

WILLIAM R CARRADINE REJ

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① RPU First Contact with Bill - Date not clear from my records but it must have been prior to his email of 10 DEC 2010 to me shown below. James V / Burrell U. Subler (5-5)

②
10 DEC
2010

Subject: Upchurch History, Of Course
From: Wr Carradine <wrcarradine@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, Dec 10, 2010 7:10 pm
To: phil@upchurchstory.com
Attach: Upchurch.docx

Profile upchurch in Valley Full

Hi Phil,

The attached file contains some notes explaining the part of the Upchurch tree I am researching. I surely hope that you can help me fill in some missing parts. This is a "Word" file. Let me know if you have trouble accessing it, and I will try a different format.

I look forward to hearing from you when your arm is ready to cooperate!

Bill Carradine
Austin, Texas
512-250-5947

Upchurch - Grimes Co., Texas
From: Wr Carradine <wrcarradine@yahoo.com>
To: donnell_mary@hotmail.com

* ALL ITS SAME AS ON RPU MASTER OUTLINE EXCEPT I HAVE MARY S. A BUR AT BAPTIST CH. CEM. BEDIAS, TX - RPU

Hi Mary,
I ran across your guest book listing at the Grimes site at Rootsweb. I am interested in descendants of Mary Upchurch, last wife of Riley Judson. Please let me know if this address is still good. I would like to visit with you.
William Carradine

RE: Upchurch - Grimes Co., Texas
From: mary donnell <donnell_mary@hotmail.com>
To: wrcarradine@yahoo.com

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Dear William, happy to help you. I have the list back to 1620. I received this information from Betty Battles 12415 Mullins St. Houston Tx. 77035. she did all the reserch. Mary S. Upchurch (born April 4, 1851 died Jan. 14, 1914)(buried in Pankey Cem.) married Riley on Oct. 23, 1904 this was her 4th marriage. Riley was (born April 22 1856 at Bedias died July 1 1920) at Bedias. buried at the Pankey Cemetary . She was the daughter of Burrell Miles Upchurch(born July 1821) and Margaret JAMES who was (born June 9 1824 died June 16 1891). Mary S. was also Riley Judsons Upchurch's first cousin. Riley Judson was the son of Moses Upchurch the brother of Burrell Miles who was Mary's father. The records that I have doesnt list any children from Riley and Mary's union. Reily was my Great grandfather who had Jenny Nevada Upchurch my grandmother on my moms side, hope this helps. It doesn't list Mary's other husbands. Some day I hope to get down to Bedies to the Pankey cemetary and take pictures and find more information. Do you know if the upchurch reuion is still heald there. Good luck with your research . Mary Donnell

Betty Battles & Carl R Battles
12415 Mullins Dr
Houston, TX 77035
(713) 729-1777

[BETTY was Betty Margaret Hall - Cooperator of RPU]

③ 22 DEC 2010 Notes of call to RPU from Bill Carradine
 His phone NO = (636) 728-1408 - need to verify - or could
 be (512) 250-5947 - Bill spells his last name with 2 R's
 while others use 1 R. Bill is not an Upchurch descendant
 but his interest is in the following family:

F. James U, II - Hood of Class
 A. Burnell U

1. Burnell Miles U

a. Mary S. U b 4 APR 1851 (Gerritt Co., TX)

md(1st) (?) - - McWhorter - Common Law

md(2nd) (?) - - HOOD

md(3rd) (?) Frank Lewis

md(4th) (?) 23 OCT 1904 W Riley Jackson U - 1st Comm

i. Mammie Hood → [HOARD?] MA(1st) - - SMITH; md(2nd) S. JOHNS

md(2nd) (?) Frank Carradine

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Bill says his

GF was an

Uncle of

Frank Carradine

Bill wants to complete

the list of the children

of Mary S. U.

Bill thinks HOOD should be HOARD

Bill has never been to Gerritt, TX

Bill provided me some surprising information about

Mrs Lynn Earley "Billy Earley" of AZ whom I once met.

I always thought she was of the George U class but

Bill says her mother was Mammie (HOARD) Smith. (Need

to get more info from Bill, follow-up - RPU)

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21 JAN
2011

Subject: Cooperation

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Fri, Jan 21, 2011 8:11 am

To: "Bill Carradine" <wcarradine@yahoo.com>

Hi Bill---

My arm is some better and I am doing a little family history work. If you will send me your mailing address I will send you some information and questions. I keep my records manually.

Best!

Phil Upchurch

WILLIAM R

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21 JAN
2011

Subject: Re: Cooperation
From: Wr Carradine <wrcarradine@yahoo.com>XXX
Date: Fri, Jan 21, 2011 11:16 pm
To: phil@upchurchstory.com

Hi Phil,

Great news about your arm. I am so glad to hear that you are getting back to normal.

I am going to get some information together and e-mail it to you.

For now, here is my contact info:

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Austin, Texas 78726
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10 FEB
2011

Subject: Mary Upchurch - Minnie Hoard - Billy Earley
From: Wr Carradine <wrcarradine@yahoo.com>XXX
Date: Thu, Feb 10, 2011 7:42 pm
To: phil@upchurchstory.com
Attach: MinnieFamilyData.xlsx
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#1 - See page 5, 6, 7 This Profile
#2 - See page 8-14 This Profile
→ Note as of 10 MAR 2011 all
processing complete see 2
client sheet dated 4 MAR 2011

Thanks so much for the information you sent. We don't quite have everything together yet, but I think that we will. I am very interested in at least identifying all descendants of Minnie. Everything I have agrees well with your data except: (1) I believe that Minnie's name was Hoard as explained in the attachment, (2) I believe that Minnie was first married to a Mahoney as also explained.

The attached Excel workbook contains some of my pertinent data. Note that this book contains two sheets. If you have trouble with Excel files, I can try another format. This is just a way that I like save information. There is probably something important that I have not yet added to this file. But, it has been too long since I received your information, and I wanted to get it off to you. When you notice that something is missing, let me know.

I think that the Mary buried at Panky is the first wife of Riley J. He is the one who married two Marys, yes?

Billy seems to have been very secretive about her family. I have visited with several persons in AZ (both family and friends), and all say that she had very little to say. I have been unable to verify most of what she did say. Everything I have been able to find suggests that Thomas Smith and Minnie Hoard were her parents, and that she was born about 1904. It seems that the Grimes County people recognized Billy, but she did not acknowledge them. Several people thought that she was raised by an Uncle, who sent her to school. Might that have been William Edward or Talley R? Is there evidence to suggest that she lived with one of them? If her dad died about the time she was born, that certainly could have happened.

Everyone in AZ does agree that Louise Gressett was Billy's niece. Have you run

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across her?

Are you familiar with the Centenarians book describing Billy?

I have heard that when Billy first came to AZ, she came with a family named Neese, Or Niece, or something like that. Does that ring a bell?

Do you know anything about Roland Leeman (Billy's son)? Verifying his information is also a challenge.

Again, sorry to be so slow in responding. I am working on more projects than my feeble brain can handle. But, I am interested in making as much sense of the data as we are able. Do let me know what you think.

Bill

Subject: I Forgot to Ask
From: Wr Carradine <wrcarradine@yahoo.com>XXX
Date: Fri, Feb 11, 2011 12:27 pm
To: phil@upchurchstory.com

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11 FEB
2011

If you prefer, I can print those files and mail them to you.

And, I can call to discuss via phone if you wish. Bill

Subject: Response
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Sun, Feb 20, 2011 7:28 am
To: "Bill Carradine" <wrcarradine@yahoo.com>XXXXXX

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20 FEB
2011

Hi Bill---

I got your phone message of yesterday and your emails of the 10th and 11th for all of which thanks. I have been engaged recently in some family business affairs which has taken me away from family history resulting in a backlog--hence the delay in responding to you--sorry about that. I am also finding that my continued requirements for therapy re my shoulder operation is taking up a lot of time--bummer. But I must do it to get back to normal.

This morning I have worked on printing the two attachments to yours of the 10th. Downloading an attachment from an Excel spread sheet was a new experience for me. I am relatively new at computers and at my age (83) you are slow to learn/retain. On the first one I finally learned how to reduce the print to 65% and it then printed out in a sensible way. For the second attachment I never could find the % reduction key. So I printed it out landscape and then manually clipped the few characters that spilled over onto a second page so that I now have a coherent document.

Due to the pressure of other duties I will have to put the printouts on my "to do" shelf and process all the input as time allows. I'll get back to you in due course. Sorry about the delay.

You are way ahead of me on the elusive Billy Early--Louise Gressett is a new name for me. I have no information re her son and do not know anything about the Neese/Niece family. I do not know the Centenarians book. As I study your input and compare it with mine maybe I will come up with an item or two that will be helpful to you. So far it appears you are doing all the heavy lifting. I congratulate you on being so thorough in your research.

Well, it's time to get my wife up and get ready for Church. We have missed several Sundays and can feel the Devil breathing down our necks!
Best.

Phil Upchurch

WILLIAM R

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4 MAR
2011

Subject: Progress

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Fri, Mar 04, 2011 10:23 am

To: "Bill Carradine" <~~wrcarradine@yahoo.com~~>

Hi Bill--

Just a note to let you know I have spent about five hours today working on the material that came with your email on 10 FEB 2011. I am making good progress but will have to find about two more batches of time to complete the job. This will improve my records a lot and with luck I might find something of use to you.

Best!

Phil Upchurch

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Records pertaining to Minnie B Hoard Mahoney Smith Kohler Carradine

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				Malinda	f	16	1854		TX						
				Theodosia	f	12	1858		TX						
				Emily	f	10	1860		TX						
				Fanny	f	6	1864		TX						
				Martha	f	1	1869		TX						
Berry	m	15	1855		TX										
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				Everet	Son	10	1910	S		TX	IL	TX			
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				Smith Sam P	Border	77	1843	S		TX	US	US			
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 Lindley Funeral home, Navasota

Ida Lee Terrebonne Death Certificate

b 16 Sept 1896 d 24 Mar 1972 SS = 458-28-4855
 father = James Thompson no idea where this came from
 mother = Minnie Upchurch
 usual res = 13325 Aldine Westfield, Houston
 Owner/Operator Restaurant
 widowed
 Mar 26 Bedias Baptist Cemetery Pat H Foley & Co.
 informant = Leroy Gressett (by phone)

Other Death Certificates at Family Search

John Kohler 1925
 Otis P Terrebonne 1946
 Clayton G Grissett 1944
 Leroy Gressett 1976
 Martha Ann Harkins 1967
 Minnie B Carradine 1941
 Thomas Smith 1904
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 Fannie U Smith 1942

Navasota Examiner

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Wednesday, December 28, 1904
 Tom Smith Dead
 Tom Smith, age 52 years, died at his home about two miles east of Bedias Tuesday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock.
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 children are Ida, Jessie, Eva

Friday, December 5, 1941

Mrs. Carradine Dies Here Today
 Mrs. Minnie Carradine, 57, died at 12:30 p.m. today at her residence following a short illness.
 She was born in Bedias and had lived in Navasota fourteen years. Surviving are her husband, Frank Carradine of Navasota; one son, J. E. Koller of Texarkana; two daughters, Mrs. Billy Earley of Florence, Arizona, and Mrs. Ida Price of Houston; one brother, T. R. Lewis of Bedias; one sister, Mrs. Martha Harkins of Navasota; and four grandchildren.
 Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at a time to be announced later, pending arrival of the daughter from Arizona. Burial will be in the Bedias cemetery under direction of the Lindley Funeral Home.
 grandchildren are Roland Leeman, Louise, Hubert, Leroy Gressett

Lindley Funeral Home - Navasota

talked with someone at Lindley 7/1/2010 936-825-8448
 Minnie Carradine d 5 Dec 1941
 Bill to Frank Carradine
 Brother = T R Lewis, Bedias
 Sister = Martha Harkins, Navasota
 Daughter = Ida Price, Union St, Houston
 Daughter = Billie Earley or Early, Florence, AZ
 Son = J E Koller, Texarkana

Pat Foley Funeral Home - Houston

talked with someone 7/8/2010 713-868-6261
 Ida Terrebonne d 24 Mar 1972
 Dau = Louise Gressett, Scottsdale, AZ
 Son = Leroy Gressett, Houston
 Son = Hubert Gressett, Houston
 Sister = Billie Early, Phoenix, AZ
 Brother = John E Koehler, unknown location

Texas Death Index

Ida Terrebonne	24 Mar 1972	Harris	Female	Widowed
Leroy Gressett	3 Jun 1976	Harris	Male	
Hubert Gressett	30 Apr 1987	Harris	Male	
Otis P. Terrebonne	7 Feb 1946	Harris		
Martha Harkins	31 Jul 1967	Grimes	Female	Widowed
John Kohler	19 Aug 1925	Brazos		
Minnie B. Carradine	5 Dec 1941	Grimes		

SS Death Index

Hubert Gressett	7 Dec 1916	Apr 1987	Houston, Harris, Texas	465-40-2365
Ida Terrebonne	16 Sep 1896	Mar 1972	Houston, Harris, Texas	458-28-4855
Louise Gressett	7 Feb 1915	29 Oct 2006	Scottsdale, Maricopa, Arizona	526-09-1861
Leroy Gressett	29 Sep 1919	Jun 1976		

Billy Earley Application for SS Number

date = 24 Aug 1945	birth name = Billy Smith
father = Billy Smith	born = 10 Dec 1888 in New York City
mother = Martha Upchurch	address = Chino Valley, AZ

Rootsweb

Grimes Marriages

F M Lewis & Mary Hord 1 Nov 1885 ~ note Hord name again
 Whit Smith & Fannie Upchurch 5 Feb 1880

Madison Marriages

GRISSETT, Clayton McHANEY, Ida 8 Jun 1913 Book G page 156 note Ida's name
 MAHONEY, Minnie SMITH, T. E. 5 Jun 1900 Book D 302
 MAHONEY, Mrs. Minnie SMITH, T. S. 5 Jun 1900 Book D 290 seems to be listed twice

Grimes Death Records

Smith, Thomas 04 Mar 1852 27 Dec 1904 Bedias Baptist died near Bedias, Texas
 Lewis, Ellick 30 Jul 1915 02 Nov 1915 Bedias Baptist
 Smith, Fannie 12-30-1864/6-21-1942 Bedias Baptist
 Smith, Whit 8-6-1857/7-8-1937 Bedias Baptist
 Smith, J. A. 8-11-1901/11-28-1925 Bedias Baptist Jessie ?
 Smith, T. E. 3-4-1852/12-27-1904 Bedias Baptist
 Lewis, F. M. 1-4-1852/2-1-1892

Grimes, Bedias Cemetery Records & Vital records

Carradine, Ida Terbone (?) Dau. of Mrs. M. B. Carradine
 Carradine, Mrs. M. B. 1878-1941
 Lewis, Tollie R. 9-11-1886/5-27-1987
 Lewis, F. M. 1-4-1852/2-1-1892
 Lewis, Ellick 7-30-1915/11-2-1915 (Son of T.R. & E.B.)
 Lewis, Ella B. 7-6-1895/11-5-1980
 Smith, T. E. 3-4-1852/12-27-1904
 Smith, Fannie 12-30-1864/6-21-1942
 Smith, Whit 8-6-1857/7-8-1937
 Smith, J. A. 11 Aug 1901 28 Nov 1925 Bedias Baptist this is the only record of Jessie other than 1910 census
 Upchurch, Martha 12-28-1868/11-9-1885
 Upchurch, B. M. 7-5-1821/8-26-1884
 Upchurch, Margaret 6-9-1824/6-16-1891

Bedias Baptist Cemetery, Bedias, Grimes Co., Texas

Info from James Green, from Bedias Cemetery Books, 1 Dec 2010
 East Section, Row 8
 Plot 24 F M Lewis 4 Jan 1852 1 Feb 1892
 Plot 25 Mary Upchurch 4 Apr 1851 14-Jan-1914
 Plot 26 Ellick Lewis 30-Jul-1915 12-Nov-1915 Son of T R & E B Lewis
 Plot 27 Minnie B Carradine 30 Mar 1878 5-Dec-1941
 Plot 28 Ida Terrebonne 16 Sept 1896 24-Mar-1972
 Plot 29 J A Smith 11-Aug-1901 28-Nov-1925 Burial location indicates that this is Jesse
 Plot 30 T E Smith 4 Mar 1852 27-Dec-1904 This is Thomas
 Plot 31 John Kohler 23 July 1869 19-Aug-1925
 Plot 32 ?? Kohler

Houston City directory

h = householder r = roomer

1835 Mrs Ida Price 16 Stanley Pl h
 1936 Mrs Ida Price 16 Stanley Pl h
 Leroy Gressett 16 Stanley Pl r
 1937-38 Mrs Ida Price 14 Stanley Pl h
 1939 Mrs Ida Price 2307 Union h
 1940 Leroy Gressett 2107 Union
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 1943 - 44 Otis (Ida) Terrebonne 2307 Union h
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Mrs. Carradine Dies Here Today

Mrs. Minnie Carradine, 57, died at 12:30 p.m. today at her residence following a short illness.

She was born in Bedias and had lived in Navasota fourteen years. Surviving are her husband, Frank Carradine of Navasota; one son, J. E. Koller of Texarkana; two daughters, Mrs. Billy Earley of Florence, Arizona, and Mrs. Ida Price of Houston; one brother, T. R. Lewis of Bedias; one sister, Mrs. Martha Harkins of Navasota; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at a time to be announced later, pending arrival of the

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daughter from Arizona. Burial will be in the Bedias cemetery under direction of the Lindley Funeral Home.
grandchildren are Roland Leeman, Louise, Hubert, Leroy Gressett

Bryan Daily Eagle

Wednesday, August 19, 1925

Death Comes to John Kohler on Wednesday Morn

John Kohler, aged 56 years and 26 days, died at the family home in this city on Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock following an illness of long duration. Besides the widow, Mr. Kohler is survived by one son, John Edward Kohler of Bryan, and one brother, Ed Kohler, of Palestine. The body will be sent to Bedias for burial by the McCulloch-Gordon Company, undertakers, where funeral services will be held Thursday morning and interment will be in the Bedias cemetery.

Lindley Funeral Home - Navasota

talked with someone at Lindley 7/1/2010 936-825-6448

Minnie Carradine d 5 Dec 1941

Bill to Frank Carradine

Brother = T R Lewis, Bedias

Sister = Martha Harkins, Navasota

Daughter = Ida Price, Union St, Houston

Daughter = Billie Earley or Early, Florence, AZ

Son = J E Koller, Texarkana

Pat Foley Funeral Home - Houston

talked with someone 7/8/2010 713-869-6261

Ida Terrebonne d 24 Mar 1972

Dau = Louise Gressett, Scottsdale, AZ

Son = Leroy Gressett, Houston

Son = Hubert Gressett, Houston

Sister = Billie Early, Phoenix, AZ

Brother = John E Koehler, unknown location

Texas Death Index

Ida Terrebonne	24 Mar 1972	Harris	Female	Widowed
Leroy Gressett	3 Jun 1976	Harris	Male	
Hubert Gressett	30 Apr 1987	Harris	Male	
Otis P. Terrebonne	7 Feb 1946	Harris		
Martha Harkins	31 Jul 1967	Grimes	Female	Widowed
John Kohler	19 Aug 1925	Brazos		
Minnie B. Carradine	5 Dec 1941	Grimes		

SS Death Index

Hubert Gressett	7 Dec 1916	Apr 1987	Houston, Harris, Texas	465-40-2365
Ida Terrebonne	16 Sep 1896	Mar 1972	Houston, Harris, Texas	458-28-4855
Louise Gressett	7 Feb 1915	29 Oct 2006	Scottsdale, Maricopa, Arizona	526-09-1861
Leroy Gressett	29 Sep 1919	Jun 1976		

Billy Earley Application for SS Number

date = 24 Aug 1945	birth name = Billy Smith
father = Billy Smith	born = 10 Dec 1888 in New York City
mother = Martha Upchurch	address = Chino Valley, AZ

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Grimes Marriages

F M Lewis & Mary Hord	1 Nov 1885	note Hord name again
Whit Smith & Fannie Upchurch	5 Feb 1880	

Madison Marriages

GRISSETT, Clayton	McHANEY, Ida	8 Jun 1913	Book G	page 156	note Ida's name
MAHONEY, Minnie	SMITH, T. E.	5 Jun 1900	Book D	302	
MAHONEY, Mrs. Minnie	SMITH, T. S.	5 Jun 1900	Book D	290	seems to be listed twice

Grimes Death Records

Smith, Thomas	04 Mar 1852	27 Dec 1904	Bedias Baptist	died near Bedias, Texas
Lewis, Ellick	30 Jul 1915	02 Nov 1915	Bedias Baptist	
Smith, Fannie	12-30-1864/6-21-1942		Bedias Baptist	
Smith, Whit	8-6-1857/7-8-1937		Bedias Baptist	
Smith, J. A.	8-11-1901/11-28-1925		Bedias Baptist	Jessie ?
Smith, T. E.	3-4-1852/12-27-1904		Bedias Baptist	
Lewis, F. M.	1-4-1852/2-1-1892			

Grimes, Bedias Cemetery Records & Vital records

Carradine, Ida Terrebonne (?) Dau. of Mrs. M. B. Carradine
 Carradine, Mrs. M. B. 1878-1941
 Lewis, Tollie R. 9-11-1886/5-27-1967

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Lewis, F. M. 1-4-1852/2-1-1892
 Lewis, Ellick 7-30-1915/11-2-1915 (Son of T.R. & E.B.)
 Lewis, Ella B. 7-6-1895/11-5-1980
 Smith, T. E. 3-4-1852/12-27-1904
 Smith, Fannie 12-30-1864/6-21-1942
 Smith, Whit 8-6-1857/7-8-1937
 Smith, J. A. 11 Aug 1901 28 Nov 1925 Bedia Baptist
 Upchurch, Martha 12-28-1868/11-9-1885
 Upchurch, B. M. 7-5-1821/8-26-1884
 Upchurch, Margaret 6-9-1824/6-16-1891

this is the only record of Jessie other than 1910 (Census)

Bedia Baptist Cemetery, Bedia, Grimes Co., Texas

Info from James Green, from Bedia Cemetery Books, 1 Dec 2010

East Section, Row 8

Plot 24	F M Lewis	4 Jan 1852	1 Feb 1892	
Plot 25	Mary Upchurch	4 Apr 1851	14-Jan-1914	
Plot 26	Ellick Lewis	30-Jul-1915	12-Nov-1915	Son of T R & E B Lewis
Plot 27	Minnie B Carradine	30 Mar 1878	5-Dec-1941	
Plot 28	Ida Terrebonne	16 Sept 1896	24-Mar-1972	
Plot 29	J A Smith	11-Aug-1901	28-Nov-1925	Burial location indicates that this is Jessie
Plot 30	T E Smith	4 Mar 1852	27-Dec-1904	This is Thomas
Plot 31	John Kohler	23 July 1869	19-Aug-1925	
Plot 32	?? Kohler			

Houston City directory

h = householder

r = roomer

1935	Mrs. Ida Price	16 Stanley Pl	h
1936	Mrs. Ida Price	16 Stanley Pl	h
	Leroy Gressett	16 Stanley Pl	r
1937-38	Mrs. Ida Price	14 Stanley Pl	h
1939	Mrs. Ida Price	2307 Union	h
1940	Leroy Gressett	2107 Union	

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	Mrs. Ida Price	2307 Union	h
1941	Mrs. Ida Price	2307 Union	h
1942	Mrs. Ida Price	2307 Union	h
1943 - 44	Otis (Ida) Terrebonne	2307 Union	h
1945	Otis P (Ida) Terrebonne	2307 Union	h

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Subject: Additional Data

From: Wr Carradine <wr Carradine@yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, Jun 20, 2011 11:38 pm

To: "phil@upchurchstory.com" <phil@upchurchstory.com>

Hi Phil,

When I was last in Grimes County, I determined that Aneta May Smith (from the Texas birth records) does not belong with Thomas and/or Minnie Smith. The Grimes County Birth Index shows: Aneta May Smith, born Feb 19, 1904, parents H C Smith and Anita Mae Smith. I do not know who these persons are. But, it does appear that Aneta is not Eva/Billy. → EVA SMITH Δ

Thanks for the info about the Dicksons. It does appear that they had contact with the Upchurch family over a period of many years. I think that is going to fit nicely with the developing story of Eva/Billy. I am working with several of Billy's Arizona relatives to propose a theory, and I hope to send some of that to you soon.

I still have not been able to determine just who W M Dickson was, but there a number of Dicksons in Grimes county about that time.

More later,
Bill

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Subject: RE: Additional Data

From: phil@upchurchstory.com

Date: Mon, Jun 27, 2011 5:20 am

To: "Wr Carradine" <wr Carradine@yahoo.com>

Hi Bill---

Thanks for the input on Aneta Mae Smith. I have entered it in my files. Getting Billy/Eva sorted out is like the cat eating the grindstone-slow. Thanks for all of your effort.
Phil Upchurch

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CARRADINE PG15

Subject: Descendants of Mary S Upchurch - Grimes County
From: Wr Carradine <~~wrcarradine@yahoo.com~~>
Date: Mon, Jun 06, 2011 11:01 pm
To: phil@upchurchstory.com

Hi Phil,

Thanks for your earlier information. I have been slow in responding, but I have some information which may be of interest.

First, here is some data about Frank Carradine:
his name was Frank Cleveland Carradine
he was born 19 May 1885
he married Minnie about 1927, his first and only marriage
he died 24 July 1955
he is buried in the Terrace Cemetery, Post, Garza Co., Texas

I may have relayed some of this before, but here is some data just in case.

Billy Smith married Lynn Earley on Dec. 12, 1930 in Orange Co., CA

SS application for Louise Gressett:
mother = Ida Mahoney
father = C G Gressett
everyone knew Billy as Louise's aunt
so, this agrees with the theory of Ida being Billy's sister

I found the following record in the Grimes Co. Court House:
Records of Births:
birth date = Dec. 10, 1903
white, girl, alive, legitimate, American
no name
parents = Thos Smith, Minnie Smith
reported by B W Robinson, MD, Bedias

There were a lot of births with "no name" during that time period. This certainly appears to be the Eva of other records, who I think is the same person as Billy Smith Earley.

Also in the Grimes Co. Records:
Marriage: Eva Smith to W M Dixon, July 28, 1919

And, in the 1920 census: Grimes County
W M Dickson, 21, born Texas
wife, Eva, 16, born Texas

This, again, is the Eva (Billy?) from the 1910 census.

Have you ever run across Dixon/Dickson before? Do you have any idea who that might be?

I realize that a lot of what is in this message is rather cryptic. I hope that I am remembering correctly what we have discussed before. If something here does not make sense, let me know, and I will better explain.

Later,
Bill

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- #1 Re Roland Leeman - In reviewing your inputs I now see that you propose Roland as a s/o Billy (Smith) Earley. Perhaps you have more details bearing on this. Does this mean she married 1st a Mr LEEMAN?
- #2 I have updated my Profile for Billy (Smith) Earley - 8 page - 10 items - all enclosed. Except for page 7 & 8 that are same as the two extra sheets enclosed. I have put Pg 6 up front for olewife reasons.
- a. Note that Billy told me her mother was Martha Upchurch which agrees with her SS Application. She also told me her mother was born in KY - both items are hard to reconcile with your data which clearly show Billy (Smith) Earley was a daughter of Minnie B. Hoard.
- #3 The birth date of 10-DEC-1888, is hard to reconcile with the data you present. ^{in SS Application} My AZ records seem to indicate she liked to say she was born earlier than she actually was (1888 vs 1904).
- #4 Billy (Smith) Earley in her SS Application says her father was Billy Smith. As a wild guess I could suggest that if Thomas E. Smith was her real father he could have gone by the nickname "Billy" and it became so fixed in people's name that he named a daughter "Billy".

#5. For a long time I thought "LYNN" might be a given name for Billy (Smith) Earley but I now conclude that was her husband's given name - he being LYNN EARLEY.

#6 Ida's father being James Thompson which conflicts with other data. Since Leroy Gressett gave this info by phone it is quite possible there was a miscommunication - or perhaps he was not close to the family and had the wrong info in his head

#7 John CONNOR b 26 NOV 1909 does not seem to be a fit for John S. Kohler b 23 JUL 1869

You have done a great job of getting the details on this family together. The Billy (Smith) Earley part of the story still involves some real puzzles. I will welcome any correction you may have to the records as I have organized them or any further address. I'll be glad to help more if I can.

Phil Yelchuck

P.S. - Enclosed are flyers on my Yelchuck publication

your input on Mrs Lynn Earley "Billy" of Arizona gave me an entirely new view of her. I lived in AZ 20 years and had close connections with people in the Arizona State Parks systems. At one of their functions she introduced herself to me saying she had an Upchurch heritage. She was not able in our brief encounter to explain this heritage. Somehow I got the impression her Upchurch heritage traced back to the George U Class of Wayne Co, KY. Your input places her in the James U, IV Class whose members resided TX where you have her linked to a Mrs SMITH the first husband of Minnie HOARD (Hood) - the presumed parents of Billy (Smiths) Earley. You can let me know what you think about all of this.

I did learn from AZ State Parks that Billy Earley was highly respected in State Parks circles - whether due to donations, volunteering, leadership, or whatever I never learned. She lived in Florence, AZ.

I have just reread my notes on Billy Earley and note that in our brief encounter on 25 OCT 1978 she told me her mother's name was MARTHA UPCHURCH (whether married name or maiden name I do not know) born in KY. Others later told me that in 1994 Billy was about age 95 hence born about 1899 (± 10 years I would say). - So could Billy be the daughter of Martha Lewis??

The Plot thickens

Phil Upchurch