Death Certificate

Baby Bishop was the premature male infant of Jesse Newton Bishop and Florence Summe Bishop. He was born and died at Herman Hospital in Houston, Harris County, Texas on June 18, 1928, and the place of burial or removal is listed as Arcadia, Texas with the date of burial of June 19, 1928, with the Houston Undertaking Company in charge.²⁸³ The family's Arcadia connection is shown on Jesse Bishop's World War I enlistment card: He was 28 and a resident of Arcadia, Texas in 1917.²⁸⁴ On the 1930 Harris County census, the family lived at 7704 Avenue C in Houston. Jesse, 42, and Florence, 29, had three young children: John, Emma and Frank.²⁸⁵ Jesse Bishop (1888-1972) and Florence Summe Bishop (1901-1976) were buried in the Houston National Cemetery.²⁸⁶ Family members refer to this infant as Jackie Bishop.²⁸⁷

**Corinna Pearman Lohnes March 22, 1831 – March 24, 1916 Source: Texas Death Certificate**

Corinna Ann Pearman was born on March 22, 1831 in Meade County, Kentucky to Samuel Pearman and his wife, Virginia "Jane" Field.²⁸⁸ She married Robert McCoy on May 18, 1857 in Meade County²⁸⁹ and the couple has three children: Elizabeth, Kate, and Curtis.²⁹⁰ According to Corinna's great-granddaughter, Sue McDaniel

Black Perry, Robert McCoy owned three boats and traveled on the Ohio, Mississippi and Arkansas rivers. His boats were confiscated by the Confederacy during the Civil War, and he was murdered by men asking for his help to find a shortcut to the river after the war.²⁹¹ Following her husband's death, Corinna McCoy married Uriah W. Lohnes on May 25, 1869 in Dewitt, Arkansas²⁹² and had two more children, daughters Cassandra and Maggie Lohnes.²⁹³ Uriah Lohnes died during 1880 of asthma in La Grue, Arkansas,²⁹⁴ and Corinna Lohnes moved several times, appearing in different family members' households in 1900 and 1910. On the 1900 census for Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, Mrs. Lohnes was a 70-year-old widow living with her son Curtis McCoy.²⁹⁵ By 1910, she had relocated to Franklin County, Arkansas where she was living with her grandson, Luther McDaniel.²⁹⁶ Her daughter Cassandra Lohnes Workman was living in Arcadia on the 1920 Galveston County census,²⁹⁷ and this would explain why she was living in Arcadia when she died on March 24, 1916. She died from old age and general anemia and was buried at Arcadia on March 25th with J. A. Froberg handling the interment.²⁹⁸ No obituary has been found.

William Harding Miller August 6, 1863 – November 29, 1937 Texas Death Certificate & Obituary

William H. Miller, 74, was born on August 6, 1863 in Lexington, Kentucky²⁹⁹ and married Hattie or Mattie A. Patton around 1884.³⁰⁰ In 1920, William Harding Miller and Mattie A. Miller were living with son Ambrus in Holly Bluff, Yazoo County, Mississippi.³⁰¹ By 1930 William was 66 and a widower living with Ambrus and his family in the Arcadia area.³⁰² William H. Miller died on November 29, 1937 due to accidental drowning. He had been a resident of Arcadia for ten years and died three miles north of Arcadia on Dickinson Bayou. The burial was handled by Carl A. Froberg of Alvin, Texas and took place at Arcadia on December 1, 1937.³⁰³ His obituary mentioned survivors as one daughter, Mrs. May Rogers of Bearden, Arkansas, one son A. L. Miller of Arcadia and several grandchildren, and stated that "burial was in Arcadia cemetery."³⁰⁴

Mabel Margaret Lohnes Patton Sept. 18, 1873 – March 14, 1924 Source: Texas Death Certificate

Margaret Lohnes was the daughter of Uriah Lohnes and Corinna Pearman (listed above), shown in her mother's household on the 1880 census as Maggie Lohnes, age 7. Although her death certificate shows a birth date of 1883, she was 7 in 1880 and her father was dead by 1880.³⁰⁵ She married W. T. Bradfield on August 13, 1891 in De Witt County, Arkansas,³⁰⁶ and was listed in the Dallas City Directory for 1896 as Maggie Bradfield, widow of W. T. Bradfield.³⁰⁷ By the time of her death in 1924, she had remarried and the documentation for this marriage has not yet been found. Her death certificate states that she was a married woman in 1924, and the informant was H. H. Patton of Austin, Texas. She died from tuberculosis eight years after her mother died, and the place of burial or removal was Arcadia, Texas, with burial on March 15, 1924.³⁰⁸

Baby Stavely August 2, 1932 – August 3, 1932 Source: Texas Death Certificate

A male premature infant was born on August 2, 1932 to Charles Marion Stavely and his wife Emma Cox Stavely and died the following day at St. Mary's Infirmary in Galveston, Texas. Burial took place at Arcadia, Texas on August 3, 1932 with the undertaker's name and address listed as Chas. M. Stavley [sic] of Arcadia, Texas who was also listed as the informant.³⁰⁹ The Stavely family was listed on the Galveston County census for Arcadia in 1930: Charlie M. Stavely was 44, born in Alabama and his wife Emma was 36 and born in Texas. Their children included Thelma, Beula, Charles A. and Louis C.³¹⁰ The family remained in Arcadia and Charlie M. Stavely (1889-1975) and Emma Mae Stavely (1893-1970) were buried in Alta Loma Cemetery in Santa Fe, Texas with their children Lewis C. Stavely (1928-1972), Kenneth Ray Stavely (1931-1992) and Beulah May Stavely Wilkerson (1924-1969).³¹¹

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