

ALLIE MAE MUSICK

○ Cherokee Co, TX Pioneers - Mae Gean Pettit - Pgs 52, 53, 54

I. Ophelia Dickey of the John W, III / Stephen W Sulclan

- James S. W. Leno

A. Bessie Viola Stockton

BESSIE VIOLA STOCKTON, born January 10, 1906, married July 29, 1923, Willie Dudley McElroy, born December 25, 1902, died March 29, 1979, and is buried in Henry's Chapel Cemetery of Cherokee County. Willie was the son of Homer Dudley McElroy and Allie Mae Musick McElroy.

Bessie was less than two years old when her father died. She was very close to her mother during childhood. Bessie learned the skills of tatting, crocheting, quilting, sewing and other handiwork at an early age from her mother and older sisters.

When Bessie was growing up, she loved to help milk the cows so she could share some of the fresh milk with her pet cats.

Bessie and Willie McElroy lived at Mixon until their first child was born. They were living at Troup when the second child was born, and in that same year Willie was seriously injured on his job at the cotton gin. The couple moved back to Mixon when his condition improved and lived for a while in one of the rent houses on the Stockton farm where Bessie grew up.

Bessie and Willie McElroy purchased a seventy-five acre farm in the Buncombe Community of Smith County, Texas, in 1928. On the farm they grew cotton, corn, peanuts, watermelons, potatoes, peppers, tomatoes and other produce. They also grew hogs for market, and their other livestock consisted of two big red mules and one or two milk cows. Chickens were kept for home use, and at one time they grew a few turkeys. Willie peddled the produce in the oil field during the 1930's. He also hauled to the Dallas and Houston markets. The five youngest children were born at Buncombe.

The McElroys sold the Buncombe place in 1945, and purchased land near Whitehouse, Texas, with Willie's brother, Cecil McElroy. The land in that location was sold for purposes of Lake Tyler. Today a road named "McElroy" winds through the lake area land where the brothers once grew cotton and other farm products.

Bessie's present farm located near Troup has been the McElroy homestead for over forty years.

Being the oldest McElroy child, this writer shares a few memories. When the children were growing up, it was not unusual for Bessie to help them build a playhouse or make clay toys at the spring-fed branch. She often took her youngsters on long hikes in the woods to look for wild grapes or pick sweetgum.

During the depression years almost everything had some recycle value. Bessie bleached flour sacks and made muslin-like diapers for her babies. She bleached sugar sacks, animal feed bags and fertilizer bags and sewed the family sheets, pillow cases and towels. She once sewed a beautiful white sailor dress for a daughter from one-hundred-pound sugar sacks. From the muslin-like bags she also sewed cool summer gowns for the family.

Willie cut and sold pulpwood from the Buncombe farm. He was also the family barber.

Bessie and Willie McElroy were married over fifty-five years. They believed that one of their best-accomplished goals was seeing to it that all of their children received a high school education.

Bessie remains a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She has blessed her family and friends with many gifts of her handiwork. Her descendants gather at her home often on holidays for visiting and celebrating. Here are notes on the seven children of Bessie and Willie McElroy, all born in Smith County, except Mae Gean, who was born in Cherokee County.

BOBBY LEE MUSICK

XID-2558

① Bobby Lee Musick (b 12 APR 1932) T/Sgt. m. Mary
3 APR 1958
Frances U (b 12 JUN 1935). They had 3 children.
Mary Frances U is descendent of Isham Sims U. (28)

DEBORA G

MUSICK



CA Births

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MUSICK	DEBORA	G	12/29/1958	FEMALE	UPCHURCH	MARIN
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DEBORA GAIL MUSICK

- ① Debora Gail Musick (b 29 DEC 1958) is dau of
Bobby Lee Musick (b 12 APR 1932) and wife
Frances U (b 12 JUN 1935), a descendent of John
Sims U. (28)

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I. Ophelia Dickey of the Johnson, TX / Stephens & Subidan
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Deam Stockton attended college at Rusk. He taught school for one year at Sycamore Grove. Deam and Edna owned a farm adjoining Ma Stockton's place at Mixon. Deam was in the garage business for a while. He was

also a painter, carpenter and paper hanger, as well as a sawmill operator. Deam and Edna lived in Jacksonville several years before building a nice home on their Mixon farm.

The lights in their new farm home were fueled by gas, which was produced from calcium carbide. The carbide tank was located in their back yard. The carbide system was viewed with great interest by the entire community, since homes in the country were rarely so well lighted, and electricity was still a luxury for only city folks.

Deam and Edna were divorced, and Deam and his second wife lived in New Mexico where he was a sawmill operator. Then during World War II he was employed in New Mexico at Los Alamos, where the atom bomb was developed.

Deam's third wife was Mrs. Jewel Williamson Henderson, and they lived in Houston, Texas, where he operated a cabinet-making business. After retirement, he and Jewel moved back to the Mixon Community where they lived several years prior to his death. All of Deam's six children were with his first wife, Edna Musick Stockton. Here are notes on the children who were all born in Cherokee County.

HOWARD LEE MUSICK

XID-2560

① Howard Lee Musick (b 10 OCT 1961) is son of Bobby
Lee Musick (b 12 APR 1932) and wife Frances U.
(b 12 JUN 1935), a descendent of Isham Seim
U. (28)

LEOLA INEZ MUSICK

XID-22908

① see Itz NOV 1988 Marie Elizabeth Isbell to RPH

Leola Inez Musick ↑ b 24 JAN 1925 (Stephens-
ville, TX) (Baptized at age 9 - Antioch Baptist Ch,
Tolar, TX) m'd Elbert Ross Isbell b 3 JAN 1918
(Hobbs, Cooper Lea Co, NM) (Baptized at age 9 Downing,
TX). They m'd 28 JUN 1947 (Tolar, TX). Leola is
dau of Vernon Musick and Alta Alexander.
Elbert is son of Etta U of Etta Farmer U, IV /
Barnell U Sulclan.

LILLIAN IRENE MUSICK

TX Births

UPCHURCH	RICHARD	LEE		10-02-1948	m	JOHNSON	LILLIAN IRENE MUSICK	LEWIS RANDOLPH UPCHURCH
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① See DA 11 OCT 1995 Edgar Dalton Gooding & RPH.

I. Anderson Brace U of the Richard U, III / Clarence U, I
Subclan - Richard U, II Line.

E. Lewis Randolph U b 17 JAN 1921 (Hill Co, TX). md 28 AUG 1947
(Hill Co, TX) Lillian Musick ↑

② Marriage Records - Johnson Co, TX

28 AUG 1947 Lewis R. U md Lillian Irene MUSICK

[Presume = Lillian Irene Musick - RPH]

OTTIE

MUSICK

○ Cherokee Co, TX - Pioneer - Mae Jean Pettit

I. Ophelia Dickey of the John U. III / Stephens U
Subclass - James S. U line

A. Mattie Elizabeth Stockton

(1) EDWARD STOCKTON THOMPSON, born December 5, 1916, was married August 28, 1939, to Cleta Reynolds, born December 1, 1916. Cleta is the daughter of Dexter Floyd Reynolds and Mary Ann Trantham Reynolds. Stockton and Cleta Thompson have one son.

(1a) Edward Stockton "Eddie" Thompson Jr., born March 30, 1942, married May 5, 1978, Mrs. Carol Ann Smith Jamison, born October 27, 1945. Carol is the daughter of Matthew Peter Smith and Patricia Clapp Smith. Eddie has two stepchildren, who are Carol Ann's by previous marriages. Lawrence David Luke, born December 6, 1963, and Christopher Alan Jamison, born October 26, 1972.

(2) RUFUS GLADSTONE THOMPSON JR., born November 28, 1920, married first, August 26, 1946, Jane Elizabeth Wallace, born January 15, 1924, died February 9, 1967, and is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery of Cherokee County, Texas. Jane was the daughter of J. E. Wallace and Ottie Musick Wallace. Gladstone Jr. and Jane Thompson had three children.

(1a) James Gladstone "Jimmie" Thompson, born November 24, 1947, married June 28, 1974, Sharon Raychele Melton, born April 11, 1952, in Smith County, Texas. Sharon is the daughter of Raymond Delmar Melton and Reba McNew Melton. James and Sharon Thompson have two children. Rebecca Jane Thompson, born June 23, 1977, at Jacksonville, and James Gladstone Thompson, born September 2, 1980, at Tyler, Texas.

(2a) Jan Elizabeth Thompson, born April 19, 1952, married first, August 11, 1972, Ronald Hoy Boren, born February 4, 1952. Ronald is the son of Paul Edward Boren and Dorothy Della Butler Boren. Jan and Ronald Boren have two children, both born in Tyler. Julia Elizabeth Boren, born October 30, 1978, and Jenny Ann Boren, born January 6, 1981. Jan married second, Dean Evans.

(3a) Jerry Rufus Thompson, born June 18, 1959.

After Jane Thompson's death, Rufus Gladstone Thompson Jr. married second, October 15, 1971, Mrs. Jean Berry Wunch, born September 4, 1924, died November 22, 1987, and is buried in Sardis Cemetery of Cherokee County. Jean was the daughter of George M. Berry and Dora B. Edwards Berry.

Gladstone Thompson Jr. has one stepchild. She is Jeri Jean Wunch, born December 5, 1946, Houston, Texas, married Clifford Gene Work. Jeri Jean and Clifford Work have two children. Raquel Lee Work, born May 5, 1968, and Sidney Alex Work, born May 27, 1970.

RILEY RANSOM MUSICK

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SHIRLEY JEAN MUSICK

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I. Cora Stockton of the
John W, III / Stephens
W Sublan - James
S. W Line

CORA STOCKTON, born February 10, 1889; died August 16, 1981, married March 20, 1907, Lawrence "Dock" Ross, born December 16, 1883, died January 29, 1966. Cora and Dock Ross are buried in Tecula Cemetery. Dock was the son of George Lee Ross and Emma Northcutt Ross. Cora and Dock had seven children, all born in Cherokee County. Here are notes on them.

(1) REGINA MARIE ROSS, born December 16, 1907, married September 20, 1924, Elmer Moore. Regina and Elmer have three children. Wayne Moore, born December 5, 1931. Bertie Carol Moore, born July 18, 1934. Otis Darrell Moore, born October 24, 1941.

(2) CLEO JUANITA ROSS, born February 11, 1909, married September 10, 1927, Charlie Dee McElyea, born April 2, 1909, died October 16, 1978, and is buried in Tecula Cemetery. Charlie was the son of Charlie Fitzgerald McElyea and Ethel Caroline Alexander McElyea. Cleo and Charlie had one son.

(1a) James Weldon McElyea, born August 29, 1928, married Joyce Fay Cook, born June 30, 1934, Rusk County, Texas. Joyce is the daughter of Vernon Cook and Ludie Moore Cook. James and Joyce have two children, both born in Cherokee County.

Sherry Elaine McElyea, born July 25, 1953, married June 8, 1974, Tommy Stephenson, born October 4, 1953. Sherry and Tommy have two children. Sarah Elaine Stephenson, born July 27, 1978, and Thomas Jacob Stephenson, born May 1, 1986.

James Clinton McElyea, born December 26, 1954, married March 19, 1976, Stephanie Musick, born September 23, 1956, and they have two children. Joshua Matthew McElyea, born April 16, 1980, and Bryan James McElyea, born January 5, 1985.

(3) MARION ROSS, born August 28, 1910, married March 16, 1934, Juanita Ruth Saunders, born July 20, 1914, died January 4, 1985 and is buried in Tecula Cemetery. Juanita was the daughter of Roy Y. Saunders and Maude Smiley Saunders. Marion and Juanita had three children. Dixie Lee Ross, born February 13, 1938. Shannon Ross, born December 20, 1941. Kenneth Ross, born June 29, 1943.

(4) HELEN VIRGINIA ROSS, born August 27, 1912, died June 4, 1990, and is buried in Tecula Cemetery. Virginia married Jessie Goddard Bowden, who died August 12, 1975. Virginia and Jessie Bowden had one child. Sandra Bowden, born January 24, 1953.

(5) VALERIE ROSS, born March 30, 1915.

(6) JOSEPHINE ADELIA ROSS, born March 29, 1918, married in 1933, J. D. Lake, and they had two children: Joe Mack Lake, born March 30, 1934, and Glenda Lake, born November 26, 1936.

(7) HARRY LEE ROSS, born March 15, 1924, married November 21, 1950, Mary Ellen Martin, born October 21, 1930. Mary Ellen is the daughter of Willis Britt Martin and Jessie Mae Martin. (Both parents had surname Martin at time of their marriage.) Harry and Mary Ross have two daughters: Linda Gail Ross, born August 10, 1952 and Elizabeth Ann Ross, born October 3, 1964.

SUSIE

MUSICK

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I. Ophelia Dichey of the John H, III / Stephen H Subclass
- James S. H Line.

A. Dean Lee Stockton Jr - For 2 rows see (2) + (3) below

(2) DEAN LEE "D.L." STOCKTON JR., born September 13, 1920, died July 31, 1948, and is buried in Mixon Cemetery. He married first March 31, 1942, Mary Lois Martin, born April 21, 1927, at Lubbock, Texas, died January 7, 1983, at San Antonio, Texas. Mary Lois was the daughter of Edgar Murray Martin and Elizabeth Marie Horton Martin. D. L. and Mary Lois Stockton had three children, all born at Lubbock.

(1a) Dean Lee Stockton III, born January 16, 1945.

(2a) D'Ann Stockton, born January 10, 1946.

(3a) David Stockton, born July 11, 1947.

When Mary Martin Stockton married second to Arthur Leroy "Buddie" Byers, he adopted the Stockton children and their names were changed to Byers. Mary was married third to Don Testa.

Dean Lee Stockton Jr. married second Wanda Johnson in New Mexico, and they had three children.

(1a) Jerry Hope Stockton.

(2a) Johnny Lee Stockton, born 1945, died at birth.

(3a) Lewis H. Stockton, born 1949, died December 24, 1953, and is buried in Albuquerque City Cemetery of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

(3) JOHN HAYS STOCKTON, born September 16, 1922, died November 29, 1990, is buried in Mixon Cemetery, married October 20, 1943, Doris Bennie Ross, born October 28, 1924. Doris is the daughter of William Tell Ross and Susie Musick Ross. (See Chapter five).

John Hays and Doris Stockton have three children, all born in Cherokee County.

(1a) Vicki Dorshon Stockton, born October 21, 1950.

(2a) John Hays Stockton Jr., born February 28, 1952, married Holly Keith, and they have a daughter, Natasha Keith Stockton, born January 17, 1982.

(3a) Nancy Kay Stockton, born October 25, 1956, was married to Ray Thornton, and they had two daughters. Katherine Susan Thornton, born April 23, 1982, and Amanda Dorshon Thornton, born July 1985.

VERNON MUSICK

① see p. 2 NOV 1988 Marie Elizabeth Isbell DRB

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