

Canaan: Community and Cemetery

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The Canaan community dates back to the 1870s, and perhaps even earlier. Canaan is a name from the Bible.

Canaan Cemetery is just west of the A&M Annex. From the Brazos County courthouse, take the William Joel Bryan Parkway (formerly 25th St.) west, it will intersect Highway 21, continue on Highway 21 until you see the entrance of the Texas A&M Annex. It will be 6.3 miles, take the first road to the left past the annex, go .4 of a mile to the burial ground which is on the corner of Pitts and Kuder Roads.

The original deed record for this graveyard has not been identified. It may be recorded in the name of a church.

This cemetery is in bad condition, with many graves being difficult to access due to overgrown vegetation.

The earliest stones found in this graveyard are for Henry and Sarah Persons, young children who died tragically in 1882.

Bryan Pilot: From Alex. Wyatt, colored, we learn the particulars of the horrible accident which occurred near Batte's gin in Brazos bottom a few days ago. In the absence of George Person and wife, their home was burned and two of their children, one four and the other one year old. Nothing was found of the unfortunate children except their skulls and a few small pieces of bone, which were raked out of the ashes and buried. The girl left in charge of the children deserted them and ran for aid on seeing the bed in flames. She says a pecan exploded in the fire and threw embers upon the bed, which she found to be on fire a few minutes afterward. **Galveston Daily News**, 10 December 1882, page 4; also published in **San Marcos Free Press**, 21 December 1882, page 2

There may be older unmarked graves in this cemetery. Burials are occasionally still being made.

At one time, this was the major African American cemetery for this part of the county. There are over 300 known burials in this graveyard.

At least 33 people who lived during the time of slavery are buried in this cemetery. Given its age, there are doubtless more burials of former slaves here. The graveyard is the resting place of veterans of World War I, World War II and perhaps other conflicts.

Many of the people buried here are related. Some of the family names include Allen, Bradley, Davis, Duren, Green, Hayes, Johnson, Person, Phillips, Sanders, Smith and Turner.

Notable people buried in this cemetery include Dennis B. Ballard, a former county commissioner, and Powell Harvey, a former constable.

Powell Harvey, well known Negro of the Fountain Switch community west of Bryan, died at his farm home in that community Tuesday at 6 o'clock after a brief illness. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. with interment made at Canaan cemetery 7 miles west of Bryan. Powell Harvey was one of the leading Negro citizens of Brazos County and owned his farm home and was always energetic and dependable. He was constable in Precinct No. 5 for a long period of years and held the confidence of all, both white and black, by being a faithful and efficient officer of the law. **Bryan Weekly Eagle**, 15 May 1930, page 2.

This precinct also had an African American justice of the peace, Matt Eaton. His burial location is not known.

At least three school teachers rest in this graveyard. They are Maggie Brown, Theodore Brown and Walter R. Ford.

The early history of this community is uncertain. "Cannian" school was active by 1879. [Register of Teachers Accounts, in **County Judge's School Record for Brazos County, State of Texas**, page 92 (at Carnegie History Center in Bryan).] Rural schools were often held in churches, and it is likely that Canaan Church – perhaps with a cemetery – was active in the same location.

In 1889, Brazos County schools included in district no.18: Canaan, Wilson, and Salem. Canaan School had 138 pupils, making it the second largest African American school district in the county. [See "Our Schools," (weekly) **Bryan Eagle**, 21 November 1889, page 4, col.3] This Salem is not the same church as the congregation of this name located at Wellborn.

The earliest mention of the Canaan church found so far dates to 1896.

We are informed that emancipation celebrations will be held today at the following places: Bryan, Boonville, Walker settlement, Benchley, Canaan church on the Little Brazos, Millican, Peach Creek, Salem Church near Mudville, near Myers and Tunis and at Cartwheel and on Wickson. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 19 June 1896, page 4, col.1

Canaan Church was demolished by a tornado in the 1950s. It apparently was rebuilt.

... The accident took place three miles north of Bryan on Highway 6 at almost the exact time the various twisters were reported. Weldon Leroy Mason of Hearne, who works at the McDonald Funeral home here, was treated for forehead lacerations and released. His car was involved in a head-on collision with a truck driven by Joe B. Kirk of Cameron. Kirk told highway patrolmen that a sudden gust of wind literally threw his huge dairy truck into the path of Mason's oncoming automobile. Most serious damage was in the twister west of town, which apparently dipped down about two miles west of the air base and up just at the western edge of the base. The Canaan and Progressive Baptist churches in that area were completely demolished as was a house belonging to Isaac Nichols

and another own ... **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 30 April 1954, page 1

Progressive Baptist Church was located a bit further away.

In 1904, Geo. W. Persons and his wife Dollie Persons sold Rev. J. S. Slaughter (pastor) and deacons Geo. W. Persons, Robert Graves, Charles Murphy, Pompey Sanders, Jr., and John Wilson, land in the James Curtis league located about nine miles west of Bryan, near the Little Brazos River on the road from Moseley Ferry to Williams Shoals. (**Brazos County Deed Book 26**, page 57, 1904).

In 1916, Madison Bradley and his wife Albenia Bradley sold land in the James Curtis league to John C. Wilson, M. S. Bradley, Alfred Hayes, Jasper Phillips and Sussex Sanders, church deacons. (**Brazos County Deed Book 44**, pages 648-649, 1916).

In 1944, Mrs. Mamie B. Baldwin (widow of W. H. Baldwin), Ruth Lipscomb, Ross L. Grogin, Monette Groginsky, Julius Grogin and Phillip S. Groginski, sold M. S. Bradley, Robert Persons, Jasper Phillips, and Oscar Johnson land in the James Curtis league. (**Brazos County Deed Book 118**, pages 410-411, 1944).

The church was demolished in a 1954 tornado. It was rebuilt.

This Was A Church – Toppled, twisted and parts of it not even here, this picture shows what remains of the Progressive Baptist Church, which was located about one mile west of Bryan Air Force Base. The picture was made during a driving rain. (Eagle Staff photo). **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 30 April 1954, page 1

St. John's Chapel, a Methodist church, might also be related to this cemetery.

On 9 February 1878, Milton Parker gave land to an unnamed Methodist Church in the James Curtis league; church trustees were Jordan Bonner, E. Lee, Abner Thomas, A. Turner and John Ford. (**Brazos County Deed Book S**, page 150 or 160?)

This Methodist Church was named St. John Chapel. "J. D. Dalton, Bryan circuit: "A protracted meeting in St. John Chapel added 19 to the church. Sunday-school numbers 33 pupils." (**Southwestern Christian Advocate**, 17 June 1880, page 2, col.6)

In 1926, Tom Turner purchased land in the James Curtis headright from the trustees of St. John Chapel, who were Wesley Gilbert, Tom Hill, Hal Thornton, Robert Moore, Cornelius Lewis, John Dangerfield, Jesse Kilpatrick, and Jerry Williams. (**Brazos County Deed Book 71**, pages 137-139)

The Canaan community continued to be mentioned for many years.

Bryan, Tex., Jan. 12 ... The reporter spent several days in the Canaan community last week, the guest of his brother, Prof. H.T. Haynes, and also had the pleasure of visiting the Canaan graded school, of which Prof. H.T. Haynes is principal, and Mrs. B.E.T. Versea,

assistant. We can truly say that the people of this neighborhood are among the best in the country. They own their homes, etc. Prominent among them are Hons. D.B. Ballard, J. Robinson, Sr., Robt. Armstrong, Geo. Person, R. Person, W. Rucker, Griffin and many others. **Dallas Express**, 13 January 1900, page 7

The reorganized republicans report the organization of an Acheson and Gibbons club at Canaan Thursday night by M.M. Haynes and Chairman G.W. Stovall, with the following officers J.C. Wilson, president; H.B. Green, secretary; Ben Wilson, treasurer. Stovall reports that organization will be effected in each precinct in the county. **Bryan Morning Eagle**, 19 October 1906, page 5

As a result of a meeting of a colored committee, of which L. A. Nash is chairman, with the members of the general committee of the Commercial club in charge of the celebration in honor of returned soldiers and sailors the following colored men over the county have been named to represent the various communities of the county among their own people for the participation of the Negroes in the event which is to be held August 7 ... Canaan community – Madison Bradley, chairman; Prof. Theodore Brown, Marshall Bradley, D.B. Ballard, Albert Banks, Joe Triggs. ... **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 9 July 1919, page 1

... farmers at Canaan on Thursday night when County Agent C.L. Beason spoke to some forty Negro farmers on "Farm Management and Farm Diversification." County Agent Beason also interested the Negro farmers of the county in trying for the \$175 prize offered by the Bryan and Brazos County Chamber of Commerce for the best Live-At-Home farmer, assuring them that they had equal chance with the white farmers of the county in capturing this prize. At the close of the meeting many signified that they would enter the contest. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 13 April 1929, page 4

Prof. C. H. Waller, state leader for extension work with Negroes with headquarters at Prairie View school for negroes, was the principal speaker at a meeting held for Negro farmers at the Canaan community on last Saturday night under the supervision of County Agent C.L. Beason and Negro Demonstrator J. K. Hornsberry. Prof. Waller used the report on dairy farming as it is progressing in the state of Mississippi and its helpful effect on the Negro farmers of that section as the basis for a talk showing the possibilities and probabilities of dairy development in Brazos county and its opportunities to the Negro farmers as soon as markets are available. County Agent C. L. Beason urged the colored farmers to begin now planning for a start in farm dairying and also explained a plan now under consideration by which Brazos county farmers may grow. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 27 September 1929, page 5

... Grigg is superintendent of the colored orphanage east of Bryan and the other farmers whose products were considered worthy of a place in the county exhibit all live in the Canaan community near Riverside. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 8 October 1929, page 2

The colored farmers of Brazos County who are entering the tomato growing group for this season's market, organized a Tomato Growers Club on Saturday afternoon with Joe

Trigg of the Canaan community as chairman and Thedo Brown as secretary treasurer. The club will be under the general supervision of Negro demonstrator H. K. Hornsberry, who reports that 25 acres have been pledged by colored farmers to date and that about 20 colored farmers are included among those already enrolled in the Tomato Growers Club. **Bryan Weekly Eagle**, 28 November 1929, page 2

“Agent Aids with Hog Cholera,” **Houston Informer**, 9 May 1931, page 6, col.1. Outbreak in the Canaan community.

"Negro Farmers Short Course is Held at Canaan," **Bryan Weekly Eagle**, 11 February 1932, page 2, col.8

“Brian Briefs,” **Houston Informer**, 4 March 1933, page 5, col.1. “The Farmers’ Short Course was pulled off at Roan’s Chapel Baptist Church Friday night with a good attendance. Visitors from Canaan, Bryan and Burleson County were present. Prof. C. L. Beason (white), demonstrator, and other white distinguished visitors were present. Prof. H. K. Harnesberry was conductor.”

Yard improvement is being earned as a major demonstration by the club women of Canaan. Roan's Chapel, Welborn, Cedar Creek, Wixon, Benchley and Harvey. The object of the demonstration is to make the home a social center for the family by convenience and beauty. Demonstrations included making yard plan, and planting doorstep plats. Native plants are being used by club members to beautify the places, because of their beauty and inexpensiveness. Seven yard plans have been drawn by the demonstrators in carrying out these demonstrations and other women have done likewise ... Mrs. Triggs of Canaan, Mrs. L.B. Smith of Roan’s Chapel, and Mrs. H. Collins of Wixon have been busy together with club members, storing stuffed sausage, making lard, and curing bacon and hams this month. They are delighted with the new methods of seasoning which adds to the flavor of cured meats. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 24 February 1934, page 2

The club women of the Canaan community will meet at the home of Madison Bradley for a demonstration in soap making, which includes hard soap, white floating soap and crackling soap. In connection with this the molding, cutting, and curing of soap will be demonstrated. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 8 March 1934, page 6

C. H. Waller, slate leader for the Extension Service among the Negroes, with headquarters at Prairie View, will speak in the afternoon at 2 o’clock at Canaan church and again at ... o'clock p.m. of the same day, at Kemp high school in Bryan. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 23 March 1934, page 3

In the furtherance of the Negro health week program, C.H. Waller, state leader of Negro farm agents, Prairie View College, will be the principal speaker at a joint meeting of four communities on Thursday, April 5, 2 o’clock p.m. The meeting will be held at the Canaan church. Communities cooperating are: Canaan, Harmon, Silver Hill, and Stone City ... **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 7 April 1934, page 2

In an effort to promote better farm life among Negro farmers of the county, four families have signed contracts to conduct the whole farm demonstration program. Those listed to carry out the program are: M.S. Bradley, Canaan community, route 5; Gus Roy, Wellborn; W. P. Smith, Roans Chapel community, Route 3; James Jones, Benchley community. The demonstration involves all phases of farm and home improvements. **Bryan Weekly Eagle**, 15 May 1935, page 3, col.1.

On Monday with a nice north wind blowing and a clear sky overhead, making it ideal hog-killing weather, more hogs were butchered among Negro farmers than any other day this year or season. The county agent states that demonstrations were conducted in three communities, Canaan, Stone City, and Wellborn. In Canaan two hogs were butchered at the home of Madison Bradly, two at Eugene Dix's and one at the home of Guss Roy. All this meat was killed and cured by the A. & M. method in which dry cure was used. This is composed of eight pounds of salt, three pounds of sugar and three ounces of saltpeter. These farmers will not only have the enjoyment of eating this sugar cured meat, but they will have a chance to display their meat at the Brazos county annual meat show which will be held March 23, 24. At this meat show the farmer will not only show meat but the by-products of meat, such as lard, sausage and soap. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 18 January 1939, page 7

... I wish to express my deepest appreciation for the cooperation of both the county officials and the club workers of the various communities of Brazos county, said I.ovie M. Murphy, Negro county home demonstration agent. In the following communities – Roans Chapel, Cedar Grove, Brushey, Kurten-Tabor, Wixon, Harmon-Rye, Fairview, Canaan, Wellborn, and Millican – we are working enthusiastically to carry out our year's work and hope in the near future to stimulate interest and reorganize clubs in Salem and Walker Settlement communities. We are working hard to make our Brazos County Free Fair a success. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 9 October 1940, page 8

Brazos County Red Cross, Mrs. R R. Lancaster; chairman; Mrs. Jess Shelton, assistant chairman, continues the Work of enrolling the schools of the county in the Junior Red Cross program and activities for this school year. To date 47 schools have been enrolled. A list of schools enrolled since the last published statement includes the following: Steele's Store, with 100 pupils; Stone City, Negro, 50; Tabor high school, 31; Tabor elementary, 85; Canaan school, Negro, 25; Salem, Negro, 40; Derden, Negro, 40; Lamar Junior high school, 321; Travis elementary school, 434. Total number of school students in Brazos County enrolled to October 30, 4274. The work of enrollment will be continued until the middle of November, with the hope of enrolling Brazos county schools 100 per cent. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 31 October 1940, page 6

Brazos county will observe May 2 as the Annual 4-H Club Day. This year the Clubs will have their program at Canaan community on the Caldwell road. Fifteen communities of Brazos County are expected to attend this achievement day for boys and girls of the county. Prizes have been made possible by the merchants of Bryan for these 4-H boys and girls for the best work done by them this year. Rev. U.S. Keeling will be the

principal speaker on the program. The Kemp high school band will help entertain on that day. Active games will be played and a weiner roast given after the program. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 23 April 1941, page 9

“Negro 4-H Day at Canaan Attracts Crowd,” **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 2 May 1941, page 7

Complicating research, newspaper articles often don't mention Canaan specifically, though they likely refer to people living in or near that community. For example:

Dennis Ballard left here on the early morning train with fifty Negroes who go to work in the saw mill region around Beaumont. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 22 July 1899, page 3

At Henry School house for commissioner Paul Merka received 15 votes, T. S. Woodson, 27, Felix Phillips 24 and Dennis Ballard 16. Mat Eaton received 64 for justice, and for constable Powell Harvey got 81, Will Pitts 20 and Abner Reese 23. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 8 November 1900, page 3. I know Merka and Woodson were white. Phillips, Ballard, Eaton and Harvey were African American. I don't know the race of Pitts or Reese.

The Dennis Ballard Odd Fellows Lodge likely was located in or near the Canaan Community. More research is needed on this organization. The only reference I have to it is:

Real Estate Transactions ... Dennie Ballard Lodge, I. O. O. F., to G. S. Parker Jr., 1-2 acre James Curtis League, \$1 and other considerations.
G. S. Parker, Jr., to Charles Hayes, 1-2 acre, James Curtis League, consideration, \$100.
Bryan Daily Eagle, 11 March 1940, page 2

Like many rural communities, Canaan experienced a slow decline in population over time. The construction of Bryan Army Air Field in the 1940s doubtless dislocated some people who considered Canaan their home. After the war families began leaving farms in increasing numbers, moving to Bryan or larger towns. Nonetheless, the Canaan community remained active into the 1960s.

New interest in Victory Club work has been attained, since requests from Stone City, Salem, and Canaan groups have asked for the organization of the same. The clubs will be formally organized Thursday by the home agent. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 10 February 1943, page 3

As a means of giving the club women information they need for more milk and eggs in their family daily diet the county home demonstration agent [Mrs. Fannie Taylor] gave demonstrations on making baked custard. These demonstrations were given in Wixon, Canaan, Castle Heights and Kurten-Tabor communities. While eating the baked custard during each of these club meetings a discussion of food values was given by a member of the club, stressing good dairy practice and poultry practice. To make sure that each club woman would understand all that had been said during the round table discussion the county home demonstration agent briefly summarized good dairy practices, good poultry practices and the food value of their products. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 5 May 1948, page 9

Madison Bradley, well known Negro resident of Brazos County, finally has been paid for the land the Government took over when Bryan Army Air Field was laid out and established. The final payment was approximately \$1,400, which had been hanging fire a long time, and R.V. Armstrong handled the negotiations which resulted in Bradley getting his money, which he needed in order to complete paying for a new place he purchased in the Benchley neighborhood. It is said other landowners who sold to the government when the Field was established still are waiting for a part of their money, though the field was established in 1942. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 25 July 1945, page 4

Sixteen-year-old Juanita Carter, Negro 4-H Club girl, will be presented an achievement award Monday at the State Fair of Texas. The Brazos County girl was one of three named as outstanding 4-H Clubbers from the Southern District. Besides the many demonstrations she has given during the year. Miss Carter has served as president of the Brazos County 4-H Council and is president of the Canaan Club. She will leave for Dallas Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Fannie J. Taylor, Negro Home Demonstration agent. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 10 October 1952, page 10

Five girls from the Negro 4-H Club of Brazos County are attending the state 4-H Club camp which convened today at Prairie View College. The theme of the camp to continue through Friday is "Working Together for World Understanding." Local club members attending are Lula Mae Johnson and Mary Ann Smith, from the Canaan Club; Doris Mae Dix of Stone City; Frankie Mae Morris, Park Heights; and Mazie Nell Smith of Bryan. Mrs. Fannie J. Taylor, county home demonstration agent, accompanied the group. Doris Dix will represent the county in the state dress revue. Unit groups planned for the program are junior leadership, forestry, recreation, foods, farm and home safety, grasses, nature study, soil and water conservation, wildlife, flowers and shrubs, good grooming and family life. Lectures and recreation are also planned. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 27 July 1953, page 4

Three Brazos county Negro 4-H club girls, Mary Ann Smith, Doris Mae Dix and Lula Mae Johnson, took first places in the district 4-H record judging program held in Rosenberg recently in competition with entries from 22 counties. Miss Smith, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, of Canaan scored first in 4-H achievement record. First for her 4-H club clothing record was awarded to Miss Dix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ranson Dix, of Stone City. Miss Johnson, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Johnson also live in Canaan community, received her first in 4-H food preparation. These girls, along with Eleanor Tolliver, of College Station, who scored first in the better baking program, will be judged December 1 at Prairie View A&M College in the state 4-H record program for national 4-H club awards. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 18 November 1954, page 3

... Mrs. F.J. Taylor, Negro County Home Demonstration Agent, told the purpose for observing National 4-H Club Week, at the meeting of the Brazos County Negro 4-H Council Saturday. The following 4-H Club members presented highlights of their 4-H activities: Katherine Bell and Joyce Hancock, from Fairview; Estelene Manley, Walker

Settlement; Shirley Stevenson, Canaan; and Elmira Toines, Salem. Special events included on the Negro 4-H calendar are ... for the year community programs Castle Heights, March 4th; Canaan, March 5; Walker Settlement, March 7; Salem, March 8. The programs will begin at 8 p.m. on the dates named ... **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 3 March 1957, page 4

Velma Lee Polk and Sherlia A. Williams have received State awards for 4-H Club work during 1957. Velma Lee, of the Walkers settlement 4-H Club, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Polk, was presented a \$50 bond and a certificate of honor at the awards program at Prairie View College. Sherlia Williams, of the Canaan 4-H Club, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Williams, received pencil set and a certificate of honor. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 10 December 1957, page 10

A rice-cooking workshop was held by the Brazos County Negro 4-H Club Saturday in the county demonstration agent's office with 18 present from various HD clubs. Among those taking part were Ruby Johnson and Shirley Stevenson of Canaan and Barbara Searcy of College Station, who will compete for district title Nov. 4. Judges were Elmira Toines, Sherlia Williams and Estelene Manley. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 6 September 1960, page 8

Brazos County Negro 4-H Council held its fourth monthly meeting on Saturday with 22 members answering the roll call from College Station, Bryan, Castle Height, Fair View, Kurten-Tabor, Brushey, Walker Settlement, Boonsville, Canaan. Stern Chapel, Cedar Grove, Mt. Tiver and Harmon-Rye. Club reporters made reports of their March community 4-H Club activities. Plans were made for the observance of 4-H Rural Life Sunday in May. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 9 April 1962, page 10

Legal description of Canaan Cemetery from Brazos County Appraisal District website, April 2012: Property ID: 10999, A001200, James F Curtis Jr., Tract 13, 6. acres

The list of marked graves was published in "Canaan Cemetery," **Brazos Genealogist**, 11(3): 104-108 (Summer 1990).

The Brazos County Texas, Cemeteries, book compiled by the Brazos Genealogical Association; printed in 1997. Lists marked graves (and a few unmarked graves) for various cemeteries, including this one. The marked graves were recorded prior to 1988.

Known burials include.

Abram, Robert Wm. "Shine," born 9 Jan. 1905, died 2 Feb. 1980, information from tombstone

Adams, Alpha, 2 years old, died 8 Sept. 1920, son of Eligah Adams and Nanie B. Godine (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Adams, Ben, born 22 Oct. 1889, died 16 April 1929, information from tombstone // born 20 Oct. 1892, died 17 April 1929, in Taylor County, married, son of Bob Adams and Florence Nilson, occupation porter in Grissoms Dept. Store (**Texas Death**

Certificate)

Adams, Norman, 6 months old, died 26 Jan. 1929, son of Elija Adams and Nanilu Godine
(**Texas Death Certificate**)

Alexander, Perry, died 2 Sept. 1918, information from tombstone // Perry Alexander, a Negro 55 years old, who came to Brazos County about ten days ago from Houston with his wife to pick cotton on Charley Noto's farm in the Brazos Bottom, killed himself yesterday morning about 6:30 o'clock in a cabin where they had been living for the past week. Alexander's wife was the only witness and her version of the affair told to Justice L. D. McGee yesterday morning was as follows: "Me and Perry came to Bryan a little over a week ago to pick cotton and we came out here on Mr. Noto's place. We have been here a week and he has not been satisfied. He has wanted to go on up to Waxahachie and I did not want to go. He got up early this morning and dressed and said he was going and tried to persuade me to go with him, but I told him I would not go and he said that if he could not go up there he would just kill himself and reached up and got the gun off the wall and shot himself." Justice of the Peace McGee found the Negro lying on some boards in the cabin, which he said he supposed were used by the couple as a bed and that in searching him he found a Prince Albert tobacco can in his pocket. In this can he found \$188.50 in cash, including two \$20 gold pieces. He also had a very fine gold watch in his possession. Little is known of the Negro in this county. It is said that he has several grown children living in Houston, which were by his first wife. Justice McGee will render a verdict today, which will read that Alexander came to his death by his own hands. He was buried yesterday afternoon in a cemetery near Mudville. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 4 September 1916, page 2, col.5

Allen, David, Sr., born Aug. 1890, died Feb. 1956, information from tombstone // born 11 Dec. 1890, died 14 Feb. 1956, in Harris County, widowed, son of Clark Allen, occupation farming (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Allen, Elnora, born May 1896, died Sept. 1944, information from tombstone // born 7 Dec. 1894, died 4 Sept. 1944, married, daughter of Thomas Duren and Esabella (?) Mosley, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Allen, Eugene, born 28 Sept. 1933, died 8 Feb. 1934, son of David Allen and Elnora Green (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Allen, Eugene, born Aug. 1934, died May 1935, information from tombstone

Allen, Mellonee, born Dec. 1923, died June 1950, information from tombstone // Day, Mellonee, born 29 Dec. 1924, died 23 June 1950, in Harris County, married, daughter of David Allen and Elnora Durnam, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Allen, Nathaniel, Sr., born 27 May 1932, died 15 Jan. 1981, information from tombstone

Allen, William, born Oct. 1916, died June 1978, information from tombstone // Funeral services for Mr. William A. Allen Sr., 60, of Fort Worth will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in People's Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow in Canaan Cemetery in Bryan under the direction of Rev. L.W. Campbell of the Shiloh Baptist Church. Mr. Allen died Thursday in Fort Worth. Born in Bryan Oct. 23, 1916, Mr. Allen moved to Fort Worth in 1975. He was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mattie Jefferson; two sons, William A. Allen Jr. and Hardy L. Allen, both of Houston; two daughters, Vera F. Allen of San Antonio

- and Nora L. Neal of Fort Worth; four brothers, Nathaniel Allen of Bryan. James Allen of Bryan, Roosevelt Allen of Houston and David Allen Jr. of Hallsville; one sister, E. Penson of Houston; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 10 June 1978, page 15
- Armstrong, Robert, 60 years old, died 2 Feb. 1900, information from tombstone // Bob Armstrong, a well-known colored man residing on the Little Brazos river, died yesterday morning. (weekly) **Bryan Eagle**, 8 February 1900, page 6, col.2
- Atchison, Joseph, born 26 March 1895, died 11 June 1972, veteran – Pvt 412 Res Labor Bn QMC WW I, information from tombstone // born 26 March 1895, died 11 June 1972, married, son of Joseph Atchison, occupation retired laborer, veteran WW I (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Ballard, D.B., 75 years old, died 10 Aug. 1926, information from tombstone // To all Persons interested in the Estate of Dennis Ballard, Deceased Minnie Ballard has filed in the County Court of Brazos County, an application for the Probate of the Last Will and Testament and letters Testamentary on said Estate, which will be heard at the next Term of said Court, commencing the third Monday in October, A.D. 1926, at the Court House thereof, in the City of Bryan, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application should they desire to do so. Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this Writ, with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 24th day of September, A.D. 1926. A.S. McSwain, Clerk County Court, Brazos County, Texas. Bryan Daily Eagle, 24 September 1926, page 4
- Ballard, Emiline, 65 years old, died 15 July 1911, information from tombstone
- Ballard, Minnie E., born 1895, died 14 Oct. 1951, in McLennan County, widowed, daughter of Perry Warford and Elizabeth Morgan, occupation farming (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Banks, Albert A., born 1883, died 5 July 1939, information from tombstone // Banks, Albert A., born 1883, died 5 July 1939, married, son of Abb Banks and Louisa Warren, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Banks, Carol A., born 1926, died 1957, information from tombstone
- Banks, Marzella, born 1876, died 1959, information from tombstone // born 22 Nov. 1876, died 7 June 1959, widowed, daughter of Banik Turner and Phoebe Bowen, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**) // We take this method to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends for their kindness shown us during the illness and death of Mrs. Marzella Banks. Mrs. Helen Rellfield, Daughter, Mrs. Nettie Hayes, Sister, Mrs. Eliene Collins, Niece. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 19 June 1959, page 10
- Bates, Elizabeth, born 10 March 1855, died 16 April 1937, widow of John Bates, daughter of Henry Morgan, occupation farmer, informant Joseph Woford (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Bauknight, Luther Dunn, born 9 June 1900, died 11 July 1953, married, son of Louis Bauknight and Mary Perry, occupation teacher (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Bauknite, William, born 19 April 1885, died 1 Aug. 1927, son of Louis Bauknite and Mary Perry, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bell, Aldilline, 9 years old, died 21 Nov. 1920, son of Cane Bell and Allice B. Foglar
(**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bell, Cane, 42 years old, died 19 Oct. 1918, married, son of Cane Bell, occupation farmer
(**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bell, Clabron, 48 years old, died 17 Oct. 1918, son of Billie Bell (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bell, Francis B., 55 years old, died 16 May 1951, widowed, daughter of Simon and Chaney Smiley, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bell, Henry, Jr., 24 years old, died 8 Sept. 1921, son of Henry Bell, Sr., and Leah Green
(**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bell, Mary A. K., born 1945, died 1984, information from tombstone

Berry, Alex, born 5 Aug. 1898, died 29 July 1966, married, son of Arretter Walker (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Boston, Abe, died 20 Dec. 1921, married, son of Bob Boston, occupation common labor
(**Texas Death Certificate**)

Boston, Lizzie, born 1846, died 16 Feb. 1936, widow of Abe Boston, daughter of Jim Rigley and Viney Brewer, occupation farmer and housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bowen, Charles, died 28 July 1929, *Court Record* (from Brazos Genealogical Association)

Bowens, Phoeba, 63 years old, died 25 Jan. 1929, daughter of Hillard Bowens and Cealey Jones (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bradley, Albenia, born 1878, died 5 April 1920, information from tombstone // 43 years old, died 5 April 1920, married, daughter of Sessex Sanders, occupation housewife
(**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bradley, Amy, born 9 March 1891, died 11 Nov. 1975, information from tombstone //
Bradley, Amy S., born 1914, died 11 Nov. 1975, widowed, daughter of Sussie and Laura Sanders, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Funeral services for Mrs. Amy Bradley, 90, of Bryan will be held Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the Peaceful Rest Baptist Church with Rev. W.W. Ford officiating. Burial will follow in Cannan Cemetery under the direction of Jones and Washington Mortuary. Mrs. Bradley died Tuesday in a Bryan hospital. She was born March 9, 1885 in Brazos County and lived here all her life. Survivors include one son, Sussie Sanders of Bryan; three daughters, Laura Sanders of Bryan, Beatrice Atchinson of Bryan and Mozell Johnson of Kansas City. Pallbearers will be Nelson Sanders, Alex Johnson, Melvin Sanders, Julius Sanders, Lemarion Wallace Jr. and Otis Tram. Bryan Daily Eagle, 14 November 1975, page 7

Bradley, Elijah, 44 years old, died 17 Sept. 1918, married, son of Sam Bradley, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bradley, Ernest, born 26 Nov. 1893, died 16 April 1938, divorced, son of Sam Bradley and Leah Marden, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bradley, Ida Mazy, born 1889, died 1944, information from tombstone

Bradley, Isaac, died 30 Nov. 1937, veteran – Pvt 521 Engrs, information from tombstone // born 25 Dec. 1895, died 30 Nov. 1937, married, son of Sam Bradley and Leah Martin, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Ike Bradley, well known Negro living west of Bryan on Highway 21 was fatally injured Tuesday night when struck by the trailer on a truck driven by Buster Garland of Deanville. The accident

happened on the Little Brazos river bridge and Brantley died later in St. Joseph's hospital. Garland told Deputy Sheriffs Koontz and William, he was driving east with a trailer load of hogs and calves and that as he was going over the bridge a car traveling west, with bright lights, temporarily blinded him. He saw Bradley, who was riding a mule just ahead of him and swerved his truck but was so close that the trailer struck man and mule, killing the latter, and injuring the Negro about the body. Bryan Daily Eagle, 1 December 1937, page 5

Bradley, Leah, died 12 May 1930, widowed, daughter of Cariline Martin, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bradley, Madison S., born 28 Feb. 1867, died 2 Sept. 1969, information from tombstone // Bradley, Madison Sidney, born 24 Feb. 1876, died 2 Sept. 1969, in Galveston County, married, son of Berry Bradley, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**) // The Estate of Madison Bradley, Dec'd to Amy Bradley, et al. Executor's Deed to 20 acres in the James Curtis, Jr. League and 87 acres in the F. Ruiz League. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 8 April 1976, page 10

Bradley, Patsy, born 1860, died 1950, information from tombstone

Bradley, Pearl, 28 years old, died 4 June 1922, widowed, daughter of Alex Bradley and Leah Brown, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bradley, Sam, 92 years old, died 8 Feb. 1929, married, son of Madison and Rebecca Bradley, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bradley, Samuel, born 4 March 1885, died 8 March 1902, son of L. and S. Bradley, information from tombstone

Bradley, Sherman, 64 years old, died 4 April 1919, married, son of M. Bradley, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Bradley, Willie D., born Feb. 1902, died 23 April 1983, information from tombstone

Brantly, Peter, born 4 April 1937, died 21 Dec. 1937, son of Luther Brantly and Willie Silas (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Brimfield, Joe, born 18 June 1897, died 18 Oct. 1938, married, son of Salmon and Emily Brimfield, occupation painter (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Broadnight, Ida Mae, born 1884, died 1911, information from tombstone

Brooks, Jeff, born 11 May 1887, died 28 Sept. 1948, widowed, son of Emanuel Brooks and Ella Anderson, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Brooks, Manuel, 52 years old, died 5 Dec. 1929, married to Bessie Brooks, son of Frank Books and Febie Bowens, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**) // "Bryan Briefs," **Houston Informer**, 14 December 1929, page 5, col.2. Manuel Brooks died.

Brown, Ida Davis, born 1907, died 1979, information from tombstone

Brown, Lucy, 78 years old; died 18 Sept. 1931; wife of Jake Brown, buried Stearn Chapel (**Texas Death Certificate**) // her tombstone is located in Canaan Cemetery

Brown, Maggie, died 28 July 1919, married, daughter of Sam Smith and Emma Harris, occupation school teacher (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Brenham, Texas, July 31 ... The writer was sad to see through the columns of the Herald the death of our honored Prof. Theodore Brown's wife at Canaan. Prof. Brown is one of the writer's co-workers in the teaching profession ... **The Dallas Express**, 2 August 1919, page 3

Brown, Mary, 110 years old, died 23 Feb. 1919, widowed, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Brown, Theodore, born 20 Feb. 1884, died 10 March 1950, information from tombstone // born 5 Dec. 1899, died 10 March 1950, married, son of Theodore Brown and Lidia Davis, occupation teaching (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Cade, Maggie, born 16 Jan. 1895, died 2 Oct. 1948, married, daughter of Thomas Murphy and Laria Flowward(?), occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Calhoun, Barbara Ann, born 11 June 1954, died 2 Dec. 1957 in Harris County, daughter of Timmie Calhoun and Viola Childs (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Calhoun, Rosie, died 20 July 1930, information from tombstone // born 1891, died 20 July 1930, married, daughter of Guash and Leah Simond, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**) // "Bryan Briefs," **Houston Informer**, 2 August 1930, page 5, cols.5-6. Deaths included Mrs. Rosa Calhoun

Carter, Ethel H., born 2 Sept. 1902, died 21 March 1982, information from tombstone

Carter, William, born 25 Dec. 1882, died 8 Feb. 1973, veteran – Pvt US Army WW I, information from tombstone // 89 years old, died 8 Feb. 1973, in Falls County, veteran of WW I (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Conley, Gene, born 1918, died 1968, information from tombstone // born 14 Feb. 1918, died 22 Feb. 1968, widowed, son of Sam Conley and Ophelia Griffin, occupation laborer (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Funeral services for Gene Conley will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Conley, 50, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital. The Rev. S.L. Morris of Mt. Olive Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Canaan Cemetery under the direction of Peoples Funeral Home. Conley was born Feb. 14, 1918, in Brazos County, and was a life-long resident of the county. Survivors include his parents ... six brothers, Lelton Conley, James Conley, Charlie Conley, Lester Conley, Jessie Lee Conley ... **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 26 February 1968, page 2

Cooks, John Ella, born 26 Feb. 1914, died 15 Nov. 1939, single, daughter of Jim Cooks and Pearl Bradley, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Cooper, John, born 1886, died 14 May 1931, married, son of Smith Cooper, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Curry, Mary, born 5 Oct. 1893, died 30 Dec. 1936, widow of James Curry, daughter of William Randle and Dora Bell, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Curtis, Matt, born 15 Aug. 1881, died 25 July 1936, married, son of Jim H. and Elebetha Curtis, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Curtis, Mattie, born 16 May 1878, died 25 Feb. 1930, information from tombstone

Davis, Calvin, 3 days old, died 27 Jan. 1942, son of Calvin Davis and Leah Bradley (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Davis, Frank, born 1881, died 12 Oct. 1936, widowed, son of Frances Davis, occupation farming (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Davis, Ida, born 1899, died 1985, information from tombstone // died 25 Nov. 1985, in Brazos County (**Texas Death Index, 1903-2000**) // born 7 June 1899, died Nov. 1985 (**Social Security Death Index**)

Davis, Manerva, born 1884, died 12 Feb. 1933, daughter of Bob and Matilda Turner, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Davis, Mose, 30 years old, died 4 June 1925, single, son of Elijah Davis and Amanda

Robinson, occupation laborer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Davis, Tim, born 1896, died 20 Nov. 1931, married, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Davis, Wash, 56 years old, died 1 Oct. 1905, information from tombstone

Davis, Winnie, 7 months old, died 20 April 1930, daughter of Lim Davis and Mary Littleton (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Denson, Joe, born 25 July 1862, died 25 Oct. 1949, information from tombstone // born 25 July 1863, died 25 Oct. 1949, married, son of Jim Denson, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Denson, Willie, Mrs., born May 1874, died May 1960, information from tombstone // born 10 May 1878, died 24 May 1960, widowed, occupation pensioner (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Funeral services for Mrs. Willie Denson of Route 4 Bryan will be held at 1 PM Saturday at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Canaan Cemetery under the direction of Daniel Funeral Home. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 26 May 1960, page 8

Diib, Pat, born 1925, died 1927, information from tombstone

Dix, Blanche C., born 26 June 1901, died 22 Sept. 1986, information from tombstone // 85 years old, died 22 Sept. 1986, Obituary, **The Eagle**

Dix, Catherine, born 10 May 1878, died 5 Jan. 1961, information from tombstone // born 12 May 1898, died 5 Jan. 1961 in Harris County, widowed, daughter of Ransom Peterson and Georgia Ann Battle, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Dix, Charlie, 6 days old, died 30 Dec. 1937, son of Mary Dix (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Dix, Eugene J., born 7 May 1865, died 8 Feb. 1954, information from tombstone // born 20 May 1864, died 8 Feb. 1954, in Harris County, married, son of Sylvanus Dix and ...nge Jones, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Funeral services for Eugene Dix, well known Negro who has lived in Brazos county for 48 years, will be held Friday at 11 p.m., at the Caanan Baptist Church with interment in Caanan cemetery, under direction of Daniel Funeral Home. Survivors include the widow, Catherine Dix, four daughters, Mesdamos Pearl Jenkins, Houston; Blanche Dix, Bryan; Mary Morgan, Odessa and Chenyce Jordan, San Antonio; six sons, riansom, Sylvester, Timothy, Richard, Sidney and Eugene Dix all of Bryan. Dix was a member of the Social Tie Lodge No. 56 AF&AM of Bryan. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 10 February 1954, page 8

Dix, Eugene W., born 15 Jan. 1906, died 6 March 1987, information from tombstone

Dixs, Willie, 16 years old, died 17 Oct. 1918, son of A. J. and Cathirine Dixs (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Dorsey, Frank, 22 years old, died 11 April 1931, son of Frank Dorsey, Sr. and Mary Dorsey (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Drayton, Walter, born 4 May 1921, died 27 Aug. 1933, son of James Draton and Alice Dawkins (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Duren, Curtis W., born 6 May 1934, died 1 April 1952, veteran – Tx Cpl 188 Abn Inf 11 Abn Div, information from tombstone

Duran, J. H., born 19 June 1865, died 24 May 1896, information from tombstone

Duren, Sam, born 24 April 1938, died 17 April 1975, veteran – US Navy, information from tombstone // born 24 April 1938, died 17 April 1975, in Harris County, married, son of Hezekiah Duren and Mary Eliza Phillips, occupation machine operator,

- veteran (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Duren, Thomas, born 28 March 1902, died 26 Oct. 1958, married, son of Tom Duren and Isabella Green, occupation hotel porter (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Doran, Thomas, born Feb. 1895, died Oct. 1958, information from tombstone // Funeral services for Thomas Duren, of 908 W. 16th St., who died in a local hospital Oct. 25, will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. from the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Interment will be in Canaan Cemetery under the direction of Daniel Funeral Home. Duren was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 1311 AF&AM. His survivors include his wife, six sons and three daughters. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 28 October 1958, page 8, col.2.
- Durens, Hezekiah, no dates, has a tombstone // born 16 Feb. 1887, died 10 July 1946, married, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Durens, Mary Liza, born 29 Aug. 1902, died 17 Nov. 1992, information from tombstone
- Durran, Iola, 36 years old, died 13 Aug. 1923, daughter of Henry Sanders and Mary Smith, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Eaton, Grover, born 1889, died 16 June 1957, married, son of Govan Eaton and Caroline Johnson, occupation laborer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Eaton, Henry, born 27 Feb. 1869, died 21 June 1939, son of Daniel Eaton and Phoebe Bowens (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Eaton, Rosa, born June 1870, died Feb. 1955, information from tombstone // born 12 June 1888, died 12 Feb. 1955, widowed, daughter of Chas. Hester and Betsy Kenny, occupation pensioner (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Funeral services for Mrs. Rosie Eaton, aged Negro woman will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Pleasant Grove Baptist church, on West 19th street. Her pastor, Rev. U.S. Keeling will officiate and interment made in Canaan cemetery. Mrs. Eaton died last Saturday night. She is survived by two daughters and two sons who all reside in Bryan and College Station. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 17 February 1955, page 3
- Eaton, Willie J., born 1894, died 1978, veteran – US Army WW I, information from tombstone // born 1901, died 11 April 1978, widowed, son of Henry Eaton and Rosie Hester, veteran of WW I (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Funeral services for Mr. Willie Eaton, 84, of 617 Preston in College Station, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at College Hills Baptist Church with Rev. M.H. Harris of College Hills Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Canaan Cemetery. Mr. Eaton died Tuesday in a local hospital. He was born Jan. 1, 1894, and lived in Brazos County all his life. He served in the U.S. Army in World War I and was a member of College Hills Baptist Church. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Rosie Mae Harris of Houston; one brother, Oscar Eaton of College Station; two sisters, Eva Mae Eaton of Bryan and Mrs. Georgia McAllister of Abilene; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Daniel & Son Funeral Home is directing the services. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 14 April 1978, page 17
- Elmore, Tommie, born 31 Aug. 1894, died 28 March 1928, information from tombstone
- Elmore, Travise, died 10 Aug. 1920, widowed, daughter of Harry Williams, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Flewellen, Cora Z., 3 years old, died 13 Jan. 1891, information from tombstone
- Ford, Blossie Turner, born 1898, died 18 May 1946, widowed, daughter of Frank Dana and Minerva Gray, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Ford, John, born May 1872, died 20 Oct. 1885, information from tombstone

Ford, Pinkney, born 5 March 1904, died 9 July 1932, information from tombstone // "Bryan Briefs," **Houston Informer**, 16 July 1932, page 5, cols.1-2. Pinckney Ford of Chicago died.

Ford, Walter R., born 1889, died 6 Oct. 1948, widowed, son of David Ford and Elizabeth Johnson, occupation school teacher (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Foster, Mira, born 1862, died 25 March 1918, married, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Franklin, Albirda, born 1880, died 23 Dec. 1919, information from tombstone

Gardner, Amanda, Mrs., died 1912 // Bryan, Texas ... Mrs. Amanda Gardner died Saturday morning and was buried Sunday at Canaan. **Freeman** (Indianapolis, IN), 23 March 1912, page 1

Gardner, Hattie Lee, born 18 June 1899, died 16 Dec. 1957, daughter of George Grant and Annie Roberson, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Gay, Mitchell, about 39 years old, died 10 Feb. 1920, married, son of Mitchel Gay, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Gillespie, John, born 1 Oct. 1884, died 12 Dec. 1959, married, son of George and Mattie Gillespie, occupation farming (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Gillespie, Mattie, born 1863, died 1944, information from tombstone // died 31 Oct. 1944, married, daughter of Billie and Betty Adams, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Gittry, Maria H., 72 years old, died 1 Dec. 1899, information from tombstone

Glenn, Martha, born 1 Jan. 1915, died 5 Oct. 1966, information from tombstone // born 3 Jan. 1916, died 7 Sept. 1966, married, daughter of Sam Conlee and Ophelia Griffin, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Mrs. Martha Ann Glenn, 53, 1906 Avenue D died Wednesday in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held Monday at noon in the chapel of Daniel Funeral Home with the Rev. W.W. Ford of Peaceful Rest Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Canaan Cemetery. Mrs. Glenn was a lifetime resident of Brazos County. Survivors include her husband, Ocie Glenn of Bryan; three brothers, James Conlee, Jesse Lee Conlee, and Lev Conlee, all of Bryan; and four sisters, Mrs. Birdie Hunter, Mrs. Lizzie Mimms, Mrs. Rosie ... **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 9 September 1966, page 5

Godine, Kitty, born 11 Nov. 1874, died 18 Jan. 1949, daughter of Nelson Wilson and Nancy Duprei (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Funeral services for Mrs. Katie Godine will be held at the Galilee Baptist Church on Friday at 2 p.m. Interment will be in the Canaan cemetery. She passed away at her home on January 18th and is survived by three daughters, Mrs. H. A. Moore, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mrs. M. E. Benson of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Nanie B. Adams of Bryan; also two sons, James Godine of Dallas, Rasteen Godine of Bryan. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 20 January 1949, page 2, col.3

Godine, Molly, 28 years old, died 17 Jan. 1924, information from tombstone

Godine, Sally, born 25 Dec. 1915, died 18 Dec. 1968, daughter of Dave and Catherine Godine (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Granville, Jack, about 47 years old, died 17 Jan. 1944, widowed, son of Jack Granville and Patsie Ballard, occupation laborer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Graves, Robert, 78 years old, died 2 Jan. 1911, information from tombstone

Grays, Georgia, Mrs., 93 years old, died Dec. 1975, information from tombstone // 78 years old, died 16 Dec. 1975, in Dallas County, daughter of Tom Johnson and Agnes Margin, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Grays, Luther, born 30 Dec. 1881, died 6 Nov. 1930, information from tombstone // born 1899, died 6 Nov. 1930, married, son of Alfred and Matilda Grays, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Green, Birdie, born 1890, died 1958, information from tombstone // died 12 Aug. 1958, married, daughter of Mack Nutall and Ida Jackson, occupation housewife (Texas Death Certificate)

Green, Chester, born 1816, died 20 Jan. 1891, information from tombstone

Green, Issabella, born 1 Jan. 1857, died 7 Jan. 1947, information from tombstone // Green, Isabella, born 1880, died 8 Jan. 1947, in Falls County, widowed, daughter of George Mosley and Martha Talley, occupation housework (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Green, Joe D., born 10 March 1886, died 21 March 1961, veteran – Pvt Co C 341 Svc Bn Qmc WW I, information from tombstone // born 10 March 1886, died 21 March 1961, widowed, son of Chester and Isabella Green, occupation pensioner, veteran of WW I (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Green, Johnnie B., born Sept. 1918, died Nov. 1957, information from tombstone // born 9 Sept. 1920, died 2 Nov. 1957, single, son of Isiah Green and Pearl Sanders, occupation farming (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Green, Leroy, born 1899, died 1981, information from tombstone // born 12 Dec. 1898, died Dec. 1981 (**Social Security Death Index**)

Green, Mary, born 3 May 1888, died 18 Dec. 1953, widowed, daughter of Russel Roberson, occupation maid (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Green, Patsy, 39 years old, died 13 Aug. 1920, in Burleson County, widowed, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Green, Patsy, born 1871, died 24 March 1950, in Burleson County, widowed, occupation housework (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Greene, Reubin, died 14 May 1928, married, son of Sank Greene and Clara Jones, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Green, Robert, no dates listed, has a tombstone

Green, Robert, born 1876, died 1953, information from tombstone // Green, Robt. Allen, Sr., born 21 Dec. 1884, died 22 Jan. 1953, divorced, son of Chester Green and Isabella Mosley, occupation pensioner (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Green, Sank, died 2 June 1930, widowed, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Green, Sarah, born Feb. 1896, died Jan. 1965, information from tombstone // born 16 Feb. 1896, died 4 Jan. 1965, married, daughter of Alfred Nelms and Irena Williams, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Green, Tom, 43 years old, died 12 Feb. 1930, single, son of Sank and Clara Green, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Greenwell, John, died March 1962, information from tombstone // born 8 May 1884, in Kansas, died 1 March 1962, in Tarrant County, widowed, son of Sank Greenwell and Clara Hall, occupation laborer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Gregg, Lear N., born 29 July 1878, died 1 May 1929, information from tombstone //

Gregg, Leah, died 1 May 1929, widowed, daughter of Billie Mosey and Ida Brown, occupation housekeeping (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Clarence Gregg, a Bryan negro, now living in Kansas City, has invented and patented a new type of machine gun designed to carry 1400 cartridges in the magazine and to be fired without the immediate attention of the operator. The gun, it is claimed, can be operated at a distance or by an electric attachment. It can also be operated by hand or by pressing the foot against a lever. The machine can be made to fire any number of cartridges at a time. Gregg, according to an article in the *Kansas City Post*, was working on the gun during the war and was permitted to continue his work instead of entering the army. He is working for a Kansas City contractor, while a model maker is now engaged preparing a working model of his invention. He will take the model to Washington for government experts to examine. Gregg was born and reared on a Brazos bottom plantation near Pitts bridge and his mother, Leah Gregg, still lives at the old place. **Bryan Weekly Eagle**, 17 February 1921, page 4

Hadley, Charley Mae, born 5 Sept. 1932, died 15 Jan. 1933, daughter of Charlie and Minnie Hadley (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Hall, A.J., about 10 months old, died 5 Sept. 1929, son of Jospa Hall and Lena Walker (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Hall, Bertha Mae, born 11 Oct. 1916, died 12 April 1979, information from tombstone

Hall, Bob, died 23 Feb. 1946, married, son of Jane Birt, occupation common labor (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Hall, Martha E., born March 1912, died 18 Feb. 1931, daughter of Bob and Alberta Hall, occupation student (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Hall, Mary, 37 years old, died 20 Jan. 1902, information from tombstone

Hardrich, Will, born 1887, died 1965 information from tombstone // Hardrick, Will, born 25 Dec. 1878, died 28 Sept. 1965, married, occupation laborer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Hardy, Nora, born Dec. 1883, died Oct. 1963, information from tombstone

Haress, Pearl, died 23 Sept. 1941, information from tombstone

Harris, Lula, died 14 Nov. 1947, information from tombstone // born 1874, died 14 Nov. 1947, widowed, occupation housework (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Harris, Viola, born 1 Jan. 1919, died 4 April 1949, divorced, daughter of Collie Harris and Hattie Sander, occupation pressing (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Funeral services for Mrs. Viola Harris will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Pleasant Grove Baptist church with Rev U.S. Keeling Sr., pastor officiating. Friends and relatives who desire to view the remains should go to the funeral home as the casket will not be opened at the church. Bryan Daily Eagle, 6 April 1949, page 9

Harvey, A. H., 65 years old, died 4 May 1909, information from tombstone

Harvey, Nettie Mae, born 7 Feb. 1934, died 12 Feb. 1934, daughter of Lucias Harvey and Loucilla Casslaw (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Harvey, P.H., died 13 May 1930, son of Jeff and Ann Harvey (**Texas Death Record**) // The **1880 Robertson County, Texas, Census** lists Powell Harvey, born about 1861 in Louisiana, as the son of Jefferson and Ann Harvey // Powell Harvey, well known Negro of the Fountain Switch community west of Bryan, died at his farm home in that community Tuesday at 6 o'clock after a brief illness. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. with interment made at Canaan cemetery 7

miles west of Bryan. Powell Harvey was one of the leading Negro citizens of Brazos County and owned his farm home and was always energetic and dependable. He was constable in Precinct No. 5 for a long period of years and held the confidence of all, both white and black, by being a faithful and efficient officer of the law. **Bryan Weekly Eagle**, 15 May 1930, page 2.

Harvey, Seth, 20 years old, died 17 Feb. 1923, son of Powell Harvey, married, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Hayes, Alfred, born 8 Oct. 1883, died 12 March 1937, son of Jim Hayes and Polly Talley (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Hayes, Annie, 83 years old, died 14 Oct. 1973, information from tombstone

Hayes, Charlie, 60 years old, died 22 March 1943, son of Bill and Rachle Hays (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Hayes, Mable, 10 years old, died 11 Nov. 1925, daughter of Charlie Hayes and Elmira Smith (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Hayes, Nettie, born 5 June 1883, died 14 Feb. 1967, daughter of Salley Bowen (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Hayes, Osiah, born 11 Feb. 1877, died 8 Dec. 1920, information from tombstone

Hays, Sammie, died 20 Oct. 1918, *Court Record* (from Brazos Genealogical Association)

Henderson, Hettie, born 20 Sept. 1889, died 4 Feb. 1890, daughter of Phill and Mittie Henderson, information from tombstone

Henderson, Philip, born 3 May 1853, died 4 June 1905, information from tombstone

Hilliard, Hattie, born 10 Sept. 1897, died 3 Nov. 1955, widowed, daughter of Ben Franklin and Luetta Carter, occupation maid (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Holland, Leola, born 22 May 1895, died 11 July 1946, widowed, daughter of Thomas Durens and Julia Gardner, occupation maid (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Holstein, Hilliard, born 7 April 1888, died 11 Jan. 1948, widowed, son of Sol Holsten and Anna Peterson, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Holston, Anna, born 1821, died 1884, information from tombstone

Howell, Gladys E., born 1924, died 1983, information from tombstone // born 14 Dec. 1924, died July 1983 (**Social Security Death Index**)

Jackson, George, born 1894, died 1968, information from tombstone

James, Ella Mae, born 14 Jan. 1947, died 25 Jan. 1947, daughter of Freddie Hall and Deola James (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Jenkins, Pearl Dix, born 25 Oct. 1899, died 10 Aug. 1989, information from tombstone

Johns, Calvin, born Nov. 1874, died 17 Feb. 1936, married, son of Aaron Johns, occupation farming (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Johnson, A. J., 4 years old, died 17 Dec. 1928, son of D. J. Johnson and Mattie Bradley (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Johnson, B., Mrs., born 1899, died 1980, information from tombstone

Johnson, Cariline, born 1878, died 31 Dec. 1945, widowed, daughter of Dave Ford and Nellie Johnson, occupation housekeeper (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Johnson, Chanie, born 1869, died 2 March 1927, information from tombstone

Johnson, Dan, born 18 Dec. 1895, died 11 April 1958, in Travis County, married, occupation laborer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Johnson, Gertrude, born 11 Nov. 1889, died 28 March 1938, married, daughter of Philly H. Johnson and Jime Stewart, occupation farm housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Johnson, J., Mrs., born 1886, died 1970 information from tombstone // Johnson, Janie, born 1884, died 1970, information from tombstone // born 1892, died 22 Oct. 1970, widowed, daughter of Reddin Johnson and Chenye Dix (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Johnson, James Madison, born 16 March 1902, died 17 Dec. 1989, information from tombstone

Johnson, Lillie Mae, 2 months old, born 31 March 1930, daughter of Isreal Johnson and Cathrine Godine (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Johnson, Lonnie B., born 10 Dec. 1918, died 29 Sept. 1948, veteran – Sgt 755 Qm Truck Co WW II, information from tombstone

Johnson, Madison, born 12 Nov. 1915, died 15 June 1934, son of Dan Johnson and Mattie Bradley, occupation school boy (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Johnson, Mary H., born 18 Nov. 1912, died 19 Jan. 1930, married, daughter of Powell and Sanilla Harvey, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Bryan, Texas ... Mrs. Mary Johnson died at the home of her father, P. H. Harvey, last week; funeral was held from Canaan Friday. Rev. Diggs officiated. **Houston Informer**, 1 February 1930, page 5

Johnson, Mattie Lee, born 10 March 1896, died 6 Oct. 1940, information from tombstone // born 10 March 1896, died 6 Oct. 1940, married, daughter of Mathesson Bradley and Albina Sanders, occupation housekeeper (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Johnson, P. H., born 1872, died 1942, information from tombstone // Johnson, Phillip H., born March 1872, died 17 Jan. 1942, widowed, son of John Henry Johnson and Hannah Battle, occupation pensioner (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Johnson, Reddin (or Reuben), born 1863, died 8 May 1928, information from tombstone

Johnson, Thomas, died April 1961, information from tombstone

Johnson, Willie Mae, born 13 July 1912, died 1 Dec. 1995, information from tombstone

Jones, David, born 21 June 1930, died 21 Feb. 1948, information from tombstone // Jones, David, Jr., born 21 June 1930, died 21 Feb. 1948, son of David Jones, Sr. and Jessie Green (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Jones, Effie, 34 years old, died 27 May 1908, information from tombstone

Jones, Hilliard, born 11 Feb. 1880, died 13 Dec. 1946, widowed, son of Aron Jones and Amie Caroway, occupation common labor (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Jones, Lizzie, 60 years old, died 23 Dec. 1931, married to Hillard Jones, daughter of Simon and Martha Taylor(?), occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Jones, Roberta, born 25 Dec. 1904, died 13 March 1923, single, daughter of Mack Jones and Callie Elmore (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Jones, Will, born 15 April 1895, born 16 May 1954, married, son of Mose Jones and Nonnie Bell, occupation labor construction (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Knox, Joe H., born 16 Sept. 1950, died 18 Sept. 1950, son of E. H. Knox and Effie Jones (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Langston, Pinkie, born 1892, died 1961, information from tombstone // born 10 June 1892, died 22 May 1961, married, daughter of Rose Ann Sinyard, occupation maid (**Texas Death Certificate**) // St. Joseph Hospital Notes ... Patients are ... Mrs. Pinky Langston ... **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 16 May 1961, page 8

Laws, Leugenia, born 17 April 1888, died 17 July 1986, information from tombstone

Laws, Otis G, born 10 Sept. 1885, died 21 Dec. 1972, information from tombstone // Laws, Otis Glasco, born 1900, died 21 Dec. 1972, married, son of George Laws and

Georgia Phillips, occupation labor (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Lockhart, Casey, 51 years old, died 28 June 1910, son of Shade and Maria Lockhart, occupation blacksmith (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Lockhart, Georgia, born 28 Jan. 1867, died 23 Feb. 1945, information from tombstone // Lockheart, Georgia, born 1876, died 23 Feb. 1945, widowed, daughter of Henry Phillips and Matilda Woodard, occupation pensioner (**Texas Death Certificate**)

London, Carolline, 65 years old, died 16 Sept. 1903, information from tombstone

Martin, Jessie, born 1901, died 1957, information from tombstone // Martin, Jesse James, born 22 Nov. 1906, died 1 Dec. 1957, divorced, son of Kamillus Martin and Sylvia Griffin (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Mays, Noah, 2 years old, died 5 May 1922, son of Noah Mays and Erma Keice (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Mazy, Billie, died 11 March 1950, information from tombstone // born 1 Jan. 1870, died 11 March 1950, married, occupation common laborer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Mazy, Ida, died 1 Jan. 1958, information from tombstone // born 1858, died 1 Jan. 1958, widowed, daughter of Mr. Brown and Leah Sanders, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

McCoy, Claud, 21 years old, died 6 July 1919, single, son of Mack McCoy and Percy Elmore, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

McClendon, Mat, born 1865, died 25 July 1925, married, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

McGee, Helen Hayes, born 18 Jan. 1924, died 26 Nov. 1993, information from tombstone

McRae, Will, born 15 March 1877, died 30 Dec. 1945, information from tombstone // born 15 March 1877, died 29 Dec. 1945, married, son of Mack McRae and Willie Anna Thomas, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

McWilliams, L., Mrs., born Sept. 1877, died Oct. 1955, information from tombstone // McWilliams, Laura, born 9 Sept. 1877, died 1 Oct. 1955, in Robertson County, widowed, daughter of Robt. Person, occupation pensioner (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Miles, Sam, born 30 Sept. 1888, died 9 Dec. 1973, veteran Pfc US Army WW I, information from tombstone // born 30 Sept. 1893, died 9 Dec. 1973, in Robertson County, son of Sim Miles and Elnora Donahue, veteran WW I (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Funeral services for Sam Miles, 85, of 5403 Highway 21 West will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Progressive Baptist Church, Rev. F.M Morris of the same church officiating Burial will be at the Canaan Cemetery in Bryan with arrangements by the Daniel and Son Funeral Home. He died Sunday at a Hearne hospital. The body will lie in state at the church from noon until the time of the funeral on Saturday. He was a resident of Brazos County for 12 years and a member of the Progressive Baptist Church. Mr. Miles is survived In his wife, Mrs. Sarah Miles of Bryan; four sons, Curtis Miles of Bryan, Johnnie Miles of Houston, Sam Wesley Miles of Richmond, Calif., and James Miles of San Bernadino, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. Elanor Dulles of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Katheryn Stewart of Richmond, Calif., and Mrs. Elvora Brown ol Misewao, Japan; and two brothers, Rosevelt and Adam Miles, both of Houston. Bryan Daily Eagle, 14 December 1973, page 4

Mitchell, Emanuel, born 1907, died 26 Nov. 1934, married to Leola Mitchell, son of Mat

Mitchell and Cora Brooks, occupation day laborer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
 Mitchell, Henry, 54 years old, died 26 March 1932, married, son of Jewell Mitchell, occupation public employee (**Texas Death Certificate**)
 Moore, Nora, 60 years old, died 29 July 1918, in Burleson County, single, daughter of Mr. Echols, occupation cook (**Texas Death Certificate**)
 Morgan, Mary Dix Nelms, born 25 June 1904, died 6 June 2003, information from tombstone
 Mosley, Luella, born 17 July 1919, died 10 Feb. 2001, information from tombstone // Houston – Services for Luella Mosley, 81, of Houston are set for 11 a.m. Saturday at Fairview Baptist Church in Bryan. The Rev. Craig D. Crowe of Mount Calm Baptist Church in Houston will officiate. Burial will be in Cannan Cemetery in Bryan. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at Jones-Washington Mortuary in Bryan. Mrs. Mosley died Saturday in Houston. She was born in Bryan and attended Prairie View A&M College. She was a Baptist. Survivors include her husband, Marshall Eli Mosley of Houston; her stepdaughter, Dollie Jack of Houston; and a grandson. **Bryan-College Station Eagle**, 16 Feb. 2001
 Murphy, Delilah, born 1868, Louisiana, died 1 Feb. 1940, Brazos County; daughter of Jeff and Ann Harvey (thus a sister to Powell Harvey); widow of Albert Murphy; occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)
 Murphy, Jordan, born 1884, died 1937, veteran – Tx Cpl WW I, information from tombstone // born 2 June 1884, died 23 April 1937, married, son of Tom Murphy and Mattie Alford, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
 Murphy, L., Mr., died 25 Nov. 1952, information from tombstone // Murphy, Lem, born 20 Oct. 1886, died 25 Nov. 1952, divorced, son of Milton Murphy and Betsy Wilson, occupation painter (**Texas Death Certificate**)
 Murphy, Nancy, no dates listed, has a tombstone
 Murray, Mary, born 5 Jan. 1875, no death date listed, information from tombstone
 Murry, Maggie, 40 years old, died 29 Dec. 1920, married, daughter of Tim and Maggie Phillip, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)
 Nash, Anna J., born 1895, died 4 April 1918, married, daughter of Bob Hall and Mary Bennington, occupation cook (**Texas Death Certificate**)
 Nash, Brother, died 22 March 1921, son of Fred and Yerline Nash (**Texas Death Certificate**)
 Neal, Jim, 60 years old, died 23 Dec. 1929, son of Junne Neal (**Texas Death Certificate**)
 Odom, Junior, born 25 Feb. 1878, died 22 June 1901, information from tombstone
 Oldham, Claude, born 23 Nov. 1900, died 27 Nov. 1976, information from tombstone // born 24 Nov. 1909, died 27 Nov. 1976, married, son of Hilliard Oldham and Cora Dix, occupation farming (**Texas Death Certificate**)
 Oliver, Tom, about 60 years old, died 28 May 1922, at Mudville, divorced, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
 Palmer, Henry, 21 years old, died 1 Nov. 1918, at Pitt's Bridge, single, son of Theo Palmer, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
 Palmer, Quincy, 17 years old, died 17 Jan. 1919, single, son of Phil Palmer and Ida Smith, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
 Patterson, Bessie, born 1899, died 1956, information from tombstone // born 11 July 1904, died 2 Nov. 1956, widowed, daughter of Frank Wallace and Lillie Bell, occupation

home work (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Perry, Frank, born 18 March 1878, died 15 April 1966, information from tombstone // born 18 March 1878, died 15 April 1966, in Harris County, widowed, son of George Perry and Jane Washington, occupation lumber checker (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Perry, George, 68 years old, died 23 Feb. 1900, information from tombstone

Perry, Nora, born 31 Dec. 1883, died 4 Oct. 1963, information from tombstone

Person, ---, no dates listed, Tx Cpl WW I, information from tombstone

Person, Augustes, born 14 Oct. 1913, died 18 Aug. 1935, married, son of Hardy Person and Erie Garling, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Person, Collier, born 6 Nov. 1883, died 1964, veteran – Tx 39 Pvt Co G 325 Serv Bn QMC WW I, information from tombstone // born 6 Nov. 1883, died 5 March 1964, widowed, son of John Person, occupation day labor, veteran of WW I (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Person, George, born Dec. 1859, died 7 Aug. 1929, married, son of Jno. Person, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**) // “Bryan Briefs,” **Houston Informer**, 17 August 1929, page 5, col.3. George W. Person died.

Person, Jessie, born 29 Aug. 1890, died 7 Oct. 1953, daughter of Frank Davis and Minerva Grayes (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Person, Joe, died May 1958, information from tombstone // born 2 March 1898, died 8 May 1958, married, son of Jno. and Emma Person, occupation grocery merchant (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Person, Robert, born July 1889, died 29 Jan. 1958, veteran – Cpl 513 Svc Bn Engr Corp, information from tombstone // born 15 July 1889, died 29 Jan. 1958, in Falls County, occupation farming, veteran WW I (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Person, Robert, born 1915, died 1978, information from tombstone // born 1916, died 27 Aug. 1978, divorced, son of Robert Person and Sallie Turner, occupation laborer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Person, Sallie, Mrs., born 1895, died 1978, information from tombstone // born 1896, died 7 March 1978, widowed, daughter of Alex Turner and Lizzie Hayes (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Funeral services for Mrs. Sallie Person, 82, of 1100 W. 17th St. in Bryan are scheduled for Saturday at 11 a.m. at Galilee Baptist Church. The Rev. A.L. Goins, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Canaan Cemetery. Mrs. Person died Tuesday at Sherwood Nursing Home in Bryan. She was born March 21, 1895. Survivors include two sons, Tommie Lee and Robert Person of Bryan; a brother, Alex Turner of Fort Worth; two sisters, Mrs. Lugenia Laws of Bryan and Mrs. Ida Brown of Plainview; four grandchildren and three great- grandchildren. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Daniel & Son Funeral Home. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 10 March 1978, page 11

Persons, Henry, born 29 April 1881, died 30 Nov. 1882, son of W. and Dollie Persons, information from tombstone

Persons, Hollie Odell, born 12 Feb. 1884, died 26 Nov. 1951, in Fort Bend County, widowed, son of George Persons and Dollie Teal, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Persons, Robert, born Nov. 1859, died 22 Dec. 1911, information from tombstone

Persons, Sarah, born 29 March 1879, died 30 Nov. 1882, daughter of W. and Dollie Persons, information from tombstone

Persons, Willie, born 27 Sept. 1876, died 9 Nov. 1894, son of R. P. and Emma Persons, information from tombstone

Peterson, ---, born Aug. 1918, died Feb. 1920, information from tombstone

Peterson, Bell, born 11 June 1895, died 10 July 1933, veteran – Tx Pvt Qmc 412 Res Labor Bn, information from tombstone // died 10 July 1933, married to Carrie Peterson, son of Geney Peterson and L. A. McWilliams, occupation disabled soldier (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Phillips, Antone, born 3 Jan. 1910, died 12 Jan. 1936, single, son of Jasper Phillips and Carrie Holston, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Phillips, Antone, born 14 March 1937, died 21 April 1991, information from tombstone

Phillips, Carrie C, born 7 Feb. 1882, died 7 July 1952, information from tombstone // born 7 Feb. 1883, died 7 July 1952, married, daughter of Saul Holsten and Ana Peterson, occupation homework (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Phillips, Ellen, born 1858, died 31 Jan. 1942, widowed, daughter of Joe Mosley and Mandy Garden, occupation pensioner (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Phillips, Henry, born June 1837, died 16 Dec. 1891, information from tombstone

Phillips, Jasper, Jr., born 18 May 1912, died 10 March 1985, information from tombstone

Phillips, Jasper, Sr., born 19 June 1864, died 8 Feb. 1968, information from tombstone // born 19 June 1887, died 8 Feb. 1968, married, son of Al Phillips, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Phillips, Jimmie, born 12 Aug. 1923, died 1 July 1971, veteran – Tx Pfc Us Army WW II, information from tombstone // born 12 Aug. 1923, died 1 July 1971, in Harris County, widowed, son of Jasper Phillips and Carrie Holston, occupation laborer, veteran of WW II (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Phillips, John D., born 16 Aug. 1915, died 17 Jan. 1970, veteran – Tx Pvt Us Army WW II, information from tombstone // born 16 Aug. 1915, died 17 Jan. 1970, in Harris County, married, son of Jasper Phillips and Carrie Halston, occupation laborer, veteran of WW II (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Phillips, Oscar E., born 1906, died 1975, information from tombstone // born 13 Feb. 1906, died 27 May 1975, divorced, son of Ed Phillips and Maggie Ross, occupation construction labor (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Randle, Annie, widow, died 21 Sept. 1928, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Randle, A., born 1872, died 20 Sept. 1928, widow, daughter of Annie Warfard, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Randle, Bill, 74 years old, died 9 Nov. 1925, son of Jerry and Mary Randle (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Randle, Butt, died 12 Aug. 1931, veteran – Pvt 331 Serv Bn, information from tombstone // Randle, Burt, born 1896, died 12 Aug. 1931, son of William Randle and Dora Bell, occupation laborer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Randle, Louise, born 15 May 1888, died 11 June 1965, daughter of Gold Bradley and Kizzie Williams (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Randle, Will, born 5 Oct. 1882, died 9 May 1956, in Grimes County, married, son of Will Randle, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Rhodes, Nettie, about 40 years old, died 24 June 1931, widowed, daughter of Bob and Joanna Turner, occupation common labor (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Rice, Lear, 45 years old, died 2 June 1924, information from tombstone

Richard, Lillie, 82 years old, died 16 Jan. 1974, information from tombstone // Kennedy, Lillie Richard, born 15 Feb. 1891, died 16 Jan. 1974, widowed, daughter of Josh Richard and Mollie Woodard, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie Richard, 82, of 607 West 20th St. will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Jones Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. W.D. Turner of the Allen Chapel Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Cannon Cemetery under the direction of Jones Funeral Home. Mrs. Richard who died Wednesday had been a resident of Brazos County for four years. She was a member of Allen Chapel Methodist Church. Her only survivor is her daughter, Mrs. Helen Wilson of Bryan. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 18 January 1974, page 4

Riden, Emma, 46 years old, died 11 July 1901, information from tombstone

Roberson, Allia, born 27 May 1879, died 12 March 1894, information from tombstone

Roberson, Julia, born 1869, died 2 March 1894, information from tombstone

Robinson, Bell, 76 years old, died 11 March 1926, married, daughter of Marcus and Ann Waffer, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Robertson, James // James Robertson, 88-year-old pioneer Negro citizen of Brazos county died on Tuesday and was buried at Canaan cemetery. Robertson was a farmer, owned his place and had lived in this county most all of his life. He was a charter member of the Negro Masonic lodge and was greatly respected by the white people of his community, Canaan, and the entire county. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 25 January 1934, page 5

Robinson, William A., 67 years old, died 24 April 1951, information from tombstone // born 22 Dec. 1883, died 24 April 1951, divorced, son of James Robinson and Bell Wofford, occupation retired mail carrier (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Roseboro, Pearl, born 5 Sept. 1878, died 23 Sept. 1946, widowed, daughter of Pampa and Lum Saunders, occupation maid (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Sanders, Clifford, 6 years old, died 28 March 1921, son of Edd Sanders and Nettie Wallace (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Sanders, Laura, died 30 May 1926, information from tombstone // 60 years old, died 30 May 1926, married, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Sanders, Loyd, 8 years old, died 8 April 1928, son of Willie Sanders and Bessie Williams (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Sanders, Nannie Grant, born 15 Jan. 1888, died 12 July 1944, daughter of George Patton or Patterson? and Frances Figglin (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Sanders, Sussic, died 3 Sept. 1936, information from tombstone // born 1872, died 3 Nov. 1936, widower of Laura Sanders, son of Pompy Sanders and Amie Prisontime (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Saunders, Emma, born 16 July 1874, died 11 Aug. 1936, information from tombstone // born 1876, died 14 Jan. 1937, wife of Pompey Sanders, daughter of Henry and Matilda Philip, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Sharp, Andrew, born 1892, died 1959, information from tombstone // born 6 Sept. 1891, died 10 April 1953, divorced, son of Silas Sharp and Lula Mae Thompson, occupation painter (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Sharp, Belle, aged 100, died April 1915 // The *Eagle* was informed today of the death of Aunt Belle Sharp, one of the oldest Negro inhabitants of Brazos county. She is reported to have been one hundred years of age and had been a resident of Brazos

County nearly all her life. She had a large number of friends among both white and colored people of the county, who will regret to learn of her death. The funeral was held this afternoon and the remains laid to rest in the Canaan Church cemetery near Smetana. **The Bryan Daily Eagle and Pilot**, 23 April 1915, page 5

Sharp, John S., 1 year old, died 15 May 1918, son of Henry Sharp and Beaula Wilbarger
(**Texas Death Certificate**)

Sharps, Silas, 49 years old, died 17 Aug. 1919, married, son of Henry Sharps, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Shears, Andrew, about 35 years old, died 29 June 1919, at Fountain, married, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Simpson, Alvina, born 3 Oct. 1919, died 30 Aug. 1943, married, daughter of Julius Sanders and Lavena Bradley, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Smith, Annie Mae, born 5 Sept. 1905, died 16 Sept. 1987, information from tombstone

Smith, Ardola, born 23 Aug. 1903, died 1 April 1974, widowed, daughter of John Person, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Smith, Bennie, born 6 Feb. 1881, died 1 Sept. 1891, information from tombstone

Smith, Hattie, born 26 Aug. 1866, died 14 March 1942, widowed, daughter of Henry Cheek, occupation housekeeper (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Smith, Henderson, born 15 Oct. 1887, died 20 March 1966, married, son of Ruben Smith and Hattie Cheeks, occupation custodian (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Smith, Henry, born 12 Jan. 1898, no death date listed, information from tombstone

Smith, Jeff, about 75 years old, died 2 Dec. 1946, widowed, occupation common labor
(**Texas Death Certificate**)

Smith, Lucindy, born 12 July 1886, died 1 Sept. 1944, widowed, daughter of Tell Oliver and Eliza Taylor, occupation home laundress (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Smith, Mary, born 4 Jan. 1899, died 7 March 1979, information from tombstone

Smith, Mellownee, born 19 April 1908, died 4 Sept. 1911, daughter of R. D. and J. A. Smith, information from tombstone

Smith, Reuben, Sr., born 10 Oct. 1893, died 3 March 1976, information from tombstone //
Smith, Rubin Quincy, born 1905, died 3 March 1976, married, son of Ruben Smith and Hattie Cheeks, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Smith, Ruben, Jr., born 26 Jan. 1926, died 23 Dec. 1997, veteran US Navy World War II, information from tombstone

Smith, Samuel, born 24 April 1882, died 29 March 1982, information from tombstone

Smith, Surry, born 1851, died 23 March 1918, married, son of Green Smith, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Smith, Violet, 26 years old, died 14 Feb. 1928, married, daughter of Alex Jones and Mary Sanders, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Smith, Wesley, born 1880, died 14 July 1918, widowed, son of Rubin Smith, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Stepp, Will, 72 years old, died 3 Dec. 1958, information from tombstone // born 25 Sept. 1886, died 31 Dec. 1958, married, son of Abe Stepp and Tena Teal, occupation laborer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Stepp, Zula, 3 months old, died 12 Dec. 1963, information from tombstone // Stepp, Zula, born 20 Aug. 1891, died 12 Dec. 1963, widowed, daughter of Lucious Bell and Frances Smiley, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Stevens, Racheal, born 1875, died 19 Oct. 1940, married, son of Mr. Williams and Patsy Granville, occupation domestic (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Steward, Adline, 65 years old, died 1919, buried 21 July 1919, widowed, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Brenham, Texas, July 31 ... The writer was sad to see through the columns of the Herald the death of ... Also Mrs. Addie Laide Steward of Stone City, who was one of my old patrons ... **The Dallas Express**, 2 August 1919, page 3

Stockton, Emerline, born 8 July 1897, died 16 June 1937, married to Earlie Stockton, daughter of Nathaniel and Annie Can, occupation housework (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Taylor, James, died 5 June 1890, information from tombstone

Temple, Erma, born 1861, died 14 May 1925, widowed, daughter of Antnie Evans and Eden Wilson, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Temple, Eperson, died 1925, information from tombstone

Thomas, Laura, born 5 March 1893, died 1 Sept. 1947, married, daughter of Jackson and Harrett Allen, occupation seamstress (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Thomas, Lizzie, 42 years old, information from tombstone

Thomas, William, born 5 Feb. 1899, died 5 Feb. 1954, information from tombstone // 30 Sept. 1905, died 5 Feb. 1954, in Robertson County, married, son of Willie Thomas, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Thompson, Della, born 10 April 1872, died 12 Jan. 1959, in Dallas County, widowed, daughter of Josh and Sara Smith, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Trigg, William, born 24 Jan. 1893, died 24 June 1958, son of William Trigg, Sr. and Lula Trigg (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Triggs, Lula R., born 19 June 1870, died 24 July 1958, information from tombstone // born 19 June 1891, died 24 July 1958, widowed, daughter of Amey Taylor, occupation farming (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Turner, Alex, born 1897, died 1983, information from tombstone

Turner, Bennie, born 2 Nov. 1898, died 15 March 1956, information from tombstone // Turner, Bennie, born Nov. 1909, died March 1956, information from tombstone // Turner, Bennie, born 3 Jan. 1909, died 15 March 1956, daughter of Reddin Johnson and Channie Dix, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Funeral services for Mrs. Bennie Turner who died Thursday will be held at the Pleasant Grove Baptist church Monday at 2 p.m. The Rev. U.S. Keeling will officiate and interment made in Canaan cemetery. The body will be at Daniel's Funeral Home until time for services. Survivors include her husband, Henry Turner, two sisters and one brother. **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 18 March 1956, page 5

Turner, Gennie, born 1878, died 16 Feb. 1953, widowed, daughter of John Person, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Turner, Jeff, born 1878, died 1956, information from tombstone // born 1 March 1873, died 23 Nov. 1956, widowed, son of Banik Turner and Phoebo Bowans (**Texas Death Certificate**) // Funeral services for Jeff Turner will be held at noon Sunday at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church where he had served as deacon 31 years. The Rev. U.S. Keeling Sr., pastor of the church, will officiate. Arrangements for the rites and interment at Canyon cemetery are under direction of the People's Funeral Home.

- Turner, who passed away on Nov. 23, is survived by a daughter ... **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 30 November 1956, page 9
- Turner, Lizzie, died 31 Oct. 1930, widowed, daughter of Bill Hayes and Rachall Montoon, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Turner, Tom, born 28 Feb. 1868, died 20 May 1952, widowed, son of Bob Turner and Feebie Bowens, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Turner, William, 30 years old, died 11 Jan. 1921, married, son of Alex Turner and Lizzie Hayes, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Tyler, Jenero, 1 day old, died 2 Oct. 1931, in Burleson County, son of Ernest Tyler and Lillie Mae Phillips (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Walker, Lula, born 1875, died 20 June 1936, married, daughter of Silas Walker and Jordan Overstreet, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Wallace, Charlie, born 1899, died 1965, information from tombstone // born 1906, died 12 June 1965, single, son of Frank Wallace and Lillie Bell, occupation retired farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Wallace, Frank, Sr., 87 years old, died 19 Jan. 1944, widowed, son of Eliza Wallace, occupation farming (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Wallace, Laura, born 1879, died 6 Dec. 1943, widowed, daughter of Jefferson Harvey and Ann Williams, occupation maid (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Warford, Sam, born 1876, died 11 Jan. 1946, widowed, son of Perry Warford and Elizabeth Morgan, occupation retired R. R. employee, informant Minnie E. Ballard (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Wiley, Willie, Mrs., born 5 Feb. 1888, died 14 Sept. 1962, information from tombstone // born 5 Feb. 1900, died 14 Sept. 1962, in Robertson County, widowed, daughter of Dan Malone and Mary Young, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Williams, Anjaline, 83 years old, died 12 April 1920, married, daughter of Cealie Tally, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Williams, Noah, 70 years old, died 19 Aug. 1921, widowed, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Williams, Primus, born 1848, died 21 July 1918, married, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Williams, Sylvia, born 1886, died 1955, information from tombstone // born 15 Jan. 1888, died 7 April 1955, widowed, daughter of Jim Griffin and Ammie Walford (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Wilson, Adline, 65 years old, died 7 June 1931, married, daughter of Anthony Evans and Edith Silmon, occupation housewife (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Wilson, Edd Tom, born 13 Aug. 1899, died 7 Feb. 1964, veteran – Pvt Qmc WW II, information from tombstone // born 13 Aug. 1899, died 1964, widowed, son of Daniel Wilson and Mary Odema, occupation self employed café, veteran WW II (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Wilson, Leanna, born 25 Dec. 1921, died 12 Oct. 1936, daughter of Charlie Wilson and Victoria Walker (**Texas Death Certificate**)
- Wilson, Lula, born 1 Oct. 1897, died 8 July 1970, information from tombstone // Funeral services for Mrs. Jerry (Lula) Wilson, 72, of 1209 W. Lowery St. in Bryan, will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Progressive Baptist Church. Mrs. Wilson died Wednesday in a local hospital. The Rev. T. L. Grays of the Progressive Church

will officiate. Burial will be in the Cannon Cemetery under the direction of Jones Funeral Home. Mrs. Wilson was born in Brazos County on November 20, 1897, and was a lifetime resident of the county. She was ... **Bryan Daily Eagle**, 13 July 1970, page 2

Wilson, Tennessee, born 14 Dec. 1914, died 13 Dec. 1943, daughter of Madison Bradley and Albina Sanders (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Wilson, Tommie, 40 years old, died 5 Sept. 1928, single, son of John Wilson and Mrs. Mary Hailey, occupation chef cook on steamer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Wolf, Jim, 50 years old, died 11 Sept. 1928, information from tombstone

Wolf, Mary, born 8 Sept. 1907, died 5 Sept. 1929, single, daughter of Jake Wolf and Emma Bell, occupation farmer (**Texas Death Certificate**)

Young, Jule, born 16 Dec. 1877, died 9 Feb. 1961, widowed, son of Albert and Emma Young, occupation pensioner (**Texas Death Certificate**)