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THE BURKS FAMILY

I JOSHUA JONATHAN BURKS (poss the son of Henry BURKS). His mother was ? NORMAN, a sister to Dave NORMAN of Clayton Co., GA. J.J. was b in ARK 10 Oct 1847. His mother d there and his father returned to GA with J.J. and a sister. He remarried, but the wife (name unk) was so cruel to his children that they soon separated. His father later married a kind, loving woman (name unk) who was very good to J.J. and his sister. Family tradition says that J.J.'s father d in the Civil War (Note: Henry BURKS and wife, Elizabeth, appear on the 1860 Census of Clayton Co; but Elizabeth appears as the head of the household on the 1870 Census. J.J. is listed with Henry's family in 1860; but in 1870 he is listed in his own household along with Henry M. SMITH, white-male, age 30). J.J. went to school only enough to learn to read, but not write. Then he went to work as a farm laborer for his Uncle Dave NORMAN. A writing school was being organized in the area and J.J. wanted to go. His uncle said, "No plowing comes first!" The day the school opened J.J. was plowing when a cousin Yancy Barton came by. Yancy asked why J.J. was not at the school and J.J. explained. Yancy said, "Well, you are going. I will pay your expenses and see that the plowing gets done too!" Through the kindness of this cousin, J.J. became a literate man.

On 24 Dec 1871 in Clayton Co., J.J. mar ELMINA MITCHELL (dau of Thomas & Elizabeth (RUFF) MITCHELL) in a civil ceremony conducted by A.P. Adamson, J.P. Elmina was b 17 Aug 1851 in Clayton Co. They lived there for a while, then came to Rusk Co., TX in the early months of 1877. They bought land in the Brachfield Comm and settled down to farming and raising their family. They joined the Zion Hill Bapt Ch in July of 1877. Being most active and faithful in the church, J.J. was ordained a deacon 31 Jul 1886. On 2 Sep 1893, he was recognized as "having the gift of exhortation"; and was ordained to preach on 4 Jan 1901. He pastored many churches all over Rusk Co., and served as a circuit riding missionary in the Deadwood Comm of eastern Panola Co. J.J. especially loved to sing religious music. His dau Lee (BURKS) CRAWFORD remembered his favorites as the Sacred Harp songs #288 "White", #418 "Rees" and #470 "There We our Jesus Shall Adore". On 28 Aug 1913 the family was gathered so that the men could help Dr. Tim Deason cut hay. After lunch, J.J. suddenly felt ill. Someone fixed him a pallet on the porch of his house so the afternoon breeze could help keep him cool. He laid down and requested that the women and girls go on singing hymns as they had been doing to amuse themselves. Suddenly, he turned very blue; said, "I'm gone!", and died. He was bur in Zion Hill Cem near his home.

Elmina then became the strong head of the family, continuing to live on in the home they had built when they arrived in TX from GA. Their children, recognizing her efforts to keep the family unit strong, organized a reunion to be held each year on the Sunday closest to her birthday. In 1979, 39 years after her death, this tradition still continues. Elmina d 21 Jun 1940 at her home and was bur beside her husband in Zion Hill Cem, Rusk Co., TX.

KNOWN ISSUE: 12 (2nd Gen)

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| 1. Lydia Florence Burks | (1872-1951) |
| 2. Georgia Ann Ruff Burks | (1874-1902) |
| 3. William Clifford Burks | (1876-1954) |
| 4. Tommie Elizabeth Burks | (1878-1936) |

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| 5. Martin Edward Burks | (1880-1959) |
| 6. Wyatt Alden Burks | (1882-1942) |
| 7. Lexie Jane Burks | (1885-1963) |
| 8. Eddie Ollie Lee Burks | (1888-1973) |
| 9. Rufus C. Burleson Burks | (1890-1924) |
| 10. Stewart Joshua Burks | (1892-1975) |
| 11. Infant son Burks | (1894-1894) |
| 12. Emma Odessa Burks | (1896-1975) |

II(1) LYDIA FLORENCE BURKS 1st child of Joshua J. & Elmina (MITCHELL) BURKS was b 23 Dec 1872 in Clayton Co., GA. She 1st mar a MR. CROW. She 2nd mar her first cousin POSEY CATES (son of William M. & Georgia Ann (MITCHELL) CATES). Posey was b 8 Sep 1875 poss in Jasper Co, GA. Lydia & Posey made their home in Mt. Enterprise, Rusk Co., TX. Posey d 22 Jan 1948 and Lydia d 6 Sep 1951 at their home. Both are bur Zion Hill Cem, Rusk Co., TX.

Lydia & Mr. Crow's children were ---

III(1) COMA CROW mar a MR. TABOR

III(2) BERTHA CROW mar WALTER GREEN

Lydia & Posey's children are ---

III(3) VILOMA CATES mar JOHN E. BECKHAM

III(4) FORREST CATES mar EMMA BARRETT

III(5) VADA CATES 1st mar ^{www.georgiapioneers.com}?, 2nd mar MARION NIX

III(6) MACKIE CATES was b 19 Sep 1911, he mar MINNIE L.

III(7) EULA MAE CATES mar J. ELDRON HOLLAND

II(2) GEORGIA ANN RUFF BURKS 2nd child of Joshua J. & Elmina (MITCHELL) BURKS was b 17 Nov 1874 in Clayton Co., GA. She mar BENJAMIN FRANKLIN "BENNY" WAGSTAFF. Benny was b 22 Feb 18__, bur at Camp Ruby, TX near Livingston, Polk Co., TX. Georgia d 13 Dec 1902, bur Zion Hill Cem, Rusk Co., TX. Thier children are ---

III(1) WILLIAM JOSHUA WAGSTAFF mar LEONE REED

III(2) NAOMI WAGSTAFF was b 16 Nov 1893 in Tenaha, Shelby Co., TX
She mar CEPHAS R. POOL.

III(3) ARTHUR WAGSTAFF mar ALMA HOWETH

III(4) CLIFFORD WAGSTAFF mar ANNIE REED

III(5) MARTIN DEMPSEY WAGSTAFF mar ELBERTA PARKER

II(3) WILLIAM CLIFFORD BURKS 3rd child of Joshua J. & Elmina (MITCHELL) BURKS was b 2 Oct 1876 in GA. He mar LULA MORRIS. Clifford d 17 Aug 1954 at Corrigan, Polk Co., TX. Clifford & Lula's children are ---

III(1) DURA BURKS mar a MR. JONES

III(2) LOTTIE BURKS mar a MR. MEADOR
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III(3) OCIE BURKS

III(4) MORRIS BURKS

II(4) TOMMIE ELIZABETH BURKS 4th child of Joshua J. & Elmina (MITCHELL) BURKS was b 20 Jul 1878, the first of their children to be born in TX. On 17 Jul 1901 in Brachfield Comm, Rusk Co., TX she mar the REV. MILTON JONES. Milton was b 8 Mar 1836 and was a school teacher, a Bapt minister, and a soldier in several wars. He served with the 12th Texas Cavalry CSA, was in two Indian wars, and served as a Frontier Guard to rid Texas of the blood-thirsty Comanche Indians. He was wounded twice during the Civil War. Tommie was a kind sweet and gentle mother who cared for her children with much love. Milton d 11 Oct 1922, and Tommie d 19 Dec 1936 and they are buried side-by-side in Zion Hill Cem, Rusk Co., TX. Tommie and Milton's children are ---

III(1) JOHN PAUL JONES who died in infancy

III(2) OPHELIA JONES who mar H.B. WOOLVERTON

III(3) JOSHUA JONES (twin) who mar DOVIE ROUSSEAU

III(4) ELLA MAE JONES (twin to Joshua) a retired school teacher

III(5) EUGENE L. JONES who mar RUTH POOVEY, a Bapt Preacher (twin)

III(6) PAULINE JONES (twin to Eugene) who mar VERNON JIMERSON

II(5) MARTIN EDWARD BURKS 5th child of Joshua J. & Elmina (MITCHELL) BURKS was b 10 Mar 1880 in Rusk Co., TX. He mar LILLIE POOL in Rusk Co. Lillie was b 21 Mar 1886 in Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA. Martin, a farmer, bought the land that his parents purchased when they arrived in TX; and farmed it and lived on it all of his life. He d 25 May 1959 and Lillie d 18 Oct 1963 and both are bur Zion Hill Cem, Rusk Co., TX. Their children are ---

III(1) GRADY BURKS was b & d 23 Nov 1903

III(2) CLYDE BURKS was b 26 Nov 1904, d 28 Feb 1974. He mar
SUDIE MAE

III(3) CECIL BURKS

III(4) LEON BURKS who mar MABLE JONES

III(5) CHRISTINE OPAL BURKS was b 21 Feb 1917, d 1 May 1919, bur
Zion Hill Cem, Rusk Co., TX

III(6) EDWARD MARTIN BURKS was b 12 Jul 1921, mar BOBBIE BEARDEN

III(7) DAVID JOSHUA "D.J." BURKS was b 14 Sep 1923, mar
RITA FAY JONES

II(6) WYATT ALDEN BURKS 6th child of Joshua J. & Elmina (MITCHELL) BURKS was b 9 Dec 1882 in Rusk Co., TX. He 1st mar PEARL BLANTOCH. He 2nd mar ANNIE HOWETH. Wyatt d 12 Jun 1942, bur Strong Cem, Rusk Co., TX. Wyatt & Pearl's children are ---

III(1) FAY BURKS

III(2) GRADY BURKS was b 7 Sep 1927. On 7 Jul 1945 he mar JULIA ANNETTE LEMLEY (dau of Walter Scott & Georgia Ann (ANDERSON) LEMLEY). Judy was b 22 Jun 1928 in Madison, Kansas. They now live in Oklahoma City, OK where Grady, a retired fireman, now owns an aluminum company. Their children are ---

IV(1) JO DIANE BURKS was b 19 Nov 1946 she mar RUSSELL E. ABOLT on 29 Oct 1966.

IV(2) GAY LYNN BURKS was b 10 Aug 1949, she mar REV EMORY CLEVE HALEY on 16 Aug 1968.

IV(3) WYATT ALDEN BURKS was b 13 Nov 1952, he mar PAMELA JOYCE WEBB on 3 Feb 1973

Wyatt & Annie's children are ---

III(3) WYATT ALDEN BURKS

III(4) CLIFFORD RAY BURKS mar INEZ HUSBAND

III(5) HERBERT BURKS

III(6) DENTY BURKS

II(7) LEXIE JANE BURKS 7th child of Joshua J. & Elmina (MITCHELL) BURKS was b 24 Aug 1885 in Rusk Co., TX. She 1st mar W.J. TURNER, 2nd mar BENJAMIN FRANKLIN "BENNY" WAGSTAFF. (This was the 4th mar for Benny, 1st mar Lexie's sis Georgia, 2nd and 3rd wives names unk, 4th mar Lexie) Lexie d 30 Mar 1965 at Channahon, IL and is bur Zion Hill Cem, Rusk Co., TX. Lexie & W.J.'s child is ---

III(1) ELEANOR TURNER was b 4 Jun 1904 at Brachfield Comm, Rusk Co, TX. On 30 Nov 1921 she mar TED COLLINS.

Lexie & Benny's children are ---

III(2) MILLIE WAGSTAFF was b 1 Jul 1917 at Brachfield Comm, Rusk Co., TX. On 1 Jul 1939 he mar JOSEPHINE BROWN.

III(3) JOHNNY WAGSTAFF was b 28 June 1921 at Camp Ruby, Polk Co., TX. He 1st mar ? He 2nd mar RAYBURN BAKER on 16 Aug 1948. Johnny d 7 May 1975.

III(4) ELGIE WAGSTAFF was b 2 Feb 1923 at Camp Ruby, Polk Co., TX. On 13 Mar 1945 he mar DELLA BEA SMART.

III(5) ELOISE WAGSTAFF was b 27 Dec 1925 at Camp Ruby, Polk Co., TX. She mar GIFFORD MALLOY

II(8) EDDIE OLLIE LEE BURKS 8th child of Joshua J. & Elmina (MITCHELL) BURKS was b 13 Jun 1888 in Rusk Co., TX. On 22 Dec 1909 she mar CHESTER CORTEZ CRAWFORD (son of Andrew J. & Loduska S. (JONES) CRAWFORD) at the home of her parents in Brachfield Comm, Rusk Co., TX. Chester was b 8 Jan 1887 in Brooks Comm, Panola Co., TX. Before her marriage, Lee taught school; after her marriage she was a devoted wife & mother.

Chester was a barber all of his life, except for a brief period during WW II when he served as a security guard at a defense plant east of Marshall, Harrison Co., TX. Chester & Lee were active members of the First Baptist Ch, Beckville, TX. Chester led the singing and was a deacon. Lee taught Sunday School for many years and was looked upon as being most knowledgeable about the scriptures. Chester d 24 Sep 1962 of a heart attack in his home in Beckville. Although failing health diminished her physical activities, Lee's mind remained very alert and her sense of humor never failing until her death from leukemia on 21 Aug 1973. Chester & Lee are bur side-by-side at Youngblood Cem, Beckville, Panola Co., TX.

KNOWN ISSUE: 7 (3rd Gen)

1. Chester Lee Crawford
2. Lois Allene Crawford
3. Rotha Crawford
4. Clarice Crawford
5. Roland Brooks Crawford
6. Earl Turner Crawford
7. Rufus Burks Crawford

III(1) CHESTER LEE CRAWFORD 1st child of Chester C. & Lee(BURKS) CRAWFORD was b 1 Oct 1910 in Brooks Comm, Panola Co., TX. C.L. remained nameless for about six months as both mothers-in-law insisted that the child be named the name they had chosen. Loduska Crawford wanted the child to be named Bascolm, and Elmina Burks insisted his name be Otto. Chester suggested naming the child Otto Bascolm. Lee said that she would sit and look at her beautiful baby and cry when she thought about both www.genealogy.com names. Finally, one day, she realized that if she named the baby half of her name and half of her husband's name, then neither mother-in-law could be offended. So, Lee, always the peacemaker, promptly pronounced the baby's name as Chester Lee. In May 1929 in Beckville, Panola Co., TX C.L. mar JULIA ABRAMS, a native of Shreveport, LA. Julia devoted a lifetime to teaching, predominantly teaching Latin. C.L. became an expert mechanic retiring from the jet engine shops of Braniff International in Dallas, Dallas Co., TX where they still make their home. Their children are --

IV (1) JANET CRAWFORD mar RUSSELL BELL

IV (2) ESTHER LEE CRAWFORD mar DON HUCKABY

III(2) LOIS ALLENE CRAWFORD 2nd child of Chester C. & Lee (BURKS) CRAWFORD was b 29 Jun 1912 in Brooks Comm, Panola Co., TX. On 16 Jul 1939 she mar JOSEPH FOWLER WATSON, JR. (son of Joseph F., Sr. & Sally (GARLAND) WATSON) at a Baptist parsonage in Marshall, Harrison Co., TX. Always talented at sewing, after Allene was in her 50's she discovered a considerable talent for painting. Her favorite medium is watercolors. Jake's logical, orderly mind led him into many different occupations, but he was always involved in record keeping. For 13 years he served as Tax Assessor-Collector for the Beckville school district and the City of Beckville. He retired from the tax business when he reached the age of 65; but soon went to work as bookkeeper-office manager for J.W. Smith, Inc., a masonry contracting firm in Beckville. He worked there for the next nine years, never missing a day of work until he entered the hospital three weeks before his death from cancer on 1 Jan 1974. Jake was b 5 Feb 1899 in Holland's Quarters Comm, Panola

Co., TX. He is bur Walton Cem, Holland's Quarters Comm, Panola Co., TX.
 Jake & Allene's children are ---

IV(1) SALLY LOIS WATSON was b 3 Feb 1943 in Beckville, Panola Co., TX. She 1st mar JOHN ALLEN RAWLINS, JR. and 2nd mar WILLIAM SAMUEL COUVILLION. Her son is --

V (1) SCOTT CLEMENT RAWLINS

IV(2) MARYLEE WATSON was b 28 Apr 1945 in Marshall, Harrison Co., TX. She 1st mar JOHN MALCOLM HILL and 2nd mar THOMAS EARL KNIGHT. Thomas & Marylee's children are ---

V(1) BRIAN JOSEPH KNIGHT was b 15 Oct 1971, Carthage, Panola Co., TX

V(2) LEE EARL KNIGHT was b 25 Oct 1973, Carthage, Panola Co TX

III(3) ROTHA CRAWFORD 3rd child of Chester C. & Lee (BURKS) CRAWFORD was b 8 May 1915 in Brooks Comm, Panola Co., TX. Lee said she chose the name "Rotha" from a popular novel as she thought it was the prettiest name she had ever heard. Rotha d 3 Mar 1923 of appendicitis and is bur Youngblood Cem, Beckville, Panola Co., TX.

III(4) CLARICE CRAWFORD 4th child of Chester C. & Lee (BURKS) CRAWFORD was b 20 Sep 1916 in Brooks Comm, Panola Co., TX. She 1st mar CHARLES ANDERSON, 2nd mar BUD VENTERS, 3rd mar AMOS O. JOHNSON. Amos is a native of North Carolina. She had no issue. Clarice d 20 May 1979, and she was bur Youngblood Cem, Beckville, Panola Co., TX.

III(5) ROLAND BROOKS CRAWFORD 5th child of Chester C. & Lee (BURKS) CRAWFORD was b 9 Jan 1918 in Brooks Comm, Panola Co, TX. He first worked in the C.C.C. camps, then later joined the Soil Conservation Service and at the time of his retirement was a dam construction foreman. Since his retirement he has worked as a foreman for private construction companies. He mar MILDRED ANN CHAPPELL (dau of Holbert Aquilla & Mary Bell (OSBORNE) CHAPPELL) in Sep 1942 in Kaufman, Kaufman co., TX. Mildred Ann is extremely talented in all types of crafts and both she and Roland are antique lovers. Their only child is ---

IV(1) BROOKS ANN CRAWFORD mar CHARLES MICHAEL DAVIS (son of Charles & Fay (?) DAVIS) on 15 Aug 1975 in Bowie, Montague Co., TX. They now make their home in Greenville, TX where Brooks Ann owns her own antique shop.

III(6) EARL TURNER CRAWFORD 6th child of Chester C. & Lee (BURKS) CRAWFORD was b 8 Oct 1921 in Brooks Comm, Panola Co., TX. After his military service, Earl joined the U.S. Postal Service where he worked until his retirement at Texarkana, Bowie Co., TX. After his retirement they moved to south of Canton in Van Zandt Co., TX where his wife had inherited some land. He mar AUDIE BELL FRETWELL (dau of Robert Carl & Mary Etta (BLUE) FRETWELL). Bell was b 11 Jan 1922. They have built a lovely country home and enjoy raising cows. They are both avid fishermen. As Earl says, he is looking for the "basso perfecto"! Earl & Bell's children are ---

IV(1) CHARLOTTE CARLINE CRAWFORD who 1st mar ERWIN BOWMAN, 2nd mar CARL KINSEY. Carline's two children are ---

V(1) WHITNEY AMBER BOWMAN b 27 May 1971

V(2) AMANDA GRACE BOWMAN b 31 May 1973

IV(2) ANNA BELL CRAWFORD who mar DOUG CAMPONOVO (son of Louis CAMPONOVO of Texarkana, Bowie Co., TX)

III(7) RUFUS BURKS CRAWFORD 7th child of Chester C. & Lee (BURKS) CRAWFORD was b 2 May 1926 in Brooks Comm, Panola Co., TX. He was named for his maternal uncle Rufus BURKS. While in college at Jacksonville Baptist College in Jacksonville, Cherokee Co., TX he mar MILDRED ELIZABETH GARRETT, a native of Amarillo, Potter Co., TX. Rufus became a Baptist preacher and pastored a number of churches in TX and ARK and served as a missionary to Brazil and Portugal for several years. Their children are ---

IV(1) STANLEY BRUCE CRAWFORD mar SHERRILL JOHNSTON

V(1) DAVID CRAWFORD

V(2) JASON CRAWFORD

IV(2) DIANE CRAWFORD mar MIKE JONES

IV(3) DEANA KAY CRAWFORD mar WENDEL RAY MC CORKLE on 13 Sep 1975

V(1) CHRISTINA KAY MC CORKLE b 1 Jan 1978

V(2) ELIZABETH ANNE MC CORKLE b 26 May 1979

IV(4) DIXIE LYNN CRAWFORD www.georgiapioneers.com mar DAVID GASON

IV(5) TELMA CRAWFORD

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II(9) RUFUS C. BURLESON BURKS 9th child of Joshua J. & Elmina (MITCHELL) BURKS was b 16 Jun 1890 in Rusk Co., TX. He mar LAURA POOL. He d 21 Nov 1924; bur Strong Cem, Rusk Co., TX. Their children are ---

III(1) CLINE BURKS mar MARGIE ROBINSON

III(2) FLAVAL BURKS mar

III(3) REBECCA BURKS mar E.E. WATTS

II(10) STEWART JOSHUA BURKS 10th child of Joshua J. & Elmina (MITCHELL) BURKS was b 12 Aug 1892 in Rusk Co., TX. He mar EMMA (?). He d Feb 1975 and bur in Livingston, Polk Co., TX as was his wife Emma. Their children are ---

III(1) ETHA RHEAT BURKS mar TOM CUMMINGS

III(2) ANITA BURKS

II(11) INFANT SON BURKS 11th child of Joshua J. & Elmina (MITCHELL) BURKS was b 21 Jul 1894, d 2 Aug 1894; bur Zion Hill Cem, Rusk Co., TX

II(12) EMMA ODESSA BURKS 12th child of Joshua J. & Elmina (MITCHELL) BURKS was b 29 Jun 1896 in Rusk Co., TX. She mar JIM R. KEATING. Jim was b 1896, d 1963; bur County Line Cem, Panola Co., TX. Odessa d Apr 1975 at Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches Co., TX and was bur County Line Cem, Panola Co., TX. Their children are ---

III(1) HAROLD KEATING who mar BERLINE SMITH

III(2) DONELLA KEATING who mar HOWARD JIMMERSON

III(3) MARIE KEATING who mar ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} "L.D." "RED" SIMPSON

III(4) GLEN KEATING

III(5) LILLIE KEATING who mar LEWIS SMITH

III(6) JOAN KEATING who mar MARVIN E. GARY

III(7) DOUGLAS KEATING

III(8) LAWRENCE KEATING who mar E. MRS. ELS
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III(9) LEO KEATING