



*Stephen Phelps*

**T**he Phelps family has deep roots in the north western part of Grayson County, Texas especially in the Whitesboro area. In fact, many Phelps family members still live in and around the Whitesboro area. Stephen Phelps was born on February 04, 1829 in Hickman County, Kentucky and it is him who all the Phelps descendents in that part of the county trace their roots to. His parents were James William Phelps and Polly Ann Clayton. James was born about 1808 in Madison County, Kentucky and married Polly on March 05, 1829. At the time of their marriage she was not yet 18 so they required the permission of her father, William Clayton. Polly was born in South Carolina about 1815. James and Polly had 7 children and they were; Stephen, William Harvey, Thomas, Nancy Jane, Mildred Ann, Unknown Male & Sarah Elizabeth. The last child was born in Chariton County, Missouri in 1843 and Polly does not appear with her husband in 1850, stating that her death took place in Missouri between 1843 and 1850. James William Phelps died in Boone County, Missouri between 1850 and 1860. On May 16, 1850 in Boone County, Stephen Phelps was married to Christena Smith. She was born on December 01, 1833 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina to Aaron Smith and Lucretia Stribling. It is important to note that in Boone County there was another Christena Smith who married Lafayette Lewis...this was not the same person. Aaron Smith was born May 14, 1786 in Virginia to Charles Smith and Catherine Rhodes. He married about 1823 to Lucretia Stribling who was born about 1799 in Pendleton County, South Carolina. Aaron and Lucretia are both believed to be buried in Old Union Cemetery in Boone

County, Missouri. Aaron died between 1870 & 1880 while Lucreita had previously passed away between 1850 & 1860. Aaron and Lucretia had 6 known children; Mary Ann, Unknown Male, Matilda, James Osborne, Christena & Unknown Female, all born in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. For the first 15 years of their marriage, Stephen and Christena set up their home in Boone County. As stated above, Stephen's parents were James William Phelps and Polly Ann Clayton, however I find it conflicting that Stephen's parents were married a month after he was born. I think it should be noted that Polly Ann Clayton may not be his mother, rather his father may have been married before and most likely his wife died while given birth to Stephen. Stephen and Christena were the parents of 16 children, the majority of them having been born in Boone County, Missouri. It was about 1866 that Stephen and his family made the long move to Cooke County, Texas and shortly after settled in Grayson County. Christena's widowed sister, Matilda (Smith) Crump joined them in Texas a few years later.

The following was written by Dusty Williams and is entitled, "The Last Meal in Missouri."

Hidden away from the world in the beauty of Boone County, Missouri was the home of Stephen Phelps. Stephen had come here with his family from Kentucky when he was just a small boy. Now he was married and was the father of nine children, all of whom made him proud. Tomorrow, however, the family of eleven would leave this beautiful land of paradise and head south to Texas. It had been rumored that Texas promised everything a man could want: land, fresh water and plenty of room to grow. It had also been said that Indians roamed the territory and that the journey there could be dangerous. Stephen had decided to join a wagon train of three other families, hoping to avoid all contact with the Indians.

The two oldest boys, Bud and John, were in the yard cutting firewood for the cast iron stove that would cook their final meal in the home they had all grown to love so much. There would be no more snow angels in the winter or fish from the fishing hole out back. The children would be leaving their Grandpa Smith behind, never seeing him again. Miles and Green were swinging in the old wooden swing that hung from the two oak trees in the front yard. This was the same swing that their father had swung in so many years before. Soon the only thing pushing the swing would be the wind as it came in from the north. Tildy, Mary and Sarah who had Elizabeth in her lap, were all sitting in the freshly plowed field playing with their dolls made of corncobs.

For hours each night the girls would sit there and dress their dolls with left over fabrics that their mother had no use for. The sky had turned deep blue and the sun was disappearing on the horizon. Stephen's wife, Christena, was in the house with baby Mattie, preparing their final meal in the old home.

Stephen stood on a lone hill in the distance looking over his family and their home that had been there so long. He regretted that he was going to leave it all behind,

but knew it was something he had to do. Missouri was getting too crowded and it seemed that every day a new family drove by with their fine horse drawn carriages that were constructed in the east. After four long years the Civil War had finally ended and Stephen saw this as an opportunity to start a new life. He continued to watch his home from the hill. He saw his wife walk out on the front porch, look around for a moment and then began to ring the cowbell, signaling that supper was ready. All of the children ran toward the washbasin and prepared themselves for their last meal in Missouri. Stephen bent down and grabbed a handful of dirt, feeling its moistness between his fingers and its coolness as it lay on his palms. This was where him and his father used to take their long walks and talk about the future and what life may have in store for them. He missed those walks: he missed asking his father for advice. This would be the last time he ever set foot on this sacred ground again. He threw the dirt into the air and watched it as it landed beside him.

The next day the family boarded the covered wagon led by four brown mares and a cow tied up behind the wagon. All of their family and friends came to wave them off as they prepared to depart for Texas. The Crumps, Grindstuffs, Doziers, Smiths, and Stewarts among others were all there to see them off. Hugs, kisses and many tears were exchanged as the children climbed into the wagon. Just before the sun arose over the hill the wagon train left on it's long journey south. The children were crammed at the back of the wagon looking out the small hole, waving goodbye to their family, most of which they would never see again. But, there was no going back now, they were leaving their home behind and heading to an unknown place where they would create a better life for themselves.

Stephen's family became very prominent citizens in Dixie. It is believed that Stephen donated the land for Dixie Primitive Baptist church, which is still in use today. Stephen and Christena parented five more children after their arrival in Texas. Stephen and Christena along with many other family members are buried in the Dixie Cemetery, which is across the highway from the Phelps land. Stephen passed away on June 17, 1900 and Christena on July 01, 1911. The Phelps family endured many hardships to make a better life for themselves and are now at peace in the land they grew to love so much. Perhaps at this very moment Stephen is taking another one of his long walks with his father; asking him for advice and knowing that his future is full of happiness.



*Phelps home in Dixie, Texas*



*Pictured Left: Front L-R: James W. Phelps, Matilda (Smith) Crump, Ruth Isham, Christena (Smith) Phelps, Cleo Goldston, Martha (Phelps) Goldston, William Herman Goldston & John F. Goldston. Back L-R: Charles Isham, Nora (Phelps) Isham, Almeta Russell, Ada Phelps & Myrtle Phelps.*

**James William Phelps** “Bud” was born May 22, 1851 in Boone County, Missouri. On December 19, 1877 in Grayson County he married Mary Jane Pound. She was born in Texas on November 08, 1857 to Balis O. C. Pound and Louisa Elizabeth Davis. They had five children, the first two were born in Grayson County before the family moved to Indian Territory near present day Burneyville. Pictured right is a photo I received that was labeled simply, Bud Phelps children. It is the right amount of children, 1 boy and 4 girls, but the oldest of their children was their son and in the picture, the girl looks to be older. While the family lived in Indian Territory, Mary Jane passed away on May 13, 1891 and was buried in Burneyville Cemetery. Before the turn of the century, Bud Phelps and his children had returned to Dixie where he would live out the rest of his life. After the death of his parents, he took in his widowed aunt, Matilda who lived into her 90’s, possibly over 100. Bud passed away in 1929 and was buried in Dixie Cemetery. Bud and Mary’s children were: Albert Balis Phelps born April 21, 1880 in Grayson County, Texas and died of Pneumonia on March 14, 1909 and was buried in Dixie Cemetery. He had been married to Bertha Elizabeth Russell on



*Children of Bud Phelps*

August 18, 1907 in Cooke County, Texas. Bertha was born on February 26, 1888 in Warm Springs, Randolph County, Arkansas to William Allen Russell & Almeta Ann Byce. After Albert's death, Bertha married Byron T. Trisler. Bertha died on March 24, 1947 and is buried in Gethsemane Cemetery in Caddo, Oklahoma. Albert and Bertha had one daughter, Nettie Mae Phelps born in Grayson County on July 18, 1908. She was married in 1925 to Luther Hudson Stowers. He was born December 07, 1904 in Washington and died April 25, 1986 in Pasco, Washington. Nettie passed away in Montgomery, Alabama on December 07, 1997. Luther and Nettie had three children: Paul Stowers, born and died in 1926 at Pauls Valley Oklahoma; William Loyd Stowers born in Marshall County, Oklahoma on November 21, 1927 & Margaret Lyndell Stowers November 19, 1932 in Whitesboro, Texas. Margaret married Paul Maurice Blasingame who was born March 26, 1931. Margaret died on August 04, 2001 in Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas. Minnie Gertrude Phelps was born November 11, 1882 in Grayson County to James & Mary. On December 23, 1900 in Grayson County she married Ulver E. Talley. He was born February 10, 1882 in Tennessee and died June 29, 1959. Minnie died August 23, 1967, both are buried in Denison, Texas at Fairview Cemetery. They had 5 children: Raymond W. Talley, Ervin E. Talley, Jewel V. Talley, Carl D. Talley & Ozela Talley. Nora B. Phelps was born in Indian Territory to James and Mary on November 08, 1883. In Grayson County on September 12, 1909 or 1906 she married Charles Thomas Isham. He was born November 18, 1879 in Texas and died November 26, 1936 in Clarendon, Donley County, Texas. Nora died in Randall County, Texas on January 04, 1977. They had 6 children: Lowell M. Isham, born in Grayson County on April 24, 1905. He died in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma on July 15, 2004. Ruth Isham born in Grayson County on February 17, 1906 and died on October 07, 2004 in Amarillo, Texas and was buried in Llano Cemetery. She married Cecil Killough and had one son, Bill. Cecil and Ruth owned Cecil Steakhouse. Thomas Charles Isham was born November 06, 1911 in Whitesboro. He married 1940-1941 in Clarendon, Texas to Gladys Salmon. She was born in Hollis, Oklahoma on February 09, 1916. Both are buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo. TC died, March 30, 1999 and Gladys on November 19, 1998. Oneta P. Isham was born in Oklahoma on November 03, 1914. She married Harry Ben Hartzog. Oneta died January 11, 2001 in Lucile, Idaho County, Idaho. They had a son named Larry Stewart Hartzog. Ray K. Isham was born in Oklahoma about 1920 and David L. Isham was also born in Oklahoma about 1923. Ada C. Phelps was the fourth child of James & Mary Phelps, born in Indian Territory on September 28, 1886. Her only child was Horace Calloway Phelps, born 3 miles north of Whitesboro on December 04, 1913. His father was George Henry Green, born March 10, 1896 in Grayson County, Texas to John Henry Green and Sarah A. Goldston. George Henry Green died November 08, 1964 and was buried in Gunter Cemetery, Grayson County, Texas. Horace Phelps married Velda Louise Price. She was born March 10, 1921 and died January 07, 1973. Horace died in Brazoria County, Texas on April 08, 1986. Both are buried in Restland Cemetery in Olney, Young County, Texas. Their son was Horace Calloway Phelps, Jr., born December 02, 1946 in Young County, Texas. After Velda's death, Horace senior married Thelma J. Heaslet on November 03, 1973 in Brazoria County, Texas. Ada C. Phelps married Robert Leslie Perkins, Sr. on June 27, 1929. He was born August 10, 1881 in Indian Territory to Thomas Richard Perkins and Madora Frances Carson. Robert passed away on March 18, 1956 and Ada on April 29, 1982. Both are buried in Restland Cemetery, Olney, Texas. The last child born to James William Phelps and Mary Jane Pound was Myrtle Lee Phelps, being born in Indian Territory on September 26, 1890. She married in Grayson County June 23, 1911 to Frederick Newberry Henry whose family was of the Sandusky Community in Grayson County, Texas. F. N. Henry was born March 24, 1891 at Sandusky to Newberry S. & Nancy N. Henry. Henry Cemetery is in Sandusky and is where the majority of this family is buried. Frederick and Myrtle had four children: Zelma Lee Henry born in Grayson County, Texas on April 25, 1912. She married in Memphis, Texas in June of 1929 to Robert Young Kerley. He died on August 17, 1945. They had 4 children: Jackie, a daughter, Wayne Hunter, William and Diana Sue Kerley. Zelma married

again on January 08, 1946 in Rockwall County, Texas to Ardell Buck Herron who died in June of 1970. They had one son, James Lynn Herron. Zelma died on November 27, 1999 in Lubbock, Texas. The second child of F. N. Henry and Myrtle Phelps was Mary L. Henry who was born in Grayson County, Texas about 1914. Myrtle Lee Phelps died in the Flu epidemic on December 16, 1918 in Collingsworth County, Texas. Her death certificate stated that she was buried north of Whitesboro, Texas. This could either be Dixie Cemetery where her family is buried or in the Henry Cemetery where her husband's family is buried. F. N. and Myrtle also had two sons, one born in Grayson County on January 09, 1916 and one in Collingsworth County on December 08, 1918. Neither of them appear on the 1920 census so it is likely that they too passed away in the flu epidemic.

**Thomas Franklin Phelps** was born in Boone County, Missouri on January 21, 1852 and passed away in Boone County on November 10, 1853 at the age of 1.

**Sarah Lucretia Phelps** was born in Boone County, Missouri on January 28, 1854. She married on October 27, 1875 in Grayson County, Texas to William Thomas Anglin. He was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee on February 14, 1847. He died in Tillman County, Oklahoma on December 21, 1930 and is probably buried in Grandfield Memorial Cemetery where his daughter was buried a year earlier. Sarah Lucretia died sometime between 1920 and 1930 in either Love County or Tillman County, Oklahoma. William and Sarah had 9 children, however 3 of them were born and died before 1900 and their names are not known. Their other children were: John Thomas Anglin born in Love County, Oklahoma on January 01, 1880. He married Bertha Mae Mullins February 12, 1921. John Thomas passed away in Tillman County, Oklahoma in 1934. Rosa M. Anglin was born November 29, 1881 in Love County, Oklahoma. She married in Love County between 1920 and 1930 to Arlie A. Biddix. He was born May 05, 1888 in Tennessee and died July 25, 1968 in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Rosie died August 11, 1929 in Tillman County, Oklahoma and was buried in Grandfield Memorial Cemetery. Lillie Catherine Anglin was born September 17, 1883 in Love County, Oklahoma. She married Clark Frederick Davis between 1900 and 1902 in Burneyville, Oklahoma. He was born July 1883 in Missouri and died 1900-1910 in Love County, Oklahoma. They had two children: Jesse Leo Davis born 1902 and Beulah Davis born about 1905. Lillie married John Madison Crow in 1912. He was born in Texas on April 23, 1878 and died on August 18, 1944. Lillie passed away on August 19, 1961, both are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Cotton County, Oklahoma. They had four children: Etta Crow, Anna Lou Crow born January 04, 1913 in Love County. Anna married Grady Green and had four children: Coy Mitchell, Don Alvin, Jerry Thomas and Joel Ray. Dorothy Mildred Crow, born September 30, 1916 in Oklahoma and died July 04, 1997 in Holland, Texas. She married Laurence Wulbrecht and had two children: Eldon and Sally. Joe M. Crow, born April 26, 1924 in Grandfield, Oklahoma. He married December 21, 1948 to Elizabeth Joan McCollough and had four children: Deanne Lynn, Gregory Meredith, John Richey & Virginia Gayle. Miles Gerome Anglin was born on January 12, 1886 in Love County, Oklahoma to William & Sarah. He died in Oklahoma on June 06, 1907. Sterline Earnest Anglin was born May 19, 1889 in Love



***John Madison Crow &  
Lillie Catherine Anglin***

County, Oklahoma and died in 1951 in Oklahoma. Annie Jane Anglin was born January 12, 1894 in Love County, Oklahoma. She married Milton H. Sullivan. He was born in South Carolina on March 08, 1889 and died in Greer County, Oklahoma on February 21, 1965. Annie passed away on July 10, 1943 in Greer County.

**John Osmond Phelps** was born on August 14, 1855 in Boone County, Missouri. It is said that John was an excellent fiddle player. He married Eliza Jane Newell on September 02, 1877 in Grayson County, Texas. Eliza was born in Texas on January 17, 1861 to James Charles Newell and Martha J. Montgomery. John passed away on January 29, 1927 and Eliza on January 09, 1926. Both are buried in Dixie Cemetery, Grayson County, Texas. 11 children were born to John Osmond & Eliza Jane and they were: John William Phelps, born on July 11, 1878 in Grayson County, Texas. He married on August 20, 1898 to Lou Ella Kincy. She was born September 11, 1882 in Grayson County, Texas to William Council Kincy and Orlena Jane Goldston. On Sunday, August 15, 1937 John William Phelps suffered a stroke. He passed away the following Friday, August 20, 1937. Lou Ella died on December 18, 1947 and both are buried in Dixie Cemetery. The following was Taken from a local newspaper: January 11, 1916

J. W. Phelps, a farmer north of Whitesboro, this county, recently killed four hogs that netted 1800 pounds of meat and made 52 gallons of lard. At prices paid for fresh meat and pure lard in Sherman this would amount to \$346.25. John and Lou Ella had 7 children, they were: William Elmer "Tip" Phelps, born in Cooke County, Texas on September 14, 1900. William Elmer Phelps worked at the Oil field in Olney, Texas. They used Fordson tractor to pull the rods out of the well. They said he was the best man to do the job. He did his job so well, they didn't want anyone else to do it. The above information was as told by his son, Delton Monroe Phelps. Tip married Lola Jewel Overton, also known as, "Bittie," on March 13, 1920 in Gordonville, Texas. She was born in Sturgeon, Cooke County, Texas on February 13, 1901 to James Monroe Overton and Eliza Sophronia Burrows. Tip passed away July 11, 1959 and Bittie on November 05, 1988. Both are buried in Dixie Cemetery. They had 5 children: William Preston Phelps, born February 07, 1921 and died July 01, 1921. Minnie Lavern Phelps born June 12, 1922 and died August 10, 1995. She married Alvie Watson. Mary Elizabeth Phelps born May 04, 1925. She married (1) Wilborn B. Barnes, (2) Tom McEwan and (3) J. W. Farmer. Delton Monroe Phelps was born March 09, 1927 and married Christalene Riddle. Fay Phelps was born February 03, 1931 and died July 29, 2009. She married Billy Frank Kelly, then Euel Loid Mitchell. The following was written by me about my adventure through Dixie with Delton Monroe Phelps.

"It was that time of year again and I could hardly sleep the night before. Tomorrow was the first Saturday in September and I would be going to Dixie, Texas for an annual family reunion that I had never attended before. The drive there was only about twenty miles, but it seemed to take hours to cross the timberland and rolling hills. In my mind I was heading home, for this was the place that my family had settled over a hundred years before. As I neared the Whitesboro Community Center I became very anxious and my palms were wet with sticky sweat. As soon as I walked in the building people began calling my name and hugging me, some I didn't even know.

Cousins from all over the United States were crammed into this rectangular building as if they were in a family prison.



*John Osmond Phelps Family*

*Top Row L-R: Lela, James, Martha, John W., Maude.  
Middle Row L-R: Eliza, John O., Lou Ella (Kincy) with child,  
William Elmer Phelps. Bottom L-R: L. V. Phelps, Caroline (In  
Eliza's lap) and Floyd O. Phelps.*

By nature I am a Genealogist, and by habit I am investigative. I carried in my dozen notebooks, filled with family records and old photographs, people were anxious to get their hands on them and see what new information I had discovered. The plastic white tables were in nine rows with five tables to a row. I took my notebooks to the special tables on the south side that were designated for research and photographs. At last I could sit down and begin to visit and answer family questions that people wanted to ask. More and more people continued to fill the building, testing its capacity. When twelve o'clock came we were all ready to eat and began to stand, edging our way towards the three ten foot tables on the north side of the building that were filled with food. We all joined hands and made a giant circle around the open room and blessed the food.

We ate until we couldn't eat any more, and then we went back for desserts. Meanwhile, people were up on the stage getting ready for the auction. This is when I sneak out! Delton Phelps had told me that when they got ready for the auction we would sneak out and go drive around Dixie, and that is just what we did. It was a sunny day with hardly a cloud in sight, but a small wind blew in from the north causing for a pleasant day. The truck rolled out of the parking lot and made the short distance up the highway to Dixie, Texas. Our first stop was at the Dixie Cemetery, where just about everyone buried there was somehow related. The tall pine trees at it's entrance stood there as if they owned the land and the iris' with their thick green stalks welcomed us into this sacred place. Row by row we walked, Delton telling me who every person was. "This is me," I thought, "This is who I am."

We boarded the truck again and headed for Chisum Trail Road, just a few miles north of the cemetery. We made our way down the dusty white rock road, enjoying the everlasting scenery that promised no end. Historic wooden houses were scattered miles apart with ragged windmills at their side. Though the houses were abandoned, in my mind I could see people standing on the front porch, the aroma of freshly homemade apple pies filling the air. Children ran across the open yards, chasing little chickens with loyal dogs running at their side. A thin line of gray smoke arose from the rock chimneys and disappeared into the open blue sky. I could see a man in the distance, standing behind a wooden plow led by a single brown mare. This was home; this is where it all started.

We drove on down the old road that continued to twist and turn out of sight, crossing more open fields and over passing creeks filled with pure water flowing between their muddy banks. To think that our family had settled here so many years ago, gave us a sense of ownership to this heavenly place. We stopped at different houses, Delton telling me of their history and who owned the property now. It was hard to think that so many people had once called this their home, and now there was hardly a soul to be found. Dixie was somehow preserved from development, almost as if it was hidden away from the rest of the world. If only time could stand still. I would have wished it to stop as I stood there in Dixie land, but it didn't and the time came that we had to head back to the community center. In this unchangeable land of Dixie, the skies are always clear and are as blue as the sea right after a massive storm. This piece of heaven on earth is heavily wooded with oak trees in between the fields of open prairie grass. I fear though, that someday someone will discover this holy place and reveal its beauty to the rest of the world. Perhaps developers will travel into this land, as if flowing through veins into a heart, causing it to stop beating: robbing it of its history and destroying its future. But for now I'll choose to enjoy the land of Dixie, and hope that a piece of it will still be there for me to show my children."

The second child born to John William Phelps and Lou Ella Kincy was John Leonard Phelps. He was born in Willis, Oklahoma on December 28, 1903. He married in Dixie on January 24, 1923 to Vera Elfa Stubblefield. She was born October 27, 1907 in Grayson County to Thomas Madison Stubblefield and Alice Bartlett. John passed away on September 01, 1976 and Elfa on November 25, 1995.

Both are buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Whitesboro, Texas. They had 13 children: Vera Lou Phelps born April 13, 1924. She married Clearance Burd on May 17, 1941. He was born March 19, 1918 and died in Enid, Oklahoma on May 25, 2001. They had two children, Harvey Lee Burd & Vilda Jean Burd. Alice Christine Phelps was born November 23, 1926 in Olney, Young County, Texas. She married July 28, 1944 to Leon Everett Colwell. They had 5 children: Gary Lee, Ronnie Douglas, Gaynel, Leon Keith & Deborah Yvonne. Alice married again on May 13, 1975 to Kenneth Donald Garrett. Alice passed away April 16, 2007. John Earnest Phelps was born November 17, 1929 in Grayson County, Texas. He married Betty Lou Bentley on September 28, 1956 in Gainesville, Texas. She was born January 24, 1934 in Meridian, Oklahoma and died March 24, 2007. John died July 08, 1978. They had four children: John Russell, Jeffrey Lynn, Kenneth Martin & Connie Sue. Betty Jean Phelps was born in Wilbarger County, Texas on January 09, 1935. She married October 06, 1954 in Grayson County to Joseph Weldon Slayton, Sr. He was born April 01, 1921 in Callisburg to James Ed Slayton and Iva Arnold. He passed away on June 21, 2013 in Oklahoma. Joseph and Betty had 6 children: David Lynn, Weldon Eugene, Lisa Gayle, Sharon Denise, Joseph Weldon, Jr. and Melvin. Patsy Ladean Phelps was born December 07, 1936 in Grayson County, Texas. She married Joe Edd McCauley August 01, 1957 in Sherman. He was born July 23, 1929 in Red Spring, Texas and died August 27, 2003 in Grayson County. Patsy passed away September 19, 2005. They had 5 children: Michael Joe, Dennis Mark, Teresa Jan, Steven Scott and Stacy Ann. John William Phelps "Dub" was born September 30, 1938 in Grayson County, Texas. He married Jewell Marie Chapman and had four children: Judy Renee, John William, Jr., Gregory Allen and Ciana Marie. Orval Thomas Phelps was born October 03, 1941 in Aransas County, Texas. He married Barbra Ann Flowers October 29, 1962 and had two children, Rebecca Ann and Danny Paul. Orval then married Marcella Ann Holford who was born June 21, 1940. They had one daughter, Wendy Loraine. Virgil Claude Phelps was born in Grayson County on December 17, 1943. He married Joann Bridges August 24, 1963 and had two boys: Kerry Todd and Bradley Scott. Billy Jack Phelps was born in Grayson County on June 26, 1946. Billy married Linda and had a daughter, Angela. He then married Eleanora Dean Foster March 31, 1975. She was born September 29, 1950 in Elk City, Kansas and passed away on October 16, 1998. They had one daughter, Elfa Michelle. Brenda Charlene Phelps was born on October 02, 1949 in Grayson County, Texas and passed away on March 19, 2000. She married (1) Bobby Glenn Dyer and had one son, Jody Glenn. She married (2) Larry Young and had one son, Robert Bryan. She married (3) Otis Drain on May 14, 1982. Glenda Darlene Phelps was born October 02, 1949 in Grayson County, Texas. She married John Dale Roberts and had one son, Christopher Dale. Glenda passed away on March 29, 2012. Rhonda Gail Phelps was born in Grayson County on November 16, 1952. She married Ronnie Lee Tyler and had three children: Tammy Renee, Ronnie Lee & Billy Mack. Robert Dale Phelps was born November 16, 1952 in Grayson County, Texas and married Karen Ruth Hamilton. They had three children: Clint, Clifton Joel and Kayla Christine.

The third child born to John William Phelps and Lou Ella Kincy was Alma Hortense Phelps. She was born in Chickasha, Grady County, Oklahoma on May 07, 1906. She married Willie "Jack" Hammond on July 27, 1924 in Grayson County. They had three children: William Kenneth Hammond born December 07, 1925 in Olney, Texas, Jackie Lou Ella Hammond born December 09, 1931 in Whitesboro and Carolyn Yevonne born December 12, 1940 in Olney. This event took place on 01 Nov. 1954

"Two women are recovering in Hamilton Hospital from burns recieved when a hot water heater exploded and set off a fire that destroyed the Jack Hammond home just north of here early Sunday Morning. Most seriously burned was Mrs. Edward Smith of Waco, who was visiting the Hammonds, her parents. The attending physician at the hospital termed her injuries "serious" but said her condition is good. Mrs. Hammond suffered minor burns and is expected to be able to leave the Hospital at an early date her physician stated." Jack Hammond passed away April 02, 1991 and Alma on June 14, 1974. Both are buried in Restland Cemetery



in Olney, Young County, Texas.

Virgil Claude Phelps, son of John and Lou Ella Kincy Phelps was born April 22, 1908 in Oklahoma. He died in 1925 and was buried in Dixie Cemetery.

Earnest Floyd Phelps I, was born in Lindsey, Oklahoma to John and Lou Ella on December 31, 1910. He married September 20, 1931 in Grayson County, Texas to Marge Ruth Mayo. She was born November 26, 1912 in Tioga, Grayson County, Texas and as of (August 2013) is still living. Her parents were John Adam Mayo and Catherine Jane Bradstreet. Earnest Floyd Phelps passed

away on February 20, 1976 and was buried in Dixie Cemetery. They had 4 children: Linda Ruth Phelps, born in Grayson County on August 08, 1937. She married Billy Merle Wilson on June 28, 1955. They had two children, Deborah Lynn and Billy Russell Wilson. Carrol Jane Phelps was born September 14, 1940 in Grayson County. She married George Glen Hale July 28, 1956. They had 3 children: Phillip Glen, Tamara Jane and Angela Dawn. John Otto Phelps was born January 29, 1945 in Olney, Young County, Texas. He married August 22, 1964 in Grayson County to Judy McKenzie. They had two children: Johnna Ann and Steven Eric. Earnest Floyd Phelps II, was born on October 08, 1949 in Olney, Texas. He married Janice Ruth Williams on July 20, 1968 in Grayson County. He passed away August 20, 2012 and was buried in Dixie Cemetery. They had two children: Earnest Floyd III and Brian Douglas.

Lena Mabel Phelps was born to John and Lou Ella in Grayson County on July 04, 1914. She married in Dexter, Cooke County, Texas to Albert Guy "Shine" Chambers. He was born October 30, 1910 in Grayson County to Marion Sylvester Chambers and Alice Hestand. A story about Marion Sylvester Chambers:

"Sylvester was out hunting squirrel. He was going home with the squirrels he had killed hung on a stick that he carried across his shoulders. He met two men on horseback that stopped him and asked if the hunting was good. Sylvester showed them his squirrels. The man said, "You must be a good shot, they are all shot through the head." He asked him what kind of gun he used. Sylvester handed him his gun to look over. The man examined the gun then asked Sylvester, "Do you know who I am?" Sylvester said, "No." The man said, "I'm Jesse James and this is my brother, Frank. You should ever let another man look at your gun." He handed the gun back to Sylvester and rode off. Several times after this incident Sylvester saw Jesse James in town when he went in for supplies. One time Sylvester took some cotton to Gainesville. After unloading, he took the horses to the blacksmith for feed and water.

When he went back to get the horses he recognized Jesse James's horse. The blacksmith was shoeing the horse, putting the shoes on backwards. Sylvester got his horses and left without saying anything." Albert Chambers passed away February 20, 1980 and Lena Mabel died April 12, 1996. They are both buried in Dixie cemetery and had one son, Albert Don Chambers.



*Earnest Floyd Phelps &  
Margie Ruth Mayo*

Ella Myrtle Phelps was the last child born to John William Phelps and Lou Ella Kincy. She was born February 28, 1921 in Grayson County. She married Fred Pike on May 29, 1941 in Grayson County. He was born in Grayson County on January 29, 1915 to Joseph Hiram Pike and Lela Craft. Fred died May 02, 1988 and Ella on March 15, 2002. Both are buried in Dixie Cemetery. They had two children: Freddie Lee Pike born July 25, 1946 in Olney, Texas and Jerry Don Pike March 31, 1948, also in Olney.



*Henry & Maude (Phelps) Myer*

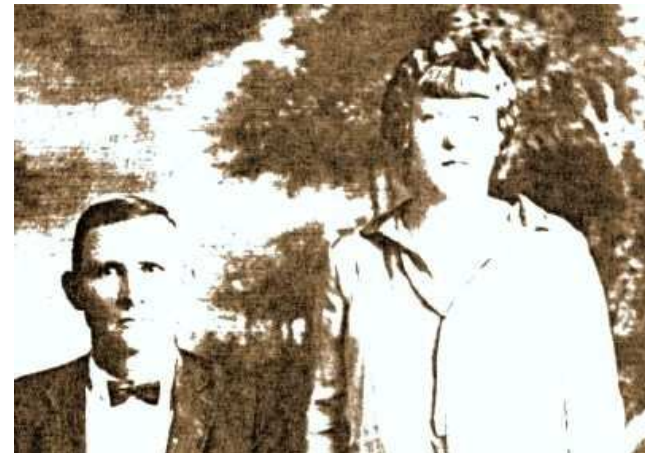
Rosie Maude Phelps was born September 05, 1880 in Grayson County to John Osmond Phelps and Eliza Newell. She married November 04, 1899 in Marietta, Indian Territory to James Watson Gamble. He was born August 16, 1879 in Alabama to Henry Clay Gamble and America Arlina Adkins. He passed away October 07, 1909 and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Grady County, Oklahoma. They had two sons: Herbert Will Gamble born October 09, 1901 in Indian Territory. He died in an airplane crash on April 07, 1927 in Cumberland County, North Carolina. His death certificate states he was married. He was buried in Hollywood Forever Cemetery, Los Angeles, California. James Marvin Gamble was born March 12, 1904 in Indian Territory and died December 29, 1962 in San Luis Obispo County, California. Rosie Maude Phelps married again on November 15, 1909 in Grady County, Oklahoma to Leroy N. Robb. He was born May 1858 in Illinois. The two split up and Maude married Henry A. Myer before 1920. He was born about 1892 in Texas and his parents were from Switzerland. Maude moved back to Dixie and died on September 05, 1933. She was buried in Dixie Cemetery.

James Stephen Phelps was born to John and Eliza Newell Phelps on January 13, 1883 in Grayson County, Texas. He married Vivian E. Turner who was born in December of 1887 to John E. and Mary Turner. Vivian passed away in December of 1976 and James Stephen in January of 1952. Both are buried in Fairlawn Park Cemetery, Grady County, Oklahoma. They had 6 children, all born in Grady County, Oklahoma. They were: Pauline, John Turner, Viola, Kenneth, Della Lee and Maggie Lou.

The twins of John Osmond Phelps and Eliza Jane Newell were Edgar Phelps and Martha Ann Phelps. They were born in Texas on June 26, 1885. Edgar died that same day and was buried in Dixie Cemetery. Martha married February 25, 1905 in Chickasha, Indian Territory to Moses Calvin Anderson. He was born June 19, 1882 in Blue Ridge, Collin County, Texas to James G. Anderson and Nancy Rebecca Justus.. Moses and Martha settled in Fannin County, Texas around Dodd City. Both are buried in Dodd City Cemetery. Moses died on January 22, 1973 and Martha on August 18, 1963. They had 12 children: Clinton Clifton, Ira D., Clarence, James Denver, Johnny Lee, Roy Lee, Lela, Everett Martin, J. C., Henry Loyd, Edward Edger and Etta Lorene. Clinton Clifton

Anderson was born in Oklahoma on November 09, 1905. He married Thelma Murle Morgan and they had two children: Martha Maudine Anderson and Clifton Eagle Anderson. Clinton passed away on March 25, 1969 in Terrell, Kaufman County, Texas. Ira Dewitt Anderson was born in Oklahoma on December 28, 1906. He married Bertine Bailey and they had five children: Dorothy Ann, Fred Lee, Martha Estelle, Robert Louis and Margaret Elizabeth. Ira died on June 03, 1988 in Tulare County, California. Clarence Osborn Anderson was born in Texas on June 24, 1908. He married Mary Adaline Stone and they had 5 children: Calvin, Harold Stone, James Thomas, William Earl and Virginia Kay. James Denver Anderson was born November 16, 1909 in Collin County, Texas and died on August 07, 1927 in Fannin County, Texas. He had diabetes and appendicitis. Johnny Lee Anderson was born July 10, 1911 in Texas and died about April 1912 from meningitis. Roy Lee Anderson was born December 09, 1912 in Texas and married Ola Louise Elliott. They had five children: Roy Delton, Linda Gayle, Peggy Oleta, Wanda Ruth and Sharon Donice. Roy passed away May 07, 2003 in Plainview, Texas. Lela Anderson was born in Texas on August 12, 1916 and died about February 1918. Everett Martin Anderson was born in Edhube, Fannin County, Texas on February 09, 1918. He married Hazel Mae Snider March 25, 1945 in Durant Oklahoma. They had four children: David Jonathan, Jerry Wayne, Linieal Keith and Vaden Ray. Everett was a minister and passed away on December 30, 1971. J. C. Anderson was born in Fannin County on September 29, 1919. He married Letha Lois Massey and had one son, Bobby Jay Anderson. J. C. passed away March 21, 2004 in Kaufman County, Texas. Henry Loyd Anderson was born in Lannius, Fannin County, Texas on September 04, 1923. He married Margaret Tarpley and passed away in Fannin County on January 11, 2004. Twins were then born and they were, Edward Edger Anderson and Etta Lorene Anderson, born March 21, 1925 in Fannin County. Edward passed away the same day. Lorene "Sis" married Paul Bridges and had three children: Paul Wayne, Larry Joe and Randall Lance.

Christina Blanche Phelps, daughter of John and Eliza Newell Phelps, was born in May of 1887 in Grayson County, Texas. She married in Carter County, Oklahoma on July 09, 1905 to John Madison Strickland. He was born in Hunt County, Texas on April 22, 1877 to James Strickland and Nancy Jane Dixon. John worked for the railroad so the family moved around a lot. They had three children. Clinnie Era Strickland born in Oklahoma on September 26, 1906. She married Henry B. Wallace on January 08, 1931. Clinnie passed away on April 25, 1978. Linnie Lela Strickland born September 26, 1906 in Oklahoma. She married Harlen Gilmer Williams between 1923 and 1930. They had three children: Thelma Jean, Katherine and Aaron G. Williams. Linnie passed away on August 31, 1952. Clayton William Strickland was born in Point, Rains County, Texas on July 08, 1910. He married Velma Fay Williams and had three children: Donald Ray, William Lee and Earnest Joe. Clayton passed away on October 29, 1962 in San Bernardino County, California. Christina Blanche (Phelps) Strickland died between 1910 and 1918 in either Oklahoma or Arkansas. John Madison died on May 26, 1959 in Greenville, Hunt County, Texas.



*John and Blanche (Phelps) Strickland*



Lela Elnora Phelps & Henry Clyde Perkins

*Henry C. Perkins & Lela E. Phelps*

Lela Elnora Phelps, daughter of John & Eliza Newell Phelps was born in Love County, Oklahoma on December 11, 1888. She was married to Henry Clyde Perkins on August 22, 1909 in Oklahoma. He was born March 05, 1888 in Burneyville, Love County, Oklahoma to Thomas Richard Perkins and Madora Frances Carson. Lela passed away on February 09, 1926 and Henry on June 01, 1979. Both are buried in the Restland Cemetery in Olney, Texas. They had four children: Henry Bernis Perkins born July 08, 1910 in Purdy, Oklahoma. He married in Walters, Oklahoma on September 20, 1933 to Ruth Stewart. She was born September 20, 1913 in China Springs, Texas to Lovick Stewart and Ida Smith. Henry & Ruth had two children: Teddy Glenn and Linda Kay. Henry passed away August 19, 1993 and Ruth in 2005. Opal Mae Perkins was born in Dexter, Cooke County, Texas on June 19, 1912. She married October 05, 1929 in Olney, Texas to Noel Claude Clanahan, Sr. He was born June 14, 1909 in Olney,

Texas to Allen Clinton Clanahan and Nellie Wainscott. Noel passed away on December 21, 1951 near Brownfield, Texas in a car accident. On January 14, 1956 in Lubbock, Opal married Champ Clark Perkins. He was born March 15, 1917 to Lewis Perkins and Mollie Davis. Champ passed away October 10, 1978 near Tokio, Yoakum County, Texas. Opal passed on November 28, 1993 in Lubbock. Noel Clanahan and Opal Perkins had four children: Joyce Delene Clanahan who married Rayford Eugene Bearden; Allen Clyde Clanahan; Juanelle Marie Clanahan who married Bennie Joe Green, grandson of John H. Green and Sarah A. Goldston; Noel Claude Clanahan, Jr. who married Beth Irene McCallum. John Thomas Perkins, son of Henry and Lela Phelps Perkins was born in Dexter on March 10, 1917. He married Gracie Mae Hill in Olney on January 31, 1936 who was born on July 29, 1918 and died December 20, 1951. They had one son, Ronnie Lynn Perkins. John Thomas Perkins married about 1958 to Nedra Dunnegan. He then married about 1965 to Alta Merritt who was born May 06, 1935. They had one daughter, Claudia Lou Perkins. John Thomas Perkins passed away on October 06, 1995 in Brownfield, Texas. The last child of Henry Clyde Perkins and Lela Elnora Phelps was Wana Cornelia Perkins, born March 14, 1924 in the Bittercreek Community of Young County, Texas. She married in Carlsbad, New Mexico on March 19, 1942 to Charles Wesley Trout. He was born in Tokio, Texas April 01, 1924 to Regional Trout and Nona Helms. Charles died in Hobbs, New Mexico on November 08, 1999. They had three children: Wesley Ray, Lanita Gaye and Lyndal Charles. Wana was married again on October 07, 1985 in Big Lake, Texas to Frank Preston King who was born January 10, 1937.

John Osmond Phelps and Eliza Newell had an unknown child who was born and died in Love County, Oklahoma 1889-1900.

Their next child was, Floyd Osmond "Dude" Phelps born October 24, 1893 in Love County, Oklahoma. He married on August 06, 1919 to Mattie Sue Moran. She was born July 12, 1898 to Joseph Newsom Moran and Bettie E. McElroy. Dude passed away on July 26, 1943 and Mattie on December 29, 1991. They are buried in Mt. Tabor Cemetery in Sandusky, Grayson County, Texas. They had five children: Violet Burl Phelps born August 28, 1920. She married Clarence Johle and had three children; Wesley Harrell, Joy Elaine and Freddy Mac. John Osmond "Joe" Phelps, born December 06, 1923 and married Lourdes Grandhand. They had two daughters; Mocuna Sue and Theresa Elaine. Fredene Martha Phelps born December 10, 1929 and married Charles Hulcy. They had

two daughters, Kay Ann and Kelli Joyln. Bobbie Sue Phelps born July 14, 1936 and married Kenneth Gough. They had three children: Kenneth Wayne, Leslie Susan and Sandra Lee. Betty Lou Phelps was born June 14, 1939 and married Harold Wayne Andrews. They had three children: Cynthia Lynn, Sherry Lee and Harold Wayne, Jr.

Lorenzo Verner Phelps was born January 17, 1896 in Love County, Oklahoma to John and Eliza Newell Phelps. He married on December 15, 1917 in Gordonville, Texas to Anna Lee Moran. She was born November 26, 1901 in Texas to Joseph Newsom Moran and Bettie E. MeElroy. Lorenzo passed away July 25, 1949 and Anna Lee on October 10, 1980. They are buried in Mt. Tabor Cemetery.

They had 11 children: Norma Lee Phelps, born March 01, 1919 and passed away February 05, 1968. She married Mark Ware Smith. They had three children:

Bobby Mark, Richard Doyle and David Carroll. Carman Odell Phelps was born August 15, 1921. She married James Robert Renfroe on June 23, 1939 and had 12 children: Peggy Joyce, Dolly Lee, LaWanda Modell, Betty Jane, Bobby Joe, Brenda Ann, James Donald, Tommy Ray, Larry Dale, Carol Gene, Michael Wayne and Robert Bruce. Odell married again on January 11, 1968 in Dallas

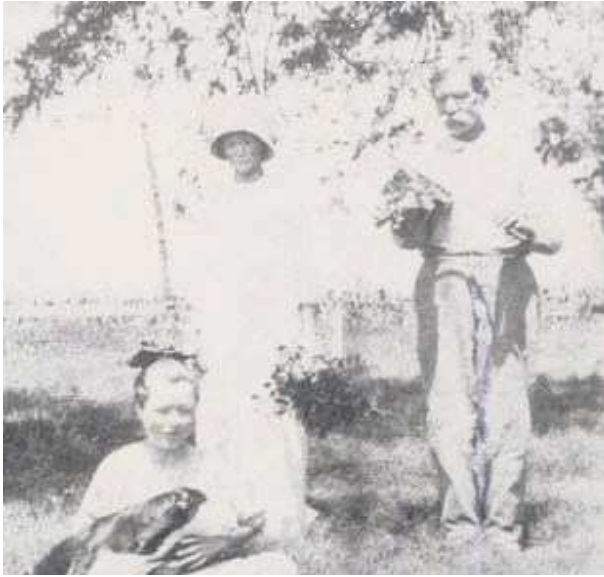
County to Carl Eugene Mayo. He was born in Grayson County on January 17, 1919 to John Adam Mayo and Catherine Jane Bradstreet. He died on February 06, 1978. Maudie Lou Phelps was born December 14, 1923 in Sandusky, Grayson

County, Texas and died February 15, 2010. She married James Edward Ray and had two children: Sandra Orlena and James Douglas. Vivian Modell Phelps was born March 10, 1926 in Olney, Texas and died April 25, 1992.. She married

Emmit Meador and had three children: Joey, Shelia June and Paula Jean. Vivian married again to G. T. Taylor and had twins: Joe Ray and Sonja Gay. Mattie Jo Phelps was born May 26, 1928 in Olney and died in Haltom City, Texas on February 12, 2002. She married James Cecil Layne June 05, 1946 and had a daughter, Kay. Mattie was also married to Robert L. Harwell, Jr. and Willard Witt. Billie June Phelps was born June 27, 1931 in Olney and died April 18, 1991 in San Antonio, Texas. She married Roy W. Petty and had five children: Gary Charles, Pamela A., Roy Lynn, Steve D. and Terry Sue. Carrie Claudine Phelps was born February 16, 1934 in Grayson County and was married to Edward Benjamin Whittle on August 29, 1952. They had three children: Edward Benjamin, Jr., Sherry Elaine and Cynthia Jo. Carrie then married William Glen Morrow on September 29, 1989. Patsy Ruth Phelps was born January 15, 1937 in Grayson County and married Dillard Neasbitt in Fort Worth on December 21, 1954. They had three children: Lee, Tammy and Daryle. Lorenzo Verner Phelps, Jr. was born October 19, 1939 and married Melba Joyce Hazelwood on November 05, 1960. They had two children: Rodney Verner and Andrea Lynette. Steve Moran Phelps was born January 27, 1942 in Grayson County and married in Dallas on November 10, 1967 to Nita Fern Whitsell Benson. Beverly Jane Phelps "Janie" was born August 14, 1944 in Grayson County. She married December 15, 1961 to Johnny Ray Godsey. They had three children: Johnna Jane, Jacueline Rachelle and Johnny Lee.



*Anna Lee (Moran) Phelps followed by all 11 of her children from youngest to oldest.*



*John Osmond Phelps with his fiddle, his wife Eliza Jane Newell and their youngest child, Carrie Phelps.*

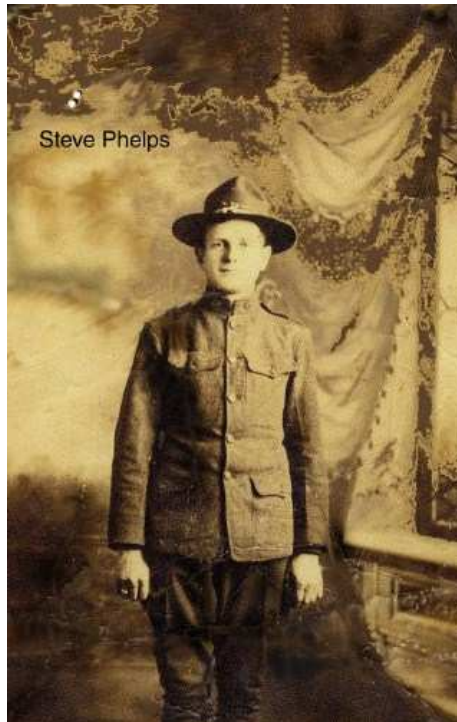
Caroline Elizabeth Phelps “Carrie” was the youngest child of John Osmond Phelps and Eliza Jane Newell. She was born in Love County, Oklahoma on September 20, 1900. She was married in Grayson County on April 21, 1918 to William Clyde Chambers. He was born September 06, 1900 in Grayson County to Marion Sylvester Chambers and Alice Hestand. Carrie passed away on August 22, 1971 and William on April 04, 1991. They were buried in Gordonville Cemetery, Grayson County, Texas. They had 5 children: Oteka Mae Chambers born March 01, 1919 and married Cecil Terel Partney. They had 4 children: Terry Donald, Joan Cecelia, Lynda Lanii and Vicki Camille. William Clyde Chambers, Jr. born January 21, 1922 and married Gwendolyn Tanner on July 18, 1947 in Odessa, Texas. They had two children, Kyla Gayle and Charles. Marjorie Lee Chambers born February 04, 1923 in southern Oklahoma near Madill. She married James Randolph Womack, Jr. August 09, 1940 in Olney and had 3 children: Carolyn Jane, Cathryn Elaine and James Randolph Womack III. Alyce Mozell Chambers born May 18, 1929 and married Emmitt Fledge on April 05, 1947. They had two daughters, Judy Lynn and Janice. Peggy Janette Chambers born April 09, 1934 and married Thomas Henry Wellman. They had three children, Debra Kay, Michael Leon and Lesley Denise.

**Matilda Jane Phelps** was born in Boone County, Missouri on September 18, 1856. She married in Grayson County on December 20, 1877 to John C. Jackson. He was born in Alabama on September 09, 1854 and died in Burneyville, Oklahoma on May 07, 1915. Matilda died in Oklahoma as well. There were 11 children born to them, however, with exception on 3 they were all born and died before 1900. The three surviving children were: Anna Bell Jackson, born in Grayson County on September 22, 1878. Her first marriage took place in Carter County, Oklahoma to Ben Gay. He was born 1870 and died 1919 and is buried in Burneyville Cemetery. They had two sons: John C. Gay, born 1909 in Love County, Oklahoma & Arron “Punk” Gay born July 12, 1913. Punk passed away July 12, 1983 and was also buried in Burneyville Cemetery. Sometime between 1922 & 1930 in Love County, Anna married Newton Marrido “Dink” Hokett. He was born in November 1869 in Morgan County, Alabama to John H. Hokett and Mary Jane Bodery. Dink was married a total of 5 times, Anna being his fifth and last wife. His fourth wife was murdered in Wise County, Texas on November 30, 1909 and Dink was sent to jail. He was there until he was pardoned on October 06, 1922. Anna Bell passed away September 11, 1942 in Love County and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery.

Mary Etta Jackson was born January 30, 1883 in Indian Territory. She married Wiley Henry Gordon on August 26, 1906 in Burneyville, Oklahoma. He was born in Cooke County, Texas on July 26, 1881. He passed away on July 22, 1961 and Mary Etta on July 20, 1957. Both are buried in the Burneyville Cemetery. They had four children all born in Love County: Marie V. Gordon born about 1907 and married Mr. Turner. John Wesley Gordon born July 01, 1909 and died July 19, 1909, buried in Burneyville Cemetery. Jackson L. Gordon born April 27, 1911 and died in Lea County, New Mexico in June of 1972. Wynema Hazel Gordon

born January 11, 1913 and died February 28, 1914, buried in Burneyville Cemetery.

Stephen Alex "Boss" Jackson was born May 09, 1885 in Indian Territory. He married May 19, 1907 in Carter County, Oklahoma to Wessie M. Burney. She was born in Texas on November 20, 1896. Both are buried in Burneyville Cemetery. Boss died on July 11, 1957 and Wessie on April 21, 1975. They had 5 children all born in Love County: Valley Viola Jackson born September 08, 1912 and died May 11, 1992, buried in Burneyville Cemetery. John Wesley Jackson born January 04, 1917 and died July 22, 1990. Mary Louise Jackson born 1920, Douglas Jackson born about 1923 and Eugene Jackson born about 1925.



*Stephen Phelps WWI*

**Miles Woodrow Phelps** was born January 22, 1858 in Boone County, Missouri. He was married in Durwood, Indian Territory to Thursey Gatewood on November 22, 1894. She was born in May of 1877 in Gerty, Oklahoma to James G. Gatewood and Georgia Pruitt. Miles passed away in Indian Territory between 1898 and 1900. Thursey followed about 1909 in Steedman, Oklahoma and was buried in Citra Cemetery. Miles and Thursey had two children: Stephen "Steve" Phelps (pictured left), born October 05, 1895 in Burneyville. He married (1) Ruby Grace Barnes on March 21, 1921 in Steedman, Oklahoma. She was born December 18, 1904 in Oklahoma and died September 26, 1979 in San Bernardino County, California. They had 5 children: Virgil, Paul, Dorothy, Laura and Carol Jene. Steve was then married on October 31, 1933 in Coweta, Oklahoma to Blaine Tyler. She was born March 15, 1916 in Gilbert, Arkansas to Stanford Tyler and Angeline Delk. Blaine passed away in Seattle, Washington May 31, 2007 and Steve on November 13, 1955. They had 9 children: Phyllis Lorraine, Stephen Jerral, Stanford Charles, Barbara Ann, Gary Lee, Donald Gene, Dennis Dale, Carl James and Lois Elaine.

James Lee Phelps was born in Grayson County, Texas on August 14, 1898 to Miles and Thursey. He married Ruth B. Edwards December 21, 1919 in Steedman, Oklahoma and passed away in Allen, Oklahoma on May 20, 1962. Jim and Ruth had two daughters: Christine & Laferne.

**Stephen Green Phelps** was born to Stephen and Christena Phelps in Boone County, Missouri on April 17, 1859. He married on August 01, 1889 in Grayson County, Texas to Louisa E. Keenan. She was born in Texas in January of 1874. Both are buried in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon, Donley County, Texas. Stephen passed away on January 15, 1931

and Louisa on October 14, 1949. They had two children: Charles Clarence Phelps, born in Cooke County, Texas on June 25, 1890 and married June 20, 1910 to Eva Effie Williams. Eva was born on August 13, 1893 in Cooke County, Texas and at the age of 13 she was the youngest person to become a member of "The Order of the Eastern Star." She was a member until her death, over 50 years. She passed away at age 95 on October 07, 1988 and her husband on October 10, 1941. Both are also buried in Citizens Cemetery, They had 6 children: William Harold, Hugh Gerard, Haskell Thomas, Dorothy Lois, Mildred Joyce and Mary Frances. Blanche Phelps was the second and last child born to Stephen & Louisa Phelps on August 10, 1893 in Cooke County, Texas. She married in Collin County, Texas on July 13, 1918 to Roy C. Jewell. He was born November 12, 1891 in Grayson County, Texas to Robert H. Jewell and Mary E. Alexander. Blanche passed away on July 27, 1951 and Roy on June 27, 1980, they had no children.

**Mary Francis Phelps** was born in Boone County, Missouri on November 02, 1860. She married Jesse C. Farrar January 11, 1885 in Grayson County, Texas. He was born in Tennessee in June of 1852. Jesse passed away in Indian Territory between 1903 and 1910. Mary lived until 1932 and is buried in Woodberry Forest Cemetery in Madill, Oklahoma. Jesse and Mary had 8 children: Stephen E. Farrar, born December 18, 1886 in Grayson County, Texas and died February 20, 1940 and is buried in Dexter, Texas. He married Josie B. Ragsdale who was born in Cooke County, Texas on August 14, 1888 to Tupper Ragsdale and Augusta Mae Bynum. (Note: Josie's father is buried in Howard Cemetery north of Dexter, this might be the cemetery Stephen is in). Josie passed away on May 17, 1966 in Harris County, Texas and was buried in Whitesboro, Texas. Stephen and Josie had one son; Arland Wesley Farrar born July 29, 1914 in Dexter and died January 14, 1970. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Whitesboro.

Christina Bella Farrar was born June 02, 1887 in Grayson County, Texas and married Anderson Frank Bradley. He was born December 02, 1884 in Tupelo, Mississippi and died in Holdenville, Oklahoma March 15, 1958. Christina died on January 24, 1967 and both are buried in Holdenville Cemetery. They had 4 children: Oren Wesley born March 09, 1906 in Marshall County, Oklahoma; Dorothy Edward born June 04, 1908; Ruth Naomi born March 01, 1911 and Jesse George born September 08, 1913. Matilda M. Farrar was born in October of 1889 in Indian Territory and died in Oklahoma between 1920 and 1930. She married James Monroe Norris who was born in Texas on February 17, 1887. They had three children: Harry Scott Norris born June 20, 1910 in Marshall County, Oklahoma and died August 11, 1991 in San Bernardino County, California; R. D. Norris born about 1915 and Marie Norris born 1920.

Callie C. Farrar was born in Indian Territory in April of 1891. She was married to Oliver Pike and had sons; Albert Pike born about 1912 and Leo Pike born about 1914. Between 1920 and 1930 Callie married Abraham Winson Gage. He was born in 1880 in Arkansas and died 1968.

Ora May Farrar was born in Indian Territory in July of 1893. She married Andrew Jackson Ables. He was born on March 06, 1883 in Falls County, Texas and died in 1935. Ora died in 1976 and both she and her husband are buried in Woodberry Forest Cemetery in Madill, Oklahoma. They had one son, Jack Darrel Ables born in Marshall County, Oklahoma August 07, 1914 and died July 06, 1976-Buried in Woodberry Forest Cemetery.

Oma Madora Farrar was born in September of 1895 in Indian Territory and died in either Texas or Oklahoma. She married Leslie Monroe Wood who was born in Kentucky March 27, 1895 to James Wood and Elizabeth Swart. He died February 08, 1979 and was buried in Letitia Cemetery in Comanche County, Oklahoma. They had 7 children: Mary Elizabeth Wood born December 09, 1914 in Oklahoma and died June 25, 1916, buried in Letitia Cemetery. Opal Marie Wood born about 1917 in Oklahoma and married Earl Dean Carlile. They had two children: Gerrell Michael and Earl David. Jack R. Wood was born about 1919 in Oklahoma; Dale G. Wood was born May 18, 1921 in Texas and died June 13, 2004 in Archer County, Texas. Billie Wood was born about 1924 in Oklahoma; Edwina Wood was born about 1926 in Wichita County, Texas and Donald Ralph Wood was born January 20, 1934 in Shackelford County, Texas.

Jessie C. Farrar, a daughter, was born in August of 1898 in Indian Territory.

Anna Farrar was born in Indian Territory on July 04, 1902 and was married to Straud Vandervort. He was born in Oklahoma on February 08, 1897 and died in July of 1974. Anna passed away in August of 1973. Both are buried in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They had one son; Straud R. Vandervort, born April 03, 1922 and died November 16, 1974. He is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma.



**George Washington Phelps** was born to Stephen and Christena on July 26, 1862 in Boone County, Missouri. He died June 20, 1864 in Boone County, Missouri at the age of 1.

**Elizabeth E. Phelps** was born January 21, 1864 in Boone County, Missouri. She married July 16, 1882 in Grayson County, Texas to Moses Aaron Goldston. He was born June 14, 1862 in Pleasant View, Grayson County, Texas to William Aaron Goldston & Angeline Narcis Williams. Elizabeth passed away when she was 27 on August 29, 1891 and was buried in Dixie Cemetery, Grayson County, Texas. Moses then married Elizabeth's sister **Rosa Belgium Phelps** on December 25, 1892 in Grayson County, Texas. Rosa was born March 01, 1876 in Dixie, Texas. Rosa passed away in Kansas City, Missouri on July 25, 1921 and was brought back to their home in Hale County, Texas where she was buried in Strip Cemetery. The following was written by Don Goldston: *"Moses did not like the man his daughter Edna was dating. He had told her several times how much he disliked him. They sneaked around and dated and finally decided to run off and get married even though Moses was very much against their dating. After they ran off and got married and decided they would come back to Edna's house to see Moses, as they drove up in their horse and buggy, Moses walked out on the porch with a shotgun in his hand and hollered for them to leave and that if they didn't he was going to kill Floyd, Edna's new husband. They tried to reason with him and Floyd started to get out of the buggy and when he did, Moses fired at him and managed to wing him with some buckshot. My Dad, William Aaron, was there, and was just a very young man at the time and helped grab Floyd to take him to a doctor, In the meantime Moses thought that he had killed Floyd and then turned the shotgun on himself and killed himself. It turned out that Edna's husband Floyd was only slightly wounded and not hurt very bad at all. That is how the incident occurred from what I have always been told. Edna was my Dad's (William Aaron) Aunt. My grandfather, Jesse James Goldston kept the blood stained shirt for many years. I saw it at one time when I was about 10 years old."* Moses passed away January 01, 1927 and was also buried in Strip Cemetery. Moses and Elizabeth had 5 children, They were: Angie Lee Goldston, born June 06, 1883 in Grayson County, Texas. She married in Cooke County, Texas on December 25, 1904 to Lonza Leroy Mason. He was born September 15, 1873 in Boonsfield, Missouri to Guydian Mason and Amanda Jane McCormick. Angie passed away on May 18, 1966 in Stanislaus County, California.

Jesse James Goldston was born July 27, 1884 in Grayson County, Texas. He married July 22, 1906 in Cooke County to Beulah Mae Mears. She was born March 27, 1889 in Woodbury, Tennessee and died July 31, 1971. Jesse died September 03, 1961 and both are buried in Strip Cemetery. They had 8 children: Maeola Goldston born August 19, 1907; William Aaron Goldston born July 16, 1910; Hazel Lorene Goldston born June 09, 1912; Lettress Agnes Goldston born February 21, 1915; Lloyd Woodrow Goldston born May 10, 1918; Leta Pearl Goldston born January 11, 1921; Thomas Linden Goldston born September 09, 1923 & Jesse Doyle Goldston born November 05, 1926.

Little Bessie Goldston was born March 02, 1886 in Grayson County, Texas and married William B. Kern in Portales, New Mexico on December 19, 1908. Bessie died in Los Angeles, California on May 30, 1969.

Simpson Goldston was born August 09, 1888 in Grayson County, Texas and died 1890. Martha Agnes Goldston was born December 26, 1889 in Grayson County and was



*Moses Aaron Goldston*



*Rosa (Phelps) Goldston*

married to Earnest Aubyn Caldwell on December 19, 1908 in Portales, New Mexico. He was born in Dublin, Texas on November 22, 1888 to James William Caldwell and Irena Jane Moore. Martha passed away in Roswell, New Mexico on May 19, 1946. Earnest and Martha had one son: Earnest Aubyn Caldwell, Jr., born October 04, 1915 in Cloudcroft, New Mexico and died May 19, 1945 during WWII.

Moses Aaron Goldston and Rosa Belgium Phelps had 11 children. They were: Gypsie Gaynell Goldston born in Dexter, Texas on September 18, 1893. She married in Roosevelt County, New Mexico on April 27, 1914 to William Michael Gore. He was born in Percival, Iowa on May 03, 1882 and died in Albany, Texas on December 04, 1960. Gypsie died June 24, 1968 in Roswell, New Mexico. They had three children: Flora Rosa, Vivian Hazel and George Gordon Gore. Sidney Burney Goldston was born in Dexter on March 26, 1895 and died October 12, 1968 in Chaves County, New Mexico. He is buried in Memory Lawn Memorial Park. He married August 14, 1921 to Gladys L. D. Crawford who was born in Dublin, Texas on July 20, 1901. She died in July 1985 and is buried beside her husband. They had three children, however only two are known: Sidney Estelene & Gladys Marie.

Clyde Goldston was born June 08, 1898 near Dexter, Texas and died in May of 1900.

Eunice May Goldston was born near Dexter on May 10, 1900 and died in Salina, Kansas on December 04, 1947. She was first married on July 19, 1919 to George Allen Harkness. The two split up and George married Eunice's niece, Lettress Agnes Goldston. Eunice remarried to

Raymond A. Jasper around 1945. He was born 1896 in Dexter, Texas.

Joseph Bailey Goldston was born near Dexter October 04, 1902 and married February 05, 1927 to Flossie Edna Burleson. She was born in Cooper, Texas on May 06, 1903. Joseph passed away in Imperial County, California on January 30, 1967. They had three boys: Billie Joe, Bobby Howell and Kenneth Ray.

William Riley "Bud" Goldston was born June 30, 1904 near Dexter and married Leola Mae Brown December 18, 1926. She was born in Oklahoma in May of 1905. They had three boys: Charles Hugh, Buddy Roger and Olen Glenn. Bud married again on November 28, 1941 to Bertha Mae Keeney. She was born in Belton, Texas on August 17, 1905 to George Washington Keeney and Mattie Ellen Pickett. Bud Goldston passed away in Dallas on April 17, 1976 and was buried in Roswell, New Mexico.

Henry Clay Goldston was born February 02, 1907 near Dexter and died November 29, 1949 in Artesia, New Mexico. He married Zollie Gray Fisher November 06, 1926 and they had one son: Clay Burnnie Goldston.

Edna Earl Goldston was born in Ingram, New Mexico on July 20, 1909 and died in Roswell on December 28, 1969. She was married December 27, 1926 to Walter Floyd Fisher, who her father shot. Floyd was born June 18, 1905. They had two daughters: Julia Belle and Christene Mildred.

Saint Elmo Goldston was born July 20, 1909 in Ingram, New Mexico and was the twin to Edna Earl. He lived until he was ten years old, dying on September 16, 1919 in Roosevelt County, New Mexico. *Rosa Bell was reading a book called St. Elmo when they were born. It was about a little orphan girl named Edna Earl. She was adopted or took in by St. Elmo.*

Ruth Christene Goldston was born in Roosevelt County, New Mexico on May 23, 1912.

Mildred Pearl Goldston was born in Elida, New Mexico on June 05, 1915 and died February 20, 1995 and is buried in Santa Fe National Cemetery, Santa Fe, New Mexico. She was married twice, first to Walter Ray Grumbles on September 16, 1936 then to Arvit George Sparks on February 04, 1944.

**Martha Ann “Mattie” Phelps** was born in Boone County, Missouri to Stephen and Christena on March 27, 1865. She was the last of the Phelps children to have been born in Missouri. She came to Texas before she was two years old. John Franklin Goldston was born February 26<sup>th</sup> of 1871 near Dixie, TX., to early Grayson County pioneers, William Aaron Goldston and Angeline Narcis Williams who were second cousins to one another. John spent his entire childhood in the Pleasant View community, just northwest of Dixie. Pleasant View was nothing more than a school, which was used as a church also and possibly a store. The majority of the residents were all kin to John in one way or another. His father opened the first cotton gin in the area and it was here that he met his future wife, Martha Ann Phelps. Mattie had come over to the Goldston’s farm bringing with her some cotton to have it ginned. John was immediately smitten and is said to have said to the man standing next to him that “I’m going to marry that woman someday.” Sure enough, on March 15, 1891 the two were married in the Dixie area and I still have the shirt John wore that day.

The following is a letter written to Martha from John on April 18, 1890:

Dear one,

Your letter received found me well and hope when these few lines reaches your loving care it will find you the same. It leaves me in great sadness to hear of your being so lonely in the I.T. (Indian Territory). It seems to me like you have been gone two years in the place of two months.

My dear friend your loving letters makes me feel well when I receive them. It makes me feel like I have met with the one I truly love. It would fill my heart with much joy if I only could be where I could hear you in joyous and happiness of your old home. In Texas I have rode several Sundays and have never found the girl that have d... my mind like you had. I would like very much if so I could be in your loving presence just one have to knight if I only could write what I think it would cause one to lose several knights rest and if I could just see you I could express my thoughts better than I can write. I don’t want many long days to pass without seeing you. This is the sincere of my heart and I would be better satisfied if I only knew whether or not you are in vain. It will make me feel so happy when the time comes when I will fix to meet with you my darling friend.

You said you went to a dance Friday knight and had the sick headache next day. I hate about you having the sick headache but you had often heard to the one we had at Arch McKillips that same knight we had a very nice time to them that could enjoy it but I could not for it is no fun for one to be at a dance where you are not there Mattie. It has been a long time since I have seen you but I think of you as often as if I didn’t see you ever day for there was never but one thing that ever bothers my mind like you do. You know what you have told me about me not wanting my one to care for me but I am in hopes you don’t think that for if I only knew you cared for me as much as I do for you I would be the happiest person on earth but I don’t think that will ever be but I will live in peace if I die in despair.



*John F. Goldston & Martha Ann Phelps*

Well I guess I had better close for I don't guess you will believe what I have wrote but you know what I have told you about telling the truth, Mattie, if I have told you one lie I never told you the truth in my life. I will close write as soon as you get this. Excuse bad spelling and writing.

From your ... and loving friend until death yours truly,  
John Goldston

To. Miss Mattie Phelps

Shortly after their marriage, John and Mattie made their home in Durwood, Indian Territory where some of their siblings were living. They had 7 children, but 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 someday 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. Martha remained in the area and was a wonderful seamstress. She was a member of the Sandy Springs Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Sandusky. She never remarried and passed away June 22, 1953. Both she and John are buried near his parents in Dixie Cemetery on the front row. Their children were: Edgar Franklin Goldston, born in Durwood, Indian Territory on February 16, 1892. He was married October 20, 1912 in Grayson County to Laura Mae Russell. She was born September 09, 1893 in Gordonville to Robert C. Russell and Pearl Brewer, she died in Corpus Christi on October 16, 1959. Edgar was fishing at Possum Kingdom Lake and drowned on October 09, 1948, He was buried in Dixie Cemetery. His obituary stated the following: "Mr. Goldston was drowned while fishing with Herschel Mayes, also of Graham. Goldston's body was recovered Wednesday. Mayes' body has not been found." Edgar and Mae had two children: Bernice Loretta Goldston, born August 09, 1913 in Grayson County. She married Doctor, Walter Thomas Davis June 27, 1953 in Chorpus Christi, Texas. Bernice passed away August 14, 1961 in Nueces County, Texas. John Robert "Jake" Goldston was born in Grayson County on January 31, 1915. He married June 15, 1938 to Mary Winifred Allen. She was born December 14, 1912 in Tarrant County, Texas to William Lloyd Allen and Mabel Evelyn Francisco. Jake was the rig superintendent for Phillips Petroleum Company and passed away February 15, 1952 in Corpus Christi. Mary died June 11, 2002 in Corpus. They had two children: John Robert Goldston, Jr. born January 25, 1940 Tarrant County and died November 11, 2001 in Corpus Christi. He married Jerrie Jennette Jones and had two boys: Robert Cameron and John Keith Goldston. Franklin Lloyd Goldston was born in Galveston, Texas on September 09, 1948 to John and Mary. Christena Goldston was the second child born to John Franklin and Martha Ann on September 07, 1893 in Durwood, Indian Territory. She passed away August 13, 1894 in Indian Territory or Texas at 11 months old.



*Children of John & Mattie (Phelps) Goldston  
L-R: Herman, Etta, Edgar, Cecil and Cleo.*

An Infant girl was born and died in either Texas or Oklahoma to John and Mattie on May 18, 1895.

Etta Mae Goldston was born February 17, 1897 in Pleasant View, Grayson County, Texas. She was married on November 17, 1915 in Sandusky, Texas to Howard Oscar Reast. He was born October 24, 1891 to James W. Reast and Alma Gertrude Owens. Howard passed away May 03, 1973 and is buried in Dixie Cemetery. Etta attended the Sandy Springs Cumberland Presbyterian Church and her and her husband lived off of Sandusky Road, just north of where Reast road meets it. Etta passed on January 06, 1983 and was buried beside her husband. They had 5 children: Mary Mozelle Reast, born October 08, 1916 in Grayson County and died July 25, 2004 and is buried in Dixie Cemetery. She was married first to A. B. Cluster on July 22, 1948 and then to Melvin Bell. Howard Kenneth Reast was born in Grayson County November 29, 1918 and died September 24, 1989. He is buried in Restland Memorial Park in Dallas. He was married in Galveston, Texas August 24, 1947 to Charlene Olivia Whipple and had three girls: Cherlyn Ann, Ruan and Dena Kay. Howard then married Donna G. Singleton on September 24, 1970 in Dallas. Martha Willene Reast was born November 16, 1921 in Grayson County and passed away in 2012, she was buried in Dixie Cemetery. She was married to James L. Weir in April of 1952 at Pampa, Texas and had four children: Mike L., Lee O., Al and Ann. James Lewell Reast was born in Grayson County on November 24, 1923 and died September 14, 2004 in Lamb County, Texas. He was buried in Littlefield Memorial Park and was married to Melba Lanora Calvert on June 22, 1945 in Brownfield, Texas. They had two daughters: Linda Doniece and Willa Jean. Alma Jean Reast was born January 11, 1930 in Grayson County and married J. E. Moore, Jr. on December 10, 1949 in Durant, Oklahoma. They had one son, Gary Howard Moore.

John Cecil Goldston was born March 23, 1898 in Grayson County, Texas and was married on November 10, 1920 in Cooke County, Texas to Zella May Barnett. She was born April 11, 1904 in Dexter, Texas to Carlos Lafayette Barnett and Lonnie Bell Overton. Maye passed away January 01, 1982 and is buried in Sunset Gardens Cemetery in Eddy County, New Mexico. They had one daughter: Golda Marie Goldston born in Dexter on April 17, 1924. She married in Los Angeles County, California to Howard Arthur Hayes who died February 26, 2005. They had one daughter, Rose Ann Hayes. Golda Marie Hayes died August 26, 1989 and was also buried in Sunset Gardens Cemetery. John Cecil Goldston was Deputy Sherriff in Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas. Cecil was married a second time Birdie Lorene Baugh who was born in Texas on July 03, 1910 and died in New Mexico on October 16, 1997. John Cecil Goldston passed away November 03, 1960 and was buried in Dixie Cemetery. The following is his obituary: "Stricken at the breakfast table in his home at 1108 North Grand Ave. Gainesville last Tuesday morning immediately after hearing of the death of his lifelong friend, Asa L. Flowers in a Dallas Hospital, John Cecil Goldston, 62, died at 8:15 p.m. Thursday in a Gainesville hospital where he had been in critical condition since his admittance there.

Goldston was born March 23, 1898 near Whitesboro in Grayson Co. He had been living in Gainesville for the past 20 years, serving several years as a deputy sheriff and later on the City Police force. He and Asa Flowers had been close associates as police officers. Flowers, a member of the local police force for 19 years died Monday night in a Dallas Hospital, where he had been taken following a period of ill health. He was buried at Callisburg following funeral services held in Gainesville.

Services for Goldston will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in George J. Carroll and Son Chapel. Officiating will be the Rev. Virgil Cowgur of Munster, a Baptist minister. Burial will be in Dixie Cemetery."



*Betty Ann (Moran) Ward*

Little Cleo Goldston was born to John and Martha Phelps Goldston on August 06, 1901 in Grayson County, Texas. She married October 15, 1919 in Gordonville, Texas to William Loyd Moran. He was born on December 18, 1899 to Joseph Newsom Moran and Bettie E. McElroy. He died February 09, 1985 and Cleo on December 02, 1990. They were buried in Mt. Tabor Cemetery in Sandusky, Grayson County, Texas. They had three children: Lloyd Keith Moran born October 17, 1922 in Grayson County, Texas. He married Maurice McCluskey October 21, 1945 and they had two daughters: Sharon Lynn and Susan Carol. Lloyd passed away on December 05, 1962 and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Whitesboro, Texas. Helen Isabel Moran was born August 12, 1924 in Grayson County and died at the age of 35 on July 25, 1960. She was buried in Mt. Tabor Cemetery in Sandusky. Betty Ann Moran was born August 31, 1927 in Grayson County, Texas. She married Brad Hays Ward on May 30, 1947 in Durant, Oklahoma. He was born October 19, 1922 in Chickasha, Oklahoma to Hays Benjamin Ward and Nora Elliott. Brad & Betty have done extensive research on both the family history and the local histories throughout Texoma. Betty passed away March 18, 2008 and was laid to rest in Mt. Tabor Cemetery. They had one son: Richard Brad Ward, born September 17, 1949. William Herman Goldston was born to John and Martha Goldston on April 14, 1904 in Grayson County, Texas. Herman was married in Dixie, Texas to Lois Edna Stubblefield on January 24, 1923. She was born in Grayson County on

December 09, 1903 to Thomas Madison Stubblefield and Alice Bartlett. Herman and Lois are both buried in Dixie Cemetery. He died May 25, 1973 and Lois followed on May 22, 1991. They had eight children: John Thomas "Johnny" Goldston born September 22, 1923 in Grayson County. Johnny married Dorothy Rella Anderson sometime before 1946. She had sent him a Dear John letter while he was away at war. Dorothy was born in Jackson County, Oklahoma on November 09, 1916 to Herbert Jerry Anderson and Effie Jane Hensley. She died August 01, 1991 in Dallas County, Missouri. Johnny then married on March 27, 1946 to Dorothy Faye Barker. Two children were born, John Thomas, JR. & Bruce Lee. Johnny's last marriage was to Donna J. Poulson on May 28, 1994 in Cooke County, Texas. Johnny passed away on July 01, 2000 and was buried at the Dixie Cemetery.

Mildred Lee Goldston was born April 24, 1925 in Grayson County, Texas. She married July 24, 1943 in Grayson County, Texas to Dennis Earl "Pete" Ferguson. He was born November 03, 1925 in Pilot Grove, Grayson County, Texas to Luther Ferguson and Bessie Mae Scott. Mildred passed away February 20, 1996 and Pete on May 25, 2006. Both are buried in Van Alstyne Cemetery. They had four children. Ronald Lynn Ferguson, born January 06, 1948 in Grayson County. Married Joyce Ilene Brown on July 19, 1980 in Taylor County, Texas and had two children: Shauna Jo and Casey Ray. Sherry Lea Ferguson, born in Grayson County on February 04, 1951. She married (1) Richard Thomas "Dickie" Huff on April 22, 1967 in Taylor County, Texas. He was born August 25, 1950 in Taylor County to Clifford Clay Huff and Ima Lou Osborn. He died March 19, 1978

and was buried in Hamby Cemetery near Abilene. They had one daughter: Pamela Gayle Huff born December 01, 1967 in Abilene, Texas. She married (1) Aaron Keith Williams on June 11, 1986 in Cannon, Grayson County, Texas. He was born April 01, 1968 in Dallas, Texas to Larry Dwain Williams and Kimberly Jean Berry. They had two boys: Dustin Keith "Dusty" Williams, the author, and Cody Aaron Williams. Pamela then married on January 21, 1994 in Howe, Texas to Jay Eric Holloway. He was born February 12, 1971 in Grayson County to Robert Eugene Holloway and Carolyn George. Eric and Pam had two children: Logan J and Kailey Lane. Sherry Ferguson married (2) Wayne Drine "Jeff" Jeffers on September 03, 1971 in Grayson County, Texas. He was born in Baltimore County, Maryland on April 12, 1948 to Stanley Deibert Jeffers and Francis Angela Trettin. Jeff and Sherry had one daughter: Brandi Dawn Jeffers born in Grayson County on May 23, 1975. She married Matthew Stephen Fejeran on November 20, 1993 in Grayson County and had 4 children: Matthew Stephen, Jr., Brittany Alexis, Stephen Matthew and Matthew Stephen Nicholas Fejeran.

Dennis Wayne Ferguson was born to Dennis and Mildred Ferguson on March 25, 1955 in Grayson County, Texas. He married Sandra Kay Rigsby on October 11, 1975 in Grayson County. She was born October 24, 1956 in Grayson County to Murkel Raphael Rigsby and Dorothy Jean Aymett. Dennis and Sandra had two children: Kevin Wayne and Kimberly Kay Ferguson. David Ray Ferguson was born on July 16, 1963 in Taylor County, Texas and married Roxanne Paulette Redden August 15, 2009 in Collin County, Texas. She was born May 28, 1966 in Dallas County, Texas to Charles Robert Redden and Jerry Nell Douglas. Martha Loraine "Lorene" Goldston was the third child born to William Herman Goldston on February 25, 1927 in Grayson County, Texas. She married Joe Bill Tamplen on August 13, 1944. 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 Shelton born September 16, 1953 in Laredo, Texas; Jerry Lee Shelton born January 03, 1956 in Ardmore, Oklahoma and Nancy Ann Shelton born January 07, 1964 in San Antonio, Texas.

William Leon Goldston was born March 18, 1929 in Grayson County, Texas. He was married to 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 was born on March 02, 1931 in Grayson County, Texas. She 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 08, 1994 and was laid to rest in the Van Alstyne Cemetery.

Delton Franklin Goldston was born December 06, 1934 in Grayson County, Texas. He was 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 Goldston was born October 02, 1937 in Grayson County, Texas and 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.

Jake Loy Goldston was born October 02, 1937 in Grayson County, Texas and 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 was married to Charlene McKinzie on August 01, 1964 and Marjorie J. Brooks on May 27, 1972. 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 Whitemound community east of Howe. Patsy passed away August 10, 2013 in Collinsville and was laid to rest at Dixie Cemetery.

**Mildred Anne Phelps** was born February 05, 1867 in Cooke County, Texas to Stephen and Christena Smith Phelps. She married on October 21, 1884 in Grayson County, Texas to Pleasant Jackson "Plez" Davis. He was born in Tennessee on August 12, 1863 and died January 06, 1906. He was buried in Burneyville Cemetery in Love County, Oklahoma. Mildred was married again between 1920 and 1930 to Wyatt Simpson Fuller. He was born in Arkansas in August of 1862. Mildred passed away December 18, 1942 and was buried in Burneyville Cemetery. Plez and Mildred had ten children, however two of them were born and died before 1900. Their known children are: Clara Ethel Davis, born October 15, 1885 in Grayson County, Texas. She married Samuel E. Shankles. He was born in Mississippi on August 03, 1879 and died January 09, 1958. Clara passed away on August 25, 1960. Both are buried in Burneyville Cemetery. They had 6 children: Nadine A., Pauline M., Juanita F., Aline M., Wilson S. and James Douglas Shankles. Issiac Davis was a son of Plez and Margaret and he was born and died before 1900 along with two other unknown siblings. Alta Davis was born in Love County, Oklahoma on February 04,



*Davis Family*



1892 and was married to Vester L. Mears. He was born in September of 1885 in Cannon, Tennessee to William Alexander Mears and Sallie Gaither. He died between 1912 and 1920. Alta was then married to Franklin Shelby Lane who was born in Georgia on June 08, 1876 and died in Amarillo, Texas on February 08, 1940. Alta passed away February 10, 1959. Vester & Alta had 5 children: Blanch Lundy, Clyde L., Mildred, Ruby and Euda B. Mears. Franklin and Alta had 3 children: Annie Morraine, Margie M. and Joan Lane.

Endimon F. Davis was born in Love County, Oklahoma on September 06, 1893 and passed away February 25, 1958 in Love County.

Varney Davis was born April 04, 1898 in Love County, Oklahoma and was married to Ruby P. Burton. She was born October 01, 1904 in Oklahoma and died June 03, 1995 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. Varney passed away July 25, 1957 and is buried in Paoli Cemetery in Garvin County, Oklahoma. They had 6 children: Plez J., McDonald, Blanquita, Marquita, Mildred Frances and Joe Randall.

Winnie Davis was born April 04, 1898 in Love County, Oklahoma and died January 31, 1979. She was buried in Marlow Cemetery in Stephens County, Oklahoma. Winnie was married to Mr. Cooper.

Lola M. Davis was born April 17, 1900 in Burneyville, Oklahoma. She married her step brother Samuel Andrew Fuller about 1927. He was born April 04, 1888 in Arkansas to Wyatt Simpson Fuller and Martha A. Martin. Samuel passed away February 22, 1962 and was buried in Marlow Cemetery in Stephens County, Oklahoma. Lola was then married to Howard Oscar Marquardt on May 03, 1968 in Iowa Park, Texas. Lola passed away February 05, 1999 and was also buried in Marlow Cemetery.

Thelma Davis was born February 19, 1902 in Burneyville, Oklahoma and married Laurence A. Morgan. He was born June 26, 1901 and died August 02, 1976. Thelma passed away April 03, 1997 and was buried in Burneyville Cemetery.

**Charles E. Phelps** was born in Cooke County, Texas on January 25, 1869 to Stephen and Christena. He married in 1928 to Ophelia Ann Cull. She was born in Kentucky December 23, 1870. Shortly after their marriage in 1928 Charles passed away and Ophelia followed on November 13, 1936. Both are buried in Burneyville Cemetery.

**Christina Adaline "Addie" Phelps** was born in Cooke County, Texas on January 12, 1871. She married in Grayson County on April 24, 1890 to Christopher C. Smith. He was born July 30, 1869 in Arkansas. C. C. passed away November 30, 1938 and Addie on May 29, 1929. Both are buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Marietta, Oklahoma. The following was taken from C. C. Smith's obituary: "Deceased passed away at the family home in the Burneyville community Wednesday after several months illness. He was 69 years old at the time of death and had lived in Love County since 1912.

At one time he operated a grocery store in this city and served as deputy sheriff under the late Sheriff Sam Long. He moved to Burneyville Community from here and has made his home there ever since." C. C. Smith and Addie had 9 children, however all but 2 were born and died as small children before 1900. They were: Effie May Smith, born in January of



*C. C. & Addie Phelps Smith*

1891 in Oklahoma. She married James Robert "Bob" Wilkins. He was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma on August 30, 1889 and passed away September 03, 1939. He is buried in Sayre-Doxey Cemetery, Becham County, Oklahoma. They had three children: Oleta Christene born about 1912, Robert Glen born November 17, 1918 and died July 02, 1995 and Leon Leonard Wilkins born November 23, 1923 and died August 21, 1982. Arthur Cleveland Smith was born to C.C. and Addie on January 20, 1892 in Oklahoma. He passed away April 25, 1953 in Los Angeles County, California.



*Albert Gerome Phelps*

**Albert Gerome Phelps** was born to Stephen and Christena on July 28, 1873 in Dixie, Grayson County, Texas. He was married in Burneyville, Oklahoma on June 22, 1899 to Maggie Malinda Davis. She was born March 06, 1880 in Mountain View, Arkansas to Jeremiah & Sarah Davis. Albert passed away in Memphis, Texas on April 25, 1934 and Maggie on March 10, 1968. They had four children: Forrest Phelps, born August 31, 1903 in Love County, Oklahoma. He married January 04, 1930 to Jewell Cantrell who was born in Denton, Texas on June 06, 1909. Forrest passed away in Memphis, Texas on January 17, 1970. They had 6 Children: Dorothy Jean Phelps born March 31, 1931; Olen Wayne Phelps born November 05, 1933; Wanda Faye Phelps born December 22, 1934; Frankie Edward Phelps born July 16, 1937; Myrna Lois Phelps born June 22, 1940 and Doyle Forrest Phelps born December 21, 1944.

Archie Gerome Phelps was born July 08, 1904 in Francis, Indian Territory. He was married in November of 1933 in Cooke County to Opal Marie Hubbard. She was born in Marietta, Oklahoma on July 19, 1917 to Lee Hubbard and Asa Orr. Archie passed away in November of 1957 and Opal on July 25, 2007. The following was taken from Opal's obituary: "Living in Love County for several years, Mrs. Petree moved to Brownfield, Texas and then to California. She ran away from home and married her first husband, Archie Phelps, the father of her five children. He preceded her in death in 1957, and she remarried in 1961 to John Petree. He preceded her in death in 1968. In 1992, she moved to Chickasha to live with her son, Dale. Known as a "Marine Mama," three of her four sons were in the Marine Corps." Archie and Opal had five children and they were: Bobby Leroy Phelps, born August 06, 1934; Marion Dale Phelps, born October 25,

1935 and passed away in May of 2012. Dorothy Mae Phelps, born February 08, 1938; Billy Charles Phelps born February 23, 1940 and Donnie Lee Phelps born February 23, 1948.

Travis Daris Phelps was born to Albert and Maggie on September 13, 1910 in Texas. He was married to Inez Bradley in Memphis, Texas on December 15, 1935. She was born October 10, 1910 and died in 1998. Travis passed away in April of 1969. They had four children: Darrell Wilfon born February 11, 1939; David Oliver born March 11, 1943; Juanita born April 08, 1947 and Daniel Wayne Phelps born April 27, 1956.

Cleatus Horace Wilfon Phelps was born December 17, 1913 in Texas and married Thelma Scott who was born August 25, 1915 in Memphis, Texas. Cleatus passed away July 06, 1993. They had two daughters: Coleta Imogene Phelps born August 02, 1936 and Frances Carolena Phelps born July 06, 1938.

*Written By:*

*Dusty K. Williams*

*Great-Great-Great-Great Grandson  
of Stephen & Christena Phelps.*

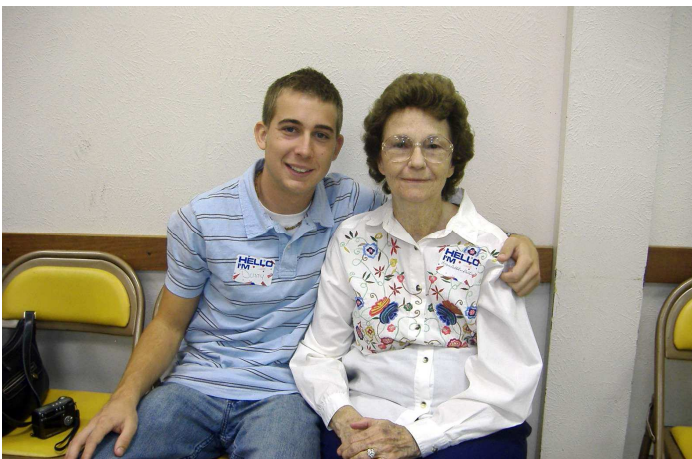
## *Memories from Dixie*



**Goldston-Stubblefield Home-2003**  
L-R: Sherrie Ireland, Dusty Williams, Butch Willis, Rich Goldston, Jr., Rich Goldston and Brad Ward



**Goldston-Phelps-Stubblefield Reunion  
2007**



**Dusty Williams with his Great Grandmother's sister, Lorene (Goldston) Shelton - 2006**



**L-R: Charles Tuley, Deborah (Tuley) Perkins, Sherry (Ferguson) Jeffers, Dusty Williams and Patsy (Ham) Goldston 2007**



**L-R: Dusty Williams, Dorothy (Phelps) Boatwright, Tempie (Martin) Goldston and Bob H. Goldston**



**L-R: Debbie (Tuley) Perkins, Tracy Goldston, Nancy (Shelton) Bauer, Sherry (Ferguson) Jeffers, James L. Goldston, Tammye (Goldston) Corbin, Mary (Shelton) Boyd and Jerry Shelton 2007**



**L-R: Barbara (Phelps) Adamson, Dusty Williams and Gary Lee Phelps 2002**  
*Our First Reunion*



**L-R: Loy Goldston, Dusty Williams, Butch Willis, Sherrie Ireland, Rich Goldston and Rich Goldston, Jr. 2003**



**L-R: Sherrie Ireland, Peggy (Chambers) Wellman, Dusty Williams, Gary L. Phelps, Mozelle (Chambers) Fledge, Barbara (Phelps) Adamson and Wana (Perkins) King 2004**



**L-R: Bob & Tempie (Martin) Goldston with their daughter in law, Lin. 2002**



**L-R: Dusty Williams, Brad Ward and Gary L. Phelps 2005**



**L-R: Delton M. Phelps and Brad Ward 2005**



**Barbara (Phelps) Adamson and Dusty Williams 2005**



**Betty Ann (Moran) Ward and Brad Hays Ward 2005**



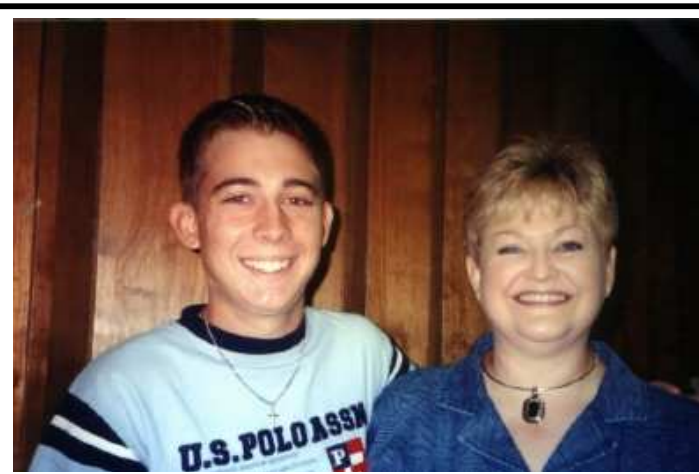
**Loy Goldston and Patsy (Ham) Goldston 2007**



**L-R: Margie Ruth (Mayo) Phelps and Christalene (Riddle) Phelps 2007**



**Eskew Cemetery. L-R: Rich Goldston, Butch Willis, his wife, Rich Goldston Jr. and Sherrie Ireland 2003**



**Dusty Williams and Sherrie (Green) Ireland 2003**