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*Herman & Lois Goldston*

**W**illiam Herman Goldston was born in a small rural community just northwest of Dixie, Texas called Pleasant View. In fact, there was nothing more to the place than a school, which also served as a church, a handful of farm houses and perhaps a store or trading post. It was April 14, 1904 that his parents welcomed their youngest child into the world. His mother, the former Martha Ann Phelps was one of sixteen children and had quite a large extended family. She herself having been born in Boone County, Missouri March 27, 1865 to Stephen Phelps & Christena Smith. By the time Herman was born, his grandfather had been dead for nearly four years. Although Martha had been born in Missouri she had come to Texas with her parents before the age of two, so she knew the area well. Herman's father, John Franklin Goldston had been born on the property just behind his house on February 26, 1871. His parents, William Aaron Goldston & Angeline Narcis Williams had come to Texas from Polk County, Missouri around 1858. William Aaron Goldston & his Wife, Angeline were second cousins. William had acquired more than a 1000 acres of land and when each of his 10 children married, including John, he gave them each 100 acres to farm and homestead for themselves. William Aaron Goldston hauled lumber from east Texas to build his homestead and also built the first cotton gin

in the area. As stated, Herman was the youngest child of John and Martha. In total, there were 7 children, they having started their family upon their marriage on March 15, 1891. Soon after their marriage the couple moved to Durwood, Indian Territory (Now Carter County) where they lived for just a few years before moving back to their family homestead. While in Durwood, two children were born; Edgar Franklin Goldston February 16, 1892 and Christena Goldston September 07, 1893. Christina did not quite make it to a year, having passed on August 13, 1894 in either Durwood or near Pleasant View. Also, either in Durwood or Pleasant View another infant daughter was born and died on May 18, 1895. Now living in Pleasant View again, the remainder of their children were born; Etta Mae (Goldston) Reast February 17, 1897, John Cecil Goldston March 23, 1898, Little Cleo (Goldston) Moran August 06, 1901 and then Herman. Both of John's parents died in 1905 and unfortunately, John himself would not live to see his children grow to maturity. His obituary said "he suffered for ten long days and on the eleventh at 12:20 p.m. he passed away, leaving his wife and five children to mourn his loss. He was a good and beloved husband and a kind and loving father, and we know his vacant place can never be filled. He told us all before he died that his mind was at rest, and so we hope some day to meet him in that home above where sad partings never come." John Franklin Goldston passed from this world on May 3, 1912. Martha continued to raise the children in their dog trot log cabin and often times rented out half of it to generate income for her family. When Herman was 18 he married the love of his life, Lois Edna Stubblefield. The couple had a double wedding with her sister, Vera Elfa Stubblefield who married Herman's cousin, John Leonard Phelps. Lois was born December 09, 1903 in the same area that Herman had been raised in, the majority of her family residing along the Cooke County line and on over

to the town of Callisburg. Her parents were Thomas Madison Stubblefield and Alice Bartlett. Stubblefield's family were immigrants from Hawkins County, Tennessee, while his wife Alice was orphaned at a very young age and adopted by the Eskew family. Lois' parents actually lived in Herman's grandparents old homestead that William Aaron Goldston had built...this house having sat just behind Herman's mother's house. There were several cabins on the Goldston land that had belonged to family at one time and it was in one of these homes that Herman and Lois set up their first house. They named their first child after both of their fathers, John Thomas Goldston, born September 22, 1923 and in a few years welcomed their second, a daughter, Mildred Lee who was born on April 24, 1925. The third child caused a bit of a fuss... her name was Martha Loraine "Lorene" and she was born February 25, 1927. Now Lois and her sister, Ada, were at their parents house (the old Goldston place) and both went into labor at the same time. The doctor finally got there and Lorene took so long to be born that the doctor looked at Ada and said "Ader, you'll have to wait till the morning, I need some sleep." Well, the doctor left and sure enough returned the next morning to deliver Ada's baby boy. After Lorene was born, the rest followed her, totaling in 8. They were; William Leon March 18, 1929; Edna Mae March 02, 1931; Delton Franklin December 06, 1934 and then the twins, George Troy & Jake Loy October 02, 1937. When Lois was pregnant with the twins, Loy and Troy, she asked her daughter, Mildred, to come and help her feed the Hogs. Mildred was pretty little and was afraid of the hogs. Her momma told her that if the hogs started acting up to hit them with a stick. Lois got Mildred a



*Martha Ann (Phelps) Goldston with grandsons, Loy & Troy Goldston*

stick and then went in the pin to feed the hogs. When the hogs saw the food they got excited and starting acting up. Right away Mildred went to swinging that stick and hit her mother upside the head with it, knocking her to the ground and almost knocking her out. A little later they were all sitting on the porch and Mildred was pretty upset. Lois was a little lady, but with the twins she looked pretty big. Lois looked over at her daughter and said, "You hit the wrong hog!"

Sometime during the 30's, during the depression, Herman moved his family to Sherman to find work. He was able to land a job at the County Poor Farm as a laborer and eventually he became the Superintendent of the farm. The family was excited to move into the big two story Superintendents house and it was here that many of their family memories were made. Across the street was where the residents stayed and there were even a few little cabins scattered about the property where other residents lived. The Goldston's and their children absolutely adored the residents and they were treated just like family. There was church on Sunday, community gardens and the children would often visit with them as if they were their grandparents.

By the time the war had began to approach, the older children had started marrying. Johnny married on March 27, 1946 to Dorothy Faye Barker. Two children were born, John Thomas, JR. & Bruce Lee. Johnny passed away on July 01, 2000 and was buried at the Dixie Cemetery near the old home place.

Poor Mildred didn't stand a chance with her future husband, he aimed to marry her and he was going to make sure it happened. Mildred worked at the old Steam building in Sherman with a man named Luther Ferguson. Now Luther had been telling his son all about this lady named Mildred and that he really should meet her. Of course his son, Dennis Earl Ferguson, didn't really have any interest in meeting someone his father was trying to introduce him to. But fate played its role and the two ended up meeting. Pete, as he was known as, fell

head over heels for Mildred, but she wanted nothing to do with him. One day while Mildred was working he did something to her car so that it wouldn't start. Well when Mildred came out and couldn't get her car to running here came Pete to the rescue. The two of them went on their first date to see *Gone With the Wind* and were married on July 24, 1943 while Pete was in the Marines. They started their family after the war with their first son, Ronald Lynn born January 06, 1948 then daughter Sherry Lea February 04, 1951 and another son, Dennis Wayne Ferguson March 25, 1955. The couple moved their family to the Abilene area where their last child and son was born, David Ray July 16, 1963. The couple returned to the area in the late 1960's and settled in Van Alstyne where both of them lived out the rest of their lives. Mildred passed away February 20, 1996 and Pete followed ten years later on May 25, 2006. Both are buried in the Van Alstyne Cemetery.

The Goldston family still had close ties to the Dixie and Pleasant view area and made many trips there, which is how Lorene Goldston met and married her first husband, Joe Bill Tamplen. He was born July 05, 1922 and the couple had one daughter, Sandra Loraine Tamplen, born October 03, 1945 in Cooke County, Texas. Tragically, Joe Bill was playing softball one day while Lorene watched from afar and he suddenly fell to the ground, dying instantly. He suffered a brain aneurism at the age of 27 on March 26, 1950 and was buried at the Dixie Cemetery. On December 06, 1951, Lorene married her second husband, Jay Lee Shelton. He was born January 26, 1924 in Perryville, Arkansas. To them, three children were born; Mary Alice (named for



***Dennis & Mildred Ferguson***



***Back: Lorene & Mildred  
Front: Delton & Edna***

Alice Bartlett Stubblefield) September 16, 1953; Jerry Lee Shelton January 03, 1956 Ardmore, Oklahoma and Nancy Ann Shelton January 07, 1964. The couple made their home in San Antonio and it is here that Jay passed away on March 19, 2008.

William Leon Goldston married his first wife in Grayson County, Texas on June 09, 1949. Her name was Charlotte Grace Lewis, born August 31, 1931 and died March 08, 2005. Two daughters were born; Jane Denise "Janie" May 30, 1954 & Julie Lea July 25, 1959. William Leon was married a second time on September 16, 1968 Cooke County, Texas to Lawanda Sue Nichols. She was born June 27, 1939 and died on July 12, 1997. One son was born in Grayson County, Stephen Duane Goldston, Sr., born February 06, 1969. Leon passed away March 24, 1994 and was laid to rest in Georgetown Cemetery.

Edna Mae Goldston married on February 26, 1949 in Grayson County to Charles Monroe Tuley. He was born April 29, 1931 at Prosper, Texas to Griffin Walker Tuley and Cora Jane Blocker...natives of Van Alstyne, Texas. Charles & Edna had one child, a daughter; Deborah Kay Tuley born October 30, 1953 in Grayson County, Texas. She was married November 23, 1985 in Grayson County to Chester Aubrey Perkins. Edna Mae passed away on December 09, 1994 and was laid to rest in the Van Alstyne Cemetery.

Delton Franklin married in Grayson County on December 25, 1959 to Marie Antionette Griffith. One child, a son, was born to this union; William Dale Goldston January 19, 1963. Delton passed away on April 03, 1998 and was laid to rest in Dixie Cemetery.



George Troy was married three times. First to Jamie Ann Dagnan, born February 27, 1941 in Grayson County to James Toney Dagnan and Luise Roger. To them three children were born, a boy followed by two girls; Tracy Wayne, August 07, 1962; Terrie Elaine August 30, 1963 & Cheryl Ann June 26, 1965. Troy's second marriage in Cooke County on November 17, 1966 to Cheryl Berry produced two daughters; Becky Bethena February 08, 1967 & Shawna Deann July 29, 1972. Troy married his last wife on October 01, 1980 in Cooke County, Ila Marie Bernard. She was born in Grayson County on May 22, 1947 to Ralph Lee Bernard and Thelma Louise Good. One son was born to Troy and Ila, Justin Shane, December 09, 1979. Troy was the first of the siblings to pass away and he did so on March 01, 1984 having been laid to rest at Dixie Cemetery.

Lastly, Jake Loy Goldston was married in 1954 to Beverly Sue Bailey. She was born to Horace R. Bailey & Geneva Dutton on January 22, 1939 in Grayson County, Texas. Sue passed away July 25, 2005 and was laid to rest at Friendship Cemetery. Three children were born to this union; James Loy, May 01, 1955, Carol Sue December 08, 1956 & Tammye Lynn January 08, 1958 all in Grayson County, Texas. Loy married the love of his life, Patsy Ruth Ham on January 09, 1981 in Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma. She was born February 21, 1947 in Grayson County to Lonnie H. Ham and Jessie Jane Perkins, natives of the Whitmound community east of Howe. Patsy passed away August 10, 2013 in Collinsville and was laid to rest at Dixie Cemetery.



*Loy & Troy Goldston*



Herman Goldston (pictured right) was a kind hearted family man who had many joys and passions in this world, one of which was building dog houses. After retiring from the county farm, Herman and his wife moved to 716 S. Ricketts St. where he lived out the rest of his life. On May 25<sup>th</sup> 1973 Herman suffered a Heart Attack; he fought for 12 hours until his time on earth had ended. He was laid to rest at the Dixie Cemetery where so many of his ancestors and family are also at peace. Lois moved around for a few years until entering into the Van Alstyne Nursing Home. She lived to see five generations of her family and on May 22, 1991 she joined her husband beyond the pearly gates. Her body was laid to rest in Dixie alongside her husband and several of her children. Both Herman and Lois loved their family deeply and instilled in them traits and values that are still visible today.

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Great-Great Grandson of Herman & Lois Goldston