

**These are the children of Gersham (Gary) Alexander Bills and his wife Eugenia May Ogilvie. They begin with Anna Bell Bills at number 19 and extend through Alford A Bills at 30. My line begins with John Rush Bills at number 26.**

19. Anna Bell Bills - 17 JAN 1874 • Navarro County, Texas - 7 JULY 1922 • Stamford, Jones, TX  
 John Travis Bryant - 19 JANUARY 1867 • Mobile,, AL - 30 APRIL 1953 • Shreveport, LA



<u>1900 Census - Navarro, Texas</u>					
John Bryant	Male	33	Jan 1867	John Travis Bryant	
Anna B Bryant	Female	26	Jan 1874	Anna Bell Bills	
Wayne Bryant	Male	6	Jul 1894	Wayne Cullen Bryant	

Anna first appears in the 1880 census in Gersham's home having been born in 1874. She married John Travis Bryant in 1892. John is about 7 years older. They are shown in the 1900

census still in Navarro with their 6 year old son Wayne. In this census, John is listed as a teacher and Anna is a dry goods clerk. In his obituary, it mentions that John first came to Navarro to be the superintendent of schools in Navarro. I need to find some more information about this. I did note that in 1890, he was a student at the University of Texas in Austin.

<u>1910 Census - Venus, Johnson , Texas</u>					
J T Bryant	Male	43	1867	John Travis Bryant	
Anna Bryant	Female	36	1874	Anna Bell Bryant	
Wayne Bryant	Male	15	1895	Wayne Cullen Bryant	
Eldwin Bryant	Male	8	1902	Eldwin Bryant	

John must have gotten out of the teaching business as the 1910 census finds him in Venus TX, which is near Midlothian, south of Dallas. His profession is a dry goods merchant and his 15 year old son Wayne is a

stock boy at a dry goods store. They had added a new son, Eldwin in 1902. I cannot find any details, but son Raymond arrived in 1905 and died in 1906. Son Wayne was called up for service in WW1 in the

**1920 Census -Stamford, Jones , Texas**

John T Bryant	Male	52	1868	John Travis Bryant
Anna B Bryant	Female	45	1875	Anna Bell Bryant

because 1920 finds them in Stamford TX which is out west north of Abilene. I ran across an article in the 1907 Abilene paper about John visiting Abilene in 1907, so maybe he was checking out the lay of the land. Again, no details have been found, but son Eldwin passed away in 1914. Oldest son Wayne married

**1930 Census - Tarrant, Ft Worth, TX**

W C Bryant	Male	36	1894	Wayne Cullen Bryant
Ruth Bryant	Female	37	1893	Ruth Bryant
Jack Bryant	Male	9	1921	Jack Bryant
Margaret Bryant	Female	6	1924	Margaret Bryant
Bettie Bryant	Female	1	1929	Bettie Bryant
J T Bryant	Male	63	1867	John Travis Bryant

**1940 Census - San Antonio, Bexar , TX**

W C Bryant	Male	45	1894	Wayne Cullen Bryant
Ruth Bryant	Female	46	1893	Ruth Bryant
Jack Bryant	Male	18	1921	Jack Bryant
Margaret Bryant	Female	16	1924	Margaret Bryant
Bettie Bryant	Female	11	1929	Bettie Bryant
J T Bryant	Male	73	1867	John Travis Bryant

**1950 Census - Shreveport, Caddo, LA**

W C Bryant	Male	55	1894	Wayne Cullen Bryant
Ruth Bryant	Female	56	1893	Ruth Bryant
J T Bryant	Male	83	1867	John Travis Bryant

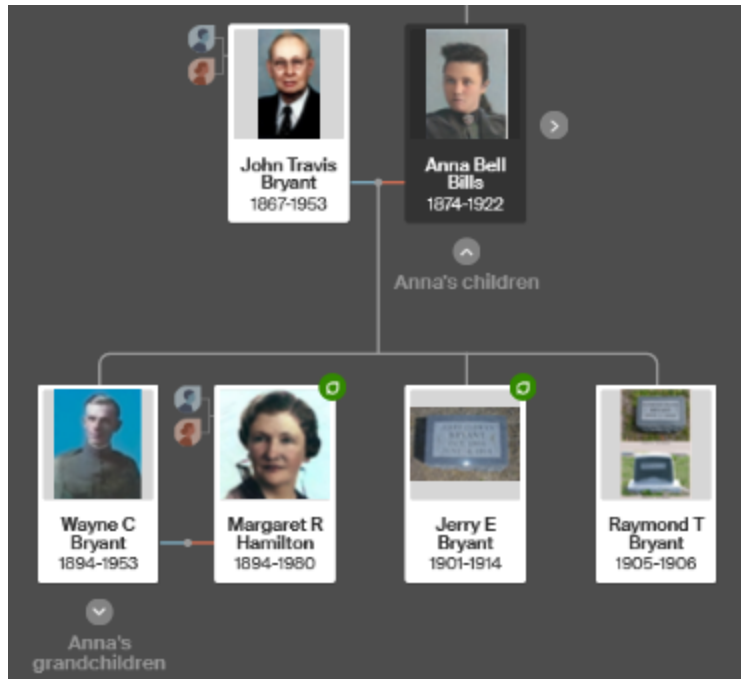
Quartermaster Corp. It seems he served about 4 months at Camp Bowie, TX.

Apparently, Venus wasn't big enough, because 1920 finds John and Anna as empty nesters. John is still in dry goods. Unfortunately, Anna dies of asthma and heart failure in 1922 at the age of 48.

In 1930, John had moved in with his son Wayne and family in Ft Worth Both John and Wayne were involved in Dry Goods. .

They had moved to San Antonio in 1940. John is no longer working, but Wayne and his son are in dry goods.

Finally in 1950, they moved to Shreveport. John is 83 and living with his son. He died in 1953.



Anna and John's children:

82. Wayne Cullen Bryant  
1894–1953

83. Jerry Eldwyn Bryant  
1901–1914

84. Raymond Travis Bryant  
1905–1906

20. Hallie Clara Bills - 9 NOV 1875 • Emmett, Navarro, TX - 16 APR 1957 • Hubbard, Hill, Navarro, TX  
Gayler Lee Ledford - 4 SEP 1873 • North Carolina - Death 26 JUL 1919 • Hill, TX

#### 1900 Census - Navarro, Texas

Gal* L Ledford	Male	27	Sep 1873	Gaylord Lee Ledford
Hollie C Ledford	Female	25	Nov 1875	Hallie Clara Bills



Hallie was born in 1875 and first appears in her parent's home in the 1880 census as a 5 year old. She married Galer Ledford on 9 Nov 1899 and appears in the 1900 census as Galer's wife and they are living next door to her parents. Galer is shown to be working as a farm laborer so my suspicion is that he was hired by Gersham to work on his farm. Her father Gersham along with her youngest brother died on the same day in 1904.

#### 1910 Census - Hillsboro, Hill, Texas

Gaylor L Ledford	Male	36	1874	Gaylord Lee Ledford - dies 1919
Hallie Ledford	Female	33	1877	Hallie Clara Bedford
Lillian Ledford	Female	11	1899	Lillian Ledford
Abbie May Ledford	Female	7	1903	Abbie May Ledford
Minnie Fay Ledford	Female	4	1906	Minnie Fay Ledford
Truett Ledford	Male	2	1908	Truett Ledford

By 1910, they lived in Hillsboro and Galer was in the grocery business. They had been busy having children with three daughters and a son ranging in age from 2 to 11. It appears that

another child was born between Abbie and Minnie since the 1910 census showed that Hallie had 5 children but only 4 surviving. I've tried to find more information about their grocery business, but so far I have not. Galer died in 1919 from TB per his death certificate.

I'm not sure exactly what happened with the census taker in 1920, but most of the ages and birth years

<b><u>1920 Census - Hillsboro, Hill, Texas</u></b>				
Hallie C Ledford	Female	44	1876	Hallie C Ledford
Lillian Ledford	Female	19	1901	Lillian Ledford
Abbie May Ledford	Female	17	1903	Abbie May Ledford
Minnie Fay Ledford	Female	13	1907	Minnie Fay Ledford
F Truett Ledford	Male	11	1909	F Truett Ledford
Galer Ledford	Male	8	1912	Galer Ledford
Jesse Ledford	Female	4	1916	Jesse Ledford
Note - Ages are messed up				

differ from the 1910 census. Hallie was still living in Hillsboro and is a widow with 6 kids ranging from 4 to 19. The only person listed as working in the census is the oldest daughter Lillian. She was a teacher. It's interesting that Lillian was found in the 1916 Hillsboro High School Yearbook as a sophomore which means when she was a teacher in 1920, she was only 2 years out of high school.

<b><u>1930 Census - Hubbard, Hill, Texas</u></b>				
Hallie Ledford	Female	54	1876	Hallie C Ledford
Truett Ledford	Male	22	1908	F Truett Ledford
Gaylor Ledford	Male	18	1912	Gaylor Ledford
Jessie L Ledford	Female	14	1916	Jessie L Ledford
Minnie E English	Female	50	1880	Widowed roomer

In the 1930 census, Lillian, Abbie, and Minnie had left the nest. Hallie had moved to Hubbard from Hillsboro and had two sons and a daughter still at home along with a 50 year old widowed roomer. The oldest son Truett is the only person in the household with an occupation listed, and he is a motion picture projectionist.

<b><u>1940 Census - Hubbard, Hill, Texas</u></b>				
Hallie Ledford	Female	64	1876	Hallie Ledford
Gaylor Ledford	Male	28	1912	Gaylor Ledford

In 1940, she was still in Hubbard and her youngest

son Galer was living with her. Truett, Jessie, and Minnie had moved on. Gaylor was working as a lineman for the telephone company.

<b><u>1950 Census - Hubbard, Hill, Texas</u></b>				
Hallie Ledford	Female	74	1876	Hallie Ledford

In 1950, she was a 74 year old widow living alone in Hubbard. She died at home in 1957. The only

news article I have found about her is about her attendance of a reunion at the Brush Prairie Church in 1953 to honor the Sunday School class of 40 years before.

Gayler and Hallie's Children:

- 85. Lillian Ivy Ledford 1900–1979
- 86. Abbie Mae Ledford 1902–1975
- 87. Missing Child
- 88. Minnie Fae Ledford 1906–1985
- 89. Truett Saylor Ledford 1908–1979
- 90. Galer Lee Ledford 1911–1977
- 91. Jessie Lois Ledford 1915–1951

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- 21. Mary Delle Bills -18 DEC 1877 • Emmett, Navarro, TX - 9 MAR 1962 • Waxahachie, Ellis, TX
  - William Pitts Moore - 17 JUL 1870 • Decherd, Franklin, Tennessee - 21 MAR 1954 • Frost, TX

A lovely picture of the Moore family. Based on the ages of the children, it would be my guess that this is Jennie Mamie, Ben Harold, and Marzee. I hope to confirm this later after meeting with my newly discovered 2nd cousin Ruth Carmichael (Bellows) - granddaughter of Mary Dell and William. *(Note from Cousin Rebecca Fuller - Re: the Moore family picture. I believe the children are William Paul, Mayme, & Ben. Young boys were often dressed like girls.)*



**1900 Census - Navarro, Texas**

William P Moore	Male	30	Jul 1870	William Pitts Moore
Mary D Moore	Female	23	Dec 1877	Mary Delle Bills
Elbert G Moore	Male	1	Feb 1899	Elberet G Moore - dies 1900

Mary was born in 1877 in Navarro County and shows up initially in her parent's home in the

1880 census. She married William Pitts Moore on 22 June 1896 at which time she would have been 19. William is shown to have been a farmer, and like her older sister Hallie, they are living next door to Gersham and Martha. I wonder if Gersham was splitting up his land holdings to give his son's-in-laws a place to get a start. William was seven years older than Mary. Their first child, Elbert was born in early 1899, but unfortunately died in July of 1900. I do not know what caused his death.

**1910 Census - Navarro, Texas**

Will P Moore	Male	35	1875	William Pitts Moore
May D Moore	Female	32	1878	Mary Delle Moore
Paul W Moore	Male	9	1901	Paul W Moore
Mamie J Moore	Female	6	1904	Mamie J Moore
Ben H Moore	Male	4	1906	Ben H Moore

In 1910, they were still in Navarro working on the farm. They had two sons and a daughter. It should be recalled that her father and youngest brother died in 1904.

**1920 Census - Hill, Texas**

William P Moore	Male	49	1871	William Pitts Moore
Maye D Moore	Female	42	1878	Mary Delle Moore
William P Moore	Male	19	1901	Paul W Moore
J Marnie Moore	Female	16	1904	Mamie J Moore
Ben H Moore	Male	14	1906	Ben H Moore
Anamaze Moore	Female	8	1912	Marzee Moore
Robert B Moore	Male	3	1917	Robert B Moore

In 1920, they had followed other family members to Hill County. Another daughter and son have joined the family. William continued to be a farmer. Mary's mother had died in 1917. Her oldest sister Ann died in 1922.

**1930 Census - Hill, Texas**

William P Moore	Male	59	1871	William Pitts Moore
Mary D Moore	Female	52	1878	Mary Delle Moore
Margee Moore	Female	18	1912	Anamaze Moore
Robert B Moore	Male	13	1917	Robert B Moore

fe seems to have gone on as normal through 1930. The three older kids have moved on leaving Marzee and Robert still at home on the farm.

**1940 Census - Navarro, Texas**

William P Moore	Male	69	1871	William Pitts Moore
Mary D Moore	Female	62	1878	Mary Delle Moore

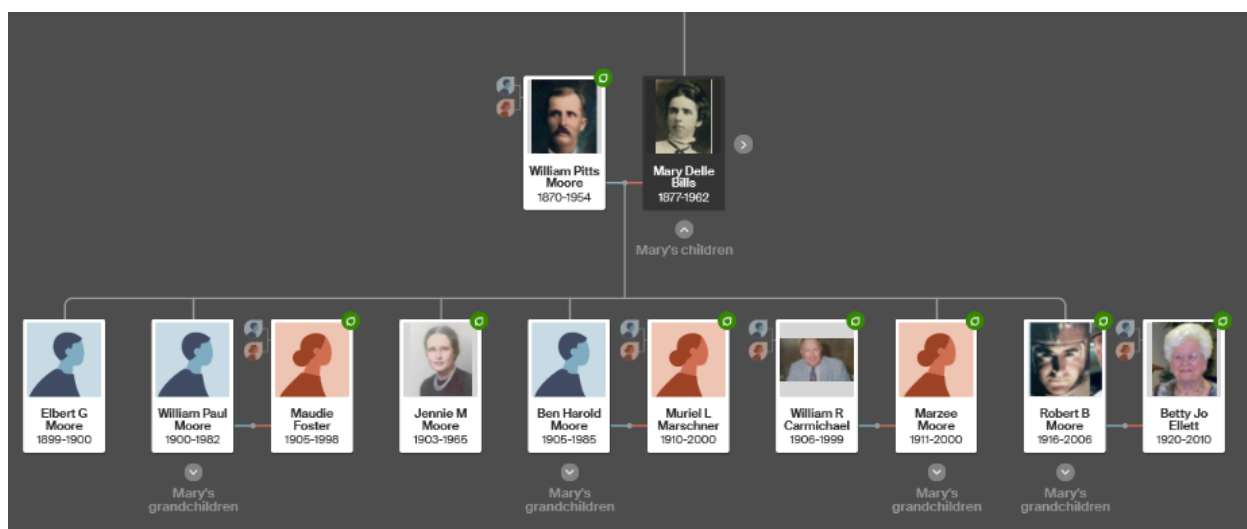
For some reason in 1940, they had moved back to Navarro County. There is a newspaper article in

1946 discussing the observation of their 50th wedding anniversary. In that article, it mentioned that they moved to Hill County in 1917 and then moved back to Navarro in 1937. It then mentions that they had lived in Frost since 1941.

In 1950, they lived in Frost and are still farming. William died in 1954 at the age of 83. Mary died in 1962 at the age of 84. At this time, per her death certificate, she was in a nursing home in Waxahachie. Her oldest son, Paul was the informant on her death certificate. It should be noted, and will be discussed later,

that Paul was the long time editor of the Corsicana newspaper.

<u>1950 Census - Navarro, Texas</u>				
William P Moore	Male	79	1871	William Pitts Moore - dies 1954
Mary D Moore	Female	72	1878	Mary Delle Moore - dies 1962



#### William and Mary's Children:

92. Elbert Gersham Moore 1899–1900
93. William Paul Moore 1900–1982
94. Jennie Mayme Moore 1903–1965
95. Ben Harold Moore 1905–1985
96. Marzee Moore 1911–2000
97. Robert Bryan Moore 1916–2006

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22. Bethania Eudora Tennie Bills - MAY 1879 • TX - 14 JAN 1940 • Pilot Point, Denton, Texas, USA
  - Edward Moore - 7 DE 1876 • Decherd, Franklin, TN- 14 DEC 1960 • Denton, Denton County, TX

I believe that Bethania went by Tennie so that is what I will use. She was born in 1879 and appears in the 1880 census and she's still at home in 1900 at the age of 21. However, she married Edward Moore on Christmas Eve of 1900.



It does not appear that he and William Pitts Moore were brothers, but they both came from the same place in Tennessee, so I suspect that I will find a relationship if I do some more digging. Perhaps they were cousins. His obituary notes that he moved to Texas from Tennessee in 1892.

Unlike her sisters, Tennie and Edward moved west moved to Floyd Texas by 1910 which is near Plainview (SE of Amarillo). Ed is listed as a stock farmer, and they have two daughters and a son. Luna and Vernon were both born in Emmett, Tx but Alice was born in Floyd, so that suggests they moved west between 1905 and 1910.

<u>1910 Census - Floyd, Texas</u>					
George E Moore	Male	33	1877	George Edward Moore	
Terrie Moore	Female	30	1880	Bethania Eudora Bills	
Luna Moore	Female	7	1903	Luna Moore	
Vernon E Moore	Male	5	1905	Vernon E Moore	
Alice Moore	Female	0	1910	Alice Moore	

<u>1920 Census - Pilot Point, Denton, Texas</u>					
Geo E Moore	Male	43	1877	George Edward Moore	
Tennie E Moore	Female	40	1880	Bethania Eudora Bills	
Luna Moore	Female	16	1904	Luna Moore	
Bernon Moore	Female	14	1906	Vernon E Moore	
Alice Moore	Female	11	1909	Alice Moore	
Garry Moore	Male	6	1914	Garry Moore	
Randal Moore	Male	3	1917	Randal Moore	

Floyd must have been a little too remote because in 1920, they were living in Pilot Point which is near Denton. They have had two more sons, and Ed is a farmer. All of the kids are still at home. His obituary adds that they actually moved to Mustang in 1913 which is 8 miles SE of Pilot Point.

They still lived in Mustang in 1930. Ed is still farming. Luna and Vernon have moved away, but the three

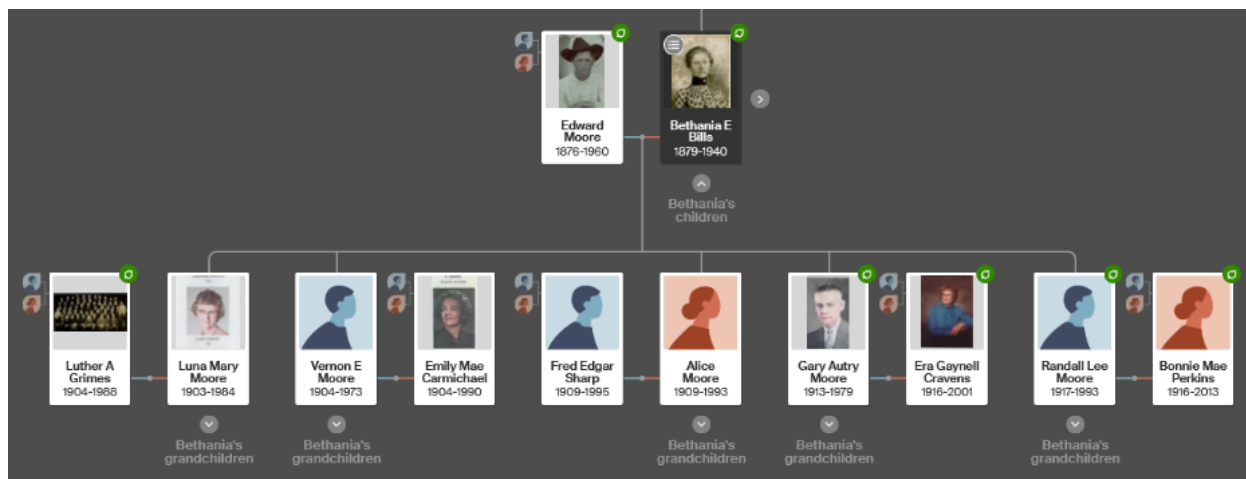
youngest are still at home. In Ed's obituary, it discussed his extensive involvement with the Mustang Methodist Church where he served as the Sunday School Superintendent for 27 years and was also on the Board of Managers and the music director.

<u>1930 Census - Pilot Point, Denton, Texas</u>				
Ed Moore	Male	53	1877	George Edward Moore
Tenie Moore	Female	50	1880	Bethania Eudora Bills
Garry Moore	Male	16	1914	Garry Moore
Alice Moore	Female	19	1911	Alice Moore
Randall Moore	Male	12	1918	Randal Moore

I have not found a death certificate or an obituary for Tennie, but her tombstone shows that she died in 1940. She would have been 60 years old. There are notes on Ancestry that give the date of her death as 14 Jan 1940, but I cannot substantiate that. What we do know is that in the 1940 census that was taken in April, Ed is listed as a widower, so Tennie was dead by then. Ed is a 63 year old farmer. His obituary goes on to state that in 1941, he married Mabel Bryant. I believe that Mabel was Alice Mabel Ragland who was previously married to J L Bryant. I'm still researching details about her. She does appear with him in the 1950 census where Ed was 73 and she was 67. She died in 1952 and Ed died in 1960.

<u>1940 Census - Pilot Point, Denton, Texas</u>				
Edward G Moore	Male	63	1877	George Edward Moore

98. Luna Mary Moore 1903–1984
99. Vernon Edward Moore 1904–1973
100. Alice Moore 1909–1993
101. Gary Autry Moore 1913–1979
102. Randall Lee Moore 1917–1993



23. Willie Floyd Bills - 12 JUN 1881 • Emmett, Navarro, TX - 6 SEP 1881 • Emmett, Navarro, Texas

There is a Find-A-Grave entry for Willie showing his birth date and death date, but I have been unable to document either. According to this he only lived 3 months.

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24. Robert J. Bills - 8 AUGUST 1883 • Emmett, Navarro, TX - 28 JAN 1884 • Navarro, TX

As with his brother Willie, Find-A-Grave is the only source I have for the dates here. According to this he only lived 5 months.

A bit of speculation here - Gersham's sister-in-law, Mollie Ogilvie Bills died in 1883 after giving birth to Ida. I may have mentioned previously, that in Circle of Love, it states that Gersham's wife took baby Ida in and raised her until her death in 1890. It would seem to make a little sense for that to have happened given that Eugenia had just lost two sons in a row.

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25. Gersham Autry Bills - 25 SEP 1884 • Navarro, TX - 19 DEC 1950 • Graham, Young County, TX

Mary K Fields - 27 SEP 1885 • Hill County, TX - 17 NOVEMBER 1971 • Graham, Young, TX



Gersham, who went by G. A. Bills was born in 1884, so he didn't show up until the 1900 census as 15 year old Autry. I'm not sure where Autry came from, but it ended up being my father's middle name so it must have been a family name from someone. My mother referred to him as Uncle Aut. He died shortly before I was born, but Mary didn't die until 1971, but I do not remember meeting her. G. A. and Mary were married on 24 Dec 1907. I note that his older sister Tennie also married on Christmas Eve 1900.

<b><u>1910 Census -Young, Texas</u></b>				
Gursham A Bills	Male	25	1885	Gersham Autry Bills
Mary K Bills	Female	24	1886	Mary K Fields

In the 1910 census, G. A. and Mary are shown as farmers in Young County. It was interesting to note that Mary

is listed as a farm laborer. They must have moved to Loving, Tx shortly after their 1907 marriage in Navarro County.

It should be noted that Gersham and Mary never had any children so all of their census entries are similar with the only thing changing is their age. I have run across a probate entry from 1924 from which Mary inherits 1/5th interest in a 200 acre farm in Navarro County from her mother. I cannot find them in the 1930 census, but they are in both the 1940 and 1950 censuses at the same location. In her Find-A-Grave entry, it said that she was the Loving correspondent for the Graham Leader for many years. I need to spend some time on this website which has all issues of the Graham Leader from 1876 to 2011. I think that it will be a gold mine of trivia about our family.

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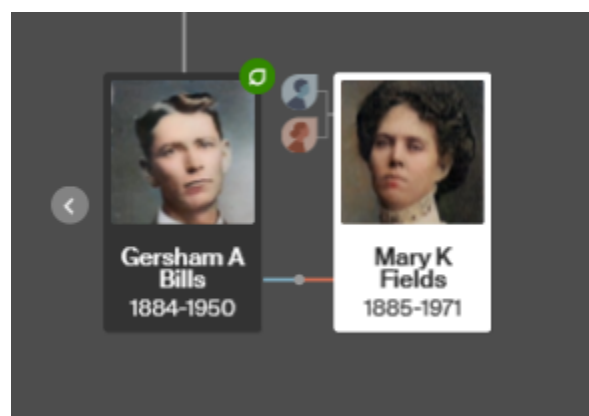
Another note about G. A. and Mary was that since they had no children, they took a liking to my Uncle Donald. Donald was the third son of G. A. 's younger brother, John Rush Bills (my grandfather) and was a twin of Dorothy Bills. My mother indicated that there was a bit of resentment from his brothers and sisters as he was treated like an only child while the others were just poor farm kids with 6 other siblings.

G. A. died in Dec 1950 and Mary died in 1971. I haven't thoroughly researched Mary, but from a brief

<u>1920 Census - Loving, Young, Texas</u>					
Gresham A Bills	Male	35	1885	Gresham Autry Bills	
Mary K Bills	Female	34	1886	Mary K Fields	

look, it appears that her mother was married to James Fields. He died in 1888 and she married Cleanel Stone who was a widower with several kids, so she would have grown up in a blended

family.



Their tree is pretty small and they had no children.

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26. John Rush Bills -10 MAR 1887 • Emmett, Navarro, TX - FEB 1952 • Loving, Young County  
Clementine Agnes Cook - 23 FEB 1890 • Emmett, Navarro, TX - 10 JUL 1970 • Graham, Young



**1910 Census - Loving, Young, Texas**

John R Bills	Male	23	1887	John Rush Bills
Clemmie A Bills	Female	20	1890	Clementine Agnes Cook
Leota P Bills	Female	0	1910	Leota Pansy Bills

west to Loving Tx in Young County, just north of Graham. My maternal grandfather, T. C. Butler, lived in Loving at the time and was single working as a druggist. I found a newspaper article from August 1909 talking about Tom Butler purchasing the Loving Dug Store. As with most of Gersham's children, Rush

**1920 Census - Loving, Young, Texas**

John R Bills	Male	31	1889	John Rush Bills
Clemmie A Bills	Female	29	1891	Clementine Agnes Cook
Leota T Bills	Female	10	1910	Leota Pansy Bills
James R Bills	Male	9	1911	James Rush Bills
Wendell P Bills	Male	1	1919	Wendell Pat Bills

that died.

Clemmie's mother died in 1923 in Temple Texas so sometime before 1930, James Anderson Cook, her father, moved to Loving and moved in with Rush and Clemmie and their growing family. As

These are my grandparents. I believe that granddad went by Rush. Unfortunately, he died right before my first birthday so I did not ever know him. I saw a news clipping describing how my family had just arrived for a visit and he had a heart attack and died. Rush was born in 1887 and Clemmie was born in 1890 in Emmett, a small town in Navarro County. They both first appear in their respective parent's homes in the 1900 census, and both were attending school. They married in 1908 in Emmett when Rush was 21 and Clemmie was 18. Both of their fathers were farmers.

After their marriage and the birth of their first child, they move of their first child, they move west to Loving Tx in Young County, just north of Graham. My maternal grandfather, T. C. Butler, lived in Loving at the time and was single working as a druggist. I found a newspaper article from August 1909 talking about Tom Butler purchasing the Loving Dug Store. As with most of Gersham's children, Rush was a farmer.

In 1920, Rush was still farming and the family was growing. Uncle JR and Pat had arrived. Leota and JR were both in school and JR was also listed as a farm laborer. I'm not sure why there was such a big gap between JR and Pat. I have not found any evidence of a child

can be seen in the enumeration, Leota was married and moved out. JR was still at home as was Pat. The twins, Dorothy and Donald had arrived as had my father Jack. Great grand dad Cook is pictured here.

<u>1930 Census - Loving, Young, Texas</u>				
John R Bills	Male	43	1887	John Rush Bills
Clemmie Bills	Female	40	1890	Clementine Agnes Cook
James R Bills	Male	16	1914	James Rush Bills
Wyndal Bills	Male	11	1919	Wendell Pat Bills
Donald Bills	Male	4	1926	Donald Bills
Dorothy Bills	Female	4	1926	Dorothy Bills
Jack Bills	Male	3	1927	Jack Autry Bills
James A Cook	Male	66	1864	Father in Law



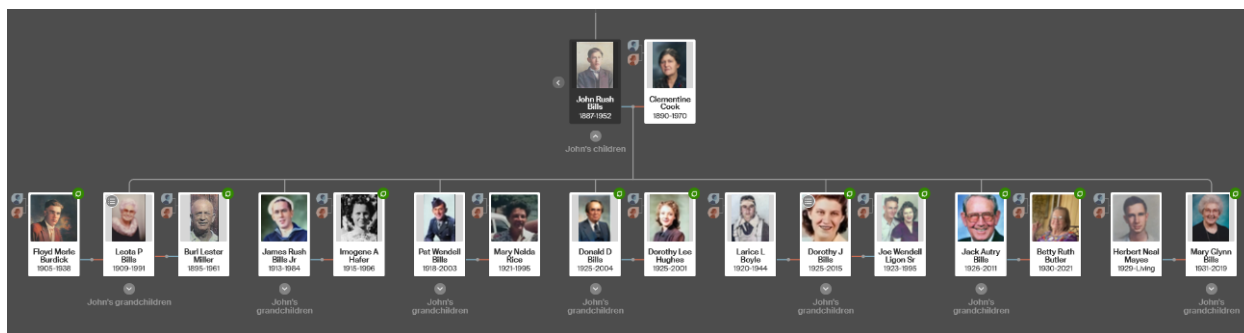
<u>1940 Census - Loving, Young, Texas</u>				
John R Bills	Male	53	1887	John Rush Bills
Clemmie Bills	Female	50	1890	Clementine Agnes Cook
Donald Bills	Male	14	1926	Donald Bills
Dorothy Bills	Female	14	1926	Dorothy Bills
Jack Bills	Male	13	1927	Jack Autry Bills
James A Cook	Male	78	1864	Father in Law
M Glynn	Female	9	1931	Mary Glynn Bills

In the 1940 census, JR had married and moved away. Don, Dorothy, and Jack are teenagers and they have a new little sister, Mary Glynn. This is the census before WW2, and during the war all of the children (including Dorothy) except Leota and Mary Glynn served in the armed forces. In 1943, grandad Cook passed away.

<u>1950 Census - Loving, Young, Texas</u>				
John R Bills	Male	63	1887	John Rush Bills
Clemmie Bills	Female	60	1890	Clementine Agnes Cook

In 1950, it appeared that they had moved into Graham, but they still owned the farm. All of the children had married and moved away so Rush and Clemmie were empty nesters.

As mentioned earlier, Rush dropped dead of a heart attack in 1952 and Clemmie lived until 1970. The story is told that after Rush died, Clemmie had a sister in Tyler that was also a widow. They decided that they should live together, but neither wanted to give up their house, so they rotated month to month between Graham and Tyler. On one of the trips back to Graham, Clemmie's sister was bringing her back and about halfway back she asked Clemmie how she was doing, but got no response. Looking over, she saw that grandmother was dead. Not knowing what to do, she stopped at a funeral home in the nearest town asking for advice. The funeral director told her that it would be much more cost effective if she just



drove on to Graham with Clemmie's body. She said that it was a very uncomfortable drive. At the time of her death, my parents lived in Kuwait and I was over visiting. Dad decided that he needed to return for the funeral, so I stayed in Kuwait with my mother and younger sister and we went ahead on a trip that had already been planned to Cyprus.

John Rush and Clemmie's children"

103. Leota Pansy Bills 1909–1991
104. James Rush Bills Jr 1913–1984
105. Pat Wendell Bills 1918–2003
106. Dorothy Jean Bills 1925–2015
107. Donald Dean Bills 1925–2004
108. Jack Autry Bills 1926–2011
109. Mary Glynn Bills 1931–2019

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27. Mattie Eugenia Bills - 2 OCT 1889 • Emmett, Navarro, TX - 22 FEB 1938 • Houston, Harris, TX  
 Clarence Roy Coxsey - 2 SEP 1885 • Arkansas - 5 SEPTEMBER 1967 • Houston, Harris County, TX

Mattie was born in 1889 in Emmett, TX. She appears in the 1900 census with her parents. Her father died in 1904 so in 1910, she was still in her mom's home at age 20 with two younger brothers. Her youngest brother died on the same day as his father in 1904. In 1910, Clarence was a marine stationed aboard the USS Missouri stationed in the Boston Shipyard I think, but the information in the 1910 census is rather sketchy. It does not show his age or birthplace and I cannot find anything on Fold3. There is also another record listing Clarence Coxsey aboard the USS Minnesota in 1907 indicating that he had enlisted in Mar 1907. If this is the same Clarence, then he must have mustered out in time to marry Mattie in 1912.



**1920 Census - Post, Garza, Texas**

Clarence R Coxsen	Male	34	1886	Clarence Roy Coxsey
Marrie Coxsen	Female	30	1890	Mattie Eugenia Bills
Essie G Coxsen	Female	6	1914	Essie G Coxsey
Kathryn Coxsen	Female	3	1917	Kathryn Coxsey

know if they moved there, or if it had a better hospital.

**1930 Census - Shelby, Texas**

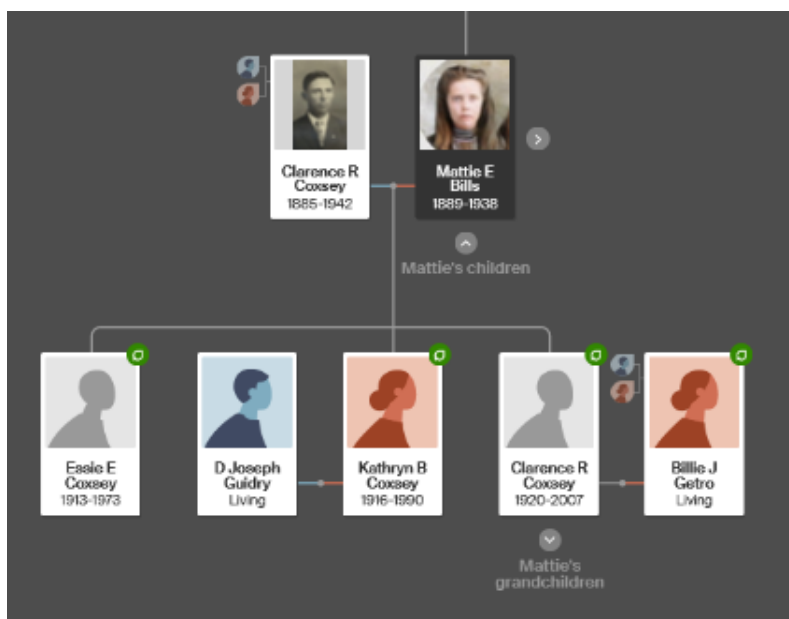
Clarence R Coxsey	Male	44	1886	Clarence Roy Coxsey
Mattie E Coxsey	Female	40	1890	Mattie Eugenia Bills - dies 1938
Essie Jenett Coxsey	Female	16	1914	Essie G Coxsey
Kathryn B Coxsey	Female	13	1917	Kathryn Coxsey
Clarence R Coxsey	Male	9	1921	Clarence Raymond Coxsey

but it mentions renal problems and something about the uterus. She was 49 years old.

**1940 Census - Anderson, Texas**

Clarence R Coxsey	Male	55	1885	Clarence Roy Coxsey
Ramon Coxsey	Male	19	1921	Clarence Raymond Coxsey

living in Houston and that his next of kin was Ben Moore. If my calculations are correct, Ben was a



By 1920, they had moved to Post Texas which is way out in west Texas between Lubbock and Snyder. They had two daughters and as with most of these folks, they are farming. Their son Clarence was born in Nov 1920 in Lynn TX which must have been a little bigger town further west. I don't

By 1930, they moved back east to Shelby, TX which is between Brenham and La Grange. Young Clarence appears in this census with his two older sisters. Mattie died in 1938. On her death certificate it says that they were living in Tenaha, TX which is out east of Nacogdoches. Her cause of death is difficult to read,

1940 found the widowed Clarence living in Anderson County with his son Clarence. In 1942 however, he filled out an Old Man's Draft Registration that indicated he was living in Houston and that his next of kin was Ben Moore. If my calculations are correct, Ben was a nephew, the son of his sister-in-law Mary Dell (Bills) Moore. During the war, all of his children served in the armed forces. I will cover their service under their page. There is a marriage record in 1943 for C. R. Coxsey and Lena Richardson. I have not found the 1950 census for Clarence and any other confirmation. There is a Find-A-Grave for Lena Richardson that does not mention Clarence so I'm uncertain about this. He would have been a widow for five years at this time and lived another 24 years so it would not be surprising.



The Coxsey Children:

110. Essie Eugenia Coxsey 1913–1973

111. Kathryn Belle Coxsey 1916–1990

112. Clarence Raymond Coxsey 1920–2007

A cute story about Mattie which I read in Circle of Love says that she was best friends with Clemmie Cook who would marry her older brother, my grandfather Rush Bills so they became sisters-in-law. Pictured here are Mattie and my grandmother Clemmie.

The following tribute was found on the Navarro County Genealogy Site

#### IN MEMORY OF MRS. C. R. COXSEY

I desire, in my feeble way, to pay tribute to the memory of a very dear friend and neighbor of mine, Mrs. C. R. Coxsey, who departed this life February 22, 1938, at the Methodist Memorial Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Coxsey and I have been intimately associated ever since she and her family moved into our midst thirteen years ago. She possessed a quiet, gentle, sweet and retiring personality and a character beyond reproach. As a Christian she went about doing good at every opportunity. Her kind deeds and gentle words, so touchingly spoken, have eased the heartaches of many as well as to have lifted their crushed hopes back into the light of another day. As a mother, Mrs. Coxsey stood out as one nearing the ideal. The ambitions, high ideals, and the desire to be of service to humanity; of her children are living examples of the ponderings of Mrs. Coxsey's heart. As a wife she fulfilled her every duty. She and her husband seemed to have been one of those perfectly mated couples whose lives blended in splended harmony.

So to the family, relatives and friends of this beautiful and lovable personality and soul I would say as did James Whitcomb Riley in his poem:

#### AWAY

I can not say, and I will not say  
That she is dead. - She is just away !  
With a cherry smile, and a wave of the hand,  
She has wandered into an unknown land.  
And left us dreaming how very fair  
It needs must be, since she lingers there.

And you - O you, who the wildest yearn  
For the old-time step and the glad return ----  
Think of her still as the same, I say:  
She is not dead - she is just away!

Mrs. Coxsey was 48 years of age. She united with the Methodist church at the age of eleven years at Emmett, Texas. Taught school at Jones Ranch, Navarro county, several years. She and her husband had been married 25 years. She was laid to rest in the family cemetery at Emmett Texas.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence R. Coxsey, and three children, Miss Essle Gene, a graduate nurse employed at the new Jefferson Davis Hospital, Houston; Katherine, doing second year work in nursing at the Jefferson Davis Hospital, and Raymond, a senior in Center high school. Brothers and sisters surviving are: G. A., J. R., and I. G. Bills, all of Loving, Tex.; Mrs. G. I. Ledford, Hubbard City, Tex.; Mrs. W. P. Moore, Emmett, Tex.; Mrs. Edd Moore and Mrs. I. L. Moore, Pilot Point. Tex. - A Friend

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28. Leota L Bills - 27 DEC 1891 • Frost, Navarro, TX - 25 FEB 1975 • Pilot Point, Denton County, TX  
Isaac Lycurgus Moore - 2 APR 1885 • Corsicana, Navarro- 25 APR 1961 • Pilot Point, Denton County

Leota was born in 1891 in Frost TX and appears in the 1900 census for the first time as the youngest daughter of Gersham and Eugenia. She next appears in the 1910 census after Gersham's death. Mattie and Lewis are the only other kids still at home since her youngest brother died on the same day as her father.

On 9 Nov 1910, she married Isaac Lycurgus Moore in Navarro County. He apparently went by Curg and I don't blame him! He was the younger brother of William Pitts Moore who had married her older sister Mary Dell.



In 1920, they had moved to Mustang TX in Denton County and as with all the others, they were farming. Their only daughter was born in 1915 in Navarro County, and they moved to Mustang in 1917 per Curg's obituary.

The Moore's lived their entire lives in Mustang after moving there in 1917. Per Curg's obituary, they were active in the community to include serving as the treasurer of the Mustang

<u>1920 Census - Mustang, Denton</u>				
Isaac L Moore	Male	34	1886	Isaac L Moore
Lota Moore	Female	28	1892	Leota L Bills
Ruby F Moore	Female	4	1916	Ruby Moore
Lester L Fritz	Female	28	1892	Boarder
Myrtle Cody	Female	25	1895	Boarder

Baptist Church for 25 years, serving as a school trustee for many years, and serving as the election judge for Mustang for 30 years.

<u>1930 Census - Mustang, Denton, Texas</u>				
I L Moore	Male	44	1886	Isaac L Moore
Leota Moore	Female	38	1892	Leota L Moore
Ruby F Moore	Female	14	1916	Ruby Moore

Not much of a change in 1930. Everyone got 10 years older and life went on.

<u>1940 Census - Mustang, Denton, Texas</u>				
I L Moore	Male	55	1885	Isaac L Moore
Leota Moore	Female	48	1892	Leota L Moore

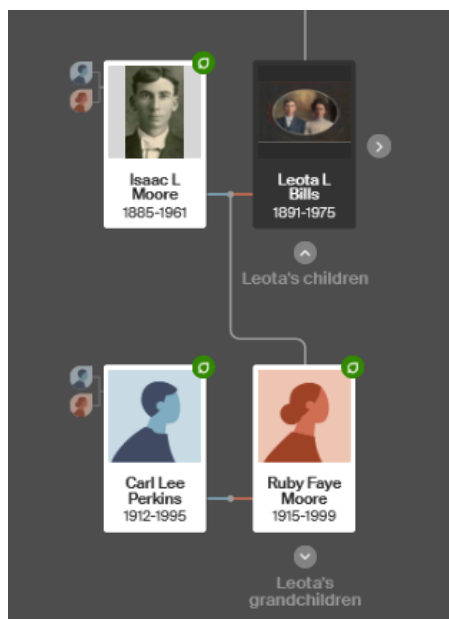
Their daughter Ruby had moved out by 1940.

<u>1950 Census - Mustang, Denton, Texas</u>				
Isaac Moore	Male	65	1875	Isaac L Moore
Leota L Moore	Female	58	1882	Leota L Moore

Continuing to 1950, I haven't been able to find any items of significance.

Curg died at the age of 76 in 1961 and Leota died in 1975 at the age of

83. If my evaluation is correct, Leota was the longest surviving sibling of Gersham's children.



Child of Leota and Curg:

113. Ruby Faye Moore 1915–1999

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29. Louis Graham Bills -8 AUG 1894 • Emmett, Navarro - 24 JUN 1972 • Graham, Young County, TX  
Myrtle A Phillips - 6 JAN 1898 - Irene, Hill County - 1 SEP 1978 • Fort Worth, Tarrant County



Louis was born in 1894 and his father and younger brother died when he was 10 leaving him at home with his mother and 2 older sisters. He married Myrtle on 6 Jan 1915. His mother then died in 1917. I have not found her in the 1900 or 1910 censuses so I'm not sure who her parents were.

**1920 Census - Young, Texas**

Louis G Bills	Male	25	1895	Louis Graham Bills
Mertie A Bills	Female	23	1897	Myrtle Angie Bills
Garth A Bills	Male	2	1918	Garth Autry Bills

Around 1917 after the birth of their first son, Louis and Myrtle followed other siblings to Young County and bought a farm. Son Garth was born in 1918.

In 1930, they were still farming and the family was growing. Another son and a daughter have joined the family. They are also providing lodging to 42 year old Anna Price who was a school teacher. I haven't

**1930 Census - Young, Texas**

Lewis G Bills	Male	35	1895	Louis Graham Bills
Myrtie Bills	Female	32	1898	Myrtle Angie Bills
Garth Bills	Male	12	1918	Garth Autry Bills
Vaulter Bills	Male	9	1921	Louis Vaulter Bills
Bobbie Ruth Bills	Female	4	1926	Bobbie Ruth Bills
Annie Mae Price	Female	42	1888	Lodger

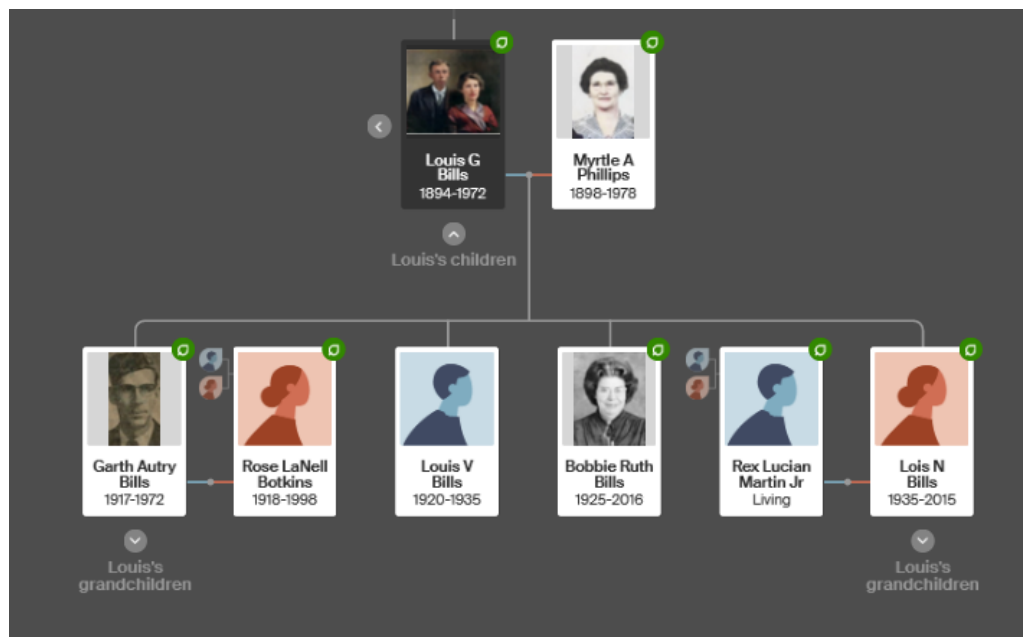
found details except for a brief newspaper article, but son Vaulter died at age 15 in Nov 1935. Earlier that year, their daughter Norfleet was born.

<u>1940 Census - Young, Texas</u>					
Louis G Bills	Male	45	1895	Louis Graham Bills	
Myrtie Bills	Female	42	1898	Myrtle Angie Bills	
Bobbie Ruth Bills	Female	14	1926	Bobbie Ruth Bills	
Lois Norfleet Bills	Female	4	1936	Lois Norfleet Bills	

1940 found them still farming in Young county. Likewise in 1950. Garth and Bobbie Ruth had moved out by 1950, but 14 year old Norfleet was still at home.

<u>1950 Census - Young, Texas</u>					
Louis G Bills	Male	55	1895	Louis Graham Bills	
Mertie Bills	Female	52	1898	Myrtle Angie Bills	
Norfleet L Bills	Female	14	1936	Lois Norfleet Bills	

Louis died in 1972 at age 77. Myrtle moved to Fort Worth to live with one of her children and died in 1978.



Children of Louis and Myrtle:

- 114. Garth Autry Bills 1917–1972
- 115. Louis Vaulter Bills 1920–1935
- 116. Bobbie Ruth Bills 1925–2016
- 117. Lois Norfleet Bills 1935–2015

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30. Alford A Bills - 31 JUL 1897 • Navarro, Texas - 12 JAN 1904 • Emmet, Navarro, Texas



The last of Gersham and Eugenia's children was Alford. He was born in 1897, but died on the same day as his father. That must have been a horrible day for poor Eugenia.

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