

Recollections

of the
Burleson Family Research Group

We have a total of 45 subscribers to our newsletter. These individuals represent about that many different Burleson Family Lines. We at the Burleson Family Research Group want to make this newsletter as representative of all these lines as possible. This is why we need everyone's help. To make sure that your family is included we are asking for your help. If you would please write a few paragraphs about any topic we would like to publish these as space permits. It could be a story handed down from family members, or something you

Eight Additional Subscribers

Joyce D. Burleson	Eloise G. Stipp
Aaron Burleson	Mike and Bobbie Burleson
Mary Eudy	Mac and Hazel Hopkins
LB Teeter	Robert and Sally Martin

remember about a person, place, or how life was then. This could be about one of your ancestors or relatives.

Send your story to JD Burleson, 4498 NC Hwy 62, Thomasville, NC 27360.

We want to thank several individuals for their contributions in this issue. Bobbie Nell Burleson Efird wrote a fine tribute to her grandfather, Gus Burleson, and Beulah Burleson Hahn Way sent in a great article on her father, Allen Lee Burleson. Eddie Burleson sent a short story about his Aunt Dora, who happens to be my great grandmother. This story meant so much to me because I never knew her.

In an effort to let everyone know our subscribers, we want to introduce Joe T. Raper in this issue. He lives in Memphis, TN, with his wife Marijo. Joe and Marijo have 3 children; Linda Raper Rockhold, Mary Raper Holbrook, and John Kenneth Raper. John died in June of 1978, at Le Bonheur Children Hospital, C.C.U.

Joe is a fellow researcher and has provided a great deal of information on his ancestor, Jonathan Burleson, a son of Isaac Burleson Sr. Jonathan was born in Montgomery County, NC in 1782.

He and his wife, Sarah, owned a plantation in Waxhaw, Union County, NC. As an interesting side note, there is a book being written by Gene Stowe about this plantation and what happened to it after Jonathan's death. I will let everyone know when this book is to be published.

Jonathan and Sarah had 6 children; Jasper, Susannah, Mary, Dennis, John B., and Margaret. Joe's line goes back to Dennis Clay Burleson who married Sarah Bonds and they moved to Lafayette County Mississippi. They raised 9 children. Minerva Jane Burleson, a daughter of Dennis, was born in Mississippi in 1842, and married David D. Cook. Joe wrote a biographical article on David and Minerva Jane Burleson Cook for the Burleson Family Bulletin.



Joe and Marijo Regan Raper, with g-kids Shannon & Leak Beth Holbrook

BURLESON FAMILY BULLETIN

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The families of David COOK and Minerva Jane BURLEYSON COOK arrived in Lafayette County, Mississippi ca 1841-2. Jane's parents, Dennis & Sarah BONDS BURLEYSON came from the Lancaster District, South Carolina, where they are found in the 1840 census. Dennis & Sarah appear there as 20-30 years of age, with two male children under 5, one female under 5, one female 5-10, and one female 10-15 in their household. The ages of Dennis and Sarah as shown in that 1840 census were incorrect: They appear in the 1830 Mecklenburg County, North Carolina census, both 20-30, which is correct, since we have Bible records to confirm Dennis' birth 21 September, 1805 and Sarah's birth 13 January, 1809.

Minerva Jane BURLEYSON, always called "Jane", was born in Lafayette County, Mississippi 25 April, 1842, her parent's first child to be born in Mississippi.

David was a young man when he arrived in Mississippi with his parents, Thomas K. & Letitia MONTGOMERY COOK. It was a primitive country, occupied by Indians, and, according to the early COOK legends, wild

animals had to be driven from their log houses almost daily.

David's parents had been married in Christian County, Kentucky, on 22 December, 1818, and David was born in Alabama 2-1/2 years later. It is interesting to note that Christian County, Kentucky, is the birthplace of Jefferson DAVIS and that the maiden name of Jefferson DAVIS's mother was COOK.

David COOK's marriage bond, arranged by Reuben COOK, states "for his son Thomas K. COOK to Letitia (spelled Lettische in the record) MONTGOMERY" and it was for fifty pounds current money of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

David's grandfather, Reuben COOK, served as a private in the North Carolina troops during the Revolutionary War, and David himself served the South as a private during the Civil War, losing his eyesight when he received a head wound near Chickamauga. David COOK and Jane's brother James Jasper BURLEYSON both enlisted in the 34th Regiment, Mississippi Infantry, on 3 March, 1862, which was designated the 37th Regiment on 3 March, 1863; they were both involved in a difficulty in Chattanooga July of 1863 (Manuscript #3224) and they were both wounded in action during the same battle later on in 1863.

Despite David's Civil War injury, he was a farmer. He and Jane raised ten children, one of whom, Andrew Jackson COOK, died at the age of 6, just four months before David died 3 February, 1887. Jane was widowed with five young children still to be raised, but Jane was a hardy and tough frontier type woman, wise and respected, often called upon by friends and neighbors. Jane midwived ninety babies, and all lived except one.

A granddaughter, Maurine Cook, now living in Crenshaw, Mississippi, was delivered by Jane, and has a birth certificate with Jane's signature on it to prove it. One story handed down has Jane saving a mother's life when the young mother had delivered two or three days earlier, and the attending doctor failed to remove all the placenta. The mother recovered, with Jane's help.

The 1900 Lafayette County, Mississippi finds Minerva Jane listed as a farmer, age 58, with William (son, age 25), Pinkie (daughter, age 24), Austin (son, age 22), and Henry (son, age 17), her children shown as farmer laborers. By the 1910 Lafayette County, Mississippi census, Jane is 69, and is living with her son and daughter-in-law Austin & Ollie PARKS COOK. It is interesting to note that there were quite a few BONDS families nearby and that Jane stayed in close contact with her BONDS relatives through the years.

Jane died 8 April, 1926, just two weeks away from her 84th birthday, and she was buried in the Christian Rest Cemetery, at Etta, Lafayette County, Mississippi, by the side of her husband.

Joe T. RAPER, Memphis, Tennessee

Minerva Jane Burleson Cook, (Joe's great grandmother) seated in the middle. Ann J. Green McCharan (lady on Left) mother of



Thomas Ziff McCharan and Ladell Mcharen, oldest child of Pinkie Cook and Ziff McCharan. Lady on the left Pinkie Ann Cook McCharan (Joe's Grandmother) and Birdie (Joes's mother) Standing; Probably Evander Cook and Henry Clay Cook (sons of Jane Burleyson Cook).

This picture was taken in 1909 at Jane's home. Her husband had been dead for 22 years at this time. The location is about 1/2 mile from the Philadelphia Community and about 1/2 mile from the old original Dennis Burleyson homeplace in Lafayette County,MS.

The McCharens had changed their name from McEacherns about 50 years earlier. The McEacherns were from Cabarrus County, NC. They left in 1840.

Remembrance of Aunt Dora

(wife of Ebin Burleson)

By Eddie Burleson

At one time everyone had paths that went to other people's houses. There was a road that ran from Grandpa Rutherford's house to what is now Parker Road, next to the cemetery where Uncle Ebin and Aunt Dora are buried. You could take the path up to the cemetery. There was another path that ran over to Aunt Dora's house. I think at one time it was an old wagon road. This was the pathway that we took to go over to see Aunt Dora. Later on we would take the road by Grandma Judy's house and then walk down Burleson Road. People did not visit much in the winter time for it was so far to walk. I never remember Aunt Dora leaving the farm. She was always there when I just happened to show up. I can still see her with her bonnet on. She was always free with her large biscuits and ham which we all loved. She had what I called a country kitchen. There was a huge cook stove and this large table with benches for all to sit on. For me it was going back in time to early years. Dewey had a model A Coupe that he drove for years. He always made over me. The house was a very nice house in its time. I loved to hear Dora talk about the early times. I wish I could remember some of what she said, Grandpa Rutherford had a nickname for almost everyone. Aunt Dora was "Old Maw". My mother could not remember why but it is my belief it was because she mothered everyone.



To remember her – she was a fine “Mother”



As I was reading this story about my great-grandmother I realized that if it were not for the computer and all the new technology I would never have known about Eddie Burleson who lives in Butler, IL. It was only thru the computer and e-mail that we have gotten to know each other and he has helped me in more ways than I can name. Eddie had a picture of my grandfather's sister, Jerome, and that led me to find out about Paul Bass Jr. who lives in Tennessee. The only thing known about Jerome was that she married Paul Bass and they moved to Tennessee. It was also thru e-mail that I got to know Joe Raper. The story in the newsletter is only a small part of the vast information he has sent in on his family. With the computer program, Family Tree Maker, I did a "Request For Relationship Calculation" and discovered that Joe and I are 5th cousins.

It is not often that you meet a 5th cousin. I realize there are many individuals and families in this newsletter who you do not know, and more than likely you believe you are not any kin to that line. But in reality, if you are receiving this newsletter you are distant kin to everyone we discuss.

If you will mail me a request, I will run a Relationship Calculation on you and anyone that you would like. This will tell you how you are related. My address is JD Burleson, 4498 NC Hwy 62, Thomasville, NC 27360. My e-mail is jd@burleson.cc. Just include your full name and the name of the person you want to see if you are related to.

Eddie and I are 3rd cousins. I wanted to especially thank Eddie for all the fine work he did on the maps of the early home places. *Early Home Places* is the theme of our Reunion this year. We have received several drawings of our ancestor's farms and home places. Eddie has worked his magic on these maps on his computer. You will have to come to the Reunion to see them. They are great.

The Burleson Reunion is October 20th 2002, in the DAV Building, at Burleson Square, NC Hwy 24/27 By - Pass, Albemarle, NC. It starts at 12:00 noon and lunch will be at 1:00 PM (please bring a covered dish).

How Accurate was the 1900 Census?

By John H. Burleson

1 August 1999

The 1900 Census is misleading to me and I am sure it was to each of the head of households that were interviewed for this information. The following two accounts of Sarah Anne Burleyson and Shem Burleyson are examples.

Sarah Anne Burleyson, widow of Absolom Burleyson, was listed as head of household with seven children and seven children still living. Without knowing the facts of the number of her children one would think this information was false as Sarah Anne had fourteen children, not seven, which were born between 1860 and 1884 (the eldest two were from her first marriage to David Harwood). Of these fourteen, one named Charley only lived three years. That left thirteen children that were surviving at the time of the 1900 Census.

<u>They were:</u>	<u>Who Married:</u>	<u>In the year:</u>
1. Frances	Henry Eudy	1878
2. David	JennettieVanhoy	1882
3. Minnie	James Almond	1882
4. Jane Alice	John Wesley Bowers	1882
5. Louisa	Locke Moody	1885
6. Sarah Anne	James Luther Sides	1886
7. John F	Ada Efird	1903
8. William	Vara Whitley	1907
9. Nannie	Jesse Poplin	1897
10. Kittie	Pet Lowder	1903
11. Attie	Travis Austin	
12. Ralph	Letha Treece	1914
13. Agnes	Luther Bowers	1914

The seven children that were married before 1900 were no longer living in Sarah Anne's household because they had families of their own. The seven children living with her which were listed in the 1900 Census were her six other children plus a male named Moody, born 1895. I believe that Moody was a grandchild that, for what ever the reason, was staying with Sarah Anne at the time the census was taken. To support this, Absolom's 1898 Last Will & Testament made provisions for his twelve children, the youngest being Agnes, born in 1884. Also, for Sarah Anne to be the natural mother of Moody who was born in 1895, she would have been 53 years old at the time of the child's birth which was eleven years after Agnes was born.

All of this information clarifies that when Sarah Anne Burleyson answered the 1900 Census takers questions of "How many children are living in this household?" the correct answer was seven as is recorded. To the question of "How many children do you have that are still living?" the answer of seven was also correct in the sense that she had seven additional children living outside her household. I believe that Sarah Anne answered the questions truthfully since she was not asked, "How many children have you given birth to?"

In the case of Shem Burleyson, we find the 1900 Census listing Shem as the head of household. It lists his father, William (Billie) as 88 years old, and his mother Roda both living with him. It also lists both as being widowed and it states that Roda had only one child and that child as still living.

From the information that we have gathered we know that William (Billie) died in 1896 and his wife Roda was left a widow with seven children.

<u>The seven children were:</u>	
1. Rueben	5. Dixie
2. Naomi	6. Ham (Twin to Shem)
3. Hannah	7. Shem (Twin to Ham)
4. Japeth	

Shem's statement of his father William (Billie) still being alive after his burial at Friendship Church and Last Will & Testament was probated in 1896 and Shem's additional statements that he was an only child must have made the sides of Shem's cheeks puff-out with a fork-tongue in both cheeks! This is why you must investigate the accuracy of the 1900 Census and not just accept the information as truth.

Sunday Afternoon With Lena Burleson

By J.D. Burleson

On a Sunday afternoon in July 1997 a group met at the Lena Burleson's house in Albemarle. She was going to show us Burleson Cemetery #1 near her farm and tell us about the headstones. The group included;

Lena Burleson (wife of Klon Roy)
Johnny Paul Burleson (Lena's son)
John H. Burleson
Karol (my wife) and myself (JD Burleson)
Sheila Breese (our daughter)
Tyler and Adam Breese (Sheila's sons)
Wesley Burleson (our son)
Don and Mary Burleson Eudy
(they take care of the Cemetery)



At Burleson Cemetery #1, Lena (seated) talking with Don and Mary Eudy, my son, Wesley, taking notes. Johnny Paul Burleson checking some of the stones in the distance. My grandson, Tyler Breese, on the left enjoying the afternoon.

From Lena's home we drove about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the old burial place. It was very hot and humid but we had a good time anyway. The rolling hills of the farm were beautiful. Herds of cattle dotted the hills in the distance and the cattle mooing occasionally was the only sound that broke the peace and quiet. It is beautiful country there.

The burial place there is Burleson Cemetery #1 located on 1242 Burleson Road near the old home place of R. Hurley Burleson. It was part of Joshua Hearne's home place. Joshua was Mary Ann Hearne Burleson's father. Isaac Burleson (May 20, 1842 – April 8, 1910) and Mary Ann Hearne Burleson (Feb 15, 1841 – Nov 11, 1897) are both buried here. Joshua Hearne's wife, Nancy Almond Hearne, gave 50 acres of land for the City Hall in Albemarle.

Mary Lou Burleson Eudy loaned me four pictures to copy:

- (1) Isaac Burleson
- (2) Isaac and Mary Ann's family
- (3) Hurley Burleson
- (4) Hurley Burleson's family reunion.

Lena told us several stories about the cemetery and surrounding area. She pointed out the headstone for "C. Tebe Burleson". Lena said this was a terrible loss. Tebe had one child named Thurman, BFA #261. Her husband Brady N. Burleson was in the service when she was expecting her second child. Her doctors assured her it would be safe to have the baby at home. After 30 hours of labor they realized there were complications but it was too late. Both Tebe and the baby died.

They are buried together in the same grave.



Here is an interesting update to this story. While visiting with Virginia Burleson (Cecil's Widow) she told me more about Brady Burleson. Brady Burleson is Cecil's brother, and Brady later married, Cecelia Marie Gotthold, and they had one son, Garth Burleyson. Virginia gave me Garth's address, he lives in Silver Springs, Maryland. I wrote and requested some information on his family and I received a letter from him last week. This is what I added to my computer, GARTH⁵ BURLEYSON (BRADY NASH⁴ BURLESON, JONAH CURDY³, DOVIE, JOSEPH, ISAAC JR., ISAAC SR.) was born June 25, 1927 in Washington, DC. He married CAROLINE MAY WEIMER March 19, 1955 in WASHINGTON, DC, daughter of GALEN WEIMER and MAGDALINE FUNKHOUSER. She was born November 7, 1930 in Washington, DC.

Children of GARTH BURLEYSON and CAROLINE WEIMER are:

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 - i. GREGG PAUL⁶ BURLEYSON, b. March 10, 1957, Washington, DC.
 - ii. ERIC TIMOTHY BURLEYSON, b. August 1, 1958, Washington, DC; m. KIRSTEN WEIBLEN, February 28, 2001, ROMNEY, W. VA.
 - iii. DALE STEPHEN BURLEYSON, b. June 26, 1963, Washington, DC; m. MARGARET (MEGAN) FRANCIS BLACK; b. GERMANY.

Generation No. 2

2. GREGG PAUL⁶ BURLEYSON (GARTH⁵, BRADY NASH⁴ BURLESON, JONAH CURDY³) was born March 10, 1957 in Washington, DC. He married JOAN ELIZABETH WILLIAMS June 4, 1983 in SILVER SPRINGS, MD, daughter of DR. WILLIAMS and MARGARET. She was born in Washington, DC. Children of GREGG BURLEYSON and JOAN WILLIAMS are:

- i. SHEILEY CATHRYN⁷ BURLEYSON, b. March 27, 1986, AUGUSTA, GA.
- ii. JENNIFER ROBIN BURLEYSON, b. April 30, 1989, BALTIMORE, MD.

Lena pointed to some oak trees down in a valley. She said there was a gum spring located there. An eagle lived in the group of trees. When it got injured some men came there and caught it. Lena was told it was taken to Washington. Some time later Lena visited Washington. She went to the Museum and saw a large eagle mounted for display. The sign below it read "caught in North Carolina". She believes it is the same eagle.

Lena showed us where Hurley Burleson's home place was. The trees are still standing but the house has long been gone. She told about the slave auctions held there. There was a large rock where the slave would stand while buyers bid on him. Lena said she was told of a time they were auctioning a women, who had a little baby. When the mother was auctioned off the slave buyer did not purchase her baby. They carried the women away screaming, leaving her infant behind. Her screams were heard until she was too far away. Cemetery records posted in BFB page 434 list 6 or 7 slave graves there. One name was "Dan D. Red".

One headstone said "Twin sons of K.E. & L.P. Burleson (Kope and Pearl Hahn Burleson) July 5, 1919. The twins infant boys were born without a skull. The babies cried for two whole days. Since the babies could not survive without a skull, the family prayed for their death to come soon to end the poor baby's horrible pain and suffering. They died two days after their birth.



There was one row of gravestones that contained eight small diamond-shaped headstones in a line. Lena told us an interesting story about the eight stones in a row.



When a certain lady found she was expecting a baby she claimed the father of her child was Isaac's son Fred. But he refused to marry the woman and instead married a lady named Lizzie. The mother of the lady who was expecting became very angry when Fred refused to marry her daughter. The angry mother vowed she would have revenge on Fred. She allegedly cast a spell or curse on Fred and Lizzie. She said that none of their children would live as long as she was alive herself. Fred and Lizzie buried eight children in a row until finally the old women who had cursed them died. After her death their next five children lived to old age.

It was a very interesting day. The children found some of the old stories fascinating too.

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Meeting With Lillie Burleson

By JD Burleson

Students At Old Burleson School

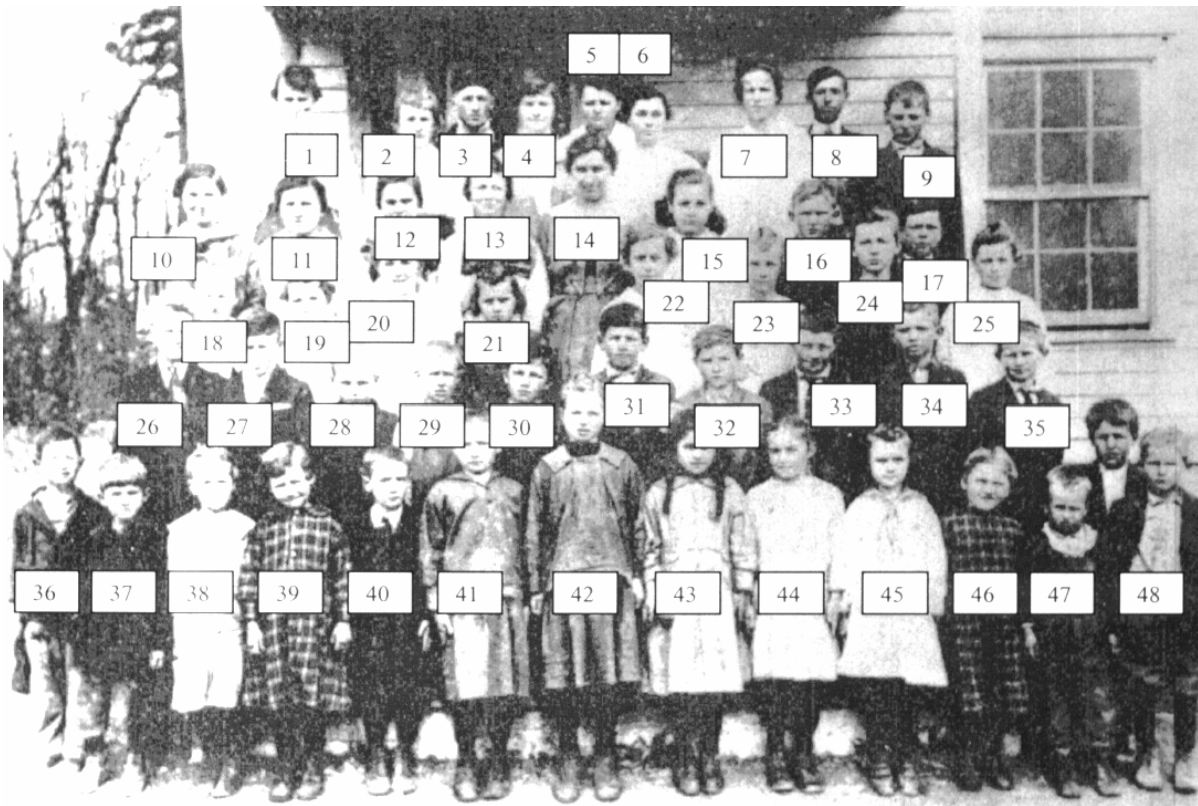
This is a newspaper article Lillie gave me. While we were talking she listed everyone in the picture by name. She was able to tell a little story about most of them, who they married and a little about what happened to them later in life. I wish I had been able to record the discussion, but I was able to record all the names and they are listed on the next page.

This picture fascinated me because several of the children in the picture were younger brothers and sisters of my grandfather, Ray Burleson. I had heard their names but that was all I knew about them. In 1918 my grandfather was in Europe in World War I. His brother, Dewey Burleson, is on the back row listed as #8. He married Mattie Rowland and they had two children; Alvin, who died at birth in 1928, and Mildred, who was born in 1930, and currently lives in Albemarle. Ray's sister, Jerome Burleson, is #25, and she is married to Paul Bass Sr. Paul worked on projects that build dams around the country. They moved to Tennessee. They have 2 children; Paul Jr. and Ruby, who both still live in Tennessee.

If any of the children in this picture are your relatives, would you please send in any information you have about them. We will publish it in a future issue. Notice the hair bow on the girl #21. Everyone who has seen the picture has been interested in the huge bow.



This picture, believed to have been taken in 1918, shows the student body of the old Burleson School. It was located about five miles west of Albemarle, not very far from the Canton Church community of today. Lillie showed me the location where the school stood, and it is at 28238 Parker Road. This school was abandoned when consolidation took place and the pupils formerly attending Burleson School went to Endy and Millingport. Mrs. Sim Burleson, who appears in the picture, brought it to the newspaper, with identification.



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| 1. Gence Almond m/Pickler | 27. Luther Barbee |
| 2. Attie Almond m/Poplin | 28. Ralph Almond |
| 3. Hal Burris | 29. Wade Almond |
| 4. Victoria Harwood m/Lowder | 30. Lee Barbee |
| 5. Ossie Whitlock m/Hutherson | 31. Lonzo Burris |
| 6. Bertha Almond m/Lambert | 32. Veston Harwood |
| 7. Nora Burleson | 33. Spencer Burleson |
| 8. Dewey Burleson (my grandfather's brother) | 34. Will Burleson (Jim's son) |
| 9. Ruben Almond | 35. Taft Burleson (John F. Burleson's son) |
| 10. Virgie Harwood | (John Hoyle Burleson's father) |
| 11. Martha Barbee M/Roy Burleson | 36. Harvey Burleson (Jim Burleson's son) |
| 12. Trula Barbee m/Barbee | 37. Purdy Howell |
| 13. Lena Almond, m. Burris | 38. Attas Harwood |
| 14. Teacher Ethel Harkee | 39. Lillian Fink m/Charlie Jordon |
| 15. Enda Burris | 40. Good Burleson (Lillie's brother) |
| 16. Nuton Burleson | Named after Good Morton |
| 17. Ray Von Burleson | (Store in Albemarle) |
| 18. Rosie Leadbetter | 41. Eleven Fink |
| 19. Flora Burleson (Lillie's sister) | 42. Ora Almond, m/Fred Burris |
| 20. Odessa Harwood | 43. Ruth Fink |
| 21. Mary Burleson | 44. Viola Harwood |
| 22. Vina Harwood m/Harkey | 45. Lillie Burleson (Ed's Mother) |
| 23. Annie Almond m/ Burris | She was the one that named |
| 24. Beula Burleson (Jim Burleson's dau) | everyone in the picture for me |
| 25. Jerome Burleson, m/Paul Bass | 46. Zora Barbee |
| (my grandfather's sister) | 47. Raymond Almond |
| 26. Ocsar Hatley | 48. Hugh Burleson |

Augustus Graham (Gus) Burleson

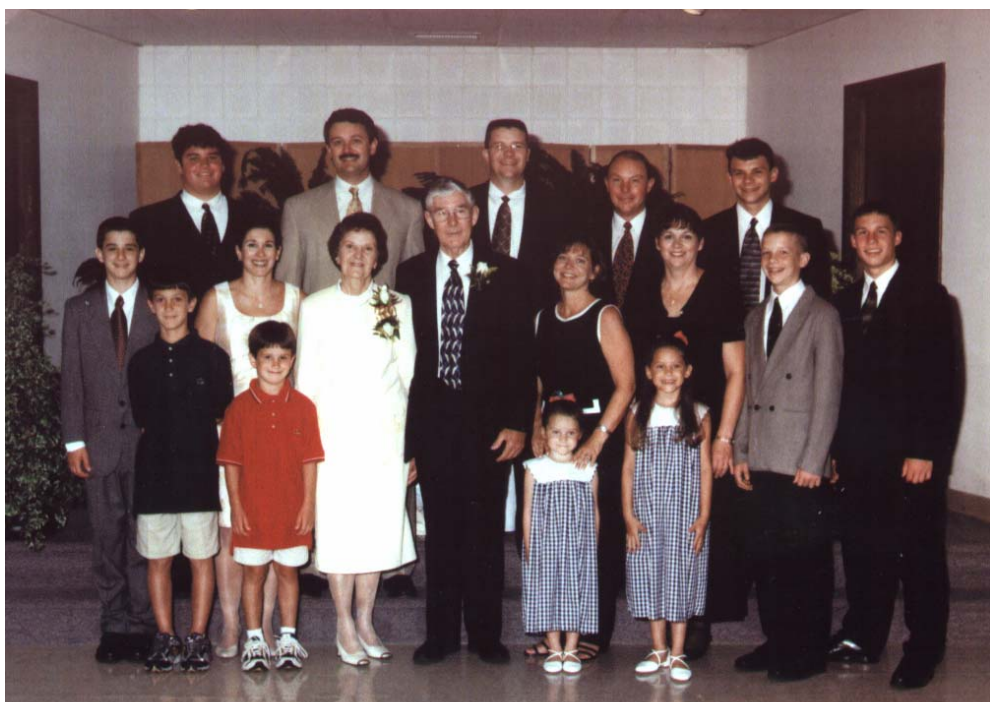
By Bobbie Nell Burleson Efird, his granddaughter

See pages 127 – 128 of Recollections for additional information on this family

I remember Grandpa always living with our family when we were growing up. He was always kind and gentle to all seven of us children. My mother and dad worked away from home, so Grandpa was there to help with all the farming and the mules, cows, etc. He had so much patience when we worked in the fields of corn and cotton and did other chores. At lunch he listened to the news on the radio. Every Saturday he polished his shoes to go to church on Sunday. He sat on the same pew every week.

Grandpa received a small old-age pension. When it first began to arrive, he would go to the store to buy Black Miria Tobacco and some bananas to eat. Grandpa never owned anything, but when he died he and his wife, Isabel Whitley, had 11 children, 49 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren. We don't know how many more there are now.

We want to thank Bobbie Nell Burleson Efird for this story. She has also provided our group with many pictures of Gus Burleson's Family. Bobbie Nell is in the process of contacting other family members to make sure this is complete. With Bobbie's hard work we think this line is almost finished. A search of the descendants of Gus Burleson showed that he now has in addition to his 11 children, 59 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren, 59 great-great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-great-grandchildren.



Family of James Kenneth & Bobbie Nell Burleson Efird
50th Wedding Anniversary, June 13, 1999
1st row Will, Campbell, Alexandra, Victoria
2nd row Ben, Lee Ann, Bobbie Nell, Kenneth, Gayla, Nina, Caleb, Kyle
3rd row Mathew, Randy, Bruce, Kevin and Levi

We need more hard working individuals to help us with all the different Burleson Family Lines. Our goal at the Burleson Family Research Group is to document all the descendants of Isaac Burleson Sr. We are doing this one family at a time and publishing the information on each family in a separate book. These books will be a series following each of Isaac Burleson's descendants. All present and back volumes are available by contacting

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When we published our 2nd book, [Descendants of John Wesley Burleson](#), we listed all of the children of Joseph and Nancy Rogers Burleson, John Wesley's parents. Bob Cree noticed that John Wesley's sister, Martha Jane, and his brother, David Derrick's, birth dates were listed as 3 months apart, and brought this to our attention. We want to thank John H. and Nancy Burleson, and John's son, Daniel, for doing the research on this. Here is what they found.

Reply To the Question of Martha Jane & David Derrick's Birth Dates

Today, August 24, 2002 Nancy, Daniel and I went to Mission Baptist Church Cemetery and found Martha Jane Burleson's grave. Her marker appears to be of the type used in the period of her death. There are several more of those same type markers in the year range of Martha Jane's death. I am sure the marble rock for Martha Jane was placed shortly after her death and the dates are probably correct.

The marker is inscribed: Martha J. Burleyson
Born July 4, 1835
Died June 4, 1913

Afterwards we went to Canton Baptist Church Cemetery to find David Derrick Burleson's marker. His marker is marble furnished by the U. S. Veterans Dept.



It reads:
David D. Burleson
Co. F 5 NC Trps. CSA
Sept 1, 1835 - Mar 12,
1896

I now remember that this marker was placed within the last 5 years. Miss Lena called me several years ago and said she had been contacted by Ron Capel, a Deacon from Canton Church, who was collecting information on David Derrick. She asked me to contact Ron to give him what information he needed.

I called Ron and he informed me that Canton Church was in the process of contacting families of people that were buried in Canton Cemetery that did not have a permanent marker. (I believe Ron said that there was a field rock marking David's grave.) David was one of these. Church record knew where he was buried, but there had never been a monument. His direct families are few and several generations removed. I gave Ron David's military history and where he served. I suppose Canton Church (probably Ron) applied for and erected the present marker. Where the dates came from I do not know.



After seeing Martha Jane's marker I believe it was erected at her death and the dates are true. Knowing David Derrick's marker to be set in recent years, and the date may well have been transcribed from a hundred year-old field rock, make me hesitant to accept the dates on David Derrick's marker.

My Father, Allen Lee Burleson

By Beulah Burleson Hahn Way July 30, 2002

Albemarle, NC

Allen Lee Burleson carried the mail in the early days of 1910-1939. His route was #3. It was the longest one - 27 miles. Allen drove a horse and buggy over the dusty and muddy roads for years. When the roads were improved and the buggy was replaced by a car, there was much rejoicing.

Some incidents that I remember are:

- A balky horse kicked out of the harness, tore up the buggy and hurt my dad, then ran away.
- The hot brick wrapped in paper to keep his feet warm caught on fire and burned his lap robe.
- One time when he stopped at a mailbox to deliver the mail, a group of gypsies gathered around and tried to rob him of his moneybox. I was with him and I was very frightened. He did satisfy them with a little change. He often took me along with him when I was very young.
- During the heavy rains, often the water would flow over the bridges crossing the creeks and streams. One time my father started to cross a creek but the bridge was gone. Daddy grabbed his mail sack and clung to a tree limb. After climbing out of the water, he walked miles to get help.

There is a saying that *Hail, rain, sleet or snow the mail must go through.* And so it did. When his fellow workers complained he'd say, "There are others who would like to have your job."

Back then the law required mail carriers to resign at age 65. My father was born January 31, 1874 so he reluctantly gave up his job in 1939 and went back to farming. He died December 29, 1969 when he was 95 years and 11 months old.



Allen Lee and Lucy Herlocker Burleson
with Beulah and Lonnie

We want to thank Beulah for this interesting story and tribute to her father. We also encourage others to send in stories about their family. You will find another article about Allen on page 45 of Recollections Volume 3. It was reprinted from the May 17, 1966, Stanly News and Press. Beulah's Burleson Line is, Allen Lee & Lucy Jane Herlocker Burleson, Howell & Judith Burris Burleson, Billie & Sarah Harwood Burleson, Isaac & Catherine Castle Burleson, and Isaac & Martha Clay Burleson. Beulah lives in Middleburg, Florida with her son, Rev. Charles Glenn Hahn. She also has a daughter, Judy Hahn Haley, who lives in Redfield, AR. Beulah, Judy and Charles are all teachers, and they were honored at our Burleson Family Reunion October 21st, 2001. You can find their Biography Sheets on pages 51 – 53 of Recollections Volume 4.

Searching for John Almond

By John H. Burleson

Recently I received a call from Alton Almond. He explained, that after talking to Hilda Snuggs about his ancestors, she stated that I had collected information on the Almonds also. After several conversations on the phone, I learned that Alton lives in Texas, North of Dallas. Being retired, he flies back here quite often and takes care of his father, Milas Almond who lives in the Millingport community.

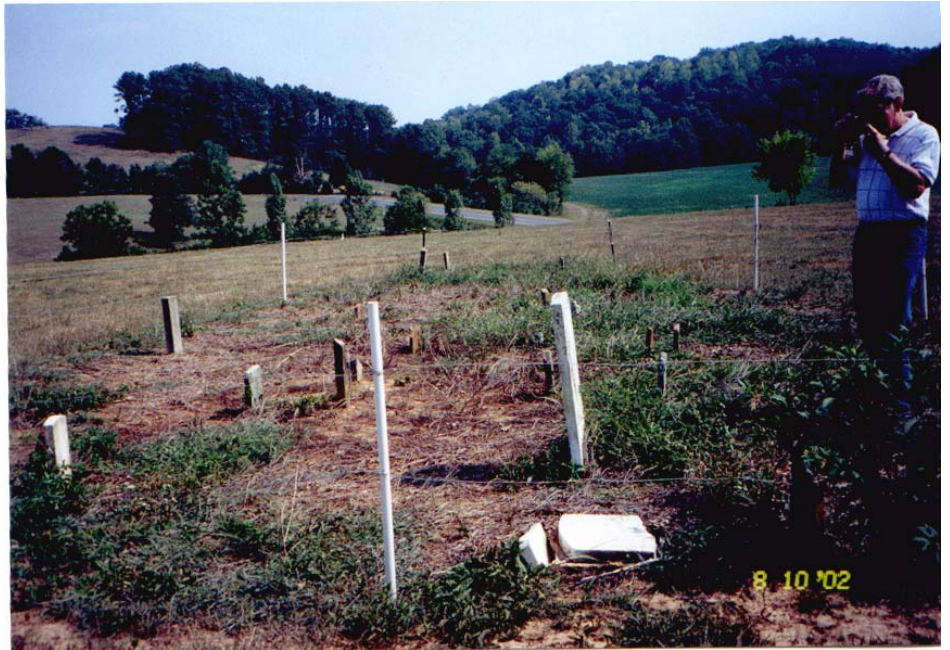
Alton's line is Milas Almond, Ed Almond, Minnie Burleson and James Almond, Judith Burris and John Almond. Minnie was a sister to my grandfather, John F. Burleson. Alton's project was to try to find the grave of John Almond, his Great-Great-Grandfather. This project started when Alton's son became interested in the War Between the States. They have found John's military record and the fact that he died during his service to our Confederate States. Family tradition tells us that his wife Judith took their young son, only a few months old, with her when she traveled to bring her husband who was dying from smallpox home. She cared for him in his last days. This was quite a task for a 19 year-old, but Judith was equal to her task. After the war was over she married Howell Burleson.

My research finds that John Almond's parents were John Kellis Almond and Sarah, but I am unable to place this Kellis into a family group. His age would place him as a 2nd generation Almond in Stanly County. There are many Achilles Almonds during this time.

On Alton's next visit here we went to photograph the graveyard that Alton had visited. It is located on the Millingport/Ridgecrest Road on a hill overlooking Big Bear Creek. It was the family burial lot of Killes Almond who was born 1790 and died 1857 and his wife Sarah Melchor, but not the Achilles we were looking for.

The search goes on. Maybe someone reading this will know where John Almond, member of the 5th NC Infantry Confederate States of America, is buried and let us know.

This trip was not a failure because I met a cousin and now I have another friend. The Killes we found was Burleson connected also. His son Achilles Jr. married Christina Burleson daughter of Isaac Jr.

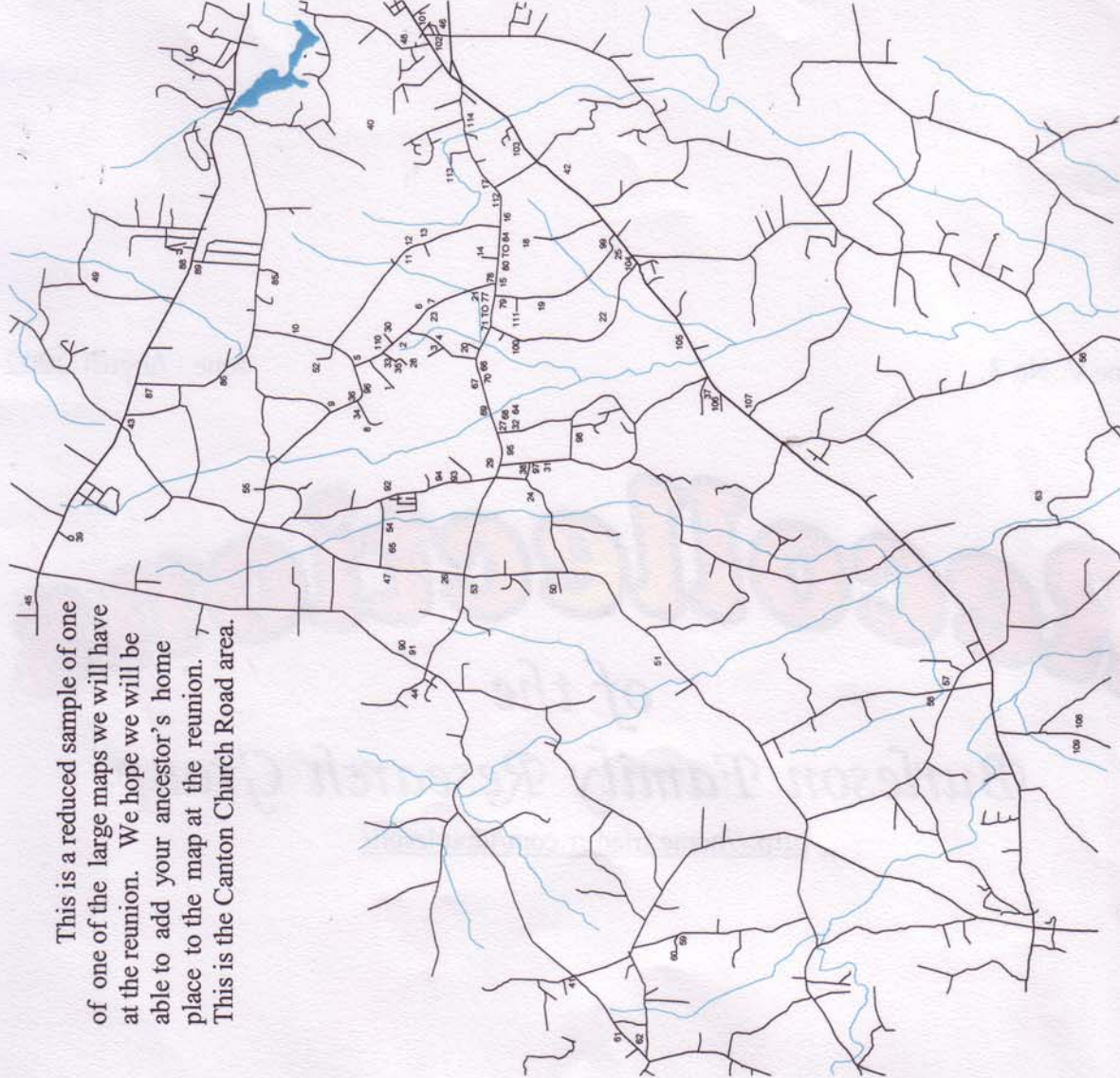


Major Milestones

In this section we hope to print information about the family. This could include marriage and birth announcements, honors received and obituaries. We encourage you to send information in to be published in future issues.

This is a reduced sample of one of the large maps we will have at the reunion. We hope we will be able to add your ancestor's home place to the map at the reunion. This is the Canton Church Road area.

1. ALPHUS (ALF) HUNEYCUTT
2. WILLIAM PARKER
3. GROVER (SIM) BURLESON
4. WINNIE & JAMES (MACK) BURLESON
5. ALLEN BURLESON
6. SANFORD PARKER
7. HUGH BURLESON
8. STARLING HOWELL
9. ADOLPHUS FINK
10. GOOD MORTON DAIRY
11. DORA & DEWEY BURLESON
12. LENA BURLESON
13. DUKE BURLESON
14. GUY & DOC BURLESON
15. CHARLES H. BURLESON
16. HOMER BURLESON
17. D. VANCE HATLEY
18. KERSEY THOMPSON
19. ODELL BURLESON
20. RALPH ALMOND
21. RALPH BURLESON
22. MARVIN PARKER
23. RICHARD HARLESON
24. WILLIAM (BILLY) BANGLE ALMOND
25. TOM BURLESON
26. WILLIAM JR. BOWERS
27. EDGAR (ED) BURLESON
28. DEAN HATLEY
29. EZRA ALMOND
30. LOYD LAMBERT
31. LEVI FURR
32. WILL DAVIS
33. DOYLE BURLESON
34. SILAS BARBEE
35. RAY VON BURLESON
36. SAM BURLESON
37. ENDY SCHOOL
38. CANTON CHURCH
39. MILLINGPORT SCHOOL
40. RED HILL OLD HEARNE GOLD MINES
41. RIDGECREST SCHOOL
42. PINEGROVE CHURCH
43. FRIENDSHIP CHURCH
44. BEAR CREEK CHURCH
45. SALEM CHURCH
46. BURLESON SQUARE (AFTER 1970)
47. CLETUS PARKER
48. POPLIN GROVE CHURCH
49. NELSON MOUNTAIN
50. JOHN M. MORTON
51. JOSEPH LORCH
52. HENRY ALMOND
53. LEON (SHUG) BOWERS
54. ADAM SMITH
55. HENRY LOWDER
56. ST. MARTIN CHURCH
57. PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH
58. PAUL SMITH
59. JOHN HENRY HATLEY
60. MOSES SMITH
61. RUNNING CREEK CHURCH
62. MISSION CHURCH
63. JOHN WESLY BURLESON (FARM)
64. MELVIN BURLESON
65. RUFUS HUNEYCUTT
66. JAMES (HARVEY) BURLESON
67. THEODORE LAMBERT
68. CARROLL ALMOND
69. ALTON LAMBERT
70. KEITH CARTER
71. CLYDE ALMOND
72. BILLY ALMOND
73. KILLIS ALMOND
74. TAFT BURLESON
75. GERALD HATLEY
76. CARTER UPHOLSTERY
77. HUNEYCUTT GARAGE
78. NEDIE ALMOND
79. IRENIUS (REN) BURLESON
80. ROY'S STORE
81. ROY BURLESON
82. VANN BURLESON
83. CLYDE (CLINE) BURLESON
84. PUKDY HOWELL
85. JAP HATLEY
86. HUB HARD
87. LUTHER ALMOND
88. MARVIN BURLESON
89. HARKEY
90. GROVER HATLEY
91. SHEM BURLESON
92. GEORGE LINGERFELT
93. CHARLIE BARBEE
94. HARVEY ALMOND (HARDWARE)
95. NEWELL ALMOND
96. CLARENCE BARBEE
97. OSCAR BOLCH
98. HELMS
99. CLARENCE BURLESON
100. CLETUS (COOT) BURLESON
101. CLYDE NORMAN BURLESON
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103. SPENCER ADAM BURLESON
104. FRED BARBEE
105. RANDALL BURLESON
106. G.H. SWARINGER
107. TEETER
108. TEDDY (TED) BURLESON
109. FELTON SMITH
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