



# THE BURKETT FAMILY

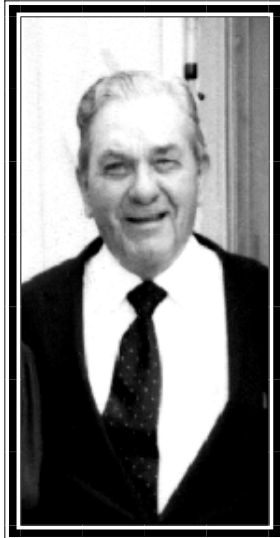
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**Joseph Washington "Joe" Burkett, Jr.**

**Born November 15, 1912  
in Eastland, Texas**

**Died April 27, 2001  
in Kerrville, Texas**

## An elected Judge at 21 -

That alone tells a lot about the character of Joe Burkett, Jr. Not an appointed Judge but an elected Judge. He defeated Justice E.H. Turner who had held office for 34 years.

I first met him in 1998 along with Audy Majors and Sid Huggins when the three of us visited him and his wife Pearl in their home in Kerrville, Texas during our trip to attend the Burkett reunion in Goldthwaite, Texas. Almost immediately I became aware of his wry sense of humor - which reminded me so much of my Uncle J.B. Burkett - and of his deep and sincere interest in our family. His sister, Dorothy, and her husband, Colonel Gaston Alford, drove over from San Antonio and we had a very delightful visit. Thereafter, Joe and I communicated via mail with one or two phone calls. He contributed much to our family history. I will personally miss his strong presence, his interest and pride in his immediate family and in our expanded family, and the support he provided toward our search for additional information. - Oliver Webb

## Joseph Washington Burkett, Jr. -

Joe Burkett, Jr., longtime resident of Kerrville, passed away April 27, 2001 at 10:03 A.M. Mr. Burkett was born November 15, 1912 in Eastland, Texas, the third child of Joe Burkett, Sr. and Fannye Pullig Burkett. He is survived by his wife, Pearl Schwethelm Burkett; his son, Joseph W. Burkett, III and his wife Courtney; his sister Dorothy and Colonel Gaston Alford of San Antonio; his nieces, Mrs. Patricia Currier of San Antonio and Genie, her husband Fred Cox of Fort Worth and Dorothy Dee Phillips of Florida; his nephews Ronald Burkett and Gary Burkett of Phoenix, Arizona and numerous cousins. He is also survived by his six grandchildren, Diana Burkett Kimberly of Kerrville, Texas; Joseph W. Burkett, IV and his wife Rachel of Austin, Texas; Judith Ann and her husband Andrew Magee of El Paso, Texas; Hunter Leopold Burkett and Trapper Hays Burkett of Morris Ranch, Texas; six great-grandchildren, Kristian M. Furbush, Sharon C. Cook, Emilie C. Kimberly, Michael D. Kimberly, Jr.;

Margaret Ann Kimberly and Haiven S. Furbush. Mr. Burkett is also survived by his wife's twin sister, Ruby Edwards of Fredericksburg and another sister of Mrs. Burkett, Edna Reinhard of Boerne, Texas.

Mr. Burkett was preceded in death by his son, James Arno Burkett, who died in 1968; by his sisters, Lasca Burkett and Margaret Ellison, and by his brother Prentiss Burkett.

Mr. Burkett was educated in the Eastland public schools; at Abilene Christian College Academy in Abilene, Texas; at Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio, Texas; at Peacock Technological College in Lubbock, Texas and at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee where he received his Law degree in May 1933.

Mr. Burkett moved to Kerrville in 1930 and began to practice Law in 1934, where he practiced until his death, a span of 66 years. Mr. Burkett was active in local and state politics, having served as Justice of the Peace, County Attorney, and County Judge of Kerr County. He served five terms in the State House of Representatives. During his tenure as a Representative, Mr. Burkett served on multiple committees. Most notably, in 1955, as Chairman of the House Insurance Committee, he re-wrote most of the Insurance Code of the State; and while serving as the Chairman of the House General Investigating Committee charged with investigation of the Veteran's Land Board and its activities, led an investigation which resulted in the complete restructuring of the Board. Mr. Burkett held the office of the United States Commissioner for the Western District of Texas and also served as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for seven years. His public service totaled 29 years.

Mr. Burkett served in the Texas National Guard for three years and in the U. S. Army for four years, 18 months of which he spent in the European Theater of Operations as a member of the 416th Field Artillery Group of the 20th Corps Artillery of General George S. Patton's 3rd Army. He was awarded two Battle Stars for his service in the Battle of the



*Joe Burkett, Jr. in 1942 at age of 29*

Rhine and the Battle of Central Europe.

Mr. Burkett was a very active civic worker as a member of all four Concerned Citizen's Committees that led the way for improvement and enlargement of the City of Kerrville Sanitary Sewer System in 1971; for the building of the Kerr County Courthouse Annex 1975; for the construction of the dam of the Guadalupe River which provided much needed water for the City of Kerrville in 1975; and for the purchase of the L. C. R. A. Electric System to provide for the City of Kerrville and adjacent areas in 1985. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation for 21 years.

The family will receive friends Sunday, April 29, 2001 from 5:00 P. M. to 7:00 P.M. at Grimes Funeral Chapel. Services will be held Monday, 3:00 P.M. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church followed by Graveside Services at the Garden of Memories

## *The Burkett Family*

Original Historian

*StellaB 'Nita' Jackson Jaynes*

*October 8, 1907 - June 18, 1996*



We wish to acknowledge the contributions made by StellaB 'Nita' Jackson Jaynes in compiling the initial data about our family. Without her efforts much of the information we have would probably never have been located. However, the impetus to continue her work began with a suggestion in 1992 by Gentry J.B. Burkett to have a family reunion in Huntsville, Alabama which was carried out by the efforts of Audy Majors. Over the years, Audy has continued his efforts toward the location and preservation of family information and artifacts.

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Cemetery with Grimes Funeral Chapel conducting the Service. Pallbearers are Joseph Burkett, IV, Hunter L. Burkett, Trapper H. Burkett, Spencer Brown, Scott Stehling and Robert Moran. Memorials may be made to the Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation or St. Peters Episcopal Church. ■

## A Review of the Henry Burkett Family

Many years have now been spent by a lot of people researching our family and much has been learned. As you will see, however, we still have much more to learn about our ancestors and some of the descendants. But I feel a review of what we have learned and where we need to direct our future research will be helpful at this time.

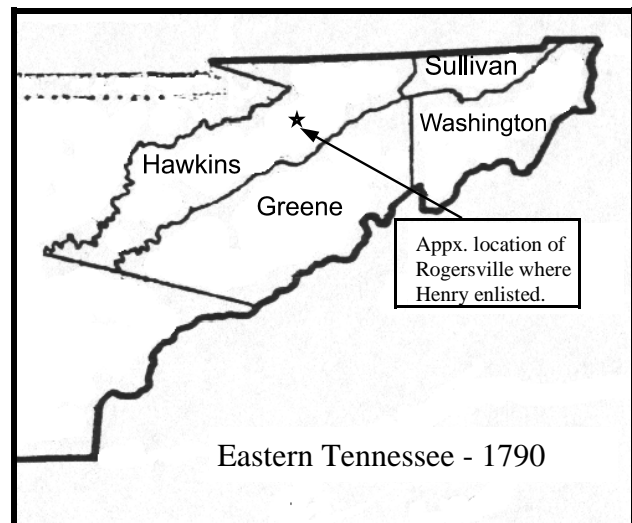
We know that Henry was born about 1794 based on his records from the War of 1812 during which he served five (5) years from 1813 to 1818. We know from those records he enlisted in Rogersville, Hawkins County, Tennessee in 1813 when he was about 18. A natural *assumption* would be that his parents were living somewhere nearby at the time. Unfortunately, the Federal Census for all Tennessee counties were lost for the years 1790, 1800, and 1810. Since these Census records were lost, it becomes necessary to use other information in an attempt to learn about Henry and his parents.

We know that the Epley's and Burkett's became closely connected beginning at least in Greene County, Tennessee where Henry and Polly Epley were married with Daniel Epley signing the wedding bond along with Henry Burkett. (Daniel Epley, Jr. was born in 1806 and would have been only 13 when Henry married Polly so I am assuming that was Daniel Epley, Sr. who signed the wedding bond.) This tells me the Epley's had moved there sometime between August 27, 1813 when George Epley was born in Lincoln County, North Carolina and 1819 when Henry and Polly married. (George Epley was the 7th of 8 children. David, the last child who was born in 1822, was born in Tennessee.)

We have no proof that Henry Burkett nor his parents ever lived in North Carolina. Nor do we know for a fact that the Epley's and Burkett's knew each other prior to Henry and Polly getting married in 1819 in Greene County, Tennessee. What would have prompted the Burkett's and Epley's to move to Tennessee? I can think of only one reason — Land Grants.

Tennessee did not become a State until 1796. In the years prior to this, North Carolina assumed control of vacant land in Tennessee. The first North Carolina land office was opened in 1778 in Washington County. Offices were opened in Sullivan County in 1779, in Greene County in 1783, and in Hawkins County in 1786. A separate land office was opened in 1783 primarily for land outside these three counties.

These offices were similar to offices in other North Carolina counties in that vacant land was identified, a claim was recorded with the county entry taker, a warrant

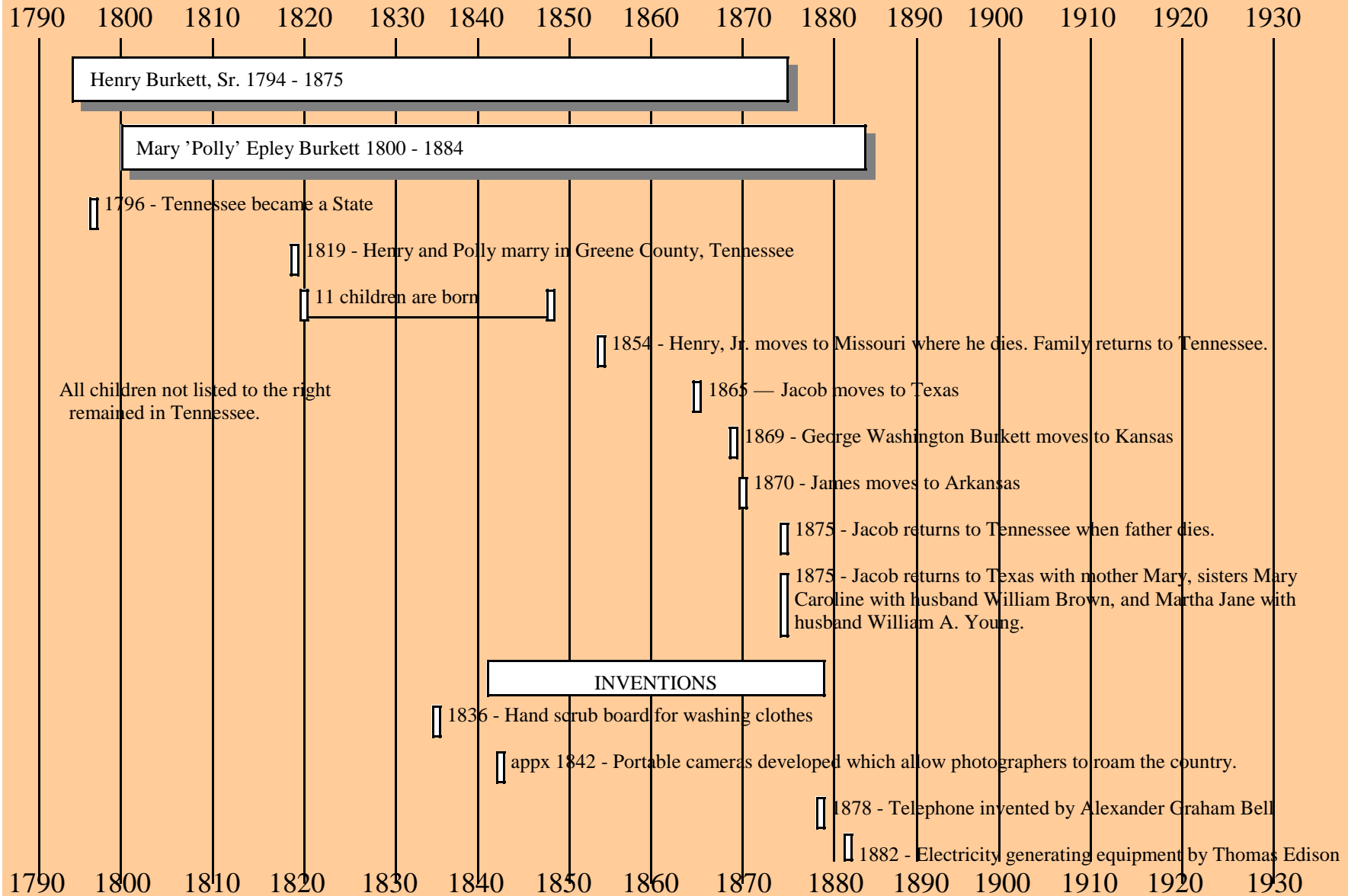


for survey was issued by the entry taker, the survey was done, a grant was then issued and the grant was recorded with county register of deeds. Fees were charged for these grants so these were not free gifts.

By agreement, North Carolina ceased issuing grants in Tennessee about 1806 and Tennessee took over land granting within its territory. North Carolina was allowed to continue to issue military bounty warrants but the survey was done by Tennessee officials and grants were from Tennessee. When Tennessee took over in 1806, southeast Tennessee was closed until the removal of the Cherokees. In the area open for white settlement, Tennessee divided the land into surveyor districts. The surveyor for each district was supposed to (a) resurvey all grants issued prior to 1806, (b) find all warrants and identify the land associated with each one (when no survey had been made), and (c) determine how much vacant land remained in the district. If there were two grants for the same land, the older (earlier) grant remained in effect. The younger grant was voided, and it's owner was given a warrant for the amount of land covered by the older grant. This warrant could be used to obtain a grant for vacant land elsewhere in Tennessee.

Without the Census reports, it seems obvious that Land Grants should - and will be - our next search point. Hopefully we will be able to turn up something there. Now let's review what we do have. As has been previously published, Henry and Polly had 11 children: Malinda, Matilda, Henry Isaac (Jr.), John, Andrew, Jacob, George W., James, David, Mary Caroline, and Martha Jane. On the next page is a *Timeline* which provides an overview of the family on a time basis. Included in this *Timeline* is a section titled "Inventions." This, of course, is not intended to list all inventions - just a couple to give you an idea of inventions which either had an impact on the lives of Henry, Polly, and many of their children or were developed so late that they did not get to enjoy them. When we consider all we have today, it seems ironic that a hand scrub board for washing clothes was significant.

## Timeline



*Before continuing, I need help! I have so many "irons in the fire" I do not have time to search for additional information on some members of the family. I have added a ☆ behind the name of some of the family members below signifying additional research needs to be done. For those of you with computers who wish to volunteer to help, please let me hear from you as to which member you wish to help with. I can then provide you with all the information we currently have about that family. Your help will really be appreciated!!*

### **Malinda Burkett Perryman - ☆**

Malinda was born about 1820 and married Joseph S. Perryman about 1840. They had two (2) children - Amanda and Martha Le Roy. Amanda married W. H. Harrison and they had three (3) children - Sarah A., Charles H., and Rosa. Martha Le Roy married George Wright Bruce and they had at least one daughter, Gertrude Beatrice Bruce, who married John Newton Nunn and they had three (3) sons - Harold Duke, Donald Bruce, and John Douglas.

The 1870 Census report shows Malinda and husband Joseph at the home of daughter Amanda and her husband W. H. Harrison in Grainger County, Tennessee. Malinda was still living in 1888, where we don't know, and was listed as an heir to her father Henry's estate.

### **Matilda Burkett Marcum - ☆**

Matilda was born about 1823 and married Berry Marcum. They had six (6) children - James B., John B., Mary E., Virginia, Martha T., and William.

In the settlement of Henry's estate, Matilda was listed as the widow of Berry Marcum (sic). Beyond the information listed here, very little is known about this family.

### **Henry Isaac Burkett, (Jr.) -**

Henry (Jr.) was born about 1825 and married Nancy Evans. They had three (3) children - James Edward, Isaac Evans, and Robert. They moved to Missouri in 1854 where he died from diabetes. Nancy and the children returned to Tennessee to live near her parents.

Son Robert subsequently died from diabetes at the age of 17 and is buried at the Salem Church cemetery in Liberty, Tennessee.

James Edward married Angelina Brown and they had five (5) children - William Henry, Thomas Bard, Martha Agnes, Horace Evans, and Mira Maltby. James Edward moved his family to LaRussell, Missouri about 1900 and we have met and written about this family including several photo's.

Isaac Evans was born about 1850 and married Mary Belle Parker. They had four (4) children - Robert, Helen Nora, Clarice, and William Wauford (Sr.). According to some of his descendants, he was a preacher

and, at one time, a tollgate keeper near Liberty, Tennessee. We have the names of several descendants and have some information about this family, especially the family of William Wauford (Sr.). However, some of the descendants haven't seemed too interested in providing additional information.

### **John Burkett - ☆ (Also see article page 14)**

John was born about 1826 and married Paulina Markum (Marcum?) in March of 1849. They had five (5) children - Jobe M., Thomas, Mary, Nancy Ann, and Margaret. In 1852 John purchased 120 acres, more or less, for the sum of \$195.00. This land was in the 10th District of Cannon County, Tennessee. Legend, and some facts, indicate that both John and Paulina died about 1866, from what cause we do not know.

Jobe Burkett was born about 1850 and first married Nancy A. Richards. They had one son, James H. "Jim" Burkett. Nancy died only a couple of years later from TB. Jobe then married Rebecca Caroline Rigsby and they had five (5) children - Almon Lee, Julie Ann, JoAnna, Tolbert Lee, and Elizabeth Love. Jobe's family is well documented with data and photo's.

Thomas Burkett was born about 1851. Beyond that, we have no other information about him.

Mary Burkett was born about 1854 and married Lee Patterson October 27, 1880. No other information is available.

Nancy Ann was born 1863 and married Isaac Newton Huggins. They had six (6) children and this family is fairly well documented with data and photo's.

Margaret was born about 1865 and married Solomon Porter May 17, 1872. Margaret received payments from her father's estate in 1887 and 1888. No additional information is available about this family.

When John and Paulina both died about 1866, the children's ages would have been as follows: Jobe 16, Thomas 15, Mary 12, Nancy Ann 3, and Margaret 1 or 2. With the exception of Nancy Ann, we do not know who took on the responsibility of raising these children. Nancy Ann lived with neighbors until she was about 7 or 8 years old at which time she went to live with an Aunt, Nancy Evans Burkett (Mrs. Henry Burkett, Jr.).

### **Andrew J. Burkett -**

Andrew was born about 1827 and married Nancy Jane Derryberry in October 1850. They had two (2) sons - John H., and Jeremiah M. Burkett. Andrew died in 1858 and Nancy married Hiram Todd in 1859. Presumably, the two sons lived with Nancy and their stepfather, Hiram Todd, until Nancy died March 5, 1863. One son, John H. died about 1856 at the age of ten (10), cause unknown. In 1870, Jeremiah, who was now twelve (12) years old, was living with Elizabeth Anne Derryberry (a sister of his mother) and her husband Jerry (Jeremiah) Bush with Jerry being his court appointed guardian. At some point,

Jeremiah Burkett moved to Osage County, Kansas where an Uncle, George Washington Burkett, lived and Jeremiah married Hattie Kinner in 1883. We have no information as to what happened to Jeremiah after he married Hattie.

### **Jacob Lorenza Burkett -**

Jacob was born March 15, 1830 and married Lavina Burnett about 1850. They had eight (8) children with both Lavina and the infant dying during childbirth in Texas about 1868. The living children were - George Washington, Joseph Lafayette, Mary A., Sarah, James Henry, Malinda Jane, and Frances Josephine. Jacob moved this family from Tennessee to Texas in 1865 arriving in Burnet, Texas on Christmas day.

When Lavina died, Jacob had to parcel out his children with neighbors until he married Mary Matilda Reed in January of 1869. They had four (4) children - Martha Ellen, Annie Laura, Virginia Caroline, and Lavina.

When Jacobs father, Henry, Sr., died in 1875, Jacob returned to Tennessee. When he went back to Texas he brought with him his mother, Polly, his sister Mary Caroline with her husband and two (2) children, and his sister Martha Jane with her husband and five (5) children. Interestingly, our records show the fifth child of Martha Jane, William Henry Young, was born June 20, 1875 in Cannon County, Tennessee so this would indicate that Jacob's return to Texas took place sometime between that date and December 25, 1875 when Jacob died in Mullin, Texas. Ironically, Jacob arrived at his destination in Texas on Christmas Day of 1865 and died on Christmas Day of 1875.

This is one of the most documented branches of the Henry Burkett family and much has been written and many photo's printed about this family in previous Newsletters. Descendants have prepared and printed an extensive and comprehensive book entitled, "The First 100 Years - A Burkett Family Chronology."

### **George Washington Burkett -**

George was born October 4, 1834 and married Lucinda Narcissa Derryberry September 29, 1859 in Woodbury, Cannon County, Tennessee. (Interestingly, Andrew J. Burkett, a brother to George, married Nancy Jane Derryberry who was a sister to Lucinda.) George and Lucinda moved from Tennessee to Osage County, Kansas in 1869 at which time they had four (4) children who had been born in Tennessee. They then had six (6) more children born in Kansas.

The four (4) children born in Tennessee were - Sarah M., Millie, and twins Jennie and Jesse. The six (6) born in Kansas were - James H., Nina Belle, Mettie B., Charles Reuben, Samuel Walter, and Anderson Oral.

When Audy Majors and I made our trip to Burlingame, Kansas in 1999, we came away disappointed in how little information we had. As has been said previously, we have since obtained a lot of information about this family, including some photo's. And it continues to grow - see

article later in this issue about James H. Burkett, a son of George and Lucinda.

### **James Burkett - ☆**

James was born January 17, 1839 in Warren County, Tennessee and married Mary Ann Gilley November 17, 1856. They had a total of six (6) children - four (4) born in Tennessee and two (2) born in Arkansas where they moved sometime between July 1, 1870 when they lived in Shop Springs, Tennessee and 1871 when daughter Nancy Tennessee was born in Arkansas.

The children born in Tennessee were - Sarah E., Jacob F., Cordelia A., and Clementine. The children born in Arkansas were - Nancy Tennessee, and Robert L.

James was still living in Ralph, Arkansas as late as 1912 when he filled out a report authorized by Arkansas for veterans of the Civil War. It was in this report that James stated his Grandfather's (Henry Burkett, Sr.'s father) name was "Memberance Burkett" and that his father Henry was born in Guilford County, North Carolina. We have not been able to confirm either the grandfathers name nor that Henry was born in Guilford County. This does not mean we disagree with what James says, we simply cannot at this time prove or disprove it.

We have the names of spouses for some of the children but little else has been learned. Supposedly, both James and wife, Mary Ann, died in Marion County, Arkansas.

### **David E. (Epley?) Burkett -**

David was born April 22, 1841 and married Frances D. Ferrell November 27, 1867. They had one daughter, Mary Louphemia. Mary was born February 20, 1877 and died July 27, 1896 at the age of 19. The cause of death is unknown. According to StellaB Jaynes writings, Mary "was said to have been a very pretty and sweet girl and a good Sunday School teacher." She is buried in Curlee Cemetery along with her parents.

Frances died December 27, 1918 and David married Emma Phillips June 17, 1919. Emma had one daughter, Leslie. Leslie took the Burkett name until she married Tom Heath and today she lives in Murfreesboro. I have spoken with her on the phone and she is a very friendly and alert person.

### **Mary Caroline Elizabeth Burkett - ☆**

Mary was born August 2, 1841 and married James Hall August 1, 1857 in Cannon County, Tennessee. They had two (2) children - Lucy J., and John W.

Mr. Hall died about 1865, cause unknown, and Mary married William M. Brown June 18, 1866 in Cannon County, Tennessee. They also had two (2) children - James D., and Andrew J. They moved to Texas in 1865 with brother Jacob. Nothing more is known about this family other than they were supposedly living in west Texas - Odessa or San Angelo? Mary was still living in 1888 and received payments from her fathers estate as a widow.



**Martha Jane Burkett -**

Martha was born September 22, 1845 in Cannon County, Tennessee and married William Alexander Young December 18, 1864 in Cannon County. They had five (5) children born in Tennessee and one born in Texas when they moved to Texas with her brother Jacob in 1875 after Jacob returned to Tennessee for a visit following their father Henry's death. The children born in Tennessee were - Eupha (Upha?), Mary Frances, Elizabeth, Robert James, and William Henry. The child born in Lampasas County, Texas was Thomas C. Young. (An 1880 Texas Census shows Martha's mother Mary 'Polly' living with them and indicates that Polly was blind. Polly died in 1884.) They moved to Hollis, Oklahoma in the early 1890's.

At least one of the children, William Henry Young, has been well documented through the efforts of Wes Parker of Fresno, California. Wes is a grandson of William Henry Young.

**Conclusion of the review of Henry Burkett -**

*Granted, this appears to be brief but it is intended to cover only the children - and some grandchildren - of Henry and Polly. Naturally, there are many, many more descendants. But we must first learn as much as possible about the children in order to pursue further information about their descendants. Let me hear from any of you willing to pitch in and help do some more research. ■*

**Huntsville, Alabama Reunion -**

The reunion is again the third Saturday of June which this year is June 16. It will be held at the Meridianville, Alabama Church of Christ where it was held last year. As those who have attended know, they have great facilities - kitchen, ice maker, air conditioning, room for the kids to play, and plenty of close parking. All family members are invited! If you haven't attended before now, make your plans and be there! We would like to see you. ■

**Goldthwaite, Texas Reunion -**

As has been the practice, the reunion will again be the first Saturday after Labor Day which this year falls on September 8 and it will be at the Mills County State Bank on the square in Goldthwaite where it has been held in the past. Make your plans now to attend! It's pot luck so bring a dish. Audy Majors and I are planning to be there for our fourth time. Want to meet some nice relatives? Then don't miss it! ■

**Recent Arrivals -**

Patsy June Coleman Smart - she is a daughter of Leona Burkett Coleman, a granddaughter of George Newton Burkett, and a great granddaughter of Joseph Lafayette Burkett - has sent me word of new grandchildren. They are

as follows:

Born to Avery and Erica Smith, a son Justin Michael Smith born July 10, 2000 in Segola, Michigan

Born to Melissa Sue Smart, a daughter Tess Cherie Smart born July 29, 2000 in Kileen, Texas.

Welcome to our new relatives and congrats to the parents and grandparents! ■

**An Electronic Photo Album! -**

I have located and purchased software which enables me to place our photo's on a CD to preserve them and provide a low cost way to look at what has been collected over the past few years. To do that, I also had to purchase and install a CD recorder. As I write this, I am still working on this CD but already I have over 200 photo's in it and expect it will have over 300 when I finish. Many of these have been published in our Newsletters but many are included which have not been. I hope to complete the CD by early June prior to leaving Tampa for the Huntsville, Alabama reunion.

Before I describe the CD further, let me tell you what you need to view it.

Windows 95/98

IBM PC Compatible Pentium

100 Mhz or higher

16 MB RAM

800 x 600 display monitor with 16-bit color or higher

Mouse

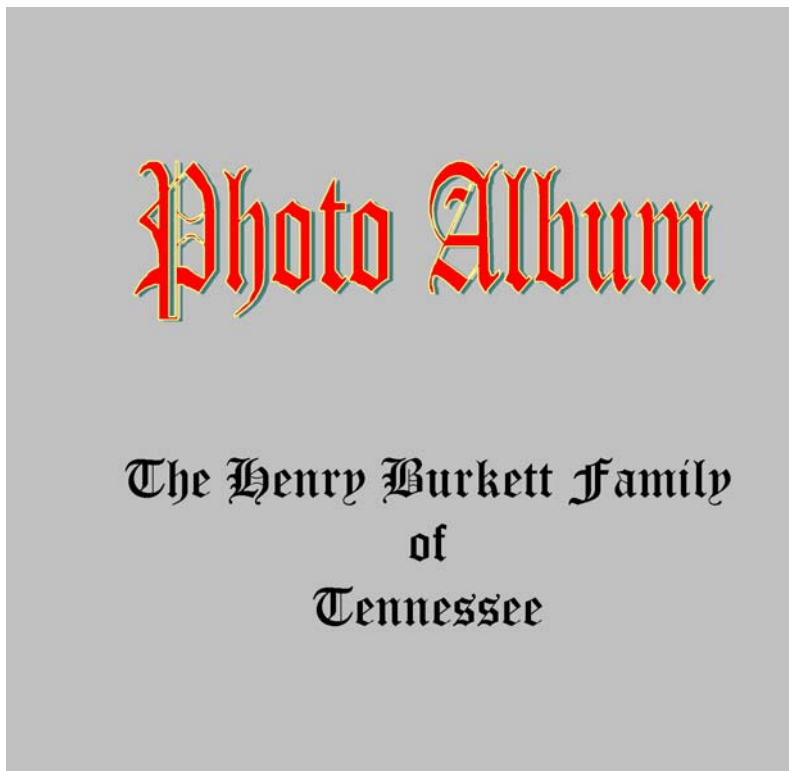
CD ROM drive

Sound card and speaker (Optional - There is background music which you may listen to or disable.)

If you have the above, that's all you need. You will not need to purchase anything additional to view these photo's. You would simply insert the CD into your CD ROM drive and it opens automatically - there is no installation required. This is a fully animated 3D page flipping program. You will only need to use your mouse.

On the next few pages I will describe it more completely and provide some illustrations of what you will be getting if you decide you want one. I highly recommend that those with computers purchase one and some of you without computers may wish to purchase one if you have access to a library with computers or if you have a relative or neighbor who has a computer. I think you will really enjoy this CD and believe you will find it well worth the money. Further on in this issue I will provide details on how to purchase one of these CD's.

Not only do I think you will enjoy looking at these photo's but having multiple copies around the country provides assurance that these photo's will never be lost.



It will come in a Jewel case for protection. The front cover of the Jewel case appears to the left. On the back of the cover are some preliminary instructions to help you get started viewing although you could probably do it without any



help since all you need is your mouse. Also, once the program opens, there is a HELP item on the Toolbar which gives complete details on printing, etc.

Keep in mind that you can't hurt this CD since there is no delete or add function. The worst you can do is click and view something other than what you wanted!

One of the amazing options is the ability to set Auto(matic) Flipping! You can first establish how many seconds you wish to view each photo and then set it to automatically flip from one photo to the next which means you wouldn't have to do anything but sit back and enjoy! Plus you could stop the auto flipping at any point if you want to view a particular photo for a longer period of time - and then resume the Auto Flip. Also, if you view 150 photo's during one session and have to stop for some reason, you can pick up at page 151.

Here is the label on the CD itself. You will note I refer to this CD as Version 1.0. The reason for this is that I also have many photo's which have not been scanned and loaded into my computer. As time permits, I plan to scan these additional photo's and copy them onto the CD at which time it would become Version 1.1 when I have added a sufficient number.

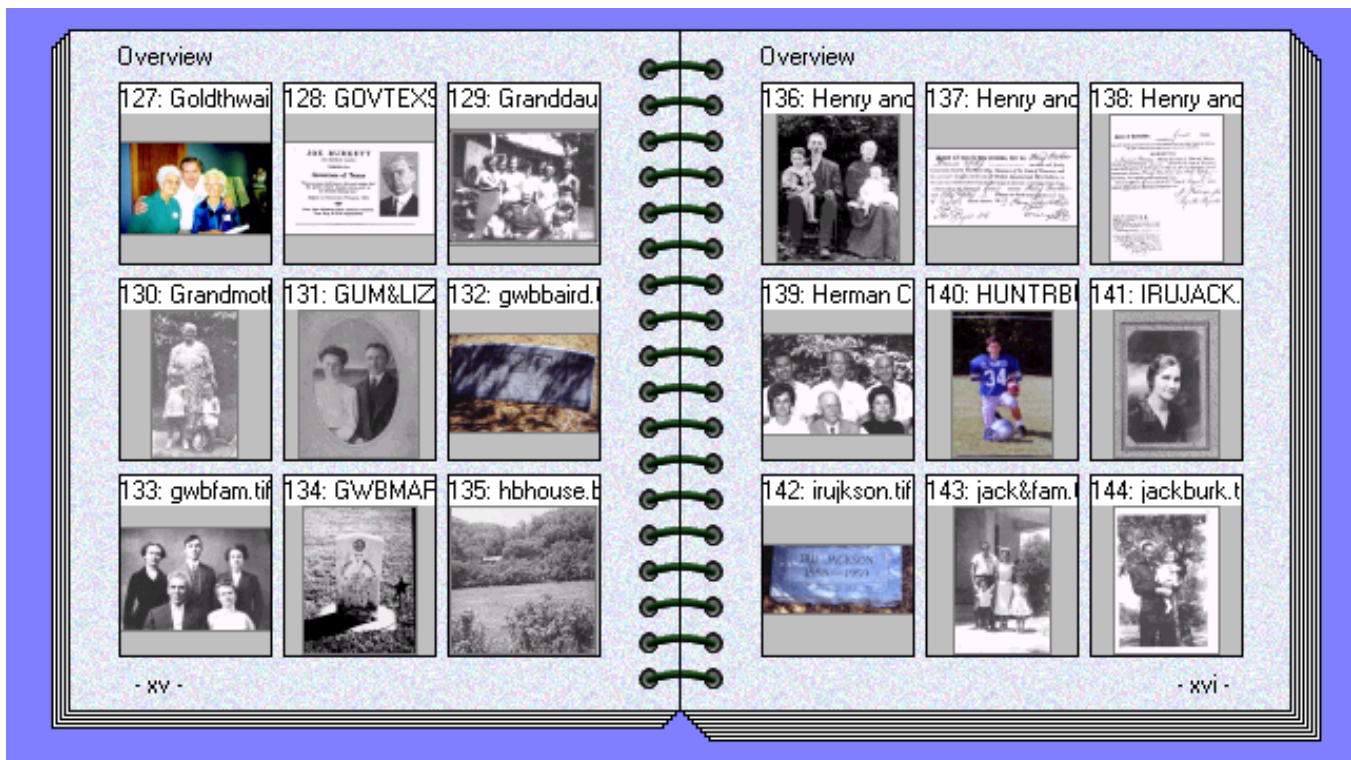




referred to as Thumbnail views shown below. The CONTENTS section is a numerical list of the photo's. The PHOTO'S section is an individual page for each photo with a description of that photo. The INDEX section is an alphabetical list of the photo's.

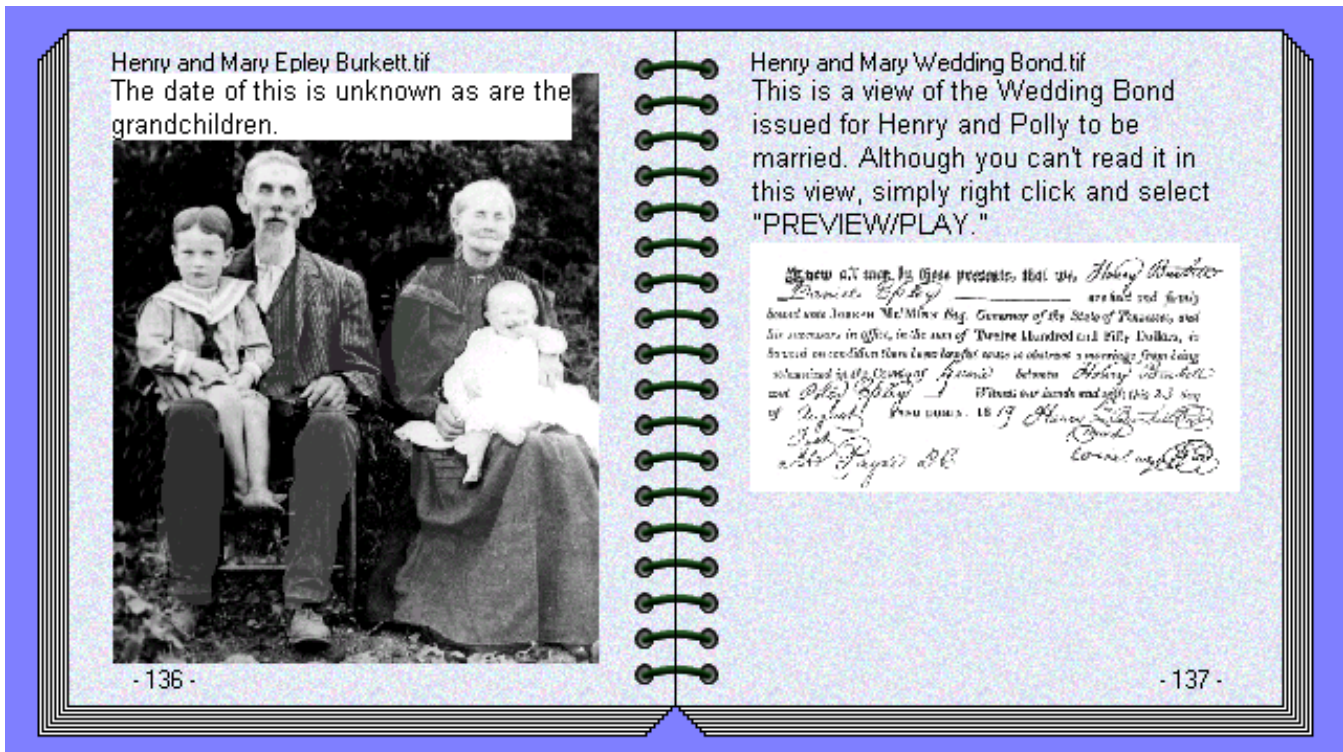
To the left is the front cover of the Album. You would simply move your mouse on to the cover and click to turn the page. It's that simple! When you turn the page you will come to the OVERVIEW section shown below. To the right is an example of what you see when you click on a Thumbnail view. After viewing, click on the photo and you will return to the OVERVIEW section.

that order. The OVERVIEW section consists of what is



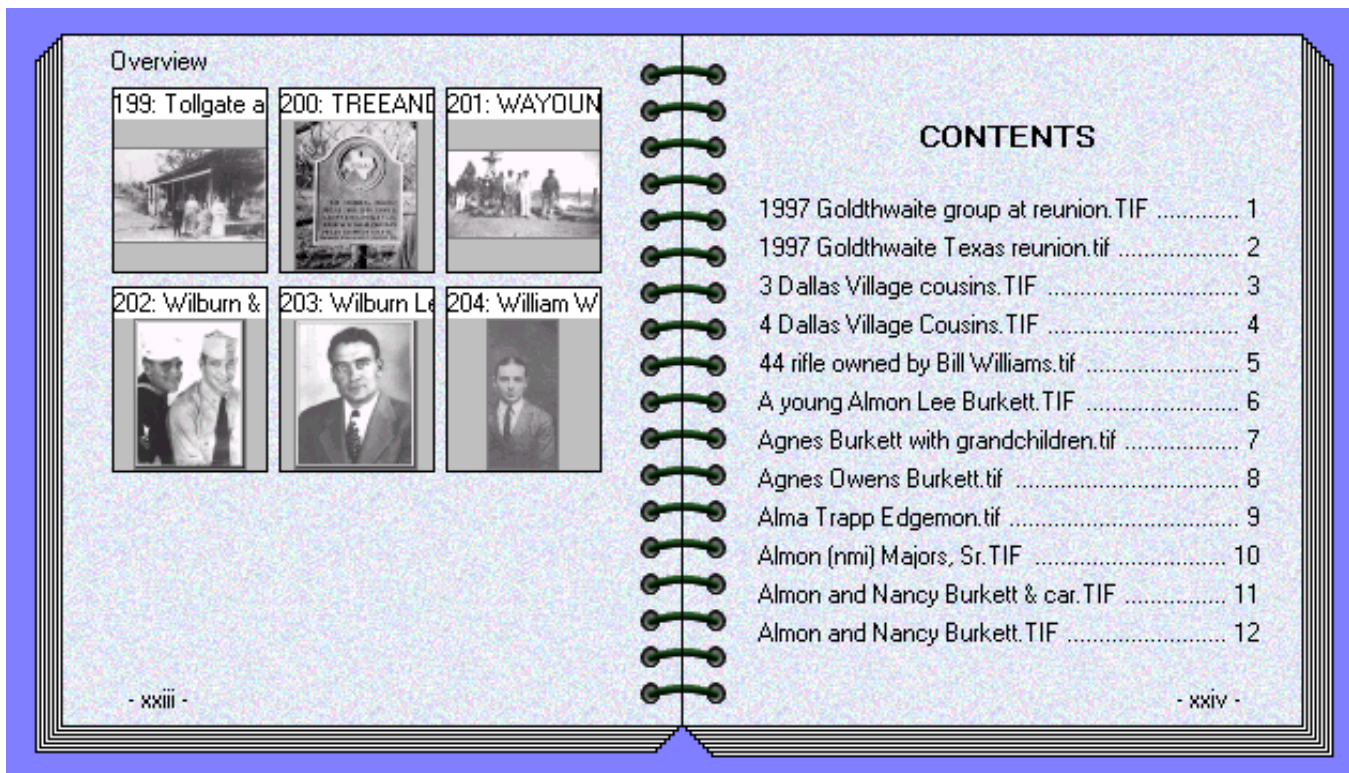
The above OVERVIEW pages were simply selected at random to give you an idea of how it works. As an example, if you move your mouse to any *picture* portion of the Henry Burkett photo - number 136 - it changes to a magnifying glass. Click on it and it provides an enlargement of the Thumbnail view. See photo on the next page as an example of what you will see. After viewing the enlargement, click on it to return to the OVERVIEW section above. If you click on the *TITLE* portion "136: Henry and", it will flip to page 136 and you will see an example of the PHOTO page as shown below the enlargement on the next page.

Please keep in mind that none of the sizes you see here in the Newsletter represent what you will see on your screen. I have resized all examples to make them fit the space I have here. Some of the photo's completely fill the screen and some are smaller, depending on the original size. While on that subject, let me also point out that some photo's are excellent and some are not so good depending on the age and/or condition of the original photo. However, as I have said before, let's be thankful we even have them.



Shown above is an example of the PHOTO section opened to pages 136 and 137. Here is where the annotations (captions) appear which give information about the photo. To see an enlargement of a page, simply **right** click on it with your mouse, select "PREVIEW/PLAY" and you will see the enlargement shown above without the captions interfering with your view of the photo. I have included some documents which I feel are important to the family - the Wedding Bond on page 137 above is an example - which are not readable until you go the enlargement but which will be readable in that view.





Above is an example of the first page of the CONTENTS section. If you are in this section and want to view a photo, simply use the mouse to place the cursor on the title you want to view, click on it and it will automatically flip to the selected page. As pointed out, the CONTENTS section is a numerical listing of the photo's.

I mentioned earlier there is one more section - the INDEX. I'm not going to use space here to provide an example of that section since it resembles the CONTENTS above but is an alphabetical listing.

This concludes my explanation and examples of what you will see. The finished version may differ slightly but will be basically the same as shown here. There are some more options in creating (not viewing) the CD and I may provide something slightly different but what I hope will be better.

To get a copy of this CD, simply mail your check for \$12.00 to me at the following address:

Oliver Webb  
15439 Lakeshore Villas Drive # 77  
Tampa, FL 33613

For those who purchase Version 1.0, future Versions are estimated to cost only about \$6.00 each, postage included.

If you purchase a CD and are not satisfied *for any reason*, simply return it to me and I will ***refund your entire purchase price plus the cost of shipping it back!*** That's how confident I am that you will enjoy it and consider it well worth the price. One more point I haven't mentioned is that many of the photo's, depending on the quality of your monitor and capability of your computer, will look better on the screen than they looked in the Newsletter. I am not an expert on scanning nor photo's so I can't explain why some older photo's look better than some newer ones - but they do - and I'm sure you will spot them.

If I have been unable to complete the CD *to my satisfaction* prior to having to leave for the reunion in Huntsville, I promise to complete it just as quickly as possible upon my return. Placing the annotations (captions) on the photo's to identify them is an important part and I don't want to rush it to the point I fail to provide good captions. I have all the materials on hand to make and ship the CD's as soon as they are ready.

Get your order in the mail now while you are looking at this Newsletter so you don't forget.

10, 1915 at home in Eastland County, Texas. He died November 3, 1984 in Tempe, Arizona. He married Joyce Elaine Lindhart in 1939 in Kerrville, Texas and they had two (2) sons, Gary Joe and Ronald Michael.



Gary married Leslie Anne Williams July 19, 1968 in Glendale, Arizona and they have one daughter, Lisa Anne. Lisa married Mark Heath and has two (2) daughters, Kalei and Lanei. Lisa lives in Cave Creek, Arizona and Gary and Leslie live in Phoenix.

Ronald "Ron" married Deborah Joe Liehti (pronounced Lick-tee) November 24, 1979 in Paradise Valley, Arizona. They have three (3) children - Emelye, Ronald, Jr., and Rachael. Ron and Debbie also live in Phoenix.

They have provided some information about their family and are in the process of providing more.

It was good hearing from Lisa and dad, Gary. This completes the names of descendants of Joseph Washington Burkett, Sr. and we are now working to complete the data on all the descendants.

Thanks for the information, Lisa and Gary, and glad to have you in the family "loop." ■

### Texas Historical Site Status for Chessar Valley -

A recent letter from Letta Durst of Mason, Texas advises me she and relative Luther Williams are still working on preparing the affidavit for submission to the State for approval. Luther has recently amended the affidavit and they remain hopeful of securing approval. Good luck, folks. We are all pulling for you. ■

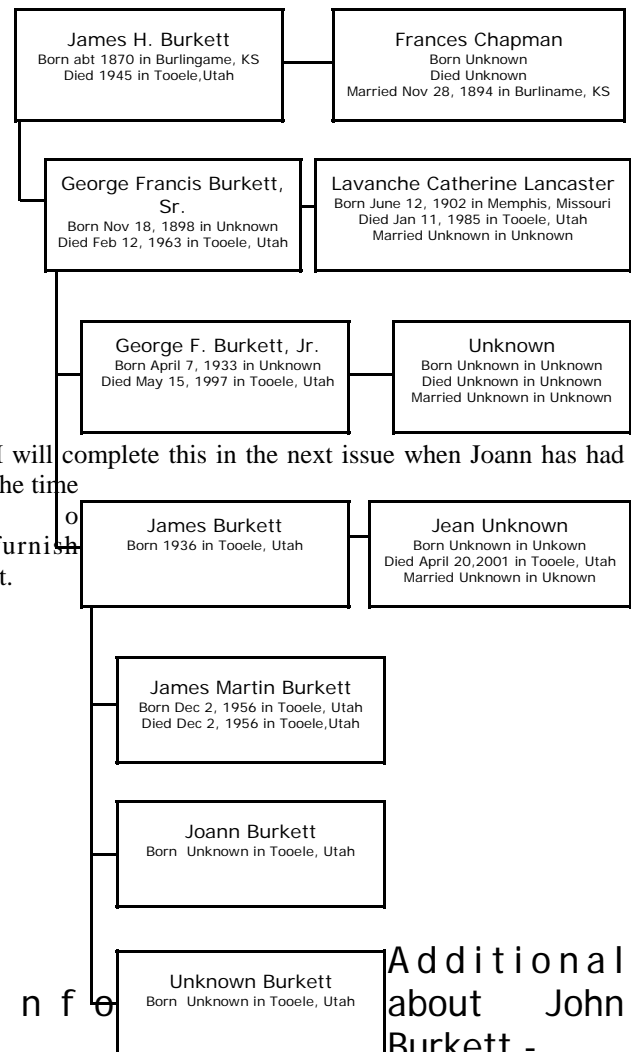
### A Follow-up on James H. Burkett -

In our last issue, I wrote about the children of George Washington Burkett, the son of Henry and Polly Burkett, who moved to Burlingame, Kansas. In that article, I referred to one of the sons of George, James H. Burkett. I spoke of obtaining information from cemetery records of Tooele, Utah and the fact that I had located a phone listing for a James Burkett but had been unable to get an answer on that phone.

Sine then, I have gotten an answer and spoke with James Burkett and his wife, Jean. They had gone down to Tuscon, Arizona for the winter. We had an excellent conversation and they gave me some preliminary information over the phone. I then mailed them a package including some Family record Sheets to be completed. Not long after that conversation, I received a phone call from one of their daughters, Joann Gelino, who lives in Salt Lake City. We also had a nice conversation and Joann promised to help provide information and did provide some during the conversation which revealed some of the

assumptions I made and published in the last issue were incorrect. I was excited about these contacts and looking forward not only to speaking with them again but receiving the information and possibly photo's from them. Sadly, a couple of days ago, I received another call from Joann and she advised me her mother, Jean, had died of a sudden heart attack on April 20. Her obituary will be included in the next issue.

Based on the information provided during the phone calls, I am able to correct what I had published last issue. Here is the information I now have.



I will complete this in the next issue when Joann has had the time to furnish it.

Additional information about John Burkett -

(This is a follow-up for the article about John on page 5)



This is five (5) of the children of Mary Virginia "Jennie" Nolley. Jennie was a daughter of James Nolley and Samantha Victoria McAdams Nolley Burkett, the wife of James Henry Burkett so she was a step-daughter of James Henry. Jennie had an older sister, Sallie, and a younger brother, Sam or Buddy as he was called. Jennie is shown as a young girl in the picture of James Henry and Samantha published on page 19 of Volume 4, 2000. (When Jennie's mother, Samantha, married James Henry Burkett, she was 7 years old, her sister Sallie was 10 years old and her brother Sam was 3 years old.) Jennie married William Andrew Bentley and they had eight (8) children - five (5) of whom are shown here. The children from left to right are: Willie (Aunt Bill) Bentley, Clarence E. Bentley, Hazel Bentley, Lena Bell Bentley, and Marie Bentley. You may recall that Tommy Bentley, who lives in Clyde, Texas and is a descendant of Jennie, is the person who, along with a Boy Scout troop, cleaned up and maintains the James Henry Burkett family cemetery on the old homestead there in Clyde. You may also recall that James Henry left the property in Clyde to his daughter, Iru, and she passed it on down to her son, William Luther "Bill" Jackson who lives in Carlsbad, New Mexico today. Tommy Bentley remains in touch with Bill Jackson on a fairly regular basis.

(THE VERTICAL STRIPES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ABOVE PICTURE ARE IN THE ORIGINAL.)

that there were at least two (2) other sons - Tolbert and "Cage" - because they are listed as being owed money and all of the other children and grandchildren have been accounted for. But we do not know their ages nor anything else about them. We do know some attorneys represented the "John Burkete (sic) heirs." We do not know where those attorneys were from nor the names of who they represented. Gina and I both feel there must be some more information in the files at the Cannon County Court House.

Looking at the birth dates for the children of John reveals a gap of several years. Below is a list of the five (5) children and the birth dates as were given to us but not documented

Jobe about 1850

Thomas about 1851

Mary about 1854

Nancy Ann about 1863

Margaret about 1865

You will notice there is a 9-year gap between Mary and Nancy Ann. Legend has it that both John and his wife Paulina Markum (Marcum?) died about 1866 so this would indicate that Margaret was the last child born in 1865 when Paulina was about 35, *if our records are correct about her birth date being 1830*. (Could Paulina have died during childbirth in 1866?) However, Gina located an 1870 Tennessee census which shows a John Burkett, age 49, listed at the home of Henry Burkett which would seem to indicate John did not die in 1866 but *sometime after 1870*. I placed the italics on the age 49 because the information handed down to us stated John was born about 1826 which, *if accurate*, would have made him about 44 in and not 49 in 1870. Confederate records show John enlisted in the Confederate Army September 6, 1861 and also show that when a muster was taken on July 16, 1863, John was "sick at home."

That's about all we had until I recently received an 1880 Texas Census Report for Nolan County, Texas. This shows a John L. Burkett, age 25, at the home of (William) Daniel Epley. We believe we have accounted for all the other children in the family and it is possible that this John L. Burkett was perhaps another son of John Burkett. If true, John L. Burkett and (William) Daniel Epley were 1st cousins. When I checked out Nolan County, Texas, I found that Sweetwater is the county seat and was begun in 1877, just three (3) years prior to the 1880 census showing John L. Burkett at the home of Daniel Epley. The beginning of Sweetwater was a store established in a dugout to accommodate buffalo hunters. The name Sweetwater was derived from "Mobeetie", the Kiowa Indian word for "sweet water" to describe the water in a nearby creek.

One thing seems clear - some children of John Burkett are listed in the Final Settlement of Henry's estate by name and those represented by attorneys are not listed by name and therefore there must be some more children. We have already talked about Tolbert and "Cage". Gina Burkett Hyché's suspicion is that an M. C. Burkett, who married S.

J. Ford, is known to have been in Texas and Gina suspects his first name might have been Micajah - or Cage for short. The father of John Burkett's wife, Paulina Markum, was Micajah Markum so it makes sense that a grandson could have been named after him.

While we know the names of the attorney's who represented the unnamed children of John, we do not know what state they were from. I have contacted the State of Tennessee about a list of attorneys in 1886 and here is their reply:

"Hello,

I've checked several sources, but have been unable to locate such a list of attorneys. I checked the director at the Tennessee Board of Law Examiners and she said they only have records of licensed attorneys as far back as 1903. In our library, we have a proceedings from Tennessee Bar Association meetings going back to 1896 that list TBA members. Bar membership is not a requirement to practice law in Tennessee, so the lists would not necessarily contain the names of all attorneys licensed to practice here.

Sorry I wasn't able to help you more.

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TBALink Editorial Coordinator  
Tennessee Bar Association  
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Nashville, TN 37219-2198  
615-277-3213  
bkolar@tnbar.org"

I have also contacted the state of Texas by phone and their response was pretty much the same as Tennessee but he promised to look around a little more. This pretty much sums up everything we have on John Burkett but I hope to get up to Woodbury, Tennessee next month and go through those records one more time. ■

## Family Tree Maker Backups -

Most of you are now aware of my near obsession to save our family information and photo's that so many have worked so hard for so long to accumulate.

Here is a list of those who have backups of Family Tree Maker at this time, although some may be slightly out of date. I plan to conduct a survey and establish better records of who has what Version of Family Tree Maker in order to make it easier for me and them in providing them with the proper format.

Jim M. Burkett

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O'Donnell, Texas 79351

Susan and Mickey Campbell  
29 West Road



Fayetteville, Tennessee 37334

Lisa Daehnke  
28406 N. 41st Street  
Cave Creek, Arizona 85331

Doye Fanning  
1313 Hawk Trail  
Copperas Cove, Texas 76522

Scott Hopkins  
497 South Chapel Street  
Newark, Delaware 19713

Bill Huckaby  
4320 Rustic Road  
Carmichael, California 95608

Gina Burkett Hyche  
319 Gregory Road  
Jasper, Alabama 35503  
(This is Gina's current address. They will be moving to  
Athens, Alabama this fall.)

Wes Parker  
4220 Roseville Road  
Fresno, California 93726

Randy Wood  
1919 19th Street N. W. # 302  
Washington, D. C. 20009-1258

(If I have made any mistakes or omissions in the above,  
please let me know.)

Although Family Tree Maker does not currently support making backups on CD's, I have been talking with them and believe, with their help, I have figured out how to do it. If it works, and I think it will, it will be cheaper and faster to do it with CD's. They are becoming cheaper and I can easily get the entire file on one CD whereas I was using up to four (4) disks before. A CD will also be cheaper to mail and faster to install since they are not having to insert several disks. Those of you on the above list can expect to be hearing from me soon. I plan to establish a routine for mailing the same update to everyone at the same time which will be fairly easy to do now that I can "burn" CD's. By doing so, we will be assured everybody is looking at the same data. ■

### Converting Videotapes to DVD disk -

I have recently learned of a firm which will take your videotapes and put them on a DVD disk which is similar to a CD, except a lot different in technology.

However, it is somewhat expensive - currently \$29.95 plus \$5.95 shipping and handling - plus it requires additional

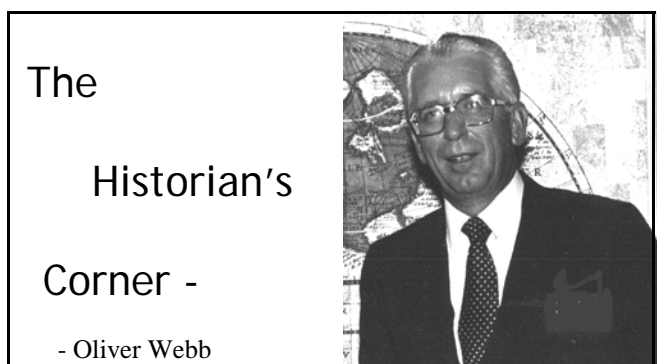
equipment which few of you probably have. (I don't.) While the original objective was to use a DVD player and see them on your TV, they can also be played on *some* computers which have DVD players. The DVD technology has not been completely standardized and so there is still some confusion as to what will play and what won't.

So why am I mentioning this? Just to alert you about what is coming down the road in the way of new technology we can take advantage of in preserving our records. Many of you have video recorders of various makes, models, and types. You possibly have tapes which were made recently and also several years ago. *But tapes wear out.* They are made of a magnetic coating (iron oxide) glued to a plastic base. With age, typically 10-15 years, the glue becomes brittle so that as the tape is played, the magnetic coating is stripped off. Tapes stored in hot or humid environments decay faster. DVD's, which are similar to CD's in structure, are estimated to last 30-200 years and subsequent copies can be made with perfect fidelity to the original. Each time you re-record a tape, the resolution and color fidelity will diminish and graininess will increase but digitally recorded video, like on a DVD, can be re-recorded infinitely without any image degradation.

My interest lies in the fact that we have several videotapes made at reunions. When the technology gets here - and it may be here now - I could then transfer the tape to a DVD, install it in my computer, and "pause" and "copy" individual frames of folks which could then be placed in our electronic Photo Albums. I have been talking with the Vendor of this service and with COMPUSA to learn more about the technology and compatibility with current hardware and software.

If you have any interest in this service - like I said, it's fairly expensive right now - you can go to [www.lifeclips.com](http://www.lifeclips.com) and read about it. In my neck of the woods, a drugstore chain, Eckerd's, now offers to accept your tapes at their photo department and have them processed for you, similar to having your photo's developed.

My interest, as always, lies in utilizing anything which will preserve our family records of whatever type. I'll keep you posted as to what I learn about this. ■



Much of this issue has been devoted to those with computers or those perhaps interested in getting one. I

understand that many of our subscribers do not have a computer but almost half do. For long-time subscribers, you will recall the days when I had to make backup copies and take them to the Bank where I had rented a safe deposit box in order to protect the data. That was time consuming to say the least. Now, with our data already distributed across the country, I feel very comfortable. And now we have the electronic Photo Album available which will allow me to get all of our family photo's in the hands of several relatives and thereby preserve them from being destroyed in a single catastrophe such as computer failure, fire, etc.

My next objective is to locate some form of computer software which will enable me to place every issue of the Newsletter into electronic storage and distribute copies among several relatives. Sometime back I talked about making paper copies - and I may still do that - but that proved to be too expensive for most of our relatives. These Newsletters contain articles and information about the family not found in Family Tree Maker nor the electronic Photo Album. Although I have mentioned it several times, I cannot overemphasize the amount of time and work which so many people have put into accumulating this collection and it must not be lost.

I am planning at some point in time to donate copies of what we have to selected libraries so that future descendants may have access to everything. We have experienced - and still are, for that matter - difficulty in obtaining information about some members of the family. Anything we can do now to prevent future researchers from having to retrace our steps to obtain information should be our objective. In looking through old files at court houses and libraries, I have personally experienced the deterioration of these files and it behooves us to locate as much information as quickly as we possibly can before the files are completely destroyed. In addition, some sources claim to be putting files on microfilm and thereby protecting them. But I have experienced first hand the carelessness with which some files have been treated. While I'm on this subject, if you have any ideas or thoughts about preserving our history, don't hesitate to let me hear from you. I stay so busy that I may not think of something that is obvious to someone else.

And I haven't forgotten the hard cover book project. It's just that I have had very little time to work on it. I do have it started and have the outline for it, it's just a matter of finding the time to work on it. I do consider it a priority and will devote as much time as I can to completing it. This, of course, would incorporate our data from Family Tree Maker, the Newsletters, and the electronic Photo Album.

I had a recent phone call from Joe W. Burkett, III. He's the son of Joe Burkett, Jr. whose obituary leads off this issue. Joe tells me how, over the years, his father talked to him about our family and the family legend which says our ancestors came to this country and came south from Pennsylvania and he is particularly interested in

determining who they were. He has located a book and is sending me excerpts from it which may, or may not, provide some clues in that regard. I found it interesting that one of the stories he told me about his father was the time they were discussing a spring in or near Kerrville, Texas where the women took their clothes to wash. He said that while they were talking his father said, "Why don't we just go see if we can find that spring?" They did go, they did find the spring, and they did find the rocks the women used to wash the clothes. I find it ironic that in the *Timeline* shown on page 4, I made reference to the invention of the scrub board and the impact it had on the lives of folks in those days. In fact, I can remember my grandmother using a scrub board in the 1930's. But to get back to Joe, he is planning to continue to search as time permits for clues which could lead us to discovering the parents of Henry Burkett, Sr. and perhaps even their parents.

Earlier in this issue, I spoke about researching Land Grants of North Carolina and about going to Nashville to checkout the archives there. Well, since I printed that, I have spoken with my cousin, Gina Burkett Hyche of Jasper, Alabama, and she told me she had already searched these files and came up with nothing. That was a big blow to my hopes of turning up something so now I guess we have to search some other way. But I have to say, I do get more and more disappointed. Maybe we'll have to go back to the Pennsylvania records and try to locate and trace them down through Virginia to North Carolina, if that's how they came.

If anybody has access to the Texas Census records for the late 1800's and the time to look at them, please contact me. I am particularly interested in what happened to John L. Burkett and M. C. Burkett. I'm also wondering if Tolbert Burkett was ever out in Texas.

That's it for this issue except for fussing at you one more time. I know there are some stories out there and you are just not letting me know about them. Is it because you feel they are not interesting enough or is it because you do not want to take the time? If nothing else, why not write what you remember about your parents and what they did for a living, where they went to school, what they enjoyed doing. Let me hear from you. ■







